



CRIMES, ACCUSED PERSONS AND PERSONS CONVICTED IN 2013 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

According to the National Statistical Institute's preliminary data, the trials of 37 238 committed crimes were proceeded in 2013. Proceedings of 17 972 crimes were ended with effective sentences, of 13 427 crimes - with conditional sentences, of 1 019 crimes - with acquittal sentences, of 101 crimes - with suspension and of 4 719 crimes - with release of penalty.

Proceedings of 31 399 committed crimes were ended with penalties. That was 8.3% less in comparison with 2012. 15 068 crimes of them were committed in 2013 (48.0% of the total number), 10 626 (33.8%) - in 2012 and 5 705 (18.2%) - in previous years.

The number of accused persons in 2013 was 40 427, of which:

- Persons with effective sentence of conviction amounted to 18 907 (it presents 46.8% of the total number of accused persons);
- Conditionally sentenced were 15 302 persons or 37.8% of the total number of accused persons;
- 4 970 persons or 12.3% of the total number of accused persons were released from penalty;
- 1 130 accused persons were acquitted (2.8%);
- The trials of 118 persons (0.3%) were suspended.

The number of persons convicted with penalties came into force was 34 209 in 2013. Compared to 2012 a decrease of the number of persons convicted was observed by 10.0%.

The group of convicted persons aged 14 - 17 years presents 5.5% (1 883 persons) of the total number of convicted persons as in comparison with 2012 a decrease by 18.6% was observed. Bigger was a decrease of the number of convicted persons aged 14 - 15 (26.5%) as well as aged 16 - 17 - by 15.0%.

In 2013 the rate of criminal activity¹ was 540 per 100 000 persons of average annual criminally responsible population (age of 14 and over) and it was less compared to 2012 (when the number was 596 persons).

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

| Years | Total | Males | Females |
|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| 2009 | 616 | 1208 | 71 |
| 2010 | 595 | 1158 | 76 |
| 2011 | 638 | 1225 | 89 |
| 2012 | 596 | 1142 | 86 |
| 2013 | 540 | 1029 | 84 |

Highest was the rate of criminal activity of age group from 18 to 24 years (1 486 convicted persons per 100 000 persons of the population of the same age group), followed by the group of 25 - 29 age (1 189). Lowest was the rate of criminal activity of persons aged over 50 - 124 persons per 100 000.

Among the convicted juvenile persons the highest was rate of criminal activity of the persons aged 17 years (1 211 persons per 100 000 persons of the total population of that age group). For persons convicted aged 16 that coefficient was 932, for 15 years old persons - 634 and for 14 years - 239 per 100 000 of the population belonging to the respective age group.

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



2. Rate of criminal activity by age of the persons convicted in 2012 and 2013

| Age | Coefficient in 2012 | Coefficient in 2013 |
|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Общо | 596 | 540 |
| 14 - 17 | 912 | 756 |
| 18 - 24 | 1586 | 1487 |
| 25 - 29 | 1321 | 1189 |
| 30 - 39 | 921 | 851 |
| 40 - 49 | 563 | 508 |
| 50 and over | 132 | 125 |

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 2013. In 2013, 10 970 crimes of this kind have been punished, that presents 34.9% of the total crimes ended with penalties. The number of persons convicted for commitment of that type of crimes was 10 554 or 30.9% of the total number of convicted persons. In comparison with 2012 a decrease was observed by 8.6% of crimes and 9.1% of persons convicted for that type of crimes.

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 2013 was 9 646 or 30.7% of the total number of crimes with penalty inflicted. Persons convicted for that type of crimes were 12 408 that presents 36.3% of the total number of convicted persons in 2013. In comparison with 2012 a decrease by 17.4% and 21.1% respectively was observed.

Punished **crimes against the economy** were 3 195 or 10.2% of the total number of punished crimes. For commitment of that kind of crimes 3 287 persons were convicted that presents 6.4% of the total number of persons convicted.

2 660 crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organizations and persons performing public duties were ended with penalties. That was 8.5% of the total number of crimes with penalty inflicted. For this kind of crimes 3 528 persons were convicted (10.3% of the total number of convicted persons).

1 818 (5.8%) **crimes against the person** were ended with penalty as 1 635 persons (4.8%) were convicted. The trials for 1 208 committed **documentary crimes** were ended with penalty (3.8%), as 896 persons (2.6%) were convicted.

