

## Crime in Slovenia in 2016

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This paper focuses on crime statistics, which were investigated by the Slovenian police, and changes and factors that have influenced them in their work. These data comprise only those criminal offences detected by the police, and consequently do not fully reflect the security situation in the country during the last year. The fight against economic crime was one of the priorities of the police, especially in the areas of increased risk of economic crime and corruption (banking, public authorities, health care, and protection of the financial interest of the EU). The National Investigation Bureau investigated demanding and complex forms of crime related to the banking sector and corporate crime in connection with abuses of financial instruments, acquisition of companies, capital increases and other illegal transactions. The Police, together with Europol, projects of the European multidisciplinary platform against criminal threats, and other foreign and domestic authorities fighting international organised and other serious forms of crime.

The Slovenian police investigated 61,574 criminal offences in 2016 (68,810 in 2015), which is 10.5% less than in the year before. The proportion of criminal offences that police have detected by its own activity decreased from 15.2% to 13.5% (1.7%). The share of criminal offenses investigated decreased from 52.0% to 48.3% (3.7%). The Police estimated that damage caused by these criminal offences amounted to 590.9 million Euros (454.9 in 2015), which represents an increase of 29.9% over the prior year. They investigated 18.8% fewer economic crimes than in the year before. The proportion of economic crime decreased from 18.2% to 16.2%. In general, 8.7% fewer criminal offences were detected than in previous year, and 42.1% of criminal offences were investigated (45.6% in 2015). The scope of criminal offences against sexual integrity increased 38.0%, while juvenile crime decreased by 3.0%. The Police dealt with 1.6% more criminal offences against the economy than in the year before. A ten-year comparison revealed that the numbers of criminal offences, investigated criminal offences, and criminal offences detected by the police, significantly decreased in the last two years.

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