

**The devil is in the details –
but don't forget the bigger picture:**
*Why crime register data is a key asset for
policy-making*

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Crime registers in Denmark

> Statistics Denmark (1980-ongoing, except KRAN: 1990-ongoing):



KRAN

Kriminalstatistik
anmeldelser



KRSI

Kriminalstatistik
sigtelser



KRAF

Kriminalstatistik
afgørelser



KRIN

Kriminalstatistik
indsættelser



KROF

Ofre for straffelovsforbrydelser
(2001-ongoing)

& KROG

Relation mellem offer og gerningsperson
(2020-ongoing)



KRMS

Sigtelser for mindreårige
(2005-ongoing)

> Police directly

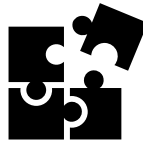
> Danish Prisons: risk assessment data, the Youth Crime Board and the Youth Probation Service

Benefits

> Zooming out: Information for extended time of periods



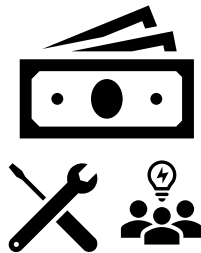
> Zooming in: Information at a very detailed level



> Across generations



> Across sectors




Acceleration of changes in the Danish penal code

Information

Nyhed | **Barsk bandepakke fra regeringen**
Regeringen fordobler strafframmerne for voldskriminalitet og overtrædelse af våbenloven ved bandepog. Det gælder blandt andet drab og røverier

Ritzau



Politiet får mulighed for at efterforske mere effektivt, og det bliver lettere at varetægts-fængsle bandemedlemmer i våbensager.

Tobias Johansen

5. marts 2009

Ny bandepakke: Hårdere straffe for ydmygelsesvold

Regeringen offentliggjorde tirsdag deres udspil til en bandepakke 4, der skal styrke indsatsen mod organiseret kriminalitet



Statsminister Mette Frederiksen svarer tirsdag på pressens spørgsmål, da regeringen fremlagde deres nye udspil til bandepakke 4. Foto: Henning Wipsh

JUSTITSMINISTERIET

Kontakt Ministeriet Presse Forskning


Folketinget skærper straffen for vold og chikane mod offentligt ansatte

19. december 2016

ROMA-LOV

Roma-lov hastes gennem Folketinget inden sommer

Skærpselse af straffen for "stryghedskabende figger" bliver hastebehandlet i juni.



Vold, voldtægt og pædofili straffes hårdere end hidtil i Danmark

Kriminalitetsforsker siger, at strengere straffe sjældent får kriminelle til at begå mindre kriminalitet. Justitsministeren vil have mere forskning.



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Bredt flertal vedtager den største samlede straffeskærpselse for personfarlig kriminalitet i nyere tid

5. februar 2026

Et bredt flertal i Folketinget har i dag vedtaget lovforslaget om strafreformen, som bl.a. fordobler straffen for grov vold og skærper straffen med 50 procent for de groveste voldtægter, vold mod offentligt ansatte og simpel vold i form af gruppevold.

