

Crime Statistics

Fourth Quarter of 2018

Tirana, January 31, 2019: In the fourth quarter of 2018, are recorded in total 8,485 criminal offences, an increase of 0.1 % compared to the fourth quarter of 2017. In 2018, are recorded in total 34,468 criminal offences, showing an increase of 0.4 %, compared to 2017.

During this period are recorded 12 intentional homicides, two homicides more, compared to the same quarter of previous year. The number of intentional homicides in 2018 is 51 offences, one intentional homicide more, compared to 2017.

The number of recorded attempted homicides, in the fourth quarter of 2018 is 25 criminal offences, 3 offences more, compared to the same period of 2017. In this category, the number of crimes recorded during 2018 is 114, showing a decrease of 11.6 %, compared to 2017.

The number of recorded robbery, in the fourth quarter of 2018 is 26, showing a decrease of 16 offences, compared to the fourth quarter of 2017. In this category are included offences as violent robbery, armed robbery and theft resulting in death. Meanwhile, in 2018 are recorded 111 robberies, a decrease of 32.3 %, compared to 2017.

In the fourth quarter of 2018, are recorded 28 sexual crimes, 7 offences more, compared to the same quarter of 2017. In 2018, are recorded 110 offences, 3 offences less, compared to 2017.

In the fourth quarter of 2018, are recorded 462 drug crimes, showing an increase of 1.8 % compared to the same period in 2017. In this category are included offences like: production and sale of narcotics trafficking of narcotics and cultivation of narcotic plants. The number of drug crimes in 2018 is 1,972, showing a decrease of 7.0 %, compared to 2017.

In this period are recorded 66 car thefts, two thefts less, compared to the fourth quarter of 2017. In 2018, are recorded 252 car thefts, which show a decrease of 23.4 %, compared to 2017.

The number of thefts of business premises, during the fourth quarter of 2018 is 149, which shows an increase of 12.0 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. In 2018, are recorded 596 offences, an increase of 21.1 %, compared to 2017.

The number of recorded burglary, during the fourth quarter of 2018 is 285, which shows a decrease of 5.0 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. In 2018, are recorded 1,218 burglaries, showing an increase of 6.4 %, compared to 2017.

In this period are recorded 15 thefts through abuse of office, 15 thefts less, compared to fourth quarter of 2017. The number of thefts through abuse of office is 70 offences, showing a decrease of 40.7 %, compared to 2017.

The number of attempted thefts, in the fourth quarter of 2018 is 99 offences, six offences more, compared to the fourth quarter of 2017. Meanwhile in 2018, are recorded 383 attempted thefts, a decrease of 7.3 %, compared to 2017.

In the fourth quarter of 2018, are recorded 564 offences regarding violations of traffic rules, which shows a decrease of 5.7 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. The number of the criminal offence Violation of traffic rules in 2018 is 2,164, showing a decrease of 3.7 %, compared to 2017.

Tab. 1 Recorded criminal offences

| Criminal offences | 2017 | 2018 | Yearly change in % | T4 - 2017 | T4 - 2018 | Quarterly change in % |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Intentional homicide | 50 | 51 | 2.0 | 10 | 12 | 20.0 |
| Attempted homicide | 129 | 114 | -11.6 | 22 | 25 | 13.6 |
| Robbery | 164 | 111 | -32.3 | 42 | 26 | -38.1 |
| Sexual crimes | 113 | 110 | -2.7 | 21 | 28 | 33.3 |
| Drug crimes | 2,120 | 1972 | -7.0 | 454 | 462 | 1.8 |
| Car thefts | 329 | 252 | -23.4 | 68 | 66 | -2.9 |
| Theft of a business premises | 492 | 596 | 21.1 | 133 | 149 | 12.0 |
| Burglary | 1,145 | 1,218 | 6.4 | 300 | 285 | -5.0 |
| Theft through abuse of office | 118 | 70 | -40.7 | 30 | 15 | -50.0 |
| Attempted thefts | 413 | 383 | -7.3 | 93 | 99 | 6.5 |
| Violations of traffic rules | 2,247 | 2,164 | -3.7 | 598 | 564 | -5.7 |
| Other criminal offences | 26,997 | 27,427 | 1.6 | 6,707 | 6,754 | 0.7 |
| Total | 34,317 | 34,468 | 0.4 | 8,478 | 8,485 | 0.1 |

Perpetrators of criminal offences

In the fourth quarter of 2018, are recorded in total 9,301 perpetrators of criminal offences, showing an increase of 20.2 %, compared to the fourth quarter of 2017. In 2018, are recorded in total 34,537 perpetrators of criminal offences, an increase of 7.0 %, compared to 2017.

The number of intentional homicide perpetrators, in this quarter is 15, five recorded perpetrators more, compared to the same period of previous year. Meanwhile in 2018, are recorded 60 perpetrators, showing an increase of 25.0 %, compared to 2017.

During this period are recorded 26 attempted homicide perpetrators, 2 perpetrators more, compared to the same quarter of 2017. In the year 2018, are 149 perpetrators in this crime category, which shows a 4.5 % decrease compared to 2017.

