

KEY FACTS

- Between 3,500 and 4,000 children are reported to commit crimes each year, up from around 2,400 in 2003
- Between 2004 and 2008 Serbia saw a large increase in the number of convicted minors aged 14 (from 9.9% in 2004 to 19.2% in 2008)
- Juvenile offences account for between 3.5% and 4% of all reported crimes
- 93% of reported juvenile crimes are carried out by boys
- 'Diversionary' solutions, such as apologizing to victims in person, or obligatory school attendance, are applied in only 3% of cases

(All data drawn from the Republican Statistical Office of Serbia)