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Adults against whom criminal 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 accused and convicted adult perpetrators of crime, and which are an important instrument for monitoring crime as a negative social phenomenon. The main contents of data obtained: accused person - sex, criminal offense, type of decision: suspended proceedings, released of the charge, indictment rejected, decision on security measure implementation, found guilty; convicted person - criminal offense, main and minor penalties, suspended sentence, judicial admonition, found guilty, and acquitted, corrective measures, alleviation of sentence, security measures, previous convictions, seizure of property benefits, age, sex, educational attainment; data on victims - sex and age.

1.2 Legal basis

The Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistical System (Official Gazette of Montenegro No 18/12) 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 Courts.

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

Accused person is an adult against whom an indictment, legal charges or a private suit has been brought at a court, and against whom legal proceedings have been conducted and a court decision made according to which private suit has been rejected, proceedings suspended or indictment rejected, acquittal brought, security measures brought without execution of a sentence or a perpetrator is pronounced guilty.

Convicted person is an adult being pronounced guilty and against whom following criminal sanctions have been imposed: punishment, conditional discharge, reprimand, security measures, guilty verdict but released from sentence.

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 accused and convicted adult perpetrators of criminal offenses.

1.13 Source of data

Basic and High Courts.

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

With purpose of determining user satisfaction with quality data and defining their needs, Statistical Office for the first time carried out the User Satisfaction Survey in 2017. The survey was done from 1 September to 20 October. The survey link was sent to users that sent request to the official email address in period 2013-2017. Additionally, the questionnaire is put on the website of Statistical Office.

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 courts (basic and high). Statistical surveys encompass all adult perpetrators of criminal offences.

This approach ensures high accuracy.

3.2 Sampling error

Not relevant.

Indicators of sampling error (AI)

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.

Nonresponse rate (A3)

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 for 2018 and the Calendar of publishing statistical data of Statistical Office for 2018. The data are published on the date determined by the Calendar of publishing statistical data in the form of a regular annual release. For 2017, the data were published on May 16, 2018.

The Statistical Release Calendar is available on the following link:

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

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
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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 Release

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

5.2 Publication

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>

5.3 Availability of microdata

The Law on Official Statistics and Official Statistical System (Official Gazette of Montenegro No 18/12) regulates rules under which external users can obtain an access to individual data for needs of research.

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 1974.