

Reforming criminal justice in Estonia

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Estonia – some facts

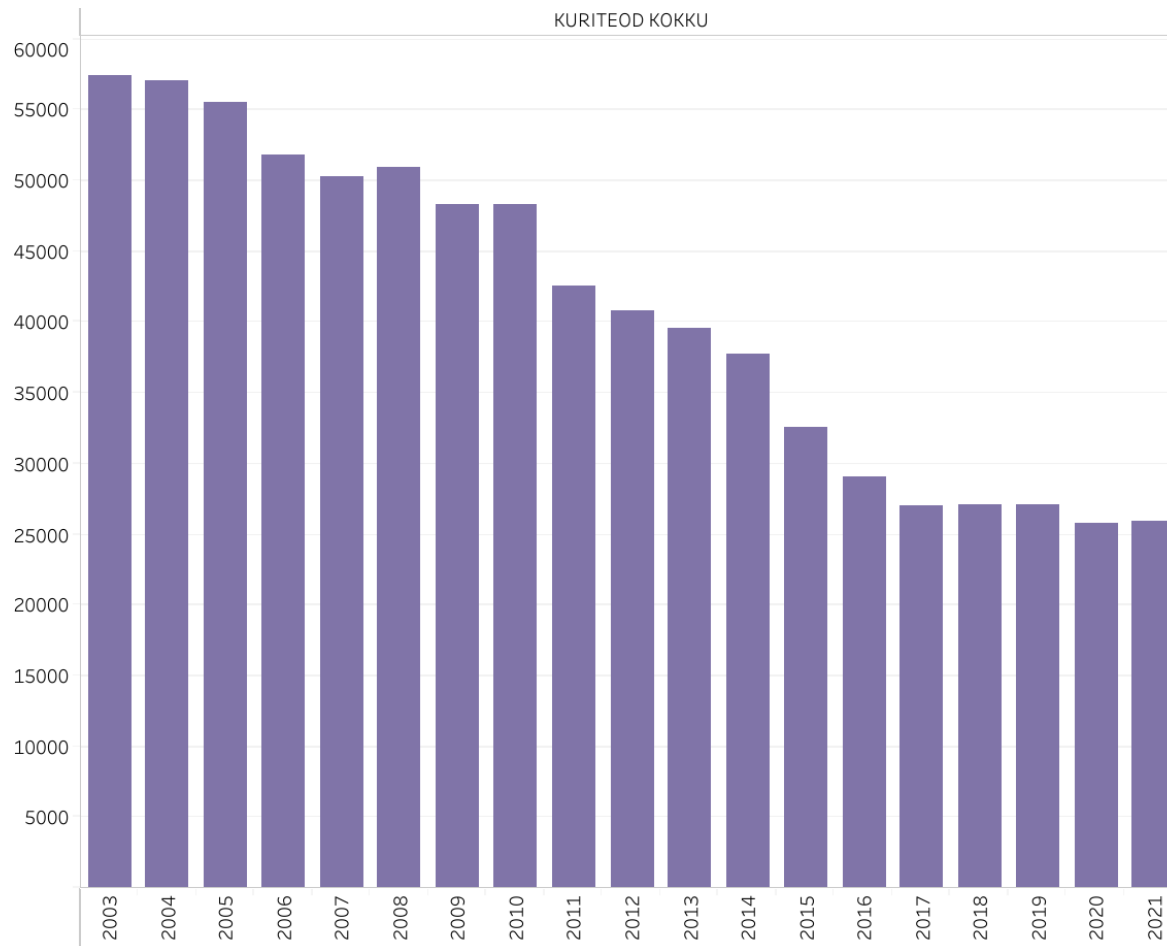
- Parliamentary republic
- Independence - 1918, restored - 1991
- 45 339 km²
- 1,3 million inhabitants
- Density: 29,3 people/km²
- Nato and EU: 2004
- Neighbours: Finland, Sweden, Latvia, Russia.



