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Introduction

This publication has been prepared by Offender Management & Sentencing Analytical Services (Sentencing Statistics and NOMS Projections) to provide the latest trends in sentencing in England and Wales, based on provisional sentencing data. Key statistics presented are set in the context of sentencing patterns over the last 2 years (since 2007). It considers the total numbers sentenced for indictable offences in all courts as well as a breakdown for magistrates' courts and the Crown Court. The focus is primarily on use of fines, community sentences, immediate custody, suspended sentences and average custodial sentence lengths (ACSL) (which exclude life and indeterminate sentences). Information by offence type and for individual sentences is provided in the accompanying tables.

All figures relate to indictable only and triable-either-way offences (taken together these are known as indictable offences).

Statistics quoted in this publication are **provisional**, until finalised data are published in the annual Sentencing Statistics publication. This provisional data may change in future quarterly briefs.

Where figures have been quoted in the text they have been rounded to the nearest 100.

Key points – January to March 2009

Key points

All key points highlighted below are for indictable offences and are comparisons with the first quarter of 2008.

All courts

- The number of persons sentenced was almost unchanged at 78,800 (a fall of 0.1 per cent on the same quarter in 2008). The number of males sentenced fell by 1.3 per cent while for females it rose by 7.0 per cent. There was a 6.8 per cent increase in the number of people sentenced at the Crown Court and a 2.5 per cent decrease at magistrates' courts.
- The number of juveniles and young adults sentenced fell by 11.9 per cent and 5.7 per cent respectively. The number of adults sentenced increased by 3.4 per cent. This rise comprised a 2.5 per cent increase for males and an 8.7 per cent increase for females.
- The number of people sentenced to immediate custody was almost unchanged, decreasing by 0.9 per cent to 19,600 persons. This was made up of a 7.5 per cent increase at the Crown Court and a fall of 12.8 per cent at magistrates' courts. The number of juveniles sentenced to immediate custody fell by 13.6 per cent, for young adults it decreased by 8.8 per cent, while for adults there was a 1.2 per cent increase.
- The custody rate for indictable offences at all courts was 24.9 per cent, a fall of 0.2 percentage points on the same quarter in 2008.
- The number of community sentences rose by 4.2 per cent to 26,500. The community sentence rate rose by 1.4 percentage points to 33.6 per cent.
- The offence group with the largest proportionate increase in numbers sentenced was theft and handling stolen goods, with an increase of 7.0 per cent to 29,200. The largest proportionate fall was for criminal damage, which fell by 23.4 per cent to 2,000.
- The average custodial sentence length (ACSL) rose by 8.9 per cent to 16.5 months. This comprised a 3.4 per cent fall at magistrates' courts to 2.6 months and a rise of 1.3 per cent at the Crown Court to 24.8 months.
- The ACSL rose for eight of the ten indictable offence groups, the largest proportionate increases were for criminal damage, up 44.1 per cent to 19.8 months and sexual offences, up 23.6 per cent to 50.7 months. The only decreases were for fraud and forgery, down 2.1 per cent to 10.4 months, and indictable motoring offences, down 1.0 per cent to 9.1 months.

- The numbers sentenced to custody for criminal damage are still relatively small so the ACSL trend is likely to be volatile and small changes in sentencing behaviour are liable to result in large proportionate increases. Any short term trend should be seen in the context of the longer term trends of increasing ACSL and decreasing numbers being sentenced.

Magistrates' courts

- There were 57,000 persons sentenced at magistrates' courts, a fall of 2.5 per cent on the same quarter of 2008.
 - The immediate custody rate fell by 1.5 percentage points to 12.6 per cent.
 - The community sentence rate rose by 2.3 percentage points to 39.9 per cent.
 - The fine rate rose 0.8 percentage points to 20.3 per cent.
 - The suspended sentence rate fell by 0.3 percentage points, to 5.0 per cent.
 - The average custodial sentence length fell from 2.7 months to 2.6 months.

Crown Court

- There were 21,900 persons sentenced at the Crown Court, an increase of 6.8 per cent on the same quarter in 2008.
 - The immediate custody rate rose from 56.5 per cent to 56.9 per cent.
 - The suspended sentence rate fell by 0.7 percentage points to 19.4 per cent.
 - There was an increase in the community sentence rate, from 17.0 per cent to 17.3 per cent.
 - The fine rate fell from 1.9 per cent to 1.6 per cent.
 - The average custodial sentence length rose from 24.5 months to 24.8 months.

Table i: Persons sentenced by disposal

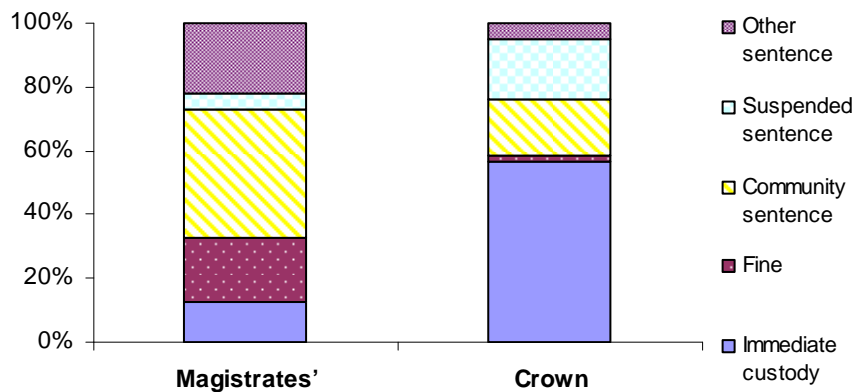
	Magistrates'	Crown	All Courts
Total Sentenced (all ages) <i>(comparing Q1 2009 with Q1 2008)</i>	56,951 <i>-2.5%</i>	21,855 <i>6.8%</i>	78,806 <i>-0.1%</i>
Fine	11,563 <i>1.7%</i>	351 <i>-8.8%</i>	11,914 <i>1.3%</i>
Community sentence	22,703 <i>3.5%</i>	3,784 <i>8.6%</i>	26,487 <i>4.2%</i>
Immediate custody	7,199 <i>-12.8%</i>	12,434 <i>7.5%</i>	19,633 <i>-0.9%</i>
Suspended sentence	2,857 <i>-7.6%</i>	4,242 <i>3.2%</i>	7,099 <i>-1.5%</i>
Other sentence	12,629 <i>-8.0%</i>	1,044 <i>13.4%</i>	13,673 <i>-6.7%</i>
Average custodial sentence length (months)⁽¹⁾	2.6 <i>-3.4%</i>	24.8 <i>1.3%</i>	16.5 <i>8.9%</i>

(1) Excludes life sentences and IPPs.

Table ii: Persons sentenced by age and sex

	Magistrates'	Crown	All Courts
Total Sentenced (all ages) <i>(comparing Q1 2009 with Q1 2008)</i>	56,951 <i>-2.5%</i>	21,855 <i>6.8%</i>	78,806 <i>-0.1%</i>
Male	47,067 <i>-4.4%</i>	19,474 <i>7.3%</i>	66,541 <i>-1.3%</i>
Female	9,884 <i>8.0%</i>	2,381 <i>2.8%</i>	12,265 <i>7.0%</i>
10-17	9,717 <i>-12.0%</i>	595 <i>-10.4%</i>	10,312 <i>-11.9%</i>
18-20	6,865 <i>-7.4%</i>	3,162 <i>-1.7%</i>	10,027 <i>-5.7%</i>
21 and over	40,369 <i>1.1%</i>	18,098 <i>9.1%</i>	58,467 <i>3.4%</i>

Distribution of disposals by court, 2009 Q1 (Figure A)



Explanatory notes

Data sources

The source of the data for this publication is the Courts Proceedings Database, which covers details of every individual sentenced. Data referring to magistrates' courts comes either directly from magistrates' court computer systems, all of which went online with the new LIBRA system during 2008 and 2009, or from police forces. National implementation of LIBRA was completed in February 2009. Data on the Crown Court comes from the Court Service's CREST computer system.

All the statistics shown relate to the principal offence. This is the one attracting the heaviest sentence. Where an offender has been given the same disposal for two or more offences the principal offence is the one for which the statutory maximum is most severe.

Although care is taken in processing and analysing the returns, the detail collected is subject to the inaccuracies inherent in any large scale recording system. Therefore, the figures are not necessarily accurate to the last digit shown. Average custodial sentence lengths are extracted to four decimal places but are only shown in the tables to one decimal place.

Where the number of offenders sentenced in a particular group is less than 50, we do not show the percentage change. This is because smaller numbers do not always give a meaningful percentage change. In these cases, the percentage change is denoted with a star (*).

Percentage changes have been calculated from figures with a greater level of accuracy than those displayed in cells. Displayed values are shown to one decimal place while the underlying data is accurate to four decimal places. The underlying data is available by highlighting the relevant cells in the Excel version of the tables.

Definitions

Juveniles: offenders aged 10-17 at sentence

Young adults: offenders aged 18-20 at sentence

Adults: offenders aged 21 or over at sentence

Average custodial sentence length: this excludes life and other indeterminate sentences.

