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Introduction

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

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

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

The main factors affecting the Probation Service caseload are:

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

Key points – Q3 2009 compared to Q3 2008 (unless otherwise stated)

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

- **The number of offenders starting court orders increased and the number starting pre or post release supervision decreased between Q3 2008 and Q3 2009:**
 - The number starting court order supervision increased by 2 per cent, from 47,100 to 48,100.
 - The number of offenders starting Community Orders increased by 1 per cent (up from 33,900 to 34,200).
 - The number of offenders starting Suspended Sentence Orders (SSOs) increased by 9 per cent (up from 11,500 to 12,500).
 - The number of offenders starting pre or post release supervision fell by 3 per cent, down from 12,500 to 12,100.
- **Half of all Community Orders starting in Q3 2009 had just one requirement:** 50 per cent had one requirement and a further 35 per cent had two requirements; for SSOs these proportions were 36 per cent and 43 per cent respectively. The proportions for each number of requirements have remained stable throughout the last five quarters.
- **Stand alone unpaid work was the most common combination of requirements** accounting for almost a third of Community Orders and 20 per cent of all SSOs starting in Q3 2009.
- **Overall, supervision was the most used requirement for Community Orders and SSOs** that started in Q3 2009, closely followed by unpaid work. These two requirements accounted for roughly two-thirds of all requirements attached to orders. Among other requirements, use of the alcohol treatment requirement increased by 36 per cent and specified activities by 42 per cent between Q3 2008 and Q3 2009 under Community Orders. Under SSOs there were also significant increases in alcohol treatment and specified activities (64 and 45 per cent respectively).
- **The proportion of offenders starting Community Orders who were supervised under Tier 1 increased** from 33 per cent to 34 per cent between Q3 2008 and Q3 2009. Conversely, the number supervised under Tier 3 decreased by one percentage point while tier two remained stable. For SSOs there was a similar pattern, with an increase in Tier 1 cases, a decrease in Tier 3 and Tier 2 staying the same. Supervision *tier* indicates the level of intervention required with offenders, with tier 1 being the lowest and tier 4 the highest.

2. Offender caseload (Tables 7 and 8) – 30 September 09 compared to 30 September 08

- **Small decrease in Probation Service court order caseload and small increase in pre or post release caseload as at 30 September 2009:**
 - 3 per cent fall in the number of offenders supervised under a court order at the end of September 2009 (down from 146,700 to 142,800).
 - 1 per cent decrease in the number of offenders being supervised under Community Orders and a 2 per cent decrease in the number being supervised under SSOs.
 - 2 per cent increase in number of offenders supervised either before or after release from prison at the end of June 2009, including an 8 per cent increase in the number supervised post release.

3. Terminations of court orders (Table 9)

- **Nearly two thirds of Community and Suspended Sentence Orders ran their full course or were terminated early for good progress in Q3 2009:**
 - Of the 33,800 Community Orders terminated, 64 per cent had run their full course or were terminated early for good progress, compared to 26 per cent terminated for negative reasons. The equivalent percentages for the 11,300 SSOs terminating were 64 and 29 respectively.

4. Court reports (Tables 10 and 11)

- **Increase in the total number of court reports and continued rise in the proportion of fast delivery pre sentence reports (PSRs):**
 - A total of 58,600 court reports were prepared in Q3 2009, 4 per cent up on Q3 2008.
 - The number of Standard PSRs fell by 18 per cent whilst total fast delivery PSRs rose by 34 per cent.
 - The proportion of fast delivery PSRs (both written and oral) from the combined total of fast delivery and standard PSRs was 50 per cent in Q3 2009, higher than in Q3 2008 when it was 38 per cent.
 - There has been a continued large increase in the number of **oral** fast delivery PSRs. Comparing Q3 2009 with the same quarter in 2008 they have increased by 47 per cent. The increase in magistrates' courts was 45 per cent where absolute numbers are much greater, compared to 113 per cent in the Crown Court.
 - Over the same period written fast delivery PSRs increased by 28 per cent. In magistrates' courts the increase was 19 per cent where absolute numbers are much greater and in the Crown Court it was 155 per cent.