Starting point in 1990-ties

- Difficult economic situation
- High crime rate, organized crime
- Old legislation, practices
- Death penalty til 1998, last execution 1991
- Camp type, overcrowded, poorly staffed prisons
- Alternative sanctions and measures not in place nor effective

Results: registered crime (per year)



Results: prison population

Key indicators on prison population National vs regional estimates

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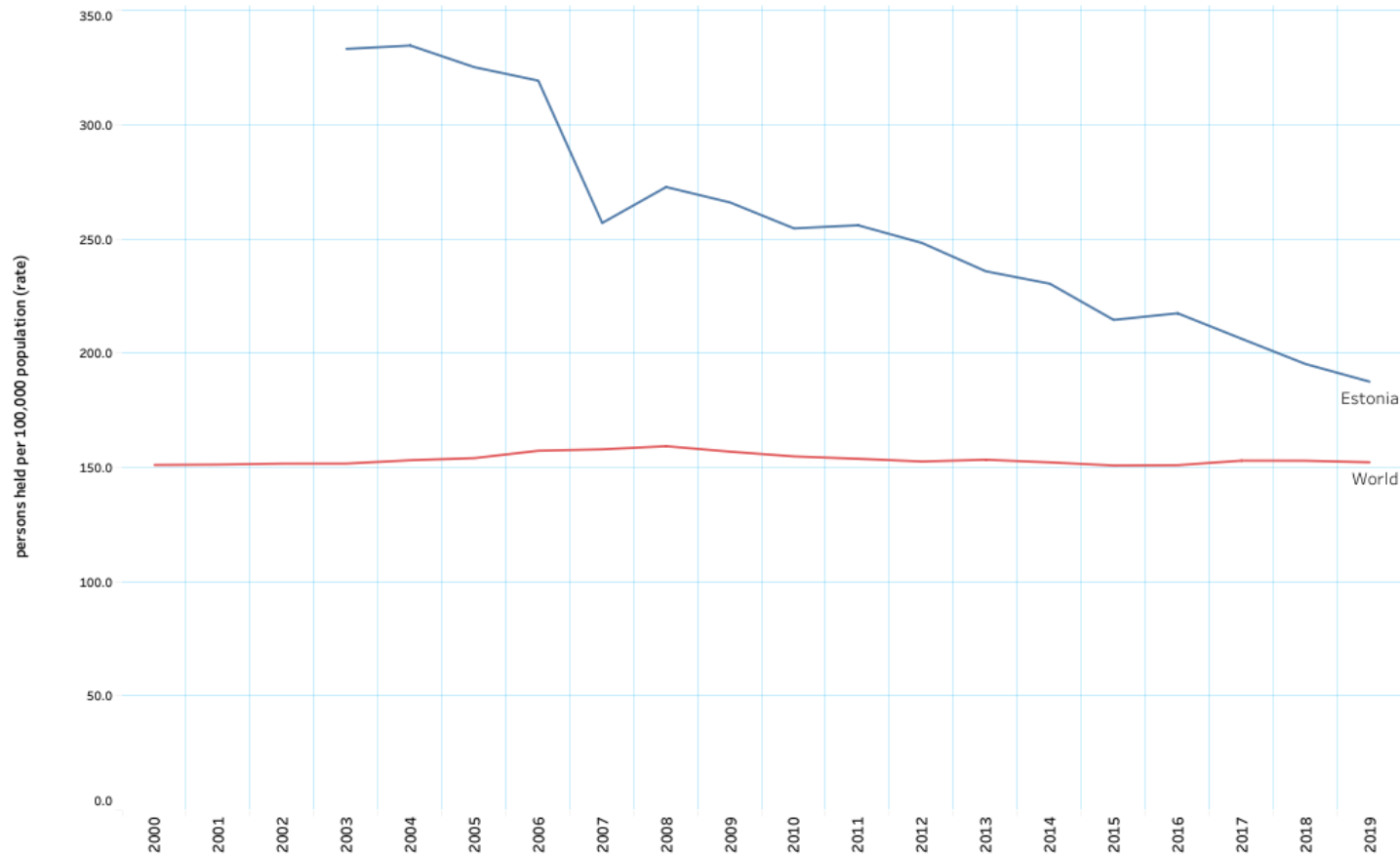
Persons held per 100,000 population

