

# Persons suspected of offences

The statistics of persons suspected of offences is based on the persons registered by Swedish Police, Swedish Custom and Swedish Prosecution Authority as suspected of offences. The statistics gives an overview of the number of people suspected of offences in Sweden, type of crime and how the persons are distributed by sex and age. The statistics do not include persons who have not reached the age of criminal responsibility (15 years).

## *Revision of the statistics*

The statistics of persons suspected of offences were revised in 2017 to improve the quality and usability of the statistics. The revised statistics include all persons suspected of offences, while the previous statistics only included the persons still suspected after a crime investigation. The revised statistics are therefore not comparable with the previous statistics. The revised statistics replace the previous statistics and are available from 2007.

## Summary of the results 2022

In 2022, 189,678 persons were suspected of offences, which was 1 per cent lower than in 2021. In comparison with 2013, the total number of suspects has increased by 8 per cent in 2022.

Of the persons suspected of offences in 2022, 42,778 were women and 146,407 men, which gave a sex distribution of 23 per cent women and 77 per cent men (same sex distribution as in 2021). Compared with 2021, the number of women suspected of offences in 2022 decreased by 2 per cent and the number of suspected men by 1 per cent. In comparison with 2013, the number of suspected women has increased by 18 per cent 2022, while the number of suspected men has increased by 5 per cent.

In 2022, 43 per cent of the persons suspected of offences were under the age of 30 at the time of the crime. Young people (15–20 years) accounted for 19 per cent of all suspects. An almost equal proportion (18%) were aged 50 or older. The largest proportion of suspects was found in the age range 30–49 years (39%). The age distribution was similar for suspect women and suspect men in 2022.

Of the persons suspected of offences in 2022, 34 per cent were suspected of crimes against persons, 29 per cent of drug offenses, 18 per cent of traffic offenses and 15 per cent of theft offenses. Smaller proportions, of 10 and 5 percent, respectively, were suspected of fraud and criminal damage. Compared with 2021, the number of suspects decreased for all reported offense categories in 2021. The offence categories that decreased the most were theft offenses (-8%), followed by criminal damage (-7%) and crimes against persons (-5%). The other offence categories decreased between 1 and 3 per cent.