

Licence recalls and returns to custody to 30 September 2009 England and Wales

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Introduction

Information on licence recalls and returns to custody for offenders recalled up to 31 March 2009 was first published as part of a Written Ministerial Statement from the Justice Secretary and Home Secretary on 6 July 2009. This publication is the second quarterly update.

The figures in this statistics bulletin cover:

- Detailed cross-checked information on offenders recalled in the period up to 30 June 2009 and who had not been returned to custody by 14 January 2010;
- Provisional summary information on offenders recalled between 1 July 2009 and 30 September 2009 who had not been returned to custody by 14 January 2010;
- Performance against the licence recall target to return 75% of emergency recalls to custody within 74 hours and 75% of standard recalls within 144 hours.

Summary

Data for those recalled up to 30 June 2009 has been cross-checked against local and national intelligence databases while data on those recalled from 1 July to 30 September 2009 is still provisional.

Between 1 April 1999 and 30 September 2009, a total of 99,676 offenders had their licences revoked and were recalled. By 14 January 2010, 754 of these offenders (0.8%) had not been returned to custody. This figure includes those offenders recalled prior to April 1999.

The cross-checked figures show 95,708 offenders had their licences revoked and were recalled. By 14 January 2010, 657 of these offenders (0.7%) had not been returned to custody.

Table 1: Offender recalls and returns to custody

England and Wales					
Number of offenders					
Year of recall (April - March)	Recalled ¹	Returned to custody as of 14 January 2010 ^{2,3,5}	% Returned to custody ^{2,3,5}	Not returned to custody as of 14 January 2010 ^{2,3,5}	% Not returned to custody/ recalled ^{2,3,5}
1984/99	c10,000	n/a	n/a	16	n/a
1999/00	1,272	1,263	99.3%	9	0.7%
2000/01	3,182	3,161	99.3%	21	0.7%
2001/02	5,086	5,061	99.5%	25	0.5%
2002/03	8,406	8,383	99.7%	23	0.3%
2003/04	11,268	11,230	99.7%	38	0.3%
2004/05	11,171	11,140	99.7%	31	0.3%
2005/06	11,450	11,374	99.3%	76	0.7%
2006/07	13,411	13,335	99.4%	76	0.6%
2007/08	13,252	13,134	99.1%	118	0.9%
2008/09	13,467	13,315	98.9%	152	1.1%
April - June 2009	3,743	3,671	98.1%	72	1.9%
Total to 30 June 2009	95,708 ¹	n/a	n/a	657 ⁴	0.7% ⁴
1 July - 30 Sept 2009 ^(p)	3,968 ^(p)	3,871 ^(p)	97.6% ^(p)	97 ^(p)	2.4% ^(p)
Total to 30 Sept 2009^(p)	99,676 ^{1,(p)}	n/a	n/a	754 ^{4,(p)}	0.8% ⁴

¹ total number of offenders recalled does not include those recalled during the period 1984 to 1999 as this figure is approximate (see Explanatory notes).

² data on those recalled up to and including 30 June 2009 and returned to custody by 14 January 2010 has been cross-checked with local and national intelligence databases (see Explanatory Notes)

³ data from 1 July 2009 to 30 September 2009 is provisional as it has not undergone this reconciliation; the number not returned to custody will be an overestimate

⁴ total number of offenders not returned to custody includes those recalled during the period 1984 to 1999.

⁵ the number returned to custody includes those who are confirmed dead or were deported by the UK Borders Agency
(p) provisional

The target across all agencies involved in the process is for 75% of these offenders to be returned to custody within 74 hours for emergency recalls and within 144 hours for standard recalls. There were 3,968 offenders recalled during the period 1 July 2009 to 30 September 2009. Of these, 3,005 (76%) were returned to custody within target timescales and a further 866 were returned to custody outside of target timescales or were confirmed dead or deported.

