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## Introduction

This report presents the key trends on the latest twelve months (July 2011 to June 2012) of activity in the Criminal Justice System (CJS) for England and Wales.

All data for January to June 2012 are provisional.

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

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

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

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

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# Main findings

## Overview of the Criminal Justice System in the 12 months ending June 2012

In the 12 months ending June 2012, there were 1.91 million individuals<sup>1</sup> given an out of court disposal or proceeded against at court. This compares with 2.06 million individuals in the 12 months ending June 2011, a decline of 7.4 per cent. This included a 11.3 per cent fall in the use of out of court disposals (from 452,100 to 400,900) – continuing the fall in the use of out of court disposals since the peak in the 12 months ending June 2007.

There was also a 6.3 per cent fall in the number of defendants proceeded against at court (from 1,607,900 to 1,505,800) in the 12 months ending June 2012 from the previous year. This continues the decrease observed since the peak in 12 months ending June 2004, which has been mainly driven by falls in prosecutions for summary offences, which have fallen by 30.0 per cent during this period.

Since the 12 months ending June 2004, convictions for summary offences have fallen largely in line with trends in prosecutions (down 24.7 per cent). Convictions for indictable offences have not followed this pattern however, and since the 12 months ending June 2002 have fluctuated with a high of 304,700 and a low of 348,800.

**Table Q1.1: Activity in the Criminal Justice System, 12 months ending June 2008 to 12 months ending June 2012**

	12 months ending					Percentage change 12 months ending June 2011 to 12 months ending June 2012
	June 2008	June 2009	June 2010	June 2011	June 2012	
<b>Out of court disposals</b>	642,872	586,854	497,091	452,112	400,937	-11.3%
<i>Cannabis warnings<sup>(1)</sup></i>	103,029	99,207	83,683	79,494	73,973 <sup>(P)</sup>	-6.9%
<i>Penalty Notices for Disorder<sup>(2)</sup></i>	191,707	176,123	152,895	133,486	114,971	-13.9%
<i>Cautions</i>	348,136	311,524	260,513	239,132	211,993	-11.3%
<b>Defendants proceeded against</b>	1,692,670	1,649,393	1,682,303	1,607,877	1,505,839	-6.3%
<i>Indictable offences<sup>(3)</sup></i>	398,370	405,458	425,903	429,270	393,259	-8.4%
<i>Summary offences</i>	1,294,300	1,243,935	1,256,400	1,178,607	1,112,580	-5.6%
<b>Defendants convicted</b>	1,399,262	1,373,628	1,391,646	1,337,133	1,256,194	-6.1%
<i>Indictable offences</i>	315,034	322,672	337,015	348,752	323,604	-7.2%
<i>Summary offences</i>	1,084,228	1,050,956	1,054,631	988,381	932,590	-5.6%
<b>Prison receptions<sup>(4)</sup></b>	97,948	98,059	92,053	90,032	89,772 <sup>(P)</sup>	-0.3%
<b>Probation starts<sup>(5)</sup></b>	164,743	168,781	166,659	164,224	155,663	-5.2%

(1) Data for British Transport Police have been included for year ending June 2012 only.

(2) Number of Penalty Notices for Disorder issued to offenders aged 16 and over.

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

(4) Receptions for offenders given a custodial sentence (includes fine defaulters).

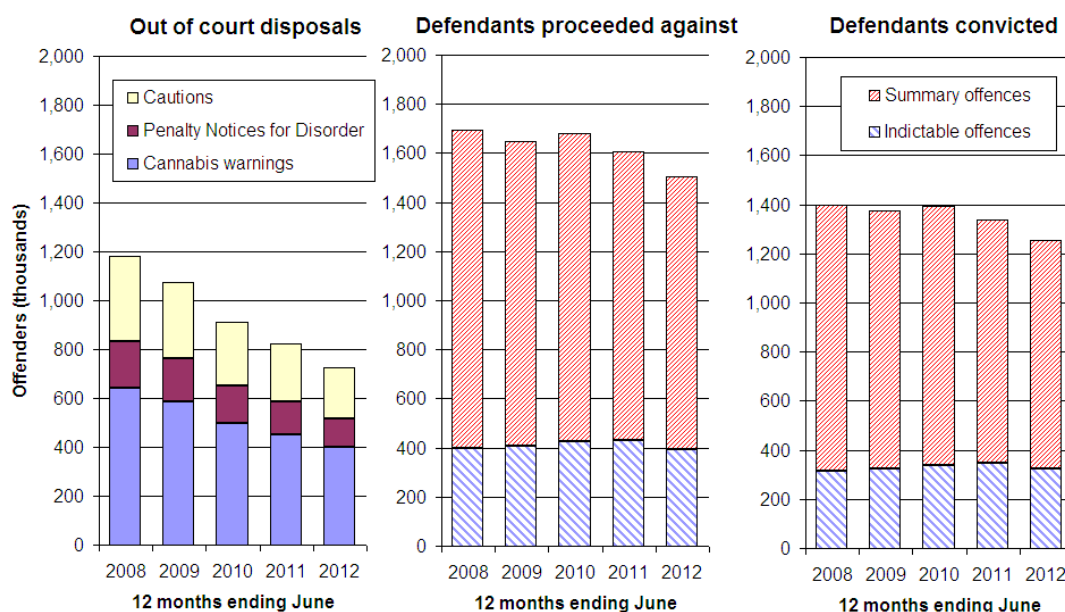
(5) Offenders starting Community Order or Suspended Sentence Order supervision by the Probation Service.

(P) Provisional

**Note:** Figures for cannabis warnings appearing in this publication are provisional and may be revised following Home Office validation. Finalised National Statistics will be published by the Home Office in July 2013 by financial year.

<sup>1</sup> Includes people and companies.

**Figure 1.1: Summary of activity in the Criminal Justice System, 12 months ending June 2008 to 12 months ending June 2012**



## Out of Court Disposals

Since the 12 months ending June 2008, the use of out of court disposals has decreased by 37.6 per cent (from 642,900 to 400,900 in 12 months ending June 2012). The decline in the use of out of court disposals coincided with the replacement in April 2008 of a target to increase offences brought to justice, with one placing more emphasis on bringing serious crime to justice. The latter target was subsequently removed in May 2010.

### Police cautions

There were 212,000 cautions administered in the 12 months ending June 2012 (including juveniles given a reprimand or warnings), representing a 11.3 per cent decrease compared with the 12 months ending June 2011 (239,100). This continues the downward trend in the use of cautions observed since a peak in the 12 months ending June 2007 (363,400). The 12 months ending June 2012 figure represents a 41.7 per cent decrease compared to this peak.

The decrease in cautions between the 12 months ending June 2011 and the 12 months ending June 2012 was largely driven by the decline in cautions administered for indictable offences. In particular, the largest relative decrease was observed for the indictable offence group *violence against the person*, which fell by 26.9 per cent (from 19,300 to 14,100).

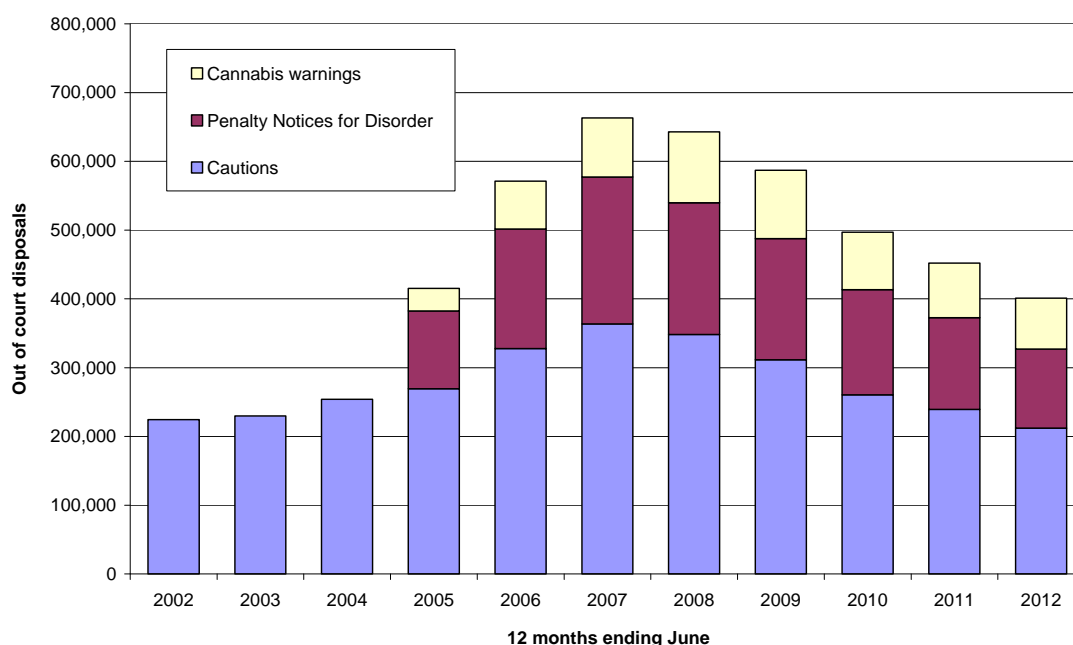
Over four in every five cautions issued for indictable offences are for *violence against the person, theft and handling or drug offences*.

## Penalty Notices for Disorder (PND) and cannabis warnings

There were 115,000 PNDs issued in the 12 months ending June 2012, a decrease of 13.9 per cent compared with the 12 months ending June 2011 (133,500). Similar to cautions, this continues the downward trend in issues of PNDs observed since a peak in the 12 months ending June 2007. The 12 months ending June 2012 figure represents a 46.2 per cent decrease compared with the 12 months ending June 2007 (213,700).

PNDs issued for *possession of cannabis* have risen year on year since coming into effect in 2009. They increased by 800 (from 15,100 to 15,900, a 5.5 per cent rise) between the 12 months ending June 2011 and the 12 months ending June 2012. However, cannabis warnings decreased by 5,500 (from 79,500 to 74,000, a 6.9 per cent decline) over the same period.

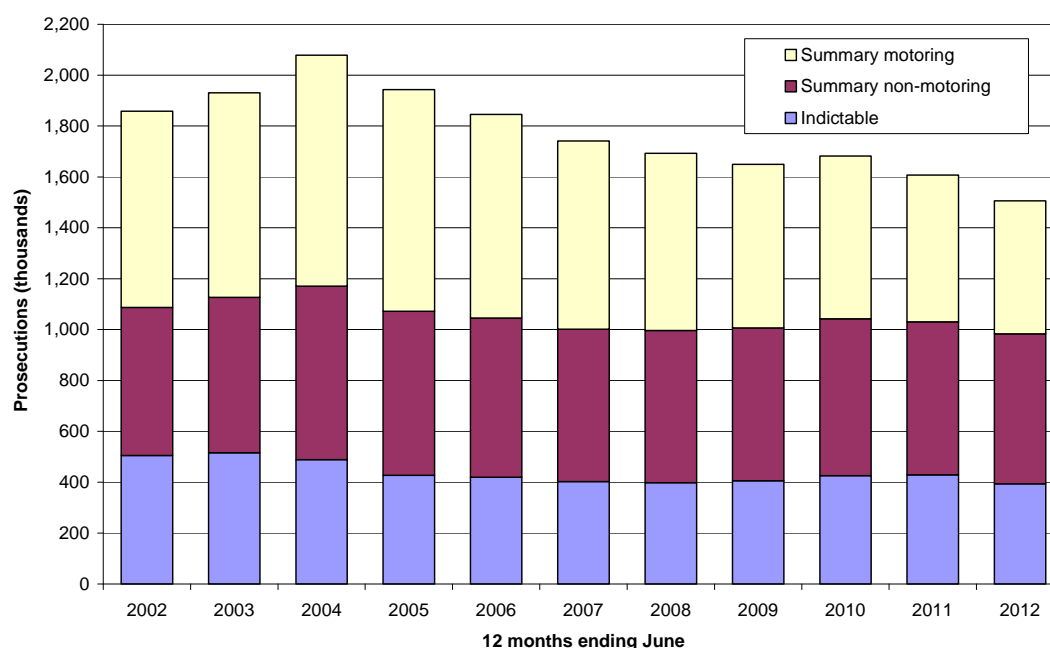
**Figure 1.2: Out of court disposals, 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012**



## **Court proceedings and sentencing**

In the 12 months ending June 2012 there were 1.51 million defendants proceeded against in magistrates' courts and 1.26 million offenders convicted of a criminal offence at all courts. Prosecutions and convictions peaked in the 12 months ending June 2004, and both have since fallen by 27.6 per cent and 19.9 per cent respectively. These falls have largely been driven by declines in proceedings for summary non motoring and summary motoring offences.

**Figure 1.3: Defendants proceeded against at magistrates' courts by offence type, 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012**



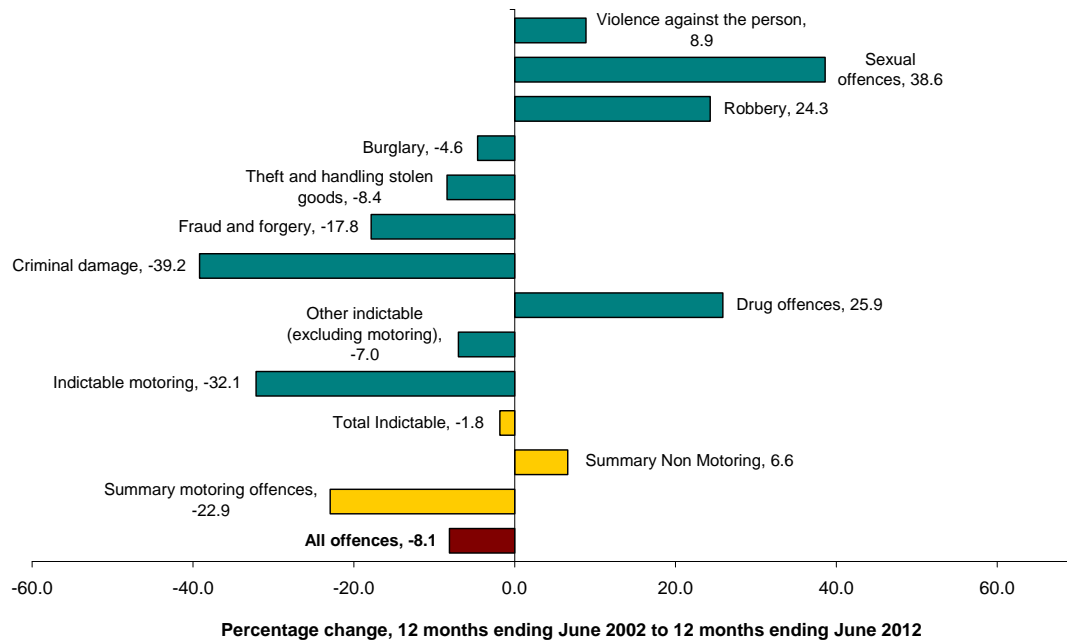
For the more serious indictable offences, prosecutions have fallen by 19.5 per cent since June 2004, but the number of convictions remained broadly flat over the same period. As a result, the conviction ratio increased from 75.4 per cent in June 2004 to 83.4 per cent in the 12 months ending June 2012 - the highest ratio in 11 years.

Looking over the past year, there were 6.3 per cent fewer proceedings in the 12 months ending June 2012 (comparing to 1.61 million in the previous 12 month period). This in turn resulted in a decrease of 6.1 per cent in offenders convicted and sentenced. Again these trends were largely driven by summary motoring and summary non-motoring offences.

In the 12 months ending June 2012, there were:

- 393,300 prosecutions and 323,600 convictions for indictable offences - a decrease of 8.4 and 7.2 per cent compared with the previous 12 month period.
- 589,700 prosecutions and 480,700 convictions for summary non-motoring offences - a decrease of 2.0 per cent and 1.7 per cent respectively compared with the previous 12 month period.
- 522,900 prosecutions and 451,900 convictions for summary motoring offences - a decrease of 9.4 per cent and 9.5 per cent respectively compared with the previous 12 month period.

**Figure 1.4: Percentage change in convictions by offence type and offence group, 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012**



**Immediate custody**

In the 12 months ending June 2012, there were 99,800 persons sentenced to immediate custody, a decrease of 2.5 per cent from 102,300 persons in the same period a year earlier and 9.1 per cent lower than the peak over the last 11 years of 109,800 persons sentenced to immediate custody in the 12 months ending June 2002.

While absolute numbers of persons sentenced to immediate custody have decreased in recent years, the immediate custody rate (the proportion of those sentenced who are sentenced to immediate custody) has risen from a low of 6.7 per cent in the 12 months ending June 2007 to 8.0 per cent in the 12 months ending June 2012. This illustrates that, since 2007, the overall number of offenders sentenced at court has decreased faster than the number of persons sentenced to immediate custody.

In the 12 months ending June 2012, there were 1,183 indeterminate sentences (either a life sentence or an Indeterminate sentence for Public Protection – an IPP) handed down, a 7.7 per cent decrease from 1,282 in the same period a year earlier. This continued the fall since the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act (CJIA) 2008 was introduced, which restricted the use of IPPs. Within this group, the number of life sentences remained broadly the same. The decrease in indeterminate sentences has coincided with an increase in longer determinate sentences. In the 12 months ending June 2012, there were 713 custodial sentences of over 10 years and less than life handed down, a 22.7 per cent increase from 581 in the same period a year earlier.



**Table Q1.2: Offenders sentenced by principal sentence, 12 months ending June 2008 to 12 months ending June 2012**

	12 months ending					Percentage change 12 months ending June 2011 to 12 months ending June 2012
	June 2008	June 2009	June 2010	June 2011	June 2012	
<b>Total offenders sentenced<sup>(1)</sup></b>	1,397,888	1,372,237	1,389,421	1,336,121	1,255,100	-6.1%
<b>Total persons sentenced<sup>(2)</sup></b>	1,390,030	1,363,716	1,381,186	1,328,588	1,248,560	-6.0%
Immediate custody (persons)	99,152	99,802	99,550	102,313	99,779	-2.5%
Suspended sentence (persons)	41,894	42,275	46,456	48,849	46,143	-5.5%
Community sentence (persons)	193,297	195,570	188,401	183,302	163,357	-10.9%
Fines (all offenders)	919,694	909,932	927,363	872,201	827,763	-5.1%
Other disposals (all offenders)	143,851	124,658	127,651	129,456	118,058	-8.8%
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(3)</sup>	12.6	13.5	13.8	14.1	14.9	5.9%
<b>Percentage of those sentenced<sup>(4)</sup></b>						<b>Percentage point change</b>
Immediate custody (persons)	7.1	7.3	7.2	7.7	8.0	0.3
Suspended sentence (persons)	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.7	3.7	0.0
Community sentence (persons)	13.9	14.3	13.6	13.8	13.1	-0.7
Fines (all offenders)	65.8	66.3	66.7	65.3	66.0	0.7
Other disposals (all offenders)	10.3	9.1	9.2	9.7	9.4	-0.3

(1) The time lag between conviction and sentencing for cases committed for sentence at Crown Court can result in small differences between total offenders convicted and sentenced within reporting years.

(2) For sentences of immediate custody, suspended sentence and community sentence, 'persons' is the same as 'offenders', as 'others' (such as companies or public bodies) cannot receive these sentences.

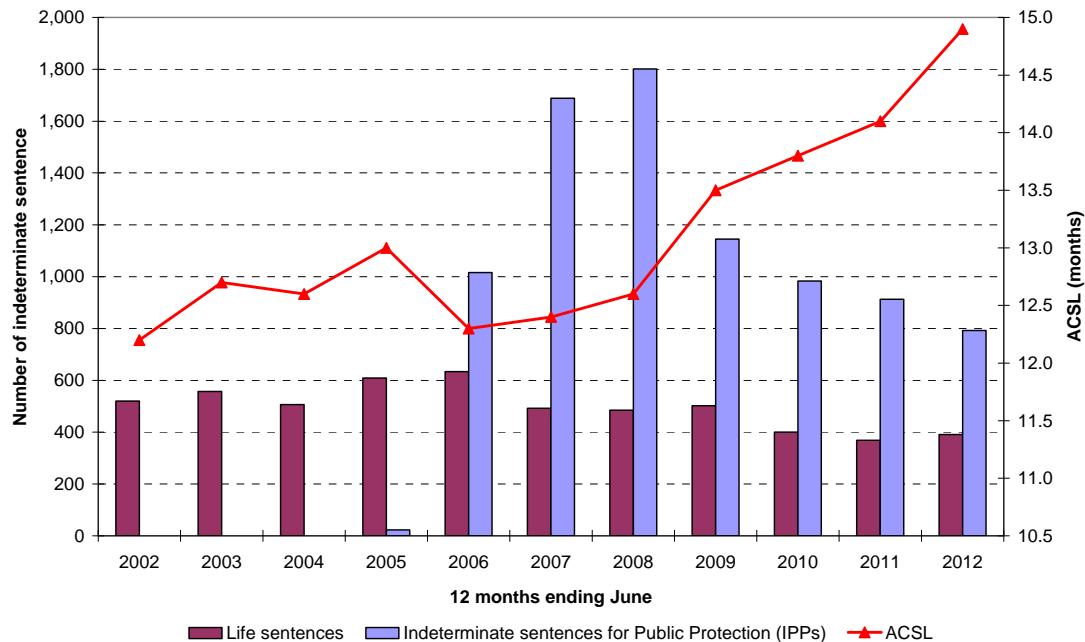
(3) Average custodial sentence length excludes life and indeterminate sentences.

(4) May not sum to 100 per cent as all rates are not calculated on the same basis.

In the 12 months ending June 2012, the Average Custodial Sentence Length (ACSL) was 14.9 months, an increase of 0.8 months compared to the 12 months ending June 2011, and an increase of 2.7 months compared to the 12 months ending June 2002. The rise in ACSL has been driven by the change in the case mix of people getting custodial sentences and longer sentences for indictable offences:

- In the 12 months ending June 2002, summary motoring offences accounted for 15.5 per cent of immediate custodial sentences, with an ACSL of 3.4 months. By the 12 months ending June 2012, they accounted for just 3.0 per cent of immediate custodial sentences, with a reduction in ACSL to 3.1 months.
- In the 12 months ending June 2002, indictable offences accounted for 76.1 per cent of immediate custodial sentences, with an ACSL of 15.0 months. By the 12 months ending June 2012, they accounted for 83.4 per cent of immediate custodial sentences, with an increase in ACSL to 17.4 months. In particular, *sexual offences* saw a rise in ACSL from 41.9 months in the 12 months ending June 2005 to 54.0 months in the 12 months ending June 2012, following the implementation of the Sexual Offences Act 2003.

**Figure 1.5: Offenders receiving an indeterminate custodial sentence and average custodial sentence length for all offenders; 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012**



## Fines

Fines are the most common sentence passed at court, accounting for around two-thirds of all sentences handed down by the criminal courts (66.0 per cent in the 12 months ending June 2012). In the 12 months ending June 2012, there were 827,800 fines handed down (99.8 per cent of these being issued at magistrates' courts), a decrease of 5.1 per cent from the same period a year earlier and the lowest number of fines handed out over the last 11 years.

The majority of fines issued in the 12 months ending June 2012 were for summary offences, with only 6.7 per cent issued for indictable offences.

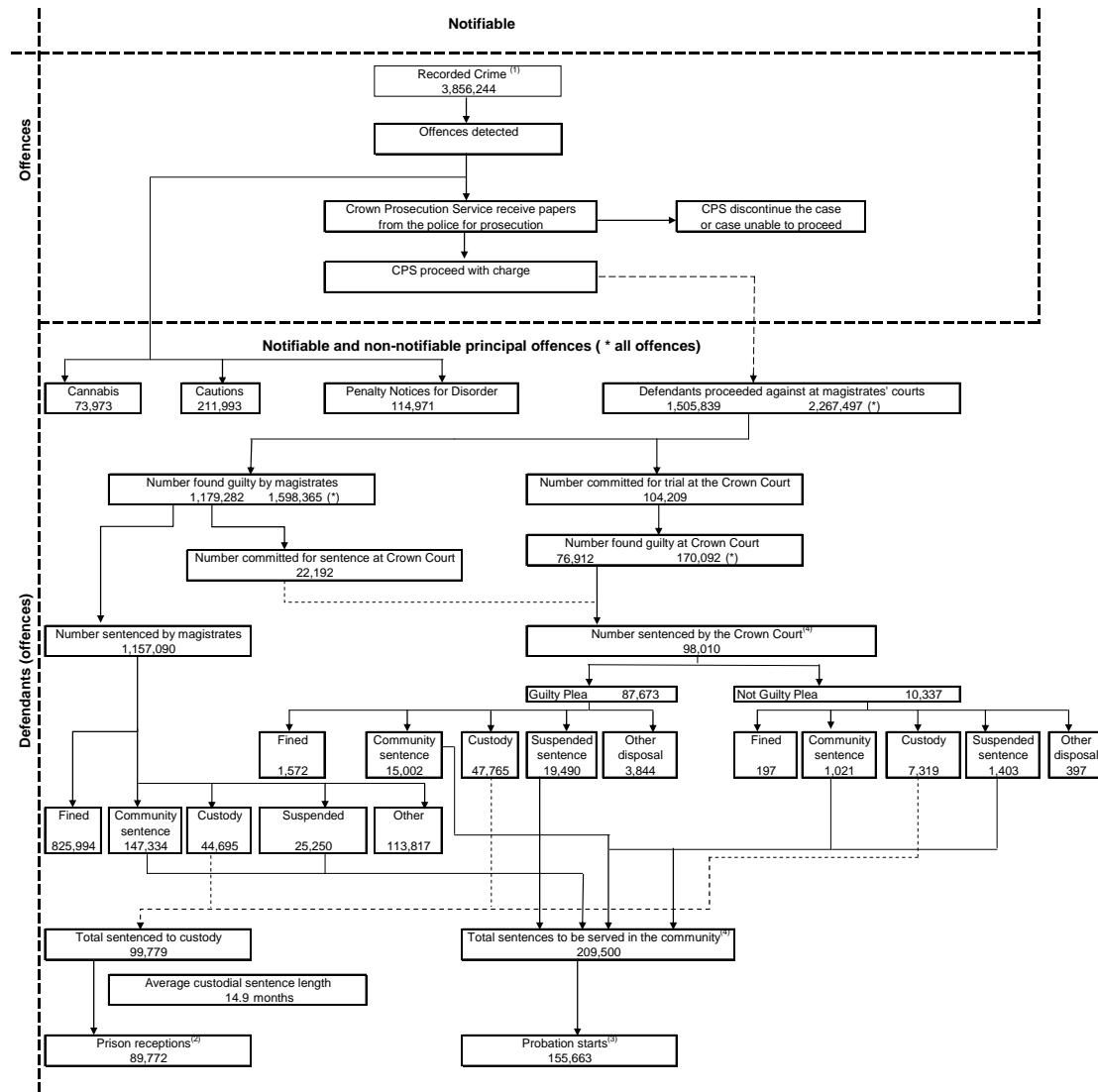
The fine rate of 66.0 per cent is broadly consistent with that seen in the same period a year earlier, and has declined from a peak of 70.4 per cent in the 12 months ending June 2004. The decline has been due to a decline in prosecutions and subsequent conviction for summary motoring offences – the offence type for which fines are most commonly given.

