

CRIMES, ACCUSED PERSONS AND PERSONS CONVICTED IN 2020

The trials of 28 727 committed **crimes** were concluded in 2020. Proceedings of 10 633 crimes were ended with effective sentences, of 13 007 crimes - with conditional sentences, of 726 crimes - with acquittal sentences, of 289 crimes - with suspension and of 4 072 crimes - with release of penalty.

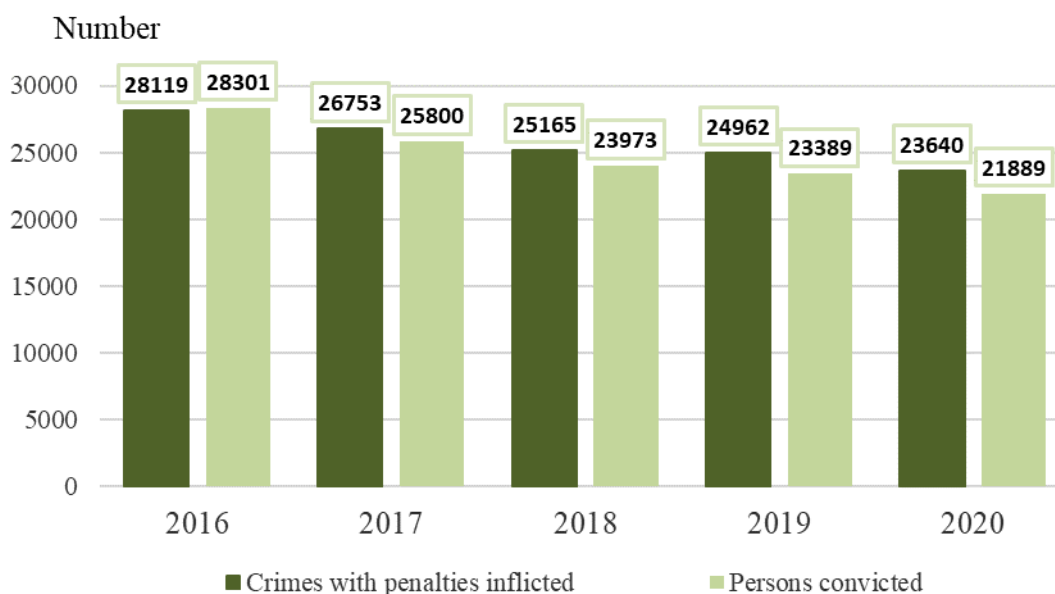
Proceedings of 23 640 committed crimes were ended with effective and conditional penalties. That was by 5.3% less in comparison with 2019.

The number of **accused persons** in 2020 was 27 008, of which:

- Persons with effective sentence of conviction amounted to 9 735 or 36.0% of the total number of accused persons;
- Conditionally sentenced were 12 154 persons (45.0%);
- 4 173 persons were released from penalty (15.5%);
- 650 accused persons were acquitted (2.4%);
- The trials of 296 persons were suspended (1.1%).

The number of **persons convicted** with penalties came into force was 21 889 in 2020. Compared to 2019 the number of persons convicted decreased by 6.4%. The juveniles persons (14 - 17 years) were 874 or 4.0% of the total number of convicted persons.

Figure 1. Crimes with penalty inflicted and persons convicted during the period of 2016 – 2020



In 2020 the rate of criminal activity¹ was 365 per 100 000 persons of average annual criminally responsible² population and it was less by 5.9% compared to 2019.

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

Years	Total	Males	Females
2016	457	865	79
2017	421	802	68
2018	395	751	64
2019	388	742	61
2020	365	691	64

Highest was the rate of criminal activity of age group from 18 to 24 years – 1 003 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 - 107 persons per 100 000.

The rate of criminal activity of juvenile persons was 342 per 100 000 persons of the respective population as the highest was rate of criminal activity of the persons aged 17 years - 640 persons per 100 000 persons of the total population of that age.

2. Rate of criminal activity per 100 000 by age of the persons convicted

Age	2019	2020
Total³	388	365
14 - 17	408	342
18 - 24	1115	1003
25 - 29	899	834
30 - 39	663	611
40 - 49	392	368
50 and more	115	107

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.

³ The total rate is calculated incl. persons not distributed by age.

Crimes with penalty inflicted and persons convicted by chapters of the Penal Code and some kinds of crimes

Generally dangerous crimes¹

The generally dangerous crimes is the largest number in 2020 - 12 452, or 52.7% of the total number of crimes ended with penalties. The number of persons convicted for commitment of that type of crimes was 11 025 or 50.4% of the total number of convicted persons. In comparison with 2019, a decrease was observed by 2.9% of crimes and by 2.8% of the number of persons convicted for that type of crimes.

