



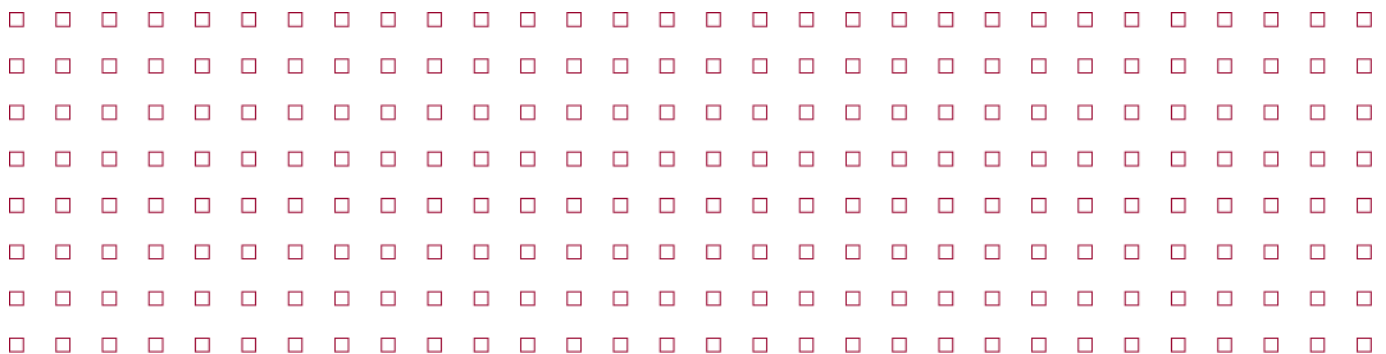
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Introduction

This publication has been prepared by the Prison and Probation Statistics team, Justice Statistics Analytical Services. It contains key statistics describing the workload of the Probation Service in England and Wales.

Full details on data quality and definitions are given in the notes at the end of the text.

All statistics quoted in this quarterly brief for 2009 are provisional pending publication of the annual volume Offender Management Caseload Statistics. The most recent annual volume, covering 2008, was published on 31 July 2009.

The main factors affecting the Probation Service caseload are:

- the number of cases passing through the courts and the number found guilty;
- the community sentence and custody rates at the courts;
- average sentence length given;
- changes to policy and legislation.

Key points – Q4 2009 compared to Q4 2008 (unless otherwise stated)

1. Offenders starting Probation Service supervision (Tables 1 to 6)

- **The number of offenders starting court orders remained the same and the number starting pre or post release supervision increased only slightly between Q4 2008 and Q4 2009:**
 - The number starting court order supervision remained stable at 46,000.
 - The number of offenders starting Community Orders decreased by 3 per cent (down from 33,500 to 32,600).
 - The number of offenders starting Suspended Sentence Orders (SSOs) increased by 8 per cent (up from 11,100 to 12,000).
 - The number of offenders starting pre or post release supervision increased by 1 per cent, up from 11,700 to 11,900.
- **Half of all Community Orders starting in Q4 2009 had just one requirement:** 51 per cent had one requirement and a further 35 per cent had two requirements; for SSOs these proportions were 37 per cent and 42 per cent respectively. The proportions for each number of requirements have remained stable throughout the last five quarters.
- **Stand alone unpaid work was the most common combination of requirements** accounting for almost a third of Community Orders and 21 per cent of all SSOs starting in Q4 2009.
- **Overall, unpaid work and supervision were the most used requirement for Community Orders and SSOs** that started in Q4 2009. These two requirements accounted for roughly two-thirds of all requirements attached to orders. Among other requirements, use of the alcohol treatment requirement increased by 13 per cent and specified activities by 24 per cent between Q4 2008 and Q4 2009 under Community Orders. Under SSOs there were also significant increases in alcohol treatment and specified activities (29 and 26 per cent respectively). Drug treatment fell by 19 per cent under Community Orders over the same period.
- **The proportion of offenders starting Community Orders who were supervised under Tier 1 increased** from 33 per cent to 35 per cent between Q4 2008 and Q4 2009, whilst the proportions under Tiers 2 and 3 decreased slightly (each by 1 percentage point). For SSOs the proportion under Tier 1 increased by 3 percentage points whilst Tier 3 cases fell by 3 percentage points. Supervision tier indicates the level of intervention required with offenders, with tier 1 being the lowest and tier 4 the highest.

2. Offender caseload (Tables 7 and 8) – 31 December 09 compared to 31 December 08

- **Decrease in Probation Service court order caseload and increase in pre or post release caseload as at 31 December 2009:**
 - 4 per cent fall in the number of offenders supervised under a court order at the end of December 2009 (down from 146,700 to 141,000).
 - 4 per cent decrease in the number of offenders being supervised under Community Orders and a 1 per cent decrease in the number being supervised under SSOs.
 - 4 per cent increase in number of offenders supervised either before or after release from prison at the end of December 2009, including an 8 per cent increase in the number supervised post release.

