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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 2010 are provisional pending publication of the annual volume Offender Management Caseload Statistics. The most recent annual volume, covering 2009, was published on 22 July 2010.

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.

*From October 2010, statistics describing the workload of the Probation Service in England and Wales will be published in a new quarterly publication, Offender Management Statistics Quarterly Brief, alongside data on prison population, receptions, discharges and licence recalls*

## Key points – Q1 2010 compared to Q1 2009 (unless otherwise stated)

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

- **The number of offenders starting court orders decreased and the number starting pre or post release supervision increased between Q1 2009 and Q1 2010, a continuation of longer term trends:**
  - The number starting court order supervision decreased by 4 per cent from 49,000 to 46,900.
  - The number of offenders starting Community Orders decreased by 7 per cent (down from 35,900 to 33,400).
  - The number of offenders starting Suspended Sentence Orders (SSOs) increased by 5 per cent (up from 11,800 to 12,400).
  - The number of offenders starting pre or post release supervision increased by 2 per cent, up from 11,800 to 12,100.
- **Half of all Community Orders starting in Q1 2010 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 for each number of requirements have remained stable throughout the last five quarters.
- **Among the different combinations of requirements, stand alone unpaid work continued to be the most prevalent,** accounting for almost a third of Community Orders and 22 per cent of all SSOs starting in Q1 2010.
- **Overall, unpaid work and supervision were the most used requirements for Community Orders and SSOs** that started in Q1 2010. These two requirements accounted for roughly two-thirds of all requirements attached to orders. Among other requirements, use of specified activities increased by 8 per cent between Q1 2009 and Q1 2010 under Community Orders. Under SSOs there were also significant increases in curfew and specified activities (17 and 22 per cent respectively). Drug treatment fell by 11 per cent under Community Orders over the same period and accredited programmes fell by 20 per cent. The fall in the latter is a continuation of longer term trends, as probation areas are targetting their use on the most appropriate and higher risk offenders. The fall in drug treatment has happened between 2008/09 and 2009/10; this is partly due to initiatives by the police which divert offenders from charge and a change in focus which means that Probation Service performance targets are now more focused on completion not commencement.
- **The proportion of offenders starting Community Orders who were supervised under Tiers 1, 2 and 3 remained broadly similar to Q1 2009.** For SSOs the proportion under Tier 1 increased by 3 percentage points to 26 per cent whilst Tier 3 cases fell by 3 percentage points to 41 per cent. 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 March 2010 compared to 31 March 2009

- **Decrease in Probation Service court order caseload and increase in pre or post release caseload as at 31 March 2010, a continuation of longer term trends:**
  - 5 per cent fall in the number of offenders supervised under a court order at the end of March 2010 (down from 147,000 to 139,000).
  - 6 per cent decrease in the number of offenders being supervised under Community Orders and a slight increase in the number being supervised under SSOs (less than 1 per cent).
  - 4 per cent increase in number of offenders supervised either before or after release from prison at the end of March 2010, including a 6 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 terminated had run their full course or were terminated early for good progress in Q1 2010:**
  - Of the 33,200 Community Orders terminated, 64 per cent had run their full course or were terminated early for good progress, compared to 25 per cent terminated for negative reasons (failed to comply with requirements or were convicted of an offence). The equivalent percentages for the 11,200 SSOs terminating were 65 and 28 respectively.

## 4. Court reports (Tables 10 and 11)

- **The total number of court reports remained stable and there was a continued rise in the proportion of fast delivery pre sentence reports (PSRs):**
  - A total of 58,000 court reports were prepared in Q1 2010, less than 1 per cent fewer than in Q1 2009.
  - The number of Standard PSRs fell by 23 per cent whilst total fast delivery PSRs rose by 27 per cent.
  - The proportion of PSRs (both written and oral) which were fast delivery continued to increase from 42 per cent in Q1 2009 to 54 per cent in Q1 2010
  - There has been a continued large increase in the number of **oral** fast delivery PSRs. Comparing Q1 2010 with the same quarter in 2009 they have increased by 35 per cent. The increase in magistrates' courts was 33 per cent, compared to 112 per cent in the Crown Court where absolute numbers are much smaller.
  - Over the same period **written** fast delivery PSRs increased by 23 per cent. In magistrates' courts the increase was 9 per cent and in the Crown Court, where absolute numbers are much smaller, it was 152 per cent.
  - **The level of concordance between sentences proposed and given for the twelve months ending 31 March 2010 was highest for custodial sentences at 89 per cent, compared to 70 per cent for community sentences and 53 per cent for Suspended Sentence Orders.**

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- Seventy-seven per cent of PSRs prepared recommended a Community Sentence, while 12 per cent recommended a Suspended Sentence Order and 9 per cent recommended an Immediate Custodial Sentence.

