

First results of the second analysis, Corruption offences in Hungary

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- Prejudices and attitudes towards corruption influence the perceptions not only of lay people but also of professionals
- The actual data available on corruption do not always support public perceptions
- We have little reliable data on the whole issue.
- Corruption is typically a crime with a very high latency.
- The definition of corruption cases is also problematic. It is often difficult to determine whether an act constitutes corruption.

Problems of knowledge about corruption

Various interpretations of corruption exist around the world:

The simplest definition: the abuse of public power for private benefit.

Corruption has a more general meaning than this.

Corruption is when a policeman, in return for a small reward, forgoes formal sanctioning of a detected offence, and corruption is when a senior government official, in return for a multi-million dollar reward, awards a major government contract to the "right" company. Corruption can also be gratuities, tips or kickbacks. Political corruption can also take many forms.

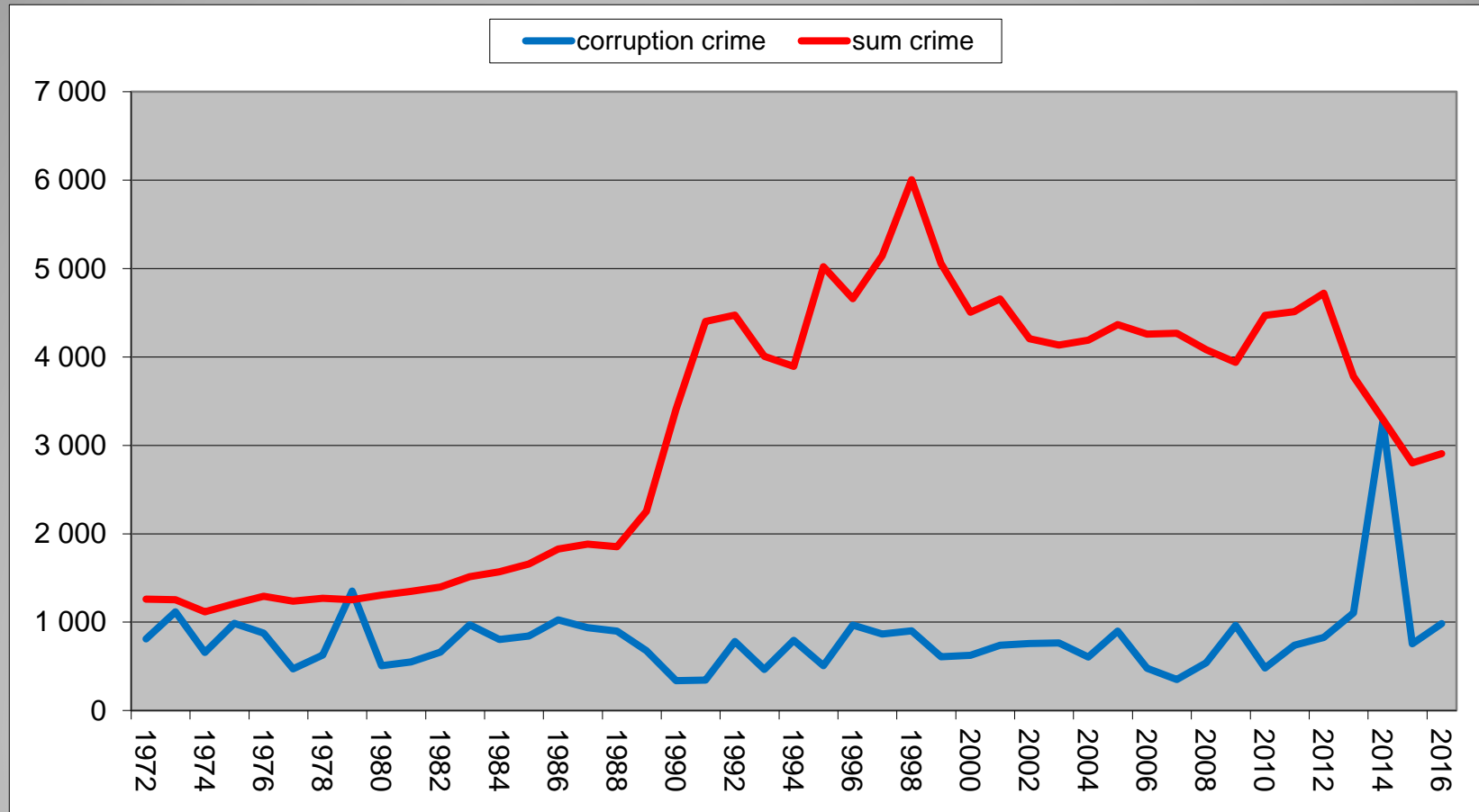
Definition of corruption 1.

