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Criminal convictions 2025 at previous year's level

The number of people convicted has fallen slightly

Vienna, 2026-06-02 – According to Statistics Austria, 27 620 final convictions were handed down by Austrian courts in 2025, a figure that was nearly the same as the previous year (–0.3%). These final convictions involved a total of 25 195 individual perpetrators, representing a slight decrease of 1.0% in the number of convicted persons.

“In 2025, there were 27 620 criminal convictions in Austria; in 2024, the figure was 27 717. This means that the trend seen in previous years – characterised by slight increases following the historic lows of the pandemic years 2020 and 2021 – has not continued,” says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

Crime against property account for just under a third of all offences

In total, the **27 620 convictions** of 2025 comprised **45 506 offences** (–1.0% compared to 2024); each conviction thus covered an average of 1.65 offences (see table 1).

The most common offence groups in 2025 were crimes against property (14 860; 32.7% of all offences), including many cases of theft, as well as crimes against life and limb (8 589; 18.9% of all offences), mostly (serious) bodily injury (see table 2). Compared to 2024, these two most prevalent categories showed a stable picture, both in terms of number and share of all offences. In the third-largest group, violations of the Narcotics Act (12.9%), a small change was observed—here, the number of offences fell by 5.6%. The number of crimes against sexual integrity and self-determination, which account for around 3% of all offences, remained almost identical to the previous year. By contrast, there was a sharp decline in offences under the Aliens Police Act (–56.2%; mostly involving human smuggling), and offences under the so-called Verbotsgesetz (covering National Socialist activities) fell by 7.9%.

Even within the overall stable offence categories, some individual offences showed more pronounced changes: For instance, convictions for attempted or completed murder fell by 23.9% compared to the previous year, while convictions for robbery or aggravated robbery decreased by 12.3% (see table 2).

Persons convicted in 2025 predominantly male and adult

The number of convicted persons fell by 1.0%, slightly more than the number of convictions (–0.3%). 91.5% of convicts only had a single conviction in 2025; another 7.5% a second one, and 1.0% were convicted 3 or more times. On average, this resulted in 1.1 convictions per convicted person (see tables 1 and 3).

Among those convicted in 2025, 84.5% were male and 85.7% were adults under criminal law (i.e. 21 years or older at the time of the offence). 8.4% were young adults (between 18 and 20 years of age) and 6.0% were juveniles (between 14 and 17 years of age). 53.1% were Austrian citizens, while 46.9% held a different (including unknown) citizenship. These proportions remained consistent with those of the previous year.

Very slight increase in the reconviction rate

In 2025, the reconviction rate was 31.1%, which is 0.2 percentage points higher than in the previous year (see table 4). This means that just under one in three convicted individuals observed between 2021 and 2025 received at least one new conviction within a 4-year period (for further explanations, see the box

“Information on methodology”). Due to the length of the observation window, increases or decreases in annual conviction figures are reflected in the reconviction statistics with a certain delay and “smoothed out” (due to the influences of the 4 different observation years). The increase in convictions of around 2% to 3% in each of the years 2022, 2023 and 2024 has consequently led to a slight rise in the reconviction rate. However, this increase was already smaller in 2025 (+0.2 percentage points) than in the previous year (+0.9 percentage points). The rate still remains below the level of 2019, the last year before the COVID-19 pandemic, when 32.7% of individuals were re-convicted.

Table 1: Convicted persons, convictions and offences 2020–2025

Data unit	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Convicted persons	23 716	23 731	24 466	25 033	25 445	25 195
Convictions	25 586	25 626	26 442	27 268	27 717	27 620
Offences	42 502	42 457	43 494	44 376	45 958	45 506
Change to previous year in %						
Convicted persons	-	0.1	3.1	2.3	1.6	-1.0
Convictions	-	0.2	3.2	3.1	1.6	-0.3
Offences	-	-0.1	2.4	2.0	3.6	-1.0

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, Judicial Criminal Statistics.

