

Indicator 6a: Proportion of adult offenders who did not re-offend

Rationale

We want to provide people with a chance to rebuild their lives when they go off track. Sustained employment is central to this – moving into employment after release from prison results in less re-offending a year later. This indicator therefore looks at the proportion of adult offenders in England and Wales who do not re-offend. It is accompanied by indicator 6b which looks at the proportion of adult offenders who are in P45 employment one year later.

Definition

This indicator measures the proportion of adult offenders who were either released from custody, received a non-custodial conviction at court or received a reprimand or warning over a 12 month period who did not commit a proven re-offence within a one year follow up period.

A proven re-offence is defined as any offence committed in a one year follow-up period which received a court conviction, caution, reprimand or warning in the one year follow-up or a further six month waiting period (to allow time for cases to progress through the courts).

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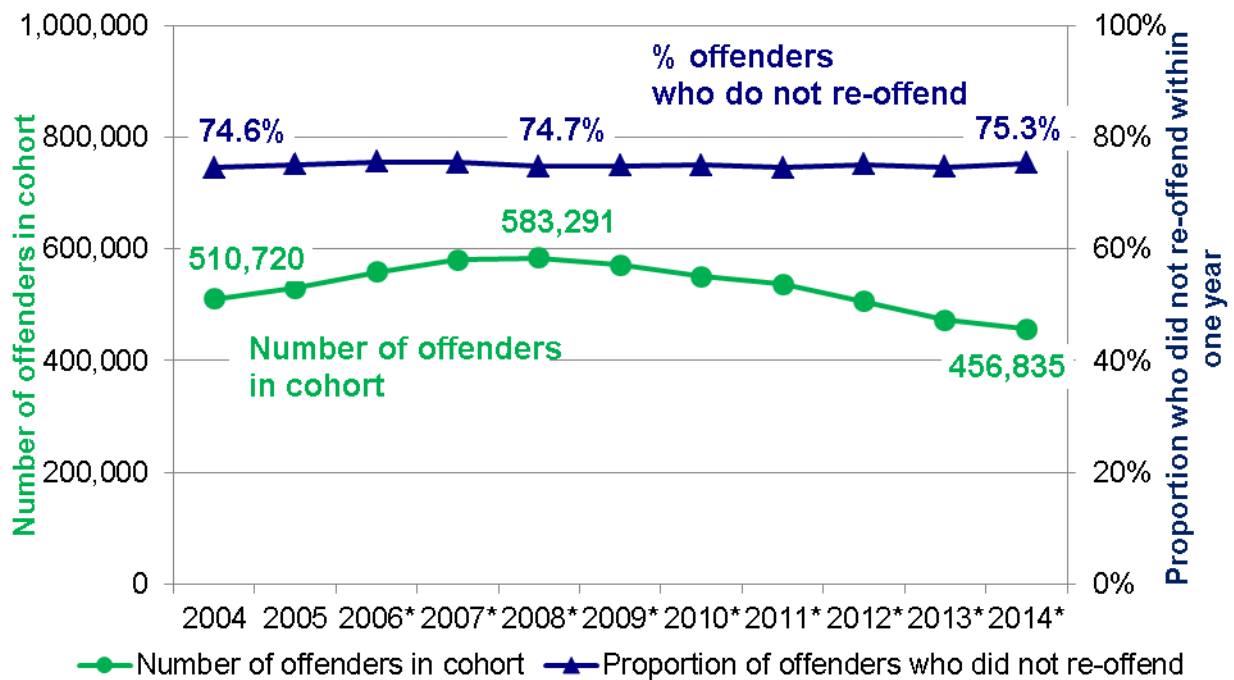
Table 1: Proportion of adults who did not re-offend within one year

	Adult offenders cautioned, convicted or released	Proportion who did not re-offend within one year
Oct-13 to Sep-14	456,835	75.3%

Notes

The proportion of adult offenders who did not re-offend has been broadly stable since 2004 (Figure 1). The size of the cohort has fallen by over 125,000 offenders since 2007/08, the year of the highest level recorded over the last decade.

Figure 1: Proportion of adult offenders (aged 18 or over) who did not re-offend within one year (2004 to September 2014)



***Note:** Figures from 2006 to 2014 are for the 12 calendar months up to September each year. Earlier figures are based on calendar year.

Source: Ministry of Justice, 2016, Proven reoffending statistics quarterly bulletin: October 2013 to September 2014. The Ministry of Justice figures give the proportion of adults who did re-offend within one year. This indicator uses the inverse of this result.

Further information

A detailed description of this measure and further breakdowns of the statistics can be found at the following link:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/proven-reoffending-statistics-october-2013-to-september-2014>

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