

*CONFERENCE “THREE DECADES OF CRIME AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE STATISTICS IN EUROPE:METHODS, TRENDS AND THE IMPACT ON POLICY MAKING”*

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- The Commission established the Action Plan 2006-2010 to develop a comprehensive and coherent EU strategy to measure crime and criminal justice
- The 2009 Stockholm Programme reiterated the need for “adequate, reliable and comparable statistics” on crime and criminal activities
- In 2012, a new Action Plan covering the 2011-2015 period underlined the strategies to be adopted in order to improve the collection of crime statistics.
- First data collection thereof, with the reference year 2005, was organised in 2007.

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- Coordination was set-up with the UN Office on Drug and Crime (UNODC) to collect data through the United Nations Surveys on Crime Trends and the Operations of Criminal Justice Systems (UN-CTS).
- 2014 was the first joint Eurostat/UNODC statistical data collection on crime and criminal justice
- In addition to the information required by UNDOC, some data are also collected for specific areas of interest to the European Commission
- The UN-CTS collection and consequently also the Eurostat data collection are updated and revised constantly, ensuring consistency of the data over time

# EU Statistics on crime and criminal justice

- The data on criminal offences published by Eurostat are classified according to the crime categories defined in the International Classification of Crime for Statistical purposes (ICCS)
- The basic data providers are several different public authorities, such as the police, prosecution, courts, and prisons.
- The National Statistical Office coordinate the data provision, though in some countries it is the Police or a Ministry

# EU Statistics on crime and criminal justice

- Most common crimes are regulated by national law and covered by national statistics. When a crime is regulated by EU law, it is often mandatory for the member states to provide data
- Crime data are aggregate figures from administrative sources
- The data and metadata are voluntarily collected and agreed at the yearly working group meeting
- They cover EU Member States, EFTA countries, Candidate Countries and potential Candidate Countries.

# Eurostat data

1. Police data: recorded offences by offence category
2. Recorded intentional homicide and sexual offences
3. Persons in the criminal justice system
4. Court processes
5. Prison and prisoner characteristics

# Police data: recorded offences by offence category (number and per hundred thousand inhabitants)

0101	Intentional homicide	✓
0102	Attempted intentional homicide	✓
02011	Assault	✓
020221	Kidnapping	✓
0301	Sexual violence	✓
03011	Rape	✓
03012	Sexual assault	✓
0401	Robbery	✓
0501	Burglary	✓
05012	Burglary of private residential premises	✓
0502	Theft	✓
050211	Theft of a motorized land vehicle	✓
0601	Unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors	✓



# Recorded intentional homicide and sexual offences

- Number/rate of intentional homicide, rape and sexual assault by legal status (suspected, prosecuted, convicted person or victim) and sex of the person involved
- Number/rate of intentional homicide victims by:
  - Victim-offender relationship (family and relative; intimate partner) and sex
  - Age (5 groups) and sex
- Number/rate of intentional homicide victims in largest cities by sex
- Number/rate of intentional homicide offences in largest cities



## **Recorded Intentional homicide and sexual offences (crim\_hom)**

Intentional homicide and sexual offences by legal status and sex of the person involved - number and rate for the relevant sex group

<b>Table:</b>	<b>crim_hom_soff</b>	
<b>Offences:</b>	ICCS0101	Intentional homicide
	ICCS03011	Rape
	ICCS03012	Sexual assault
<b>Legal Status:</b>	PER_SUSP	Suspected person
	PER_PRSC	Prosecuted person
	PER_CNV	Convicted person
	PER_VICT	Victim
<b>Sex:</b>	T	Total
	M	Males
	F	Females

Intentional homicide victims in largest cities by sex

<b>Table:</b>	<b>crim_hom_vcit</b>	
<b>Cities:</b>	Largest city for each jurisdiction	
<b>Sex:</b>	T	Total
	M	Males
	F	Females

Intentional homicide offences in largest cities

<b>Table:</b>	<b>crim_hom_ocit</b>	
<b>Cities:</b>	Largest city for each jurisdiction	

