

# Crime Statistics

## Fourth Quarter of 2017

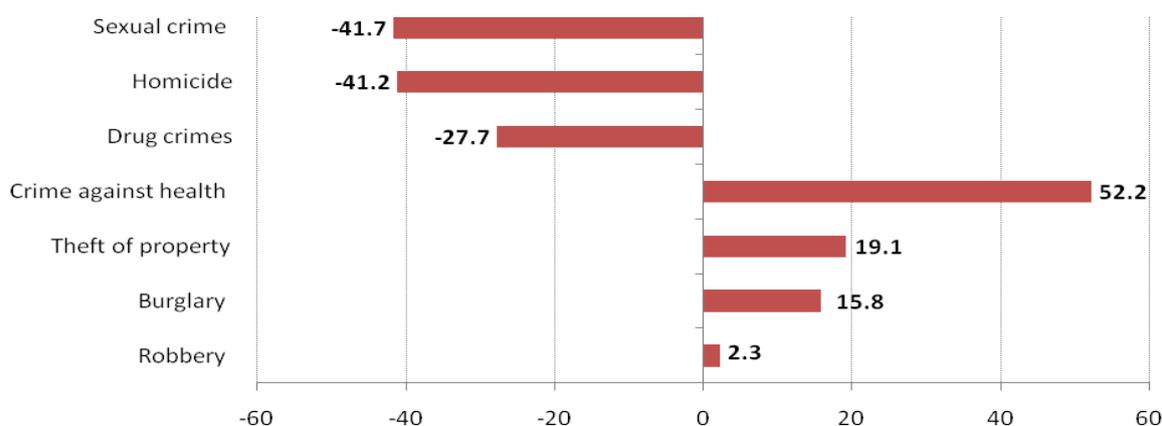
**Tirana, January 30, 2018:** The statistics presented below give the number of main criminal offences and number of perpetrators for specific categories as recorded by the General Directorate of Police. The classification of criminal acts is done according to the new international classification of crimes for statistical purposes.

In the fourth quarter of 2017, 10 intentional homicides were recorded, which shows a decrease of 41.2 % compared to the fourth quarter of 2016. In this group are included all the intentional criminal acts against the life of a person. In 2017, are recorded 50 intentional homicides, showing a decrease of 29.6 % compared to 2016.

The number of recorded robbery in the fourth quarter of 2017 is 44, showing an increase of 2.3 % compared with the same period of the previous year. In this category the number of crimes recorded during 2017 was 183, showing an increase of 15.1 % compared to 2016.

In fourth quarter of 2017 are recorded 21 sexual crimes. Compared with the same quarter of 2016 there was 41.7 % decrease of the number of sexual crimes. In 2017 are recorded 113 sexual crimes, showing a decrease of 5.8 % compared to the year 2016.

**Fig 1: Percentage change of criminal offences, T4-2017 and T4-2016**



The number of recorded criminal offences in the category crimes against a person's health during the fourth quarter of 2017 is 35, showing an increase of 52.2 % compared to the fourth quarter of 2016. In this category are included those criminal acts that have the purpose of inflicting serious bodily damage on a person. In 2017, are recorded 137 criminal acts against health, showing an increase of 14.2 % compared to the year 2016.

In the fourth quarter of 2017, there are 454 drug criminal offences, showing a decrease of 27.7 % compared to the same period in 2016. Meanwhile, in 2017 are recorded 2,120 drug crimes, which is 35.2 % less compare to 2016.

In the fourth quarter of 2017 there are 1,432 property thefts, which show an increase of 19.1 % compared with the fourth quarter of 2016. In this group of penal acts are included all the criminal acts the purpose of which is the wrongful appropriation of wealth, like car theft, theft of a business premises, etc. In 2017 are recorded 5,096 thefts, showing a decrease of 9.6 % compared to 2016.

The number of recorded burglary, during the fourth quarter of 2017 is 300, which shows an increase of 15.8 % compared to the same period of the previous year. In 2017 are recorded 1,145 burglaries, showing a decrease of 5.8 % compared to 2016.

