

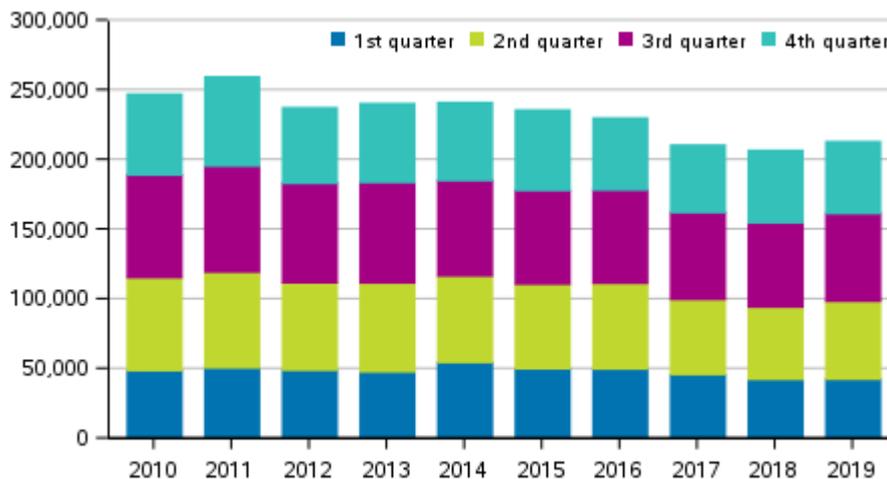
Statistics on offences and coercive measures

Offences reported to the authorities, 2019, 4th quarter

Number of offences against property on the rise

According to Statistics Finland's preliminary data, a total of 447,400 offences against the Criminal Code were recorded by the police, customs and border guard in the course of 2019, which is 3,900 cases (one per cent) more than in 2018. A total of 213,200 offences against property were recorded, which is three per cent more than in the year before. Altogether 4.5 per cent more rapes were reported than one year previously.

Offences against property by quarter 2010 to 2019



A majority of the reported offences are recorded by the police. In 2019, a total of 747,800 offences and infractions were recorded by the police, which is 13 per cent fewer than in 2018. The number of offences against the Criminal Code recorded by the police was 438,700, which is one per cent more than during 2018. Fines from automatic traffic control are updated into the police PATJA system with a delay of around 80 days, which has an effect on the number of traffic infractions in particular.

In 2019, a total of 7,700 offences were recorded by the customs and 5,400 offences by the border guard. Compared with 2018, the offences recorded by the customs decreased by 13.3 per cent and those recorded

by the border guard declined by 8.5 per cent. The number of offences against the Criminal Code recorded by the customs was 6,300 and by the border guard 2,400.

Offences against the person

The number of assault offences recorded was 33,500 during 2019, which is 0.4 per cent fewer than in 2018. A total of 1,600 aggravated assaults were recorded, which is one per cent fewer than twelve months earlier. The recorded number of offences against life was 75, which is 10 cases fewer than in 2018. Attempted homicides numbered 322, which is 33 cases fewer than in the year before.

Altogether, 1,455 rapes were recorded, which is 62 cases (4.5 per cent) more than in 2018. The recorded number of sexual abuses of a child was 1,796, which is 30.8 per cent more than in the year before. The act on aggravated rape of a child entered into force on 15 April 2019. Thirty-five cases of aggravated rape of a child have been reported. In the statistics, aggravated rape of a child is included in the figures on cases of sexual abuse of a child. In addition, 1,105 other sexual offences were reported. Of them, 519 were cases of sexual harassment, which is seven cases (1.4 per cent) more than in 2018.

In the 2010s, most cases of sexual abuses of a child have been recorded in the second quarter of 2013. Then 612 cases of sexual abuse of a child were reported. The recorded numbers of rapes and sexual abuses of a child reported to the authorities vary much yearly. Individual reports of an offence may include a series of incidents comprising several criminal acts.

Offences against property

During 2019, a total of 213,200 offences against property were recorded, which is 6,300 (three per cent) more than in the previous year.

