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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:

7% committed by 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
- East Midlands 1.6
- Eastern 1.3
- South West 0.7
- South East 0.8
- Wales 1.2
- London 3.3

There were 70,300 offences

- Violence against the person: 20,000
- Theft: 15,000
- Other: 10,000
- Criminal damage: 5,000
- Motoring offences: 2,500
- Drugs: 2,000
- Public order: 1,500
- Burglary: 1,000
- Robbery: 0.5

There were 39,200 cautions or sentences

- Pre Court: 25,000
- First Tier: 20,000
- Community: 15,000
- Custody: 10,000

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