



## CRIMES, ACCUSED PERSONS AND PERSONS CONVICTED IN 2014

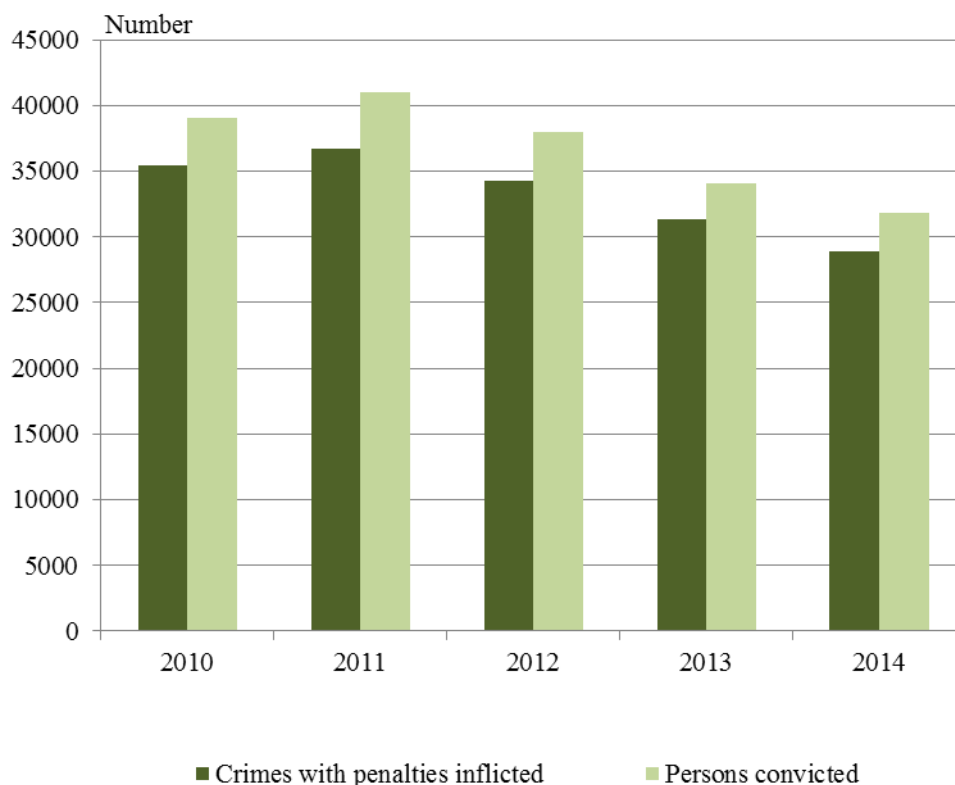
The trials of 34 182 committed **crimes** were concluded in 2014. Proceedings of 15 850 crimes were ended with effective sentences, of 13 030 crimes - with conditional sentences, of 881 crimes - with acquittal sentences, of 84 crimes - with suspension and of 4 337 crimes - with release of penalty.

Proceedings of 28 880 committed crimes were ended with penalties (effective and conditionally). That was 7.7% less in comparison with 2013. 14 012 crimes of them were committed in 2014 (48.5% of the total number), 9 501 (32.9%) - in 2013 and 5 367 (18.6%) - in previous years.

The number of **accused persons** in 2014 was 37 504, of which:

- Persons with effective sentence of conviction amounted to 16 374 (it presents 43.6% of the total number of accused persons);
- Conditionally sentenced were 15 475 persons or 41.3% of the total number of accused persons;
- 4 591 persons or 12.2% of the total number of accused persons were released from penalty;
- 965 accused persons were acquitted (2.6%);
- The trials of 99 persons (0.3%) were suspended.

**Figure 1. Crimes with penalty inflicted and persons convicted during the period of 2010 - 2014**





The number of **persons convicted with penalties came into force** was 31 849 in 2014. Compared to 2013 a decrease of the number of persons convicted was observed by 6.6%.

The group of convicted persons aged 14 - 17 years presents 5.1% (1 633 persons) of the total number of convicted persons.

In 2014 the **rate of criminal activity**<sup>1</sup> was 506 per 100 000 persons of average annual criminally responsible<sup>2</sup> population (age of 14 and over) and it was less compared to 2013 by 6.1%.

