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Cautions and convictions
In the past year, the number of children who received a caution or conviction has fallen by:

- 6%

First time entrants
The number of 10 to 17-year-old first time entrants to the youth justice system continues to fall:
Last year it fell by:

- 14%

Knife and offensive weapon offences
In the past year:

- 21% adults
- 79% children

The average custodial sentence length for indictable offences increased by almost 1 month to 16.7 months in the last year.

Children in custody
Between 2016/17 and 2017/18 the number of children in custody increased by 3%.

Behaviour management in custody
In the past year:

- Self harm: +40%
- Proven assaults: +29%
- Restrictive physical interventions: +20%
- Single separation: +8%

Reoffending
The 2016/17 aggregated cohort compared with the 2015/16 cohort:

- Offenders: -13%
- Reoffenders: -15%
- Reoffences: -13%

Reoffending rate is now 40.9%.
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Of the **26,700** children cautioned or sentenced:

- **76%** were aged 15-17
- **84%** were male
- **73%** were white

Rate of children in custody per 10,000 of the general 10 to 17-year-old population by region:

- North West: 1.7
- Yorkshire: 1.7
- South West: 0.7
- South East: 0.8
- Wales: 2.2
- London: 3.3
- East Midlands: 1.6
- Eastern: 1.3

There were **70,300** offences

- Violence against the person: 10,000
- Theft: 15,000
- Other: 20,000
- Criminal damage: 25,000
- Motoring offences: 30,000
- Drugs: 35,000
- Public order: 40,000
- Burglary: 45,000
- Robbery: 50,000
- Breach of order: 55,000
- Sexual offences: 60,000

There were **39,200** cautions or sentences

- Pre Court: 5,000
- First Tier: 10,000
- Community: 15,000
- Custody: 20,000

40.9% of children reoffended within 12 months. They committed an average of **3.92** reoffences.