

3.C.2 Age brackets and definition of aliens used in tables 3.B.2.2 and 3.B.2.3

3.C.2.1 Age brackets used in table 3.B.2.2

All countries count minors as persons who are not yet 18 years old. The only exception is Austria which included 18 years old.

The lower age limit varies widely among countries as far as criminal responsibility is concerned. Persons below the age of criminal responsibility will not be convicted and therefore not counted in conviction statistics (whatever "civil" or administrative treatment or sanction they will actually receive). This was not necessarily the case for police statistics where persons below the age of criminal responsibility were sometimes included (for details see table 1.C.2.2).

For the offences considered here, the following age limits were indicated.

Table 3.C.1.2 Minimum age for consideration in conviction statistics in 1995

Albania	14
Austria	14
Belgium	16
Bulgaria	14
Croatia	14
Cyprus	7
Czech Republic	15
Denmark	15
Estonia	13
Finland	15
France	13
Germany	14
Greece	13
Hungary	14
Ireland	7
Italy	14
Latvia	14
Lithuania	14
Luxembourg	14
Moldova	14
Netherlands	12
Norway	15
Poland	13
Portugal	16
Romania	14
Russia	14
Slovenia	14
Spain	12
Sweden	15
Switzerland	18
Turkey	11
<i>United Kingdom:</i>	
England & Wales	10
Northern Ireland	10
Scotland	8

3.C.2.2. Definition of aliens: See paragraph 1.C.2.3.