- **The level of concordance between sentences proposed and given for the twelve months ending 30 September 2009 was highest for custodial sentences** at 90 per cent, compared to 70 per cent for community sentences and 52 per cent for Suspended Sentence Orders.
- Seventy-eight per cent of PSRs prepared recommended a Community Sentence, while 11 per cent recommended a Suspended Sentence Order and 9 per cent custody.

Explanatory notes

Data quality

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

Counting rules

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

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

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

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

Definitions

PRE-SENTENCE REPORTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

PROBATION SERVICE SUPERVISION

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

Community Order – Single community sentence introduced by the Criminal Justice Act 2003 for offences committed on or after 4 April 2005. Designed to replace all previous adult community orders. The court must add at least one (but could potentially add all 12) of the following requirements: supervision, unpaid work, specified activities, prohibited activities, accredited programs, curfew, exclusion, residence, mental health treatment, drug rehabilitation, alcohol treatment, and attendance centre requirement for under 25s.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRE AND POST RELEASE SUPERVISION

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

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

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

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

Supervision Tier – Supervision *tier* indicates the level of intervention required with offenders, with tier 1 being the lowest and tier 4 the highest. The Offender Management Tiering framework is a way of categorising offenders according to the level of risk of serious harm and likelihood of reoffending presented by the individual, combined with the complexity of the sentence requirements. This process aims to protect the public by ensuring that the appropriate organisational resources, in terms of staff and time, are matched to the correct management of the case.

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

England and Wales

	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Percentage change Q3 2009
MALES AND FEMALES						
All court orders	47,092	46,012	48,980	47,167	48,125	2
All community sentences	35,596	34,907	37,183	35,573	35,534	0
Community order	33,934	33,452	35,922	34,279	34,232	1
All pre CJA orders	1,691	1,493	1,288	1,309	1,323	-22
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	158	143	127	121	139	-12
Suspended sentence order	11,467	11,093	11,817	11,627	12,469	9
Pre and post release supervision	12,485	11,722	11,845	11,366	12,064	-3
MALES						
All court orders	39,846	38,854	41,407	39,780	40,656	2
All community sentences	30,000	29,325	31,363	29,878	29,892	0
Community order	28,503	27,995	30,225	28,727	28,698	1
All pre CJA orders	1,525	1,363	1,160	1,166	1,213	-20
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	134	113	102	92	112	-16
Suspended sentence order	9,819	9,527	10,070	9,944	10,671	9
Pre and post release supervision	11,593	10,879	10,985	10,593	11,275	-3
FEMALES						
All court orders	7,246	7,158	7,573	7,387	7,469	3
All community sentences	5,596	5,582	5,820	5,695	5,642	1
Community order	5,431	5,457	5,697	5,552	5,534	2
All pre CJA orders	166	130	128	143	110	-34
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	24	30	25	29	27	13
Suspended sentence order	1,648	1,566	1,747	1,683	1,798	9
Pre and post release supervision	892	843	860	773	789	-12

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

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

Data Sources and Quality

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

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

England and Wales

	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Percentage change Q3 2009
Community Orders	33,934	33,452	35,922	34,279	34,232	1
1	17,080	16,574	17,980	17,220	17,140	0
2	11,969	11,858	12,628	12,014	12,084	1
3	4,190	4,186	4,491	4,198	4,212	1
4	604	726	708	743	687	14
5 or more	91	108	115	104	108	19
% Breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
1	50	50	50	50	50	
2	35	35	35	35	35	
3	12	13	13	12	12	
4	2	2	2	2	2	
5 or more	0	0	0	0	0	
Average (mean)	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	
Suspended Sentence Orders	11,467	11,093	11,817	11,627	12,469	9
1	4,354	4,026	4,288	4,271	4,549	4
2	4,857	4,732	5,004	4,931	5,355	10
3	1,939	1,967	2,182	2,057	2,159	11
4	276	324	299	324	337	22
5 or more	41	44	44	44	49	*
% Breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
1	38	36	36	37	36	
2	42	43	42	42	43	
3	17	18	18	18	17	
4	2	3	3	3	3	
5 or more	0	0	0	0	0	
Average (mean)	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	