1 901 persons were convicted for commitment of 1 902 **other types of crimes**.

Generally dangerous crimes

- Among the generally dangerous crimes the highest were number and relative share of punished crimes against the transport and communications 8 471. That presents 77.2% of the total number of generally dangerous crimes. The number of persons convicted for that kind of crimes was 8 304. In comparison with 2012 a decrease of the number of crimes and persons convicted was observed by 11.0%.



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- In 2013 punished cases for “Theft of motor vehicle” decreased by 11.3% (from 194 in 2012 to 172 in 2013).
- In 2013 the number of punished drug-related crimes (contraband of drugs, production, processing, possessing, dissemination, transportation, carrying and other) increased by 8.7% - from 1 533 in 2012 to 1 666, as well as persons convicted for that type of crimes increase was observed by 4.8% (from 1 427 in 2012 to 1 495 in 2013).

Crimes against the property

- Thefts of property were most populated crimes among the punished crimes against the property. Their relative share was 75.2% from the crimes against property and 23.1% from the total number of crimes with penalties inflicted. 7 256 crimes of that kind were concluded with penalty and 9 876 persons were convicted.
- According to their legal and criminal characteristics, robberies are among most grave crimes. 964 persons were convicted for commitment of 775 robberies in 2013.
- 525 crimes were ended with penalties for committed frauds as the number of persons convicted for that type of crimes was 555 (4.5% of the total number of persons convicted for crimes against the property).

Crimes against the person

- 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 768. For that type of crimes 735 persons were convicted (45.0% of the total number of convicted persons for crimes against the person).
- 111 persons were convicted for commitment of 106 homicides (committed and attempted). In comparison with 2012 a decrease by 20.7 and 22.1% was observed respectively.
- 122 trials for trafficking of people were concluded with penalty as persons convicted for that kind of crimes commitment were 77.
- The number of persons convicted for rape (committed and attempted) amounted to 102 persons for 98 committed and attempted rapes.
- 328 criminal proceedings were concluded with penalty for debauchery as 313 persons were convicted.

Crimes against the economy

- Among the crimes against the economy the highest number and relative share were crimes related to selling and keeping of excisable goods without excise label. That type of crimes presents 37.8% of crimes ended with penalties against the economy. With penalties ended 1 209 crimes of that kind as persons convicted were 1 264. In comparison with 2012 a decrease by 11.6% and 11.4% was observed respectively.
- In comparison with 2012 an increase by 49.0% of crimes with penalties inflicted against custom’s regime was observed. In 2013, 321 persons were convicted for that kind of crimes commitment, or 36.0% more compared to preview year.

Other types of crimes

In comparison with 2012 an increase was observed in the number of punished crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organizations and persons performing public duties by 46.2% as persons convicted for that type of crimes - by 66.0%.

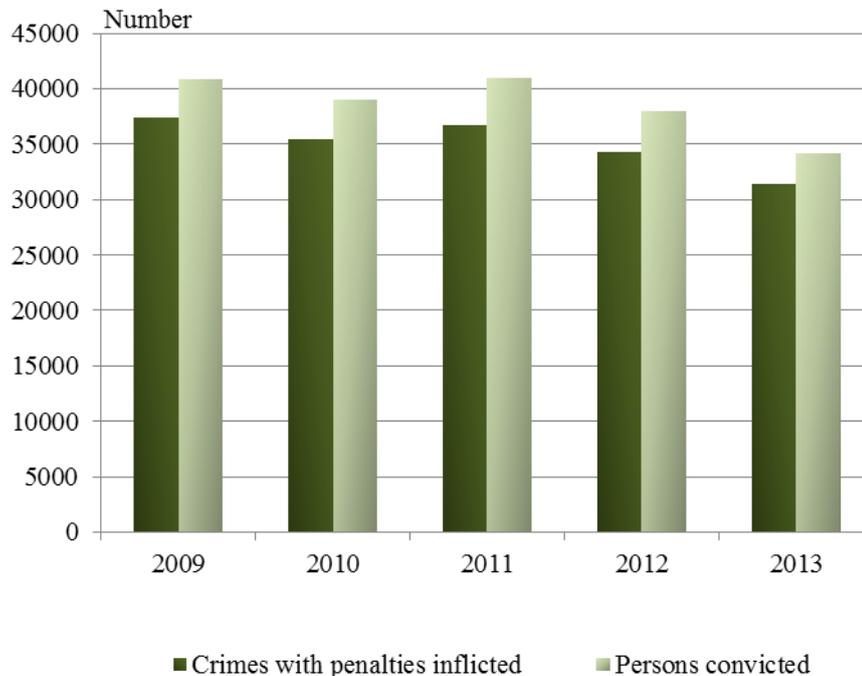


Compared to 2012 a decrease was observed in:

