

ANTI-SOCIAL ACTS OF MINORS AND JUVENILES IN 2019

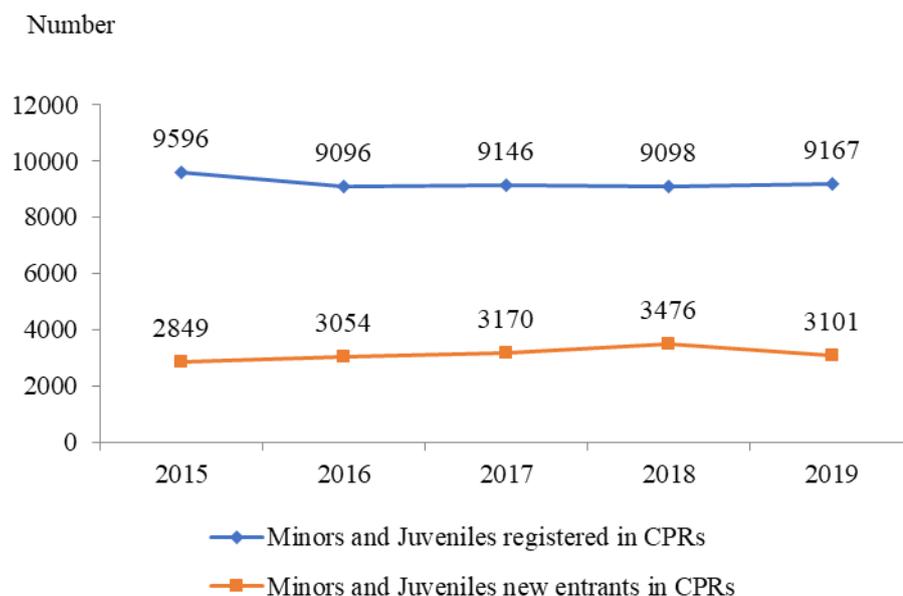
Minors and juveniles registered, new entrants (for the first time) and removed from the Child pedagogic rooms (CPRs) for anti-social acts and crimes commitment

The number of minors and juveniles registered¹ in the Child pedagogic rooms for anti-social acts and crimes commitment in 2019 was 9 167. In comparison with 2018 their number increased by 69 persons or by 0.8%.

The main socio-demographic characteristics of these persons were:

- 79.4% from the minors and juveniles registered in the Child pedagogic rooms were from 14 - 17 age group, while those from age group 8 - 13 were 20.6% from the total number of registered in the Child pedagogic rooms.
- The number of boys was 7 331 (80.0%).
- The number of girls was 1 836 (20.0%).
- 7 076 or 77.2% of minors and juveniles were in education.
- 4 408 (48.1%) minors and juveniles were living in a criminal surrounding.

Figure 1. Minors and juveniles, registered and new entrants (for the first time) during the year in the Child pedagogic rooms between 2015 and 2019



¹ According to Art. 26, para 1, of the Rules for CPRs, minors and juveniles are registered for 2 years period. After that period they are removed if they did not commit anti-social acts or crimes again.

The coefficient of persons registered in the Child pedagogic rooms in 2019 was 1 379 per 100 000 persons of the average annual population aged 8 - 17 years.

The number of minors and juveniles new entrants¹ (registered for the first time) in the Child pedagogic rooms in 2019 was 3 101 or 33.8% of the total number of persons, registered in the CPRs. 75.7% of them were juveniles. Compared to 2018 the number of new entrants decreased by 10.8%.

In 2019, 2 774 or 30.3% of minors and juveniles were removed from the Child pedagogic rooms as:

- 1 459 of them (52.6%) - due to improved behaviour;
- 1 237 (44.6%) - by the reason of reaching the age of 18;
- 78 persons (2.8%) - due to other reasons.

Anti-social acts

The number of minors and juveniles who passed through the Child pedagogic rooms for committed anti-social acts in 2019 was 6 700. Boys were 4 767 or 71.1% as girls were 1 933 or 28.9%. In comparison with 2018 the number of anti-social acts perpetrators decreased by 166 persons or by 2.4%.

In the structure of committed anti-social acts, the greatest was the share of children passed on to the Child pedagogic rooms for:

- ‘running away from home, special institution or from residential type of social service’ - 1 183 children or 17.7%;
- ‘behaviour of violence and aggression’ - 716 persons (10.7%);
- ‘psychoactive substances addiction’ - 643 or 9.6%;
- ‘damage of public and/or private property’ - 503 persons (7.5%);
- ‘indecently and/or hooligan behaviour in public place’ - 446 persons (6.7%).

