



CRIMES, ACCUSED PERSONS AND PERSONS CONVICTED IN 2018

The trials of 31 154 committed **crimes** were concluded in 2018. Proceedings of 10 176 crimes were ended with effective sentences, of 14 989 crimes - with conditional sentences, of 794 crimes - with acquittal sentences, of 295 crimes - with suspension and of 4 900 crimes - with release of penalty.

Proceedings of 25 165 committed crimes were ended with effective and conditional penalties. That was by 5.9% less in comparison with 2017. 12 781 crimes of them were committed in 2018 (50.8% of the total number), 7 772 (30.9%) - in 2017 and 4 612 (18.3%) - in previous years.

The number of **accused persons** in 2018 was 30 007, of which:

- Persons with effective sentence of conviction amounted to 9 663 (it presents 32.2% of the total number of accused persons);
- Conditionally sentenced were 14 310 persons or 47.7% of the total number of accused persons;
- 5 011 persons or 16.7% of the total number of accused persons were released from penalty;
- 718 accused persons were acquitted (2.4%);
- The trials of 305 persons (1.0%) were suspended.

Figure 1. Crimes with penalty inflicted and persons convicted during the period of 2014 - 2018



The number of **persons convicted with penalties came into force** was 23 973 in 2018. Compared to 2017 the number of persons convicted decreased by 7.1%.

The group of convicted persons aged 14 - 17 years presents 4.2% (999 persons) of the total number of convicted persons.



In 2018 the **rate of criminal activity**¹ was 395 per 100 000 persons of average annual criminally responsible² population (age of 14 and over) and it was less by 6.2% compared to 2017.

1. Rate of criminal activity per 100 000 persons by sex of the persons convicted

Years	Total	Males	Females
2014	506	964	80
2015	445	846	72
2016	457	865	79
2017	421	802	68
2018	395	751	64

Highest was the rate of criminal activity of age group from 18 to 24 years (1 127 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 - 117 persons per 100 000.

The rate of criminal activity of juvenile persons (14 - 17 years) was 400 per 100 000 persons of the respective population as the highest was rate of criminal activity of the persons aged 17 years - 661 persons per 100 000 persons of the total population of that age group.

2. Rate of criminal activity per 100 000 by age of the persons convicted in 2017 and 2018

Age	2017	2018
Total	421	395
14 - 17	456	400
18 - 24	1141	1127
25 - 29	906	896
30 - 39	717	673
40 - 49	427	389
50 and more	127	117

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

² 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 2018. In 2018, 13 065 crimes of this kind have been punished, that presents 51.9% of the total crimes ended with penalties. The number of persons convicted for commitment of that type of crimes was 11 736 or 49.0% of the total number of convicted persons. In comparison with 2017 an increase was observed by 1.8% of crimes and by 1.3% of the number of 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* 10 108. That presents 77.4% of the total number of generally dangerous crimes. The number of persons convicted for that kind of crimes was 9 250 or 78.8% of the convicted for generally dangerous crimes persons.

In 2018 the number of punished drug-related crimes was 2 360 as persons convicted for that type of crimes was 1 963.

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 2018 was 4 951 or 19.7% of the total number of crimes with penalty inflicted and was 13.0% less than 2017. Persons convicted for that type of crimes were 5 579 that presents 23.3% of the total number of convicted persons in 2018.

Thefts of property were most populated crimes among the punished crimes against the property. Their relative share was 64.5% from the crimes against property and 12.7% from the total number of crimes with penalties inflicted. 3 193 crimes of that kind were concluded with penalty and 3 802 persons were convicted.

According to their legal and criminal characteristics, *robberies* are among most grave crimes. 641 persons were convicted for commitment of 539 robberies in 2018.

515 crimes were ended with penalties for committed *frauds* as the number of persons convicted for that type of crimes was 525 (9.4% 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

1 307 **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 2018. That presents 5.2% of the total number of punished crimes. 1 280 persons were convicted for that type of crimes, or 5.3% of the total number of convicted persons.



Illegal crossing of the boundary is the most widely distributed kind among these crimes. For 617 committed crimes 666 persons were convicted that presents 47.2% and 52.0% 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. In comparison with 2017 a decrease by 23.9% of crimes and by 25.8% of persons convicted was observed.

For commitment of 58 *bringing of persons across the boundary* 81 persons, or 6.3% 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 2018 were 1 797 or 7.1% of the total number of punished crimes. For commitment of that kind of crimes 1 767 persons were convicted that presents 7.4% of the total number of persons convicted.

Crimes against the person

In 2018 1 690 (6.7%) **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 1 444 persons (6.0%) 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 730. For that type of crimes 700 persons were convicted (48.5% of the total number of convicted persons for crimes against the person).

98 persons were convicted for commitment of 89 *homicides* (committed and attempted).

255 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 65 persons for 63 committed and attempted rapes.

112 trials for *trafficking of people* were concluded with penalty as persons convicted for that kind of crimes commitment were 43.