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

England and Wales

	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Percentage change Q3 2009
Community Orders	33,934	33,452	35,922	34,279	34,232	1
Unpaid Work	10,789	10,377	11,363	11,106	10,808	0
Supervision	4,442	4,456	4,545	4,289	4,270	-4
Supervision & Accredited Programme	3,325	3,258	3,307	3,005	2,871	-14
Supervision & Unpaid Work	2,552	2,512	2,781	2,555	2,548	0
Supervision & Drug Treatment	2,073	2,056	2,125	1,965	1,972	-5
Curfew	1,460	1,363	1,581	1,395	1,524	4
Supervision, Unpaid Work & Accredited Programme	1,083	1,072	1,166	1,098	1,063	-2
Unpaid Work & Unpaid Work ⁽¹⁾	696	602	590	615	595	-15
Supervision & Specified Activity	733	812	913	985	979	34
Supervision, Accredited Programme & Drug Treatment	500	545	429	291	297	-41
All other combinations of requirements	6,281	6,399	7,122	6,975	7,305	16
Suspended Sentence Orders	11,467	11,093	11,817	11,627	12,469	9
Unpaid Work	2,229	2,124	2,332	2,338	2,486	12
Supervision & Accredited Programme	1,708	1,585	1,555	1,419	1,525	-11
Supervision	1,582	1,369	1,405	1,410	1,456	-8
Supervision & Unpaid Work	1,250	1,197	1,278	1,323	1,415	13
Supervision, Unpaid Work & Accredited Programme	637	607	652	636	625	-2
Supervision & Drug Treatment	621	601	652	615	670	8
Curfew	307	323	329	303	342	11
Supervision & Curfew	298	294	270	314	315	6
Supervision, Accredited Programme & Drug Treatment	188	190	178	128	134	-28
Supervision & Specified Activity	210	206	277	263	278	32
All other combinations of requirements	2,437	2,597	2,889	2,878	3,222	32

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

Data Sources and Quality

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

England and Wales

	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Percentage change Q3 2009
Community Orders	56,885	56,685	60,608	57,866	57,188	1
Supervision	19,615	19,789	20,771	19,567	19,360	-1
Unpaid Work	18,721	18,006	19,731	19,390	18,762	0
Accredited Programme	6,465	6,424	6,628	5,940	5,667	-12
Drug Treatment	3,381	3,430	3,370	2,991	2,942	-13
Curfew	3,917	3,871	4,189	3,888	4,002	2
Specified Activity	2,401	2,644	3,154	3,266	3,412	42
Alcohol Treatment	1,271	1,391	1,534	1,633	1,732	36
Residential	233	255	219	223	241	3
Mental Health	167	192	213	182	205	23
Exclusion	253	267	299	252	285	13
Prohibited Activity	327	288	338	339	344	5
Attendance Centre	134	128	162	195	236	76
% breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
Supervision	34	35	34	34	34	
Unpaid Work	33	32	33	34	33	
Accredited Programme	11	11	11	10	10	
Drug Treatment	6	6	6	5	5	
Curfew	7	7	7	7	7	
Specified Activity	4	5	5	6	6	
Alcohol Treatment	2	2	3	3	3	
Residential	0	0	0	0	0	
Mental Health	0	0	0	0	0	
Exclusion	0	0	0	0	0	
Prohibited Activity	1	1	1	1	1	
Attendance Centre	0	0	0	0	0	
Suspended Sentence Orders	21,243	20,962	22,330	21,873	23,391	10
Supervision	8,242	7,996	8,415	8,196	8,705	6
Unpaid Work	5,299	5,163	5,566	5,694	6,006	13
Accredited Programme	3,350	3,201	3,332	3,019	3,155	-6
Curfew	1,520	1,579	1,664	1,639	1,821	20
Drug Treatment	1,031	1,050	1,063	969	1,058	3
Specified Activity	728	808	948	975	1,057	45
Alcohol Treatment	461	546	652	646	754	64
Exclusion	147	159	163	177	197	34
Prohibited Activity	183	204	235	239	276	51
Residential	217	177	202	201	258	19
Mental Health	49	62	66	77	74	*
Attendance Centre	16	17	24	41	30	*
% breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
Supervision	39	38	38	37	37	
Unpaid Work	25	25	25	26	26	
Accredited Programme	16	15	15	14	13	
Curfew	7	8	7	7	8	
Drug Treatment	5	5	5	4	5	
Specified Activity	3	4	4	4	5	
Alcohol Treatment	2	3	3	3	3	
Exclusion	1	1	1	1	1	
Prohibited Activity	1	1	1	1	1	
Residential	1	1	1	1	1	
Mental Health	0	0	0	0	0	
Attendance Centre	0	0	0	0	0	

