

# Crime and criminal justice statistics, 2024

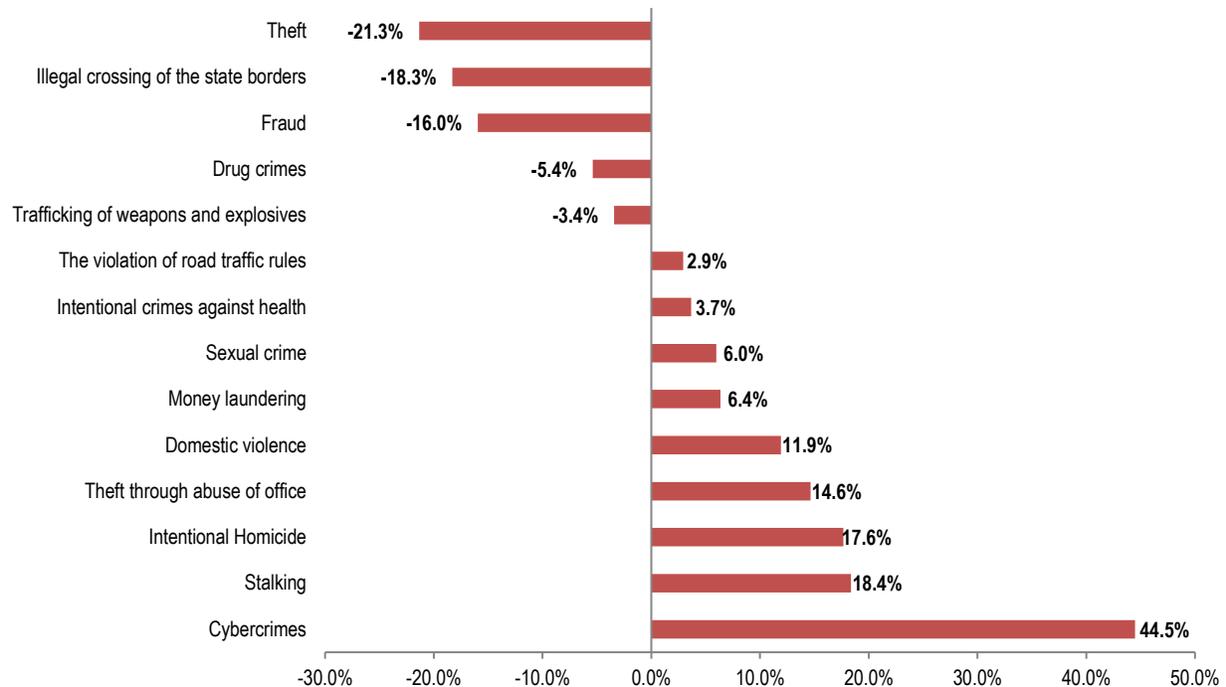
**Tirana, 30 April 2025:** This publication presents statistics on registered criminal offenses and proceedings and statistics on persons involved in the criminal justice system, such as suspects, defendants and imprisoned persons.

- In 2024, a total of 32,653 criminal offenses were recorded, 3.5% less, compared to 2023;
- The number of suspected perpetrators of criminal offenses in 2024 reached 40,057, with an increase of 1.4% compared to the previous year:
  - 93.7% are male, while the most represented age group is 30-44 years old, 36.0%.
- The number of non-recidivist perpetrators is 33,453, 0.1% less compared to the previous year;
- In 2024, 17,761 injured persons were registered, 4.3% more, compared to 2023.
  - 37.9% of them are injures of crimes against the person, while women make up 38.8% of this category, mainly in sexual crimes, crimes against children, marriage and family as well as crimes against morality and dignity.
- The number of criminal proceedings registered in 2024 is 24,912, with an increase of 3.4%;
- Of the 25,272 criminal proceedings concluded, 36.6% of them were dismissed, 26.8% were suspended and 36.6% were sent for trial in court;
- In 2024, 13,167 defendants were registered, 5.7% less, compared to the previous year.
  - Men account for 94.6% of the total number of defendants, almost the same percentage over the last five years.
- The number of prisoners in institutions for the execution of criminal decisions is 4,491, 13.1% less, compared to 2023.
  - Men account for 98.3% of the total number of prisoners.

## Recorded criminal offences

Offences cybercrimes, stalking, intentional homicide, theft through abuse of office, domestic violence, money laundering, sexual crimes, intentional crimes against health and the violation of road traffic rules have increased compared with last year, while the rest of offenses has declined.

**Fig. 1 Percentage change of criminal offences, 2024–2023**



Source: General Directorate of State Police, INSTAT.

