



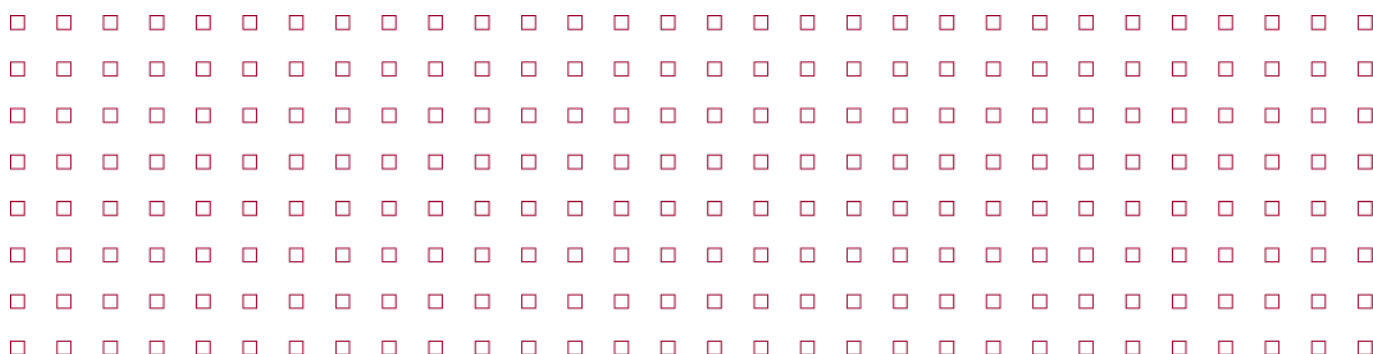
# **Sentencing statistics quarterly brief**

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## Sentencing statistics April to June 2009

### Introduction

This publication has been prepared by Justice Statistics - Analytical Services (Sentencing Statistics and Offender Management Team) to provide the latest trends in sentencing in England and Wales, based on provisional sentencing data. Key statistics presented are set in the context of sentencing patterns over the last 2 years (since 2007). It considers the total numbers sentenced for indictable offences in all courts as well as a breakdown for magistrates' courts and the Crown Court. The focus is primarily on use of fines, community sentences, immediate custody, suspended sentences and average custodial sentence lengths (ACSL) (which exclude life and indeterminate sentences). Information by offence type and for individual sentences is provided in the accompanying tables, available for download here:

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**All figures relate to indictable only and triable-either-way offences** (taken together these are known as indictable offences).

Statistics quoted in this publication for 2009 are **provisional**, until finalised data are published in the annual Sentencing Statistics publication. This provisional data may change in future quarterly briefs.

Where figures have been quoted in the text they have been rounded to the nearest 100. Where percentage changes are shown in the text or accompanying tables they are a comparison with the same quarter of the previous year.

### Changes in this edition

Due to coding problems relating to the re-classification of cannabis, estimates have been made of the volume of some sentences, please see the technical note towards the rear of the document for more details.

The introduction of the LIBRA case management system has affected the way that some cases are reported; see the data sources section at the end of the document for more details.

## Key points – April to June 2009

All key points highlighted below are for indictable offences and are comparisons with the second quarter of 2008.

### All courts

- The number of persons sentenced was 80,600 (a rise of 2.5 per cent on the same quarter in 2008). The number of males sentenced was 67,400 while there were 12,800 females sentenced. There was a 3.0 per cent increase in the number of people sentenced at the Crown Court and a 2.4 per cent increase at magistrates' courts.
- The number of juveniles and young adults sentenced fell by 10.4 per cent and 2.0 per cent respectively. The number of adults sentenced increased by 6.1 per cent.
- The number of people sentenced to immediate custody fell by 4.0 per cent to 19,300 persons. This was made up of a 1.2 per cent fall at the Crown Court and a fall of 8.3 per cent at magistrates' courts. The number of juveniles sentenced to immediate custody fell by 17.7 per cent, for young adults it decreased by 14.7 per cent, while for adults there was a 1.1 per cent fall.
- The percentage of persons given immediate custody for indictable offences at all courts was 24.0 per cent, a fall of 1.6 percentage points.
- The number of community sentences rose by 5.7 per cent to 26,700. The community sentence rate rose by 1.0 percentage points to 33.2 per cent.
- The offence group with the largest proportionate increase in numbers sentenced was theft and handling stolen goods, with an increase of 10.2 per cent to 30,100. The largest proportionate fall was for criminal damage, which fell by 12.8 per cent to 2,100.
- The average custodial sentence length (ACSL) at all courts rose by 0.3 per cent to 16.2 months, despite ACSL falling at both the Crown and magistrates' courts by 2.5 and 4.9 per cent respectively. While it may seem unlikely for ACSL to have fallen at both magistrates' and the Crown Court yet have risen overall, the overall figure is a combination of not only the length of sentences from each court but also the proportion of persons receiving a custodial sentence from each type of court. So while ACSL has fallen at the Crown Court, as a greater proportion of all custodial sentences are from the Crown Court, where custodial sentences tend to be longer, the contribution from the Crown Court to the overall ACSL is greater and hence has caused the overall ACSL to rise.

- The ACSL rose for five of the ten indictable offence groups, the largest proportionate increases were for criminal damage, up 33.0 per cent to 18.1 months and other indictable offences, up 13.1 per cent to 12.8 months. The largest proportionate decrease was for fraud and forgery, down 9.6 per cent to 9.7 months.
- The numbers sentenced to custody for criminal damage are still relatively small so the ACSL trend is likely to be volatile and small changes in sentencing behaviour are liable to result in large proportionate increases. Any short term trend should be seen in the context of a longer term trend of increasing ACSL and decreasing numbers being sentenced.

### **Magistrates' courts**

- There were 58,700 persons sentenced at magistrates' courts, a rise of 2.4 per cent on the same quarter of 2008.
- The percentage of persons sentenced to immediate custody fell by 1.4 percentage points to 12.4 per cent.
- The percentage of persons given a community sentence rose by 1.5 percentage points to 39.4 per cent.
- The percentage of persons given a fine rose 0.1 percentage points to 19.9 per cent.
- The percentage of persons sentenced to a suspended sentence rose by 0.2 percentage points, to 5.2 per cent.
- The average custodial sentence length fell from 2.8 months to 2.7 months.

### **Crown Court**

- There were 21,900 persons sentenced at the Crown Court, an increase of 3.0 per cent on the same quarter in 2008.
- The percentage of persons given immediate custody fell by 2.3 percentage points to 54.9 per cent.
- The percentage of persons given a suspended sentence rose by 0.2 percentage points to 20.3 per cent.
- The percentage of persons given a community sentence fell by 0.2 percentage points to 16.6 per cent.
- The percentage of persons given a fine rose by 0.6 percentage points to 2.3 per cent.
- The average custodial sentence length fell from 25.2 months to 24.6 months.

**Table i: Persons sentenced by disposal**

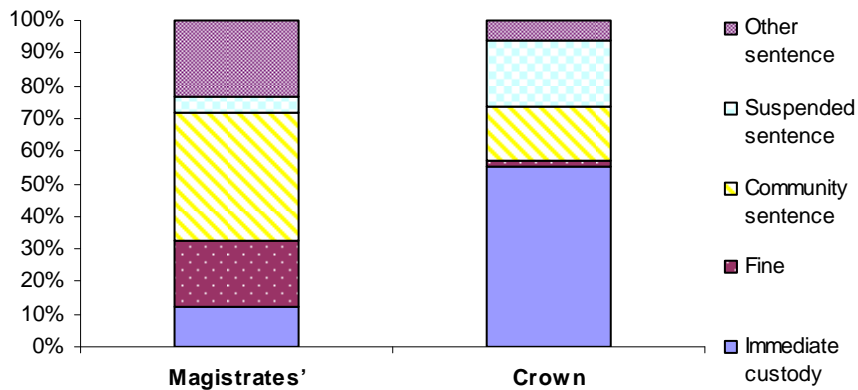
	Magistrates'	Crown	All Courts
<b>Total Sentenced (all ages)</b> <i>(comparing Q2 2009 with Q2 2008)</i>	58,683 2.4%	21,932 3.0%	80,615 2.5%
<b>Fine</b>	11,680 2.8%	512 42.2%	12,192 4.0%
<b>Community sentence</b>	23,094 6.4%	3,641 1.6%	26,735 5.7%
<b>Immediate custody</b>	7,265 <b>-8.3%</b>	12,048 <b>-1.2%</b>	19,313 <b>-4.0%</b>
<b>Suspended sentence</b>	3,031 6.4%	4,447 4.3%	7,478 5.1%
<b>Other sentence</b>	13,613 0.9%	1,284 44.8%	14,897 3.6%
<b>Average custodial sentence length (months)<sup>(1)</sup></b>	2.7 <b>-4.9%</b>	24.6 <b>-2.5%</b>	16.1672 0.3%

(1) Excludes life sentences and IPPs.

**Table ii: Persons sentenced by age**

	Magistrates'	Crown	All Courts
<b>Total Sentenced (all ages)</b> <i>(comparing Q2 2009 with Q2 2008)</i>	58,683 2.4%	21,932 3.0%	80,615 2.5%
<b>10-17</b>	9,834 <b>-9.7%</b>	570 <b>-20.1%</b>	10,404 <b>-10.4%</b>
<b>18-20</b>	7,198 <b>-1.7%</b>	3,395 <b>-2.8%</b>	10,593 <b>-2.0%</b>
<b>21 and over</b>	41,651 6.5%	17,967 5.2%	59,618 6.1%

**Figure A: Distribution of disposals by court, 2009 Q2**



## **Explanatory notes**

### **Data sources**

The source of the data for this publication is the Courts Proceedings Database, which covers details of every individual sentenced. Data referring to magistrates' courts comes either directly from magistrates' court computer systems, all of which went online with the new LIBRA system during 2008 and 2009, or from police forces. National implementation of LIBRA was completed in February 2009. Data on the Crown Court comes from the Court Service's CREST computer system.