Among other publicly important anti-social acts of minors and juveniles were:

- ‘harassment’ - 5.0% (333 persons);
- ‘wandering’ and ‘begging’ - 168 persons or 2.5%.

Minors and juveniles perpetrators of crimes

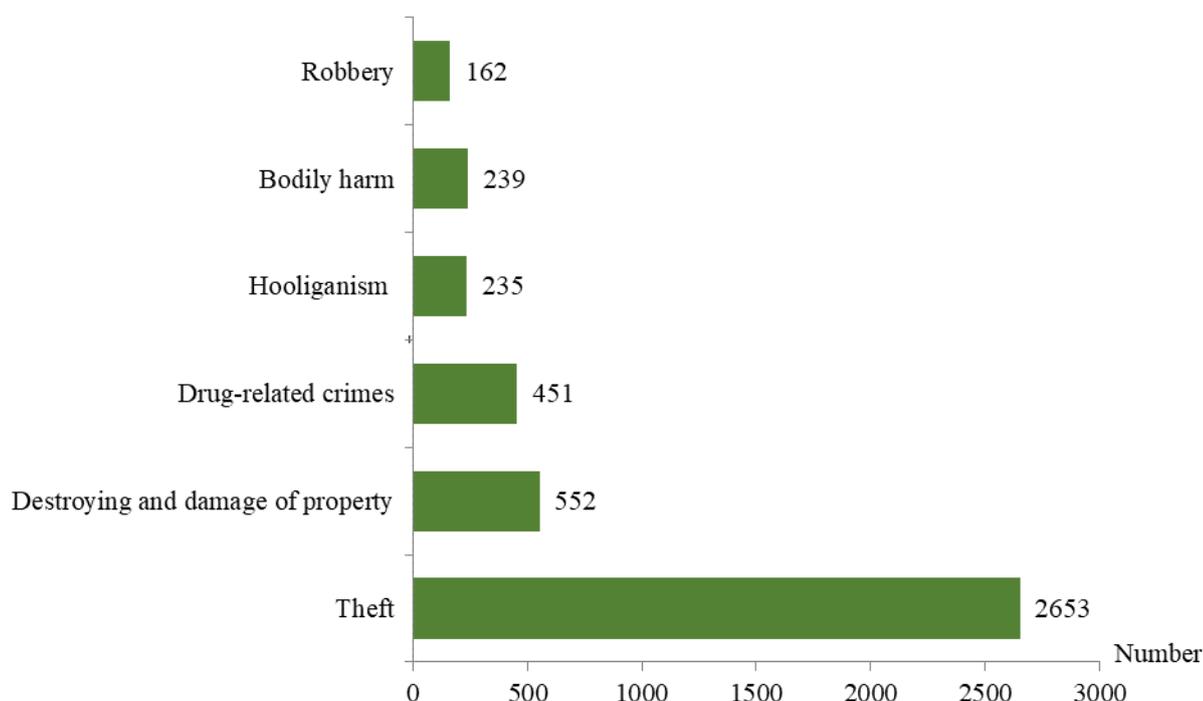
In 2019 the number of minors and juveniles, registered in the Child pedagogic rooms for crimes commitment was 4 943.

Thefts of property was the most common type of crime, committed by minors and juveniles. Children perpetrators of thefts were 2 653 or 53.7% from the total number of persons, registered in the Child pedagogic rooms for crimes commitment. The greatest was share of minors and juveniles perpetrators of thefts from shops or other trade establishments - 36.0% (954 persons), followed by ‘home thefts’ - 22.1% (587 persons) and burglaries - 12.9% (342 persons).

¹ Incl. all minors and juveniles perpetrators of crimes and/or anti-social acts during the reported year.

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Figure 2. Minors and juveniles perpetrators of some types of crimes in 2019



Minors and juveniles - victims of crimes

Registered in the CPRs minors and juveniles, victims of crimes in 2019 were 1 280, as 506 or 39.5% of them were girls. The relative share of minors - victims of crimes was 42.3% (542 persons) and juveniles - 57.7% or 738 persons.

The highest was number and relative share of minors and juveniles, victims of thefts of property - 579 persons (45.2%), followed by bodily harms - 226 persons (17.7%), robberies - 55 persons (4.3%), debauchery - 101 (7.9%). The number of rape cases (committed and attempted) in 2019 was 7.

