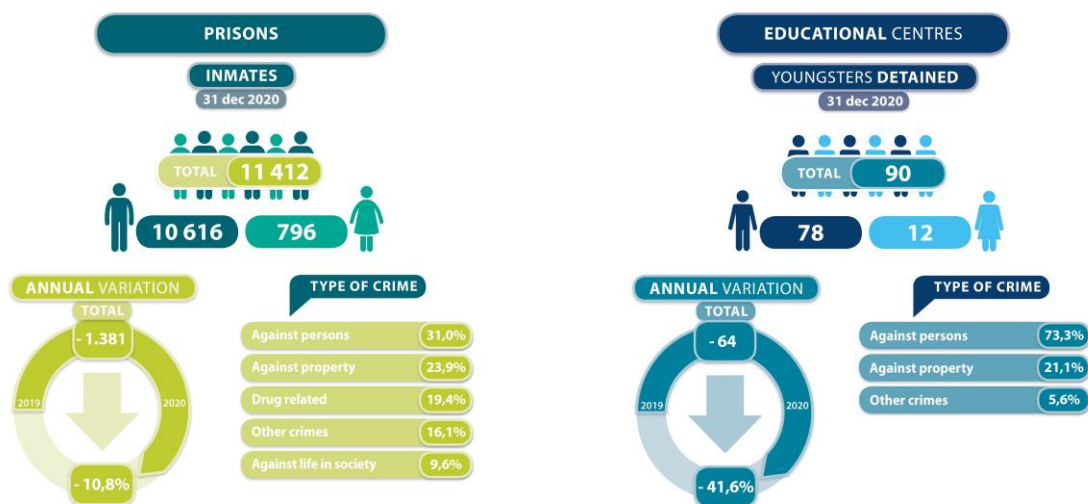


ANNUAL STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHT

INMATES IN PRISON AND YOUNGSTERS DETAINED IN EDUCATIONAL CENTRES (2010 – 2020)



Characterization of the inmates in prison¹

In table 1 it is possible to observe that between 2010 and 2020 there has been a decrease of 1.7% in the **overall total of inmates** in prison (going from 11.613 in 2010 to 11.412 in 2020). However, this decrease is not constant, as there is a 27.0% increase in the number of female inmates and a 3.4% decrease in the number of male inmates. In 2020, when compared with the previous year, there was a decrease of around 10.8% in the **overall total of inmates** in prison (going from 12.793 in 2019 to 11.412 in 2020), with a decrease of 7.3% in the number of female inmates and of 11.0% in the number of male inmates.

Table 1 - Inmates in prison, by gender, 2010-2020

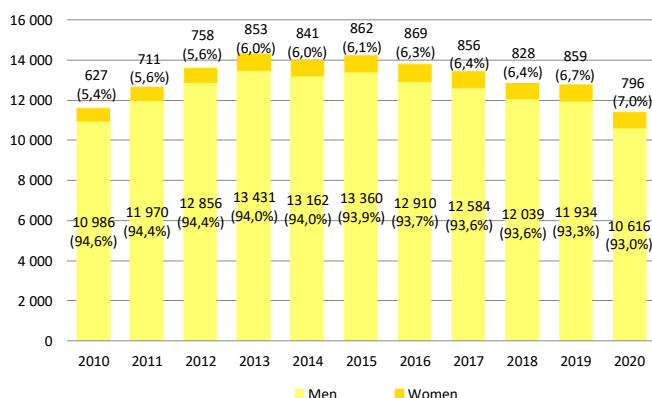


Table 2 shows the weight of the several **age groups** of the inmates in prison. The observed trend shows a slight increase in the groups from the age of 40 and a decrease in the remaining age groups. The inmates that are between 25 and 39 years old are the most representative category. Between 2010 and 2020, this category shows a slight decrease in its weight, going from 51.2% to 44.0% of the

overall total and of 45.0% to 44.0% of the overall total, between 2019 and 2020.