### 1. Rate of criminal activity by sex of the persons convicted

Years	Total	Males	Females
2010	595	1158	76
2011	638	1225	89
2012	596	1142	86
2013	539	1026	84
2014	506	964	80

Highest was the rate of criminal activity of age group from 18 to 24 years (1 485 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 - 122 persons per 100 000.

The rate of criminal activity of juvenile persons (14 - 17 years) was 655 per 100 000 persons of the respective population as the highest was rate of criminal activity of the persons aged 17 years - 1 127 persons per 100 000 persons of the total population of that age group.

### 2. Rate of criminal activity by age of the persons convicted in 2013 and 2014

Age	Coefficient in 2013	Coefficient in 2014
<b>Общо</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>506</b>
14 - 17	757	655
18 - 24	1482	1485
25 - 29	1187	1085
30 - 39	849	793
40 - 49	506	480
50 and over	124	122

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

<sup>2</sup> 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 2014. In 2014, 10 252 crimes of this kind have been punished, that presents 35.5% of the total crimes ended with penalties. The number of persons convicted for commitment of that type of crimes was 9 866 or 31.0% of the total number of convicted persons. In comparison with 2013 a decrease was observed by 5.9% of crimes and 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* 7 996. That presents 78.0% of the total number of generally dangerous crimes. The number of persons convicted for that kind of crimes was 7 841 or 79.5% of the convicted for generally dangerous crimes persons.
- In 2014 the number of punished drug-related crimes was 1 555, as persons convicted for that type of crimes was 1 388.

### 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 2014 was 7 937 or 27.5% of the total number of crimes with penalty inflicted. Persons convicted for that type of crimes were 10 003 that presents 31.4% of the total number of convicted persons in 2014.

- *Thefts of property* were most populated crimes among the punished crimes against the property. Their relative share was 73.4% from the crimes against property and 20.2% from the total number of crimes with penalties inflicted. 5 823 crimes of that kind were concluded with penalty and 7 794 persons were convicted.
- According to their legal and criminal characteristics, *robberies* are among most grave crimes. 847 persons were convicted for commitment of 693 robberies in 2014.
- 509 crimes were ended with penalties for committed *frauds* as the number of persons convicted for that type of crimes was 516 (5.2% 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

**3 034 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 2014. That presents 10.5% of the total number of punished crimes. 4 901 persons were convicted for that type of crimes, or 15.4% of the total number of convicted persons.

- *Illegal crossing of the boundary* is the most widely distributed kind among these crimes. For 2 371 committed crimes 4 195 persons were convicted that presents 78.2% and 85.6% of the total number



of crimes and persons convicted for crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organizations and persons performing public duties respectively.

- For commitment of 190 *bringing of persons across the boundary* 276 persons were convicted for crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organizations and persons performing public duties respectively.

### 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 2014 were 2 809 or 9.7% of the total number of punished crimes. For commitment of that kind of crimes 2 865 persons were convicted that presents 9.0% of the total number of persons convicted.

### Crimes against the person

In 2014 1 741 (6.0%) **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 1 526 persons (4.8%) 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 762. For that type of crimes 765 persons were convicted (50.1% of the total number of convicted persons for crimes against the person).
- 108 persons were convicted for commitment of 103 *homicides* (committed and attempted).
- 102 trials for *trafficking of people* were concluded with penalty as persons convicted for that kind of crimes commitment were 41.
- 307 criminal proceedings were concluded with penalty for *debauchery* as 263 persons were convicted.
- The number of persons convicted for *rape* (committed and attempted) amounted to 87 persons for 83 committed and attempted rapes.

### Persons convicted for other types of crimes

In 2014 were convicted for commitment of:

- Crimes against the marriage, family and youth - 923 persons (2.9% of the total number of convicted);
- Documentary crimes - 762 persons (2.4%);
- Crimes against the order and public peace - 566 persons (1.8%);
- Crimes against the rights of citizens - 299 persons (0.9%).