Offenders recalled in the period 1 April 1999 to 30 June 2009 and who were not returned to custody by 14 January 2010

Offence

The cross-checked data for those who were recalled up to and including 30 June 2009 shows that 657 had not been returned to custody by 14 January 2010. Of these, 106 had originally been serving a prison sentence for violence against the person offences and a further 27 for sexual offences. Table 2 gives a full breakdown by offence type including previously published data.

Table 2: Number of offenders not returned to custody by 14 January 2010 who were recalled 1/1/84-30/6/09, by offence¹

England and Wales	
Offence	Recalled but not returned to custody by 14 Jan 2010
Violence against the Person	106
<i>ABH</i>	17
<i>Affray</i>	8
<i>Assault Police</i>	1
<i>Attempted Murder</i>	2
<i>Conspiracy to Murder</i>	1
<i>False Imprisonment</i>	5
<i>GBH/Wounding</i>	36
<i>Intimidating Witness</i>	1
<i>Kidnap</i>	2
<i>Manslaughter</i>	3
<i>Murder</i>	17
<i>Possession of firearms with intent</i>	10
<i>Threatening behaviour</i>	2
<i>Violent disorder</i>	16
Sexual Offences	27
<i>Gross Indecency with Child/Sexual assault on child</i>	6
<i>Indecent Assault</i>	12
<i>Rape/Attempted Rape</i>	8
<i>Unlawful Sexual Intercourse</i>	1
Robbery	72
Burglary	63
Theft and Handling	59
Fraud and Forgery	101
Drug Offences	142
Motoring Offences	21
Other offences	66
All offences	657

¹ This is the offence for which the original prison sentence was being served

Local area information

Table 3 shows information on the Local Criminal Justice Board (LCJB) in which these cases are being managed.

Table 3: Number of offenders not returned to custody by 14 January 2010 who were recalled 1/1/84-30/6/09, by Local Criminal Justice Board (LCJB)

England and Wales	
Local Criminal Justice Board (LCJB)	Recalled but not returned to custody by 14 Jan 2010
Avon & Somerset	12
Bedfordshire	12
Cambridgeshire	9
Cheshire	6
Cleveland/Teesside	1
Cumbria	0
Derbyshire	5
Devon & Cornwall	4
Dorset	11
Durham	1
Dyfed Powys	0
Essex	13
Gloucester	4
Greater Manchester	25
Gwent	2
Hampshire & Isle of Wight	10
Hertfordshire	12
Humberside	2
Kent	15
Lancashire	12
Leicestershire	10
Lincolnshire	5
London	254
Merseyside	17
Norfolk	9
North Wales	6
North Yorkshire	1
Northamptonshire	7
Northumbria	5
Nottinghamshire	9
South Wales	13
South Yorkshire	10
Staffordshire	3
Suffolk	7
Surrey	6
Sussex	20
Thames Valley	30
Warwickshire	4
West Mercia	2
West Midlands	72
West Yorkshire	10
Wiltshire	1
All areas	657

Licence recall performance target information

The licence recall target is for 75% of standard recalls to be returned to custody within 144 hours and 75% of emergency recalls to be returned to custody within 74 hours.

Table 4 shows performance against this target for each quarter in 2008/09 and for the first two quarters of 2009/10. Overall performance has improved throughout the period, with 76% of cases returned within target timescales in July to September 2009¹ compared with 66% in the same period one year previously.

Table 4: Performance against licence recall targets

	England and Wales					
	Apr08 - Jun08	Jul08 - Sep08	Oct08 - Dec08	Jan09 - Mar09	Apr09 - Jun09	Jul09 - Sep09 ¹
Standard recalls	2,533	2,709	2,832	2,776	3,088	3,323
of which:						
Returned to custody within target ²	1,505	1,789	1,956	1,994	2,253	2,520
Not returned to custody within target	1,028	920	876	782	835	803
% Standard recalls returned to custody within target	59%	66%	69%	72%	73%	76%
Emergency recalls	726	710	632	549	655	645
of which:						
Returned to custody within target ³	436	459	438	391	459	485
Not returned to custody within target	290	251	194	158	196	160
% Emergency recalls returned to custody within target	60%	65%	69%	71%	70%	75%
Total recalls	3,259	3,419	3,464	3,325	3,743	3,968
of which:						
Returned to custody within target	1,941	2,248	2,394	2,385	2,712	3,005
Not returned to custody within target	1,318	1,171	1,070	940	1,031	963
% Total recalls returned to custody within target	60%	66%	69%	72%	72%	76%

