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Adult perpetrators of crimes

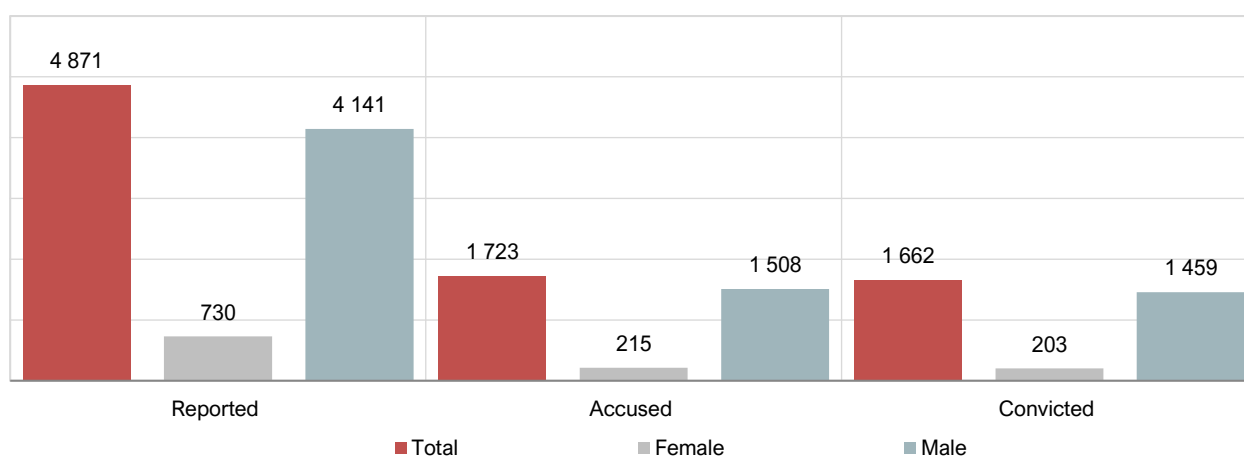
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Data in release are related to the number reported, accused and convicted adult persons – perpetrators of crime in Montenegro, in 2025.

Total number of reported adult perpetrators of crime in 2025 was 5 960. Of that number, 4 871 were known, and 1 089 unknown perpetrators of crime.

Number of accused adult perpetrators of crime was 1 723 and number of convicted adult perpetrators of crime was 1 662.

Graph 1. Reported (known), accused and convicted perpetrators of crime, by sex, 2025



- Of the total number of reported (known) adult perpetrators of crime (4 871), 15.0% or 730 are female, and 85.0% or 4 141 are male.
- Of the total number of accused adult perpetrators of crime (1 723), 12.5% or 215 are female, and 87.5% or 1 508 are male.
- Of the total number of convicted adult perpetrators of crime (1 662), 12.2% or 203 are female, and 87.8% or 1 459 are male.

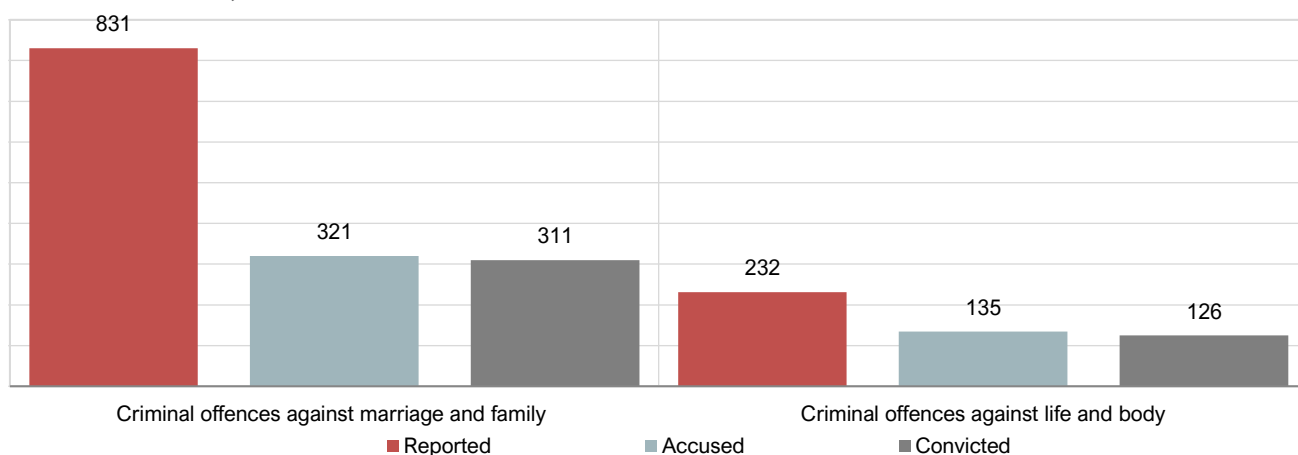
In the structure of criminal acts that have made adult persons (known perpetrators of crime), criminal offences against marriage and family was the most frequent:

