

Crime statistics

Crime statistics in 2023 show an increase in violent crime, notably theft, assaults and battery, narcotic drugs and child defilement. In 2023, there was a spike in fraud crime overall with 5,852 investigated cases compared to 2,844 judged cases.

TABLE: Breakdown of 10 most crime by crime

Type of crime	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total	%
Theft	19,955	20,798	19,398	26,641	31 285	77 324	32.8
Assault and battery	15,149	22,472	22,625	23,367	24 816	70 808	30
Narcotic drugs	6,424	5,827	5,140	4,849	5 692	15 812	6.7
Child defilement	3,804	4,806	5,270	4,657	4 978	14 906	6.3
Use of threats	2,660	3,782	4,744	5,377	4 265	14 254	6
Fraud	1,619	2,174	2,434	2,844	5 852	13 846	5.9
Harassment of spouse	2,120	2,693	3,599	3,822	3 865	11 286	4.8
Breach of trust	1,728	2,292	3,271	4,723	3 209	8 487	3.6
Forged document	1,328	1,357	1,112	1,205	1 941	5 738	2.4
Damaging or plundering of trees, crops	1,182	1,936	1,864	1,933	1 180	3 497	1.5
TOTAL	55,969	68,137	69,457	79,418	87 083	235 958	100

The number of spousal harassment and breach of trust cases all went down between 2021 to 2023. Figures for use of threats crime specifically, are lower in 2023 than the figures for 2022.

Court statistics

Between 2021 and 2024, new genocide-related cases that have been judged by the courts increased from 648 up 853 cases respectively.

TABLE: Judged Cases

Type of case Year	Judged cases					
	2018- 2019	2019- 2020	2020- 2021	2021- 2022	2022- 2023	2023- 2024
Civil	15777	16,526	16,876	18,276	19,194	23,739
Criminal	49252	52,406	48,883	64,404	72,079	78,609
Economic		1,365	1,716	1,520	1,421	1,562
Genocide	802	799	856	716	541	761
Social	903	1,009	1,012	1,075	949	1,002
Administrative prosecution	497	505	484	423	332	447
Minor	563					
Commercial	4358	3,732	4,677	4,377	3,658	3,564
Special		9	9	4	2	7
Total	72,417	76,351	74,513	90,795	98,176	109,691

Data source

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