



ANTI-SOCIAL ACTS OF MINOR AND JUVENILES IN 2008

The number of minors and juveniles, new entrants at the Child Pedagogic Rooms in 2008 is 4 047, or by 6.5% less in comparison with 2007. In 2008, 13 572 minors and juveniles were registered at the Child pedagogic rooms that is 7.0% less compared to 2007. Persons aged 14 - 17 are 79.2% of the total number of registered minors and juveniles, and in comparison with 2007 a decrease of 5.7% is observed. The number of registered persons aged 8 - 13 is by 11.7% less in comparison with preceding year (See Annex 1).

10 058 persons of the total number of minors and juveniles registered at the Child Pedagogic Rooms in 2008 live in an unfavorable environment. 1 874 children of the total number of registered at Child Pedagogic Rooms in 2008 were neither going to school nor having a job, while in 2007 their number amounted to 2 041 or by 8.2% less.

The number of minors and juveniles passed on for anti-social acts to the Child Pedagogic Rooms in 2008 decreased by 17.6% and their number amounted to 7 952. With the greatest decreasing, are cases of wandering and begging - by 36.9% that is equal to 659 persons. Lessening of the number of minors and juveniles with drug addiction by 36.2% (314 persons) is observed. At the same time a decrease is observed in the number of minors and juveniles registered to the Child Pedagogic Rooms for prostitution and homosexuality by 23.9% (210 persons), for run away from schools by 21.0% (1 615 persons), for alcohol addiction by 14.9% (401 persons) and for run away from home by 7.6% (1 896 persons).

The number of minors and juveniles registered at the Child Pedagogic Rooms as perpetrators of crime decreases by 13.4% compared to 2007 (from 6 978 persons in 2007 to 6 043 persons in 2008). In comparison with 2007, also a decrease is observed in the number of children perpetrators of the following crimes: robbery by 34.2% (237 persons), theft by 15.5% (3 907 persons), drug-related crimes by 12.5% (203 persons). At the same time an increase is observed in the number of minors and juveniles committed pickpocketing by 10.9% that amounted to 559 persons, hooliganism (incl. football) by 9.4% (454 persons) and debauchery by 2.4% (84 persons).

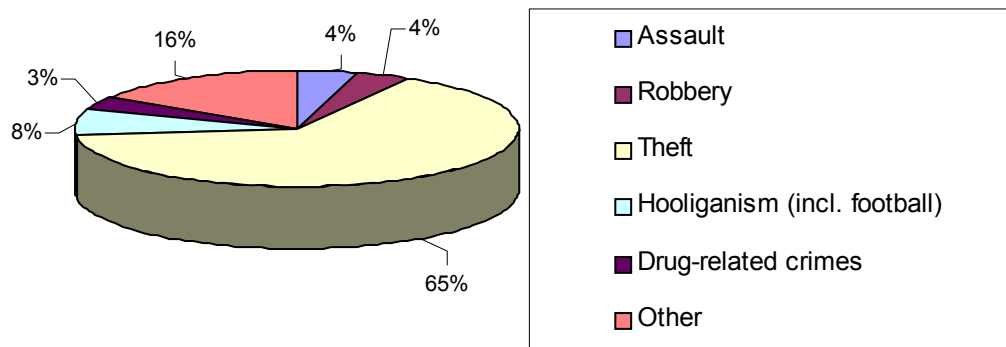


Fig. 1 Structure of minors and juveniles perpetrators of crimes in 2008

218 children of the total number of registered in the Child Pedagogic Rooms in 2008 were determined as uncontrolled that is 29.0% more compared to 2007. Persons from 8 to 13 years old compose 55.5% of all uncontrolled children, registered in the Child Pedagogic Rooms and they are 121 persons that is by 1.9 percentage points less in comparison with 2007.

The number of maltreated minors and juveniles has increased by 27.5%. Minors and juveniles have been maltreated mainly outside their families - 374 children maltreated by friends and classmates, 134 children - maltreated by other adult persons (above 18 years old), 130 children - by parents and relatives, and 6 children - by supervisors and teachers.

In 2008 the Local Commissions for Combating Anti-social Acts of Minors and Juveniles initiated legal proceedings in 6 145 educative cases, which is by 9.0% less in comparison with 2007.

In 2008 9 033 educative measures were inflicted on 6 919 minors and juveniles for committed different crimes and anti-social acts by the Local Commissions for Combating Anti-social Acts of Minors and Juveniles. The educative measure of 'warning' was imposed to the highest number of persons - 3 696, that is by 4.1% less compared to 2007.

In 2008 the number of children, victims of crimes has decreased by 5.0% in comparison with previous year that amounted to 2 606 persons (See Annex 2).

