

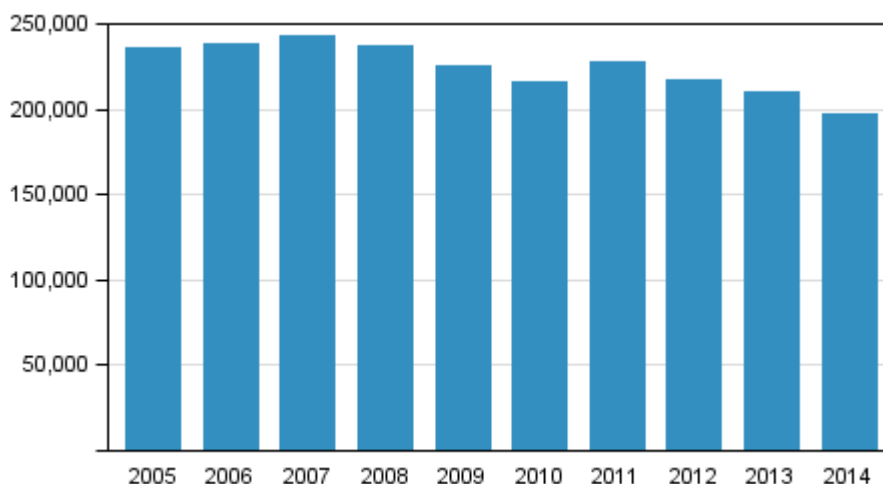
Statistics on offences and coercive measures 2014

Coercive measures 2014

Police, customs and border guard used coercive measures 196,700 times in 2014

According to Statistics Finland, the police, customs and border guard used coercive measures 196,700 times in 2014. The number was 13,600 coercive measures (6.4 per cent) lower than one year previously. Nearly one-third of the coercive measures were apprehensions based on the Police Act (known as taking intoxicated persons into custody), where it is a question of ensuring the safety of the person or his or her environment. Other types of coercive measures were almost always connected to investigating the guilt of a suspect or ensuring the criminal process.

Coercive measures of the police, customs and border guard in 2005 to 2014



At the beginning of 2014, new coercive measures came into force: search of data contained in a device and search of premises. A search of data contained in a device refers to a search directed to the data content contained in a computer, a terminal end device or in another corresponding technical device or information system. A total of 4,200 such searches were carried out. A search of premises refers to a search conducted

elsewhere than in a public place but not a domicile. Searches of premises numbered 4,800, most of which were carried out to find an object or property to be confiscated.

The number of intoxicated persons taken into custody has fallen in recent years. The number of intoxicated persons taken into custody was 61,300 in 2014, which is 7,100 cases (10.4 per cent) lower than in 2013. Taking intoxicated persons into custody is a coercive measure based on the Police Act, where the object of the coercive measure is usually not suspected of an offence. In addition to taking intoxicated persons into custody, other main coercive measures include apprehension or arrest of a suspect in an offence, bodily search and physical examination and possible confiscation related to them, and confiscation or house search and confiscation.

In 2014, 25,000 apprehensions were made, which is 2,700 cases (9.9 per cent) lower than in the year before. The number of arrests was 9,150, down by 960 cases (9.5 per cent) from one year earlier. The number of bodily searches and physical examinations and possible confiscations related to them decreased by 8.6 per cent from the previous year. Their number was 25,300 in 2014. Confiscations and house searches possibly made in their connection numbered 38,500, which was 7,800 cases (16.8 per cent) lower than in the year before.

In all, 8,500 examinations of state of intoxication with a precision breathalyser were recorded, which was 1,100 cases (11.1 per cent) fewer than in 2013. The number of examinations of state of intoxication with a blood test was 11,300 in 2014, which was 300 cases (3.1 per cent) more than in 2013. The numbers were relatively low for other types of coercive measures. A total of 24,800 coercive measures were directed to women, being 12.6 per cent of all coercive measures. Women's shares were small in all types of coercive measures.

Investigation of drunken driving in 2013 and 2014

Investigation/year	2013	2014
Breath alcohol	9 597	8 528
Request to examine state of intoxication ¹⁾	11 000	11 345
Of which		
...Blood alcohol	7 668	7 225
...Narcotics	4 504	5 254
...Consumption after driving	1 899	1 734
...Theoretical statement on state of intoxication	344	261

1) Examination of state of intoxication in a laboratory test to establish the person's intoxication. Several examinations can be carried out during the same examination rounds.

The statistics on Offences known to the police and on Coercive measures were combined in March 2015. Data released prior to that can be found on the old web pages of the statistics. The web pages of the statistics on Offences known to the police: http://www.tilastokeskus.fi/til/polrik/index_en.html and of the statistics on Coercive measures: http://tilastokeskus.fi/til/pkei/index_en.html

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Coercive measure	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
TOTAL	215,400	227,417	216,599	210,302	196,748
Apprehension	30,765	31,642	28,627	27,726	24,984
Arrest	11,123	11,097	10,584	10,110	9,150
Remand	2,334	2,373	2,548	2,420	2,174
Prohibition on travel	593	611	726	543	576
Persons taken into custody while intoxicated	79,555	78,463	72,413	68,393	61,266
Request to examine state of intoxication, blood test ¹⁾	975	8,323	10,689	11,000	11,345
Examination of state of intoxication, precision breathalyser	11,969	12,498	10,796	9,597	8,528
Physical search / confiscation	27,408	28,425	25,774	23,426	22,311
- Of which the determination of the suspect's DNA profile	14,931	15,498	13,207	10,381	8,412
Bodily search / confiscation	4,779	4,523	4,196	4,263	2,998
House search and confiscation	17,034	17,689	16,356	17,578	12,983
Confiscation	23,105	25,850	27,585	28,704	25,511
Prohibition to reveal, decision	96	72	97	106	113
Cancellation of a coercive measure	46	37	45	46	38
Restraining order	2,049	2,065	2,021	1,965	1,829
Order to terminate a consignment	32	34	79	129	102
Amendment of a coercive measure	40	72	72	88	35
Order to bring a person before court	562	566	685	823	1,510
Request to extend the time limit	1,584	1,669	1,706	1,857	1,355
Precautionary measure / confiscation for security	246	280	332	281	219
Temporary measure	214	248	276	210	194
Release of a detainee	882	869	966	994	528
Obligate a witness to give evidence	0	0	1	0	0
Search of data contained in a device	0	0	0	0	4,177
Search of premises	0	0	0	0	4,753

1) Data prior to 2011 are deficient

Appendix table 2. Persons apprehended, arrested and remanded by age in 2014

Age	Apprehension	Arrest	Remand	Persons taken into custody while intoxicated
Age groups total	24,984	9,150	2,174	61,266
-14	16	0	0	32
15-17	772	274	38	641
18-20	2,590	989	181	4,476
21-24	3,716	1,454	317	5,835
25-29	4,153	1,703	402	6,435
30-34	3,817	1,549	381	6,705
35-39	2,920	1,111	301	5,686
40-44	2,088	763	194	5,128
45-49	1,762	587	170	6,444
50-59	2,127	534	153	11,995
60-..	984	180	37	7,797
Unknown	39	6	0	92

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