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CRIMES RECORDED BY POLICE AUTHORITIES IN 2023

The purpose of this document is to briefly present the indicators on crimes recorded by police authorities in 2023¹, recently released in the online consultation system of Justice Statistics.

In 2023 the number of crimes recorded was 371,995. Of this number, crimes against property stood out, accounting for about 51.0% of the total (189,657 crimes), followed by crimes against persons, which corresponded to about 24.4% of the total (90,840 crimes), and crimes against life in society, which accounted for 11.9% of the total (44,439 crimes) (table 1).

Table 1 - Crimes recorded, by type of crime, in 2023

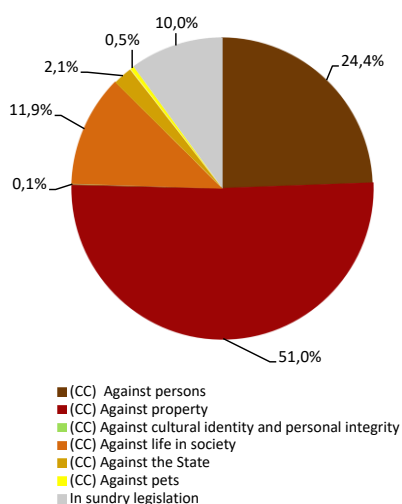


Table 2 highlights some of the most frequent crime categories, among which is the crime of "domestic violence against spouses or akin" with 26,041 crimes and the crime of "driving a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol equal or above 1,2g/l" with 24,133 crimes.²

Table 2 - Some crimes recorded by police authorities, in 2023



Footnotes

¹ Data available on 28 March 2024.

² There are also, from among the most frequent crimes in 2021, the residual categories of "other damages" with 17.417 and "other frauds" with 27.402.

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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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.

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