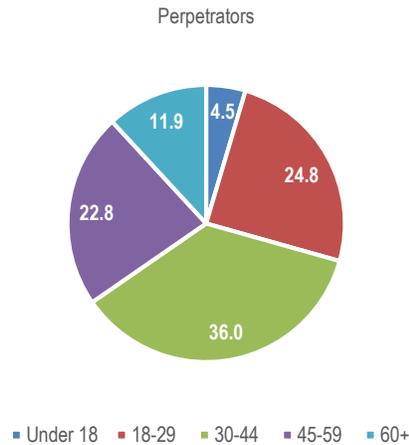
## Perpetrators of criminal offences

The number of perpetrators according to criminal offenses includes the number of suspects who may be present in more than one criminal offense and the perpetrator is counted in all offenses where he is suspected.

In 2024, 36.0% of perpetrators are in the group of 30-44 years old, 24.8% of the 18-29 age group and 22.8% belong to the age group 45-59 years.

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**Fig. 2 Percentage of perpetrators for criminal offenses by age group, 2024**

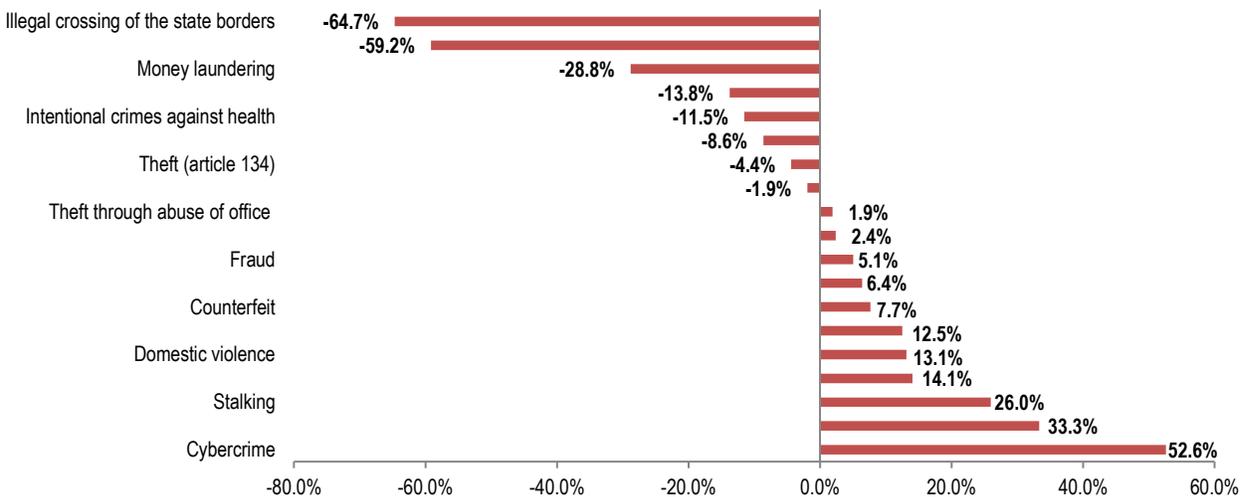


Source: General Directorate of State Police, INSTAT

**Defendant persons**

The defendants for criminal offenses Illegal crossing of the state borders, assistance for illegal crossing of borders, money laundering, intentional homicide, intentional crimes against health, attempted murder, theft (article 134) and trafficking of weapons and explosives have increased, compared to last year, while the rest have decreased.

**Fig. 3 Percentage change of defendants, 2024–2023**



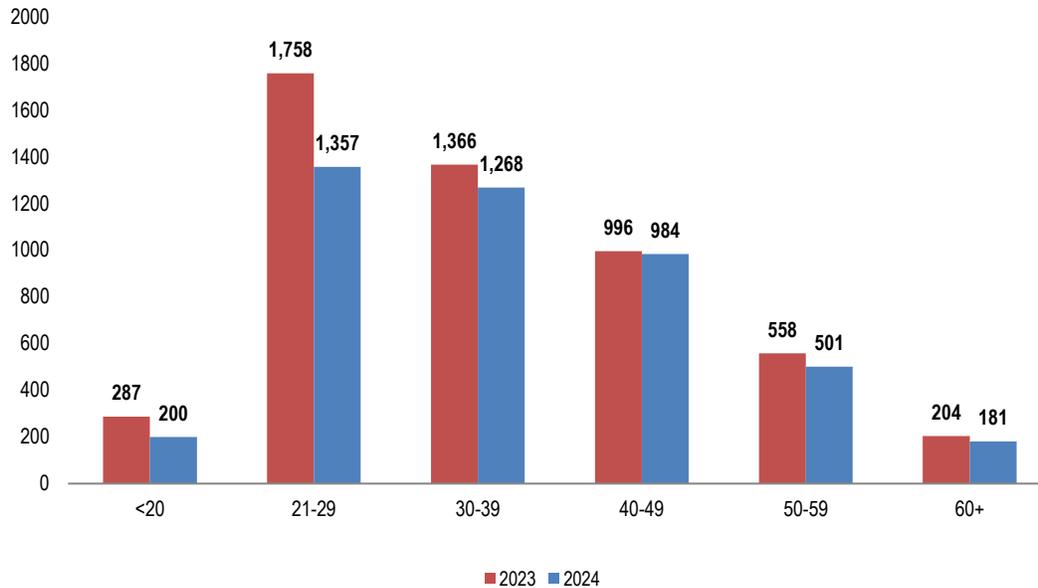
Source: General Office of Prosecution, INSTAT

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## Prisoners

In penal institutions, the age group 21-29 has the highest number of prisoners. Persons under 20 and over 60 have the lowest number of prisoners.