### Persons convicted by gender and age

The distribution of convicted persons by gender and age in 2014 was:

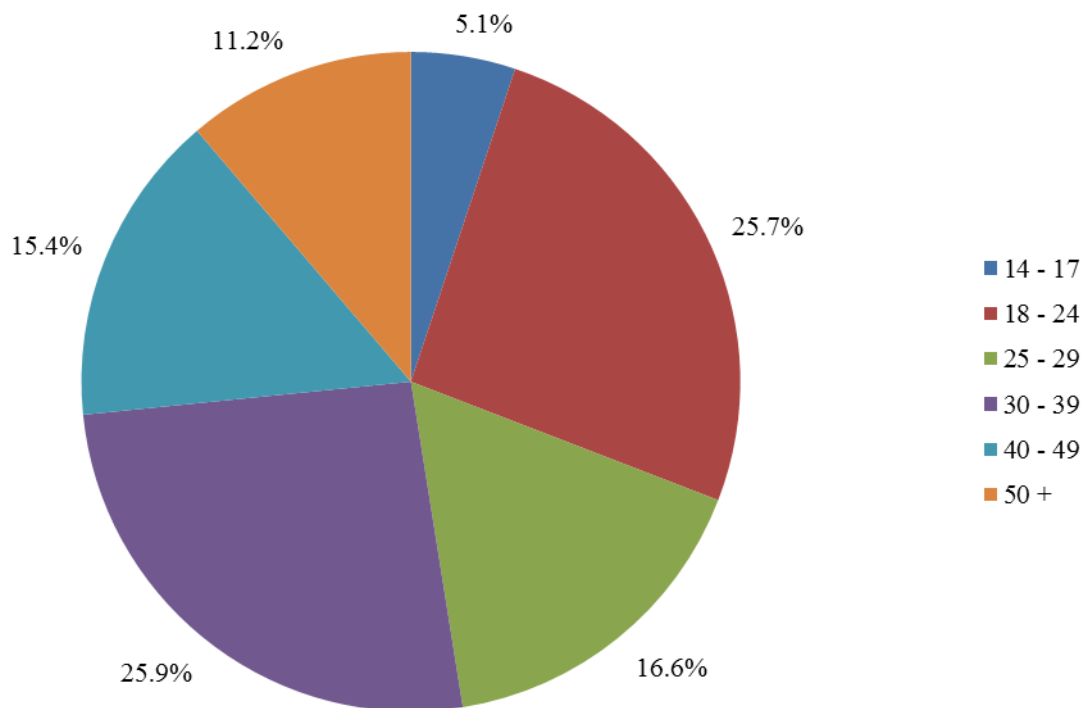
- The number of convicted males was 29 250 or 91.8% of the total number of convicted persons. The highest was number and relative share of males aged 18 - 24 and 30 - 39 years - 26.6 and 25.8% respectively of the total number of convicted males.



- The number of convicted females was 2 599. The highest number and relative share were females aged 30 - 39 years and females aged between 40 - 49 years - 27.4 and 21.1% of the total number of convicted females.

The coefficient of criminal activity of convicted males was 964 per 100 000 persons of respective population as well as for females it was 80 per 100 000 persons.

**Figure 2. Structure of persons convicted by age in 2014**



### 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 21 358 (67.1% of the total number of convicted persons) in 2014. 15 475 of them were convicted conditionally.