- Crimes with penalty inflicted against the financial, tax and insurance systems - by 27.8%;
- Crimes against the rights of citizens - by 27.6%;
- Crimes against the marriage, family and youth - by 18.5%;
- Crimes against the order and public peace - by 14.5%;
- Documentary crimes with penalty inflicted - by 12.6%;

The number of persons convicted for these types of crimes decreased respectively.

Figure 1. Crimes with penalty inflicted and persons convicted during the period of 2009 - 2013



Persons convicted by sex

The distribution of convicted persons by sex in 2013 was:

- The number of convicted males was 31 465 or 92.0% of the total number of convicted persons. The highest was number and relative share of males aged 18 - 24 and 30 - 39 years - 26.3 and 26.1% respectively of the total number of convicted males.
- The number of convicted females was 2 744 (8.0% of the total number of convicted persons). The highest number and relative share were females aged 30 - 39 years and females aged between 40 - 49 years - 28.6 and 17.6% of the total number of convicted females.
- The coefficient of criminal activity of convicted males was 1 030 per 100 000 persons of respective population as well as for females it was 84 per 100 000 persons.



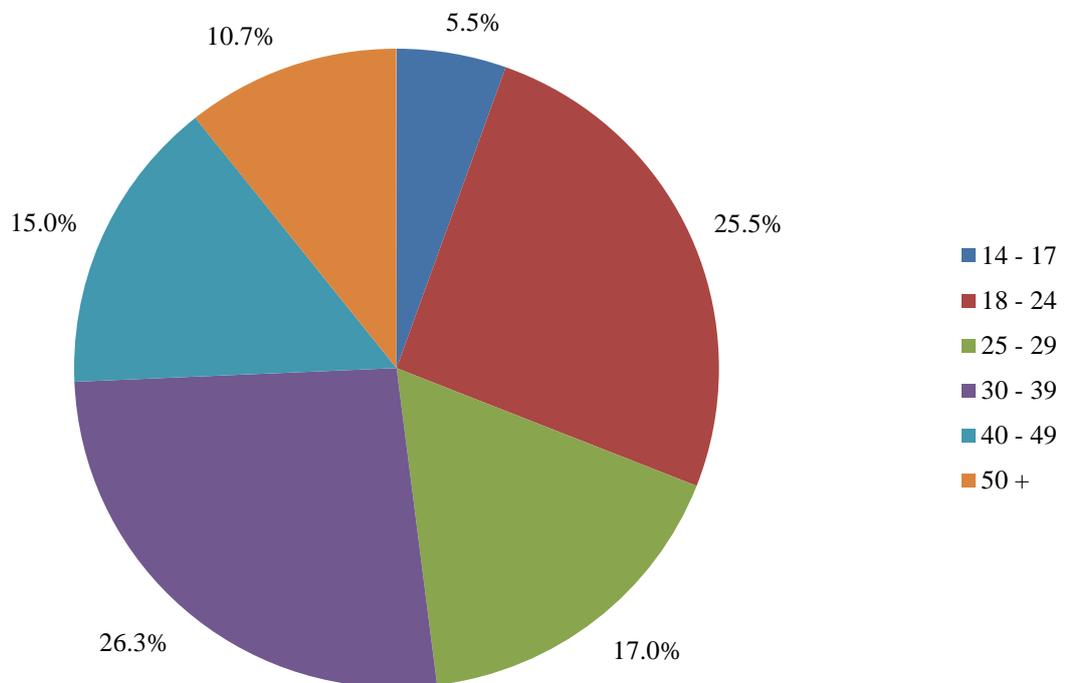
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Persons convicted by age

The distribution of convicted persons by age in 2013 was:

- The highest was the share of persons aged 30 - 39 years - 9 006 (26.3% of the total number of convicted persons);
- 18 - 24 years - 8 727 persons (25.5%);
- 25 - 29 years - 5 811 persons (17.0%);
- 40 - 49 years - 5 117 persons (15.0%);
- 50 and over - 3 665 persons (10.7%);
- Convicted persons of age group 14 - 17 years were 1 883 (5.5%).

