

# **Licence recalls and returns to custody to 31 March 2010 England and Wales**

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## Introduction

Offenders serving a sentence of twelve months and over are released from prison, in most cases automatically at the half way point of their sentence, under licensed supervision to the Probation Service. They are all subject to a set of standard licence conditions, requiring them to report regularly to the Probation Service, live at an address approved by the Probation Service and to be of good behaviour.

In many cases, they will also be subject to additional licence conditions, which are designed to help the Probation Service to manage the offenders effectively in the community. These licence conditions can place a wide range of restrictions or requirements on the offender, for example, to undertake offending behaviour work, not to enter an exclusion zone, to abide by a curfew or to live in a specific hostel.

A key element of public protection is that offenders released on licence should be effectively supervised in the community and swiftly recalled to custody if their behaviour gives cause for concern. It is explained to offenders at the outset that they may be recalled to custody if they breach any of the conditions of their licence.

There are various reasons why offenders are recalled to custody for breaching their licence conditions besides committing a further offence. For example, an offender may be recalled if there is any deterioration in behaviour which leads the Probation Service to conclude that there is an increased risk of the offender committing further offences. If an offender is no longer in touch with his Offender Manager or if he has resumed a drug habit or alcohol abuse or has been spotted entering an exclusion zone – all such breaches are likely to lead to the offender being recalled to custody.

Information on licence recalls and returns to custody for offenders recalled up to 31 March 2009 was first published as part of a Written Ministerial Statement from the Justice Secretary and Home Secretary on 6 July 2009. This publication is the fifth quarterly update and the last as a separate publication. From October 2010, licence recall data will be published in a new quarterly publication Offender Management Statistics Quarterly Bulletin alongside data on prison population, receptions, discharges and probation.

The figures in this statistics bulletin cover:

- Information on offenders recalled in the period up to 31 March 2010 and who had not been returned to custody by 13 July 2010;
- Performance against the licence recall target to return 75% of emergency recalls to custody within 74 hours and 75% of standard recalls within 144 hours.

## Revisions to published data

As announced in the previous quarterly bulletin ([www.justice.gov.uk/publications/licence-recalls.htm](http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/licence-recalls.htm)), a full annual reconciliation was conducted of the current data held on recalled offenders not returned to custody, to provide full and final data for the year ending 31 March 2010.

The annual reconciliation was conducted by the National Offender Management Service (NOMS) working in close cooperation with the Police National Computer Bureau (PNCB), New Scotland Yard. For more details see 'Explanatory notes' at the end of this bulletin.

The newly-reconciled figures have been provided up to and including the most recent quarter and are used in the revised totals for the past four quarters. The annual reconciliation did not include updating cases of recalled offenders who were returned to custody *prior* to 13 July 2010. The revised totals for the past four quarters are therefore estimates.

## Summary

### **Latest findings**

The annual reconciliation has served to increase the total numbers of offenders not returned to custody. This is because there were a number of cases which had been notified to the police but which were not included in the previously published figures.

Between 1 April 1999 and 31 March 2010, a total of 106,969 offenders had their licences revoked and were recalled. By 13 July 2010, 914 of these offenders (0.9%) had not been returned to custody. This figure includes those offenders recalled prior to April 1999.

The target across all agencies involved in the process is for 75% of recalled offenders to be returned to custody within 74 hours for emergency recalls and within 144 hours for standard recalls. There were 3,614 offenders recalled during the period 1 January to 31 March 2010.

Of these, 2,895 (80%) were returned to custody within target timescales and a further 645 were returned to custody outside of target timescales or were confirmed dead or deported.