3. Terminations of court orders (Table 9)

- **About two thirds of Community and Suspended Sentence Orders ran their full course or were terminated early for good progress in Q4 2009:**
 - Of the 32,400 Community Orders terminated, 66 per cent had run their full course or were terminated early for good progress, compared to 25 per cent terminated for negative reasons. The equivalent percentages for the 10,800 SSOs terminating were 64 and 28 respectively.

4. Court reports (Tables 10 and 11)

- **Increase in the total number of court reports and continued rise in the proportion of fast delivery pre sentence reports (PSRs):**
 - A total of 56,600 court reports were prepared in Q4 2009, 3 per cent up on Q4 2008.
 - The number of Standard PSRs fell by 22 per cent whilst total fast delivery PSRs rose by 38 per cent.
 - The proportion of fast delivery PSRs (both written and oral) from the combined total of fast delivery and standard PSRs was 53 per cent in Q4 2009, higher than in Q4 2008 when it was 39 per cent.
 - There has been a continued large increase in the number of oral fast delivery PSRs. Comparing Q4 2009 with the same quarter in 2008 they have increased by 51 per cent. The increase in magistrates' courts was 48 per cent, compared to 163 per cent in the Crown Court where absolute numbers are much smaller.
 - Over the same period written fast delivery PSRs increased by 33 per cent. In magistrates' courts the increase was 19 per cent and in the Crown Court, where absolute numbers are much smaller, it was 190 per cent.

- **The level of concordance between sentences proposed and given for the twelve months ending 31 December 2009 was highest for custodial sentences** at 90 per cent, compared to 70 per cent for community sentences and 53 per cent for Suspended Sentence Orders.
- Seventy-eight per cent of PSRs prepared recommended a Community Sentence, while 12 per cent recommended a Suspended Sentence Order and 9 per cent custody.

Explanatory notes

Data quality

The data presented in this brief are drawn from the probation administrative IT systems. Although care is taken when processing and analysing the returns, the detail collected is subject to the inaccuracies inherent in any large-scale recording system. While the figures shown have been checked as far as practicable, they should be considered as approximate and not necessarily accurate to the last whole number shown in the tables. They are fit to be used for purposes of looking at trends and for comparing the relative magnitude of components.

Counting rules

Persons starting supervision – statistics in tables 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 count each person once in each quarter for each type of supervision started in the quarter. But each person is counted only once in each total or sub-total even if they started several types of supervision in the quarter. Thus the sum of the number of persons starting each type of court order exceeds the number of those starting court orders in total. In contrast, table 4 counts each requirement once.

People supervised (caseload) – the statistics in tables 7 and 8 count each person once for each type of supervision being received at the end of the quarter. But each person is counted only once in each total or sub-total even if they were subject to several types of supervision at the end of the quarter. Thus, the sum of the numbers receiving each type of court order supervision exceeds the number receiving court supervision in total.

Terminations – the statistics count all terminations of all types of supervision in each quarter.

See Technical Appendix in Offender Management Caseload Statistics 2008 for a more detailed explanation of the counting procedures.

Definitions

Pre-sentence reports

Pre-sentence report (PSR)/ Standard PSR – Pre-sentence reports are written reports prepared by probation staff. PSRs provide information to the sentencing court about the offender and the offence(s) committed and they assist the court in deciding on a suitable sentence. They should provide a full risk assessment and a proposal for sentencing that takes into account the risk of harm, the likelihood of re-offending, the nature of the offence and the suitability of the offender.

Specific sentence report (SSR) – a shortened form of pre-sentence reports, usually provided on the same day by probation staff. The report helps the sentencing court determine the offender's suitability for a specific sentence envisaged by the court. SSRs were introduced during 1999.

Fast Delivery PSR (written) – As Standard PSR, but normally completed on day of request and must be completed within 5 days. Full risk assessment not usually required.

Fast Delivery PSR (oral) – The Criminal Justice Act 2003 removed the requirement for all PSRs to be written. An oral PSR can be made when the court only requires a limited amount of information.

Deferred Sentence Reports – When a Court defers sentence to a future date and sets clear expectations for the offender's progress, a Pre-Sentence Report (i.e. a deferred sentence report) will normally be required to detail how those expectations have been fulfilled and to assist the court in determining the appropriate sentence.

Court Review Reports – In certain circumstances a court at the time of passing a community order or suspended sentence order can determine that the sentence should be reviewed periodically and would require the responsible officer to present a report (i.e. a Review Report) on the offender's progress and compliance.

Probation Service supervision

The National Probation Service generally deals with those aged 18 years and over. (Those under 18 are mostly dealt with by Youth Offending Teams, answering to the Youth Justice Board.) The main types of supervision are:

Court orders – Comprise all community sentences, deferred sentences and Suspended Sentence Orders.

