

ANTI-SOCIAL ACTS AND CRIMES OF MINORS AND JUVENILES IN 2020

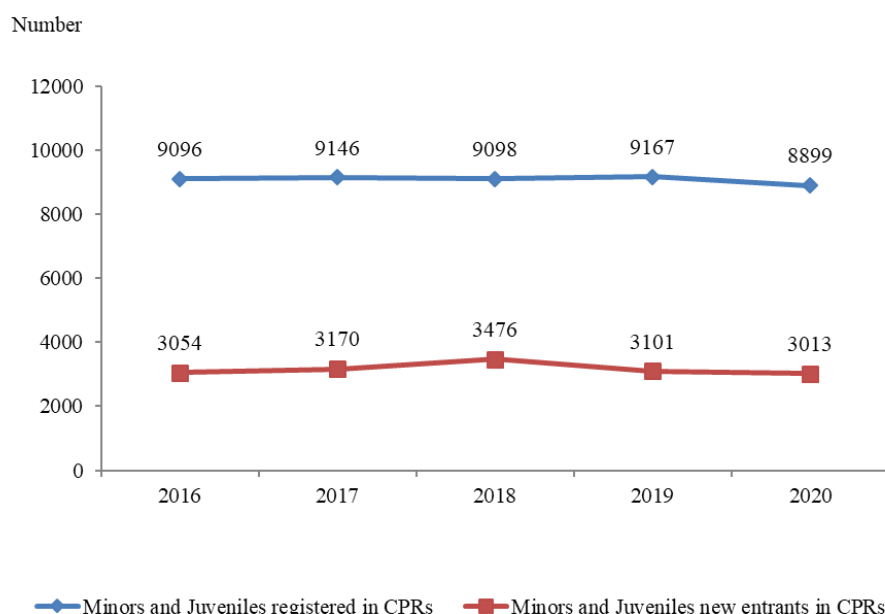
Minors and juveniles registered, new entrants and removed from the Child pedagogic rooms (CPRs) for anti-social acts and crimes commitment

The number of minors and juveniles **registered¹ in the Child pedagogic rooms** for anti-social acts and crimes commitment in 2020 was 8 899. In comparison with 2019, their number decreased by 268 persons or by 2.9%.

The main socio-demographic characteristics of these persons were:

- 79.5% 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 20.5% from the total number of registered in the Child pedagogic rooms;
- The number of boys was 7 178 (80.7%);
- The number of girls was 1 721 (19.3%);
- 6 932 or 77.9% of minors and juveniles were in education;
- 4 243 (47.7%) minors and juveniles were living in a criminal surrounding.

Figure 1. Minors and juveniles, registered and new entrants during the year in the Child pedagogic rooms between 2016 and 2020



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 2020 was 1 324 per 100 000 persons of the average annual population aged 8 - 17 years.

The number of minors and juveniles **new entrants¹** in the Child pedagogic rooms in 2020 was 3 013 or 33.9% of the total number of persons, registered in the CPRs. 74.9% of them were juveniles. Compared to 2019 the number of new entrants decreased by 2.8%.

In 2020, 2 748 or 30.9% of minors and juveniles were removed from the Child pedagogic rooms as:

- 1 513 of them (55.0%) - due to improved behaviour;
- 1 184 (43.1%) - by the reason of reaching the age of 18;
- 51 persons (1.9%) - 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 2020 was 5 289. Boys were 3 652 or 69.0% as girls were 1 637 or 31.0%.

The distribution of those who passed through the CPRs by some types of anti-social acts is as follows:

- Running away from home, special institution or from residential type of social service - 873 persons or 16.5%;
- Behaviour of violence and aggression - 596 persons (11.3%);
- Damage of public and/or private property - 454 persons (8.6%);
- Indecently and/or hooligan behaviour in public place - 415 persons (7.8%);
- Psychoactive substances addiction - 343 or 6.5%;
- Harassment - 241 persons (4.6%);
- Wandering and begging - 126 persons or 2.4%.

