

Crimes recorded by the police forces in 2018¹

The current report aims to briefly portray the crimes recorded by the police forces in 2018, which were recently published in the online consultation system of the Justice statistics.

In 2018, the number of recorded crimes was 333.223. From this number it must be highlighted the crimes against property, which correspond to about 51,1% of the total (170.383 crimes), followed by the crimes against persons that correspond to about 24,4% of the total (81.278 crimes) and the crimes against life in society that correspond to about 13,3% of the overall total (44.207 crimes) (table 1).

Table 1 - Recorded crimes, by type of crime, in 2018

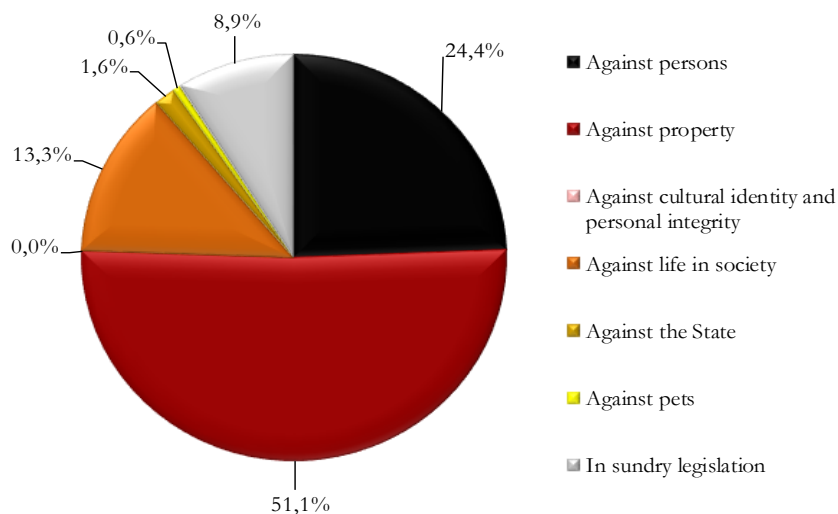
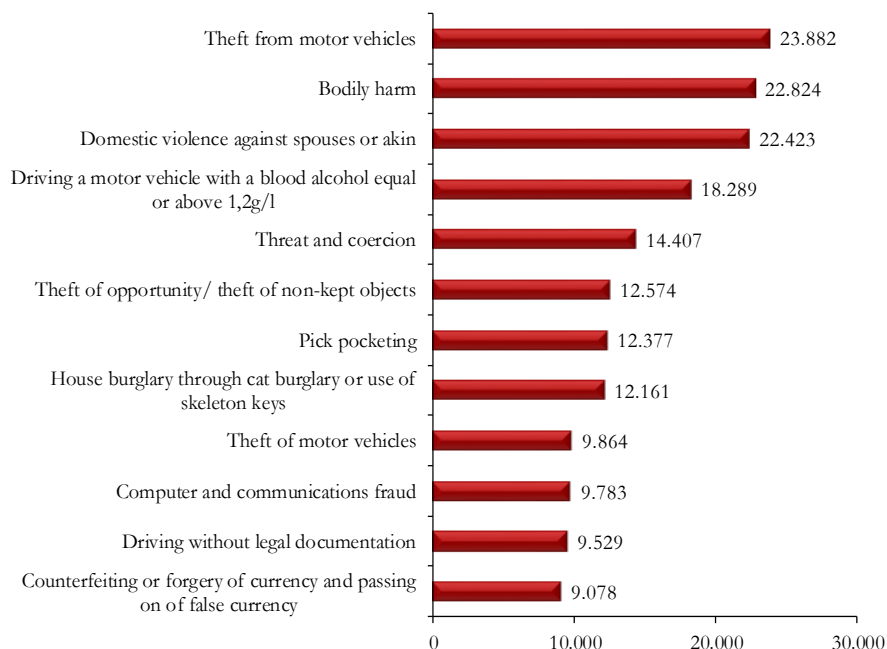


Table 2 highlights some of the most frequent crime categories, among them “theft from motor vehicles” with 23.882 crimes and “bodily harm” with 22.824 crimes².

Table 2 - Some crimes recorded by the police forces, in 2018



Footnotes

¹ Data available on 27 March 2019.

² There are also, from among the frequent crimes in 2018, the residual categories of "other damages" with 17.165 and "other frauds" with 11.537 crimes.

Framework note

The values presented correspond to the crimes recorded by the following entities: Criminal Police, Public Security Police, National Republican Guard, Economic and Food Safety Authority, Maritime Police, Municipal Police, Military Criminal Police, Immigration and Borders Service and Tributary and Customs Authority.

Technical sheet

The Directorate-General for Justice Policy (DGPJ) of the Ministry of Justice, in accordance with Article 2 (1) of Decree-Law 163/2012 of 31 July, has the mission to give technical support within the scope of legislative production and legal assessment, to monitor the policies and the strategic planning for the sector, to coordinate the external affairs and the cooperation in the justice area, being also responsible for the statistical data in the Ministry of Justice.

The Law 22/2008 of 13 May defines the main general guidelines and principles that govern the National Statistical System (SEN), in particular the delegation of powers of the National Statistical Institute IP (INE) in other entities.

Under the provisions of Article 24 of Law 22/2008, of 13 May, a protocol was celebrated empowering DGPJ with the production and dissemination of the Justice official statistics.

As a delegated entity, DGPJ is subject to compliance, in its relevant part, with the Law 22/2008 of 13 May, with the Decree-Law 166/2007 of 3 May, as well as with the rules established by Community legislation. It adopts the European Statistics Code of Practice and the Regulation for the Application of the Principle of Statistical Confidentiality of INE.

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