

CRIMES, ACCUSED PERSONS AND PERSONS CONVICTED IN 2019

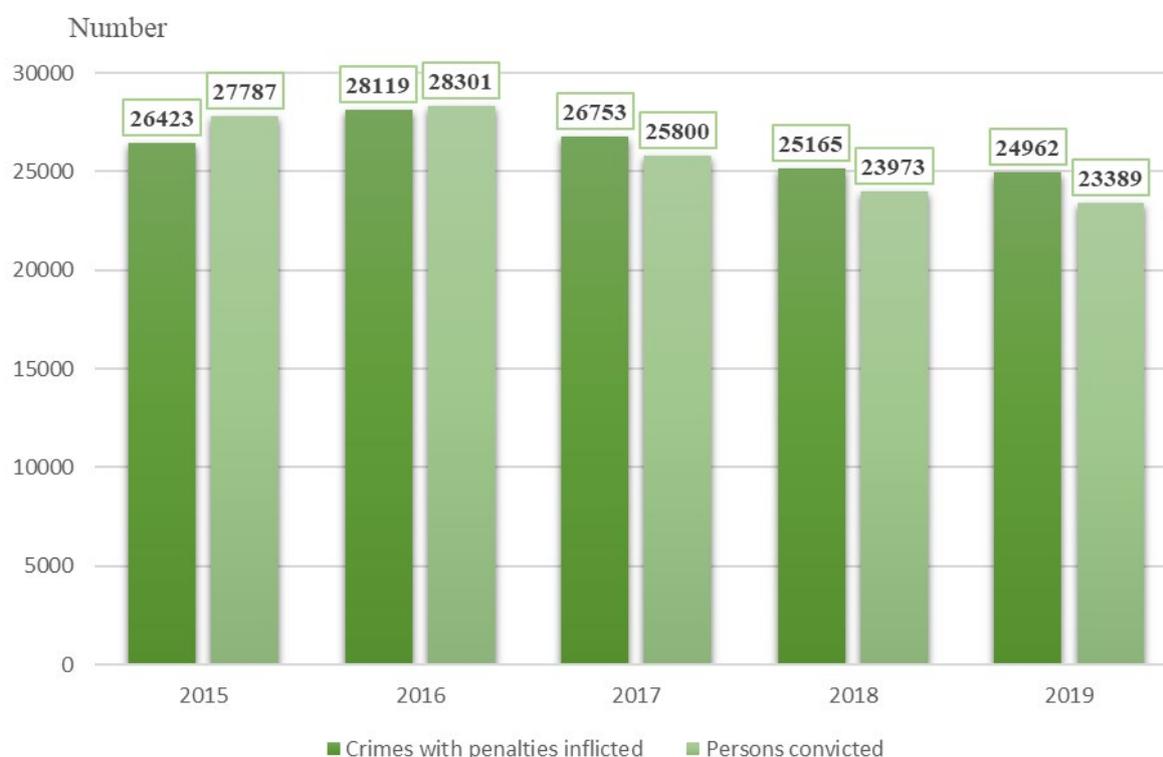
The trials of 30 276 committed **crimes** were concluded in 2019. Proceedings of 10 577 crimes were ended with effective sentences, of 14 385 crimes - with conditional sentences, of 669 crimes - with acquittal sentences, of 270 crimes - with suspension and of 4 375 crimes - with release of penalty.

Proceedings of 24 962 committed crimes were ended with effective and conditional penalties. That was by 0.8% less in comparison with 2018. 12 029 crimes of them were committed in 2019 (48.2% of the total number), 7 685 (30.8%) - in 2018 and 5 248 (21.0%) - in previous years.

The number of **accused persons** in 2019 was 28 774, of which:

- Persons with effective sentence of conviction amounted to 9 939 (it presents 34.5% of the total number of accused persons);
- Conditionally sentenced were 13 450 persons or 46.8% of the total number of accused persons;
- 4 507 persons or 15.7% of the total number of accused persons were released from penalty;
- 585 accused persons were acquitted (2.0%);
- The trials of 293 persons (1.0%) were suspended.

Figure 1. Crimes with penalty inflicted and persons convicted during the period of 2015 - 2019



The number of **persons convicted with penalties came into force** was 23 389 in 2019. Compared to 2018 the number of persons convicted decreased by 2.4%.

The group of convicted persons aged 14 - 17 years presents 4.4% (1 023 persons) of the total number of convicted persons.

In 2019 the **rate of criminal activity**¹ was 388 per 100 000 persons of average annual criminally responsible² population (age of 14 and over) and it was less by 1.8% compared to 2018.