**Fig. 4 Prisoners by age group, in number**



Source: General Directorate of Police, INSTAT.

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# Methodology

*Data source:* Data was provided by General Directorate of State Police, General Prosecution and General Directorate of Prison.

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

## **Concepts:**

### **1. Recorded criminal offences**

Statistics on recorded criminal offences give a comprehensive view of the cases inflow to the Police during one year. It shows the number of offences that have been reported and recorded as criminal offences by the police.

### **2. Perpetrators of criminal offences**

Data on suspected persons refer to persons suspected by the police for committing a criminal offence. One perpetrator may be present in more than one criminal offense.

### **3. Injured persons**

Injured persons of criminal offences refer to injured persons from the occurrence of a crime during a year.

### **4. Criminal proceedings**

Criminal proceedings refer to cases for which a criminal investigation had been started from prosecution. Registered criminal proceeding for one year refers to new criminal proceedings registered for that year. Terminated proceedings are the proceedings for which the prosecutor at the conclusion of the preliminary investigation decides or asks the court to dismiss the case or the charge, when the cases provided for in Article 328 of the Criminal Procedure Code. Suspended proceedings are the decision of the prosecutor in cases when the perpetrator is not recognized or when the defendant wanders out of a serious illness stopping the further investigation. The statistics on criminal proceedings sent to trial show cases outflow to court in prosecution of a person charged or to be charged for the committing of a crime.

### **5. Defendant persons**

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Statistics on defendants presents data on the number of new defendants that goes to court during the referring year from criminal proceedings. In the justice system, in this phase they are not more suspected persons of committing of a criminal offence, as they were in police but they are accused persons.

## 6. Prisoners

Data on prisoners includes juvenile persons (under 18 years old), adults (over 18 years old) by gender who have been convicted by a final decision and pre-detainees over the years. The number of prisoners shows the prisoners' situation in a given year, including new arrivals and exits that occur for the period in question.

### Definitions

**Intentional homicide:** A criminal offense by which another person is intentionally or negligently deprived of life. Are included articles of Criminal Code: article 76 Murder, article 77 Murder connected with another crime, 78 Premeditated homicide, 78/a Murder for blood feud, 79 Homicides committed in other specific circumstances, 79/a Public officials murder, 79/b Police murder, 79/c Murder for family relationship, 81 Infanticide.

**Crimes against health:** Are included articles 86 – 90 of Criminal Code of Albania.

**Sexual crimes:** Are included article 100-108/a of Criminal Code of Albania

**Fraud:** Are included articles 143-149/b of Criminal Code of Albania.

**Counterfeit:** Article 183 of Criminal Code of Albania.

**Robbery:** Includes Article 139 of the Criminal Code.

**Violation of road traffic rules:** Includes criminal offenses such as: article 290 Violation of road traffic regulations, article 291 Driving vehicles inappropriately, article 273 leaving the scene of an accident.

**Drug crimes:** Are included article 283 Production and sale of narcotics, article 283/a Trafficking of narcotics, article 284 Cultivation of narcotic plants, article 284/c Production and manufacturing of narcotic and psychotropic substances.

**Arms trafficking:** Articles 278-280 of the Criminal Code are included.

**Cybercrime:** Using a computer as an instrument for further unlawful purposes. Criminal offenses include: 84/a Threatening with racist and xenophobic motives through a computer system, 119/a Distributing racist or

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xenophobic materials through a computer system, 119/b Insulting with racist or xenophobic motives through a computer system, 186/a Computer forgery, 192/b Unauthorized computer access, 293/a Illegal interception of computer data, 293/b Interference with computer data, 293/c Interference with computer systems, 293/ç Misuse of equipment.

**Money laundering:** Articles 287 Laundering of proceeds of crime or criminal activity, 287/a Opening of anonymous accounts, 287/b Misappropriation of money or goods derived from a criminal offense or criminal activity are included.

**Stalking:** Article 121/a of the Criminal Code is included.

**Illegal crossing of the state border:** Article 297 of the Criminal Code is included.

**Assistance for illegal crossing of borders:** Article 298 of the Criminal Code is included.

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