¹ Data from 1 July to 30 September is provisional as it has not undergone reconciliation across local and national intelligence databases - see Explanatory Notes

² Target for standard recall: return to custody within 144 hours

³ Target for emergency recall: return to custody within 74 hours

Performance by agency

The standard recall target of 144 hours comprises individual targets of 24 hours for either the Probation Service, contractor responsible for monitoring offenders on Home Detention Curfew (HDC) or Youth Offending Team (YOT); 24 hours for NOMS Public Protection Casework Section (PPCS); and 96 hours for the Police. The emergency recall target of 74 hours comprises individual targets of 24 hours for the Probation Service, contractors or YOTs; 2 hours for NOMS Public Protection Casework Section (PPCS); and 48 hours for the Police.

The recall process starts when the Probation Service, contractor or YOTs assess offenders as posing a risk and complete the necessary paperwork. The PPCS then formally issue the revocation and recall notice on behalf of the Secretary of State. The police finish the recall process by finding, arresting and returning these offenders to custody. This is the most time-intensive part of the process which is why they have a wider time target.

Data for the period July to September 2009¹ show that the Probation Service in England and Wales met their target timescales in 96% of cases; the PPCS met their target timescales in 96% of cases and the police in 73% of cases. Table 5 summarises this information for each quarter in 2008/09 and for the first two quarters of 2009/10¹.

Table 5: Performance against licence recall target, by agency

	England and Wales					
	Apr08 - Jun08	Jul 08 - Sep08	Oct 08 - Dec08	Jan09 - Mar09	Apr09 - Jun09	Jul09 - Sep09 ¹
Total recalls	3,259	3,419	3,464	3,325	3,743	3,968
Probation Service/Contractor/YOT						
Recall requests processed within target timescale ²	2,755	2,952	3,021	3,060	3,534	3,816
% Recall requests processed within target / total recalls	85%	86%	87%	92%	94%	96%
NOMS PPCS						
Recall requests processed within target timescale ³	2,932	3,105	3,327	3,190	3,593	3,804
% Recall requests processed within target / total recalls	90%	91%	96%	96%	96%	96%
Police						
Recalls returned to custody within target timescale ⁴	1,918	2,186	2,299	2,293	2,611	2,895
% Offenders returned to custody within target / total recalls	59%	64%	66%	69%	70%	73%

¹ Data from 1 July to 30 September is provisional as it has not undergone reconciliation across local and national intelligence databases - see Explanatory Notes

² Target = 24h (standard and emergency)

³ Target = 24h (standard), 2h (emergency)

⁴ Target = 96h (standard), 48h (emergency)

Performance by area

Performance against agency targets is monitored by Local Criminal Justice Board (LCJB). Table 6 below presents these detailed performance levels for each quarter in 2008/09 and for the first two quarters of 2009/10.

Table 6: Performance against licence recall target, by agency, by Local Criminal Justice Board (LCJB)