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Data Sources and Quality

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

	Community Orders						Suspended Sentence Orders					
	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Percentage change Q3 2009	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Percentage change Q3 2009
North East	2,403	2,433	2,633	2,455	2,371	-1	742	670	721	759	847	14
Durham	481	495	516	455	469	-2	176	148	146	168	168	-5
Northumbria	1,235	1,275	1,382	1,258	1,168	-5	363	347	387	413	443	22
Teesside	687	663	735	742	734	7	203	175	188	178	236	16
North West	5,672	5,451	5,747	5,387	5,432	-4	1,858	1,769	1,896	1,720	1,836	-1
Cheshire	652	670	663	696	639	-2	168	205	198	147	194	15
Cumbria	386	383	377	384	338	-12	89	73	96	97	84	-6
Lancashire	1,290	1,259	1,330	1,236	1,245	-3	376	360	389	341	415	10
Greater Manchester	2,099	2,005	2,166	2,044	2,144	2	776	758	838	764	762	-2
Merseyside	1,245	1,134	1,211	1,027	1,066	-14	449	373	375	371	381	-15
Yorkshire & Humberside	4,090	4,002	4,303	4,210	4,338	6	1,055	1,015	1,126	1,100	1,179	12
Humberside	592	637	624	630	635	7	218	251	273	220	261	20
North Yorkshire	430	457	500	497	473	10	129	112	126	137	116	-10
South Yorkshire	1,070	1,069	1,145	1,101	1,101	3	360	328	379	372	363	1
West Yorkshire	1,998	1,839	2,034	1,982	2,129	7	348	324	348	371	439	26
East Midlands	2,731	2,749	2,837	2,692	2,725	0	972	923	974	951	1,011	4
Derbyshire	596	639	712	620	635	7	283	237	239	243	240	-15
Leicestershire	532	517	543	505	518	-3	222	261	227	247	245	10
Lincolnshire	359	350	336	327	354	-1	103	108	110	116	134	30
Northamptonshire	369	392	362	359	328	-11	131	94	118	124	134	2
Nottinghamshire	875	851	884	881	890	2	233	223	280	221	258	11
West Midlands	3,430	3,237	3,866	3,572	3,517	3	1,306	1,295	1,537	1,441	1,513	16
Staffordshire	613	590	616	539	574	-6	230	243	250	203	231	0
Warwickshire	284	266	343	292	279	-2	61	61	74	68	78	28
West Mercia	624	601	668	620	656	5	170	198	217	228	227	34
West Midlands	1,909	1,780	2,239	2,121	2,008	5	845	793	996	942	977	16
Eastern	3,071	2,913	3,059	3,064	3,095	1	1,025	959	1,003	1,079	1,146	12
Bedfordshire	315	300	329	357	329	4	90	84	97	84	83	-8
Cambridgeshire	463	400	429	422	428	-8	197	182	168	166	197	0
Essex	959	912	951	985	989	3	292	289	326	383	361	24
Hertfordshire	580	548	592	581	561	-3	173	157	149	181	197	14
Norfolk	427	395	408	389	428	0	156	143	150	146	169	8
Suffolk	327	358	350	330	360	10	117	104	113	119	139	19
London	4,282	4,196	4,374	4,246	4,151	-3	1,668	1,688	1,764	1,793	1,994	20
South East	4,050	3,894	4,187	4,197	4,142	2	1,426	1,229	1,261	1,234	1,324	-7
Hampshire	1,147	1,079	1,125	1,175	1,089	-5	335	319	268	273	279	-17
Kent	833	788	917	855	950	14	298	302	316	272	323	8
Surrey	404	434	452	466	492	22	133	103	121	138	124	-7
Sussex	717	698	805	810	751	5	286	211	245	235	267	-7
Thames Valley	949	895	888	891	860	-9	374	294	311	316	331	-11
South West	2,140	2,434	2,544	2,328	2,256	5	659	683	744	740	764	16
Avon & Somerset	771	837	867	804	748	-3	195	213	253	248	259	33
Devon & Cornwall	427	645	639	602	579	-6	178	181	204	241	236	33
Dorset	324	326	369	312	309	-5	133	123	146	113	123	-8
Gloucestershire	324	339	346	335	321	-1	90	105	85	72	87	-3
Wiltshire	294	287	323	275	299	2	63	61	56	66	59	-6
Wales	2,065	2,143	2,372	2,128	2,205	7	756	862	791	810	855	13
Dyfed-Powys	214	242	281	269	288	35	101	117	86	93	91	-10
Gwent	374	404	421	334	397	6	122	136	144	138	130	7
North Wales	500	470	540	473	503	1	149	161	176	165	186	25
South Wales	977	1,027	1,130	1,052	1,017	4	384	448	385	414	448	17
All areas	33,934	33,452	35,922	34,279	34,232	1	11,467	11,093	11,817	11,627	12,469	9