Community Order – Single community sentence introduced by the Criminal Justice Act 2003 for offences committed on or after 4 April 2005. Designed to replace all previous adult community orders. 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 programs, curfew, exclusion, residence, mental health treatment, drug rehabilitation, alcohol treatment, and attendance centre requirement for under 25s.

Suspended Sentence Order – a custodial sentence suspended for between 6 months and 2 years. During this time the court sets a number of requirements from the set of options available for the Community Order, and these are supervised by the Probation Service.

Community Rehabilitation Order (CRO) – this is of 6 months to 3 years length, for those aged 16 and over. It may have additional requirements such as residence, probation centre attendance or treatment for drug, alcohol or mental problems. CRO was formerly a Probation Order

Community Punishment Order (CPO) – is of unpaid work of 40 – 240 hours for those aged 16 and over (20 – 100 hours for fine defaulters). CPO was formerly a Community Service Order.

Community Punishment and Rehabilitation Order (CPRO) – is of 1 to 3 year probation element and 40-100 hour community punishment element for those aged 16 and over. It may have additional requirements like those of a CRO. CPRO was formerly a Combination Order.

Drug Treatment and Testing Order (DTTO) – for 6 months to 3 years for those aged 16 and over. Introduced nationally from 1 October 2000, following a pilot in a few areas from 30 March 1998.

Children and Young Persons Act 1969 (C&YP 1969) – this is a supervision order for up to 3 years for those aged under 18. It may have additional requirements similar to those of a CRO. Youth Offending Teams, not the Probation Service, have supervised these orders since 2000.

Suspended Sentence Supervision Order (SSSO) – where the Crown Court suspends the 6 month to 2 year prison sentence they may ask the Probation Service to supervise.

Money Payment Supervision Order (MPSO) – Youth and adult magistrates' courts may enforce monetary penalties by appointing a member of the Probation Service (or other person) to supervise the offender.

Pre and post release supervision

Prisoners released on licence are also supervised by the Probation Service both before and after their release.

All prisoners given a custodial sentence of 12 months or more serve a proportion of their sentence in custody and are then released on licence. They are supervised by probation staff before and after release from custody. In addition, offenders with sentences of less than 12 months who are aged under 22 receive a minimum of 3 months post-release supervision, provided this does not extend beyond their 22nd birthday.

Pre-release supervision – Home supervising officers along with probation staff in prisons work jointly with prison staff on sentence planning and management, including consideration of post-release issues.

Post-release supervision – Prisoners released on licence are supervised by the Probation Service in the community. The aims of post-release supervision are to protect the public, prevent further offences and secure the rehabilitation of the offender.

Supervision Tier – Supervision *tier* indicates the level of intervention required with offenders, with tier 1 being the lowest and tier 4 the highest. The Offender Management Tiering framework is a way of categorising offenders according to the level of risk of serious harm and likelihood of reoffending presented by

the individual, combined with the complexity of the sentence requirements. This process aims to protect the public by ensuring that the appropriate organisational resources, in terms of staff and time, are matched to the correct management of the case.

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Table 1 Number of persons starting Court Order and pre/post release supervision by the Probation Service by sex ⁽¹⁾

England and Wales	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q4 2009	Percentage change Q4 2009
MALES AND FEMALES						
All court orders	46,012	48,980	47,167	48,125	45,980	<i>0</i>
All community sentences	34,907	37,183	35,573	35,534	33,816	<i>-3</i>
Community order	33,452	35,922	34,279	34,232	32,593	<i>-3</i>
All pre CJA orders	1,493	1,288	1,309	1,323	1,236	<i>-17</i>
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	143	127	121	139	154	<i>8</i>
Suspended sentence order	11,093	11,817	11,627	12,469	12,036	<i>9</i>
Pre and post release supervision	11,722	11,845	11,366	12,064	11,879	<i>1</i>
MALES						
All court orders	38,854	41,407	39,780	40,656	38,794	<i>0</i>
All community sentences	29,325	31,363	29,878	29,892	28,405	<i>-3</i>
Community order	27,995	30,225	28,727	28,698	27,278	<i>-3</i>
All pre CJA orders	1,363	1,160	1,166	1,213	1,139	<i>-16</i>
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	113	102	92	112	123	<i>9</i>
Suspended sentence order	9,527	10,070	9,944	10,671	10,288	<i>8</i>
Pre and post release supervision	10,879	10,985	10,593	11,275	11,054	<i>2</i>
FEMALES						
All court orders	7,158	7,573	7,387	7,469	7,186	<i>0</i>
All community sentences	5,582	5,820	5,695	5,642	5,411	<i>-3</i>
Community order	5,457	5,697	5,552	5,534	5,315	<i>-3</i>
All pre CJA orders	130	128	143	110	97	<i>-25</i>
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	30	25	29	27	31	<i>3</i>
Suspended sentence order	1,566	1,747	1,683	1,798	1,748	<i>12</i>
Pre and post release supervision	843	860	773	789	825	<i>-2</i>

(1) Each person is counted only once in the total even if they started several types of supervision in the year.