## Suspended Sentences and Community Orders

In the 12 months ending June 2012, 163,400 people (or 13.0 per cent of persons sentenced) were given a Community Sentence, a decrease of 10.9 per cent from the same period a year earlier.

In the 12 months ending June 2012, 46,100 people (or 3.7 per cent of persons sentenced) were given a Suspended Sentence Order, a decrease of 5.5 per cent from the same period a year earlier.

**Figure 1.6: Flows through the Criminal Justice System, 12 months ending June 2012**



(1) Covers all indictable, including triable either way, offences plus a few closely associated summary offences.  
 (2) Receptions for offenders given a custodial sentence (figures include fine defaulters)  
 (3) Offenders starting Community Order or Suspended Sentence Order supervision by the Probation Service  
 (4) In a small number of cases the plea data is not recorded.  
 \* Total number of all offences in comparison with the total number of defendants on a principal offence basis.

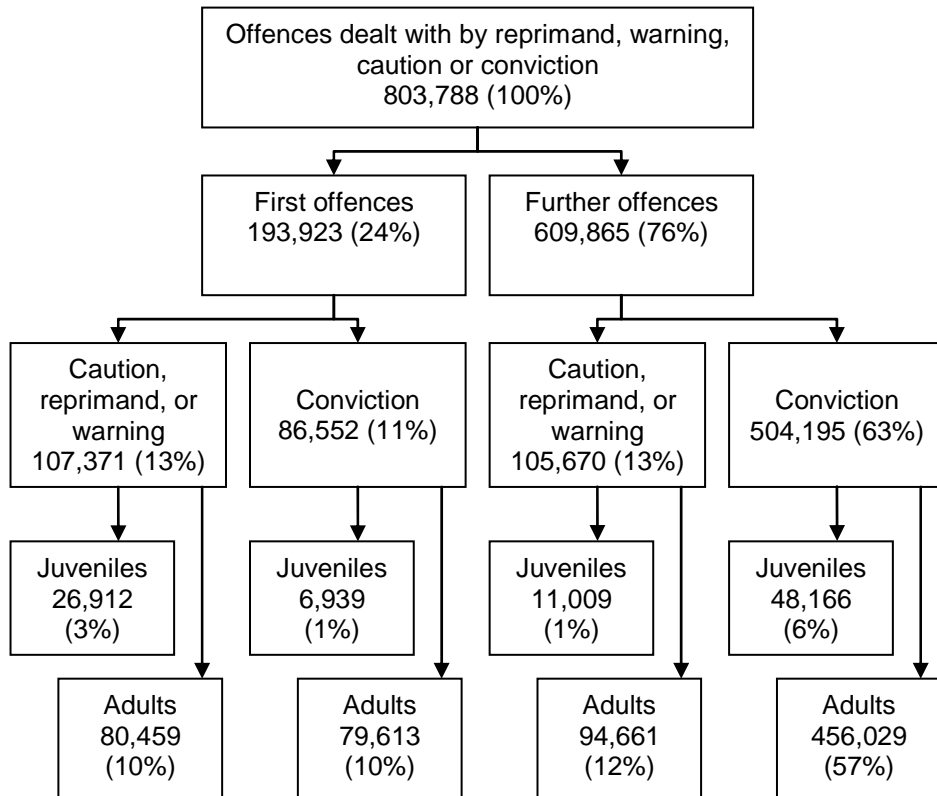
## Offending Histories

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

Key points in the 12 months ending June 2012:

- In the 12 months ending June 2012, there were 193,900 first time entrants (FTEs) to the criminal justice system as recorded on the PNC, a decrease of 12.1 per cent compared to the 12 months period ending June 2011, and 27.4 per cent when compared with the 12 months period ending June 2002.
- The reduction in the number of first time entrants seen over the last five years has been much sharper for juveniles, down 69.5 per cent since the year ending June 2007, than for adults.
- The rate of first time entrants per head of population has also fallen substantially amongst juveniles, down from a little over 2,000 per 100,000 of the population in the 12 months ending June 2007 to an equivalent figure of 637 in the most recent period. However, although the gap is narrowing, the rate still remains substantially higher for juveniles than for adults.
- Around 4 times as many juvenile first time entrants receive a reprimand or warning from the police than are convicted by a criminal court. Amongst adult first time entrants, the proportions receiving a caution and being convicted are roughly equal.
- 15.0 per cent of juveniles sentenced for indictable offences were first time entrants, while 64.7 per cent had between one and six previous convictions, reprimands or warnings and 4.3 per cent had over 15 previous convictions, reprimands or warnings. Amongst adults, 9.4 per cent were first time entrants, while 35.6 per cent had 15 or more previous convictions or cautions.
- The proportion of juveniles sentenced for indictable offences with 15 or more previous convictions, reprimands or warnings has fallen slightly since the year ending June 2011, but is up around three percentage points over the last 10 years. Amongst adults, the proportion with 15 or more previous convictions or cautions has increased 14 percentage points over the last 10 years.
- 38.6 per cent of offenders sentenced for indictable offences with 15 or more previous convictions or cautions were sentenced to immediate custody while 20.1 per cent were given a community sentence. This compares to 25.4 per cent and 35.1 per cent respectively for those first time entrants sentenced.

**Figure 1.7: First offences and further offences of all offenders, recorded on the Police National Computer, 12 months ending June 2012, England and Wales**



## Offences

This section differs from the previous section in that it considers the total number of notifiable<sup>2</sup> offences.

Much of the activity in the Criminal Justice System starts with the police, when a crime is reported, investigated and detected. The Home Office report on the police activity and the crimes they deal with. In the 12 months ending June 2012, recorded crime decreased by 5.9 per cent, from 4.10 million in the 12 months ending June 2011, to 3.86 million offences.

Over the same period, for the equivalent notifiable offences, the use of out of court disposals decreased by 10.5 per cent. Specifically, Penalty Notices for Disorder (PNDs) were down 15.7 per cent, cautions decreased 9.9 per cent and cannabis warnings reduced by 6.9 per cent. Convictions for notifiable offences also decreased, by 4.6 per cent.

**Table Q1.3: Recorded crime and notifiable offence outcomes, 12 months ending June 2008 to 12 months ending June 2012**

England and Wales	12 months ending					Percentage change 12 months ending June 2011 to 12 months ending June 2012
	June 2008	June 2009	June 2010	June 2011	June 2012	
<b>Recorded Crime<sup>(1)</sup></b>	4,870,476	4,654,592	4,267,794	4,097,507	3,856,244	-5.9%
<b>Out of court disposals</b>	599,693	541,591	454,886	412,559	369,096	-10.5%
Cannabis warnings <sup>(1)</sup>	103,029	99,207	83,683	79,494	73,973	-6.9%
Penalty Notices for Disorder <sup>(2)</sup>	129,391	116,199	100,349	85,905	72,393	-15.7%
Cautions	367,273	326,185	270,854	247,160	222,730	-9.9%
<b>Proceedings</b>	970,878	968,409	1,010,089	994,212	930,294	-6.4%
<b>Convictions</b>	729,363	745,978	754,664	752,218	717,542	-4.6%
<b>Offences taken into consideration<sup>(1)</sup></b>	105	96	78	73	63	-13.9%
<b>Proven offences<sup>(3)</sup></b>	1,329,161	1,287,665	1,209,628	1,164,850	1,086,701	-6.7%

(1) Data for British Transport Police have been included for year ending June 2012 only.

(2) Number of Penalty Notices for Disorder issued to offenders aged 16 and over.

(3) Includes out of court disposals, convictions and offences taken into consideration.

(P) Provisional

**Note:** Figures for cannabis warnings appearing in this publication are provisional and may be revised following Home Office validation. Finalised National Statistics will be published by the Home Office in July 2013 by financial year.

<sup>2</sup> Notifiable offences include all offences that could possibly be tried by jury (i.e. indictable and triable-either-way offences) plus a few additional closely related summary offences, such as assault without injury. Offence groups in notifiable offence tables in this section therefore differ from groups shown in other sections which may be restricted to indictable offences only.

Table Q1.4 - Recorded crime and notifiable offence outcomes by offence group, 12 months ending June 2011 and 12 months ending June 2012

Offence Group	12 months ending	Recorded crime <sup>(1)</sup>	Cannabis warnings <sup>(P)(1)</sup>	Penalty Notices for Disorder <sup>(2)</sup>	Cautions	Proceedings	Convictions
Violence against the person	June 2011	796,693	-	27,919	98,480	320,685	217,146
	June 2012	747,448	-	20,930	89,687	295,167	201,574
Sexual offences	June 2011	54,661	-	-	1,733	32,668	19,455
	June 2012	52,178	-	-	1,674	31,071	19,924
Burglary	June 2011	519,012	-	-	3,962	44,823	31,537
	June 2012	489,045	-	-	3,309	45,324	32,063
Robbery	June 2011	76,852	-	-	267	20,051	12,553
	June 2012	71,444	-	-	200	19,208	12,680
Theft and handling stolen goods	June 2011	1,531,373	-	37,645	53,810	221,235	187,779
	June 2012	1,476,783	-	31,272	46,089	217,802	185,617
Fraud and forgery	June 2011	144,008	-	-	6,353	68,474	50,788
	June 2012	139,519	-	-	6,063	57,762	44,344
Criminal damage	June 2011	677,253	-	5,794	30,229	76,929	60,904
	June 2012	598,958	-	4,304	25,502	71,712	56,875
Drug offences	June 2011	232,864	79,494	14,547	44,960	110,324	96,647
	June 2012	222,520	73,973	15,887	44,218	104,209	92,542
Other notifiable offences	June 2011	64,791	-	-	7,366	99,023	75,409
	June 2012	58,349	-	-	5,988	88,039	71,923
<b>All Notifiable Offences</b>	<b>June 2011</b>	<b>4,097,507</b>	<b>79,494</b>	<b>85,905</b>	<b>247,160</b>	<b>994,212</b>	<b>752,218</b>
	<b>June 2012</b>	<b>3,856,244</b>	<b>73,973</b>	<b>72,393</b>	<b>222,730</b>	<b>930,294</b>	<b>717,542</b>

(1) Data for British Transport Police have been included for year ending June 2012 only.

(2) Number of Penalty Notices for Disorder issued to offenders aged 16 and over.

(P) Provisional

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Table Q1.5 - Summary of criminal justice statistics, 12 months ending June 2012

	England and Wales												Percent change, 12 months ending June 2011 to 12 months ending June 2012
	12 months ending											Thousands	
	June 2002	June 2003	June 2004	June 2005	June 2006	June 2007	June 2008	June 2009	June 2010	June 2011	June 2012		
Crime measured by British Crime Survey <sup>(1)</sup>	12,738	12,121	11,295	10,774	11,016	11,022	10,476	10,034	9,566	9,718	9,124	-6.1	
Notifiable offences													
- offences recorded by the police	5,692	5,984	5,928	5,601	5,526	5,331	4,870	4,655	4,268	4,098	3,856	-5.9	
Number of offenders cautioned <sup>(3)</sup>	225	230	254	269	328	363	348	312	261	239	212	-11.3	
of which Indictable offences <sup>(4)</sup>	141	146	155	166	197	207	194	172	143	130	113	-13.2	
Number of offenders issued Penalty Notices for Disorder	..	..	..	113	174	214	192	176	153	133	115	-13.9	
of which for indictable offences <sup>(4)</sup>	..	..	..	12	30	45	44	54	57	52	47	-10.5	
Number of offenders issued cannabis warnings (all indictable)	..	..	..	33	70	86	103	99	84	79	74		
Defendants proceeded against at magistrates' courts	1,858	1,931	2,079	1,943	1,845	1,741	1,693	1,649	1,682	1,608	1,506	-6.3	
of which Indictable offences <sup>(4)</sup>	505	516	489	427	420	402	398	405	426	429	393	-8.4	
Defendants found guilty at magistrates' courts	1,309	1,372	1,507	1,450	1,399	1,345	1,331	1,300	1,311	1,253	1,179	-5.9	
of which Indictable offences <sup>(4)</sup>	274	281	271	251	254	247	250	253	260	269	250	-7.0	
Defendants sentenced at the Crown Court after summary conviction	16	16	16	16	19	17	18	18	17	19	21	8.3	
Defendants tried at the Crown Court	75	80	80	78	76	80	86	92	102	106	96	-10.0	
Defendants found guilty at the Crown Court	58	60	60	59	58	61	68	73	81	84	77	-8.7	
of which Indictable offences <sup>(4)</sup>	55	58	58	57	55	58	65	70	77	80	73	-8.0	
<b>Total offenders found guilty at both courts</b>	<b>1,367</b>	<b>1,432</b>	<b>1,568</b>	<b>1,510</b>	<b>1,457</b>	<b>1,407</b>	<b>1,399</b>	<b>1,374</b>	<b>1,392</b>	<b>1,337</b>	<b>1,256</b>	<b>-6.1</b>	
of which Indictable offences <sup>(4)</sup>	330	339	329	308	309	305	315	323	337	349	324	-7.2	
Total offenders found guilty or cautioned <sup>(3)</sup>	1,592	1,662	1,821	1,779	1,785	1,770	1,747	1,685	1,652	1,576	1,468	-6.9	
of which Indictable offences <sup>(4)</sup>	470	485	484	474	506	512	509	494	480	479	436	-8.8	
<b>Total sentenced</b>	<b>1,365</b>	<b>1,430</b>	<b>1,567</b>	<b>1,508</b>	<b>1,456</b>	<b>1,406</b>	<b>1,398</b>	<b>1,372</b>	<b>1,389</b>	<b>1,336</b>	<b>1,255</b>	<b>-6.1</b>	
Magistrates' court	1,291	1,354	1,490	1,433	1,379	1,328	1,312	1,281	1,292	1,232	1,157	-6.1	
Crown Court	74	77	77	75	77	78	85	91	98	104	98	-5.5	
Sentence													
Custody	110	109	108	103	99	93	99	100	100	102	100	-2.5	
Suspended Sentence	3	3	3	4	22	39	42	42	46	49	46	-5.5	
Community Sentence	172	193	196	203	199	192	193	196	188	183	163	-10.9	
Fine	937	976	1,102	1,053	994	943	920	910	927	872	828	-5.1	
Other Sentences	144	150	157	145	142	139	144	125	128	129	118	-8.8	

(1) Crime Survey for England and Wales estimates relate to crimes experienced in the 12 months prior to interview.

(2) Statistically significant, see Section 8 of the User Guide to Crime Statistics for England and Wales:  
<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/taxonomy/index.html?nscl=Crime+in+England+and+Wales>

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

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



Table Q1.6 - "Proven Offenders" in the criminal justice system by offence group and outcomes, 12 months ending June 2011 and 12 months ending June 2012

England and Wales

Offence Group	12 months ending	Cannabis warnings <sup>(P)(1)</sup>	Penalty Notices for Disorder <sup>(P)(2)</sup>	Cautions	Proceedings	Convictions	Conviction Ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	Proven Offenders <sup>(4)</sup>	Sentenced <sup>(5)</sup>	Discharged	Fine	Community Sentence	Suspended Sentence	Otherwise dealt with	Custody Rate (%) <sup>(6)</sup>	Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(7)</sup>
Violence against the person	June 2011	-	-	19,331	64,400	44,502	69.1	63,833	44,225	1,919	2,127	15,682	8,874	1,476	14,147	17.5
	June 2012	-	-	14,137	54,185	39,176	72.3	53,313	39,007	1,633	2,253	12,271	7,767	1,141	13,942	19.9
Sexual offences	June 2011	-	-	1,461	10,151	6,059	59.7	7,520	6,056	114	115	1,703	515	1,141	3,461	51.5
	June 2012	-	-	1,419	9,562	5,881	61.5	7,300	5,877	116	97	1,581	501	123	3,459	58.9
Burglary	June 2011	-	-	3,432	32,184	24,547	76.3	27,979	24,382	537	377	8,972	2,746	564	11,186	54.0
	June 2012	-	-	2,924	31,987	24,480	76.5	27,404	24,216	446	322	8,123	2,713	443	12,169	18.9
Robbery	June 2011	-	-	262	14,245	9,088	63.9	9,360	9,105	15	4	2,842	533	321	5,390	36.0
	June 2012	-	-	196	13,467	8,941	66.4	9,137	8,988	14	1	2,875	543	249	5,276	34.9
Theft and handling stolen goods	June 2011	-	37,257	45,569	135,671	122,024	89.9	204,850	121,785	25,221	17,193	42,856	8,248	6,047	22,520	18.5
	June 2012	-	30,925	38,383	130,328	116,622	89.5	185,930	116,181	23,883	16,529	39,732	8,589	5,353	22,095	4.4
Fraud and forgery	June 2011	-	-	5,850	24,338	20,300	83.5	26,180	20,272	2,309	2,733	6,835	3,436	384	4,575	22.6
	June 2012	-	-	5,288	20,663	17,583	85.1	22,881	17,461	1,883	2,323	5,578	3,287	343	4,047	13.2
Criminal damage	June 2011	-	-	4,926	9,415	7,448	79.1	12,374	7,429	1,489	796	3,005	445	545	1,149	15.5
	June 2012	-	-	4,288	8,463	6,657	78.7	10,945	6,571	1,300	750	2,573	400	463	1,085	18.3
Drug offences	June 2011	79,494	15,055	42,269	67,360	61,874	91.9	198,692	61,427	9,126	23,684	13,017	4,034	2,127	9,439	21.2
	June 2012	73,973	15,679	40,707	63,907	58,672	91.8	189,231	58,253	8,501	21,764	12,071	4,318	2,037	9,562	30.2
Indictable motoring offences	June 2011	-	-	-	3,629	3,200	89.0	3,230	3,244	46	276	956	838	35	1,093	9.5
	June 2012	-	-	-	3,433	3,082	90.1	3,092	3,141	94	241	764	894	35	1,173	9.8
Other indictable offences	June 2011	-	-	6,833	67,877	49,640	73.1	56,473	49,417	3,746	12,956	9,670	5,124	6,649	11,272	10.0
	June 2012	-	-	5,434	57,264	42,490	74.2	47,924	42,431	3,125	11,132	6,928	4,324	6,558	10,364	11.0
<b>Indictable offences<sup>(8)</sup></b>	<b>June 2011</b>	<b>79,494</b>	<b>52,312</b>	<b>129,933</b>	<b>429,270</b>	<b>348,752</b>	<b>81.2</b>	<b>610,491</b>	<b>347,342</b>	<b>44,522</b>	<b>60,261</b>	<b>105,238</b>	<b>34,783</b>	<b>18,296</b>	<b>84,232</b>	<b>16.6</b>
	<b>June 2012</b>	<b>73,973</b>	<b>46,804</b>	<b>112,776</b>	<b>393,259</b>	<b>323,604</b>	<b>82.3</b>	<b>557,157</b>	<b>322,096</b>	<b>40,935</b>	<b>55,412</b>	<b>92,496</b>	<b>33,336</b>	<b>16,745</b>	<b>83,172</b>	<b>17.4</b>
Summary non-motoring	June 2011	-	81,174	109,199	601,467	488,058	81.3	679,431	489,340	45,957	344,785	62,920	9,759	11,366	14,553	3.0
	June 2012	-	68,167	99,217	589,720	480,715	81.5	648,099	481,034	42,824	348,948	57,277	8,869	9,500	13,616	2.6
Summary motoring offences	June 2011	-	-	-	577,140	499,323	86.5	499,323	499,439	6,673	467,155	15,144	4,297	2,642	3,528	0.7
	June 2012	-	-	-	522,860	451,875	86.4	451,875	451,970	5,934	423,403	13,584	3,938	2,120	2,991	0.7
<b>Summary Offences</b>	<b>June 2011</b>	<b>81,174</b>	<b>109,199</b>	<b>1,178,607</b>	<b>988,381</b>	<b>988,381</b>	<b>83.9</b>	<b>1,178,754</b>	<b>988,779</b>	<b>52,630</b>	<b>811,940</b>	<b>78,064</b>	<b>14,056</b>	<b>14,008</b>	<b>18,081</b>	<b>2.7</b>
	<b>June 2012</b>	<b>68,167</b>	<b>99,217</b>	<b>1,112,580</b>	<b>932,590</b>	<b>932,004</b>	<b>83.8</b>	<b>1,099,974</b>	<b>933,004</b>	<b>48,758</b>	<b>772,351</b>	<b>70,961</b>	<b>12,807</b>	<b>11,620</b>	<b>16,607</b>	<b>1.8</b>
<b>All Offences</b>	<b>June 2011</b>	<b>79,494</b>	<b>133,486</b>	<b>239,132</b>	<b>1,607,877</b>	<b>1,337,133</b>	<b>83.2</b>	<b>1,789,245</b>	<b>1,336,121</b>	<b>97,152</b>	<b>872,201</b>	<b>183,302</b>	<b>48,849</b>	<b>32,304</b>	<b>102,313</b>	<b>14.1</b>
	<b>June 2012</b>	<b>73,973</b>	<b>114,971</b>	<b>211,993</b>	<b>1,506,839</b>	<b>1,256,194</b>	<b>83.4</b>	<b>1,657,131</b>	<b>1,255,100</b>	<b>89,693</b>	<b>827,763</b>	<b>163,357</b>	<b>46,143</b>	<b>28,365</b>	<b>99,779</b>	<b>8.0</b>

(1) Data for British Transport Police have been included for year ending June 2012 only.

(2) Number of Penalty Notices for Disorder issued to offenders aged 16 and over.

(3) Conviction ratio is calculated as the number of convictions as a proportion of the number of proceedings.

(4) Defendants who have been proven to have committed an offence (includes convictions, cautions, cannabis warnings and Penalty Notices for Disorder).

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

(6) Custody rate is calculated as the proportion of the total number of persons sentenced who are sentenced to immediate custody.

(7) Average custodial sentence length excludes life and indeterminate sentences.

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

(P) Provisional

**Note:** Figures for cannabis warnings appearing in this publication are provisional and may be revised following Home Office validation. Finalised National Statistics will be published by the Home Office in July 2013 by financial year.

## Out of Court Disposals

### Penalty Notices for Disorder

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

There were 115,000 PNDs issued for the 12 months ending June 2012, a decrease of 13.9 per cent compared with the 12 months ending June 2011 and a fall of 46.2 per cent when compared with the peak of 213,700 PNDs issued in 2007.

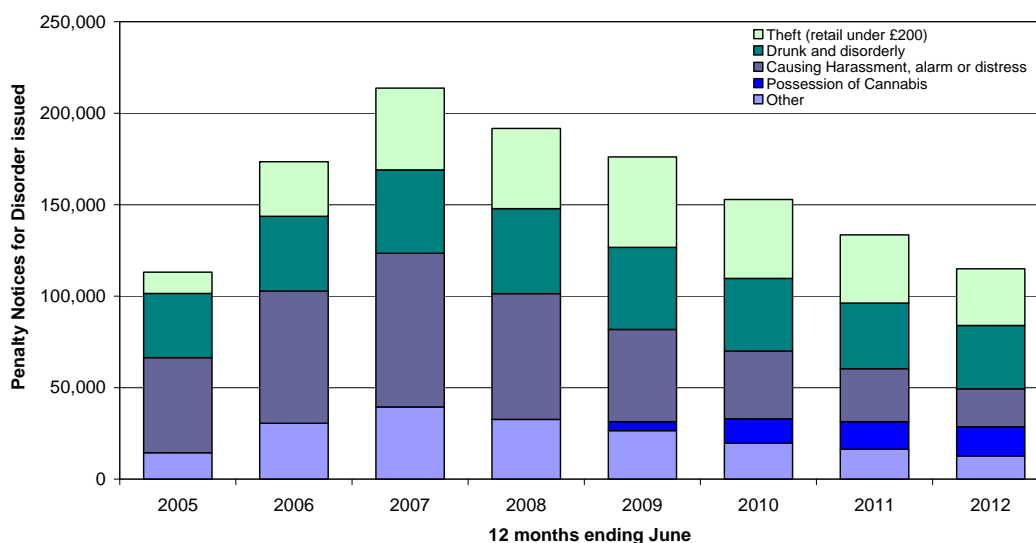
Four offences accounted for 88.9 per cent of all PNDs issued in the 12 months ending June 2012, namely:

- 'Retail theft of goods under the value of £100' – 26.9 per cent of all PNDs issued in the year ending June 2012 (30,900);
- 'Drunk and disorderly' – 30.1 per cent (34,600);
- 'Behaviour likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress' – 18.1 per cent (20,800);
- 'Possession of cannabis' - 13.8 per cent (15,900) of all PNDs issued.