England and Wales							
Apr - Jun 2008							
	Total recalls	Probation Service/ Contractor/YOT		NOMS PPCS		Police	
		Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target
England & Wales	3,259	2,755	85%	2,932	90%	1,918	59%
Avon & Somerset	60	55	92%	57	95%	29	48%
Bedfordshire	36	34	94%	33	92%	18	50%
Cambridgeshire	28	26	93%	24	86%	14	50%
Cheshire	34	34	100%	29	85%	25	74%
Cleveland/Teesside	53	52	98%	48	91%	42	79%
Cumbria	40	38	95%	37	93%	36	90%
Derbyshire	58	55	95%	55	95%	48	83%
Devon & Cornwall	53	43	81%	48	91%	32	60%
Dorset	38	33	87%	33	87%	15	39%
Durham & Darlington	21	21	100%	16	76%	13	62%
Dyfed Powys	13	12	92%	13	100%	9	69%
Essex	53	45	85%	50	94%	29	55%
Gloucestershire	35	29	83%	30	86%	21	60%
Greater Manchester	233	216	93%	205	88%	129	55%
Gwent	33	32	97%	29	88%	19	58%
Hampshire & Isle of Wight	77	69	90%	69	90%	37	48%
Hertfordshire	30	25	83%	27	90%	15	50%
Humberside	85	83	98%	75	88%	58	68%
Kent	62	57	92%	53	85%	35	56%
Lancashire	108	104	96%	91	84%	83	77%
Leicestershire	68	59	87%	65	96%	38	56%
Lincolnshire	36	36	100%	34	94%	18	50%
London	534	301	56%	469	88%	310	58%
Merseyside	116	98	84%	102	88%	68	59%
Norfolk	31	30	97%	29	94%	19	61%
North Wales	28	23	82%	27	96%	14	50%
North Yorkshire	36	33	92%	32	89%	25	69%
Northamptonshire	44	39	89%	43	98%	18	41%
Northumbria	74	68	92%	68	92%	48	65%
Nottinghamshire	108	97	90%	102	94%	54	50%
South Wales	108	94	87%	97	90%	58	54%
South Yorkshire	119	101	85%	107	90%	65	55%
Staffordshire	80	71	89%	74	93%	54	68%
Suffolk	34	33	97%	28	82%	26	76%
Surrey	18	17	94%	17	94%	14	78%
Sussex	57	51	89%	51	89%	31	54%
Thames Valley	97	85	88%	95	98%	51	53%
Warwickshire	28	24	86%	27	96%	17	61%
West Mercia	44	39	89%	32	73%	30	68%
West Midlands	260	216	83%	235	90%	144	55%
West Yorkshire	174	162	93%	163	94%	99	57%
Wiltshire	15	15	100%	13	87%	10	67%

Table 6 (contd.)

England and Wales							
Jul - Sep 2008							
	Total recalls	Probation Service/ Contractor/YOT		NOMS PPCS		Police	
		Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target
England & Wales	3,419	2,952	86%	3,105	91%	2,186	64%
Avon & Somerset	89	76	85%	85	96%	47	53%
Bedfordshire	37	37	100%	36	97%	21	57%
Cambridgeshire	28	24	86%	26	93%	21	75%
Cheshire	43	39	91%	37	86%	31	72%
Cleveland/Teesside	53	51	96%	48	91%	36	68%
Cumbria	30	30	100%	26	87%	22	73%
Derbyshire	65	64	98%	62	95%	40	62%
Devon & Cornwall	55	46	84%	47	85%	40	73%
Dorset	47	44	94%	42	89%	28	60%
Durham & Darlington	24	21	88%	19	79%	22	92%
Dyfed Powys	22	22	100%	20	91%	15	68%
Essex	56	46	82%	48	86%	36	64%
Gloucestershire	37	37	100%	36	97%	22	59%
Greater Manchester	253	240	95%	233	92%	147	58%
Gwent	38	36	95%	33	87%	25	66%
Hampshire & Isle of Wight	97	87	90%	82	85%	56	58%
Hertfordshire	47	44	94%	37	79%	23	49%
Humberside	91	86	95%	74	81%	64	70%
Kent	73	66	90%	65	89%	49	67%
Lancashire	99	93	94%	89	90%	68	69%
Leicestershire	66	59	89%	62	94%	42	64%
Lincolnshire	32	31	97%	31	97%	17	53%
London	529	359	68%	447	84%	327	62%
Merseyside	124	94	76%	120	97%	73	59%
Norfolk	44	33	75%	40	91%	31	70%
North Wales	37	34	92%	34	92%	24	65%
North Yorkshire	26	26	100%	24	92%	20	77%
Northamptonshire	44	34	77%	42	95%	30	68%
Northumbria	117	102	87%	105	90%	88	75%
Nottinghamshire	114	108	95%	108	95%	65	57%
South Wales	103	94	91%	99	96%	58	56%
South Yorkshire	112	103	92%	107	96%	78	70%
Staffordshire	55	52	95%	53	96%	38	69%
Suffolk	26	25	96%	20	77%	21	81%
Surrey	25	24	96%	23	92%	20	80%
Sussex	57	55	96%	56	98%	33	58%
Thames Valley	103	92	89%	97	94%	66	64%
Warwickshire	33	29	88%	29	88%	21	64%
West Mercia	22	18	82%	22	100%	21	95%
West Midlands	269	215	80%	254	94%	173	64%
West Yorkshire	166	146	88%	160	96%	101	61%
Wiltshire	31	30	97%	27	87%	26	84%

