



## CRIMES, ACCUSED PERSONS AND PERSONS CONVICTED IN 2015

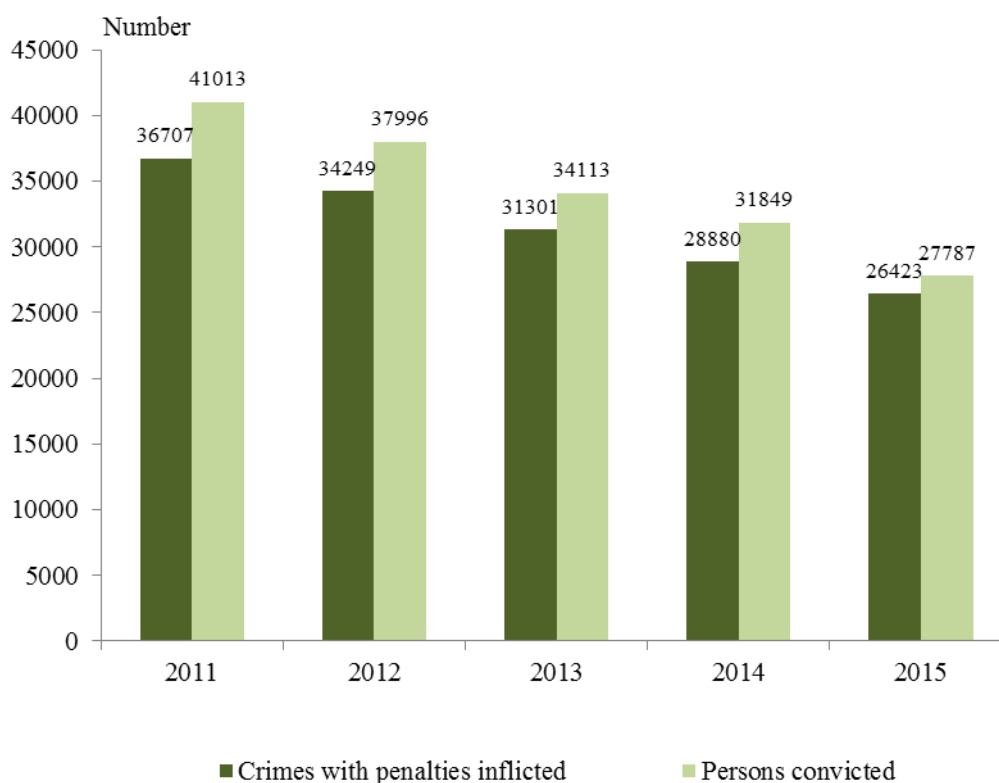
The trials of 31 511 committed **crimes** were concluded in 2015. Proceedings of 14 296 crimes were ended with effective sentences, of 12 127 crimes - with conditional sentences, of 832 crimes - with acquittal sentences, of 65 crimes - with suspension and of 4 191 crimes - with release of penalty.

Proceedings of 26 423 committed crimes were ended with penalties (effective and conditionally). That was 8.5% less in comparison with 2014. 10 624 crimes of them were committed in 2015 (40.2% of the total number), 7 458 (28.2%) - in 2014 and 8 341 (31.6%) - in previous years.

The number of **accused persons** in 2015 was 32 985, of which:

- Persons with effective sentence of conviction amounted to 14 567 (it presents 44.2% of the total number of accused persons);
- Conditionally sentenced were 13 220 persons or 40.1% of the total number of accused persons;
- 4 298 persons or 13.0% of the total number of accused persons were released from penalty;
- 820 accused persons were acquitted (2.5%);
- The trials of 80 persons (0.2%) were suspended.

**Figure 1. Crimes with penalty inflicted and persons convicted during the period of 2011 - 2015**





The number of **persons convicted with penalties came into force** was 27 787 in 2015. Compared to 2014 a decrease of the number of persons convicted was observed by 12.8%.

The group of convicted persons aged 14 - 17 years presents 4.5% (1 243 persons) of the total number of convicted persons.

In 2015 the **rate of criminal activity**<sup>1</sup> was 445 per 100 000 persons of average annual criminally responsible<sup>2</sup> population (age of 14 and over) and it was less compared to 2014 by 12.1%.