* Indicates that one or more of the comparative numbers are less than 50. For small numbers this could give misleading percentage changes.

Data Sources and Quality

These figures have been drawn from administrative IT systems which, as with any large scale recording system, are subject to possible errors with data entry and processing.

Table 2 Number of persons starting Community Order and Suspended Sentence Order supervision by number of requirements

England and Wales						
	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q4 2009	Percentage change Q4 2009
Community Orders	33,452	35,922	34,279	34,232	32,593	-3
1	16,574	17,980	17,220	17,140	16,467	-1
2	11,858	12,628	12,014	12,084	11,315	-5
3	4,186	4,491	4,198	4,212	3,988	-5
4	726	708	743	687	712	-2
5 or more	108	115	104	108	112	4
% Breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
1	50	50	50	50	51	
2	35	35	35	35	35	
3	13	13	12	12	12	
4	2	2	2	2	2	
5 or more	0	0	0	0	0	
Average (mean)	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	
Suspended Sentence Orders	11,093	11,817	11,627	12,469	12,036	9
1	4,026	4,288	4,271	4,558	4,479	11
2	4,732	5,004	4,931	5,366	5,105	8
3	1,967	2,182	2,057	2,159	2,105	7
4	324	299	324	337	311	-4
5 or more	44	44	44	49	36	*
% Breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
1	36	36	37	37	37	
2	43	42	42	43	42	
3	18	18	18	17	17	
4	3	3	3	3	3	
5 or more	0	0	0	0	0	
Average (mean)	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	

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Table 3 Most frequently used combinations of requirements for Community Orders and Suspended Sentence Orders

England and Wales

	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q4 2009	Percentage change Q4 2009
Community Orders	33,452	35,922	34,279	34,232	32,593	-3
Unpaid Work	10,377	11,363	11,106	10,808	10,484	1
Supervision	4,456	4,545	4,289	4,270	3,910	-12
Supervision & Accredited Programme	3,258	3,307	3,005	2,871	2,509	-23
Supervision & Unpaid Work	2,512	2,781	2,555	2,548	2,346	-7
Supervision & Drug Treatment	2,056	2,125	1,965	1,972	1,804	-12
Curfew	1,363	1,581	1,395	1,524	1,512	11
Supervision, Unpaid Work & Accredited Programme	1,072	1,166	1,098	1,063	927	-14
Unpaid Work & Unpaid Work ⁽¹⁾	602	590	615	595	575	-4
Supervision & Specified Activity	812	913	985	979	929	14
Supervision, Accredited Programme & Drug Treatment	545	429	291	297	260	-52
All other combinations of requirements	6,399	7,122	6,975	7,305	7,337	15
Suspended Sentence Orders	11,093	11,817	11,627	12,469	12,036	9
Unpaid Work	2,124	2,332	2,338	2,486	2,493	17
Supervision & Accredited Programme	1,585	1,555	1,419	1,525	1,389	-12
Supervision	1,369	1,405	1,410	1,456	1,326	-3
Supervision & Unpaid Work	1,197	1,278	1,323	1,415	1,292	8
Supervision, Unpaid Work & Accredited Programme	607	652	636	625	569	-6
Supervision & Drug Treatment	601	652	615	670	670	11
Curfew	323	329	303	342	377	17
Supervision & Curfew	294	270	314	315	302	3
Supervision, Accredited Programme & Drug Treatment	190	178	128	134	137	-28
Supervision & Specified Activity	206	277	263	278	274	33
All other combinations of requirements	2,597	2,889	2,878	3,222	3,207	23

(1) Normally a result of further unpaid work given for breach.

Data Sources and Quality

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Table 4 Number of requirements commenced under Community Orders and Suspended Sentence Orders

