

**The crime statistics of NEC persons
on recognisance and issued with Form No. 8
(January to October 2023)**

According to the Police's information, from January to October 2023, a total of 604 NEC persons on recognisance and issued with Form No. 8 (mainly non-refoulement claimants) were arrested for criminal offences. The breakdowns of the number of persons arrested by the crime category are tabulated below:

Offence	Number of persons arrested (from January to October 2023)
Shop theft	162
Serious drug offences (Note 1)	80
Wounding and serious assault	54
Miscellaneous thefts	49
Disorder / fighting in public place	37
Criminal damage	28
Serious immigration offences (Note 2)	28
Forgery and coinage	21
Burglary	17
Others (Note 3)	128
Total	604
<i>Triad-related (Note 4)</i>	<i>17</i>

Note 1: "Serious drug offences" include possession of dangerous drugs exceeding a specified amount (i.e. possession of drugs, such as 5 grams of cocaine/heroin/marijuana, etc.), manufacturing dangerous drugs, trafficking of dangerous drugs, etc.

Note 2: "Serious immigration offences" include aiding and abetting illegal immigrants, arranging passage of unauthorized entrants to Hong Kong and using an identity card relating to another person, etc.

Note 3: "Others" include criminal intimidation, indecent assault, child abuse and possession of offensive weapon, etc.

Note 4 : "Triad-related" arrested persons involve in offences including serious drug offences, criminal damage and serious gambling offences, etc.