

Conviction Statistics: Adults / Minors Year 2024

Main results

- The number of adults convicted with a final sentence recorded for all types of offences committed in 2024 or earlier rose by 9.4% in 2024. Those committed by minors grew by 3.6%.
- The most frequent adult offences were related to road safety (22.6% of the total), injuries (17.2%) and theft (16.1%).
- The number of adults convicted with a final sentence for offences committed in 2024 or in previous years against sexual freedom increased by 37.3%. Those committed by minors grew by 29.7%.

More information

- Detailed results of [adults](#) and [minors](#) (including information on ACs).

Sentenced: Adults

During 2024, 306,807 convicted adults (18 and over) with a final sentence were registered in the [Central Register of Convicted Persons](#) for all types of offences committed in 2024 or previous years, which was 9.4% more than the previous year.

In 2024, 79.9% of convicted persons were men and 20.1% were women. The number of men registered increased by 8.5% and that of women by 13.5%.

Convicted adults by sex. 2020-2024 Series

Absolute values and variation rates

	Year 2020	Year 2021	Year 2022	Year 2023	Year 2024	Variation rate (%) 2024/2023
Total	221,437	282,210	308,624	280,322	306,807	9.4
Men	178,256	227,789	249,861	225,947	245,073	8.5
Women	43,181	54,421	58,763	54,375	61,734	13.5

The rate of convicted persons per 1,000 inhabitants aged 18 and over was 7.5. For men it was 12.4 and for women 2.9.

By age, the highest value was reached in the age groups 21 to 30 years, with a rate of 15.0 per 1,000 inhabitants.

Most of the people convicted in 2024 had Spanish nationality (71.4%). Nevertheless, considering the rate per 1,000 inhabitants aged 18 years and over, the rate of foreign persons (15.7) was 2.5 times higher than those of Spanish nationality (6.2).

Out of the total convicted persons, 73.8% were convicted for a single crime and 26.2% for more than one.

Registered crimes and their typology

In 2024, 455,705 crimes committed were registered, 13.0% more than the previous year. According to their typology, those with the greatest incidence were crimes against road safety (22.6% of the total), injuries (17.2%) and thefts (16.1%).

The average number of offences per convicted person was 1.5.

