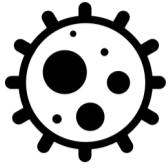




Football-related arrests and banning order statistics, England & Wales, 2019/20 season

COVID-19



Season-on-season comparisons will in part reflect the restrictions in place during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- During the 2019/20 football season, all regulated football matches were suspended for 3 months due to public health concerns, following the COVID-19 outbreak.
- When football resumed, matches were played behind closed doors from mid-June to the end of the season in August.

319 fixtures were cancelled as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak

There were 2,663 regulated football matches in the 2019/20 season, of which 227 were played behind closed doors

Football-related arrests

55% (594) inside stadium

45% (495) outside stadium

1,089 Football-related arrests

(under Schedule 1 of the Football Spectators Act 1989 (as amended))

Most common offence types



285 arrests for violent disorder

116 arrests for alcohol offences/driving under the influence of drugs



372 arrests for public disorder



Clubs with the highest number of supporters arrested



Leeds United
52 arrests



Birmingham City
49 arrests



Bolton Wanderers
45 arrests



Aston Villa
31 arrests



West Ham United
30 arrests

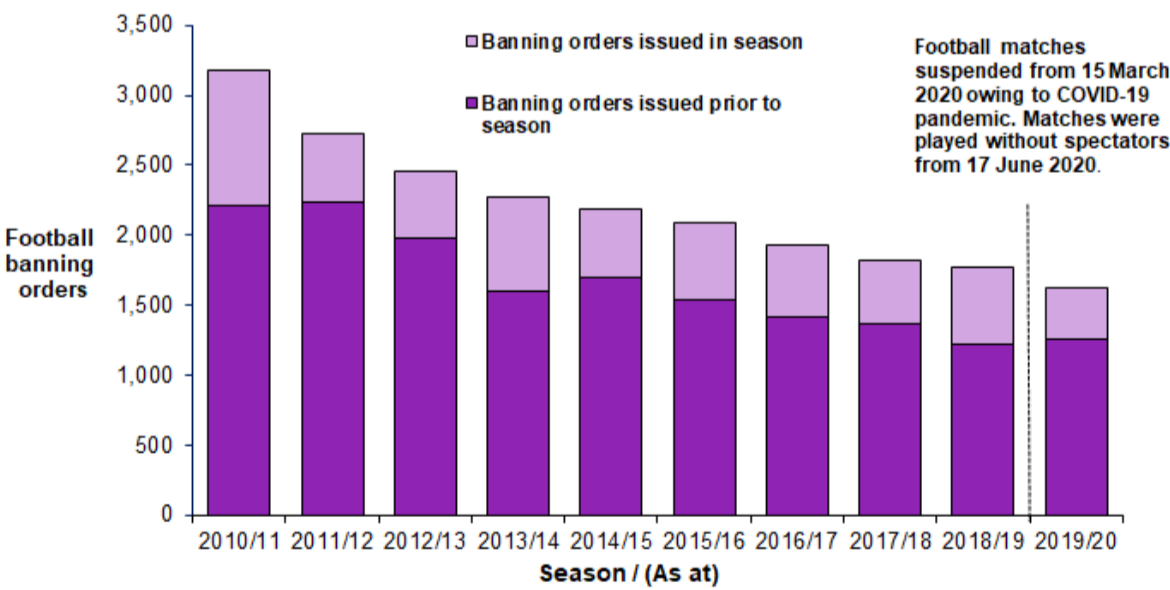
Football banning orders

1,621 football banning orders in force as at 1 August 2020

Of which, 22% (360) issued in 2019/20

Almost all football banning orders were issued to males (1,612; 99.4%).

18-34s had the highest number of football banning orders.



Football matches suspended from 15 March 2020 owing to COVID-19 pandemic. Matches were played without spectators from 17 June 2020.

34% (-189) decrease in new football banning orders imposed

Steady decline in football banning orders in force since 2011

Experimental statistics - Reported incidents at football fixtures

In the 2019/20 season, there were 2,663 regulated domestic matches, and at 969 (36%) of these there were reported incidents. Whilst this proportion was similar to the previous season (33%), the number of reported incidents has decreased by 4%.

Pyrotechnics



Throwing of missiles



Pitch incursion



Hate crime (all types)



Supporter drug use/abuse



Attacks on stadium staff



Attacks on police



2019/20
2018/19

309
335

264
302

151
194

287*

103
127

120
125

46
57

*For the first time, verified incidents of hate crime attributable to a designated fixture reported to the UKFPU by Kick It Out and The Football Association, including online incidents. These have previously only been recorded at the discretion of the police force receiving the report and therefore data are not comparable over time.