England and Wales						Percentage change Q4 2009
	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q4 2009	
Community Orders	56,685	60,608	57,866	57,188	54,473	-4
Supervision	19,789	20,771	19,567	19,360	18,025	-9
Unpaid Work	18,006	19,731	19,390	18,762	18,198	1
Accredited Programme	6,424	6,628	5,940	5,667	5,183	-19
Drug Treatment	3,430	3,370	2,991	2,942	2,771	-19
Curfew	3,871	4,189	3,888	4,002	4,226	9
Specified Activity	2,644	3,154	3,266	3,412	3,268	24
Alcohol Treatment	1,391	1,534	1,633	1,732	1,568	13
Residential	255	219	223	241	216	-15
Mental Health	192	213	182	205	209	9
Exclusion	267	299	252	285	268	0
Prohibited Activity	288	338	339	344	350	22
Attendance Centre	128	162	195	236	191	49
% breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
Supervision	35	34	34	34	33	
Unpaid Work	32	33	34	33	33	
Accredited Programme	11	11	10	10	10	
Drug Treatment	6	6	5	5	5	
Curfew	7	7	7	7	8	
Specified Activity	5	5	6	6	6	
Alcohol Treatment	2	3	3	3	3	
Residential	0	0	0	0	0	
Mental Health	0	0	0	0	0	
Exclusion	0	0	0	0	0	
Prohibited Activity	1	1	1	1	1	
Attendance Centre	0	0	0	0	0	
Suspended Sentence Orders	20,962	22,330	21,873	23,391	22,455	7
Supervision	7,996	8,415	8,196	8,705	8,144	2
Unpaid Work	5,163	5,566	5,694	6,006	5,924	15
Accredited Programme	3,201	3,332	3,019	3,155	2,933	-8
Curfew	1,579	1,664	1,639	1,821	1,947	23
Drug Treatment	1,050	1,063	969	1,058	1,028	-2
Specified Activity	808	948	975	1,057	1,021	26
Alcohol Treatment	546	652	646	754	706	29
Exclusion	159	163	177	197	161	1
Prohibited Activity	204	235	239	276	259	27
Residential	177	202	201	258	245	38
Mental Health	62	66	77	74	61	*
Attendance Centre	17	24	41	30	26	*
% breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
Supervision	38	38	37	37	36	
Unpaid Work	25	25	26	26	26	
Accredited Programme	15	15	14	13	13	
Curfew	8	7	7	8	9	
Drug Treatment	5	5	4	5	5	
Specified Activity	4	4	4	5	5	
Alcohol Treatment	3	3	3	3	3	
Exclusion	1	1	1	1	1	
Prohibited Activity	1	1	1	1	1	
Residential	1	1	1	1	1	
Mental Health	0	0	0	0	0	
Attendance Centre	0	0	0	0	0	

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Data Sources and Quality

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Table 5 Number of persons starting Community Order and Suspended Sentence Order supervision by the Probation Service by area

	Community Orders						Suspended Sentence Orders					
	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q4 2009	Percentage change Q4 2009	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q4 2009	Percentage change Q4 2009
North East	2,433	2,633	2,455	2,371	2,246	-8	670	721	759	847	721	8
Durham	495	516	455	469	472	-5	148	146	168	168	164	11
Northumbria	1,275	1,382	1,258	1,168	1,081	-15	347	387	413	443	370	7
Teesside	663	735	742	734	693	5	175	188	178	236	187	7
North West	5,451	5,747	5,387	5,432	5,079	-7	1,769	1,896	1,720	1,836	1,741	-2
Cheshire	670	663	696	639	629	-6	205	198	147	194	192	-6
Cumbria	383	377	384	338	312	-19	73	96	97	84	99	36
Lancashire	1,259	1,330	1,236	1,245	1,202	-5	360	389	341	415	378	5
Greater Manchester	2,005	2,166	2,044	2,144	1,947	-3	758	838	764	762	738	-3
Merseyside	1,134	1,211	1,027	1,066	989	-13	373	375	371	381	334	-10
Yorkshire & Humberside	4,002	4,303	4,210	4,338	4,125	3	1,015	1,126	1,100	1,179	1,192	17
Humberside	637	624	630	635	585	-8	251	273	220	261	257	2
North Yorkshire	457	500	497	473	505	11	112	126	137	116	124	11
South Yorkshire	1,069	1,145	1,101	1,101	998	-7	328	379	372	363	354	8
West Yorkshire	1,839	2,034	1,982	2,129	2,037	11	324	348	371	439	457	41
East Midlands	2,749	2,837	2,692	2,725	2,503	-9	923	974	951	1,011	1,026	11
Derbyshire	639	712	620	635	568	-11	237	239	243	240	231	-3
Leicestershire	517	543	505	518	480	-7	261	227	247	245	286	10
Lincolnshire	350	336	327	354	296	-15	108	110	116	134	120	11
Northamptonshire	392	362	359	328	328	-16	94	118	124	134	134	43
Nottinghamshire	851	884	881	890	831	-2	223	280	221	258	255	14
West Midlands	3,237	3,866	3,572	3,517	3,444	6	1,295	1,537	1,441	1,513	1,462	13
Staffordshire	590	616	539	574	587	-1	243	250	203	231	220	-9
Warwickshire	266	343	292	279	331	24	61	74	68	78	83	36
West Mercia	601	668	620	656	588	-2	198	217	228	227	211	7
West Midlands	1,780	2,239	2,121	2,008	1,938	9	793	996	942	977	948	20
Eastern	2,913	3,059	3,064	3,095	2,897	-1	959	1,003	1,079	1,146	1,156	21
Bedfordshire	300	329	357	329	270	-10	84	97	84	83	96	14
Cambridgeshire	400	429	422	428	390	-3	182	168	166	197	207	14
Essex	912	951	985	989	959	5	289	326	383	361	355	23
Hertfordshire	548	592	581	561	550	0	157	149	181	197	179	14
Norfolk	395	408	389	428	383	-3	143	150	146	169	181	27
Suffolk	358	350	330	360	345	-4	104	113	119	139	138	33
London	4,196	4,374	4,246	4,151	4,081	-3	1,688	1,764	1,793	1,994	1,986	18
South East	3,894	4,187	4,197	4,142	3,852	-1	1,229	1,261	1,234	1,324	1,264	3
Hampshire	1,079	1,125	1,175	1,089	1,024	-5	319	268	273	279	290	-9
Kent	788	917	855	950	751	-5	302	316	272	323	283	-6
Surrey	434	452	466	492	443	2	103	121	138	124	134	30
Sussex	698	805	810	751	815	17	211	245	235	267	243	15
Thames Valley	895	888	891	860	819	-8	294	311	316	331	314	7
South West	2,434	2,544	2,328	2,256	2,256	-7	683	744	740	764	684	0
Avon & Somerset	837	867	804	748	790	-6	213	253	248	259	237	11
Devon & Cornwall	645	639	602	579	541	-16	181	204	241	236	221	-22
Dorset	326	369	312	309	334	2	123	146	113	123	92	25
Gloucestershire	339	346	335	321	314	-7	105	85	72	87	81	-23
Wiltshire	287	323	275	299	277	-3	61	56	66	59	53	-13
Wales	2,143	2,372	2,128	2,205	2,110	-2	862	791	810	855	804	-7
Dyfed-Powys	242	281	269	288	250	3	117	86	93	91	75	-36
Gwent	404	421	334	397	387	-4	136	144	138	130	147	8
North Wales	470	540	473	503	469	0	161	176	165	186	184	14
South Wales	1,027	1,130	1,052	1,017	1,004	-2	448	385	414	448	398	-11
All areas	33,452	35,922	34,279	34,232	32,593	-3	11,093	11,817	11,627	12,469	12,036	9