Select Region/Subregion

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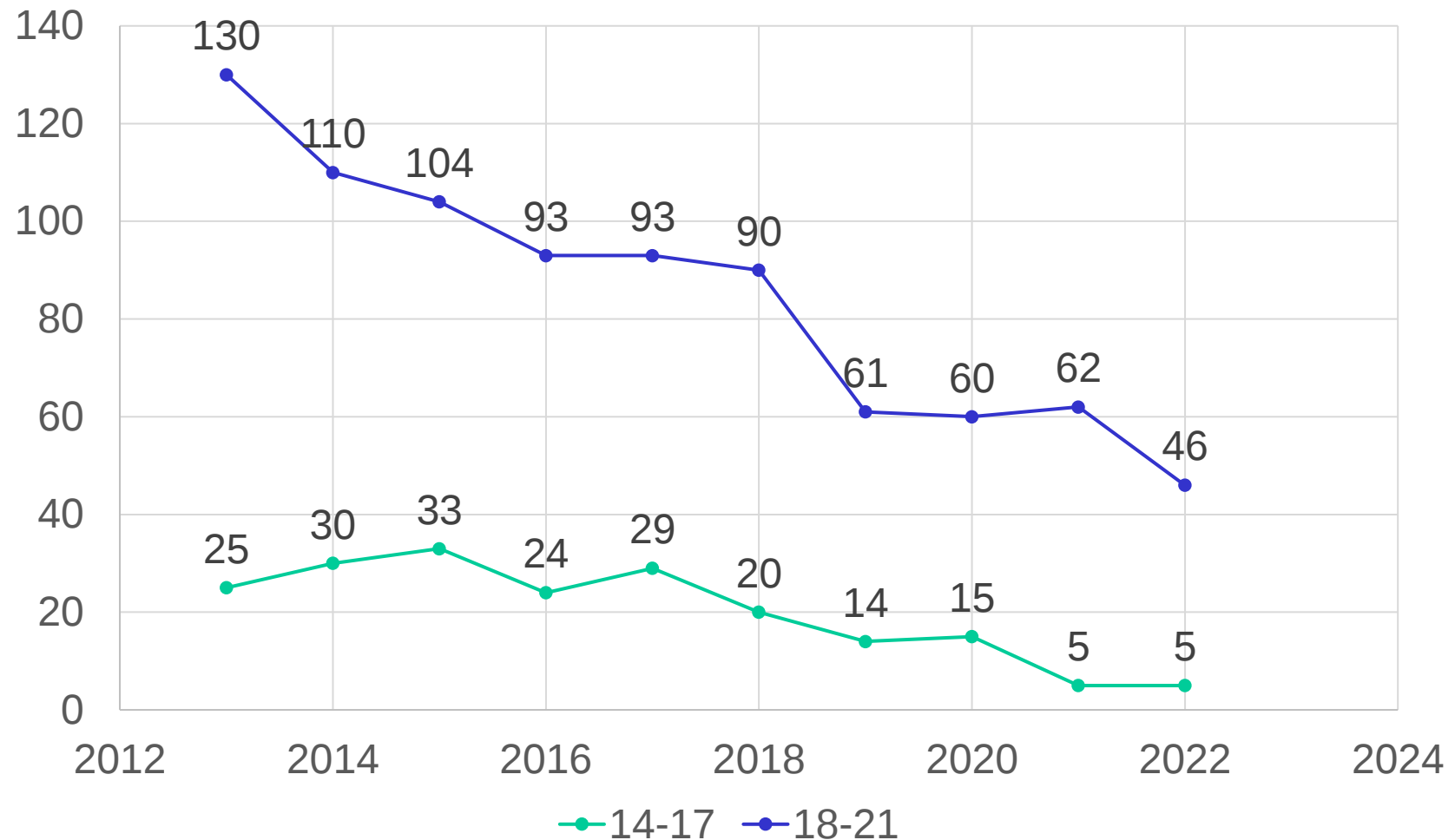
Source: Data are collected from national authorities through the annual **United Nations Crime Trends Survey (UN-CTS)**. When necessary, additional data are derived from other available sources. Sources for national data are shown when hovering with the cursor over the data point and can be retrieved under "Bulk data download" on this page. Before publication, data are sent to UN Member States for their review. Regional and global estimates are produced by UNODC on the basis of available national data.