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

England and Wales

	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Percentage change Q3 2009
Community Orders	33,934	33,452	35,922	34,279	34,232	1
Tier 1 (Low)	11,280	10,926	12,069	11,940	11,600	3
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	8,609	8,618	9,159	8,631	8,702	1
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	12,064	11,836	12,514	11,765	12,007	0
Tier 4 (High)	1,472	1,515	1,609	1,566	1,541	5
Tier not stated	509	557	571	377	382	-25
% Breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
Tier 1 (Low)	33	33	34	35	34	
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	25	26	25	25	25	
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	36	35	35	34	35	
Tier 4 (High)	4	5	4	5	5	
Tier not stated	1	2	2	1	1	
Suspended Sentence Orders	11,467	11,093	11,817	11,627	12,469	9
Tier 1 (Low)	2,433	2,410	2,685	2,805	3,019	24
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	3,035	2,817	3,019	2,917	3,184	5
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	5,062	4,949	5,201	5,015	5,341	6
Tier 4 (High)	764	766	756	773	779	2
Tier not stated	173	151	156	117	146	-16
% Breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
Tier 1 (Low)	21	22	23	24	24	
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	26	25	26	25	26	
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	44	45	44	43	43	
Tier 4 (High)	7	7	6	7	6	
Tier not stated	2	1	1	1	1	

Data Sources and Quality

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

England and Wales

	Q3 2008	Q4 2008 ⁽³⁾	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Percentage change Q3 2009
MALES AND FEMALES						
All court orders	146,680	146,725	146,904	145,083	142,820	-3
All community sentences	106,551	106,714	107,208	105,694	103,183	-3
Community order	100,362	101,153	102,336	101,403	99,305	-1
All pre CJA orders	6,806	6,122	5,369	4,502	4,024	-41
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	105	90	84	86	99	-6
Suspended sentence order	44,173	43,977	43,675	43,283	43,449	-2
All pre and post release supervision ^(1,2)	99,139	98,477	99,138	99,860	100,965	2
Pre release supervision	68,453	66,864	67,174	67,047	67,407	-2
Post release supervision	31,407	32,220	32,560	33,360	34,002	8
MALES						
All court orders	125,317	125,229	125,305	123,530	121,617	-3
All community sentences	90,936	90,970	91,365	89,949	87,789	-3
Community order	85,521	86,066	87,086	86,178	84,342	-1
All pre CJA orders	5,992	5,414	4,734	3,967	3,580	-40
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	91	77	70	66	85	-7
Suspended sentence order	37,986	37,759	37,443	37,026	37,180	-2
All pre and post release supervision ^(1,2)	93,680	93,136	93,704	94,422	95,529	2
Pre release supervision	64,952	63,535	63,784	63,696	64,117	-1
Post release supervision	29,428	30,190	30,497	31,256	31,840	8
FEMALES						
All court orders	21,363	21,496	21,599	21,553	21,203	-1
All community sentences	15,615	15,744	15,843	15,745	15,394	-1
Community order	14,841	15,087	15,250	15,225	14,963	1
All pre CJA orders	814	708	635	535	444	-45
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	14	13	14	20	14	0
Suspended sentence order	6,187	6,218	6,232	6,257	6,269	1
All pre and post release supervision ^(1,2)	5,459	5,341	5,434	5,438	5,436	0
Pre release supervision	3,501	3,329	3,390	3,351	3,290	-6
Post release supervision	1,979	2,030	2,063	2,104	2,162	9