There have been year on year decreases in PNDs since their peak in 2007. This decreasing trend has been observed in all offence groups except possession of cannabis, which has increased since coming into effect in 2009. However, the decrease in cannabis warnings over the same period suggests that the use of out of court disposals for those in possession of cannabis has remained constant, but with an increased usage of PNDs rather than cannabis warnings.

In the 12 months ending June 2012, 110,000 (95.7 per cent) of PNDs were issued to persons aged 18 and over (adults), with 5,000 (4.3 per cent) issued to persons aged 16 to 17. The proportion of PNDs issued to adults has increased year on year since 2007, due to larger decreases in issues of PNDs for the main offence categories listed above for persons aged 16 to 17.

**Figure 2.1: Penalty Notices for Disorder issued, 12 months ending June 2005 to 12 months ending June 2012**



In the 12 months ending June 2012, 87,900 (76.4 per cent) of PNDs were issued to males and 27,100 (23.6 per cent) to females. The four most common offences committed by males were:

- ‘Drunk and disorderly’ – 28,800 (32.7 per cent);
- ‘Causing Harassment, alarm or distress’ – 17,800 (20.3 per cent);
- ‘Theft (retail under £100)’ – 16,400 (18.6 per cent) and
- ‘Possession of Cannabis’ – 15,000 (17.1 per cent).

The four most common offences committed by females were:

- ‘Theft (retail under £100)’ – 14,500 (53.7 per cent);
- ‘Drunk and disorderly’ – 5,900 (21.7 per cent);
- ‘Causing Harassment, alarm or distress’ – 2,900 (10.9 per cent); and
- ‘Wasting police time’ – 1,000 (3.6 per cent).

In the 12 months ending June 2012, 80,700 (70.2 per cent) PNDs were issued to white people, 2,100 (1.8 per cent) to black people, and (5.0 per cent) to Asian people. This split has remained fairly constant over the years for the high volume offences.

There were fewer PNDs issued in 39 of the 44 police force areas (including British Transport Police) in England and Wales compared with 12 months ending June 2012.

The largest absolute decrease was in the Metropolitan Police Force area, where 14,900 PNDs were issued, a fall of 3,051 (17.0 per cent) since 12 months ending

June 2012. The largest proportionate decrease was in Greater Manchester, where 24.2 per cent fewer PNDs were issued, a fall from 6,357 to 4,816. The police force area with the largest absolute increase was West Yorkshire, where 2,967 PNDs were issued, an increase of 421 (16.5 per cent) since the 12 months ending June 2011.

### **Penalty Notices for Disorder payments, court hearings and related fines [Supplementary table Q2c]**

*Once a PND has been issued the recipient has 21 days, the Suspended Enforcement Period (SEP), in which to either pay the penalty or request a court hearing. No admission of guilt is required and by paying the penalty the recipient discharges liability for conviction for the offence. Rather than paying the penalty, PND recipients can request a court hearing. If a recipient fails to pay a PND or elect a court hearing within the SEP, a fine of one and half times the penalty amount is registered by the court.*

In the 12 months ending June 2012, 41 per cent of PNDs were paid within the SEP and a further 12.5 per cent were paid before a fine was registered. The payment rate for PNDs has fluctuated only slightly since their introduction in 2004, between 51 and 55 per cent.

The payment rate for juveniles (aged 16 and 17) was 55.2 per cent in the 12 months ending June 2012 compared to 53.3 per cent for adults. The payment rate for juveniles has remained consistently higher than for adults since the start of the scheme.

Around one per cent of penalty notices have been contested at court in each year since PNDs were introduced. This figure is consistent among all age groups and offences.

In the year ending June 2012, of the total number of PNDs issued, 37.3 per cent were registered as fines (37.5 per cent for adults and 31.5 per cent for juveniles). The number and proportion of PNDs for which a fine was registered has declined year on year since 2007, from 93,000 (43.5 per cent of total issued in the 12 months ending June 2007) to 42,800 in 2012 (37.3 per cent of total issued in the 12 months ending June 2012).

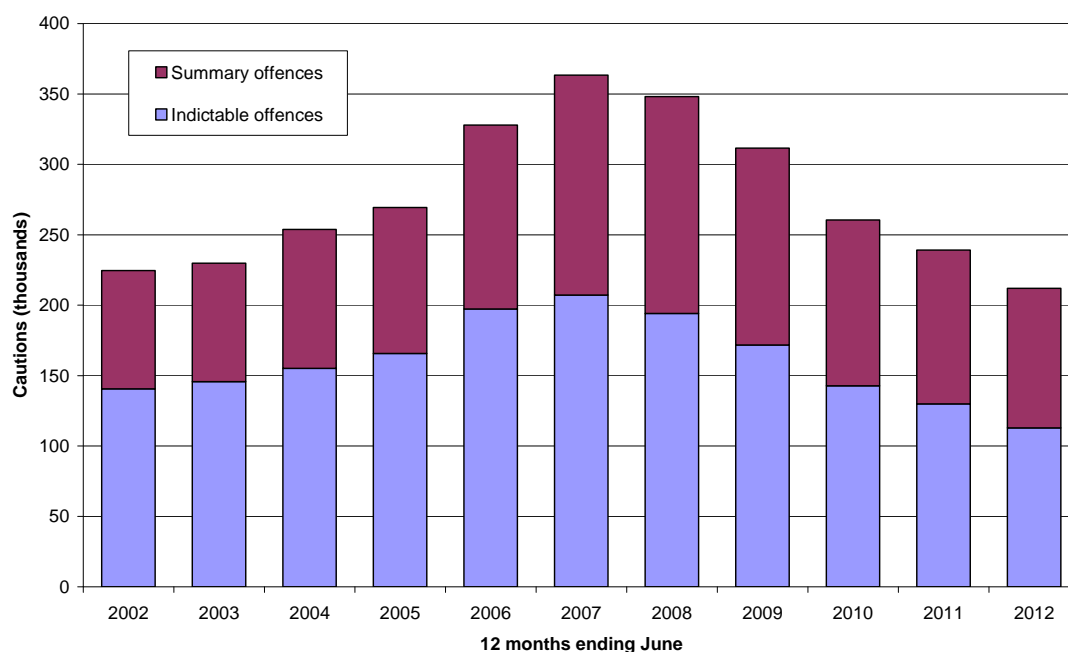
### **Cautions**

*A caution can be administered when there is sufficient evidence for a conviction and it is not considered to be in the public interest to institute criminal proceedings. Additionally, an offender must admit guilt and consent to a caution in order for one to be administered. A formal caution may be given by, or on the instructions of, a senior police officer. Cautions have traditionally been mostly used for juvenile and first time offenders. A system of reprimands and final warnings replaced cautioning for juveniles in June 2000.*

There were 212,000 cautions issued in the 12 months ending June 2012, 11.3 per cent fewer than in the 12 months ending June 2011, continuing a downward trend in the use of cautions since a peak in the 12 months ending June 2007. This decline coincided with the replacement in April 2008 of a target to increase offences brought to justice, with one placing more emphasis on bringing serious crime to justice.

Compared with the 12 months ending June 2011 there were decreases in cautions given for both indictable (13.2 per cent decrease) and summary offence types (9.1 per cent decrease).

**Figure 2.2 Offenders cautioned by offence type, 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012**



In the 12 months ending June 2012 there were 212,000 offenders cautioned, including juveniles given a reprimand or final warning.

This was 11.3 per cent fewer than the 239,100 cautions issued in the 12 months ending June 2011, and 41.7 per cent fewer than the peak of 363,400 cautions issued in the 12 months ending June 2007.

The largest decrease compared with the 12 months ending June 2011 was in cautions issued for the indictable offence *violence against the person* which decreased by 26.9 per cent.

Around four in every five cautions issued for indictable offences are for violence against the person, theft and handling or drug offences. Of the 112,800 cautions issued for indictable offences in the 12 months ending June 2012, 36.1 per cent were for *drug offences*, 34.0 per cent for *theft and handling* and 12.5 per cent for *violence against the person*.

The cautioning ratio for the 12 months ending June 2012 was 20.9 per cent, this has declined from a peak of 31.5 per cent in the 12 months ending June 2007. This coincided with the replacement in April 2008 of a target to increase offences brought to justice with one placing more of an emphasis on targeting serious crime.

The cautioning ratio varies across offence group and is typically higher for indictable offences than summary offences.

Within indictable offences the cautioning ratio is highest for drug offences (41.0 per cent), criminal damage (39.2 per cent) and violence against the person (26.5 per cent), and is lowest for robbery (2.1 per cent).

The cautioning ratio for violence against the person in the 12 months ending June 2012 is the lowest in the eleven year period. There have been steady annual decreases from a peak of 57.5 per cent of offenders receiving a caution in the 12 months ending June 2006.

Table 2.1 - Number of Penalty Notices for Disorder Issued to Offenders Aged 16 and over by offence, 12 months ending June 2005 to 12 months ending June 2012

England and Wales	All Ages														
	Age 16-17						Age 18 and over								
	12 months ending		12 months ending		12 months ending		12 months ending		12 months ending		12 months ending				
June 2005	June 2006	June 2007	June 2008	June 2009	June 2010	June 2011	June 2012	June 2005	June 2006	June 2007	June 2008	June 2009	June 2010	June 2011	June 2012
<b>Higher Tier Offences (500)</b>	1,989	3,211	4,121	3,728	3,237	2,970	2,864	2,694	135	325	340	297	221	192	162
Wasting police time	60	100	147	176	186	163	151	140	12	12	14	10	7	6	6
Causing alarm to fire and rescue authority	83	90	110	75	86	63	51	40	12	12	14	10	7	6	6
Causing harassment, alarm or distress	51,973	72,241	85,994	69,696	50,403	36,926	28,903	20,776	4,215	6,551	8,105	5,970	3,876	1,758	1,127
Throwing fireworks <sup>(1)</sup>	363	673	651	677	479	317	358	301	43	89	101	97	78	51	56
Drunk and disorderly <sup>(2)</sup>	34,987	40,754	45,594	46,516	44,781	39,793	35,909	34,633	2,062	2,895	3,097	2,792	2,388	1,891	1,496
Criminal Damage (under £500) <sup>(3)</sup>	6,414	16,288	22,098	16,494	11,956	7,621	5,597	4,104	701	2,075	3,185	2,217	1,553	844	555
Theft (total under £200) <sup>(4)</sup>	11,618	29,675	44,669	43,833	49,445	43,135	37,257	30,825	838	2,132	4,758	3,995	4,208	3,132	2,324
Breach of fireworks curfew <sup>(5)</sup>	23	34	50	34	24	20	15	13	3	3	8	2	3	1	1
Possession of category A firearm <sup>(6)</sup>	17	14	30	22	64	18	17	23	5	3	4	5	7	0	4
Possession by a person under 18 of adult firearm <sup>(6)</sup>	27	16	24	14	24	19	14	19	15	4	7	10	6	4	3
Carrying a firearm without a licence	0	47	54	82	75	88	63	87	0	0	2	0	3	1	0
Supply of alcohol to a person under 18	0	34	55	65	104	78	83	40	0	1	5	1	3	2	1
Sale of alcohol to a person under 18 <sup>(7)</sup>	417	3,402	3,480	3,043	2,934	2,463	1,866	1,417	15	121	70	74	35	34	27
Purchasing alcohol for a person under 18 <sup>(7)</sup>	125	328	483	562	437	409	275	209	12	38	52	41	21	21	15
Purchasing alcohol for a person under 18 for consumption on the premises	51	72	98	57	47	38	26	32	15	18	11	15	14	6	5
Delivery of alcohol to a person under 18 or allowing such delivery <sup>(7)</sup>	111	273	386	357	224	150	111	72	14	19	35	30	11	14	3
Possession of Cannabis <sup>(8)(9)</sup>	*	*	*	*	4,969	13,435	15,055	15,879	*	*	*	*	61	179	209
<b>Lower Tier Offences (50)</b>	152	543	1,475	1,628	1,609	1,399	1,448	1,094	40	166	317	242	279	204	168
Throwing stones at a train / railway	58	14	14	29	27	17	6	12	4	4	6	11	5	12	5
Drunk in a highway	3,255	2,945	2,392	1,824	1,188	850	720	562	63	125	138	96	36	14	21
Consumption of alcohol in a designated public place	688	766	1,248	1,712	1,810	1,283	1,236	768	35	89	175	131	121	51	60
Depositing and leaving litter <sup>(3)</sup>	388	1,000	1,312	1,261	1,171	1,013	818	620	92	228	280	281	203	141	101
Consumption of alcohol by a person under 18 on relevant premises <sup>(3)</sup>	36	93	89	53	36	14	19	17	33	81	85	50	28	10	14
Allowing consumption of alcohol by a person under 18 on relevant premises <sup>(3)</sup>	16	25	11	10	6	0	4	1	1	2	0	1	2	0	0
Buying or attempting to buy alcohol by a person under 18 <sup>(4)</sup>	5	47	122	140	87	58	33	20	3	41	115	130	77	51	28
<b>Totals</b>	108,474	188,084	207,023	185,250	170,179	148,261	129,202	111,877	8,110	15,164	19,964	15,705	12,619	9,141	6,721
Total Higher Tier Offences	4,608	5,433	6,652	6,457	5,944	4,634	4,284	3,094	271	726	1,126	942	751	483	383
Total Lower Tier Offences	113,082	173,517	213,675	191,707	176,123	152,895	133,486	114,971	8,381	15,890	21,090	16,647	13,370	9,624	7,104
<b>Total all offences</b>	117,690	178,950	220,327	198,162	182,067	157,156	137,770	118,065	8,652	16,616	22,216	18,352	14,121	10,765	7,485

(1) Offence moved from the lower tier (£50) to the upper tier (£80) on 5th March 2004.  
(2) Offence moved from the lower tier (£50) to the upper tier (£80) on 1st November 2004.  
(3) Offence moved from the lower tier (£50) to the upper tier (£80) on 1st November 2004.  
(4) Offence added with effect from 11 October 2004.  
(5) Offence added with effect from 04 April 2005.  
(6) Offence added with effect from 27 January 2009.  
(7) Revised statutory guidance on PND's published in July 2009 limited the use of PND's for cannabis possession to offenders aged 18 and over. Since this time a number of forces issued penalty notices for disorder for possession of cannabis to offenders aged 18 and over. These penalty notices are restricted to adults and are reviewing the situation.

**Table 2.2 - Number of Penalty Notices for Disorder issued to offenders age 16 and over by ethnicity, 12 months ending June 2012**

England and Wales						
Offence	White	Black	Asian	Other	Not Recorded/ Not Known	Total
<b>Higher Tier Offences (£80)</b>						
Wasting police time	1,743	39	148	268	406	<b>2,604</b>
Misuse of public telecommunications system	523	5	13	19	118	<b>678</b>
Giving false alarm to fire and rescue authority	26	2	4	0	8	<b>40</b>
Causing Harassment, alarm or distress	14,197	368	1,106	905	4,200	<b>20,776</b>
Throwing fireworks <sup>(1)</sup>	186	8	21	23	63	<b>301</b>
Drunk and disorderly <sup>(2)</sup>	26,610	305	723	579	6,416	<b>34,633</b>
Criminal Damage (under £500) <sup>(3)</sup>	3,106	38	122	123	715	<b>4,104</b>
Theft (retail under £200) <sup>(3)</sup>	21,729	839	1,574	1,314	5,469	<b>30,925</b>
Breach of fireworks curfew <sup>(4)</sup>	9	0	0	0	4	<b>13</b>
Possession of category 4 firework <sup>(4)</sup>	12	1	1	1	8	<b>23</b>
Possession by a person under 18 of adult firework <sup>(4)</sup>	20	1	8	3	12	<b>44</b>
Sale of alcohol to drunken person <sup>(5)</sup>	45	2	10	13	17	<b>87</b>
Supply of alcohol to a person under 18	21	0	4	2	13	<b>40</b>
Sale of alcohol to a person under 18 <sup>(3)</sup>	761	41	115	273	227	<b>1,417</b>
Purchasing alcohol for a person under 18 <sup>(3)</sup>	178	0	3	5	23	<b>209</b>
Purchasing alcohol for a person under 18 for consumption on the premises	25	0	1	1	5	<b>32</b>
Delivery of alcohol to a person under 18 or allowing such delivery <sup>(3)</sup>	50	0	2	3	17	<b>72</b>
Possession of Cannabis <sup>(6/7)</sup>	9,358	337	1,777	1,629	2,778	<b>15,879</b>
<b>Lower Tier Offences (£50)</b>						
Trespassing on a railway	711	32	30	22	299	<b>1,094</b>
Throwing stones at a train / railway	8	0	0	0	4	<b>12</b>
Drunk in a highway	399	7	10	14	132	<b>562</b>
Consumption of alcohol in a designated public place	538	44	31	26	129	<b>768</b>
Depositing and leaving litter <sup>(3)</sup>	433	21	36	33	97	<b>620</b>
Consumption of alcohol by a person under 18 on relevant premises <sup>(3)</sup>	13	0	0	0	4	<b>17</b>
Allowing consumption of alcohol by a person under 18 on relevant premises <sup>(3)</sup>	1	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Buying or Attempting to buy alcohol by a person under 18 <sup>(5)</sup>	17	0	0	0	3	<b>20</b>
<b>Totals</b>						
Total Higher Tier Offences	78,599	1,986	5,632	5,161	20,499	<b>111,877</b>
Total Lower Tier Offences	2,120	104	107	95	668	<b>3,094</b>
<b>Total all offences</b>	<b>80,719</b>	<b>2,090</b>	<b>5,739</b>	<b>5,256</b>	<b>21,167</b>	<b>114,971</b>

(1) Offence moved from the lower tier (£50) to the upper tier (£80) on 5th March 2004.

(2) Offence moved from the lower tier (£50) to the upper tier (£80) on 1st November 2004.

(3) Offence added with effect from 1 November 2004. Penalty notices are no longer available for theft of goods valued at over £100 and may only be used for criminal damage up to a value of £300 from July 2009 onwards.

(4) Offence added with effect from 11 October 2004.

(5) Offence added with effect from 04 April 2005.

(6) Offence added with effect from 27 January 2009.

(7) Revised statutory guidance on PNDs published in July 2009 limited the use of PNDs for cannabis possession to offenders aged 18 and over. Since this time a number of forces issued penalty notices for disorder for possession of cannabis to under 18's. Forces have been made aware that these penalty notices are restricted to adults and are reviewing the situation.



**Table Q2.3 - Offenders cautioned by type of offence, 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012<sup>(1)</sup>**

England and Wales	Number of offenders (thousands)											
	12 months ending											
Type of offence	June 2002	June 2003	June 2004	June 2005	June 2006	June 2007	June 2008	June 2009	June 2010	June 2011	June 2012	
<b>All offenders</b>												
<b>Indictable offences</b>												
Violence against the person	20.2	26.6	32.7	42.3	56.6	55.6	46.4	31.2	23.9	19.3	14.1	
Sexual offences	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.4	
Burglary	6.0	5.6	5.6	6.0	7.1	7.6	6.2	4.9	3.8	3.4	2.9	
Robbery	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	
Theft and handling stolen goods	58.3	52.5	58.4	64.3	70.2	74.8	67.3	64.3	52.7	45.6	38.4	
Fraud and forgery	5.3	5.5	5.6	6.5	7.8	8.3	8.4	7.8	6.6	5.9	5.3	
Criminal damage	3.3	3.3	4.7	6.0	8.5	9.1	8.4	7.1	5.6	4.9	4.3	
Drug offences	41.5	45.8	40.5	32.4	36.2	39.4	45.4	46.3	41.4	42.3	40.7	
Other (excluding motoring offences)	4.2	4.7	5.7	6.2	8.3	9.9	9.6	8.4	7.2	6.8	5.4	
<b>Total (excluding motoring offences)</b>	<b>140.6</b>	<b>145.7</b>	<b>155.0</b>	<b>165.8</b>	<b>197.3</b>	<b>207.2</b>	<b>194.1</b>	<b>171.7</b>	<b>142.8</b>	<b>129.9</b>	<b>112.8</b>	
<b>Summary offences</b>												
(excluding motoring offences)	83.9	84.1	98.8	103.6	130.6	156.3	154.0	139.8	117.8	109.2	99.2	
<b>All offences</b>												
(excluding motoring offences)	224.5	229.8	253.8	269.3	327.8	363.4	348.1	311.5	260.5	239.1	212.0	

(1) All cautions data from 2011 have been sourced from the Police National Computer.

**Table Q2.4 - Proportion of offenders cautioned who were cautioned or found guilty, by type of offence, 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012<sup>(1)</sup>**

England and Wales	12 months ending												Percentages		
	June 2002	June 2003	June 2004	June 2005	June 2006	June 2007	June 2008	June 2009	June 2010	June 2011	June 2012				
Type of offence															
<b>All offenders</b>															
<b>Indictable offences</b>															
Violence against the person	36	41	46	52	58	57	53	42	35	30	27				
Sexual offences	22	23	25	25	28	28	27	24	21	19	19				
Burglary	19	18	18	21	24	24	21	17	14	12	11				
Robbery	6	5	5	7	9	7	6	3	2	3	2				
Theft and handling stolen goods	31	30	34	38	41	43	38	36	31	27	25				
Fraud and forgery	20	21	21	24	27	30	28	27	24	22	23				
Criminal damage	23	23	29	34	41	42	43	45	42	40	39				
Drug offences	47	47	47	46	47	49	48	46	41	41	41				
Other (excluding motoring offences)	8	9	10	10	14	17	18	17	13	12	11				
<b>Total (excluding motoring offences)</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>				
<b>Summary offences</b>															
(excluding motoring offences)	16	15	16	17	21	24	24	22	19	18	17				
<b>All offences</b>															
(excluding motoring offences)	22	22	23	25	29	32	30	27	24	22	21				

(1) All cautions data from 2011 have been sourced from the Police National Computer.

**Table Q2.5 - Persons cautioned for all offences by ethnicity, 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012<sup>(1)</sup>**

12 months ending	England and Wales				
	Total	White	Black	Asian	Other
June 2002	224.5	192.4	13.7	9.9	2.4
June 2003	229.8	195.3	14.6	10.5	2.6
June 2004	253.8	215.2	15.6	10.8	2.8
June 2005	269.3	225.0	14.2	14.0	4.1
June 2006	327.8	269.6	20.1	14.3	4.6
June 2007	363.4	298.8	23.3	16.0	5.1
June 2008	348.1	287.9	22.7	16.3	5.0
June 2009	311.5	257.9	21.6	15.3	5.3
June 2010	260.5	216.0	18.0	13.2	4.7
June 2011	239.1	199.3	17.6	12.5	3.8
June 2012	212.0	178.0	15.0	10.6	3.0
					6.1
					6.8
					9.3
					12.0
					19.2
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(1) All cautions data from 2011 have been sourced from the Police National Computer.

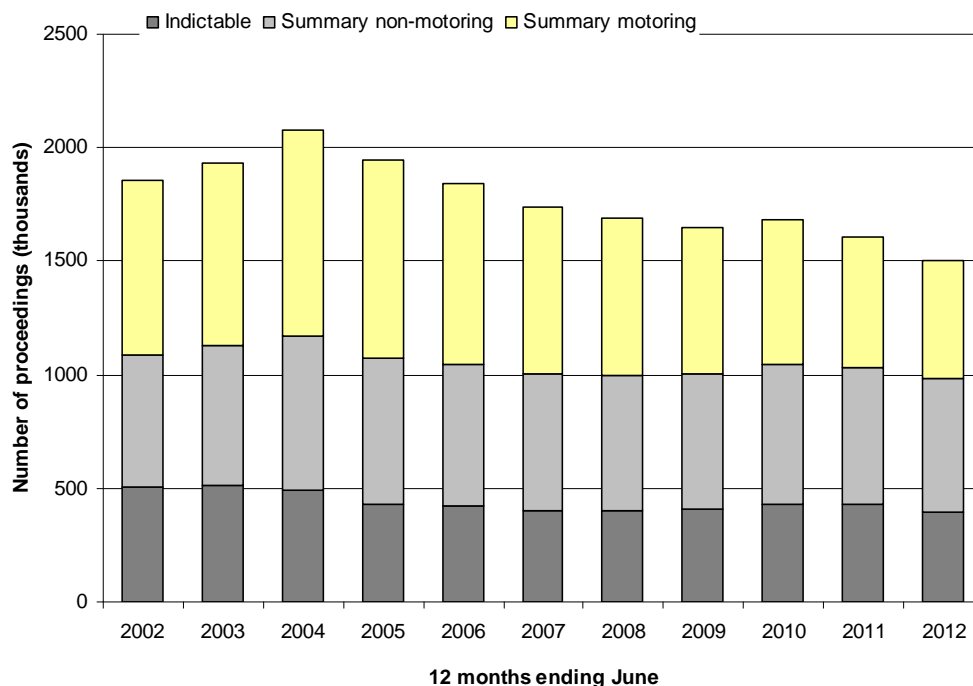
## Court proceedings

*Virtually all criminal court cases start in a magistrates' court and less serious offences can be handled entirely within this court.*

There were 1.51 million defendants proceeded against at magistrates' courts in the 12 months ending June 2012, a decrease of 6.3 per cent from the 1.61 million proceedings in the 12 months ending June 2011.

The total proceedings figure can be split into two offence groups – summary proceedings, which cover the less serious offences such as TV license evasion and common assault, and indictable proceedings (including triable-either-way offences), which cover the more serious offences. Compared to the previous 12 months, proceedings for both offence groups decreased in the 12 months ending June 2012 – a drop of 5.6 per cent for summary offences (from 1.18 million to 1.11 million) and a drop of 8.4 per cent for indictable offences (from 429,300 to 393,300).

