



Statistics on Women and the Criminal Justice System 2015

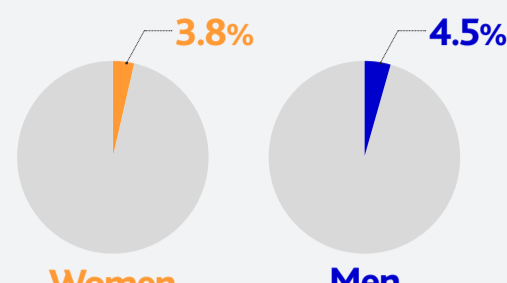
England and Wales

Women
Men



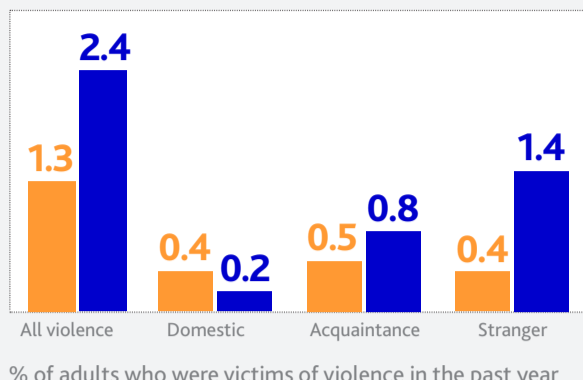
Victims of crime

The likelihood of being a victim of **personal crime** was less for women in 2015/16.



% of adults who were victims of personal crime in the past year (Crime Survey for England and Wales)

Women were less likely to be victims of **violent crime** in general, but more likely to be victims of domestic violence.

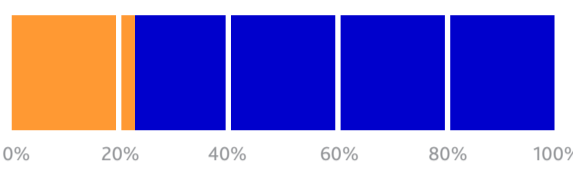


% of adults who were victims of violence in the past year

From offence to criminal court

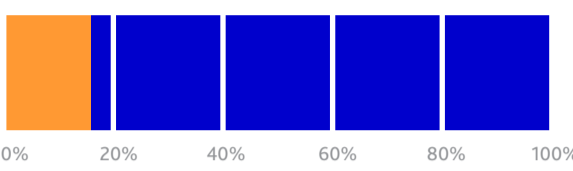
Women made up less than a quarter of those given an out of court disposal (23%, caution or PND) and even fewer of those arrested (16%) by the **police**.

Out of court disposal



% of persons given an OOAD by sex

Arrests



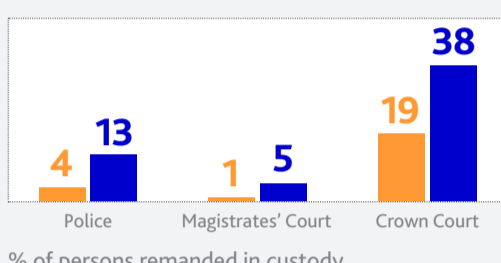
% of persons arrested by sex

At the criminal courts

Women are substantially underrepresented among those **prosecuted, convicted and sentenced** at just over a quarter of the total.

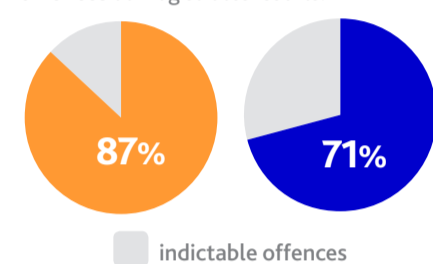


Women were consistently less likely to be **remanded in custody**.



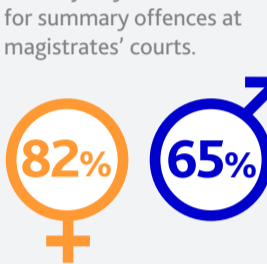
% of persons remanded in custody

Women were more likely to be prosecuted, convicted and sentenced for **summary offences** at magistrates' courts.



