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Introduction

This publication has been prepared by the Prison and Probation Statistics team, Offender Management and Sentencing 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 – Q2 2009 compared to Q2 2008 (unless otherwise stated)

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

- **The number of offenders starting court orders remained stable and the number starting pre or post release supervision decreased between Q2 2008 and Q2 2009:**
 - The number starting court order supervision showed no increase, at 47,200 in both quarters.
 - The number of offenders starting Community Orders increased by 1 per cent (up from 33,700 to 34,300).
 - The number of offenders starting Suspended Sentence Orders (SSOs) fell by 2 per cent (down from 11,800 to 11,600). This is the fourth quarter on quarter fall in a row.
 - The number of offenders starting pre or post release supervision fell by 11 per cent, down from 12,700 to 11,400.
- **Half of all Community Orders starting in Q2 2009 had just one requirement:** 50 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 having 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 20 per cent of all SSOs starting in Q2 2009.
- **Overall, supervision was the most used requirement for Community Orders and SSOs** started in Q2 2009, closely followed by unpaid work. These two requirements accounted for more than two-thirds of all requirements attached to orders. Among other requirements, use of the alcohol treatment requirement increased by 57 per cent and specified activities by 51 per cent between Q2 2008 and Q2 2009 under Community Orders. Under SSOs there were also significant increases in alcohol treatment and specified activities (50 and 29 per cent respectively).
- **The proportion of offenders starting Community Orders who were supervised under Tier 1 increased** from 31 per cent to 35 per cent between Q2 2008 and Q2 2009. Conversely, the number supervised under Tier 2 and Tier 3 each decreased by two percentage points. For SSOs there was a similar pattern, with an increase in Tier 1 cases and decreases in Tiers 2 and 3. 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) – 30 June 09 compared to 30 June 08

- **Slight decrease in Probation Service court order caseload and slight increase in pre or post release caseload as at 30 June 2009:**
 - 2 per cent fall in the number of offenders supervised under a court order at the end of June 2009 (down from 148,000 to 145,000).
 - 1 per cent increase in the number of offenders being supervised under Community Orders, but a 3 per cent decrease in the number being supervised under SSOs.
 - 1 per cent increase in number of offenders supervised either before or after release from prison at the end of June 2009, including a 6 per cent increase in the number supervised post release.

3. Terminations of court orders (Table 9)

- **Nearly two thirds of Community and Suspended Sentence Orders ran their full course or were terminated early for good progress in Q2 2009:**
 - Of the 32,200 Community Orders terminated, 64 per cent had run their full course or were terminated early for good progress, compared to 26 per cent terminated for negative reasons. The equivalent percentages for the 10,700 SSOs terminating were 65 and 28 respectively.

4. Court reports (Tables 10 and 11)

- **Slight decrease in the total number of court reports but continued rise in the proportion of fast delivery pre sentence reports (PSRs):**
 - A total of 57,400 court reports were prepared in Q2 2009, 1 per cent down on Q2 2008.
 - The number of Standard PSRs fell by 16 per cent whilst total fast delivery PSRs rose by 24 per cent.
 - The proportion of fast delivery PSRs (both written and oral) from the combined total of fast delivery and standard PSRs was 46 per cent in Q2 2009, higher than in Q2 2008 when it was 37 per cent.
 - There has been a continued large increase in the number of oral fast delivery PSRs. Comparing Q2 2009 with the same quarter in 2008 they have increased by 37 per cent. The increase in magistrates' courts was 37 per cent, compared to 31 per cent in the Crown Court.
 - Over the same period written fast delivery PSRs increased by 18 per cent. In magistrates' courts the increase was 10 per cent and in the Crown Court it was 135 per cent.

