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Statistical Notice

Further breakdowns for serious proven re-offending of adult offenders in England and Wales released from custodial sentences of less than 12 months, by region

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Background

This ad-hoc statistical notice presents further breakdowns of already published information on proven re-offending.

On Monday 4 November 2013, the Ministry of Justice published an ad-hoc statistical notice presenting statistics on the number of adult offenders in England and Wales who were released from a custodial sentence of less than 12 months between 2000 and 2011 and went on to commit a serious proven re-offence. We are now publishing equivalent figures for each region in England and Wales. Please note that regions cannot be compared without controlling for offender characteristics known to be associated with further offending.

Further details on proven re-offending can be found in the *Proven Re-offending Statistics Quarterly Bulletin* which was last published on 31 October 2013 and covered the 12 months ending December 2011:

www.gov.uk/government/collections/proven-reoffending-statistics

Users should refer to the *Proven Re-offending Statistics Quarterly Bulletin* and accompanying *Definitions and Measurements* document (also available at the link above) for definitions of the terms used in this statistical notice, and for commentary to help interpret these results.

Table 1 in this statistical notice provides information on the number of adult offenders in England and Wales who were released from a custodial sentence of less than 12 months between 2005 and 2011 and went on to commit a serious proven re-offence, by region. A proven re-offence is defined as any offence committed in a 12 month follow-up period and resulting in a court conviction, caution, reprimand or warning in either the 12 month follow-up period or within a further six month waiting period (to allow time for the offence to be proven in court).

These figures use a Home Office definition of serious offences; the list of offences included is set out in *Annex A* of the *Definitions and Measurement* document available at the link above. This classification is based on the definition used by a legacy Home Office performance indicator designed to support the delivery of public sector agreement 23: 'Make communities safer'.

Table 1: Serious proven re-offending data for adult offenders in England and Wales who were released from custodial sentences of less than 12 months between 2000 and 2011^{1,2}, by region^{3,4}

Cohort and Region	Number of offenders in cohort ⁶	Serious violent or sexual re-offence		Serious acquisitive re-offence		Serious re-offence ⁵	
		Number of offenders who commit a serious violent or sexual re-offence	Proportion of offenders who commit a serious violent or sexual re-offence (%)	Number of offenders who commit a serious acquisitive re-offence	Proportion of offenders who commit a serious acquisitive re-offence (%)	Number of offenders who commit a serious re-offence ⁷	Proportion of offenders who commit a serious re-offence (%)
<i>2005</i>	<i>34,811</i>	<i>349</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>2,692</i>	<i>7.7</i>	<i>2,997</i>	<i>8.6</i>
East Midlands	2,859	32	1.1	228	8.0	253	8.8
East of England	3,347	34	1.0	193	5.8	222	6.6
London	5,648	34	0.6	347	6.1	378	6.7
North East	1,358	20	1.5	140	10.3	159	11.7
North West	5,487	65	1.2	453	8.3	510	9.3
South East	3,730	37	1.0	249	6.7	284	7.6
South West	2,457	22	0.9	204	8.3	224	9.1
Wales	2,149	28	1.3	180	8.4	201	9.4
West Midlands	4,185	40	1.0	368	8.8	404	9.7
Yorkshire and the Humber	3,586	37	1.0	329	9.2	361	10.1
<i>2006</i>	<i>33,424</i>	<i>356</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>2,849</i>	<i>8.5</i>	<i>3,164</i>	<i>9.5</i>
East Midlands	2,490	22	0.9	219	8.8	237	9.5
East of England	3,035	26	0.9	222	7.3	246	8.1
London	5,613	44	0.8	360	6.4	400	7.1

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North East	1,270	25	2.0	166	13.1	187	14.7
North West	5,300	57	1.1	514	9.7	563	10.6
South East	3,503	47	1.3	255	7.3	298	8.5
South West	2,371	27	1.1	205	8.6	226	9.5
Wales	1,968	31	1.6	189	9.6	217	11.0
West Midlands	4,300	38	0.9	361	8.4	396	9.2
Yorkshire and the Humber	3,560	39	1.1	356	10.0	392	11.0
<i>2007</i>	<i>33,099</i>	<i>302</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>2,938</i>	<i>8.9</i>	<i>3,209</i>	<i>9.7</i>
East Midlands	2,580	19	0.7	235	9.1	250	9.7
East of England	2,962	22	0.7	202	6.8	221	7.5
London	5,707	44	0.8	370	6.5	414	7.3
North East	1,344	22	1.6	166	12.4	186	13.8
North West	5,205	39	0.7	494	9.5	530	10.2
South East	3,701	30	0.8	301	8.1	326	8.8
South West	2,187	17	0.8	215	9.8	231	10.6
Wales	1,849	23	1.2	205	11.1	224	12.1
West Midlands	4,111	41	1.0	362	8.8	399	9.7

