



CRIMES, ACCUSED PERSONS AND PERSONS CONVICTED IN 2012

In 2012 the trials ended with penalty inflicted cover *34 249 committed crimes* that were by 6.7% less in comparison with 2011. Prevalent rate of these crimes were committed in 2012 (15 275 or 44.6% of the total number of crimes, ended with sentence). 12 032 (35.1%) crimes were committed in 2011 and 6 942 (20.3%) in previous years.

In 2012, 44 660 persons were accused for crimes commitment, of which:

- The number of persons with effective sentence of conviction amounted to 21 204 (it presents 47.5% of the total number of accused persons);
- Conditionally sentenced were 16 792 persons or 37.6% of the total number of accused persons;
- 4 913 persons or 11.0% of the total number of accused persons were released from penalty
- 1 463 accused persons were acquitted (3.3%);
- The trials of 288 persons (0.6%) were suspended;

The number of *persons convicted with penalties came into force* was 37 996. Compared to 2011 a decrease of the number of persons convicted was observed by 7.4%.

The group of convicted persons aged 14 - 17 years presents 6.1% of the total number of convicted persons and amounts to 2 312. In comparison with 2011 a decrease by 15.8% was observed. Convicted persons aged 16 - 17 decreased by 16.6%, as well as aged 14 – 15 – by 13.9%.

In 2012 the rate of criminal activity¹ was 596 per 100 000 persons of average annual criminally responsible population (age of 14 and over) and it was more compared to 2011 (when the number was 638 persons).

1. Rate of criminal activity by sex of persons convicted

Years	Total	Males	Females
2005	450	859	71
2006	454	867	71
2007	462	897	61
2008	541	1061	61
2009	616	1208	71
2010	595	1158	76
2011	638	1225	89
2012	596	1142	86

Highest was the rate of criminal activity of age group from 18 to 24 years (1 586 convicted persons per 100 000 persons of the population of the same age group), followed by the group of 25 – 29 age (1 321), 30 – 39 (921) and 14 -17 years (912). Lowest was the rate of criminal activity of persons aged over 50 – 132 persons per 100 000 and 40 – 49 – 563 persons per 100 000 persons of the population of the same age group.

Among the convicted juvenile persons the highest was rate of criminal activity of the persons aged 17 years (1 415 persons per 100 000 persons of the total population of that age group). For persons convicted aged

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



16 that coefficient was 974, for 15 years old persons - 792 and 14 years – 384 per 100 000 of the population belonging to the respective age group.

2. Rate of criminal activity by age of the persons convicted in 2011 and 2012

Age	Coefficient in 2011	Coefficient in 2012
Total	638	596
14 - 17	1022	912
18 - 24	1746	1586
25 - 29	1392	1321
30 - 39	969	921
40 - 49	590	563
50 and over	128	132

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 2012, 11 983 crimes of this kind have been punished, that presents 35.0% of the total crimes ended with penalties. The number of persons convicted for commitment of that type of crimes was 11 605 or 30.5% of the total number of convicted persons. In comparison with 2011 a decrease was observed by 9.9% of crimes and 10.3% of persons convicted for that type of crimes.

- Punished crimes against the transport and communications were 9 516 that presents 79.4% of the total number of generally dangerous crimes. The number of persons convicted for that kind of crimes was 9 330. In comparison with 2011 a decrease was observed by 12.4% and 12.3% respectively.
- In 2012 punished cases for “Theft of motor vehicle” decreased by 8.1% (from 211 in 2011 to 194 in 2012). A decrease was observed in the number of persons convicted for that type of crimes by 22.4%.
- In 2012 the number of punished drug-related crimes (contraband of drugs, production, processing, possessing, dissemination, transportation, carrying and other) increased in a small degree by 1.4% - from 1 512 in 2011 to 1 533, as well as persons convicted for that type of crimes a decrease was observed by 0.3% (from 1 432 in 2011 to 1 427 in 2012).