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

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

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

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

Data Sources and Quality

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Table 8 Persons supervised by the Probation Service at 30 September 2009, by area

Region/Area	All Pre CJA orders	Community Order	Suspended Sentence Order	All court orders ⁽¹⁾	All pre release supervision	All post release supervision	All pre and post release supervision ⁽¹⁾	All Probation Service supervision ⁽¹⁾
North East	181	6,700	2,949	9,455	3,232	1,715	4,925	14,243
Durham	32	1,276	606	1,843	574	367	938	2,761
Northumbria	68	3,532	1,570	4,989	1,636	846	2,468	7,390
Teesside	81	1,892	773	2,623	1,022	502	1,519	4,092
North West	661	14,726	6,670	21,470	10,459	5,467	15,850	37,090
Cheshire	35	1,721	608	2,306	921	553	1,454	3,739
Cumbria	68	939	327	1,306	497	296	789	2,080
Lancashire	125	3,231	1,320	4,522	1,853	1,008	2,855	7,332
Greater Manchester	337	5,823	2,816	8,738	4,677	2,268	6,935	15,580
Merseyside	96	3,012	1,599	4,598	2,511	1,342	3,817	8,359
Yorkshire & Humberside	356	10,920	3,657	14,619	7,267	4,011	11,254	25,702
Humberside	66	1,630	723	2,377	1,253	732	1,983	4,345
North Yorkshire	56	1,078	402	1,499	525	320	844	2,331
South Yorkshire	71	2,627	1,154	3,756	1,936	1,116	3,047	6,755
West Yorkshire	163	5,585	1,378	6,987	3,553	1,843	5,380	12,271
East Midlands	212	7,297	3,258	10,510	5,050	2,558	7,589	18,035
Derbyshire	48	1,706	831	2,516	994	556	1,550	4,054
Leicestershire	69	1,400	814	2,225	971	465	1,434	3,645
Lincolnshire	20	922	368	1,289	544	326	868	2,151
Northamptonshire	7	1,066	425	1,469	823	429	1,241	2,699
Nottinghamshire	68	2,203	820	3,011	1,718	782	2,496	5,486
West Midlands	434	10,676	5,326	16,027	7,903	3,902	11,764	27,589
Staffordshire	57	1,698	827	2,525	1,067	601	1,665	4,171
Warwickshire	22	795	267	1,069	424	268	684	1,745
West Mercia	62	1,785	752	2,525	956	531	1,483	3,969
West Midlands	293	6,398	3,480	9,908	5,456	2,502	7,932	17,704
Eastern	357	9,241	4,253	13,448	4,803	2,713	7,479	20,789
Bedfordshire	25	939	302	1,254	749	370	1,117	2,364
Cambridgeshire	30	1,252	690	1,910	791	464	1,251	3,134
Essex	136	3,292	1,527	4,784	1,330	820	2,133	6,865
Hertfordshire	91	1,635	751	2,412	723	388	1,104	3,486
Norfolk	33	1,108	480	1,577	635	408	1,043	2,615
Suffolk	42	1,015	503	1,511	575	263	831	2,325
London	1,015	15,586	7,161	23,128	13,816	5,933	19,651	42,500
South East	452	11,315	4,499	15,765	7,454	3,539	10,955	26,596
Hampshire	150	3,134	1,041	4,201	1,511	824	2,319	6,492
Kent	96	2,445	1,106	3,520	1,771	802	2,573	6,071
Surrey	12	1,058	364	1,388	538	296	821	2,202
Sussex	65	2,010	850	2,832	1,846	702	2,541	5,338
Thames Valley	129	2,668	1,138	3,824	1,788	915	2,701	6,493
South West	167	6,551	2,591	9,102	3,965	2,201	6,106	15,122
Avon & Somerset	51	2,467	917	3,360	1,328	769	2,078	5,407
Devon & Cornwall	42	1,625	720	2,338	1,156	558	1,695	4,022
Dorset	23	774	382	1,163	572	339	904	2,050
Gloucestershire	22	820	362	1,155	496	305	795	1,936
Wiltshire	29	865	210	1,086	413	230	634	1,707
Wales	189	6,293	3,085	9,296	3,458	1,963	5,392	14,562
Dyfed-Powys	20	765	329	1,092	308	204	509	1,586
Gwent	28	1,245	514	1,741	533	371	900	2,626
North Wales	55	1,291	752	2,040	686	441	1,120	3,131
South Wales	86	2,992	1,490	4,423	1,931	947	2,863	7,219
All areas	4,024	99,305	43,449	142,820	67,407	34,002	100,965	242,228