**Tab 1: Recorded criminal offences**

Criminal offences	2016	2017	Yearly change in %	T4 - 2016	T 4 - 2017	Quarterly change in %
Homicide	71	50	-29.6	17	10	-41.2
Robbery	159	183	15.1	43	44	2.3
Sexual crime	120	113	-5.8	36	21	-41.7
Crime against health	120	137	14.2	23	35	52.2
Drug crimes	3,274	2,120	-35.2	628	454	-27.7
Theft of property	5,637	5,096	-9.6	1,202	1,432	19.1
Burglary	1,216	1,145	-5.8	259	300	15.8

### Perpetrators of criminal offences

In the fourth quarter of 2017 there are 10 intentional homicide perpetrators, showing a decrease of 41.2 % compared to the fourth quarter of 2016. In 2017 are in total 48 perpetrators of homicides, 40.0 % less than in the previous year.

The number of perpetrators of robbery in the fourth quarter of 2017 was 44, showing an increase of 15.8 % compared to the same period of the previous year. Meanwhile, in 2017 are 202 perpetrators of this category of crimes, showing an increase of 1.5 % compared to 2016.

During the fourth quarter of 2017 there are 24 perpetrators of sexual crimes, 42.9 % less compared to the same period of the previous year. In 2017, are 111 perpetrators of sexual crimes, showing a decrease of 12.6 % compared to 2016.

For the criminal act of crimes against a person's health, during the fourth quarter of 2017 are 35 perpetrators, 20.7 % more than in the same period of 2016. In 2017 are 156 perpetrators of crimes of this category, showing a 5.5 % decrease compared to 2016.

The number of perpetrators of drug crimes during the fourth trimester of 2017 was 574, showing a 24.1 % decrease compared to the same period of the previous year. Meanwhile, in 2017 the number of perpetrators of drug crimes is 2,541, which shows an increase of 0.3 % compared 2016.

For the property thefts, in the fourth quarter of 2017, are 865 perpetrators, which show an 8.7 % increase compared to the same period of 2016. In the year 2017 are 3,668 perpetrators in this crime category, which shows a 16.7 % decrease compared 2016.

The number of perpetrators of burglary during the fourth quarter of 2017 is 121, which shows a 14.2 % decrease compared to the same period of the previous year. Meanwhile, in 2017, are 628 perpetrators of this crime category, showing a decrease of 23.8 % compared to 2016.

**Tab 2: Perpetrators of criminal offences**

Criminal offences	2016	2017	Yearly change in %	T4-2016	T4-2017	Quarterly change in %
Homicide	80	48	-40.0	17	10	-41.2
Robbery	199	202	1.5	38	44	15.8
Sexual crime	127	111	-12.6	42	24	-42.9
Crime against health	165	156	-5.5	29	35	20.7
Drug crimes	2534	2541	0.3	756	574	-24.1
Theft of property	4402	3668	-16.7	796	865	8.7
Burglary	824	628	-23.8	141	121	-14.2

# Methodology

Crime statistics reflect data on recorded criminal offences and persons suspected of committing a criminal offense. The group of criminal offenses was done according to new classification of crime statistics for statistical purpose.

The data on recorded criminal offences refer to articles of the Criminal Code and not to the event, as in an event we can find more than one criminal element of the offence.

The data on perpetrators are based on suspected persons in the commission of a criminal offence, not in judgments that are within the jurisdiction of the justice authorities to give the verdict.

## **Definitions:**

**Criminal Offences:** Acts that violate, the legal values of a human being and of a particular community are called criminal acts or a general term of criminality. They are divided into crimes and criminal offenses.

**Perpetrators:** Persons who, by their act or omission, allow a criminal offense to occur, causing the consequence of the offense. Authors over the age of 14 have criminal responsibility while children under the age of 14 are examples from criminal liability.

**Homicide:** intentional criminal offences against life as intentional homicide, premeditated murder, murder for blood and murdered in other circumstances.

**Robbery:** Are included those offences aimed to steal to steal a person by using violence or force as violent robbery, armed robbery and robbery resulting in death.

**Sexual crimes:** illegal act (actions or inactions) of the illegal affecting the security sphere and the sexual freedom of forming normal sexual development.

**Crimes against health:** Illegal acts that undermine health unlawful, aimed to cause serious injuries as serious intentionally injuries, torture with serious consequences, etc.

**Drug crimes:** Are included offences as production and sale of narcotics, Cultivation of narcotic plants, Narcotics traffic, etc.

**Theft of property:** Are included those offences aimed unlawfully taking or obtaining of property as car theft, company theft, local commerce, electricity stealing, theft of bank and savings cash.

**Source of Data:** Data was provided by the State Police Directorate

The data on identified criminal offenses and perpetrators are preliminary and subject to review.