1. Rate of criminal activity per 100 000 persons by sex of the persons convicted

Years	Total	Males	Females
2015	445	846	72
2016	457	865	79
2017	421	802	68
2018	395	751	64
2019	388	742	61

Highest was the rate of criminal activity of age group from 18 to 24 years (1 115 convicted persons per 100 000 persons of the population of the same age group). In growing age groups that coefficient become smaller as the lowest was the rate of criminal activity of persons aged over 50 - 115 persons per 100 000.

The rate of criminal activity of juvenile persons (14 - 17 years) was 408 per 100 000 persons of the respective population as the highest was rate of criminal activity of the persons aged 17 years - 736 persons per 100 000 persons of the total population of that age group.

2. Rate of criminal activity per 100 000 by age of the persons convicted in 2018 and 2019

Age	2018	2019
Total	395	388
14 - 17	400	408
18 - 24	1127	1115
25 - 29	896	899
30 - 39	673	663
40 - 49	389	392
50 and more	117	115

¹ Persons convicted per 100 000 persons of the average annual population aged 14 and over.

² According to Art. 31, para 1 and 2 of the Penal Code. See methodological notes.

Crimes with penalty inflicted and persons convicted by chapters of the Criminal Code and some kinds of crimes

Generally dangerous crimes

The crimes of general danger (such committed in a way presenting a general danger or by means of general danger at the transport and communication, directed against public health or environment, related to the usage of nuclear energy for peace purposes, and other crimes of general danger) hold the first place as a number and relative share in the total of punished criminality in 2019. In 2019, 12 826 crimes of this kind have been punished, that presents 51.4% of the total crimes ended with penalties. The number of persons convicted for commitment of that type of crimes was 11 344 or 48.5% of the total number of convicted persons. In comparison with 2018, a decrease was observed by 1.8% of crimes and by 3.3% of the number of persons convicted for that type of crimes.

Among the generally dangerous crimes the highest were number and relative share of punished *crimes against the transport and communications* 9 393. That presents 73.2% of the total number of generally dangerous crimes. The number of persons convicted for that kind of crimes was 8 472 or 74.7% of the convicted for generally dangerous crimes persons.

In 2019 the number of punished drug-related crimes was 2 834 as persons convicted for that type of crimes was 2 343.

Crimes against the property

The crimes against the property (theft and robbery of property, misappropriation, fraud, extortion, receiving stolen goods, destroying and damaging of property) hold second place in the structure of punished criminality. The number of punished crimes against the property in 2019 was 4 926 or 19.7% of the total number of crimes with penalty inflicted and was 0.5% less than 2018. Persons convicted for that type of crimes were 5 480 that presents 23.4% of the total number of convicted persons in 2019.

Thefts of property were most populated crimes among the punished crimes against the property. Their relative share was 66.6% from the crimes against property and 13.1% from the total number of crimes with penalties inflicted. 3 281 crimes of that kind were concluded with penalty and 3 831 persons were convicted.

According to their legal and criminal characteristics, *robberies* are among most grave crimes. 571 persons were convicted for commitment of 484 robberies in 2019.

441 crimes were ended with penalties for committed *frauds* as the number of persons convicted for that type of crimes were 460 (8.4% of the total number of persons convicted for crimes against the property).

Crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organizations and persons performing public duties

1 417 crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organizations and persons performing public duties (crimes against the order governing, crimes at work, crimes against the justice and bribery) were ended with penalties in 2019. That presents 5.7% of the total number of punished crimes. 1 239 persons were convicted for that type of crimes, or 5.3% of the total number of convicted persons.

Illegal crossing of the boundary is the most widely distributed kind among these crimes. For 615 committed crimes 578 persons were convicted that presents 43.4% and 46.7% of the total number of crimes and persons convicted for crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organizations and persons

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performing public duties respectively. In comparison with 2018 a decrease by 0.3% of crimes and by 13.2% of persons convicted was observed.

For commitment of 64 *bringing of persons across the boundary* 92 persons, or 7.4% of convicted for crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organizations and persons performing public duties respectively, were convicted.

Crimes against the economy

Punished **crimes against the economy** (general property offences, crimes against the creditors, individual economic branches, custom regime and against the monetary and credit system) in 2019 were 1 451 or 5.8% of the total number of punished crimes. For commitment of that kind of crimes 1 474 persons were convicted that presents 6.3% of the total number of persons convicted.