**Table 1: Offender recalls and returns to custody**

England and Wales

Year of recall (April - March)	Recalled <sup>1</sup>	Number of offenders				% Not returned to custody
		Returned to custody as of 13 July 2010 <sup>2</sup>	% Returned to custody <sup>2</sup>	Not returned to custody as of 13 July 2010		
1984/99	c10,000	n/a	n/a	22	n/a	
1999/00	1,272	1,257	98.8%	15	1.2%	
2000/01	3,182	3,151	99.0%	31	1.0%	
2001/02	5,086	5,042	99.1%	44	0.9%	
2002/03	8,406	8,368	99.5%	38	0.5%	
2003/04	11,268	11,199	99.4%	69	0.6%	
2004/05	11,171	11,122	99.6%	49	0.4%	
2005/06	11,450	11,353	99.2%	97	0.8%	
2006/07	13,411	13,323	99.3%	88	0.7%	
2007/08	13,252	13,132	99.1%	120	0.9%	
2008/09	13,467	13,351	99.1%	116	0.9%	
April - June 2009	3,743	3,692	98.6%	51	1.4%	
July - Sept 2009	3,968	3,921	98.8%	47	1.2%	
Oct - Dec 2009	3,679	3,626	98.6%	53	1.4%	
Jan - Mar 2010	3,614	3,540	98.0%	74	2.0%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>106,969</b> <sup>1</sup>	n/a	n/a	<b>914</b> <sup>3</sup>	<b>0.9%</b> <sup>3</sup>	

<sup>1</sup> The total number of offenders recalled does not include those recalled during the period 1984 to 1999 as this figure is approximate (see Explanatory notes).

<sup>2</sup> The number returned to custody includes those who are confirmed dead or were deported by the UK Borders

<sup>3</sup> The total number of offenders not returned to custody includes those recalled during the period 1984 to 1999.

**Table 2: Offenders not returned to custody – revisions to previously published data following annual reconciliation of data**

England and Wales

Recalled <sup>1</sup>	Number of offenders				
	Not returned to custody as of 26 June 2009	Not returned to custody as of 16 October 2009	Not returned to custody as of 14 January 2010	Not returned to custody as of 13 April 2010	Not returned to custody as of 13 July 2010
106,969 <sup>1</sup>	991 <sup>2</sup>	980 <sup>2</sup>	969 <sup>2</sup>	941 <sup>2</sup>	914 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The total number of offenders recalled does not include those recalled during the period 1984 to 1999 as this figure is approximate (see Explanatory notes).

<sup>2</sup> The total number of offenders not returned to custody includes those recalled during the period 1984 to 1999.

# Offenders recalled and not returned to custody

## Offence

Offenders recalled up to and including 31 March 2010 shows that 914 had not been returned to custody by 13 July 2010. Of these, 145 had originally been serving a prison sentence for violence against the person offences and a further 32 for sexual offences. Table 3 gives a full breakdown by offence type.

**Table 3: Number of offenders not returned to custody, by offence**

Offence <sup>1</sup>	England and Wales
	Recalled but not returned to custody by 13 July 2010
Violence against the Person	145
ABH	21
Affray	13
Assault Police	1
Attempted Murder	0
Conspiracy to Murder	2
False Imprisonment	5
GBH/Wounding	43
Intimidating Witness	1
Kidnap	4
Manslaughter	4
Murder	18
Possession of firearms with intent	17
Threatening behaviour	3
Violent disorder	13
Sexual Offences	32
Gross Indecency with Child/Sexual assault on child	5
Indecent Assault	14
Rape/Attempted Rape	12
Unlawful Sexual Intercourse	1
Robbery	106
Burglary	112
Theft and Handling	84
Fraud and Forgery	126
Drug Offences	189
Motoring Offences	34
Other offences	86
<b>All offences</b>	<b>914</b>

<sup>1</sup> This is the offence for which the original prison sentence was being served

## Local area information

Table 4 shows the number of these cases being managed in each Local Criminal Justice Board (LCJB). The figures reflect a combination of the differences in populations. Separate Probation, NOMS PPCS and Police figures are presented in Table 7.

**Table 4: Number of offenders not returned to custody, by Local Criminal Justice Board (LCJB)**

England and Wales	
Local Criminal Justice Board (LCJB)	Recalled but not returned to custody by 13 July 2010
Avon & Somerset	17
Bedfordshire	17
Cambridgeshire	11
Cheshire	6
Cleveland/Teesside	1
Cumbria	1
Derbyshire	5
Devon & Cornwall	7
Dorset	12
Durham	0
Dyfed Powys	2
Essex	19
Gloucester	4
Greater Manchester	39
Gwent	2
Hampshire & Isle of Wight	14
Hertfordshire	14
Humberside	6
Kent	24
Lancashire	13
Leicestershire	16
Lincolnshire	7
London	379
Merseyside	30
Norfolk	12
North Wales	7
North Yorkshire	5
Northamptonshire	9
Northumbria	11
Nottinghamshire	14
South Wales	17
South Yorkshire	16
Staffordshire	3
Suffolk	6
Surrey	8
Sussex	17
Thames Valley	25
Warwickshire	3
West Mercia	4
West Midlands	91
West Yorkshire	19
Wiltshire	1
<b>All areas</b>	<b>914</b>

## Licence recall performance target information

The licence recall target is for 75% of standard recalls to be returned to custody within 144 hours and 75% of emergency recalls to be returned to custody within 74 hours.

