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Further breakdowns of offences committed by offenders with a previous immediate custodial sentence

Statistical Notice

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Background

This ad-hoc statistical notice presents further breakdowns of already published information on offending histories

Further details on offending histories can be found in the Criminal Justice Statistics quarterly bulletin which was last published on 21 February 2013 and covered the 12 month period to the end of September 2012:
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/172780/chapter-7-criminal-histories-sept12.xls.xls

The data used for the analyses presented in this statistical notice covers the same time period as the quarterly bulletin but categorises offences according to whether the offender had already received an immediate custodial sentence rather than by the absolute number of previous convictions or cautions received.

In addition, the data presented in this notice count all offences dealt with during the 12 month period whereas the statistics given in the bulletin are based on a count of all occasions where a sentence or a caution was given during the period. An offender who was convicted of a number of different offences during a single court hearing will therefore be counted as a '1' in the quarterly bulletin but each of their individual offences dealt with will be counted separately in this statistical notice.

Table 1 in this statistical notice provides the total number of recordable offences for adult offenders with a previous custodial sentence, dealt with through either a conviction or caution in England and Wales between October 2011 and September 2012 (the latest period available). The numbers presented are grouped according to the length of each offender's previous custodial sentence and, where an offender has previously received several sentences, the longest sentence is used. The data are also grouped by offence type.

Table 1: Recordable offences for adult offenders previously given an immediate custodial sentence¹, England and Wales, 12 months ending September 2012: by type of re-offence and length of previous custodial sentence^{2 3}

Offence type	Custodial sentence length				Total
	Less than 1 year	1 to 2 years	2 to 4 years	4 years or more	
Violence: Non-Serious	32,950	13,831	13,293	6,333	66,407
Violence: Serious	1,275	661	752	461	3,149
Robbery	1,636	898	1,066	704	4,304
Public order or riot	18,462	7,591	6,876	2,907	35,836
Sexual	1,380	877	970	910	4,137
Sexual (child)	2,028	1,203	1,415	1,268	5,914
Soliciting or prostitution	234	52	42	10	338
Domestic burglary	3,038	2,008	3,320	1,801	10,167
Other burglary	3,626	2,293	3,163	1,427	10,509
Theft	45,526	18,689	21,466	9,159	94,840
Handling	2,453	1,371	1,642	722	6,188
Fraud and forgery	5,331	2,302	2,282	1,195	11,110
Absconding or Bail Offences	11,890	4,592	4,690	2,076	23,248
Taking and Driving Away and Related Offences	1,863	1,162	1,187	583	4,795
Theft from Vehicles	1,784	1,159	1,345	530	4,818
Other Motoring Offences	5,075	2,617	2,487	1,273	11,452
Drink Driving Offences	4,736	1,732	1,515	806	8,789
Criminal or Malicious Damage	12,110	5,083	4,642	1,859	23,694
Drugs (Import/Export/Production/Supply)	3,438	1,884	2,012	1,203	8,537
Drugs (Possession/Small Scale Supply)	16,236	8,167	9,422	4,697	38,522
Other	7,266	2,991	2,772	1,253	14,282
Total	182,337	81,163	86,359	41,177	391,036

1. Offenders aged 18 or over at time of receiving conviction or caution

2. Offenders with more than 1 previous custodial sentence have been classified according to the longest sentence received

3. Previous sentences defined as those received at any time prior to the offences counted above

Source: Police National Computer

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