Indictable only offences and **triable-either-way offences** are listed in Appendix 4 of Sentencing Statistics England and Wales 2007. This publication is available at www.justice.gov.uk/publications/sentencingannual.htm

Immediate custodial sentences include detention and training orders, young offender institution, unsuspended imprisonment, extended sentences for public protection and indeterminate sentences for public protection¹.

Community sentence – for **adults (18 and over)** the main community sentence, which is supervised by the Probation Service, is the community order introduced by the Criminal Justice Act 2003 for offences committed on or after 4 April 2005. The court must add at least one (but could potentially add all 12) of the following requirements: supervision, unpaid work, specified activities, prohibited activities, accredited programmes, curfew, exclusion, residence, mental health treatment, drug rehabilitation, alcohol treatment and attendance centre requirement for under 25s. For **juveniles** the main community sentences used are the referral order, for first-time offenders who plead guilty on their first court appearance and do not merit a discharge or custodial sentence, and the supervision order (up to 3 years, may have additional requirements) although curfew orders, reparation orders, action plan orders and attendance centre orders are also available. Youth Offending Teams supervise orders for juveniles.

Suspended Sentence – available for **adults (18 and over)** only. It is a sentence of custody of under 12 months, suspended for a period ranging from six months to two years. During the suspension period the court sets a number of requirements, from the same options as are available for the community order, and these are supervised by the Probation Service.

¹ Introduced by the Criminal Justice Act 2003 for offences committed on or after 4 April 2005

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Table 1 Males sentenced for indictable offences by type of court, age group, type of sentence and quarter, 2007-2009⁽¹⁾

England and Wales										Males sentenced					Percentage change				
Court, age group and sentence	Q1 2007	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009					
Magistrates' courts																			
Juveniles (under 18)																			
Number sentenced	10,405	10,600	10,339	9,771	9,464	9,225	9,204	8,665	8,185	-9.0	-13.0	-11.0	-11.3	-13.5					
Number given immediate custody	754	817	820	716	723	758	685	626	634	-4.1	-7.2	-16.5	-12.6	-12.3					
Number given fines	562	522	528	550	471	529	492	433	333	-16.2	1.3	-6.8	-21.3	-29.3					
Number given community sentences	7,799	8,011	7,732	7,370	7,095	6,727	6,776	6,531	6,319	-9.0	-16.0	-12.4	-11.4	-10.9					
Number given suspended sentences ⁽³⁾	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	*	*	*	*	*					
Number given other sentences	1,290	1,250	1,259	1,135	1,175	1,211	1,250	1,075	899	-8.9	-3.1	-0.7	-5.3	-23.5					
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	7.1	7.0	7.2	7.6	7.3	7.4	7.2	7.1	7.4	3.9	4.4	0.2	-6.4	1.6					
Young Adults (18-20)																			
Number sentenced	7,212	7,133	7,057	6,823	6,506	6,089	6,051	5,727	5,872	-9.8	-14.6	-14.3	-16.1	-9.7					
Number given immediate custody	842	898	896	852	723	551	480	372	412	-14.1	-38.6	-46.4	-56.3	-43.0					
Number given fines	1,817	1,753	1,647	1,585	1,563	1,481	1,674	1,678	1,551	-14.0	-15.5	1.6	5.9	-0.8					
Number given community sentences	2,451	2,474	2,516	2,441	2,269	2,222	2,161	2,143	2,339	-7.4	-10.2	-14.1	-12.2	3.1					
Number given suspended sentences	394	358	337	393	340	266	281	212	257	-13.7	-25.7	-16.6	-46.1	-24.4					
Number given other sentences	1,708	1,650	1,661	1,552	1,611	1,569	1,455	1,322	1,313	-5.7	-4.9	-12.4	-14.8	-18.5					
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.3	-5.3	-5.1	-10.2	-9.2	-10.1					
Adults (21 and over)																			
Number sentenced	32,752	31,431	32,445	31,581	33,279	32,332	32,539	31,214	33,010	1.6	2.9	0.3	-1.2	-0.8					
Number given immediate custody	5,195	4,968	5,411	5,395	5,834	5,519	5,499	5,085	5,271	12.3	11.1	1.6	-5.7	-9.7					
Number given fines	8,456	8,101	8,231	7,765	8,086	8,062	8,765	8,153	8,190	-4.4	-0.5	6.5	5.0	1.3					
Number given community sentences	9,213	8,647	8,866	8,774	8,947	8,687	8,711	9,074	9,987	-2.9	0.5	-1.7	3.4	11.6					
Number given suspended sentences	2,243	2,215	2,298	2,284	2,268	2,113	1,955	1,862	2,094	1.1	-4.6	-14.9	-18.5	-7.7					
Number given other sentences	7,645	7,500	7,639	7,363	8,144	7,951	7,609	7,040	7,468	6.5	6.0	-0.4	-4.4	-8.3					
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	-1.1	-2.0	-8.1	-4.4	-4.7					
The Crown Court																			
Juveniles (under 18)																			
Number sentenced	606	603	576	598	622	647	609	584	539	2.6	7.3	5.7	-2.3	-13.3					
Number given immediate custody	374	370	374	372	382	367	385	363	314	2.1	-0.8	2.9	-2.4	-17.8					
Number given fines	3	2	3	4	1	3	0	0	1	*	*	*	*	*					
Number given community sentences	202	195	172	177	216	231	200	190	192	6.9	18.5	16.3	7.3	-11.1					
Number given suspended sentences ⁽³⁾	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	*	*	*	*	*					
Number given other sentences	27	36	27	45	23	46	24	31	30	*	*	*	*	*					
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	21.0	20.5	21.6	20.2	21.6	21.2	23.5	22.0	21.9	2.8	3.4	8.7	9.0	1.4					
Young Adults (18-20)																			
Number sentenced	3,125	2,910	2,918	3,077	2,982	2,903	2,825	2,740	2,945	-4.6	-0.2	-3.2	-11.0	-1.2					
Number given immediate custody	1,768	1,701	1,738	1,766	1,663	1,691	1,681	1,613	1,747	-5.9	-0.6	-3.3	-8.7	5.1					
Number given fines	55	46	49	48	38	44	34	33	43	*	*	*	*	*					
Number given community sentences	670	622	556	633	586	662	602	600	639	-12.5	6.4	8.3	-5.2	9.0					
Number given suspended sentences	500	402	475	510	593	373	365	375	384	18.6	-7.2	-23.2	-26.5	-35.2					
Number given other sentences	132	139	100	120	102	133	143	119	132	-22.7	-4.3	43.0	-0.8	29.4					
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	20.9	20.0	20.5	20.7	21.2	22.2	22.6	22.2	21.6	1.3	11.1	9.8	7.5	1.6					
Adults (21 and over)																			
Number sentenced	13,734	13,049	13,457	13,639	14,544	15,389	15,409	15,150	15,990	5.9	17.9	14.5	11.1	9.9					
Number given immediate custody	7,935	7,569	7,876	8,001	8,654	9,189	9,202	9,144	9,487	9.1	21.4	16.8	14.3	9.6					
Number given fines	374	302	297	271	317	302	271	271	285	-15.2	0.0	-8.8	0.0	-10.1					
Number given community sentences	2,260	2,027	2,034	1,919	2,106	2,111	2,173	2,163	2,386	-6.8	4.1	6.8	12.7	13.3					
Number given suspended sentences	2,510	2,510	2,653	2,816	2,854	3,114	3,109	2,935	3,124	13.7	24.1	17.2	4.2	9.5					
Number given other sentences	655	641	597	632	613	673	654	637	708	-6.4	5.0	9.5	0.8	15.5					
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	25.9	25.9	25.8	26.7	25.6	26.6	26.4	26.1	25.7	-0.9	2.5	2.4	-2.4	0.3					
All courts																			
Juveniles (under 18)																			
Number sentenced	11,011	11,203	10,915	10,369	10,086	9,872	9,813	9,249	8,724	-8.4	-11.9	-10.1	-10.8	-13.5					
Number given immediate custody	1,128	1,187	1,194	1,088	1,105	1,125	1,070	989	948	-2.0	-5.2	-10.4	-9.1	-14.2					
Number given fines	565	524	531	554	472	532	492	433	334	-16.5	1.5	-7.3	-21.8	-29.2					
Number given community sentences	8,001	8,206	7,904	7,547	7,311	6,958	6,976	6,721	6,511	-8.6	-15.2	-11.7	-10.9	-10.9					
Number given suspended sentences ⁽³⁾	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	*	*	*	*	*					
Number given other sentences	1,317	1,286	1,286	1,180	1,198	1,257	1,274	1,106	929	-9.0	-2.3	-0.9	-6.3	-22.5					
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	11.4	11.1	11.6	11.7	12.0	11.6	13.0	12.5	12.1	4.8	4.5	11.7	6.2	0.7					
Young Adults (18-20)																			
Number sentenced	10,337	10,043	9,975	9,900	9,488	8,992	8,876	8,467	8,817	-8.2	-10.5	-11.0	-14.5	-7.1					
Number given immediate custody	2,610	2,599	2,634	2,618	2,386	2,242	2,161	1,985	2,159	-8.6	-13.7	-18.0	-24.2	-9.5					
Number given fines	1,872	1,799	1,696	1,633	1,601	1,525	1,708	1,711	1,594	-14.5	-15.2	0.7	4.8	-0.4					
Number given community sentences	3,121	3,096	3,072	3,074	2,855	2,884	2,763	2,743	2,978	-8.5	-6.8	-10.1	-10.8	4.3					
Number given suspended sentences	894	760	812	903	933	639	646	587	641	4.4	-15.9	-20.4	-35.0	-31.3					
Number given other sentences	1,840	1,789	1,761	1,672	1,713	1,702	1,598	1,441	1,445	-6.9	-4.9	-9.3	-13.8	-15.6					
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	14.9	13.9	14.3	14.5	15.4	17.2	18.0	18.4	17.8	3.7	23.8	25.5	26.4	15.6					
Adults (21 and over)																			
Number sentenced	46,486	44,480	45,902	45,220	47,823	47,721	47,948	46,364	49,000	2.9	7.3	4.5	2.5	2.5					
Number given immediate custody	13,130	12,537	13,287	13,396	14,488	14,708	14,701	14,229	14,758	10.3	17.3	10.6	6.2	1.9					
Number given fines	8,830	8,403	8,528	8,036	8,403	8,364	9,036	8,424	8,475	-4.8	-0.5	6.0	4.8	0.9					
Number given community sentences	11,473	10,674	10,900	10,693	11,053	10,798	10,884	11,237	12,373	-3.7	1.2	-0.1	5.1	11.9					
Number given suspended sentences	4,753	4,725	4,951	5,100	5,122	5,227	5,064	4,797	5,218	7.8	10.6	2.3	-5.9	1.9					
Number given other sentences	8,300	8,141	8,236	7,995	8,757	8,624	8,263	7,677	8,176	5.5	5.9	0.3	-4.0	-6.6					
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	16.2	16.3	15.9	16.5	15.9	17.1	17.1	17.3	17.1	-2.0	5.0	7.3	4.6	7.5					