All the statistics shown relate to the principal offence. This is the one attracting the heaviest sentence. Where an offender has been given the same disposal for two or more offences the principal offence is the one for which the statutory maximum is most severe.

Although care is taken in processing and analysing the returns, the detail collected is subject to the inaccuracies inherent in any large scale recording system. Therefore, the figures are not necessarily accurate to the last digit shown. Average custodial sentence lengths are extracted to four decimal places but are only shown in the tables to one decimal place.

Where the number of offenders sentenced in a particular group is less than 50, we do not show the percentage change. This is because smaller numbers do not always give a meaningful percentage change. In these cases, the percentage change is denoted with a star (\*).

Percentage changes have been calculated from figures with a greater level of accuracy than those displayed in cells. Displayed values are shown to one decimal place while the underlying data is accurate to four decimal places. The underlying data is available by highlighting the relevant cells in the Excel version of the tables.

Following the introduction of the Libra case management system during 2008, offenders at magistrates' courts can now be recorded as sex 'Not Stated'. In 2008 and 2009 less than one per cent of offenders sentenced were recorded as sex 'Not Stated' as well as 'Male', 'Female', or 'Other'. Amendments to the data tables have been made to accommodate this new category. Tables split by gender are now formatted as males, females and then 'all persons' which includes the 'Not Stated' category. Detailed comparisons by gender are no longer possible and hence some figures/tables within the text which showed a gender breakdown in previous editions have been removed.

### Technical note

During the compilation of this report it was discovered the reporting of sentences for cannabis possession was incomplete. The problem arose due to coding changes brought about by the re-classification of cannabis from class C to class B in January 2009. It was also realised, in retrospect, that a similar problem had affected the statistics reported in the Sentencing Statistics quarterly brief January – March 2009 released on 30 September 2009, although the problem was not as large. Work is ongoing to retrieve the data and figures will be revised when it becomes available.

As a temporary solution and to ensure sentencing statistics for this period could be released, data was obtained from the Police National Computer (PNC) and a model of the number of cannabis possession sentences was created to estimate the shortfall in the data. This model has subsequently been used to impute the 'missing' sentences. The details of the imputed values and the associated 95% prediction intervals are shown in table (i) below. Due to the imputed cases a weighting has been applied that has resulted in non-integer values being present in the underlying data. In these cases the figures presented are ultimately dependant on the point in the calculation that the figures are rounded, this may lead to minor differences in the values published in different tables. Full details of the method used are available on request.

**Table (i) Predicted values for number of cannabis possession sentences on CPD January – June 2009 with associated prediction intervals**

	Predicted value	Lower prediction interval	Upper prediction interval
January 2009	1578.106	1448.728	1708.802
February 2009	1454.122	1324.912	1584.576
March 2009	1633.294	1503.795	1764.144
April 2009	1488.142	1358.9	1618.648
May 2009	1420.858	1291.669	1551.272
June 2009	1711.162	1581.444	1842.277

## Definitions

**Juveniles:** offenders aged 10-17 at sentence

**Young adults:** offenders aged 18-20 at sentence

**Adults:** offenders aged 21 or over at sentence

**Average custodial sentence length:** this excludes life and other indeterminate sentences.

**Indictable only offences** and **triable-either-way offences** are listed in Appendix 4 of Sentencing Statistics England and Wales 2008. This publication is available at [www.justice.gov.uk/publications/sentencingannual.htm](http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/sentencingannual.htm)

**Immediate custodial sentences** include detention and training orders, young offender institution, unsuspended imprisonment, extended sentences for public protection and indeterminate sentences for public protection<sup>1</sup>.

**Community sentence** – for **adults (18 and over)** the main community sentence, which is supervised by the Probation Service, is the community order introduced by the Criminal Justice Act 2003 for offences committed on or after 4 April 2005. 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 programmes, curfew, exclusion, residence, mental health treatment, drug rehabilitation, alcohol treatment and attendance centre requirement for under 25s. For **juveniles** the main community sentences used are the referral order, for first-time offenders who plead guilty on their first court appearance and do not merit a discharge or custodial sentence, and the supervision order (up to 3 years, may have additional requirements) although curfew orders, reparation orders, action plan orders and attendance centre orders are also available. Youth Offending Teams supervise orders for juveniles.

**Suspended Sentence** – available for **adults (18 and over)** only. It is a sentence of custody of under 12 months, suspended for a period ranging from six months to two years. During the suspension period the court sets a number of requirements, from the same options as are available for the community order, and these are supervised by the Probation Service.

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<sup>1</sup> Introduced by the Criminal Justice Act 2003 for offences committed on or after 4 April 2005



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Table 1 Males sentenced for indictable offences by type of court, age group, type of sentence and quarter, 2007-2009<sup>(1)</sup>

