

Data from the Home Office Court Proceedings and Cautions Database showing the number of persons cautioned, sentenced to a fine and immediate custody for murder, manslaughter and the possession of an article with a blade or point in a public place in England and Wales, for the years 2000-2004. Data for 2005 will be available in the autumn 2006.

Persons receiving cautions, fines and those sentenced to immediate custody for knife-related offences at all courts, England and Wales, 2000-2004

Offence	Statute	Year	Number of persons cautioned	Number of persons fined	Number of persons sentenced to immediate custody
Possession of offensive weapons ⁽¹⁾ without lawful authority or reasonable excuse	Prevention of Crime Act 1953	2000	3,476	952	595
		2001	3,450	1,146	634
		2002	3,509	1,129	787
		2003	3,997	1,168	760
		2004	5,236	1,037	817
Having an article with a blade or point in a public place	Criminal Justice Act 1988, section 139.	2000	1,721	974	499
		2001	1,603	1,146	589
		2002	1,759	1,347	766
		2003	1,703	1,275	755
		2004	2,293	1,128	803
Having an article with a blade or point on school premises	Criminal Justice Act 1988, section 139A(1).	2000	37	10	7
		2001	49	18	3
		2002	46	9	7
		2003	43	14	6
		2004	81	20	12

Data for 2000 excludes magistrates' courts cases from Staffordshire.

(1) Will include knives, but information collected centrally does not provide a distinction between them and other offensive weapons.

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