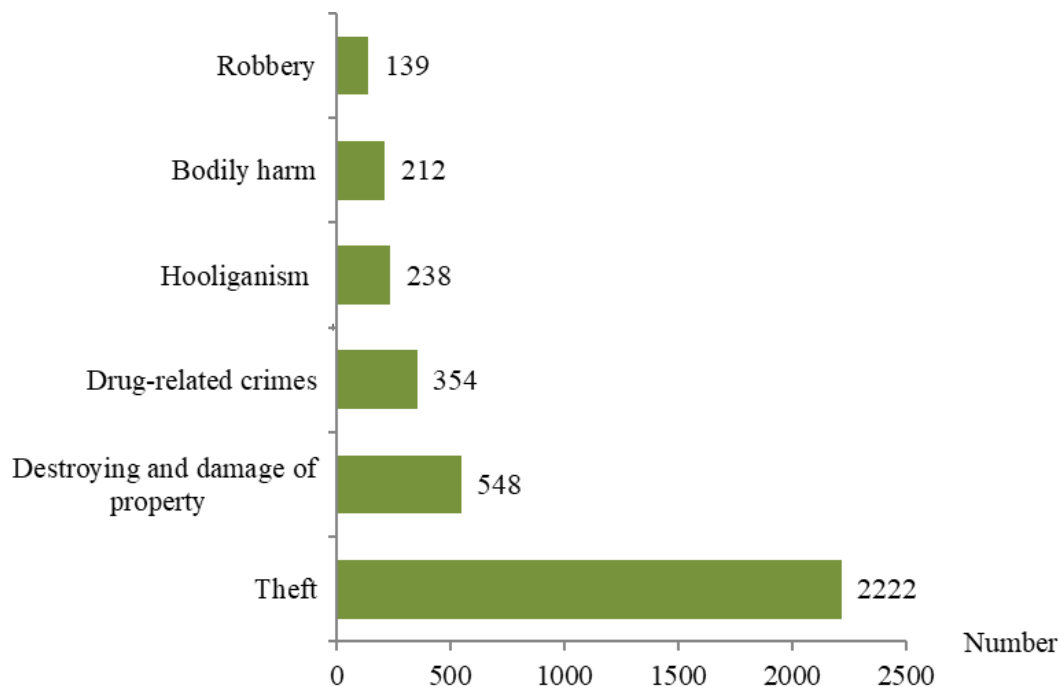
Minors and juveniles perpetrators of crimes

In 2020 **the number of minors and juveniles, passed through the Child pedagogic rooms for crimes commitment** was 4 417.

Thefts of property was the most common type of crime, committed by minors and juveniles. Children perpetrators of thefts were 2 222 or 50.3% from the total number of persons, passed through the Child pedagogic rooms for crimes commitment. The greatest was share of minors and juveniles perpetrators of thefts from shops or other trade establishments - 30.1% (669 persons), followed by home thefts - 24.6% (546 persons) and burglaries - 12.1% (268 persons).

¹ Incl. all minors and juveniles who were newly registered in the CPRs during the reporting year.

Figure 2. Minors and juveniles perpetrators of some types of crimes in 2020



Minors and juveniles - victims of crimes

Registered in the CPRs minors and juveniles, victims of crimes in 2020 were 941, as 544 (57.8%) were boys and 397 (42.2%) of them were girls. The relative share of minors - victims of crimes was 41.2% and juveniles - 58.8%.

Among the victims of crimes the most were minors and juveniles, victims of thefts of property - 342 persons (36.3%), followed by bodily harms - 185 persons (19.7%), debauchery - 102 persons (10.8%) and robberies - 45 persons (4.8%). The number of rape cases (committed and attempted) in 2020 was 12 (1.3%).

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

5 001 legal correctional educational proceedings were **initiated** by the Local Commissions for Combating Anti-social Acts of minors and juveniles in 2020 of which 3 923 (78.4%) were initiated by the prosecutors proposals. The number of **concluded proceedings** amounted to 4 416 while 2 348 or 53.2% were finalized in a month. 477 proceedings (9.5% of proceedings initiated) were **ceased**. In the end of 2020, 340 proceedings were **not finalized**.