Nyheder

Kriminel lavalder sænkes til 14

4. okt 2009 kl. 16.46
Opdateret 4. okt 2009 kl. 20.57

SAMFUND Opdateret: 29. jun. 2018

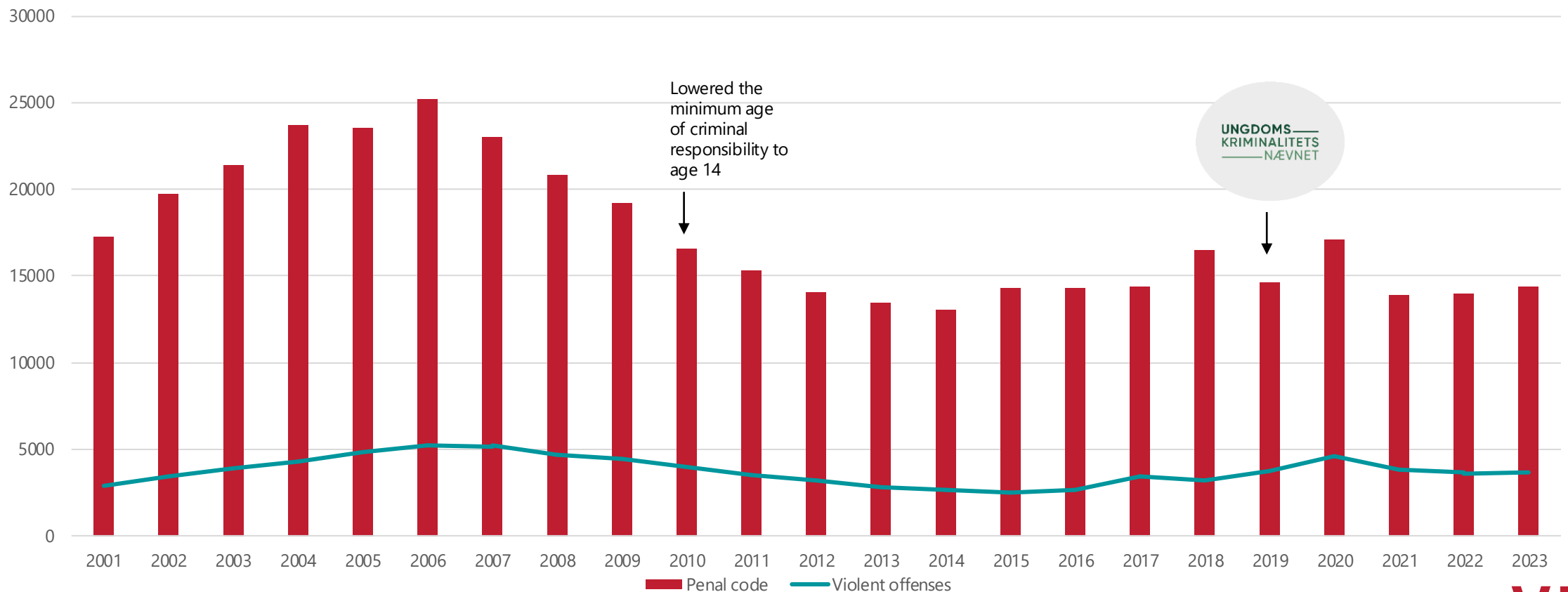
Gem artikel

Ny aftale: Går efter kriminelle unge ned til 10 år

Den kriminelle lavalder er fastholdt på 15 år, men et nyt nævæn skal behandle kriminelle unge mellem 10 og 17