Data Sources and Quality

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Table 6 Number of persons starting Community Order and Suspended Sentence Order supervision by tier

England and Wales						Percentage change Q4 2009
	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q4 2009	
Community Orders	33,452	35,922	34,279	34,232	32,593	-3
Tier 1 (Low)	10,926	12,069	11,940	11,600	11,433	5
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	8,618	9,159	8,631	8,702	8,082	-6
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	11,836	12,514	11,765	12,007	11,219	-5
Tier 4 (High)	1,515	1,609	1,566	1,541	1,487	-2
Tier not stated	557	571	377	382	372	-33
% Breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
Tier 1 (Low)	33	34	35	34	35	
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	26	25	25	25	25	
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	35	35	34	35	34	
Tier 4 (High)	5	4	5	5	5	
Tier not stated	2	2	1	1	1	
Suspended Sentence Orders	11,093	11,817	11,627	12,469	12,036	9
Tier 1 (Low)	2,410	2,685	2,805	3,019	3,053	27
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	2,817	3,019	2,917	3,184	3,034	8
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	4,949	5,201	5,015	5,341	5,028	2
Tier 4 (High)	766	756	773	779	793	4
Tier not stated	151	156	117	146	128	-15
% Breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
Tier 1 (Low)	22	23	24	24	25	
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	25	26	25	26	25	
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	45	44	43	43	42	
Tier 4 (High)	7	6	7	6	7	
Tier not stated	1	1	1	1	1	

Data Sources and Quality

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Table 7 Persons supervised by the Probation Service at end of period ⁽¹⁾

England and Wales

	Q4 2008 ⁽³⁾	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q4 2009	Percentage change Q4 2009
MALES AND FEMALES						
All court orders	146,725	146,904	145,083	142,820	140,951	-4
All community sentences	106,714	107,208	105,694	103,183	101,086	-5
Community order	101,153	102,336	101,403	99,305	97,481	-4
All pre CJA orders	6,122	5,369	4,502	4,024	3,743	-39
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	90	84	86	99	108	20
Suspended sentence order	43,977	43,675	43,283	43,449	43,615	-1
All pre and post release supervision ^(1,2)	98,477	99,138	99,860	100,965	102,022	4
Pre release supervision	66,864	67,174	67,047	67,407	67,587	1
Post release supervision	32,220	32,560	33,360	34,002	34,881	8
MALES						
All court orders	125,229	125,305	123,530	121,617	119,884	-4
All community sentences	90,970	91,365	89,949	87,789	85,915	-6
Community order	86,066	87,086	86,178	84,342	82,682	-4
All pre CJA orders	5,414	4,734	3,967	3,580	3,363	-38
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	77	70	66	85	92	19
Suspended sentence order	37,759	37,443	37,026	37,180	37,264	-1
All pre and post release supervision ^(1,2)	93,136	93,704	94,422	95,529	96,545	4
Pre release supervision	63,535	63,784	63,696	64,117	64,320	1
Post release supervision	30,190	30,497	31,256	31,840	32,656	8
FEMALES						
All court orders	21,496	21,599	21,553	21,203	21,067	-2
All community sentences	15,744	15,843	15,745	15,394	15,171	-4
Community order	15,087	15,250	15,225	14,963	14,799	-2
All pre CJA orders	708	635	535	444	380	-46
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	13	14	20	14	16	23
Suspended sentence order	6,218	6,232	6,257	6,269	6,351	2
All pre and post release supervision ^(1,2)	5,341	5,434	5,438	5,436	5,477	3
Pre release supervision	3,329	3,390	3,351	3,290	3,267	-2
Post release supervision	2,030	2,063	2,104	2,162	2,225	10

