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Juvenile perpetrators of criminal offences, 2020

In this statistical release, the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia publishes the basic data on criminal offences of juvenile perpetrators in 2020: reported, charged and convicted minors by sorts of criminal offences, sex, age and criminal sanctions. Data are collected in regular statistical surveys based on individual questionnaires completed by the competent Senior Public Prosecutor's Offices and Courts. Aiming at complete coverage of the phenomena, presented are the main indicators for the period 2016-2020.

The total number of crime reports against juvenile perpetrators of criminal offences in 2020 was 2 524, which is by 13% less relative to 2019. 1 750 motions were submitted for pronouncing sanctions, also presenting the decrease of 13% compared to the previous year, while number of sentenced juveniles was 1 239, being the decrease of also 26%.

In 2020, against juvenile perpetrators of criminal offences, the following educational measures were pronounced: public prosecutor for juveniles pronounced educational measures in 224 cases and in 39 cases it was the juvenile court judge (article 7 of the Law on juvenile perpetrators of criminal offences and criminal-legal protection of minors).

1. Juvenile perpetrators of criminal offences, 2016–2020

Republic of Serbia

	Total number					Indices				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	$\frac{2017}{2016}$	$\frac{2018}{2017}$	$\frac{2019}{2018}$	$\frac{2020}{2019}$	$\frac{2020}{2016}$
Crime reports										
Total	3643	3465	2744	2903	2524	95	79	106	87	69
Accused										
Total	2505	1992	1849	2002	1750	80	93	108	87	70
Convictions										
Total	2032	1633	1548	1676	1239	80	95	108	74	61

2. Minors- crime reports by criminal offences, 2016–2020

Republic of Serbia

Criminal offences	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Total	3643	100	3465	100	2744	100	2903	100	2524	100
Criminal offences against life and limb	535	14.7	510	14.7	452	16.5	440	15.2	349	13.8
Criminal offences against civil freedoms and rights	150	4.1	138	4	128	4.7	171	5.9	123	4.9
Criminal offences against sexual freedom	47	1.3	40	1.2	49	1.8	54	1.9	61	2.4
Criminal offences against human health	145	4	198	5.7	224	8.2	260	9	248	9.8
Criminal offences against economy	14	0.4	17	0.5	9	0.3	10	0.3	9	0.4
Criminal offences against property	1914	52.5	1696	48.9	1289	47	1321	45.5	1230	48.7
Criminal offences against safety of public traffic	58	1.6	76	2.2	44	1.6	43	1.5	43	1.7
Criminal offences against public peace and order	495	13.6	498	14.4	345	12.6	345	11.9	238	9.4
Other criminal offences	285	7.8	292	8.4	204	7.4	259	8.9	223	8.8

3. Minors – submitted motions for pronouncing sanctions, by criminal offences, 2016–2020

Republic of Serbia

Criminal offences	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Total	2505	100.0	1992	100.0	1849	100.0	2002	100.0	1750	100.0
Criminal offences against life and limb	258	10.3	223	11.2	206	11.1	213	10.6	194	11.1
Criminal offences against civil freedoms and rights	57	2.3	57	2.9	53	2.9	54	2.7	72	4.1
Criminal offences against sexual freedom	36	1.4	26	1.3	36	1.9	40	2.0	27	1.5
Criminal offences against human health	163	6.5	186	9.3	277	15.0	357	17.8	355	20.3
Criminal offences against economy	17	0.7	13	0.7	9	0.5	9	0.4	9	0.5
Criminal offences against property	1432	57.2	1084	54.4	898	48.6	897	44.8	784	44.8
Criminal offences against safety of public traffic	24	1.0	31	1.6	24	1.3	30	1.5	25	1.4
Criminal offences against public peace and order	362	14.5	251	12.6	223	12.1	244	12.2	175	10.0
Other criminal offences	156	6.2	121	6.1	123	6.7	158	7.9	109	6.2

4. Minors – pronounced sanctions, by criminal offences, 2016–2020

Republic of Serbia

Criminal offences	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Total	2032	100	1633	100	1548	100	1676	100	1239	100
Criminal offences against life and limb	205	10.1	185	11.3	174	11.2	172	10.3	151	12.2
Criminal offences against civil freedoms and rights	51	2.5	52	3.2	45	2.9	51	3	52	4.2
Criminal offences against sexual freedom	29	1.4	23	1.4	31	2	37	2.2	17	1.4
Criminal offences against human health	142	7	156	9.6	254	16.4	298	17.8	259	20.9
Criminal offences against economy	8	0.4	11	0.7	9	0.6	9	0.5	6	0.5
Criminal offences against property	1172	57.7	887	54.3	743	48	763	45.5	543	43.8
Criminal offences against safety of public traffic	23	1.1	27	1.7	20	1.3	24	1.4	15	1.2
Criminal offences against public peace and order	277	13.6	192	11.8	175	11.3	190	11.3	121	9.8
Other criminal offences	125	6.2	100	6.1	97	6.3	132	7.9	75	6.1