Activities of the Local Commissions for Combating Anti-social Acts of minors and juveniles

5 661 legal correctional educational proceedings were initiated by the Local Commissions for Combating Anti-social Acts of minors and juveniles in 2019. 4 124 (72.8%) of them were initiated by the prosecutors proposals. The number of concluded proceedings amounted to 5 090 while 2 799 or 55.0% were finalized in a month. 583 (10.3% of proceedings initiated) were ceased due to different reasons. At the end of 2019, 250 proceedings were not finalized.

8 120 correctional measures were inflicted by the Local Commissions in 2019 according to Art. 13, para 1 of the Juvenile Delinquency Law to 5 773 persons aged 8 - 17 years for commitment of 6 353 publicly dangerous acts¹.

The correctional measures imposed to the highest number of persons in 2019 were:

- ‘warning’ was - in 3 678 (45.3%) cases;
- ‘placement under the correctional control of a public tutor’ - in 1 602 (19.7%) cases;
- ‘placement under correctional supervision of the parents or the persons substituting for them, under the obligation to take special care’ - in 1 080 (13.3%) events;
- ‘obligation to participate in consultations, training and programmes’ - in 666 (8.2%) cases;
- ‘warning to get into Educational boarding school with test period of 6 months’ was imposed to 248 persons (3.1%);
- the correctional measures of ‘getting into Educational boarding school’ - to 74 persons (0.9%).

The main characteristics of minor and juveniles with imposed correctional measures in 2019 were as follows:

- Minors were 1 818 or 31.5%; juveniles were 3 955 or 68.5%;
- Boys were 4 747 or 82.2% and girls – 1 026 (17.8%);
- More than a half of minors and juveniles with imposed correctional measures have basic attainment - 2 941 persons (50.9%), as 2 256 (39.1%) - primary attainment.

In 2019, 7 319 persons were consulted in the existing consultative offices acted at the territory of the country. 2 137 campaigns for prevention were carried out, as 231 792 children were covered in them. With 1 767 minor and juvenile persons, living in an unfavourable criminal or conflict surrounding, additional preventive educational activities were carried out. 5 543 persons aged 8 - 17 years were consulted by the public supervisors in the country.

¹ Incl. anti-social acts, crimes and administrative violations.

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Methodological notes

Statistical data on anti-social acts of minors and juveniles are elaborated on the basis of annual information received from the Local commissions for prevention of juvenile delinquency.

Objects of the survey are the Local commissions for prevention of minors and juvenile anti-social acts.

Units of the survey are the minor and juvenile persons - perpetrators of anti-social acts and crimes.

Anti-social act is an act which is publicly dangerous and against the law, or contradicts the morality, and the good manners. Correctional measures are imposed upon the offenders of such acts according to the Juvenile Delinquency Law.

Child pedagogic rooms are special institutions for the prevention of crimes and anti-social acts, committed by minor and juvenile persons.

In the number of minors and juveniles registered in the Child pedagogic rooms are included all minors and juveniles perpetrators of crimes and/or anti-social acts; convicted for general crimes; realized from the correctional facilities, Correctional boarding schools and the Social-pedagogic boarding schools. Minors and juveniles are registered for 2 years period after that period they are removed if they did not commit again anti-social acts or crimes.

In the number of minors and juveniles registered as new entrants in the Child pedagogic rooms during the year are included all minors and juveniles perpetrators of crimes and/or anti-social acts during the reported year; convicted for general crimes; realized from the correctional facilities, Correctional boarding schools and the Social-pedagogic boarding schools.

In the number of minors and juveniles passed on to Child pedagogic rooms are included minor and juvenile persons who have committed acts of little importance, for which single police intervention was sufficient and no reason for their registration in the CPRs.

The applied methodology and data from surveys on Activities of Local Commissions for Combating Anti-social Acts of minors and juveniles are published on the NSI's website - www.nsi.bg as well as in IS INFOSTAT (https://infostat.nsi.bg/infostat/pages/module.jsf?x_2=63).