- **Grand corruption** is the abuse of high-level power that benefits the few at the expense of the many, and causes serious and widespread harm to individuals and society.
- **Petty corruption** involves middle or low-level public officials, who may be
 - underpaid and who interact directly with the public. Petty corruption involves
 - small sums of money but generally harms the poorest members of a society
 - in their interactions with public services (schools, hospitals, police, tax administration, etc.). Petty corruption is thus a “street level” form of corruption

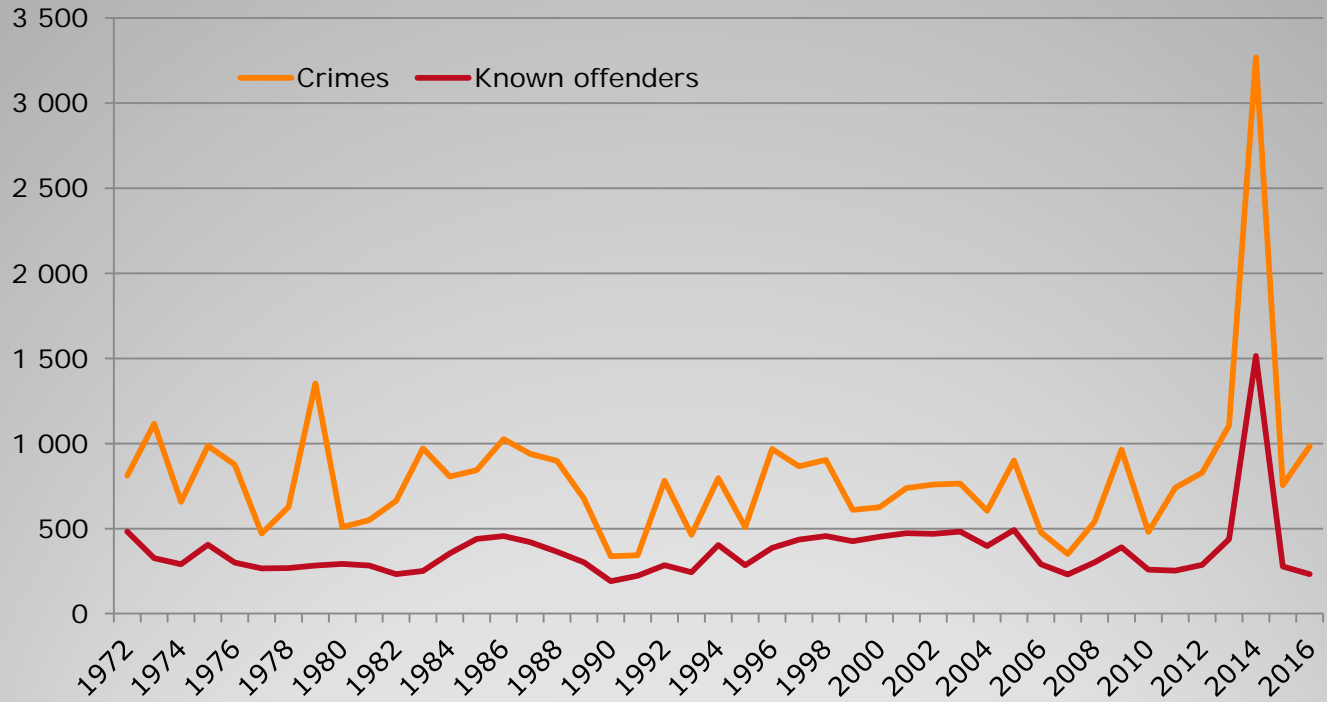
Definition of corruption 2.

