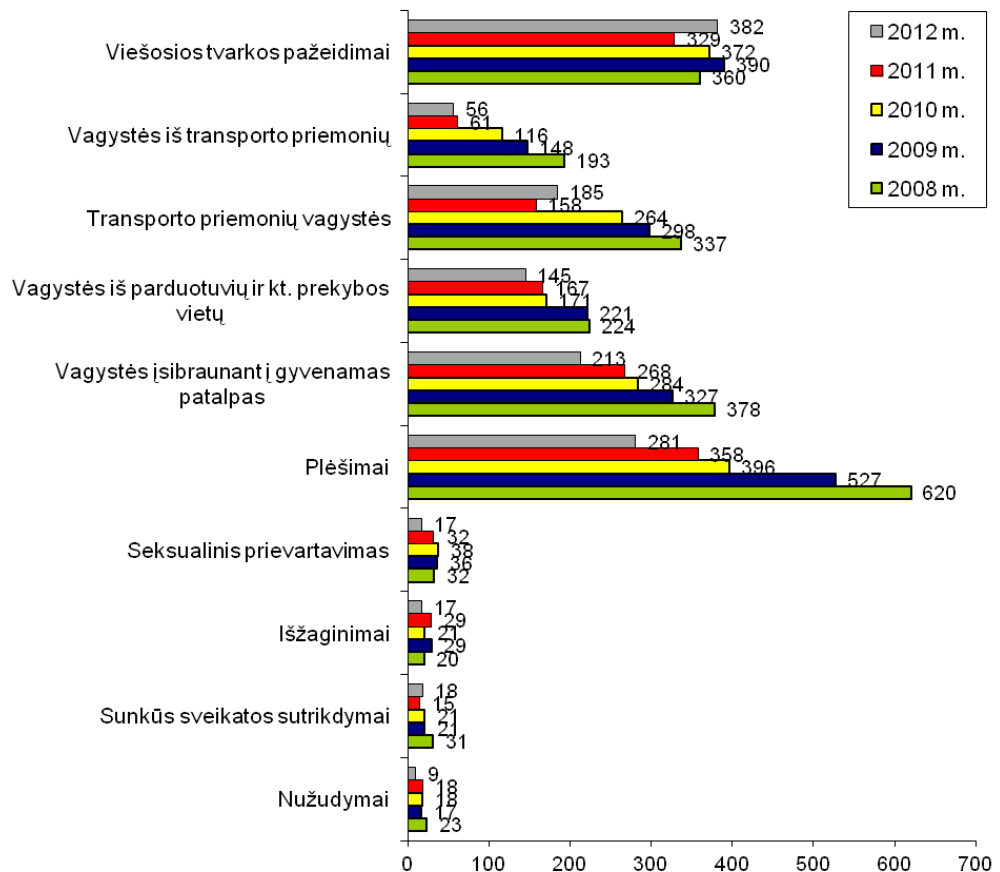


## TEMPLATE POLICY PAGE

<b>Category:</b>	<b>Youth Crime</b>
<b>Country:</b>	<b>Lithuania</b>
<b>Year:</b>	<b>/</b>

<b>Main policy page:</b>	<p>Though the number of investigated criminal offences, committed by juveniles or with their participation has been decreasing since 2004 as well as the number of convicted juveniles per 100 000 population has been decreasing since 2000. Nevertheless, the youth crime remains the matter of constant concern in the society. The number of juveniles charged with criminal offences from 2005 to 2014 has decreased around 40 percent.</p> <p>State policy concerning youth crime has been described in main laws (laws on basic rights, child minimal and medium care, penal, criminal procedure, administrative, etc.) and several national programs with regard to delinquent juveniles and to juveniles as victims of crime.</p> <p>The Programme on Juvenile Justice for 2009-2013 was adopted by the Government. It aims continuation of development of Juvenile Justice System: to improve targeted, long-term and comprehensive juvenile justice system, to identify and implement more differentiated measures for juveniles who are in different risk groups, to improve quality of social and re-socialization services. Now the new sequel program is under the adoption process.</p> <p>Bullying in schools, violence against children, other reasons and preconditions of crime and victimization among youth are targeted by the National Programme on the Assistance to Children and the Prevention of Violence Against Children for 2011-2015. It's a logical extension of the previous 2008-2010 Program. The main purpose of the 2011-2015 Program - to predict complex measures for elimination of violence against children and it's manifestation.</p> <p>The Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, taking into account the fact that in the area of child welfare there are no general principles based upon which it would be possible to bring about consistent reforms and mindful of the fact that the concept of state policy on child welfare is an initial step in the implementation of the comprehensive protection of the child and his welfare as one of the functions of State responsibility in 2003 approved the Concept of state policy on child welfare. The goal of the Concept of State Policy on Child Welfare (hereinafter referred to as the "Concept") is to reach a political understanding regarding the values and provisions governing child welfare and to foresee the guidelines of implementation of child welfare. The Concept serves as an insight into the future of the policy on child welfare. Guided by the Concept, consistently implementing the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, Consistent reforms are being brought about and strategies, plans of implementation and amendments to laws and subordinate legislation are being developed.</p>
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	<p>The Law on Minimum and Medium Child Care meets the needs, the rights and legitimate interests of public safety concerning children with behavioral problems in socialization, education, education and other assistance for the child's minimum-and medium-care system to help the child overcome the behavior disorders, to develop meaningful personal and public life.</p>
<p><b>Relevant legislation:</b></p>	<p>Programme on Juvenile Justice for 2009-2013  <a href="http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=352381">http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=352381</a>  (in Lithuanian)</p> <p>National Programme on the Assistance to Children and the Prevention of Violence Against Children for 2011-2015  <a href="http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=390536&amp;p_query=smurtas&amp;p_tr2=2">http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=390536&amp;p_query=smurtas&amp;p_tr2=2</a>  (in Lithuanian)</p> <p>Concept of state policy on child welfare  <a href="http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=242678">http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=242678</a>  (in English)</p> <p>The Law on Minimum and Medium Child Care  <a href="http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=390426">http://www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=390426</a>  (in Lithuanian)</p>
<p><b>Trends:</b></p>	<p>Minor crimes compose 7.5 percent of all investigated criminal acts. Compared to the 2005-2013 statistics this is the lowest number in the last years.</p> <p>More significantly juvenile criminal offenses decreased the last four years.</p> <p>Almost half (43.2 percent) of juvenile offense are thefts – 1352; of which theft, trespassing to dwelling – 179, from shops and other outlets - 151, vehicle theft – 192 (year 2013)</p> <p>Criminal acts committed by the suspect (accused) juveniles in 2008-2012:</p>