5. Minors – pronounced sanctions, by age and sex, 2016–2020

Republic of Serbia

	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Total	2032	100	1633	100	1548	100	1676	100	1239	100
14 years	152	100	142	100	126	100	158	100	106	100
15 years	362	17.8	289	17.7	278	18	299	17.8	188	15.2
16 years	30	19.7	26	18.3	36	28.6	36	22.8	24	22.6
17 years	421	20.7	377	23.1	341	22	374	22.3	286	23.1
	36	23.7	27	19	25	19.8	38	24.1	25	23.6
	619	30.5	473	29	479	30.9	487	29.1	392	31.6
	47	30.9	50	35.2	34	27	48	30.4	26	24.5
	630	31	494	30.3	450	29.1	516	30.8	373	30.1
	39	25.7	39	27.5	31	24.6	36	22.8	31	29.2

6. Minors, by pronounced criminal sanctions, 2016–2020

Republic of Serbia

	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Total	2032	100	1633	100	1548	100	1676	100	1239	100
Junior minors	783	38.5	666	40.8	619	40	673	40.2	474	38.3
Educational measures	783	38.5	666	40.8	619	40	673	40.2	474	38.3
Warning and directing measures	406	20	360	22	286	18.5	325	19.4	282	22.8
Intensified supervision measures	327	16.1	270	16.5	292	18.9	296	17.7	171	13.8
Institutional measures	50	2.5	36	2.2	41	2.6	52	3.1	21	1.7
Senior minors	1249	61.5	967	59.2	929	60	1003	59.8	765	61.7
Juvenile prison	9	0.4	7	0.4	8	0.5	4	0.2	3	0.2
Over 5-10 years	0	0	4	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Over 2-5 years	3	0.1	2	0.1	3	0.2	1	0.1	1	0.1
Over 6 months to 2 years	6	0.3	1	0.1	5	0.3	3	0.2	2	0.2
Educational measures	1240	61	960	58.8	921	59.5	999	59.6	762	61.5
Warning and directing measures	639	31.4	490	30	431	27.8	460	27.4	487	39.3
Intensified supervision measures	550	27.1	431	26.4	464	30	491	29.3	256	20.7
Institutional measures	51	2.5	39	2.4	26	1.7	48	2.9	19	1.5

7. Minors - crime reports by criminal offences, 2020

Criminal offences	Republic of Serbia					
	Total	Srbija – sever		Srbija – jug		
		Beogradski region	Region Vojvodine	Region Šumadije i Zapadne Srbije	Region Južne i Istočne Srbije	Region Kosovo i Metohija
TOTAL	2524	83	749	937	755	...
Criminal offences against life and limb	349	5	73	137	134	...
Murder	7	-	2	4	1	...
Aggravated murder	1	-	1	-	-	...
Serious bodily harm	63	3	24	24	12	...
Light bodily harm	248	1	43	88	116	...
Brawling	26	1	2	20	3	...
Imperilling with serious weapons in brawls or quarrels	4	-	1	1	2	...
Criminal offences against civil freedoms and rights	123	8	43	29	43	...
Criminal offences against voting rights	1	-	-	-	1	...
Criminal offences against honour and reputation	28	-	1	8	19	...
Criminal offences against sexual freedom	61	-	25	15	21	...
Rape	12	-	6	1	5	...
Sexual intercourse with a helpless person	1	-	-	1	-	...
Sexual intercourse with a child	13	-	9	2	2	...
Prohibited sexual acts	17	-	5	4	8	...
Sexual harassment	5	-	-	3	2	...
Pimping and procuring	2	-	-	2	-	...
Mediation in prostitution	1	-	-	-	1	...
Showing, procuring and possessing pornographic materials and exploitation of a minor for pornography	10	-	5	2	3	...