Table 6 (contd.)

England and Wales							
Oct - Dec 2008							
	Total recalls	Probation Service/ Contractor/YOT		NOMS PPCS		Police	
		Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target
England & Wales	3,464	3,021	87%	3,327	96%	2,299	66%
Avon & Somerset	88	84	95%	85	97%	57	65%
Bedfordshire	42	42	100%	42	100%	29	69%
Cambridgeshire	39	38	97%	38	97%	29	74%
Cheshire	58	58	100%	52	90%	43	74%
Cleveland/Teesside	55	52	95%	46	84%	42	76%
Cumbria	25	25	100%	25	100%	20	80%
Derbyshire	71	66	93%	64	90%	53	75%
Devon & Cornwall	51	47	92%	47	92%	41	80%
Dorset	46	44	96%	46	100%	34	74%
Durham & Darlington	32	30	94%	31	97%	25	78%
Dyfed Powys	10	10	100%	10	100%	8	80%
Essex	62	60	97%	61	98%	41	66%
Gloucestershire	32	31	97%	31	97%	20	63%
Greater Manchester	287	260	91%	281	98%	167	58%
Gwent	42	41	98%	40	95%	28	67%
Hampshire & Isle of Wight	80	78	98%	79	99%	59	74%
Hertfordshire	30	26	87%	29	97%	21	70%
Humberside	102	92	90%	96	94%	72	71%
Kent	73	67	92%	70	96%	49	67%
Lancashire	96	93	97%	95	99%	69	72%
Leicestershire	63	54	86%	63	100%	49	78%
Lincolnshire	28	28	100%	24	86%	20	71%
London	480	330	69%	444	93%	278	58%
Merseyside	140	127	91%	139	99%	87	62%
Norfolk	49	42	86%	45	92%	36	73%
North Wales	46	36	78%	45	98%	35	76%
North Yorkshire	32	31	97%	28	88%	24	75%
Northamptonshire	40	36	90%	40	100%	28	70%
Northumbria	107	88	82%	102	95%	79	74%
Nottinghamshire	113	101	89%	107	95%	80	71%
South Wales	117	88	75%	116	99%	78	67%
South Yorkshire	130	120	92%	128	98%	93	72%
Staffordshire	66	61	92%	66	100%	49	74%
Suffolk	21	16	76%	21	100%	17	81%
Surrey	23	23	100%	23	100%	18	78%
Sussex	69	65	94%	69	100%	44	64%
Thames Valley	93	82	88%	89	96%	56	60%
Warwickshire	25	24	96%	24	96%	13	52%
West Mercia	36	32	89%	34	94%	29	81%
West Midlands	257	206	80%	245	95%	154	60%
West Yorkshire	195	175	90%	194	99%	117	60%
Wiltshire	13	12	92%	13	100%	8	62%

Table 6 (contd.)

