



CRIMES, ACCUSED PERSONS AND PERSONS CONVICTED IN 2016

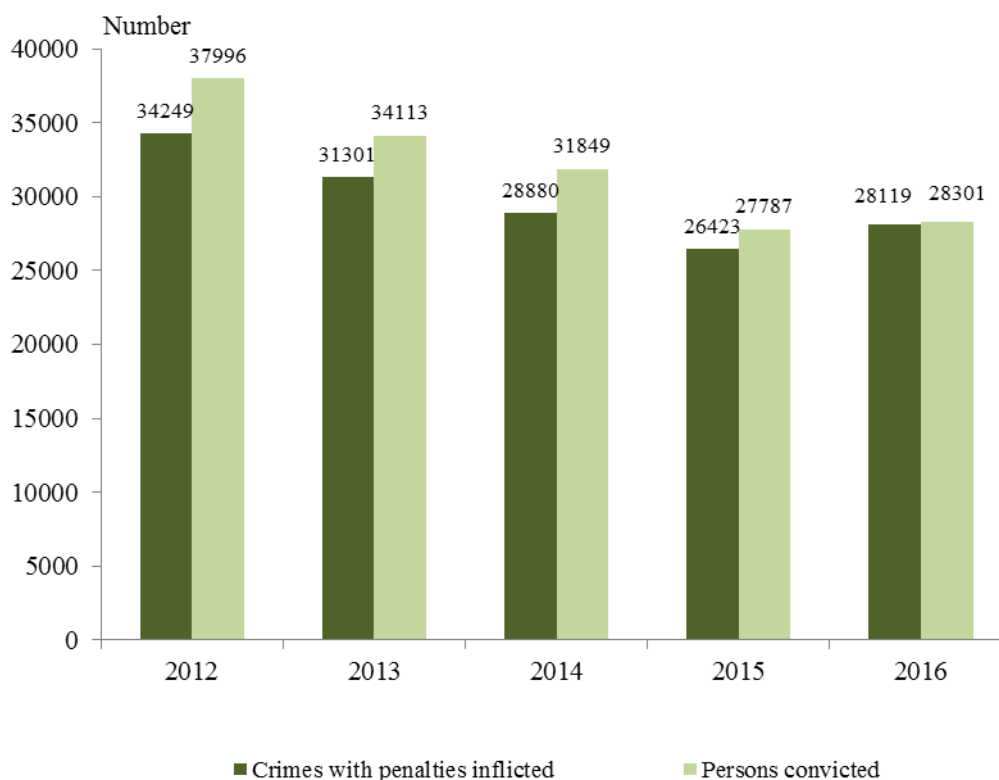
The trials of 33 858 committed **crimes** were concluded in 2016. Proceedings of 11 714 crimes were ended with effective sentences, of 16 405 crimes - with conditional sentences, of 811 crimes - with acquittal sentences, of 71 crimes - with suspension and of 4 857 crimes - with release of penalty.

Proceedings of 28 119 committed crimes were ended with penalties (effective and conditionally). That was by 6.4% more in comparison with 2015. 14 965 crimes of them were committed in 2016 (53.2% of the total number), 7 747 (27.6%) - in 2015 and 5 407 (19.2%) - in previous years.

The number of **accused persons** in 2016 was 34 101, of which:

- Persons with effective sentence of conviction amounted to 11 753 (it presents 34.5% of the total number of accused persons);
- Conditionally sentenced were 16 548 persons or 48.5% of the total number of accused persons;
- 4 966 persons or 14.6% of the total number of accused persons were released from penalty;
- 767 accused persons were acquitted (2.2%);
- The trials of 67 persons (0.2%) were suspended.

Figure 1. Crimes with penalty inflicted and persons convicted during the period of 2012 – 2016



The number of **persons convicted with penalties came into force** was 28 201 in 2016. Compared to 2015 the number of persons convicted increased by 1.8%.



The group of convicted persons aged 14 - 17 years presents 3.9% (1 108 persons) of the total number of convicted persons.

In 2016 the **rate of criminal activity**¹ was 457 per 100 000 persons of average annual criminally responsible² population (age of 14 and over) and it was more compared to 2015 by 2.7%.