Table 5 shows performance against this target for each quarter in 2009 and for the first quarter of 2010. Overall performance has improved throughout the period, with 80% of cases returned within target timescales in January to March 2010 compared with 72% in the same period one year previously.

**Table 5: Performance against licence recall targets**

	England and Wales				
	Jan09 - Mar09	Apr09 - Jun09	Jul09 - Sep09	Oct09 - Dec09	Jan10 - Mar10
Standard recalls	2,776	3,088	3,323	3,074	2,989
of which:					
Returned to custody within target <sup>1</sup>	1,994	2,253	2,520	2,393	2,403
Not returned to custody within target	782	835	803	681	586
% Standard recalls returned to custody within target	72%	73%	76%	78%	80%
Emergency recalls	549	655	645	605	625
of which:					
Returned to custody within target <sup>2</sup>	391	459	485	468	492
Not returned to custody within target	158	196	160	137	133
% Emergency recalls returned to custody within target	71%	70%	75%	77%	79%
Total recalls	3,325	3,743	3,968	3,679	3,614
of which:					
Returned to custody within target	2,385	2,712	3,005	2,861	2,895
Not returned to custody within target	940	1,031	963	818	719
% Total recalls returned to custody within target	<b>72%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>80%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Target for standard recall: return to custody within 144 hours

<sup>2</sup> Target for emergency recall: return to custody within 74 hours

## Performance by agency

The standard recall target of 144 hours comprises individual targets of 24 hours for either the Probation Service, contractor responsible for monitoring offenders on Home Detention Curfew (HDC) or Youth Offending Team (YOT); 24 hours for NOMS Public Protection Casework Section (PPCS); and 96 hours for the Police. The emergency recall target of 74 hours comprises individual targets of 24 hours for the Probation Service, contractors or YOTs; 2 hours for NOMS Public Protection Casework Section (PPCS); and 48 hours for the Police.

The recall process starts when the Probation Service, contractor or YOTs assess offenders as posing a risk and complete the necessary paperwork. The PPCS then formally issue the revocation and recall notice on behalf of the Secretary of State. The police finish the recall process by finding, arresting and returning these offenders to custody. This is the most time-intensive part of the process which is why they have a wider time target.

Data for the period January to March 2010 show that the Probation Service in England and Wales met their target timescales in 97% of cases; the PPCS met their target timescales in 98% of cases and the police in 77% of cases. Table 6 summarises this information each quarter in 2009 and for the first quarter of 2010.

**Table 6: Performance against licence recall target, by agency**

	England and Wales				
	Jan09 - Mar09	Apr09 - Jun09	Jul09 - Sep09	Oct09 - Dec09	Jan10 - Mar10
Total recalls	3,325	3,743	3,968	3,679	3,614
Probation Service/Contractor/YOT					
Recall requests processed within target timescale <sup>1</sup>	3,060	3,534	3,816	3,571	3,508
% Recall requests processed within target / total recalls	92%	94%	96%	97%	97%
NOMS PPCS					
Recall requests processed within target timescale <sup>2</sup>	3,190	3,593	3,804	3,588	3,542
% Recall requests processed within target / total recalls	96%	96%	96%	98%	98%
Police					
Recalls returned to custody within target timescale <sup>3</sup>	2,293	2,611	2,895	2,745	2,789
% Offenders returned to custody within target / total recalls	69%	70%	73%	75%	77%

<sup>1</sup> Target = 24h (standard and emergency)

<sup>2</sup> Target = 24h (standard), 2h (emergency)

<sup>3</sup> Target = 96h (standard), 48h (emergency)



## Performance by area

Performance against agency targets is monitored by Local Criminal Justice Board (LCJB). Table 7 below presents these detailed performance levels for each quarter in 2008/09 and for the first quarter of 2009/10.