A total of 28,000 frauds (fraud, petty fraud, aggravated fraud; Criminal Code, Section 36, Paragraphs 1 to 3) were recorded, which is good 14 per cent more than in the year before. A total of 2,000 aggravated frauds were recorded, which is 18 per cent more than one year earlier.

During 2019, means of payment frauds numbered 6,200, which is 100 cases (nearly two per cent) more than in the previous year. The number of aggravated means of payment frauds was 215.

The number of robberies recorded was 1,800, which is slightly over seven per cent more than during 2018. Of robberies, 354 were aggravated.

A total of 125,700 theft offences (thefts, petty thefts and aggravated thefts) were reported during 2019, which is 2,900 cases (good two per cent) more than in 2018. The number of aggravated thefts recorded was 2,800, which is down by close on seven per cent from the year before. The recorded number of break-ins into houses and free-time residences was nearly 4,600, which is almost eight per cent fewer than in 2018. Altogether, 47,200 thefts and petty thefts from shops were recorded, which is close on four per cent more than in the year before. Compared with 2009, the number of thefts and petty thefts from shops has fallen by about 15 per cent.

In 2019, the recorded number of unauthorised uses and thefts of a motor vehicle and thefts of a motor vehicle for temporary use was 5,700, which is nearly one per cent fewer than in the year before. From the early 2000s, the number of these offences has fallen to under one half.

During 2019, the recorded number of damages to property was 30,100, which is 300 cases fewer than in the previous year. Altogether, 271 aggravated damages to property were reported. The number of damages to property has primarily been falling since 2009, when 50,700 of them were recorded.

Other offences

The recorded number of drunken driving was 18,600 in 2019, which is two per cent down from 2018. Good one-third of the recorded drunken driving cases were aggravated drunken driving. A total of 6,800 aggravated drunken driving cases were recorded, which is close on six per cent lower than in 2018. Basic drunken driving cases increased by 0.4 per cent. Around 60 per cent of basic drunken driving cases were caused by the use of narcotic substances. As recently as 2013, over one-half of all drunken driving cases were aggravated drunken driving.

The number of narcotics offences recorded was 31,300, which is up by good seven per cent on the year before. The number of aggravated narcotics offences went up by over 17 per cent. A total of 1,500 of them were recorded. Around two out of three narcotics offences were use offences. A total of 20,700 of them were recorded, which is good seven per cent more than in 2018.

During 2019, a total of 3,900 cases of identity theft were recorded, which is good 100 cases (three per cent) more than in 2018. Identity theft was added to the Criminal Code on 4 September 2015 and by the end of 2015, a total of 530 cases of identity theft had been reported.

Altogether, 65,500 cases of endangerment of traffic safety, aggravated endangerment of traffic safety and hit-and-runs (Criminal Code, Section 23, Paragraphs 1 to 2, 11) were recorded, which is 6,200 cases (nearly nine per cent) fewer than in 2018. Fines from automatic traffic control are updated into the police PATJA system with a delay of around 80 days, so the data will become revised.

The statistics on Offences known to the police and on Coercive measures were combined in March 2015. Data released prior to that can be found on the old home pages of the statistics. The web pages of the statistics on Offences known to the police: http://www.tilastokeskus.fi/til/polrik/index_en.html and of the statistics on Coercive measures: http://tilastokeskus.fi/til/pkei/index_en.html

Number of certain types of offences in October, November and December, and in January to December 2019 and change from the corresponding period of the previous year