Persons convicted for other types of crimes

In 2018 were convicted for commitment of:

- Documentary crimes - 785 persons (3.3% of the total number of convicted);
- Crimes against the marriage, family and youth - 585 persons (2.4%);
- Crimes against the order and public peace - 539 persons (2.2%);
- Crimes against the rights of citizens - 157 persons (0.7%);
- Crimes against the financial, tax and insurance systems - 94 persons (0.4%).

Persons convicted by sex and age

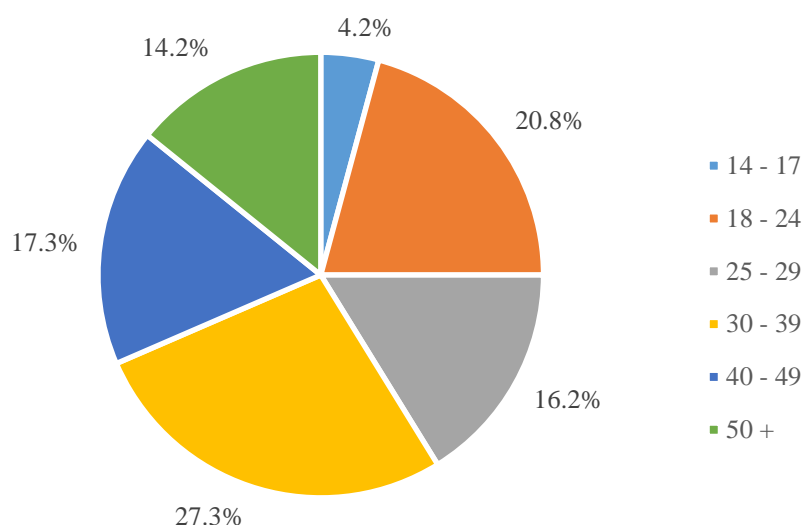
The distribution of convicted persons by sex and age in 2018 was:



- The number of convicted males was 21 951 or 91.6% of the total number of convicted persons. The highest was relative share of males aged 30 - 39 years - 27.2% of the total number of convicted males.
- The number of convicted females was 2 022 (8.4%).

The coefficient of criminal activity of convicted males was 751 per 100 000 persons of respective population as well as for females it was 64 per 100 000 persons.

Figure 2. Structure of convicted persons by age in 2018



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 19 615 (81.8% of the total number of convicted persons) in 2018. Highest was share of persons convicted to imprisonment till 6 months (54.4%) and from 6 months to 1 year - 28.0% of the total number of convicted to imprisonment.

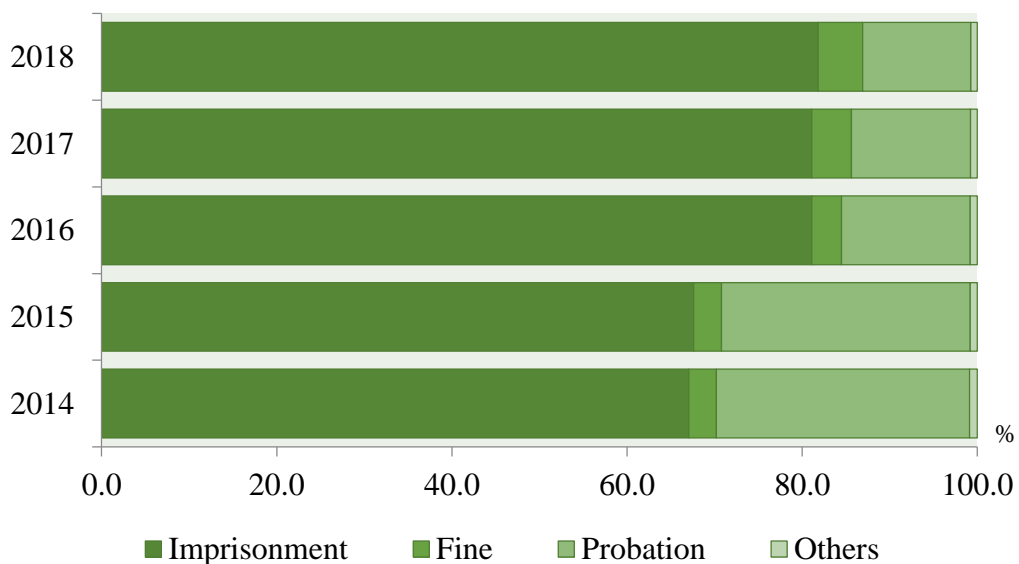
3. Persons convicted to imprisonment in 2018

Persons convicted to 'Imprisonment'	Number	Structure - %
Total	19615	100.0
Up to 6 months	10672	54.4
From 6 months to 1 year	5492	28.0
From 1 to 3 years	2958	15.1
From 3 to 5 years	279	1.4
From 5 to 10 years	152	0.8
From 10 to 15 years	33	0.2
From 15 to 20 years	23	0.1
From 20 to 30 years	6	0.0



Penalty of *probation* was imposed to 2 960 persons (12.3% of the total number of convicted persons). Penalty of *fine* was imposed to 1 221 persons, or 5.1% of the total number of convicted persons and *to public censure* - 175 persons. Penalty of *life imprisonment* - to 2 persons.

