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Introduction

This report presents the key trends on the latest twelve months (April 2010 to March 2011) of activity in the Criminal Justice System (CJS) for England and Wales. The court proceedings data for January to March 2011 is provisional. For each process a brief description of the function is included with an explanation of some of the main procedures involved. More detailed analysis is published annually on the full calendar year dataset.

Alongside the publication is a technical document titled "Criminal Justice Statistics: Background, Definitions and Measurement". This document provides users with detailed information on the concepts and methods used in compiling this bulletin, including the quality of the data. A copy of the technical document can be found at: www.justice.gov.uk/publications/statistics-and-data/criminal-justice/criminal-annual.htm

Where appropriate comparisons are made between different sources covering activity in the CJS. In particular, comparisons are made to numbers of crimes recorded by the police (often the starting point for crimes dealt with by other CJS agencies) rather than estimates from the British Crime Survey (BCS). The BCS provides robust estimates of trends in crimes against the population resident in households, including those never reported to the police, but excludes other crimes such as those against businesses or so-called 'victimless' crime. Therefore police recorded crime provides a more meaningful comparison for measures relating to the wider CJS. Findings from the BCS and recorded crime are published together in statistical bulletins by the Home Office.

The data provides users with information about proven offending and its outcomes in England and Wales. The contents of this bulletin will be of interest to government policy makers in the development of policy and their subsequent monitoring and evaluation. Others will be interested in the way different crimes are dealt with in the Criminal Justice System.

Information about statistical revisions, forthcoming changes and the symbols and conventions used in the bulletin are given in the explanatory notes section.

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Main findings [Tables Q1.1 – Q1.5]

Overview of the Criminal Justice System in the 12 months ending March 2011

In the 12 months ending March 2011 there were 2.09 million individuals¹ given an out of court disposal or proceeded against at court. Compared with the 12 months to March 2010, there was a 13.3 per cent fall in the use of out of court disposals from 522,100 to 452,700 and a three per cent fall in the number of defendants proceeded against at court.

Table Q1.1: Activity in the Criminal Justice System, 12 months ending March 2010 to 12 months ending March 2011

	12 months ending March 2010	12 months ending March 2011	Percentage change
Out of court disposals	522,134	452,704	-13.3%
<i>Cannabis warnings</i>	87,333	80,658	-7.6%
<i>Penalty notices for disorder</i>	161,575	133,979	-17.1%
<i>Cautions</i>	273,226	238,067	-12.9%
Defendants proceeded against	1,690,980	1,639,747	-3.0%
<i>Indictable offences</i>	418,910	436,498	4.2%
<i>Summary offences</i>	1,272,070	1,203,249	-5.4%
Defendants convicted	1,400,296	1,358,886	-3.0%
<i>Indictable offences</i>	331,170	351,637	6.2%
<i>Summary offences</i>	1,069,126	1,007,249	-5.8%
Prison receptions⁽¹⁾	93,273	90,738 ^(P)	-2.7% ^(P)
Probation starts⁽²⁾	183,948	182,113	-1.0%

(1) Receptions for offenders given a custodial sentence (figures include fine defaulters).

(2) Offenders starting Community Order or Suspended Sentence Order supervision by the Probation Service.

Out of Court Disposals

There were 452,700 out of courts disposals administered in the 12 months ending March 2011, 13.3 per cent fewer than the 522,100 in the 12 months ending March 2010, with a decrease seen in every offence group.

¹ Includes people and companies.

Police cautions

There were 238,100 cautions administered in the 12 months ending March 2011.

- This was 12.9 per cent fewer than the 273,200 administered in the 12 months ending March 2010 and 33.7 per cent fewer than the 359,000 administered in the 12 months ending March 2007 when the use of cautions peaked.
- Fewer cautions were administered in all offence groups in the 12 months ending March 2011 except *robbery*, which increased by sixty-three offenders from 173 to 236.
- The decrease in cautions was greatest for *theft and handling stolen goods* which fell 19.8 per cent.

Penalty Notices for Disorder (PNDs)

There were 134,000 PNDs issued in the 12 months ending March 2011.

- This was 17.1 per cent fewer than the 161,600 issued in the 12 months ending March 2010 and 36.0 per cent fewer than the peak of 209,400 issued in the 12 months ending March 2007.
- Thirteen thousand nine hundred of these were for *drug offences*, an increase of 5.4 per cent compared with the 13,100 in the 12 months ending March 2010.
- There was a decrease of 18.0 per cent (to 37,400) in penalty notice disorders issued for theft and handling stolen goods in the 12 months ending March 2011.

Cannabis warnings

There were 80,700 *cannabis warnings* issued in the 12 months ending March 2011, 7.6 per cent fewer than the 87,300 warnings issued in the 12 months ending March 2010.

Court proceedings

In the 12 months ending March 2011 there were 1.64 million defendants proceeded against in magistrates' courts.

- This is three per cent fewer than the 1.69 million defendants proceeded against in the 12 months ending March 2010 and 20.3 per cent fewer than the peak of 2.06 million in the 12 months ending March 2004.
- The decrease in prosecutions compared to the 12 months ending March 2010 was caused by fewer proceedings for *summary motoring offences* and *summary non-motoring offences*.

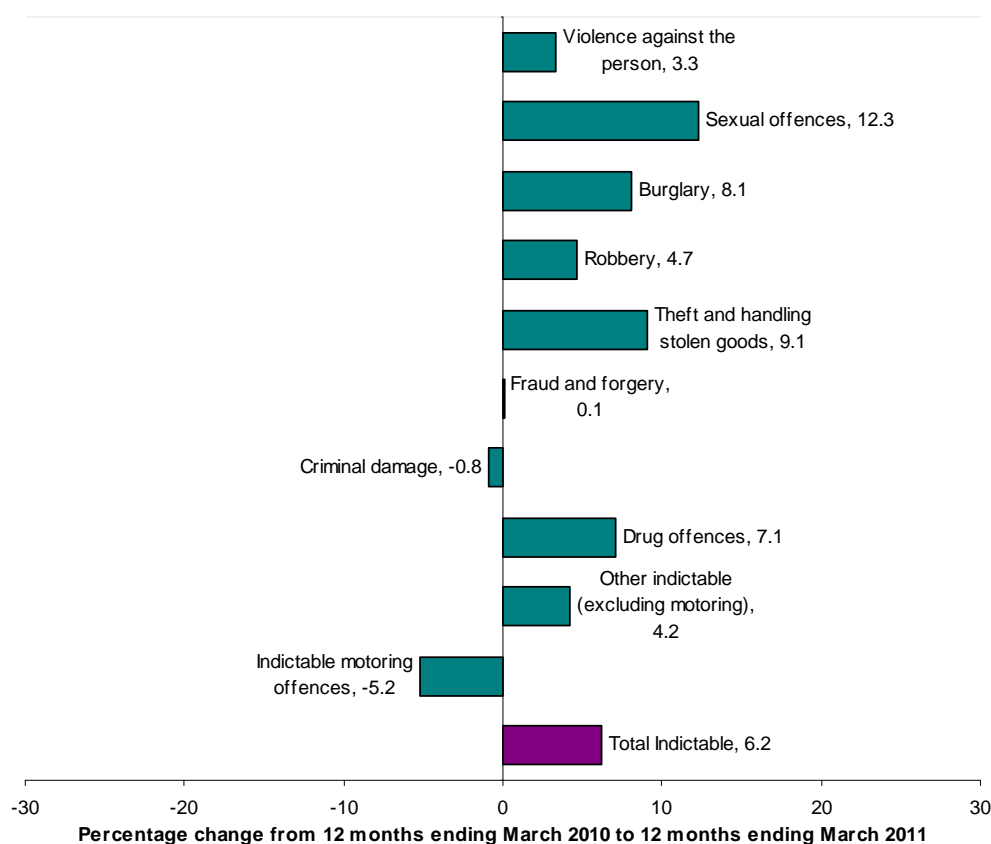
Of those defendants who were proceeded against at magistrates' courts there were 3.3 per cent remanded in custody. For the more serious indictable offences 9.8 per cent were remanded into custody.

Convictions

In the 12 months ending March 2011 there were 1.36 million offenders convicted of a criminal offence.

- This was 3.0 per cent fewer than the 1.40 million offenders convicted in the 12 months ending March 2010 and 11.8 per cent fewer than the 1.54 million offenders convicted in the 12 months ending March 2004.
- The largest percentage increases in convictions were for *theft and handling stolen goods* which increased 9.1 per cent from 112,300 to 122,500 and *sexual offences* which increased 12.3 per cent from 5,290 to 5,940.
- The conviction ratio² for the 12 months ending March 2011 was 82.9 per cent and remained similar to the previous period. The conviction ratio varied from 57.3 per cent for *sexual offences* to 91.8 per cent for *drug offences*.

Figure 1.1: Percentage change in convictions by offence type and offence group, 12 months ending March 2010 to 12 months ending March 2011



² Offenders convicted as a percentage of defendants proceeded against.

Sentencing

In the 12 months ending March 2011 there were 1.36 million offenders sentenced at all courts, 2.9 per cent fewer than the 12 months ending 2010, and 11.8 per cent down on the 12 months ending March 2004.

Table Q1.2: Offenders sentenced by principal sentence, 12 months ending March 2010 to 12 months ending March 2011, and percentage change

	12 months ending March 2010	12 months ending March 2011	Percentage change
Total offenders sentenced	1,398,217	1,357,353	-2.9%
Total persons sentenced	1,389,694	1,349,540	-2.9%
Immediate custody	99,745	101,975	2.2%
Suspended sentence	45,913	48,647	6.0%
Community sentence	190,817	188,243	-1.3%
Fines	938,500	887,441	-5.4%
Other disposals	123,242	131,047	6.3%
Average custodial sentence length(months) ⁽¹⁾	13.7	13.9	
			Percentage point change
Percentage of those sentenced⁽²⁾			
Immediate custody (persons)	7.2%	7.6%	0.4%
Suspended sentence (persons)	3.3%	3.6%	0.3%
Community sentence (persons)	13.7%	13.9%	0.2%
Fines (all offenders)	67.1%	65.4%	-1.7%
Other disposals (all offenders)	8.8%	9.7%	0.8%

(1) ACSL excludes life/indeterminate sentences

(2) May not sum to 100% as some rates are calculated on an all offenders basis and some on a persons basis

Fines are the most common sentence passed at court.

- In the 12 months ending March 2011, 65.4 per cent of all offenders were given a fine, a decline of 1.7 percentage points on the 12 months ending March 2010. The decrease in the fine rate is due to the declining use of fines for summary offences, the type of offence for which fines are most commonly used.

In the 12 months ending March 2011, 17.5 per cent of persons were given a sentence to serve in the community either as a Community Sentence (13.9 per cent) or a Suspended Sentence Order (3.6 per cent).

- The community sentence rate in the 12 months ending March 2011 ranged from 41.2 per cent for *criminal damage* (45.0 per cent in the 12 months ending March 2010) to 3.1 per cent for *summary motoring offences* (3.4 per cent in the 12 months ending March 2010).
- The suspended sentence rate in the 12 months ending March 2011 ranged from 25.6 per cent for *indictable motoring offences* (24.9 per cent in the 12

Custodial sentences are given for the most serious breaches of the criminal law. In the 12 months ending March 2011, 7.6 per cent of persons received a custodial sentence, an increase of 0.4 percentage points from the 12 months ending March 2010.

In the 12 months ending March 2011, 102,000 offenders were given a custodial sentence, just over two per cent more compared to the 12 months ending March 2010, but 7.2 per cent lower than the 12 months ending March 2003 peak.

- The sentence given depends on the nature of the offence and custody is far more common for indictable offences than summary offences. In the 12 months ending March 2011 the custody rate³ was 24.0 per cent for all indictable offences, a decrease of 0.5 per cent compared to the 12 months ending March 2010. For summary offences the custody rate was 1.8 per cent, the same as the 12 months ending March 2010.
- The custody rate varies across indictable offence groups and was highest for *robbery* (58.6 per cent) and *sexual offences* (57.1 per cent) and lowest for *criminal damage* (14.5 per cent) and *drug offences* (15.6 per cent).

Overall, the average custodial sentence length has increased by 0.1 months to 13.9 months.

- There were 1,342 indeterminate sentences handed down in the 12 months ending March 2011, a decrease from 1,413 in the 12 months ending March 2010. Within this group the number of life sentences fell from 414 in the 12 months ending March 2010 to 384 in the 12 months ending March 2011, the lowest figure in the last eleven years.

Offending Histories

There were 226,000 new entrants to the criminal justice system in 12 months ending March 2011, a fall of 11 per cent compared to 12 months ending March 2010.

25.8 per cent of all offences that resulted in a caution⁴ or conviction in 12 months ending March 2011 were committed by people with no previous proven offences. This is down slightly from 27.8 per cent in 12 months ending March 2010 and reflects the fall in use of cautions. This continues the fall in the proportion of offences committed by people with no previous proven offences since the peak in the use of cautions in 2007.

53.2 per cent of offenders receiving a caution for an indictable offence in 12 months ending March 2011 had no previous proven offences, whilst 3.3 per cent had 15 or more cautions or convictions.

10.4 per cent of offenders convicted for an indictable offence in 12 months ending March 2011 had no previous proven offences, whilst 29.5 per cent had 15 or more previous cautions or convictions.

³ Persons given a custodial sentence as a percentage of all sentences

⁴ Including reprimands and warnings for juveniles

Figure 1.2 : First offences and further offences in the 12 months ending March 2011

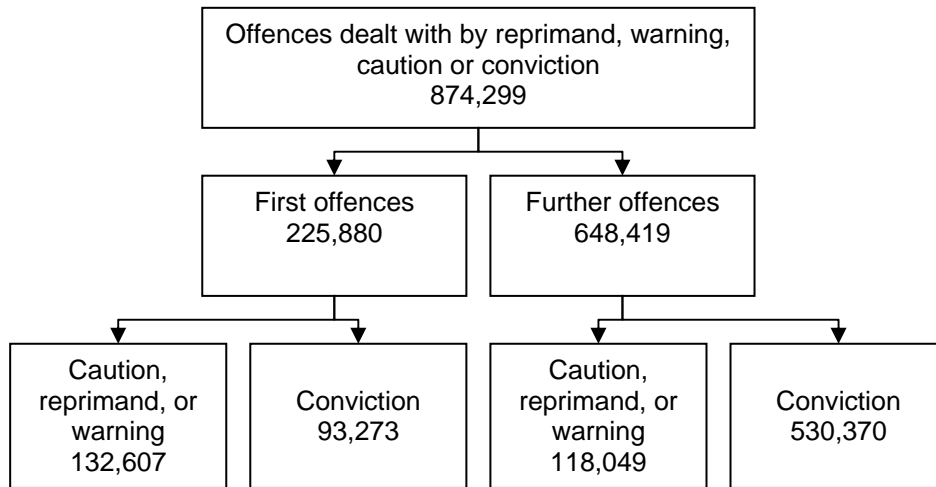


Table Q1.3 - "Proven Offenders" in the criminal justice system by offence groups and outcomes, 12 months ending March 2010 to 12 months ending March 2011

Offence Type	12 months ending	Penalty Notice for Disorder	Cannabis warnings	Caution	Proceedings	Convictions	Conviction Ratio	Proven Offenders ⁽¹⁾	Sentenced ⁽²⁾	Discharged	Fine	Community Sentence	Suspended Sentence	Other Sentences	Custody	Custody Rate ⁽³⁾	Average Custodial Sentence Length
Violence against the person	Mar 2010	-	-	25,365	65,860	43,360	65.8%	68,725	43,144	1,613	1,734	15,719	8,713	2,896	14,082	32.8%	17.9
	Mar 2011	-	-	21,255	65,951	44,807	67.9%	66,062	44,526	1,909	2,077	16,075	8,970	3,400	14,004	31.5%	17.6
Sexual offences	Mar 2010	-	-	1,432	9,765	5,290	54.2%	7,337	5,923	96	100	1,460	405	214	3,095	58.7%	47.8
	Mar 2011	-	-	1,396	10,367	5,941	57.3%	7,337	5,923	130	115	1,662	488	274	3,384	57.1%	50.3
Burglary	Mar 2010	-	-	4,018	30,564	22,660	74.1%	26,668	22,388	533	295	9,942	2,364	881	9,906	44.2%	18.7
	Mar 2011	-	-	3,426	32,356	24,492	75.7%	27,918	24,224	546	384	9,121	2,686	1,181	10,852	44.8%	18.9
Robbery	Mar 2010	-	-	173	13,509	8,442	63.4%	8,615	8,461	20	8	2,776	504	135	5,038	58.5%	33.6
	Mar 2011	-	-	236	14,174	8,838	62.4%	9,074	8,848	18	4	2,835	506	317	5,186	58.6%	35.5
Theft and handling stolen goods	Mar 2010	-	-	45,657	126,042	112,341	89.1%	214,592	111,670	23,442	15,447	40,986	7,326	27,962	19,949	17.9%	4.2
	Mar 2011	-	-	37,442	136,369	122,510	89.8%	205,331	122,105	25,329	17,098	43,039	8,170	31,356	22,442	18.4%	4.1
Fraud and forgery	Mar 2010	-	-	6,917	26,146	20,833	79.7%	27,750	20,682	2,543	2,897	6,545	3,170	2,872	5,198	25.1%	10.4
	Mar 2011	-	-	5,833	25,468	20,853	81.9%	26,686	20,715	2,377	2,833	7,064	3,367	2,787	4,664	22.5%	11.5
Criminal damage	Mar 2010	-	-	5,932	9,924	7,753	78.1%	13,685	7,728	1,532	854	3,474	401	1,938	1,061	13.7%	18.4
	Mar 2011	-	-	4,957	9,801	7,688	78.4%	12,645	7,654	1,570	812	3,151	455	2,125	1,111	14.5%	17.9
Drug offences	Mar 2010	87,333	13,142	42,120	63,384	58,239	91.9%	200,884	57,917	7,972	21,404	13,534	3,337	10,017	9,625	16.6%	31.7
	Mar 2011	80,658	13,857	41,161	67,959	62,381	91.8%	198,057	61,883	9,080	23,827	13,294	3,939	11,199	9,624	15.6%	30.6
Indictable motoring offences	Mar 2010	-	-	-	4,138	3,538	85.5%	3,538	3,594	36	302	1,044	896	78	1,274	35.5%	9.3
	Mar 2011	-	-	-	3,686	3,355	91.0%	3,355	3,353	50	293	987	899	85	1,129	33.7%	9.3
Other indictable offences	Mar 2010	-	-	7,531	69,778	48,724	69.8%	56,255	48,016	3,543	13,250	11,167	4,719	7,872	11,008	23.9%	9.9
	Mar 2011	-	-	6,987	70,367	50,772	72.2%	57,769	50,506	3,799	13,380	11,093	5,177	9,684	11,172	22.5%	9.8
Indictable offences	Mar 2010	87,333	58,799	150,082	418,910	331,170	79.1%	627,434	328,874	41,350	56,291	105,647	31,835	54,865	80,236	24.5%	16.5
	Mar 2011	80,658	51,299	130,640	436,498	351,637	80.6%	614,234	349,737	44,808	60,823	108,321	34,617	62,408	83,568	24.0%	16.4
Summary non-motoring	Mar 2010	-	102,776	123,144	617,712	509,735	82.5%	735,655	509,864	45,085	364,285	66,209	9,253	55,518	14,599	2.9%	2.6
	Mar 2011	-	82,680	107,427	608,111	493,623	81.2%	683,730	493,883	47,038	346,275	64,273	9,712	58,916	14,707	3.0%	2.6
Summary motoring offences	Mar 2010	-	-	-	559,358	559,391	85.5%	559,391	559,479	7,957	517,924	18,961	4,825	12,859	4,910	0.9%	3.2
	Mar 2011	-	-	-	595,138	513,626	86.3%	513,626	513,733	6,931	480,343	15,649	4,318	9,723	3,700	0.7%	3.1
Summary Offences	Mar 2010	-	102,776	123,144	1,272,070	1,069,126	84.0%	1,295,046	1,069,343	53,042	882,209	85,170	14,078	68,377	19,509	1.8%	2.7
	Mar 2011	-	82,680	107,427	1,203,249	1,007,249	83.7%	1,197,356	1,007,616	53,969	826,618	79,922	14,030	68,639	18,407	1.8%	2.7
All Offences	Mar 2010	87,333	161,575	273,226	1,690,980	1,400,296	82.8%	1,922,480	1,398,217	94,392	938,500	190,817	45,913	123,242	99,745	7.2%	13.7
	Mar 2011	80,658	133,979	238,067	1,639,747	1,358,886	82.9%	1,811,590	1,357,353	98,777	887,441	188,243	48,647	131,047	101,975	7.6%	13.9

(1) Defendants who have been proven to have committed an offence (through either a court conviction or caution/reprimand or warning or receiving a Penalty Notice for Disorder).

(2) Figures are based on defendants sentenced each year. Some of those sentenced may have been found guilty in a previous year so the number of offenders sentenced may exceed the number of guilty defendants.

(3) Custody rate is calculated on the number of persons sentenced in each offence group.

Offences

This section differs from the previous section in that it considers the total number of notifiable⁵ offences.

Table Q1.4: Recorded crime⁶ and notifiable offences, 12 months ending March 2010 to 12 months ending March 2011

	12 months ending March 2010	12 months ending March 2011	Percentage change
Recorded Crime	4,338,372	4,150,097	-4.3%
Out of court disposals	478,616	409,538	-14.4%
<i>Cannabis warnings</i>	87,333	80,658	-7.6%
<i>Penalty notices for disorder</i>	106,485	86,126	-19.1%
<i>Cautions</i>	284,798	242,754	-14.8%
Prosecutions	1,001,162	1,016,607	1.5%
Convictions	750,449	764,303	1.8%
Proven offences	1,229,074	1,173,841	-4.5%

Much of the activity in the criminal justice system starts with the police, when a crime is reported, investigated and detected. The Home Office report on the police activity and the crimes they deal with. In the 12 months ending March 2011, recorded crime decreased by 4.3 per cent from 4.34 million to 4.15 million when compared to the 12 months ending March 2010.

Over the same period, for the equivalent notifiable offences, the use of out of court disposals decreased by 14.4 per cent; penalty notices for disorder (PND) were down 19.1 per cent, cautions down 14.8 per cent and cannabis warnings down 7.6 per cent.

Between the 12 months ending March 2010 and the 12 months ending March 2011 prosecutions for notifiable offences increased by 1.5 per cent and convictions increased by 1.8 per cent. However, these changes are not consistent across the offence groups.

