

# Crime statistics\*

## First Quarter of 2018

**Tirana, April 26, 2018:** In the first quarter of 2018 are recorded in total 7,909 criminal offences, an increase of 5.5 % compare to the first quarter of 2017.

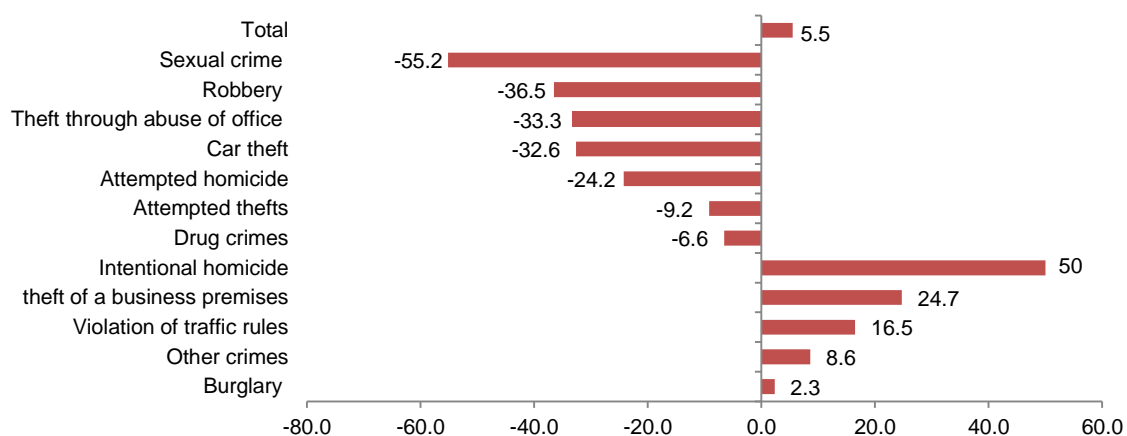
The number of recorded intentional homicide, in the first quarter of 2018 is 12, about 4 intentional homicides more, compared to the same period of previous year. In this group are included all the intentional criminal acts against the life of a person.

The number of attempted homicides in this period is 25 criminal offences, 8 offences less, compare to the same period of 2017.

The number of recorded robbery in the first quarter of 2018 is 33, showing a decrease of 19 offences, compared to the first quarter of 2017. In robbery are included offences violent robbery, armed robbery and theft resulting in death.

In first quarter of 2018 are recorded 13 sexual crimes, about 16 offences less, compared to the same quarter of 2017.

**Fig 1: Percentage change of criminal offences, Q1-2018 and Q1-2017**



\*The definitions of criminal offenses can be found on page no. 5. Methodology

In the first quarter of 2018, are recorded 428 drug crimes, showing a decrease of 6.6 % compared to the same period in 2017. In this category are included offences like: production and sale of narcotics trafficking of narcotics and cultivation of narcotic plants. In this period is recorded one offence of cultivation of narcotic plants, 5 offences less compare to first quarter of 2017.

In this period are recorded 58 car thefts, which show a decrease of 32.6 % compared with the first quarter of 2017.

The number of theft of business premises, during the first quarter of 2018 is 182, which shows an increase of 24.7 % compared to the same period of the previous year.

The number of recorded burglary, during the first quarter of 2018 is 307, which shows an increase of 2.3 % compared to the same period of the previous year.

In this period are recorded 20 thefts through abuse of office, about 10 thefts less, compare to first quarter of 2017.

The number of attempted thefts, in first quarter of 2018 is 99, which show a decrease of 10 offences, compared with the first quarter of 2017.