(1) 2008 and 2009 data is provisional.

(2) Excludes life and indeterminate sentences. Offenders receiving an indeterminate sentence for public protection for a serious offence committed from 4 April 2005 would previously have been included in the average custodial sentence length and are no longer. This may result in a decrease in average custodial sentence lengths.

(3) Suspended sentences are not available for juveniles, please refer to the data sources statement in the explanatory notes

* Number too small to give a meaningful percentage change

Table 2 Females sentenced for indictable offences by type of court, age group, type of sentence and quarter, 2007-2009⁽¹⁾

England and Wales										Females sentenced					Percentage change								
Court, age group and sentence										Q1 2007	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009
Magistrates' courts																							
Juveniles (under 18)																							
Number sentenced	1,786	1,855	1,806	1,616	1,572	1,556	1,547	1,508	1,532	-12.0	-16.1	-14.3	-6.7	-2.5									
Number given immediate custody	56	62	64	63	70	79	64	63	61	25.0	27.4	0.0	0.0	-12.9									
Number given fines	45	56	60	37	40	35	39	34	31	*	*	*	*	*									
Number given community sentences	1,453	1,494	1,462	1,321	1,265	1,224	1,241	1,218	1,255	-12.9	-18.1	-15.1	-7.8	-0.8									
Number given suspended sentences ⁽³⁾	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	*	*	*									
Number given other sentences	232	243	220	195	197	218	203	193	185	-15.1	-10.3	-7.7	-1.0	-6.1									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	5.9	6.2	6.4	6.0	6.1	6.7	6.5	6.1	6.4	3.3	8.3	2.5	1.1	5.3									
Young Adults (18-20)																							
Number sentenced	945	904	936	934	909	846	819	843	993	-3.8	-6.4	-12.5	-9.7	9.2									
Number given immediate custody	74	72	80	77	56	56	44	38	58	-24.3	-22.2	*	*	3.6									
Number given fines	151	163	138	157	135	139	147	183	183	-10.6	-14.7	6.5	16.6	35.6									
Number given community sentences	336	317	348	334	334	300	292	327	360	-0.6	-5.4	-16.1	-2.1	7.8									
Number given suspended sentences	50	33	44	57	44	23	28	25	41	*	*	*	*	*									
Number given other sentences	334	319	326	309	340	328	308	270	351	1.8	2.8	-5.5	-12.6	3.2									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.3	2.0	2.2	1.8	2.0	2.1	-5.2	-10.2	-31.8	-12.5	0.9									
Adults (21 and over)																							
Number sentenced	6,575	6,469	6,457	6,709	6,668	6,639	6,526	6,747	7,359	1.4	2.6	1.1	0.6	10.4									
Number given immediate custody	713	736	759	798	849	835	871	765	763	19.1	13.5	14.8	-4.1	-10.1									
Number given fines	1,148	1,149	1,126	1,122	1,079	1,113	1,160	1,179	1,275	-6.0	-3.1	3.0	5.1	18.2									
Number given community sentences	2,058	2,049	2,025	2,119	2,033	1,960	1,970	2,203	2,443	-1.2	-4.3	-2.7	4.0	20.2									
Number given suspended sentences	457	440	406	468	441	421	363	406	465	-3.5	-4.3	-10.6	-13.2	5.4									
Number given other sentences	2,199	2,095	2,141	2,202	2,266	2,310	2,162	2,194	2,413	3.0	10.3	1.0	-0.4	6.5									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.1	1.9	1.9	2.0	-1.3	-1.7	-5.6	-6.8	-1.7									
The Crown Court																							
Juveniles (under 18)																							
Number sentenced	65	60	80	57	42	60	53	43	56	*	0.0	-33.8	*	*									
Number given immediate custody	33	25	45	25	18	25	17	14	22	*	*	*	*	*									
Number given fines	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	*	*	*									
Number given community sentences	27	27	31	26	21	30	28	20	27	*	*	*	*	*									
Number given suspended sentences ⁽³⁾	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	*	*	*	*	*									
Number given other sentences	5	8	4	6	3	5	8	9	6	*	*	*	*	*									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	19.0	15.1	17.7	12.6	22.0	19.4	14.9	15.6	23.8	15.8	28.6	-15.7	23.2	8.0									
Young Adults (18-20)																							
Number sentenced	214	210	247	244	234	247	213	233	217	9.3	17.6	-13.8	-4.5	-7.3									
Number given immediate custody	69	66	97	92	71	90	77	88	75	2.9	36.4	-20.6	-4.3	5.6									
Number given fines	1	4	1	1	1	1	2	3	4	*	*	*	*	*									
Number given community sentences	71	76	66	78	83	80	70	88	80	16.9	5.3	6.1	12.8	-3.6									
Number given suspended sentences	53	50	62	57	55	50	48	43	46	3.8	*	*	*	*									
Number given other sentences	20	14	21	16	24	26	16	11	12	*	*	*	*	*									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	22.3	22.1	17.2	21.8	19.5	19.0	17.5	16.9	24.0	-12.5	-14.2	1.5	-22.4	23.1									
Adults (21 and over)																							
Number sentenced	1,697	1,764	1,873	1,847	2,040	2,127	1,953	1,895	2,108	20.2	20.6	4.3	2.6	3.3									
Number given immediate custody	608	654	666	695	775	827	700	682	789	27.5	26.5	5.1	-1.9	1.8									
Number given fines	43	20	31	28	28	21	36	26	18	*	*	*	*	*									
Number given community sentences	429	440	414	380	471	464	427	445	460	9.8	5.5	3.1	17.1	-2.3									
Number given suspended sentences	472	511	587	609	610	684	661	604	685	29.2	33.9	12.6	-0.8	12.3									
Number given other sentences	145	139	175	135	156	131	129	138	156	7.6	-5.8	-26.3	2.2	0.0									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	21.9	20.6	21.5	18.6	20.7	19.5	19.9	22.2	22.3	-5.2	-5.1	-7.5	19.5	7.7									
All Courts																							
Juveniles (under 18)																							
Number sentenced	1,851	1,915	1,886	1,673	1,614	1,616	1,600	1,551	1,588	-12.8	-15.6	-15.2	-7.3	-1.6									
Number given immediate custody	89	87	109	88	88	104	81	77	83	-1.1	19.5	-25.7	-12.5	-5.7									
Number given fines	45	56	60	37	40	35	39	34	31	*	*	*	*	*									
Number given community sentences	1,480	1,521	1,493	1,347	1,286	1,254	1,269	1,238	1,282	-13.1	-17.6	-15.0	-8.1	-0.3									
Number given suspended sentences ⁽³⁾	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	*	*	*	*	*									
Number given other sentences	237	251	224	201	200	223	211	202	191	-15.6	-11.2	-5.8	0.5	-4.5									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	10.7	8.7	11.0	7.9	9.3	9.6	8.3	7.8	10.9	-12.4	10.3	-24.6	-1.2	16.2									
Young Adults (18-20)																							
Number sentenced	1,159	1,114	1,183	1,178	1,143	1,093	1,032	1,076	1,210	-1.4	-1.9	-12.8	-8.7	5.9									
Number given immediate custody	143	138	177	169	127	146	121	126	133	-11.2	5.8	-31.6	-25.4	4.7									
Number given fines	152	167	139	158	136	140	149	186	187	-10.5	-16.2	7.2	17.7	37.5									
Number given community sentences	407	393	414	412	417	380	362	415	440	2.5	-3.3	-12.6	0.7	5.5									
Number given suspended sentences	103	83	106	114	99	73	76	68	87	-3.9	-12.0	-28.3	-40.4	-12.1									
Number given other sentences	354	333	347	325	364	354	324	281	363	2.8	6.3	-6.6	-13.5	-0.3									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	11.8	11.8	10.4	12.7	11.6	12.4	11.7	12.4	14.4	-1.5	5.4	12.6	-2.4	23.7									
Adults (21 and over)																							
Number sentenced	8,272	8,233	8,330	8,556	8,708	8,766	8,479	8,642	9,467	5.3	6.5	1.8	1.0	8.7									
Number given immediate custody	1,321	1,390	1,425	1,493	1,624	1,662	1,571	1,447	1,552	22.9	19.6	10.2	-3.1	-4.4									
Number given fines	1,191	1,169	1,157	1,150	1,107	1,134	1,196	1,205	1,293	-7.1	-3.0	3.4	4.8	16.8									
Number given community sentences	2,487	2,489	2,439	2,499	2,504	2,424	2,397	2,648	2,903	0.7	-2.6	-1.7	6.0	15.9									
Number given suspended sentences	929	951	993	1,077	1,051	1,105	1,024	1,010	1,150	13.1	16.2	3.1	-6.2	9.4									
Number given other sentences	2,344	2,234	2,316	2,337	2,422	2,441	2,291	2,332	2,569	3.3	9.3	-1.1	-0.2	6.1									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	11.0	10.7	11.1	9.7	10.9	10.6	9.8	11.4	12.2	-1.2	-0.8	-11.4	17.7	12.4									