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Yorkshire and the Humber	3,446	45	1.3	386	11.2	426	12.4
<i>2008</i>	<i>36,312</i>	<i>426</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>3,058</i>	<i>8.4</i>	<i>3,432</i>	<i>9.5</i>
East Midlands	2,802	40	1.4	247	8.8	284	10.1
East of England	3,225	30	0.9	204	6.3	229	7.1
London	6,486	60	0.9	420	6.5	476	7.3
North East	1,511	27	1.8	160	10.6	186	12.3
North West	5,549	59	1.1	505	9.1	556	10.0
South East	4,021	39	1.0	320	8.0	356	8.9
South West	2,433	30	1.2	204	8.4	230	9.5
Wales	2,135	31	1.5	202	9.5	228	10.7
West Midlands	4,504	48	1.1	417	9.3	456	10.1
Yorkshire and the Humber	3,638	62	1.7	378	10.4	430	11.8
<i>2009</i>	<i>34,782</i>	<i>365</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>2,671</i>	<i>7.7</i>	<i>2,991</i>	<i>8.6</i>
East Midlands	2,710	23	0.8	206	7.6	226	8.3
East of England	3,181	25	0.8	198	6.2	222	7.0
London	6,625	59	0.9	356	5.4	408	6.2

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North East	1,377	16	1.2	161	11.7	175	12.7
North West	4,982	55	1.1	449	9.0	500	10.0
South East	3,839	39	1.0	304	7.9	336	8.8
South West	2,343	26	1.1	204	8.7	224	9.6
Wales	2,257	29	1.3	201	8.9	226	10.0
West Midlands	4,179	45	1.1	293	7.0	335	8.0
Yorkshire and the Humber	3,284	48	1.5	299	9.1	339	10.3
<i>2010</i>	<i>30,512</i>	<i>349</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>2,497</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>2,808</i>	<i>9.2</i>
East Midlands	2,473	27	1.1	160	6.5	182	7.4
East of England	2,753	31	1.1	207	7.5	236	8.6
London	6,084	57	0.9	398	6.5	452	7.4
North East	1,231	25	2.0	150	12.2	172	14.0
North West	4,331	43	1.0	401	9.3	439	10.1
South East	3,376	31	0.9	255	7.6	282	8.4
South West	1,960	29	1.5	178	9.1	203	10.4
Wales	1,927	25	1.3	206	10.7	228	11.8
West Midlands	3,524	40	1.1	288	8.2	323	9.2

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Yorkshire and the Humber	2,849	41	1.4	254	8.9	291	10.2
2011	29,691	356	1.2	2,482	8.4	2,790	9.4
East Midlands	2,478	25	1.0	183	7.4	204	8.2
East of England	2,619	32	1.2	204	7.8	231	8.8
London	5,874	56	1.0	357	6.1	404	6.9
North East	1,169	21	1.8	137	11.7	157	13.4
North West	4,426	64	1.4	416	9.4	471	10.6
South East	3,161	31	1.0	248	7.8	277	8.8
South West	1,877	25	1.3	166	8.8	186	9.9
Wales	1,964	27	1.4	212	10.8	234	11.9
West Midlands	3,302	47	1.4	298	9.0	340	10.3
Yorkshire and the Humber	2,797	28	1.0	261	9.3	286	10.2

1. This table represents a further breakdown of statistics published in the *Proven Re-offending Statistics Quarterly Bulletin, January to December 2011*, Table 19a
2. Data are shown from 2005 as the address data from the Police National Computer (PNC) are not of sufficient quality prior to this date
3. The region is based on the offender's address at the time of their most recent offence
4. Note that it is not appropriate to compare proven re-offending rates for different areas without controlling for offender characteristics
5. Includes serious violent, sexual and serious acquisitive offences

6. This does not represent all offenders - offenders who are released from custody are matched to the Police National Computer and those who cannot be matched are excluded from the offender cohort. For each year, the total number of offenders also include a small number of offenders who could not be assigned to a region.

7. An offender is counted only once in the total which, therefore, does not equal the sum of 'serious violent or sexual' and 'serious acquisitive' (as a small number of offenders committed both types of serious re-offence)

Numbers in italics means less than 30 offenders - treat data with caution

* Proportions and averages based on less than 30 offenders are removed as they make data unreliable for interpretation

* Numbers based on less than five offenders are suppressed for confidentiality reasons

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