## 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.

Unless otherwise stated, numbers in the above text have been rounded for ease of reading using the following rules:

Numbers of 100,000 and over are rounded to the nearest 1,000

Numbers of 1,000 – 99,999 are rounded to the nearest 100

Numbers from 10-999 are rounded to the nearest 10

Numbers under 10 are unrounded.

### 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 2009 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. The court must add at least one of the 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 <sup>(1)</sup>**

England and Wales

	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q4 2009	Q1 2010	Percentage change Q1 2009 - Q1 2010
<b>MALES AND FEMALES</b>						
<b>All court orders</b>	<b>48,980</b>	<b>47,167</b>	<b>48,125</b>	<b>45,980</b>	<b>46,897</b>	<b>-4</b>
<b>All community sentences</b>	<b>37,183</b>	<b>35,573</b>	<b>35,534</b>	<b>33,816</b>	<b>34,330</b>	<b>-8</b>
Community order	35,922	34,279	34,232	32,593	33,425	-7
All pre CJA orders	1,288	1,309	1,323	1,236	916	-29
<b>Other sentences</b>						
Deferred sentence	127	121	139	154	135	6
Suspended sentence order	11,817	11,627	12,469	12,036	12,444	5
<b>Pre and post release supervision</b>	<b>11,845</b>	<b>11,366</b>	<b>12,064</b>	<b>11,879</b>	<b>12,135</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>MALES</b>						
<b>All court orders</b>	<b>41,407</b>	<b>39,780</b>	<b>40,656</b>	<b>38,794</b>	<b>39,622</b>	<b>-4</b>
<b>All community sentences</b>	<b>31,363</b>	<b>29,878</b>	<b>29,892</b>	<b>28,405</b>	<b>28,808</b>	<b>-8</b>
Community order	30,225	28,727	28,698	27,278	27,982	-7
All pre CJA orders	1,160	1,166	1,213	1,139	837	-28
<b>Other sentences</b>						
Deferred sentence	102	92	112	123	112	10
Suspended sentence order	10,070	9,944	10,671	10,288	10,714	6
<b>Pre and post release supervision</b>	<b>10,985</b>	<b>10,593</b>	<b>11,275</b>	<b>11,054</b>	<b>11,333</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>FEMALES</b>						
<b>All court orders</b>	<b>7,573</b>	<b>7,387</b>	<b>7,469</b>	<b>7,186</b>	<b>7,275</b>	<b>-4</b>
<b>All community sentences</b>	<b>5,820</b>	<b>5,695</b>	<b>5,642</b>	<b>5,411</b>	<b>5,522</b>	<b>-5</b>
Community order	5,697	5,552	5,534	5,315	5,443	-4
All pre CJA orders	128	143	110	97	79	-38
<b>Other sentences</b>						
Deferred sentence	25	29	27	31	23	*
Suspended sentence order	1,747	1,683	1,798	1,748	1,730	-1
<b>Pre and post release supervision</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>-7</b>

(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

	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q4 2009	Q1 2010	Percentage change Q1 2009 - Q1 2010
<b>Community Orders</b>	<b>35,922</b>	<b>34,279</b>	<b>34,232</b>	<b>32,593</b>	<b>33,425</b>	<b>-7</b>
1	17,980	17,220	17,140	16,467	16836	-6
2	12,628	12,014	12,084	11,315	11803	-7
3	4,491	4,198	4,212	3,988	3971	-12
4	708	743	687	712	709	0
5 or more	115	104	108	112	107	-7
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	
1	50	50	50	51	50	
2	35	35	35	35	35	
3	13	12	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	
<b>Suspended Sentence Orders</b>	<b>11,817</b>	<b>11,627</b>	<b>12,469</b>	<b>12,036</b>	<b>12,444</b>	<b>5</b>
1	4,288	4,271	4,558	4,479	4633	8
2	5,004	4,931	5,366	5,105	5244	5
3	2,182	2,057	2,159	2,105	2169	-1
4	299	324	337	311	363	21
5 or more	44	44	49	36	34	*
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	
1	36	37	37	37	37	
2	42	42	43	42	42	
3	18	18	17	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