**Figure 3.1 Defendants proceeded against at magistrates' courts by type of offence, 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012**



Summary proceedings can be dealt with entirely within the magistrates' courts and make up around three quarters of all proceedings. Of the 1.11 million summary proceedings completed in the 12 months ending June 2012, just under half (522,900, or 47 per cent) of these proceedings related to summary motoring proceedings, which include offences such as speeding, driving while disqualified and drunk driving.

The 5.6 per cent drop in proceedings for summary offences between the 12 months ending June 2011 and 2012 is not split evenly between summary motoring and summary non-motoring proceedings:

- Defendants proceeded against for summary motoring offences fell by 9.4 per cent from 577,100 to 522,900.
- Defendants proceeded against for summary non-motoring offences fell by 2 per cent from 601,500 to 589,700.

Over the past decade, defendants proceeded against peaked at 2.08 million in the 12 months ending June 2004. Compared to this peak, there were 27.6 per cent fewer defendants proceeded against in the 12 months ending June 2012. This was made up of a 19.5 per cent decrease in those proceeded against for indictable offences, a 13.5 per cent decrease in those proceeded against for summary non-motoring offences and a 42.4 per cent decrease in those proceeded against for summary motoring offences.

## Remands

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

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

### Police remands

In the 12 months ending June 2012, there were 1.57 million defendants directed to appear at magistrates' courts<sup>3</sup>, a decrease of 6.7 per cent compared with the 1.69 million in the 12 months ending June 2011. Of these, 31.4 per cent were granted bail by the police, 11.5 per cent were remanded in custody and the remaining 57.1 per cent directed to appear via summonses.

The proportion of defendants remanded in custody has increased every year since the 12 months ending June 2007, driven mainly by the rise in defendants remanded in custody for indictable offences.

The proportion of those remanded in custody varies by offence type:

- 28.6 per cent (124,300) for indictable offences in the 12 months ending June 2012, 0.6 percentage points higher than in the 12 months ending June 2011 and 12.2 percentage points higher than in the 12 months ending June 2007;
- 7.3 per cent (44,300) for summary non-motoring offences in the 12 months ending June 2012, 0.3 percentage points lower than in the 12 months ending June 2011 and;
- 2.3 per cent (12,300) for summary motoring offences, 0.9 percentage points higher than in the 12 months ending June 2011.

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<sup>3</sup> Including here those who failed to appear.

## **Magistrates' courts**

In the 12 months ending June 2012, 1.57 million defendants, including those who failed to appear, were proceeded against at magistrates' courts. Of these it was estimated<sup>4</sup> that:

- bail was granted to 30.9 per cent, 2.8 percentage points lower than in the 12 months ending June 2011. This decrease in the proportion granted bail represented a reversal of the upward trend seen since the 12 months ending June 2008, when bail was granted to 24.7 per cent of defendants;
- 3.3 per cent were remanded in custody, 0.1 per cent higher than in the 12 months ending June 2011; and
- the remaining 65.8 per cent had their case concluded at the magistrates' courts without being remanded, 2.7 percentage points higher than in the 12 months ending June 2011.

The proportion of defendants remanded into custody at magistrates' courts has remained broadly consistent at around three to four per cent since the 12 months ending June 2005.

The proportion of defendants remanded in custody by magistrates' courts by offence type in the 12 months ending June 2012 was 9.5 per cent (41,500) for indictable cases, 1.4 per cent (8,800) for summary non-motoring offences and 0.3 per cent (1,400) for summary motoring offences.

## **Outcomes of cases dealt with by magistrates' courts**

Of the 1.04 million defendants not remanded by magistrates in the 12 months ending June 2012:

- a custodial sentence was given to 2.3 per cent (24,300);
- 3.1 per cent (31,700) were committed to the Crown Court for sentence or trial;
- those acquitted or not proceeded against accounted for 14.5 per cent (150,200);
- a further 77.6 per cent (802,800) were given a non-custodial sentence.

Of the 487,000 defendants remanded on bail:

a custodial sentence was given to 2.7 per cent (13,000);

- 11.6 per cent (56,400) were committed to the Crown Court for sentence or trial;
- 16.2 per cent (78,700) were acquitted or not proceeded against, a increase of 0.9 percentage points on the 12 months ending June 2011;
- a further 61.4 per cent (299,000) were given a non-custodial sentence, a decrease of 1.0 percentage point on the 12 months ending June 2011.

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<sup>4</sup> Remand figures are estimated through a matching process with prisons remand reception data – see the 'Remands' section of technical document "A Guide to Criminal Justice Statistics" for more details.

Of the 51,600 defendants remanded in custody:

- a custodial sentence was given to 14.2 per cent (7,300), an increase of 0.2 percentage points on the 12 months ending June 2011;
- a further 20.6 per cent (10,700) were given a non-custodial sentence;
- 49.4 per cent (25,500) were committed to the Crown Court for sentence or trial;
- those acquitted or not proceeded against accounted for 12.1 per cent (6,300).

### **Crown court remands**

In the 12 months ending June 2012, the proportion of defendants tried at the Crown Court who were remanded on bail was 59.0 per cent. This represented a decrease of 8.3 percentage points from the 12 months ending June 2011 (67.3 per cent).

Between the 12 months ending June 2011 and the 12 months ending June 2012, the proportion of defendants remanded in custody decreased by 0.2 percentage points from 34.3 per cent to 34.1 per cent.

### **Outcomes of cases dealt with at the Crown Court**

Of the 40,800 defendants remanded in custody by the Crown Court in the 12 months ending June 2012:

- a sentence was given to 86.8 per cent – 73.9 per cent of those remanded in custody received a custodial sentence (30,100);
- those acquitted or not proceeded against accounted for 11.6 per cent (4,700).

Of the 59,000 defendants remanded on bail by the Crown Court in the 12 months ending June 2012:

- a sentence was given to 73.6 per cent – of 25.1 per cent of those bailed received a custodial sentence (14,800);
- those acquitted or not proceeded against accounted for 23.8 per cent (14,000)

### **Failure to appear**

Each year a proportion of defendants fail to appear in court having been summonsed to appear or granted bail. The court will issue the police with a warrant for the apprehension and detention of these defendants.

In the 12 months ending June 2012, approximately 67,900 defendants failed to appear to bail or summons at magistrates' courts; 4.3 per cent of those directed to appear in that period. In the 12 months ending June 2012, approximately 2,800 defendants failed to appear to bail at the Crown Court, 2.3 per cent of all defendants due to stand trial or to be sentenced at the Crown Court in the same period.

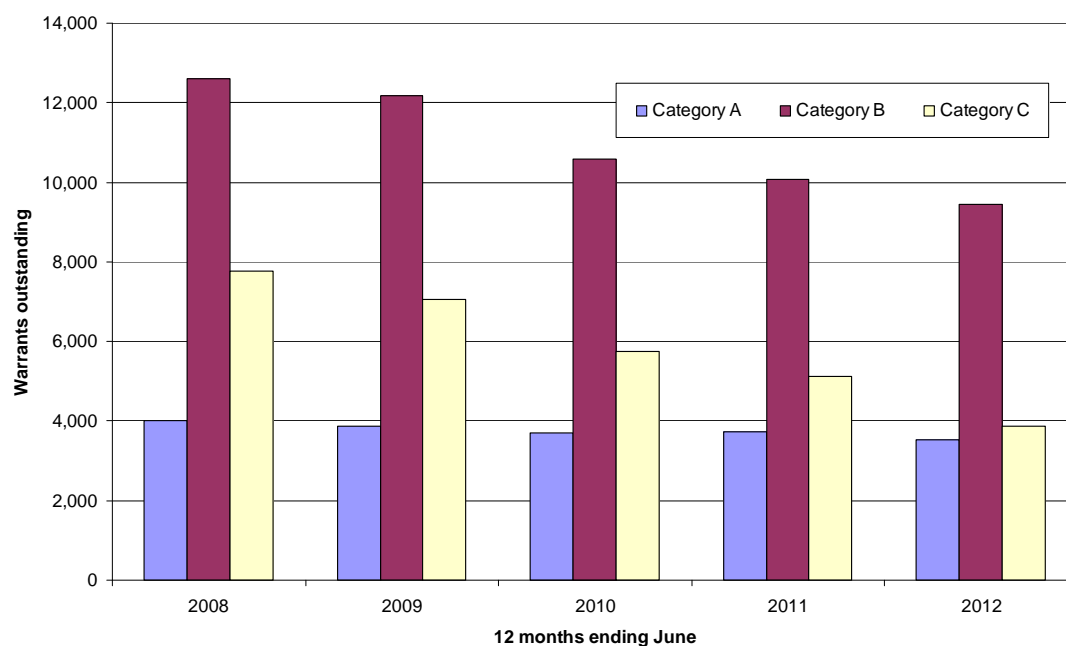
## Failure to Appear Warrants (outstanding)

*Failure to Appear (FTA) warrants are issued by courts when defendants do not attend court on a specified date having either been summonsed or granted bail at an earlier stage. Police forces attempt to execute warrants by locating and apprehending the defendant. These may relate to defendants who failed to appear at court during a different period.*

The overall number of FTA warrants outstanding<sup>5</sup> in England and Wales has been steadily decreasing, from 24,400 at the end of June 2008 to 16,800 at the end of June 2012, a 30.9 per cent fall.

The largest fall in FTA warrants was observed for Category<sup>6</sup> C warrants which decreased by 50.2 per cent, from just under 7,800 at the end of June 2008 to just under 3,900 at the end of June 2012. The corresponding decreases for the number of outstanding Category A and Category B warrants were 12.1 per cent and 25.0 per cent respectively over the same time period.

**Figure 3.2: Number of FTA warrants outstanding, by Category, England & Wales, end of June 2008 to end of June 2012**



<sup>5</sup> Outstanding FTA warrants are those that have been issued by the local area but have not been executed or withdrawn – see 'A Guide to Criminal Justice Statistics' for further information.

<sup>6</sup> FTA warrants are categorised as A, B or C depending on the seriousness of the offence for which the defendant is wanted and the risk to the public – see 'A Guide to Criminal Justice Statistics' for further information.





**Table Q3.2 - Defendants bailed or summonsed by magistrates to appear<sup>(1)</sup> at magistrates' courts, by type of offence and remand decision, 12 months ending June 2005 to 12 months ending June 2012 (e)**

Type of offence	England and Wales															
	Defendants (thousands)						Percentages									
	2005 <sup>(2)</sup>	2006 <sup>(2)</sup>	2007 <sup>(2)</sup>	2008 <sup>(2)</sup> (3)	2009	2010	2011	2012	2005	2006	2007	2008 <sup>(3)</sup>	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>Indictable offences</b>																
Not remanded	198.4	197.0	193.8	197.2	130.3	118.4	129.3	138.4	39.2	40.0	41.0	42.7	28.3	25.2	27.3	31.8
Remanded on bail	263.9	253.3	239.8	221.6	279.5	296.8	299.9	254.7	52.1	51.5	50.8	48.0	60.8	63.1	63.2	58.6
Remanded in custody <sup>(4)</sup>	44.2	41.9	38.7	42.6	49.9	55.4	45.6	41.5	8.7	8.5	8.2	9.2	10.8	11.8	9.6	9.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>506.4</b>	<b>492.2</b>	<b>472.3</b>	<b>461.3</b>	<b>459.7</b>	<b>470.6</b>	<b>474.7</b>	<b>434.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Summary offences (other than motoring)</b>																
Not remanded	525.2	499.4	472.8	469.7	432.1	430.7	423.4	432.8	77.7	76.3	75.3	75.4	69.3	67.9	68.6	71.6
Remanded on bail	140.8	145.3	145.3	142.2	180.4	191.7	186.4	163.1	20.8	22.2	23.1	22.8	28.9	30.2	30.2	27.0
Remanded in custody <sup>(4)</sup>	9.7	10.2	10.1	10.8	11.4	11.8	8.2	8.8	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.3	1.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>675.7</b>	<b>654.8</b>	<b>628.1</b>	<b>622.8</b>	<b>623.9</b>	<b>634.1</b>	<b>618.0</b>	<b>604.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Summary motoring offences</b>																
Not remanded	827.1	750.0	688.8	638.6	563.7	563.7	511.7	464.0	87.8	87.8	88.4	88.1	84.1	85.2	86.0	86.8
Remanded on bail	107.6	98.6	86.0	82.3	103.8	95.7	82.3	69.2	11.4	11.5	11.0	11.4	15.5	14.5	13.8	13.0
Remanded in custody <sup>(4)</sup>	7.3	5.6	4.3	3.5	2.8	1.8	1.1	1.4	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>942.0</b>	<b>854.2</b>	<b>779.2</b>	<b>724.5</b>	<b>670.3</b>	<b>661.2</b>	<b>595.1</b>	<b>534.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>All offences</b>																
Not remanded	1,550.5	1,446.4	1,355.4	1,305.8	1,126.2	1,112.7	1,064.4	1,035.1	73.0	72.3	72.1	72.2	64.2	63.0	63.1	65.8
Remanded on bail	512.1	497.1	471.1	446.1	563.7	584.2	568.6	487.0	24.1	24.8	25.1	24.7	32.1	33.1	33.7	30.9
Remanded in custody <sup>(4)</sup>	61.1	57.7	53.0	56.9	64.0	69.0	54.8	51.6	2.9	2.9	2.8	3.1	3.6	3.9	3.2	3.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,123.7</b>	<b>2,001.3</b>	<b>1,879.5</b>	<b>1,808.8</b>	<b>1,753.9</b>	<b>1,765.9</b>	<b>1,687.8</b>	<b>1,573.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(e) Magistrates' courts data are estimated.

(1) Total number of defendants proceeded against includes those who failed to appear to a summons, or to bail, who are excluded from the proceedings figures given in other chapters. In the 12 months ending 2012, there were approximately 67,900 defendants who failed to appear - 4.3 per cent of the total directed to appear.

(2) Prior to 2008, estimates of remands by police and at magistrates' courts presented in Q3.1 and Q3.2 will not reconcile. See the methodological section of 'A guide to Criminal Justice Statistics' for further information.

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

(4) Including those remanded in custody at any stage of proceedings at magistrates' courts who may also have been given bail at some stage of those proceedings.  
Note: Some figures may not sum due to rounding.

Table Q3.3 - Defendants tried at the Crown Court<sup>(1)</sup> by remand status during trial at the Crown Court by offence type, 12 months ending June 2005 to 12 months ending June 2012

England and Wales	Defendants (thousands)												Defendants (thousands and percentages)																						
	2005-2012												Percentages																						
	2005-2006						2007-2008						2009-2010						2011-2012						12 months ending June 2005-2012										
<b>Indictable offences</b>																																			
Not remanded	14.1	15.7	14.3	14.7	15.6	14.5	15.3	17.6	15.0	16.7	15.0	14.5	14.6	12.6	12.5	15.5	40.0	42.0	45.9	49.8	52.7	60.7	63.7	56.1	42.7	44.5	48.3	49.1	49.3	52.9	52.3	49.4			
Remanded on bail	39.5	36.6	34.9	36.8	38.6	39.5	42.9	39.7	42.2	38.8	36.7	36.4	36.1	34.4	35.2	35.0	93.6	94.3	95.1	101.3	106.9	114.8	121.9	113.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
<b>Summary offences (other than motoring)</b>																																			
Not remanded	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.8	13.2	17.4	18.7	21.6	27.5	23.9	27.6	33.5	1.5	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.4	3.2	3.2	2.5	57.1	57.2	58.5	57.8	53.1	56.9	52.2	48.0	48.0		
Remanded on bail	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.0	29.7	25.4	22.8	20.6	19.4	19.2	20.2	18.5	2.7	3.2	3.6	4.0	4.4	5.7	6.0	5.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>Summary motoring offences</b>																																			
Not remanded	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	31.8	35.2	34.6	35.7	41.4	43.5	46.8	49.7	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	42.8	41.7	46.2	50.4	45.7	46.0	43.5	39.4	39.4		
Remanded on bail	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	25.4	23.2	19.2	13.9	12.9	10.5	9.8	10.9	0.8	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>All offences</b>																																			
Not remanded	14.7	16.5	15.3	16.0	17.3	16.3	17.4	19.8	15.1	16.8	15.3	15.0	15.4	13.4	13.5	16.6	41.9	44.1	48.4	52.6	55.5	64.4	67.3	59.0	43.1	44.9	48.6	49.4	49.4	53.1	52.2	49.3	49.3		
Remanded on bail	40.5	37.6	35.9	37.8	39.6	40.7	44.2	40.8	41.7	38.3	36.0	35.5	35.3	33.5	34.3	34.1	97.2	98.2	99.6	106.4	112.3	121.4	128.9	119.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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

(2) Including those remanded in custody at any stage of proceedings at the Crown Court who may also have been given bail at some stage of those proceedings. Remand status of defendants shown is based on decisions made during proceedings at the Crown Court which may be different to that recorded in Table Q3.4, A3.1, A3.6, A3.7, A3.8, A3.9, A3.10 and A3.11.

Note: Some figures may not sum due to rounding.

**Table Q3.4 - Defendants<sup>(1)</sup> tried at the Crown Court by ethnicity<sup>(2)</sup>, by remand status before trial or sentence and offence group, 12 months ending June 2012**

England and Wales		Defendants (thousands)				
Offence group <sup>(3)</sup> and remand status	Total	Ethnicity				Not recorded
		White	Black	Asian	Other	
		Defendants (thousands)				
<b>Violence against the person</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.7</b>
Not remanded	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bailed	17.2	13.1	1.5	1.1	0.5	1.1
Remanded in custody <sup>(4)</sup>	8.7	6.2	1.0	0.5	0.3	0.6
<b>Sexual offences</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>
Not remanded	0.0	0.0	-	-	0.0	0.0
Bailed	4.9	3.8	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.3
Remanded in custody <sup>(4)</sup>	2.2	1.5	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
<b>Burglary</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Not remanded	0.0	0.0	-	-	-	0.0
Bailed	5.4	4.3	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.3
Remanded in custody <sup>(4)</sup>	8.5	6.5	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.6
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>
Not remanded	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0.0
Bailed	3.3	1.8	0.7	0.3	0.1	0.3
Remanded in custody <sup>(4)</sup>	4.4	2.7	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.3
<b>Theft and handling stolen goods</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Not remanded	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.0
Bailed	9.0	6.5	0.8	0.6	0.3	0.8
Remanded in custody <sup>(4)</sup>	4.1	3.0	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.4
<b>Fraud and forgery</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>2.0</b>
Not remanded	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bailed	5.9	2.8	0.7	0.5	0.2	1.7
Remanded in custody <sup>(4)</sup>	1.8	0.7	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.3
<b>Criminal damage</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Not remanded	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bailed	1.1	0.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Remanded in custody <sup>(4)</sup>	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
<b>Drug offences</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.4</b>
Not remanded	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0.0
Bailed	12.2	8.9	1.3	0.9	0.3	0.8
Remanded in custody <sup>(4)</sup>	5.0	2.4	1.0	0.6	0.4	0.6
<b>Other indictable offences</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>2.1</b>
Not remanded	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Bailed	11.2	7.8	0.8	0.9	0.3	1.4
Remanded in custody <sup>(4)</sup>	4.8	3.2	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.5
<b>Indictable motoring offences</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Not remanded	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	-	-
Bailed	1.8	1.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.2
Remanded in custody <sup>(4)</sup>	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total indictable offences</b>	<b>113.5</b>	<b>78.4</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>10.8</b>
<b>Total not remanded</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Total bailed</b>	<b>72.1</b>	<b>50.9</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>7.0</b>
<b>Total remanded in custody<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>

(1) Includes those who failed to appear.

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

(3) Includes indictable offence groups only. In the 12 months ending June 2012, these accounted for 95 per cent of all cases tried at the Crown Court.

(4) Includes those remanded for part of the time in custody and part on bail. Remand status shown is that recorded at the point of committal from the magistrates' court to the Crown Court for trial or sentence which may differ from that shown in Tables Q3.3 and Q3a.

Note: Some figures may not sum due to rounding.

**Table Q3.5 - Defendants<sup>(1)</sup> proceeded against at magistrates' courts by type of offence and age group, 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012**

Type of offence	12 months ending												Number (thousands)	
	June 2002	June 2003	June 2004	June 2005	June 2006	June 2007	June 2008	June 2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	June 2010	June 2011	June 2012	June 2011	June 2012	
<b>Aged 10-17</b>														
<b>England and Wales</b>														
<b>Number proceeded against (thousands)</b>														
Indictable	83.4	76.5	73.2	67.2	66.9	67.6	62.4	57.8	55.2	51.5	42.6			
Summary non motoring	43.8	42.5	45.1	45.3	45.6	47.3	45.3	40.9	37.3	32.7	25.5			
Summary motoring	22.0	22.5	22.6	19.8	16.5	13.1	10.6	8.2	7.0	5.3	4.2			
All offences	149.3	141.6	140.9	132.3	129.0	128.0	118.3	106.9	99.5	89.5	72.4			
<b>Aged 18 and over</b>														
<b>England and Wales</b>														
<b>Number proceeded against (thousands)</b>														
Indictable	422.0	439.1	415.3	359.5	352.9	334.9	336.0	347.6	370.7	377.8	350.6			
Summary non motoring	537.6	568.2	637.0	599.7	580.1	552.1	553.2	560.2	579.1	568.7	564.2			
Summary motoring	749.3	782.3	885.3	851.4	783.4	726.0	685.2	634.7	633.0	571.9	518.6			
All offences	1,709.0	1,789.5	1,937.6	1,810.6	1,716.4	1,613.1	1,574.4	1,542.5	1,582.8	1,518.4	1,433.4			
<b>All ages</b>														
<b>England and Wales</b>														
<b>Number proceeded against (thousands)</b>														
Indictable	505.4	515.6	488.6	426.7	419.8	402.5	398.4	405.5	425.9	429.3	393.3			
Summary non-motoring	581.5	610.7	682.1	645.0	625.7	599.5	598.5	601.0	616.4	601.5	589.7			
Summary motoring	771.3	804.8	907.9	871.2	799.9	739.1	695.8	642.9	640.0	577.1	522.9			
All offences	1,858.2	1,931.1	2,078.5	1,942.9	1,845.4	1,741.1	1,692.7	1,649.4	1,682.3	1,607.9	1,505.8			

(1) Including those of unknown sex and "other defendants" i.e. companies, public bodies, etc.

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

Note: Some figures may not sum due to rounding.

**Table Q3.6 - Number of Failure to Appear (FTA) Warrants outstanding<sup>(1)</sup> in England and Wales, by category<sup>(2)</sup> of warrant, 12 months ending June 2008 to 12 months ending June 2012**

England and Wales				
12 months ending June:	Category <sup>(2)</sup>			Total
	A	B	C	
2008	4,000	12,599	7,768	<b>24,367</b>
2009	3,882	12,167	7,063	<b>23,112</b>
2010	3,707	10,594	5,759	<b>20,060</b>
2011	3,730	10,064	5,128	<b>18,922</b>
2012	3,517	9,455	3,870	<b>16,842</b>

(1) Includes outstanding domestic warrants and outstanding exported warrants. Every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that these data have been extracted from live systems used by police forces principally for operational reasons. As such, they are subject to change over time. For these reasons, care should be taken to ensure data collection processes and their inevitable limitations are taken into account when those data are used.

(2) Failure to Appear warrants are assigned a category depending on the seriousness of the offence for which the defendant or offender has failed to appear at court having been bailed or summonsed. Category A warrants are issued in relation to the most serious offences - see 'A Guide to Criminal Justice Statistics' for further information.

(3) West Midlands constabulary were unable to supply any FTA warrant data for the period covering 1 April 2012 - 30 June 2012. The figures presented in this table therefore exclude any outstanding warrants in this police force area which relate to that time period.

Note: These data are reported to the Ministry of Justice by police forces. As such, they are not directly comparable with other data presented in this chapter and other chapters in the Criminal Statistics bulletin, which are returned directly from administrative data systems used by magistrates' courts and the Crown Court.

## Offenders found guilty

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

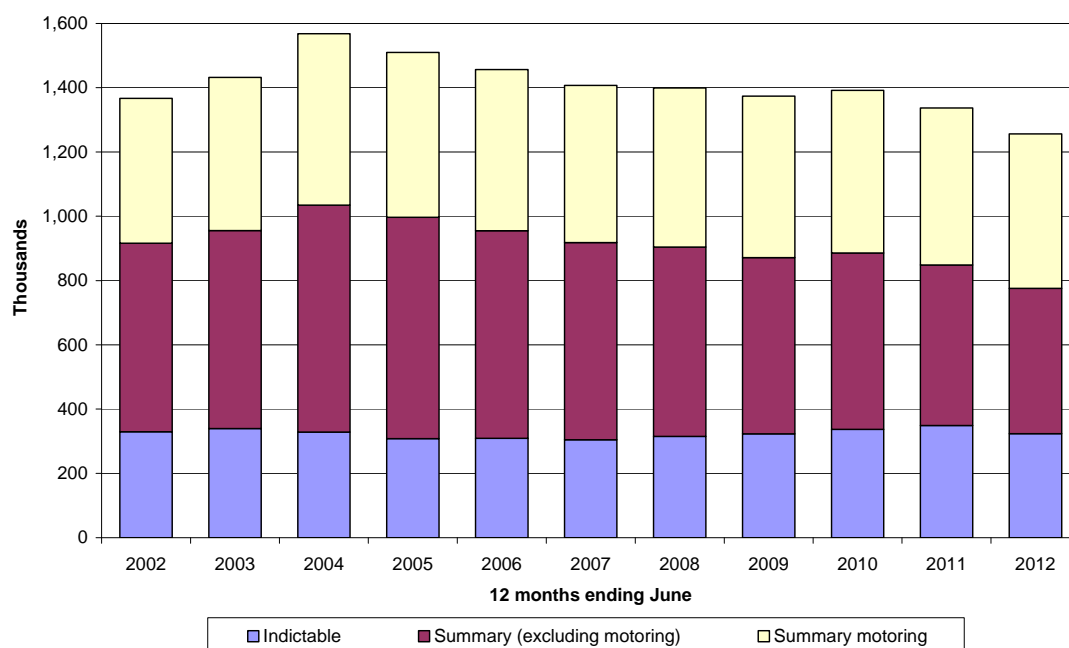
### Trends in convictions

There were 1.51 million defendants' proceeded against at magistrates' courts in the 12 months ending June 2012, resulting in 1.26 million offenders convicted and sentenced. This compares with 1.61 million proceedings (6.3 per cent decrease) and 1.34 million convictions (6.1 per cent decrease) in the 12 months ending June 2011.