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

Data Sources and Quality

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Table 9 Terminations of court orders by reason ⁽¹⁾

England and Wales	Percentages				
	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009
Community Order					
Ran their full course	49	50	51	52	52
Terminated early for:					
good progress	12	12	11	12	12
failure to comply with requirements	18	17	16	16	16
conviction of offence	11	11	11	10	10
other reasons	10	10	10	10	10
Total number	31,542	29,876	31,874	32,189	33,813
Suspended Sentence Order					
Ran their full course	51	54	55	55	54
Terminated early for:					
good progress	10	10	10	10	10
failure to comply with requirements	15	13	13	12	12
conviction of offence	16	16	16	16	16
other reasons	8	8	7	7	7
Total number	10,901	10,061	10,826	10,727	11,257

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

Data Sources and Quality

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

England and Wales

	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Percentage change Q3 2009
All court reports⁽¹⁾	56,598	55,101	58,184	57,411	58,486	3
Standard PSR	33,314	32,182	32,057	28,934	27,368	-18
Fast Delivery PSR written	14,204	13,890	15,816	16,484	18,234	28
Fast Delivery PSR oral	6,136	6,275	7,284	8,648	8,999	47
Deferred sentence ⁽²⁾	228	251	263	239	236	4
PSR breach	2,716	2,503	2,764	3,106	3,641	34
Court Review	191	180	154	134	154	-19
Magistrates' courts⁽¹⁾	42,399	41,005	43,215	42,550	42,844	1
Standard PSR	20,497	19,599	19,173	16,551	14,817	-28
Fast Delivery PSR written	13,236	12,790	14,270	14,497	15,761	19
Fast Delivery PSR oral	6,005	6,142	7,072	8,467	8,720	45
Deferred sentence ⁽²⁾	135	145	148	146	156	16
PSR breach	2,526	2,329	2,552	2,889	3,390	34
Court Review	186	169	146	127	146	-22
Crown Court⁽¹⁾	14,199	14,096	14,969	14,861	15,642	10
Standard PSR	12,817	12,583	12,884	12,383	12,551	-2
Fast Delivery PSR written	968	1,100	1,546	1,987	2,473	155
Fast Delivery PSR oral	131	133	212	181	279	113
Deferred sentence ⁽²⁾	93	106	115	93	80	-14
PSR breach	190	174	212	217	251	32
Court Review	5	11	8	7	8	*

(1) Does not include Court Review reports

(2) On appearance for sentence after deferment.

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

Data Sources and Quality

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

England and Wales

	Sentence given							All
	Community Sentences	Suspended Sentence Order	Custody	Fine	Absolute/Conditional Discharge	Other		
Sentence proposed								
All Community Sentences ⁽¹⁾	98,056	23,038	15,210	1,030	1,069	2,085	140,488	
Suspended Sentence Order	2,339	10,553	6,769	81	91	302	20,135	
All immediate custodial sentences	493	754	14,121	44	65	271	15,748	
Fine	603	147	93	1,980	180	77	3,080	
All	101,491	34,492	36,193	3,135	1,405	2,735	179,451	
% breakdown								
All Community Sentences ⁽¹⁾	70%	16%	11%	1%	1%	1%	100%	
Suspended Sentence Order	12%	52%	34%	0%	0%	1%	100%	
All immediate custodial sentences	3%	5%	90%	0%	0%	2%	100%	
Fine	20%	5%	3%	64%	6%	3%	100%	

(1) Includes all pre-CJA community sentences

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