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Table 3 Persons sentenced for indictable offences by type of court, age group, type of sentence and quarter, 2007-2009⁽¹⁾

England and Wales										Persons sentenced					Percentage change								
Court, age group and sentence										Q1 2007	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009
Magistrates' courts																							
Juveniles (under 18)																							
Number sentenced	12,191	12,455	12,145	11,387	11,036	10,781	10,751	10,173	9,717	-9.5	-13.4	-11.5	-10.7	-12.0									
Number given immediate custody	810	879	884	779	793	837	749	689	695	-2.1	-4.8	-15.3	-11.6	-12.4									
Number given fines	607	578	588	587	511	564	531	467	364	-15.8	-2.4	-9.7	-20.4	-28.8									
Number given community sentences	9,252	9,505	9,194	8,691	8,360	7,951	8,017	7,749	7,574	-9.6	-16.3	-12.8	-10.8	-9.4									
Number given suspended sentences ⁽³⁾	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	*	*	*	*	*									
Number given other sentences	1,522	1,493	1,479	1,330	1,372	1,429	1,453	1,268	1,084	-9.9	-4.3	-1.8	-4.7	-21.0									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	7.0	7.0	7.2	7.4	7.2	7.3	7.2	7.0	7.3	3.5	4.4	0.2	-6.1	1.9									
Young Adults (18-20)																							
Number sentenced	8,157	8,037	7,993	7,757	7,415	6,935	6,870	6,570	6,865	-9.1	-13.7	-14.0	-15.3	-7.4									
Number given immediate custody	916	970	976	929	779	607	524	410	470	-15.0	-37.4	-46.3	-55.9	-39.7									
Number given fines	1,968	1,916	1,785	1,742	1,698	1,620	1,821	1,861	1,734	-13.7	-15.4	2.0	6.8	2.1									
Number given community sentences	2,787	2,791	2,864	2,775	2,603	2,522	2,453	2,470	2,699	-6.6	-9.6	-14.4	-11.0	3.7									
Number given suspended sentences	444	391	381	450	384	289	309	237	298	-13.5	-26.1	-18.9	-47.3	-22.4									
Number given other sentences	2,042	1,969	1,987	1,861	1,951	1,897	1,763	1,592	1,664	-4.5	-3.7	-11.3	-14.5	-14.7									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.3	-5.1	-5.8	-11.9	-9.6	-10.0									
Adults (21 and over)																							
Number sentenced	39,327	37,900	38,902	38,290	39,947	38,971	39,065	37,961	40,369	1.6	2.8	0.4	-0.9	1.1									
Number given immediate custody	5,908	5,704	6,170	6,193	6,683	6,354	6,370	5,850	6,034	13.1	11.4	3.2	-5.5	-9.7									
Number given fines	9,604	9,250	9,357	8,887	9,165	9,175	9,925	9,332	9,465	-4.6	-0.8	6.1	5.0	3.3									
Number given community sentences	11,271	10,696	10,891	10,893	10,980	10,647	10,681	11,277	12,430	-2.6	-0.5	-1.9	3.5	13.2									
Number given suspended sentences	2,700	2,655	2,704	2,752	2,709	2,534	2,318	2,268	2,559	0.3	-4.6	-14.3	-17.6	-5.5									
Number given other sentences	9,844	9,595	9,780	9,565	10,410	10,261	9,771	9,234	9,881	5.7	6.9	-0.1	-3.5	-5.1									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	-1.2	-2.0	-7.9	-4.7	-4.4									
The Crown Court																							
Juveniles (under 18)																							
Number sentenced	671	663	656	655	664	707	662	627	595	-1.0	6.6	0.9	-4.3	-10.4									
Number given immediate custody	407	395	419	397	400	392	402	377	336	-1.7	-0.8	-4.1	-5.0	-16.0									
Number given fines	3	2	3	4	1	3	0	0	1	*	*	*	*	*									
Number given community sentences	229	222	203	203	237	261	228	210	219	3.5	17.6	12.3	3.4	-7.6									
Number given suspended sentences ⁽³⁾	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	*	*	*	*	*									
Number given other sentences	32	44	31	51	26	51	32	40	36	*	*	*	*	*									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	20.8	20.1	21.2	19.7	21.6	21.1	23.1	21.8	22.0	3.7	4.6	9.1	10.5	1.9									
Young Adults (18-20)																							
Number sentenced	3,339	3,120	3,165	3,321	3,216	3,150	3,038	2,973	3,162	-3.7	1.0	-4.0	-10.5	-1.7									
Number given immediate custody	1,837	1,767	1,835	1,858	1,734	1,781	1,758	1,701	1,822	-5.6	0.8	-4.2	-8.4	5.1									
Number given fines	56	50	50	49	39	45	36	36	47	*	*	*	*	*									
Number given community sentences	741	698	622	711	669	742	672	688	719	-9.7	6.3	8.0	-3.2	7.5									
Number given suspended sentences	553	452	537	567	648	423	413	418	430	17.2	-6.4	-23.1	-26.3	-33.6									
Number given other sentences	152	153	121	136	126	159	159	130	144	-17.1	3.9	31.4	-4.4	14.3									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	21.0	20.1	20.4	20.7	21.1	22.1	22.3	21.9	21.7	0.7	9.8	9.7	5.9	2.5									
Adults (21 and over)																							
Number sentenced	15,431	14,813	15,330	15,486	16,584	17,516	17,362	17,045	18,098	7.5	18.2	13.3	10.1	9.1									
Number given immediate custody	8,543	8,223	8,542	8,696	9,429	10,016	9,902	9,826	10,276	10.4	21.8	15.9	13.0	9.0									
Number given fines	417	322	328	299	345	323	307	297	303	-17.3	0.3	-6.4	-0.7	-12.2									
Number given community sentences	2,689	2,467	2,448	2,299	2,577	2,575	2,600	2,608	2,846	-4.2	4.4	6.2	13.4	10.4									
Number given suspended sentences	2,982	3,021	3,240	3,425	3,464	3,798	3,770	3,539	3,809	16.2	25.7	16.4	3.3	10.0									
Number given other sentences	800	780	772	767	769	804	783	775	864	-3.9	3.1	1.4	1.0	12.4									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	25.6	25.5	25.5	26.1	25.2	26.0	26.0	25.8	25.5	-1.5	1.9	2.0	-0.9	0.9									
All Courts																							
Juveniles (under 18)																							
Number sentenced	12,862	13,118	12,801	12,042	11,700	11,488	11,413	10,800	10,312	-9.0	-12.4	-10.8	-10.3	-11.9									
Number given immediate custody	1,217	1,274	1,303	1,176	1,193	1,229	1,151	1,066	1,031	-2.0	-3.5	-11.7	-9.4	-13.6									
Number given fines	610	580	591	591	512	567	531	467	365	-16.1	-2.2	-10.2	-21.0	-28.7									
Number given community sentences	9,481	9,727	9,397	8,894	8,597	8,212	8,245	7,959	7,793	-9.3	-15.6	-12.3	-10.5	-9.4									
Number given suspended sentences ⁽³⁾	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	*	*	*	*	*									
Number given other sentences	1,554	1,537	1,510	1,381	1,398	1,480	1,485	1,308	1,120	-10.0	-3.7	-1.7	-5.3	-19.9									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	11.4	10.9	11.5	11.4	11.8	11.4	12.6	12.1	12.0	3.5	4.5	9.3	5.9	1.6									
Young Adults (18-20)																							
Number sentenced	11,496	11,157	11,158	11,078	10,631	10,085	9,908	9,543	10,027	-7.5	-9.6	-11.2	-13.9	-5.7									
Number given immediate custody	2,753	2,737	2,811	2,787	2,513	2,388	2,282	2,111	2,292	-8.7	-12.8	-18.8	-24.3	-8.8									
Number given fines	2,024	1,966	1,835	1,791	1,737	1,665	1,857	1,897	1,781	-14.2	-15.3	1.2	5.9	2.5									
Number given community sentences	3,528	3,489	3,486	3,486	3,272	3,264	3,125	3,158	3,418	-7.3	-6.4	-10.4	-9.4	4.5									
Number given suspended sentences	997	843	918	1,017	1,032	712	722	655	728	3.5	-15.5	-21.4	-35.6	-29.5									
Number given other sentences	2,194	2,122	2,108	1,997	2,077	2,056	1,922	1,722	1,808	-5.3	-3.1	-8.8	-13.8	-13.0									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	14.7	13.8	14.1	14.4	15.2	16.9	17.6	18.0	17.6	3.6	22.6	25.3	24.8	15.8									
Adults (21 and over)																							
Number sentenced	54,758	52,713	54,232	53,776	56,531	56,487	56,427	55,006	58,467	3.2	7.2	4.0	2.3	3.4									
Number given immediate custody	14,451	13,927	14,712	14,889	16,112	16,370	16,272	15,676	16,310	11.5	17.5	10.6	5.3	1.2									
Number given fines	10,021	9,572	9,685	9,186	9,510	9,498	10,232	9,629	9,768	-5.1	-0.8	5.6	4.8	2.7									
Number given community sentences	13,960	13,163	13,339	13,192	13,557	13,222	13,281	13,885	15,276	-2.9	0.4	-0.4	5.3	12.7									
Number given suspended sentences	5,682	5,676	5,944	6,177	6,173	6,332	6,088	5,807	6,368	8.6	11.6	2.4	-6.0	3.2									
Number given other sentences	10,644	10,375	10,552	10,332	11,179	11,065	10,554	10,009	10,745	5.0	6.7	0.0	-3.1	-3.9									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	15.7	15.7	15.5	15.8	15.4	16.4	16.4	16.7	16.6	-2.3	4.6	6.1	5.7	8.0									