Crimes against the property

The number of punished crimes against the property in 2012 was 11 679 or 34.1% of the total number of crimes with penalty inflicted. They include theft and robbery of property, misappropriation, fraud, extortion, receiving stolen goods, destroying and damaging of property. In comparison with 2011 the number of crimes with penalty inflicted decreased by 12.0%. Persons convicted for that type of crimes were 15 728 as in comparison with 2011 a decrease by 12.1% was observed.

- Thefts of property were most populated crimes among the punished crimes against the property. Their relative share was 75.4% from the crimes against property (76.6% in 2011) and 25.7% from



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the total number of crimes with penalties inflicted. 8 801 crimes of that kind were concluded with penalty and 12 616 persons were convicted. that presents 16.6 and 20.8% more than previous year.

- 1 169 persons were convicted for commitment of 936 robberies (in 2011 their number was 1 325 and 1 050 respectively).
- 648 crimes were ended with penalties for committed frauds as the number of persons convicted for that type of crimes was 680. In comparison with 2011 an increase was observed by 3.0% and 1.3% respectively.

Crimes against the person

Punished crimes against person (homicide, assault and battery, discrediting, kidnapping and illegal constraint, compulsion, disclosure of a secret of another, insult and libel, debauchery, rape and traffic of people) amounted to 2 053 in 2012. It presents 6.0% of the total number of crimes with penalty inflicted. 1 935 persons were convicted for commitment of this kind of crimes. A decrease was observed by 3.2% and 1.6% respectively in the number of crimes and persons 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 943 (45.9% of the total number of crimes against the person). For that type of crimes 969 persons were convicted, or by 2.6% less in comparison with 2011.
- 140 persons were convicted for commitment of 136 homicides (committed and attempted). In comparison with 2011 a decrease by 5.4% and 4.2% was observed respectively.
- The number of persons convicted for rape (committed and attempted) amounted to 99 persons for 98 committed and attempted rapes. In comparison with 2011 an increase by 13.8% of the number of persons convicted was observed as decrease of the number of crimes ended with penalties inflicted was 14.0%.

Crimes against the economy

An increase was observed in 2012 in comparison with 2011 by 6.4% of the number of crimes with penalty inflicted against the economy as well as of the number of persons convicted for that type of crimes – from 2 987 in 2011 to 3 155 in the reporting year that presents growth by 5.6%.

- The highest number and relative share were crimes related to selling and keeping of excisable goods without excise label. That type of crimes presents 43.4% of crimes ended with penalties against the economy. With penalties ended 1 368 crimes of that kind as persons convicted were 1 426. In comparison with 2011 a decrease by 11.1% and 12.3% was observed respectively.

- In comparison with 2011 an increase by 42.7% of crimes with penalties inflicted against custom's regime was observed. In 2012, 236 persons were convicted for that kind of crimes commitment that presents 44.8% more compared to preview year.

Other types of crimes

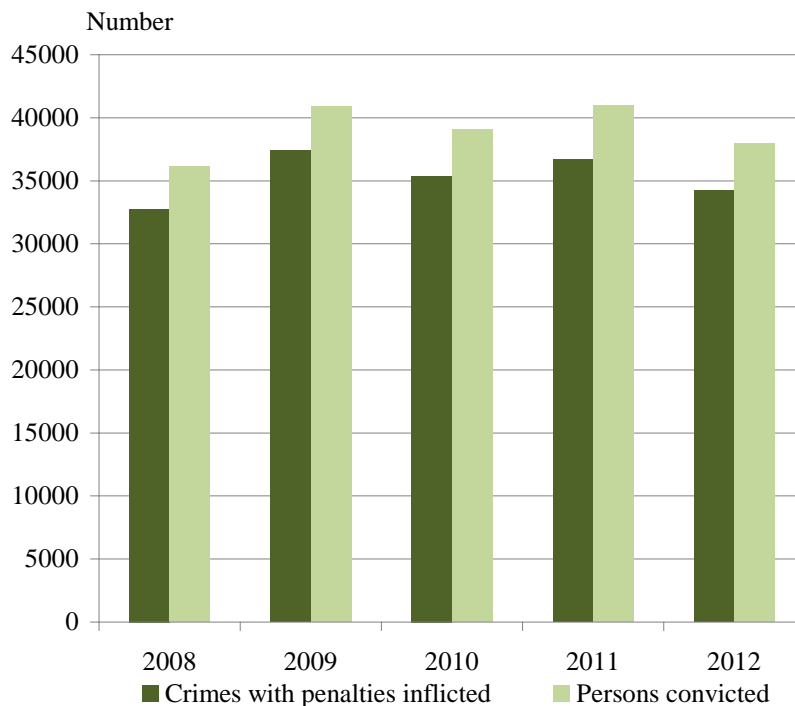
In comparison with 2011 an increase was observed in 2011 of:

- crimes with penalty inflicted against the financial, tax and insurance systems – by 50.4%;
- crimes against the marriage, family and youth by 20.9%;
- crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organizations and persons performing public duties – by 7.0%;
- Documentary crimes with penalty inflicted – by 1.6%;

The number of persons convicted for these types of crimes commitment increased by 34.9, 24.3, 6.8 and 5.3% respectively.



Figure 1. Crimes with penalty inflicted and persons convicted during the period of 2008 – 2012



Persons convicted by sex

The number of convicted males was 35 154 in 2012 that presents 92.5% of the total number of convicted persons. The number of convicted females was 2 842 in 2012 (7.5% of the total number of convicted persons). The coefficient of criminal activity of convicted males was 1 142 per 100 000 persons of respective population as well as for females it was 86 per 100 000 persons.

The highest number and relative share were females aged 30 – 39 years (798 persons or 28.1% of the total number of convicted females), and females aged between 40 - 49 years (524 persons, or 18.4%).

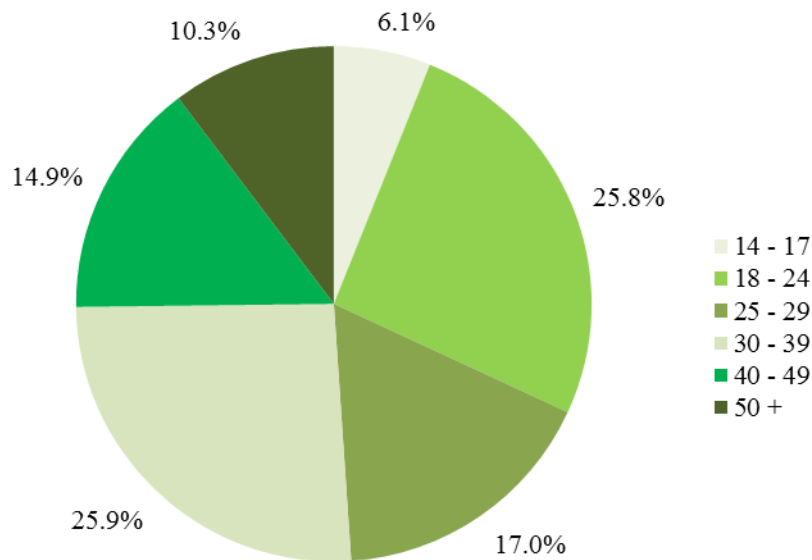
Persons convicted by age

The distribution of convicted persons by age in 2012 was:

- The highest was the share of persons aged 30 – 39 years – 9 839 (25.9% of the total number of convicted persons);
- 18 – 24 years – 9 818 persons (25.8%);
- Persons convicted aged 25 – 29 were 6 470 (17.0%);
- 40 – 49 years were 5 663 (14.9%);
- Aged 50 and over – 3 894 persons (10.3%);
- The smallest in the structure of convicted persons by age is the share of age group 14 – 17 years – 2 312 persons (6.1%).