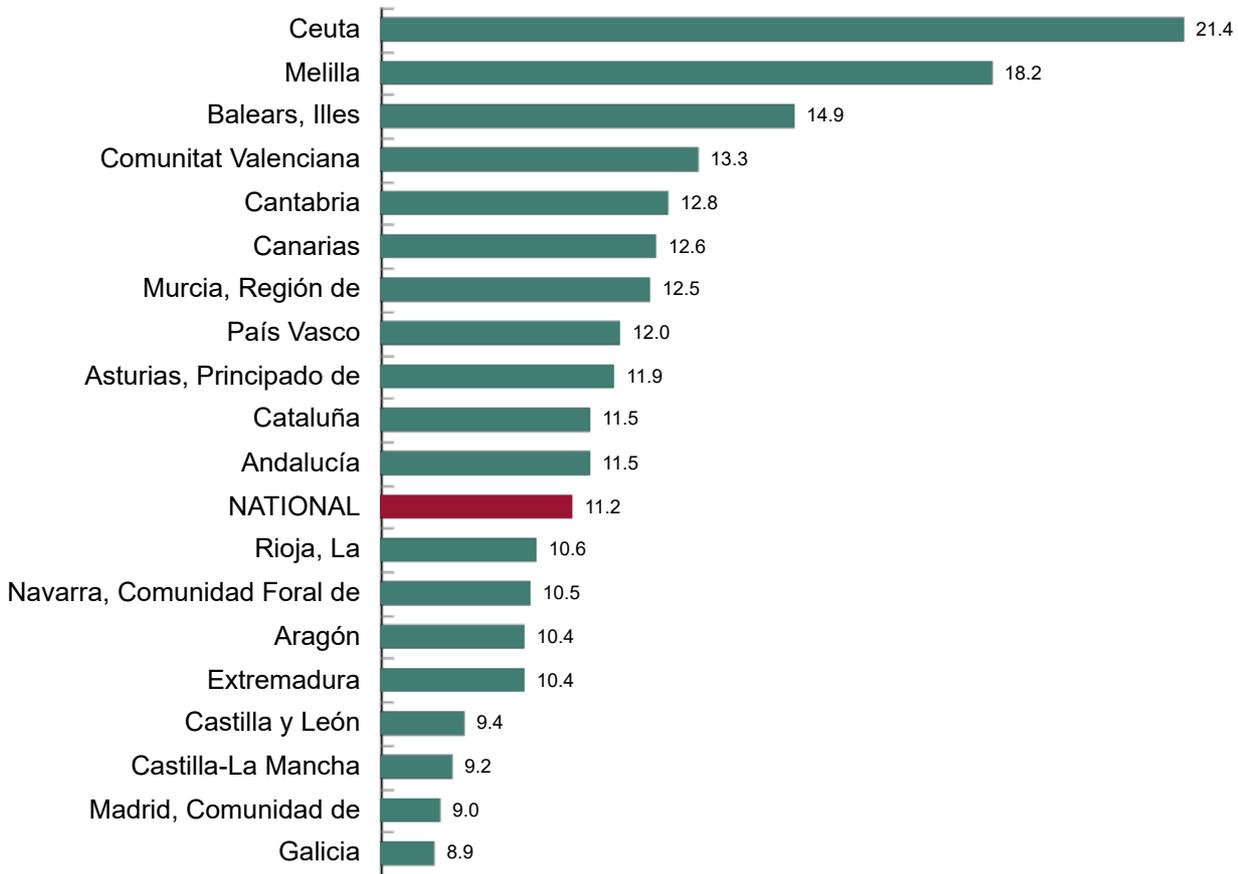
Offences by place of conviction

The highest rates of crimes committed by convicted persons per 1,000 inhabitants over 18 years of age were in the autonomous cities of Ceuta (21.4) and Melilla (18.2), and in Illes Balears (14.9).

On the other hand, Galicia (8.9), Comunidad de Madrid (9.0) and Castilla-La Mancha (9.2) presented the lowest values.

Crimes committed by autonomous communities and cities. 2024

Rates per 1,000 inhabitants aged 18 years and over



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Sentenced: Minors

During 2024, 13,491 convicted minors (between 14 and 17 years of age) were registered in the [Central Register of Sentences for Criminal Responsibility of Minors](#) with a final sentence, for all kinds of offences committed in 2024 or previous years, which represented a rise of 3.6% compared to the previous year.

79.7% of convicted minors were men and 20.3% were women. The number of men registered increased by 3.7% and that of women by 3.4%.

Convicted minors, by sex. 2020-2024 Series

Absolute values and variation rates

	Year 2020	Year 2021	Year 2022	Year 2023	Year 2024	Variation rate (%) 2024/2023
Total	11,238	13,595	14,026	13,022	13,491	3.6
Men	9,082	11,016	11,235	10,367	10,746	3.7
Women	2,156	2,579	2,791	2,655	2,745	3.4

The rate of convicted minors per 1,000 inhabitants aged 14 to 17 years old was 6.4. For men it was 9.8 and for women 2.7.

By age, the 17-year-old age group had the highest rate (7.1).

The majority of the convicted minors had Spanish nationality (80.0%). Nevertheless, the rate per 1,000 inhabitants ages 14 to 17 was slightly less than double for foreign nationals (10.9) than for Spanish nationals (5.8).

Of the total number of convicted minors, three out of five (60.8%) committed a single criminal offence. And two out of five (39.2%) committed more than one.

Criminal offences and their typology

In 2024, a total of 24,561 criminal offences committed by minors were registered, 3.8% more than in the previous year. All of them were crimes.

By type of crime, the highest incidence were injuries (31.6% of the total), robberies (15.8%) and threats (9.8%).

The average number of criminal offences per convicted minor was 1.8.

