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Adult perpetrators of crimes

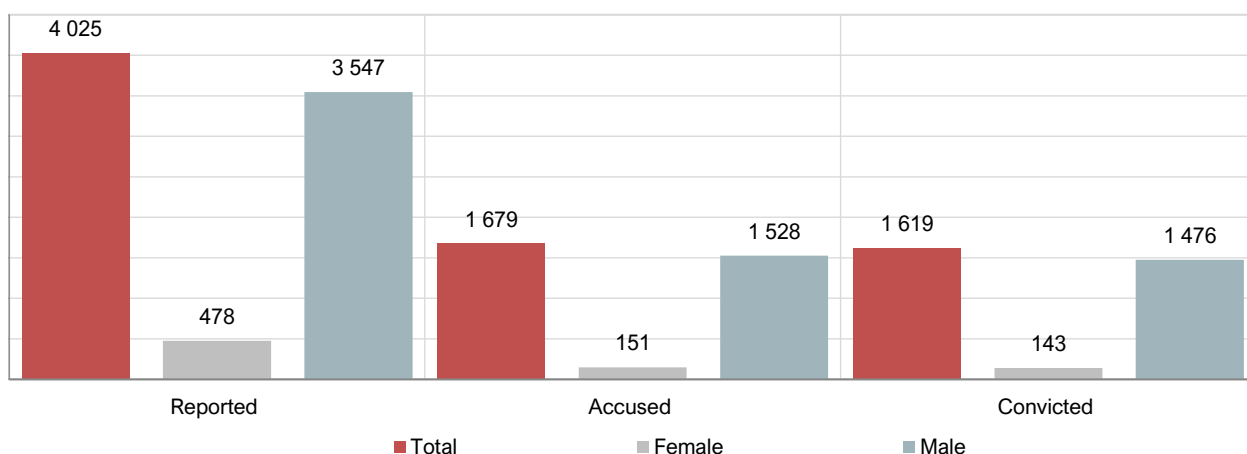
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Data in this release relate to the number reported, accused, and convicted adult persons – perpetrators of crime in Montenegro, in 2022.

The total number of reported adult perpetrators of crime in 2022 was 5 358. Out of that number, there were 4 025 known, and 1 333 unknown perpetrators of crime.

Number of accused adult perpetrators of crime was 1 679, and number of convicted adult perpetrators of crime was 1 619.

Graph 1. Reported (known), accused and convicted perpetrators of crime, by sex, 2022



- Out of the total number of reported (known) adult perpetrators of crime (4 025), there are 11.9% or 478 female, and 88.1% or 3 547 male persons.
- Out of the total number of accused adult perpetrators of crime (1 679), there are 9% or 151 female, and 91% or 1 528 male persons.
- Out of the total number of convicted adult perpetrators of crime (1 619), there are 8.8% or 143 female, and 91.2% or 1 476 male persons.

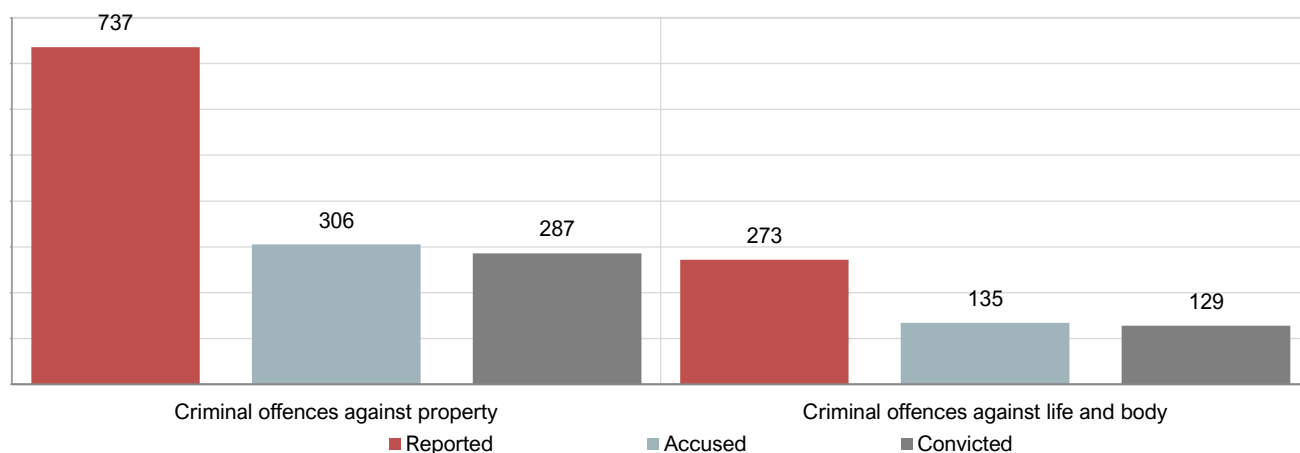
In the structure of criminal acts that have made adult persons (known perpetrators of crime), criminal offences against property was the most frequent:

- Reported (known) adult persons for crimes against property were 737, which represents 18.3% in relation to total number of reported (known) adult persons,
- Accused adult persons for crimes against property were 306, which represents 18.2% in relation to total number of accused adult persons,
- Convicted adult persons for crimes against property were 287, which represents 17.7% in relation to total number of convicted adult persons.

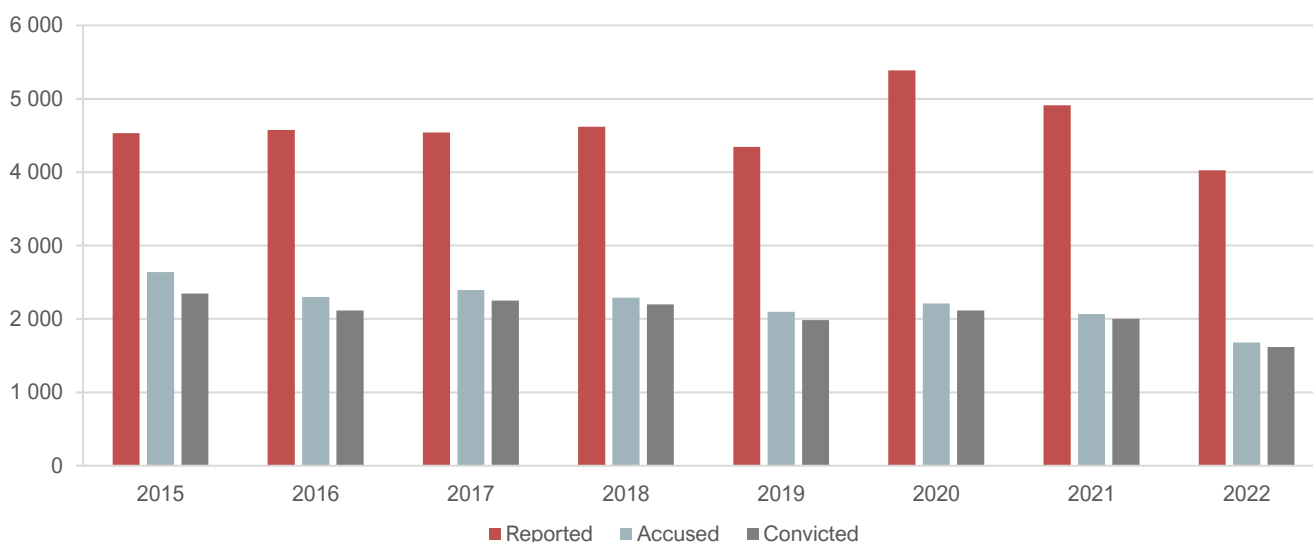
When it comes to the most serious crimes - crimes against life and body:

- Reported (known) adult persons for crimes against life and body were 273, which represents 6.8% in relation to total number of reported (known) adult persons,
- Accused adult persons for crimes against life and body were 135, which represents 8% in relation to total number of accused adult persons,
- Convicted adult persons for crimes against life and body were 129, which represents 8% in relation to total number of convicted adult persons.

Graph 2. Reported (known), accused, and convicted perpetrators of crime in structure of criminal offences, 2022



Grafik 3. Reported (known), accused and convicted perpetrators of crime, 2015 - 2022



METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The data on adult perpetrators of crimes are collected by the regular statistical surveys, on the basis of individual statistical questionnaires filled by competent state prosecutor's offices (basic and high) and competent courts (basic and high). Statistical surveys cover adult perpetrators of crime (including crimes done by unknown perpetrators).

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.

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 and security measures.

Adult perpetrators of a crime are those persons who were 18 or over at the time of committing criminal acts.

When using the data, state: "Data source: Statistical Office of Montenegro - MONSTAT"

More information, as well as detailed methodological explanations can be found in the section: [Justice](#)