The greatest percentage increases in prosecutions were recorded for the following offence groups:

- *sexual offences*, increasing 8.7 per cent from 28,100 to 30,500;
- *drug offences*, increasing 8.2 per cent from 103,200 to 111,600.

⁵ Notifiable offences include all offences that could possibly be tried by jury (i.e. indictable and triable-either-way offences) plus a few additional closely related summary offences, such as assault without injury. Offence groups in notifiable offence tables in this section therefore differ from groups shown in other sections which may be restricted to indictable offences only.

⁶ www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/crime-research/hosb1011/?view=Standard&pubID=908823

The greatest percentage decrease in prosecutions was recorded for the following offence group:

- *criminal damage*, decreasing 2.7 per cent from 81,400 to 79,300.

The greatest percentage changes for convictions were also for these offence groups and were as follows:

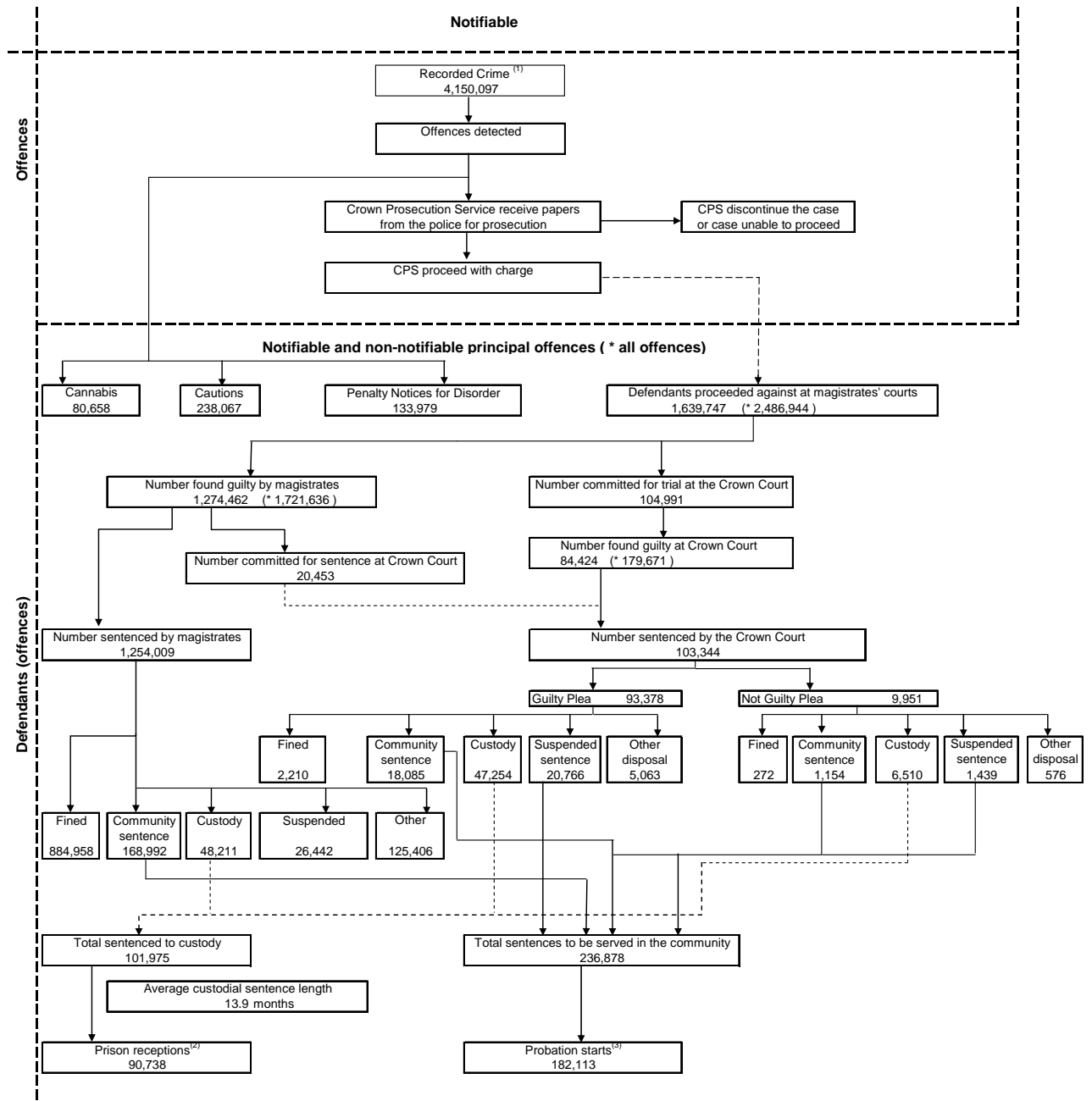
- *sexual offences*, increasing 10.5 per cent from 15,600 to 17,200;
- *drug offences*, increasing 7.7 per cent from 91,100 to 98,100.

Table Q1.5: Changes in recorded crime and notifiable offences, 12 months ending March 2010 to 12 months ending March 2011, and percentage change

Offence Type	12 months ending	Recorded Crime	Cannabis Warnings	Penalty Notices for Disorder	Cautions	Proceedings	Convictions
Violence against the person	Mar 2010	871,419	-	38,462	113,146	335,842	230,495
	Mar 2011	821,957	-	29,028	96,605	336,457	229,786
Sexual offences	Mar 2010	54,355	-	-	1,724	28,106	15,607
	Mar 2011	54,982	-	-	1,451	30,543	17,247
Burglary	Mar 2010	540,660	-	-	4,343	43,780	30,609
	Mar 2011	522,640	-	-	3,876	45,412	31,764
Robbery	Mar 2010	75,105	-	-	182	19,042	12,458
	Mar 2011	76,179	-	-	235	19,997	12,386
Theft and handling stolen goods	Mar 2010	1,532,219	-	46,438	66,513	212,658	183,026
	Mar 2011	1,528,408	-	37,816	52,632	216,770	186,450
Fraud and forgery	Mar 2010	152,241	-	-	7,718	71,456	51,401
	Mar 2011	145,841	-	-	6,378	71,367	52,527
Criminal damage	Mar 2010	806,647	-	9,242	38,254	81,439	64,855
	Mar 2011	701,003	-	5,950	30,219	79,262	62,485
Drug offences	Mar 2010	235,596	87,333	12,343	44,323	103,174	91,107
	Mar 2011	232,216	80,658	13,332	43,559	111,602	98,133
Other notifiable offences	Mar 2010	70,130	-	-	8,595	105,665	70,891
	Mar 2011	66,871	-	-	7,797	105,197	73,524
All Notifiable Offences	Mar 2010	4,338,372	87,333	106,485	284,798	1,001,162	750,449
	Mar 2011	4,150,097	80,658	86,126	242,754	1,016,607	764,303

Note: Care should be taken when comparing police recorded crime against outcomes in the criminal justice system, as the reporting of a crime and the final outcome, e.g. a conviction, may not occur in the same year.

Figure 1.3: Flows through the Criminal Justice System, 12 months ending March 2011



(1) Covers all indictable, including triable either way, offences plus a few closely associated summary offences.
 (2) Receptions for offenders given a custodial sentence (figures include fine defaulters)
 (3) Offenders starting Community Order or Suspended Sentence Order supervision by the Probation Service
 * Total number of all offences in comparison with the total number of defendants on a principal offence basis.

Crime in England and Wales [Table Q1.6]

Police recorded crime statistics are administrative data based on crimes that are reported to and recorded by the police in England and Wales, it does not cover crimes not reported to the police e.g. Television Licence Evasion. For more detail see: [User Guide to Home Office to Crime Statistics](#)

In the 12 months ending March 2011 there were 4.15 million crimes recorded by the police (notifiable⁷ offences).

- This was a decrease of 4.3 per cent compared with the 4.34 million in the 12 months ending March 2010 and a decrease of 31 per cent compared with the 6.01 million in the 12 months ending March 2004.
- Compared with the 12 months ending March 2010, crimes decreased in every offence group except *sexual offences, robbery and other theft*, which increased by 1.1, 1.4 and 4.0 per cent to 55,000, 76,200 and 1,078,700 respectively. The largest decrease was for *criminal damage* which decreased 13.1 per cent from 806,600 to 701,000
- Of these crimes 86.1 per cent were in the offence groups: *violence against the person, criminal damage, burglary and theft and handling stolen goods*.

⁷ Notifiable offences include all offences that could possibly be tried by jury (i.e. indictable and triable-either-way offences) plus a few additional closely related summary offences, such as assault without injury. Offence groups in notifiable offence tables in this section therefore differ from groups shown in other sections which may be restricted to indictable offences only.

Table Q1.6 - Summary of criminal justice statistics, 12 months ending March 2011 to 12 months ending March 2011

	England and Wales												Thousands
	12 months ending												
	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007	Mar 2008	Mar 2009	Mar 2010	Mar 2011	Mar 2011	(% change) 12 months ending Mar 2011 v 12 months ending Mar 2010
Crime measured by British Crime Survey ⁽¹⁾	14,762	12,532	12,260	11,642	10,679	10,715	11,060	10,002	10,446	9,503	9,618	9,618	1.2 ⁽⁵⁾
Notifiable offences ⁽²⁾	5,171	5,525	5,975	6,014	5,638	5,555	5,428	4,952	4,703	4,338	4,150	4,150	-4.3
- offences recorded by the police	235	227	228	250	258	314	359	356	322	273	238	238	-12.9
Number of offenders cautioned ⁽³⁾	148	142	145	154	158	191	206	200	178	150	131	131	-13.0
of which Indictable offences ⁽⁴⁾	1,901	1,830	1,925	2,057	1,955	1,899	1,746	1,714	1,640	1,691	1,640	1,640	-3.0
Defendants proceeded against at magistrates' courts	492	500	517	502	433	427	401	401	402	419	436	436	4.2
of which Indictable offences ⁽⁴⁾	1,359	1,289	1,364	1,481	1,451	1,433	1,344	1,344	1,294	1,321	1,274	1,274	-3.5
Defendants found guilty at magistrates' courts	268	272	281	276	252	256	246	251	252	256	272	272	6.2
of which Indictable offences ⁽⁴⁾	17	16	17	16	15	19	17	17	18	17	19	19	13.8
Defendants sentenced at the Crown Court after summary conviction	74	75	77	78	76	77	77	82	90	98	106	106	7.4
Defendants tried at the Crown Court	55	57	60	60	59	59	59	66	72	79	84	84	6.6
Defendants found guilty at the Crown Court	53	54	58	57	56	57	56	62	69	75	80	80	6.3
of which Indictable offences ⁽⁴⁾	1,414	1,346	1,425	1,541	1,510	1,493	1,404	1,410	1,366	1,400	1,359	1,359	-3.0
Total offenders found guilty at both courts	320	326	339	334	308	313	302	314	321	331	352	352	6.2
of which Indictable offences ⁽⁴⁾	1,648	1,573	1,652	1,791	1,768	1,807	1,763	1,766	1,688	1,674	1,597	1,597	-4.6
Total offenders found guilty or cautioned ⁽³⁾	468	468	484	487	466	504	508	513	499	481	482	482	0.2
of which Indictable offences ⁽⁴⁾	1,414	1,345	1,423	1,539	1,509	1,491	1,403	1,408	1,365	1,398	1,357	1,357	-2.9
Total sentenced	1,342	1,272	1,346	1,463	1,434	1,413	1,326	1,326	1,274	1,302	1,254	1,254	-3.7
Magistrates' court	72	73	77	76	74	78	77	83	91	96	103	103	7.8
Crown Court	104	108	110	109	103	102	94	97	100	100	102	102	2.2
Sentence	3	3	3	3	3	16	37	41	41	46	49	49	6.0
Custody	158	166	192	194	201	204	190	195	194	191	188	188	-1.3
Suspended Sentence	1,006	924	971	1,078	1,054	1,026	943	933	898	939	887	887	-5.4
Community Sentence	144	143	148	156	148	144	138	143	132	123	131	131	6.3
Fine													
Other Sentences													

(1) BCS estimates relate to crimes experienced in the 12 months prior to interview.

(2) Includes British Transport Police from 2002/03. The National Crime Recording Standard was introduced in 2002/03 and figures before and after that date are not directly comparable

(3) Cautions, written warnings and all fixed penalties for summary motoring offences are not covered in this volume but are published in the Home Office Statistical Bulletin

(4) Motoring offences and breath tests.

(5) Indictable offences include those triable-either-way.

(6) Not statistically significant, see Section 8 of the User Guide to Home Office Crime Statistics:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/crime-research-statistics/crime-research-statistics/user-guide-crime-statistics?view=Binary>

Out of Court Disposals [Tables Q2.1 – Q2.5]

Out of Court Disposals aim to deal with low risk, low-level and mostly first-time offenders outside of the court system in appropriate circumstances. Out of Court Disposals are not suitable for contested or more serious cases. They would not normally be considered for those who offend repeatedly (subject to relevant guidance). Out of court disposals can include cannabis warnings, Penalty Notices for Disorder and cautions^{8 9}.

Cannabis warnings

For a first time offence of cannabis possession an adult is usually issued with a 'cannabis warning'.

In the 12 months ending March 2011 there were 80,700 warnings for cannabis possession, a decrease of 7.6 per cent compared with 87,300 in the 12 months ending March 2010.

Penalty Notices for Disorder

Penalty Notices for Disorder (PNDs) are more commonly known as 'on the spot fines'. PNDs are a fixed penalty of £50 or £80 designed to tackle low-level, anti-social and nuisance offending for offenders aged 16 or over and are issued for a range of minor offences.

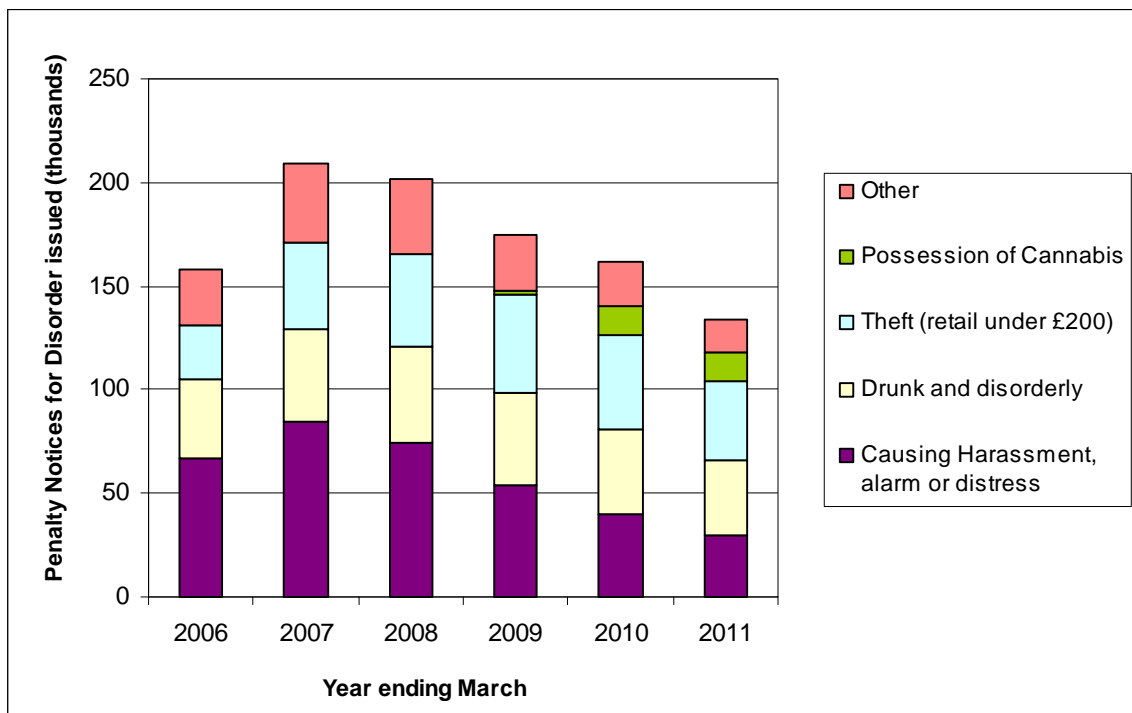
There were 134,000 PNDs issued for the 12 months ending March 2011, a decrease of 17.1 per cent compared with the 12 months ending March 2010. This was a decrease of 36.0 per cent compared with the 209,400 issued at the peak in the 12 months ending March 2007.

There were fewer PNDs issued in 40 of the 43 police force areas (including British Transport Police) in England and Wales compared with the 12 months ending March 2010.

⁸ Cautions, written warnings and all fixed penalties for summary motoring offences are not covered in this volume but are published in the Home Office Statistical Bulletin 'Motoring offences and breath tests'.

⁹ Including reprimands and warnings for juveniles.

Figure 2.1: Penalty Notices for Disorder issued, 12 months ending March 2006 to 12 months ending March 2011



Four offences accounted for 87.9 per cent of all PNDs issued in the 12 months ending March 2011, an increase of 1.2 per cent compared with the 12 months ending March 2010. These were

- 'retail theft of goods under the value of £200' - 27.9 per cent (37,400);
- 'drunk and disorderly' - 27.2 per cent (36,400);
- 'behaviour likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress' – 22.4 per cent (30,000);
- with 'possession of cannabis', the newest offences for which a PND can be issued now accounting for 10.3 per cent (13,900) of PNDs issued.

The change in the use of PNDs is different across these offences.

- 'Behaviour likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress' has decreased year-on-year from the high 84,300 in the 12 months ending March 2007 when it was the most frequently issued PND;
- 'Drunk and disorderly' has declined slightly with 1,700 fewer PNDs issued in the 12 months ending March 2011 than in the 12 months ending March 2006;
- 'Retail theft of goods under the value of £200' increased every year up to the 12 months ending March 2009 and decreased from then to 37,400 in the 12 months ending March 2011;

- 'Possession of cannabis' PNDs issued in the 12 months ending March 2011 remains similar to the preceding twelve month period.

Caution

A caution can be given when there is sufficient evidence for a conviction and it is not considered to be in the public interest to institute criminal proceedings. Additionally, the offender must admit guilt and consent to a caution in order for one to be given. A formal caution may be given by, or on the instructions of, a senior police officer. A system of reprimands and warnings replaced cautioning for juveniles in June 2000.

In the 12 months ending March 2011 there were 238,100 offenders including juveniles, cautioned¹⁰ or given a reprimand or warning. This was a 12.9 per cent decrease on the previous period (12 months ending March 2010) and continues the downward trend in the use of cautions from the peak in 2007. Of those offenders cautioned in the 12 months ending March 2011:

- For indictable offences there was a decrease of 13.0 per cent in offenders cautioned to 130,600. The offences *violence against the person* and *theft and handling stolen goods* accounted for 78.8 per cent of this decrease. Summary offences similarly decreased by 12.8 per cent to 107,400.

Cautions peaked in the 12 months ending March 2007 and March 2008 with 359,000 and 355,900 cautions administered respectively. Since the 12 months ending March 2008 there has been a 33.1 per cent decline in the number administered. The decline coincides with the removal of a target in April 2008 to increase offences brought to justice and a move towards bringing more serious crime to justice.

Within indictable offences the cautioning rate¹¹ is normally highest for *drug offences*, *criminal damage* and *violence against the person* and lowest for *robbery*, *other indictable offence* and *sexual offences*. In the 12 months ending March 2011 the cautioning rates for these offences were:

- *drug offences* – 39.8 per cent;
- *criminal damage* – 39.2 per cent;
- *violence against the person* – 32.2 per cent;
- *robbery* – 2.6 per cent;
- *other indictable offences* – 12.1 per cent;
- *sexual offences* – 19.0 per cent.