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

Year	Total	Male	Female
2011	638	1225	89
2012	596	1142	86
2013	539	1026	84
2014	506	964	80
2015	445	846	72

Highest was the rate of criminal activity of age group from 18 to 24 years (1 341 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 - 110 persons per 100 000.

The rate of criminal activity of juvenile persons (14 - 17 years) was 494 per 100 000 persons of the respective population as the highest was rate of criminal activity of the persons aged 17 years - 860 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 2014 and 2015

Age	2014	2015
<b>Total</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>445</b>
14 - 17	655	494
18 - 24	1485	1341
25 - 29	1085	927
30 - 39	793	717
40 - 49	480	445
50 and over	122	110

<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 Penal 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 2015. In 2015, 10 490 crimes of this kind have been punished, that presents 39.7% of the total crimes ended with penalties. The number of persons convicted for commitment of that type of crimes was 10 093 or 36.3% of the total number of convicted persons. In comparison with 2014 an increase was observed by 1.0% 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* 8 116. That presents 77.4% of the total number of generally dangerous crimes. The number of persons convicted for that kind of crimes was 7 960 or 78.9% of the convicted for generally dangerous crimes persons.
- In 2015 the number of punished drug-related crimes was 1 739, as persons convicted for that type of crimes was 1 570.

### **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 2015 was 6 523 or 24.7% of the total number of crimes with penalty inflicted. Persons convicted for that type of crimes were 8 041 that presents 28.9% of the total number of convicted persons in 2015.

- *Thefts of property* were most populated crimes among the punished crimes against the property. Their relative share was 70.4% from the crimes against property and 17.4% from the total number of crimes with penalties inflicted. 4 593 crimes of that kind were concluded with penalty and 6 054 persons were convicted.
- According to their legal and criminal characteristics, *robberies* are among most grave crimes. 706 persons were convicted for commitment of 576 robberies in 2015.
- 547 crimes were ended with penalties for committed *frauds* as the number of persons convicted for that type of crimes was 559 (7.0% 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**

**2 699 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 2015. That presents 10.2% of the total number of punished crimes. 3 577 persons were convicted for that type of crimes, or 12.9% of the total number of convicted persons.



- *Illegal crossing of the boundary* is the most widely distributed kind among these crimes. For 1 918 committed crimes 2 732 persons were convicted that presents 71.1% and 76.3% 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 199 *bringing of persons across the boundary* 261 persons, or 7.3% 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 2015 were 2 133 or 8.1% of the total number of punished crimes. For commitment of that kind of crimes 2 154 persons were convicted that presents 7.8% of the total number of persons convicted.

### **Crimes against the person**

In 2015 1 757 (6.6%) **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 1 477 persons (5.3%) 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 758. For that type of crimes 701 persons were convicted (47.5% of the total number of convicted persons for crimes against the person).
- 132 persons were convicted for commitment of 120 *homicides* (committed and attempted).
- 251 criminal proceedings were concluded with penalty for *debauchery* as 208 persons were convicted.
- The number of persons convicted for *rape* (committed and attempted) amounted to 51 persons for 55 committed and attempted rapes.
- 100 trials for *trafficking of people* were concluded with penalty as persons convicted for that kind of crimes commitment were 35.

### **Persons convicted for other types of crimes**

In 2015 were convicted for commitment of:

- Crimes against the marriage, family and youth - 817 persons (2.9% of the total number of convicted);
- Documentary crimes - 644 persons (2.3%);
- Crimes against the order and public peace - 567 persons (2.0%);
- Crimes against the rights of citizens - 265 persons (1.0%);
- Crimes against the financial, tax and insurance systems - 151 persons (0.5%).