7. Minors - crime reports by criminal offences, 2020 (continued)

Criminal offences	Republic of Serbia					
	Total	Srbija – sever		Srbija – jug		
		Beogradski region	Region Vojvodine	Region Šumadije i Zapadne Srbije	Region Južne i Istočne Srbije		Region Kosovo i Metohija
Criminal offences against family and marriage	125	4	33	33	55	...
Cohabitation with a minor	2	-	-	1	1	...
Taking away of a minor	1	-	-	1	-	...
Domestic violence	122	4	33	31	54	...
Criminal offences against property	1230	24	410	443	353	...
Theft	391	8	134	129	120	...
Aggravated theft	392	10	124	164	94	...
Robbery	50	2	26	10	12	...
Embezzlement	35	-	10	8	17	...
Fraud	10	-	3	2	5	...
Petty theft, embezzlement and fraud	110	2	38	50	20	...
Appropriation of someone else's property	5	-	1	2	2	...
Destroying and damaging someone else's property	147	2	40	40	65	...
Unauthorised use of someone else's vehicle	74	-	28	30	16	...
Extortion	9	-	3	4	2	...
Blackmail	2	-	1	1	-	...
Reset	5	-	2	3	-	...
Criminal offences against economy	9	-	4	2	3	...
Criminal offences against human health	248	20	89	101	38	...
Unlawful production and circulation of narcotics	31	3	14	7	7	...
Unlawful possession of narcotics	195	17	66	85	27	...
Facilitating the taking of narcotics	9	-	5	2	2	...
Failure to act according to health regulations during the epidemic	13	-	4	7	2	...
Criminal offences against environment	13	-	5	2	6	...
Criminal offences against public safety of persons and property	13	-	1	8	4	...
Criminal offences against safety of public traffic	43	-	15	16	12	...
Public traffic endangering	42	-	14	16	12	...
Endangering traffic by dangerous acts and dangerous means	1	-	1	-	-	...
Criminal offences against constitutional order and security of the Republic of Serbia	2	-	1	-	1	...
Instigating national, racial and religious hatred and intolerance	2	-	1	-	1	...
Criminal offences against government authorities	5	1	-	1	3	...
Criminal offences against jurisdiction	3	-	2	-	1	...
Criminal offences against public peace and order	238	20	37	127	54	...
Causing panic and disorder	6	-	2	4	-	...
Violent behaviour	215	19	30	115	51	...
Violent behaviour at sports events	6	-	3	2	1	...
Unauthorised manufacture, possession and trafficking of firearms and explosives	6	1	1	3	1	...
Participating in a group committing crime	1	-	1	-	-	...
Illegal state border crossing and human smuggling	1	-	-	-	1	...
Desecration of grave	3	-	-	3	-	...
Criminal offences against legal transactions	15	-	8	6	1	...
Criminal offences against humanity and other properties protected by international law	1	-	-	1	-	...
Human trafficking	1	-	-	1	-	...
Other criminal offences (particular laws)	17	1	2	8	6	...

8. Minors, by criminal offences, sex, attempt and pronounced criminal sanctions, 2020

Republic of Serbia

Criminal offences	Total			Juvenile prison	Educational measures				Security measures	Previously convicted
	all	Females	Attempt		all	warning and directing measures	Intensified supervision measures	Institutional measures		
TOTAL	1239	106	204	3	1236	769	427	40	194	179
Criminal offences against life and limb	151	11	2	-	151	99	50	2	3	11
Murder	5	-	1	-	5	1	2	2	-	1
Serious bodily harm	50	1	1	-	50	29	21	-	-	2
Light bodily harm	81	9	-	-	81	57	24	-	2	5
Brawling	10	1	-	-	10	7	3	-	-	3
Imperilling with serious weapons in brawls or quarrels	5	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	1	-
Criminal offences against civil freedoms and rights	52	9	-	-	52	30	19	3	1	2
Criminal offences against sexual freedom	17	-	1	1	16	9	6	1	-	4
Rape	8	-	1	1	7	3	3	1	-	3
Sexual intercourse with a child	3	-	-	-	3	1	2	-	-	-
Prohibited sexual acts	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Sexual harassment	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Pimping and procuring	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
Showing, procuring and possessing pornographic materials and exploitation of a minor for pornography	3	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-
Criminal offences against family and marriage	44	5	-	2	42	21	15	6	3	9
Domestic violence	44	5	-	2	42	21	15	6	3	9
Criminal offences against intellectual property	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Criminal offences against property	543	46	196	-	543	320	197	26	17	96
Theft	143	28	62	-	143	81	58	4	4	31
Aggravated theft	245	13	108	-	245	136	93	16	6	44
Grand larceny	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Robbery	51	1	15	-	51	31	16	4	2	10
Embezzlement	3	1	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-
Fraud	9	1	-	-	9	6	3	-	-	1
Petty theft, embezzlement and fraud	10	2	-	-	10	8	2	-	-	4
Appropriation of someone else's property	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Destroying and damaging someone else's property	20	-	-	-	20	12	8	-	2	2
Unauthorised use of someone else's vehicle	41	-	5	-	41	29	10	2	3	2
Extortion	12	-	5	-	12	6	6	-	-	1
Blackmail	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Reset	6	-	-	-	6	6	-	-	-	1
Criminal offences against economy	6	1	3	-	6	2	4	-	-	1
Criminal offences against human health	259	23	2	-	259	177	81	1	163	35
Unlawful production and circulation of narcotics	70	5	1	-	70	41	28	1	39	10
Unlawful possession of narcotics	183	15	1	-	183	132	51	-	123	25
Facilitating the taking of narcotics	3	-	-	-	3	1	2	-	1	-
Failure to act according to health regulations during the epidemic	3	3	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-

