

Reported offences

In 2022 1,477,470 offences were reported to the police, the customs authority or the prosecution service. This represents a decrease of 33,087 reported offences by comparison with the figure for 2021. In particular, a decrease was noted in the offence *category* crimes against the person. The *types* of crimes in crimes against the person for which the number of reported offences decreased the most between 2021 and 2022 were unauthorized access to or use of computer system and non-sexual molestation. The *types* of crimes in fraud offences for which the number of reported offences decreased the most between 2021 and 2022 were payment card fraud and identity fraud. During the same period, the number of reported offences increased in the category theft offences. The *types* of offences in the category that decreased most were pickpocketing and other theft of non-motorized vehicle than bicycle and boat theft.

Since 2013, the number of reported offences has increased by 45,488 (+3 %). 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 2022, a total of 84,011 assault offences were reported, which constitutes a increase of 2 per cent by comparison with the figure for 2021. A total of 29,224 assaults on women aged 18 years or over were reported which is unchanged by comparison with the figure for 2021. In addition, there were a total of 1,245 reported cases of gross violation of a woman's integrity. The number of reported assaults against men aged 18 years or over amounted to 30,285 offences which was a increase of 5 per cent since the previous year.

In 2022 24,656 sexual offences were reported, which represents an decrease of 11 per cent since 2021. There was a 9 per cent decrease in the number of reported rape offences, with 9,668 rapes being registered in 2022. The number of reported crimes of sexual molestation decreased by 11 per cent by comparison with the figure for 2021, to 10,181 cases.

In 2022 392,744 theft offences were reported, which represents a increase of 4,546 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 8,148 car thefts reported in 2022, along with 50,396 thefts out of motor vehicles. The number of car thefts declined by 9 per cent, and the number of thefts out of motor vehicles decreased with 4 per cent compared with the figures for 2021.

In 2022, the number of reported robberies decreased with 11 per cent compared with the number reported in 2021, with 6,483 reported offences being registered. Muggings, which comprise approximately 85 per cent of reported robbery offences, decreased by 12 per cent to

5,509 in 2022. A total of 394 robberies of shops and stores were reported in 2022, which constitutes a decrease of 6 per cent by comparison with 2021. No bank robberies were reported in 2022. A total of 4,130 incidents of violence against public servants (police, security officers etc.) were reported in 2022, this was a increase of 26 per cent compared with the number reported in 2021. A total of about 10,975 residential burglaries were reported in 2022, which constitutes a decrease of 12 per cent. The number of reported fraud offences decreased by 10 per cent since last year, with 195,929 offences being reported.

Reported criminal damage offences decreased by a total of 5 per cent, to 211,366 crimes.

In addition, reported drug offences decreased by 4 per cent by comparison with the figures for 2021, to 113,475 reported offences. During the year a total of 68,949 road traffic offences were reported, which is a decrease by 9 per cent compared to 2021.