¹⁰ Excluding summary motoring offences

¹¹ The proportion of offenders that are given a caution out of those either cautioned or found guilty

Figure 2.2: Offenders cautioned by offence type, 12 months ending March 2001 to 12 months ending March 2011

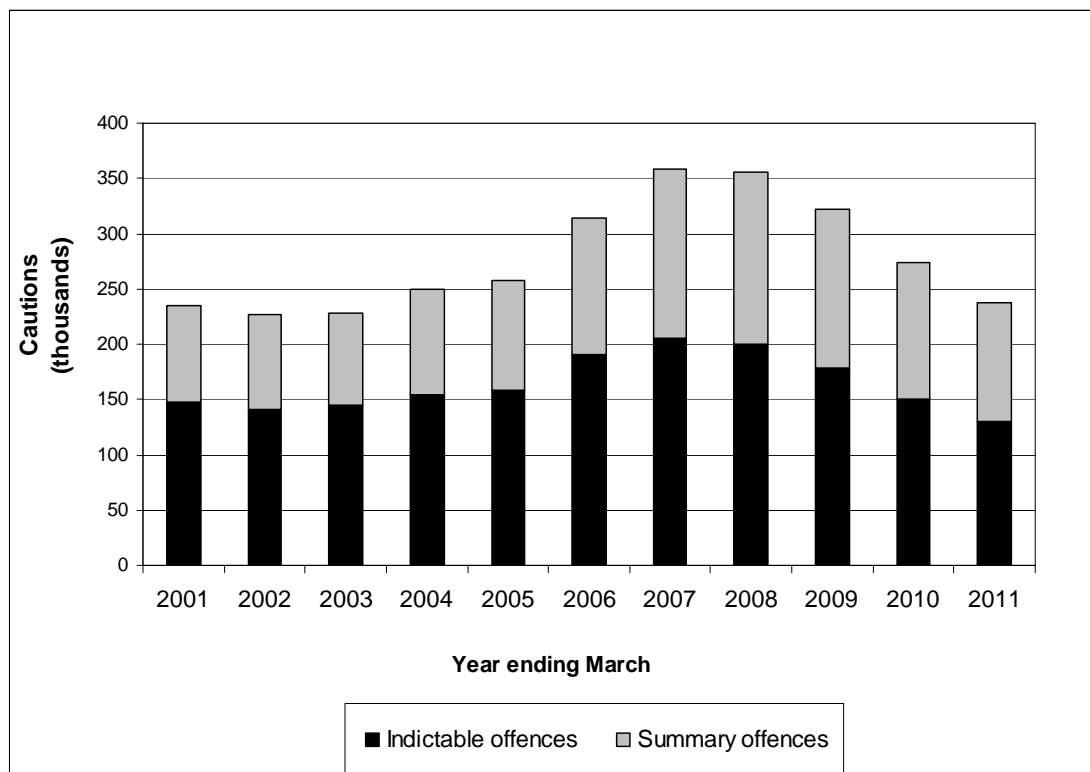


Table 2.2 - Number of Penalty Notices for Disorder issued to offenders age 16 and over by ethnicity, 12 months ending March 2011

England and Wales	White	Black	Asian	Other	Not Recorded/Not Known	Total
Offence						
Higher Tier Offences (£80)						
Wasting police time	1,853	34	130	255	425	2,697
Misuse of public telecommunications system	525	7	9	20	94	655
Giving false alarm to fire and rescue authority	40	2	1	1	12	56
Causing Harassment, alarm or distress	21,082	551	1,815	1,343	5,241	30,032
Throwing fireworks	231	6	8	43	58	346
Drunk and disorderly	29,063	253	694	572	5,812	36,394
Criminal Damage (under £500)	4,414	80	187	167	905	5,753
Theft (retail under £200)	27,361	879	1,953	1,467	5,782	37,442
Breach of fireworks curfew	19	-	3	1	1	24
Possession of category 4 fireworks	13	-	2	1	3	19
Possession by a person under 18 of adult fireworks	34	-	9	5	9	57
Sale of alcohol to drunken person	30	2	6	12	9	59
Supply of alcohol to a person under 18	36	1	1	2	10	50
Sale of alcohol to a person under 18	1,050	27	163	378	314	1,932
Purchasing alcohol for a person under 18	249	-	2	6	30	287
Purchasing alcohol for a person under 18 for consumption on the premises	26	-	-	-	8	34
Delivery of alcohol to a person under 18 or allowing such delivery	96	3	-	3	11	113
Possession of Cannabis	8,317	361	1,688	1,392	2,099	13,857
Lower Tier Offences (£50)						
Trespassing on a railway	950	59	63	15	338	1,425
Throwing stones at a train / railway	9	1	1	-	-	11
Drunk in a highway	525	15	18	21	141	720
Consumption of alcohol in a designated public place	771	63	74	85	126	1,119
Depositing and leaving litter	618	18	26	43	130	835
Consumption of alcohol by a person under 18 on relevant premises	12	1	1	-	3	17
Allowing consumption of alcohol by a person under 18 on relevant premises	3	-	-	-	1	4
Buying or Attempting to buy alcohol by a person under 18	35	1	-	-	5	41
Totals						
Total Higher Tier Offences	94,439	2,206	6,671	5,668	20,823	129,807
Total Lower Tier Offences	2,923	158	183	164	744	4,172
Total all offences	97,362	2,364	6,854	5,832	21,567	133,979

Table Q2.3 - Offenders cautioned by type of offence, 12 months ending March 2001 to 12 months ending March 2011

Type of offence	England and Wales										
	12 months ending										
	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007	Mar 2008	Mar 2009	Mar 2010	Mar 2011
All offenders											
Indictable offences											
Violence against the person	19.6	19.6	25.3	30.7	39.0	54.1	56.9	49.4	34.7	25.4	21.3
Sexual offences	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.4
Burglary	6.6	6.2	5.7	5.6	5.7	6.8	7.8	6.5	5.2	4.0	3.4
Robbery	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.2
Theft and handling stolen goods	66.6	60.9	53.2	56.5	62.5	69.3	73.4	70.0	64.7	56.6	45.4
Fraud and forgery	6.0	5.5	5.5	5.6	6.2	7.4	8.1	8.5	8.1	6.9	5.8
Criminal damage	3.3	3.3	3.2	4.2	5.7	7.8	9.2	8.6	7.6	5.9	5.0
Drug offences	39.5	40.1	46.0	43.8	31.5	35.4	38.1	44.2	47.2	42.1	41.2
Other (excluding motoring offences)	4.3	4.1	4.5	5.5	5.9	7.5	9.8	9.7	8.5	7.5	7.0
Total (excluding motoring offences)	147.7	141.5	145.1	153.8	158.4	190.9	206.0	199.5	177.9	150.1	130.6
Summary offences											
(excluding motoring offences)	86.9	85.1	82.8	96.0	99.4	123.0	153.0	156.3	144.3	123.1	107.4
All offences											
(excluding motoring offences)	234.5	226.6	227.9	249.8	257.8	313.9	359.0	355.9	322.1	273.2	238.1

Table Q2.4 - Proportion of offenders cautioned who were cautioned or found guilty, by type of offence, 12 months ending March 2001 to 12 months ending March 2011

England and Wales	12 months ending												Percentages	
	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007	Mar 2008	Mar 2009	Mar 2010	Mar 2011			
Type of offence														
All offenders														
Indictable offences														
Violence against the person	36	36	40	44	50	56	58	54	45	37	32			
Sexual offences	24	23	22	25	25	27	28	27	25	21	19			
Burglary	21	20	18	18	20	23	25	22	18	15	12			
Robbery	9	7	5	6	6	8	8	6	4	2	3			
Theft and handling stolen goods	35	32	30	32	37	40	42	40	37	34	27			
Fraud and forgery	21	20	20	21	23	26	29	29	28	25	22			
Criminal damage	25	23	22	27	33	39	42	42	46	43	39			
Drug offences	47	47	48	47	46	47	49	49	46	42	40			
Other (excluding motoring offences)	9	8	9	9	10	12	17	18	17	13	12			
Total (excluding motoring offences)	32	31	30	32	34	38	41	39	36	31	27			
Summary offences														
(excluding motoring offences)	15	16	15	16	16	19	24	24	22	19	18			
All offences														
(excluding motoring offences)	22	23	22	23	24	28	31	31	28	25	22			

Table Q2.5 - Persons cautioned for all offences by ethnicity, 12 months ending March 2001 to 12 months ending March 2011

England and Wales	Number of offenders (thousands)					
	Total	White	Black	Asian	Other	Unknown
12 months ending						
Mar 2001	234.5	200.8	13.2	9.8	2.3	8.4
Mar 2002	226.6	194.3	13.4	9.9	2.5	6.5
Mar 2003	227.8	193.9	14.6	10.4	2.5	6.4
Mar 2004	249.8	212.1	15.4	10.8	2.8	8.8
Mar 2005	257.8	215.8	13.4	13.2	3.8	11.6
Mar 2006	313.9	259.9	19.3	13.9	4.3	16.5
Mar 2007	359.0	294.6	22.6	15.7	5.2	20.9
Mar 2008	355.9	294.0	22.9	16.3	5.0	17.6
Mar 2009	322.1	266.4	22.2	15.6	5.3	12.6
Mar 2010	273.2	226.3	19.0	13.8	4.8	9.4
Mar 2011	238.1	198.2	17.1	12.3	4.2	6.3

Note: Totals may not sum due to rounding.

Court proceedings [Tables 3.1 – 3.5]

If there is sufficient evidence against the defendant and none of the out of court disposals are appropriate, the police will formally charge the suspect. The law then requires the defendant to be brought before a magistrates' court as soon as possible. The defendant can be summoned to appear in court or remanded on bail or custody.

Magistrates' courts

All criminal court cases start in a magistrates' court and the less serious offences will be handled entirely within this court.

In the 12 months ending March 2011, 1.64 million defendants were proceeded against at magistrates' courts, 3.0 per cent fewer than the 1.69 million in the 12 months ending March 2010.

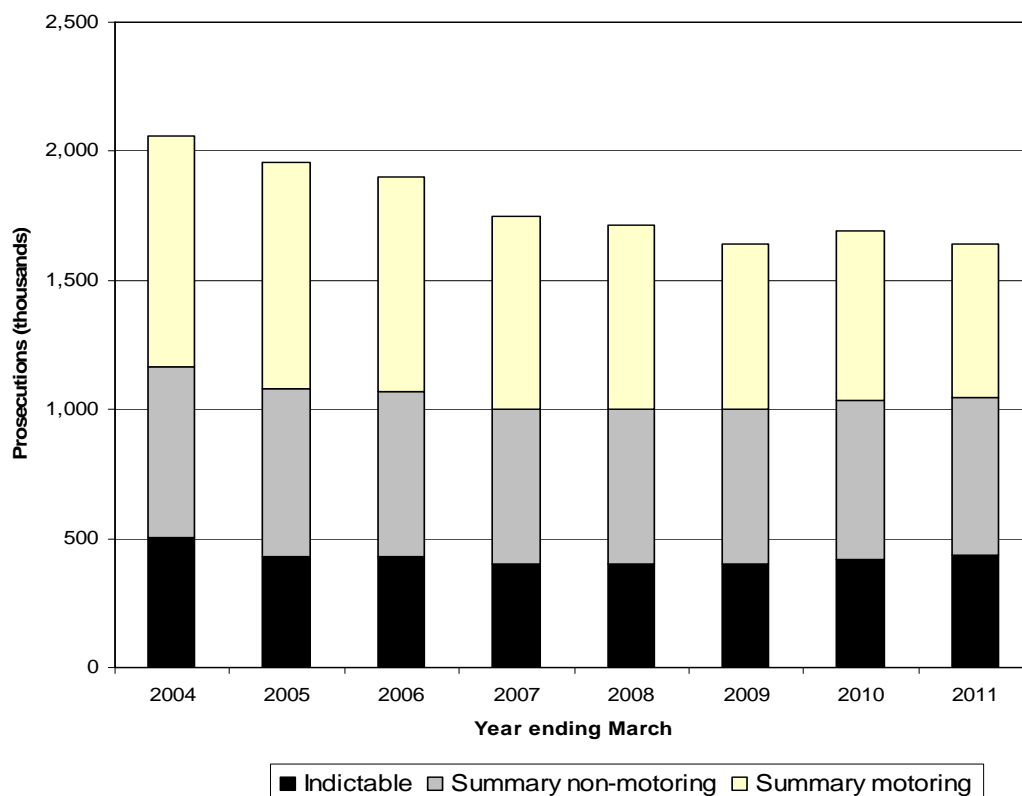
The main factor contributing to this decrease is a fall in defendants proceeded against for summary offences, a drop of 5.4 per cent from 1.27 million to 1.20 million between the 12 months ending March 2010 and the 12 months ending March 2011. Over the same period the number of proceedings for indictable offences increased 4.2 per cent from 418,900 to 436,500.

Summary proceedings, which cover the relatively minor offences such as TV license evasion, common assault and motoring offences, can be dealt with entirely within the magistrates' courts and make up nearly three quarters (73.4 per cent) of all cases. Just under half (49.5 per cent) of these cases relate to summary motoring proceedings which include offences such as speeding, driving while disqualified and drunk driving.

The majority of the decrease in proceedings for summary offences was accounted for by the fall in summary motoring proceedings:

- Defendants proceeded against for summary motoring offences fell by 9.1 per cent from 654,400 in the 12 months ending March 2010 to 595,100 in the 12 months ending March 2011;
- Defendants proceeded against for summary-non motoring offences fell by 1.6 per cent from 617,700 in the 12 months ending March 2010 to 608,100 in the 12 months ending March 2011.

Figure 3.1: Defendants proceeded against at magistrates' courts by type of offence, 12 months ending March 2004 to 12 months ending March 2011



Looking back at the past ten years, defendants proceeded against at magistrates' courts peaked within the decade in the 12 months ending March 2004 at 2.06 million. There were 20.3 per cent fewer defendants proceeded against in the 12 months ending March 2011 compared to the decade's peak. This drop was due to a decrease in summary offence proceedings of 22.6 per cent from 1.56 million to 1.20 million between the 12 months ending March 2004 and the 12 months ending March 2011.

Remands [Tables Q3.1 – Q3.4]

Police remands are the decisions made by a police officer on whether to detain or bail a defendant pending their first appearance in court or send a notice summoning them to appear in court. Court remands are the court's decision on whether a defendant charged with a criminal offence should be held in custody or released on bail during the period up to and including the trial, or while awaiting sentence.

Defendants are more likely to be remanded in custody for indictable offences than summary offences. As a result the proportion of defendants remanded in custody at the Crown Court is higher than at magistrates' courts.

Police remands

In the 12 month period ending March 2011, there were 1.72 million¹² defendants directed to appear at magistrates' courts, a decrease of 3.2 per cent compared with the 12 month period ending March 2010. Of these, 33.3 per cent were granted bail by the police, 11.2 per cent were remanded in custody, and the remaining 55.5 per cent were directed to appear via summonses.

The proportion of defendants remanded in custody varies by offence type. In the 12 months ending March 2011 the proportions remanded in custody were:

- 28.1 per cent (135,700) for indictable offences, similar to the 12 months ending March 2010 and 11.8 percentage points more than the 16.3 per cent in the 12 months ending March 2008;
- 7.7 per cent (48,100) for summary non-motoring offences, half a percentage point more than in the 12 months ending March 2010, and;
- 1.4 per cent (8,800) for summary motoring offences, similar to the proportions seen (1.5 per cent) in the 12 months ending March 2010.

Magistrates' courts

In the 12 month period ending March 2011, 1.72¹³ million defendants were proceeded against at magistrates' courts. Of these it was estimated that:

- 581,500 – 33.8 per cent were granted bail;
- 56,900 – 3.3 per cent were remanded in custody;
- and the remaining 1.08 million – 62.9 per cent had their case concluded at the magistrates' courts without being remanded.

The proportion of defendants remanded into custody at magistrates' courts has remained broadly consistent over the last seven years at around three to four per cent.

The proportions of defendants remanded in custody by magistrates' by offence type in the 12 months ending March 2011 were:

- 9.8 per cent (47,400) for indictable cases;
- 1.3 per cent (8,400) for summary non-motoring offences;
- 0.2 per cent (1,100) for summary motoring offences.

¹² Including those who failed to appear

¹³ Including those who failed to appear

Crown court remands

The proportion of defendants tried at the Crown Court for indictable offences who were remanded on bail has increased each year from 42.5 per cent in the period ending March 2005 to 53.2 per cent in the period ending March 2011 whereas the proportion remanded in custody fell from 42.6 per cent to 34.7 per cent over the same time frame.

Ethnicity

Data on the ethnicity of defendants are currently available for indictable offences only. It is collected using the officer observed appearance 4+1 system.

In the 12 months ending March 2011, the proportion of white defendants tried at the Crown Court for indictable offences who were held on remand was 32.9 per cent. This figure was 44.5 per cent for black defendants and 32.7 per cent for asian defendants.

Outcome of cases¹⁴

In the 12 months ending March 2011 approximately 11.8 per cent of those defendants remanded in custody at magistrates' courts were subsequently acquitted or not proceeded against, 13.6 percent received immediate custody, 3.4 per cent received a fine and 5.9 per cent received a community sentence. The remainder were either committed for trial or sentence at the Crown Court (54.6 per cent), received an absolute or conditional discharge (2.2 per cent), a suspended sentence (2.8 per cent), were otherwise dealt with (2.6 per cent) or failed to appear¹⁵ (3.1 per cent).

Over the same period, of those remanded in custody during trial at the Crown Court, 12.4 per cent were subsequently acquitted or not proceeded against, 70.7 percent received immediate custody, 6.3 per cent a community sentence and 5.9 per cent a suspended sentence. The remainder received a discharge (0.6 per cent), were otherwise dealt with (2.2 per cent) or failed to appear (1.7 per cent).

The much higher proportion of defendants receiving immediate custody at the Crown Court reflects the more serious nature of cases tried at the Crown Court.

Failure to appear

Each year a proportion of defendants fail to appear in court having been summoned to appear or granted bail.

- In the 12 months ending March 2011, just under 81,600 defendants failed to appear to bail or summons at magistrates' courts, 4.7 per cent of those directed to appear. This compares with 87,900 in the 12 months ending March 2010 and 109,400 in the 12 months ending March 2009, where the proportion failing to appear was 4.9 per cent and 5.6 per cent respectively.

¹⁴ Some percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding.

¹⁵ Defendants may have been remanded in custody at one stage of proceedings and granted bail at a later stage; these are counted as 'remanded in custody' but it is possible for them to fail to appear.

- In the 12 months ending March 2011 approximately 2,900 defendants on bail failed to appear at the Crown Court, 2.2 per cent of those tried at the Crown Court. This compares with 2,700 (2.3 per cent) in the period ending March 2010.

Table Q3.1 - Defendants directed to appear at magistrates' courts⁽¹⁾ by type of offence and how directed to appear, 12 months ending March 2005 to 12 months ending March 2011 (e)

England and Wales	Defendants (thousands and percentages)													
	Percentages													
	Defendants (thousands)					12 months ending March								
How directed to appear	2005 ⁽²⁾	2006 ⁽²⁾	2007 ⁽²⁾	2008 ⁽²⁾	2009	2010	2011	2005	2006	2007	2008 ⁽³⁾	2009	2010	2011
Indictable offences														
Summonsed	52.1	48.5	48.0	46.0	41.5	38.9	40.2	10.1	9.7	10.2	9.9	9.0	8.4	8.3
Arrested and bailed	375.4	361.3	341.9	345.0	315.3	297.1	306.5	72.5	72.1	72.8	73.7	68.6	64.0	63.5
Arrested and held in custody ⁽⁴⁾	90.2	91.6	79.8	76.0	103.0	128.0	135.7	17.4	18.3	17.0	16.3	22.4	27.6	28.1
Total	517.7	501.3	469.7	467.0	459.9	464.0	482.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Summary offences (other than motoring)														
Summonsed	445.3	436.1	398.2	385.0	390.5	403.1	389.5	66.1	64.8	63.1	61.7	63.0	63.3	62.3
Arrested and bailed	203.0	208.4	207.4	214.0	195.3	187.7	187.4	30.1	31.0	32.9	34.3	31.5	29.5	30.0
Arrested and held in custody ⁽⁴⁾	25.2	28.6	25.5	25.0	33.9	45.6	48.1	3.7	4.3	4.0	4.0	5.5	7.2	7.7
Total	673.5	673.1	631.1	624.0	619.8	636.4	625.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Summary motoring offences														
Summonsed	767.6	718.6	628.9	604.0	550.1	573.2	525.8	81.5	80.7	80.1	81.0	82.2	84.6	85.6
Arrested and bailed	158.2	156.8	145.4	133.0	110.0	93.7	79.4	16.8	17.6	18.5	17.9	16.4	13.8	12.9
Arrested and held in custody ⁽⁴⁾	16.2	15.1	10.9	9.0	9.2	10.4	8.8	1.7	1.7	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.4
Total	942.1	890.5	785.3	745.0	669.4	677.3	613.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All offences														
Summonsed	1,264.9	1,203.2	1,075.1	1,035.0	982.2	1,015.2	955.5	59.3	58.3	57.0	56.4	56.2	57.1	55.5
Arrested and bailed	736.6	726.5	694.6	692.0	620.7	578.5	573.3	34.5	35.2	36.8	37.7	35.5	32.5	33.3
Arrested and held in custody ⁽⁴⁾	131.6	135.4	116.3	110.0	146.2	183.9	192.5	6.2	6.6	6.2	6.0	8.4	10.3	11.2
Total	2,133.0	2,065.1	1,886.0	1,837.0	1,749.1	1,777.7	1,721.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(e) Magistrates' courts data are estimated.

(1) Total number of persons proceeded against includes those who failed to appear to a summons, or to bail, who are excluded from the proceedings figures given in other chapters.

Approximately 81,600 persons (5 per cent of those directed to appear) failed to appear in the 12 months ending March 2011.

(2) Data on bail and remand for the 12 months ending March 2005 to the 12 months ending March 2008 have been subject to a process used to generate estimates at England and Wales level. The nature of this process means that there will be slight differences between the totals in this table and table Q3.2 except when these tables present data covering a 12 month period to the end of December. Data for 2009 onwards are not affected because an improved estimation process has been applied to data relating to those years.

(3) Excludes remands data for Cardiff magistrates' court for April, July, and August 2008. Data for 2008 have been revised and now include approximately 16,600 defendants who failed to appear which were omitted from previously published versions of this table.

(4) Includes those remanded for part of the time in custody and part on bail.

Note: Some figures may not sum due to rounding.

Table Q3.2 - Defendants proceeded against at magistrates' courts⁽¹⁾ who were remanded by magistrates, by type of offence and type of remand, 12 months ending March 2005 to 12 months ending March 2011 (e)

England and Wales	Defendants (thousands and percentages)													
	Defendants (thousands)						Percentages							
	12 months ending March													
Type of offence	2005 ⁽²⁾	2006 ⁽²⁾	2007 ⁽²⁾	2008 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	2009	2010	2011	2005	2006	2007	2008 ⁽³⁾	2009	2010	2011
Indictable offences														
Not remanded	198.8	200.5	190.9	202.9	146.4	115.5	130.2	38.5	40.0	40.6	43.5	31.8	24.9	27.0
Remanded on bail	271.9	257.8	240.1	224.4	262.8	294.3	304.7	52.7	51.4	51.0	48.1	57.1	63.4	63.2
Remanded in custody ⁽⁴⁾	45.5	43.1	39.4	39.4	50.7	54.2	47.4	8.8	8.6	8.4	8.4	11.0	11.7	9.8
Total	516.2	501.4	470.4	466.8	459.9	464.0	482.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Summary offences (other than motoring)														
Not remanded	524.6	517.0	475.9	472.0	439.3	432.9	424.9	77.8	76.8	75.5	75.6	70.9	68.0	68.0
Remanded on bail	140.4	146.3	144.1	141.8	168.6	191.7	191.7	20.8	21.7	22.9	22.7	27.2	30.1	30.7
Remanded in custody ⁽⁴⁾	9.6	10.1	10.2	10.4	11.9	11.8	8.4	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.3
Total	674.6	673.5	630.1	624.2	619.8	636.4	625.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Summary motoring offences														
Not remanded	830.0	779.7	695.6	658.7	568.2	574.2	527.8	87.7	87.8	88.3	88.5	84.9	84.8	86.0
Remanded on bail	108.3	102.3	87.7	81.6	98.1	101.1	85.0	11.5	11.5	11.1	11.0	14.7	14.9	13.8
Remanded in custody ⁽⁴⁾	7.6	6.1	4.6	3.7	3.1	2.0	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.2
Total	945.9	888.1	787.9	744.0	669.4	677.3	613.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
All offences														
Not remanded	1,553.2	1,497.3	1,362.2	1,333.9	1,153.8	1,122.5	1,082.9	72.7	72.6	72.1	72.7	66.0	63.1	62.9
Remanded on bail	520.6	506.5	471.8	447.9	529.6	587.1	581.5	24.4	24.6	25.0	24.4	30.3	33.0	33.8
Remanded in custody ⁽⁴⁾	62.7	59.3	54.2	53.5	65.7	68.1	56.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.8	3.8	3.3
Total	2,136.5	2,063.0	1,888.3	1,835.3	1,749.1	1,777.7	1,721.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(e) Magistrates' courts data are estimated.

(1) Total number of persons proceeded against includes those who failed to appear to a summons, or to bail, who are excluded from the proceedings figures given in other chapters.

