Statistics on Women and the Criminal Justice System, 2019

England and Wales

Victims of crime
A higher proportion of males were victims of crime than females. In 2019, 28% of males were victims of crime compared to 20% of females.

From offence to criminal court
The number of Police Fixtures for Disorder (PND) and cautions issued have continued to fall. In 2019, 9% of males were given a PND or caution compared to 15% of females.

At the criminal courts
A consistently higher proportion of females were remanded in custody. In 2019, 60% of females were remanded in custody compared to 25% of males.

Offenders in prison
A higher proportion of females have been convicted for personal crime than males. In 2019, 23% of females were convicted for shoplifting compared to 14% of males.

Offender characteristics
Males have a higher reoffending rate than females, but females have a higher average of convictions per offender.

Practitioners
Less than a quarter of police officers, Crown Court judges, female offenders and male offenders were female compared to around two thirds of those working in the Ministry of Justice or the Criminal Prosecution Service.