	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q4 2009	Q1 2010	Percentage change Q1 2009 - Q1 2010
<b>Community Orders</b>	<b>35,922</b>	<b>34,279</b>	<b>34,232</b>	<b>32,593</b>	<b>33,425</b>	<b>-7</b>
Unpaid Work	11,363	11,106	10,808	10,484	10,430	-8
Supervision	4,545	4,289	4,270	3,910	3,834	-16
Supervision & Accredited Programme	3,307	3,005	2,871	2,509	2,596	-22
Supervision & Unpaid Work	2,781	2,555	2,548	2,346	2,365	-15
Supervision & Drug Treatment	2,125	1,965	1,972	1,804	1,952	-8
Curfew	1,581	1,395	1,524	1,512	1,527	-3
Supervision, Unpaid Work & Accredited Programme	1,166	1,098	1,063	927	892	-24
Unpaid Work & Unpaid Work <sup>(1)</sup>	590	615	595	575	609	3
Supervision & Specified Activity	913	985	979	929	964	6
Supervision, Accredited Programme & Drug Treatment	429	291	297	260	217	-49
All other combinations of requirements	7,122	6,975	7,305	7,337	8,039	13
<b>Suspended Sentence Orders</b>	<b>11,817</b>	<b>11,627</b>	<b>12,469</b>	<b>12,036</b>	<b>12,444</b>	<b>5</b>
Unpaid Work	2,332	2,338	2,486	2,493	2,700	16
Supervision & Accredited Programme	1,555	1,419	1,525	1,389	1,352	-13
Supervision	1,405	1,410	1,456	1,326	1,337	-5
Supervision & Unpaid Work	1,278	1,323	1,415	1,292	1,420	11
Supervision, Unpaid Work & Accredited Programme	652	636	625	569	648	-1
Supervision & Drug Treatment	652	615	670	670	659	1
Curfew	329	303	342	377	372	13
Supervision & Curfew	270	314	315	302	317	17
Supervision, Accredited Programme & Drug Treatment	178	128	134	137	119	-33
Supervision & Specified Activity	277	263	278	274	323	17
All other combinations of requirements	2,889	2,878	3,222	3,207	3,197	11