In 12 months ending June 2012, there were:

- 393,300 prosecutions and 323,600 convictions for indictable offences – a decrease of 8.4 and 7.2 per cent respectively compared to the same period for the previous year. Prosecutions for indictable offences peaked at 515,600 in the 12 months ending June 2003 and have fallen by 23.7 per cent since, while convictions have remained broadly stable between 304,000 and 349,000
- 589,700 prosecutions and 480,700 convictions for summary non-motoring offences – a decrease of 2.0 per cent and 1.7 per cent respectively since the 12 months ending June 2011.
- 522,900 prosecutions and 451,900 convictions for summary motoring offences – a decrease of 9.4 per cent and 9.5 per cent respectively since 12 months ending June 2011, and a continuation of the falls in both prosecutions and convictions for summary motoring offences since 12 months ending June 2004.

**Figure 4.1: Offences found guilty by offence type, 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012**

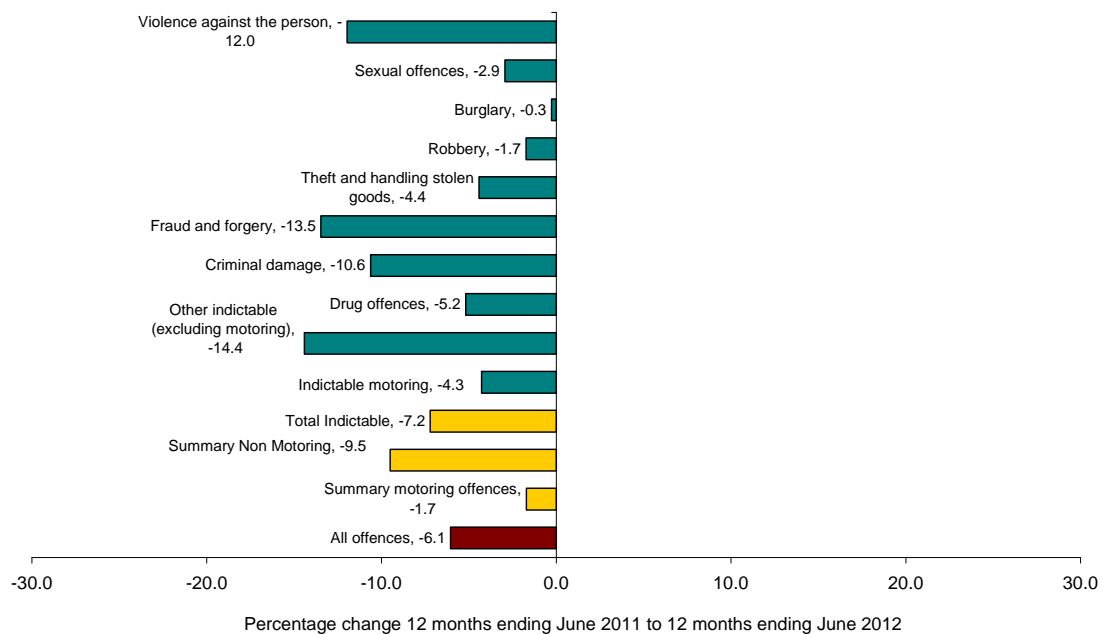


Convictions for indictable offences accounted for 25.8 per cent of the total offenders found guilty in the 12 months ending June 2012. This proportion increased year on year from 20.4 per cent in the 12 months ending June 2005 to 26.1 per cent in the 12 months ending June 2011. In the 12 months ending June 2012, summary non-motoring offences accounted for 38.3 per cent, and summary motoring offences accounted for 36.0 per cent of all convictions respectively.

### Convictions by offence group

All ten indictable offence groups showed a decrease in number of convictions in the 12 months ending June 2012 compared to the 12 months ending June 2011.

**Figure 4.2: Percentage change in convictions by offence type and offence group, 12 months ending June 2011 to 12 months ending June 2012**



### Conviction demographics

A total of 908,000 males were found guilty in the 12 months ending June 2012, accounting for 72.3 per cent of all persons convicted. This compares with 295,800 females found guilty, 23.5 per cent of all persons. The proportion of convictions accounted for by males has decreased by 9.2 percentage points from 81.5 per cent in the 12 months ending June 2002.

A total of 54,600 juveniles (those aged 10 to 17) were found guilty during the 12 months ending June 2012 (4.3 per cent of all persons found guilty).

In the 12 months ending June 2012, there were 322,900 persons found guilty of an indictable offence, of which 90.5 per cent were of a known ethnicity. This represents a 48 percentage point increase in known ethnicity since 2008, the year in which the LIBRA case management system was rolled out in magistrates' courts.

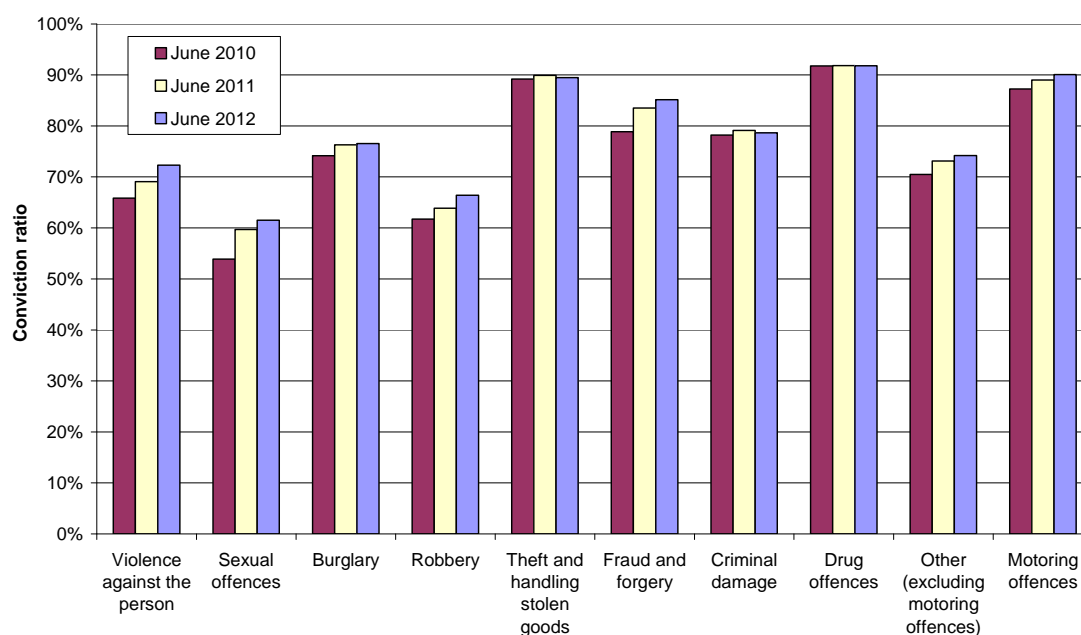


For all indictable offences, 10.4 per cent of offenders of a known ethnicity were black, though this varied by offence type – ranging from 4.8 per cent for *Criminal damage* to 27.3 per cent for *Robbery*.

### Conviction ratio

The conviction ratio is defined as the proportion of defendants proceeded against who were found guilty. In the 12 months ending June 2012, the conviction ratio for all offences was 83.4 per cent, an increase of 0.2 percentage points compared to the 12 months ending June 2011. The overall conviction ratio has risen by 9.8 percentage points since the 12 months ending June 2002.

**Figure 4.3: Conviction ratio by indictable offence group, 12 months ending June 2010 to 12 months ending June 2012**



Compared to the 12 months ending June 2011, in the 12 months ending June 2012, there was:

- an increase of 1.1 percentage points in the conviction ratio for indictable offences (82.3 per cent in the 12 months ending June 2012).
- an increase of 0.2 percentage points in the conviction ratio for summary non-motoring offences (81.5 per cent in the 12 months ending June 2012).
- a decrease of 0.1 percentage points in the conviction ratio for summary motoring offences (86.4 per cent in the 12 months ending June 2012).

In the 12 months ending June 2012, the conviction ratio increased for seven of the ten indictable offence groups compared to the 12 months ending June 2011. Compared to the 12 months ending June 2002, conviction ratios have risen for all indictable offence groups. The largest increase has been for *Violence against the person*, which has increased by 25.0 percentage points from a conviction rate of 47.3 per cent to 72.3 per cent across the 11 year period.

**Table Q4.1 - Offenders<sup>(1)</sup> found guilty at all courts by offence group, 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012<sup>(2)</sup>**

England and Wales	Number of offenders (thousands)											
	12 months ending											June 2012
Offence group	June 2002	June 2003	June 2004	June 2005	June 2006	June 2007	June 2008	June 2009	June 2010	June 2011	June 2012	
<b>Indictable offences</b>												
Violence against the person	36.0	38.5	38.8	39.4	41.8	41.8	41.7	42.6	43.5	44.5	39.2	
Sexual offences	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.8	4.8	5.1	5.1	4.9	5.4	6.1	5.9	
Burglary	25.7	26.3	25.4	23.1	22.7	23.6	23.7	23.6	22.8	24.5	24.5	
Robbery	7.2	7.8	7.3	7.3	7.5	8.6	8.6	8.8	8.3	9.1	8.9	
Theft and handling stolen goods	127.3	124.0	114.6	105.5	102.0	100.9	107.7	113.1	114.7	122.0	116.6	
Fraud and forgery	21.4	21.3	21.2	20.1	20.9	19.6	21.4	20.7	20.8	20.3	17.6	
Criminal damage	10.9	11.1	11.4	11.6	12.4	12.8	11.1	8.5	7.7	7.4	6.7	
Drug offences	46.6	51.0	45.8	37.9	40.3	40.5	48.7	54.6	60.1	61.9	58.7	
Other (excluding motoring offences)	45.7	49.7	54.2	53.1	52.2	47.5	43.0	42.3	50.3	49.6	42.5	
Motoring offences	4.6	5.2	5.5	5.1	4.5	4.4	4.0	3.6	3.4	3.2	3.1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>329.6</b>	<b>339.1</b>	<b>328.7</b>	<b>307.9</b>	<b>309.0</b>	<b>304.7</b>	<b>315.0</b>	<b>322.7</b>	<b>337.0</b>	<b>348.8</b>	<b>323.6</b>	
<b>Summary offences</b>												
Summary non-motoring	451.0	476.4	533.4	512.9	501.8	488.7	495.2	502.3	506.0	489.1	480.7	
Summary motoring	586.4	616.4	705.6	688.9	645.8	613.4	589.0	548.6	548.6	499.3	451.9	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,037.4</b>	<b>1,092.8</b>	<b>1,239.0</b>	<b>1,201.8</b>	<b>1,147.7</b>	<b>1,102.1</b>	<b>1,084.2</b>	<b>1,051.0</b>	<b>1,054.6</b>	<b>988.4</b>	<b>932.6</b>	
<b>All offences<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>1,367.0</b>	<b>1,432.0</b>	<b>1,567.6</b>	<b>1,509.6</b>	<b>1,456.7</b>	<b>1,406.8</b>	<b>1,399.3</b>	<b>1,373.6</b>	<b>1,391.6</b>	<b>1,337.1</b>	<b>1,256.2</b>	

(1) Includes sex 'not stated' and other offenders, i.e. companies, public bodies etc.

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

(3) May not sum due to rounding.

**Table Q4.2 - Offenders found guilty at all courts by offence group and age group, 12 months ending June 2012**

England and Wales	Number of offenders (thousands)							
	All offenders	All ages	Aged 10-17	Aged 18 and over	All ages	Aged 10-17	Aged 18 and over	Other offenders <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Indictable offences</b>								
Violence against the person	39.2	34.6	3.6	31.0	4.5	0.6	3.9	0.1
Sexual offences	5.9	5.8	0.5	5.3	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Burglary	24.5	23.1	4.1	19.1	1.2	0.3	1.0	0.1
Robbery	8.9	8.2	3.3	4.9	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.0
Theft and handling stolen goods	116.6	91.9	8.8	83.1	24.1	1.9	22.3	0.6
Fraud and forgery	17.6	12.1	0.3	11.8	4.9	0.1	4.8	0.6
Criminal damage	6.7	5.8	1.1	4.7	0.8	0.2	0.6	0.0
Drug offences	58.7	54.4	4.3	50.0	4.1	0.2	3.9	0.2
Other (excluding motoring offences)	42.5	36.6	2.3	34.3	4.6	0.3	4.3	1.3
Motoring offences	3.1	2.9	0.1	2.8	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>323.6</b>	<b>275.4</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>247.0</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>41.3</b>	<b>2.9</b>
<b>Summary offences</b>								
Summary non-motoring	480.7	286.2	15.0	271.2	169.1	3.9	165.2	25.5
Summary motoring	451.9	346.4	3.2	343.2	81.4	0.2	81.2	24.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>932.6</b>	<b>632.6</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>614.4</b>	<b>250.5</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>246.3</b>	<b>49.5</b>
<b>All offences<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>1,256.2</b>	<b>908.0</b>	<b>46.5</b>	<b>861.5</b>	<b>295.8</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>287.7</b>	<b>52.4</b>

(1) Includes sex 'not stated' and other offenders, i.e. companies, public bodies etc.

(2) May not sum due to rounding.

**Table Q4.3 - Conviction ratio<sup>(1)</sup> by offence group, 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012<sup>(2)</sup>**

England and Wales	Percentages												
	12 months ending												
	June 2002	June 2003	June 2004	June 2005	June 2006	June 2007	June 2008	June 2009	June 2010	June 2011	June 2012		
<b>Offence group</b>													
<b>Indictable offences</b>													
Violence against the person	47.3	48.5	50.0	58.3	61.8	66.7	69.9	68.2	65.8	69.1	72.3		
Sexual offences	50.4	46.6	48.1	50.5	50.9	56.5	59.8	56.4	53.9	59.7	61.5		
Burglary	60.1	62.0	64.9	70.6	73.3	76.1	77.3	76.1	74.1	76.3	76.5		
Robbery	46.6	54.5	54.9	61.4	58.1	60.4	65.6	64.2	61.7	63.9	66.4		
Theft and handling stolen goods	77.6	78.3	79.8	83.6	84.8	85.8	88.4	89.6	89.2	89.9	89.5		
Fraud and forgery	72.4	71.5	73.6	77.6	78.9	79.7	84.5	83.8	88.9	83.5	85.1		
Criminal damage	58.6	59.9	62.1	69.3	71.4	73.3	77.2	78.8	78.2	79.1	78.7		
Drug offences	86.4	86.4	87.9	89.7	90.5	89.9	92.2	92.5	91.8	91.9	91.8		
Other (excluding motoring offences)	50.6	50.8	54.6	60.5	61.5	62.5	63.8	65.3	70.5	73.1	74.2		
Motoring offences	73.1	77.4	77.7	83.0	84.3	87.8	86.9	88.6	87.3	89.0	90.1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>65.2</b>	<b>65.8</b>	<b>67.3</b>	<b>72.2</b>	<b>73.6</b>	<b>75.7</b>	<b>79.1</b>	<b>79.6</b>	<b>79.1</b>	<b>81.2</b>	<b>82.3</b>		
<b>Summary offences</b>													
Summary non-motoring	77.6	78.0	78.2	79.5	80.2	81.5	82.7	83.6	82.1	81.3	81.5		
Summary motoring	76.0	76.6	77.7	79.1	80.7	83.0	84.7	85.3	85.7	86.5	86.4		
<b>Total</b>	<b>76.7</b>	<b>77.2</b>	<b>77.9</b>	<b>79.3</b>	<b>80.5</b>	<b>82.3</b>	<b>83.8</b>	<b>84.5</b>	<b>83.9</b>	<b>83.9</b>	<b>83.8</b>		
<b>All offences</b>	<b>73.6</b>	<b>74.2</b>	<b>75.4</b>	<b>77.7</b>	<b>78.9</b>	<b>80.8</b>	<b>82.7</b>	<b>83.3</b>	<b>82.7</b>	<b>83.2</b>	<b>83.4</b>		

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

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

# Sentencing

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

In the 12 months ending June 2012, there were 1.26 million offenders sentenced following a criminal conviction, a decrease of 6.1 per cent from 1.34 million offenders sentenced in the 12 months ending June 2011. The public disorder of August 2011 had little impact on these figures as those convicted for the public disorder accounted for less than one per cent of offenders in the 12 months ending June 2012.

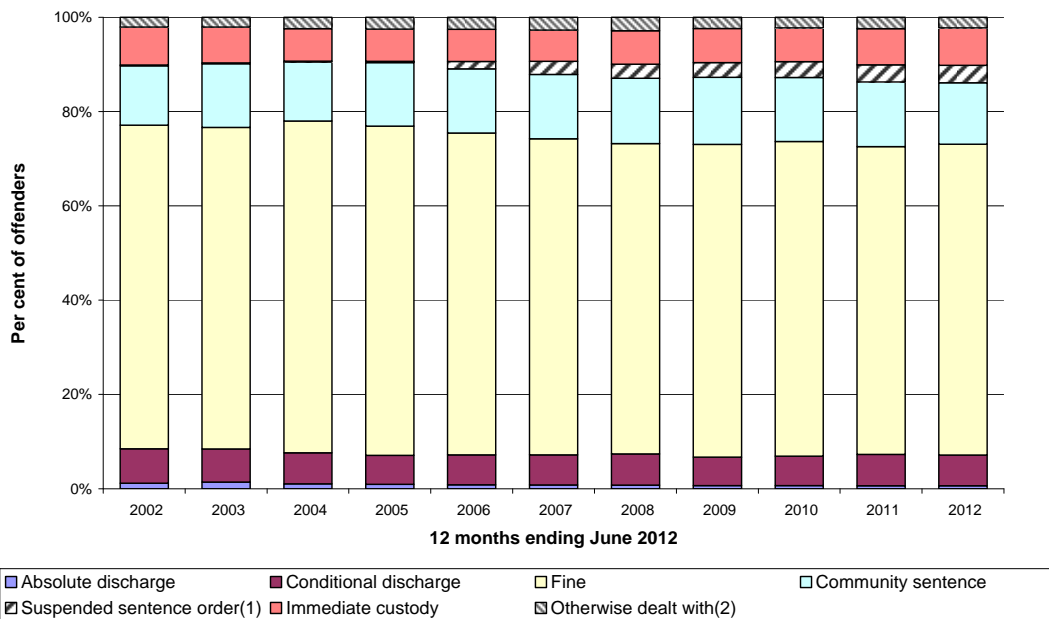
Compared to the 12 months ending June 2011, there was:

- a decrease of 5.6 per cent in offenders sentenced for summary offences (933,000 compared to 988,800) and a decrease of 7.3 per cent in offenders sentenced for indictable offences (322,100 compared to 347,300).
- a decrease of 6.1 per cent in offenders sentenced at magistrates' courts (1,157,100 compared to 1,232,400) and a decrease of 5.5 per cent in offenders sentenced at the Crown Court (98,000 compared to 103,700).

## Sentence outcomes for all offences

Over the 11 year period, there has been an increase in the number of Suspended Sentence Orders (SSO) reflecting the change in legislation when it was introduced on 4 April 2005.

**Figure 5.1: Sentence outcomes handed down by courts, 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012**



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

(2) Includes outcomes such as compensation, hospital and guardianship orders, police cells, and recognizances.

Although the SSO should only be used where the court is minded to pass a custodial sentence of less than 12 months, the increase in offenders sentenced with a SSO has not been offset by a similar decrease in offenders sentenced with a custodial sentence of less than 12 months.

### **Custodial sentences**

In the 12 months ending June 2012, there were 99,800 persons sentenced to immediate custody, a decrease of 2.5 per cent from 102,300 persons in the same period a year earlier and 9.1 per cent lower than the peak of 109,800 persons sentenced to immediate custody in the 12 months ending June 2002. Of these, 44,700 custodial sentences were imposed at magistrates' courts and 55,100 were imposed at Crown Courts, a decrease of 6.1 per cent and an increase of 0.6 per cent respectively compared to the same period a year earlier.

While absolute numbers of persons sentenced to immediate custody have decreased in recent years, the immediate custody rate (the proportion of those sentenced who are sentenced to immediate custody) has risen from a low of 6.7 per cent in the 12 months ending June 2007 to 8.0 per cent in the 12 months ending June 2012. This illustrates the fact that, since 2007, the overall number of offenders sentenced at court has decreased faster than the number of persons sentenced to immediate custody.

There were, 1,183 indeterminate sentences (either a life sentence or an Indeterminate sentence for Public Protection – an IPP) handed down in the 12 months ending June 2012, a 7.7 per cent decrease from 1,282 in the same period a year earlier. This continued the fall since the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act (CJIA) 2008 was introduced, which restricted the use of IPPs. Within this group, the number of life sentences remained broadly the same (391 in the 12 months ending June 2012, compared to 369 in the same period a year earlier). The decrease in indeterminate sentences has coincided with an increase in longer determinate sentences. In the 12 months ending June 2012, there were 713 custodial sentences of over 10 years and less than life handed down, a 22.7 per cent increase from 581 in the same period a year earlier.

In the 12 months ending June 2012, the Average Custodial Sentence Length (ACSL) was 14.9 months, an increase of 0.8 months compared to the 12 months ending June 2011, and an increase of 2.7 months compared to the 12 months ending June 2002. The rise in ACSL has been driven by the change in the case mix of people getting custodial sentences and longer sentences for indictable offences:

- In the 12 months ending June 2002, summary motoring offences accounted for 15.5 per cent of immediate custodial sentences, with an ACSL of 3.4 months. By the 12 months ending June 2012, they accounted for just 3.0 per cent of immediate custodial sentences, with a reduction in ACSL to 3.1 months.
- In the 12 months ending June 2002, indictable offences accounted for 76.1 per cent of immediate custodial sentences, with an ACSL of 15.0 months. By the 12 months ending June 2012, they accounted for 83.4 per cent of immediate custodial sentences, with an increase in ACSL to 17.4 months. In particular, sexual offences saw a rise in ACSL from 41.9 months in the 12 months ending June 2005 to 54.0 months in the 12 months ending June 2012, following the implementation of the Sexual Offences Act 2003.

- At the magistrates' courts, the ACSL increased by 0.1 months from the 12 months ending June 2011 to 2.6 months in the latest period, whilst at the Crown Court the ASCL increased by 0.8 months from the 12 months ending June 2011 to 25.2 months.

### **Suspended Sentence Orders**

In the 12 months ending June 2012, there were 46,100 Suspended Sentence Orders handed down, a decrease of 5.5 per cent from the same period a year earlier. Of these:

- 25,300 persons received their sentence at the magistrates' courts, a decrease of 5.1 per cent compared to the same period a year earlier. This type of sentence was given to 2.2 per cent of persons in a magistrate's court in the 12 months ending June 2012.
- 20,900 persons received their sentenced at the Crown Court, a decrease of 6.1 per cent compared to the same period a year earlier. Just over one fifth (21.3 per cent) of persons were given a suspended sentence at the Crown Court, an increase from 16.8 per cent in the 12 months ending June 2007. Between the 12 months ending June 2002 and June 2006, less than eight per cent of persons were given a suspended sentence at the Crown Court.

### **Community sentences**

There were 163,400 community sentences handed down in the 12 months ending June 2012, a decrease of 10.9 per cent from the same period a year earlier. Community Orders accounted for nearly all the community sentences given to adults (99.7 per cent), while for juveniles the Referral Order was still the most common sentence (accounting for 52.4 per cent of all juvenile community sentences). The Youth Rehabilitation Order (YRO) introduced in November 2009, accounted for a further 44.8 per cent of all juvenile community sentences in the 12 months ending June 2012. Of the 163,400 community sentences handed down:

- 147,300 persons received their sentence at magistrates' courts, a 10.4 per cent fall from the same period a year earlier. Over the past 11 years, the magistrates' court community sentence rate (the proportion of all offenders sentenced at the magistrates' court receiving a community sentence) has ranged between 11.6 per cent in the 12 months ending June 2004 and 14.0 per cent in the 12 months ending June 2009.
- 16,000 persons received their sentence at the Crown Court. This was a 14.8 per cent decrease from the same period a year earlier. The Crown Court community sentence rate decreased from a peak over the period of 30.0 per cent in the 12 months ending June 2005 to a low of 16.3 per cent in the 12 months ending June 2012.

### **Fines**

Fines continue to be the most common sentence due to the large volumes issued at magistrate's courts. In the 12 months ending June 2012, there were 827,800 fines handed down (99.8 per cent of these being issued at magistrates' courts), a decrease of 5.1 per cent from the same period a year earlier. Of the offenders receiving fines in the 12 months ending June 2012:

- The majority were issued for summary offences, with only 6.7 per cent issued for indictable offences.
- The fine rate for indictable offences at all courts was 17.2 per cent, a similar proportion to the previous two years. This has decreased from 23.5 per cent in the 12 months ending June 2002.