Figure 2. Structure of persons convicted by age in 2012



Persons convicted by penalty imposed

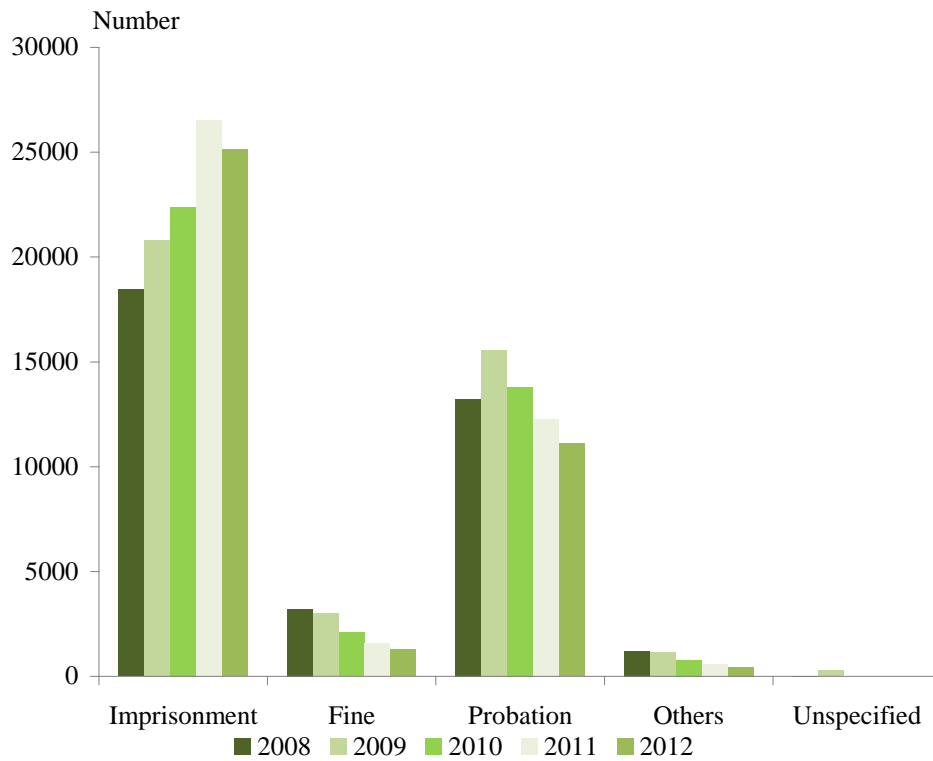
Persons convicted to imprisonment in 2012 were 25 146 (66.2% of the total number of convicted persons). The highest is the share of persons convicted for imprisonment up to 6 months – 11 903 persons (47.3%), followed by imprisonment from 6 months to 1 year – 7 361 persons (29.3%). Penalty of “Life imprisonment” was imposed to 6 persons.

Penalty of probation was imposed to 11 118 persons (29.3% of the total number of convicted persons). Penalty of fine was imposed to 1 288 persons, or 3.4% of the total number of convicted persons.



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Figure 3. Persons convicted by penalty imposed during the period of 2008 - 2012



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.

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).

Data on crimes with penalties inflicted and persons convicted are obtained on the basis of the NSI's statistical survey data and data from administrative source (Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Bulgaria - National Investigative Services).

For additional information see NSI's web page - <http://www.nsi.bg/otrasalen.php?otr=50>

Table 1

Crimes with penalties inflicted by chapters of the penal code and some kind of crimes¹