England and Wales							
Jan - Mar 2009							
	Total recalls	Probation Service/ Contractor/YOT		NOMS PPCS		Police	
		Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target
England & Wales	3,325	3,060	92%	3,190	96%	2,293	69%
Avon & Somerset	77	75	97%	75	97%	49	64%
Bedfordshire	41	41	100%	40	98%	25	61%
Cambridgeshire	34	33	97%	33	97%	25	74%
Cheshire	52	49	94%	50	96%	41	79%
Cleveland/Teesside	58	56	97%	53	91%	41	71%
Cumbria	25	25	100%	25	100%	21	84%
Derbyshire	64	64	100%	61	95%	49	77%
Devon & Cornwall	53	50	94%	53	100%	38	72%
Dorset	37	37	100%	35	95%	27	73%
Durham & Darlington	25	25	100%	21	84%	21	84%
Dyfed Powys	12	12	100%	12	100%	8	67%
Essex	65	62	95%	64	98%	39	60%
Gloucestershire	34	33	97%	34	100%	26	76%
Greater Manchester	247	237	96%	240	97%	149	60%
Gwent	40	37	93%	40	100%	27	68%
Hampshire & Isle of Wight	77	75	97%	74	96%	55	71%
Hertfordshire	28	26	93%	27	96%	20	71%
Humberside	88	80	91%	84	95%	71	81%
Kent	72	70	97%	70	97%	57	79%
Lancashire	90	88	98%	88	98%	66	73%
Leicestershire	52	51	98%	50	96%	37	71%
Lincolnshire	26	26	100%	24	92%	19	73%
London	500	379	76%	457	91%	339	68%
Merseyside	123	113	92%	121	98%	95	77%
Norfolk	30	28	93%	30	100%	23	77%
North Wales	38	34	89%	38	100%	24	63%
North Yorkshire	36	35	97%	35	97%	31	86%
Northamptonshire	55	49	89%	55	100%	35	64%
Northumbria	102	100	98%	97	95%	82	80%
Nottinghamshire	102	99	97%	96	94%	56	55%
South Wales	131	117	89%	129	98%	81	62%
South Yorkshire	131	125	95%	125	95%	93	71%
Staffordshire	67	65	97%	63	94%	52	78%
Suffolk	26	26	100%	26	100%	19	73%
Surrey	29	27	93%	27	93%	24	83%
Sussex	51	50	98%	49	96%	35	69%
Thames Valley	93	86	92%	89	96%	62	67%
Warwickshire	31	31	100%	29	94%	16	52%
West Mercia	47	38	81%	46	98%	35	74%
West Midlands	234	216	92%	226	97%	157	67%
West Yorkshire	182	170	93%	179	98%	108	59%
Wiltshire	20	20	100%	20	100%	15	75%

Table 6 (contd.)

England and Wales							
Apr - Jun 2009							
	Total recalls	Probation Service/ Contractor/YOT		NOMS PPCS		Police	
		Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target
England & Wales	3,743	3,534	94%	3,593	96%	2,611	70%
Avon & Somerset	101	99	98%	98	97%	61	60%
Bedfordshire	50	50	100%	47	94%	32	64%
Cambridgeshire	31	30	97%	27	87%	19	61%
Cheshire	62	60	97%	61	98%	50	81%
Cleveland/Teesside	59	57	97%	55	93%	36	61%
Cumbria	25	24	96%	24	96%	19	76%
Derbyshire	82	80	98%	76	93%	66	80%
Devon & Cornwall	62	62	100%	61	98%	50	81%
Dorset	35	35	100%	35	100%	25	71%
Durham & Darlington	25	24	96%	24	96%	21	84%
Dyfed Powys	22	22	100%	22	100%	12	55%
Essex	45	45	100%	44	98%	34	76%
Gloucestershire	41	38	93%	41	100%	33	80%
Greater Manchester	260	242	93%	255	98%	179	69%
Gwent	33	32	97%	32	97%	16	48%
Hampshire & Isle of Wight	83	82	99%	79	95%	59	71%
Hertfordshire	34	34	100%	33	97%	29	85%
Humberside	103	99	96%	100	97%	83	81%
Kent	94	90	96%	86	91%	69	73%
Lancashire	113	111	98%	109	96%	76	67%
Leicestershire	73	66	90%	70	96%	54	74%
Lincolnshire	33	32	97%	32	97%	28	85%
London	627	570	91%	583	93%	440	70%
Merseyside	120	112	93%	120	100%	90	75%
Norfolk	37	33	89%	35	95%	22	59%
North Wales	41	37	90%	41	100%	23	56%
North Yorkshire	26	25	96%	26	100%	18	69%
Northamptonshire	53	45	85%	53	100%	34	64%
Northumbria	90	89	99%	88	98%	74	82%
Nottinghamshire	126	115	91%	118	94%	68	54%
South Wales	145	137	94%	145	100%	93	64%
South Yorkshire	118	109	92%	114	97%	79	67%
Staffordshire	84	82	98%	83	99%	65	77%
Suffolk	23	22	96%	22	96%	18	78%
Surrey	21	18	86%	19	90%	17	81%
Sussex	69	67	97%	63	91%	39	57%
Thames Valley	112	99	88%	109	97%	76	68%
Warwickshire	39	39	100%	36	92%	26	67%
West Mercia	37	34	92%	36	97%	27	73%
West Midlands	301	286	95%	286	95%	208	69%
West Yorkshire	188	182	97%	185	98%	126	67%
Wiltshire	20	19	95%	20	100%	17	85%