(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

	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q4 2009	Q1 2010	Percentage change Q1 2009 - Q1 2010
<b>Community Orders</b>	<b>60,608</b>	<b>57,866</b>	<b>57,188</b>	<b>54,473</b>	<b>55,723</b>	<b>-8</b>
Supervision	20,771	19,567	19,360	18,025	18,492	-11
Unpaid Work	19,731	19,390	18,762	18,198	18,594	-6
Accredited Programme	6,628	5,940	5,667	5,183	5,278	-20
Drug Treatment	3,370	2,991	2,942	2,771	2,995	-11
Curfew	4,189	3,888	4,002	4,226	4,171	0
Specified Activity	3,154	3,266	3,412	3,268	3,418	8
Alcohol Treatment	1,534	1,633	1,732	1,568	1,486	-3
Residential	219	223	241	216	227	4
Mental Health	213	182	205	209	191	-10
Exclusion	299	252	285	268	330	10
Prohibited Activity	338	339	344	350	351	4
Attendance Centre	162	195	236	191	190	17
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	
Supervision	34	34	34	33	33	
Unpaid Work	33	34	33	33	33	
Accredited Programme	11	10	10	10	9	
Drug Treatment	6	5	5	5	5	
Curfew	7	7	7	8	7	
Specified Activity	5	6	6	6	6	
Alcohol Treatment	3	3	3	3	3	
Residential	0	0	0	0	0	
Mental Health	0	0	0	0	0	
Exclusion	0	0	0	0	1	
Prohibited Activity	1	1	1	1	1	
Attendance Centre	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Suspended Sentence Orders</b>	<b>22,330</b>	<b>21,873</b>	<b>23,391</b>	<b>22,455</b>	<b>23,286</b>	<b>4</b>
Supervision	8,415	8,196	8,705	8,144	8,392	0
Unpaid Work	5,566	5,694	6,006	5,924	6,373	14
Accredited Programme	3,332	3,019	3,155	2,933	2,995	-10
Curfew	1,664	1,639	1,821	1,947	1,939	17
Drug Treatment	1,063	969	1,058	1,028	1,049	-1
Specified Activity	948	975	1,057	1,021	1,159	22
Alcohol Treatment	652	646	754	706	673	3
Exclusion	163	177	197	161	173	6
Prohibited Activity	235	239	276	259	229	-3
Residential	202	201	258	245	204	1
Mental Health	66	77	74	61	70	6
Attendance Centre	24	41	30	26	30	*
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	
Supervision	38	37	37	36	36	
Unpaid Work	25	26	26	26	27	
Accredited Programme	15	14	13	13	13	
Curfew	7	7	8	9	8	
Drug Treatment	5	4	5	5	5	
Specified Activity	4	4	5	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						
	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q4 2009	Q1 2010	Percentage change	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q4 2009	Q1 2010	Percentage change	
							Q1 2009 - Q1 2010						
<b>North East</b>	<b>2,633</b>	<b>2,455</b>	<b>2,371</b>	<b>2,246</b>	<b>2,385</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>-4</b>	
Durham	516	455	469	472	484	-6	146	168	168	164	158	8	
Northumbria	1,382	1,258	1,168	1,081	1,225	-11	387	413	443	370	335	-13	
Teesside	735	742	734	693	676	-8	188	178	236	187	197	5	
<b>North West</b>	<b>5,747</b>	<b>5,387</b>	<b>5,432</b>	<b>5,079</b>	<b>5,339</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>1,896</b>	<b>1,720</b>	<b>1,836</b>	<b>1,741</b>	<b>1,854</b>	<b>-2</b>	
Cheshire	663	696	639	629	608	-8	198	147	194	192	192	-3	
Cumbria	377	384	338	312	327	-13	96	97	84	99	92	-4	
Lancashire	1,330	1,236	1,245	1,202	1,276	-4	389	341	415	378	415	7	
Greater Manchester	2,166	2,044	2,144	1,947	2,144	-1	838	764	762	738	762	-9	
Merseyside	1,211	1,027	1,066	989	984	-19	375	371	381	334	393	5	
<b>Yorkshire &amp; Humberside</b>	<b>4,303</b>	<b>4,210</b>	<b>4,338</b>	<b>4,125</b>	<b>4,082</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>1,126</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>1,179</b>	<b>1,192</b>	<b>1,313</b>	<b>17</b>	
Humberside	624	630	635	585	600	-4	273	220	261	257	281	3	
North Yorkshire	500	497	473	505	380	-24	126	137	116	124	133	6	
South Yorkshire	1,145	1,101	1,101	998	1,029	-10	379	372	363	354	380	0	
West Yorkshire	2,034	1,982	2,129	2,037	2,073	2	348	371	439	457	519	49	
<b>East Midlands</b>	<b>2,837</b>	<b>2,692</b>	<b>2,725</b>	<b>2,503</b>	<b>2,607</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>1,011</b>	<b>1,026</b>	<b>1,020</b>	<b>5</b>	
Derbyshire	712	620	635	568	565	-21	239	243	240	231	265	11	
Leicestershire	543	505	518	480	475	-13	227	247	245	286	216	-5	
Lincolnshire	336	327	354	296	351	4	110	116	134	120	112	2	
Northamptonshire	362	359	328	328	354	-2	118	124	134	134	139	18	
Nottinghamshire	884	881	890	831	862	-2	280	221	258	255	288	3	
<b>West Midlands</b>	<b>3,866</b>	<b>3,572</b>	<b>3,517</b>	<b>3,444</b>	<b>3,412</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>1,537</b>	<b>1,441</b>	<b>1,513</b>	<b>1,462</b>	<b>1,466</b>	<b>-5</b>	
Staffordshire	616	539	574	587	587	-5	250	203	231	220	201	-20	
Warwickshire	343	292	279	331	296	-14	74	68	78	83	78	5	
West Mercia	668	620	656	588	588	-12	217	228	227	211	204	-6	
West Midlands	2,239	2,121	2,008	1,938	1,941	-13	996	942	977	948	983	-1	
<b>Eastern</b>	<b>3,059</b>	<b>3,064</b>	<b>3,095</b>	<b>2,897</b>	<b>3,038</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>1,003</b>	<b>1,079</b>	<b>1,146</b>	<b>1,156</b>	<b>1,165</b>	<b>16</b>	
Bedfordshire	329	357	329	270	329	0	97	84	83	96	95	-2	
Cambridgeshire	429	422	428	390	437	2	168	166	197	207	189	13	
Essex	951	985	989	959	917	-4	326	383	361	355	372	14	
Hertfordshire	592	581	561	550	609	3	149	181	197	179	212	42	
Norfolk	408	389	428	383	420	3	150	146	169	181	177	18	
Suffolk	350	330	360	345	326	-7	113	119	139	138	120	6	
<b>London</b>	<b>4,374</b>	<b>4,246</b>	<b>4,151</b>	<b>4,081</b>	<b>4,188</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>1,764</b>	<b>1,793</b>	<b>1,994</b>	<b>1,986</b>	<b>1,881</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>South East</b>	<b>4,187</b>	<b>4,197</b>	<b>4,142</b>	<b>3,852</b>	<b>3,974</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>1,261</b>	<b>1,234</b>	<b>1,324</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>1,367</b>	<b>8</b>	
Hampshire	1,125	1,175	1,089	1,024	1,065	-5	268	273	279	290	339	26	
Kent	917	855	950	751	882	-4	316	272	323	283	336	6	
Surrey	452	466	492	443	374	-17	121	138	124	134	106	-12	
Sussex	805	810	751	815	813	1	245	235	267	243	264	8	
Thames Valley	888	891	860	819	840	-5	311	316	331	314	322	4	
<b>South West</b>	<b>2,544</b>	<b>2,328</b>	<b>2,256</b>	<b>2,256</b>	<b>2,194</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>-1</b>	
Avon & Somerset	867	804	748	790	759	-12	253	248	259	237	246	-3	
Devon & Cornwall	639	602	579	541	573	-10	204	241	236	221	204	0	
Dorset	369	312	309	334	315	-15	146	113	123	92	123	-16	
Gloucestershire	346	335	321	314	291	-16	85	72	87	81	90	6	
Wiltshire	323	275	299	277	256	-21	56	66	59	53	73	30	
<b>Wales</b>	<b>2,372</b>	<b>2,128</b>	<b>2,205</b>	<b>2,110</b>	<b>2,206</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>791</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>20</b>	
Dyfed-Powys	281	269	288	250	263	-6	86	93	91	75	90	5	
Gwent	421	334	397	387	353	-16	144	138	130	147	143	-1	
North Wales	540	473	503	469	495	-8	176	165	186	184	214	22	
South Wales	1,130	1,052	1,017	1,004	1,095	-3	385	414	448	398	505	31	
<b>All areas</b>	<b>35,922</b>	<b>34,279</b>	<b>34,232</b>	<b>32,593</b>	<b>33,425</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>11,817</b>	<b>11,627</b>	<b>12,469</b>	<b>12,036</b>	<b>12,444</b>	<b>5</b>	