(2) Data on bail and remand for the 12 months ending March 2005 to the 12 months ending March 2008 have been subject to a process used to generate estimates at England and Wales level. The nature of this process means that there will be slight differences between the totals in this table and table Q3.1 except when these tables present data covering a 12 month period to the end of December. Data for 2009 onwards are not affected because an improved estimation process has been applied to data relating to those years.

(3) Excludes remands data for Cardiff magistrates' court for April, July, and August 2008.

(4) Including those remanded in custody at any stage of proceedings at magistrates' courts who may also have been given bail at some stage of those proceedings.

Note: Some figures may not sum due to rounding.

Table Q3.3 - Defendants tried at the Crown Court⁽¹⁾ by remand status during trial at the Crown Court by offence type, 12 months ending March 2011

England and Wales	Defendants (thousands)												Defendants (thousands and percentages)											
	12 months ending March												Percentages											
	2005	2006	2007	2008 ⁽²⁾	2009	2010	2011	2005	2006	2007	2008 ⁽²⁾	2009	2010	2011	2005	2006	2007	2008 ⁽²⁾	2009	2010	2011			
Type of offence																								
Indictable offences																								
Not remanded	13.9	15.9	14.6	14.1	15.9	14.9	14.7	14.9	16.5	15.5	14.3	14.9	13.2	12.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0			
Remanded on bail	39.6	41.8	44.8	48.5	52.0	58.6	64.5	64.5	43.6	47.7	49.2	48.8	52.0	53.2	42.6	39.9	36.8	36.5	36.3	34.8	34.7			
Remanded in custody ⁽²⁾	39.6	38.2	34.6	36.0	38.7	39.2	42.1	42.1	42.6	39.9	36.8	36.5	34.8	34.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0			
Total	93.1	95.9	93.9	98.6	106.6	112.7	121.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0			
Summary offences (other than motoring)																								
Not remanded	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.1	1.3	1.6	1.6	16.8	17.7	21.2	26.0	24.8	26.1	12.4	16.8	17.7	21.2	26.0	24.8	26.1			
Remanded on bail	1.5	1.8	2.0	2.3	2.4	2.9	3.3	3.3	56.2	58.3	58.1	54.6	55.9	54.1	57.9	56.2	58.3	58.1	54.6	55.9	54.1			
Remanded in custody ⁽²⁾	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.2	27.1	24.0	20.6	19.4	19.4	19.8	29.7	27.1	24.0	20.6	19.4	19.4	19.8			
Total	2.7	3.1	3.4	3.9	4.4	5.3	6.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0			
Summary motoring offences																								
Not remanded	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	34.9	34.7	36.7	38.8	43.8	45.0	33.0	34.9	34.7	36.7	38.8	43.8	45.0			
Remanded on bail	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	40.5	44.8	48.1	47.9	45.5	45.7	42.3	40.5	44.8	48.1	47.9	45.5	45.7			
Remanded in custody ⁽²⁾	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	24.5	20.5	15.2	13.3	10.7	9.2	24.7	24.5	20.5	15.2	13.3	10.7	9.2			
Total	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0			
All offences																								
Not remanded	14.5	16.7	15.4	15.3	17.4	16.6	16.7	16.7	16.7	15.7	14.8	15.6	14.0	13.0	15.0	16.7	15.7	14.8	15.6	14.0	13.0			
Remanded on bail	41.4	43.9	47.1	51.3	54.9	61.9	68.3	68.3	44.0	48.1	49.5	49.0	52.1	53.2	42.9	44.0	48.1	49.5	49.0	52.1	53.2			
Remanded in custody ⁽²⁾	40.6	39.3	35.5	36.9	39.7	40.3	43.4	43.4	39.4	36.2	35.7	35.4	33.9	33.8	42.1	39.4	36.2	35.7	35.4	33.9	33.8			
Total	96.5	99.8	98.1	103.6	112.0	118.9	128.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0			

(1) Total number of persons proceeded against includes those who failed to appear to a summons, or to bail, who are excluded from the proceedings figures given in other chapters.

(2) Including those remanded in custody at any stage of proceedings at the Crown Court who may also have been given bail at some stage of those proceedings. Remand status of defendants shown is based on decisions made during proceedings at the Crown Court which may be different to that recorded in Table Q3.4.

Note: Some figures may not sum due to rounding.

Table Q3.4 - Defendants⁽¹⁾ tried at the Crown Court by ethnicity⁽²⁾, by remand status before trial or sentence and offence group, 12 months ending March 2011

England and Wales		Defendants (thousands)				
Offence group ⁽³⁾ and remand status	Total	Ethnicity				Not recorded
		White	Black	Asian	Other	
		Defendants (thousands)				
Violence against the person	29.9	22.3	2.8	1.9	0.8	2.0
Not remanded	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0.0
Bailed	21.1	16.1	1.8	1.4	0.5	1.4
Remanded in custody ⁽⁴⁾	8.7	6.2	1.1	0.5	0.3	0.6
Sexual offences	7.7	5.6	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.6
Not remanded	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	-	0.0
Bailed	5.3	4.1	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.4
Remanded in custody ⁽⁴⁾	2.3	1.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
Burglary	12.9	10.5	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.8
Not remanded	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-	-
Bailed	5.1	4.2	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3
Remanded in custody ⁽⁴⁾	7.8	6.3	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.5
Robbery	7.8	4.7	1.6	0.6	0.3	0.7
Not remanded	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0.0
Bailed	3.4	2.0	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.3
Remanded in custody ⁽⁴⁾	4.4	2.7	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.3
Theft and handling stolen goods	14.1	10.5	1.3	0.8	0.4	1.1
Not remanded	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.0
Bailed	9.9	7.3	0.9	0.6	0.3	0.8
Remanded in custody ⁽⁴⁾	4.2	3.1	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.4
Fraud and forgery	9.0	3.8	1.5	0.9	0.6	2.3
Not remanded	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bailed	6.4	2.9	0.8	0.6	0.3	1.9
Remanded in custody ⁽⁴⁾	2.6	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.4
Criminal damage	2.4	1.9	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Not remanded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bailed	1.5	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Remanded in custody ⁽⁴⁾	0.9	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Drug offences	16.8	10.8	2.3	1.6	0.8	1.3
Not remanded	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.0
Bailed	11.3	8.1	1.3	0.9	0.3	0.7
Remanded in custody ⁽⁴⁾	5.5	2.7	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.6
Other indictable offences	18.3	12.7	1.6	1.4	0.6	2.1
Not remanded	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Bailed	13.1	9.4	0.9	1.0	0.4	1.4
Remanded in custody ⁽⁴⁾	5.0	3.3	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.4
Indictable motoring offences	2.4	1.7	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2
Not remanded	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	-
Bailed	1.9	1.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2
Remanded in custody ⁽⁴⁾	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total indictable offences	121.2	84.4	13.1	8.5	4.2	11.1
Total not remanded	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Total bailed	79.0	56.5	7.2	5.7	2.3	7.3
Total remanded in custody⁽⁴⁾	41.8	27.8	5.8	2.8	1.8	3.6

(1) Includes those who failed to appear.

(2) Third party observed (4+1) ethnicity data.

(3) Includes indictable offence groups only. In 2010, these accounted for 94 per cent of all cases tried at the Crown Court.

(4) Includes those remanded for part of the time in custody and part on bail. Remand status shown is that recorded at the point of committal from the magistrates' court to the Crown Court for trial or sentence which may differ from that recorded in Table Q3.3.

Note: Some figures may not sum due to rounding.

Table Q3.5 - Defendants⁽¹⁾ proceeded against at magistrates' courts by type of offence and age group, 12 months ending March 2001 to 12 months ending March 2011

Aged 10-17 England and Wales		12 months ending										Number (thousands)			
		Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007	Mar 2008	Mar 2009 ⁽²⁾	Mar 2010	Mar 2011			
Type of offence															
Number proceeded against (thousands)															
Indictable	83.0	83.7	78.5	74.4	67.2	68.0	66.4	65.0	58.4	55.4	53.6				
Summary non motoring	42.5	44.0	42.5	44.4	45.1	46.2	46.3	46.4	41.9	38.1	34.7				
Summary motoring	19.1	21.7	22.4	23.0	20.1	17.6	13.8	11.1	8.7	7.3	5.7				
All offences	144.6	149.4	143.4	141.8	132.4	131.8	126.5	122.4	108.9	100.7	94.1				
Aged 18 and over England and Wales												Number (thousands)			
Type of offence															
Number proceeded against (thousands)															
Indictable	408.6	416.2	438.3	427.6	365.5	359.2	335.1	335.9	343.8	363.5	382.9				
Summary non motoring	586.2	524.1	573.4	617.0	601.0	596.4	554.4	552.8	554.6	579.6	573.4				
Summary motoring	761.7	740.7	770.3	870.6	856.0	811.7	730.4	703.0	632.4	647.1	589.4				
All offences	1,756.5	1,681.0	1,782.0	1,915.1	1,822.5	1,767.3	1,619.9	1,591.6	1,530.7	1,590.2	1,545.7				
All ages England and Wales												Number (thousands)			
Type of offence															
Number proceeded against (thousands)															
Indictable	491.6	499.9	516.7	501.9	432.7	427.2	401.4	400.8	402.1	418.9	436.5				
Summary non-motoring	628.7	568.1	615.9	661.4	646.1	642.7	600.7	599.2	596.4	617.7	608.1				
Summary motoring	780.8	762.4	792.7	893.7	876.1	829.2	744.2	714.0	641.0	654.4	595.1				
All offences	1,901.2	1,830.4	1,925.4	2,057.0	1,954.9	1,899.1	1,746.4	1,714.1	1,639.6	1,691.0	1,639.7				

(1) Including "other defendants" i.e. companies, public bodies, etc.

(2) Excludes data for Cardiff magistrates' court for April, July, and August 2008.

Note: Some figures may not sum due to rounding.

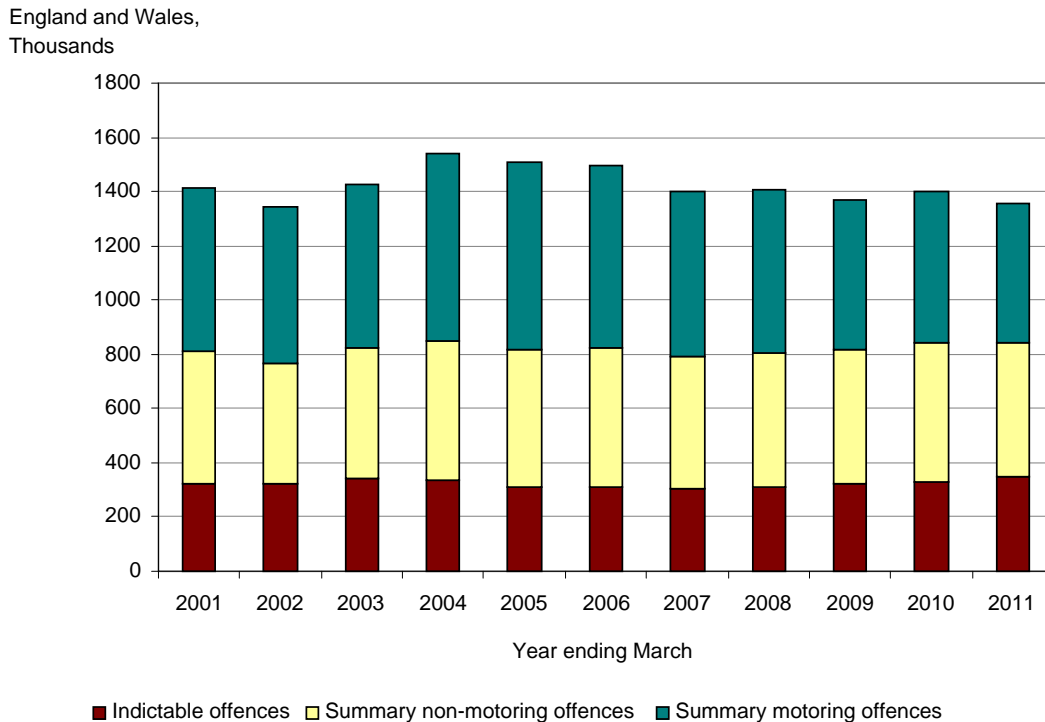
Offenders found guilty [Tables 4.1 – 4.3]

A conviction is where a person or a company is found guilty of a criminal offence at either the magistrates' courts or the Crown Court.

In the 12 months ending March 2011 there were 1.36 million offenders found guilty, a decrease of 3.0 per cent compared to the 12 months ending March 2010.

- Whilst there was an increase of 6.2 per cent (to 351,600) of offenders found guilty for indictable offences there was a decrease of 3.2 per cent (to 493,600) of offenders found guilty of summary non motoring and a decrease of 8.2 per cent (to 513,600) of offenders found guilty of summary motoring offences.
- Convictions for indictable offences accounted for 25.9 per cent of the total defendants found guilty; this is the highest proportion in the last eleven years and continues the trend of steady rises seen since the 12 months ending March 2005 when the percentage was 20.4 per cent. Summary non-motoring offences accounted for 36.3 per cent, and summary motoring offences for 37.8 per cent of convictions respectively.

Figure 4.1: Offenders found guilty by offence type, 12 months ending March 2001 to 12 months ending March 2011



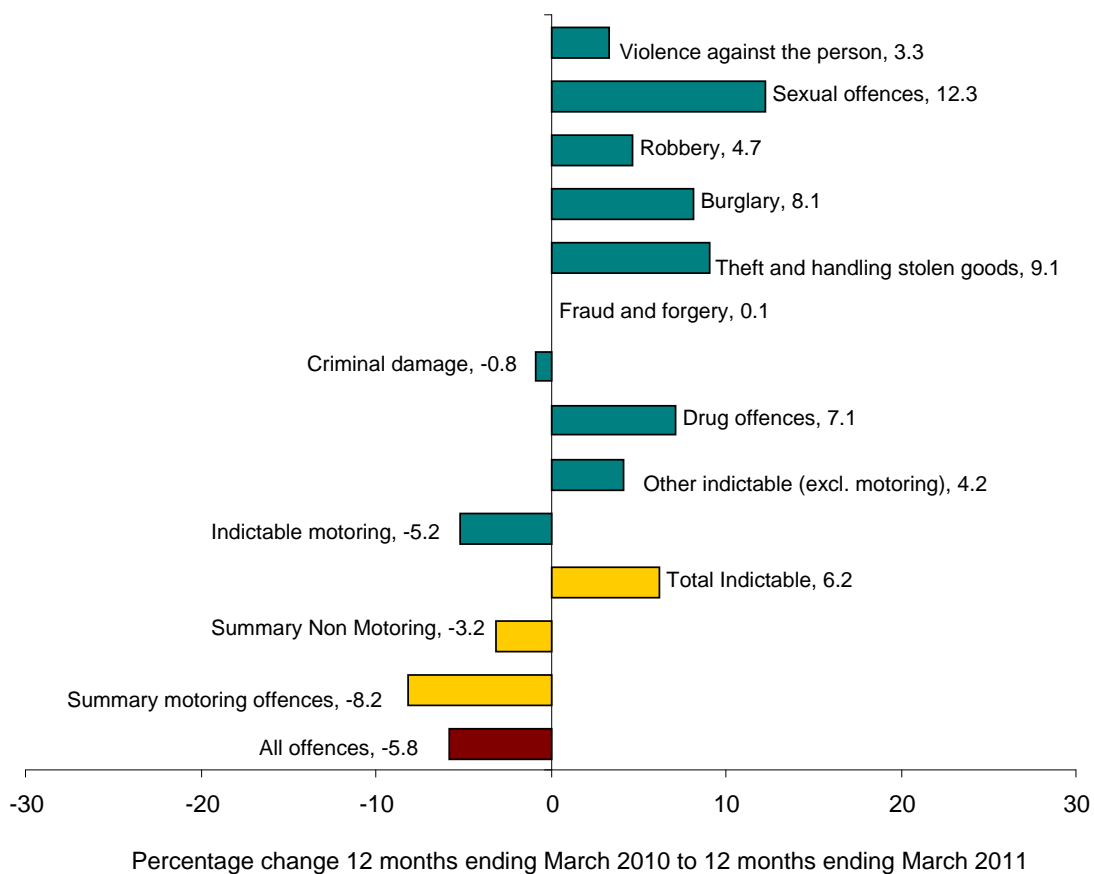
Convictions by offence group

Eight of the ten indictable offence groups show increases compared to the 12 months ending March 2010. These include the following:

- *Sexual offences* increased by 12.3 per cent from 5,300 to a series peak of 5,900 in the 12 months ending March 2011. The conviction ratio for *sexual offences* increased by 3.1 percentage points over the same period.

- *Theft and handling stolen goods* increased by 9.1 per cent from 112,300 to 122,500, with the conviction ratio increasing by fewer than one percentage point.
- *Burglary* convictions increased by 8.1 per cent from 22,700 to 24,500, and the conviction ratio increased by 1.6 percentage points.

Figure 4.2: Percentage change in offenders found guilty by offence type and offence group, 12 months ending March 2010 to 12 months ending March 2011



Conviction demographics

A total of one million males were found guilty in the 12 months to March 2011, accounting for 76.7 per cent of all persons. This compares with 304,400 females found guilty, 23.3 per cent of all persons¹⁶. A total of 71,500 juveniles (persons aged 10 to 17) were found guilty in the 12 months ending March 2011 (5.3 per cent of persons found guilty).

In the 12 months ending March 2011 there were 351,600 persons found guilty of an indictable offence, of which 90.3 per cent were of a known ethnicity. This is a 3.6 percentage point increase on the previous 12 month period and a 53.4 percentage

¹⁶ These figures are based on known 'males' and 'females'. Following the introduction of the Libra case management system during 2008, offenders at magistrates' courts can now be recorded as sex 'Not stated'. These figures have been excluded.

point increase since the 12 months ending March 2008; the year the LIBRA case management system was rolled out.

Around three-quarters of the total persons found guilty at all courts were white. Of these 38.5 per cent were convicted of theft and handling of stolen goods.

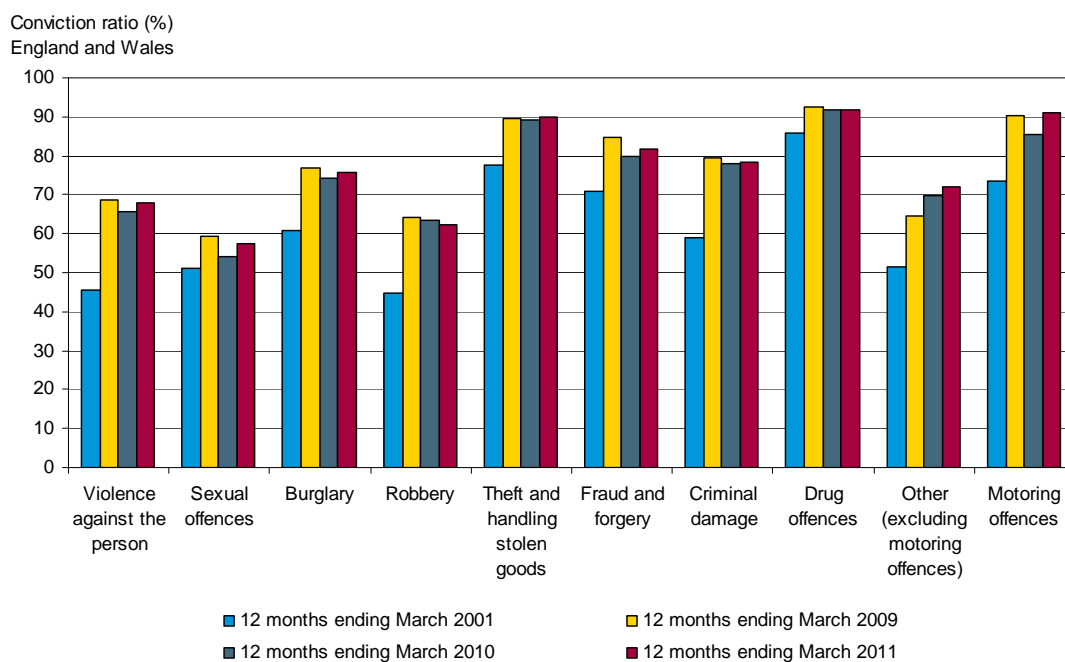
Conviction ratio

The conviction ratio is defined as the proportion of defendants proceeded against who were found guilty. In the 12 months ending March 2011, the conviction ratio for all offences was 82.9 per cent, consistent with the previous 12 month period. In comparison with the 12 months ending March 2001, the overall conviction ratio has risen by 8.5 percentage points.

Comparing the 12 months ending March 2011 with the 12 months ending March 2010, there was:

- an increase of 1.5 percentage points in the conviction ratio for indictable offences (80.6 per cent in the 12 months ending March 2011).
- a decrease of 1.3 percentage points in the conviction ratio for summary non-motoring offences (81.2 per cent in the 12 months ending March 2011).
- an increase of fewer than one per cent in the conviction ratio for summary motoring offences (86.3 per cent in the 12 months ending March 2011).

Figure 4.3: Conviction ratio by indictable offence group, 12 months ending March 2001, 12 months ending March 2009, 12 months ending March 2010, and 12 months ending March 2011



Eight out of the ten indictable offence group conviction ratios in the 12 months ending March 2011 have increased compared to the 12 months ending March 2010. All of

the indictable offence groups conviction ratios in 2011 have increased in comparison with 2001. The largest increase was for '*violence against the person*', which has increased from 45.4 per cent to 67.9 per cent across the 10 year period.