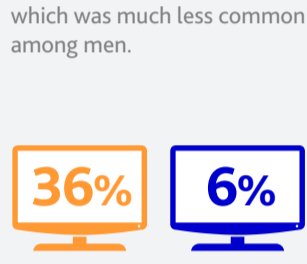
Proportion of defendants prosecuted for summary offences

Women were more likely to be sentenced to a **fine**, the majority of which were for summary offences at magistrates' courts.



Proportion of offenders sentenced to a fine

The most common summary offence women were prosecuted for was **TV licence evasion**, which was much less common among men.



Proportion of defendants prosecuted for TV licence evasion

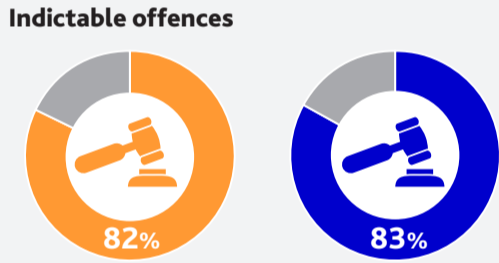
Women were less likely to be prosecuted or sentenced for **indictable offences**. The most common indictable offence for women was **shoplifting**.



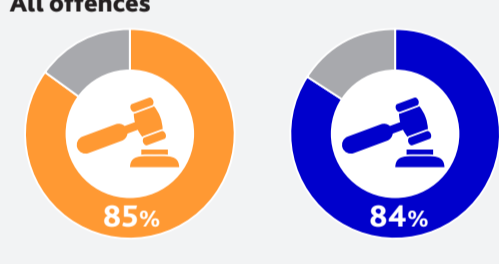
Shoplifting as a proportion of all indictable prosecutions

Conviction ratios were similar for women and men.

Indictable offences



All offences

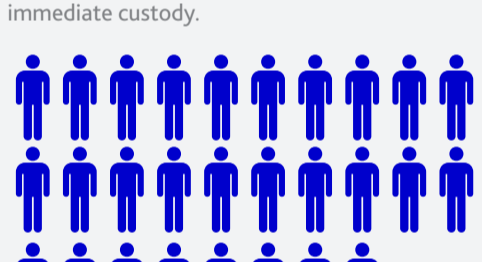


Average custodial sentence lengths (ACSL) were shorter for women.

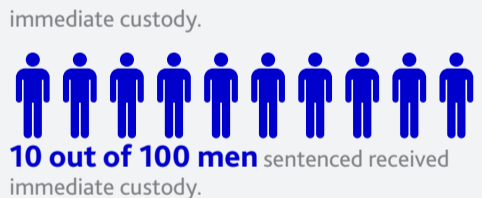
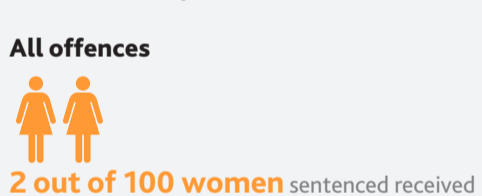


Women had a lower **custody rate**.

Indictable offences



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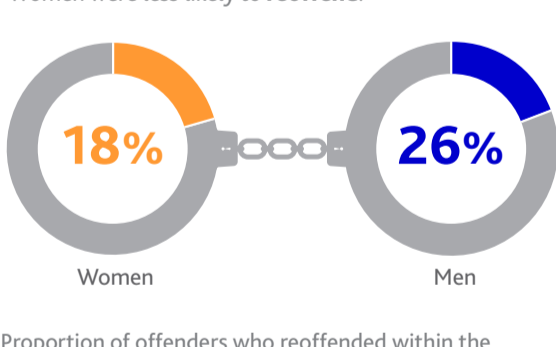


Offender characteristics

A smaller proportion of women were **repeat offenders**.