### **Other sentences**

Other sentences comprise absolute and conditional discharges and 'otherwise dealt with' sentences. The latter category deals with a miscellaneous group containing: mental health disposals; ancillary orders; and other procedural disposals. There were 118,100 other sentences handed down in the 12 months ending June 2012. These comprised:

- 82,100 conditional discharges, a decrease of 7.5 per cent from the same period a year earlier and a fall of 17.4 per cent compared with the 12 months ending June 2002.
- 7,600 absolute discharges, a decrease of 9.4 per cent from the same period a year earlier and a fall of 52.9 per cent compared with the 12 months ending June 2002.
- 28,400 offenders 'otherwise dealt with', a decrease of 12.2 per cent from the same period a year earlier but an increase of 0.2 per cent compared with the 12 months ending June 2002.



## Sentence outcomes by age band

In the 12 months ending June 2012, there were 1.19 million adults (aged 18 and over) sentenced, a decrease of 5.3 per cent from the same period a year earlier and 18.3 per cent from the 12 months ending June 2004, when the highest number of adults were sentenced over the 11 year period (1.46 million).

The proportion of adult offenders receiving fines decreased by 3.6 percentage points over the 11 year period, from 72.0 per cent in the 12 months ending June 2002 to 68.4 per cent in the latest period.

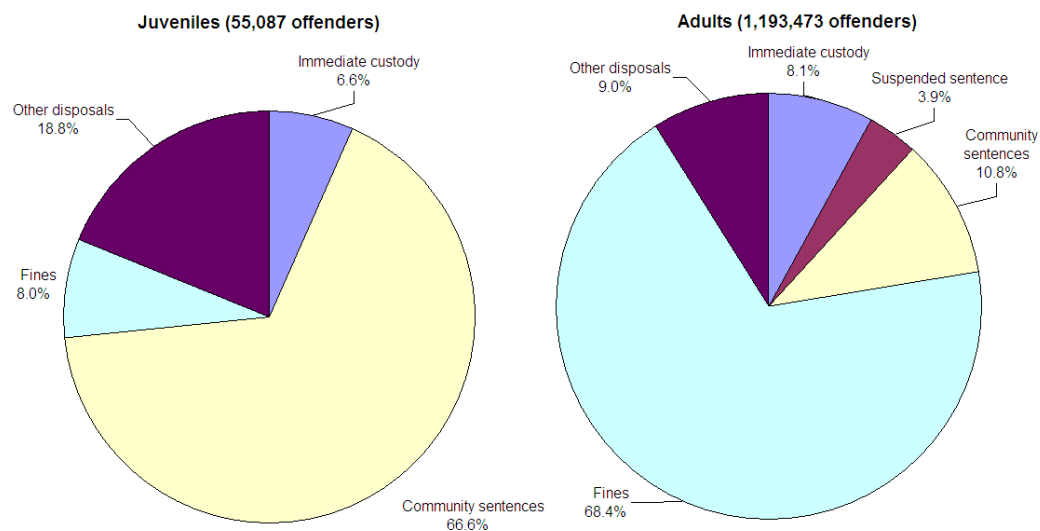
In the 12 months ending June 2012, there were 55,100 juveniles (aged 10-17) sentenced, a decrease of 19.9 per cent from the same period a year earlier and 42.1 per cent from the 12 months ending June 2002.

The number of juveniles sentenced remained relatively constant between the 12 months ending June 2002 and 2008 but the number and proportion of community sentences for juveniles in the same period, increased, from 47,400 to 63,100 over the period (up 33.2 per cent). While the number of juveniles sentenced has decreased since the 12 months ending June 2008 (40.7 per cent), the community sentence rate for juveniles has remained between 65.4 and 68.5 per cent.

The large increase in the community sentence rate for juveniles over the last 11 years has been offset by decreases in the fine rate, from 21.1 per cent in the 12 months ending June 2002 to 8.0 per cent in the latest period.

Figure 5.2 provides a breakdown of all the sentence outcomes for juveniles and adults, showing how offences committed by juveniles and adults are dealt with differently by the courts.

**Figure 5.2: Sentence outcomes by age band, 12 months ending June 2012**



## **Offenders sentenced by ethnicity**

Data on the ethnicity of offenders is currently held for offenders who have been convicted of an indictable offence. In the 12 months ending June 2012, there were 321,400 persons sentenced for indictable offences, of which 90.5 per cent were of a known ethnicity. Of these persons:

- 74.7 per cent were White; 9.3 per cent were Black; and 4.7 per cent were Asian. The remaining 1.7 per cent were of 'other' ethnicity.
- The immediate custody rate for indictable offences for all ethnicities was 25.9 per cent. This varied between ethnicities with: White offenders having a custody rate of 24.9 per cent; Black offenders having a custody rate of 29.6 per cent; Asian offenders having a custody rate of 31.3 per cent; and 'other' having a custody rate of 43.8 per cent.

These differences are likely to relate to a range of factors including variations in the offences committed and the plea entered by people from different ethnic backgrounds. For more information see the publication 'Race and the Criminal Justice System - Sentence outcomes and offence types by gender.'

In the 12 months ending June 2012, there were 907,200 sentences given to males and 295,700 to females. This represents a decrease for both males and females compared with the same period a year earlier (7.9 per cent and 1.5 per cent decreases respectively). While for males this represents a continuing decrease broadly seen since the 12 months ending June 2004, for females this constitutes a second consecutive annual decrease after an upward trend between 12 months ending June 2002 and June 2010 (a 29.0 per cent increase between these years).

Table Q5.1 - Offenders sentenced by offence group and outcome, all courts, 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012<sup>(1)</sup>

Offence group	Outcome	12 months ending												Number of offenders	
		June 2002	June 2003	June 2004	June 2005	June 2006	June 2007	June 2008	June 2009	June 2010	June 2011	June 2012	June 2011	June 2012	
<b>All indictable offences</b>	<b>Total number sentenced</b>	<b>327,907</b>	<b>337,782</b>	<b>327,973</b>	<b>306,244</b>	<b>308,029</b>	<b>303,790</b>	<b>313,875</b>	<b>321,183</b>	<b>334,533</b>	<b>347,342</b>	<b>347,342</b>	<b>322,096</b>		
	<i>Number given:</i>														
	Immediate custody	83,539	82,616	81,235	77,294	75,582	71,980	77,680	79,603	80,561	84,232	84,232	83,172		
	Suspended sentence	2,069	2,040	2,021	2,547	13,134	25,024	28,621	29,185	32,404	34,793	34,793	33,336		
	Community sentences	104,810	112,067	110,014	110,835	108,487	102,818	102,630	107,404	105,703	105,238	105,238	92,496		
	Fines	77,208	78,939	72,822	60,334	55,687	49,697	48,103	53,542	57,729	60,261	60,261	55,412		
	Absolute discharge	2,341	3,145	2,909	2,392	2,348	2,121	2,139	1,705	1,761	1,839	1,839	1,696		
	Conditional discharge	47,203	47,435	45,932	40,864	40,111	39,170	41,485	38,816	40,455	42,683	42,683	39,239		
	Otherwise dealt with	10,737	11,540	13,040	11,978	12,680	12,980	13,217	10,928	15,920	18,296	18,296	16,745		
	Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	15.0	15.7	15.8	16.3	15.3	15.3	15.4	16.3	16.4	16.6	16.6	17.4		
<b>Summary non-motoring offences</b>	<b>Total number sentenced</b>	<b>450,812</b>	<b>476,252</b>	<b>533,131</b>	<b>512,661</b>	<b>501,697</b>	<b>488,549</b>	<b>494,992</b>	<b>502,328</b>	<b>506,163</b>	<b>489,340</b>	<b>489,340</b>	<b>481,034</b>		
	<i>Number given:</i>														
	Immediate custody	9,248	9,411	10,346	11,630	12,327	12,601	14,200	14,455	14,506	14,553	14,553	13,616		
	Suspended sentence	247	223	268	501	3,698	7,081	7,655	8,134	9,397	9,759	9,759	8,869		
	Community sentences	37,327	42,545	46,824	54,633	58,934	62,005	66,601	67,168	64,950	62,920	62,920	57,277		
	Fines	348,489	365,873	409,994	384,091	365,623	345,179	341,447	358,926	359,536	344,785	344,785	348,948		
	Absolute discharge	4,658	5,679	4,512	4,112	3,874	3,609	3,572	2,981	2,991	2,767	2,767	2,572		
	Conditional discharge	42,932	44,118	47,198	43,570	43,406	43,406	45,775	40,797	43,032	43,190	43,190	40,252		
	Otherwise dealt with	7,900	8,405	13,989	14,124	13,835	14,543	15,742	9,867	11,751	11,366	11,366	9,500		
	Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.6		
<b>Summary motoring offences</b>	<b>Total number sentenced</b>	<b>586,390</b>	<b>616,434</b>	<b>705,622</b>	<b>688,891</b>	<b>645,880</b>	<b>613,403</b>	<b>589,021</b>	<b>548,726</b>	<b>548,725</b>	<b>499,439</b>	<b>499,439</b>	<b>451,970</b>		
	<i>Number given:</i>														
	Immediate custody	17,015	17,099	16,564	13,940	11,548	8,604	7,272	5,744	4,483	3,528	3,528	2,991		
	Suspended sentence	351	363	372	773	5,104	6,762	5,618	4,956	4,655	4,297	4,297	3,938		
	Community sentences	29,730	38,215	39,219	37,490	31,129	26,861	24,066	20,998	17,748	15,144	15,144	13,584		
	Fines	511,260	530,964	619,679	608,325	572,823	548,087	530,144	497,464	510,098	467,155	467,155	423,403		
	Absolute discharge	9,190	11,444	9,087	7,459	6,332	5,519	4,904	4,273	4,368	3,812	3,812	3,361		
	Conditional discharge	9,179	8,899	9,681	8,810	8,060	6,778	5,613	3,650	3,449	2,861	2,861	2,573		
	Otherwise dealt with	9,665	9,450	11,020	12,094	10,884	10,792	11,404	11,641	3,924	2,642	2,642	2,120		
	Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.1		
<b>All offences</b>	<b>Total number sentenced</b>	<b>1,365,109</b>	<b>1,430,468</b>	<b>1,566,726</b>	<b>1,507,796</b>	<b>1,455,606</b>	<b>1,405,742</b>	<b>1,397,888</b>	<b>1,372,237</b>	<b>1,389,421</b>	<b>1,336,121</b>	<b>1,336,121</b>	<b>1,255,100</b>		
	<i>Number given:</i>														
	Immediate custody	109,802	109,126	108,145	102,864	99,457	93,185	99,152	99,802	99,550	102,313	102,313	99,779		
	Suspended sentence	2,667	2,626	2,661	3,821	21,936	38,867	41,894	42,275	46,456	48,849	48,849	46,143		
	Community sentences	171,867	192,827	196,057	202,958	198,550	191,684	193,297	195,570	188,401	183,302	183,302	163,357		
	Fines	936,967	975,776	1,102,495	1,052,750	994,133	942,963	919,694	909,932	927,363	872,201	872,201	827,763		
	Absolute discharge	16,190	20,268	16,508	13,963	12,554	11,249	10,615	8,959	9,120	8,418	8,418	7,629		
	Conditional discharge	99,314	100,452	102,811	93,244	91,577	89,479	92,873	83,263	86,936	88,734	88,734	82,064		
	Otherwise dealt with	28,302	29,394	38,049	38,196	37,399	38,315	40,363	32,436	31,595	32,304	32,304	28,365		
	Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	12.2	12.7	12.6	13.0	12.3	12.4	12.6	13.5	13.8	14.1	14.1	14.9		

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

(2) Excludes life and indeterminate sentences.

Table Q5.2 - Offenders sentenced by offence group and outcome, magistrates' courts, 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012<sup>(1)</sup>

England and Wales		12 months ending												Number of offenders			
		June 2002	June 2003	June 2004	June 2005	June 2006	June 2007	June 2008	June 2009	June 2010	June 2011	June 2012					
Offence group	Outcome																
<b>All indictable offences</b>	<b>Total number sentenced</b>	<b>257,469</b>	<b>264,248</b>	<b>254,619</b>	<b>234,446</b>	<b>235,051</b>	<b>229,953</b>	<b>233,334</b>	<b>235,533</b>	<b>243,299</b>	<b>250,370</b>	<b>259,974</b>	<i>Number given:</i>				
	Immediate custody	38,712	38,016	37,044	33,869	33,061	30,432	32,164	30,661	30,378	31,372	29,784					
	Suspended sentence	513	506	533	891	7,282	12,286	12,285	11,793	12,562	13,589	13,412					
	Community sentences	85,905	90,240	88,089	89,525	89,268	88,610	89,248	93,055	90,040	88,328	78,200					
	Fines	75,305	76,953	70,821	58,462	54,027	48,021	46,466	51,985	56,062	58,649	54,203					
	Absolute discharge	2,265	3,077	2,847	2,344	2,298	2,066	2,088	1,647	1,701	1,755	1,620					
	Conditional discharge	45,254	45,356	43,704	38,806	38,202	37,364	39,576	36,958	38,362	40,492	37,729					
	Otherwise dealt with	9,515	10,100	11,581	10,549	10,913	11,174	11,507	9,434	14,194	16,185	15,026					
	Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.6					
<b>Summary non-motoring offences</b>	<b>Total number sentenced</b>	<b>448,414</b>	<b>473,812</b>	<b>530,487</b>	<b>510,020</b>	<b>498,653</b>	<b>485,079</b>	<b>491,070</b>	<b>498,060</b>	<b>500,685</b>	<b>483,538</b>	<b>475,948</b>	<i>Number given:</i>				
	Immediate custody	8,698	8,908	9,786	11,047	11,602	11,783	13,162	13,251	13,153	12,902	12,130					
	Suspended sentence	229	207	256	487	3,581	6,738	7,257	7,558	8,422	8,864	8,047					
	Community sentences	36,406	41,623	45,882	53,585	57,895	60,934	65,392	65,928	63,317	61,166	55,701					
	Fines	348,144	365,518	409,598	383,747	365,283	344,764	341,064	358,595	359,065	344,347	348,587					
	Absolute discharge	4,652	5,674	4,507	4,110	3,862	3,600	3,563	2,973	2,974	2,753	2,561					
	Conditional discharge	42,452	43,606	46,625	43,082	42,879	42,993	45,185	40,152	42,301	42,415	39,627					
	Otherwise dealt with	7,832	8,278	13,833	13,962	13,551	14,267	15,447	9,603	11,453	11,091	9,295					
	Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5					
<b>Summary motoring offences</b>	<b>Total number sentenced</b>	<b>585,596</b>	<b>615,620</b>	<b>704,836</b>	<b>688,125</b>	<b>645,171</b>	<b>612,572</b>	<b>587,993</b>	<b>547,734</b>	<b>547,827</b>	<b>498,519</b>	<b>451,168</b>	<i>Number given:</i>				
	Immediate custody	16,707	16,819	16,281	13,701	11,343	8,393	7,031	5,501	4,262	3,303	2,781					
	Suspended sentence	350	357	370	770	5,070	6,686	5,520	4,849	4,502	4,148	3,791					
	Community sentences	29,522	37,944	38,988	37,266	30,949	26,721	23,929	20,822	17,619	14,997	13,433					
	Fines	511,046	530,763	619,444	608,092	572,613	547,821	529,778	497,115	509,799	466,846	423,204					
	Absolute discharge	9,190	11,443	9,086	7,457	6,331	5,519	4,903	4,273	4,366	3,809	3,358					
	Conditional discharge	9,160	8,881	9,663	8,791	8,046	6,755	5,577	3,623	3,425	2,840	2,557					
	Otherwise dealt with	9,621	9,413	11,004	12,048	10,819	10,677	11,255	11,551	3,854	2,576	2,044					
	Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.1					
<b>All offences</b>	<b>Total number sentenced</b>	<b>1,291,479</b>	<b>1,353,680</b>	<b>1,489,942</b>	<b>1,432,591</b>	<b>1,378,875</b>	<b>1,327,604</b>	<b>1,312,397</b>	<b>1,281,327</b>	<b>1,291,811</b>	<b>1,232,427</b>	<b>1,157,090</b>	<i>Number given:</i>				
	Immediate custody	64,117	63,743	63,111	58,617	56,006	50,608	52,357	49,413	47,793	47,577	44,695					
	Suspended sentence	1,092	1,070	1,159	2,148	15,933	25,710	25,062	24,200	25,486	26,601	25,250					
	Community sentences	151,833	169,807	172,959	180,376	178,112	176,265	178,569	179,805	170,976	164,491	147,334					
	Fines	934,495	973,234	1,099,863	1,050,301	991,923	940,606	917,308	907,695	924,926	869,842	825,994					
	Absolute discharge	16,108	20,194	16,440	13,911	12,491	11,185	10,554	8,893	9,041	8,317	7,539					
	Conditional discharge	96,866	97,843	99,992	90,679	89,127	87,112	90,338	80,733	84,088	85,747	79,913					
	Otherwise dealt with	26,968	27,790	36,418	36,559	35,283	36,118	36,209	30,588	29,501	29,852	26,365					
	Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.6					

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

(2) Excludes life and indeterminate sentences.

Table Q5.3 - Offenders sentenced by offence group and outcome, the Crown Court, 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012<sup>(1)</sup>

Offence group	Outcome	12 months ending												Number of offenders	
		June 2002	June 2003	June 2004	June 2005	June 2006	June 2007	June 2008	June 2009	June 2010	June 2011	June 2012	June 2011	June 2012	
<b>All indictable offences</b>	<b>Total number sentenced</b>	<b>70,438</b>	<b>73,534</b>	<b>73,354</b>	<b>71,798</b>	<b>72,978</b>	<b>73,837</b>	<b>80,541</b>	<b>85,650</b>	<b>91,234</b>	<b>96,972</b>	<b>92,122</b>			
	<i>Number given:</i>														
	Immediate custody	44,827	44,600	44,191	43,425	42,521	41,548	45,516	48,942	50,183	52,860	53,388			
	Suspended sentence	1,556	1,534	1,488	1,656	5,852	12,738	16,336	17,392	19,842	21,204	19,924			
	Community sentences	18,905	21,827	21,925	21,310	19,219	14,208	13,382	14,349	15,663	16,910	14,296			
	Fines	1,903	1,986	2,001	1,872	1,660	1,676	1,637	1,557	1,667	1,612	1,209			
	Absolute discharge	76	68	62	48	50	55	51	58	60	84	76			
	Conditional discharge	1,949	2,079	2,228	2,058	1,909	1,806	1,909	1,858	2,093	2,191	1,510			
	Otherwise dealt with	1,222	1,440	1,459	1,429	1,767	1,806	1,710	1,494	1,726	2,111	1,719			
	Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	25.5	26.7	26.6	26.9	25.3	24.9	24.8	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.2	25.9		
<b>Summary non-motoring offences</b>	<b>Total number sentenced</b>	<b>2,398</b>	<b>2,440</b>	<b>2,644</b>	<b>2,641</b>	<b>3,044</b>	<b>3,470</b>	<b>3,922</b>	<b>4,268</b>	<b>5,478</b>	<b>5,802</b>	<b>5,086</b>			
	<i>Number given:</i>														
	Immediate custody	550	503	560	583	725	818	1,038	1,204	1,353	1,651	1,486			
	Suspended sentence	18	16	12	14	117	343	398	576	975	895	822			
	Community sentences	921	922	942	1,048	1,039	1,071	1,209	1,240	1,633	1,754	1,576			
	Fines	355	355	396	344	340	415	383	331	471	438	361			
	Absolute discharge	6	5	5	2	12	9	9	8	17	14	11			
	Conditional discharge	480	512	573	488	527	538	590	645	731	775	625			
	Otherwise dealt with	68	127	156	162	284	276	295	264	298	275	205			
	Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.0			
<b>Summary motoring offences</b>	<b>Total number sentenced</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>802</b>			
	<i>Number given:</i>														
	Immediate custody	308	280	283	239	205	211	241	243	221	225	210			
	Suspended sentence	1	6	2	3	34	76	98	107	153	149	147			
	Community sentences	208	271	231	224	180	140	137	176	129	147	151			
	Fines	214	201	235	233	210	266	366	349	299	309	199			
	Absolute discharge	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	2	3	3			
	Conditional discharge	19	18	18	19	14	23	36	27	24	21	16			
	Otherwise dealt with	44	37	16	46	65	115	149	90	70	66	76			
	Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.1			
<b>All offences</b>	<b>Total number sentenced</b>	<b>73,630</b>	<b>76,788</b>	<b>76,784</b>	<b>75,205</b>	<b>76,731</b>	<b>78,138</b>	<b>85,491</b>	<b>90,910</b>	<b>97,610</b>	<b>103,694</b>	<b>98,010</b>			
	<i>Number given:</i>														
	Immediate custody	45,685	45,383	45,034	44,247	43,451	42,577	46,795	50,389	51,757	54,736	55,084			
	Suspended sentence	1,575	1,556	1,502	1,673	6,003	13,157	16,832	18,075	20,970	22,248	20,893			
	Community sentences	20,034	23,020	23,098	22,582	20,438	15,419	14,728	15,765	17,425	18,811	16,023			
	Fines	2,472	2,542	2,632	2,449	2,210	2,357	2,386	2,237	2,437	2,359	1,769			
	Absolute discharge	82	74	68	52	63	64	61	66	79	101	90			
	Conditional discharge	2,448	2,609	2,819	2,565	2,450	2,367	2,535	2,530	2,848	2,987	2,151			
	Otherwise dealt with	1,334	1,604	1,631	1,637	2,116	2,197	2,154	1,848	2,094	2,452	2,000			
	Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(2)</sup>	25.1	26.3	26.2	26.5	24.8	24.4	24.1	24.4	24.4	24.4	24.4	25.2		

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

(2) Excludes life and indeterminate sentences.

Table Q5.4 - Offenders and persons sentenced by outcome and rate, 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012<sup>(1)</sup>

England and Wales	Number of offenders/persons and rates											
	12 months ending											
	June 2002	June 2003	June 2004	June 2005	June 2006	June 2007	June 2008	June 2009	June 2010	June 2011	June 2012	
<b>Total persons sentenced</b>	<b>1,355,710</b>	<b>1,421,164</b>	<b>1,555,914</b>	<b>1,498,330</b>	<b>1,447,086</b>	<b>1,398,066</b>	<b>1,390,030</b>	<b>1,363,716</b>	<b>1,381,186</b>	<b>1,328,588</b>	<b>1,248,560</b>	
Males	1,112,840	1,167,060	1,276,008	1,218,609	1,165,071	1,118,649	1,093,575	1,030,674	1,032,695	984,912	907,225	
Females	242,870	254,104	279,906	279,721	282,015	279,417	289,396	300,627	313,284	300,289	295,695	
Not Stated	*	*	*	*	*	*	7,059	32,415	35,207	43,387	45,640	
<b>Total offenders sentenced of which: Others</b>	<b>1,291,479</b>	<b>1,353,680</b>	<b>1,489,942</b>	<b>1,432,591</b>	<b>1,378,875</b>	<b>1,327,604</b>	<b>1,312,397</b>	<b>1,281,327</b>	<b>1,291,811</b>	<b>1,232,427</b>	<b>1,157,090</b>	
	9,399	9,304	10,812	9,466	8,520	7,676	7,858	8,521	8,235	7,533	6,540	
<b>Sentence</b>												
Immediate custody	109,802	109,126	108,145	102,864	99,457	93,185	99,152	99,802	99,550	102,313	99,779	
Rate <sup>(2)</sup>	8.1	7.7	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.7	7.1	7.3	7.2	7.7	8.0	
Suspended sentence	2,667	2,626	2,661	3,821	21,936	38,867	41,894	42,275	46,456	48,849	46,143	
Rate <sup>(2)</sup>	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	1.5	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.4	3.7	3.7	
Community sentences	171,867	192,827	196,057	202,958	198,550	191,684	193,297	195,570	188,401	183,302	163,357	
Rate <sup>(2)</sup>	12.7	13.6	12.6	13.5	13.7	13.7	13.9	14.3	13.6	13.8	13.1	
Fine	936,967	975,776	1,102,495	1,052,750	994,133	942,963	919,694	909,932	927,363	872,201	827,763	
Rate	68.6	68.2	70.4	69.8	68.3	67.1	65.8	66.3	66.7	65.3	66.0	
Absolute discharge	16,190	20,268	16,508	13,963	12,554	11,249	10,615	8,959	9,120	8,418	7,629	
Rate	1.2	1.4	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	
Conditional discharge	99,314	100,452	102,811	93,244	91,577	89,479	92,873	83,263	86,936	88,734	82,064	
Rate	7.3	7.0	6.6	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.1	6.3	6.6	6.5	
Otherwise dealt with	28,302	29,394	38,049	38,196	37,399	38,315	40,363	32,436	31,595	32,304	28,365	
Rate	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.3	

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

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

**Table Q5.5 - Persons sentenced to immediate custody and average custodial sentence length<sup>(1)</sup> at all courts by offence group, 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012<sup>(2)</sup>**

England and Wales	Persons sentenced											
	12 months ending											
	June 2002	June 2003	June 2004	June 2005	June 2006	June 2007	June 2008	June 2009	June 2010	June 2011	June 2012	
Offence group												
Violence against the person	11,547	11,661	11,950	12,584	12,635	12,289	12,821	13,984	14,041	14,147	13,942	
Sexual offences	2,435	2,548	2,655	2,842	2,705	2,846	2,881	2,911	3,126	3,461	3,459	
Burglary	12,950	12,501	11,643	9,937	9,311	9,234	9,515	10,082	9,900	11,186	12,169	
Robbery	5,231	5,722	5,067	4,789	4,546	4,773	4,836	5,279	4,887	5,390	5,276	
Theft and handling stolen goods	27,813	26,402	24,485	21,184	20,278	18,828	20,864	20,547	20,470	22,520	22,095	
Fraud and forgery	3,696	3,808	4,169	4,079	4,801	4,544	5,789	5,468	4,983	4,575	4,047	
Criminal damage	1,161	1,230	1,216	1,322	1,287	1,325	1,249	1,082	1,069	1,149	1,085	
Drug offences	8,671	8,158	8,085	7,768	7,747	7,534	9,133	9,078	9,937	9,439	9,562	
Other (excl motoring offences)	7,983	8,315	9,601	10,620	10,397	8,986	9,091	9,816	10,946	11,272	10,364	
Indictable motoring offences	2,052	2,271	2,364	2,169	1,875	1,621	1,501	1,356	1,202	1,093	1,173	
<b>All indictable offences</b>	<b>83,539</b>	<b>82,616</b>	<b>81,235</b>	<b>77,294</b>	<b>75,582</b>	<b>71,980</b>	<b>77,680</b>	<b>79,680</b>	<b>80,561</b>	<b>84,232</b>	<b>83,172</b>	
Summary non-motoring offences	9,248	9,411	10,346	11,630	12,327	12,601	14,200	14,455	14,506	14,553	13,616	
Summary motoring offences	17,015	17,099	16,564	13,940	11,548	8,604	7,272	5,744	4,483	3,528	2,991	
<b>All summary offences</b>	<b>26,263</b>	<b>26,510</b>	<b>26,910</b>	<b>25,570</b>	<b>23,875</b>	<b>21,205</b>	<b>21,472</b>	<b>20,199</b>	<b>18,989</b>	<b>18,081</b>	<b>16,607</b>	
<b>All offences</b>	<b>109,802</b>	<b>109,126</b>	<b>108,145</b>	<b>102,864</b>	<b>99,457</b>	<b>93,185</b>	<b>99,152</b>	<b>99,802</b>	<b>99,550</b>	<b>102,313</b>	<b>99,779</b>	
England and Wales	Average custodial sentence length <sup>(1)</sup>											
	12 months ending											
Offence group	June 2002	June 2003	June 2004	June 2005	June 2006	June 2007	June 2008	June 2009	June 2010	June 2011	June 2012	
Violence against the person	17.1	18.4	18.5	19.0	17.0	17.0	16.5	17.5	18.0	17.5	19.9	
Sexual offences	38.8	40.1	38.9	41.9	40.5	42.0	43.2	46.9	47.9	51.5	54.0	
Burglary	16.9	17.4	17.3	17.6	17.1	16.9	16.7	18.2	18.7	18.9	18.9	
Robbery	37.4	39.1	39.2	36.5	33.5	30.8	32.5	32.9	33.8	36.0	34.9	
Theft and handling stolen goods	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.4	
Fraud and forgery	8.5	8.4	8.7	10.0	10.4	10.6	10.3	10.6	10.5	11.8	13.2	
Criminal damage	16.4	16.2	16.1	16.9	13.0	12.7	13.4	17.6	18.2	18.3	21.2	
Drug offences	33.9	34.9	36.3	36.5	35.1	32.6	32.5	32.5	31.5	30.8	30.2	
Other (excl motoring offences)	9.8	9.8	9.0	9.2	8.7	9.5	10.3	10.4	9.6	10.0	11.0	
Indictable motoring offences	8.1	8.3	8.7	8.6	8.6	9.1	9.1	9.3	9.4	9.5	9.8	
<b>All indictable offences</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>17.4</b>	
Summary non-motoring offences	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.6	
Summary motoring offences	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.1	
<b>All summary offences</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.7</b>	
<b>All offences</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>14.9</b>	

(1) Excludes life and indeterminate sentences.