Crimes against the person

In 2019 1 905 (7.6%) **crimes against the person** (homicides, bodily harm, kidnapping and illegal constraint, compulsion, insult and libel, depravity and traffic of people) were ended with penalty as 1 511 persons (6.5%) were convicted.

Among the crimes against the person highest was the number and relative share of *bodily harms*. The number of crimes ended with penalties inflicted for commitment of that type of crimes was 777. For that type of crimes 706 persons were convicted (46.7% of the total number of convicted persons for crimes against the person).

82 persons were convicted for commitment of 71 *homicides* (committed and attempted).

245 criminal proceedings were concluded with penalty for *debauchery* as 205 persons were convicted.

The number of persons convicted for *rape* (committed and attempted) amounted to 40 persons for 47 committed and attempted rapes.

142 trials for *trafficking of people* were concluded with penalty as persons convicted for that kind of crimes commitment were 29.

Persons convicted for other types of crimes

In 2019 were convicted for commitment of:

- Documentary crimes - 747 persons (3.2% of the total number of convicted);
- Crimes against the order and public peace - 643 persons (2.7%);
- Crimes against the marriage, family and youth - 642 persons (2.7%);
- Crimes against the rights of citizens - 210 persons (0.9%);
- Crimes against the financial, tax and insurance systems - 95 persons (0.4%).

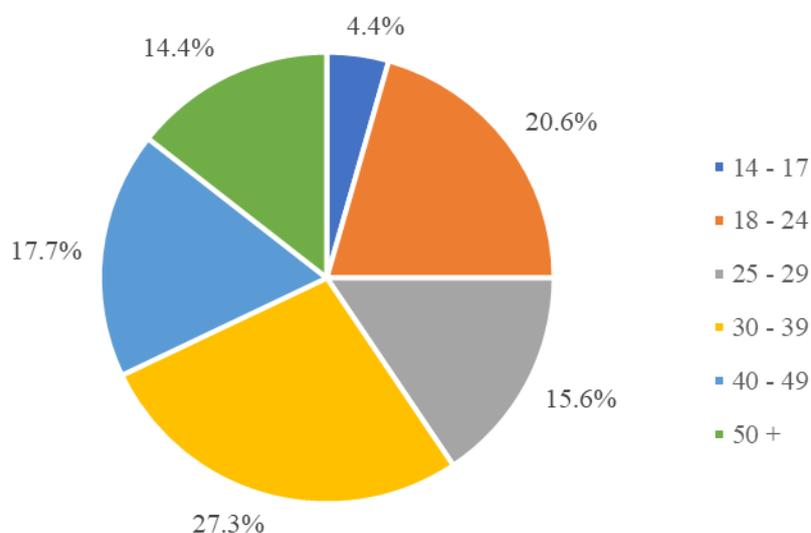
Persons convicted by sex and age

The distribution of convicted persons by sex and age in 2019 was:

- The number of convicted males was 21 496 or 91.9% of the total number of convicted persons. The highest was relative share of males aged 30 - 39 years - 27.3% of the total number of convicted males.
- The number of convicted females was 1 893 (8.1%).

The coefficient of criminal activity of convicted males was 742 per 100 000 persons of respective population as well as for females it was 61 per 100 000 persons.

Figure 2. Structure of convicted persons by age in 2019



Persons convicted by penalties imposed

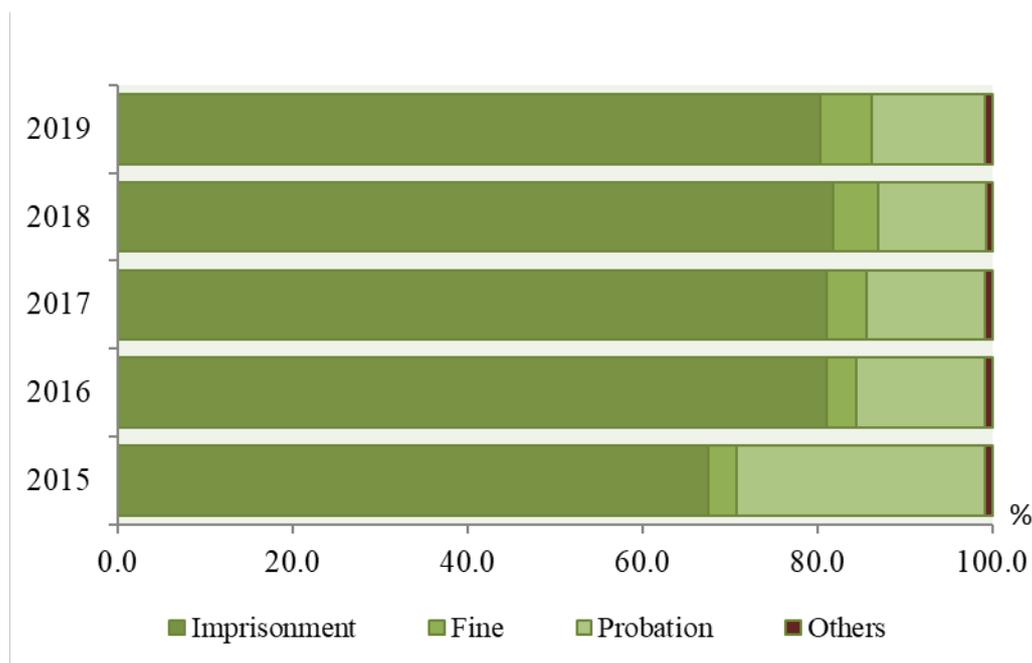
In the structure of convicted persons by penalty imposed highest was the number and relative share of persons convicted to *imprisonment*. They were 18 787 (80.3% of the total number of convicted persons) in 2019. Highest was share of persons convicted to imprisonment till 6 months (51.3%) and from 6 months to 1 year - 30.3% of the total number of convicted to imprisonment.