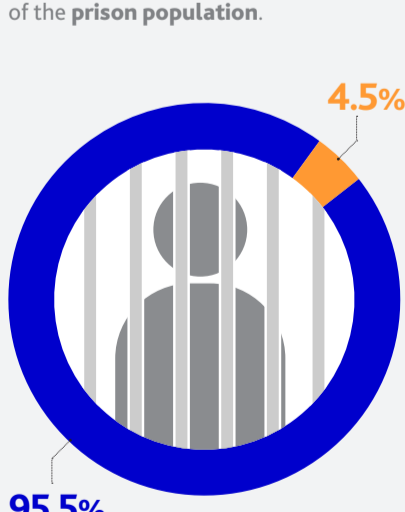
Women were less likely to **reoffend**.



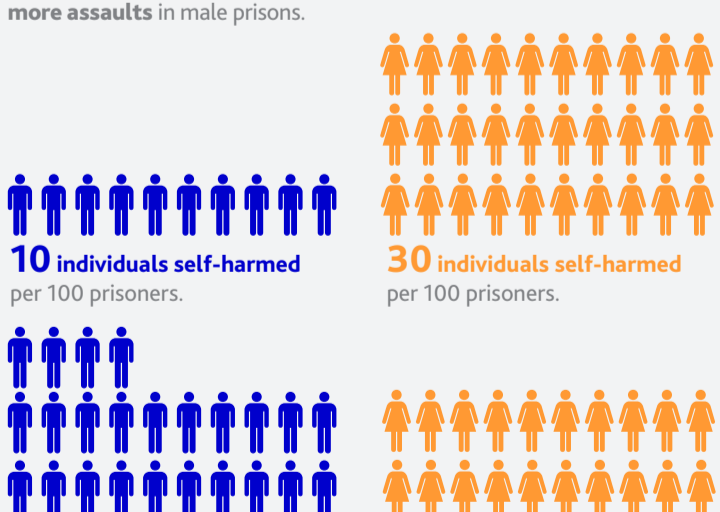
Proportion of offenders who reoffended within the follow-up period (2014 cohort)

Offenders in prison

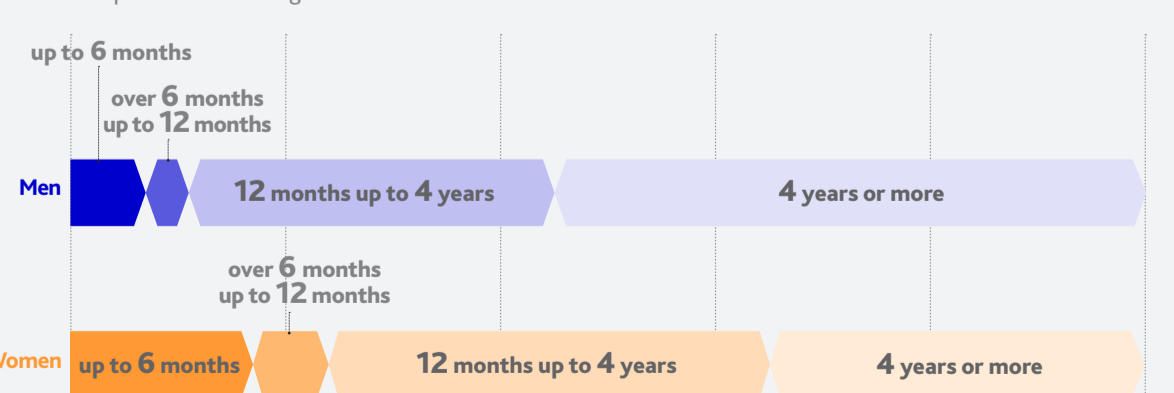
Women represented only 4.5% of the **prison population**.



Female prisoners were more likely to **self-harm**. There were **more assaults** in male prisons.



Women in prison were serving **shorter sentences**.



Practitioners

Less than a third of **police officers** and the **judiciary** were women, compared to two-thirds of those working in the **Ministry of Justice** and **Crown Prosecution Service**.