England and Wales	Males sentenced										Percentage change <sup>(4)</sup>				
	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	
<b>Magistrates' courts</b>															
Juveniles (under 18)															
Number sentenced	10,600	10,339	9,771	9,457	9,257	9,325	9,009	8,401	8,160	-12.7	-9.8	-7.8	-11.2	-11.9	
Number given immediate custody	817	820	716	738	780	701	657	629	678	-4.5	-14.5	-8.2	-14.8	-13.1	
Number given fines	522	528	550	466	519	491	444	386	264	-0.6	-7.0	-19.3	-17.2	-49.1	
Number given community sentences	8,011	7,732	7,370	7,125	6,803	6,982	6,826	6,415	6,370	-15.1	-9.7	-7.4	-10.0	-6.4	
Number given suspended sentences <sup>(3)</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	*	*	*	
Number given other sentences	1,250	1,259	1,135	1,128	1,155	1,151	1,082	971	848	-7.6	-8.6	-4.7	-13.9	-26.6	
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	7.0	7.2	7.6	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.1	7.4	7.6	4.2	0.1	-6.6	1.2	3.4	
Young Adults (18-20)															
Number sentenced	7,133	7,057	6,823	6,699	6,385	6,348	6,221	6,106	6,206	-10.5	-10.0	-8.8	-8.9	-2.8	
Number given immediate custody	898	896	852	838	745	679	607	408	406	-17.0	-24.2	-28.8	-51.3	-45.5	
Number given fines	1,753	1,647	1,585	1,566	1,484	1,681	1,740	1,701	1,468	-15.3	2.1	9.8	8.6	-1.1	
Number given community sentences	2,474	2,516	2,441	2,298	2,292	2,227	2,289	2,378	2,487	-7.4	-11.5	-6.2	3.5	8.5	
Number given suspended sentences	358	337	393	426	305	325	309	257	301	-14.8	-3.6	-21.4	-39.7	-1.3	
Number given other sentences	1,650	1,661	1,552	1,571	1,559	1,436	1,276	1,362	1,544	-5.5	-13.5	-17.8	-13.3	-1.0	
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.3	-7.8	-11.4	-9.7	-8.4	-11.5	
Adults (21 and over)															
Number sentenced	31,431	32,445	31,581	32,919	32,076	32,655	32,227	33,675	33,471	2.1	0.6	2.0	2.3	4.3	
Number given immediate custody	4,968	5,411	5,395	5,714	5,365	5,327	5,047	5,251	5,261	8.0	-1.6	-6.5	-8.1	-1.9	
Number given fines	8,101	8,231	7,765	7,982	7,955	8,761	8,393	8,647	8,215	-1.8	6.4	8.1	8.3	3.3	
Number given community sentences	8,647	8,866	8,774	9,005	8,892	9,025	9,572	10,093	9,870	2.8	1.8	9.1	12.1	11.0	
Number given suspended sentences	2,215	2,298	2,284	2,200	2,071	2,004	2,013	2,075	2,174	-6.5	-12.8	-11.9	-5.7	5.0	
Number given other sentences	7,500	7,639	7,363	8,018	7,793	7,538	7,202	7,609	7,951	3.9	-1.3	-2.2	-5.1	2.0	
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.2	-1.3	-6.1	-3.9	-5.0	-4.1	
<b>The Crown Court</b>															
Juveniles (under 18)															
Number sentenced	603	576	598	623	651	600	617	529	515	8.0	4.2	3.2	-15.1	-20.9	
Number given immediate custody	370	374	372	389	397	405	404	334	311	7.3	8.3	8.6	-14.1	-21.7	
Number given fines	2	3	4	0	3	0	0	1	1	*	*	*	*	*	
Number given community sentences	195	172	177	212	213	181	190	182	175	9.2	5.2	7.3	-14.2	-17.8	
Number given suspended sentences <sup>(3)</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	*	*	*	*	*	
Number given other sentences	36	27	45	22	38	14	23	12	27	*	*	*	*	*	
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	20.5	21.6	20.2	21.9	23.2	24.2	22.5	22.4	22.5	13.3	12.2	11.4	2.3	-3.0	
Young Adults (18-20)															
Number sentenced	2,910	2,918	3,077	3,007	3,214	3,120	3,052	3,276	3,150	10.4	6.9	-0.8	8.9	-2.0	
Number given immediate custody	1,701	1,738	1,766	1,668	1,789	1,788	1,743	1,877	1,792	5.2	2.9	-1.3	12.5	0.2	
Number given fines	46	49	48	37	45	34	29	42	72	*	*	*	*	*	
Number given community sentences	622	556	633	560	654	583	596	638	591	5.1	4.9	-5.8	13.9	-9.6	
Number given suspended sentences	402	475	510	649	611	590	580	620	495	52.0	24.2	13.7	-4.5	-19.0	
Number given other sentences	139	100	120	93	115	125	104	99	200	-17.3	25.0	-13.3	6.5	73.9	
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	20.0	20.5	20.7	21.2	21.7	22.5	21.9	21.8	22.4	8.4	9.7	5.9	3.0	3.1	
Adults (21 and over)															
Number sentenced	13,049	13,457	13,639	14,519	14,992	15,002	14,904	15,575	15,855	14.9	11.5	9.3	7.3	5.8	
Number given immediate custody	7,569	7,876	8,001	8,654	9,067	9,057	9,049	9,311	9,118	19.8	15.0	13.1	7.6	0.6	
Number given fines	302	297	271	317	291	263	267	292	394	-3.6	-11.4	-1.5	-7.9	35.4	
Number given community sentences	2,027	2,034	1,919	1,995	2,146	2,177	2,231	2,341	2,288	5.9	7.0	16.3	17.3	6.6	
Number given suspended sentences	2,510	2,653	2,816	2,952	2,911	2,960	2,805	3,055	3,225	16.0	11.6	-0.4	3.5	10.8	
Number given other sentences	641	597	632	601	577	545	552	576	830	-10.0	-8.7	-12.7	-4.2	43.8	
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	25.9	25.8	26.7	25.6	26.6	26.7	26.4	26.2	25.7	2.6	3.3	-1.1	2.3	-3.5	
<b>All courts</b>															
Juveniles (under 18)															
Number sentenced	11,203	10,915	10,369	10,080	9,908	9,925	9,626	8,930	8,675	-11.6	-9.1	-7.2	-11.4	-12.4	
Number given immediate custody	1,187	1,194	1,088	1,127	1,177	1,106	1,061	963	989	-0.8	-7.4	-2.5	-14.6	-16.0	
Number given fines	524	531	554	466	522	491	444	387	265	-0.4	-7.5	-19.9	-17.0	-49.2	
Number given community sentences	8,206	7,904	7,547	7,337	7,016	7,163	7,016	6,597	6,545	-14.5	-9.4	-7.0	-10.1	-6.7	
Number given suspended sentences <sup>(3)</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	*	*	*	*	*	
Number given other sentences	1,286	1,286	1,180	1,150	1,193	1,165	1,105	983	875	-7.2	-9.4	-6.4	-14.5	-26.7	
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	11.1	11.6	11.7	12.1	12.4	13.3	12.8	12.4	12.2	12.0	15.0	9.0	3.0	-1.8	
Young Adults (18-20)															
Number sentenced	10,043	9,975	9,900	9,706	9,599	9,468	9,273	9,382	9,356	-4.4	-5.1	-6.3	-3.3	-2.5	
Number given immediate custody	2,599	2,634	2,618	2,506	2,534	2,467	2,350	2,285	2,198	-2.5	-6.3	-10.2	-8.8	-13.3	
Number given fines	1,799	1,696	1,633	1,603	1,529	1,715	1,769	1,743	1,540	-15.0	1.1	8.3	8.7	0.7	
Number given community sentences	3,096	3,072	3,074	2,858	2,946	2,810	2,885	3,016	3,078	-4.8	-8.5	-6.1	5.5	4.5	
Number given suspended sentences	760	812	903	1,075	916	915	889	877	796	20.5	12.7	-1.6	-18.4	-13.1	
Number given other sentences	1,789	1,761	1,672	1,664	1,674	1,561	1,380	1,461	1,744	-6.4	-11.4	-17.5	-12.2	4.2	
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	13.9	14.3	14.5	14.8	15.9	16.9	16.7	18.3	18.6	14.5	17.8	14.9	23.6	16.9	
Adults (21 and over)															
Number sentenced	44,480	45,902	45,220	47,438	47,068	47,657	47,131	49,250	49,326	5.8	3.8	4.2	3.8	4.8	
Number given immediate custody	12,537	13,287	13,396	14,368	14,432	14,384	14,096	14,562	14,379	15.1	8.3	5.2	1.4	-0.4	
Number given fines	8,403	8,528	8,036	8,299	8,246	9,024	8,660	8,939	8,609	-1.9	5.8	7.8	7.7	4.4	
Number given community sentences	10,674	10,900	10,693	11,000	11,038	11,202	11,803	12,434	12,158	3.4	2.8	10.4	13.0	10.1	
Number given suspended sentences	4,725	4,951	5,100	5,152	4,982	4,964	4,818	5,130	5,399	5.4	0.3	-5.5	-0.4	8.4	
Number given other sentences	8,141	8,236	7,995	8,619	8,370	8,083	7,754	8,185	8,781	2.8	-1.9	-3.0	-5.0	4.9	
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	16.3	15.9	16.5	16.0	17.3	17.4	17.5	17.3	16.9	6.2	9.0	5.9	8.3	-2.3	

(1) 2009 data is provisional.

(2) Excludes life and indeterminate sentences. Offenders receiving an indeterminate sentence for public protection for a serious offence committed from 4 April 2005 would previously have been included in the average custodial sentence length and are no longer. This may result in a decrease in average custodial sentence lengths.

(3) Suspended sentences are not available for juveniles

(4) A small number of cases from magistrates' courts are now reported to the Ministry as sex 'not stated' this may be the cause of some of the percentage change from 2008 to 2009

\* Number too small to give a meaningful percentage change

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Table 2 Females sentenced for indictable offences by type of court, age group, type of sentence and quarter, 2007-2009<sup>(1)</sup>