Intentional homicide victims by victim-offender relationship and sex - number and rate for the relevant sex group

Table:	crim_hom_vrel	
<b>Victim-offender relationship:</b>	FAM	Family and relatives
	PRT_INT	Intimate partner
<b>Sex:</b>	T	Total
	M	Males
	F	Females

Intentional homicide victims by age and sex - number and rate for the relevant sex and age groups

Table:	crim_hom_vage	
<b>Age:</b>	TOTAL	Total
	Y_LT15	Less than 15 years
	Y15-29	From 15 to 29 years
	Y30-44	From 30 to 44 years
	Y45-59	From 45 to 59 years
	Y_GE60	60 years or over
<b>Sex:</b>	T	Total
	M	Males
	F	Females

# Persons in the criminal justice system

- Number/rate of suspected/prosecuted/convicted persons by sex
- Number/rate of suspected/prosecuted/convicted persons by age
- Number/rate of suspected /prosecuted/convicted persons by citizenship
- *Number/rate of personnel* (professional judges, police officers, persons in adult and juvenile prisons) in the criminal justice system by sex

## Persons in the criminal justice system (crim\_just)

Suspects and offenders by sex - number and rate for the relevant sex group

<b>Table:</b>	<b>crim_just_sex</b>	
<b>Legal Status:</b>	PER_SUSP	Suspected person
	PER_PRSC	Prosecuted person
	PER_CNV	Convicted person
<b>Sex:</b>	T	Total
	M	Males
	F	Females

Suspects and offenders by age - number and rate for the relevant age group

<b>Table:</b>	<b>crim_just_age</b>	
<b>Legal Status:</b>	PER_SUSP	Suspected person
	PER_PRSC	Prosecuted person
	PER_CNV	Convicted person
<b>Age:</b>	TOTAL	Total
	JUVENILE	Juvenile
	ADULT	Adult

<b>Table:</b>	<b>crim_just_ctz</b>	
<b>Legal Status:</b>	PER_SUSP	Suspected person
	PER_PRSC	Prosecuted person
	PER_CNV	Convicted person
<b>Citizen:</b>	FOR	Foreign country
	NAT	Reporting country
	TOTAL	Total

Personnel in the criminal justice system by sex - number and rate for the relevant sex group

<b>Table:</b>	<b>crim_just_job</b>	
<b>ISCO08:</b>	OC2612A	Professional judges
	OC5412	Police officers
	PRISA	Personnel in adult prison
	PRISJ	Personnel in juvenile prison
<b>Sex:</b>	T	Total
	M	Males
	F	Females

# Court processes

- Number/rate of Legal cases processed in first instance courts by legal status (brought to court; resolved; pending) of the court process (process(criminal; civil and/or commercial; administrative; other))
- Number/rate of persons brought before criminal courts by legal status (convicted; acquitted) of the court

## Court processes (crim\_crt)

Legal cases processed in first instance courts by legal status of the court process

Table:	crim_crt_case	
Legal Status:	CRT_BGHT	Brought to court
	CRT_RESL	Resolved
	CRT_PEN	Pending
Legal cases:	CRIM	Criminal
	CIV_COM	Civil and/or commercial
	ADM	Administrative
	OTH	Other

Persons brought before criminal courts by legal status of the court process

Table:	crim_crt_per	
Legal Status:	PER_CNV	Convicted person
	CRT_ACQT	Acquitted

# Prison and prisoner characteristics

- Number/rate of prisoners by offence category (intentional homicide, rape and sexual assault) and sex
- Prison capacity and number of persons held
- Number/rate of prisoners by age and sex
- Number/rate of prisoners by citizenship
- Number/rate of prisoners by legal status of the trial process (pre-trial; sentence passed)

## Prison and prisoner characteristics (crim\_pris)

Prisoners by offence category and sex - number and rate for the relevant sex group

Table:	crim_pris_off	
Offences (ICCS codes):	ICCS0101	Intentional homicide
	ICCS03011	Rape
	ICCS03012	Sexual assault
Sex:	T	Total
	M	Males
	F	Females

