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Juvenile perpetrators of criminal offences, 2024

In this statistical release, the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia publishes the basic data on criminal offences of juvenile perpetrators in 2024: 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 2020-2024.

The total number of crime reports against juvenile perpetrators of criminal offences in 2024 was 2 724, i.e. increase by 5% relative to 2023. 1 786 motions for pronouncing sanctions were submitted, i.e. decreased by 5%, while number of sentenced juveniles was 1 375, being also the decreased of 5% relative to 2023.

In 2024, against juvenile perpetrators of criminal offences, the following educational measures were pronounced: public prosecutor for juveniles pronounced educational measures in 165 cases and in 69 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, 2020–2024

Republic of Serbia

	Total number					Indices				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	$\frac{2021}{2020}$	$\frac{2022}{2021}$	$\frac{2023}{2022}$	$\frac{2024}{2023}$	$\frac{2024}{2020}$
Crime reports										
Total	2524	2513	2410	2598	2724	100	96	108	105	108
Accused										
Total	1750	1749	1618	1867	1768	100	93	115	95	101
Convictions										
Total	1239	1383	1213	1454	1375	112	88	120	95	111

2. Minors – crime reports by criminal offences, 2020–2024

Republic of Serbia

Criminal offences	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Total	2524	100	2513	100	2410	100	2598	100	2724	100
Criminal offences against life and limb	349	13.8	349	13.9	360	14.9	403	15.5	491	18.0
Criminal offences against civil freedoms and rights	123	4.9	161	6.4	155	6.4	234	9.0	258	9.5
Criminal offences against sexual freedom	61	2.4	36	1.4	41	1.7	61	2.3	54	2.0
Criminal offences against human health	248	9.8	182	7.2	178	7.4	243	9.4	301	11.0
Criminal offences against economy	9	0.4	5	0.2	7	0.3	5	0.2	10	0.4
Criminal offences against property	1230	48.7	1263	50.3	1188	49.3	1010	38.9	1067	39.2
Criminal offences against safety of public traffic	43	1.7	50	2.0	57	2.4	64	2.5	86	3.2
Criminal offences against public peace and order	238	9.4	264	10.5	250	10.4	358	13.8	291	10.7
Other criminal offences	223	8.8	203	8.1	174	7.2	220	8.5	166	6.1

3. Minors – submitted motions for pronouncing sanctions, by criminal offences, 2020–2024

Republic of Serbia

Criminal offences	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Total	1750	100.0	1749	100.0	1618	100.0	1867	100.0	1768	100.0
Criminal offences against life and limb	194	11.1	226	12.9	212	13.1	249	13.3	237	13.4
Criminal offences against civil freedoms and rights	72	4.1	55	3.1	76	4.7	95	5.1	145	8.2
Criminal offences against sexual freedom	27	1.5	36	2.1	30	1.9	56	3.0	40	2.3
Criminal offences against human health	355	20.3	265	15.2	248	15.3	306	16.4	286	16.2
Criminal offences against economy	9	0.5	3	0.2	4	0.2	14	0.7	12	0.7
Criminal offences against property	784	44.8	803	45.9	683	42.2	785	42.0	627	35.5
Criminal offences against safety of public traffic	25	1.4	41	2.3	37	2.3	35	1.9	59	3.3
Criminal offences against public peace and order	175	10.0	200	11.4	224	13.8	215	11.5	220	12.4
Other criminal offences	109	6.2	120	6.9	104	6.4	112	6.0	142	8.0