3. Persons convicted to imprisonment in 2019

Persons convicted to 'Imprisonment'	Number	Structure - %
Total	18787	100.0
Up to 6 months	9631	51.3
From 6 months to 1 year	5697	30.3
From 1 to 3 years	2991	15.9
From 3 to 5 years	275	1.5
From 5 to 10 years	138	0.7
From 10 to 15 years	29	0.2
From 15 to 20 years	19	0.1
From 20 to 30 years	7	0.0

Penalty of *probation* was imposed to 3 029 persons (13.0% of the total number of convicted persons). Penalty of *fine* was imposed to 1 392 persons, or 6.0% of the total number of convicted persons and to *public censure* - 180 persons. Penalty of *life imprisonment* - to 1 person.

Figure 3. Structure of persons convicted by penalty imposed during the period of 2015 - 2019



Methodological notes

Statistical data on crimes with penalties inflicted and persons convicted are obtained on the basis of annual data, received from the regional, district and military courts.

The survey object is the activity of the regional and district courts on penal trials of general, private and administrative character. Since 1998 the information for the activity of military courts is also included and since 2012 - of the Special Criminal Court. The information about the activity of Supreme Court of Cassation is not included.

Surveyed units are crimes, concluded with penalty inflicted and persons convicted with sentences come into force.

The numbers of crimes and persons convicted for certain reference year include those with sentence that has come into force during the same year.

The number of accused persons covers: convicted persons, conditionally convicted, discharged persons with proceedings finished suspension and persons with proceedings released from penalty.

Persons convicted with all kinds of inflicted penalty, including conditionally sentenced persons are included in the total number of persons convicted.

All crimes with penalties inflicted regardless they had been committed by one or more persons are included in the number of crimes concluded with penalty inflicted.

The age of persons convicted is given in completed years. Persons who have completed 14, but not 18 years are considered juveniles. Adult are persons above 18 years.

Convicted juvenile persons are included in the total number of persons convicted.

According to Chapter Three, Art. 31, para. 1 and 2 of the Penal Code criminally responsible is the person of age - who has accomplished 18 years of age, who in a state of sanity commits a crime. A juvenile who has accomplished 14 years of age but who has not accomplished 18 years of age shall be criminally responsible if he could have realized the quality and the importance of the act and handle his conduct.

The criminal activity rate is calculated as correlation between the number of persons convicted and average annual number of the criminally responsible population (age of 14 and over) per 100 000 persons.

Data on crimes with penalties inflicted and persons convicted are obtained based on the NSI's statistical survey data and data from administrative source - the Unified Information System for Counteraction to Criminality.

Additional statistical information and data from the survey 'Crimes, accused and persons convicted' are available in Information System INFOSTAT (https://infostat.nsi.bg/infostat/pages/module.jsf?x_2=56) as well as on the NSI's website (www.nsi.bg), section 'Justice and Crime'.