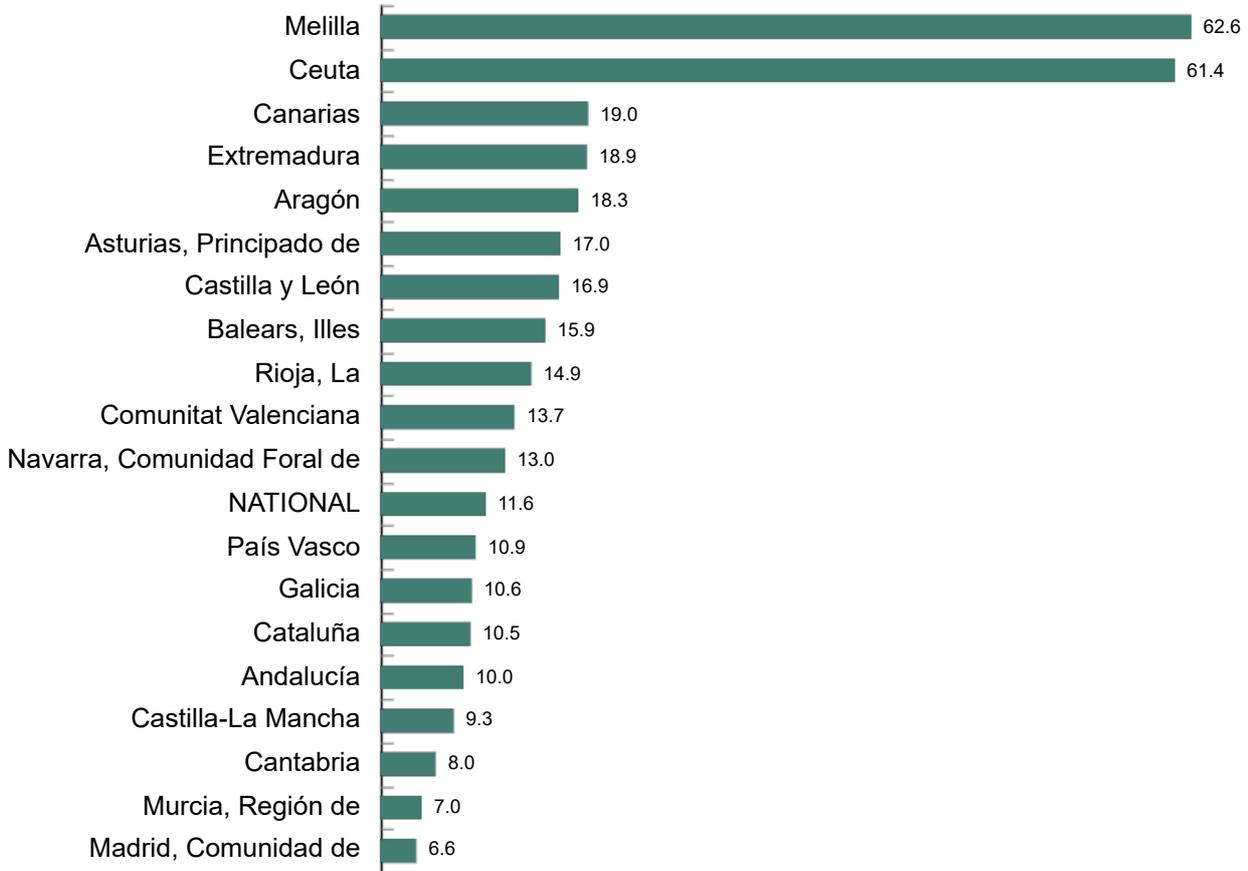
Criminal offences by place of sentence

The highest rates of criminal offences committed by convicted persons per 1,000 inhabitants between 14 and 17 years of age were in the autonomous cities of Ceuta and Melilla (with 62.6 and 61.4, respectively) and in Canarias (19.0).

In contrast, the Comunidad de Madrid (6.6), Región de Murcia (7.0) and Cantabria (8.0) had the lowest values.