Table Q4.1 - Offenders⁽¹⁾ found guilty at all courts by offence group, 12 months ending March 2001 to 12 months ending March 2011⁽²⁾

England and Wales	Number of offenders (thousands)										
	12 months ending										
Offence group	Mar 01	Mar 02	Mar 03	Mar 04	Mar 05	Mar 06	Mar 07	Mar 08	Mar 09	Mar 10	Mar 11
Indictable offences											
Violence against the person	34.6	35.6	38.3	38.4	38.8	42.0	41.6	41.8	42.1	43.4	44.8
Sexual offences	3.9	4.1	4.4	4.4	4.7	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.3	5.9
Burglary	25.3	25.1	26.6	25.7	23.3	23.1	23.1	23.7	23.8	22.7	24.5
Robbery	6.0	7.0	7.9	7.3	7.3	7.4	8.3	8.7	8.6	8.4	8.8
Theft and handling stolen goods	126.1	127.0	125.5	117.6	106.3	104.0	99.4	106.5	112.5	112.3	122.5
Fraud and forgery	22.4	21.5	21.4	21.2	20.2	21.0	19.5	21.3	20.6	20.8	20.9
Criminal damage	10.0	10.9	11.0	11.4	11.5	12.1	12.8	11.8	9.0	7.8	7.7
Drug offences	44.3	46.0	50.3	48.9	37.4	40.4	39.6	46.4	54.3	58.2	62.4
Other (excluding motoring offences)	43.8	44.8	48.8	53.1	53.2	53.3	48.4	44.2	41.3	48.7	50.8
Motoring offences	4.0	4.4	5.1	5.5	5.2	4.7	4.3	4.1	3.7	3.5	3.4
Total	320.5	326.2	339.2	333.7	307.9	313.0	301.9	313.6	321.0	331.2	351.6
Summary offences											
Offences (excluding motoring offences)	492.9	438.9	481.8	515.5	511.3	514.1	488.5	493.9	498.2	509.7	493.6
Motoring offences	600.5	581.0	603.5	691.7	690.8	665.7	613.2	602.4	546.9	559.4	513.6
Total	1,093.4	1,019.9	1,085.4	1,207.2	1,202.1	1,179.8	1,101.7	1,096.3	1,045.1	1,069.1	1,007.2
All offences⁽³⁾	1,413.9	1,346.1	1,424.5	1,540.9	1,510.0	1,492.8	1,403.6	1,409.9	1,366.1	1,400.3	1,358.9

(1) Offenders comprises persons and organisations i.e. companies and public bodies.

(2) Excludes convictions data for Cardiff magistrates' court for April, July, and August 2008.

(3) May not sum due to rounding.

Table Q4.2 - Offenders found guilty at all courts by offence group, sex and age group, 12 months ending March 2011

England and Wales		Number of offenders (thousands)					
		Males			Females		
		All ages	Aged 10-17	Aged 18 & over	All ages	Aged 10-17	Aged 18 & over
Offence group	All offenders					Other offenders ⁽¹⁾	
Indictable offences							
Violence against the person	44.8	39.4	5.2	34.2	5.3	1.0	4.3
Sexual offences	5.9	5.9	0.5	5.3	0.1	0.0	0.1
Burglary	24.5	23.4	4.8	18.6	1.0	0.2	0.8
Robbery	8.8	8.1	3.2	4.9	0.7	0.3	0.4
Theft and handling stolen goods	122.5	96.0	10.7	85.3	26.0	2.6	23.5
Fraud and forgery	20.9	14.0	0.4	13.6	6.2	0.1	6.1
Criminal damage	7.7	6.8	1.4	5.4	0.9	0.2	0.6
Drug offences	62.4	57.4	5.4	52.0	4.7	0.2	4.5
Other (excluding motoring offences)	50.8	43.5	3.3	40.2	5.9	0.5	5.4
Motoring offences	3.4	3.2	0.2	3.0	0.2	0.0	0.2
Total	351.6	297.7	35.2	262.4	51.0	5.3	45.7
Summary offences							
Offences (excluding motoring offences)	493.6	306.5	21.0	285.5	162.1	5.3	156.9
Motoring offences	513.6	400.4	4.4	395.9	91.2	0.3	90.9
Total	1,007.2	706.9	25.4	681.5	253.3	5.5	247.8
All offences ⁽²⁾							
	1,358.9	1,004.6	60.7	943.9	304.4	10.8	293.5
							50.0

(1) Includes sex 'not stated' and other offenders (such as companies and public bodies).

(2) May not sum due to rounding.

Table Q4.3 - Conviction ratio⁽¹⁾ by offence group, 12 months ending March 2001 to 12 months ending March 2011⁽²⁾

England and Wales	Percentages											
	12 months ending											
Offence group	Mar 01	Mar 02	Mar 03	Mar 04	Mar 05	Mar 06	Mar 07	Mar 08	Mar 09	Mar 10	Mar 11	
Indictable offences												
Violence against the person	45.4	47.2	48.5	48.6	56.7	60.7	65.8	69.5	68.8	65.8	67.9	
Sexual offences	51.2	49.3	47.7	48.3	49.6	50.2	55.6	58.5	59.3	54.2	57.3	
Burglary	60.9	60.1	61.5	63.5	69.9	72.7	75.5	77.0	76.9	74.1	75.7	
Robbery	45.0	47.3	52.5	53.5	60.3	57.8	60.6	64.5	64.1	63.4	62.4	
Theft and handling stolen goods	77.6	77.8	78.0	79.2	83.0	84.5	85.4	87.7	89.6	89.1	89.8	
Fraud and forgery	70.8	72.0	71.9	72.6	76.5	79.2	79.4	83.2	84.6	79.7	81.9	
Criminal damage	59.0	58.1	59.6	61.5	67.2	71.3	72.7	76.0	79.3	78.1	78.4	
Drug offences	86.0	85.7	86.2	87.7	89.4	90.3	90.0	91.7	92.7	91.9	91.8	
Other (excluding motoring offences)	51.7	50.7	50.7	52.9	59.5	61.4	62.5	63.4	64.4	69.8	72.2	
Motoring offences	73.6	72.4	76.6	77.5	81.2	85.7	85.9	86.1	90.5	85.5	91.0	
Total	65.2	65.3	65.6	66.5	71.2	73.3	75.2	78.2	79.8	79.1	80.6	
Summary offences												
Offences (excluding motoring offences)	78.4	77.2	78.2	78.0	79.1	80.0	81.3	82.4	83.5	82.5	81.2	
Motoring offences	76.9	76.2	76.1	77.4	78.8	80.3	82.4	84.4	85.3	85.5	86.3	
Total	77.6	76.7	77.0	77.6	79.0	80.2	81.9	83.5	84.5	84.0	83.7	
All offences	74.4	73.5	74.0	74.9	77.2	78.6	80.4	82.3	83.3	82.8	82.9	

(1) Proportion of defendants proceeded against who were found guilty.

(2) Excludes convictions data for Cardiff magistrates' court for April, July, and August 2008.

Sentencing [Tables Q5.1 – Q5.9]

When someone is convicted of a crime, they will be given a sentence by a court which reflects the seriousness of the offence or offences committed by the offender. Sentences are generally time spent in prison, a community sentence, a fine or discharge.

In the 12 months ending March 2011 there were 1,357,400¹⁷ offenders sentenced following a criminal conviction, a decrease of 2.9 per cent from the 12 months ending March 2010. This comprised

- a decrease of 5.8 per cent in offenders sentenced for summary offences (to 1,007,600).
- an increase of 6.3 per cent for offenders sentenced for indictable offences (to 349,700).
- an increase of 7.8 per cent in offenders sentenced at the Crown Court (to 103,300).
- a decrease of 3.7 per cent in offenders sentenced at magistrates' courts (to 1,254,000).

Sentence outcomes for all offences

Custodial sentences

In the 12 months ending March 2011 there were 102,000 persons sentenced to immediate custody at all courts, an increase of 2.2 per cent compared to the same period a year earlier but a fall of 2.3 per cent since the 12 months ending March 2010. The custody rate¹⁸ in the period ending March 2011 of 7.6 per cent is the highest since the 12 months ending March 2003 when it was 7.8 per cent. The custody rate was 3.9 per cent at magistrates' courts and 52.1 per cent at the Crown Court.

Of the 102,000 persons sentenced to immediate custody in the 12 months ending March 2011:

- There were 48,200 custodial sentences handed down at magistrates' courts and 53,700 at the Crown Court; this was the third consecutive 12 month period where more custodial sentences were given at the Crown Court than at magistrates' courts.
- The average custodial sentence length (ASCL¹⁹) was 13.9 months. This was an increase of 0.1 months from the previous 12 month period and an increase of 2.3 months compared to the 12 months ending March 2010.

¹⁷ Includes 7,800 organisations such as companies and public bodies.

¹⁸ Custody rate: proportion of offenders convicted and sentenced who are given a custodial sentence.

¹⁹ ACSL excludes life/indeterminate sentences

- There were 1,342 indeterminate sentences handed down in this period. Of these:
 - There were 958 Indeterminate sentences for Public Protection (IPP's) – down from 999 in the 12 month period ending March 2010;
 - The number of life sentences fell from 414 in the 12 months ending March 2010, to 384 in the current 12 month period; this is the lowest figure in the last decade. Of the 384 life sentences in the current 12 month period, 334 were given for murder; this is down from 367 in the 12 months ending March 2010 and the lowest since the 12 months ending March 2004.
- The custody rates varies by the seriousness of the offence; the custody rate for indictable (including triable-either-way offences) was 24.0 per cent – down 0.5 per cent on the previous 12 month period – while for summary offences the custody rate was 1.8 per cent – this has changed little over the past decade.
- The average custody sentence length also varies depending on the seriousness of the offence; for indictable offences it was 16.4 months, for summary motoring offences it was 3.1 months and for summary non-motoring offences it was 2.6 months.
- Of the determinate custodial sentences handed down in the 12 months ending March 2011 there was a increase of 1.9 per cent in the number of sentences of 12 months or less over the previous period – from 69,800 to 71,100. There were also increases in the number of sentences over 12 months and including 4 years – rising from 23,300 to 24,000 – and a rise of 4.0 per cent in the number of sentences over 4 years (excluding indeterminate sentences).

Suspended Sentence Orders

In the 12 months ending March 2011 there were 48,600 Suspended Sentence Orders imposed, an increase of 6.0 per cent from the previous 12 month period. Of these sentences:

- 26,400 persons were given a suspended sentence at the magistrates' courts, an increase of 3.7 per cent on the previous 12 month period. Despite more than half (54 per cent) of suspended sentences being given at magistrates' courts they accounted for only 2.1 per cent of sentences handed down at magistrates' courts in the current 12 month period.
- 22,200 suspended sentences were given at the Crown Court, an increase of 8.8 per cent on the 12 months ending March 2010. Of those sentenced at the Crown Court, 21.5 per cent were given a suspended sentence; this was little changed from the previous 12 month period.

Community sentences

There were 188,200 community sentences handed down in the 12 months ending March 2011. The community sentence rate for all ages was 13.9 per cent, this is up

slightly from 13.7 per cent in the previous 12 month period and up from 11.2 per cent in the 12 months ending March 2001.

- There were 141,300 community sentences given to adults in the 12 months ending March 2011, this was 11.1 per cent of all adults sentenced.
- There were 47,000 community sentences given to juveniles in the current period, this was down by 11.0 per cent on the previous period. Community sentences were given to 65.2 per cent of juveniles sentenced, this is down from 67.2 per cent in the 12 months ending March 2010 but up from 41.7 per cent since the 12 months ending March 2001. The majority of juveniles given a community sentence are given either a referral order (52.6 per cent of all juvenile community sentences) or a Youth Rehabilitation Order (YRO) (38.4 per cent of juvenile community sentences).
- Of the community sentences handed down 169,000 were given at a magistrates' court, a fall of 3.0 per cent on the previous period while there were 19,300 handed down at the Crown Court, a rise of 16.3 per cent on the previous period. Of all sentences given at magistrates' courts 13.5 per cent were community sentences. At Crown Court 18.6 per cent of all persons sentenced were given a community sentence.

Fines

Fines continue to be the most common sentence due to the large volumes issued at magistrates' courts for summary offences. In the 12 months ending March 2011 there were 887,400 fines handed down (99.7 per cent of these being issued at magistrates' courts). Of the offenders receiving fines in this period:

- The majority (93.1 per cent) were issued for summary offences.
- There were 60,800 fines issued for indictable offences. The fine rate for indictable offences at all courts was 17.4 per cent which is a decrease from 24.9 per cent in the 12 months ending March 2001.
- The mean fine amount was £219 for all offences and the median fine amount was £175; these were similar to the averages in the 12 months ending March 2010 when the mean was £220 and the median £175 but have risen since the 12 months ending March 2001 (when the mean fine amount was £153 and the median fine amount was £100).

Other sentences

Other sentences comprise absolute and conditional discharges and 'otherwise dealt with'. The latter category deals with a miscellaneous group containing: mental health disposals; ancillary orders (e.g. compensation or confiscation orders); and other procedural disposals. There were 131,000 other sentences handed down in this period. These comprised:

- 90,200 conditional discharges; an increase of 5.6 per cent from a year earlier but a fall of 11.9 per cent since the 12 months ending March 2001.
- 8,600 absolute discharges; this was a fall of 4.5 per cent from the previous period and a fall of 45.4 per cent from the 12 months ending March 2001.

- 32,300 offenders 'otherwise dealt with', an increase of 11.9 per cent from the 12 months ending March 2010.

Sentence outcomes by age band

Adults:

There were 1.28 million adults sentenced in the 12 months ending March 2011; this was a 2.6 per cent fall from the number sentenced in the 12 months to March 2010 and a 2.6 per cent fall from the 12 months to March 2001. Of those adults sentenced:

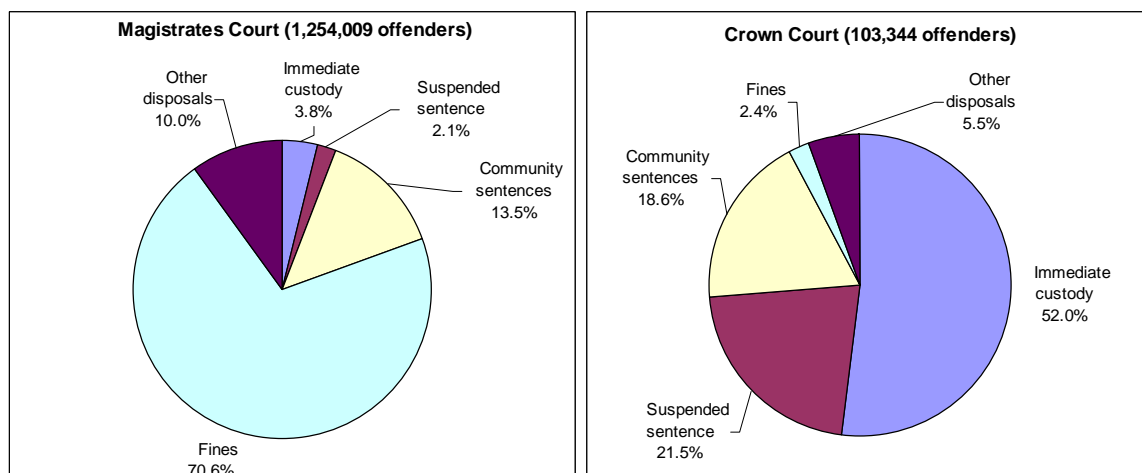
- 68.4 per cent of offenders were given a fine, down from 70.4 per cent in the 12 months ending March 2010 and from 74.3 per cent in the 12 months ending March 2001.
- There were 97,800 immediate custodial sentences handed down, this was 7.7 per cent of all adults sentenced. The custody rate increased by 0.4 percentage points on the previous period but has changed little in the past decade ranging from a low of 6.8 per cent in the 12 months ending March 2007 to a high of 8.1 per cent in the 12 months ending March 2002.

Juveniles:

There were 72,000 juveniles sentenced in the 12 months ending March 2011, a decrease of 8.3 per cent on the previous 12 month period and down by 22.0 per cent on the 12 months ending March 2001. Of those sentenced:

- There were 4,200 custodial sentences handed down, 5.8 per cent of all juveniles sentenced. The percentage of juveniles sentenced to immediate custody has fallen from 8.1 per cent in the 12 months ending March 2001.
- There were 6,100 fines handed down, a fall of 21.0 per cent on the 12 months ending March 2010 and by 71.8 per cent since the 12 months ending March 2001. Over the same period the fine rate fell from 23.3 per cent in the 12 months ending March 2001, to 8.4 per cent in the current period.

Figure 5.1: Sentence outcomes handed down by courts, 12 months ending March 2011



Offenders sentenced by ethnicity

Data on the ethnicity of offenders is currently only shown for offenders who have been convicted of an indictable offence due to data quality. In the 12 months ending March 2011 there were 348,900 persons sentenced for indictable offences of which 315,800 (90.5 per cent) had their ethnicity recorded.

- The immediate custody rate for indictable offences for all ethnicities was 24.0 per cent. This varied between ethnic groups with: white offenders having a custody rate of 23.2 per cent; black offenders having a custody rate of 26.3 per cent; and asian offenders having a custody rate of 28.9 per cent. These differences are likely to be a reflection of the different offences committed and different offender characteristics between ethnic groups. For more information see the publication *Race and the Criminal Justice System*²⁰.
- The community sentence rate also varied by ethnicity. The community sentence rate for all ethnic groups sentenced for indictable offences was 31.0 per cent. This compares to 31.9 per cent for white offenders; 29.9 per cent for black offenders; 27.1 per cent for Asian offenders; and 20.6 per cent for offenders of unknown ethnicity.

Persons sentenced for indictable offences

In the 12 months ending March 2011 there were 348,900 persons sentenced for indictable offences, an increase of six per cent from 328,100 in the 12 months ending March 2010. Of these persons:

- Over half were sentenced for either *theft and handling stolen goods* (35.0 per cent) or *drug offences* (17.7 per cent).
- *Theft and handling stolen goods* and *drug offences* accounted for over two thirds (69.2 per cent) of the increase in indictable offences since the 12 months ending March 2010. The largest increase in number sentenced was for *theft and handling stolen goods* which rose by 10,400 (9.3 per cent) on the previous 12 month period.
- The largest proportionate increase was for those sentenced for *sexual offences* with a rise of 12.3 per cent to 5,900. The largest proportionate decrease was for indictable *motoring offences* falling by 6.7 per cent to 3,350.
- For *theft and handling stolen goods* the most common disposal is a community sentence. This disposal was given to 35.2 per cent of persons sentenced in this offence group in the 12 months ending March 2011. Since the 12 months ending March 2010 the main change in sentencing for *theft and handling stolen goods* offences has been the falls in the fine rate (down by 8.0 percentage points) and the immediate custody rate (down by 2.0 percentage points).
- For *drug offences* the most used disposal is the fine given to 38.5 per cent of offenders sentenced in the 12 months ending March 2011. This was down from 45.8 per cent in the 12 months ending March 2010.

²⁰ www.justice.gov.uk/publications/statistics-and-data/criminal-justice/race.htm

- Over half of offenders sentenced for *sexual offences* are sentenced to immediate custody – 57.1 per cent of those sentenced – this has fallen slightly since the 12 months ending March 2001 when the custody rate was 62.5 per cent.

Figure 5.2: Percentage change in persons sentenced by indictable offence group, 12 months ending March 2010 to 12 months ending March 2011

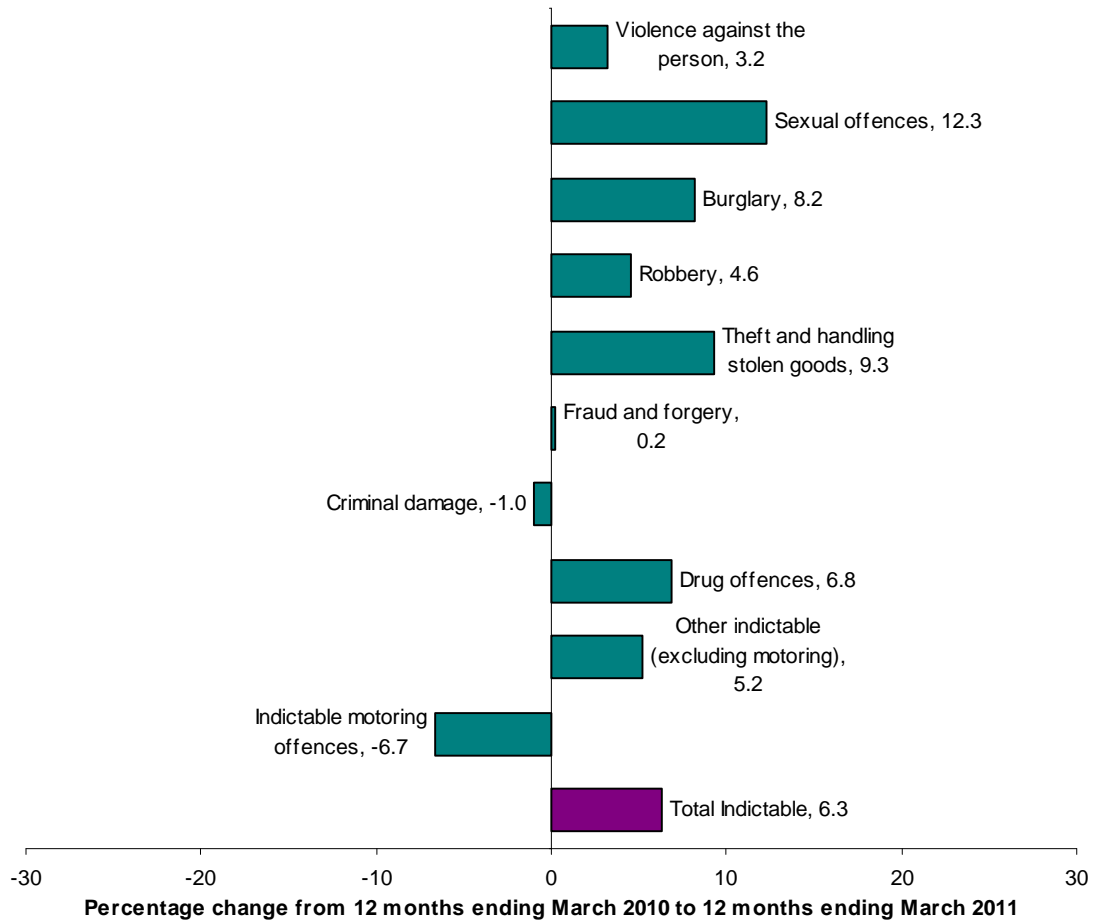


Table Q5.1 Offenders sentenced by offence group and outcome, all courts, 12 months ending March 2011