Table 6 (contd.)

England and Wales							
Jul - Sep 2009 ¹							
	Total recalls	Probation Service/ Contractor/YOT		NOMS PPCS		Police	
		Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target
England & Wales	3,968	3,816	96%	3,804	96%	2,895	73%
Avon & Somerset	93	91	98%	91	98%	63	68%
Bedfordshire	52	52	100%	52	100%	37	71%
Cambridgeshire	36	33	92%	34	94%	25	69%
Cheshire	56	55	98%	53	95%	46	82%
Cleveland/Teesside	58	58	100%	58	100%	38	66%
Cumbria	29	27	93%	28	97%	26	90%
Derbyshire	63	61	97%	61	97%	52	83%
Devon & Cornwall	67	65	97%	63	94%	57	85%
Dorset	35	35	100%	34	97%	24	69%
Durham & Darlington	44	44	100%	43	98%	34	77%
Dyfed Powys	15	15	100%	13	87%	14	93%
Essex	79	78	99%	74	94%	56	71%
Gloucestershire	33	33	100%	30	91%	23	70%
Greater Manchester	279	266	95%	266	95%	198	71%
Gwent	40	39	98%	37	93%	27	68%
Hampshire & Isle of Wight	99	97	98%	93	94%	70	71%
Hertfordshire	40	40	100%	38	95%	34	85%
Humberside	89	84	94%	88	99%	76	85%
Kent	88	87	99%	83	94%	61	69%
Lancashire	133	132	99%	132	99%	90	68%
Leicestershire	59	55	93%	53	90%	41	69%
Lincolnshire	23	22	96%	22	96%	20	87%
London	693	645	93%	653	94%	523	75%
Merseyside	134	125	93%	132	99%	94	70%
Norfolk	52	52	100%	50	96%	43	83%
North Wales	53	51	96%	52	98%	37	70%
North Yorkshire	41	39	95%	41	100%	25	61%
Northamptonshire	60	56	93%	58	97%	41	68%
Northumbria	124	120	97%	121	98%	96	77%
Nottinghamshire	137	133	97%	130	95%	91	66%
South Wales	133	122	92%	127	95%	97	73%
South Yorkshire	129	127	98%	124	96%	95	74%
Staffordshire	59	59	100%	59	100%	47	80%
Suffolk	27	24	89%	27	100%	16	59%
Surrey	26	24	92%	25	96%	20	77%
Sussex	61	60	98%	59	97%	40	66%
Thames Valley	109	104	95%	106	97%	70	64%
Warwickshire	43	41	95%	43	100%	27	63%
West Mercia	45	43	96%	42	93%	42	93%
West Midlands	292	284	97%	274	94%	220	75%
West Yorkshire	216	214	99%	213	99%	141	65%
Wiltshire	24	24	100%	22	92%	18	75%

¹ Data from 1 July to 30 September is provisional as it has not undergone reconciliation across local and national intelligence databases - see Explanatory Notes

Explanatory notes

Background

Offenders serving a sentence of twelve months and over are released from prison, in most cases automatically at the half way point of their sentence, under licensed supervision to the Probation Service. They are all subject to a set of standard licence conditions, requiring them to report regularly to the Probation Service, live at an address approved by the Probation Service and to be of good behaviour.