In the first quarter of 2018, are recorded 473 offences regarding violations of traffic rules, which show an increase of 16.5 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

**Tab. 1 Recorded criminal offences**

Criminal offences	Q1 - 2017	Q2 - 2017	Q3 - 2017	Q4 - 2017	Q1 - 2018	Change in % (Q1-2017 - Q1-2018)
Intentional homicide	8	19	13	10	12	50.0
Attempted homicide	33	35	39	22	25	-24.2
Robbery	52	34	36	42	33	-36.5
Sexual crimes	29	22	41	21	13	-55.2
Drug crimes	458	595	613	454	428	-6.6
car thefts	86	73	102	68	58	-32.6
Theft of a business premises	146	124	89	133	182	24.7
Burglary	300	266	279	300	307	2.3
Theft through abuse of office	30	29	29	30	20	-33.3
Attempted thefts	109	125	90	93	99	-9.2
Violations of traffic rules	406	558	685	598	473	16.5
Other criminal offences	5,838	6,513	7,935	6,707	6,259	7.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,495</b>	<b>8,393</b>	<b>9,951</b>	<b>84,78</b>	<b>7,909</b>	<b>5.5</b>

**Perpetrators of criminal offences**

In the first quarter of 2018 are recorded in total 7,427 perpetrators of criminal offences, an increase of 5.9 %, compared to the first quarter of 2017.

The number of intentional homicide perpetrators, in this quarter is 19, about 13 recorded perpetrators more, compare to the same period of previous year. Meanwhile are 38 attempted homicide perpetrators, the same value for first quarter of 2018 and 2017.

The number of perpetrators of robbery in the first quarter of 2018 was 29, showing a decrease of 42 perpetrators compared to the same period of the previous year.

During this period are recorded 13 perpetrators of sexual crimes, about 17 perpetrators less compared to the same period of the previous year.

The number of perpetrators of drug crimes during the first quarter of 2018 was 514, showing a 13.0 % decrease compared to the same period of the previous year.

For the car thefts, in the first quarter of 2018, are recorded 13 perpetrators, 3 perpetrators less, compared to the same period of 2017.

In the first quarter of 2018 are recorded 151 perpetrators for theft of a business premises, about 37 perpetrators more compare to the first quarter of 2017.

The number of perpetrators of burglary during the first quarter of 2018 is 155, which shows a 2.5 % decrease compared to the same period of the previous year.

For the theft through abuse of office, in the first quarter of 2018, are recorded 20 perpetrators, about 13 perpetrators less, compared to the same period of 2017.

The number of perpetrators of attempted thefts during the first quarter of 2018 is 73, which shows a decrease with 13 perpetrators, compared to the same period of the previous year.

During this period are recorded 453 perpetrators of violations of traffic rules, about 62 perpetrators more compared to the same period of the previous year.

**Tab. 2 Perpetrators of criminal offences**

Criminal offences	Q1 - 2017	Q2 - 2017	Q3 - 2017	Q4 - 2017	Q1 - 2018	Change in % (Q1-2017 - Q1-2018)
Intentional homicide	6	17	15	10	19	216.7
Attempted homicide	38	39	55	24	38	0.0
Robbery	71	33	46	42	29	-59.2
Sexual crimes	30	20	37	24	13	-56.7
Drug crimes	591	702	674	574	514	-13.0
car thefts	16	16	102	23	13	-18.8
theft of a business premises	114	80	117	70	151	32.5
Burglary	159	164	184	121	155	-2.5
Theft through abuse of office	33	34	34	29	20	-39.4
Attempted thefts	86	89	75	62	73	-15.1
Violations of traffic rules	391	553	687	581	453	15.9
Other criminal offences	5,477	6,112	7,648	6,179	5,949	8.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,012</b>	<b>7,859</b>	<b>9,674</b>	<b>7,739</b>	<b>7,427</b>	<b>5.9</b>

# Methodology

Crime statistics reflect data on recorded criminal offences and persons suspected of committing a criminal offense.

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.

**Intentional Homicide:** The category of intentional homicide include murder, murder connected with another crime, premeditated homicide, murder for blood feud, homicides committed in other specific circumstances, public officials murder, police murder, murder for family relationship, infanticide.

**Attempted homicide:** Attempted intentional criminal offences against life as attempted homicide, attempted murder connected with another crime, attempted premeditated homicide, attempted homicides committed in other specific circumstances, attempted public officials murder, attempted police murder, attempted murder for family relationship, attempted infanticide.

**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. Article 100-108/a of penal code of Albania.

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

**Attempted thefts:** Are included offences like attempted bank robbery, attempted armed robbery, attempted theft resulting in death, attempted violent theft, other attempted thefts.

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

**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.