

ANNUAL STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHT

CRIMES REGISTERED BY POLICE AUTHORITIES IN 2020

The purpose of this document is to briefly present the indicators on crimes recorded by police authorities in 2020¹, recently released in the online consultation system of Justice Statistics.

In 2020 the number of crimes recorded was 298,797. Of this number, crimes against property stood out, accounting for about 51.1% of the total (152,704 crimes), followed by crimes against persons, which corresponded to about 25.9% of the total (77,243 crimes), and crimes against life in society, which accounted for 11.5% of the total (34,404 crimes) (table 1).

Table 1 - Recorded crimes, by type of crime, in 2020

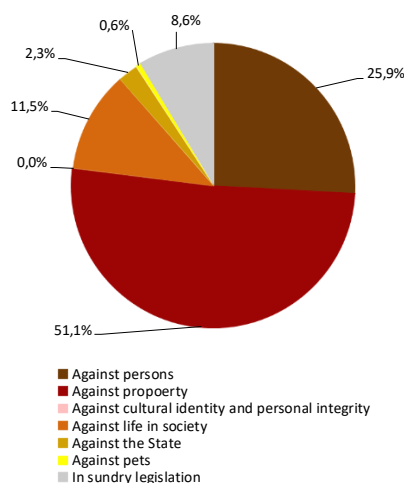
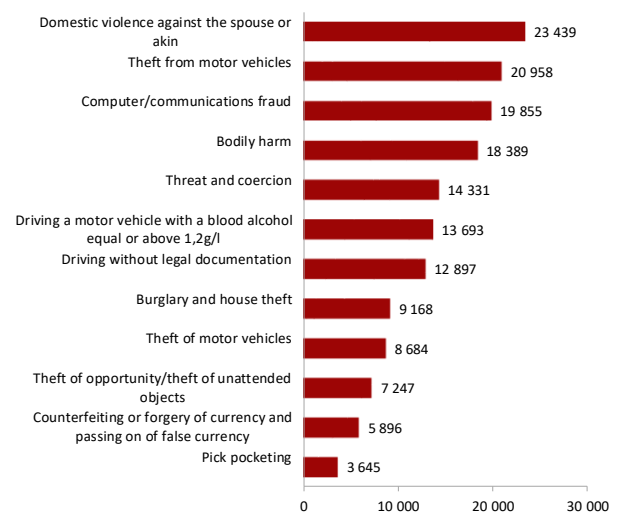


Figure 2 highlights some of the most frequent crime categories, among which is the crime of "domestic violence against spouses or akin" with 23,439 crimes and the crime of "bodily harm" with 18,389 crimes².

Table 2 - Some crimes recorded by the police forces, in 2020



Footnotes

¹ Data available on 30 March 2021.

² There are also, from among the most frequent crimes in 2020, 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 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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