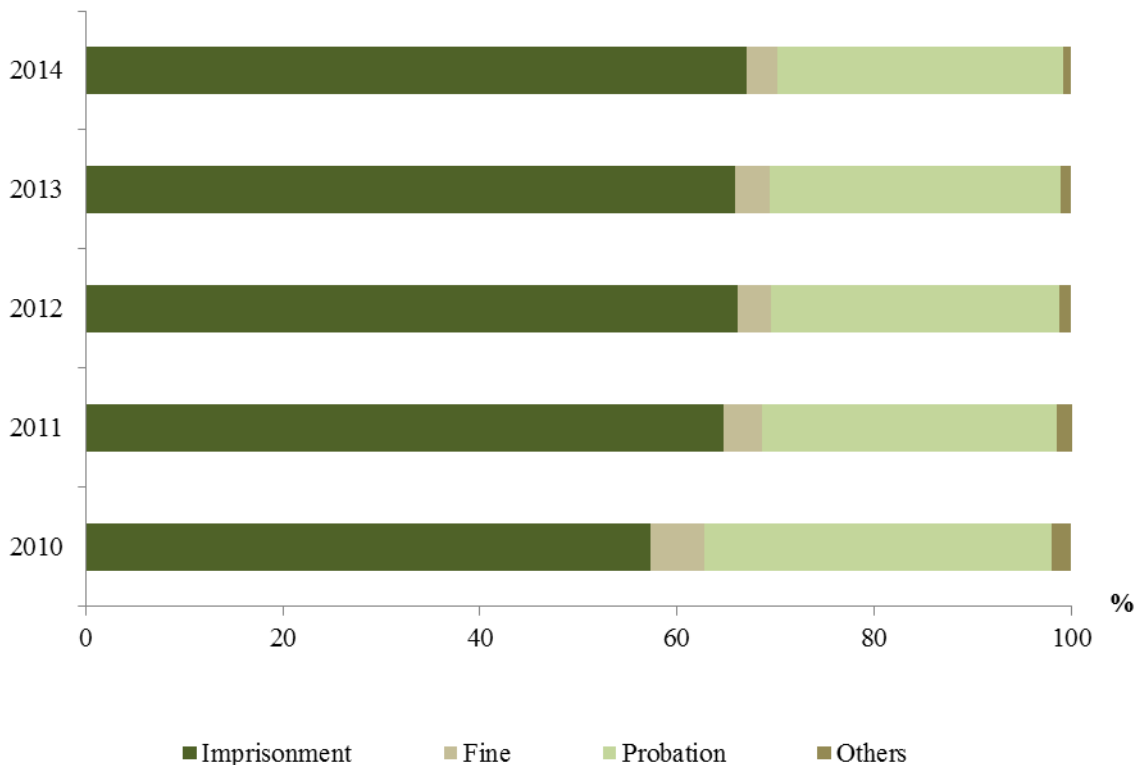


### 3. Persons convicted to imprisonment in 2014

Imprisonment	Number	Structure (%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>21 358</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Up to 6 months	12 089	56.6
From 6 to 12 months	5 352	25.0
From 1 to 3 years	3 339	15.6
From 3 to 5 years	339	1.6
From 5 to 10 years	165	0.7
From 10 to 15 years	30	0.2
From 15 to 20 years	31	0.2
From 20 to 30 years	13	0.1

Penalty of *probation* was imposed to 9 209 persons (28.9% of the total number of convicted persons). Penalty of *fine* was imposed to 1 003 persons, or 3.1% of the total number of convicted persons. Penalty of *life imprisonment and life imprisonment without parole* - to 7 persons.

**Figure 3. Structure of persons convicted by penalty imposed during the period of 2010 - 2014**





### 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 on the basis of the NSI's statistical survey data and data from administrative source - the Unified Information System for Counteraction to Criminality.

For additional information see NSI's web page - <http://www.nsi.bg>



Annex

Table 1

Crimes with penalties inflicted by chapters of the Penal Code and some kind of crimes<sup>1</sup>

Chapters of the Penal Code Kinds of crimes	(Number)				
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>Total<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>35397</b>	<b>36707</b>	<b>34249</b>	<b>31301</b>	<b>28880</b>
of which:					
<b>Crimes against the person</b>	<b>2072</b>	<b>2121</b>	<b>2053</b>	<b>1818</b>	<b>1741</b>
of which:					
Intentional homicide (committed and attempted)	149	142	136	106	103
Bodily harm	1034	962	943	774	762
Depravity	352	366	354	327	307
of which: Rape (committed and attempted)	135	86	98	97	83
<b>Crimes against the marriage, family and youth</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>1059</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>971</b>
<b>Crimes against the property</b>	<b>12012</b>	<b>13272</b>	<b>11679</b>	<b>9629</b>	<b>7937</b>
of which:					
Theft	8719	10163	8801	7244	5823
Robbery	1061	1050	936	775	693
Misappropriation	207	199	204	184	132
<b>Crimes against the economy</b>	<b>1632</b>	<b>2802</b>	<b>2980</b>	<b>3192</b>	<b>2809</b>
<b>Crimes against the financial, tax and insurance systems</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>152</b>
<b>Crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organisations and persons, performing public duties</b>	<b>2162</b>	<b>1701</b>	<b>1820</b>	<b>2659</b>	<b>3034</b>
<b>Documentary crimes</b>	<b>1525</b>	<b>1360</b>	<b>1382</b>	<b>1206</b>	<b>1098</b>
<b>Crimes against the order and the public peace</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>567</b>
of which: Hooliganism	723	564	527	413	407
<b>Generally dangerous crimes</b>	<b>14021</b>	<b>13298</b>	<b>11983</b>	<b>10898</b>	<b>10252</b>
of which:					
Crimes against the transport and communications	11522	10860	9516	8405	7996
Theft of motor vehicles	273	211	194	172	142
Drug - related crimes	1522	1512	1533	1662	1555
<b>Military crimes</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>

<sup>1</sup>According to sentences come into force.

<sup>2</sup>Incl. persons convicted for crimes committed abroad.