**Table 7: Performance against licence recall target, by agency, by Local Criminal Justice Board (LCJB)**

England and Wales							
Jan - Mar 2009							
	Total recalls	Probation Service/ Contractor/YOT		NOMS PPCS		Police	
		Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target
<b>England &amp; Wales</b>	<b>3,325</b>	<b>3,060</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>3,190</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>2,293</b>	<b>69%</b>
Avon & Somerset	77	75	97%	75	97%	49	64%
Bedfordshire	41	41	100%	40	98%	25	61%
Cambridgeshire	34	33	97%	33	97%	25	74%
Cheshire	52	49	94%	50	96%	41	79%
Cleveland/Teesside	58	56	97%	53	91%	41	71%
Cumbria	25	25	100%	25	100%	21	84%
Derbyshire	64	64	100%	61	95%	49	77%
Devon & Cornwall	53	50	94%	53	100%	38	72%
Dorset	37	37	100%	35	95%	27	73%
Durham & Darlington	25	25	100%	21	84%	21	84%
Dyfed Powys	12	12	100%	12	100%	8	67%
Essex	65	62	95%	64	98%	39	60%
Gloucestershire	34	33	97%	34	100%	26	76%
Greater Manchester	247	237	96%	240	97%	149	60%
Gwent	40	37	93%	40	100%	27	68%
Hampshire & Isle of Wight	77	75	97%	74	96%	55	71%
Hertfordshire	28	26	93%	27	96%	20	71%
Humberside	88	80	91%	84	95%	71	81%
Kent	72	70	97%	70	97%	57	79%
Lancashire	90	88	98%	88	98%	66	73%
Leicestershire	52	51	98%	50	96%	37	71%
Lincolnshire	26	26	100%	24	92%	19	73%
London	500	379	76%	457	91%	339	68%
Merseyside	123	113	92%	121	98%	95	77%
Norfolk	30	28	93%	30	100%	23	77%
North Wales	38	34	89%	38	100%	24	63%
North Yorkshire	36	35	97%	35	97%	31	86%
Northamptonshire	55	49	89%	55	100%	35	64%
Northumbria	102	100	98%	97	95%	82	80%
Nottinghamshire	102	99	97%	96	94%	56	55%
South Wales	131	117	89%	129	98%	81	62%
South Yorkshire	131	125	95%	125	95%	93	71%
Staffordshire	67	65	97%	63	94%	52	78%
Suffolk	26	26	100%	26	100%	19	73%
Surrey	29	27	93%	27	93%	24	83%
Sussex	51	50	98%	49	96%	35	69%
Thames Valley	93	86	92%	89	96%	62	67%
Warwickshire	31	31	100%	29	94%	16	52%
West Mercia	47	38	81%	46	98%	35	74%
West Midlands	234	216	92%	226	97%	157	67%
West Yorkshire	182	170	93%	179	98%	108	59%
Wiltshire	20	20	100%	20	100%	15	75%

**Table 7 (contd.)**

England and Wales

England and Wales							
Apr - Jun 2009							
	Total recalls	Probation Service/ Contractor/YOT		NOMS PPCS		Police	
		Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target
<b>England &amp; Wales</b>	<b>3,743</b>	<b>3,534</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>3,593</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>2,611</b>	<b>70%</b>
Avon & Somerset	101	99	98%	98	97%	61	60%
Bedfordshire	50	50	100%	47	94%	32	64%
Cambridgeshire	31	30	97%	27	87%	19	61%
Cheshire	62	60	97%	61	98%	50	81%
Cleveland/Teesside	59	57	97%	55	93%	36	61%
Cumbria	25	24	96%	24	96%	19	76%
Derbyshire	82	80	98%	76	93%	66	80%
Devon & Cornwall	62	62	100%	61	98%	50	81%
Dorset	35	35	100%	35	100%	25	71%
Durham & Darlington	25	24	96%	24	96%	21	84%
Dyfed Powys	22	22	100%	22	100%	12	55%
Essex	45	45	100%	44	98%	34	76%
Gloucestershire	41	38	93%	41	100%	33	80%
Greater Manchester	260	242	93%	255	98%	179	69%
Gwent	33	32	97%	32	97%	16	48%
Hampshire & Isle of Wight	83	82	99%	79	95%	59	71%
Hertfordshire	34	34	100%	33	97%	29	85%
Humberside	103	99	96%	100	97%	83	81%
Kent	94	90	96%	86	91%	69	73%
Lancashire	113	111	98%	109	96%	76	67%
Leicestershire	73	66	90%	70	96%	54	74%
Lincolnshire	33	32	97%	32	97%	28	85%
London	627	570	91%	583	93%	440	70%
Merseyside	120	112	93%	120	100%	90	75%
Norfolk	37	33	89%	35	95%	22	59%
North Wales	41	37	90%	41	100%	23	56%
North Yorkshire	26	25	96%	26	100%	18	69%
Northamptonshire	53	45	85%	53	100%	34	64%
Northumbria	90	89	99%	88	98%	74	82%
Nottinghamshire	126	115	91%	118	94%	68	54%
South Wales	145	137	94%	145	100%	93	64%
South Yorkshire	118	109	92%	114	97%	79	67%
Staffordshire	84	82	98%	83	99%	65	77%
Suffolk	23	22	96%	22	96%	18	78%
Surrey	21	18	86%	19	90%	17	81%
Sussex	69	67	97%	63	91%	39	57%
Thames Valley	112	99	88%	109	97%	76	68%
Warwickshire	39	39	100%	36	92%	26	67%
West Mercia	37	34	92%	36	97%	27	73%
West Midlands	301	286	95%	286	95%	208	69%
West Yorkshire	188	182	97%	185	98%	126	67%
Wiltshire	20	19	95%	20	100%	17	85%