Chapters of the Penal Code, Kinds of crimes	(Number)				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total²	32766	37409	35397	36707	34249
of which:					
Crimes against the person	2075	2256	2072	2121	2053
of which:					
Intentional homicide (committed and attempted)	173	134	149	142	136
Bodily harm	1050	1113	1034	962	943
Depravity	451	439	352	366	354
of which: rape (committed and attempted)	186	158	135	86	98
Crimes against the marriage, family and youth	428	646	641	876	1059
Crimes against the property	12248	12910	12012	13272	11679
of which:					
Theft	9015	9108	8719	10163	8801
Robbery	929	1123	1061	1050	936
Misappropriation	219	224	207	199	204
Fraud	660	726	666	629	648
Crimes against the economy	855	1046	1632	2802	2980
Crimes against the financial, tax and insurance systems	105	133	144	141	212
Crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organisations and persons, performing public duties	1480	1544	2162	1701	1820
Documentary crimes	861	1210	1525	1360	1382
Crimes against the order and the public peace	679	936	934	835	767
of which: hooliganism	565	749	723	564	527
Generally dangerous crimes	13769	16386	14021	13298	11983
of which:					
Crimes against the transport and communications	11970	14025	11522	10860	9516
Theft of motor vehicles	255	321	273	211	194
Drug - related crimes	933	1329	1522	1512	1533
Military crimes	81	104	44	16	16

¹According to sentences come into force.

²Incl. 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, Kinds of crimes	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total²	36137	40872	39070	41013	37996
of which:					
Crimes against the person	2049	2227	2056	1967	1935
of which:					
Intentional homicide (committed and attempted)	188	150	162	148	140
Bodily harm	1109	1196	1099	995	969
Depravity	395	410	336	304	329
of which: rape (committed and attempted)	193	173	149	87	99
Crimes against the marriage, family and youth	417	649	616	838	1042
Crimes against the property	15642	16440	15614	17901	15728
of which:					
Theft	12179	12328	12042	14541	12616
Robbery	1126	1409	1331	1325	1169
Misappropriation	218	233	209	203	211
Fraud	702	777	732	671	680
Crimes against the economy	935	1229	1793	2987	3155
Crimes against the financial, tax and insurance systems	84	113	127	109	147
Crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organisations and persons, performing public duties	1730	1705	2684	1990	2125
Documentary crimes	692	1050	1249	1127	1187
Crimes against the order and the public peace	714	964	939	867	750
of which: hooliganism	559	704	684	542	495
Generally dangerous crimes	13622	16129	13741	12934	11605
of which:					
Crimes against the transport and communications	11804	13818	11326	10638	9330
Theft of motor vehicles	300	365	316	263	204
Drug - related crimes	949	1297	1490	1432	1427
Military crimes	81	102	40	17	25

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Table 3

Persons convicted by sex¹

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	Number				
Total²	36137	40872	39070	41013	37996
Male	34004	38405	36481	38053	35154
Female	2133	2467	2589	2960	2842
	Structure - %				
Total²	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Male	94.1	94.0	93.4	92.8	92.5
Female	5.9	6.0	6.6	7.2	7.5

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Table 4

Persons convicted by age¹

Age	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
	Number				
Total²	36137	40872	39070	41013	37996
14 - 17	2964	3123	2694	2746	2312
18 - 24	9880	11035	10949	11259	9818
25 - 29	5868	6731	6901	6832	6470
30 - 39	8159	9470	9906	10425	9839
40 - 49	4455	5282	5327	5947	5663
50 +	2565	3321	3293	3774	3894
Unspecified	2246	1910	.	30	.
	Structure - %				
Total²	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
14 - 17	8.2	7.6	6.9	6.7	6.1
18 - 24	27.4	27.0	28.0	27.5	25.8
25 - 29	16.2	16.5	17.7	16.7	17.0
30 - 39	22.6	23.2	25.4	25.4	25.9
40 - 49	12.3	12.9	13.6	14.5	14.9
50 +	7.1	8.1	8.4	9.2	10.3
Unspecified	6.2	4.7	.	.	.

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Table 5

Persons convicted by penalties imposed¹

Penalties imposed	(Number)				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total²	36137	40872	39070	41013	37996
of which: Conditionally	11403	12952	14330	17120	16792
Imprisonment	18454	20819	22404	26538	25146
Life imprisonment	4	.	6	7	6
Life imprisonment without parole	6	4	1	4	.
Fine	3202	3017	2098	1607	1288
Probation	13249	15560	13795	12277	11118
Other	1214	1177	766	580	438
Unspecified	8	295	.	.	.

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