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Statistical News Release: Football-related arrests and banning orders, England and Wales, 2015 to 2016 season

The Home Office published today the latest Official Statistics on football-related arrests and banning orders in England and Wales.

The release provides statistics on football-related arrests and banning orders in connection with regulated international and domestic football matches¹.

The release covers data on football banning orders in force as at 1 August 2016. This includes information by competition, club and trends over the last five seasons. Also presented in the release are data on football-related arrests made during the 2015 to 2016 season by competition, offence type, location and arrest rate per 100,000 population. The 2015 to 2016 season ran from 1 July 2015 to 10 July 2016 to incorporate Euro 2016.

Football banning orders as at 1 August 2016

- There were 2,085 football banning orders in force, a decrease of 4% (-96) from the number of banning orders as at 8 September 2015
- Supporters of Premier League clubs accounted for 30% (617) of the total number of banning orders
- There has been a steady decline in the total number of football banning orders in the last four seasons, falling by almost a quarter (-646) from a high of 2,731 on 9 November 2012
- The number of new banning orders issued between 31 July 2015 to 1 August 2016 was 542, an increase of 58 (12%) banning orders when compared with the previous season
- The number of new football banning orders issued in the last five seasons ranged from 471 to 678. There has been an overall increase of 49 (10%) new banning orders when compared with the 2011 to 2012 season

¹ Article 3 of the [Football Spectators \(Prescription\) Order 2004 \(as amended\)](#) describes a regulated match.

Football-related arrests for the 2015 to 2016 season

- There were 1,895 football-related arrests, an increase of 1% (22) on the previous season
- The highest number of football-related arrests were in connection with Championship matches, 25% (470)
- The number of football-related arrests over the last five football seasons ranged from 1,873 to 2,456; however, there has been an overall decrease of 20% (-468) football-related arrests since the 2011 to 2012 season
- There were 4.8 football-related arrests per 100,000 attendees²
- Of the 1,895 football-related arrests, the three most common offence types were public disorder (31%), alcohol offences (20%) and violent disorder (19%)

Notes to editors

1. Football-related banning orders and arrests, England and Wales, season 2015 to 2016 is available online at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/football-related-arrests-and-banning-orders-england-and-wales-season-2015-to-2016>.

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² Football-related arrests rate excludes 'other' competitions which include Community Shield, Under-21 internationals, pre-season friendlies.