**Table 7 (contd.)**

England and Wales

Jul - Sep 2009							
	Total recalls	Probation Service/ Contractor/YOT		NOMS PPCS		Police	
		Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target
<b>England &amp; Wales</b>	<b>3,968</b>	<b>3,816</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>3,804</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>2,895</b>	<b>73%</b>
Avon & Somerset	93	91	98%	91	98%	63	68%
Bedfordshire	52	52	100%	52	100%	37	71%
Cambridgeshire	36	33	92%	34	94%	25	69%
Cheshire	56	55	98%	53	95%	46	82%
Cleveland/Teesside	58	58	100%	58	100%	38	66%
Cumbria	29	27	93%	28	97%	26	90%
Derbyshire	63	61	97%	61	97%	52	83%
Devon & Cornwall	67	65	97%	63	94%	57	85%
Dorset	35	35	100%	34	97%	24	69%
Durham & Darlington	44	44	100%	43	98%	34	77%
Dyfed Powys	15	15	100%	13	87%	14	93%
Essex	79	78	99%	74	94%	56	71%
Gloucestershire	33	33	100%	30	91%	23	70%
Greater Manchester	279	266	95%	266	95%	198	71%
Gwent	40	39	98%	37	93%	27	68%
Hampshire & Isle of Wight	99	97	98%	93	94%	70	71%
Hertfordshire	40	40	100%	38	95%	34	85%
Humberside	89	84	94%	88	99%	76	85%
Kent	88	87	99%	83	94%	61	69%
Lancashire	133	132	99%	132	99%	90	68%
Leicestershire	59	55	93%	53	90%	41	69%
Lincolnshire	23	22	96%	22	96%	20	87%
London	693	645	93%	653	94%	523	75%
Merseyside	134	125	93%	132	99%	94	70%
Norfolk	52	52	100%	50	96%	43	83%
North Wales	53	51	96%	52	98%	37	70%
North Yorkshire	41	39	95%	41	100%	25	61%
Northamptonshire	60	56	93%	58	97%	41	68%
Northumbria	124	120	97%	121	98%	96	77%
Nottinghamshire	137	133	97%	130	95%	91	66%
South Wales	133	122	92%	127	95%	97	73%
South Yorkshire	129	127	98%	124	96%	95	74%
Staffordshire	59	59	100%	59	100%	47	80%
Suffolk	27	24	89%	27	100%	16	59%
Surrey	26	24	92%	25	96%	20	77%
Sussex	61	60	98%	59	97%	40	66%
Thames Valley	109	104	95%	106	97%	70	64%
Warwickshire	43	41	95%	43	100%	27	63%
West Mercia	45	43	96%	42	93%	42	93%
West Midlands	292	284	97%	274	94%	220	75%
West Yorkshire	216	214	99%	213	99%	141	65%
Wiltshire	24	24	100%	22	92%	18	75%