4. Minors – pronounced sanctions, by criminal offences, 2020–2024

Republic of Serbia

Criminal offences	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Total	1239	100	1383	100	1213	100	1454	100	1375	100
Criminal offences against life and limb	151	12.2	181	13.1	178	14.7	210	14.4	195	14.2
Criminal offences against civil freedoms and rights	52	4.2	45	3.3	53	4.4	74	5.1	106	7.7
Criminal offences against sexual freedom	17	1.4	25	1.8	18	1.5	41	2.8	30	2.2
Criminal offences against human health	259	20.9	229	16.6	211	17.4	259	17.8	238	17.3
Criminal offences against economy	6	0.5	2	0.1	3	0.2	12	0.8	11	0.8
Criminal offences against property	543	43.8	635	45.9	506	41.7	583	40.1	480	34.9
Criminal offences against safety of public traffic	15	1.2	32	2.3	31	2.6	25	1.7	46	3.3
Criminal offences against public peace and order	121	9.8	133	9.6	145	12	153	10.5	155	11.3
Other criminal offences	75	6.1	101	7.3	68	5.6	97	6.7	114	8.3

5. Minors – pronounced sanctions, by age and sex, 2020–2024

Republic of Serbia

		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Total		1239	100	1383	100	1213	100	1454	100	1375	100
	Girls	106	100	121	100	119	100	141	100	157	100
14 years	All	188	15.2	224	16.2	188	15.5	242	16.6	265	19.3
	Girls	24	22.6	29	24	22	18.5	34	24.1	47	29.9
15 years	All	286	23.1	303	21.9	285	23.5	347	23.9	317	23.1
	Girls	25	23.6	29	24	32	26.9	31	22	41	26.1
16 years	All	392	31.6	408	29.5	349	28.8	431	29.6	376	27.3
	Girls	26	24.5	36	29.8	37	31.1	34	24.1	36	22.9
17 years	All	373	30.1	448	32.4	391	32.2	434	29.8	417	30.3
	Girls	31	29.2	27	22.3	28	23.5	42	29.8	33	21.0

6. Minors, by pronounced criminal sanctions, 2020–2024

Republic of Serbia

		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Total		1239	100	1383	100	1213	100	1454	100	1375	100
Junior minors		474	38.3	527	38.1	473	39	589	40.5	582	42.3
Educational measures		474	38.3	527	38.1	473	39	589	40.5	582	42.3
Warning and directing measures		282	22.8	226	16.3	228	18.8	285	19.6	290	21.1
Intensified supervision measures		171	13.8	259	18.7	202	16.7	267	18.4	270	19.6
Institutional measures		21	1.7	42	3	43	3.5	37	2.5	22	1.6
Senior minors		765	61.7	856	61.9	740	61	865	59.5	793	57.7
Juvenile prison		3	0.2	3	0.2	4	0.3	4	0.3	2	0.1
Over 5-10 years		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.1
Over 2-5 years		1	0.1	0	0	1	0.1	3	0.2	1	0.1
Over 6 months to 2 years		2	0.2	3	0.2	3	0.2	1	0.1	0	0
Educational measures		762	61.5	853	61.7	736	60.7	861	59.2	791	57.5
Warning and directing measures		487	39.3	331	23.9	342	28.2	418	28.7	368	26.8
Intensified supervision measures		256	20.7	470	34	357	29.4	421	29	396	28.8
Institutional measures		19	1.5	52	3.8	37	3.1	22	1.5	27	2

7. Minors - crime reports by criminal offences, 2024

	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	2724	85	859	845	935	...
Criminal offences against life and limb	491	9	149	158	175	...
Murder	6	-	2	3	1	...
Aggravated murder	1	-	1	-	-	...
Serious bodily harm	100	5	34	36	25	...
Light bodily harm	367	4	106	109	148	...
Brawling	10	-	2	8	-	...
Imperilling with serious weapons in brawls or quarrels	7	-	4	2	1	...
Criminal offences against civil freedoms and rights	258	8	78	81	91	...
Criminal offences against honour and reputation	25	-	2	8	15	...
Criminal offences against sexual freedom	54	1	14	9	30	...
Rape	9	-	4	-	5	...
Sexual intercourse with a helpless person	2	-	-	-	2	...
Sexual intercourse with a child	5	-	2	2	1	...
Prohibited sexual acts	11	-	3	5	3	...
Sexual harassment	10	-	2	1	7	...