**Table 2**

**Persons convicted by chapters of the Penal Code and some kinds of crimes<sup>1</sup>**

(Number)

Chapters of the Penal Code Kinds of crimes	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>Total<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>39070</b>	<b>41013</b>	<b>37996</b>	<b>34113</b>	<b>31849</b>
of which:					
<b>Crimes against the person</b>	<b>2056</b>	<b>1967</b>	<b>1935</b>	<b>1635</b>	<b>1526</b>
of which:					
Intentional homicide (committed and attempted)	162	148	140	111	108
Bodily harm	1099	995	969	741	765
Depravity	336	304	329	312	263
of which: Rape (committed and attempted)	149	87	99	101	87
<b>Crimes against the marriage, family and youth</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>1042</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>923</b>
<b>Crimes against the property</b>	<b>15614</b>	<b>17901</b>	<b>15728</b>	<b>12392</b>	<b>10003</b>
of which:					
Theft	12042	14541	12616	9864	7794
Robbery	1331	1325	1169	964	847
Misappropriation	209	203	211	160	139
<b>Crimes against the economy</b>	<b>1793</b>	<b>2987</b>	<b>3155</b>	<b>3283</b>	<b>2865</b>
<b>Crimes against the financial, tax and insurance systems</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>135</b>
<b>Crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organisations and persons, performing public duties</b>	<b>2684</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>2125</b>	<b>3527</b>	<b>4901</b>
<b>Documentary crimes</b>	<b>1249</b>	<b>1127</b>	<b>1187</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>762</b>
<b>Crimes against the order and the public peace</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>566</b>
of which: Hooliganism	684	542	495	403	403
<b>Generally dangerous crimes</b>	<b>13741</b>	<b>12934</b>	<b>11605</b>	<b>10484</b>	<b>9866</b>
of which:					
Crimes against the transport and communications	11326	10638	9330	8239	7841
Theft of motor vehicles	316	263	204	179	170
Drug - related crimes	1490	1432	1427	1491	1388
<b>Military crimes</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>

<sup>1</sup>According to sentences come into force.

<sup>2</sup>Incl. persons convicted for crimes committed abroad.

**Table 3**

**Persons convicted according to sentences come into force by gender**

Gender	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>In numbers</b>					
<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>39070</b>	<b>41013</b>	<b>37996</b>	<b>34113</b>	<b>31849</b>
Male	36481	38053	35154	31374	29250
Female	2589	2960	2842	2739	2599
<b>Structure - %</b>					
<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Male	93.4	92.8	92.5	92.0	91.8
Female	6.6	7.2	7.5	8.0	8.2

<sup>1</sup>Incl. persons convicted for crimes committed abroad.

**Table 4**

**Persons convicted according to sentences come into force by age**

Age	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>In numbers</b>					
<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>39070</b>	<b>41013</b>	<b>37996</b>	<b>34113</b>	<b>31849</b>
14 - 17	2694	2746	2312	1880	1633
18 - 24	10949	11259	9818	8705	8193
25 - 29	6901	6832	6470	5801	5294
30 - 39	9906	10425	9839	8979	8256
40 - 49	5327	5947	5663	5104	4892
50 +	3293	3774	3894	3644	3581
Unspecified	.	30	.	.	.
<b>Structure - %</b>					
<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
14 - 17	6.9	6.7	6.1	5.5	5.1
18 - 24	28.0	27.5	25.8	25.5	25.7
25 - 29	17.7	16.7	17.0	17.0	16.6
30 - 39	25.4	25.4	25.9	26.3	25.9
40 - 49	13.6	14.5	14.9	15.0	15.4
50 +	8.4	9.2	10.3	10.7	11.3
Unspecified	.	0.0	.	.	.

<sup>1</sup>Incl. persons convicted for crimes committed abroad.



**Table 5**

**Persons convicted according to sentences come into force by penalties imposed<sup>1</sup>**

Penalties imposed	(Number)				
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>39070</b>	<b>41013</b>	<b>37996</b>	<b>34113</b>	31849
of which: conditionaly	14330	17120	16792	15271	15475
Imprisonment	22404	26538	25146	22468	21358
Life imprisonment	6	7	6	3	5
Life imprisonment without parole	1	4	.	.	2
Fine	2098	1607	1288	1204	1003
Probation	13795	12277	11118	10055	9209
Other	766	580	438	383	272
Unspecified	.	.	.	.	.

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