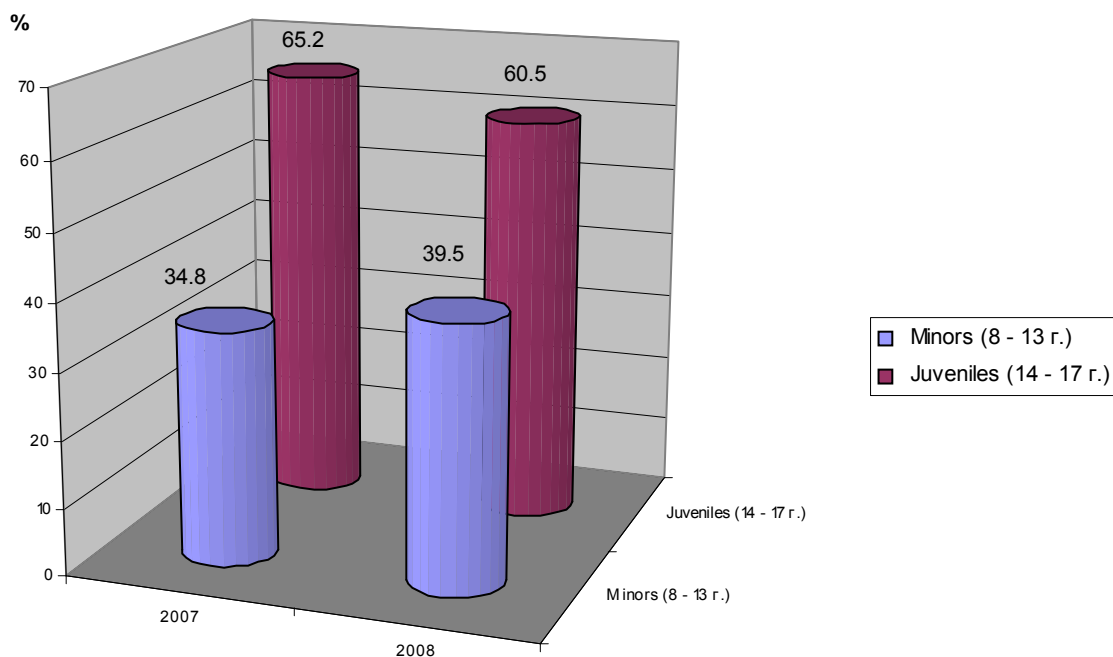


Fig. 2 Structure of persons aged 8 - 17, victims of crimes in 2007 and 2008

The number of minors and juveniles suffered in a result of theft is the highest one (1 139 persons or 43.7%), followed by those suffered by assault and battery - 298 (11.4%), and robbery - 237 persons or 9.1%. 210 persons (8.1%) are suffered by maltreatment out of the family.

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.

In the number of child 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.

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In the number of child passed on to Child Pedagogic Rooms are included minor and juvenile persons who:

- have been endangered of the committed crimes and anti-social acts by different reasons;
- have committed acts which are not crimes;
- have been victims, plaintiffs and witness of crimes;
- have been under police protection.

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 Internet site - <http://www.nsi.bg/SocialActivities/Crime.htm>

**Minor and juvenile persons registered and new entrants in Child pedagogic rooms
by sex and age¹**

	(Number)								
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Children registered in Child pedagogic rooms during the year - total	18522	17629	17817	17877	18019	17390	15969	14592	13572
Minors (8 - 13)	4938	4250	4954	4419	4400	3913	3337	3193	2821
Boys	3959	3429	3872	3580	3531	3007	2613	2583	2284
Girls	979	821	1082	839	869	906	724	610	537
Juveniles (14 - 17)	13584	13379	12863	13458	13619	13477	12632	11399	10751
Boys	11686	11329	10888	11374	11486	11349	10659	9685	9016
Girls	1898	2050	1975	2084	2133	2128	1973	1714	1735
Children new entrants in Child pedagogic rooms during the year - total	4902	4795	5169	5605	5702	5351	4830	4327	4047
Minors (8 - 13)	1540	1446	1667	1638	1631	1434	1180	1124	1075
Boys	1234	1192	1333	1327	1327	1144	956	909	900
Girls	306	254	334	311	304	290	224	215	175
Juveniles (14 - 17)	3362	3349	3502	3967	4071	3917	3650	3203	2972
Boys	2821	2802	2937	3378	3474	3321	3078	2728	2491
Girls	541	547	565	589	597	596	572	475	481

¹Child pedagogic rooms are special institutions for the prevention of crimes and anti-social acts, committed by minor and juvenile persons.

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

Kind of crimes	(Number)							
	2007				2008			
	Total	of which: girls	Minors 8 - 13	Juveniles 14 - 17	Total	of which: girls	Minors 8 - 13	Juveniles 14 - 17
Total	2743	1002	955	1788	2606	1037	1029	1577
of which:								
Assault	342	69	104	238	298	75	108	190
Rape	67	61	21	46	58	50	15	43
Debauchery	157	95	111	46	120	83	86	34
Theft	1121	400	323	798	1139	465	404	735
Robbery	285	56	88	197	237	52	64	173
Kidnapping	23	20	8	15	9	8	..	8
Fraud and extortion	35	9	13	22	23	6	9	14
Forcing to engage in begging	37	18	28	9	47	32	41	6
Forcing to engage in prostitution	18	18	..	..	9	8	..	..
Maltreatment in the family	116	56	68	48	86	33	56	30
Maltreatment out of the family	209	54	80	129	210	83	89	121
Traffic of people	26	25	3	23	3	..	..	..
Child pornography	3	3	..	..	7	6	3	4