



Fact sheet – Statistical activity and published results

Statistics on Custodial Sentences under Electronic Monitoring

Description

The Statistics on Custodial Sentences under Electronic Monitoring (EM) provide information on the execution of custodial sentences carried out as mandated by cantonal authorities for the execution of sentences and measures through the use of electronic devices that are attached to the body of the sentenced person and cannot be removed (electronic ankle bracelet, electronic monitoring device). Either the entire sentence is served under electronic supervision (front door EM) or only the latter part of the sentence is monitored electronically in the place of day release employment or external accommodation and day release employment (back door EM). The statistics cover the socio-demographic characteristics of monitored individuals, details about enforcement and related court decisions.

Methodology

Methodology used:
Exhaustive survey

Characteristics recorded:

- Socio-demographic characteristics (sex, age, nationality, residence status)
- Canton responsible for the execution of sentences and measures
- Type of monitoring (front door EM or back door EM)
- Start date
- Date of completion or termination of sentence
- Number of days under electronic supervision
- Detention facility at time of discharge (for *backdoor EM*)
- Principal executed sentence and canton in which the court is based

The statistics are augmented with relevant data from the Criminal Conviction Statistics.

Data retention:

The data is stored for a period exceeding 30 years to allow for long-term studies on recidivism.

Survey date / period:

Ongoing

- From 1999 to 2017 in seven pilot cantons (BE, BL, BS, GE, SO, TI, VD)
- Since 2018, in all cantons

Periodicity: Annual

Degree of regionalisation: Switzerland, cantons

Revision policy

The statistical data are subject to a routine annual revision process. Data already published for previous years are supplemented and revised as appropriate.

Legal basis

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