

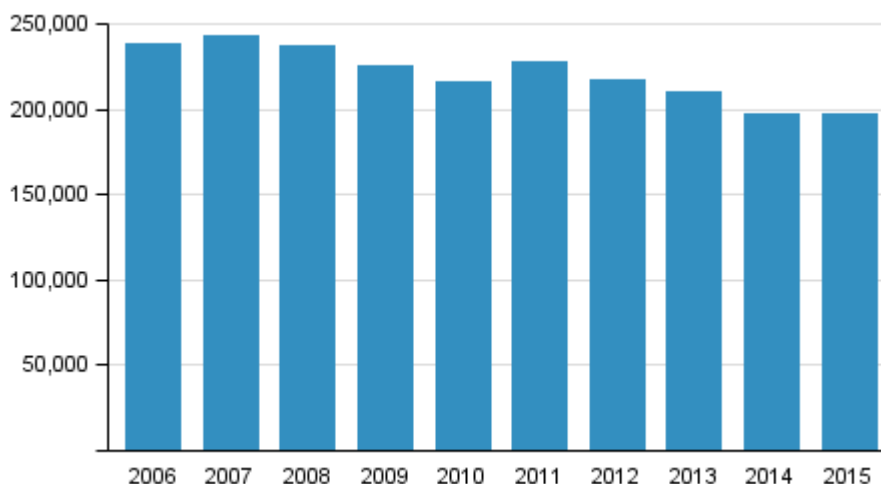
Statistics on offences and coercive measures 2015

Coercive measures 2015

Police, customs and border guard used coercive measures 197,600 times in 2015

According to Statistics Finland's data, the police, customs and border guard used coercive measures 197,600 times in 2015. The number was 850 coercive measures (0.4 per cent) higher 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 2006 to 2015



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. In 2015, altogether 5,500 searches of data contained in a device were performed, which was 33.1

per cent more than in 2014. A search of premises refers to a search conducted elsewhere than in a public place but not a domicile. Searches of premises numbered 5,600, most of which were carried out to find an object or property to be confiscated. Compared with the previous year, 18.5 per cent more searches of premises were performed.

The number of intoxicated persons taken into custody has fallen in recent years. The number of intoxicated persons taken into custody was 59,800 in 2015, which is 1,500 cases (2.5 per cent) lower than in 2014. 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 2015, 24,700 apprehensions were made, which is 300 cases (1.3 per cent) lower than in the year before. The number of arrests was 9,550, up by 400 cases (4.4 per cent) from one year earlier. The number of apprehensions was 2,660, which was 490 cases (22.5 per cent) more than in 2014 and 10 per cent more than in 2013.

The number of bodily searches and physical examinations and possible confiscations related to them increased by 2.4 per cent from the previous year. Their number was 25,900 in 2015. Confiscations and house searches possibly made in their connection numbered 37,800, which was 650 cases (1.7 per cent) lower than in the year before. The number of confiscations and house searches has decreased considerably since 2013 as part of them are now recoded as searches of premises or searches of data contained in a device.

In all, 8,200 examinations of state of intoxication with a precision breathalyser were recorded in 2015, which was 300 cases (3.8 per cent) fewer than in 2014. The number of examinations of state of intoxication with a blood test was 11,500 in 2015, which was 200 cases (1.7 per cent) more than in 2014. The numbers were relatively low for other types of coercive measures. A total of 25,800 coercive measures were directed to women, being 13.1 per cent of all coercive measures. Women's shares were small in all types of coercive measures.

Investigations of drunken driving in 2014 and 2015

Investigation/year	2014	2015
Breath alcohol	8,528	8,206
Request to examine state of intoxication ¹⁾	11,345	11,538
Of which		
...Blood alcohol	7,225	6,705
...Narcotics	5,254	6,123
...Consumption after driving	1,734	1,644
...Theoretical statement on state of intoxication	261	237

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 home 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	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
TOTAL	227,417	216,599	210,302	196,748	197,591
Apprehension	31,642	28,627	27,726	24,984	24,663
Arrest	11,097	10,584	10,110	9,150	9,554
Remand	2,373	2,548	2,420	2,174	2,663
Prohibition on travel	611	726	543	576	597
Persons taken into custody while intoxicated	78,463	72,413	68,393	61,266	59,753
Request to examine state of intoxication, blood test	8,323	10,689	11,000	11,345	11,538
Examination of state of intoxication, precision breathalyser	12,498	10,796	9,597	8,528	8,206
Physical search / confiscation	28,425	25,774	23,426	22,311	23,106
- Of which the determination of the suspect's DNA profile	15,498	13,207	10,381	8,412	7,979
Bodily search / confiscation	4,523	4,196	4,263	2,998	2,802
House search and confiscation	17,689	16,356	17,578	12,983	12,058
Confiscation	25,850	27,585	28,704	25,511	25,787
Prohibition to reveal, decision	72	97	106	113	166
Cancellation of a coercive measure	37	45	46	38	26
Restraining order	2,065	2,021	1,965	1,829	1,729
Order to terminate a consignment	34	79	129	102	125
Amendment of a coercive measure	72	72	88	35	34
Order to bring a person before court	566	685	823	1,510	1,398
Request to extend the time limit	1,669	1,706	1,857	1,355	1,184
Precautionary measure / confiscation for security	280	332	281	219	211
Temporary measure	248	276	210	194	152
Release of a detainee	869	966	994	528	635
Obligate a witness to give evidence	0	1	0	0	1
Search of data contained in a device	0	0	0	4,177	5,505
Search of premises	0	0	0	4,753	5,633

Appendix table 2. Persons apprehended, arrested and remanded by age in 2015

Age	Apprehension	Arrest	Remand	Persons taken into custody while intoxicated
Age groups total	24,663	9,554	2,663	59,753
-14	7	0	0	9
15-17	738	240	48	644
18-20	2,491	1,110	254	4,324
21-24	3,601	1,537	387	5,823
25-29	4,320	1,785	498	6,998
30-34	3,849	1,537	477	6,577
35-39	2,983	1,169	343	6,065
40-44	2,003	848	265	4,908
45-49	1,701	589	171	6,188
50-59	2,014	548	171	10,973
60-..	898	179	48	7,076
Unknown	58	12	1	168

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