In many cases, they will also be subject to additional licence conditions, which are designed to help the Probation Service to manage the offenders effectively in the community. These licence conditions can place a wide range of restrictions or requirements on the offender, for example, to undertake offending behaviour work, not to enter an exclusion zone, to abide by a curfew or to live in a specific hostel.

A key element of public protection is that offenders released on licence should be effectively supervised in the community and swiftly recalled to custody if their behaviour gives cause for concern. It is explained to offenders at the outset that they may be recalled to custody if they breach any of the conditions of their licence.

There are various reasons why offenders are recalled to custody for breaching their licence conditions besides committing a further offence. For example, an offender may be recalled if there is any deterioration in behaviour which leads the Probation Service to conclude that there is an increased risk of the offender committing further offences. If an offender is no longer in touch with his Offender Manager or if he has resumed a drug habit or alcohol abuse or has been spotted entering an exclusion zone – all such breaches are likely to lead to the offender being recalled to custody.

Data sources

The cross-checked data on those who were recalled up to and including 30 June 2009 was compiled by reconciling data from the Police National Computer (PNC), the Prison Service Inmate Information System (IIS) and the Public Protection Unit Database (PPUD). The reconciled data was circulated to all police forces and probation areas to cross check against local records. The provisional data on those who were recalled between 1 July to 30 September 2009 is from the same sources but has not undergone the same degree of cross-checking across all systems.

Licence recall performance data

The licence recall performance data is collated by the National Offender Management Service based on returns from the agencies involved and the Local Criminal Justice Boards.

Definitions

Total number of recalls – all figures presented in this bulletin include offenders recalled from licence for determinate sentences, indeterminate sentences for public protection (IPPs) and life sentences, and those recalled from Home Detention Curfew for the period 1 April 1999 to 30 September 2009. They do not include recalls from End of Custody Licence. Information on End of Custody Licence releases and recalls is already published in line with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics at www.justice.gov.uk/publications/endofcustodylicence.htm

The total number of recalls to end of June 2009 and end of September 2009 does not include those offenders recalled during the period 1 January 1984 to 1 April 1999 as the number of recalled offenders is approximate.

Returned to custody – the figures for those returned to custody include people who have died or been deported by the UK Borders Agency as prior to 2007 this information was not collected separately. The information held centrally records whether or not recalled offenders are still wanted for return to custody but for those offenders no longer wanted for return to custody, information is not held on whether the recall was completed by actual return to custody or because the offender died or was deported.

Not returned to custody – this includes those offenders believed to be dead or living outside of the UK but who have not been confirmed as dead or deported.

Offence – Table 2 presents a breakdown of all offenders recalled in the period up to and including 30 June 2009 and not returned to custody by 14 January 2010 by offence. This is the offence for which the offender served a prison sentence before being released on licence and subsequently recalled for breaching the conditions of that licence. The figures are presented by standard offence groups, with a further breakdown of violence against the person and sexual offences. Those cases recorded as “other” do not fit into the set categories. These offences include: arson, blackmail, breach of probation orders, criminal damage, drunk and disorderly, escape lawful custody, harassment, libel and possession of weapons.

Revisions

As announced, we will publish provisional figures each quarter and carry out a full reconciliation at the end of each financial year. At this point we will revise any figures and these will be published in July each year.

Contact points for further information

Current and previous editions of this publication are available for download at www.justice.gov.uk/publications/licence-recalls.htm. Future reports will be published on a quarterly basis.

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