Persons held per 100,000 population

Region	Country	Indicator	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Europe	Estonia	Persons held per 100,000 population				333.3	334.8	325.3	319.4	257.1	272.8	266.1	254.7	250.0
World	World	Persons held per 100,000 population	151.1	151.3	151.7	151.7	153.2	154.1	157.3	158.0	159.3	156.9	154.9	154.9

Results: juvenile and young prisoners

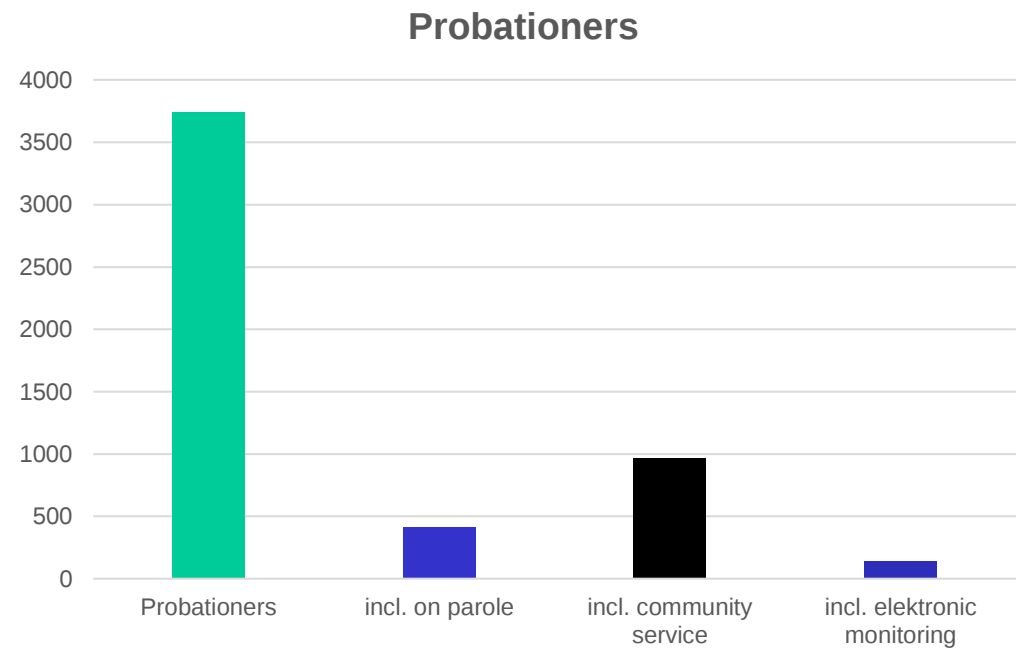
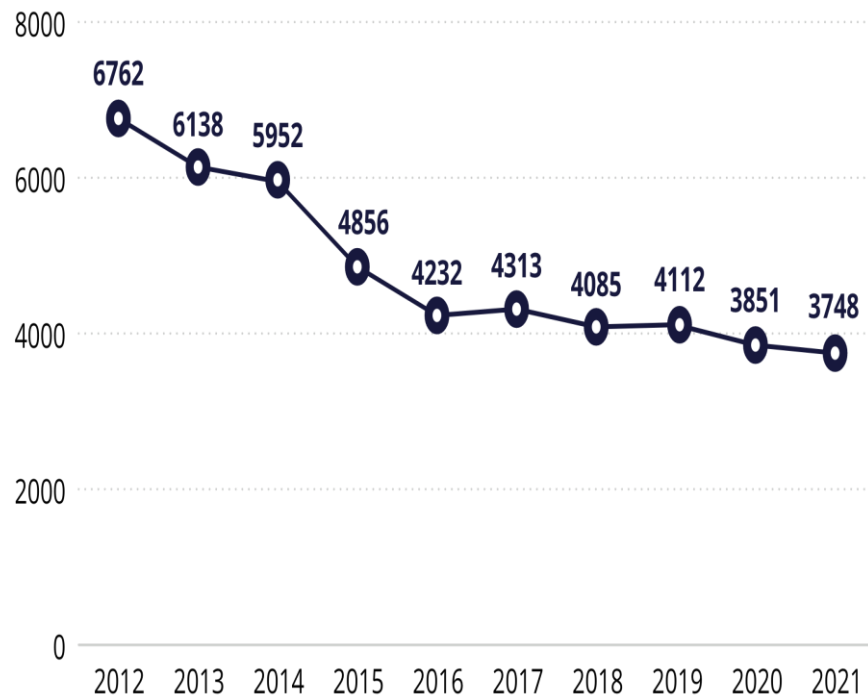


Source: Ministry of Justice

Results: new prisons (3)