England and Wales		Females sentenced										Percentage change <sup>(4)</sup>				
Court, age group and sentence		Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	
<b>Magistrates' courts</b>																
Juveniles (under 18)																
Number sentenced		1,855	1,806	1,616	1,578	1,563	1,565	1,563	1,551	1,609	-15.7	-13.3	-3.3	-1.7	2.9	
Number given immediate custody		62	64	63	70	85	64	63	61	48	37.1	0.0	0.0	-12.9	*	
Number given fines		56	60	37	40	36	39	36	33	20	*	*	*	*	*	
Number given community sentences		1,494	1,462	1,321	1,276	1,238	1,280	1,271	1,266	1,346	-17.1	-12.4	-3.8	-0.8	8.7	
Number given suspended sentences <sup>(3)</sup>		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	*	*	*	
Number given other sentences		243	220	195	192	204	182	193	191	195	-16.0	-17.3	-1.0	-0.5	-4.4	
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>		6.2	6.4	6.0	6.0	6.6	6.5	6.0	6.4	5.8	6.0	2.0	-0.5	7.3	-11.1	
Young Adults (18-20)																
Number sentenced		904	936	934	938	899	873	930	1015	966	-0.6	-6.7	-0.4	8.2	7.5	
Number given immediate custody		72	80	77	67	80	65	67	58	36	11.1	-18.8	-13.0	-13.4	*	
Number given fines		163	138	157	135	140	151	194	192	204	-14.1	9.4	23.6	42.2	45.7	
Number given community sentences		317	348	334	346	311	312	358	363	358	-1.9	-10.3	7.2	4.9	15.1	
Number given suspended sentences		33	44	57	51	34	33	37	41	26	*	*	*	*	*	
Number given other sentences		319	326	309	339	334	312	274	361	342	4.7	-4.3	-11.3	6.5	2.4	
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>		2.4	2.6	2.3	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.5	-18.0	-26.1	-10.5	5.3	24.7	
Adults (21 and over)																
Number sentenced		6,469	6,457	6,709	6,724	6,724	6,696	7,111	7,518	7,822	3.9	3.7	6.0	11.8	16.3	
Number given immediate custody		736	759	798	843	821	846	763	764	787	11.5	11.5	-4.4	-9.4	-4.1	
Number given fines		1,149	1,126	1,122	1,085	1,114	1,186	1,244	1,320	1,374	-3.0	5.3	10.9	21.7	23.3	
Number given community sentences		2,049	2,025	2,119	2,069	2,040	2,084	2,369	2,496	2,509	-0.4	2.9	11.8	20.6	23.0	
Number given suspended sentences		440	406	468	448	420	371	440	467	505	-4.5	-8.6	-6.0	4.2	20.2	
Number given other sentences		2,095	2,141	2,202	2,279	2,329	2,209	2,295	2,471	2,647	11.2	3.2	4.2	8.4	13.7	
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>		2.1	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	-0.5	-4.0	-6.1	-2.3	-6.8	
<b>The Crown Court</b>																
Juveniles (under 18)																
Number sentenced		60	80	57	42	62	49	40	54	55	3.3	*	*	*	-11.3	
Number given immediate custody		25	45	25	18	27	19	14	26	25	*	*	*	*	*	
Number given fines		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	*	*	*	
Number given community sentences		27	31	26	21	30	28	19	25	24	*	*	*	*	*	
Number given suspended sentences <sup>(3)</sup>		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	*	*	*	
Number given other sentences		8	4	6	3	5	2	7	3	6	*	*	*	*	*	
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>		15.1	17.7	12.6	22.0	20.1	14.7	15.6	24.3	23.1	33.1	-17.3	23.2	10.4	15.2	
Young Adults (18-20)																
Number sentenced		210	247	244	236	278	253	265	254	245	32.4	2.4	8.6	7.6	-11.9	
Number given immediate custody		66	97	92	72	95	87	95	83	77	43.9	-10.3	3.3	15.3	-18.9	
Number given fines		4	1	1	1	1	2	3	4	2	*	*	*	*	*	
Number given community sentences		76	66	78	76	77	71	90	80	80	1.3	7.6	15.4	5.3	3.9	
Number given suspended sentences		50	62	57	64	79	78	64	77	62	*	25.8	12.3	20.3	-21.5	
Number given other sentences		14	21	16	23	26	15	13	10	24	*	*	*	*	*	
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>		22.1	17.2	21.8	19.4	19.6	20.1	18.0	22.3	17.3	-11.5	16.9	-17.7	15.0	-11.7	
Adults (21 and over)																
Number sentenced		1,764	1,873	1,847	2,038	2,093	1,918	1,894	2,096	2,112	18.7	2.4	2.5	2.8	0.9	
Number given immediate custody		654	666	695	774	819	684	681	782	725	25.2	2.7	-2.0	1.0	-11.5	
Number given fines		20	31	28	28	20	37	25	17	43	*	*	*	*	*	
Number given community sentences		440	414	380	448	464	430	457	463	483	5.5	3.9	20.3	3.3	4.1	
Number given suspended sentences		511	587	609	637	664	640	599	685	664	29.9	9.0	-1.6	7.5	0.0	
Number given other sentences		139	175	135	151	126	127	132	149	197	-9.4	-27.4	-2.2	-1.3	56.3	
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>		20.6	21.5	18.6	20.7	19.3	19.8	22.4	22.5	18.4	-6.1	-7.7	20.6	8.3	-5.0	
<b>All Courts</b>																
Juveniles (under 18)																
Number sentenced		1,915	1,886	1,673	1,620	1,625	1,614	1,603	1,605	1,664	-15.1	-14.4	-4.2	-0.9	2.4	
Number given immediate custody		87	109	88	88	112	83	77	87	73	28.7	-23.9	-12.5	-1.1	-34.8	
Number given fines		56	60	37	40	36	39	36	33	20	*	*	*	*	*	
Number given community sentences		1,521	1,493	1,347	1,297	1,268	1,308	1,290	1,291	1,370	-16.6	-12.4	-4.2	-0.5	8.0	
Number given suspended sentences <sup>(3)</sup>		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	*	*	*	
Number given other sentences		251	224	201	195	209	184	200	194	201	-16.7	-17.9	-0.5	-0.5	-3.8	
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>		8.7	11.0	7.9	9.3	9.5	8.3	7.7	11.5	11.8	10.0	-24.6	-2.2	23.9	23.2	
Young Adults (18-20)																
Number sentenced		1,114	1,183	1,178	1,174	1,177	1,126	1,195	1,269	1,211	5.7	-4.8	1.4	8.1	2.9	
Number given immediate custody		138	177	169	139	175	152	162	141	113	26.8	-14.1	-4.1	1.4	-35.4	
Number given fines		167	139	158	136	141	153	197	196	206	-15.6	10.1	24.7	44.1	46.1	
Number given community sentences		393	414	412	422	388	383	448	443	438	-1.3	-7.5	8.7	5.0	12.9	
Number given suspended sentences		83	106	114	115	113	111	101	118	88	36.1	4.7	-11.4	2.6	-22.1	
Number given other sentences		333	347	325	362	360	327	287	371	366	8.1	-5.8	-11.7	2.5	1.7	
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>		11.8	10.4	12.7	10.8	11.4	12.3	11.4	13.8	12.6	-3.2	18.0	-10.4	28.3	10.3	
Adults (21 and over)																
Number sentenced		8,233	8,330	8,556	8,762	8,817	8,614	9,005	9,614	9,934	7.1	3.4	5.2	9.7	12.7	
Number given immediate custody		1,390	1,425	1,493	1,617	1,640	1,530	1,444	1,546	1,512	18.0	7.4	-3.3	-4.4	-7.8	
Number given fines		1,169	1,157	1,150	1,113	1,134	1,223	1,269	1,337	1,417	-3.0	5.7	10.3	20.1	25.0	
Number given community sentences		2,489	2,439	2,499	2,517	2,504	2,514	2,826	2,959	2,992	0.6	3.1	13.1	17.6	19.5	
Number given suspended sentences		951	993	1,077	1,085	1,084	1,011	1,039	1,152	1,169	14.0	1.8	-3.5	6.2	7.8	
Number given other sentences		2,234	2,316	2,337	2,430	2,455	2,336	2,427	2,620	2,844	9.9	0.9	3.9	7.8	15.8	
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>		10.7	11.1	9.7	10.9	10.6	9.8	11.5	12.3	9.8	-1.1	-11.1	19.0	12.3	-7.8	

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Table 3 Persons sentenced for indictable offences by type of court, age group, type of sentence and quarter, 2007-2009<sup>(1)</sup>

England and Wales										Persons sentenced					Percentage change <sup>(4)</sup>								
Court, age group and sentence										Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009
<b>Magistrates' courts</b>																							
Juveniles (under 18)																							
Number sentenced	12,455	12,145	11,387	11,095	10,896	10,949	10,640	10,026	9,834	-12.5	-9.8	-6.6	-9.6	-9.7									