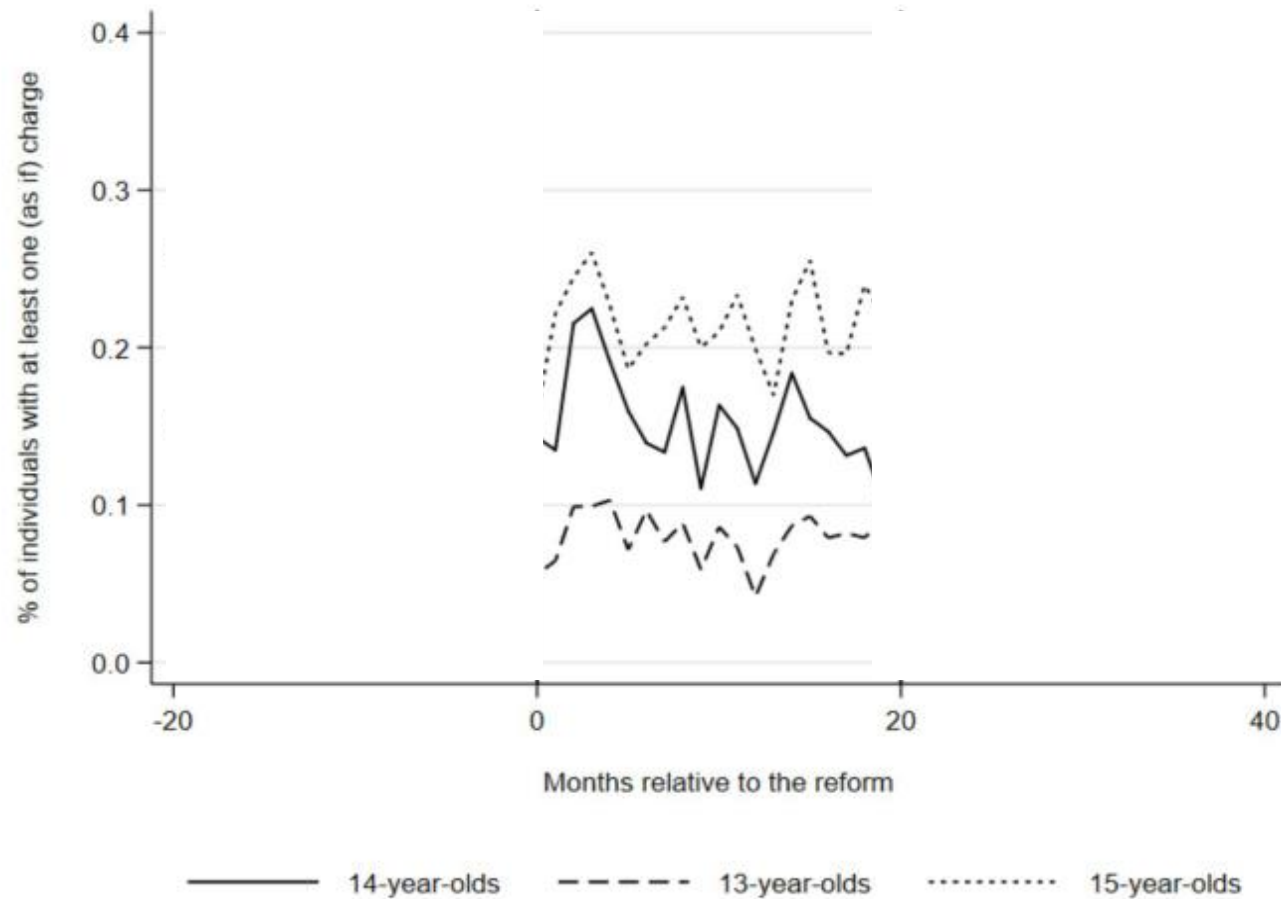
Zooming out: Information for extended time of periods

Development in criminal offenses among children and young people aged 10-17



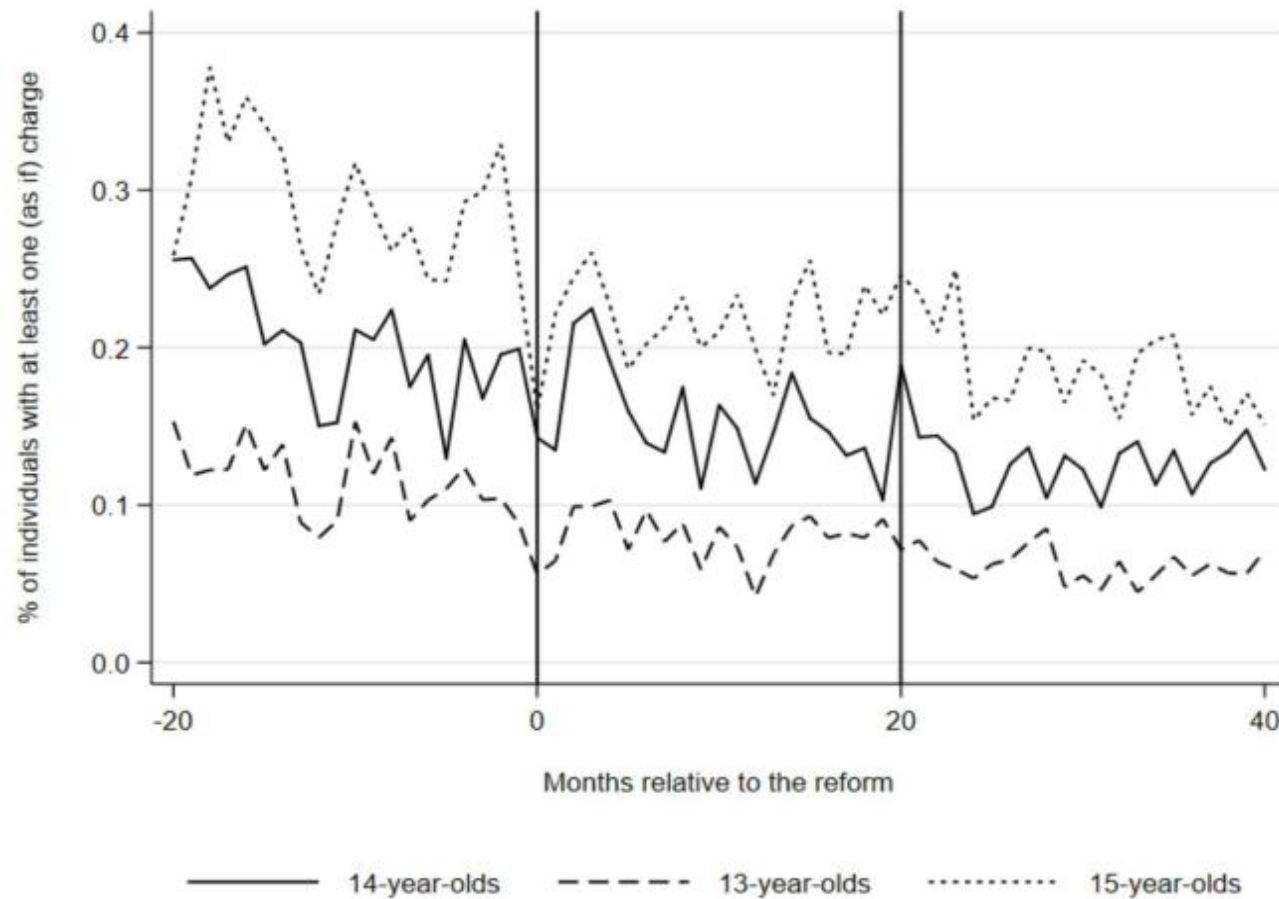
Source: Ongoing work by Britt Østergaard Larsen & Kira Solveig Larsen.
Based on data from the police directly

