### Youth Justice Statistics, 2016/17

**England and Wales**

**First time entrants**

The number of first time entrants to the youth justice system continues to fall

![Graph showing a decrease in first time entrants from 2007 to 2017](image)

**Reoffending 2015/16 aggregated cohort**

Reoffending by children and young people over the last ten years:

- **79%** Fall in number of children and young people who reoffended
- **4%** Increase in proportion of children and young people who reoffended

Rate: 42.2% reoffended within 12 months

**Knife or offensive weapon possession**

Since 2011/12, possession of a knife or offensive weapon, committed by:

- **10%** Adults
- **11%** Children and young people

**Youth Custody**

The average youth custody population in 2016/17 was around 870

The youth custody population compared to the general 10 – 17 population:

- **45%** BAME* children and young people in custody
- **18%** BAME children and young people in the general population

* Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME)

**Restrictive Physical Interventions (RPI) in custody**

Increase in the last year to just over 4,500 RPIs after several years of decline

**Children and young people cautioned or sentenced continues to fall**

![Graph showing a decrease in cautioned or sentenced from 2007 to 2017](image)