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

**Table Q5.6 - Persons sentenced to immediate custody at all courts by length of sentence and average custodial sentence length<sup>(1)</sup>, 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012<sup>(2)</sup>**

England and Wales		Persons sentenced										
		12 months ending										
Persons given immediate custody and sentence length		June 2002	June 2003	June 2004	June 2005	June 2006	June 2007	June 2008	June 2009	June 2010	June 2011	June 2012
<b>All offences</b>												
Total persons sentenced		1,355,710	1,421,164	1,555,914	1,498,330	1,447,086	1,398,066	1,390,030	1,363,716	1,381,186	1,328,588	1,248,560
Number given immediate custody		109,802	109,126	108,145	102,864	99,457	93,185	99,152	99,802	99,550	102,313	99,779
Percentage given immediate custody (%)		8.1	7.7	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.7	7.1	7.3	7.2	7.7	8.0
Up to and including 3 months		42,573	41,278	40,690	37,869	36,270	33,191	36,007	36,237	36,268	38,092	35,168
Over 3 months and up to and including 6 months		29,076	29,249	29,568	27,179	26,051	23,184	23,590	21,361	20,399	20,021	19,114
Over 6 months and less than 12 months		5,693	5,476	5,499	5,775	5,825	5,758	6,605	7,185	7,104	7,085	7,526
12 months		5,621	5,392	5,258	5,319	5,395	5,377	5,525	5,728	5,667	5,785	5,497
Over 12 months and up to and including 18 months		6,722	6,764	6,559	6,292	6,249	6,155	6,462	6,996	7,390	7,567	8,001
Over 18 months and up to and including 3 years		10,816	11,029	10,618	10,557	10,376	10,338	10,806	11,831	12,305	12,630	13,267
Over 3 years and less than 4 years		1,819	1,928	2,007	1,930	1,620	1,437	1,541	1,728	1,876	1,977	1,989
4 years		2,140	2,196	2,193	1,975	1,575	1,600	1,749	1,962	1,902	2,086	1,939
Over 4 years and up to and including 5 years		1,957	2,071	2,164	2,096	1,740	1,586	1,854	2,010	1,958	2,146	2,085
Over 5 years and up to and including 10 years		2,509	2,773	2,695	2,842	2,375	2,067	2,388	2,665	2,811	3,061	3,297
Over 10 years and less than life		356	413	388	398	331	312	339	452	487	581	713
Indeterminate sentence <sup>(3)</sup>		:	:	:	23	1,016	1,688	1,801	1,145	983	913	792
Life		520	557	506	609	634	492	485	502	400	369	391
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(1)</sup>		12.2	12.7	12.6	13.0	12.3	12.4	12.6	13.5	13.8	14.1	14.9
<b>Indictable offences</b>												
Total persons sentenced		326,589	336,581	326,522	305,154	306,970	302,701	312,867	320,331	333,754	346,534	321,389
Number given immediate custody		83,539	82,616	81,235	77,294	75,582	71,980	77,680	79,603	80,561	84,232	83,172
Percentage given immediate custody (%)		25.6	24.5	24.9	25.3	24.6	23.8	24.8	24.9	24.1	24.3	25.9
Up to and including 3 months		27,987	27,020	26,383	24,000	23,452	21,481	23,532	23,769	24,283	26,345	24,543
Over 3 months and up to and including 6 months		17,404	17,004	16,967	15,482	15,006	13,699	14,601	13,651	13,434	13,715	13,132
Over 6 months and less than 12 months		5,689	5,471	5,497	5,773	5,822	5,755	6,601	7,172	7,084	7,068	7,526
12 months		5,620	5,391	5,258	5,317	5,393	5,374	5,522	5,723	5,656	5,780	5,497
Over 12 months and up to and including 18 months		6,722	6,763	6,559	6,292	6,248	6,153	6,461	6,993	7,385	7,564	8,001
Over 18 months and up to and including 3 years		10,816	11,029	10,618	10,557	10,372	10,337	10,806	11,831	12,302	12,627	13,267
Over 3 years and less than 4 years		1,819	1,928	2,007	1,930	1,619	1,437	1,541	1,728	1,876	1,977	1,989
4 years		2,140	2,196	2,193	1,975	1,575	1,600	1,749	1,962	1,902	2,086	1,939
Over 4 years and up to and including 5 years		1,957	2,071	2,164	2,096	1,740	1,586	1,854	2,010	1,958	2,146	2,085
Over 5 years and up to and including 10 years		2,509	2,773	2,695	2,842	2,374	2,067	2,388	2,665	2,811	3,061	3,297
Over 10 years and less than life		356	413	388	398	331	312	339	452	487	581	713
Indeterminate sentence <sup>(3)</sup>		:	:	:	23	1,016	1,687	1,801	1,145	983	913	792
Life		520	557	506	609	634	492	485	502	400	369	391
Average custodial sentence length (months) <sup>(1)</sup>		15.0	15.7	15.8	16.3	15.3	15.3	15.4	16.3	16.4	16.6	17.4

(1) Excludes life and indeterminate sentences.

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

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



Table Q5.7 - Juveniles sentenced for all offences by type of sentence (detailed), 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012<sup>(1)</sup>

Sentence	12 months ending												Juveniles sentenced		
	June 2002	June 2003	June 2004	June 2005	June 2006	June 2007	June 2008	June 2009	June 2010	June 2011	June 2012	June 2010	June 2011	June 2012	
<b>Immediate custodial sentences</b>															
S90-92 PCC(S) Act 2000	639	605	506	541	455	391	438	478	393	414	362				
Detention and training order	6,835	6,116	5,776	5,625	5,475	5,438	5,189	4,716	3,971	3,709	3,230				
Young offender institution	-	3	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Extended sentence for public protection	*	*	*	5	121	96	97	20	13	17	17				
Indeterminate sentence for public protection (IPP)	*	*	*	5	39	65	70	40	33	32	36				
<b>Total immediate custody</b>	<b>7,474</b>	<b>6,724</b>	<b>6,286</b>	<b>6,180</b>	<b>6,090</b>	<b>5,990</b>	<b>5,794</b>	<b>5,254</b>	<b>4,410</b>	<b>4,172</b>	<b>3,645</b>				
<b>Community sentences</b>															
Community rehabilitation order	2,422	2,283	2,212	1,963	1,671	1,770	1,771	1,679	1,077	96	20				
Supervision order	11,210	9,915	10,100	10,191	10,837	11,977	10,845	8,773	5,251	248	23				
Community punishment order	3,826	2,921	2,681	2,562	2,021	1,889	1,834	1,688	1,009	40	0				
Attendance centre order	4,556	2,946	2,757	2,770	2,776	2,996	3,030	2,426	1,386	128	77				
Community punishment and rehabilitation order	1,691	1,566	1,400	1,303	1,140	1,278	1,291	1,558	1,135	49	0				
Curfew order	1,883	2,555	3,503	4,216	4,015	4,488	4,884	5,888	3,807	607	118				
Reparation order	7,178	3,307	3,015	3,137	3,480	3,899	4,151	3,831	3,124	1,569	791				
Action plan order	7,984	4,619	4,313	4,664	4,897	4,947	4,416	3,867	1,631	25	2				
Drug treatment and testing order	73	74	61	48	13	12	7	5	-	-	1				
Referral order <sup>(2)</sup>	6,560	25,689	25,427	27,847	30,020	31,538	30,880	28,502	27,190	23,355	19,213				
Community order <sup>(3)</sup>	*	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Youth Rehabilitation order	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	4,901	18,859	16,442				
<b>Total community sentences</b>	<b>47,383</b>	<b>55,875</b>	<b>55,469</b>	<b>58,701</b>	<b>60,870</b>	<b>64,794</b>	<b>63,109</b>	<b>58,217</b>	<b>50,570</b>	<b>44,976</b>	<b>36,687</b>				
<b>Other sentences</b>															
Absolute or conditional discharge	15,672	14,034	13,452	12,100	12,108	11,918	11,534	10,378	10,087	9,566	7,678				
Fine	20,024	12,040	15,962	14,702	12,859	10,957	9,709	8,533	7,342	5,716	4,424				
Suspended sentence <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-				
Otherwise dealt with	4,553	3,670	4,332	3,851	2,902	2,964	2,824	2,576	4,485	4,338	2,653				
<b>Total other sentences</b>	<b>40,249</b>	<b>29,744</b>	<b>33,746</b>	<b>30,653</b>	<b>27,872</b>	<b>25,839</b>	<b>24,068</b>	<b>21,487</b>	<b>21,914</b>	<b>19,620</b>	<b>14,755</b>				
<b>Total sentenced</b>	<b>95,106</b>	<b>92,343</b>	<b>95,501</b>	<b>95,534</b>	<b>94,832</b>	<b>96,623</b>	<b>92,971</b>	<b>84,958</b>	<b>76,894</b>	<b>68,768</b>	<b>55,087</b>				

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

(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) Suspended sentences are not available for juveniles.

**Table Q5.8 - Adults sentenced for all offences by type of sentence (detailed), 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012<sup>(1)</sup>**

England and Wales	12 months ending												Adults sentenced			
	June 2002	June 2003	June 2004	June 2005	June 2006	June 2007	June 2008	June 2009	June 2010	June 2011	June 2012					
Immediate custodial sentences																
S90-92 PCC(S) Act 2000		6	7	8	11	11	9	13	13	8	2					
Young offender institution	17,807	16,329	14,991	14,248	13,761	13,491	13,738	13,477	13,492	12,169	11,065					
Unsuspending imprisonment	84,361	85,364	85,761	80,999	77,032	70,916	76,987	79,599	80,258	84,558	83,796					
Extended sentence of imprisonment (EPP)	160	703	1,065	1,232	1,458	1,121	893	354	427	525	515					
Indeterminate sentence for public protection (IPP)	*	*	*	18	977	1,623	1,731	1,105	950	881	756					
Intermittent custody	*	*	35	179	128	33	-	-	-	-	-					
<b>Total immediate custody</b>	<b>102,328</b>	<b>102,402</b>	<b>101,859</b>	<b>96,684</b>	<b>93,367</b>	<b>87,195</b>	<b>93,358</b>	<b>94,548</b>	<b>95,140</b>	<b>98,141</b>	<b>96,134</b>					
Community sentences																
Community rehabilitation order	58,402	63,098	59,404	52,926	9,092	744	257	207	169	49	22					
Community punishment order	45,767	48,163	49,424	48,386	11,916	1,301	439	251	156	27	12					
Attendance centre order	538	496	585	684	377	299	232	201	206	106	68					
Community punishment and rehabilitation order	12,199	13,797	14,240	14,237	3,381	410	174	170	140	19	2					
Curfew order	2,864	5,362	9,081	11,117	3,865	1,929	1,658	1,456	927	674	335					
Drug treatment and testing order	4,714	5,999	7,828	8,644	1,506	88	11	1	1	1	-					
Referral order <sup>(2)</sup>	*	37	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
Community order <sup>(3)</sup>	*	*	*	8,263	107,543	122,119	127,417	135,067	136,232	137,450	126,231					
<b>Total community sentences</b>	<b>124,484</b>	<b>136,952</b>	<b>140,588</b>	<b>144,257</b>	<b>137,680</b>	<b>126,890</b>	<b>130,188</b>	<b>137,353</b>	<b>137,831</b>	<b>138,326</b>	<b>126,670</b>					
Other sentences																
Absolute or conditional discharge	99,578	106,414	105,639	94,883	91,791	88,653	91,849	81,685	85,856	87,478	81,946					
Fine	907,859	954,761	1,076,284	1,028,921	973,051	924,579	902,342	893,269	911,931	859,080	816,890					
Suspended sentence <sup>(4)</sup>	2,667	2,626	2,661	3,821	21,933	38,867	41,893	42,275	46,456	48,849	46,143					
Otherwise dealt with	23,688	25,666	33,382	34,230	34,432	35,259	37,429	29,628	27,078	27,946	25,690					
<b>Total other sentences</b>	<b>1,033,792</b>	<b>1,089,468</b>	<b>1,217,966</b>	<b>1,161,855</b>	<b>1,121,207</b>	<b>1,087,358</b>	<b>1,073,513</b>	<b>1,046,857</b>	<b>1,071,321</b>	<b>1,023,353</b>	<b>970,669</b>					
<b>Total sentenced</b>	<b>1,260,604</b>	<b>1,328,822</b>	<b>1,460,413</b>	<b>1,402,796</b>	<b>1,352,254</b>	<b>1,301,443</b>	<b>1,297,059</b>	<b>1,278,758</b>	<b>1,304,292</b>	<b>1,259,820</b>	<b>1,193,473</b>					

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

(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.

**Table Q5.9 - Persons<sup>(1)</sup> sentenced at all courts for indictable offences by ethnicity and result, 12 months ending June 2012**

England and Wales	Offence type / group	Ethnicity					Persons sentenced	
		Total	White	Black	Asian	Other	Unknown	
<b>Indictable offences</b>								
	Absolute discharge	1,693	1,313	143	53	18	166	
	Conditional discharge	39,233	31,435	2,589	1,169	403	3,637	
	Fine	54,721	39,692	5,514	2,780	580	6,155	
	Community sentence	92,496	70,920	8,371	3,966	1,117	8,122	
	Suspended sentence	33,336	24,718	2,560	1,656	721	3,681	
	Immediate custody	83,172	59,872	8,879	4,769	2,413	7,239	
	Otherwise dealt with	16,738	12,149	1,971	847	252	1,519	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>321,389</b>	<b>240,099</b>	<b>30,027</b>	<b>15,240</b>	<b>5,504</b>	<b>30,519</b>	

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

## Offences

*This chapter differs from the others in the publication by counting on an all offence basis, as opposed to a principal offence basis.*

Courts and the police typically deal with defendants charged with more than one offence, for example in the 12 months ending June 2012 each defendant was charged with an average of 1.4 offences.

This average rate of offences per offender has decreased slightly year on year since the 12 months ending June 2004, when it stood at an average of 1.7 offences per offender.

### **Cautions (all offence basis)**

In the 12 months ending June 2012, there were 238,100 cautions issued for all offences, a decrease of 10.0 per cent from 264,500 in the 12 months ending June 2011. This decrease continues the downward trend observed since the peak of 397,200 offences cautioned in 12 months ending June 2007.

There were 125,500 cautions for indictable offences in the 12 months ending June 2012, a 12.3 per cent decrease on the previous year. This continues the decreasing trend observed in the 11 year series since the peak of 224,600 cautions for indictable offence in the 12 months ending June 2007.

The remaining 112,600 cautions in the 12 months ending June 2012 were for summary non-motoring offences, a 7.3 per cent decrease on the previous year.

Indictable offences accounted for 52.7 per cent of cautions (125,500) in the 12 months ending June 2012. This proportion has been broadly declining since a peak of 63.5 per cent in 12 months ending June 2003.

### **Convictions (all offence basis)**

In the 12 months ending June 2012, there were 1.75 million convicted offences, a decrease of 5.9 per cent from 1.86 million in the 12 months ending June 2011. Since a peak over the last 11 years of 2.60 million in the 12 months ending June 2004, there have been year on year decreases in total convicted offences, with an overall fall of 32.6 per cent when comparing the 12 months ending June 2012 total with the 12 months ending June 2004.

The decrease has been driven in the main by convictions for summary motoring offences, which have fallen by 55.5 per cent between the 12 months ending June 2004 and the 12 months ending June 2012 (from 1.35 million to 600,900).

Indictable offences accounted for 31.8 per cent of convicted offences in the 12 months ending June 2012. This represented a slight increase on the 12 months ending June 2011 (31.3 per cent) and a continuation of an increasing trend observed since the 12 months ending June 2005 (22.6 per cent) due to the decrease in summary motoring convictions.

Summary motoring offences accounted for 34.3 per cent of all offences in the 12 months ending June 2012, a series low over the last 11 years. In the peak of the 12

months ending June 2004, summary motoring offences accounted for 52.0 per cent of all offences, with the proportion having fallen year on year.

### **Offences Brought to Justice (notifiable offences)**

*One measure of justice outcomes is Offences Brought to Justice (OBTJ). An offence is said to have been brought to justice when a 'notifiable offence'<sup>7</sup> results in an offender being convicted, cautioned, issued with a Penalty Notice for Disorder (PND) or a cannabis warning, or having an offence taken into consideration at court.*

In the 12 months ending June 2012, there were 1.15 million OBTJs, a decrease of 7.1 per cent from 1.24 million in the 12 months ending June 2011. Recorded crime totals fell by 5.9 per cent over the same period.

Offences brought to justice increased from 1.01 million in 12 months ending June 2002 to an 11 year peak of 1.44 million in the 12 months ending June 2007. The total has been steadily falling since the 12 months ending June 2008.

Cautions and convictions account for the vast majority (81.8 per cent) of all OBTJs in the 12 months ending June 2012.

Convictions accounted for 62.4 per cent of all OBTJs in the 12 months ending June 2012, similar to the proportion as in 12 months ending June 2011 (60.8 per cent). The proportion declined from a peak of 68.6 per cent in 12 months ending June 2003 to 48.8 per cent in 12 months ending June 2007, followed by a year on year increase to 12 months ending June 2012. This trend is driven by the patterns in the use of out of court disposals.

In the 12 months ending June 2012, the main offence groups which make up OBTJs were *violence against the person* (27.8 per cent), *theft and handling stolen goods* (25.4 per cent) and *drug offences* (19.8 per cent).

The proportion of all OBTJs accounted for by *violence against the person* has increased by 6.1 percentage points since 12 months ending June 2002. Similarly, *drug offences* have increased in proportion by 7.7 percentage points since the 12 months ending June 2002. However, over the same period, *theft and handling stolen goods* decreased by 9.0 percentage points.

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<sup>7</sup> Notifiable offences are those offences which require the police to record an incident as a crime and report the occurrence to the Home Office.

**Table 6.1 - Cautions administered by offence group, 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012<sup>(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)</sup>**

England and Wales	Number of offences (thousands)												
	12 months ending												
	June 2002	June 2003	June 2004	June 2005	June 2006	June 2007	June 2008	June 2009	June 2010	June 2011	June 2012		
Offence group													
Violence against the person	21.3	28.0	34.4	44.2	58.9	57.7	48.0	32.6	24.9	20.5	15.1		
Sexual offences	1.3	1.4	1.7	1.7	2.1	2.2	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.6		
Burglary	6.6	6.0	6.0	6.6	7.7	8.2	6.7	5.4	4.1	4.0	3.3		
Robbery	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2		
Theft and handling stolen goods	67.0	59.1	66.4	73.5	80.0	84.4	76.6	73.2	59.4	51.9	44.4		
Fraud and forgery	6.6	6.7	6.7	7.6	9.1	9.4	9.5	8.6	7.3	6.5	6.0		
Criminal damage	3.9	3.7	5.0	6.5	9.3	9.9	9.3	7.7	6.1	5.3	4.5		
Drug offences	43.1	47.3	42.3	34.3	38.5	41.9	48.3	48.9	43.8	45.4	44.2		
Other indictable offences	4.6	5.0	6.0	6.6	8.7	10.3	10.1	8.8	7.7	7.5	6.0		
Summary non-motoring offences	90.9	90.7	107.5	114.2	143.6	172.6	170.4	153.0	132.6	121.5	112.6		
<b>All offences<sup>(6)</sup></b>	<b>245.9</b>	<b>248.3</b>	<b>276.5</b>	<b>295.8</b>	<b>358.7</b>	<b>397.2</b>	<b>381.4</b>	<b>340.1</b>	<b>287.7</b>	<b>264.5</b>	<b>238.1</b>		

- (1) Excluding all motoring offences.
- (2) Includes reprimands and final warnings for juveniles (e.g. those aged 10 to 17).
- (3) On an all offence basis.
- (4) Cautions data for Dyfed Powys and Lancashire for December 2010 have been sourced from Police National Computer.
- (5) All cautions data from January 2011 have been sourced from the Police National Computer.
- (6) May not sum due to rounding.

**Table 6.2 - Convictions by offence group, 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012<sup>(1)(2)</sup>**

England and Wales	12 months ending											
	June 2002	June 2003	June 2004	June 2005	June 2006	June 2007	June 2008	June 2009	June 2010	June 2011	June 2012	
Violence against the person	48.3	51.9	52.5	53.0	55.7	55.3	54.5	55.6	57.9	59.6	54.6	
Sexual offences	12.6	12.4	13.1	14.4	14.2	15.4	15.8	16.3	17.3	19.4	19.9	
Burglary	36.0	36.4	35.3	31.8	30.8	32.0	31.8	31.9	30.7	31.6	32.1	
Robbery	11.0	12.1	11.5	11.1	11.4	12.8	12.9	13.0	12.2	12.6	12.7	
Theft and handling stolen goods	196.1	192.5	182.7	165.3	160.7	157.8	166.5	177.5	174.3	177.0	176.1	
Fraud and forgery	44.9	43.5	44.8	43.7	44.1	39.5	44.3	49.4	52.3	51.4	44.9	
Criminal damage	17.5	18.1	19.0	19.3	20.6	21.2	17.4	13.2	12.1	11.2	10.2	
Drug offences	76.8	84.0	78.8	67.2	70.9	70.2	81.5	88.2	94.6	96.8	92.7	
Other indictable offences	121.6	135.2	146.9	135.5	127.9	120.4	118.8	117.7	122.6	119.7	109.0	
Indictable motoring offences	13.1	13.9	14.1	11.0	9.7	8.3	7.9	5.7	4.5	4.1	4.0	
Summary non-motoring offences	548.6	582.6	649.6	627.7	615.8	602.6	611.3	621.7	623.5	602.0	594.5	
Summary motoring offences	1,134.4	1,201.6	1,351.3	1,268.1	1,142.1	1,000.4	886.3	790.9	765.9	675.5	600.9	
<b>All offences<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>2,260.8</b>	<b>2,384.2</b>	<b>2,599.5</b>	<b>2,448.2</b>	<b>2,303.9</b>	<b>2,135.9</b>	<b>2,048.9</b>	<b>1,981.1</b>	<b>1,967.9</b>	<b>1,860.9</b>	<b>1,751.5</b>	

(1) On an all offence basis.

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

(3) May not sum due to rounding.