**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

	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q4 2009	Q1 2010	Percentage change Q1 2009 - Q1 2010
<b>Community Orders</b>	<b>35,922</b>	<b>34,279</b>	<b>34,232</b>	<b>32,593</b>	<b>33,425</b>	<b>-7</b>
Tier 1 (Low)	12,069	11,940	11,600	11,433	11,649	-3
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	9,159	8,631	8,702	8,082	8,121	-11
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	12,514	11,765	12,007	11,219	11,694	-7
Tier 4 (High)	1,609	1,566	1,541	1,487	1,638	2
Tier not stated	571	377	382	372	323	-43
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	
Tier 1 (Low)	34	35	34	35	35	
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	25	25	25	25	24	
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	35	34	35	34	35	
Tier 4 (High)	4	5	5	5	5	
Tier not stated	2	1	1	1	1	
<b>Suspended Sentence Orders</b>	<b>11,817</b>	<b>11,627</b>	<b>12,469</b>	<b>12,036</b>	<b>12,444</b>	<b>5</b>
Tier 1 (Low)	2,685	2,805	3,019	3,053	3,268	22
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	3,019	2,917	3,184	3,034	3,074	2
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	5,201	5,015	5,341	5,028	5,156	-1
Tier 4 (High)	756	773	779	793	827	9
Tier not stated	156	117	146	128	119	-24
<b>Percentage</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	
Tier 1 (Low)	23	24	24	25	26	
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	26	25	26	25	25	
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	44	43	43	42	41	
Tier 4 (High)	6	7	6	7	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 <sup>(1)</sup>**