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* Number too small to give a meaningful percentage change

Table 4 Persons sentenced for indictable offences (all ages) by sex, type of court, type of sentence and quarter, 2007-2009⁽¹⁾

England and Wales										Persons sentenced					Percentage change								
Court, sex and sentence										Q1 2007	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009
Magistrates' courts																							
Males																							
Number sentenced	50,369	49,164	49,841	48,175	49,249	47,646	47,794	45,606	47,067	-2.2	-3.1	-4.1	-5.3	-4.4									
Number given immediate custody	6,791	6,683	7,127	6,963	7,280	6,828	6,664	6,083	6,317	7.2	2.2	-6.5	-12.6	-13.2									
Number given fines	10,835	10,376	10,406	9,900	10,120	10,072	10,931	10,264	10,074	-6.6	-2.9	5.0	3.7	-0.5									
Number given community sentences	19,463	19,132	19,114	18,585	18,311	17,636	17,648	17,748	18,645	-5.9	-7.8	-7.7	-4.5	1.8									
Number given suspended sentences	2,637	2,573	2,635	2,677	2,608	2,379	2,237	2,074	2,351	-1.1	-7.5	-15.1	-22.5	-9.9									
Number given other sentences	10,643	10,400	10,559	10,050	10,930	10,731	10,314	9,437	9,680	2.7	3.2	-2.3	-6.1	-11.4									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	-2.6	-3.3	-8.8	-6.1	-3.6									
Females																							
Number sentenced	9,306	9,228	9,199	9,259	9,149	9,041	8,892	9,098	9,884	-1.7	-2.0	-3.3	-1.7	8.0									
Number given immediate custody	843	870	903	938	975	970	979	866	882	15.7	11.5	8.4	-7.7	-9.5									
Number given fines	1,344	1,368	1,324	1,316	1,254	1,287	1,346	1,396	1,489	-6.7	-5.9	1.7	6.1	18.7									
Number given community sentences	3,847	3,860	3,835	3,774	3,632	3,484	3,503	3,748	4,058	-5.6	-9.7	-8.7	-0.7	11.7									
Number given suspended sentences	507	473	450	525	485	444	391	431	506	-4.3	-6.1	-13.1	-17.9	4.3									
Number given other sentences	2,765	2,657	2,687	2,706	2,803	2,856	2,673	2,657	2,949	1.4	7.5	-0.5	-1.8	5.2									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.3	0.1	1.2	-7.4	-5.1	-0.7									
Persons																							
Number sentenced	59,675	58,392	59,040	57,434	58,398	56,687	56,686	54,704	56,951	-2.1	-2.9	-4.0	-4.8	-2.5									
Number given immediate custody	7,634	7,553	8,030	7,901	8,255	7,798	7,643	6,949	7,199	8.1	3.2	-4.8	-12.0	-12.8									
Number given fines	12,179	11,744	11,730	11,216	11,374	11,359	12,277	11,660	11,563	-6.6	-3.3	4.7	4.0	1.7									
Number given community sentences	23,310	22,992	22,949	22,359	21,943	21,120	21,151	21,496	22,703	-5.9	-8.1	-7.8	-3.9	3.5									
Number given suspended sentences	3,144	3,046	3,085	3,202	3,093	2,823	2,628	2,505	2,857	-1.6	-7.3	-14.8	-21.8	-7.6									
Number given other sentences	13,408	13,057	13,246	12,756	13,733	13,587	12,987	12,094	12,629	2.4	4.1	-2.0	-5.2	-8.0									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.6	-2.5	-3.0	-8.9	-6.1	-3.4									
The Crown Court																							
Males																							
Number sentenced	17,465	16,562	16,951	17,314	18,148	18,939	18,843	18,474	19,474	3.9	14.4	11.2	6.7	7.3									
Number given immediate custody	10,077	9,640	9,988	10,139	10,699	11,247	11,268	11,120	11,548	6.2	16.7	12.8	9.7	7.9									
Number given fines	432	350	349	323	356	349	305	304	329	-17.6	-0.3	-12.6	-5.9	-7.6									
Number given community sentences	3,132	2,844	2,762	2,729	2,908	3,004	2,975	2,953	3,217	-7.2	5.6	7.7	8.2	10.6									
Number given suspended sentences	3,010	2,912	3,128	3,326	3,447	3,487	3,474	3,310	3,510	14.5	19.7	11.1	-0.5	1.8									
Number given other sentences	814	816	724	797	738	852	821	787	870	-9.3	4.4	13.4	-1.3	17.9									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	24.8	24.7	24.7	25.4	24.8	25.8	25.8	25.4	25.0	-0.1	4.3	4.1	-0.1	0.7									
Females																							
Number sentenced	1,976	2,034	2,200	2,148	2,316	2,434	2,219	2,171	2,381	17.2	19.7	0.9	1.1	2.8									
Number given immediate custody	710	745	808	812	864	942	794	784	886	21.7	26.4	-1.7	-3.4	2.5									
Number given fines	44	24	32	29	29	22	38	29	22	*	*	*	*	*									
Number given community sentences	527	543	511	484	575	574	525	553	567	9.1	5.7	2.7	14.3	-1.4									
Number given suspended sentences	525	561	649	666	665	734	709	647	732	26.7	30.8	9.2	-2.9	10.1									
Number given other sentences	170	161	200	157	183	162	153	158	174	7.6	0.6	-23.5	0.6	-4.9									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	21.8	20.6	20.8	18.8	20.7	19.5	19.6	21.5	22.5	-5.1	-5.2	-6.0	14.7	8.9									
Persons																							
Number sentenced	19,441	18,596	19,151	19,462	20,464	21,373	21,062	20,645	21,855	5.3	14.9	10.0	6.1	6.8									
Number given immediate custody	10,787	10,385	10,796	10,951	11,563	12,189	12,062	11,904	12,434	7.2	17.4	11.7	8.7	7.5									
Number given fines	476	374	381	352	385	371	343	333	351	-19.1	-0.8	-10.0	-5.4	-8.8									
Number given community sentences	3,659	3,387	3,273	3,213	3,483	3,578	3,500	3,506	3,784	-4.8	5.6	6.9	9.1	8.6									
Number given suspended sentences	3,535	3,473	3,777	3,992	4,112	4,221	4,183	3,957	4,242	16.3	21.5	10.7	-0.9	3.2									
Number given other sentences	984	977	924	954	921	1,014	974	945	1,044	-6.4	3.8	5.4	-0.9	13.4									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	24.6	24.4	24.4	24.9	24.5	25.3	25.3	25.1	24.8	-0.6	3.6	3.7	0.8	1.3									
All Courts																							
Males																							
Number sentenced	67,834	65,726	66,792	65,489	67,397	66,585	66,637	64,080	66,541	-0.6	1.3	-0.2	-2.2	-1.3									
Number given immediate custody	16,868	16,323	17,115	17,102	17,979	18,075	17,932	17,203	17,865	6.6	10.7	4.8	0.6	-0.6									
Number given fines	11,267	10,726	10,755	10,223	10,476	10,421	11,236	10,568	10,403	-7.0	-2.8	4.5	3.4	-0.7									
Number given community sentences	22,595	21,976	21,876	21,314	21,219	20,640	20,623	20,701	21,862	-6.1	-6.1	-5.7	-2.9	3.0									
Number given suspended sentences	5,647	5,485	5,763	6,003	6,055	5,866	5,711	5,384	5,861	7.2	6.9	-0.9	-10.3	-3.2									
Number given other sentences	11,457	11,216	11,283	10,847	11,668	11,583	11,135	10,224	10,550	1.8	3.3	-1.3	-5.7	-9.6									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	15.7	15.5	15.4	15.9	15.6	16.7	17.0	17.1	16.9	-0.6	8.0	10.3	7.6	8.4									
Females																							
Number sentenced	11,282	11,262	11,399	11,407	11,465	11,475	11,111	11,269	12,265	1.6	1.9	-2.5	-1.2	7.0									
Number given immediate custody	1,553	1,615	1,711	1,750	1,839	1,912	1,773	1,650	1,768	18.4	18.4	3.6	-5.7	-3.9									
Number given fines	1,388	1,392	1,356	1,345	1,283	1,309	1,384	1,425	1,511	-7.6	-6.0	2.1	5.9	17.8									
Number given community sentences	4,374	4,403	4,346	4,258	4,207	4,058	4,028	4,301	4,625	-3.8	-7.8	-7.3	1.0	9.9									
Number given suspended sentences	1,032	1,034	1,099	1,191	1,150	1,178	1,100	1,078	1,238	11.4	13.9	0.1	-9.5	7.7									
Number given other sentences	2,935	2,818	2,887	2,863	2,986	3,018	2,826	2,815	3,123	1.7	7.1	-2.1	-1.7	4.6									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	11.1	10.7	11.0	9.9	10.8	10.7	9.9	11.3	12.3	-1.9	0.1	-10.3	14.5	13.5									
Persons																							
Number sentenced	79,116	76,988	78,191	76,896	78,862	78,060	77,748	75,349	78,806	-0.3	1.4	-0.6	-2.0	-0.1									
Number given immediate custody	18,421	17,938	18,826	18,852	19,818	19,987	19,705	18,853	19,633	7.6	11.4	4.7	0.0	-0.9									
Number given fines	12,655	12,118	12,111	11,568	11,759	11,730	12,620	11,993	11,914	-7.1	-3.2	4.2	3.7	1.3									
Number given community sentences	26,969	26,379	26,222	25,572	25,426	24,698	24,651	25,002	26,487	-5.7	-6.4	-6.0	-2.2	4.2									
Number given suspended sentences	6,679	6,519	6,862	7,194	7,205	7,044	6,811	6,462	7,099	7.9	8.1	-0.7	-10.2	-1.5									
Number given other sentences	14,392	14,034	14,170	13,710	14,654	14,601	13,961	13,039	13,673	1.7	7.1	-2.1	-4.9	-6.7									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	15.3	15.1	15.0	15.3	15.1	16.2	16.3	16.6	16.5	-1.0	7.3	8.9	8.3	8.9									