Figure 2. Structure of persons convicted by age in 2013



Persons convicted by penalty imposed

In the structure of convicted persons by penalty imposed highest was the number and relative share of persons convicted to imprisonment. They were 22 512 (65.8% of the total number of convicted persons) in 2013.

- The highest is the share of persons convicted for imprisonment up to 6 months - 11 686 persons (51.9%), followed by imprisonment from 6 months to 1 year - 6 022 persons (26.7%),
- from 1 to 3 years - 4 069 persons (18.1%),
- from 3 to 5 years - 457 persons (2.0%),
- from 5 to 15 years - 240 persons (1.1%) and
- from 15 to 30 years - 38 persons (0.2%).
- Penalty of "Life imprisonment" was imposed to 3 persons.



- Penalty of probation was imposed to 10 102 persons (29.5% of the total number of convicted persons). Penalty of fine was imposed to 1 208 persons, or 3.5% of the total number of convicted persons. Compared to previous year a decrease was observed by 9.1 and 6.2%.

Figure 3. Persons convicted by penalty imposed during the period of 2009 - 2013





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>

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

| Chapters of the Penal Code, Kinds of crimes | (Number) | | | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 ³ |
| Total² | 37409 | 35397 | 36707 | 34249 | 31399 |
| of which: | | | | | |
| Crimes against the person | 2256 | 2072 | 2121 | 2053 | 1818 |
| of which: | | | | | |
| Intentional homicide (committed and attempted) | 134 | 149 | 142 | 136 | 106 |
| Bodily harm | 1113 | 1034 | 962 | 943 | 768 |
| Depravity | 439 | 352 | 366 | 354 | 328 |
| of which: rape (committed and attempted) | 158 | 135 | 86 | 98 | 98 |
| Crimes against the marriage, family and youth | 646 | 641 | 876 | 1059 | 863 |
| Crimes against the property | 12910 | 12012 | 13272 | 11679 | 9646 |
| of which: | | | | | |
| Theft | 9108 | 8719 | 10163 | 8801 | 7256 |
| Robbery | 1123 | 1061 | 1050 | 936 | 775 |
| Misappropriation | 224 | 207 | 199 | 204 | 184 |
| Crimes against the economy | 1046 | 1632 | 2802 | 2980 | 3195 |
| Crimes against the financial, tax and insurance systems | 133 | 144 | 141 | 212 | 153 |
| Crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organisations and persons, performing public duties | 1544 | 2162 | 1701 | 1820 | 2660 |
| Documentary crimes | 1210 | 1525 | 1360 | 1382 | 1208 |
| Crimes against the order and the public peace | 936 | 934 | 835 | 767 | 656 |
| of which: hooliganism | 749 | 723 | 564 | 527 | 413 |
| Generally dangerous crimes | 16386 | 14021 | 13298 | 11983 | 10970 |
| of which: | | | | | |
| Crimes against the transport and communications | 14025 | 11522 | 10860 | 9516 | 8471 |
| Theft of motor vehicles | 321 | 273 | 211 | 194 | 172 |
| Drug - related crimes | 1329 | 1522 | 1512 | 1533 | 1666 |
| Military crimes | 104 | 44 | 16 | 16 | 11 |

¹According to sentences come into force.

²Incl. persons convicted for crimes committed abroad.

³Preliminary data.



Table 2

Persons convicted by chapters of the Penal Code and some kinds of crimes¹

(Number)

