



Ministry  
of Justice

## **Statistical Notice**

Intention to publish updated statistics  
on first time entrants to the Criminal  
Justice System in England and Wales  
following a methodological change

27<sup>th</sup> January 2014



## Background

### What are first time entrant statistics?

Statistics on first time entrants to the Criminal Justice System in England and Wales are published in the Criminal Justice Statistics Quarterly bulletin.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/criminal-justice-statistics-quarterly>

The Criminal Justice Statistics Bulletin defines a first time entrant to the Criminal Justice System as an offender who has received their first caution or conviction<sup>1</sup> for an offence recorded by a police force in England or Wales or by the British Transport Police. Only those offenders identified as being resident in England or Wales at the time of their first caution or conviction are counted.

Statistics about first time entrants are taken from the Ministry of Justice's extract from the Police National Computer (PNC), the operational database used by all police forces in England and Wales.

### What is being published, and why?

In January 2014, updated statistics on first time entrants to the Criminal Justice System in England and Wales will be published following a change in the methodology used to calculate the number of offenders resident in England and Wales at the point of receiving their first caution or conviction.

In line with the MoJ statistics revisions policy (see link below), we have also taken the opportunity to correct inaccuracies in the existing calculation which affected the first time entrant statistics published in the last three quarterly statistical bulletins.

[www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/182363/statistics-revisions-policy.pdf](http://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/182363/statistics-revisions-policy.pdf)

The purpose of the publication is as follows:

- to provide an overview of the existing methodology and the new methodology
- to provide an overview of how the new methodology affects the published figures and trends
- to give details of the inaccuracies identified in the existing methodology
- to update statistics using the new methodology, specifically affecting the following tables from the quarterly bulletin: Q7.1, Q7.2, Q7.3, Q7a, Q7b, Q7c(i), Q7c(ii), Q7d, Q7e, Q7f, Q7g, Q7h, Q7i and Q7j

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<sup>1</sup> Includes juvenile reprimands and warnings prior to their removal in April 2013

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