Among the generally dangerous crimes the highest were number of punished *crimes against the transport and communications* - 8 312. That presents 66.8% of the total number of generally dangerous crimes. The number of persons convicted for that kind of crimes was 7 438 or 67.5% of the convicted for generally dangerous crimes persons.

In 2020 the number of punished drug-related crimes was 2 778 as persons convicted for that type of crimes was 2 327.

Crimes against the property²

The crimes against the property hold second place in the structure of punished criminality. The number of punished crimes against the property in 2020 was 4 704 (19.9% of the total number of crimes with penalty inflicted), that was 4.5% less than 2019. Persons convicted for that type of crimes were 5 106 that presents 23.3% of the total number of convicted persons in 2020.

Thefts of property were most populated crimes among the punished crimes against the property. Their relative share was 66.9% from the crimes against property and 13.3% from the total number of crimes with penalties inflicted. 3 145 crimes of that kind were concluded with penalty and 3 571 persons were convicted.

According to their legal and criminal characteristics, *robberies* are among most grave crimes. 589 persons were convicted for commitment of 500 robberies in 2020.

382 crimes were ended with penalties for committed *frauds* as the number of persons convicted for that type of crimes were 390 or 7.6% 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 duties³

1 241 **crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organizations and persons performing public duties** were ended with penalties in 2020. That presents 5.2% of the total number of punished crimes.

1 097 persons were convicted for that type of crimes, or 5.0% of the total number of convicted persons.

Illegal crossing of the boundary is the most widely distributed kind among these crimes. For 529 committed crimes 488 persons were convicted that presents 42.6% and 44.5% of the total number of crimes and persons convicted for crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organizations and persons

¹ Incl. crimes committed in generally dangerous manner or by generally dangerous means, transport and communications crimes, crimes against the people's health and the environment, crimes related to the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.

² Incl. theft and robbery, misappropriation, fraud, extortion, constructive theft, destruction and damaging, breach of trust.

³ Incl. crimes against the governmental order, malfeasances, crimes against justice and bribery.

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performing public duties respectively. In comparison with 2019 a decrease by 14.0% of crimes and by 15.6% of persons convicted was observed.

For commitment of 63 *bringing of persons across the boundary* 96 persons, or 8.8% of convicted for crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organizations and persons performing public duties respectively, were convicted.

Crimes against the economy¹

Punished **crimes against the economy** in 2020 were 1 220 or 5.2% of the total number of punished crimes. For commitment of that kind of crimes 1 230 persons were convicted that presents 5.6% of the total number of persons convicted.

Crimes against the person²

In 2020 1 833 (7.8% of the total number of punished crimes) **crimes against the person** were ended with penalty. 1 460 persons were convicted for this type of crimes. That presents 6.7% of the total number of convicted persons in 2020.

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 732 and 667 persons were convicted for that type of crimes (45.7% of the total number of convicted persons for crimes against the person).

Among the crimes against the person with extremely high public danger are *homicides*. The convictions for 59 homicides (completed and attempted) have been ended with convictions, and 64 people were convicted for their commission.

313 criminal proceedings were concluded with penalty for *debauchery* as 245 persons were convicted.

The number of persons convicted for *rape* (committed and attempted) amounted to 51 persons for 53 committed and attempted rapes.

116 trials for *trafficking of people* were concluded with penalty as persons convicted for that kind of crimes commitment were 25.

Persons convicted for other types of crimes

In 2020 were convicted for commitment of:

- Documentary crimes - 685 persons (3.1% of the total number of convicted);
- Crimes against the marriage, family and youth - 595 persons (2.7%);
- Crimes against the order and public peace - 461 persons (2.1%);
- Crimes against the rights of citizens - 171 persons (0.8%);
- Crimes against the financial, tax and insurance systems - 57 persons (0.3%).

¹ Incl. general economic crimes, crimes against creditors, crimes in separate branches of the economy, crimes against the customs regime, crimes against the monetary and credit system.

² Incl. homicides, bodily harms, kidnapping and illegal constraint, compulsion, insult and libel, depravity and trafficking of people.

Persons convicted by sex and age

The distribution of convicted persons by sex and age in 2020 was:

- The number of convicted males was 19 884 or 90.8% of the total number of convicted persons. The highest was relative share of males aged 30 - 39 years - 26.5% of the total number of convicted males.
- The number of convicted females was 2 005 (9.2%).