Zooming in + out: Policy reforms



Source: Damm, A. P., Larsen, B. Ø., Nielsen, H. S., & Simonsen, M. (2025). Lowering the minimum age of criminal responsibility: Consequences for juvenile crime. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 41(3), 495-521.
Based on KRSI & KRMS.

Zooming out + in: Policy reforms

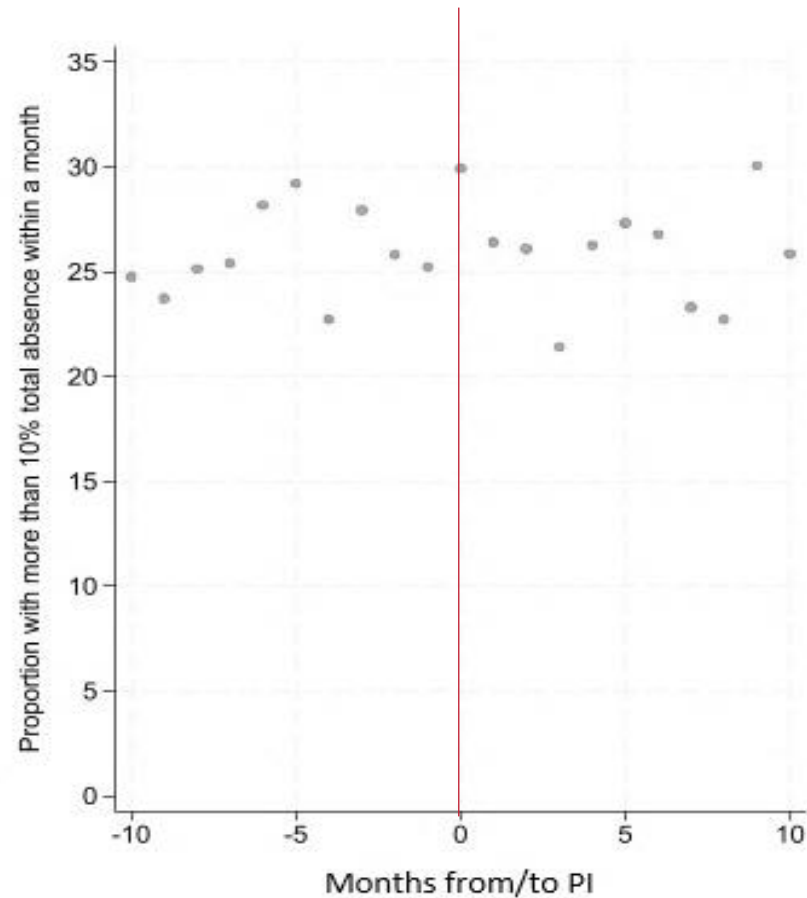


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Zooming in on events + across generations