- On the one hand, we would like to show how corruption has evolved in the years under study, using Hungarian crime statistics.
- On the other hand, we will use empirical data to separate the levels of grand and petty corruption.
- We examined corruption offences registered in 2016.
- We analysed the long-term trend in registered corruption offences.
- In the course of the research, we examined the prosecution - investigative authority files of corruption cases that became final in 2016. In total, 205 case files were processed.

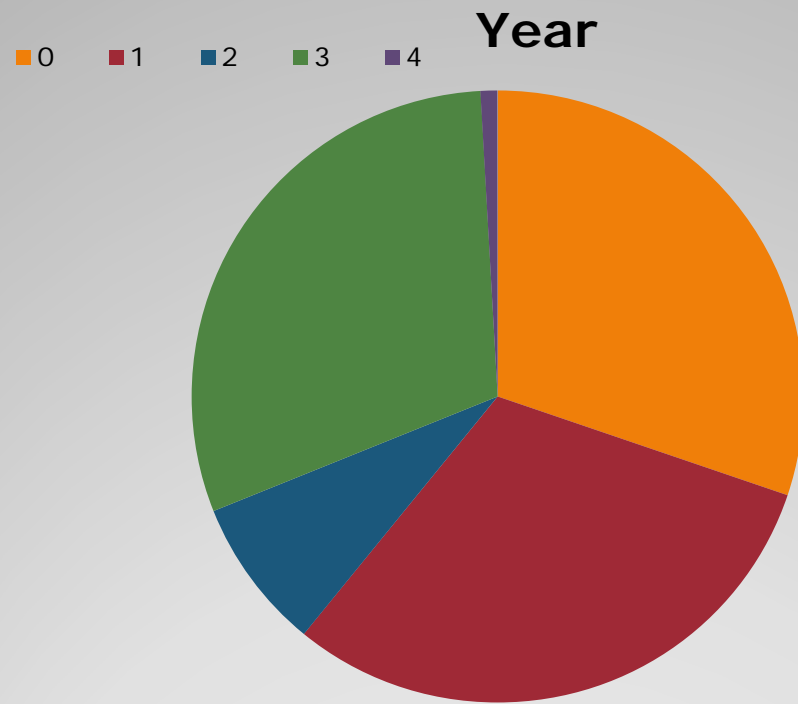
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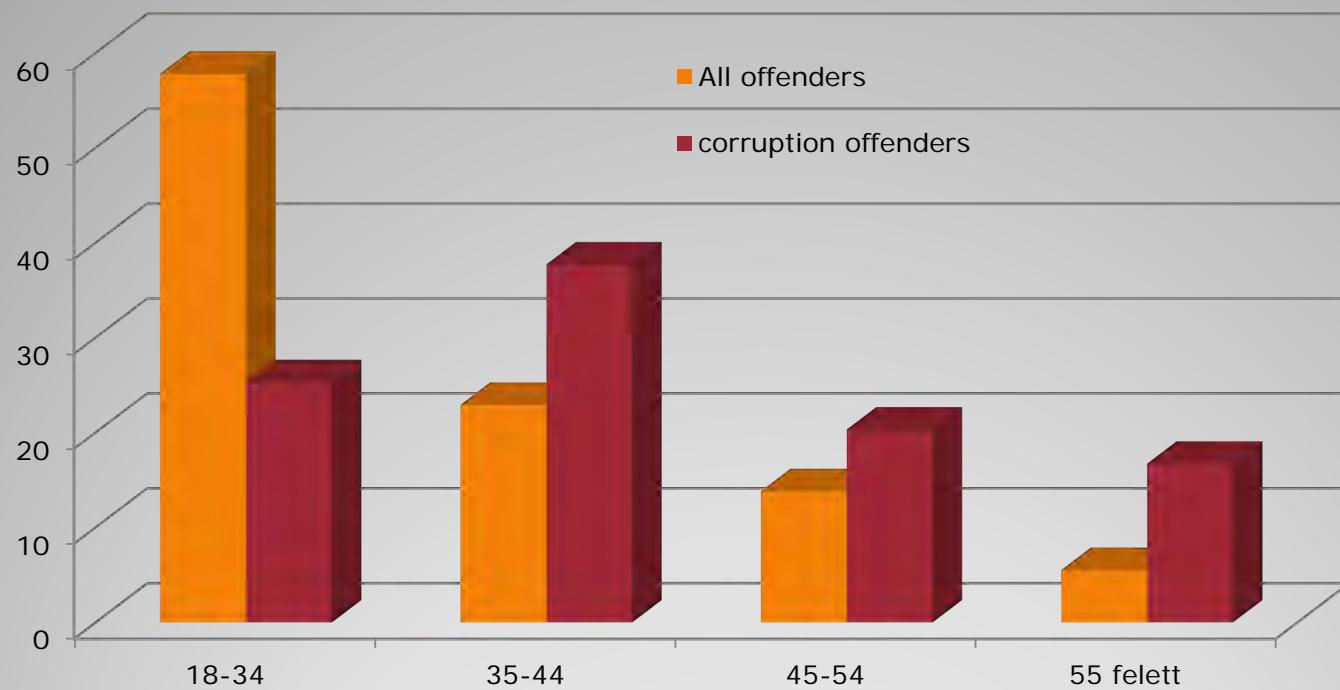
Trends in recorded crime