The coefficient of criminal activity of convicted males was 691 per 100 000 persons of respective males population as well as for females it was 64 per 100 000 persons.

3. Convicted persons by sex and age

Age	2019			2020		
	Number					
	total	males	females	total	males	females
Total¹	23389	21496	1893	21889	19884	2005
14 - 17	1023	967	56	874	830	44
18 - 24	4826	4502	324	4296	3960	336
25 - 29	3640	3340	300	3150	2857	293
30 - 39	6384	5859	525	5834	5270	564
40 - 49	4148	3781	367	3879	3491	388
50 and more	3368	3047	321	3136	2828	308
Not distributed	-	-	-	720	648	72
	Structure - %					
Age	total	males	females	total	males	females
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
14 - 17	4.4	4.5	3.0	4.0	4.2	2.2
18 - 24	20.6	20.9	17.1	19.6	19.9	16.8
25 - 29	15.6	15.5	15.8	14.4	14.4	14.6
30 - 39	27.3	27.3	27.7	26.7	26.5	28.1
40 - 49	17.7	17.6	19.4	17.7	17.5	19.3
50 and more	14.4	14.2	17.0	14.3	14.2	15.4
Not distributed	-	-	-	3.3	3.3	3.6

Persons convicted by penalties imposed

In the structure of convicted persons by penalty imposed highest was the number of persons convicted to *imprisonment*. They were 17 162 or 78.4% of the total number of convicted persons in 2020. Most of them were convicted to imprisonment till 6 months (50.0% of the total number of convicted persons to imprisonment) and from 6 months to 1 year - 31.4% of the total number of convicted to imprisonment.

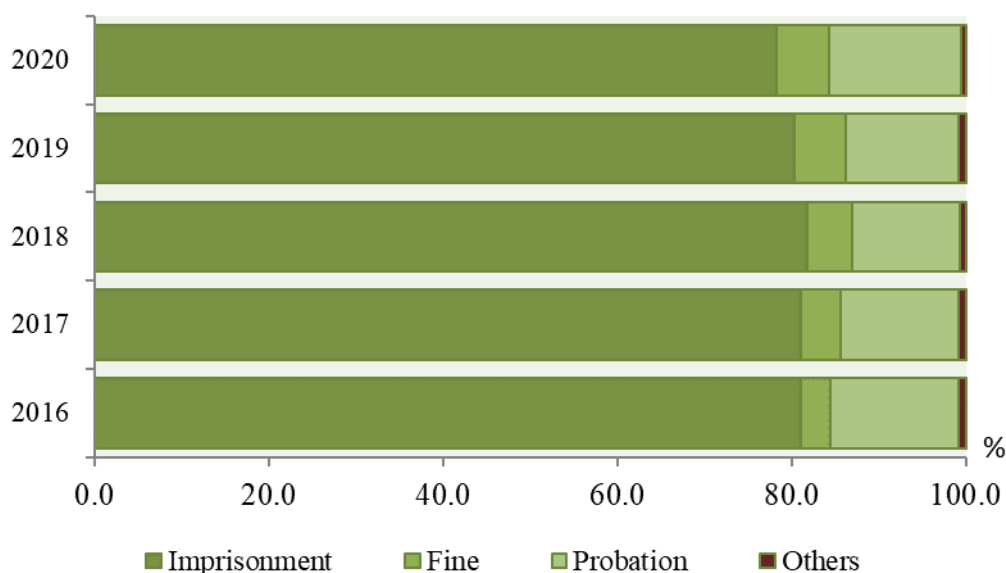
¹ Incl. Persons convicted for crimes, committed abroad

4. Persons convicted to imprisonment in 2020

Persons convicted to 'Imprisonment'	Number	Structure - %
Total	17162	100.0
Up to 6 months	8583	50.0
From 6 months to 1 year	5385	31.4
From 1 to 3 years	2791	16.3
From 3 to 5 years	249	1.4
From 5 to 10 years	114	0.7
From 10 to 15 years	19	0.1
From 15 to 20 years	17	0.1
From 20 to 30 years	4	0.0

Penalty of *probation* was imposed to 3 284 persons (15.0% of the total number of convicted persons). Penalty of *fine* was imposed to 1 331 persons (6.1%) and *to public censure* - 110 persons. Penalty of *life imprisonment* - to 2 persons.

Figure 2. Structure of persons convicted by penalty imposed during the period of 2016 - 2020



Methodological notes

Statistical survey on crimes, accused and persons convicted with penalty inflicted ensures information on the basis of annual data, received from the regional, district and military courts and from the Special Criminal Court.