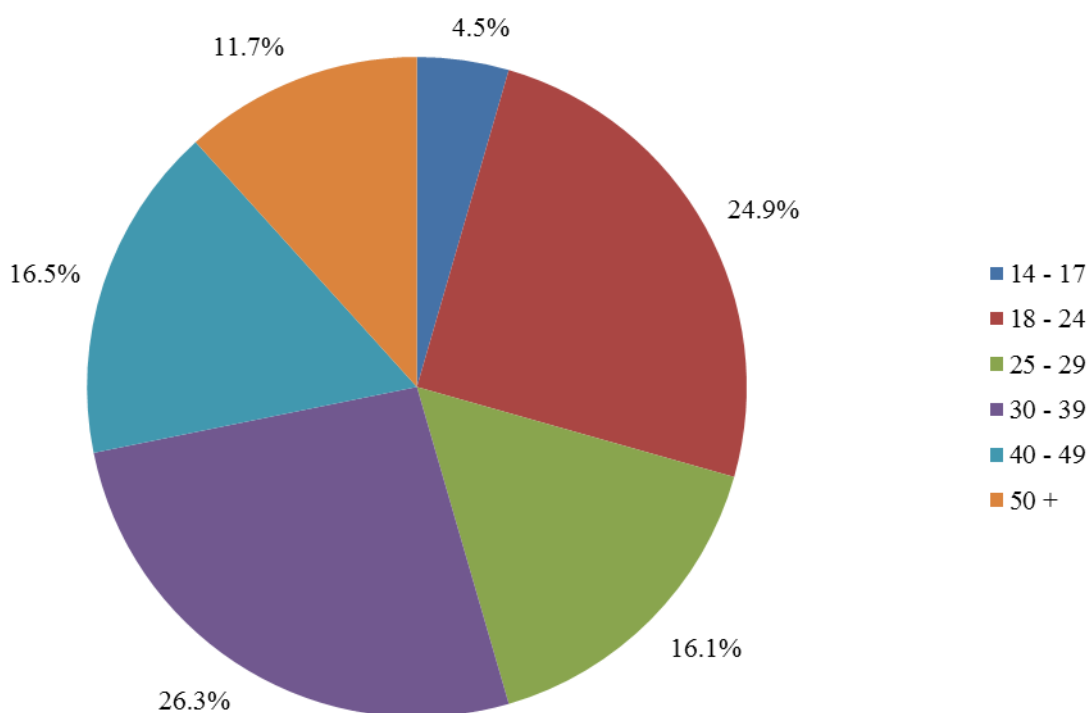
### Persons convicted by gender and age

The distribution of convicted persons by gender and age in 2015 was:

- The number of convicted males was 25 446 or 91.6% of the total number of convicted persons. The highest was number and relative share of males aged 30 - 39 years - 26.1% of the total number of convicted males.
- The number of convicted females was 2 341. The highest number and relative share were females aged 30 - 39 years - 28.5% of the total number of convicted females.

The coefficient of criminal activity of convicted males was 846 per 100 000 persons of respective population as well as for females it was 72 per 100 000 persons.

**Figure 2. Structure of persons convicted by age in 2015**



### 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 18 783 (67.6% of the total number of convicted persons) in 2015.