Associations between paternal incarceration and childrens school absence



Source: Ongoing work by Sara Wakefield and Kira Solveig Larsen.
Based on KRIN & school absence data from STIL

Across sectors

Spillover effects of policy reforms (in other sectors) on crime



Figure 1. Proportion of Boys Enrolled in VET by Time Since Graduation from Ninth Grade in Denmark, by GPA in Danish and Mathematics.

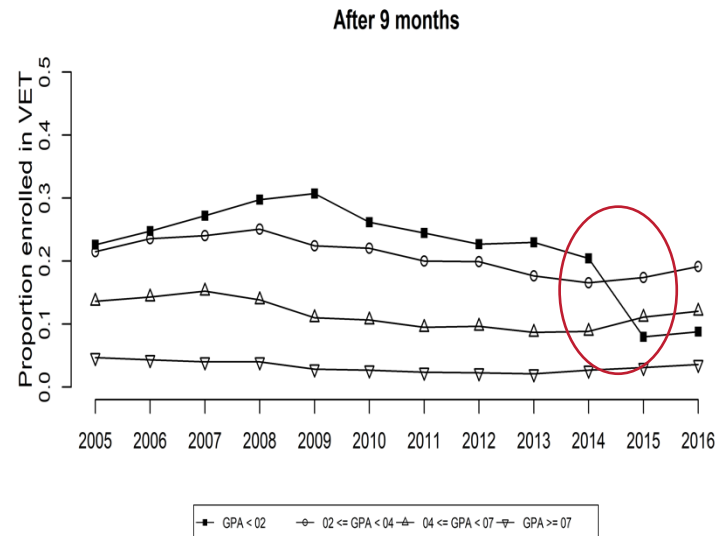
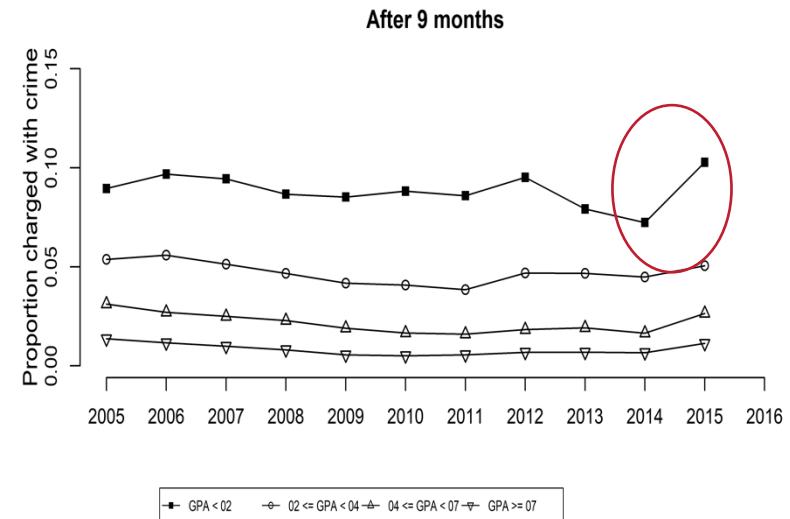


Figure 2. Proportion of Boys Charged with Crime by Time Since Graduation from Ninth Grade in Denmark, by GPA in Danish and Mathematics.



Source: Larsen, K. S., Andersen, L. H., & Larsen, B. O. (2022). Pushed out of the education system: using a natural experiment to evaluate consequences for boys. *J. Experimental Criminology*, 18, 411.
Based on KRSI & education data from KOTRE

Challenges and future perspectives

- > Dark numbers: Surveys show bias in reporting (Hansen & Pedersen, 2022).
- > "Only" goes back to 1980 (for now)
- > Cannot say anything about feelings such as sense of justice



Thank you

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