England and Wales

	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q4 2009	Q1 2010	Percentage change Q1 2009 - Q1 2010
<b>MALES AND FEMALES</b>						
<b>All court orders</b>	<b>146,904</b>	<b>145,083</b>	<b>142,820</b>	<b>140,951</b>	<b>139,065</b>	<b>-5</b>
<b>All community sentences</b>	<b>107,208</b>	<b>105,694</b>	<b>103,183</b>	<b>101,086</b>	<b>98,907</b>	<b>-8</b>
Community order	102,336	101,403	99,305	97,481	95,718	-6
All pre CJA orders	5,369	4,502	4,024	3,743	3,316	-38
<b>Other sentences</b>						
Deferred sentence	84	86	99	108	104	24
Suspended sentence order	43,675	43,283	43,449	43,615	43,849	0
<b>All pre and post release supervision <sup>(1,2)</sup></b>	<b>99,138</b>	<b>99,860</b>	<b>100,965</b>	<b>102,022</b>	<b>103,440</b>	<b>4</b>
Pre release supervision	67,174	67,047	67,407	67,587	68,774	2
Post release supervision	32,560	33,360	34,002	34,881	34,666	6
<b>MALES</b>						
<b>All court orders</b>	<b>125,305</b>	<b>123,530</b>	<b>121,617</b>	<b>119,884</b>	<b>118,352</b>	<b>-6</b>
<b>All community sentences</b>	<b>91,365</b>	<b>89,949</b>	<b>87,789</b>	<b>85,915</b>	<b>84,097</b>	<b>-8</b>
Community order	87,086	86,178	84,342	82,682	81,242	-7
All pre CJA orders	4,734	3,967	3,580	3,363	2,977	-37
<b>Other sentences</b>						
Deferred sentence	70	66	85	92	87	24
Suspended sentence order	37,443	37,026	37,180	37,264	37,507	0
<b>All pre and post release supervision <sup>(1,2)</sup></b>	<b>93,704</b>	<b>94,422</b>	<b>95,529</b>	<b>96,545</b>	<b>97,902</b>	<b>4</b>
Pre release supervision	63,784	63,696	64,117	64,320	65,484	3
Post release supervision	30,497	31,256	31,840	32,656	32,418	6
<b>FEMALES</b>						
<b>All court orders</b>	<b>21,599</b>	<b>21,553</b>	<b>21,203</b>	<b>21,067</b>	<b>20,713</b>	<b>-4</b>
<b>All community sentences</b>	<b>15,843</b>	<b>15,745</b>	<b>15,394</b>	<b>15,171</b>	<b>14,810</b>	<b>-7</b>
Community order	15,250	15,225	14,963	14,799	14,476	-5
All pre CJA orders	635	535	444	380	339	-47
<b>Other sentences</b>						
Deferred sentence	14	20	14	16	17	21
Suspended sentence order	6,232	6,257	6,269	6,351	6,342	2
<b>All pre and post release supervision <sup>(1,2)</sup></b>	<b>5,434</b>	<b>5,438</b>	<b>5,436</b>	<b>5,477</b>	<b>5,538</b>	<b>2</b>
Pre release supervision	3,390	3,351	3,290	3,267	3,290	-3
Post release supervision	2,063	2,104	2,162	2,225	2,248	9

(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.