From top to bottom - violations of public order, thefts from the vehicles, thefts of the vehicles, thefts from the trade places, thefts with the trespassing dwellings, burglaries, sexual assault, rapes, severe health impairment, homicides.

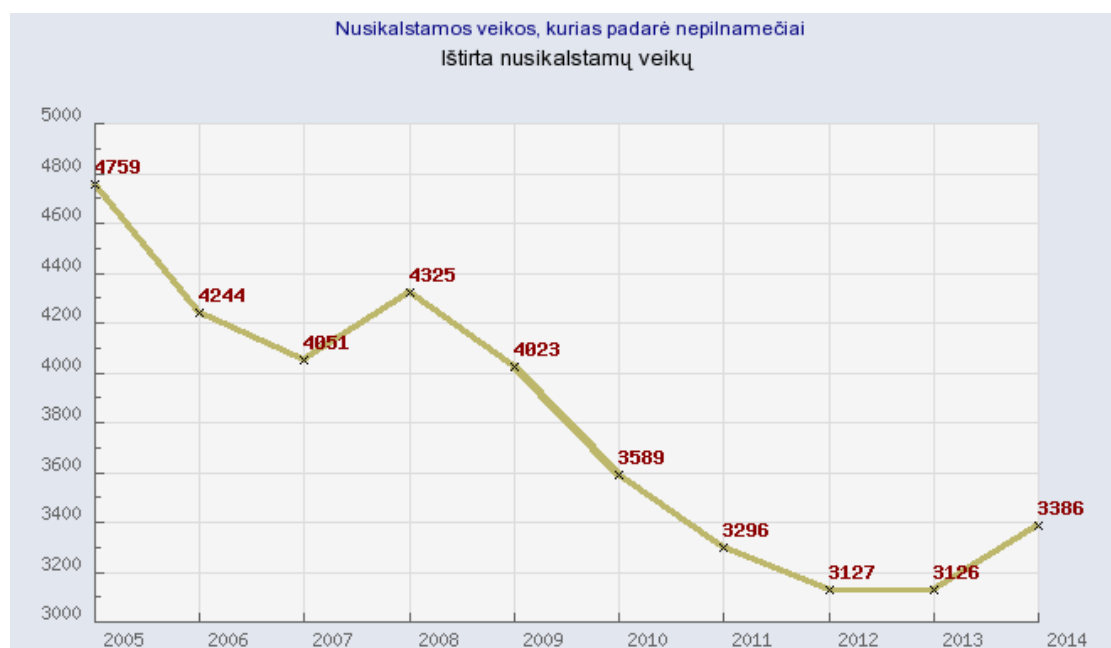
The analysis of the statistics shows that during the past eight years the number of accused juveniles decreased from 4135 to 2431, ie 41.2 per cent.

The vast majority (89.1 percent) of minors who are suspected of (or charged with) criminal offenses, were male, 10.9 percent – female.

Attention is paid to several negative trends. Compared with 2010, the number of child victims of these offenses: sexual abuse (5 to 8), physical pain induction (from 471 to 984) and the avoidance of keeping children (from 282 to 405) has increased.

2013 statistics: violations of public order - 372, thefts from the vehicles - 58, thefts of the vehicles - 192, thefts from the trade places - 151, thefts with the trespassing dwellings - 179, burglaries - 203, sexual assault - 21, rapes - 11, severe health impairment - 8, homicides – 13.

## Trends



### Criminal offenses committed by juveniles

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Crimes investigated	4759	4244	4051	4325	4023	3589	3296	3127	3126	3386
Crime quantity exchange rate (comparison with last years) (%)	-5.2	-10.8	-4.5	6.8	-7.0	-10.8	-8.2	-5.1	0	8.3
Criminal offenses per 100 000 population	138.9	124.7	119.7	127.8	120.5	109	102.4	104.5	105.8	115.5

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