Number given immediate custody	879	884	779	813	869	768	726	699	728	-1.1	-13.1	-6.8	-14.0	-16.2									
Number given fines	578	588	587	509	563	537	487	424	289	-2.6	-8.7	-17.0	-16.7	-48.7									
Number given community sentences	9,505	9,194	8,691	8,447	8,097	8,302	8,143	7,733	7,755	-14.8	-9.7	-6.3	-8.5	-4.2									
Number given suspended sentences <sup>(3)</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	*	*	*									
Number given other sentences	1,493	1,479	1,330	1,326	1,367	1,342	1,284	1,170	1,062	-8.4	-9.3	-3.5	-11.8	-22.3									
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	7.0	7.2	7.4	7.2	7.3	7.2	7.0	7.3	7.5	4.1	-0.1	-6.4	1.8	2.7									
Young Adults (18-20)																							
Number sentenced	8,037	7,993	7,757	7,676	7,320	7,263	7,199	7,150	7,198	-8.9	-9.1	-7.2	-6.9	-1.7									
Number given immediate custody	970	976	929	911	829	749	682	472	446	-14.5	-23.3	-26.6	-48.2	-46.2									
Number given fines	1,916	1,785	1,742	1,706	1,631	1,841	1,944	1,897	1,678	-14.9	3.1	11.6	11.2	2.9									
Number given community sentences	2,791	2,864	2,775	2,656	2,615	2,560	2,665	2,751	2,857	-6.3	-10.6	-4.0	3.6	9.3									
Number given suspended sentences	391	381	450	478	341	359	349	300	328	-12.8	-5.8	-22.4	-37.2	-3.8									
Number given other sentences	1,969	1,987	1,861	1,925	1,904	1,754	1,559	1,730	1,889	-3.3	-11.7	-16.2	-10.1	-0.8									
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.3	-8.8	-12.7	-9.9	-8.3	-8.8									
Adults (21 and over)																							
Number sentenced	37,900	38,902	38,290	39,931	39,107	39,670	39,726	41,561	41,651	3.2	2.0	3.8	4.1	6.5									
Number given immediate custody	5,704	6,170	6,193	6,585	6,226	6,228	5,877	6,067	6,091	9.2	0.9	-5.1	-7.9	-2.2									
Number given fines	9,250	9,357	8,887	9,140	9,167	10,052	9,756	10,103	9,713	-0.9	7.4	9.8	10.5	6.0									
Number given community sentences	10,696	10,891	10,893	11,137	10,988	11,180	12,043	12,678	12,482	2.7	2.7	10.6	13.8	13.6									
Number given suspended sentences	2,655	2,704	2,752	2,671	2,508	2,390	2,476	2,568	2,703	-5.5	-11.6	-10.0	-3.9	7.8									
Number given other sentences	9,595	9,780	9,565	10,398	10,218	9,820	9,574	10,145	10,662	6.5	0.4	0.1	-2.4	4.3									
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	-1.3	-6.0	-4.2	-4.7	-4.4									
<b>The Crown Court</b>																							
Juveniles (under 18)																							
Number sentenced	663	656	655	665	713	649	657	583	570	7.5	-1.1	0.3	-12.3	-20.1									
Number given immediate custody	395	419	397	407	424	424	418	360	336	7.3	1.2	5.3	-11.5	-20.8									
Number given fines	2	3	4	0	3	0	0	1	1	*	*	*	*	*									
Number given community sentences	222	203	203	233	243	209	209	207	199	9.5	3.0	3.0	-11.2	-18.1									
Number given suspended sentences <sup>(3)</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	*	*	*	*	*									
Number given other sentences	44	31	51	25	43	16	30	15	33	*	*	*	*	*									
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	20.1	21.2	19.7	21.9	23.0	23.8	22.3	22.5	22.6	14.3	12.5	13.0	2.9	-2.0									
Young Adults (18-20)																							
Number sentenced	3,120	3,165	3,321	3,243	3,492	3,373	3,317	3,530	3,395	11.9	6.6	-0.1	8.8	-2.8									
Number given immediate custody	1,767	1,835	1,858	1,740	1,884	1,875	1,838	1,960	1,869	6.6	2.2	-1.1	12.6	-0.8									
Number given fines	50	50	49	38	46	36	32	46	74	*	*	*	*	*									
Number given community sentences	698	622	711	636	731	654	686	718	671	4.7	5.1	-3.5	12.9	-8.2									
Number given suspended sentences	452	537	567	713	690	668	644	697	557	52.7	24.4	13.6	-2.2	-19.3									
Number given other sentences	153	121	136	116	141	140	117	109	224	-7.8	15.7	-14.0	-6.0	58.9									
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	20.1	20.4	20.7	21.1	21.6	22.4	21.7	21.8	22.2	7.4	10.1	4.6	3.5	2.6									
Adults (21 and over)																							
Number sentenced	14,813	15,330	15,486	16,557	17,085	16,920	16,798	17,671	17,967	15.3	10.4	8.5	6.7	5.2									
Number given immediate custody	8,223	8,542	8,696	9,428	9,886	9,741	9,730	10,093	9,843	20.2	14.0	11.9	7.1	-0.4									
Number given fines	322	328	299	345	311	300	292	309	437	-3.4	-8.5	-2.3	-10.4	40.5									
Number given community sentences	2,467	2,448	2,299	2,443	2,610	2,607	2,688	2,804	2,771	5.8	6.5	16.9	14.8	6.2									
Number given suspended sentences	3,021	3,240	3,425	3,589	3,575	3,600	3,404	3,740	3,889	18.3	11.1	-0.6	4.2	8.8									
Number given other sentences	780	772	767	752	703	672	684	725	1,027	-9.9	-13.0	-10.8	-3.6	46.1									
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	25.5	25.5	26.1	25.2	26.0	26.2	26.2	25.9	25.1	1.9	2.8	0.4	2.8	-3.4									
<b>All Courts</b>																							
Juveniles (under 18)																							
Number sentenced	13,118	12,801	12,042	11,760	11,609	11,598	11,297	10,609	10,404	-11.5	-9.4	-6.2	-9.8	-10.4									
Number given immediate custody	1,274	1,303	1,176	1,220	1,293	1,192	1,144	1,059	1,064	1.5	-8.5	-2.7	-13.2	-17.7									
Number given fines	580	591	591	509	566	537	487	425	290	-2.4	-9.1	-17.6	-16.5	-48.8									
Number given community sentences	9,727	9,397	8,894	8,680	8,340	8,511	8,352	7,940	7,954	-14.3	-9.4	-6.1	-8.5	-4.6									
Number given suspended sentences <sup>(3)</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	*	*	*	*	*									
Number given other sentences	1,537	1,510	1,381	1,351	1,410	1,358	1,314	1,185	1,095	-8.3	-10.1	-4.9	-12.3	-22.3									
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	10.9	11.5	11.4	11.8	12.2	13.0	12.4	12.3	12.2	11.3	12.3	8.4	4.0	0.0									
Young Adults (18-20)																							
Number sentenced	11,157	11,158	11,078	10,919	10,812	10,636	10,516	10,680	10,593	-3.1	-4.7	-5.1	-2.2	-2.0									
Number given immediate custody	2,737	2,811	2,787	2,651	2,713	2,624	2,520	2,432	2,315	-0.9	-6.7	-9.6	-8.3	-14.7									
Number given fines	1,966	1,835	1,791	1,744	1,677	1,877	1,976	1,943	1,752	-14.7	2.3	10.3	11.4	4.5									
Number given community sentences	3,489	3,486	3,486	3,292	3,346	3,214	3,351	3,469	3,528	-4.1	-7.8	-3.9	5.4	5.4									
Number given suspended sentences	843	918	1,017	1,191	1,031	1,027	993	997	885	22.3	11.9	-2.4	-16.3	-14.2									
Number given other sentences	2,122	2,108	1,997	2,041	2,045	1,894	1,676	1,839	2,113	-3.6	-10.2	-16.1	-9.9	3.3									
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	13.8	14.1	14.4	14.5	15.6	16.6	16.3	18.0	18.2	13.1	17.8	13.0	23.6	17.2									
Adults (21 and over)																							
Number sentenced	52,713	54,232	53,776	56,488	56,192	56,590	56,524	59,232	59,618	6.6	4.3	5.1	4.9	6.1									
Number given immediate custody	13,927	14,712	14,889	16,013	16,112	15,969	15,607	16,160	15,934	15.7	8.5	4.8	0.9	-1.1									
Number given fines	9,572	9,685	9,186	9,485	9,478	10,352	10,048	10,412	10,150	-1.0	6.9	9.4	9.8	7.1									
Number given community sentences	13,163	13,339	13,192	13,580	13,598	13,787	14,731	15,482	15,253	3.3	3.4	11.7	14.0	12.2									
Number given suspended sentences	5,676	5,944	6,177	6,260	6,083	5,990	5,880	6,308	6,592	7.2	0.8	-4.8	0.8	8.4									
Number given other sentences	10,375	10,552	10,332	11,150	10,921	10,492	10,258	10,870	11,689	5.3	-0.6	-0.7	-2.5	7.0									
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	15.7	15.5	15.8	15.4	16.5	16.6	16.9	16.8	16.1	5.4	7.3	6.6	8.7	-2.4									