Table 2 - Inmates in prison, by age groups, 2010-2020

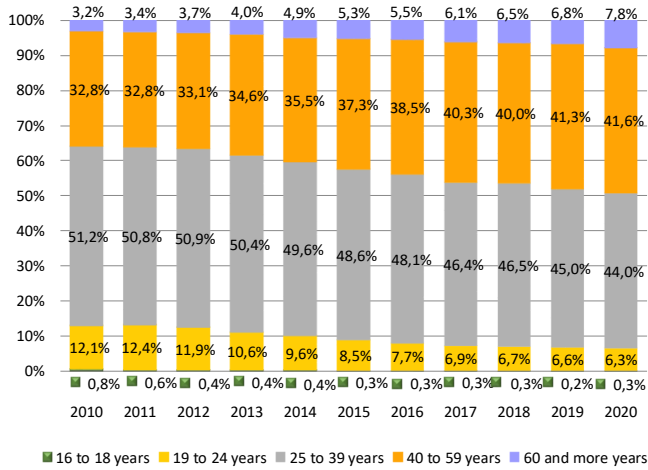
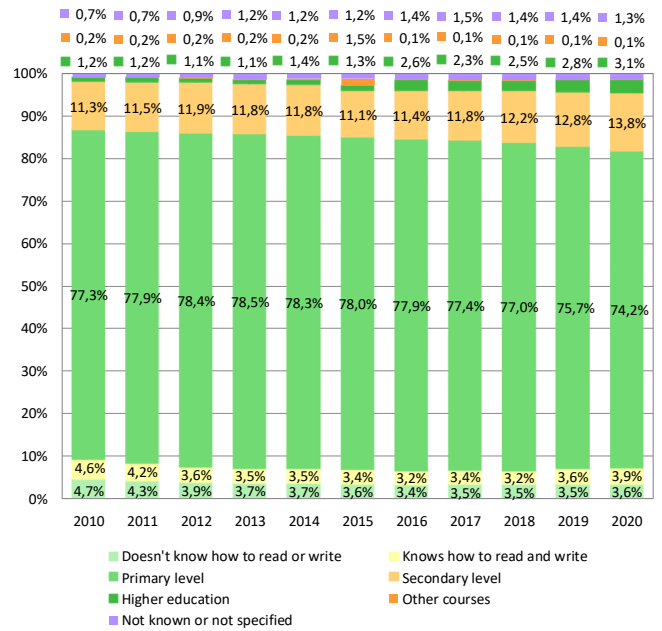


Table 3 - Inmates in prison, by education level, 2010-2020



There is a stable tendency as regards the distribution of the weight according to the **education level (table 3)**, being the most representative category the one that corresponds to primary education with more than 74% of the total weight, in all the years under consideration. Between 2010 and 2020 there has been a decrease in the weight of the categories corresponding to levels of education lower than secondary education, which together accounted for 86.6% of the total in 2010 and 81.7% in 2020. This decrease is in part compensated by an increase in the category corresponding to higher education, which represented 1.2% in 2010 and 3.1% in 2020.

On its part, the distribution of inmates in prison, by **type of crime² (table 4)** also points to a prison population with relatively stable characteristics over the period under analysis. In 2020, when compared to 2010, there has been a decrease of 3.8 percentage points in the number of inmates who committed crimes against property, of 1.6 percentage points in the number of inmates who committed drug-related crimes and of 0.8 percentage points in the number of inmates who committed other crimes. Between 2019 and 2020, it should be noted the decrease of 4.9 percentage points in the number of inmates who committed crimes against property and of 3,0 percentage points in the number of inmates who committed other crimes.

Table 4 - Inmates in prison, by type of crime, 2010-2020

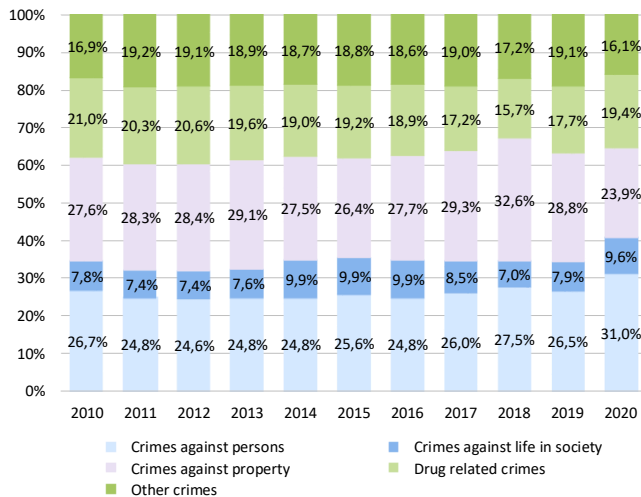
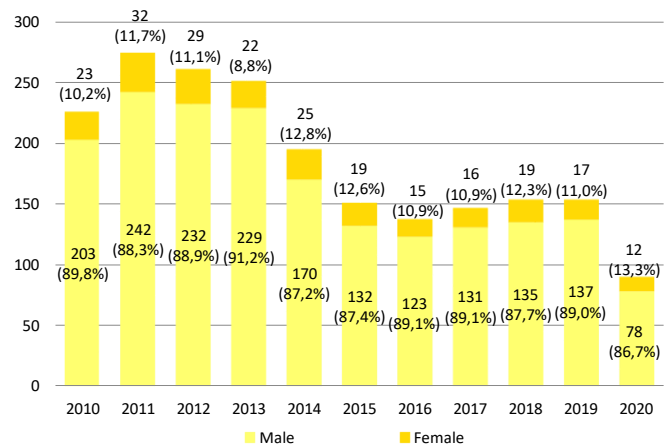


