Reports and charges

Every year, Statistics Denmark receives a data extraction from a register of reports to the Danish Police (Rigspolitiets Anmeldelsesregister). Statistics Denmark uses the data to compile statistics on reported criminal offences. If a given report has resulted in a charge at the time where the data is extracted to Statistics Denmark, it will appear in the form of a charge date.

However, every year a number reports will result in charges after the data extraction. In order to assess the extent of these charges, Statistics Denmark has coupled the information from the register of reports to the Danish Police (Rigspolitiets Anmeldelsesregister) with the information about charges that Statistics Denmark receives from a central register of criminal offences (Kriminalregisteret). The results of this for the years 2011-2017 appear from table 1 below. It appears e.g. that of the approximately 500,000 reports of criminal offences in 2017, charges had been pressed for 28 per cent of these by the time the data was extracted for Statistics Denmark. Charges were pressed for an additional 3.78 per cent within the next two years.

Table 1.

Reports by time of charge

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|  | Reports total | Charges by the time of data extractions | Charges 1 year after data extractions | Charges 2 years after data extractions |
|  | Number | Per cent | | |
| 2011 | 558 061 | 24.70 | 1.18 | 0.12 |
| 2012 | 531 967 | 25.73 | 0.98 | 0.10 |
| 2013 | 535 859 | 25.89 | 1.66 | 0.11 |
| 2014 | 518 963 | 28.60 | 1.65 | 0.21 |
| 2015 | 501 881 | 28.99 | 2.38 | 0.27 |
| 2016 | 516 576 | 29.73 | 2.17 | 0.35 |
| 2017 | 520 270 | 27.51 | 3.19 | 0.59 |

The share of reports resulting in charges after extraction of the data for Statistics Denmark varies somewhat with the type of criminal offence, cf. table 2.

Table 2.