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\* Number too small to give a meaningful percentage change

Sentencing statistics April to June 2009

Table 4 Persons sentenced for indictable offences (all ages) by type of court, type of sentence and quarter, 2007-2009<sup>(1)</sup>

England and Wales										Persons sentenced					Percentage change <sup>(3)</sup>								
Court, sex and sentence										Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009
<b>Magistrates' courts</b>																							
<b>Males</b>																							
Number sentenced	49,164	49,841	48,175	49,075	47,718	48,328	47,457	48,182	47,837	-2.9	-3.0	-1.5	-1.8	0.2									
Number given immediate custody	6,683	7,127	6,963	7,290	6,890	6,707	6,311	6,288	6,345	3.1	-5.9	-9.4	-13.7	-7.9									
Number given fines	10,376	10,406	9,900	10,014	9,958	10,933	10,577	10,734	9,947	-4.0	5.1	6.8	7.2	-0.1									
Number given community sentences	19,132	19,114	18,585	18,428	17,987	18,234	18,687	18,886	18,727	-6.0	-4.6	0.5	2.5	4.1									
Number given suspended sentences	2,573	2,635	2,677	2,626	2,376	2,329	2,322	2,332	2,475	-7.7	-11.6	-13.3	-11.2	4.2									
Number given other sentences	10,400	10,559	10,050	10,717	10,507	10,125	9,560	9,942	10,343	1.0	-4.1	-4.9	-7.2	-1.6									
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	-2.4	-7.0	-5.3	-4.3	-4.1									
<b>Females</b>																							
Number sentenced	9,228	9,199	9,259	9,240	9,186	9,134	9,604	10,084	10,397	-0.5	-0.7	3.7	9.1	13.2									
Number given immediate custody	870	903	938	980	986	975	893	883	871	13.3	8.0	-4.8	-9.9	-11.7									
Number given fines	1,368	1,324	1,316	1,260	1,290	1,376	1,474	1,545	1,598	-5.7	3.9	12.0	22.6	23.9									
Number given community sentences	3,860	3,835	3,774	3,691	3,589	3,676	3,998	4,125	4,213	-7.0	-4.1	5.9	11.8	17.4									
Number given suspended sentences	473	450	525	499	454	404	477	508	531	-4.0	-10.2	-9.1	1.8	17.0									
Number given other sentences	2,657	2,687	2,706	2,810	2,867	2,703	2,762	3,023	3,184	7.9	0.6	2.1	7.6	11.1									
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.0	-5.9	-5.0	-0.5	-11.5									
<b>Persons</b>																							
Number sentenced	58,392	59,040	57,434	58,702	57,323	57,882	57,565	58,737	58,683	-1.8	-2.0	0.2	0.1	2.4									
Number given immediate custody	7,553	8,030	7,901	8,309	7,924	7,745	7,285	7,238	7,265	4.9	-3.5	-7.8	-12.9	-8.3									
Number given fines	11,744	11,730	11,216	11,355	11,361	12,430	12,187	12,424	11,680	-3.3	6.0	8.7	9.4	2.8									
Number given community sentences	22,992	22,949	22,359	22,240	21,700	22,042	22,851	23,162	23,094	-5.6	-4.0	2.2	4.1	6.4									
Number given suspended sentences	3,046	3,085	3,202	3,149	2,849	2,749	2,825	2,868	3,031	-6.5	-10.9	-11.8	-8.9	6.4									
Number given other sentences	13,057	13,246	12,756	13,649	13,489	12,916	12,417	13,045	13,613	3.3	-2.5	-2.7	-4.4	0.9									
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.7	-2.1	-7.3	-5.5	-4.0	-4.9									
<b>The Crown Court</b>																							
<b>Males</b>																							
Number sentenced	16,562	16,951	17,314	18,149	18,857	18,722	18,573	19,380	19,520	13.9	10.4	7.3	6.8	3.5									
Number given immediate custody	9,640	9,988	10,139	10,711	11,253	11,250	11,196	11,522	11,221	16.7	12.6	10.4	7.6	-0.3									
Number given fines	350	349	323	354	339	297	296	335	467	-3.1	-14.9	-8.4	-5.4	37.8									
Number given community sentences	2,844	2,762	2,729	2,767	3,013	2,941	3,017	3,161	3,054	5.9	6.5	10.6	14.2	1.4									
Number given suspended sentences	2,912	3,128	3,326	3,601	3,522	3,550	3,385	3,675	3,721	20.9	13.5	1.8	2.1	5.7									
Number given other sentences	816	724	797	716	730	684	679	687	1,057	-10.5	-5.5	-14.8	-4.1	44.8									
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	24.7	24.7	25.4	24.8	25.7	25.9	25.6	25.3	25.1	4.2	4.8	0.6	2.4	-2.6									
<b>Females</b>																							
Number sentenced	2,034	2,200	2,148	2,316	2,433	2,220	2,199	2,404	2,412	19.6	0.9	2.4	3.8	-0.9									
Number given immediate custody	745	808	812	864	941	790	790	891	827	26.3	-2.2	-2.7	3.1	-12.1									
Number given fines	24	32	29	29	21	39	28	21	45	*	*	*	*	*									
Number given community sentences	543	511	484	545	571	529	566	568	587	5.2	3.5	16.9	4.2	2.8									
Number given suspended sentences	561	649	666	701	743	718	663	762	726	32.4	10.6	-0.5	8.7	-2.3									
Number given other sentences	161	200	157	177	157	144	152	162	227	-2.5	-28.0	-3.2	-8.5	44.6									
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	20.6	20.8	18.8	20.7	19.4	19.8	21.8	22.5	18.4	-5.7	-5.0	16.0	8.9	-5.0									
<b>Persons</b>																							
Number sentenced	18,596	19,151	19,462	20,465	21,290	20,942	20,772	21,784	21,932	14.5	9.4	6.7	6.4	3.0									
Number given immediate custody	10,385	10,796	10,951	11,575	12,194	12,040	11,986	12,413	12,048	17.4	11.5	9.5	7.2	-1.2									
Number given fines	374	381	352	383	360	336	324	356	512	-3.7	-11.8	-8.0	-7.0	42.2									
Number given community sentences	3,387	3,273	3,213	3,312	3,584	3,470	3,583	3,729	3,641	5.8	6.0	11.5	12.6	1.6									
Number given suspended sentences	3,473	3,777	3,992	4,302	4,265	4,268	4,048	4,437	4,447	22.8	13.0	1.4	3.1	4.3									
Number given other sentences	977	924	954	893	887	828	831	849	1,284	-9.2	-10.4	-12.9	-4.9	44.8									
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	24.4	24.4	24.9	24.4	25.2	25.5	25.3	25.1	24.6	3.4	4.4	1.6	2.9	-2.5									
<b>All Courts</b>																							
<b>Males</b>																							
Number sentenced	65,726	66,792	65,489	67,224	66,575	67,050	66,030	67,562	67,357	1.3	0.4	0.8	0.5	1.2									
Number given immediate custody	16,323	17,115	17,102	18,001	18,143	17,957	17,507	17,810	17,566	11.1	4.9	2.4	-1.1	-3.2									
Number given fines	10,726	10,755	10,223	10,368	10,297	11,230	10,873	11,069	10,414	-4.0	4.4	6.4	6.8	1.1									
Number given community sentences	21,976	21,876	21,314	21,195	21,000	21,175	21,704	22,047	21,781	-4.4	-3.2	1.8	4.0	3.7									
Number given suspended sentences	5,485	5,763	6,003	6,227	5,898	5,879	5,707	6,007	6,196	7.5	2.0	-4.9	-3.5	5.1									
Number given other sentences	11,216	11,283	10,847	11,433	11,237	10,809	10,239	10,629	11,400	0.2	-4.2	-5.6	-7.0	1.5									
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	15.5	15.4	15.9	15.6	16.8	17.1	17.1	17.2	16.8	8.1	10.9	7.5	10.3	0.3									
<b>Females</b>																							
Number sentenced	11,262	11,399	11,407	11,556	11,619	11,354	11,803	12,488	12,809	3.2	-0.4	3.5	8.1	10.2									
Number given immediate custody	1,615	1,711	1,750	1,844	1,927	1,765	1,683	1,774	1,698	19.3	3.2	-3.8	-3.8	-11.9									
Number given fines	1,392	1,356	1,345	1,289	1,311	1,415	1,502	1,566	1,643	-5.8	4.4	11.7	21.5	25.3									
Number given community sentences	4,403	4,346	4,258	4,236	4,160	4,205	4,564	4,693	4,800	-5.5	-3.2	7.2	10.8	15.4									
Number given suspended sentences	1,034	1,099	1,191	1,200	1,197	1,122	1,140	1,270	1,257	15.8	2.1	-4.3	5.8	5.0									
Number given other sentences	2,818	2,887	2,863	2,987	3,024	2,847	2,914	3,185	3,411	7.3	-1.4	1.8	6.6	12.8									
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	10.7	11.0	9.9	10.8	10.6	10.0	11.3	12.3	10.0	-0.8	-9.2	14.7	14.0	-5.3									
<b>Persons</b>																							
Number sentenced	76,988	78,191	76,896	79,167	78,613	78,824	78,337	80,521	80,615	2.1	0.8	1.9	1.7	2.5									
Number given immediate custody	17,938	18,826	18,852	19,884	20,118	19,785	19,271	19,651	19,313	12.2	5.1	2.2	-1.2	-4.0									
Number given fines	12,118	12,111	11,568	11,738	11,721	12,766	12,511	12,780	12,192	-3.3	5.4	8.2	8.9	4.0									
Number given community sentences	26,379	26,222	25,572	25,552	25,284	25,512	26,434	26,891	26,735	-4.2	-2.7	3.4	5.2	5.7									
Number given suspended sentences	6,519	6,862	7,194	7,451	7,114	7,017	6,873	7,305	7,478	9.1	2.3	-4.5	-2.0	5.1									
Number given other sentences	14,034	14,170	13,710	14,542	14,376	13,744	13,248	13,894	14,897	2.4	-3.0	-3.4	-4.5	3.6									
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	15.1	15.0	15.3	15.1	16.1	16.4	16.5	16.7	16.2	7.1	9.3	7.7	10.5	0.3									

(1) 2009 data is provisional.

(2) Excludes life and indeterminate sentences. Offenders receiving an indeterminate sentence for public protection for a serious offence committed from 4 April 2005 would previously have been included in the average custodial sentence length and are no longer. This may result in a decrease in average custodial sentence lengths.

(3) A small number of cases from magistrates' courts are now reported to the Ministry as sex 'not stated' this may be the cause of some of the percentage change from 2008 to 2009

\* Number too small to give a meaningful percentage change

Sentencing statistics April to June 2009

Table 5 Persons sentenced for indictable offences by type of court, type of sentence (detailed) and quarter, 2007-2009<sup>(1)</sup>