(1) 2008 and 2009 data is provisional.

(2) Excludes life and indeterminate sentences. Offenders receiving an indeterminate sentence for public protection for a serious offence committed from 4 April 2005 would previously have been included in the average custodial sentence length and are no longer. This may result in a decrease in average custodial sentence lengths.

* Number too small to give a meaningful percentage change

Table 5 Persons sentenced for indictable offences by type of court, type of sentence (detailed) and quarter, 2007-2009⁽¹⁾

England and Wales	Persons sentenced										Percentage change				
	Q1 2007	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	
Magistrates' courts															
Immediate custodial sentences															
Detention and training order	810	879	884	779	793	837	749	689	695	-2.1	-4.8	-15.3	-11.6	-12.4	
Young offender institution ⁽⁵⁾	916	970	976	929	779	607	524	410	470	-15.0	-37.4	-46.3	-55.9	-39.7	
Unsuspending imprisonment	5,908	5,704	6,170	6,193	6,683	6,354	6,370	5,850	6,034	13.1	11.4	3.2	-5.5	-9.7	
Total immediate custody	7,634	7,553	8,030	7,901	8,255	7,798	7,643	6,949	7,199	8.1	3.2	-4.8	-12.0	-12.8	
Community sentences															
Community rehabilitation order	373	339	316	274	271	264	265	261	237	-27.3	-22.1	-16.1	-4.7	-12.5	
Supervision order	1,890	1,893	1,799	1,624	1,513	1,438	1,263	1,248	1,143	-19.9	-24.0	-29.8	-23.2	-24.5	
Community punishment order	360	303	314	340	294	283	314	244	243	-18.3	-6.6	0.0	-28.2	-17.3	
Attendance centre order	415	477	437	477	425	406	329	335	322	2.4	-14.9	2.7	-29.8	-24.2	
Community punishment and rehabilitation order	272	225	261	208	231	185	275	260	238	-15.1	-17.8	5.4	25.0	3.0	
Curfew order	926	969	920	985	960	831	1,068	1,057	1,028	3.7	-14.2	16.1	7.3	7.1	
Reparation order	450	510	446	459	488	418	456	414	425	8.4	-18.0	2.2	-9.8	-12.9	
Action plan order	620	690	625	527	518	467	479	509	476	-16.5	-32.3	-23.4	-3.4	-8.1	
Drug treatment and testing order	7	5	4	1	2	4	2	0	2	*	*	*	*	*	
Referral order ⁽²⁾	4,504	4,563	4,461	4,197	4,018	3,951	3,880	3,731	3,727	-10.8	-13.4	-13.0	-11.1	-7.2	
Community order ⁽³⁾	13,493	13,018	13,366	13,267	13,223	12,873	12,820	13,437	14,862	-2.0	-1.1	-4.1	1.3	12.4	
Total community sentences	23,310	22,992	22,949	22,359	21,943	21,120	21,151	21,496	22,703	-5.9	-8.1	-7.8	-3.9	3.5	
Other sentences															
Absolute or conditional discharge	10,842	10,423	10,634	10,246	10,253	10,319	9,473	9,004	9,520	-5.4	-1.0	-10.9	-12.1	-7.1	
Fine	12,179	11,744	11,730	11,216	11,374	11,359	12,277	11,660	11,563	-6.6	-3.3	4.7	4.0	1.7	
Suspended sentence ⁽⁴⁾	3,144	3,046	3,085	3,202	3,093	2,823	2,628	2,505	2,857	-1.6	-7.3	-14.8	-21.8	-7.6	
Otherwise dealt with	2,566	2,634	2,612	2,510	3,480	3,288	3,514	3,090	3,109	35.6	24.1	34.5	23.1	-10.7	
Total other sentences	28,731	27,847	28,061	27,174	28,200	27,769	27,892	26,259	27,049	-1.8	-0.3	-0.6	-3.4	-4.1	
The Crown Court															
Immediate custodial sentences															
S90-92 PCC(S) Act 2000	109	82	119	84	114	99	128	116	96	4.6	20.7	7.6	38.1	-15.8	
Detention and training order	259	272	263	277	245	261	263	258	230	-5.4	-4.0	0.0	-6.9	-6.1	
Young offender institution ⁽⁵⁾	1,710	1,652	1,734	1,741	1,634	1,666	1,707	1,630	1,772	-4.4	0.8	-1.6	-6.4	8.4	
Unsuspending imprisonment	8,709	8,379	8,680	8,849	9,570	10,163	9,964	9,900	10,336	9.9	21.3	14.8	11.9	8.0	
Total immediate custody	10,787	10,385	10,796	10,951	11,563	12,189	12,062	11,904	12,434	7.2	17.4	11.7	8.7	7.5	
Community sentences															
Community rehabilitation order	79	60	45	37	49	51	54	48	40	*	-15.0	*	*	*	
Supervision order	85	104	79	84	99	110	94	89	87	16.5	5.8	19.0	6.0	-12.1	
Community punishment order	114	47	36	37	63	74	56	56	42	-44.7	*	*	*	*	
Attendance centre order	1	1	0	2	1	0	3	1	2	*	*	*	*	*	
Community punishment and rehabilitation order	54	45	42	33	52	45	48	48	57	-3.7	*	*	*	9.6	
Curfew order	67	44	54	63	49	68	59	52	64	*	*	9.3	-17.5	*	
Reparation order	2	0	1	0	0	4	0	1	0	*	*	*	*	*	
Action plan order	7	5	3	5	1	6	3	2	5	*	*	*	*	*	
Drug treatment and testing order	4	6	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	*	*	*	*	*	
Community order ⁽³⁾	3,246	3,075	3,010	2,952	3,168	3,220	3,182	3,209	3,487	-2.4	4.7	5.7	8.7	10.1	
Total community sentences	3,659	3,387	3,273	3,213	3,483	3,578	3,500	3,506	3,784	-4.8	5.6	6.9	9.1	8.6	
Other sentences															
Absolute or conditional discharge	520	496	483	478	501	493	493	475	464	-3.7	-0.6	2.1	-0.6	-7.4	
Fine	476	374	381	352	385	371	343	333	351	-19.1	-0.8	-10.0	-5.4	-8.8	
Suspended sentence ⁽⁴⁾	3,535	3,473	3,777	3,992	4,112	4,221	4,183	3,957	4,242	16.3	21.5	10.7	-0.9	3.2	
Otherwise dealt with	464	481	441	476	420	521	481	470	580	-9.5	8.3	9.1	-1.3	38.1	
Total other sentences	4,995	4,824	5,082	5,298	5,418	5,606	5,500	5,235	5,637	8.5	16.2	8.2	-1.2	4.0	
All courts															
Immediate custodial sentences															
S90-92 PCC(S) Act 2000	109	82	119	84	114	99	128	116	96	4.6	20.7	7.6	38.1	-15.8	
Detention and training order	1,069	1,151	1,147	1,056	1,038	1,098	1,012	947	925	-2.9	-4.6	-11.8	-10.3	-10.9	
Young offender institution ⁽⁵⁾	2,626	2,622	2,710	2,670	2,413	2,273	2,231	2,040	2,242	-8.1	-13.3	-17.7	-23.6	-7.1	
Unsuspending imprisonment	14,617	14,083	14,850	15,042	16,253	16,517	16,334	15,750	16,370	11.2	17.3	10.0	4.7	0.7	
Total immediate custody	18,421	17,938	18,826	18,852	19,818	19,987	19,705	18,853	19,633	7.6	11.4	4.7	0.0	-0.9	
