*Table 1. Number of Bulgarian victims of trafficking over the period 2014 – 2017, disaggregated by sex, age (adult/minor) and type of exploitation*.

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| **Victims** |  | **2014**  | **2015**  | **2016**  | **2017** |
| **Total number of victims**  |  | **495** | **409** | **447** | **508** |
| **Female,** of whom  |  | 464 | 381 | 409 | 444 |
| minor (14-18 years of age)  |  | 23 | 27 | 20 | 36 |
| minor (below 14 years of age) |  | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| **Distribution of the victims according to the purpose of trafficking**  |
| **Sexual exploitation**  |  | 409 | 314 | 329 | 323 |
| Female, of whom |  | 398 | 311 | 318 | 316 |
| minor (14-18 years of age) |  | 22 | 24 | 19 | 32 |
| minor (below 14 years of age) |  | 6 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| **Labour exploitation**  |  | 16 | 26 | 31 | 67 |
| Female |  | 3 | 4 | 8 | 16 |
| **Organ removal**  |  | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Female |  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Servitude** |  | 11 | 6 | 5 | 17 |
| Female |  | 4 | 6 | 3 | 14 |
| **Pregnant women for selling their newborn babies**  |  | 57 | 62 | 81 | 97 |

*Source: SPOC*

*Table 2. Number of persons brought to court, convicted persons, imposed punishments and acquittals over the period 2014-2017*

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **2014** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017**  |
| **Persons brought to court**  | 94 | 99 | 80 | 88 |
| **Convicted and sanctioned persons with a final judicial act**  | 59 | 49 | 36 | 62 |
| **Punished** (Fine is imposed together with imprisonment): |
| * **Imprisonment – effective**
 | 19 | 16 | 12 | 20 |
| * **Imprisonment – conditionally suspended**
 | 37 | 32 | 23 | 41 |
| * **Fine**
 | 31 | 23 | 8 | 29 |
| **Finally acquitted persons**  | 5 | 4 | 2 | 0 |

*Source: SPOC*

According to the latest data from the Prosecutor’s Office, the number of sentenced for human trafficking in 2017 has almost doubled on the year:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Indicators** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** |
| Cumulative pre-trial proceedings | 294 | 312 | **325** |
| New pre-trial proceedings | 85 | 104 | **86** |
| Concluded proceedings | 166 | 160 | **183** |
| Prosecutorial acts filed with the court | 51 | 45 | **65** |
| Sentenced by an enforceable judicial act | 49 | 36 | **62** |
| Acquitted persons with a valid court act | 4 | 2 | **0** |