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## **QUALITY REPORT 2019**

**Adults against whom proceedings based on criminal charges and previous proceedings have been concluded**

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# **1. Introduction – Basic information about the survey**

## **1.1 Purpose, goal and subject of the survey**

The purpose of survey is to collect the data on reported adult perpetrators of criminal offenses, and which are an important instrument for monitoring crime as a negative social phenomenon. The main content of the obtained data: reported adult person - known perpetrator, sex, age, unknown perpetrator, criminal offense, type of decision: rejected, interrupted investigation, stopped investigation, filed charges; length of detention.

## **1.2 Legal basis**

The Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistical System (Official Gazette of Montenegro No 18/12 and 47/19) defines provisions for collection, processing, and dissemination of data. The Law provides to the Statistical Office clear and wide legal powers to collect and access the data necessary for the implementation of Programme and Annual Plan. The Law gives a priority to the use of administrative data and right of access to individual data that are a result of survey of other official statistical producers.

## **1.3 Statistical units**

Basic and High State Prosecutor's Offices.

## **1.4 Coverage and scope of survey**

### **1.4.1 Sectors**

Not relevant.

### **1.4.2 Statistical population**

Adult perpetrators of crime.

## **1.5 Referent geographical area**

Montenegro.

## **1.6 Concepts and definitions**

Adult perpetrators of a crime are those persons who were 18 or over at the time of committing criminal acts, and against whom the preliminary hearings and legal proceedings have been conducted and legally concluded; the accused persons against whom the legal proceedings have been concluded by finally binding court decision and sentenced persons.

Reported person - known perpetrator is an adult perpetrator of a crime, against whom legal proceedings and preliminary hearings were concluded by a decision according to which: criminal charges are rejected, investigation discontinued, submitted charges - indictment or investigation dismissed.

Reported person - an unknown perpetrator is an unknown person against whom the criminal charges have been brought at a public prosecutor's office, but who has not been captured even a year after criminal charges were brought.

## **1.7 Classifications**

Classification of crime offenses.

## **1.8 Frequency of data collection**

Monthly (annual service).

## **1.9 Frequency of data dissemination**

Annual, final data.

## **1.10 Methodology**

Not available.

## **1.11 Base period**

Not relevant.

## **1.12 Unit of measure**

Number of reported adult perpetrators of criminal offenses.

## **1.13 Source of data**

Basic and High State Prosecutor's Offices.

## **1.14 Method of data collection**

The data on perpetrators of criminal offences are collected by regular annual statistical surveys, on the basis of individual statistical questionnaires.

## **2. Relevance – Data users**

### **2.1 User needs**

#### International users:

- Eurostat,
- World Bank,
- UN organizations,
- International Monetary Fund

#### National users:

- Ministries and other public administration bodies,
- Local government, and other local government bodies.
- Non-governmental organizations,
- Students,
- Researchers,
- Media.

### **2.2 User satisfaction**

The Statistical Office has adopted the Quality Management Strategy, the Guidebook to the Implementation of the Quality Management Strategy, as well as the Plan for the Implementation of the Quality Policy. In order to measure the degree to which fulfills obligations towards users and within the new quality policy, the Statistical Office conducted User satisfaction survey. Data collection was carried out through a web survey, in the period from 1 September to 20 October, 2017. The results of the survey are available on the Statistical Office website, link: <http://www.monstat.org/userfiles/file/KVALITET/Izvjestaj%20o%20zadovoljstvu%20korisnika%20eng.pdf>

## **3. Accuracy and reliability**

### **3.1 Accuracy – Overall remark**

The data on perpetrators of criminal offences are collected by regular annual statistical surveys, on the basis of individual statistical questionnaires filled by competent state prosecutor's offices (basic and

higher). Statistical surveys encompass adult perpetrators of criminal offences, including also criminal offences committed by unknown perpetrators, which ensures a high level of coverage. Data on adult offenders at the Special State Prosecutor's Office are not included.

This approach ensures high accuracy.

### **3.2 Sampling error**

Not relevant.

*Indicators of sampling error (A1)*

Not relevant.

### **3.3 Non-sampling error**

Not relevant.

#### **3.3.1 Coverage error**

Not relevant.

*Indicators of coverage error (A2)*

Not relevant.

#### **3.3.2 Error of measurement**

Not relevant.

#### **3.3.3 Error of nonresponse**

Not relevant.

*Nonresponse rate (A3)*

There were not nonresponse.

*Nonresponse rate for the topic*

Not relevant.

#### **3.3.4 Error processing the data**

Not relevant.

*Imputation rate*

Not relevant.

### **3.4 Seasonal adjustment**

Not relevant.

### **3.5 Data revision**

#### **3.5.1 Data revision policy**

Statistical Office has adopted the revision policy and it is available on the website: <http://www.monstat.org/eng/page.php?id=1411&pageid=1411>

### **3.5.2 Data revision practice**

The annual plan of official statistics foresees the final publication of data. There were not data revision.

### **3.5.3 Data revision - average size (A6)**

Not available.

## **4. Timeliness and punctuality**

### **4.1 Timeliness**

The data are published in accordance with the Annual Plan of Official Statistics and the Calendar of publishing statistical data of Statistical Office. The data are published on the date determined by the Calendar of publishing statistical data in the form of a regular annual release.

#### *Time lag of the first results*

Not relevant.

#### *Time lag of the final results*

The number of days (or weeks or months) from the last day of the reference period to the day of publication of final results. Data of survey are published 136 days after the end of the reference period in accordance with release calendar.

### **4.2 Punctuality TP3**

The data is published on the day that is defined by Annual Plan of Statistical Surveys and Statistical Data Release Calendar. Indicator TP3 is 0, i.e. there is no difference between planned and actual announcement.

## **5. Availability and clarity**

### **5.1 Data Release Calendar**

The Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistical System (Official Gazette of Montenegro No 18/12 and 47/19) stipulates that official statistical producers prepare, update, and publish Statistical Release Calendar. It is published on the website of Statistical Office not later than 20 December for the next year, for all official statistical producers that includes date of releasing statistical data. Any change in date of releasing in the Calendar is published in advance in accordance with the Procedure on Unplanned Revisions.

## **5.2 Access the data release calendar**

<http://www.monstat.org/eng/page.php?id=12&pageid=12>

## **5.3 Releases**

The release is published annually and is available on the following website:  
<https://www.monstat.org/eng/page.php?id=516&pageid=83>

## **5.4 Publications**

Statistical Office publishes data for perpetrators crime in the following regular publications:

- Statistical Yearbook,
- Montenegro in Numbers,
- Women and Men in Montenegro

All publication published by Statistical Office are available at the following link:  
<http://monstat.org/eng/publikacije.php>

## **5.5 On-line database**

Not available.

## **5.6 Availability of microdata**

The Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistical System (Official Gazette of Montenegro No 18/12 and 47/19) regulates rules under which external users can obtain an access to individual data for needs of research. Article 58 defines types of scientific and research organizations that can obtain such data. Providing individual data without identifier is possible only upon a written request of scientific and research institutions, with purpose of performing scientific and research activities as well as international statistical organizations and statistical producers from other countries. Research entity signs the agreement with Statistical Office, and it signs the statement on respecting the confidentiality principle. Official statistical producers keeps a separate records on users and purpose of using the statistical data given to these users.

## **6. Comparability**

### **6.1 Comparability - geographical**

Comparability of data with all countries using the same methodology is provided.

### **6.2 Comparability - over time**

A comparable time series has been available since 1994.