- **The level of concordance between sentences proposed and given for the twelve months ending 30 June 2009 was highest for custodial sentences** at 89 per cent, compared to 70 per cent for community sentences and 52 per cent for Suspended Sentence Orders.
- Seventy-eight per cent of PSRs prepared recommended a Community Sentence, while 11 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:

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

	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Percentage change Q2 2009
MALES AND FEMALES						
All court orders	47,200	47,092	46,012	48,980	47,167	<i>0</i>
All community sentences	35,341	35,596	34,907	37,183	35,573	<i>1</i>
Community order	33,672	33,934	33,452	35,922	34,279	<i>2</i>
All pre CJA orders	1,715	1,691	1,493	1,288	1,309	<i>-24</i>
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	158	158	143	127	121	<i>-23</i>
Suspended sentence order	11,842	11,467	11,093	11,817	11,627	<i>-2</i>
Pre and post release supervision	12,704	12,485	11,722	11,845	11,366	<i>-11</i>
MALES						
All court orders	39,920	39,846	38,854	41,407	39,780	<i>0</i>
All community sentences	29,777	30,000	29,325	31,363	29,878	<i>0</i>
Community order	28,282	28,503	27,995	30,225	28,727	<i>2</i>
All pre CJA orders	1,536	1,525	1,363	1,160	1,166	<i>-24</i>
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	122	134	113	102	92	<i>-25</i>
Suspended sentence order	10,148	9,819	9,527	10,070	9,944	<i>-2</i>
Pre and post release supervision	11,747	11,593	10,879	10,985	10,593	<i>-10</i>
FEMALES						
All court orders	7,280	7,246	7,158	7,573	7,387	<i>1</i>
All community sentences	5,564	5,596	5,582	5,820	5,695	<i>2</i>
Community order	5,390	5,431	5,457	5,697	5,552	<i>3</i>
All pre CJA orders	179	166	130	128	143	<i>-20</i>
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	36	24	30	25	29	<i>*</i>
Suspended sentence order	1,694	1,648	1,566	1,747	1,683	<i>-1</i>
Pre and post release supervision	957	892	843	860	773	<i>-19</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

	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Percentage change Q2 2009
Community Orders	33,672	33,934	33,452	35,922	34,279	2
1	17,153	17,080	16,574	17,980	17,220	0
2	11,661	11,969	11,858	12,628	12,014	3
3	4,162	4,190	4,186	4,491	4,198	1
4	617	604	726	708	743	20
5 or more	79	91	108	115	104	32
% Breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
1	51	50	50	50	50	
2	35	35	35	35	35	
3	12	12	13	13	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	11,842	11,467	11,093	11,817	11,627	-2
1	4,560	4,354	4,026	4,288	4,271	-6
2	4,891	4,857	4,732	5,004	4,931	1
3	2,028	1,939	1,967	2,182	2,057	1
4	320	276	324	299	324	1
5 or more	43	41	44	44	44	*
% Breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
1	39	38	36	36	37	
2	41	42	43	42	42	
3	17	17	18	18	18	
4	3	2	3	3	3	
5 or more	0	0	0	0	0	
Average (mean)	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	

