

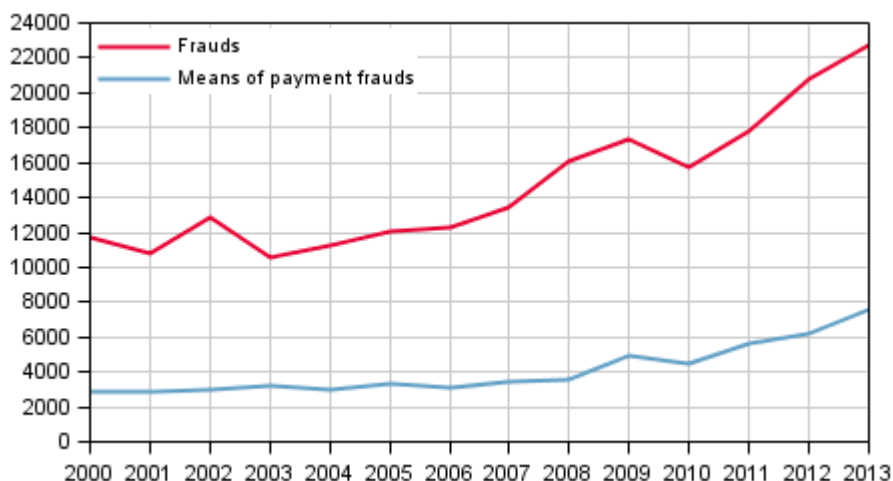
Offences known to the police

2013, 4th quarter

Number of frauds and means of payment frauds increased in 2013

According to Statistics Finland's preliminary data, a total of 424,400 offences were recorded by the police, customs and border guard from January to December 2013, which is 400 cases (0.1 per cent) fewer than in the corresponding period of one year earlier. The number of property offences recorded was 240,400, which is 3,000 cases (one per cent) more than in 2012. The recorded number of crimes against life and health was 37,800, which is 2,600 cases (six per cent) lower than in the respective period of the previous year. In addition, 444,500 cases of endangerment of traffic safety and traffic infractions were registered.

Frauds and means of payment frauds in January to December 2000–2013



The number of frauds (fraud, petty fraud, aggravated fraud) has grown considerably over the 2000s. In 2013, 22,800 frauds were recorded, which is nine per cent more than in the year before. In the 2000s, the average number of frauds has been 15,000 per year. In 2013, a total of 1,100 aggravated frauds were recorded, which is six per cent more than one year earlier.

During 2013, means of payment frauds numbered 7,600, which is 1,400 cases (22 per cent) more than in the previous year. The recorded number of aggravated means of payment frauds was 121, which is nine cases fewer than one year earlier. In the 2000s, the average number of means of payment frauds has been 4,100 from January to December.

The number of robberies reported was 1,530, which is seven per cent less than in the previous year. Over the last ten years, 1,800 robberies were recorded between January and December, on average.

The recorded number of unauthorised uses and thefts of a motor vehicle and thefts of use of a motor vehicle was 8,000, which is ten per cent less than in the year before. From the early 2000s, the number of these offences has fallen by one third.

In 2013, 43,400 damages to property were recorded, which is two per cent less than the year before. The number of damages to property was 15 per cent lower than the average for the previous ten years.

During 2013, 35,400 assault offences were recorded, while the corresponding figure was 37,900 one year before. Over the period 2003 to 2012, an average of 33,200 assault offences were recorded per year. Compared to the previous year, aggravated assaults decreased by four per cent. The recorded number was 1,810. Between 2003 and 2012, the average number of aggravated assaults was 2,140 per year.

In January to December 2013, the number of rapes recorded was 980, against 1,020 one year earlier. Over the past ten years, the average number of rapes has been 760 per year. The recorded number of sexual exploitations of a child was 1,670, which is five per cent more than in the year before. Detected sexual exploitations of a child have increased considerably in recent years. The numbers of rapes and sexual exploitations of a child vary much yearly. Individual reports of an offence may include a series of incidents comprising several criminal acts.

The number of drunken driving was 18,100 in 2013, which is 1,100 cases (six per cent) fewer than in the corresponding period of the year before. One-half of the recorded drunken driving cases were aggravated drunken driving. Aggravated drunken driving decreased by 13 per cent and other drunken driving increased by two per cent. Over the last ten years, 24,200 cases of drunken driving were recorded between January and December, on average.

The number of narcotics offences recorded was 22,600, which is up by 13 per cent on the year before. The number of aggravated narcotics offences went up by 20 per cent. The number recorded was 1,200.

The presentation of the statistics was revised as of the beginning of 2009. Endangerment of traffic safety and traffic offences are separated from other offences and they are presented in a separate table. The total number of offences is comparable with earlier figures, because the same division has also been made retrospectively until 1980. The aim of the revision is to improve the comparability of offences between different years and enhance their international comparability. The quality description of the statistics contains annually more detailed information about revisions but it is regrettably only published in Finnish.

From the beginning of 2009, offences recorded by the customs and border guard are also included. The change does not have much effect on the comparability of offences. Of the most common types of offences the change primarily affects the comparability of narcotics offences.