England and Wales	Persons sentenced										Percentage change				
	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	
<b>Magistrates' courts</b>															
Immediate custodial sentences															
Detention and training order	879	884	779	813	869	768	726	699	728	-1.1	-13.1	-6.8	-14.0	-16.2	
Young offender institution	970	976	929	911	829	749	682	472	446	-14.5	-23.3	-26.6	-48.2	-46.2	
Unsuspending imprisonment	5,704	6,170	6,193	6,585	6,226	6,228	5,877	6,067	6,091	9.2	0.9	-5.1	-7.9	-2.2	
Total immediate custody	7,553	8,030	7,901	8,309	7,924	7,745	7,285	7,238	7,265	4.9	-3.5	-7.8	-12.9	-8.3	
Community sentences															
Community rehabilitation order	339	316	274	274	265	267	279	240	216	-21.8	-15.5	1.8	-12.4	-18.5	
Supervision order	1,893	1,799	1,624	1,521	1,449	1,280	1,304	1,156	1,213	-23.5	-28.8	-19.7	-24.0	-16.3	
Community punishment order	303	314	340	278	280	295	249	250	250	-7.6	-6.1	-26.8	-10.1	-10.7	
Attendance centre order	477	437	477	426	403	337	351	326	280	-15.5	-22.9	-26.4	-23.5	-30.5	
Community punishment and rehabilitation order	225	261	208	228	183	286	271	240	241	-18.7	9.6	30.3	5.3	31.7	
Curfew order	969	920	985	950	835	1,063	1,067	1,054	991	-13.8	15.5	8.3	10.9	18.7	
Reparation order	510	446	459	488	424	466	428	437	390	-16.9	4.5	-6.8	-10.5	-8.0	
Action plan order	690	625	527	539	481	510	549	493	413	-30.3	-18.4	4.2	-8.5	-14.1	
Drug treatment and testing order	5	4	1	2	2	0	1	2	0	*	*	*	*	*	
Referral order <sup>(2)</sup>	4,563	4,461	4,197	4,079	4,064	4,093	3,963	3,808	4,017	-10.9	-8.2	-5.6	-6.6	-1.2	
Community order <sup>(3)</sup>	13,018	13,366	13,267	13,455	13,314	13,445	14,389	15,157	15,083	2.3	0.6	8.5	12.6	13.3	
Total community sentences	22,992	22,949	22,359	22,240	21,700	22,042	22,851	23,163	23,094	-5.6	-4.0	2.2	4.2	6.4	
Other sentences															
Absolute or conditional discharge	10,423	10,634	10,246	10,324	10,443	9,663	9,430	9,856	10,041	0.2	-9.1	-8.0	-4.5	-3.8	
Fine	11,744	11,730	11,216	11,355	11,361	12,430	12,187	12,424	11,679	-3.3	6.0	8.7	9.4	2.8	
Suspended sentence <sup>(4)</sup>	3,046	3,085	3,202	3,149	2,849	2,749	2,825	2,868	3,032	-6.5	-10.9	-11.8	-8.9	6.4	
Otherwise dealt with	2,634	2,612	2,510	3,325	3,046	3,253	2,987	3,191	3,574	15.6	24.5	19.0	-4.0	17.3	
Total other sentences	27,847	28,061	27,174	28,153	27,699	28,095	27,429	28,339	28,326	-0.5	0.1	0.9	0.7	2.3	
<b>The Crown Court</b>															
Immediate custodial sentences															
S90-92 PCC(S) Act 2000	82	119	84	120	122	139	128	102	109	48.8	16.8	52.4	-15.0	-10.7	
Detention and training order	272	263	277	245	259	269	278	242	225	-4.8	2.3	0.4	-1.2	-13.1	
Young offender institution	1,652	1,734	1,741	1,640	1,764	1,824	1,767	1,908	1,818	6.8	5.2	1.5	16.3	3.1	
Unsuspending imprisonment <sup>(5)</sup>	8,379	8,680	8,849	9,570	10,049	9,808	9,813	10,161	9,896	19.9	13.0	10.9	6.2	-1.5	
Total immediate custody	10,385	10,796	10,951	11,575	12,194	12,040	11,986	12,413	12,048	17.4	11.5	9.5	7.2	-1.2	
Community sentences															
Community rehabilitation order	60	45	37	50	48	54	51	39	41	*	*	*	*	*	
Supervision order	104	79	84	98	99	88	85	86	87	-4.8	11.4	1.2	-12.2	-12.1	
Community punishment order	47	36	37	57	40	26	43	29	33	*	*	*	*	*	
Attendance centre order	1	0	2	1	0	2	1	2	1	*	*	*	*	*	
Community punishment and rehabilitation order	45	42	33	49	33	34	43	43	35	*	*	*	*	*	
Curfew order	44	54	63	48	69	59	58	80	66	*	9.3	-7.9	*	-4.3	
Reparation order	0	1	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	*	*	*	*	*	
Action plan order	5	3	5	1	7	4	2	5	0	*	*	*	*	*	
Drug treatment and testing order	6	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	*	*	*	*	*	
Community order <sup>(5)</sup>	3,075	3,010	2,952	3,007	3,284	3,201	3,300	3,446	3,378	6.8	6.3	11.8	14.6	2.9	
Total community sentences	3,387	3,273	3,213	3,312	3,584	3,470	3,583	3,730	3,641	5.8	6.0	11.5	12.6	1.6	
Other sentences															
Absolute or conditional discharge	496	483	478	504	492	485	471	469	686	-0.8	0.4	-1.5	-6.9	39.4	
Fine	374	381	352	383	360	336	324	357	512	-3.7	-11.8	-8.0	-6.8	42.2	
Suspended sentence <sup>(4)</sup>	3,473	3,777	3,992	4,302	4,265	4,268	4,048	4,437	4,448	22.8	13.0	1.4	3.1	4.3	
Otherwise dealt with	481	441	476	389	395	343	360	379	597	-17.9	-22.2	-24.4	-2.6	51.1	
Total other sentences	4,824	5,082	5,298	5,578	5,512	5,432	5,203	5,642	6,243	14.3	6.9	-1.8	1.1	13.3	
<b>All courts</b>															
Immediate custodial sentences															
S90-92 PCC(S) Act 2000	82	119	84	120	122	139	128	102	109	48.8	16.8	52.4	-15.0	-10.7	
Detention and training order	1,151	1,147	1,056	1,058	1,128	1,037	1,004	941	953	-2.0	-9.6	-4.9	-11.1	-15.5	
Young offender institution	2,622	2,710	2,670	2,551	2,593	2,573	2,449	2,380	2,264	-1.1	-5.1	-8.3	-6.7	-12.7	
Unsuspending imprisonment <sup>(5)</sup>	14,083	14,850	15,042	16,155	16,275	16,036	15,690	16,228	15,987	15.6	8.0	4.3	0.5	-1.8	
Total immediate custody	17,938	18,826	18,852	19,884	20,118	19,785	19,271	19,651	19,313	12.2	5.1	2.2	-1.2	-4.0	
Community sentences															
Community rehabilitation order	399	361	311	324	313	321	330	279	257	-21.6	-11.1	6.1	-13.9	-17.9	
Supervision order	1,997	1,878	1,708	1,619	1,548	1,368	1,389	1,242	1,300	-22.5	-27.2	-18.7	-23.3	-16.0	
Community punishment order	350	350	377	335	320	321	292	279	283	-8.6	-8.3	-22.5	-16.7	-11.6	
Attendance centre order	478	437	479	427	403	339	352	328	281	-15.7	-22.4	-26.5	-23.2	-30.3	
Community punishment and rehabilitation order	270	303	241	277	216	320	314	283	276	-20.0	5.6	30.3	2.2	27.8	
Curfew order	1,013	974	1,048	998	904	1,122	1,125	1,134	1,057	-10.8	15.2	7.3	13.6	16.9	
Reparation order	510	447	459	488	428	467	428	437	390	-16.1	4.5	-6.8	-10.5	-8.9	
Action plan order	695	628	532	540	488	514	551	498	413	-29.8	-18.2	3.6	-7.8	-15.4	
Drug treatment and testing order	11	7	1	3	2	1	1	2	0	*	*	*	*	*	
Referral order <sup>(2)</sup>	4,563	4,461	4,197	4,079	4,064	4,093	3,963	3,808	4,017	-10.9	-8.2	-5.6	-6.6	-1.2	
Community order <sup>(3)</sup>	16,093	16,376	16,219	16,462	16,598	16,646	17,689	18,603	18,461	3.1	1.6	9.1	13.0	11.2	
Total community sentences	26,379	26,222	25,572	25,552	25,284	25,512	26,434	26,893	26,735	-4.2	-2.7	3.4	5.2	5.7	
Other sentences															
Absolute or conditional discharge	10,919	11,117	10,724	10,828	10,935	10,148	9,901	10,325	10,727	0.1	-8.7	-7.7	-4.6	-1.9	
Fine	12,118	12,111	11,568	11,738	11,721	12,766	12,511	12,781	12,191	-3.3	5.4	8.2	8.9	4.0	
Suspended sentence <sup>(4)</sup>	6,519	6,862	7,194	7,451	7,114	7,017	6,873	7,305	7,480	9.1	2.3	-4.5	-2.0	5.1	
Otherwise dealt with	3,115	3,053	2,986	3,714	3,441	3,596	3,347	3,570	4,171	10.5	17.8	12.1	-3.9	21.2	
Total other sentences	32,671	33,143	32,472	33,731	33,211	33,527	32,632	33,981	34,569	1.7	1.2	0.5	0.7	4.1	

(1) 2009 data is provisional.

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

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

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

(5) Indeterminate and Extended sentences for Public Protection given to under 21's are included under 'Unsuspending Imprisonment'

\* Number too small to give a meaningful percentage change

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Table 6 Persons sentenced for indictable offences at all courts by offence group and quarter, and sentence length, 2007-2009 <sup>(1)</sup>

England and Wales	Persons sentenced										Percentage change				
	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	
Violence against the person	10,237	10,535	10,456	10,507	10,178	10,333	10,424	10,957	10,908	-0.6	-1.9	-0.3	4.3	7.2	
Sexual offences	1,237	1,200	1,294	1,274	1,324	1,286	1,256	1,193	1,218	7.0	7.2	-2.9	-6.4	-8.0	
Burglary	5,785	6,132	5,667	5,787	5,814	6,207	5,843	5,698	5,797	0.5	1.2	3.1	-1.5	-0.3	
Robbery	2,200	2,186	2,239	2,110	2,066	2,205	2,114	2,216	2,248	-6.1	0.9	-5.6	5.0	8.8	
Theft and handling stolen goods	26,189	26,269	26,255	27,328	27,285	27,500	28,235	29,258	30,081	4.2	4.7	7.5	7.1	10.2	
Fraud and forgery	4,868	5,144	4,940	5,348	5,118	4,705	4,752	5,416	5,128	5.1	-8.5	-3.8	1.3	0.2	
Criminal damage	3,108	3,127	2,762	2,636	2,405	2,441	2,092	2,011	2,096	-22.6	-21.9	-24.3	-23.7	-12.8	
Drug offences <sup>(3)</sup>	10,920	11,155	11,655	12,602	13,273	13,454	13,580	13,677	13,261	21.5	20.6	16.5	8.5	-0.1	
Other (excluding motoring offences)	11,042	11,159	10,353	10,335	9,916	9,619	8,983	8,987	8,765	-10.2	-13.8	-13.2	-13.0	-11.6	
Indictable motoring offences	1,402	1,284	1,275	1,240	1,234	1,074	1,058	1,111	1,114	-12.0	-16.4	-17.0	-10.4	-9.7	
Total indictable offences	76,988	78,191	76,896	79,167	78,613	78,824	78,337	80,524	80,616	2.1	0.8	1.9	1.7	2.5	

England and Wales	Average custodial sentence length <sup>(2)</sup>										Percentage change				
	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	
Violence against the person	17.3	16.2	16.6	16.5	16.9	17.0	18.5	17.7	16.5	-2.4	5.2	11.3	7.1	-2.3	
Sexual offences	42.7	43.5	43.6	41.2	44.2	44.8	45.3	50.9	46.6	3.6	2.8	4.0	23.8	5.5	
Burglary	15.8	16.5	16.8	16.1	17.3	18.7	17.5	18.2	18.7	9.5	13.2	4.5	13.0	7.7	
Robbery	30.0	30.7	34.8	30.9	33.3	33.2	32.6	32.7	32.8	11.0	8.2	-6.2	5.6	-1.4	
Theft and handling stolen goods	4.0	4.2	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.1	0.4	-6.6	5.1	7.7	2.9	
Fraud and forgery	10.3	9.9	9.7	10.7	10.8	10.7	10.9	10.6	9.7	4.7	7.6	12.6	-0.1	-9.6	
Criminal damage	12.6	11.9	14.5	13.7	13.6	16.0	16.3	20.2	18.1	8.2	34.6	12.6	47.7	33.0	
Drug offences <sup>(3)</sup>	31.8	32.4	31.8	32.3	33.2	33.1	32.1	32.1	30.0	4.7	2.2	0.7	-0.6	-9.8	
Other (excluding motoring offences)	9.5	9.4	9.6	10.8	11.3	10.3	11.2	12.6	12.8	19.2	9.4	16.5	16.3	13.1	
Indictable motoring offences	8.8	8.7	9.0	9.2	9.3	9.5	9.7	9.1	9.1	4.8	9.4	7.0	-0.7	-2.1	
Total indictable offences	15.1	15.0	15.3	15.1	16.1	16.4	16.5	16.7	16.2	7.1	9.3	7.7	10.5	0.3	

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(2) Excludes life and indeterminate sentences. Offenders receiving an indeterminate sentence for public protection for a serious offence committed from 4 April 2005 would previously have been included in the average custodial sentence length and are no longer. This may result in a decrease in average custodial sentence lengths.