| Chapters of the Penal Code, Kinds of crimes | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 ³ |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Total² | 40872 | 39070 | 41013 | 37996 | 34209 |
| of which: | | | | | |
| Crimes against the person | 2227 | 2056 | 1967 | 1935 | 1635 |
| of which: | | | | | |
| Intentional homicide (committed and attempted) | 150 | 162 | 148 | 140 | 111 |
| Bodily harm | 1196 | 1099 | 995 | 969 | 735 |
| Depravity | 410 | 336 | 304 | 329 | 313 |
| of which: rape (committed and attempted) | 173 | 149 | 87 | 99 | 102 |
| Crimes against the marriage, family and youth | 649 | 616 | 838 | 1042 | 842 |
| Crimes against the property | 16440 | 15614 | 17901 | 15728 | 12408 |
| of which: | | | | | |
| Theft | 12328 | 12042 | 14541 | 12616 | 9876 |
| Robbery | 1409 | 1331 | 1325 | 1169 | 964 |
| Misappropriation | 233 | 209 | 203 | 211 | 160 |
| Crimes against the economy | 1229 | 1793 | 2987 | 3155 | 3287 |
| Crimes against the financial, tax and insurance systems | 113 | 127 | 109 | 147 | 134 |
| Crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organisations and persons, performing public duties | 1705 | 2684 | 1990 | 2125 | 3528 |
| Documentary crimes | 1050 | 1249 | 1127 | 1187 | 896 |
| Crimes against the order and the public peace | 964 | 939 | 867 | 750 | 684 |
| of which: hooliganism | 704 | 684 | 542 | 495 | 403 |
| Generally dangerous crimes | 16129 | 13741 | 12934 | 11605 | 10554 |
| of which: | | | | | |
| Crimes against the transport and communications | 13818 | 11326 | 10638 | 9330 | 8304 |
| Theft of motor vehicles | 365 | 316 | 263 | 204 | 179 |
| Drug - related crimes | 1297 | 1490 | 1432 | 1427 | 1495 |
| Military crimes | 102 | 40 | 17 | 25 | 6 |

¹According to sentences come into force.

²Incl. persons convicted for crimes committed abroad.

³Preliminary data.



Table 3

Persons convicted by sex¹

| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 ³ |
|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | Number | | | | |
| Total² | 40872 | 39070 | 41013 | 37996 | 34209 |
| Male | 38405 | 36481 | 38053 | 35154 | 31465 |
| Female | 2467 | 2589 | 2960 | 2842 | 2744 |
| | Structure - % | | | | |
| Total² | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Male | 94.0 | 93.4 | 92.8 | 92.5 | 92.0 |
| Female | 6.0 | 6.6 | 7.2 | 7.5 | 8.0 |

¹According to sentences come into force.

²Incl. persons convicted for crimes committed abroad.

³Preliminary data.



Table 4

Persons convicted by age¹

| Age | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 ³ |
|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | Number | | | | |
| Total² | 40872 | 39070 | 41013 | 37996 | 34209 |
| 14 - 17 | 3123 | 2694 | 2746 | 2312 | 1883 |
| 18 - 24 | 11035 | 10949 | 11259 | 9818 | 8727 |
| 25 - 29 | 6731 | 6901 | 6832 | 6470 | 5811 |
| 30 - 39 | 9470 | 9906 | 10425 | 9839 | 9006 |
| 40 - 49 | 5282 | 5327 | 5947 | 5663 | 5117 |
| 50 + | 3321 | 3293 | 3774 | 3894 | 3665 |
| Unspecified | 1910 | - | 30 | - | - |
| | Structure - % | | | | |
| Total² | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 14 - 17 | 7.6 | 6.9 | 6.7 | 6.1 | 5.5 |
| 18 - 24 | 27.0 | 28.0 | 27.5 | 25.8 | 25.5 |
| 25 - 29 | 16.5 | 17.7 | 16.7 | 17.0 | 17.0 |
| 30 - 39 | 23.2 | 25.4 | 25.4 | 25.9 | 26.3 |
| 40 - 49 | 12.9 | 13.6 | 14.5 | 14.9 | 15.0 |
| 50 + | 8.1 | 8.4 | 9.2 | 10.3 | 10.7 |
| Unspecified | 4.7 | - | 0.0 | - | - |

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³Preliminary data.



Table 5

Persons convicted by penalties imposed¹

| Penalties imposed | (Number) | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 ³ |
| Total² | 40872 | 39070 | 41013 | 37996 | 34209 |
| of which: conditionaly | 12952 | 14330 | 17120 | 16792 | 15302 |
| Imprisonment | 20819 | 22404 | 26538 | 25146 | 22512 |
| Life imprisonment | - | 6 | 7 | 6 | 3 |
| Life imprisonment without parole | 4 | 1 | 4 | - | - |
| Fine | 3017 | 2098 | 1607 | 1288 | 1208 |
| Probation | 15560 | 13795 | 12277 | 11118 | 10102 |
| Other | 1177 | 766 | 580 | 438 | 384 |
| Unspecified | 295 | - | - | - | - |

¹According to sentences come into force.

²Incl. persons convicted for crimes committed abroad.

³ Preliminary data.