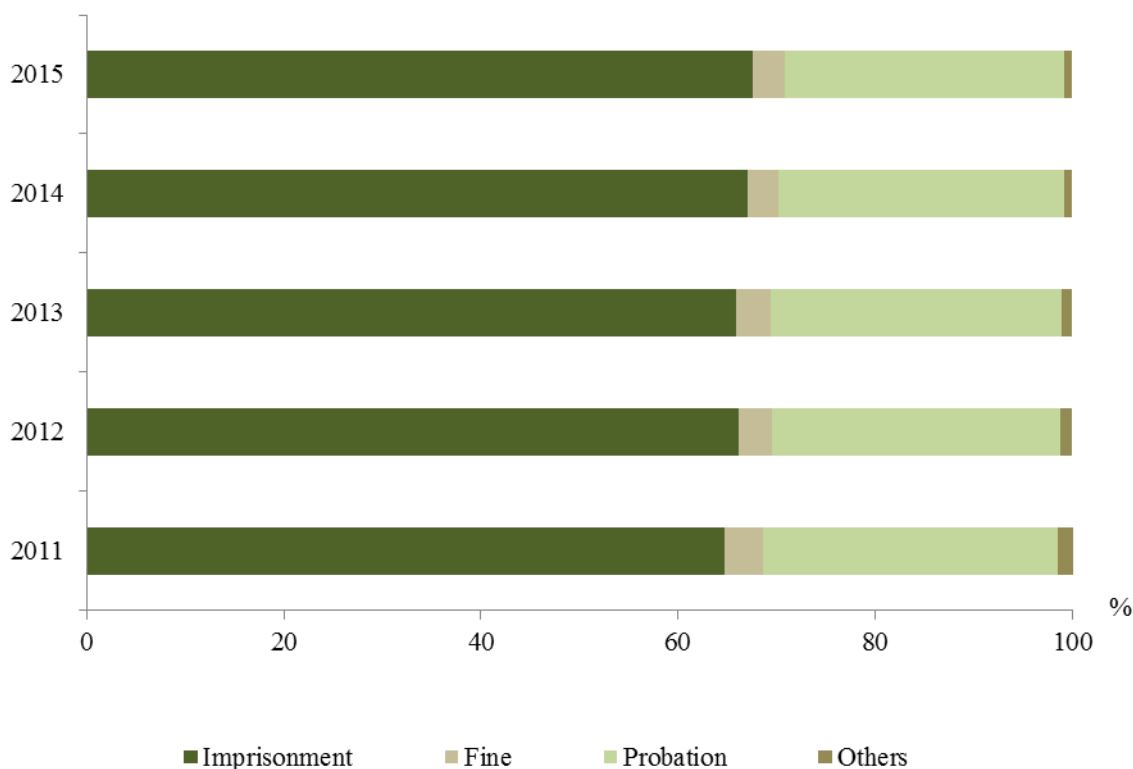


### 3. Persons convicted to imprisonment in 2015

Imprisonment	Number	Structure (%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>18783</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Up to 6 months	9937	52.9
From 6 to 12 months	4771	25.4
From 1 to 3 years	3415	18.2
From 3 to 5 years	367	1.9
From 5 to 10 years	200	1.0
From 10 to 15 years	49	0.3
From 15 to 20 years	31	0.2
From 20 to 30 years	13	0.1

Penalty of *probation* was imposed to 7 884 persons (28.4% of the total number of convicted persons). Penalty of *fine* was imposed to 889 persons, or 3.2% of the total number of convicted persons. Penalty of *life imprisonment and life imprisonment without parole* - to 2 persons.

**Figure 3. Structure of persons convicted by penalty imposed during the period of 2011 - 2015**





### **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.



Additional statistical information on crimes with penalties inflicted and persons convicted are available in the Information System INFOSTAT ([https://infostat.nsi.bg/infostat/pages/module.jsf?x\\_2=56](https://infostat.nsi.bg/infostat/pages/module.jsf?x_2=56)) and on the NSI's website ([www.nsi.bg](http://www.nsi.bg)), theme 'Justice and crime'.