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

Години	Общо	Мъже	Жени
2011	638	1225	89
2012	596	1142	86
2013	539	1026	84
2014	506	964	80
2015	445	846	72
2016	457	865	79

Highest was the rate of criminal activity of age group from 18 to 24 years (1 250 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 - 133 persons per 100 000. The rate of criminal activity of juvenile persons (14 - 17 years) was 436 per 100 000 persons of the respective population as the highest was rate of criminal activity of the persons aged 17 years - 670 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 2015 and 2016

Age	2015	2016
Total	445	457
14 - 17	494	436
18 - 24	1341	1250
25 - 29	927	960
30 - 39	717	767
40 - 49	445	480
50 and over	110	133

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 2016. In 2016, 12 201 crimes of this kind have been punished, that presents 43.4% of the total crimes ended with penalties. The number of persons convicted for commitment of that type of crimes was 11 737 or 41.5% of the total number of convicted persons. In comparison with 2015 an increase was observed by 16.3% 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* 9 473. That presents 77.6% of the total number of generally dangerous crimes. The number of persons convicted for that kind of crimes was 9 273 or 79.0% of the convicted for generally dangerous crimes persons.
- In 2016 the number of punished drug-related crimes was 2 079, 19.6% more than 2015. Persons convicted for that type of crimes was 1 906 (21.4% more than 2015).

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 2016 was 6 345 or 22.6% of the total number of crimes with penalty inflicted and 2.7% more than 2015. Persons convicted for that type of crimes were 7 431 that presents 26.3% of the total number of convicted persons in 2016.

- *Thefts of property* were most populated crimes among the punished crimes against the property. Their relative share was 67.5% from the crimes against property and 15.2% from the total number of crimes with penalties inflicted. 4 281 crimes of that kind were concluded with penalty and 5 346 persons were convicted.
- According to their legal and criminal characteristics, *robberies* are among most grave crimes. 668 persons were convicted for commitment of 574 robberies in 2016.
- 657 crimes were ended with penalties for committed *frauds* as the number of persons convicted for that type of crimes was 686 (9.2% 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

2 401 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 2016. That presents 8.5% of the total number of punished crimes. 2 689 persons were convicted for that type of crimes, or 9.5% of the total number of convicted persons.

- *Illegal crossing of the boundary* is the most widely distributed kind among these crimes. For 1 526 committed crimes 1 771 persons were convicted that presents 63.6% and 65.9% 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 144 *bringing of persons across the boundary* 193 persons, or 7.2% 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 2016 were 2 349 or 8.4% of the total number of punished crimes. For commitment of that kind of crimes 2 410 persons were convicted that presents 8.5% of the total number of persons convicted.

Crimes against the person

In 2016 1 770 (6.3%) **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 1 464 persons (5.2%) 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 766. For that type of crimes 739 persons were convicted (50.5% of the total number of convicted persons for crimes against the person).
- 101 persons were convicted for commitment of 97 *homicides* (committed and attempted).
- 260 criminal proceedings were concluded with penalty for *debauchery* as 220 persons were convicted.
- The number of persons convicted for *rape* (committed and attempted) amounted to 61 persons for 66 committed and attempted rapes.
- 110 trials for *trafficking of people* were concluded with penalty as persons convicted for that kind of crimes commitment were 31.

Persons convicted for other types of crimes

In 2016 were convicted for commitment of:

- Crimes against the marriage, family and youth - 785 persons (2.8% of the total number of convicted);
- Documentary crimes - 868 persons (3.1%);
- Crimes against the order and public peace - 561 persons (2.0%);
- Crimes against the rights of citizens - 226 persons (0.8%);
- Crimes against the financial, tax and insurance systems - 121 persons (0.4%).