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

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

England and Wales

	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Percentage change Q2 2009
Community Orders	33,672	33,934	33,452	35,922	34,279	2
Unpaid Work	10,806	10,789	10,377	11,363	11,106	3
Supervision	4,450	4,442	4,456	4,545	4,289	-4
Supervision & Accredited Programme	3,457	3,325	3,258	3,307	3,005	-13
Supervision & Unpaid Work	2,542	2,552	2,512	2,781	2,555	1
Supervision & Drug Treatment	2,005	2,073	2,056	2,125	1,965	-2
Curfew	1,537	1,460	1,363	1,581	1,395	-9
Supervision, Unpaid Work & Accredited Programme	1,223	1,083	1,072	1,166	1,098	-10
Unpaid Work & Unpaid Work ⁽¹⁾	703	696	602	590	615	-13
Supervision & Specified Activity	632	733	812	913	985	56
Supervision, Accredited Programme & Drug Treatment	511	500	545	429	291	-43
All other combinations of requirements	5,806	6,281	6,399	7,122	6,975	20
Suspended Sentence Orders	11,842	11,467	11,093	11,817	11,627	-2
Unpaid Work	2,281	2,229	2,124	2,332	2,338	2
Supervision & Accredited Programme	1,749	1,708	1,585	1,555	1,419	-19
Supervision	1,681	1,582	1,369	1,405	1,410	-16
Supervision & Unpaid Work	1,251	1,250	1,197	1,278	1,323	6
Supervision, Unpaid Work & Accredited Programme	677	637	607	652	636	-6
Supervision & Drug Treatment	617	621	601	652	615	0
Curfew	326	307	323	329	303	-7
Supervision & Curfew	305	298	294	270	314	3
Supervision, Accredited Programme & Drug Treatment	217	188	190	178	128	-41
Supervision & Specified Activity	204	210	206	277	263	29
All other combinations of requirements	2,534	2,437	2,597	2,889	2,878	14

(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

	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Percentage change Q2 2009
Community Orders	56,296	56,885	56,685	60,608	57,866	3
Supervision	19,373	19,615	19,789	20,771	19,567	1
Unpaid Work	18,824	18,721	18,006	19,731	19,390	3
Accredited Programme	6,704	6,465	6,424	6,628	5,940	-11
Drug Treatment	3,227	3,381	3,430	3,370	2,991	-7
Curfew	3,887	3,917	3,871	4,189	3,888	0
Specified Activity	2,169	2,401	2,644	3,154	3,266	51
Alcohol Treatment	1,041	1,271	1,391	1,534	1,633	57
Residential	239	233	255	219	223	-7
Mental Health	203	167	192	213	182	-10
Exclusion	252	253	267	299	252	0
Prohibited Activity	247	327	288	338	339	37
Attendance Centre	130	134	128	162	195	50
% breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
Supervision	34	34	35	34	34	
Unpaid Work	33	33	32	33	34	
Accredited Programme	12	11	11	11	10	
Drug Treatment	6	6	6	6	5	
Curfew	7	7	7	7	7	
Specified Activity	4	4	5	5	6	
Alcohol Treatment	2	2	2	3	3	
Residential	0	0	0	0	0	
Mental Health	0	0	0	0	0	
Exclusion	0	0	0	0	0	
Prohibited Activity	0	1	1	1	1	
Attendance Centre	0	0	0	0	0	
Suspended Sentence Orders	22,000	21,243	20,962	22,330	21,873	-1
Supervision	8,493	8,242	7,996	8,415	8,196	-3
Unpaid Work	5,449	5,299	5,163	5,566	5,694	4
Accredited Programme	3,527	3,350	3,201	3,332	3,019	-14
Curfew	1,527	1,520	1,579	1,664	1,639	7
Drug Treatment	1,095	1,031	1,050	1,063	969	-12
Specified Activity	757	728	808	948	975	29
Alcohol Treatment	431	461	546	652	646	50
Exclusion	179	147	159	163	177	-1
Prohibited Activity	230	183	204	235	239	4
Residential	240	217	177	202	201	-16
Mental Health	54	49	62	66	77	43
Attendance Centre	18	16	17	24	41	*
% breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
Supervision	39	39	38	38	37	
Unpaid Work	25	25	25	25	26	
Accredited Programme	16	16	15	15	14	
Curfew	7	7	8	7	7	
Drug Treatment	5	5	5	5	4	
Specified Activity	3	3	4	4	4	
Alcohol Treatment	2	2	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	