England and Wales		12 months ending												Number of offenders
		Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007	Mar 2008	Mar 2009 ⁽²⁾	Mar 2010	Mar 2011		
Offence group	Outcome													
All indictable offences	Total number sentenced	320,888	324,767	337,935	332,433	306,719	311,498	301,339	312,272	320,076	328,874	349,737		
	<i>Number given:</i>													
	Immediate custody	79,157	82,068	83,712	81,672	77,404	76,978	72,260	75,500	79,930	80,236	83,568		
	Suspended sentence	2,303	2,131	1,930	2,069	2,160	2,114	23,415	28,026	28,663	31,835	34,617		
	Community sentences	98,559	102,393	112,474	109,790	109,762	111,569	101,972	103,725	105,693	105,647	108,321		
	Fines	79,782	77,510	78,548	76,274	61,407	57,910	50,136	48,521	51,977	56,291	60,823		
	Absolute discharge	2,003	2,102	3,070	3,060	2,403	2,370	2,160	2,214	1,808	1,701	1,836		
	Conditional discharge	48,830	47,780	46,821	47,119	41,138	41,007	38,435	41,392	39,610	39,649	42,972		
	Otherwise dealt with	10,254	10,783	11,380	12,429	12,445	12,550	12,961	12,894	12,395	13,515	17,600		
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	14.2	14.8	15.6	15.7	16.1	15.6	15.3	15.1	16.3	16.5	16.4		
Summary non-motoring offences	Total number sentenced	492,805	438,718	481,662	515,304	511,061	514,021	488,329	493,735	498,074	509,864	493,883		
	<i>Number given:</i>													
	Immediate custody	9,190	9,124	9,443	10,043	11,252	12,323	12,507	13,789	14,284	14,599	14,707		
	Suspended sentence	242	245	230	273	359	2,524	6,733	7,487	7,819	9,253	9,712		
	Community sentences	32,785	35,600	42,370	44,988	52,318	59,388	60,419	65,859	66,654	66,209	64,273		
	Fines	392,710	337,989	372,397	396,303	384,354	377,653	347,557	342,958	351,706	364,285	346,275		
	Absolute discharge	4,882	4,259	5,825	4,725	4,083	4,038	3,673	3,581	3,167	2,949	2,828		
	Conditional discharge	44,910	43,611	43,183	46,791	43,928	44,397	42,421	45,927	41,802	42,136	44,210		
	Otherwise dealt with	8,086	7,890	8,214	12,181	14,767	13,698	15,019	14,134	12,642	10,433	11,878		
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6		
Summary motoring offences	Total number sentenced	600,543	581,046	603,508	691,692	690,812	665,720	613,173	602,458	546,928	559,479	513,733		
	<i>Number given:</i>													
	Immediate custody	16,013	17,096	16,686	17,429	14,297	12,351	9,181	7,643	5,960	4,910	3,700		
	Suspended sentence	374	334	347	402	418	3,909	6,854	5,893	4,990	4,825	4,318		
	Community sentences	26,193	28,232	36,968	39,031	38,499	32,722	27,689	24,968	21,219	18,961	15,649		
	Fines	533,150	508,327	519,767	605,282	608,716	590,559	545,669	541,519	493,973	517,924	480,343		
	Absolute discharge	8,866	8,655	11,209	9,958	7,686	6,886	5,719	4,986	4,414	4,348	3,932		
	Conditional discharge	8,592	9,265	8,857	9,443	9,071	8,395	7,016	5,907	3,994	3,609	2,999		
	Otherwise dealt with	7,355	9,137	9,674	10,147	12,125	11,098	11,045	11,542	12,378	4,902	2,792		
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1		
All offences	Total number sentenced	1,414,236	1,344,531	1,423,104	1,539,429	1,508,592	1,491,239	1,402,841	1,408,465	1,365,078	1,398,217	1,357,353		
	<i>Number given:</i>													
	Immediate custody	104,360	108,288	109,841	109,144	102,953	101,652	93,948	96,932	100,174	99,745	101,975		
	Suspended sentence	2,919	2,710	2,507	2,764	2,937	2,547	37,002	41,406	41,472	45,913	48,647		
	Community sentences	157,537	166,225	191,812	193,809	200,579	203,679	190,080	194,562	193,566	190,817	188,243		
	Fines	1,005,642	923,827	970,712	1,077,859	1,054,477	1,026,122	943,362	897,656	897,566	938,500	887,441		
	Absolute discharge	15,751	15,016	20,105	17,743	14,172	13,094	11,552	10,781	9,389	8,598	8,596		
	Conditional discharge	102,332	100,656	98,861	103,353	94,137	93,799	87,872	93,226	85,406	85,394	90,181		
	Otherwise dealt with	25,695	27,810	29,268	34,757	39,337	37,346	39,025	38,570	37,415	28,850	32,270		
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	11.5	12.0	12.7	12.5	12.9	12.5	12.4	12.4	13.5	13.7	13.9		

(1) Excludes life and indeterminate sentences.

(2) Excludes data for Cardiff magistrates' court for April, July and August 2008.

Table Q5.2 Offenders sentenced by offence group and outcome, magistrates' courts, 12 months ending March 2001 to 12 months ending March 2011

England and Wales	Offence group	Outcome	12 months ending												Number of offenders
			Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007	Mar 2008	Mar 2009 ⁽¹⁾	Mar 2010	Mar 2011		
	All indictable offences	Total number sentenced	252,161	255,318	264,241	259,388	235,810	237,310	228,518	234,431	234,616	238,979	253,283		
		<i>Number given:</i>													
		Immediate custody	35,367	37,982	38,318	37,737	34,511	33,305	30,899	31,793	30,990	30,055	31,615		
		Suspended sentence	563	531	473	544	606	5,110	11,827	12,482	11,544	12,433	13,514		
		Community sentences	80,526	83,795	91,039	87,989	88,661	90,679	87,248	90,540	91,271	90,683	91,037		
		Fines	77,940	75,582	76,633	74,242	59,581	56,118	48,493	46,875	50,427	54,703	59,102		
		Absolute discharge	1,922	2,035	2,997	2,999	2,345	2,321	2,110	2,166	1,749	1,637	1,754		
		Conditional discharge	46,926	45,854	44,794	44,886	39,059	39,011	36,689	39,479	37,741	37,617	40,705		
		Otherwise dealt with	8,917	9,539	9,987	10,991	11,047	10,766	11,252	11,096	10,894	11,851	15,556		
		Average custodial sentence length (months)	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.5		
	Summary non-motoring offences	Total number sentenced	490,377	436,302	479,214	512,749	508,452	511,005	485,051	489,956	493,823	504,817	487,935		
		<i>Number given:</i>													
		Immediate custody	8,616	8,574	8,928	9,502	10,693	11,605	11,726	12,829	13,094	13,300	13,097		
		Suspended sentence	224	223	214	263	344	2,447	6,446	7,090	7,305	8,366	8,780		
		Community sentences	31,905	34,671	41,434	44,069	51,301	58,312	59,401	64,708	65,380	64,742	62,465		
		Fines	392,345	337,634	372,040	395,921	384,000	377,304	347,177	342,562	351,363	363,839	345,835		
		Absolute discharge	4,876	4,251	5,823	4,718	4,081	4,031	3,660	3,573	3,158	2,932	2,816		
		Conditional discharge	44,392	43,124	42,670	46,248	43,419	43,876	41,901	45,351	41,151	41,472	43,375		
		Otherwise dealt with	8,019	7,825	8,105	12,028	14,614	13,430	14,740	13,843	12,372	10,166	11,567		
		Average custodial sentence length (months)	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.5		
	Summary motoring offences	Total number sentenced	599,758	580,267	602,696	690,896	690,058	664,987	612,420	601,432	545,908	558,598	512,791		
		<i>Number given:</i>													
		Immediate custody	15,714	16,800	16,405	17,150	14,054	12,126	8,976	7,407	5,713	4,678	3,499		
		Suspended sentence	372	330	343	398	417	3,886	6,789	5,799	4,885	4,698	4,148		
		Community sentences	25,989	28,029	36,708	38,797	38,268	32,530	27,542	24,819	21,057	18,837	15,490		
		Fines	532,921	508,108	519,565	605,045	608,488	590,355	545,438	541,157	493,607	517,623	480,021		
		Absolute discharge	8,865	8,654	11,208	9,957	7,685	6,684	5,719	4,985	4,414	4,346	3,930		
		Conditional discharge	8,572	9,249	8,842	9,421	9,053	8,379	6,995	5,873	3,966	3,586	2,975		
		Otherwise dealt with	7,325	9,097	9,625	10,128	12,093	11,027	10,961	11,392	12,266	4,830	2,728		
		Average custodial sentence length (months)	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.1		
	All offences	Total number sentenced	1,342,296	1,271,887	1,346,150	1,463,033	1,434,320	1,413,302	1,325,989	1,325,819	1,274,347	1,302,394	1,254,009		
		<i>Number given:</i>													
		Immediate custody	59,697	63,356	63,651	64,389	59,258	57,036	51,601	52,029	49,797	48,033	48,211		
		Suspended sentence	1,159	1,084	1,030	1,205	1,367	11,443	25,062	25,371	23,734	25,497	26,442		
		Community sentences	138,420	146,495	169,181	170,855	178,230	181,521	174,191	180,067	177,708	174,262	168,992		
		Fines	1,003,206	921,325	968,238	1,075,208	1,052,069	1,023,777	941,108	930,594	895,397	936,165	884,958		
		Absolute discharge	15,663	14,940	20,029	14,111	13,036	14,111	11,489	10,724	9,321	8,915	8,500		
		Conditional discharge	99,890	98,227	96,306	100,555	91,531	91,286	85,585	90,703	82,858	82,675	87,055		
		Otherwise dealt with	24,261	26,461	27,717	33,147	37,754	35,223	36,953	36,331	35,532	26,847	29,851		
		Average custodial sentence length (months)	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.5		

(1) Excludes data for Cardiff magistrates' court for April, July and August 2008.

Table Q5.3 Offenders sentenced by offence group and outcome, the Crown Court, 12 months ending March 2001 to 12 months ending March 2011

England and Wales	Offence group	Outcome	12 months ending									Number of offenders	
			Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007	Mar 2008	Mar 2009		Mar 2010
	All indictable offences	Total number sentenced	68,727	69,449	73,694	73,045	70,909	74,188	72,821	77,841	85,460	89,895	96,454
		<i>Number given:</i>											
		Immediate custody	43,790	44,086	45,394	43,935	42,893	43,673	41,361	43,707	48,940	50,181	51,953
		Suspended sentence	1,740	1,600	1,457	1,545	1,554	4,004	11,588	15,544	17,119	19,402	21,103
		Community sentences	18,033	18,598	21,435	21,801	21,101	20,890	14,724	13,185	14,422	14,964	17,284
		Fines	1,842	1,928	1,915	2,032	1,826	1,792	1,643	1,646	1,550	1,588	1,721
		Absolute discharge	81	67	73	61	58	49	50	48	59	64	82
		Conditional discharge	1,904	1,926	2,027	2,233	2,079	1,996	1,746	1,913	1,869	2,032	2,267
		Otherwise dealt with	1,337	1,244	1,393	1,438	1,398	1,784	1,709	1,798	1,501	1,664	2,044
		Average custodial sentence length (months)	23.3	25.1	26.4	26.8	26.9	25.6	25.1	24.5	25.2	25.0	25.1
	Summary non-motoring offences	Total number sentenced	2,428	2,416	2,448	2,555	2,609	3,016	3,278	3,779	4,251	5,047	5,948
		<i>Number given:</i>											
		Immediate custody	574	550	515	541	559	718	781	960	1,190	1,299	1,610
		Suspended sentence	18	22	16	10	15	77	287	397	514	887	932
		Community sentences	880	929	936	919	1,017	1,076	1,018	1,151	1,274	1,467	1,808
		Fines	365	355	357	382	354	349	380	396	343	446	440
		Absolute discharge	6	8	2	7	2	7	13	8	9	17	12
		Conditional discharge	518	487	513	543	509	521	520	576	651	664	835
		Otherwise dealt with	67	65	109	153	153	268	279	291	270	267	311
		Average custodial sentence length (months)	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	4.0	3.7	3.5	3.2	3.2	3.2
	Summary motoring offences	Total number sentenced	785	779	812	796	754	733	753	1,026	1,020	881	942
		<i>Number given:</i>											
		Immediate custody	299	296	281	279	243	225	205	236	247	232	201
		Suspended sentence	2	4	4	4	1	23	65	94	105	127	170
		Community sentences	204	203	260	234	231	192	147	149	162	124	159
		Fines	229	219	202	237	228	204	231	362	366	301	322
		Absolute discharge	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	1	-	2	2
		Conditional discharge	20	16	15	22	18	16	21	34	28	23	24
		Otherwise dealt with	30	40	49	19	32	71	84	150	112	72	64
		Average custodial sentence length (months)	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.2
	All offences	Total number sentenced	71,940	72,644	76,954	76,396	74,272	77,937	76,852	82,646	90,731	95,823	103,344
		<i>Number given:</i>											
		Immediate custody	44,663	44,932	46,190	44,755	43,695	44,616	42,347	44,903	50,377	51,712	53,764
		Suspended sentence	1,760	1,626	1,477	1,559	1,570	4,104	11,940	16,035	17,738	20,416	22,205
		Community sentences	19,117	19,730	22,631	22,954	22,349	22,158	15,889	14,485	15,858	16,555	19,251
		Fines	2,436	2,502	2,474	2,651	2,408	2,345	2,254	2,404	2,259	2,335	2,483
		Absolute discharge	88	76	76	69	61	58	63	57	68	83	96
		Conditional discharge	2,442	2,429	2,555	2,798	2,606	2,533	2,287	2,523	2,548	2,719	3,126
		Otherwise dealt with	1,434	1,349	1,551	1,610	1,583	2,123	2,072	2,239	1,883	2,003	2,419
		Average custodial sentence length (months)	23.0	24.7	26.0	26.3	26.4	25.2	24.6	24.0	24.5	24.4	24.3

Table Q5.4 Offenders and persons sentenced by outcome and rate, 12 months ending March 2001 to 12 months ending March 2011

	Number of offenders/persons and rates										
	12 months ending										
	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007	Mar 2008	Mar 2009 ⁽²⁾	Mar 2010	Mar 2011
Total persons sentenced	1,403,758	1,334,996	1,413,914	1,529,019	1,498,584	1,482,259	1,395,278	1,400,567	1,356,831	1,389,694	1,349,540
Males	1,147,139	1,098,917	1,157,399	1,256,753	1,222,347	1,195,234	1,119,878	1,106,128	1,035,061	1,040,187	1,003,357
Females	256,619	236,079	256,515	272,266	276,237	287,025	275,400	290,552	294,227	314,564	304,228
Not Stated	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	3,887	27,543	34,943	41,955
Total offenders sentenced of which: Others	1,414,236	1,344,531	1,423,104	1,539,429	1,508,592	1,491,239	1,402,841	1,408,465	1,365,078	1,398,217	1,357,353
	10,478	9,536	9,191	10,410	10,008	8,980	7,563	7,898	8,247	8,523	7,813
Sentence											
Immediate custody Rate ⁽¹⁾	104,360 7.4	108,288 8.1	109,841 7.8	109,144 7.1	102,953 6.9	101,652 6.9	93,948 6.7	96,932 6.9	100,174 7.4	99,745 7.2	101,975 7.6
Suspended sentence Rate ⁽¹⁾	2,919 0.2	2,710 0.2	2,507 0.2	2,764 0.2	2,937 0.2	15,547 1.0	37,002 2.7	41,406 3.0	41,472 3.1	45,913 3.3	48,647 3.6
Community sentences Rate ⁽¹⁾	157,537 11.2	166,225 12.5	191,812 13.6	193,809 12.7	200,579 13.4	203,679 13.7	190,080 13.6	194,552 13.9	193,566 14.3	190,817 13.7	188,243 13.9
Fine Rate	1,005,642 71.1	923,827 68.7	970,712 68.2	1,077,859 70.0	1,054,477 69.9	1,026,122 68.8	943,362 67.2	932,998 66.2	897,656 65.8	938,500 67.1	887,441 65.4
Absolute discharge Rate	15,751 1.1	15,016 1.1	20,105 1.4	17,743 1.2	14,172 0.9	13,094 0.9	11,552 0.8	10,781 0.8	9,389 0.7	8,998 0.6	8,596 0.6
Conditional discharge Rate	102,332 7.2	100,656 7.5	98,861 6.9	103,353 6.7	94,137 6.2	93,799 6.3	87,872 6.3	93,226 6.6	85,406 6.3	85,394 6.1	90,181 6.6
Otherwise dealt with Rate	25,695 1.8	27,810 2.1	29,268 2.1	34,757 2.3	39,337 2.6	37,346 2.5	39,025 2.8	38,570 2.7	37,415 2.7	28,850 2.1	32,270 2.4

(1) Rates are calculated on persons for sentences of immediate custody, suspended sentence and community sentence as 'others' cannot receive this sentence.

(2) Excludes data for Cardiff magistrates' court for April, July and August 2008.

Table Q5.5 Persons sentenced to immediate custody and average custodial sentence length at all courts by offence group, 12 months ending March 2001 to 12 months ending March 2011

England and Wales		12 months ending										Persons sentenced
Offence group	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007	Mar 2008	Mar 2009 ⁽²⁾	Mar 2010	Mar 2011	
Violence against the person	11,116	11,420	11,800	11,765	12,252	12,934	12,290	12,480	13,880	14,082	14,004	
Sexual offences	2,413	2,395	2,597	2,566	2,781	2,737	2,849	2,791	2,970	3,095	3,384	
Burglary	13,119	12,704	12,947	11,784	10,297	9,530	9,132	9,322	10,053	9,906	10,852	
Robbery	4,410	4,972	5,894	5,111	4,808	4,577	4,749	4,787	5,219	5,038	5,186	
Theft and handling stolen goods	25,600	27,189	26,987	25,438	21,533	20,525	19,109	20,302	20,874	19,949	22,442	
Fraud and forgery	3,761	3,787	3,776	4,002	4,064	4,861	4,378	5,505	5,600	5,198	4,664	
Criminal damage	1,191	1,185	1,193	1,237	1,261	1,295	1,334	1,296	1,119	1,061	1,111	
Drug offences	8,031	8,610	8,106	8,135	7,726	7,933	7,462	8,585	9,384	9,625	9,624	
Other (excl motoring offences)	7,748	7,841	8,189	9,215	10,494	10,613	9,294	8,911	9,467	11,008	11,172	
Indictable motoring offences	1,768	1,965	2,223	2,419	2,188	1,973	1,663	1,521	1,364	1,274	1,129	
All indictable offences	79,157	82,068	83,712	81,672	77,404	76,978	72,260	75,500	79,930	80,236	83,568	
Summary non-motoring offences	9,190	9,124	9,443	10,043	11,252	12,323	12,507	13,789	14,284	14,599	14,707	
Summary motoring offences	16,013	17,096	16,686	17,429	14,297	12,351	9,181	7,643	5,960	4,910	3,700	
All summary offences	25,203	26,220	26,129	27,472	25,549	24,674	21,688	21,432	20,244	19,509	18,407	
All offences	104,360	108,288	109,841	109,144	102,953	101,652	93,948	96,932	100,174	99,745	101,975	

England and Wales		12 months ending										Average custodial sentence length ⁽¹⁾
Offence group	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007	Mar 2008	Mar 2009 ⁽²⁾	Mar 2010	Mar 2011	
Violence against the person	15.9	17.0	18.0	18.7	18.8	17.5	16.9	16.6	17.5	17.9	17.6	
Sexual offences	38.5	37.8	39.6	39.9	40.9	41.2	41.5	42.7	46.3	47.8	50.3	
Burglary	16.0	16.9	17.4	17.3	17.3	17.3	17.2	16.3	17.9	18.7	18.9	
Robbery	36.2	36.4	38.7	39.5	37.6	34.3	31.3	31.6	32.9	33.6	35.5	
Theft and handling stolen goods	4.3	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.1	
Fraud and forgery	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.8	9.5	10.4	10.8	10.1	10.8	10.4	11.5	
Criminal damage	14.7	16.5	16.0	16.8	16.1	14.3	12.9	13.1	16.5	18.4	17.9	
Drug offences	30.9	33.3	34.6	35.7	36.7	35.5	33.2	32.1	32.8	31.7	30.6	
Other (excl motoring offences)	8.7	9.5	10.1	9.3	8.8	8.9	9.4	9.9	10.7	9.9	9.8	
Indictable motoring offences	7.8	7.9	8.4	8.5	8.7	8.5	9.1	9.0	9.4	9.3	9.5	
All indictable offences	14.2	14.8	15.6	15.7	16.1	15.6	15.3	15.1	16.3	16.5	16.4	
Summary non-motoring offences	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	
Summary motoring offences	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.1	
All summary offences	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.7	
All offences	11.5	12.0	12.7	12.5	12.9	12.5	12.4	12.4	13.5	13.7	13.9	

(1) Excludes life and indeterminate sentences.

(2) Excludes data for Cardiff magistrates' court for April, July and August 2008.

Table Q5.6 Persons sentenced to immediate custody at all courts by length of sentence and average custodial sentence length, 12 months ending March 2001 to 12 months ending March 2011

England and Wales	Number of persons										
	12 months ending										
Persons given immediate custody and sentence length	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007	Mar 2008	Mar 2009 ⁽³⁾	Mar 2010	Mar 2011
All offences											
Total persons sentenced	1,403,758	1,334,996	1,413,914	1,529,019	1,498,584	1,482,259	1,395,278	1,400,567	1,356,831	1,389,694	1,349,540
Number given immediate custody	104,360	108,288	109,841	109,144	102,953	101,652	93,948	96,932	100,174	99,745	101,975
<i>Percentage given immediate custody (%)</i>	7.4	8.1	7.8	7.1	6.9	6.9	6.7	6.9	7.4	7.2	7.6
Up to and including 3 months	40,142	41,903	41,589	41,349	38,421	36,872	33,665	35,357	36,009	35,938	38,279
Over 3 months and up to and including 6 months	28,707	29,185	28,971	30,089	27,273	26,833	23,529	23,487	21,811	20,972	20,046
Over 6 months and less than 12 months	5,837	5,623	5,566	5,452	5,702	5,899	5,716	6,359	7,120	7,129	7,008
12 months	5,561	5,574	5,557	5,263	5,167	5,536	5,239	5,453	5,778	5,725	5,747
Over 12 months and up to and including 18 months	6,503	6,581	7,000	6,570	6,167	6,394	6,159	6,263	6,956	7,372	7,472
Over 18 months and up to and including 3 years	9,935	10,608	11,159	10,583	10,428	10,525	10,391	10,519	11,798	12,111	12,580
Over 3 years and less than 4 years	1,389	1,701	1,984	1,933	1,971	1,735	1,446	1,469	1,715	1,845	1,946
4 years	1,809	2,046	2,196	2,174	2,018	1,695	1,617	1,621	1,972	1,928	2,029
Over 4 years and up to and including 5 years	1,565	1,853	2,133	2,073	2,092	1,865	1,649	1,683	2,015	2,013	2,079
Over 5 years and up to and including 10 years	2,136	2,374	2,748	2,715	2,751	2,542	2,155	2,183	2,689	2,828	2,896
Over 10 years and less than life	309	333	375	434	387	367	286	327	454	471	551
Indeterminate sentence ⁽¹⁾	:	:	:	:	:	738	1,584	1,723	1,342	999	958
Life	467	507	563	509	576	651	512	488	515	414	384
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	11.5	12.0	12.7	12.5	12.9	12.5	12.4	12.4	13.5	13.7	13.9
Indictable offences											
Total persons sentenced	319,550	323,435	336,766	330,954	305,623	310,446	300,235	311,242	319,171	328,101	348,922
Number given immediate custody	79,157	82,068	83,712	81,672	77,404	76,978	72,260	75,500	79,930	80,236	83,568
<i>Percentage given immediate custody (%)</i>	24.8	25.4	24.9	24.7	25.3	24.8	24.1	24.3	25.0	24.5	24.0
Up to and including 3 months	25,998	27,341	27,404	26,735	24,481	23,770	21,750	23,095	23,672	23,760	26,339
Over 3 months and up to and including 6 months	17,653	17,533	17,032	17,237	15,666	15,271	13,768	14,325	13,925	13,669	13,628
Over 6 months and less than 12 months	5,834	5,618	5,563	5,447	5,701	5,896	5,714	6,354	7,107	7,114	6,982
12 months	5,559	5,574	5,556	5,262	5,166	5,534	5,235	5,451	5,772	5,719	5,732
Over 12 months and up to and including 18 months	6,503	6,580	6,999	6,570	6,167	6,393	6,157	6,262	6,954	7,367	7,468
Over 18 months and up to and including 3 years	9,935	10,608	11,159	10,583	10,428	10,523	10,388	10,519	11,798	12,109	12,576
Over 3 years and less than 4 years	1,389	1,701	1,984	1,933	1,971	1,734	1,446	1,469	1,715	1,845	1,946
4 years	1,809	2,046	2,196	2,174	2,018	1,695	1,617	1,621	1,972	1,928	2,029
Over 4 years and up to and including 5 years	1,565	1,853	2,133	2,073	2,092	1,865	1,649	1,683	2,015	2,013	2,079
Over 5 years and up to and including 10 years	2,136	2,374	2,748	2,715	2,751	2,541	2,155	2,183	2,689	2,828	2,896
Over 10 years and less than life	309	333	375	434	387	367	286	327	454	471	551
Indeterminate sentence ⁽¹⁾	:	:	:	:	:	738	1,583	1,723	1,342	999	958
Life	467	507	563	509	576	651	512	488	515	414	384
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	14.2	14.8	15.6	15.7	16.1	15.6	15.3	15.1	16.3	16.5	16.4

(1) Sentences of imprisonment for public protection introduced by the Criminal Justice Act 2003 on 4 April 2005.