Annex

Table 1
Minor and juvenile persons registered and new entrants in Child pedagogic rooms by sex and age

	(Number)				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Minors and Juveniles registered in Child pedagogic rooms during the year - total	9596	9096	9146	9098	9167
Minors (8 - 13)	2128	1973	1993	1923	1892
Boys	1665	1520	1556	1457	1503
Girls	463	453	437	466	389
Juveniles (14 - 17)	7468	7123	7153	7175	7275
Boys	5886	5645	5786	5805	5828
Girls	1582	1478	1367	1370	1447
Minors and Juveniles new entrants in Child pedagogic rooms during the year - total	2849	3054	3170	3476	3101
Minors (8 - 13)	867	817	826	897	753
Boys	681	641	648	671	608
Girls	186	176	178	226	145
Juveniles (14 - 17)	1982	2237	2344	2579	2348
Boys	1569	1769	1919	2107	1900
Girls	413	468	425	472	448

Table 2
Minors and Juveniles removed from Child pedagogic rooms' registration

	2018		2019	
	Total	of which: due to redress	Total	of which: due to redress
Total for country	2698	1470	2774	1459
Boys	2168	1159	2235	1113
Girls	530	311	539	346
Minors (8 - 13)	227	216	221	211
Boys	170	162	164	155
Girls	57	54	57	56
Juveniles (14 - 17)	2471	1254	2553	1248
Boys	1998	997	2071	958
Girls	473	257	482	290

Table 3

Minors and Juveniles passed on to Child pedagogic rooms for committed anti-social acts and perpetrators of crimes by sex and age

	(Number)				
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Minors and Juveniles passed on to Child pedagogic rooms for committed anti-social acts – total	6145	5754	6784	6866	6700
Minors (8 - 13)	1793	1470	1521	1708	1578
Boys	1274	1030	1114	1145	1147
Girls	519	440	407	563	431
Juveniles (14 - 17)	4352	4284	5263	5158	5122
Boys	2918	2826	3647	3451	3620
Girls	1434	1458	1616	1707	1502
Minors and Juveniles perpetrators of crimes - total	5362	4980	4971	4857	4943
Minors (8 - 13)	1322	1168	1063	1116	1189
Boys	1077	955	843	862	978
Girls	245	213	220	254	211
Juveniles (14 - 17)	4040	3812	3908	3741	3754
Boys	3476	3199	3258	3141	3108
Girls	564	613	650	600	646

Table 4

Minors and Juveniles passed on to Child pedagogic rooms for committed anti-social acts and children perpetrators of crimes

(Number)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Minors and Juveniles passed on to Child pedagogic rooms for committed anti-social acts - total	6145	5754	6784	6866	6700
of which:					
Run away from home, from special institution or residential social services	1512	1554	1368	1081	1183
Behaviour of violence and aggression	.	497	635	770	716
Harassment	.	279	438	262	333
of which: school harassment	.	193	252	173	226
Indecently and/or hooligan behaviour in public place	.	302	465	377	446
Damage of public and/or private property	.	397	454	502	503
Wandering and begging	380	226	174	225	168
Psychoactive substances addiction	572	480	518	549	643
Prostitution	52	53	28	21	31
Minors and Juveniles perpetrators of crimes - total	5362	4980	4971	4857	4943
of which:					
Intentional homicide (completed and attempted)	6	1	3	5	6
Bodily harm	237	209	224	236	239
Rape (completed and attempted)	10	15	8	12	3
Debauchery	47	56	56	46	57
Theft	3089	3019	2793	2670	2653
of which:					
Burglary	350	385	329	267	342
Pickpocketing	207	179	177	154	131
Robbery	157	163	192	152	162
Theft of motor vehicles	90	94	76	96	112
Hooliganism	326	254	259	200	235
Drug-related crimes	406	407	421	475	451

‘.’ - no data.

Table 5

Minor and juvenile persons, victims of crimes by sex and age

(Number)

Kinds of crimes	2018			2019		
	total	age		total	age	
		minors (8 - 13)	juveniles (14 - 17)		minors (8 - 13)	juveniles (14 - 17)
Total	1634	659	975	1280	542	738
Homicide (completed)	4	1	3	1	1	-
Homicide (attempted)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bodily harm	285	97	188	226	69	157
Debauchery	68	39	29	101	63	38
Rape (completed)	16	5	11	5	1	4
Rape (attempted)	7	4	3	2	1	1
Kidnapping	1	1	-	5	2	3
incl.: for depravity	-	-	-	4	1	3
Theft	758	297	461	579	234	345
Robbery	136	54	82	55	26	29
Fraud	12	5	7	5	2	3
Extortion	12	3	9	15	13	2
Forcing to engage in begging	4	4	-	9	8	1
Forcing to engage in prostitution or in homosexuality	9	-	9	6	1	5
Traffic of children	3	1	2	2	1	1
Child pornography	-	-	-	5	2	3
Others	319	148	171	264	118	146

‘ - ‘ - no case.