Persons convicted by gender and age

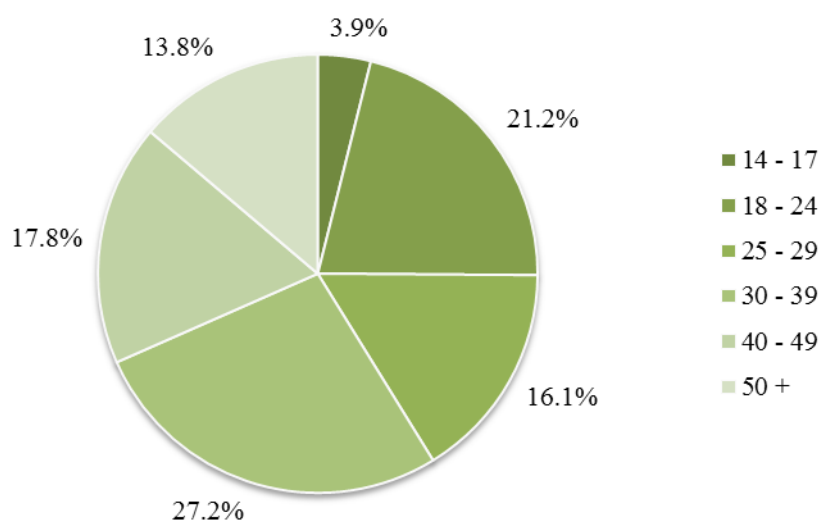
The distribution of convicted persons by gender and age in 2016 was:

- The number of convicted males was 25 778 or 91.1% of the total number of convicted persons. The highest was number and relative share of males aged 30 - 39 years - 27.2% of the total number of convicted males.



- The number of convicted females was 2 523. The highest number and relative share were females aged 30 - 39 years - 27.6% of the total number of convicted females. The coefficient of criminal activity of convicted males was 865 per 100 000 persons of respective population as well as for females it was 79 per 100 000 persons.

Figure 2. Structure of persons convicted by age in 2016



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 22 950 (81.1% of the total number of convicted persons) in 2016.

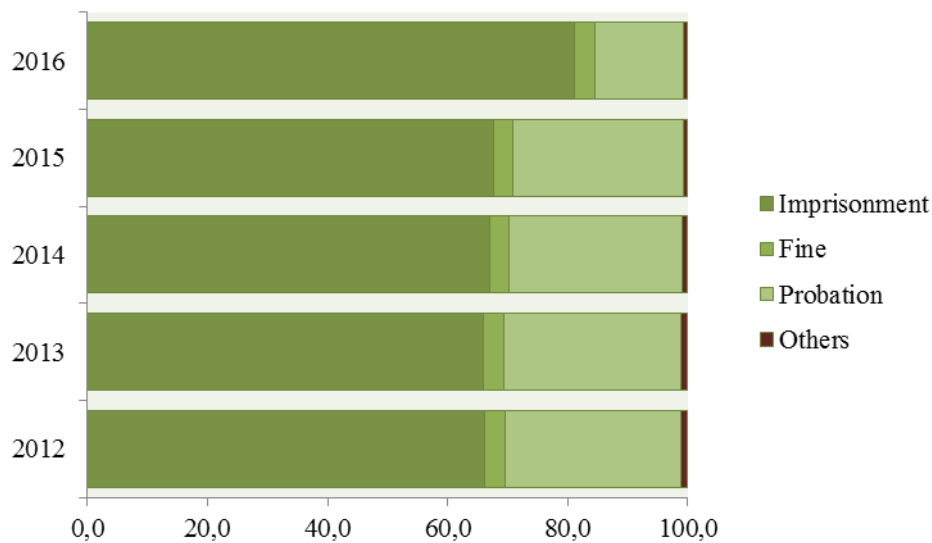
3. Persons convicted to imprisonment in 2016

Imprisonment	Number	Structure (%)
Total	22950	100.0
Up to 6 months	12503	54.5
From 6 to 12 months	6467	28.2
From 1 to 3 years	3386	14.8
From 3 to 5 years	355	1.5
From 5 to 10 years	163	0.7
From 10 to 15 years	33	0.2
From 15 to 20 years	29	0.1
From 20 to 30 years	14	0.0



Penalty of *probation* was imposed to 4 172 persons (14.7% of the total number of convicted persons). Penalty of *fine* was imposed to 954 persons, or 3.4% of the total number of convicted persons. Penalty of *life imprisonment* - to 6 persons and *life imprisonment without parole* - to 1 person.