Offence	January-December		October		November		December	
	2019	Change	2019	Change	2019	Change	2019	Change
1) Offences and infractions total ¹⁾	760,900	-112,515	57,316	-25,467	42,993	-28,809	37,670	-22,012
2) Offences against the Criminal Code	447,389	3,864	40,483	-1,328	35,874	-869	31,970	282
Offences against property	213,220	6,259	20,339	-190	17,096	-227	14,046	52
Burglary	29,671	1,417	3,214	478	2,586	115	2,267	211
Unauthorised uses and thefts of a motor vehicle, thefts of use of a motor vehicle	5,745	-50	521	-68	393	-26	354	3
Robbery	1,823	122	199	49	169	33	153	31
Damage to property	30,113	-335	2,759	-204	2,376	-27	1,858	-136
Offences against life and health	35,818	-256	3,025	-94	3,053	110	2,914	-141
Manslaughter, murder and killing	75	-10	9	-4	9	-2	4	-2
Assault	33,509	-130	2,820	-81	2,869	119	2,753	-101
Sexual offences	4,356	577	443	156	392	-31	384	78
Rape	1,455	62	124	5	125	-25	102	-15
Drunken driving	18,640	-366	1,554	-78	1,568	-42	1,465	-106
Narcotics offences	31,319	2,179	2,987	301	2,589	70	3,123	989

1) Fines from automatic traffic control are updated into the police PATJA system with a delay of around 80 days, which has an effect on the number of traffic infractions in particular.

Contents

Tables

Appendix tables

Appendix table 1. Development of certain types of offences in 2015 to 2019 (preliminary data)	5
---	---

Appendix tables

Appendix table 1. Development of certain types of offences in 2015 to 2019 (preliminary data)

Offence	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 ²⁾
1) Offences and infractions total ¹⁾	817,307	823,449	861,921	873,415	760,900
2) Offences against the Criminal Code	472,646	466,858	438,373	443,525	447,389
A. Offences against property	235,945	230,174	210,773	206,961	213,220
Burglaries total	34,178	33,251	29,754	28,254	29,671
Breaking into a residence	5,969	5,300	4,770	4,922	4,552
- into a free-time residence	1,684	1,227	1,512	1,200	1,184
- into another residence	4,285	4,073	3,258	3,722	3,368
Breaking into business premises	4,081	3,329	3,034	2,927	2,957
Breaking into a motor vehicle	9,484	8,654	7,650	6,972	7,359
Other burglaries	14,644	15,968	14,300	13,433	14,803
Unauthorised uses and thefts of a motor vehicle, thefts of use of a motor vehicle, total	7,435	6,700	6,103	5,795	5,745
Robberies total	1,546	1,673	1,640	1,701	1,823
Damages to property total	37,705	35,170	33,466	30,448	30,113
Embezzlements total	2,832	2,924	3,149	3,385	3,477
Frauds total	25,526	25,065	23,380	24,483	28,016
- aggravated fraud	1,441	1,422	1,429	1,692	2,000
B. Crimes against life and health	36,005	36,094	35,744	36,074	35,818
Manslaughter, murder or killing	96	78	73	85	75
Attempted manslaughter, murder or killing	299	311	348	355	322
Assaults total	33,661	33,769	33,535	33,639	33,509
- aggravated assault	1,563	1,592	1,581	1,609	1,593
C. Sexual crimes	2,955	3,327	3,269	3,779	4,356
Sexual abuse of a child	1,225	1,242	1,168	1,373	1,796
Rape	1,043	1,160	1,245	1,393	1,455
D. Crimes against public authority and public peace	12,743	13,399	12,355	12,482	12,660
(Violent) resisting of an official in the performance of his duties	1,717	1,883	1,723	1,895	1,963
Impeding an official	1,809	1,852	1,525	1,542	1,466
L. Traffic offences	129,684	121,235	110,292	116,411	109,668
Drunken driving total	17,620	17,308	17,685	19,006	18,640
Narcotics offences total	23,410	25,082	27,777	29,140	31,319
- aggravated narcotics offence	1,071	1,179	1,282	1,251	1,471

1) Fines from automatic traffic control are updated into the police PATJA system with a delay of around 80 days, which has an effect on the number of traffic infractions in particular.

2) Preliminary data

Inquiries

Kimmo Haapakangas 029 551 3252

Director in charge:

Jari Tarkoma

rikos@stat.fi

http://www.tilastokeskus.fi/til/rpk/index_en.html

Source: Statistics on offences and coercive measures 2019, 4. quarter