8. Minors, by criminal offences, sex, attempt and pronounced criminal sanctions, 2020 (continued)
Republic of Serbia

Criminal offences	Total			Juvenile prison	Educational measures				Security measures	Previously convicted
	all	Females	Attempt		all	warning and directing measures	Intensified supervision measures	Institutional measures		
Criminal offences against environment	4	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	1
Criminal offences against public safety of persons and property	5	-	-	-	5	4	1	-	-	1
Criminal offences against safety of public traffic	15	-	-	-	15	10	5	-	1	1
Public traffic endangering	14	-	-	-	14	9	5	-	1	-
Endangering traffic by dangerous acts and dangerous means	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
Criminal offences against the security of computer data	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
Criminal offences against constitutional order and security of the Republic of Serbia	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Instigating national, racial and religious hatred and intolerance	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Criminal offences against government authorities	4	1	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	1
Criminal offences against jurisdiction	4	1	-	-	4	2	2	-	-	-
Criminal offences against public peace and order	121	8	-	-	121	79	41	1	5	15
Causing panic and disorder	2	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-
Violent behaviour	106	8	-	-	106	68	37	1	1	14
Violent behaviour at sports events	4	-	-	-	4	3	1	-	1	-
Unauthorised manufacture, possession and trafficking of firearms and explosives	4	-	-	-	4	2	2	-	3	1
Participating in a group committing crime	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Illegal state border crossing and human smuggling	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
Desecration of grave	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
Criminal offences against legal transactions	7	-	-	-	7	5	2	-	-	1
Other criminal offences (particular laws)	4	1	-	-	4	2	2	-	-	1
SRBIJA – SEVER	568	57	27	1	567	383	163	21	133	60
Beogradski region	211	22	14	-	211	151	54	6	86	9
Region Vojvodine	357	35	13	1	356	232	109	15	47	51
SRBIJA – JUG	671	49	177	2	669	386	264	19	61	119
Region Šumadije i Zapadne Srbije	327	23	72	2	325	167	146	12	39	73
Region Južne i Istočne Srbije	344	26	105	-	344	219	118	7	22	46
Region Kosovo i Metohija	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Methodological explanations

Observation unit is the juvenile perpetrator of criminal offence (minor), who committed the criminal offence as: perpetrator, co-perpetrator, agitator or assistant.

Juvenile perpetrators of criminal offences are the persons who at the moment of criminal offence committal were 14 and not yet 18 years old.

A “**reported juvenile person**” is taken to be a juvenile against whom criminal proceedings on the grounds of a crime report have not been initiated (crime report rejected), against whom preparatory proceedings are suspended or the charge motion has been submitted to a juvenile court for pronouncing sentence or measure.

An “**accused juvenile person**” is considered to be a juvenile against whom a charge motion has been submitted to a juvenile court for pronouncing sentence, i.e. educational measure, so the proceedings were terminated by a finally binding judgment by which: proceeding was suspended, security measures without imposing criminal law sanctions were pronounced or juvenile imprisonment or educational measure were pronounced.

A “**convicted juvenile person**” is a juvenile perpetrator of criminal offence against whom a criminal law sanction – juvenile imprisonment or educational measure has been passed.

Starting from 1999 the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia has not at disposal and may not provide available certain data relative to AP Kosovo and Metohija and therefore these data are not included in the coverage for the Republic of Serbia (total).

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