- reported (known) adult persons for crimes against marriage and family were 831, which represents 17.1% in relation to total number of reported (known) adult persons,
- accused adult persons for crimes against marriage and family were 321, which represents 18.6% in relation to total number of accused adult persons,
- convicted adult persons for crimes against marriage and family were 311, which represents 18.7% in relation to total number of convicted adult persons.

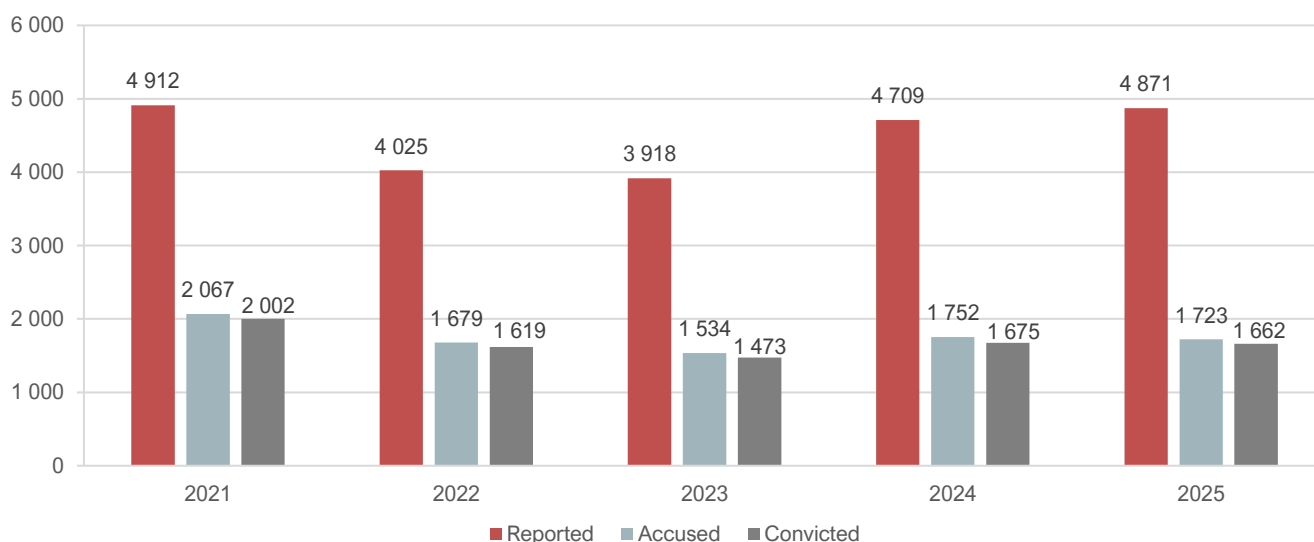
When it comes to the most serious crimes - crimes against life and body:

- reported (known) adult persons for crimes against life and body were 232, which represents 4.8% in relation to total number of reported (known) adult persons,
- accused adult persons for crimes against life and body were 135, which represents 7.8% in relation to total number of accused adult persons,
- convicted adult persons for crimes against life and body were 126, which represents 7.6% in relation to total number of convicted adult persons.

Graph 2. Reported (known), accused and convicted perpetrators of crime in structure of criminal offences, 2025



Grafik 3. Reported (known), accused and convicted perpetrators of crime, 2021 - 2025



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](#)