\* 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 March 2010, by area**

Region/Area	All Pre CJA orders	Community Order	Suspended Sentence Order	All court orders <sup>(1)</sup>	All pre release supervision	All post release supervision	All pre and post release supervision <sup>(1)</sup>	All Probation Service supervision <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>North East</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>6,421</b>	<b>2,960</b>	<b>9,155</b>	<b>3,336</b>	<b>1,696</b>	<b>5,032</b>	<b>14,047</b>
Durham	25	1,260	601	1,813	663	355	1,018	2,799
Northumbria	57	3,320	1,585	4,782	1,640	806	2,446	7,162
Teesside	65	1,841	774	2,560	1,033	535	1,568	4,086
<b>North West</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>14,220</b>	<b>6,554</b>	<b>20,742</b>	<b>10,805</b>	<b>5,728</b>	<b>16,533</b>	<b>36,974</b>
Cheshire	40	1,635	645	2,257	973	551	1,524	3,750
Cumbria	60	825	297	1,161	455	326	781	1,929
Lancashire	105	3,101	1,359	4,415	1,905	1,081	2,986	7,346
Greater Manchester	275	5,786	2,662	8,485	4,873	2,315	7,188	15,571
Merseyside	74	2,873	1,591	4,424	2,599	1,455	4,054	8,378
<b>Yorkshire &amp; Humberside</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>10,775</b>	<b>3,870</b>	<b>14,633</b>	<b>7,481</b>	<b>4,025</b>	<b>11,506</b>	<b>25,951</b>
Humberside	66	1,600	694	2,316	1,307	674	1,981	4,277
North Yorkshire	38	1,010	401	1,412	543	329	872	2,273
South Yorkshire	62	2,599	1,137	3,710	1,987	1,080	3,067	6,729
West Yorkshire	136	5,566	1,638	7,195	3,644	1,942	5,586	12,672
<b>East Midlands</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>6,897</b>	<b>3,305</b>	<b>10,133</b>	<b>5,208</b>	<b>2,715</b>	<b>7,923</b>	<b>17,962</b>
Derbyshire	41	1,539	816	2,334	1,098	548	1,646	3,960
Leicestershire	54	1,307	844	2,152	1,061	489	1,550	3,689
Lincolnshire	20	918	350	1,260	544	338	882	2,132
Northamptonshire	12	1,041	448	1,477	814	478	1,292	2,743
Nottinghamshire	52	2,092	847	2,910	1,691	862	2,553	5,438
<b>West Midlands</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>10,274</b>	<b>5,284</b>	<b>15,506</b>	<b>8,019</b>	<b>3,901</b>	<b>11,920</b>	<b>27,212</b>
Staffordshire	41	1,662	791	2,438	1,101	589	1,690	4,111
Warwickshire	18	843	301	1,143	465	243	708	1,834
West Mercia	44	1,742	743	2,447	1,007	522	1,529	3,936
West Midlands	241	6,027	3,449	9,478	5,446	2,547	7,993	17,331
<b>Eastern</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>9,097</b>	<b>4,377</b>	<b>13,372</b>	<b>4,911</b>	<b>2,651</b>	<b>7,562</b>	<b>20,772</b>
Bedfordshire	17	933	303	1,239	763	404	1,167	2,393
Cambridgeshire	18	1,183	699	1,838	808	426	1,234	3,051
Essex	111	3,216	1,591	4,761	1,378	828	2,206	6,895
Hertfordshire	84	1,654	835	2,490	741	371	1,112	3,577
Norfolk	35	1,116	502	1,613	642	363	1,005	2,610
Suffolk	36	995	447	1,431	579	259	838	2,246
<b>London</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>14,696</b>	<b>7,170</b>	<b>22,113</b>	<b>13,658</b>	<b>6,092</b>	<b>19,750</b>	<b>41,576</b>
<b>South East</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>10,808</b>	<b>4,499</b>	<b>15,220</b>	<b>7,771</b>	<b>3,623</b>	<b>11,394</b>	<b>26,465</b>
Hampshire	101	2,968	1,044	4,007	1,561	839	2,400	6,366
Kent	75	2,258	1,097	3,322	1,898	843	2,741	6,037
Surrey	12	972	324	1,275	523	316	839	2,100
Sussex	57	1,978	879	2,816	1,933	680	2,613	5,398
Thames Valley	104	2,632	1,155	3,800	1,856	945	2,801	6,564
<b>South West</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>6,447</b>	<b>2,581</b>	<b>8,977</b>	<b>4,030</b>	<b>2,271</b>	<b>6,301</b>	<b>15,149</b>
Avon & Somerset	57	2,542	980	3,497	1,407	843	2,250	5,694
Devon & Cornwall	26	1,600	724	2,309	1,152	558	1,710	3,993
Dorset	24	778	368	1,150	570	345	915	2,041
Gloucestershire	13	732	290	1,006	496	294	790	1,782
Wiltshire	25	795	219	1,015	405	231	636	1,639
<b>Wales</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>6,083</b>	<b>3,249</b>	<b>9,214</b>	<b>3,555</b>	<b>1,964</b>	<b>5,519</b>	<b>14,599</b>
Dyfed-Powys	14	769	329	1,090	311	198	509	1,587
Gwent	23	1,186	524	1,691	584	324	908	2,578
North Wales	42	1,188	812	1,998	734	427	1,161	3,134
South Wales	76	2,940	1,584	4,435	1,926	1,015	2,941	7,300
<b>All areas</b>	<b>3,316</b>	<b>95,718</b>	<b>43,849</b>	<b>139,065</b>	<b>68,774</b>	<b>34,666</b>	<b>103,440</b>	<b>240,707</b>