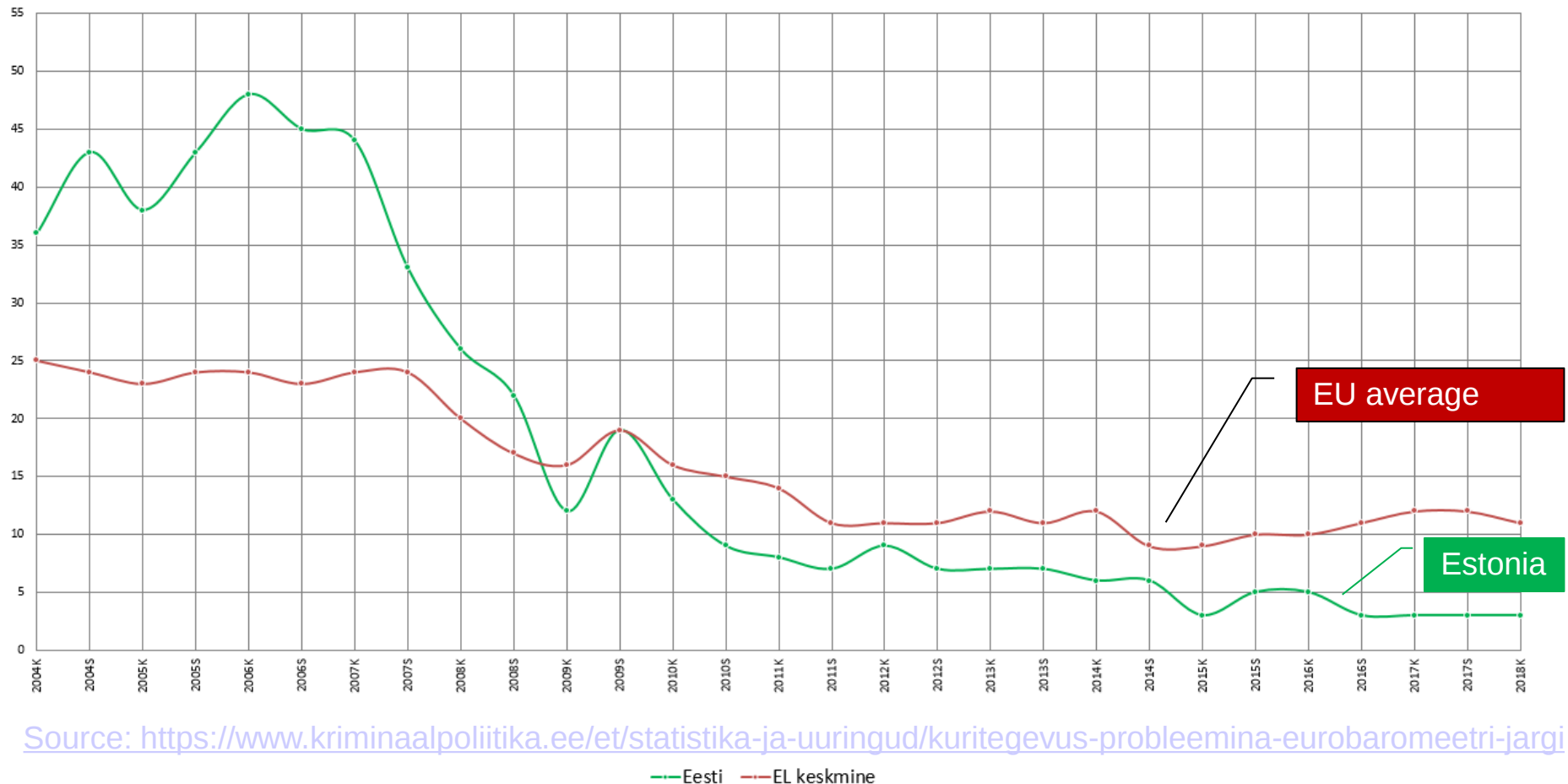


Results: probation(+prisons)



Result: concerns about crime

Is crime the main concern for the country (%)



Some elements to success

- Work with public perception!
- Modernisation of legislation, focus on criminal justice workforce
- Total prison reform from staff to buildings – oldest prison now from 2002
- Focus on alternatives to imprisonment, starting probation service, social services integration
- International support, thrive to EU membership, learning from best practices

Thank you!