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6 548 **correctional measures** were inflicted by the Local Commissions in 2020 according to Art. 13, para. 1 of the Juvenile Delinquency Law to 4 739 persons aged 8 - 17 years for commitment of 5 333 publicly dangerous acts¹.

The most commonly imposed correctional measures in 2020 were:

- Warning - 3 033 measures (46.3%);
- Placement under the correctional control of a public tutor - 1 309 correctional measures (20.0%);
- Placement under correctional supervision of the parents or the persons substituting for them, under the obligation to take special care - 824 measures (12.6%);
- Obligation to participate in consultations, training and programmes - 508 measures (7.8%);
- Warning to get into Educational boarding school with test period of 6 months was imposed to 202 persons (3.1%).

The main characteristics of minor and juveniles with imposed correctional measures in 2020 were as follows:

- Minors were 1 399 or 29.5% and juveniles - 3 340 (70.5%);
- Boys were 3 902 or 82.3% and girls - 837 (17.7%).

In the structure of the public dangerous acts for which educational measures were imposed during the reporting year, the largest is the relative share of the committed crimes 3 378 or 63.4% of the public dangerous acts. Followed by anti-social acts - 1 580 (29.6%) and administrative violations - 375 (7.0%).

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

Methodological notes

Statistical survey on anti-social acts of minors and juveniles ensures information on the basis of annual data on the number of registered, new entrants, removed and persons passed through Child pedagogic rooms, the number of minor and juvenile persons with inflicted educational measures for committing public dangerous acts as well as the number of minor and juvenile persons, victims of crimes. The source of information is 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 minors and juveniles perpetrators of anti-social acts and crimes.

The Local commissions for prevention of juvenile delinquency are the competent authority which consider educational cases, enforce measures imposed under the Juvenile Delinquency Act (JDA) and monitor their implementation.

Minors are the persons who have completed 8 - 13 years of age.

Juveniles are the persons who have completed 14 - 17 years of age.

Anti-social act is an act which is publicly dangerous and against the law, or contradicts the morality, and the good manners.

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 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. The number registered in CPRs **does not include** the number of minors and juveniles **who had passed** to Child pedagogic rooms.

In the number of minors and juveniles registered as new entrants in the Child pedagogic rooms during the year are included minors and juveniles perpetrators of crimes and/or anti-social acts during the reported year.

The number of removed from Child pedagogic rooms' registration includes minor and juvenile persons who have been removed from register and the reason for removing.

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 educational measure is an alternative to the punishment measure for educational impact on minor and juvenile, who have committed an anti-social act, and juvenile, released from criminal liability under art. 61 of the Criminal Code, and is necessary in order to overcome deviations in behaviour, prevent future violations and integration into society.

The number of minor and juvenile persons with inflicted educational measures includes all minor and juveniles perpetrator of anti-social acts, crimes or administrative violations whom educational measures have been inflicted according to the JDA. Depending on the offence nature, **more than one** educational measure may be inflicted except educational measures getting into Social-pedagogic boarding schools and getting into Correctional boarding schools.

The number of minor and juvenile persons, victims of crimes includes persons who have suffered from different types of crimes according to the place of commission of the act and not at the place of residence of the persons.

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The applied methodology and data from the survey on activities of the 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 Informational System 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)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Minors and Juveniles registered in Child pedagogic rooms during the year					
Total	9096	9146	9098	9167	8899
Minors (8 - 13)	1973	1993	1923	1892	1826
Boys	1520	1556	1457	1503	1456
Girls	453	437	466	389	370
Juveniles (14 - 17)	7123	7153	7175	7275	7073
Boys	5645	5786	5805	5828	5722
Girls	1478	1367	1370	1447	1351
Minors and Juveniles new entrants in Child pedagogic rooms during the year					
Total	3054	3170	3476	3101	3013
Minors (8 - 13)	817	826	897	753	757
Boys	641	648	671	608	608
Girls	176	178	226	145	149
Juveniles (14 - 17)	2237	2344	2579	2348	2256
Boys	1769	1919	2107	1900	1873
Girls	468	425	472	448	383

