

# Russia 2021

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Population	145 824 556
Prison population	465 896
Convicted	355 406
In pre-trial detention	110 490
Detainees (under administrative arrest)	391 155 (during 2021)
Law enforcement budget	27 340 901 273 EUR (2 384.4 billion RUB)
Budget per prisoner per year	2.8 EUR per day (as of 2020, recent data not available)
Number of penitentiary personnel	226 070
Number of police officers	6 580 — only Ministry of Interior central staff Total number of police officers in the country is classified

## Judgments documenting the problem of torture

Judgments and decisions of international bodies documenting the problem of torture and ill-treatment	83 ECtHR judgments (including 32 that found lack of effective investigation)
Judgments of Russian courts	575 (convictions under article 286(3) of the Criminal Code)
Convictions on charges of false denunciation for reporting torture	No data

## Criminalization of torture and ill-treatment

Explicit prohibition of torture in criminal law	Explicit prohibition in the Constitution. No explicit prohibition in criminal law
Criminalization of acts falling within the definition of torture	Sanctions defined clearly and precisely in Criminal Code articles applicable to the crime of torture
Definition of torture consistent with international treaties	Not fully consistent with relevant Conventions

## Government body investigating allegations of torture and ill-treatment

There is a body authorized to investigate torture	There is an independent body that reports to the highest government authority and has its own budget but cannot form its budget
Number of investigators	Classified information
Investigator workload	—
Investigating body's jurisdiction	Exclusive jurisdiction, torture cases are under 50 %
Geographic coverage	All administrative units of the country
Budget	Discretionary power to spend their budget. The budget covers minimum essential costs.
Number of complaints of torture and ill-treatment	No data
Number of criminal cases instituted	No data

## Ratification of relevant international treaties

Relevant conventions	All relevant UN conventions are in force
Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (2002)	Neither signed nor ratified
Ratification of individual complaints procedures of the UN Treaty Bodies	Relevant procedures of the UN Human Rights Committee and the UN Committee against Torture
Istanbul Protocol	Not implemented

## Procedural guarantees

Documenting the actual detention start time	Set out in law but not respected
Lawyer notification at the actual detention start time	Set out in law, but in practice lawyer notification is selective and only after three hours of detention. Lawyers are often denied access to persons arrested during protests.
Family notification	Legally required within three hours, but applied selectively
Medical examination	Required, but no prescribed timeframe for medical examination

## Preventive mechanisms

Independent external review mechanism	Established but controlled by the authorities. No separate budget.
Video surveillance	Some, but not all facilities are equipped
Access to, and safekeeping of video evidence	Not protected and fully accessible to officials at places of detention. No liability for tampering with the archives.