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England and Wales

Oct - Dec 2009							
	Total recalls	Probation Service/ Contractor/YOT		NOMS PPCS		Police	
		Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target
<b>England &amp; Wales</b>	<b>3,679</b>	<b>3,571</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>3,588</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>2,745</b>	<b>75%</b>
Avon & Somerset	94	92	98%	93	99%	57	61%
Bedfordshire	44	43	98%	43	98%	33	75%
Cambridgeshire	41	41	100%	41	100%	28	68%
Cheshire	53	53	100%	49	92%	46	87%
Cleveland/Teesside	55	53	96%	55	100%	43	78%
Cumbria	24	24	100%	24	100%	20	83%
Derbyshire	53	53	100%	51	96%	42	79%
Devon & Cornwall	67	65	97%	67	100%	57	85%
Dorset	43	43	100%	43	100%	35	81%
Durham & Darlington	35	35	100%	34	97%	21	60%
Dyfed Powys	16	16	100%	16	100%	12	75%
Essex	50	49	98%	49	98%	37	74%
Gloucestershire	34	34	100%	34	100%	25	74%
Greater Manchester	263	255	97%	253	96%	182	69%
Gwent	34	33	97%	34	100%	25	74%
Hampshire & Isle of Wight	85	85	100%	84	99%	53	62%
Hertfordshire	28	25	89%	28	100%	18	64%
Humberside	111	107	96%	110	99%	94	85%
Kent	94	93	99%	88	94%	66	70%
Lancashire	108	105	97%	106	98%	87	81%
Leicestershire	71	66	93%	71	100%	53	75%
Lincolnshire	31	31	100%	31	100%	26	84%
London	581	547	94%	561	97%	442	76%
Merseyside	119	115	97%	114	96%	83	70%
Norfolk	40	40	100%	38	95%	34	85%
North Wales	42	41	98%	41	98%	28	67%
North Yorkshire	27	27	100%	26	96%	21	78%
Northamptonshire	42	40	95%	41	98%	34	81%
Northumbria	88	87	99%	85	97%	79	90%
Nottinghamshire	128	125	98%	124	97%	93	73%
South Wales	142	140	99%	141	99%	113	80%
South Yorkshire	124	122	98%	119	96%	85	69%
Staffordshire	67	63	94%	67	100%	56	84%
Suffolk	24	24	100%	23	96%	20	83%
Surrey	33	32	97%	32	97%	23	70%
Sussex	74	73	99%	73	99%	56	76%
Thames Valley	111	107	96%	109	98%	86	77%
Warwickshire	27	26	96%	27	100%	17	63%
West Mercia	44	41	93%	42	95%	35	80%
West Midlands	293	284	97%	288	98%	221	75%
West Yorkshire	218	215	99%	213	98%	139	64%
Wiltshire	21	21	100%	20	95%	20	95%

**Table 7 (contd.)**

England and Wales

Jan - Mar 2010							
	Total recalls	Probation Service/ Contractor/YOT		NOMS PPCS		Police	
		Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target	Number in target	% in target
<b>England &amp; Wales</b>	<b>3,614</b>	<b>3,508</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>3,542</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>2,789</b>	<b>77%</b>
Avon & Somerset	97	95	98%	97	100%	70	72%
Bedfordshire	43	43	100%	43	100%	32	74%
Cambridgeshire	33	33	100%	33	100%	28	85%
Cheshire	50	50	100%	49	98%	44	88%
Cleveland/Teesside	67	66	99%	66	99%	54	81%
Cumbria	30	30	100%	28	93%	25	83%
Derbyshire	54	53	98%	53	98%	50	93%
Devon & Cornwall	58	57	98%	57	98%	52	90%
Dorset	36	35	97%	36	100%	30	83%
Durham & Darlington	20	19	95%	20	100%	16	80%
Dyfed Powys	17	16	94%	17	100%	16	94%
Essex	63	63	100%	62	98%	46	73%
Gloucestershire	35	33	94%	35	100%	24	69%
Greater Manchester	246	244	99%	240	98%	177	72%
Gwent	39	39	100%	39	100%	26	67%
Hampshire & Isle of Wight	84	83	99%	82	98%	66	79%
Hertfordshire	37	37	100%	35	95%	27	73%
Humberside	107	99	93%	106	99%	90	84%
Kent	68	67	99%	66	97%	49	72%
Lancashire	137	135	99%	134	98%	100	73%
Leicestershire	49	47	96%	49	100%	40	82%
Lincolnshire	33	33	100%	33	100%	31	94%
London	603	576	96%	582	97%	459	76%
Merseyside	136	126	93%	133	98%	103	76%
Norfolk	36	33	92%	36	100%	33	92%
North Wales	42	42	100%	42	100%	35	83%
North Yorkshire	38	37	97%	38	100%	31	82%
Northamptonshire	40	39	98%	39	98%	26	65%
Northumbria	105	103	98%	103	98%	90	86%
Nottinghamshire	126	121	96%	124	98%	96	76%
South Wales	138	129	93%	135	98%	112	81%
South Yorkshire	116	115	99%	112	97%	82	71%
Staffordshire	57	56	98%	56	98%	41	72%
Suffolk	28	28	100%	28	100%	21	75%
Surrey	22	22	100%	21	95%	14	64%
Sussex	71	70	99%	70	99%	53	75%
Thames Valley	104	98	94%	104	100%	83	80%
Warwickshire	33	33	100%	33	100%	25	76%
West Mercia	54	54	100%	51	94%	46	85%
West Midlands	262	254	97%	260	99%	196	75%
West Yorkshire	181	177	98%	176	97%	133	73%
Wiltshire	19	18	95%	19	100%	17	89%