7. Minors - crime reports by criminal offences, 2024 (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
Showing, procuring and possessing pornographic materials and exploitation of a minor for pornography	17	1	3	1	12	...
Criminal offences against family and marriage	72	1	26	17	28	...
Domestic violence	71	1	25	17	28	...
Violation of family duty	1	-	1	-	-	...
Criminal offences against property	1067	20	362	281	404	...
Theft	396	12	131	88	165	...
Aggravated theft	325	1	113	91	120	...
Grand larceny	3	-	-	1	2	...
Robbery	41	4	18	13	6	...
Embezzlement	21	-	8	4	9	...
Fraud	15	-	4	7	4	...
Petty theft, embezzlement and fraud	55	-	15	16	24	...
Appropriation of someone else's property	8	-	3	3	2	...
Destroying and damaging someone else's property	134	-	45	38	51	...
Unauthorised use of someone else's vehicle	50	-	21	14	15	...
Extortion	12	1	2	4	5	...
Blackmail	1	-	-	1	-	...
Usury	2	2	-	-	-	...
Unlawful Occupation of Premises	1	-	-	1	-	...
Reset	3	-	2	-	1	...
Criminal offences against economy	10	1	1	5	3	...
Criminal offences against human health	301	30	119	93	59	...
Unlawful production and circulation of narcotics	37	6	13	14	4	...
Unlawful possession of narcotics	259	24	104	77	54	...
Facilitating the taking of narcotics	5	-	2	2	1	...
Criminal offences against environment	13	-	6	5	2	...
Criminal offences against public safety of persons and property	11	-	5	5	1	...
Criminal offences against safety of public traffic	86	2	26	29	29	...
Endangering road traffic	86	2	26	29	29	...
Criminal offences against constitutional order and security of the Republic of Serbia	4	-	4	-	-	...
Instigating national, racial and religious hatred and intolerance	4	-	4	-	-	...
Criminal offence against government authorities	11	1	5	4	1	...
Criminal offences against jurisdiction	4	-	1	3	-	...
Criminal offences against public peace and order	291	12	50	136	93	...
Causing panic and disorder	8	2	-	1	5	...
Violent behaviour	259	9	41	127	82	...
Violent behaviour at sports events	6	-	5	-	1	...
Illegal production, possession, carrying and circulation of weapons and explosives	10	1	2	7	-	...
Illegal crossing of state border and human trafficking	6	-	2	1	3	...
Desecration of a grave	2	-	-	-	2	...
Criminal offences against legal transactions	13	-	6	3	4	...
Other criminal offences (particular laws)	13	-	5	8	-	...

