

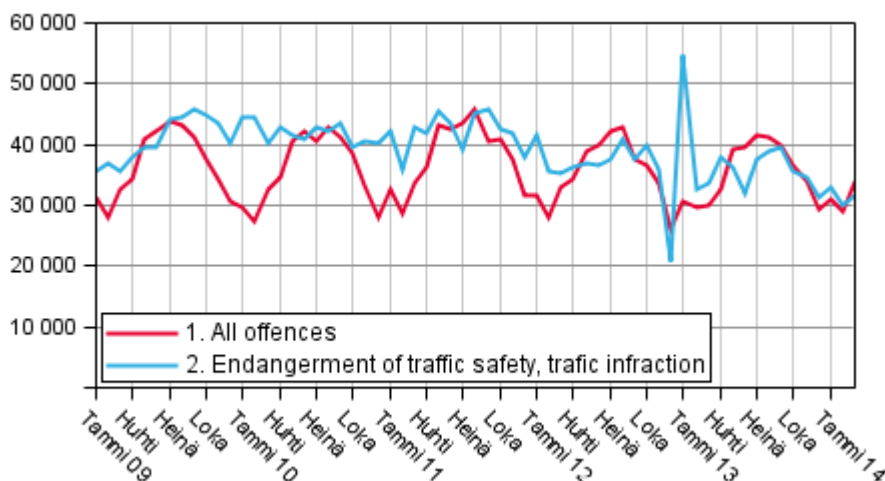
Offences known to the police

2014, 1st quarter

Number of offences increased in January to March 2014

According to Statistics Finland's preliminary data, a total of 93,900 offences were recorded by the police, customs and border guard from January to March 2014, which is 3,500 cases (3.9 per cent) more than in the corresponding period of one year earlier. The number of property offences recorded was 54,000, which was 6,000 cases (12.4 per cent) more than in 2013. The recorded number of crimes against life and health was 8,100, which is 670 cases (7.7 per cent) lower than in the respective period of the previous year. In addition, 95,000 cases of endangerment of traffic safety and traffic infractions were registered.

Offences and endangerment of traffic safety in 2009 to 2014



Exceeding speed limits towards the end of 2012 were recorded erroneously in the early part of 2013

The number of frauds (fraud, petty fraud, aggravated fraud) has grown considerably over the 2000s. In January to March 2014, 6,600 frauds were recorded, which is 14 per cent more than in the year before. In the 2000s, the average number of frauds has been 4,000 in January to March. In January to March 2014, a total of 290 aggravated frauds were recorded, which is ten per cent fewer than one year earlier.

During January to March 2014, means of payment frauds numbered 1,800, which is 170 cases (11 per cent) more than in the previous year. The number of aggravated means of payment frauds was 33, that is,

the same figure as one year before. In the 2000s, the average number of means of payment frauds has been 980 from January to March.

The number of robberies reported was 370 which was 18 per cent more than in January to March 2013, but as much as the average for the previous ten years.

The recorded number of unauthorised uses and thefts of a motor vehicle and thefts of use of a motor vehicle was 1,400, which was 22 per cent more than in the January to March period of 2013. From the early 2000s, the number of these offences has fallen by one quarter.

In 2014, 10,400 damages to property were recorded, which is 18 per cent more than the year before. Over the 2000s, more damages to property than this have been recorded in January to March 2007 to 2009.

The number of assault offences recorded was 7,700 during January to March 2014, which was eight per cent fewer than in the corresponding period of the year before. Over the period 2002 to 2013, an average of 7,500 assault offences were recorded in January to March. Compared with January to March 2013, aggravated assaults went down by nearly seven per cent. A total of 400 of them were recorded.

In January to March 2014, the number of rapes recorded was 250, against 210 one year earlier. Over the past ten years, the average number of rapes has been 175 in January to March. The recorded number of sexual exploitations of a child was 360, which is two per cent fewer than in the year before. Detected sexual exploitations of a child have increased considerably in recent years. The recorded numbers of rapes and sexual exploitations of a child vary much yearly. Individual reports of an offence may include a series of incidents comprising several criminal acts.

The number of drunken driving was 3,800 in January to March 2014, which figure is unchanged from the corresponding period of the year before. One-half of the recorded drunken driving cases were aggravated drunken driving. Aggravated drunken driving decreased by 11 per cent and other drunken driving increased by 12 per cent. Over the last ten years, 4,800 cases of drunken driving were recorded between January and March, on average.

The number of narcotics offences recorded was 4,900, which is down by 15 per cent from the year before. The number of aggravated narcotics offences went down by 23 per cent. A total of 230 of them were recorded.

The presentation of the statistics was revised as of the beginning of 2009. Endangerment of traffic safety and traffic offences are separated from other offences and they are presented in a separate table. The total number of offences is comparable with earlier figures, because the same division has also been made retrospectively until 1980. The aim of the revision is to improve the comparability of offences between different years and enhance their international comparability. The quality description of the statistics contains annually more detailed information about revisions but it is regrettably published only in Finnish.

From the beginning of 2009, offences recorded by the customs and border guard are also included. The change does not have much effect on the comparability of offences. Of the most common types of offences the change primarily affects the comparability of narcotics offences.