Number of certain types of offences in October, November and December, and in January to December 2013 and change from the corresponding period of the previous year

Offence	October		November		December		January-December	
	2013	Change	2013	Change	2013	Change	2013	Change
All offences ¹⁾	36,698	240	33,854	84	29,232	3,154	424,434	-401
Burglary	3,077	12	2,738	-134	2,327	257	32,529	-2,601
Unauthorised uses and thefts of a motor vehicle, thefts of use of a motor vehicle	738	-16	569	-49	414	-2	7,960	-853
Robbery	153	31	131	-38	139	29	1,531	-117
Damage to property	3,664	-328	3,412	-367	2,974	532	43,371	-1,002
Manslaughter, murder and killing	8	-1	8	-1	11	3	100	9
Assault	2,820	-224	2,945	-127	2,883	-54	35,355	-2,502
Rape	77	-5	81	25	71	-2	977	-43
Drunken driving	1,463	-41	1,498	72	1,368	47	18,053	-1,113
Narkotics offences	1,929	284	1,993	301	1,501	243	22,604	2,563

1) Excl. endangerment of traffic safety, hit-and-run, traffic infraction, violation of social welfare legislation on road traffic, and motor vehicle infraction.

Number of endangerment of traffic safety and traffic infractions in October, November and December, and in January to December 2013 and change from the corresponding period of the previous year

Offence	October		November		December		January-December	
	2013	Change	2013	Change	2013	Change	2013	Change
Endangerment of traffic safety, hit-and-run, traffic infraction, violation of social welfare legislation on road traffic and motor vehicle infraction	35,554	-4,297	34,571	-1,528	31,289	10,431	444,537	9,346
-exceeding speed limits ¹⁾	24,294	-2,223	24,599	-715	23,244	11,638	315,846	26,956

1) Cases of exceeding speed limits registered as endangerment of traffic safety, aggravated endangerment of traffic safety and traffic infractions.

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Offence	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
All offences ¹⁾	440,438	431,959	457,147	424,835	424,434
A. Offences against property	255,384	247,173	259,648	237,422	240,359
Burglaries total	40,682	38,516	39,686	35,130	32,529
Breaking into a residence	6,499	6,456	6,677	6,294	5,763
- into a free-time residence	-	1,526	1,816	1,479	1,794
- into another residence	6,499	4,930	4,861	4,815	3,969
Breaking into business premises	4,476	4,088	4,532	4,010	3,837
Breaking into a motor vehicle	15,005	13,489	13,829	10,741	9,586
Other burglaries	14,702	14,483	14,648	14,085	13,343
Unauthorised uses and thefts of a motor vehicle, thefts of use of a motor vehicle, total	12,196	11,158	11,971	8,813	7,960
- unauthorised theft of a motor vehicle	1,521	1,408	1,531	1,112	1,061
- unauthorised use of a motor vehicle	984	910	937	840	744
- aggravated unauthorised use of a motor vehicle	3	2	-	2	1
- theft of use of a motor vehicle	9,645	8,802	9,483	6,840	6,134
- aggravated theft of use of a motor vehicle	43	36	20	19	20
Robberies total	1,650	1,531	1,634	1,648	1,531
- aggravated robberies	221	157	206	217	199
Damages to property total	50,698	49,144	55,024	44,373	43,371
- aggravated damage to property	212	240	220	239	259
Embezzlements total	3,205	3,298	3,229	3,272	3,564
- aggravated fraud	278	325	290	373	352
Frauds total	17,386	15,741	17,786	20,835	22,751
- törkeä petos	987	953	1,142	1,033	1,096
B. Crimes against life and health	35,572	35,563	42,571	40,460	37,861
Manslaughter, murder or killing	115	112	114	91	100
Attempted manslaughter, murder or killing	370	310	311	354	268
Assaults total	32,735	32,936	39,855	37,857	35,355
- aggravated assault	2,121	2,006	2,078	1,884	1,809
C. Sexual crimes	2,222	2,424	3,008	3,576	3,329
Sexual exploitation of a child	1,078	1,106	1,459	1,590	1,673
Rape	668	822	989	1,020	977
D. Crimes against public authority and public peace	14,013	13,549	14,352	14,375	13,649
(Violent) resisting of an official in the performance of his duties	1,710	1,683	1,947	1,857	1,685
- of which against the police	1,590	1,502	1,764	1,684	1,542
Impeding an official	2,259	2,161	2,300	2,182	1,914
- against the police	2,191	2,109	2,258	2,129	1,879
E. Certain traffic offences	56,489	53,266	53,996	47,960	45,248
Drunken driving total	23,398	21,162	21,500	19,166	18,053
- aggravated drunken driving	12,304	11,246	11,409	10,351	9,029
F. Other offences	76,758	79,984	83,572	81,042	83,988
Narcotics offences total	18,405	19,653	20,243	20,041	22,604
- aggravated narcotics offence	883	1,071	1,024	1,020	1,226
Alcohol offence/Minor alcohol offence	3,529	4,042	5,092	4,598	4,566

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Appendix table 2. Number of endangerment of traffic safety and traffic infractions in January to December 2009 to 2013 (preliminary data)

Offence	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Endangerment of traffic safety, hit-and-run, traffic infraction, violation of social welfare legislation on road traffic and motor vehicle infraction	488,769	503,903	504,487	435,191	444,537
- exceeding speed limits ¹⁾	322,865	335,257	333,787	288,522	315,846

1) Cases of exceeding speed limits registered as endangerment of traffic safety, aggravated endangerment of traffic safety and traffic infractions.

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