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

	Community Orders						Suspended Sentence Orders					
	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Percentage change Q2 2009	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Percentage change Q2 2009
North East	2,410	2,403	2,433	2,633	2,455	2	685	742	670	721	759	11
Durham	494	481	495	516	455	-8	174	176	148	146	168	-3
Northumbria	1,223	1,235	1,275	1,382	1,258	3	310	363	347	387	413	33
Teesside	693	687	663	735	742	7	201	203	175	188	178	-11
North West	5,542	5,672	5,451	5,747	5,387	-3	2,015	1,858	1,769	1,896	1,720	-15
Cheshire	581	652	670	663	696	20	218	168	205	198	147	-33
Cumbria	415	386	383	377	384	-7	99	89	73	96	97	-2
Lancashire	1,255	1,290	1,259	1,330	1,236	-2	423	376	360	389	341	-19
Greater Manchester	2,034	2,099	2,005	2,166	2,044	0	888	776	758	838	764	-14
Merseyside	1,257	1,245	1,134	1,211	1,027	-18	387	449	373	375	371	-4
Yorkshire & Humberside	4,018	4,090	4,002	4,303	4,210	5	1,074	1,055	1,015	1,126	1,100	2
Humberside	572	592	637	624	630	10	255	218	251	273	220	-14
North Yorkshire	425	430	457	500	497	17	117	129	112	126	137	17
South Yorkshire	1,031	1,070	1,069	1,145	1,101	7	377	360	328	379	372	-1
West Yorkshire	1,990	1,998	1,839	2,034	1,982	0	325	348	324	348	371	14
East Midlands	2,878	2,731	2,749	2,837	2,692	-5	1,049	972	923	974	951	-9
Derbyshire	654	596	639	712	620	-5	274	283	237	239	243	-11
Leicestershire	614	532	517	543	505	-18	253	222	261	227	247	-2
Lincolnshire	338	359	350	336	327	-3	135	103	108	110	116	-14
Northamptonshire	387	369	392	362	359	-7	139	131	94	118	124	-11
Nottinghamshire	885	875	851	884	881	0	248	233	223	280	221	-11
West Midlands	3,383	3,430	3,237	3,866	3,572	6	1,344	1,306	1,295	1,537	1,441	7
Staffordshire	621	613	590	616	539	-13	260	230	243	250	203	-22
Warwickshire	275	284	266	343	292	6	65	61	61	74	68	5
West Mercia	569	624	601	668	620	9	187	170	198	217	228	22
West Midlands	1,918	1,909	1,780	2,239	2,121	11	832	845	793	996	942	13
Eastern	2,859	3,071	2,913	3,059	3,064	7	1,035	1,025	959	1,003	1,079	4
Bedfordshire	310	315	300	329	357	15	83	90	84	97	84	1
Cambridgeshire	443	463	400	429	422	-5	196	197	182	168	166	-15
Essex	873	959	912	951	985	13	283	292	289	326	383	35
Hertfordshire	611	580	548	592	581	-5	146	173	157	149	181	24
Norfolk	356	427	395	408	389	9	190	156	143	150	146	-23
Suffolk	266	327	358	350	330	24	137	117	104	113	119	-13
London	4,130	4,282	4,196	4,374	4,246	3	1,626	1,668	1,688	1,764	1,793	10
South East	3,976	4,050	3,894	4,187	4,197	6	1,513	1,426	1,229	1,261	1,234	-18
Hampshire	1,102	1,147	1,079	1,125	1,175	7	384	335	319	268	273	-29
Kent	819	833	788	917	855	4	342	298	302	316	272	-20
Surrey	388	404	434	452	466	20	138	133	103	121	138	0
Sussex	705	717	698	805	810	15	271	286	211	245	235	-13
Thames Valley	962	949	895	888	891	-7	378	374	294	311	316	-16
South West	2,344	2,140	2,434	2,544	2,328	-1	690	659	683	744	740	7
Avon & Somerset	787	771	837	867	804	2	213	195	213	253	248	16
Devon & Cornwall	593	427	645	639	602	2	196	178	181	204	241	23
Dorset	323	324	326	369	312	-3	115	133	123	146	113	-2
Gloucestershire	345	324	339	346	335	-3	84	90	105	85	72	-14
Wiltshire	296	294	287	323	275	-7	82	63	61	56	66	-20
Wales	2,132	2,065	2,143	2,372	2,128	0	811	756	862	791	810	0
Dyfed-Powys	243	214	242	281	269	11	91	101	117	86	93	2
Gwent	374	374	404	421	334	-11	127	122	136	144	138	9
North Wales	461	500	470	540	473	3	166	149	161	176	165	-1
South Wales	1,054	977	1,027	1,130	1,052	0	427	384	448	385	414	-3
All areas	33,672	33,934	33,452	35,922	34,279	2	11,842	11,467	11,093	11,817	11,627	-2