The object of the survey is the activity of the regional, district, military courts and the Specialized criminal court on penal trials of general, private and administrative nature.

Units of survey are crimes, accused and persons convicted with sentence that has come into force during the reference year.

The number of **crimes with penalties inflicted** include proceedings that finished with conditional or effective sentence irrespective of the number of perpetrators.

The number of **accused persons** include effective and conditionally sentenced persons, as well as acquitted persons, persons released from penalty, and persons against whom the proceedings have been suspended.

The number of **persons convicted** are those with effective or conditional sentence has come into force.

The age of persons convicted is in completed years by the date of commitment of the crime.

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

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.

The data on Crimes, Accused and Persons Convicted are obtained from exhaustive survey through filling in the statistical questionnaire „Card for accused person” by the pre-trial and trial proceedings and data from administrative source - the Unified Information System for Counteraction to Criminality (UISCC).

The applied methodology and data from the survey on ‘Crimes, accused and persons convicted’ 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=56).

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	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total²	28119	26753	25165	24962	23640
of which:					
Crimes against the person	1770	1745	1690	1905	1833
of which:					
Intentional homicides (completed and attempted)	97	90	89	71	59
Bodily harm	766	836	730	777	732
Depravity	260	247	255	245	313
Incl. Rape (completed and attempted)	66	44	63	47	53
Crimes against the marriage, family and youth	826	749	626	653	633
Crimes against property	6345	5692	4951	4926	4704
of which:					
Theft	4281	3752	3193	3281	3145
Robbery	574	605	539	484	500
Misappropriation	133	134	126	120	104
Crimes against the economy	2349	2009	1797	1451	1220
Crimes against the financial, tax and insurance system	135	141	99	99	72
Crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organizations and persons, performing public duties	2401	1681	1307	1417	1241
Documentary crimes	1276	1035	934	886	839
Crimes against the order and public peace	566	597	542	577	469
Incl. Hooliganism	414	421	383	412	343
Generally dangerous crimes	12201	12837	13065	12826	12452
of which:					
Crimes against the transport and communications	9473	9731	10108	9393	8312
Theft of motor vehicles	177	181	164	155	159
Drug-related crimes	2079	2402	2360	2834	2778
Military crimes	8	4	3	2	4

¹ According to sentences came into force.

² Incl. Persons 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	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total²	28301	25800	23973	23389	21889
of which:					
Crimes against the person	1464	1509	1444	1511	1460
of which:					
Intentional homicides (completed and attempted)	101	102	98	82	64
Bodily harm	739	789	700	706	667
Depravity	220	211	208	205	245
Incl. Rape (completed and attempted)	61	47	65	40	51
Crimes against the marriage, family and youth	785	699	585	642	595
Crimes against property	7431	6427	5579	5480	5106
of which:					
Thefts	5346	4443	3802	3831	3571
Robbery	668	703	641	571	589
Misappropriation	126	138	127	118	98
Crimes against the economy	2410	2023	1767	1474	1230
Crimes against the financial, tax and insurance system	121	136	94	95	57
Crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organizations and persons, performing public duties	2689	1732	1280	1239	1097
Documentary crimes	868	830	785	747	685
Crimes against the order and public peace	561	595	539	643	461
Incl. Hooliganism	401	355	336	399	309
Generally dangerous crimes	11737	11582	11736	11344	11025
of which:					
Crimes against the transport and communications	9273	8979	9250	8472	7438
Theft of motor vehicles	172	190	166	177	168
Drug-related crimes	1906	1991	1963	2343	2327
Military crimes	5	5	3	2	2

¹ According to sentences came into force.

² Incl. Persons convicted for crimes, committed abroad.

Table 3

Persons convicted by sex

Sex	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
	Number				
Total¹	28301	25800	23973	23389	21889
Males	25778	23662	21951	21496	19884
Females	2523	2138	2022	1893	2005
	Structure - %				
Total¹	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Males	91.1	91.7	91.6	91.9	90.8
Females	8.9	8.3	8.4	8.1	9.2

¹ Incl. Persons convicted for crimes, committed abroad.

Table 4

Persons convicted with sentences came into force by penalties imposed

(Number)

Penalties imposed	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total¹	28301	25800	23973	23389	21889
Incl. conditionally	16548	14773	14310	13450	12154
Imprisonment	22950	20918	19615	18787	17162
Life imprisonment	6	2	2	1	2
Life imprisonment without parole	1	3	-	-	-
Fine	954	1174	1221	1392	1331
Probation	4172	3509	2960	3029	3284
Other	218	194	175	180	110

¹ Incl. Persons convicted for crimes, committed abroad.