Figure 3. Structure of persons convicted by penalty imposed during the period of 2014 - 2018





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

Additional statistical information and data from the survey 'Crimes, accused and persons convicted' are available in IS INFOSTAT (https://infostat.nsi.bg/infostat/pages/module.jsf?x_2=56) as well as on the NSI's website (www.nsi.bg), section 'Justice and Crime'.



Annex

Table 1

Crimes with penalties inflicted by chapters of the Penal Code and some kinds of crimes¹

(Number)

Chapters of the penal Code and some kinds of crimes	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total²	28880	26423	28119	26753	25165
of which:					
Crimes against the person	1741	1757	1770	1745	1690
of which:					
Intentional homicides (completed and attempted)	103	120	97	90	89
Bodily harm	762	758	766	836	730
Depravity	307	251	260	247	255
Incl. Rape (completed and attempted)	83	55	66	44	63
Crimes against the marriage, family and youth	971	857	826	749	626
Crimes against property	7937	6523	6345	5692	4951
of which:					
Theft	5823	4593	4281	3752	3193
Robbery	693	576	574	605	539
Misappropriation	132	115	133	134	126
Crimes against the economy	2809	2133	2349	2009	1797
Crimes against the financial, tax and insurance system	152	180	135	141	99
Crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organizations and persons, performing public duties	3034	2699	2401	1681	1307
Documentary crimes	1098	957	1276	1035	934
Crimes against the order and public peace	567	524	566	597	542
Incl. Hooliganism	407	383	414	421	383
Generally dangerous crimes	10252	10490	12201	12837	13065
of which:					
Crimes against the transport and communications	7996	8116	9473	9731	10108
Theft of motor vehicles	142	180	177	181	164
Drug-related crimes	1555	1739	2079	2402	2360
Military crimes	5	1	8	4	3

¹ According to sentences came into force.

² Incl. 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 and some kinds of crimes	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total²	31849	27787	28301	25800	23973
of which:					
Crimes against the person	1526	1477	1464	1509	1444
of which:					
Intentional homicides (completed and attempted)	108	132	101	102	98
Bodily harm	765	701	739	789	700
Depravity	263	208	220	211	208
Incl. Rape (completed and attempted)	87	51	61	47	65
Crimes against the marriage, family and youth	923	817	785	699	585
Crimes against property	10003	8041	7431	6427	5579
of which:					
Thefts	7794	6054	5346	4443	3802
Robbery	847	706	668	703	641
Misappropriation	139	116	126	138	127
Crimes against the economy	2865	2154	2410	2023	1767
Crimes against the financial, tax and insurance system	135	151	121	136	94
Crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organizations and persons, performing public duties	4901	3577	2689	1732	1280
Documentary crimes	762	644	868	830	785
Crimes against the order and public peace	566	567	561	595	539
Incl. Hooliganism	403	402	401	355	336
Generally dangerous crimes	9866	10093	11737	11582	11736
of which:					
Crimes against the transport and communications	7841	7960	9273	8979	9250
Theft of motor vehicles	170	182	172	190	166
Drug-related crimes	1388	1570	1906	1991	1963
Military crimes	3	-	5	5	3

¹ According to sentences came into force.

² Incl. Persons convicted for crimes, committed abroad.



Table 3

Persons convicted with sentences came into force by sex

Sex	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
	Number				
Total¹	31849	27787	28301	25800	23973
Males	29250	25446	25778	23662	21951
Females	2599	2341	2523	2138	2022
	Structure - %				
Total¹	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Males	91.8	91.6	91.1	91.7	91.6
Females	8.2	8.4	8.9	8.3	8.4

¹ Incl. Persons convicted for crimes, committed abroad.

Table 4

Persons convicted with sentences came into force by age

Age	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
	Number				
Total¹	31849	27787	28301	25800	23973
14 - 17	1633	1243	1108	1152	999
18 - 24	8193	6909	6014	5224	5003
25 - 29	5294	4486	4546	4125	3872
30 - 39	8256	7317	7697	7076	6557
40 - 49	4892	4595	5030	4527	4141
50 and more	3581	3237	3906	3696	3401
	Structure - %				
Total¹	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
14 - 17	5.1	4.5	3.9	4.5	4.2
18 - 24	25.7	24.9	21.2	20.2	20.8
25 - 29	16.6	16.1	16.1	16.0	16.2
30 - 39	25.9	26.3	27.2	27.4	27.3
40 - 49	15.4	16.5	17.8	17.6	17.3
50 and more	11.3	11.7	13.8	14.3	14.2

¹ Incl. Persons convicted for crimes, committed abroad.



Table 5

Persons convicted with sentences came into force by penalties imposed

(Number)

Penalties imposed	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total¹	31849	27787	28301	25800	23973
Incl. conditionaly	15475	13220	16548	14773	14310
Imprisonment	21358	18783	22950	20918	19615
Life imprisonment	5	-	6	2	2
Life imprisonment without parole	2	2	1	3	-
Fine	1003	889	954	1174	1221
Probation	9209	7884	4172	3509	2960
Other	272	229	218	194	175

¹ Incl. Persons convicted for crimes, committed abroad.