The number of perpetrators of robbery, in the fourth quarter of 2018 is 30, showing a decrease of 12 perpetrators, compared to the same period of the previous year. In 2018, are recorded 131 perpetrators, a 31.8 % decrease compared to 2017.

During this period are recorded 31 perpetrators of sexual crimes, 7 perpetrators more, compared to the same quarter of the previous year. Meanwhile, in 2018 the number of perpetrators is 114, which shows an increase of 3 perpetrators, compared to 2016.

The number of perpetrators of drug crimes during the fourth quarter of 2018 is 612, showing a 6.6 % increase, compared to the same period of the previous year. In 2018, are recorded 2,435 perpetrators for drug crimes, a decrease of 4.2 %, compared to 2017.

For the offence car thefts, in the fourth quarter of 2018, are recorded 23 perpetrators, the same value, compared to the same period of 2017. In 2018, the number of perpetrators for car theft is 68, a decrease of 56.7 %, compared to 2017.

The number of perpetrators of burglary during the fourth quarter of 2018 is 196, which shows an increase of 62.0 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. In 2018. are recorded 742 burglary perpetrators, an increase of 18.2 %, compared to 2017.

For the thefts through abuse of office, in the fourth quarter of 2018, are recorded 16 perpetrators, 13 perpetrators less, compared to the same period of the year 2017. The number of perpetrators of thefts through abuse of office in 2018 is 77, showing a decrease of 40.8 %, compared to 2017.

The number of perpetrators of attempted thefts during the fourth quarter of 2018 is 93, an increase of 50.0 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. In 2018, are recorded 330 perpetrators of attempted thefts, showing an increase of 7.1 %, compared to 2017.

During this period are recorded 538 perpetrators of violations of traffic rules, showing a decrease of 7.4 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. The number of perpetrators for this offence in 2018 is 2,101, a decrease of 5.0 %, compared to 2017.

Tab. 2 Perpetrators of criminal offences

| Criminal offences | 2017 | 2018 | Yearly change in % | T4 - 2017 | T4 - 2018 | Quarterly change in % |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Intentional homicide | 48 | 60 | 25.0 | 10 | 15 | 50.0 |
| Attempted homicide | 156 | 149 | -4.5 | 24 | 26 | 8.3 |
| Robbery | 192 | 131 | -31.8 | 42 | 30 | -28.6 |
| Sexual crimes | 111 | 114 | 2.7 | 24 | 31 | 29.2 |
| Drug crimes | 2,541 | 2,435 | -4.2 | 574 | 612 | 6.6 |
| Car thefts | 157 | 68 | -56.7 | 23 | 23 | 0.0 |
| Theft of a business premises | 381 | 587 | 54.1 | 70 | 190 | 171.4 |
| Burglary | 628 | 742 | 18.2 | 121 | 196 | 62.0 |
| Theft through abuse of office | 130 | 77 | -40.8 | 29 | 16 | -44.8 |
| Attempted thefts | 308 | 330 | 7.1 | 62 | 93 | 50.0 |
| Violations of traffic rules | 2,212 | 2,101 | -5.0 | 581 | 538 | -7.4 |
| Other criminal offences | 25,420 | 27,743 | 9.1 | 6,179 | 7,531 | 21.9 |
| Total | 32,284 | 34,537 | 7.0 | 7,739 | 9,301 | 20.2 |

Methodology

Crime statistics reflect data on recorded criminal offences and persons suspected of committing a criminal offense by Criminal Code of Republic of Albania.

The data on perpetrators are based on suspected persons in the commission of a criminal offence, not in judgments that are within the jurisdiction of the justice authorities to give the decision.

Definitions:

Criminal Offences: Acts that violate, the legal values of a human being and of a particular community are called criminal acts or a general term of criminality. They are divided into crimes and criminal offenses.

Perpetrators: Persons who, by their act or omission, allow a criminal offense to occur, causing the consequence of the offense. Authors over the age of 14 have criminal responsibility while children under the age of 14 are examples from criminal liability.

Intentional Homicide: The category of intentional homicide include murder, murder connected with another crime, premeditated homicide, murder for blood feud, homicides committed in other specific circumstances, public officials murder, police murder, murder for family relationship, infanticide.

Attempted homicide: Attempted intentional criminal offences against life as attempted homicide, attempted murder connected with another crime, attempted premeditated homicide, attempted homicides committed in other specific circumstances, attempted public officials murder, attempted police murder, attempted murder for family relationship, attempted infanticide.

Robbery: Are included those offences aimed to steal a person by using violence or force as violent robbery, armed robbery and robbery resulting in death.

Sexual crimes: illegal act (actions or inactions) of the illegal affecting the security sphere and the sexual freedom of forming normal sexual development. Article 100-108/a of criminal code of Albania.

Attempted thefts: Are included offences like attempted bank robbery, attempted armed robbery, attempted theft resulting in death, attempted violent theft, other attempted thefts.

Drug crimes: Are included offences as production and sale of narcotics, cultivation of narcotic plants, narcotics traffic.

Violation of traffic rules refers to article 290 of criminal code of Albania.

Source of Data:

Data was provided by the State Police Directorate

The data on identified criminal offenses and perpetrators are preliminary and subject to review.