Annex

Table 1

Crimes with penalties inflicted by chapters of the Penal Code and some kinds of crimes¹

(Number)

Chapters of the penal Code and some kinds of crimes	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total²	26423	28119	26753	25165	24962
of which:					
Crimes against the person	1757	1770	1745	1690	1905
of which:					
Intentional homicides (completed and attempted)	120	97	90	89	71
Bodily harm	758	766	836	730	777
Depravity	251	260	247	255	245
Incl. Rape (completed and attempted)	55	66	44	63	47
Crimes against the marriage, family and youth	857	826	749	626	653
Crimes against property	6523	6345	5692	4951	4926
of which:					
Theft	4593	4281	3752	3193	3281
Robbery	576	574	605	539	484
Misappropriation	115	133	134	126	120
Crimes against the economy	2133	2349	2009	1797	1451
Crimes against the financial, tax and insurance system	180	135	141	99	99
Crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organizations and persons, performing public duties	2699	2401	1681	1307	1417
Documentary crimes	957	1276	1035	934	886
Crimes against the order and public peace	524	566	597	542	577
Incl. Hooliganism	383	414	421	383	412
Generally dangerous crimes	10490	12201	12837	13065	12826
of which:					
Crimes against the transport and communications	8116	9473	9731	10108	9393
Theft of motor vehicles	180	177	181	164	155
Drug-related crimes	1739	2079	2402	2360	2834
Military crimes	1	8	4	3	2

¹ According to sentences came into force.

² Incl. Persons convicted for crimes, committed abroad.

Table 2

Persons convicted by chapters of the Penal Code and some kinds of crimes¹

(Number)

Chapters of the penal Code and some kinds of crimes	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total²	27787	28301	25800	23973	23389
of which:					
Crimes against the person	1477	1464	1509	1444	1511
of which:					
Intentional homicides (completed and attempted)	132	101	102	98	82
Bodily harm	701	739	789	700	706
Depravity	208	220	211	208	205
Incl. Rape (completed and attempted)	51	61	47	65	40
Crimes against the marriage, family and youth	817	785	699	585	642
Crimes against property	8041	7431	6427	5579	5480
of which:					
Thefts	6054	5346	4443	3802	3831
Robbery	706	668	703	641	571
Misappropriation	116	126	138	127	118
Crimes against the economy	2154	2410	2023	1767	1474
Crimes against the financial, tax and insurance system	151	121	136	94	95
Crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organizations and persons, performing public duties	3577	2689	1732	1280	1239
Documentary crimes	644	868	830	785	747
Crimes against the order and public peace	567	561	595	539	643
Incl. Hooliganism	402	401	355	336	399
Generally dangerous crimes	10093	11737	11582	11736	11344
of which:					
Crimes against the transport and communications	7960	9273	8979	9250	8472
Theft of motor vehicles	182	172	190	166	177
Drug-related crimes	1570	1906	1991	1963	2343
Military crimes	-	5	5	3	2

¹ According to sentences came into force.

² Incl. Persons convicted for crimes, committed abroad.

Table 3

Persons convicted with sentences came into force by sex

Sex	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
	Number				
Total¹	27787	28301	25800	23973	23389
Males	25446	25778	23662	21951	21496
Females	2341	2523	2138	2022	1893
	Structure - %				
Total¹	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Males	91.6	91.1	91.7	91.6	91.9
Females	8.4	8.9	8.3	8.4	8.1

¹ Incl. Persons convicted for crimes, committed abroad.

Table 4

Persons convicted with sentences came into force by age

Age	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
	Number				
Total¹	27787	28301	25800	23973	23389
14 - 17	1243	1108	1152	999	1023
18 - 24	6909	6014	5224	5003	4826
25 - 29	4486	4546	4125	3872	3640
30 - 39	7317	7697	7076	6557	6384
40 - 49	4595	5030	4527	4141	4148
50 and more	3237	3906	3696	3401	3368
	Structure - %				
Total¹	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
14 - 17	4.5	3.9	4.5	4.2	4.4
18 - 24	24.9	21.2	20.2	20.8	20.6
25 - 29	16.1	16.1	16.0	16.2	15.6
30 - 39	26.3	27.2	27.4	27.3	27.3
40 - 49	16.5	17.8	17.6	17.3	17.7
50 and more	11.7	13.8	14.3	14.2	14.4

¹ Incl. Persons convicted for crimes, committed abroad.

Table 5

Persons convicted with sentences came into force by penalties imposed

(Number)

Penalties imposed	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total¹	27787	28301	25800	23973	23389
Incl. conditionally	13220	16548	14773	14310	13450
Imprisonment	18783	22950	20918	19615	18787
Life imprisonment	-	6	2	2	1
Life imprisonment without parole	2	1	3	-	-
Fine	889	954	1174	1221	1392
Probation	7884	4172	3509	2960	3029
Other	229	218	194	175	180

¹ Incl. Persons convicted for crimes, committed abroad.