(2) Excludes life and indeterminate sentences.

(3) Excludes data for Cardiff magistrates' court for April, July and August 2008.

Table Q5.7 Juveniles sentenced for all offences by type of sentence (detailed), 12 months ending March 2001 to 12 months ending March 2011

England and Wales	Persons sentenced										
	12 months ending										
	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007	Mar 2008	Mar 2009 ⁽⁴⁾	Mar 2010	Mar 2011
Sentence											
Immediate custodial sentences											
S90-92 PCC(S) Act 2000	551	570	695	485	550	480	416	401	477	406	418
Detention and training order	6,947	6,915	6,412	5,799	5,553	5,526	5,468	5,230	4,873	4,212	3,712
Young offender institution	-	-	3	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Extended sentence for public protection	*	*	*	*	2	98	95	102	41	12	11
Indeterminate sentence for public protection (IPP)	*	*	*	*	*	37	58	60	59	27	36
Total immediate custody	7,498	7,485	7,110	6,288	6,109	6,141	6,037	5,793	5,450	4,657	4,177
Community sentences											
Community rehabilitation order	2,327	2,436	2,350	2,230	2,010	1,747	1,679	1,812	1,742	1,374	173
Supervision order	10,973	11,324	9,924	10,036	10,012	10,827	11,554	11,463	9,186	6,978	613
Community punishment order	4,830	4,089	3,058	2,743	2,549	2,185	1,912	1,853	1,731	1,338	93
Attendance centre order	5,587	5,008	3,091	2,758	2,718	2,828	2,868	3,156	2,557	1,879	186
Community punishment and rehabilitation order	1,959	1,732	1,591	1,464	1,304	1,177	1,258	1,306	1,481	1,389	157
Curfew order	524	1,599	2,449	3,238	4,113	4,114	4,324	4,826	5,592	4,900	928
Reparation order	5,776	8,154	3,665	3,045	3,084	3,371	3,782	4,148	4,003	3,279	2,000
Action plan order	6,527	8,689	4,948	4,307	4,581	4,859	4,902	4,693	4,022	2,421	101
Drug treatment and testing order	13	70	72	61	52	24	10	11	5	-	-
Referral order ⁽¹⁾	*	521	25,198	25,523	26,602	30,443	30,530	31,597	28,808	27,795	24,709
Community order ⁽²⁾	*	*	*	*	*	-	-	-	-	59	-
Youth Rehabilitation order	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1,360	18,024
Total community sentences	38,516	43,622	56,346	55,405	57,025	61,575	62,819	64,865	59,127	52,772	46,984
Other sentences											
Absolute discharge	19,968	16,793	13,740	13,888	12,184	12,228	11,626	11,911	10,748	9,979	9,849
Conditional discharge											
Fine	21,529	22,068	12,473	14,981	14,956	13,597	11,150	9,996	8,800	7,683	6,070
Suspended sentence ⁽³⁾	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-
Otherwise dealt with	4,840	4,902	3,767	3,971	4,349	2,995	2,951	2,762	2,693	3,470	4,931
Total other sentences	46,337	43,763	29,980	32,840	31,489	28,823	25,727	24,670	22,241	21,132	20,850
Total sentenced	92,351	94,870	93,436	94,533	94,623	96,539	94,583	95,328	86,818	78,561	72,011

(1) Referral orders now include numbers of extension of referral orders, and may therefore not be the same as previously published figures.

(2) Community orders were introduced by the Criminal Justice Act 2003 for offences committed from 4 April 2005.

(3) Suspended sentences are not available for juveniles

(4) Excludes data for Cardiff magistrates' court for April, July and August 2008.

Table Q5.8 Adults sentenced for all offences by type of sentence (detailed), 12 months ending March 2001 to 12 months ending March 2011

England and Wales											Persons sentenced
Sentence	12 months ending										
	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2003	Mar 2004	Mar 2005	Mar 2006	Mar 2007	Mar 2008	Mar 2009 ⁽⁴⁾	Mar 2010	Mar 2011
Immediate custodial sentences											
S90-92 PCC(S) Act 2000	-	-	3	9	5	13	13	6	13	16	7
Young offender institution	18,026	17,905	16,792	15,336	14,186	14,230	13,250	13,765	13,400	13,686	12,653
Unsuspended imprisonment	78,777	82,843	85,303	86,535	81,313	78,946	71,887	74,750	79,573	79,979	83,725
Extended sentence of imprisonment (EPP)	59	55	633	965	1,200	1,453	1,179	955	455	435	491
Indeterminate sentence for public protection (IPP)	*	*	*	*	*	701	1,526	1,663	1,283	972	922
Intermittent custody	*	*	*	11	140	168	56	-	-	-	-
Total immediate custody	96,862	100,803	102,731	102,856	96,844	95,511	87,911	91,139	94,724	95,088	97,798
Community sentences											
Community rehabilitation order	53,649	57,204	62,678	60,040	57,231	18,918	1,130	328	223	181	68
Community punishment order	44,827	45,580	47,973	48,425	50,838	21,358	2,155	466	301	187	48
Attendance centre order	622	576	491	544	680	428	326	257	198	228	120
Community punishment and rehabilitation order	16,591	12,108	13,926	14,040	14,578	6,202	655	214	168	157	36
Curfew order	2,226	2,590	4,781	7,863	11,385	5,719	2,061	1,784	1,493	1,043	761
Drug treatment and testing order	1,106	4,545	5,602	7,444	8,820	3,349	155	17	4	1	-
Referral order ⁽¹⁾	*	*	15	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community order ⁽²⁾	*	*	*	*	22	86,130	120,779	126,621	132,052	136,248	140,226
Total community sentences	119,021	122,603	135,466	138,404	143,554	142,104	127,261	129,687	134,439	138,045	141,259
Other sentences											
Absolute or conditional discharge	97,788	98,608	104,969	106,963	95,901	94,451	87,596	91,997	83,892	84,280	88,820
Fine	974,010	892,553	949,370	1,053,035	1,029,846	1,003,849	924,913	915,318	880,987	922,491	873,686
Suspended sentence ⁽³⁾	2,919	2,710	2,507	2,764	2,937	15,544	37,002	41,405	41,472	45,913	48,647
Otherwise dealt with	20,807	22,849	25,435	30,464	34,879	34,261	36,012	35,693	34,499	25,316	27,319
Total other sentences	1,095,524	1,016,719	1,082,281	1,193,226	1,163,563	1,148,105	1,085,523	1,084,413	1,040,850	1,078,000	1,038,472
Total sentenced	1,311,407	1,240,126	1,320,478	1,434,486	1,403,961	1,385,720	1,300,695	1,305,239	1,270,013	1,311,133	1,277,529

(1) Referral orders now include numbers of extension of referral orders, and may therefore not be the same as previously published figures.

(2) Community orders were introduced by the Criminal Justice Act 2003 for offences committed from 4 April 2005.

(3) Fully suspended sentence for offences committed prior to 4 April 2005, suspended sentence order for offences committed from 4 April 2005.

(4) Excludes data for Cardiff magistrates' court for April, July and August 2008.

Table Q5.9 Persons⁽¹⁾ sentenced at all courts for indictable offences by ethnicity and result, 12 months ending March 2011

England and Wales						
Offence type / group	Ethnicity					
	Total	White	Black	Asian	Other	Unknown
Indictable offences						
Absolute discharge	1,830	1,423	131	59	24	193
Conditional discharge	42,958	34,150	2,960	1,359	530	3,959
Fine	60,038	43,153	6,087	3,248	670	6,880
Community sentence	108,321	83,266	9,634	4,531	1,220	9,670
Suspended sentence	34,617	25,835	2,802	1,726	715	3,539
Immediate custody	83,568	60,637	8,447	4,833	2,483	7,168
Otherwise dealt with	17,590	12,559	2,114	944	272	1,701
Total	348,922	261,023	32,175	16,700	5,914	33,110

(1) Includes cases reported to the Ministry of Justice as sex 'not stated'.

Offences [Tables Q6.1 – Q6.4]

This chapter differs from the others in the publication by counting on an all offence basis, as opposed to a principal offence basis. Courts and the police typically deal with defendants charged with more than one offence; for example, in the 12 months ending March 2011 each offender committed on average 1.4 offences.

In the 12 months ending March 2011 the ratio of convictions per offender was 1.4, the same as the 12 months ending March 2010. This compares to 1.5 in the 12 months ending March 2008 and the 12 months ending March 2009 and a ratio of between 1.6 to 1.7 for the 12 months ending March 2001 to the 12 months ending March 2007.

In comparison with the 12 months ending March 2001, convictions per offender in the 12 months ending March 2011:

- fell from 1.9 to 1.7 for indictable offences.
- rose from 1.1 to 1.2 for summary non-motoring offences.
- fell from 1.9 to 1.4 for summary motoring offences.

Convictions (offences basis)

In the 12 months ending March 2011 there were 1.90 million convictions on an all offences basis, a fall of 4.5 per cent from the previous 12 months. From a peak of 2.61 million in 2004 there have been average year-on-year decreases of around four per cent, with an overall fall of 27.2 per cent when compared with the latest period.

Compared to the 12 months ending March 2010 there was:

- an increase of 3.6 per cent in convictions for indictable offences (592,800 in 12 months ending March 2011).
- a decrease of 3.2 per cent in convictions for summary non-motoring offences (608,400 in 12 months ending March 2011).
- a decrease of 11.4 per cent in convictions for summary motoring offences (698,600 in 12 months ending March 2011).

Indictable offences accounted for 31.2 per cent of convictions in 12 months ending March 2011, a rise of 2.4 percentage points compared with the 12 months ending March 2010. This was the highest proportion of convictions for indictable offences since the 12 months ending March 2001 (26.4 per cent).

Summary non-motoring offences accounted for 32.0 per cent of all convictions, up slightly on the previous period (0.4 percentage points), but a rise of 9.4 percentage points compared with 2001. Summary motoring offences accounted for 36.8 per cent of all offences, a fall of 2.9 percentage points compared with 12 months ending March 2010, and a fall of 14.2 per cent compared with 2001.

Cautions (offences basis)

In the 12 months ending March 2011 there were 260,000 cautions issued for offences, a decrease of 13.8 per cent from the 12 months ending March 2010. This decrease continues the downward trend observed from the year ending March 2007 where cautions peaked at 392,500. Prior to this, there had been year on year rises from the 12 months ending March 2004 to the 12 months ending March 2007.

Compared to the 12 months ending March 2010 there was:

- a decrease of 12.7 per cent in cautions issued for indictable offences (to 142,200 in 12 months ending March 2011).
- a decrease of 15.0 per cent in cautions issued for summary non-motoring offences (to 117,700 in 12 months ending March 2011).

Indictable offences accounted for 54.7 per cent of caution offences in 12 months ending March 2011, a rise of 0.7 percentage points on 12 months ending March 2010 but a fall of 8.6 percentage points compared with 12 months ending March 2001.

Summary non-motoring offences accounted for 45.3 per cent of caution offences in 12 months ending March 2011, a fall of 0.7 percentage points on 12 months ending March 2010, but a rise of 8.6 percentage points compared with 12 months ending March 2001.

Offences Brought to Justice (notifiable offences)

One measure of justice outcomes is Offences Brought to Justice (OBTJ). An offence is said to have been brought to justice when a 'notifiable offence' results in an offender being convicted, cautioned, issued with a penalty notice for disorder or a cannabis warning, or having an offence taken into consideration at court.

In the 12 months ending March 2011 there were 1.25 million OBTJs, a decrease of 4.3 per cent compared to the 12 months ending March 2010. Recorded crime totals for the same period also fell by 4.3 per cent.

Over time the number of OBTJs has increased from 995,600 in the 12 months ending March 2001 but decreased from the series high of 1.45 million in the 12 months ending March 2008.

In the 12 months ending March 2011:

- convictions accounted for 61.2 per cent of OBTJs (764,700), a rise of 3.7 percentage points on the 12 months ending March 2010.
- cautions accounted for 19.6 per cent of OBTJs (245,400), a fall of 2.2 percentage points on the 12 months ending March 2010.
- penalty notices for disorder accounted for 6.9 per cent of OBTJs (86,200), a fall of 1.3 percentage point on the 12 months ending March 2010.
- formal warnings for cannabis possession accounted for 6.3 per cent of OBTJs (79,000), a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the 12 months ending March 2010.

- offences taken into consideration accounted for 5.9 per cent of OBTJs (74,200), a decrease of 0.1 percentage point on the 12 months ending March 2010.

In the 12 months ending March 2011 convictions accounted for 61.2 per cent of OBTJs, this was a decrease from 68.2 per cent in the 12 months ending March 2001. This fall is accounted for by the introduction of penalty notices for disorder and formal warnings for cannabis possession in the same period.

OBTJs by offence group

In the 12 months ending March 2011, the main offence groups which make up OBTJs were *violence against the person* (28.6 per cent), *theft and handling stolen goods* (25.2 per cent) and *drug offences* (18.8 per cent).

In comparison with the 12 months ending March 2001, the proportion of OBTJs accounted for by *violence against the person* has increased from 21.5 per cent to 28.6 per cent in the 12 months ending March 2011, and *drug offences* has increased from 11.5 per cent to 18.8 per cent.

Table Q6.1 - Cautions administered by offence group, 12 months ending March 2001 to 12 months ending March 2011 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾

England and Wales	Number of offences (thousands)											
	12 months ending											
	March 2001	March 2002	March 2003	March 2004	March 2005	March 2006	March 2007	March 2008	March 2009	March 2010	March 2011	
Violence against the person	20.4	20.6	26.6	32.3	40.8	56.2	59.1	51.1	36.1	26.5	22.4	
Sexual offences	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.7	2.0	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.5	1.5	
Burglary	7.1	6.8	6.2	6.0	6.3	7.4	8.5	7.1	5.7	4.3	3.9	
Robbery	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.2	
Theft and handling stolen goods	74.4	70.6	59.8	64.4	71.3	79.1	83.1	79.2	74.2	64.0	51.1	
Fraud and forgery	7.1	6.8	6.8	6.7	7.3	8.8	9.2	9.6	8.9	7.7	6.4	
Criminal damage	3.6	3.9	3.5	4.5	6.1	8.6	10.0	9.4	8.3	6.4	5.3	
Drug offences	40.8	41.6	47.6	45.6	33.3	37.7	40.4	47.1	50.1	44.3	43.9	
Other indictable offences	4.6	4.5	4.8	5.9	6.2	8.0	10.3	10.3	9.0	8.0	7.5	
Summary non-motoring offences	92.6	92.4	89.0	104.0	109.7	135.1	169.0	173.0	158.3	138.5	117.7	
All offences ⁽⁵⁾	252.4	249.3	246.1	271.4	283.1	343.5	392.5	389.4	352.6	301.5	260.0	

(1) Excluding all motoring offences.

(2) Includes reprimands and final warnings for juveniles.

(3) On an all offence basis.

(4) December 2010 to March 2011 cautions data for Dyfed Powys have been sourced from Police National Computer.

(5) May not sum due to rounding.

Table Q6.2 - Convictions by offence group, 12 months ending March 2001 to 12 months ending March 2011⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

England and Wales	Number of offences (thousands)											
	12 months ending											
	March 2001	March 2002	March 2003	March 2004	March 2005	March 2006	March 2007	March 2008	March 2009	March 2010	March 2011	
Offence group												
Violence against the person	46.6	48.3	52.5	53.0	53.2	56.9	56.0	55.5	54.7	57.8	59.9	
Sexual offences	11.6	12.4	13.0	13.1	14.2	15.0	15.5	15.7	16.6	17.1	18.9	
Burglary	37.2	37.0	39.1	37.8	33.5	32.9	32.7	32.7	32.3	30.7	31.8	
Robbery	9.3	10.7	12.4	11.7	11.5	11.5	13.1	13.6	13.0	12.5	12.4	
Theft and handling stolen goods	214.8	215.5	213.5	204.0	179.7	176.6	168.2	175.1	179.0	173.4	178.8	
Fraud and forgery	56.9	55.1	53.9	54.1	54.1	54.5	47.6	50.5	48.7	52.0	53.3	
Criminal damage	17.8	18.5	19.1	20.0	20.3	21.3	22.7	19.7	14.1	12.3	11.7	
Drug offences	73.6	76.8	84.0	84.4	67.3	72.4	70.4	79.2	88.8	91.2	98.3	
Other indictable offences	124.3	131.8	146.0	162.6	149.4	144.3	130.4	129.4	119.3	120.9	123.3	
Indictable motoring offences	13.9	13.3	14.3	14.7	12.3	10.3	8.6	8.0	6.7	4.6	4.3	
Summary non-motoring offences	518.5	512.5	545.5	587.3	631.3	645.0	612.6	621.5	619.0	628.3	608.4	
Summary motoring offences	1,167.7	1,167.0	1,226.8	1,366.4	1,311.0	1,211.5	1,047.3	925.5	796.5	788.4	698.6	
All offences⁽³⁾	2,292.1	2,299.0	2,420.2	2,609.1	2,537.8	2,452.4	2,224.9	2,126.4	1,988.5	1,989.1	1,899.9	

(1) On an all offence basis.

(2) Excludes convictions data for Cardiff magistrates' court for April, July, and August 2008.

(3) May not sum due to rounding.

Table Q6.3 - Number of offences brought to justice (notifiable) over a 12 month period by outcome and numbers of recorded crimes, 12 months ending March 2001 - 2011 ⁽¹⁾

England and Wales	Number of offences (thousands)						
	Offences brought to justice (OBTJ)				Total		
12 months ending	Offences taken into consideration ⁽²⁾	Penalty notices for disorder ⁽³⁾	Formal warnings for cannabis possession ⁽⁴⁾	Cautions ⁽⁵⁾	Convictions	OBTJs	Recorded crimes ⁽⁶⁾
Mar 01	87	*	*	229	679	996	5,162
Mar 02	90	*	*	228	683	1,002	5,525
Mar 03	99	2	*	225	712	1,038	5,898
Mar 04	98	4	*	248	729	1,080	5,935
Mar 05	106	49	27	268	688	1,138	5,560
Mar 06	117	110	63	329	708	1,327	5,479
Mar 07	121	147	80	380	694	1,422	5,351
Mar 08	107	137	102	376	724	1,446	4,883
Mar 09	102	116	104	338	742	1,402	4,638
Mar 10	79	106	85	285	750	1,305	4,278
Mar 11	74	86	79	245	765	1,249	4,092

(1) Excludes British Transport Police.

(2) Offences taken into consideration by the court and previously recorded by the police. Figures for April 2004 onwards include offences not previously recorded.

(3) Piloted in 2002 and introduced nationally in 2004.

(4) Introduced in April 2004.

(5) December 2010 to March 2011 cautions data for Dyfed Powys have been sourced from Police National Computer.

(6) The introduction of the National Crime Recording Standards (NCRS) in April 2002 resulted in significant increases in the number of crimes recorded.

(7) Excludes convictions data for Cardiff magistrates' court for April, July, and August 2008.

Table Q6.4 - Number of offences brought to justice (notifiable) by offence group, 12 months ending March 2001 - 2011 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾

Offence group	Number of offences (thousands)											
	12 months ending											
	March 2001	March 2002	March 2003	March 2004	March 2005	March 2006	March 2007	March 2008	March 2009	March 2010	March 2011	
Violence against the person	214	216	237	266	330	412	464	460	410	382	357	
Sexual offences	14	15	15	16	16	17	17	17	17	17	19	
Burglary	74	75	82	78	70	75	78	72	72	64	64	
Robbery	11	13	14	13	13	13	15	15	14	13	13	
Theft and handling stolen goods	352	349	337	350	325	356	370	369	367	335	315	
Fraud and forgery	82	79	77	73	77	73	62	62	65	65	63	
Criminal damage	94	94	95	106	120	144	162	156	136	116	102	
Drug offences	114	119	132	119	127	173	191	229	245	233	235	
Other offences	41	42	49	58	59	64	64	66	75	80	82	
All offences⁽⁵⁾	996	1,002	1,038	1,080	1,138	1,327	1,422	1,446	1,402	1,305	1,249	

(1) Excludes British Transport Police.

(2) Includes estimates for incomplete data.

(3) Excludes convictions data for Cardiff magistrates' court for April, July, and August 2008.

(4) Cautions data for Dyfed Powys and Lancashire have been sourced from Police National Computer.