(1) Each person is counted only once in the all community sentences and pre and post release figures, even if they started several types of supervision in the year.

(2) Excludes those on voluntary supervision for more than 3 years.

(3) The pre and post release figures for Q4 2008 are slightly understated, due to an under-recording of the caseload in data submitted by the West Midlands area. This is due to them recently changing case management systems.

* Indicates that one or more of the comparative numbers are less than 50. For small numbers this could give misleading percentage changes.

Data Sources and Quality

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Table 8 Persons supervised by the Probation Service at 31 December 2009, by area

Region/Area	All Pre CJA orders	Community Order	Suspended Sentence Order	All court orders ⁽¹⁾	All pre release supervision	All post release supervision	All pre and post release supervision ⁽¹⁾	All Probation Service supervision ⁽¹⁾
North East	172	6,488	2,976	9,260	3,284	1,716	4,970	14,104
Durham	25	1,267	609	1,832	636	341	972	2,781
Northumbria	65	3,372	1,602	4,844	1,613	839	2,435	7,222
Teesside	82	1,849	765	2,584	1,035	536	1,563	4,101
North West	612	14,543	6,672	21,252	10,543	5,783	16,241	37,261
Cheshire	36	1,718	641	2,329	968	567	1,512	3,825
Cumbria	74	888	331	1,261	470	309	776	2,017
Lancashire	113	3,157	1,339	4,460	1,842	1,098	2,930	7,348
Greater Manchester	308	5,841	2,776	8,688	4,697	2,388	7,080	15,672
Merseyside	81	2,939	1,585	4,514	2,566	1,421	3,943	8,399
Yorkshire & Humberside	339	10,899	3,699	14,632	7,209	4,144	11,330	25,788
Humberside	73	1,602	667	2,302	1,244	732	1,974	4,256
North Yorkshire	57	1,076	395	1,494	523	335	857	2,340
South Yorkshire	72	2,614	1,139	3,739	1,917	1,141	3,054	6,752
West Yorkshire	137	5,607	1,498	7,097	3,525	1,936	5,445	12,440
East Midlands	222	7,054	3,274	10,323	5,140	2,676	7,790	18,045
Derbyshire	48	1,594	815	2,404	1,091	535	1,623	4,010
Leicestershire	66	1,360	850	2,219	1,005	491	1,493	3,700
Lincolnshire	24	890	370	1,259	531	336	863	2,114
Northamptonshire	11	1,072	440	1,499	797	478	1,266	2,753
Nottinghamshire	73	2,138	799	2,942	1,716	836	2,545	5,468
West Midlands	414	10,464	5,345	15,821	7,825	3,964	11,735	27,372
Staffordshire	51	1,688	817	2,501	1,069	608	1,673	4,154
Warwickshire	18	845	286	1,133	440	249	678	1,800
West Mercia	53	1,743	749	2,471	957	527	1,480	3,921
West Midlands	292	6,188	3,493	9,716	5,359	2,580	7,904	17,497
Eastern	339	9,110	4,311	13,363	4,825	2,698	7,487	20,725
Bedfordshire	23	902	299	1,212	765	376	1,139	2,343
Cambridgeshire	24	1,169	670	1,806	785	440	1,224	3,016
Essex	129	3,289	1,567	4,821	1,332	846	2,160	6,926
Hertfordshire	91	1,596	782	2,403	730	389	1,112	3,487
Norfolk	39	1,133	496	1,624	634	386	1,020	2,637
Suffolk	33	1,021	497	1,497	579	261	832	2,316
London	911	15,069	7,265	22,596	13,729	6,045	19,701	42,051
South East	405	11,037	4,455	15,415	7,601	3,655	11,223	26,512
Hampshire	126	3,084	1,036	4,124	1,526	813	2,325	6,420
Kent	81	2,253	1,061	3,284	1,862	849	2,711	5,972
Surrey	16	1,056	335	1,370	529	319	841	2,205
Sussex	61	2,001	877	2,833	1,891	701	2,585	5,389
Thames Valley	121	2,643	1,146	3,804	1,793	973	2,761	6,526
South West	153	6,560	2,541	9,064	3,949	2,224	6,125	15,114
Avon & Somerset	49	2,524	944	3,438	1,359	806	2,145	5,558
Devon & Cornwall	39	1,615	728	2,335	1,149	563	1,696	4,016
Dorset	24	788	352	1,148	537	333	866	2,002
Gloucestershire	16	803	314	1,105	486	296	778	1,869
Wiltshire	25	830	203	1,038	418	226	640	1,669
Wales	176	6,257	3,077	9,225	3,482	1,976	5,420	14,532
Dyfed-Powys	13	749	313	1,052	309	217	521	1,561
Gwent	31	1,262	527	1,775	556	352	901	2,666
North Wales	42	1,262	769	2,028	733	418	1,145	3,147
South Wales	90	2,984	1,468	4,370	1,884	989	2,853	7,158
All areas	3,743	97,481	43,615	140,951	67,587	34,881	102,022	241,504