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Table 7 Persons sentenced for indictable offences at all courts by quarter, type of sentence and offence group, 2007-2009 <sup>(1)</sup>

England and Wales		Persons sentenced and percentages										
Quarter and type of sentence		Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Burglary	Robbery	Theft and handling stolen goods	Fraud and forgery	Criminal damage	Drug offences <sup>(3)</sup>	Other (excluding motoring offences)	Motoring offences	Total
Q2 2007	Total number sentenced	10,237	1,237	5,785	2,200	26,189	4,868	3,108	10,920	11,042	1,402	76,988
	% given immediate custody	29.1	55.4	38.6	54.2	18.1	25.2	10.6	18.4	19.4	28.0	23.3
	% given fines	4.5	2.3	1.9	0.5	13.3	11.6	9.6	31.7	30.7	22.7	15.7
	% given community sentences	39.3	27.2	44.1	39.0	38.6	32.7	46.2	23.0	23.3	27.9	34.3
	% given suspended sentences	16.7	9.0	9.4	4.9	6.2	11.9	4.0	5.8	7.9	15.3	8.5
	% given other sentences	10.3	6.1	6.1	1.5	23.8	18.7	29.5	21.1	18.7	6.2	18.2
	Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	17.3	42.7	15.8	30.0	4.0	10.3	12.6	31.8	9.5	8.8	15.1
Q3 2007	Total number sentenced	10,535	1,200	6,132	2,186	26,269	5,144	3,127	11,155	11,159	1,284	78,191
	% given immediate custody	29.9	56.6	39.5	53.0	18.8	27.2	11.0	18.6	20.3	30.4	24.1
	% given fines	5.0	2.0	2.0	0.3	12.9	10.4	9.8	31.9	30.0	23.6	15.5
	% given community sentences	37.5	27.8	42.9	39.8	38.2	30.6	45.1	22.9	22.5	25.5	33.5
	% given suspended sentences	17.1	8.3	10.2	5.3	6.2	12.6	4.6	6.1	8.3	15.3	8.8
	% given other sentences	10.4	5.3	5.4	1.6	23.9	19.1	29.5	20.5	18.9	5.2	18.1
	Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	16.2	43.5	16.5	30.7	4.2	9.9	11.9	32.4	9.4	8.7	15.0
Q4 2007	Total number sentenced	10,456	1,294	5,667	2,239	26,255	4,940	2,762	11,655	10,353	1,275	76,896
	% given immediate custody	30.5	54.1	39.4	54.5	19.5	27.3	11.5	18.5	21.1	30.1	24.5
	% given fines	4.6	2.9	1.9	0.4	12.6	11.4	9.7	31.8	27.2	20.9	15.0
	% given community sentences	37.7	27.0	41.3	38.0	37.4	30.3	44.4	23.5	23.9	25.2	33.3
	% given suspended sentences	17.7	8.5	11.8	5.7	6.9	13.4	4.6	6.0	8.9	18.0	9.4
	% given other sentences	9.5	7.5	5.6	1.4	23.6	17.5	29.9	20.2	18.9	5.8	17.8
	Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	16.6	43.6	16.8	34.8	3.9	9.7	14.5	31.8	9.6	9.0	15.3
Q1 2008	Total number sentenced	10,507	1,274	5,787	2,110	27,328	5,348	2,636	12,602	10,335	1,240	79,167
	% given immediate custody	30.0	57.1	42.1	57.6	20.1	28.4	11.6	18.7	22.5	29.5	25.1
	% given fines	4.5	1.6	1.7	0.0	12.5	11.1	9.9	31.0	26.3	20.2	14.8
	% given community sentences	37.6	27.7	38.8	35.8	36.3	28.1	43.2	23.1	23.5	27.7	32.3
	% given suspended sentences	18.5	9.2	10.6	5.1	6.7	13.2	4.7	6.2	9.7	18.7	9.4
	% given other sentences	9.4	4.3	6.7	1.5	24.5	19.1	30.6	21.1	18.0	3.8	18.4
	Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	16.5	41.2	16.1	30.9	3.9	10.7	13.7	32.3	10.8	9.2	15.1
Q2 2008	Total number sentenced	10,178	1,324	5,814	2,066	27,285	5,118	2,405	13,273	9,916	1,234	78,613
	% given immediate custody	32.7	58.7	41.7	60.1	19.5	29.5	11.8	19.2	23.4	30.1	25.6
	% given fines	3.8	2.3	1.6	0.2	12.5	11.2	10.6	31.2	26.1	19.7	14.9
	% given community sentences	37.1	26.7	40.6	32.3	36.3	27.7	44.4	23.1	23.7	25.6	32.2
	% given suspended sentences	17.6	7.3	10.4	5.6	6.1	14.4	4.6	5.8	10.0	18.6	9.0
	% given other sentences	8.9	5.0	5.8	1.8	25.6	17.2	28.6	20.7	16.7	6.0	18.3
	Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	16.9	44.2	17.3	33.3	4.0	10.8	13.6	33.2	11.3	9.3	16.1
Q3 2008	Total number sentenced	10,333	1,286	6,207	2,205	27,500	4,705	2,441	13,454	9,619	1,074	78,824
	% given immediate custody	33.3	58.5	42.1	61.4	18.9	28.6	12.0	17.1	22.2	30.9	25.1
	% given fines	3.8	1.6	1.7	0.0	13.1	12.9	12.2	35.2	28.8	20.8	16.2
	% given community sentences	37.6	25.7	39.3	32.9	36.7	28.3	43.2	23.0	23.7	25.6	32.4
	% given suspended sentences	18.2	9.2	10.6	4.5	5.8	14.2	4.4	5.5	9.9	18.2	8.9
	% given other sentences	7.0	5.0	6.3	1.1	25.4	16.0	28.1	19.2	15.3	4.5	17.4
	Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	17.0	44.8	18.7	33.2	4.0	10.7	16.0	33.1	10.3	9.5	16.4
Q4 2008	Total number sentenced	10,424	1,256	5,843	2,114	28,235	4,752	2,092	13,580	8,983	1,058	78,337
	% given immediate custody	33.2	59.5	42.5	60.8	17.7	27.2	13.1	16.8	23.5	31.5	24.6
	% given fines	4.1	1.6	1.2	0.0	12.5	12.1	10.9	36.1	28.7	17.5	16.0
	% given community sentences	38.3	26.4	40.3	32.3	38.5	32.0	44.5	23.5	25.1	28.0	33.7
	% given suspended sentences	18.1	7.3	9.6	5.7	6.1	14.1	5.3	5.0	9.4	18.2	8.8
	% given other sentences	6.3	5.2	6.4	1.2	25.1	14.6	26.2	18.7	13.3	4.8	16.9
	Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	18.5	45.3	17.5	32.6	4.1	10.9	16.3	32.1	11.2	9.7	16.5
Q1 2009	Total number sentenced	10,957	1,193	5,698	2,216	29,258	5,416	2,011	13,678	8,987	1,111	80,525
	% given immediate custody	32.6	58.5	43.4	60.2	17.6	26.0	13.2	16.2	24.5	30.1	24.4
	% given fines	4.2	1.3	1.3	0.0	13.5	11.5	12.5	35.1	27.0	16.4	15.9
	% given community sentences	38.0	26.9	38.4	33.6	37.2	31.6	43.2	25.3	25.0	28.5	33.4
	% given suspended sentences	18.3	8.0	10.1	4.7	5.9	15.1	6.1	5.0	10.3	20.2	9.1
	% given other sentences	6.8	5.2	6.8	1.4	25.8	15.8	25.1	18.4	13.2	4.9	17.3
	Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	17.7	50.9	18.2	32.7	4.2	10.6	20.2	32.1	12.6	9.1	16.7
Q2 2009	Total number sentenced	10,908	1,218	5,797	2,248	30,081	5,128	2,096	13,261	8,765	1,114	80,616
	% given immediate custody	31.3	58.3	42.2	57.7	16.8	25.9	11.5	17.6	24.1	32.9	24.0
	% given fines	4.0	1.5	1.3	0.0	13.4	11.5	10.8	31.9	27.4	17.1	15.1
	% given community sentences	38.1	29.7	39.6	35.1	36.8	32.3	45.7	23.1	23.9	26.8	33.2
	% given suspended sentences	19.1	6.2	9.9	5.5	5.8	14.9	5.1	6.3	10.6	20.2	9.3
	% given other sentences	7.4	4.3	6.9	1.6	27.2	15.4	26.9	21.1	14.0	3.1	18.5
	Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	16.5	46.6	18.7	32.8	4.1	9.7	18.1	30.0	12.8	9.1	16.2

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