Community sentences															
Community rehabilitation order	452	399	361	311	320	315	319	309	277	-29.2	-21.1	-11.6	-0.6	-13.4	
Supervision order	1,975	1,997	1,878	1,708	1,612	1,548	1,357	1,337	1,230	-18.4	-22.5	-27.7	-21.7	-23.7	
Community punishment order	474	350	350	377	357	357	370	300	285	-24.7	2.0	5.7	-20.4	-20.2	
Attendance centre order	416	478	437	479	426	406	332	336	324	2.4	-15.1	-24.0	-29.9	-23.9	
Community punishment and rehabilitation order	326	270	303	241	283	230	323	308	295	-13.2	-14.8	6.6	27.8	4.2	
Curfew order	993	1,013	974	1,048	1,009	899	1,127	1,109	1,092	1.6	-11.3	15.7	5.8	8.2	
Reparation order	452	510	447	459	488	422	456	415	425	8.0	-17.3	2.0	-9.6	-12.9	
Action plan order	627	695	628	532	519	473	482	511	481	-17.2	-31.9	-23.2	-3.9	-7.3	
Drug treatment and testing order	11	11	7	1	3	4	3	0	2	*	*	*	*	*	
Referral order ⁽²⁾	4,504	4,563	4,461	4,197	4,018	3,951	3,880	3,731	3,727	-10.8	-13.4	-13.0	-11.1	-7.2	
Community order ⁽³⁾	16,739	16,093	16,376	16,219	16,391	16,093	16,002	16,646	18,349	-2.1	0.0	-2.3	2.6	11.9	
Total community sentences	26,969	26,379	26,222	25,572	25,426	24,698	24,651	25,002	26,487	-5.7	-6.4	-6.0	-2.2	4.2	
Other sentences															
Absolute or conditional discharge	11,362	10,919	11,117	10,724	10,754	10,812	9,966	9,479	9,984	-5.4	-1.0	-10.4	-11.6	-7.2	
Fine	12,655	12,118	12,111	11,568	11,759	11,730	12,620	11,993	11,914	-7.1	-3.2	4.2	3.7	1.3	
Suspended sentence ⁽⁴⁾	6,679	6,519	6,862	7,194	7,205	7,044	6,811	6,462	7,099	7.9	8.1	-0.7	-10.2	-1.5	
Otherwise dealt with	3,030	3,115	3,053	2,986	3,900	3,789	3,995	3,560	3,689	28.7	21.6	30.9	19.2	-5.4	
Total other sentences	33,726	32,671	33,143	32,472	33,618	33,375	33,392	31,494	32,686	-0.3	2.2	0.8	-3.0	-2.8	

(1) 2008 and 2009 data is provisional.

(2) Referral orders now include numbers of extension of referral orders, and may therefore not be the same as previously published figures.

(3) Community orders were introduced by the Criminal Justice Act 2003 for offences committed from 4 April 2005.

(4) Fully suspended sentence for offences committed prior to 4 April 2005, suspended sentence order for offences committed from 4 April 2005.

(5) Indeterminate and Extended sentences for Public Protection given to under 21's are included under 'Unsuspending Imprisonment'

* Number too small to give a meaningful percentage change

Table 6 Persons sentenced for indictable offences at all courts by offence group and quarter, and sentence length, 2007-2009 ⁽¹⁾

England and Wales	Persons sentenced										Percentage change				
	Q1 2007	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	
Violence against the person	10,848	10,237	10,535	10,456	10,361	9,924	9,828	9,666	11,067	-4.5	-3.1	-6.7	-7.6	6.8	
Sexual offences	1,323	1,237	1,200	1,294	1,287	1,319	1,265	1,208	1,189	-2.7	6.6	5.4	-6.6	-7.6	
Burglary	5,965	5,785	6,132	5,667	5,789	5,818	6,201	5,760	5,695	-3.0	0.6	1.1	1.6	-1.6	
Robbery	2,237	2,200	2,186	2,239	2,118	2,060	2,215	2,086	2,212	-5.3	-6.4	1.3	-6.8	4.4	
Theft and handling stolen goods	26,784	26,189	26,269	26,255	27,294	27,200	27,392	27,625	29,192	1.9	3.9	4.3	5.2	7.0	
Fraud and forgery	4,945	4,868	5,144	4,940	5,005	4,438	3,824	3,634	5,190	1.2	-8.8	-25.7	-26.4	3.7	
Criminal damage	3,336	3,108	3,127	2,762	2,628	2,368	2,427	1,992	2,013	-21.2	-23.8	-22.4	-27.9	-23.4	
Drug offences	10,770	10,920	11,155	11,655	12,574	13,242	13,408	13,192	12,015	16.8	21.3	20.2	13.2	-4.4	
Other (excluding motoring offences)	11,414	11,042	11,159	10,353	10,565	10,473	10,128	9,156	9,135	-7.4	-5.2	-9.2	-11.6	-13.5	
Indictable motoring offences	1,494	1,402	1,284	1,275	1,241	1,218	1,060	1,030	1,098	-16.9	-13.1	-17.4	-19.2	-11.5	
Total indictable offences	79,116	76,988	78,191	76,896	78,862	78,060	77,748	75,349	78,806	-0.3	1.4	-0.6	-2.0	-0.1	

England and Wales	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾										Percentage change				
	Q1 2007	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	
Violence against the person	17.5	17.3	16.2	16.6	16.5	16.7	17.0	18.5	17.2	-5.6	-3.3	5.4	11.1	3.9	
Sexual offences	41.8	42.7	43.5	43.6	41.0	44.6	45.2	46.7	50.7	-1.9	4.6	3.8	7.2	23.6	
Burglary	17.5	15.8	16.5	16.8	16.1	17.3	18.7	17.5	18.2	-7.9	9.5	13.3	4.3	12.8	
Robbery	29.8	30.0	30.7	34.8	31.5	33.1	32.9	32.5	32.4	5.8	10.6	7.1	-6.6	2.7	
Theft and handling stolen goods	4.2	4.0	4.2	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.1	-8.1	-2.8	-8.8	0.8	6.5	
Fraud and forgery	10.1	10.3	9.9	9.7	10.6	11.1	10.9	11.4	10.4	5.5	7.8	9.3	17.4	-2.1	
Criminal damage	11.6	12.6	11.9	14.5	13.7	13.5	15.3	16.1	19.8	18.5	7.6	28.6	11.5	44.1	
Drug offences	31.7	31.8	32.4	31.8	32.3	33.3	32.6	32.2	32.6	2.0	4.8	0.8	1.1	0.8	
Other (excluding motoring offences)	9.6	9.5	9.4	9.6	11.0	11.8	11.3	12.0	12.8	15.1	24.2	20.3	25.1	16.3	
Indictable motoring offences	8.7	8.8	8.7	9.0	9.2	9.2	9.4	9.6	9.1	5.2	4.0	8.4	6.1	-1.0	
Total indictable offences	15.3	15.1	15.0	15.3	15.1	16.2	16.3	16.6	16.5	-1.0	7.3	8.9	8.3	8.9	

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(2) Excludes life and indeterminate sentences. Offenders receiving an indeterminate sentence for public protection for a serious offence committed from 4 April 2005 would previously have been included in the average custodial sentence length and are no longer. This may result in a decrease in average custodial sentence lengths.

