

Crime in Slovenia in 2017

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This contribution represents data on crimes investigated by the Slovenian police in 2017, as well as changes and factors that influenced the work of the police. The statistical data include only known or reported and detected criminal offences, so they do not fully reflect the security situation in the country during the past year. The priority of the police was detection and investigation of economic criminal offences resulting in large material damage, corruption, serious and organized forms of crime, property crime, and combating terrorism and cybercrime. The National Bureau of Investigation investigated demanding and complex forms of criminal offences in the areas of economic crime and corruption. In the context of the EU Policy Cycle to fight serious and organised crime, and in cooperation with the Europol and other foreign and national authorities, the Slovenian police continued its fight against organized crime and other forms of serious crime.

In 2017, Slovenian police dealt with 58,052 (61,574) criminal offences, which is 5.7 % less than in 2016. The share of criminal offences, discovered with their own activity decreased from 13.5% to 13.4% (0.1%) and investigated criminal offences decreased from 48.3% to 48.2% (0.1%). According to police estimates, in 2017, 510.0 (590.9) million euros of damage or 13.7% less was caused with criminal offences comparing to 2016. The police dealt with 12.8% fewer criminal offences related to economic crime, and overall crime decreased from 16.6 % to 15.3 %. Criminal offences in the area of general crime decreased 4.3% and 44.1% (42.1%) of cases were investigated. Criminal offences against sexual integrity increased 9.9% and juvenile crime increased 5.1%. In the area of organized crime, there was a 1.5% increase in criminal offences dealt with by the police. A ten-year comparison showed that the number of criminal offences, investigated criminal offences, and criminal offences detected by the police, substantially decreased in the past two years.

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