(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 <sup>(1)</sup>**

England and Wales	Percentages				
	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q4 2009	Q1 2010
<b>Community Order</b>					
Ran their full course	51	52	52	53	53
Terminated early for:					
good progress	11	12	12	13	11
failure to comply with requirements	16	16	16	15	15
conviction of offence	11	10	10	10	10
other reasons	10	10	10	10	10
<b>Total number</b>	<b>31,874</b>	<b>32,189</b>	<b>33,813</b>	<b>32,362</b>	<b>33,183</b>
<b>Suspended Sentence Order</b>					
Ran their full course	55	55	54	55	55
Terminated early for:					
good progress	10	10	10	9	10
failure to comply with requirements	13	12	12	12	13
conviction of offence	16	16	16	16	15
other reasons	7	7	7	7	7
<b>Total number</b>	<b>10,826</b>	<b>10,727</b>	<b>11,257</b>	<b>10,779</b>	<b>11,208</b>

(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

	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q4 2009	Q1 2010	Percentage change Q1 2009 - Q1 2010
<b>All court reports<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>58,184</b>	<b>57,411</b>	<b>58,478</b>	<b>56,602</b>	<b>57,860</b>	<b>-1</b>
Standard PSR	32,057	28,934	27,368	25,147	24,766	-23
Fast Delivery PSR written	15,816	16,484	18,234	18,417	19,453	23
Fast Delivery PSR oral	7,284	8,648	8,999	9,451	9,839	35
Deferred sentence <sup>(2)</sup>	263	239	236	266	262	0
PSR breach	2,764	3,106	3,641	3,321	3,540	28
Court Review	154	134	154	181	181	18
<b>Magistrates' courts<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>43,215</b>	<b>42,550</b>	<b>42,844</b>	<b>40,527</b>	<b>40,965</b>	<b>-5</b>
Standard PSR	19,173	16,551	14,817	12,990	12,630	-34
Fast Delivery PSR written	14,270	14,497	15,761	15,226	15,564	9
Fast Delivery PSR oral	7,072	8,467	8,720	9,101	9,389	33
Deferred sentence <sup>(2)</sup>	148	146	156	158	152	3
PSR breach	2,552	2,889	3,390	3,052	3,230	27
Court Review	146	127	146	167	168	15
<b>Crown Court<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>14,969</b>	<b>14,861</b>	<b>15,634</b>	<b>16,075</b>	<b>16,895</b>	<b>13</b>
Standard PSR	12,884	12,383	12,551	12,157	12,136	-6
Fast Delivery PSR written	1,546	1,987	2,473	3,191	3,889	152
Fast Delivery PSR oral	212	181	279	350	450	112
Deferred sentence <sup>(2)</sup>	115	93	80	108	110	-4
PSR breach	212	217	251	269	310	46
Court Review	8	7	8	14	13	*

(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.

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**Table 11 Concordance between sentences proposed and given where a PSR was written, April 2009 - March 2010**

England and Wales

	Sentence proposed				
	Immediate custodial sentences	Suspended Sentence Order	All Community Sentences <sup>(1)</sup>	Fine	All
<b>Sentence given</b>					
Custody	14,236	7,323	14,745	79	36,383
Suspended Sentence Order	832	11,907	23,495	146	36,380
Community Sentences	480	2,608	97,385	587	101,060
Fine	35	68	1,013	2,027	3,143
Absolute/Conditional Discharge	53	81	1,102	155	1,391
Other	282	309	2,042	79	2,712
<b>All</b>	<b>15,918</b>	<b>22,296</b>	<b>139,782</b>	<b>3,073</b>	<b>181,069</b>
<b>% breakdown</b>					
Custody	89%	33%	11%	3%	20%
Suspended Sentence Order	5%	53%	17%	5%	20%
Community Sentences	3%	12%	70%	19%	56%
Fine	0%	0%	1%	66%	2%
Absolute/Conditional Discharge	0%	0%	1%	5%	1%
Other	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%
<b>All</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>proportion of sentences proposed</b>	9%	12%	77%	2%	100%

(1) Includes all pre-CJA community sentences

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