Table 2

Minors and juveniles removed from Child pedagogic rooms' registration

(Number)

	2019		2020	
	Total	of which: due to redress	Total	of which: due to redress
Total for country	2774	1459	2748	1513
Boys	2235	1113	2279	1207
Girls	539	346	469	306
Minors (8 - 13)	221	211	228	220
Boys	164	155	177	169
Girls	57	56	51	51
Juveniles (14 - 17)	2553	1248	2520	1293
Boys	2071	958	2102	1039
Girls	482	290	418	255

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)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Minors and Juveniles passed on to Child pedagogic rooms for committed anti-social acts					
Total	5754	6784	6866	6700	5589
Minors (8 - 13)	1470	1521	1708	1578	1438
Boys	1030	1114	1145	1147	1005
Girls	440	407	563	431	433
Juveniles (14 - 17)	4284	5263	5158	5122	3851
Boys	2826	3647	3451	3620	2647
Girls	1458	1616	1707	1502	1204
Minors and Juveniles perpetrators of crimes					
Total	4980	4971	4857	4943	4417
Minors (8 - 13)	1168	1063	1116	1189	1009
Boys	955	843	862	978	799
Girls	213	220	254	211	210
Juveniles (14 - 17)	3812	3908	3741	3754	3408
Boys	3199	3258	3141	3108	2887
Girls	613	650	600	646	521

Table 4

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

(Number)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Minors and Juveniles passed on to Child pedagogic rooms for committed anti-social acts					
Total	5754	6784	6866	6700	5289
of which:					
Run away from home, from special institution or residential social services	1554	1368	1081	1183	873
Behaviour of violence and aggression	497	635	770	716	596
Harassment	279	438	262	333	241
of which: school harassment	193	252	173	226	124
Indecently and/or hooligan behaviour in public place	302	465	377	446	415
Damage of public and/or private property	397	454	502	503	454
Wandering and begging	226	174	225	168	126
Psychoactive substances addiction	480	518	549	643	343
Prostitution	53	28	21	31	23
Minors and Juveniles perpetrators of crimes					
Total	4980	4971	4857	4943	4417
of which:					
Intentional homicide (completed and attempted)	1	3	5	6	2
Bodily harm	209	224	236	239	212
Rape (completed and attempted)	15	8	12	3	6
Debauchery	56	56	46	57	43
Theft	3019	2793	2670	2653	2222
of which:					
From shops or other trade establishments	849	873	909	954	669
Home thefts	706	624	498	587	546
Burglary	385	329	267	342	268
Pickpocketing	179	177	154	131	93
Robbery	163	192	152	162	139
Theft of motor vehicles	94	76	96	112	116
Hooliganism	254	259	200	235	238
Drug-related crimes	407	421	475	451	354

Table 5
Minor and juvenile persons, victims of crimes by age
(Number)

Kinds of crimes	2019			2020		
	total	age		total	age	
		minors (8 - 13)	juveniles (14 - 17)		minors (8 - 13)	juveniles (14 - 17)
Total	1280	542	738	941	388	553
Homicide (completed)	1	1	-	2	1	1
Homicide (attempted)	-	-	-	1	-	1
Bodily harm	226	69	157	185	53	132
Debauchery	101	63	38	102	68	34
Rape (completed)	5	1	4	7	3	4
Rape (attempted)	2	1	1	5	3	2
Kidnapping	5	2	3	2	-	2
incl.: for depravity	4	1	3	-	-	-
Theft	579	234	345	342	141	201
Robbery	55	26	29	45	18	27
Fraud	5	2	3	2	2	-
Extortion	15	13	2	6	4	2
Forcing to engage in begging	9	8	1	10	7	3
Forcing to engage in prostitution or in homosexuality	6	1	5	4	-	4
Traffic of children	2	1	1	-	-	-
Child pornography	5	2	3	6	2	4
Others	264	118	146	222	86	136

‘-’ - no case.