Table 2: Changes in selected offences or groups of offences¹ 2024–2025

Offence of offence group ²	2024 ³	2025 ³	Change in %
All offences (total)	45 958	45 506	-1.0
Criminal offences against life and limb	8 523	8 589	0.8
thereof murder	109	83	-23.9
thereof homicide by (gross) negligence	122	112	-8.2
thereof (aggravated) bodily harm	6 397	6 584	2.9
Criminal offences against liberty	4 861	4 850	-0.2
thereof (aggravated) coercion	2 018	1 972	-2.3
thereof dangerous threat	2 162	2 241	3.7
thereof stalking	222	198	-10.8
thereof continued use of violence	228	224	-1.8
Criminal offences against property	14 728	14 860	0.9
thereof (aggravated) property damage	2 216	2 146	-3.2
thereof thefts (§§ 127-131 StGB)	6 742	6 917	2.6
thereof (aggravated) robbery	779	683	-12.3
Criminal offences against sexual integrity and self-determination	1 443	1 450	0.5
Crimes according to the Narcotic Substances Act	6 205	5 859	-5.6
Crimes according to the Weapons Law	1 062	1 076	1.3
Crimes according to the Aliens Police Act	443	194	-56.2
Crimes according to the Verbotsgesetz (Prohibition of National Socialist (re-) engagement)	190	175	-7.9
Crimes according to the Fiscal Penal Code	168	166	-1.2

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, Judicial Criminal Statistics 2024 and 2025.

1) The English translations only approximate the original legal concepts and must not be treated as equivalent to similarly named offences in other jurisdictions. – 2) Includes attempts. – 3) Year of conviction, crime might have been committed in a previous year.

Table 3: Convicted persons 2025

Characteristics of the person at the time of the first conviction in the reporting year	Convicts		Number of convictions in 2025		
			1	2	3 or more
	absolute	in %	in %	in %	in %
Convicts total	25 195	100.0	91.5	7.5	1.0
Sex					
Men	21 280	84.5	91.3	7.7	1.0
Women	3 915	15.5	92.9	6.2	0.9
Age at the time of offence					
Juveniles (14 to 17 years old)	1 500	6.0	77.5	18.2	4.3
Young adults (18 to 20 years old)	2 104	8.4	87.4	10.8	1.8
Adults (21 years and older)	21 591	85.7	92.9	6.4	0.7
Nationality					
Austria	13 370	53.1	91.1	7.8	1.1
Other	11 825	46.9	92.0	7.1	0.9
Previous convictions					
Without previous convictions	14 237	56.5	94.1	5.3	0.7
With previous convictions	10 958	43.5	88.1	10.4	1.5

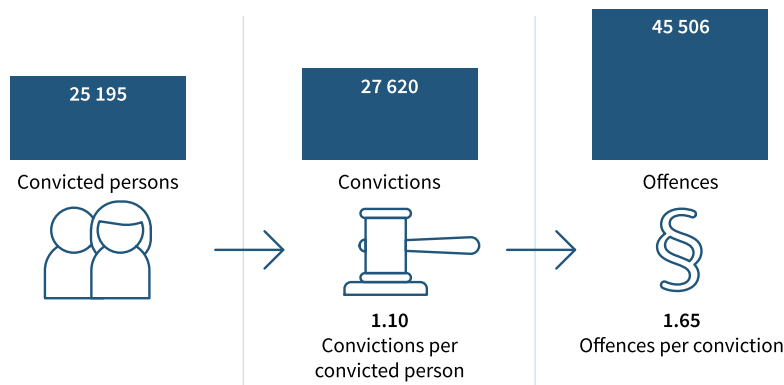
S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, Judicial Criminal Statistics 2025. – Rounding differences were not adjusted.

Table 4: Reconviction rate 2019–2025

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Reconviction rate	32.7%	32.0%	31.2%	31.1%	30.0%	30.9%	31.1%
Change to previous year in percentage points							
Change	-	-0.7	-0.8	-0.2	-1.0	0.9	0.2

R: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, Reconviction Statistics. – Rounding differences were not adjusted.

Convicted persons, convictions and offences 2025



S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, Judicial Criminal Statistics 2025.

For detailed results and further information please refer to our [website](#).

Information on methodology, definitions: **Judicial criminal statistics** are based on the **criminal records file** maintained by the Federal Ministry of the Interior. It provides an analysis of three different data units: convicted persons, convictions, and all offences. Prior to 2012, each conviction could only be classified by one single offence, that is, the offence that was decisive in terms of the punishment imposed (“principal offence”). From 2012 onwards, information on **all** punishable offences underlying a conviction (“all offences”) is available.

Since these statistics are derived from the criminal records file, judicial crime statistics can only provide information on **convicted offenders**, but not about judicial outcomes other than convictions, or any information about victims of crime. Statistics on crime victims are available from Police crime statistics conducted by the Austrian Federal Criminal Police Office (statistics on police reports, available in German only).

Reconviction statistics are based on persons being legally convicted (except to unconditional prison sentences) or released from prison during the base year. The statistics show how many of the persons concerned have been re-convicted during an individual observation period of 4 years (e.g. from 01.07.2021 to 30.06.2025).

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