Number of certain types of offences in January, February and March and in January to March 2014 and change from the corresponding period of the previous year

Offence	January		February		March		January-March	
	2014	Change	2014	Change	2014	Change	2014	Change
All offences ¹⁾	31,125	445	28,942	-741	33,839	3,841	93,906	3,545
Burglary	2,305	230	2,389	358	2,631	594	7,325	1,182
Unauthorised uses and thefts of a motor vehicle, thefts of use of a motor vehicle	444	33	399	53	513	157	1,356	243
Robbery	132	27	99	9	142	22	373	58
Damage to property	3,834	944	2,468	-590	4,050	1,216	10,352	1,570
Manslaughter, murder and killing	9	-1	8		10	4	27	3
Assault	2,645	-190	2,441	-264	2,565	-218	7,651	-672
Rape	94	37	60	-20	92	21	246	38
Drunken driving	1,173	-29	1,156	-73	1,493	109	3,822	7
Narcotics offences	1,549	-459	1,638	-294	1,749	-136	4,936	-889

1) Excl. endangerment of traffic safety, hit-and-run, traffic infraction, violation of social welfare legislation on road traffic, and motor vehicle infraction.

Number of endangerment of traffic safety and traffic infractions in January, February and March and in January to March 2014 and change from the corresponding period of the previous year

Offence	January		February		March		January-March	
	2014	Change	2014	Change	2014	Change	2014	Change
Endangerment of traffic safety, hit-and-run, traffic infraction, violation of social welfare legislation on road traffic and motor vehicle infraction	33,009	-21,743	30,143	-2,654	31,827	-1,820	94,979	-26,217
-exceeding speed limits ¹⁾	23,289	-19,796	20,639	-1,217	19,988	-1,038	63,916	-22,051

1) Cases of exceeding speed limits registered as endangerment of traffic safety, aggravated endangerment of traffic safety and traffic infractions.

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Offence	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
All offences ¹⁾	89,774	95,096	92,658	90,361	93,906
A. Offences against property	49,012	51,029	49,288	48,081	54,049
Burglaries total	7,407	7,695	6,748	6,143	7,325
Breaking into a residence	1,168	1,162	1,162	1,019	1,356
- into a free-time residence	201	228	251	199	424
- into another residence	967	934	911	820	932
Breaking into business premises	843	864	773	772	875
Breaking into a motor vehicle	2,577	2,816	2,376	1,823	2,093
Other burglaries	2,819	2,853	2,437	2,529	3,001
Unauthorised uses and thefts of a motor vehicle, thefts of use of a motor vehicle, total	1,917	1,763	1,500	1,112	1,356
- unauthorised theft of a motor vehicle	198	155	167	153	153
- unauthorised use of a motor vehicle	181	186	176	171	147
- aggravated unauthorised use of a motor vehicle	-	-	1	-	-
- theft of use of a motor vehicle	1,533	1,422	1,153	785	1,052
- aggravated theft of use of a motor vehicle	5	-	3	3	4
Robberies total	312	379	376	315	373
- aggravated robberies	38	47	54	42	52
Damages to property total	8,935	9,890	8,817	8,782	10,352
- aggravated damage to property	48	40	46	44	62
Embezzlements total	736	765	791	896	780
- aggravated embezzlement	64	78	97	107	91
Frauds total	4,465	4,584	5,451	5,817	6,648
- aggravated fraud	287	345	255	320	289
B. Crimes against life and health	7,842	9,770	9,297	8,793	8,120
Manslaughter, murder or killing	27	21	22	24	27
Attempted manslaughter, murder or killing	74	64	83	53	84
Assaults total	7,327	9,225	8,760	8,323	7,651
- aggravated assault	433	477	428	426	398
C. Sexual crimes	606	662	1,061	821	731
Sexual exploitation of a child	230	355	375	362	356
Rape	283	185	255	208	246
D. Crimes against public authority and public peace	3,312	3,422	3,526	3,215	2,961
(Violent) resisting of an official in the performance of his duties	418	484	481	408	449
- of which against the police	371	435	437	370	417
Impeding an official	493	531	523	459	468
- against the police	484	520	514	453	454
E. Certain traffic offences	10,826	11,115	10,423	9,607	10,109
Drunken driving total	3,955	4,088	4,048	3,815	3,822
- aggravated drunken driving	2,202	2,187	2,227	1,946	1,738
F. Other offences	18,176	19,098	19,063	19,844	17,936
Narcotics offences total	4,817	5,029	5,029	5,825	4,936
- aggravated narcotics offence	255	241	268	294	227
Alcohol offence/Minor alcohol offence	510	720	732	790	616

1) Excl. endangerment of traffic safety, hit-and-run, traffic infraction, violation of social welfare legislation on road traffic, and motor vehicle infraction.

Appendix table 2. Number of endangerment of traffic safety and traffic infractions in January to March 2010 to 2014 (preliminary data)

Offence	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Endangerment of traffic safety, hit-and-run, traffic infraction, violation of social welfare legislation on road traffic and motor vehicle infraction	129,044	121,242	112,533	121,196	94,979
- exceeding speed limits ¹⁾	84,622	74,433	71,932	85,967	63,916

1) Cases of exceeding speed limits registered as endangerment of traffic safety, aggravated endangerment of traffic safety and traffic infractions.

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