Corruption crimes

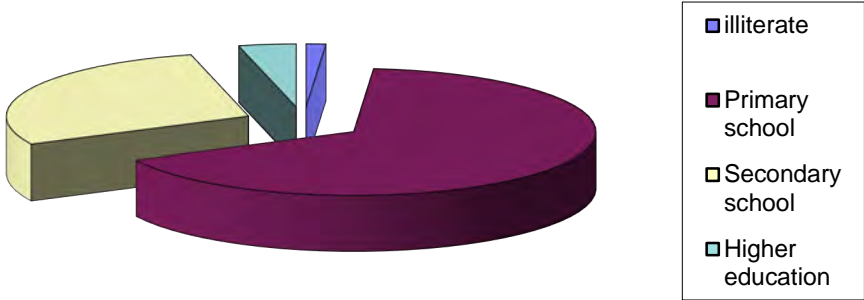


Investigation time

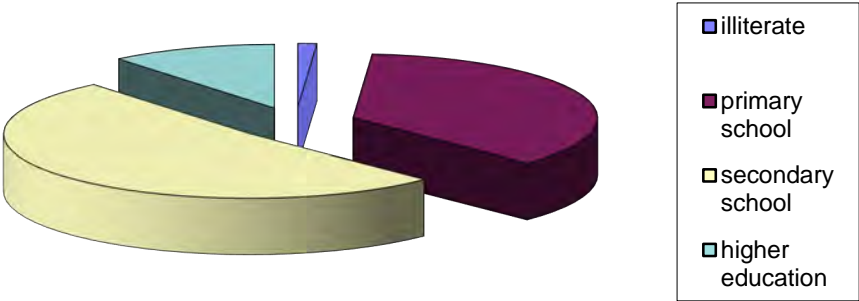


Age of offenders

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corruption crimes offenders



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