## 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)				
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Total<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>36707</b>	<b>34249</b>	<b>31301</b>	<b>28880</b>	<b>26423</b>
of which:					
<b>Crimes against the person</b>	<b>2121</b>	<b>2053</b>	<b>1818</b>	<b>1741</b>	<b>1757</b>
of which:					
Intentional homicide (committed and attempted)	142	136	106	103	120
Bodily harm	962	943	774	762	758
Depravity	366	354	327	307	251
of which: Rape (committed and attempted)	86	98	97	83	55
<b>Crimes against the marriage, family and youth</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>1059</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>857</b>
<b>Crimes against the property</b>	<b>13272</b>	<b>11679</b>	<b>9629</b>	<b>7937</b>	<b>6523</b>
of which:					
Theft	10163	8801	7244	5823	4593
Robbery	1050	936	775	693	576
Misappropriation	199	204	184	132	115
<b>Crimes against the economy</b>	<b>2802</b>	<b>2980</b>	<b>3192</b>	<b>2809</b>	<b>2133</b>
<b>Crimes against the financial, tax and insurance systems</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>180</b>
<b>Crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organisations and persons, performing public duties</b>	<b>1701</b>	<b>1820</b>	<b>2659</b>	<b>3034</b>	<b>2699</b>
<b>Documentary crimes</b>	<b>1360</b>	<b>1382</b>	<b>1206</b>	<b>1098</b>	<b>957</b>
<b>Crimes against the order and the public peace</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>524</b>
of which: Hooliganism	564	527	413	407	383
<b>Generally dangerous crimes</b>	<b>13298</b>	<b>11983</b>	<b>10898</b>	<b>10252</b>	<b>10490</b>
of which:					
Crimes against the transport and communications	10860	9516	8405	7996	8116
Theft of motor vehicles	211	194	172	142	180
Drug - related crimes	1512	1533	1662	1555	1739
<b>Military crimes</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</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	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Total<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>41013</b>	<b>37996</b>	<b>34113</b>	<b>31849</b>	<b>27787</b>
of which:					
<b>Crimes against the person</b>	<b>1967</b>	<b>1935</b>	<b>1635</b>	<b>1526</b>	<b>1477</b>
of which:					
Intentional homicide (committed and attempted)	148	140	111	108	132
Bodily harm	995	969	741	765	701
Depravity	304	329	312	263	208
of which: rape (committed and attempted)	87	99	101	87	51
<b>Crimes against the marriage, family and youth</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>1042</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>817</b>
<b>Crimes against the property</b>	<b>17901</b>	<b>15728</b>	<b>12392</b>	<b>10003</b>	<b>8041</b>
of which:					
Theft	14541	12616	9864	7794	6054
Robbery	1325	1169	964	847	706
Misappropriation	203	211	160	139	116
<b>Crimes against the economy</b>	<b>2987</b>	<b>3155</b>	<b>3283</b>	<b>2865</b>	<b>2154</b>
<b>Crimes against the financial, tax and insurance systems</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>151</b>
<b>Crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organisations and persons, performing public duties</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>2125</b>	<b>3527</b>	<b>4901</b>	<b>3577</b>
<b>Documentary crimes</b>	<b>1127</b>	<b>1187</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>644</b>
<b>Crimes against the order and the public peace</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>567</b>
of which: hooliganism	542	495	403	403	402
<b>Generally dangerous crimes</b>	<b>12934</b>	<b>11605</b>	<b>10484</b>	<b>9866</b>	<b>10093</b>
of which:					
Crimes against the transport and communications	10638	9330	8239	7841	7960
Theft of motor vehicles	263	204	179	170	182
Drug - related crimes	1432	1427	1491	1388	1570
<b>Military crimes</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</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**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	<b>Number</b>				
<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>41013</b>	<b>37996</b>	<b>34113</b>	<b>31849</b>	<b>27787</b>
Male	38053	35154	31374	29250	25446
Female	2960	2842	2739	2599	2341
	<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	92.8	92.5	92.0	91.8	91.6
Female	7.2	7.5	8.0	8.2	8.4

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

**Table 4**

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

Age	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	<b>Number</b>				
<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>41013</b>	<b>37996</b>	<b>34113</b>	<b>31849</b>	<b>27787</b>
14 - 17	2746	2312	1880	1633	1243
18 - 24	11259	9818	8705	8193	6909
25 - 29	6832	6470	5801	5294	4486
30 - 39	10425	9839	8979	8256	7317
40 - 49	5947	5663	5104	4892	4595
50 +	3774	3894	3644	3581	3237
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	6.7	6.1	5.5	5.1	4.5
18 - 24	27.5	25.8	25.5	25.7	24.9
25 - 29	16.7	17.0	17.0	16.6	16.1
30 - 39	25.4	25.9	26.3	25.9	26.3
40 - 49	14.5	14.9	15.0	15.4	16.5
50 +	9.2	10.3	10.7	11.3	11.7
Unspecified	-	-	-	-	-

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



**Table 5**

**Persons convicted according to sentences come into force by penalties imposed**

Penalties imposed	(Number)				
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>41013</b>	<b>37996</b>	<b>34113</b>	<b>31849</b>	<b>27787</b>
of which: conditional	17120	16792	15271	15475	13220
Imprisonment	26538	25146	22468	21358	18783
Life imprisonment	7	6	3	5	-
Life imprisonment without parole	4	-	-	2	2
Fine	1607	1288	1204	1003	889
Probation	12277	11118	10055	9209	7884
Other	580	438	383	272	229

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