Crimes committed by autonomous communities and cities. 2024

Rates per 1,000 inhabitants 14 to 17 years old



Convicted sex offenders (adults and minors)

In 2024, 3,936 adults were registered in the Central Register of Sex Offenders with a final sentence for crimes against sexual freedom committed in 2024 or previous years, which was 37.3% more than in the previous year. By sex, 96.7% were men and 3.3% were women.

In the case of minors, 550 were convicted, 29.7% more than the previous year. 95.6% were men and 4.4% were women.

Adults committed 5,230 crimes, 50.8% more¹ than in 2023. Of this total, 1,151 were considered sexual abuse and assault of minors under the age of 16, 1,097 sexual abuse², and 1,389 sexual assault, of which 90 were considered rape. The class of crimes that increased the most in percentage terms was human trafficking.

For their part, minors committed 825 crimes, 65.0% more¹ than in 2023. Of this total, 383 were considered sexual abuse and assault of minors under the age of 16, 72 sexual abuse², and 119 sexual assault, nine of which were considered rape. The types of crimes that increased most in percentage terms were prostitution and corruption of minors.

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Sex crimes committed by adults and minors, according to type of crime. 2024

Absolute values and variation rates



	Adults		Minors	
	Value	Variation rate (%) 2024/2023	Value	Variation rate (%) 2024/2023
TOTAL	5,230	50.8	825	65.0
7bis. Slave trade (with the purpose of sexual exploitation)	157	248.9	0	..
8. Against sexual liberty and indemnity	5,073	48.2	825	65.0
8.1. Sexual assaults	1,389	105.5	119	85.9
8.1.1. Sexual assault	1,299	101.1	110	86.4
8.1.2. Rape	90	200.0	9	80.0
8.2. Sexual abuse	1,097	10.1	72	-5.3
8.2bis. Sexual abuses and assaults against minors less than 16 years old	1,151	37.2	383	20.4
8.3. Sexual harassment	51	8.5	2	..
8.4. Exhibitionism and provocation	396	18.9	20	100.0
8.5. Prostitution and grooming	989	85.9	229	615.6

¹ Increases in the number of sexual offences should be treated with caution. They refer to final sentences handed down in the reference year for offences committed both in 2024 and in previous years.

² Organic Law 10/2022 of 6 September on the integral guarantee of sexual freedom eliminated from the Penal Code the crime of sexual abuse and the reference to sexual indemnity, and merged, under the denomination of sexual aggression, the previous crimes of sexual abuse and sexual aggression. However, due to the fact that during one year cases are processed both in that year and in previous years (which can be processed according to the previous legislation), cases of sexual abuse may continue to appear for a few years.

Data Review and Update

The data published today are final. All the results of this operation are available on INEbase ([adults](#) and [minors](#)).

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Methodological note

Conviction Statistics: Adults and Conviction Statistics: Minors, are prepared under the Collaboration Agreement signed between the Ministry of Justice and the National Institute of Statistics (INE) on 3rd July, 2007, updated and renewed on 21st November, 2017.

The aim of both statistics is to provide detailed information on convicted adults, using confirmed sentencing, crimes committed and sentences imposed at the national, regional and provincial levels broken down by sex, age and nationality; as well as on convicted minors, criminal offences committed and measures imposed, also at the national, regional and provincial levels and broken down by sex, age and nationality.

The Penal Code reform in July 2015, in the case of adults, eliminated misdemeanours, turning them into minor crimes, meaning that the increase in the number of convicted persons and in the number of penalties is due in part to the inclusion of these new crimes. This should be taken into account when interpreting time variations in the data.

In addition, as of 2017, more detailed information on sexual offences has been provided for both adults and minors.

Type of operation: annual continuous statistics.

Population scope: all persons aged 18 years and over, or 14 to 17 years, convicted by final judgement and registered, respectively, in the Central Register of Convicted Persons, in the Central Register for Criminal Responsibility of Minors and in the Central Register of Sex Offenders, during the reference period.

Geographical scope: the entire national territory.

Reference period for the results: the calendar year.

Reference period of the information: date of entry in the Register.

Collection method: statistical use of an administrative register.

More information in the methodology ([adults](#) and [minors](#)) and the standardised methodological report ([adults](#) and [minors](#)).

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