Figure 3. Structure of persons convicted by penalty imposed during the period of 2012 – 2016





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 crimes¹

(Number)

Chapters of the Penal Code Kinds of crimes	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total²	34249	31301	28880	26423	28119
of which:					
Crimes against the person	2053	1818	1741	1757	1770
of which:					
Intentional homicide (committed and attempted)	136	106	103	120	97
Bodily harm	943	774	762	758	766
Depravity	354	327	307	251	260
of which: Rape (committed and attempted)	98	97	83	55	66
Crimes against the marriage, family and youth	1059	861	971	857	826
Crimes against the property	11679	9629	7937	6523	6345
of which:					
Theft	8801	7244	5823	4593	4281
Robbery	936	775	693	576	574
Misappropriation	204	184	132	115	133
Crimes against the economy	2980	3192	2809	2133	2349
Crimes against the financial, tax and insurance systems	212	153	152	180	135
Crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organisations and persons, performing public duties	1820	2659	3034	2699	2401
Documentary crimes	1382	1206	1098	957	1276
Crimes against the order and the public peace	767	656	567	524	566
of which: Hooliganism	527	413	407	383	414
Generally dangerous crimes	11983	10898	10252	10490	12201
of which:					
Crimes against the transport and communications	9516	8405	7996	8116	9473
Theft of motor vehicles	194	172	142	180	177
Drug - related crimes	1533	1662	1555	1739	2079
Military crimes	16	11	5	1	8

¹According to sentences come into force.

²Incl. 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, Kinds of crimes	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total²	37996	34113	31849	27787	28301
of which:					
Crimes against the person	1935	1635	1526	1477	1464
of which:					
Intentional homicide (committed and attempted)	140	111	108	132	101
Bodily harm	969	741	765	701	739
Depravity	329	312	263	208	220
of which: rape (committed and attempted)	99	101	87	51	61
Crimes against the marriage, family and youth	1042	840	923	817	785
Crimes against the property	15728	12392	10003	8041	7431
of which:					
Theft	12616	9864	7794	6054	5346
Robbery	1169	964	847	706	668
Misappropriation	211	160	139	116	126
Crimes against the economy	3155	3283	2865	2154	2410
Crimes against the financial, tax and insurance systems	147	134	135	151	121
Crimes against the activity of state bodies, public organisations and persons, performing public duties	2125	3527	4901	3577	2689
Documentary crimes	1187	894	762	644	868
Crimes against the order and the public peace	750	684	566	567	561
of which: hooliganism	495	403	403	402	401
Generally dangerous crimes	11605	10484	9866	10093	11737
of which:					
Crimes against the transport and communications	9330	8239	7841	7960	9273
Theft of motor vehicles	204	179	170	182	172
Drug - related crimes	1427	1491	1388	1570	1906
Military crimes	25	6	3	-	5

¹According to sentences come into force.

²Incl. persons convicted for crimes committed abroad.



Table 3

Persons convicted according to sentences come into force by gender

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
	Number				
Total¹	37996	34113	31849	27787	28301
Male	35154	31374	29250	25446	25778
Female	2842	2739	2599	2341	2523
	Structure - %				
Total¹	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0
Male	92,5	92,0	91,8	91,6	91,1
Female	7,5	8,0	8,2	8,4	8,9

¹Incl. persons convicted for crimes committed abroad.



Table 4

Persons convicted according to sentences come into force by age

Age	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
	Number				
Total¹	37996	34113	31849	27787	28301
14 - 17	2312	1880	1633	1243	1108
18 - 24	9818	8705	8193	6909	6014
25 - 29	6470	5801	5294	4486	4546
30 - 39	9839	8979	8256	7317	7697
40 - 49	5663	5104	4892	4595	5030
50 +	3894	3644	3581	3237	3906
	Structure - %				
Total¹	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0
14 - 17	6,1	5,5	5,1	4,5	3,9
18 - 24	25,8	25,5	25,7	24,9	21,2
25 - 29	17,0	17,0	16,6	16,1	16,1
30 - 39	25,9	26,3	25,9	26,3	27,2
40 - 49	14,9	15,0	15,4	16,5	17,8
50 +	10,3	10,7	11,3	11,7	13,8

¹Incl. persons convicted for crimes committed abroad.



Table 5

Persons convicted according to sentences come into force by penalties imposed

Penalties imposed	(Number)				
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total¹	37996	34113	31849	27787	28301
of which: conditionally	16792	15271	15475	13220	16548
Imprisonment	25146	22468	21358	18783	22950
Life imprisonment	6	3	5	-	6
Life imprisonment without parole	-	-	2	2	1
Fine	1288	1204	1003	889	954
Probation	11118	10055	9209	7884	4172
Other	438	383	272	229	218

¹Incl. persons convicted for crimes committed abroad.