

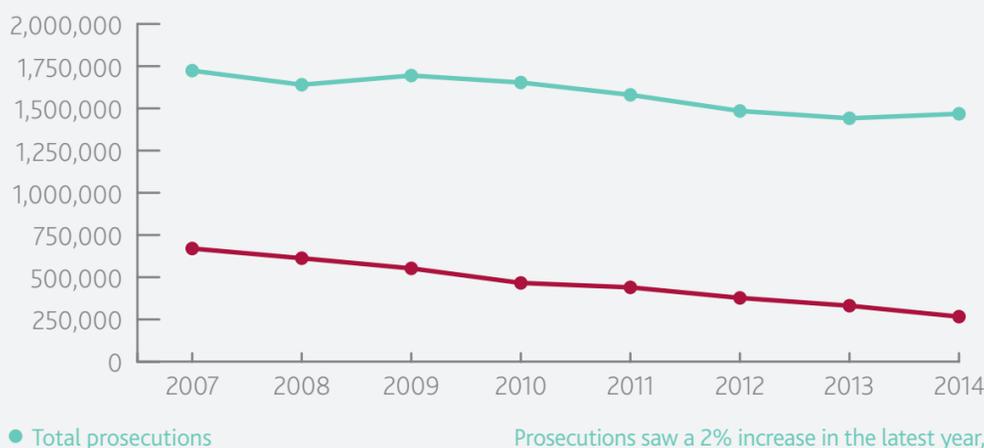
Criminal Justice Statistics

England and Wales



Overview

Individuals formally dealt with by the criminal justice system, 2007 to 2014



Prosecutions saw a 2% increase in the latest year, while out of court disposals continued to decline.

Out of court disposals

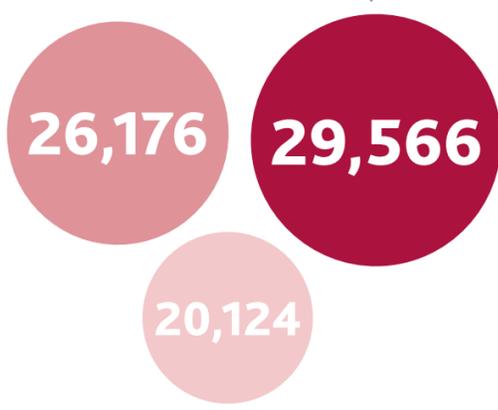
150,700 cautions were administered in 2014. Around half of these were for indictable offences.

Penalty Notices for Disorder, 2014



- Drunk and disorderly
- Criminal Damage (under £300)
- Possession of Cannabis
- Causing Harassment, alarm or distress
- Other offences

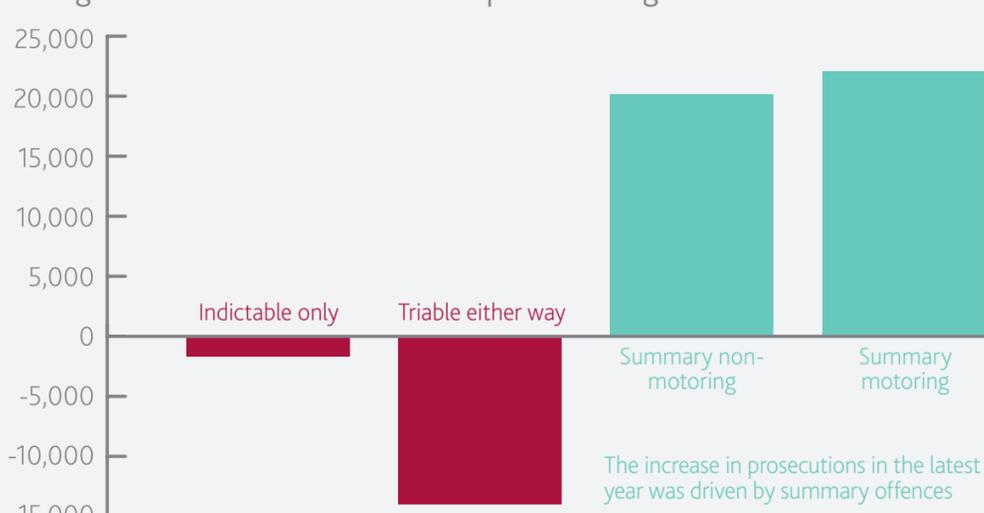
Cautions for indictable offences, 2014



- Drug offences
- Theft offences
- Other offences

Prosecutions

Change in the number of defendants proceeded against from 2013 to 2014



The increase in prosecutions in the latest year was driven by summary offences

Sexual offences

In the latest year, prosecutions for sexual offences increased by



The average custodial sentence length for offenders sentenced for sexual offences increased by 2.9 months to