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

England and Wales

	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Percentage change Q2 2009
Community Orders	33,672	33,934	33,452	35,922	34,279	2
Tier 1 (Low)	10,428	11,280	10,926	12,069	11,940	14
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	8,979	8,609	8,618	9,159	8,631	-4
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	12,234	12,064	11,836	12,514	11,765	-4
Tier 4 (High)	1,406	1,472	1,515	1,609	1,566	11
Tier not stated	625	509	557	571	377	-40
% Breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
Tier 1 (Low)	31	33	33	34	35	
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	27	25	26	25	25	
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	36	36	35	35	34	
Tier 4 (High)	4	4	5	4	5	
Tier not stated	2	1	2	2	1	
Suspended Sentence Orders	11,842	11,467	11,093	11,817	11,627	-2
Tier 1 (Low)	2,239	2,433	2,410	2,685	2,805	25
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	3,117	3,035	2,817	3,019	2,917	-6
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	5,541	5,062	4,949	5,201	5,015	-9
Tier 4 (High)	790	764	766	756	773	-2
Tier not stated	155	173	151	156	117	-25
% Breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
Tier 1 (Low)	19	21	22	23	24	
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	26	26	25	26	25	
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	47	44	45	44	43	
Tier 4 (High)	7	7	7	6	7	
Tier not stated	1	2	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

	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008 ⁽³⁾	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Percentage change Q2 2009
MALES AND FEMALES						
All court orders	147,786	146,680	146,725	146,904	145,083	-2
All community sentences	107,266	106,551	106,714	107,208	105,694	-1
Community order	100,455	100,362	101,153	102,336	101,403	1
All pre CJA orders	7,561	6,806	6,122	5,369	4,502	-40
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	97	105	90	84	86	-11
Suspended sentence order	44,614	44,173	43,977	43,675	43,283	-3
All pre and post release supervision ^(1,2)	99,193	99,139	98,477	99,138	99,860	1
Pre release supervision	68,407	68,453	66,864	67,174	67,047	-2
Post release supervision	31,583	31,407	32,220	32,560	33,360	6
MALES						
All court orders	126,374	125,317	125,229	125,305	123,530	-2
All community sentences	91,600	90,936	90,970	91,365	89,949	-2
Community order	85,657	85,521	86,066	87,086	86,178	1
All pre CJA orders	6,635	5,992	5,414	4,734	3,967	-40
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	78	91	77	70	66	-15
Suspended sentence order	38,413	37,986	37,759	37,443	37,026	-4
All pre and post release supervision ^(1,2)	93,620	93,680	93,136	93,704	94,422	1
Pre release supervision	64,802	64,952	63,535	63,784	63,696	-2
Post release supervision	29,586	29,428	30,190	30,497	31,256	6
FEMALES						
All court orders	21,412	21,363	21,496	21,599	21,553	1
All community sentences	15,666	15,615	15,744	15,843	15,745	1
Community order	14,798	14,841	15,087	15,250	15,225	3
All pre CJA orders	926	814	708	635	535	-42
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	19	14	13	14	20	*
Suspended sentence order	6,201	6,187	6,218	6,232	6,257	1
All pre and post release supervision ^(1,2)	5,573	5,459	5,341	5,434	5,438	-2
Pre release supervision	3,605	3,501	3,329	3,390	3,351	-7
Post release supervision	1,997	1,979	2,030	2,063	2,104	5