(1) Each person is counted only once in the all court orders and pre and post release figures, even if they started several types of supervision in the period.

Data Sources and Quality

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Table 9 Terminations of court orders by reason ⁽¹⁾

England and Wales	Percentages				
	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q4 2009
Community Order					
Ran their full course	50	51	52	52	53
Terminated early for:					
good progress	12	11	12	12	13
failure to comply with requirements	17	16	16	16	15
conviction of offence	11	11	10	10	10
other reasons	10	10	10	10	10
Total number	29,876	31,874	32,189	33,813	32,362
Suspended Sentence Order					
Ran their full course	54	55	55	54	55
Terminated early for:					
good progress	10	10	10	10	9
failure to comply with requirements	13	13	12	12	12
conviction of offence	16	16	16	16	16
other reasons	8	7	7	7	7
Total number	10,061	10,826	10,727	11,257	10,779

(1) The increase over time in percentages of Community Orders and Suspended Sentence Orders running their full course is due partly to the fact that the more time the order has had to run, the greater the chance of it being completed successfully.

Data Sources and Quality

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Table 10 Court reports written by the Probation Service by type of report and court

England and Wales

	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q4 2009	Percentage change Q4 2009
All court reports⁽¹⁾	55,101	58,184	57,411	58,478	56,602	3
Standard PSR	32,182	32,057	28,934	27,368	25,147	-22
Fast Delivery PSR written	13,890	15,816	16,484	18,234	18,417	33
Fast Delivery PSR oral	6,275	7,284	8,648	8,999	9,451	51
Deferred sentence ⁽²⁾	251	263	239	236	266	6
PSR breach	2,503	2,764	3,106	3,641	3,321	33
Court Review	180	154	134	154	181	1
Magistrates' courts⁽¹⁾	41,005	43,215	42,550	42,844	40,527	-1
Standard PSR	19,599	19,173	16,551	14,817	12,990	-34
Fast Delivery PSR written	12,790	14,270	14,497	15,761	15,226	19
Fast Delivery PSR oral	6,142	7,072	8,467	8,720	9,101	48
Deferred sentence ⁽²⁾	145	148	146	156	158	9
PSR breach	2,329	2,552	2,889	3,390	3,052	31
Court Review	169	146	127	146	167	-1
Crown Court⁽¹⁾	14,096	14,969	14,861	15,634	16,075	14
Standard PSR	12,583	12,884	12,383	12,551	12,157	-3
Fast Delivery PSR written	1,100	1,546	1,987	2,473	3,191	190
Fast Delivery PSR oral	133	212	181	279	350	163
Deferred sentence ⁽²⁾	106	115	93	80	108	2
PSR breach	174	212	217	251	269	55
Court Review	11	8	7	8	14	*

(1) Does not include Court Review reports

(2) On appearance for sentence after deferment.

* Indicates that one or more of the comparative numbers are less than 50. For small numbers this could give misleading percentage changes.

Data Sources and Quality

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Table 11 Concordance between sentences proposed and given where a PSR was written, January 2009 - December 2009

England and Wales

	Sentence given							All
	Community Sentences	Suspended Sentence Order	Custody	Fine	Absolute/Conditional Discharge	Other		
Sentence proposed								
All Community Sentences ⁽¹⁾	98,315	23,414	15,077	1,026	1,079	2,058	140,969	
Suspended Sentence Order	2,426	11,189	7,079	74	78	306	21,152	
All immediate custodial sentences	492	802	14,206	41	50	280	15,871	
Fine	592	154	91	2,026	160	70	3,093	
All	101,825	35,559	36,453	3,167	1,367	2,714	181,085	
% breakdown								
All Community Sentences ⁽¹⁾	70%	17%	11%	1%	1%	1%	100%	
Suspended Sentence Order	11%	53%	33%	0%	0%	1%	100%	
All immediate custodial sentences	3%	5%	90%	0%	0%	2%	100%	
Fine	19%	5%	3%	66%	5%	2%	100%	

(1) Includes all pre-CJA community sentences

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