Table 7 Persons sentenced for indictable offences at all courts by quarter, type of sentence and offence group, 2007-2009 ⁽¹⁾

England and Wales		Persons sentenced and percentages										
Quarter and type of sentence		Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Burglary	Robbery	Theft and handling stolen goods	Fraud and forgery	Criminal damage	Drug offences	Other (excluding motoring offences)	Motoring offences	Total
Q1 2007	Total number sentenced	10,848	1,323	5,965	2,237	26,784	4,945	3,336	10,770	11,414	1,494	79,116
	% given immediate custody	29.6	56.4	39.4	53.7	17.9	24.5	10.2	18.1	19.3	27.7	23.3
	% given fines	5.0	3.4	2.0	0.3	13.7	12.0	9.5	32.1	31.0	24.6	16.0
	% given community sentences	38.6	26.1	43.6	39.9	38.1	33.0	45.0	23.2	23.9	26.1	34.1
	% given suspended sentences	16.6	9.0	9.6	4.5	6.2	10.2	3.9	6.2	7.9	15.6	8.4
	% given other sentences	10.3	5.1	5.4	1.6	24.2	20.3	31.4	20.4	17.9	6.0	18.2
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	17.5	41.8	17.5	29.8	4.2	10.1	11.6	31.7	9.6	8.7	15.3
Q2 2007	Total number sentenced	10,237	1,237	5,785	2,200	26,189	4,868	3,108	10,920	11,042	1,402	76,988
	% given immediate custody	29.1	55.4	38.6	54.2	18.1	25.2	10.6	18.4	19.4	28.0	23.3
	% given fines	4.5	2.3	1.9	0.5	13.3	11.6	9.6	31.7	30.7	22.7	15.7
	% given community sentences	39.3	27.2	44.1	39.0	38.6	32.7	46.2	23.0	23.3	27.9	34.3
	% given suspended sentences	16.7	9.0	9.4	4.9	6.2	11.9	4.0	5.8	7.9	15.3	8.5
	% given other sentences	10.3	6.1	6.1	1.5	23.8	18.7	29.5	21.1	18.7	6.2	18.2
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	17.3	42.7	15.8	30.0	4.0	10.3	12.6	31.8	9.5	8.8	15.1
Q3 2007	Total number sentenced	10,535	1,200	6,132	2,186	26,269	5,144	3,127	11,155	11,159	1,284	78,191
	% given immediate custody	29.9	56.6	39.5	53.0	18.8	27.2	11.0	18.6	20.3	30.4	24.1
	% given fines	5.0	2.0	2.0	0.3	12.9	10.4	9.8	31.9	30.0	23.6	15.5
	% given community sentences	37.5	27.8	42.9	39.8	38.2	30.6	45.1	22.9	22.5	25.5	33.5
	% given suspended sentences	17.1	8.3	10.2	5.3	6.2	12.6	4.6	6.1	8.3	15.3	8.8
	% given other sentences	10.4	5.3	5.4	1.6	23.9	19.1	29.5	20.5	18.9	5.2	18.1
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	16.2	43.5	16.5	30.7	4.2	9.9	11.9	32.4	9.4	8.7	15.0
Q4 2007	Total number sentenced	10,456	1,294	5,667	2,239	26,255	4,940	2,762	11,655	10,353	1,275	76,896
	% given immediate custody	30.5	54.1	39.4	54.5	19.5	27.3	11.5	18.5	21.1	30.1	24.5
	% given fines	4.6	2.9	1.9	0.4	12.6	11.4	9.7	31.8	27.2	20.9	15.0
	% given community sentences	37.7	27.0	41.3	38.0	37.4	30.3	44.4	23.5	23.9	25.2	33.3
	% given suspended sentences	17.7	8.5	11.8	5.7	6.9	13.4	4.6	6.0	8.9	18.0	9.4
	% given other sentences	9.5	7.5	5.6	1.4	23.6	17.5	29.9	20.2	18.9	5.8	17.8
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	16.6	43.6	16.8	34.8	3.9	9.7	14.5	31.8	9.6	9.0	15.3
Q1 2008	Total number sentenced	10,361	1,287	5,789	2,118	27,294	5,005	2,628	12,574	10,565	1,241	78,862
	% given immediate custody	30.2	56.8	42.0	57.5	20.0	29.2	11.6	18.6	22.5	29.4	25.1
	% given fines	4.4	1.6	1.7	0.0	12.5	11.1	9.8	31.0	26.6	20.2	14.9
	% given community sentences	37.4	28.1	39.0	36.0	36.3	28.0	43.2	23.0	23.6	27.7	32.2
	% given suspended sentences	18.2	8.9	10.4	4.8	6.6	13.0	4.4	5.9	9.2	18.6	9.1
	% given other sentences	9.7	4.5	6.9	1.7	24.7	18.7	31.1	21.4	18.2	4.0	18.6
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	16.5	41.0	16.1	31.5	3.9	10.6	13.7	32.3	11.0	9.2	15.1
Q2 2008	Total number sentenced	9,924	1,319	5,818	2,060	27,200	4,438	2,368	13,242	10,473	1,218	78,060
	% given immediate custody	33.3	58.4	41.6	59.5	19.3	29.5	11.3	19.1	24.4	29.7	25.6
	% given fines	3.8	2.4	1.6	0.2	12.5	11.2	10.8	31.2	25.8	20.0	15.0
	% given community sentences	35.5	26.7	40.2	32.5	36.2	26.7	44.3	22.5	23.3	25.7	31.6
	% given suspended sentences	17.8	7.4	10.3	5.6	6.1	15.2	4.8	5.7	9.9	18.2	9.0
	% given other sentences	9.6	5.2	6.3	2.2	25.9	17.4	28.8	21.4	16.7	6.4	18.7
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	16.7	44.6	17.3	33.1	3.8	11.1	13.5	33.3	11.8	9.2	16.2
Q3 2008	Total number sentenced	9,828	1,265	6,201	2,215	27,392	3,824	2,427	13,408	10,128	1,060	77,748
	% given immediate custody	34.3	57.9	42.1	60.7	18.8	30.0	11.5	16.9	24.4	30.8	25.3
	% given fines	3.8	1.7	1.7	0.0	13.1	12.8	12.3	35.2	27.6	21.0	16.2
	% given community sentences	35.7	25.9	38.9	33.2	36.4	26.4	43.2	22.6	23.0	26.6	31.7
	% given suspended sentences	18.1	9.0	10.3	4.2	5.7	15.4	4.3	5.5	10.0	17.0	8.8
	% given other sentences	8.0	5.5	7.0	1.9	25.9	15.4	28.7	19.9	15.0	4.6	18.0
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	17.0	45.2	18.7	32.9	3.9	10.9	15.3	32.6	11.3	9.4	16.3
Q4 2008	Total number sentenced	9,666	1,208	5,760	2,086	27,625	3,634	1,992	13,192	9,156	1,030	75,349
	% given immediate custody	35.0	59.2	42.4	60.6	17.6	29.4	12.8	16.6	25.6	31.8	25.0
	% given fines	3.8	1.7	1.2	0.0	12.5	12.0	11.0	36.1	27.0	17.5	15.9
	% given community sentences	36.4	27.1	39.9	32.1	38.4	30.5	44.0	23.1	24.7	28.2	33.2
	% given suspended sentences	17.5	7.2	9.3	5.4	6.0	14.9	5.3	5.0	9.7	18.2	8.6
	% given other sentences	7.2	4.9	7.2	1.8	25.5	13.2	26.9	19.3	13.1	4.4	17.3
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	18.5	46.7	17.5	32.5	4.0	11.4	16.1	32.2	12.0	9.6	16.6
Q1 2009	Total number sentenced	11,067	1,189	5,695	2,212	29,192	5,190	2,013	12,015	9,135	1,098	78,806
	% given immediate custody	32.6	58.5	43.2	60.1	17.5	26.0	12.8	17.9	25.7	30.3	24.9
	% given fines	4.2	1.3	1.3	0.0	13.5	11.5	12.5	33.4	25.9	16.6	15.1
	% given community sentences	38.1	26.3	38.6	33.5	37.2	31.8	43.4	25.3	25.1	28.7	33.6
	% given suspended sentences	17.5	7.8	9.8	4.7	5.9	14.9	6.2	5.4	10.3	19.2	9.0
	% given other sentences	7.7	6.0	7.2	1.8	25.9	15.8	25.1	18.0	13.0	5.2	17.4
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	17.2	50.7	18.2	32.4	4.1	10.4	19.8	32.6	12.8	9.1	16.5

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