(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 30 June 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	211	6,906	2,831	9,569	3,138	1,710	4,822	14,254
Durham	42	1,359	600	1,921	559	360	916	2,811
Northumbria	88	3,642	1,485	5,042	1,584	845	2,411	7,386
Teesside	81	1,905	746	2,606	995	505	1,495	4,057
North West	713	14,926	6,752	21,779	10,494	5,346	15,743	37,277
Cheshire	45	1,778	622	2,382	931	553	1,464	3,826
Cumbria	70	1,010	328	1,376	490	265	753	2,113
Lancashire	128	3,301	1,333	4,600	1,810	1,035	2,838	7,392
Greater Manchester	359	5,746	2,866	8,728	4,587	2,184	6,757	15,389
Merseyside	111	3,091	1,603	4,693	2,676	1,309	3,931	8,557
Yorkshire & Humberside	339	10,887	3,634	14,549	7,211	3,939	11,130	25,513
Humberside	69	1,617	734	2,378	1,239	769	2,006	4,368
North Yorkshire	51	1,087	425	1,528	520	319	838	2,352
South Yorkshire	68	2,667	1,180	3,822	1,960	1,071	3,025	6,801
West Yorkshire	151	5,516	1,295	6,821	3,492	1,780	5,261	11,992
East Midlands	222	7,409	3,264	10,631	4,996	2,494	7,468	18,034
Derbyshire	74	1,713	859	2,572	975	544	1,518	4,074
Leicestershire	66	1,406	798	2,208	930	498	1,426	3,617
Lincolnshire	15	908	355	1,258	572	289	860	2,112
Northamptonshire	6	1,124	434	1,530	791	435	1,211	2,736
Nottinghamshire	61	2,258	818	3,063	1,728	728	2,453	5,495
West Midlands	470	11,206	5,364	17,274	7,916	3,812	11,629	27,985
Staffordshire	57	1,740	819	2,685	1,069	590	1,655	4,200
Warwickshire	31	861	257	1,135	420	282	697	1,813
West Mercia	62	1,810	724	2,540	985	512	1,491	3,984
West Midlands	320	6,795	3,564	10,914	5,442	2,428	7,786	17,988
Eastern	372	9,210	4,125	13,311	4,759	2,665	7,384	20,560
Bedfordshire	22	930	315	1,249	741	366	1,104	2,341
Cambridgeshire	31	1,297	657	1,929	767	456	1,218	3,121
Essex	148	3,288	1,484	4,724	1,306	800	2,084	6,760
Hertfordshire	91	1,640	725	2,404	708	382	1,086	3,468
Norfolk	36	1,077	451	1,525	662	409	1,071	2,588
Suffolk	44	978	493	1,480	575	252	821	2,282
London	1,191	16,134	7,060	23,692	13,935	5,872	19,665	42,992
South East	496	11,574	4,580	16,163	7,272	3,533	10,770	26,788
Hampshire	172	3,211	1,074	4,333	1,469	880	2,333	6,620
Kent	90	2,448	1,087	3,510	1,737	779	2,516	5,999
Surrey	17	1,045	381	1,408	513	281	789	2,187
Sussex	84	2,116	852	2,943	1,794	667	2,452	5,367
Thames Valley	133	2,754	1,186	3,969	1,759	926	2,680	6,615
South West	276	6,804	2,594	9,428	3,977	2,017	5,960	15,300
Avon & Somerset	48	2,537	897	3,394	1,422	640	2,054	5,416
Devon & Cornwall	151	1,705	721	2,521	1,085	527	1,599	4,099
Dorset	25	786	396	1,184	563	322	880	2,051
Gloucestershire	23	901	357	1,227	505	310	813	2,023
Wiltshire	29	875	223	1,102	402	218	614	1,711
Wales	212	6,347	3,079	9,386	3,349	1,972	5,289	14,534
Dyfed-Powys	23	729	362	1,091	314	184	495	1,577
Gwent	37	1,272	525	1,794	539	364	899	2,681
North Wales	66	1,297	724	2,030	645	449	1,085	3,072
South Wales	86	3,049	1,468	4,471	1,851	975	2,810	7,204
All areas	4,502	101,403	43,283	145,083	67,047	33,360	99,860	243,237

(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.

