

Reported offences

In 2021 1,480,577 offences were reported to the police, the customs authority or the prosecution service. This represents a decrease of 86,315 reported offences by comparison with the figure for 2020. In particular, a decrease was noted in the offence *categories* theft offences and fraud offences. The *types* of crimes in theft offences for which the number of reported offences decreased the most between 2020 and 2021 were bicycle theft and burglary in industrial plants, workshops, repair shops, garages, building sites, stores, docks, offices et cetera. The *types* of crimes in fraud offences for which the number of reported offences decreased the most between 2020 and 2021 were payment card fraud and identity fraud. During the same period, the number of reported offences increased in the category crimes against the person. *The types* of offences in the category that decreased most were non-sexual molestation against women 18 years or older and unauthorised access to or use of computer system.

Since 2012, the number of reported offences has increased by 77,969 (+6 %). Since 1975, the trend in the total number of reported offences has been characterised by a continuous increase. However, the rate of increase, i.e. the percentage change over time, was strongest to the end of the 1990s, the rate of increase after that was lower, until another increase started in the mid-2000s. The increase has occurred across the majority of offence categories during the period between 1975 and 2014. Reported car crimes including vehicle theft and theft out of and from a motor vehicle, however, have fallen since 1975, and are thus exceptions to this general trend. The number of reported assaults, including aggravated assaults, has increased four-fold since 1975 and the number of reported sexual offences has undergone a seven-fold increase.

Reported crimes against the person are numerically dominated by assaults, unlawful threats and non-sexual molestation. Over the course of 2021, a total of 82,391 assault offences were reported, which constitutes a decrease of 1 per cent by comparison with the figure for 2020. A total of 29,257 assaults on women aged 18 years or over were reported which is unchanged by comparison with the figure for 2020. In addition, there were a total of 1,390 reported cases of gross violation of a woman's integrity. The number of reported assaults against men aged 18 years or over amounted to 28,824 offences which was a decrease of 1 per cent since the previous year.

In 2021 27,639 sexual offences were reported, which represents an increase of 10 per cent since 2020. There was a 3 per cent increase in the number of reported rape offences, with 9,668 rapes being registered in 2021. The number of reported crimes of sexual molestation increased by 12 per cent by comparison with the figure for 2020, to 11,348 cases.

In 2021 388,198 theft offences were reported, which represents a decrease of 33,297 reported offences in relation to the figure for the previous year. This category of crimes accounts for 26 per cent of the total number of reported offences. Subsequent to this point, the number of theft offences has declined. There were 8,939 car thefts reported in 2021, along with 52,356 thefts out of motor vehicles. The number of car thefts declined by 12 per cent, and the number of thefts out of motor vehicles increased with 6 per cent compared with the figures for 2020.

In 2021, the number of reported robberies decreased with 17 per cent compared with the number reported in 2020, with 8,810 reported offences being registered. Muggings, which comprise approximately 85 per cent of reported robbery offences, decreased by 17 per cent to

6,230 in 2021. A total of 554 robberies of shops and stores were reported in 2021, which constitutes a decrease of 25 per cent by comparison with 2020. A total of 4 bank robberies were reported in 2021. A total of 3,288 incidents of violence against public servants (police, security officers etc.) were reported in 2021, this was a decrease of 4 per cent compared with the number reported in 2020. A total of about 12,534 residential burglaries were reported in 2021, which constitutes a decrease of 15 per cent. The number of reported fraud offences decreased by 10 per cent since last year, with 195,902 offences being reported.

Reported criminal damage offences decreased by a total of 5 per cent, to 221,039 crimes.

In addition, reported drug offences decreased by 11 per cent by comparison with the figures for 2020, to 118,105 reported offences. During the year a total of 75,973 road traffic offences were reported, which is a decrease by 10 per cent compared to 2020.