

ANNUAL STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHT

Crimes recorded by the police forces in 2019

The current report aims to briefly portray the crimes recorded by the police forces in 2019¹, which were recently published in the online consultation system of the Justice statistics.

In 2019, the number of recorded crimes was 335.614. From this number it must be highlighted the crimes against property, which corresponded to about 51,4% of the total (172.357 crimes), followed by the crimes against persons that corresponded to about 25,7% of the total (86.383 crimes) and the crimes against life in society that corresponded to about 12,7% of the total (42.529 crimes) (table 1).

Table 2 highlights some of the most frequent crime categories, among them “domestic violence against the spouse or akin” with 24.793 crimes and “bodily harm” with 23.279 crimes².

Table 2 - Some crimes recorded by the police forces, in 2019

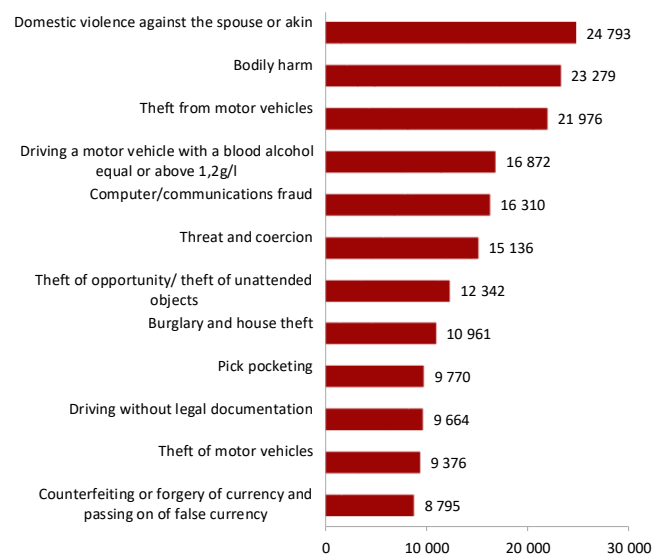
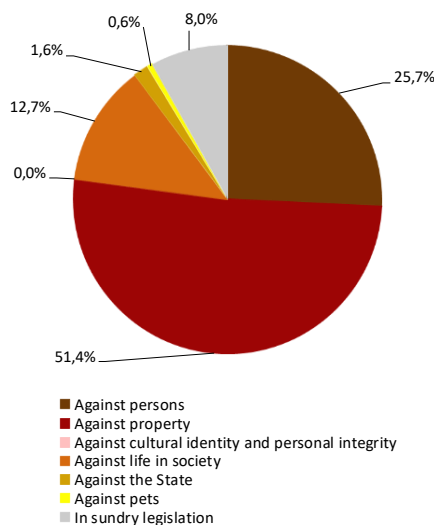


Table 1 - Recorded crimes, by type of crime, in 2019



Footnotes

¹ Data available on 23 June 2020.

² There are also, from among the most frequent crimes in 2019, the residual categories of "other damages" with 17.198 and "other frauds" with 10.990 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:

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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 DG PJ with the production and dissemination of the Justice official statistics.

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