8. Minors, by criminal offences, sex, attempt and pronounced criminal sanctions, 2024
Republic of Serbia

Criminal offences	Total			Juvenile prison	Educational measures				Security measures	Previously convicted
	All	Girls	Attempt		all	Warning and directing measures	Intensified supervision measures	Institutional measures		
Total	1375	157	269	2	1373	658	666	49	251	165
Criminal offences against life and limb	195	19	2	1	194	110	80	4	12	19
Murder	6	-	1	-	6	-	4	2	1	1
Aggravated murder	2	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	2
Serious bodily harm	68	1	1	-	68	34	33	1	1	8
Light bodily harm	107	18	-	-	107	67	39	1	9	6
Brawling	8	-	-	-	8	6	2	-	-	-
Imperilling with serious weapons in brawls or quarrels	3	-	-	-	3	2	1	-	1	2
Endangerment	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Criminal offences against civil freedoms and rights	106	12	-	-	106	48	54	4	9	16
Criminal offences against honour and reputation	5	1	-	-	5	2	3	-	-	-
Criminal offences against sexual freedom	30	1	-	-	30	14	16	-	7	4
Rape	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Sexual intercourse with a helpless person	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Sexual intercourse with a child	4	-	-	-	4	-	4	-	-	1
Prohibited sexual acts	4	-	-	-	4	2	2	-	-	1
Sexual harassment	6	-	-	-	6	4	2	-	-	-
Showing, procuring and possessing pornographic materials and exploitation of a minor for pornography	14	1	-	-	14	7	7	-	7	2
Criminal offences against family and marriage	59	12	-	-	59	23	34	2	13	5
Domestic violence	59	12	-	-	59	23	34	2	13	5
Criminal offences against property	480	58	258	-	480	215	237	28	18	63
Theft	176	44	114	-	176	91	77	8	7	19
Aggravated theft	154	5	100	-	154	58	81	15	6	26
Grand larceny	2	-	1	-	2	1	1	-	-	1
Robbery	35	1	22	-	35	12	20	3	3	9
Embezzlement	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Fraud	11	-	3	-	11	4	7	-	-	1
Petty theft, embezzlement and fraud	9	4	-	-	9	6	3	-	-	-
Appropriation of someone else's property	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Destroying and damaging someone else's property	29	-	-	-	29	22	6	1	1	-
Unauthorised use of someone else's vehicle	41	2	12	-	41	12	28	1	1	5
Extortion	18	1	6	-	18	5	13	-	-	2
Reset	3	1	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-
Criminal offences against economy	11	5	5	-	11	6	5	-	-	-
Criminal offences against human health	238	18	-	-	238	124	110	4	173	41
Unlawful production and circulation of narcotics	39	2	-	-	39	13	25	1	25	10
Unlawful possession of narcotics	195	14	-	-	195	110	82	3	148	31
Facilitating the taking of narcotics	4	2	-	-	4	1	3	-	-	-

8. Minors, by criminal offences, sex, attempt and pronounced criminal sanctions, 2024 (continued)

Republic of Serbia

Criminal offences	Total			Juvenile prison	Educational measures				Security measures	Previously convicted
	All	Girls	Attempt		all	Warning and directing measures	Intensified supervision measures	Institutional measures		
Criminal offences against environment	9	-	2	-	9	6	3	-	1	1
Criminal offences against public safety of persons and property	7	1	-	-	7	2	4	1	-	-
Criminal offences against safety of public traffic	46	5	-	-	46	19	27	-	6	3
Endangering road traffic	46	5	-	-	46	19	27	-	6	3
Criminal offence against security of computer data	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Criminal offences against constitutional order and security of the Republic of Serbia	5	-	-	-	5	2	3	-	-	-
Instigating national, racial and religious hatred and intolerance	5	-	-	-	5	2	3	-	-	-
Criminal offence against government authorities	10	3	-	-	10	5	3	2	1	-
Criminal offences against jurisdiction	6	3	1	-	6	1	5	-	-	1
Criminal offences against public peace and order	155	18	-	1	154	74	76	4	9	11
Causing panic and disorder	9	1	-	-	9	3	6	-	-	-
Violent behaviour	127	16	-	-	127	66	59	2	3	9
Violent behaviour at sports events	5	-	-	-	5	1	4	-	-	-
Illegal production, possession, carrying and circulation of weapons and explosives	10	-	-	1	9	3	5	1	4	2
Illegal crossing of state border and human trafficking	3	-	-	-	3	-	2	1	2	-
Desecration of a grave	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Criminal offences against legal transactions	6	-	1	-	6	5	1	-	2	1
Criminal offences against humanity and other right guaranteed by international law	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Human trafficking	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Other criminal offences (particular laws)	5	-	-	-	5	1	4	-	-	-
SRBIJA – SEVER	649	77	99	-	649	426	191	32	144	86
Beogradski region	300	45	90	-	300	201	81	18	93	44
Region Vojvodine	349	32	9	-	349	225	110	14	51	42
SRBIJA – JUG	726	80	170	2	724	232	475	17	107	79
Region Šumadije i Zapadne Srbije	422	41	107	1	421	120	290	11	62	48
Region Južne i Istočne Srbije	304	39	63	1	303	112	185	6	45	31
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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