(5) May not sum due to rounding.

Offending Histories [Tables Q7.1 – Q7.5]

Information presented in this section differs from previous sections, in that all information is taken from the Police National Computer (PNC). The main difference is that the PNC does not include a range of less serious summary offences (such as TV licence evasion and a range of motoring offences) and so the figures do not match those given in previous chapters.

This section provides an overview of the changing structure of the known offending population with information on the breakdown of offences committed by new offenders and repeat offenders, the trends in new entrants to the criminal justice system, and breakdowns of the criminal histories of cautioned and sentenced offenders

First offences and further offences

An offence is defined as a first offence if it results in the offender receiving their first reprimand, warning, caution or conviction – i.e. they have no previous criminal history recorded on the PNC. Offences resulting in further reprimands, warnings, cautions or convictions are known as further offences since the offender already has a recorded criminal history.

Offenders committed 874,299²¹ offences that resulted in a reprimand, warning, caution or conviction in the 12 months ending March 2011, 25.8 per cent were first offences, and 74.2 per cent were further offences. In comparison:

- In the 12 months ending March 2010 there were 910,835 offences, with 27.8 per cent first offences and 72.2 per cent further offences.
- The number of offences steadily increased from 802,869 in the 12 months ending March 2001 and reached a peak of 993,116 in the 12 months ending March 2008. This increase was mainly due to an increase in the use of cautions, for both first and further offences.
- First offences comprised on average 33 per cent of offences between 12 months ending March 2001 and March 2008 but the proportion has since fallen as the use of cautions, which are often the preferred sanction for first offenders, has fallen relative to convictions for first offences.

Juveniles committed 123,437 offences that resulted in a reprimand, warning or conviction in the 12 months ending March 2011, 36.9 per cent were first offences, and 63.1 per cent were further offences.

- In the 12 months ending March 2001 182,275 offences were committed, with 49.5 per cent being first offences.

²¹ When an offender has been cautioned or convicted of several offences on the same occasion only one offence has been counted; the figures therefore represent counts of separate cautioning or sentencing occasions as recorded on the PNC rather than counts of every proven offence. This means that the first offence figures described here are equal to the figures for first time entrants described below.

- The number of offences peaked in the 12 months ending March 2007 at 227,503, and has since fallen sharply due to falls in the number of reprimands and final warnings issued by the police.

Adults committed 750,862 offences resulting in a caution or conviction in the 12 months ending March 2011, 24.0 per cent were first offences and 76.0 per cent were further offences.

- Unlike offences committed by juveniles, those committed by adults that resulted in a caution or conviction peaked in the 12 months ending March 2008 at 775,304 and since then have fallen by 3 per cent.
- First offences committed by adults peaked in the 12 months ending March 2007 and have declined since then. In comparison further offences are at their highest level over the past 11 years in the 12 months ending March 2011.

Figure 7.1: First offences and further offences in the 12 months ending March 2011

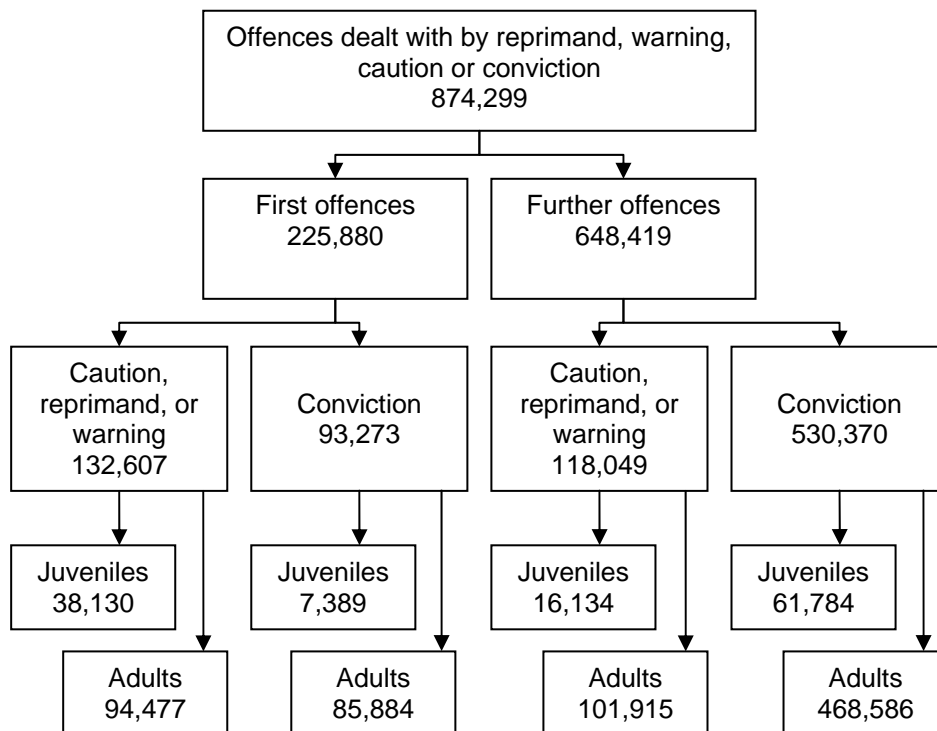


Figure 7.2: Number of juvenile first and further offences in England and Wales between the 12 months ending March 2001 and the 12 months ending March 2011

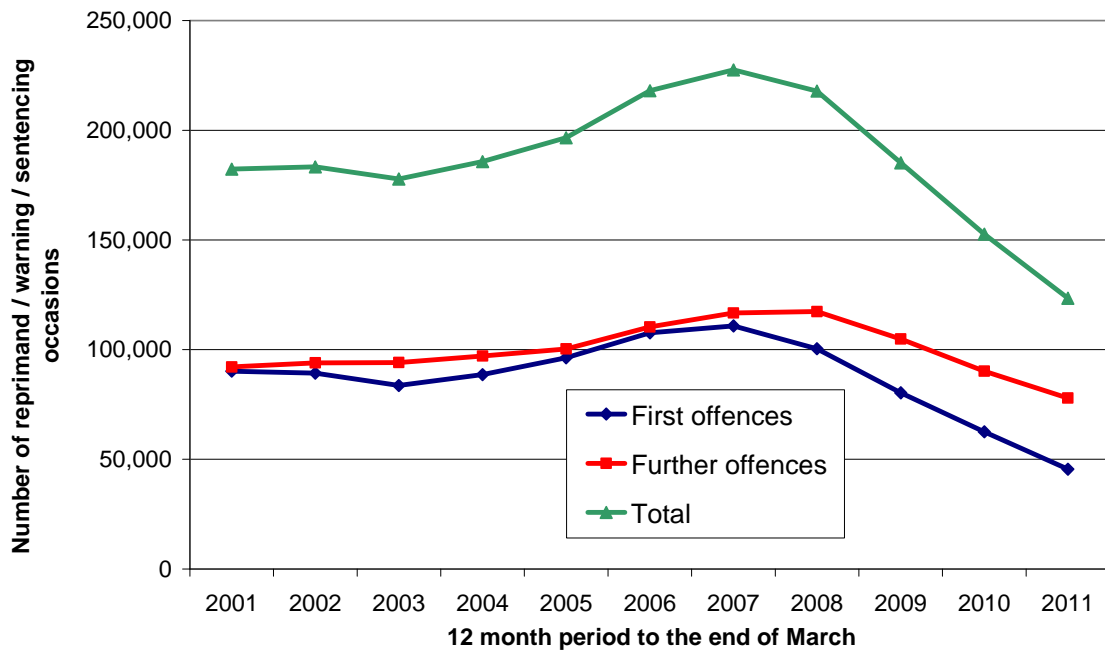
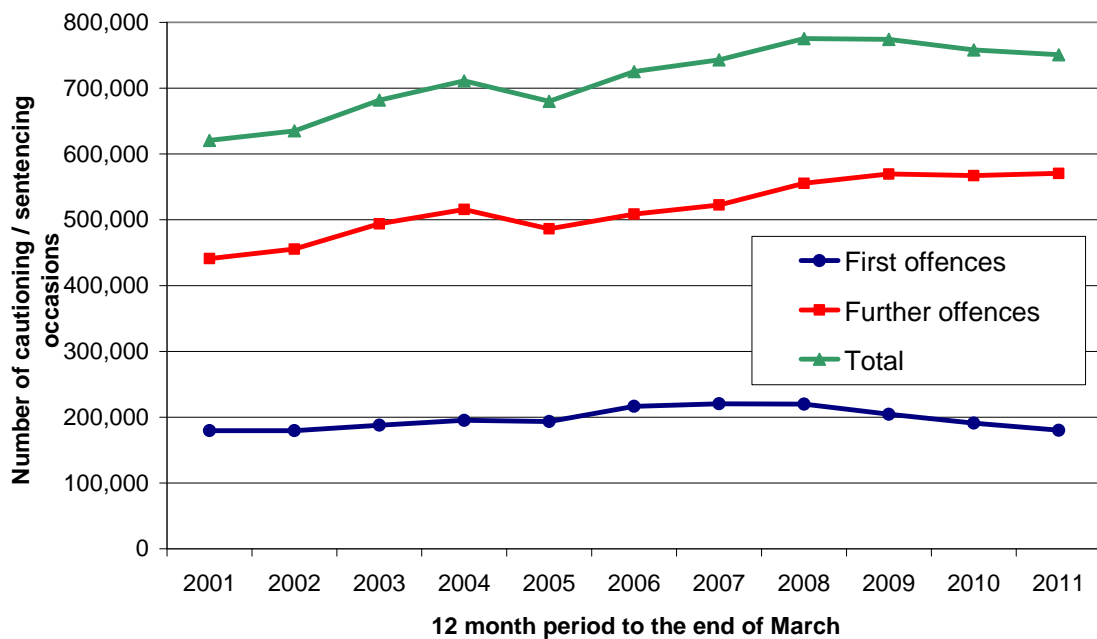


Figure 7.3: Number of adult first and further offences in England and Wales between the 12 months ending March 2001 and the 12 months ending March 2011



First time entrants to the criminal justice system in England and Wales

First time entrants to the criminal justice are classified as offenders, resident in England and Wales, who received their first reprimand, warning, caution or conviction, based on data recorded by the police on the PNC.

In the 12 months ending March 2011 there were 226,000 first time entrants (FTE) to the criminal justice system, this is a decrease of 11 per cent compared to the previous 12 months and 32 per cent down on the 2007 peak of 331,000. Compared to the 12 months ending March 2001 figure of 270,000 the 2011 figure shows a fall of 16 per cent.

Within the 2011 total there were 45,519 juveniles, a figure that has fallen by 27 per cent since 12 months ending March 2010 and 59 per cent since the 12 months ending March 2007.

When expressed as a rate per 100,000 people in the population juvenile first time entrants have fallen by 57 per cent since the peak in 2007 whilst for adults the fall was 21 per cent.

The changes comprise the following:

- A 31 per cent reduction in the number of reprimands and warnings for juvenile FTEs (aged 10 to 17) and a seven per cent reduction in the number of cautions for adults between 12 months ending March 2010 and 2011. Between the 2007 peak and 2011 the equivalent reductions were 62 per cent for juveniles and 24 per cent for adults.
- In the 12 months ending March 2011 convictions accounted for 41 per cent of first time entrants, the largest proportion over the last 10 years. Juvenile convictions accounted for three per cent of this figure and adults the remaining 38 per cent.
- The decline in the use of reprimands, warnings and cautions in dealing with FTEs is consistent with the reduction in the use of these disposals for all offenders and coincides with the increasing focus on more serious offending.
- At the offence group level, comparing the 12 months ending March 2010 and 2011 for offenders of all ages, first time entrants fell in all categories except for sexual offences and robbery which increased by eight per cent to 3,400 and 14 per cent to 1,700 respectively. Of those offence groups showing falls the theft and handling group was down 20 per cent to 36,800, summary offences excluding motoring were down 10 per cent to 84,500 and summary motoring offences were down 13 per cent to 31,300. These three offence groups accounted for 83 per cent of the reduction in first time entrants.

Criminal Histories

An offender is counted as having a criminal history if their PNC record shows that, at the time of receiving a reprimand, warning, caution or conviction, they had previously committed one or more offences that had resulted in one of these sanctions. The PNC data excludes a range of summary offences, and therefore the figures presented focus on the criminal histories of offenders cautioned or sentenced for indictable offences.

Criminal histories of offenders cautioned for offences recorded on the PNC

Just over half of offenders who were cautioned in the 12 months to March 2011 had no previous criminal history, although three per cent had 15 or more previous caution/conviction occasions:

- 53.2 per cent of offenders of all ages who received a reprimand, warning or caution in the 12 months ending March 2011 had no previous offences;
- 3.3 per cent of offenders had received a reprimand, warning, caution or conviction on 15 or more previous occasions. The majority of these offenders received a reprimand, warning or caution for drug offences and theft and handling stolen goods offences;
- The equivalent figures for the 12 months ending March 2001 show that the criminal history profile of cautioned offenders is changing over time: 68.3 per cent had no previous offences while 1.2 per cent had 15 or more previous occasions.

71.0 per cent of juvenile offenders who received a reprimand or warning in the 12 months to March 2011 had no previous offences;

- The equivalent figure for the 12 months ending in March 2001 was 77.5 per cent.
- Most of those with previous offences had received a reprimand or warning only
- 2.2 per cent of juveniles given a reprimand or warning in the 12 months to March 2011 had a previous conviction. The majority of these offenders received a reprimand or warning for drug offences and theft and handling stolen goods offences

47.5 per cent of adult offenders cautioned in the 12 months to March 2011 had no previous offences;

- This compares with 61.0 per cent in the 12 months ending in March 2001;
- 4.3 per cent of adults cautioned in the 12 months to March 2011 had been cautioned or convicted on 15 or more previous occasions. The majority of these offenders were cautioned for drug offences and theft and handling stolen goods offences;
- Adult females given a caution are more likely to be first time offenders than adult males; 61.4 per cent of females cautioned in the 12 months to March 2011 had no previous record of committing an offence, compared with 42.9 per cent of male offenders.

Criminal histories of offenders sentenced for indictable offences as recorded on the PNC

The criminal history profile of sentenced offenders is changing over time. More offenders sentenced for indictable offences in the 12 months ending in March 2011 had previous offences, and a higher proportion of offenders had 15 or more previous convictions or cautions:

- the proportion of all offenders sentenced for indictable offences who had 15 or more previous convictions or cautions has increased steadily from 17.1 per cent in the 12 months ending in March 2001 to 29.5 per cent in the 12 months to March 2011;
- Over the same period the proportion of sentences given to offenders with no previous convictions or cautions fell from 12.3 per cent to 10.4 per cent.

Criminal history by sentence type

The criminal history of offenders receiving different sentences varies by category of sentence, with custodial sentences associated with higher levels of previous offences. In the 12 months to March 2011:

- 42.3 per cent of adult offenders receiving immediate custodial sentences had 15 or more previous convictions/cautions.
- In comparison 21.2 per cent of adult offenders receiving a community sentence had 15 or more previous convictions/cautions

Table Q7.1: Proportion of offenders sentenced for indictable offences by previous criminal history and sentence received in 12 months ending March 2011

England and Wales	Number and Percentage						All offenders
	Number of previous convictions/cautions						
	0	1-2	3-6	7-10	11-14	15+	
Juveniles							
Absolute discharge	8.7	39.7	35.5	7.7	4.7	3.7	941
Conditional discharge	2.4	17.9	47.7	17.6	8.5	5.9	3,276
Fine	1.3	18.7	49.1	17.7	8.2	5.0	1,651
Community sentence	15.4	38.1	32.4	8.5	3.1	2.4	28,228
Immediate custody	6.9	12.4	29.9	22.0	14.0	14.8	4,377
Other ⁽¹⁾	8.5	22.3	35.2	17.5	8.7	7.7	1,972
All disposals ⁽²⁾	12.3	32.2	34.3	11.5	5.3	4.4	40,490
Adults							
Absolute discharge	11.0	12.3	15.3	10.7	8.9	41.8	783
Conditional discharge	9.8	19.6	19.7	11.8	8.8	30.3	35,810
Fine	6.3	16.7	24.5	14.6	10.2	27.7	56,846
Community sentence	11.0	16.4	21.7	13.3	9.2	28.5	72,389
Fully Suspended	15.9	17.8	20.9	12.4	8.4	24.6	32,881
Immediate custody	10.0	9.5	13.9	11.9	10.8	43.8	79,883
Other ⁽¹⁾	8.4	12.6	16.7	12.2	9.9	40.2	16,365
All disposals	10.1	14.9	19.5	12.8	9.7	33.0	294,957

(1) The 'Other' category includes some deferred sentences that the police will update on the PNC at a later date when the final decision is known.

(2) For juveniles the all disposals figures include fully suspended sentences.

Criminal history by offence type

The criminal history of offenders also varies with the type of offence for which they have been sentenced. In the 12 months to March 2011:

- 22.4 per cent of offenders sentenced for offences involving violence against the person had 15 or more previous convictions or cautions
- The equivalent figure for burglary was 39.7 per cent and for theft and handling offences 41.6 per cent

Table Q7.2 First offences and further offences committed by offenders of all ages⁽¹⁾ and resulting in a reprimand, warning, caution or conviction, England and Wales, 12 months ending March 2001 to 12 months ending March 2011

	Number of offences and percentages								
	Males and females ⁽²⁾			Males			Females		
	First offences	Further offences	Total	First offences	Further offences	Total	First offences	Further offences	Total
12 month period to the end of March	Number of offences								
2001	269,669	533,200	802,869	199,084	462,458	661,542	69,222	70,694	139,916
2002	269,031	549,401	818,432	197,921	476,508	674,429	69,607	72,836	142,443
2003	271,617	588,159	859,776	200,065	509,006	709,071	70,327	79,056	149,383
2004	284,015	612,751	896,766	207,509	527,958	735,467	74,791	84,662	159,453
2005	289,828	586,690	876,518	207,462	503,553	711,015	80,319	82,971	163,290
2006	324,192	619,217	943,409	231,023	532,138	763,161	91,164	86,832	177,996
2007	331,272	639,182	970,454	235,444	548,586	784,030	93,744	90,295	184,039
2008	320,222	672,894	993,116	226,576	575,790	802,366	91,617	96,696	188,313
2009	284,719	674,581	959,300	201,947	577,319	779,266	80,723	96,818	177,541
2010	253,599	657,236	910,835	178,884	562,814	741,698	72,502	93,904	166,406
2011	225,880	648,419	874,299	161,192	556,282	717,474	61,800	91,540	153,340
12 month period to the end of March	Percentage of Total								
2001	33.6	66.4	100.0	30.1	69.9	100.0	49.5	50.5	100.0
2002	32.9	67.1	100.0	29.3	70.7	100.0	48.9	51.1	100.0
2003	31.6	68.4	100.0	28.2	71.8	100.0	47.1	52.9	100.0
2004	31.7	68.3	100.0	28.2	71.8	100.0	46.9	53.1	100.0
2005	33.1	66.9	100.0	29.2	70.8	100.0	49.2	50.8	100.0
2006	34.4	65.6	100.0	30.3	69.7	100.0	51.2	48.8	100.0
2007	34.1	65.9	100.0	30.0	70.0	100.0	50.9	49.1	100.0
2008	32.2	67.8	100.0	28.2	71.8	100.0	48.7	51.3	100.0
2009	29.7	70.3	100.0	25.9	74.1	100.0	45.5	54.5	100.0
2010	27.8	72.2	100.0	24.1	75.9	100.0	43.6	56.4	100.0
2011	25.8	74.2	100.0	22.5	77.5	100.0	40.3	59.7	100.0

(1) Primary offences, as recorded on the Police National Computer, classified according to whether or not the offender had any previous reprimands, warnings, cautions or convictions.

(2) Including offenders whose gender is not recorded on the PNC.

Table Q7.3 Number of first time entrants to the criminal justice system⁽¹⁾ in England and Wales, 12 months ending March 2001 to 12 months ending March 2011 by gender and age group

12 month period to the end of March	Numbers of offenders								
	Males and females ⁽²⁾			Males			Females		
	Juveniles	Adults	All ages	Juveniles	Adults	All ages	Juveniles	Adults	All ages
2001	90,180	179,489	269,669	65,420	133,664	199,084	24,704	44,518	69,222
2002	89,277	179,754	269,031	64,492	133,429	197,921	24,692	44,915	69,607
2003	83,621	187,996	271,617	60,466	139,599	200,065	23,052	47,275	70,327
2004	88,635	195,380	284,015	63,312	144,197	207,509	25,221	49,570	74,791
2005	96,252	193,576	289,828	66,657	140,805	207,462	29,447	50,872	80,319
2006	107,680	216,512	324,192	74,130	156,893	231,023	33,337	57,827	91,164
2007	110,815	220,457	331,272	75,826	159,618	235,444	34,597	59,147	93,744
2008	100,444	219,778	320,222	67,965	158,611	226,576	32,088	59,529	91,617
2009	80,314	204,405	284,719	54,338	147,609	201,947	25,644	55,079	80,723
2010	62,504	191,095	253,599	42,023	136,861	178,884	20,202	52,300	72,502
2011	45,519	180,361	225,880	32,538	128,654	161,192	12,723	49,077	61,800

(1) Offenders recorded on the Police National Computer (PNC) by an English or Welsh police force or by the British Transport Police operating in England and Wales as having received their first conviction, caution, reprimand or warning. Offences resulting in Penalty Notices for Disorder are not counted as first offences.

(2) Including offenders whose gender is not recorded on the PNC.

Table Q7.4 Offenders receiving reprimand, warning or caution for indictable offences by age group and number of previous convictions and cautions in 12 months ending March 2011

	Number and percentage						All offenders
	Number of previous convictions/cautions						
	0	1-2	3-6	7-10	11-14	15+	
England and Wales	71.0	27.9	0.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	100.0
Juveniles	22,974	9,026	276	47	16	9	32,348
Adults	48,472	26,267	14,797	5,331	2,705	4,410	101,982
All offenders	71,446	35,293	15,073	5,378	2,721	4,419	134,330

Explanatory notes

The statistics in this bulletin relate to cases in the Crown and magistrates' courts in England and Wales during 12 months ending March 2011. This is the second set of combined quarterly criminal statistics to be published by the Ministry of Justice. This bulletin subsumes a number of previous bulletins including Criminal Statistics: England & Wales, Quarterly Sentencing Statistics, and Young people aged 10-17 receiving their first reprimand, warning or conviction.

Symbols and conventions

The following symbols have been used throughout the tables in this bulletin:

- * = Not applicable
- = Nil
- (R) = Revised data
- (P) = Provisional data

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