

Retention in Police Custody in France

In 2009, 580.108 measures of retention in custody were recorded in the statistical activity of the police and gendarmerie in terms of non-road-related crimes. We can consider that these measures helped contribute to the process of resolving crimes, that is to say finding those to be questioned 7. As was the case in 2009, 1.174.837 people were called in for questioning for non- road-related crimes and offences and the report “retention in custody/ questioning” puts this figure at 49,4%.

The variations over time of this rate can lead to two distinct phenomenon: one in relation to those questioned, and the other in relation to the practice of retention in custody itself.

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