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Table 9 Terminations of court orders by reason ⁽¹⁾

England and Wales	Percentages				
	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009
Community Order					
Ran their full course	49	49	50	51	52
Terminated early for:					
good progress	11	12	12	11	12
failure to comply with requirements	19	18	17	16	16
conviction of offence	11	11	11	11	10
other reasons	10	10	10	10	10
Total number	31,759	31,542	29,876	31,874	32,189
Suspended Sentence Order					
Ran their full course	49	51	54	55	55
Terminated early for:					
good progress	10	10	10	10	10
failure to comply with requirements	15	15	13	13	12
conviction of offence	18	16	16	16	16
other reasons	8	8	8	7	7
Total number	10,093	10,901	10,061	10,826	10,727

(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.

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

England and Wales

	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Percentage change Q2 2009
All court reports⁽¹⁾	57,726	56,598	55,101	58,184	57,411	-1
Standard PSR	34,402	33,314	32,182	32,057	28,934	-16
Fast Delivery PSR written	14,022	14,204	13,890	15,816	16,484	18
Fast Delivery PSR oral	6,298	6,136	6,275	7,284	8,648	37
Deferred sentence ⁽²⁾	231	228	251	263	239	3
PSR breach	2,773	2,716	2,503	2,764	3,106	12
Court Review	174	191	180	154	134	-23
Magistrates' courts	43,118	42,399	41,005	43,215	42,550	-1
Standard PSR	21,050	20,497	19,599	19,173	16,551	-21
Fast Delivery PSR written	13,177	13,236	12,790	14,270	14,497	10
Fast Delivery PSR oral	6,160	6,005	6,142	7,072	8,467	37
Deferred sentence ⁽²⁾	139	135	145	148	146	5
PSR breach	2,592	2,526	2,329	2,552	2,889	11
Court Review	169	186	169	146	127	-25
Crown Court	14,608	14,199	14,096	14,969	14,861	2
Standard PSR	13,352	12,817	12,583	12,884	12,383	-7
Fast Delivery PSR written	845	968	1,100	1,546	1,987	135
Fast Delivery PSR oral	138	131	133	212	181	31
Deferred sentence ⁽²⁾	92	93	106	115	93	1
PSR breach	181	190	174	212	217	20
Court Review	5	5	11	8	7	*

(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 percentages.

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Table 11 Concordance between sentences proposed and given where a PSR was written, July 2008 - June 2009

England and Wales

	Sentence given							All
	Community Sentences	Suspended Sentence Order	Custody	Fine	Absolute/Conditional Discharge	Other		
Sentence proposed								
All Community Sentences ⁽¹⁾	97,246	22,481	14,981	1,050	1,087	2,105	138,950	
Suspended Sentence Order	2,292	10,326	6,698	81	84	325	19,806	
All immediate custodial sentences	523	771	14,239	43	68	278	15,922	
Fine	616	158	87	1,875	180	82	2,998	
All	100,677	33,736	36,005	3,049	1,419	2,790	177,676	
% breakdown								
All Community Sentences ⁽¹⁾	70%	16%	11%	1%	1%	2%	100%	
Suspended Sentence Order	12%	52%	34%	0%	0%	2%	100%	
All immediate custodial sentences	3%	5%	89%	0%	0%	2%	100%	
Fine	21%	5%	3%	63%	6%	3%	100%	

(1) Includes all pre-CJA community sentences

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