Prison capacity and number of persons held

Table:	crim_pris_cap	
Indicator:	PRIS_OFF_CAP	Official prison capacity - persons
	PRIS_ACT_CAP	Actual number of persons held in prison

Prisoners by age and sex - number and rate for the relevant sex and age groups

Table:	crim_pris_age	
Sex:	T	Total
	M	Males
	F	Females
Age:	TOTAL	Total
	JUVENILE	Juvenile
	ADULT	Adult

Prisoners by citizenship

Table:	crim_pris_ctz	
Citizen:	FOR	Foreign country
	NAT	Reporting country
	TOTAL	Total

Prisoners by legal status of the trial process

Table:	crim_pris_tri	
Legal Status:	TRI_PRE	Pre-trial
	TRI_SPSD	Sentence passed



# Limitations

EU Statistics on crime and criminal justice come with some limitations for their use in analysis and in comparisons.

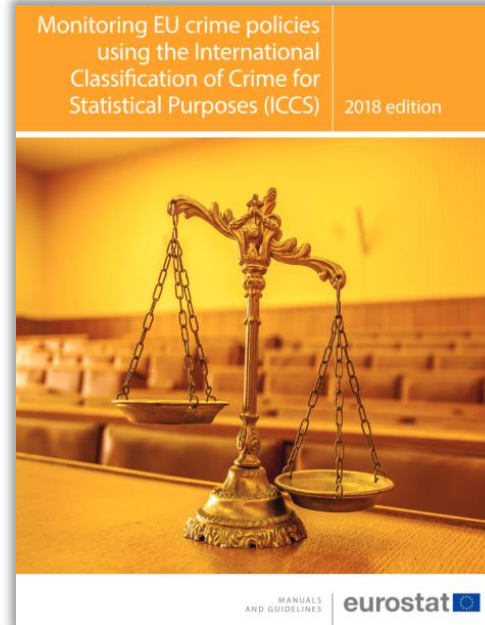
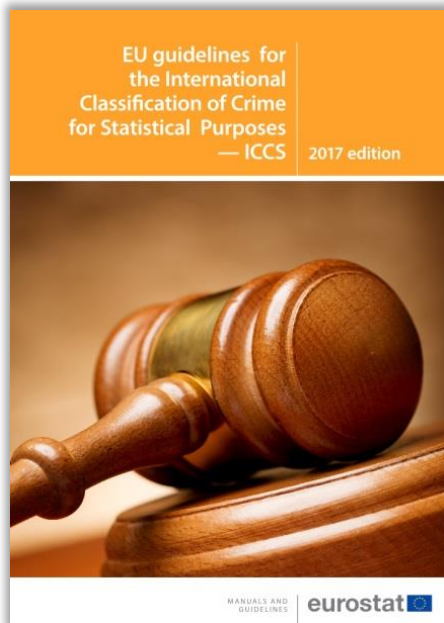
- Legal system and criminal justice system;
- Legislation, criminal law and legal definitions;
- Recording practice (input/process/output);
- Recording, reporting and production system;
- National crime definitions and international statistical definitions;
- Statistical unit and statistical population;
- Statistical definitions, reference times,
- Counting methods and calculation methods;

# Products from the regular data

1. Eurobase, statistical web database, user-defined tables and output files.  
<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/crime/data/database>
2. Methodological documentation, systematic metadata and country-specific information.  
<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/crime/methodology>
3. News items, short articles of current interest.  
<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/crime/publications>
4. Press release, article on particular events.
7. Statistics Explained", articles for general public.
8. Ad-hoc statistical tables for specialised users.

# Other products

1. Dedicated website, general and specific information, explanations, external links.
2. Glossary, definition of statistical terms.
3. Manuals and guidelines.



# Overall completeness of data

High response rate: 97%

## Additional data

- Eurostat requests additional data, such as:
- Cybercrime,
- Migrant smuggling,
- Trafficking in human being ,
- Crime regional data for main core offences (started on 2019).

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