Anmeldelser fordelt efter sigtelsestidspunkt og lovovertrædelse. 2017

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|  | Reports total | With charge by the time of data extractions | Charges year 1 or year 2 after data extractions |
|  | Number | Per cent | |
| **0000 Total** | 520 270 | 27.51 | 3.06 |
| 1110 Incest, etc. | 67 | 64.18 | 7.46 |
| 1120 Rape, etc. | 944 | 56.78 | 3.18 |
| 1131 Sexual offence against a child under 12 | 356 | 70.79 | 1.97 |
| 1141 Sexual offence against a child under 15 | 244 | 85.25 | 3.69 |
| 1145 Any other kind of sexual offence | 240 | 57.08 | 2.92 |
| 1172 Offence against public decency by groping | 815 | 54.60 | 6.01 |
| 1174 Offence against public decency by indecent exposure | 417 | 42.45 | 3.36 |
| 1176 Any other kind of offence against public decency | 1 760 | 62.39 | 11.99 |
| 1180 Prostitution, etc. | 2 026 | 51.04 | 36.08 |
| 1210 Violence against public authority | 6 892 | 58.50 | 5.73 |
| 1220 Unlawful assembly/disturbance of public order | 220 | 82.27 | 5.00 |
| 1230 Homicide | 54 | 72.22 | 3.70 |
| 1240 Attempted homicide | 212 | 58.02 | 0.94 |
| 1252 Common assault | 10 247 | 60.71 | 3.88 |
| 1255 Assault causing actual bodily harm | 1 891 | 72.61 | 4.07 |
| 1258 Particularly aggravated assault | 20 | 80.00 | 5.00 |
| 1283 Causing death or bodily harm by negligence | 27 | 92.59 | - |
| 1286 Offences against life and limb | 2 097 | 16.74 | 0.81 |
| 1289 Offences against personal liberty | 429 | 76.69 | 2.33 |
| 1292 Threats | 4 937 | 61.72 | 4.76 |
| 1304 Forgery | 2 789 | 57.80 | 18.14 |
| 1312 Arson | 1 109 | 30.21 | 2.52 |
| 1316 Burglary - business and community | 13 863 | 9.36 | 1.44 |
| 1320 Residential burglaries | 29 147 | 5.39 | 1.15 |
| 1324 Burglary (uninhabited buildings) | 11 912 | 4.26 | 0.74 |
| 1328 Theft from conveyances | 23 989 | 2.88 | 0.43 |
| 1332 Shoplifting, etc. | 18 404 | 75.25 | 2.48 |
| 1336 Other kinds of theft | 101 219 | 6.91 | 0.88 |
| 1339 Theft of/taking vehicle without the owner's consent (TWOC) | 8 575 | 22.48 | 2.66 |
| 1342 Theft of/taking moped without the owner's consent (TWOC) | 1 011 | 9.50 | 0.30 |
| 1345 Theft of/taking bicycle without the owner's consent (TWOC) | 48 141 | 1.28 | 0.11 |
| 1348 Theft of/taking other objects without the owner's consent (TWOC) | 6 430 | 8.27 | 1.57 |
| 1351 Theft by finding | 588 | 68.88 | 3.74 |
| 1354 Embezzlement | 2 249 | 91.86 | 2.98 |
| 1357 Fraud | 44 550 | 39.36 | 10.62 |
| 1360 Fraud by cheque | 4 | 50.00 | 25.00 |
| 1363 Fraudulent abuse of position | 1 125 | 65.42 | 24.89 |
| 1366 Blackmail and usury | 1 068 | 27.72 | 3.56 |
| 1372 Fraud against creditors | 94 | 24.47 | 5.32 |
| 1376 Handling stolen goods | 1 336 | 95.51 | 0.67 |
| 1380 Robbery | 2 042 | 38.88 | 5.19 |
| 1384 Aggravated tax evasion etc. | 385 | 40.26 | 28.31 |
| 1390 Malicious damage to property | 23 294 | 13.96 | 1.69 |
| 1394 Unintentional receiving of stolen goods | 8 | 87.50 | - |
| 1398 Offence against and infringement of property | 7 045 | 82.44 | 9.84 |
| 1410 Offences against public authority, etc. | 2 280 | 89.91 | 1.97 |
| 1415 Offences by public servants | 326 | 67.18 | 2.45 |
| 1420 Perjury | 95 | 45.26 | 13.68 |
| 1425 Any other kind of false statement | 1 167 | 81.32 | 4.54 |
| 1430 Offences concerning money and evidence | 1 165 | 37.00 | 1.29 |
| 1435 Trafficking of drugs, etc. | 883 | 85.73 | 2.27 |
| 1440 Smuggling etc. of drugs | 95 | 84.21 | 2.11 |
| 1445 General public offences etc. | 519 | 74.95 | 1.35 |
| 1450 Illegal trade, etc. | 171 | 81.29 | - |
| 1455 Family relation offences | 81 | 45.68 | 6.17 |
| 1460 Involuntary manslaughter etc. in connection with traffic accident | 229 | 98.25 | 1.31 |
| 1485 Invasion of privacy and defamation | 2 154 | 47.12 | 3.62 |
| 3210 Euphoriants Act | 25 554 | 88.86 | 2.83 |
| 3410 The Offensive Weapons Act | 8 415 | 85.74 | 3.22 |
| 3610 Tax legislation and fiscal acts, etc. | 4 283 | 18.12 | 1.12 |
| 3810 Other special acts in criminal law | 56 742 | 27.98 | 2.15 |
| 3815 Health and social security legislation | 2 130 | 19.06 | 6.53 |
| 3820 Building and housing legislation | 124 | 2.42 | 5.65 |
| 3825 The environmental protection act | 2 023 | 15.62 | 11.32 |
| 3830 Legislation on animals, hunting, etc. | 4 590 | 20.59 | 4.97 |
| 3835 Legislation on employment, transport, etc. | 12 436 | 21.79 | 5.43 |
| 3840 Companies Act | 862 | 2.90 | 2.09 |
| 3845 Legislation on the national defence | 6 939 | 37.70 | 5.61 |
| 3850 Legislation applying to public utilities | 230 | 5.65 | 6.09 |
| 3855 Legislation on gambling, licencing, trade | 2 228 | 49.46 | 1.80 |
| 3865 Any other special legislation | 277 | 12.27 | 2.89 |