## Explanatory notes

### **Annual reconciliation of data**

An annual reconciliation for the year ending 31 March 2010 was conducted by the National Offender Management Service (NOMS) working in close cooperation with the Police National Computer Bureau (PNCB), New Scotland Yard. It compared records for offenders not returned to custody in the Public Protection Unit Database (PPUD) against those in the databases held by the PNCB. Discrepancies were queried with Police Forces, the UK Border Agency and prisons to produce the current reconciled list.

The annual reconciliation identified cases held on PNCB data systems which had not been included in the published figures of offenders not returned to custody. Police Forces would have been aware of the fact that these offenders needed to be apprehended and would have taken appropriate steps to find them.

Reconciled figures have been provided up to and including the most recent quarter and are used in the revised totals for the past four quarters. The annual reconciliation did not include updating cases of recalled offenders who were returned to custody prior to 13 July 2010. The revised totals for the past four quarters are therefore estimates.

The estimates for the past totals of offenders not returned to custody were obtained using information held in the Public Protection Unit Database (PPUD). Each total comprises offenders who are currently recorded as not returned to custody and had been recalled prior to the relevant time period and those who were currently returned to custody but had not been returned to custody during the relevant time period.

The annual reconciliation has served to increase the total numbers of offenders not returned to custody. This is because there were a number of cases which had been notified to the police but which were not included in the previously published figures.

### **Licence recall performance data**

The licence recall performance data is collated by the National Offender Management Service based on returns from the agencies involved and the Local Criminal Justice Boards.

## Definitions

**Total number of recalls** – all figures presented in this bulletin include offenders recalled from licence for determinate sentences, indeterminate sentences for public protection (IPPs) and life sentences and those recalled from Home Detention Curfew for the period 1 April 1999 to 31 March 2010. They do not include recalls from End of Custody Licence. The End of Custody Licence ended on 12 March 2010. Final figures have been published in Offender Management Caseload Statistics 2009 which is available for download at [www.justice.gov.uk/publications/prisonandprobation.htm](http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/prisonandprobation.htm)

The total number of recalls to end of March 2010 does not include those offenders recalled during the period 1 January 1984 to 31 March 1999 as the number of recalled offenders is approximate.

**Returned to custody** – the figures for those returned to custody include people who have died or been deported by the UK Borders Agency as prior to 2007 this information was not collected separately. The information held centrally records whether or not recalled offenders are still wanted for return to custody but for those offenders no longer wanted for return to custody, information is not held on whether the recall was completed by actual return to custody or because the offender died or was deported.

**Not returned to custody** – this includes those offenders believed to be dead or living outside of the UK but who have not been confirmed as dead or deported.

**Offence** – Table 3 presents a breakdown of all offenders recalled in the period up to and including 31 March 2009 and not returned to custody by 13 July 2010 by offence. This is the offence for which the offender served a prison sentence before being released on licence and subsequently recalled for breaching the conditions of that licence. The figures are presented by standard offence groups, with a further breakdown of violence against the person and sexual offences. Those cases recorded as “other” do not fit into the set categories. These offences include: arson, blackmail, breach of probation orders, criminal damage, drunk and disorderly, escape lawful custody, harassment, libel and possession of weapons.

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