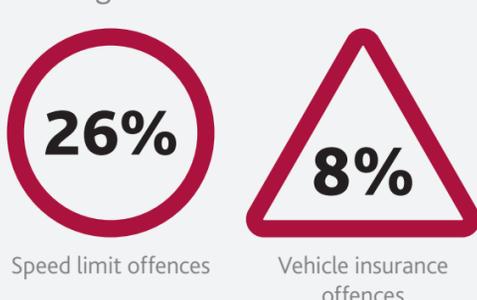


Motoring offences

Motoring prosecutions saw a



The largest increases were seen in:



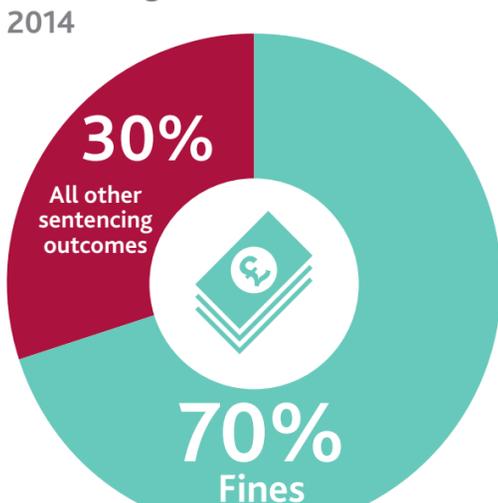
Sentencing

Custody rate



7.9% in 2013 – 7.6% in 2014

Sentencing outcomes at all courts, 2014

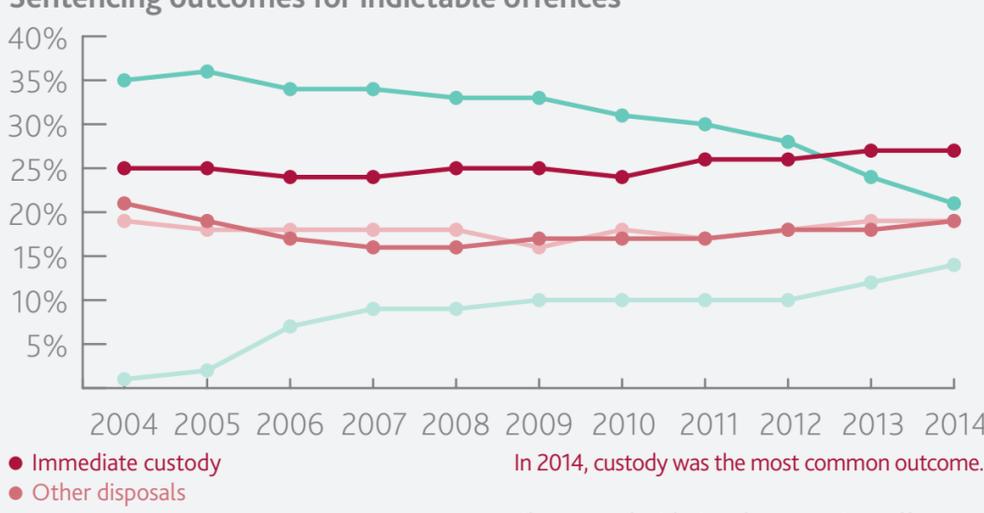


Fines make up the majority of sentencing outcomes at court

Average custodial sentence length



Sentencing outcomes for indictable offences



In 2014, custody was the most common outcome.

Changes to legislation that came into effect in 2005 and 2012 made Suspended Sentence Orders more readily available.

Criminal histories

The number of first time entrants dealt with by the Criminal Justice System fell by



The reduction has been much sharper for juveniles:



Number of previous cautions/convictions of offenders sentenced for indictable offences, 2004 and 2014