Table 5 - Youngsters detained in the educational centres, by gender, 2010-2020



Characterization of youngsters in educational centres

Focusing on the **total number of youngsters detained in the educational centres (table 5)**, it may be observed that, between 2010 and 2020, there was a decrease of around 60.2% (going from 226 in 2010 to 90 in 2020). This decrease is due to a 61.6% reduction in the number of young male detainees and a 47.8% reduction in the number of young female detainees. Between 2019 and 2020, the overall total of youngsters detained in educational centres has registered a decrease of 41.6%, due to a reduction of 43.1% in the number of young male detainees and of 29.4% in the number of young female detainees.

Bearing in mind the **age groups** of the youngsters detained in the educational centres (**table 6**), there is a decreasing trend of 4.7% in the weight of the age groups corresponding to ages equal to or less than 17 years, between 2010 and 2020.

This decrease is compensated by an increase of 4.7 percentage points in the weight of the category corresponding to the age group of 18 and more years.

Table 6 - Youngsters detained in the educational centres, by age groups, 2010-2020

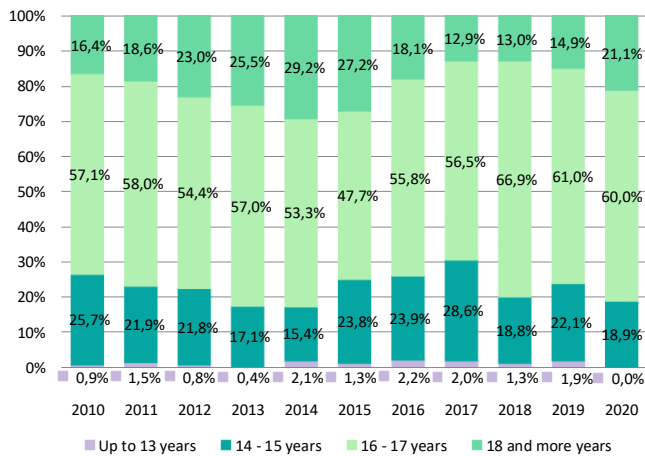
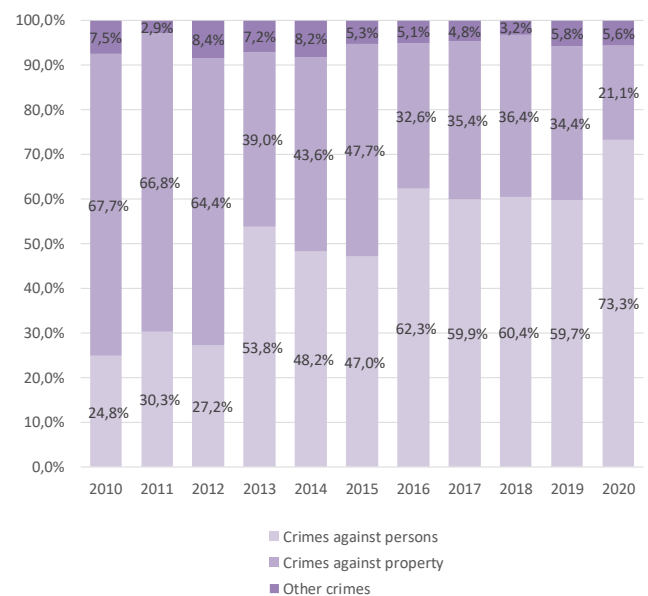


Table 7 - Youngsters detained in the educational centres, by type of crime, 2010-2020



As regards the distribution of the youngsters detained in the educational centres³, **by type of crime² (table 7)**, it may be observed that, between 2010 and 2020, there is an increase of 48.6 percentage points in the number of youngsters detained in educational centres, who have committed crimes against persons, which was largely compensated by a decrease of 46.6 percentage point in the number of youngsters detained who committed crimes against property. Between 2019 and 2020, there is an increase of 13.6 percentage points in the number of youngsters detained who committed crimes against persons, and a decrease of 13.3 percentage points in the number of youngsters who committed crimes against property.

Footnotes

¹ It does not include the military inmates.

² In the Justice Statistical Data System (SIEJ) it is already possible to view, from 2013 onwards, the number of inmates convicted as of 31 December for crimes against the State. Nevertheless, in this analysis, one has chosen to consider them under “other crimes” so as to ensure the same historical series of previous years.

³ The numbers refer to the first crime registered in the procedure that originated the request for support to the enforcement of the confinement measure, not being guaranteed that it is the main crime. The youngsters detained in an educational centre on a weekend basis are not included due to their short duration.

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.

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