**Table 6.3 - Number of offences brought to justice (notifiable) over a 12 month period by outcome and numbers of recorded crimes, 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending 2012<sup>(1)</sup>**

12 months ending	England and Wales							Total OBTJs	Recorded crimes <sup>(7)</sup>
	Offences taken into consideration <sup>(2)</sup>	Penalty notices for disorder <sup>(3)</sup>	Formal warnings for cannabis possession <sup>(4)</sup>	Cautions <sup>(5)(6)</sup>	Convictions	Total OBTJs	Recorded crimes <sup>(7)</sup>		
June 2002	94	*	*	225	691	1,010	5,670		
June 2003	98	*	*	227	717	1,044	5,910		
June 2004	100	8	*	254	723	1,089	5,868		
June 2005	111	68	33	282	692	1,186	5,601		
June 2006	118	122	70	345	699	1,353	5,526		
June 2007	118	150	86	384	704	1,442	5,331		
June 2008 <sup>(8)</sup>	105	129	103	367	729	1,434	4,870		
June 2009 <sup>(8)</sup>	96	116	99	326	746	1,383	4,655		
June 2010	78	100	84	271	755	1,288	4,268		
June 2011	73	86	79	247	752	1,238	4,098		
June 2012	63	72	74	223	718	1,149	3,856		

\* = Not applicable

- (1) Data for British Transport Police have been included for year ending June 2012 only.  
(2) Offences taken into consideration by the court and previously recorded by the police, figures for April 2004 onwards include offences not previously recorded.  
(3) Piloted in 2002 and introduced nationally in 2004.  
(4) Introduced in April 2004.  
(5) Cautions data for Dyfed Powys and Lancashire for December 2010 have been sourced from Police National Computer.  
(6) All cautions data from January 2011 have been sourced from the Police National Computer.  
(7) The introduction of the National Crime Recording Standards (NCRS) in April 2002 resulted in significant increases in the number of crimes  
(8) Excludes convictions data for Cardiff magistrates' court for April, July, and August 2008.

Note - figures for cannabis warnings & offences taken into consideration appearing in this publication are provisional and may be revised following Home Office validation. National Statistics for the financial year 2011/12 are expected to be published during 2013 by the Home Office.



**Table 6.4 - Number of offences brought to justice (notifiable) by offence group, 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending 2012<sup>(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)</sup>**

England and Wales	Number of offences (thousands)											
	12 months ending											
Offence group	June 2002	June 2003	June 2004	June 2005	June 2006	June 2007	June 2008	June 2009	June 2010	June 2011	June 2012	
Violence against the person	219	242	279	353	427	470	449	403	375	352	320	
Sexual offences	16	15	16	16	17	17	17	17	18	19	19	
Burglary	78	81	76	71	76	77	72	69	64	63	59	
Robbery	13	14	13	13	13	15	15	14	13	13	14	
Theft and handling stolen goods	348	336	346	335	358	374	364	365	327	312	292	
Fraud and forgery	78	75	74	76	71	61	63	66	64	61	54	
Criminal damage	94	97	110	125	148	164	151	132	111	100	89	
Drug offences	122	133	116	136	180	199	234	241	235	236	227	
Other offences	43	52	58	62	62	64	68	77	81	80	76	
<b>All offences<sup>(6)</sup></b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>1,044</b>	<b>1,089</b>	<b>1,186</b>	<b>1,353</b>	<b>1,442</b>	<b>1,434</b>	<b>1,383</b>	<b>1,288</b>	<b>1,238</b>	<b>1,149</b>	

(1) Data for British Transport Police have been included for year ending June 2012 only.

(2) Includes estimates for incomplete data.

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

(4) Cautions data for Dyfed Powys and Lancashire for December 2010 have been sourced from Police National Computer.

(5) All cautions data from January 2011 have been sourced from the Police National Computer.

(6) May not sum due to rounding.

## Offending Histories

*Information presented in this section differs from previous sections on convictions, cautions and sentencing, in that all information is taken from the Police National Computer (PNC). The main difference is that the PNC **does not** include a range of summary offences (such as TV licence evasion and a range of motoring offences) and so the figures reported are not comparable or match figures reported in the previous sections of this bulletin. The PNC is the police's administrative IT system, which as with any large scale recording system, is subject to possible errors with data entry and processing. The figures are provisional and subject to change as more information is recorded by the police.*

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

### **Key points in the 12 months ending June 2012:**

- There were 193,900 first time entrants to the criminal justice system (offenders who received their first conviction or caution). This is down 12.1 per cent from the year ending June 2011 and 41.6 per cent from the 332,000 first time entrants in the year ending June 2007.
- The reduction in the number of first time entrants seen over the last five years has been much sharper for juveniles, down 69.5 per cent since the year ending June 2007, than for adults.
- The rate of first time entrants per head of population has also fallen substantially amongst juveniles, down from a little over 2,000 per 100,000 of the population in the 12 months ending June 2007 to an equivalent figure of 637 in the most recent period. However, although the gap is narrowing, the rate still remains substantially higher for juveniles than for adults.
- Around 4 times as many juvenile first time entrants receive a reprimand or warning from the police than are convicted by a criminal court. Amongst adult first time entrants, the proportions receiving a caution and being convicted are roughly equal.
- 15.0 per cent of juveniles sentenced for indictable offences were first time entrants, while 64.7 per cent had between one and six previous convictions, reprimands or warnings and 4.3 per cent had over 15 previous convictions, reprimands or warnings. Amongst adults, 9.4 per cent were first time entrants, while 35.6 per cent had 15 or more previous convictions or cautions.
- The proportion of juveniles sentenced for indictable offences with 15 or more previous convictions, reprimands or warnings has fallen slightly since the year ending June 2011, but is up around three percentage points over the last 10 years. Amongst adults, the proportion with 15 or more previous convictions or cautions has increased 14 percentage points over the last 10 years.

- 38.6 per cent of offenders sentenced for indictable offences with 15 or more previous convictions or cautions were sentenced to immediate custody while 20.1 per cent were given a community sentence. This compares to 25.4 per cent and 35.1 per cent respectively for those first time entrants sentenced.

## First offences and further offences

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

In the 12 months ending June 2012, a total of 803,800<sup>8</sup> first offences and further offences were recorded on the PNC, a decrease of 7.3 per cent compared with 866,900 recorded in the 12 months ending June 2011. Of these recorded offences:

- First offences accounted for 24.1 per cent (193,900), a fall of around one percentage point compared with the 12 months ending June 2011;
- Further offences accounted for 75.9 per cent (609,900), a rise of around one percentage point compared with the 12 months ending June 2011.

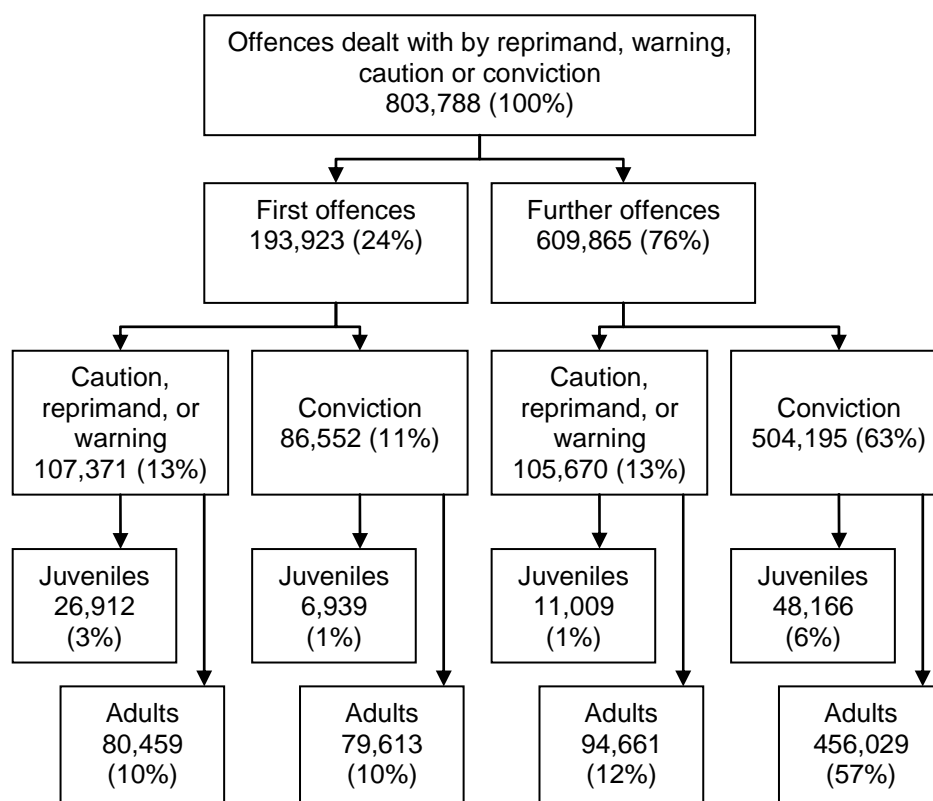
Figure 7.1 shows the breakdown of all proven offences recorded in the 12 months ending June 2012. The percentages in the diagram relate to the total number of offences committed in the top box of the figure.

- 17.5 per cent of first offences (33,900 out of 193,900 first offences) are committed by juveniles, compared to 9.7 per cent of further offences (59,200 out of 609,900 further offences);
- Juveniles received 17.8 per cent of cautions, reprimands and warnings compared to 9.3 per cent of convictions.

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<sup>8</sup> When an offender has been cautioned or convicted of several offences on the same occasion only one offence has been counted; the figures therefore represent counts of separate cautioning or sentencing occasions as recorded on the PNC rather than counts of every proven offence. This means that the first offence figures described here are equal to the figures for first time entrants described below

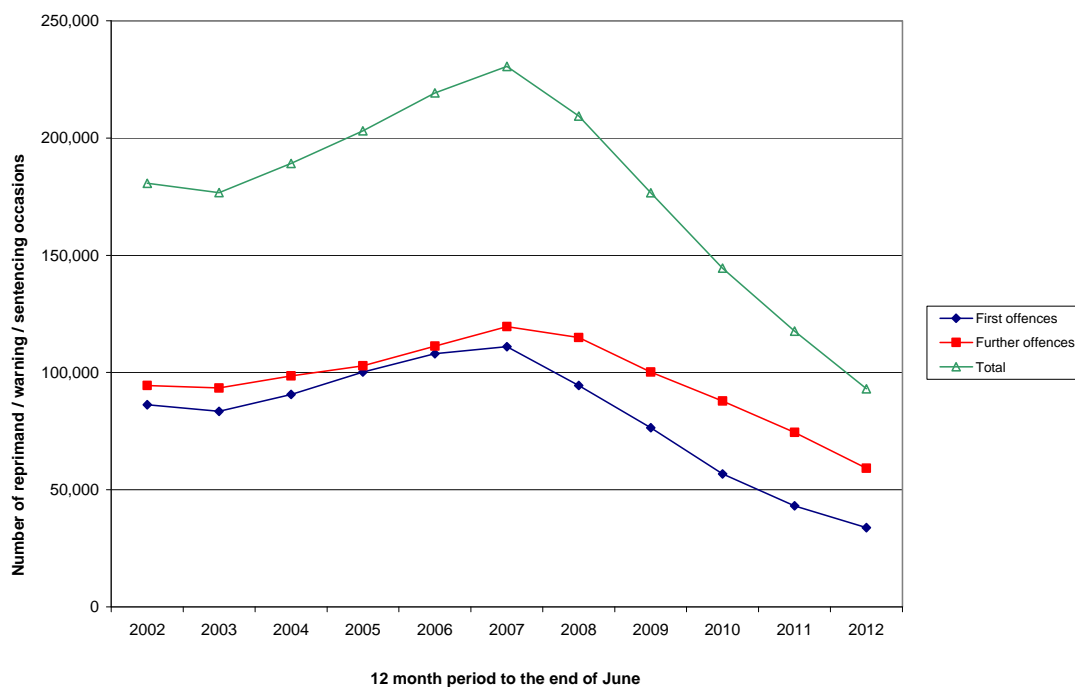
**Figure 7.1: First offences and further offences of all offenders, recorded on the Police National Computer, 12 months ending June 2012, England and Wales**



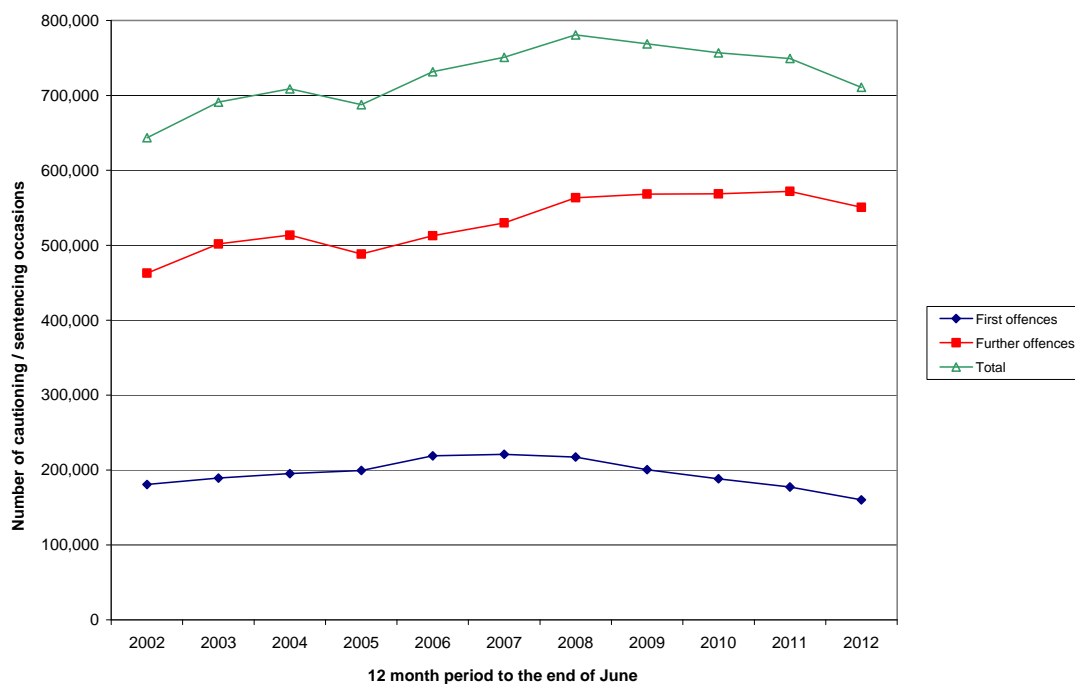
Figures 7.2 and 7.3 present the trends since 2002 of first and further offences as recorded on the PNC. Figure 7.2 shows the peak for juveniles in 2007 and the subsequent large falls in offending which are associated with the removal of a target in April 2008 to increase offences brought to justice and a move towards bringing more serious crimes to justice.

Figure 7.3 shows a different pattern for adults, with first time entrants falling back after the peak in 2007, further offending continuing to rise until the end of June 2011 and slightly falling in the 12 months to the end of June 2012.

**Figure 7.2: Number of juvenile first and further offences, 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012, England and Wales**



**Figure 7.3: Number of adult first and further offences, 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012, England and Wales**



## First time entrants to Criminal Justice system

*First time entrants to the criminal justice are classified as offenders, resident in England or Wales, who received their first reprimand, warning, caution or conviction, based on data recorded by the police on the PNC. These PNC recorded offences exclude a range of less serious summary offences.*

In the 12 months ending June 2012, there were 193,900 first time entrants (FTEs) to the criminal justice system as recorded on the PNC, a decrease of 12.1 per cent compared to the 12 months period ending June 2011, and 27.4 per cent when compared with the 12 months period ending June 2002.

- Juvenile first time entrants accounted for 17.5 per cent (33,900) of all first time entrants, a fall of two percentage points compared with the 12 months ending June 2011, and 15 percentage points when compared with the 12 months ending June 2002. Of these:
  - The rate per 100,000 of population has fallen 23.7 per cent from 835 to 637 over the last 12 months and 60.0 per cent from 1,593 when compared with the 12 months ending June 2002.
- Adult first time entrants to the criminal justice system in the 12 months ending June 2012 accounted for 82.5 per cent (160,100) of all the new entrants, an increase of two percentage points compared to the 12 months ending June 2011, and an increase of 15 percentage points when compared with the 12 months ending June 2002. Of these:
  - The rate per 100,000 of population has fallen 11.1 per cent from 407 to 362 over the last 12 months and 18.8 per cent from 446 when compared with the 12 months ending June 2002.
- The decline in the use of reprimands, warnings and cautions in dealing with FTEs is consistent with the reduction in the use of these disposals for all offenders and coincides with the increasing focus on more serious offending.

## Criminal Histories

*An offender is counted as having a criminal history if their PNC record shows that, at the time of receiving a reprimand, warning, caution or conviction, they had previously committed one or more offences that had resulted in one of these sanctions. The PNC data excludes a range of less serious summary offences, and therefore unlike the section on Offending Histories, this Criminal Histories section focuses on the criminal histories of offenders cautioned or sentenced for indictable offences only.*

### Offenders cautioned<sup>9</sup> for indictable offences on the PNC

In the 12 months ending June 2012, a total of 113,900 offenders received reprimands, warnings or cautions for indictable offences, a decrease of 14.4 per cent compared with the 12 months ending June 2011. Of these:

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<sup>9</sup> Includes Juveniles receiving reprimands or warnings

- 49.7 per cent (56,600) have at least one previous convictions or cautions recorded compared to 47.8 per cent (63,500) in 12 months ending June 2011.
- 3.9 per cent (4,500) of offenders who received warnings/reprimands or cautions for indictable offences had 15 or more previous convictions or cautions. This is an increase of around half a percentage point compared with the 12 months ending June 2011, and around three percentage points compared to 12 months ending June 2002.

### **Offenders sentenced for indictable offences on the PNC**

In the 12 months ending June 2012, a total of 319,900 offenders were sentenced for indictable offences, a 3.4 per cent decrease compared with the 12 months ending June 2011. Of these:

- 10.0 per cent of all offenders sentenced for indictable offences had no previous convictions or cautions recorded against them, a fall of less than half a percentage point compared to the 12 months ending June 2011, and two percentage points lower than in the 12 months ending June 2002;
- 32.4 per cent of all offenders sentenced for indictable offences had 15 or more previous convictions or cautions recorded against them, an increase of two percentage points against the 12 months ending June 2011 and 14 percentage points compared with the 12 months ending June 2002.

### **Criminal history by sentence type**

The criminal history of offenders receiving different sentences varies by type of sentence, which can range from a reprimand, warning or caution to immediate custody, with custodial sentences associated with higher levels of previous convictions or cautions. In the 12 months ending June 2012:

- 46.2 per cent of adult offenders receiving immediate custodial sentences had 15 or more previous convictions or cautions, an increase of around one percentage point against the 12 months ending June 2011 and around 14 percentage points compared with the 12 months ending June 2002.
- 30.3 per cent of adult offenders receiving a community sentence had 15 or more previous convictions or cautions, an increase of around two percentage points against the 12 months ending June 2011 and around 13 percentage points compared with the 12 months ending June 2002.

**Table Q7.1 First offences and further offences committed by offenders of all ages<sup>(1)</sup> and resulting in a reprimand, warning, caution or conviction, 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012, England and Wales**

	Number of offences and percentages								
	Males and females <sup>(2)</sup>			Males			Females		
	First offences	Further offences	Total	First offences	Further offences	Total	First offences	Further offences	Total
12 months ending	Number of offences								
June									
2002	267,002	557,264	824,266	196,553	483,068	679,621	69,050	74,133	143,183
2003	272,571	595,214	867,785	201,168	514,530	715,698	70,106	80,583	150,689
2004	285,877	612,124	898,001	207,755	526,951	734,706	76,344	85,028	161,372
2005	299,507	591,248	890,755	214,034	507,584	721,618	83,418	83,501	166,919
2006	326,958	623,895	950,853	232,848	536,160	769,008	92,224	87,471	179,695
2007	332,085	649,461	981,546	235,430	556,669	792,099	94,638	92,487	187,125
2008	311,917	678,255	990,172	221,441	580,392	801,833	88,502	97,442	185,944
2009	276,954	668,510	945,464	195,509	571,996	767,505	79,352	96,080	175,432
2010	245,093	656,368	901,461	173,955	562,581	736,536	68,824	93,284	162,108
2011	220,588	646,336	866,924	157,639	554,511	712,150	60,212	91,198	151,410
2012	193,923	609,865	803,788	140,347	523,499	663,846	51,518	85,676	137,194
12 months ending	Percentage of Total								
June									
2002	32.4	67.6	100.0	28.9	71.1	100.0	48.2	51.8	100.0
2003	31.4	68.6	100.0	28.1	71.9	100.0	46.5	53.5	100.0
2004	31.8	68.2	100.0	28.3	71.7	100.0	47.3	52.7	100.0
2005	33.6	66.4	100.0	29.7	70.3	100.0	50.0	50.0	100.0
2006	34.4	65.6	100.0	30.3	69.7	100.0	51.3	48.7	100.0
2007	33.8	66.2	100.0	29.7	70.3	100.0	50.6	49.4	100.0
2008	31.5	68.5	100.0	27.6	72.4	100.0	47.6	52.4	100.0
2009	29.3	70.7	100.0	25.5	74.5	100.0	45.2	54.8	100.0
2010	27.2	72.8	100.0	23.6	76.4	100.0	42.5	57.5	100.0
2011	25.4	74.6	100.0	22.1	77.9	100.0	39.8	60.2	100.0
2012	24.1	75.9	100.0	21.1	78.9	100.0	37.6	62.4	100.0

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

(2) Includes offenders whose gender is not recorded on the Police National Computer.



**Table Q7.2 Number of first time entrants to the criminal justice system<sup>(1)</sup> by gender and age group, 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012, England and Wales**

Numbers of offenders									
12 months ending June	Males and females <sup>(2)</sup>			Males			Females		
	Juveniles	Adults	All ages	Juveniles	Adults	All ages	Juveniles	Adults	All ages
2002	86,224	180,778	267,002	62,308	134,245	196,553	23,831	45,219	69,050
2003	83,411	189,160	272,571	60,532	140,636	201,168	22,779	47,327	70,106
2004	90,641	195,236	285,877	64,096	143,659	207,755	26,422	49,922	76,344
2005	100,166	199,341	299,507	69,260	144,774	214,034	30,753	52,665	83,418
2006	108,011	218,947	326,958	74,162	158,686	232,848	33,597	58,627	92,224
2007	111,032	221,053	332,085	75,632	159,798	235,430	35,026	59,612	94,638
2008	94,464	217,453	311,917	64,266	157,175	221,441	29,841	58,661	88,502
2009	76,473	200,481	276,954	51,309	144,200	195,509	24,860	54,492	79,352
2010	56,735	188,358	245,093	38,854	135,101	173,955	17,609	51,215	68,824
2011	43,155	177,433	220,588	31,197	126,442	157,639	11,731	48,481	60,212
2012	33,851	160,072	193,923	25,290	115,057	140,347	8,347	43,171	51,518

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

(2) Includes offenders whose gender is not recorded on the Police National Computer.

**Table Q7.3 First time entrants to the criminal justice system<sup>(1)</sup> as a rate per 100,000 of the population<sup>(2)</sup>, by gender and age group, 12 months ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012, England and Wales**

Rates per 100,000 of the population									
12 months ending June	Males and females <sup>(3)</sup>			Males			Females		
	Juveniles	Adults	All ages	Juveniles	Adults	All ages	Juveniles	Adults	All ages
2002	1,593	446	581	2,245	688	881	904	215	292
2003	1,523	464	589	2,152	715	895	855	224	295
2004	1,649	476	614	2,269	725	918	988	235	319
2005	1,822	482	639	2,452	724	938	1,150	247	347
2006	1,973	525	692	2,636	785	1,012	1,262	272	381
2007	2,046	525	699	2,711	783	1,015	1,328	275	389
2008	1,752	512	652	2,320	763	947	1,138	269	362
2009	1,435	468	575	1,877	693	830	958	248	323
2010	1,081	436	506	1,444	643	734	688	231	279
2011	835	407	453	1,178	595	660	466	217	242
2012	637	362	392	928	535	579	323	190	204

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

(2) Population has been based on mid-year population estimates for each age group supplied by the Office for National Statistics. The previous year's estimate has been used for calculating the rate in the subsequent year. For example, the 2001 mid-year estimate has been used for calculating the rate for 2002 and so on.

(3) Includes offenders whose gender is not recorded on the Police National Computer.

**Table Q7.4: Proportion of offenders sentenced for indictable offences by previous criminal history and sentence received, 12 months ending June 2012, England and Wales**

	Number and Percentage						All offenders
	Number of previous convictions/cautions						
	0	1-2	3-6	7-10	11-14	15+	
Juveniles							
Caution	71.7	27.0	1.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	<b>22,422</b>
Absolute discharge	9.6	36.7	38.7	6.9	3.7	4.3	<b>811</b>
Conditional discharge	2.4	18.5	47.7	18.3	6.9	6.1	<b>2,613</b>
Fine	1.3	19.2	48.4	18.2	7.3	5.7	<b>1,178</b>
Community sentence	18.9	37.7	30.3	8.1	2.9	2.2	<b>22,832</b>
Immediate custody	7.7	15.6	29.5	20.7	12.6	13.9	<b>4,218</b>
Other <sup>(1)</sup>	11.1	22.7	36.2	15.6	7.6	6.8	<b>1,389</b>
All court convictions <sup>(2)</sup>	15.0	32.0	32.7	11.2	4.8	4.3	<b>33,076</b>
All disposals <sup>(2)</sup>	37.9	30.0	19.9	6.7	2.9	2.6	<b>55,498</b>
Adults							
Caution	45.1	26.1	15.5	5.4	3.0	4.9	<b>91,475</b>
Absolute discharge	9.5	10.4	13.9	8.2	8.7	49.4	<b>865</b>
Conditional discharge	8.6	18.1	19.4	11.7	9.0	33.4	<b>33,515</b>
Fine	5.9	15.3	23.8	14.6	10.4	30.0	<b>53,393</b>
Community sentence	10.2	15.6	21.1	13.2	9.5	30.3	<b>67,197</b>
Fully Suspended	16.1	17.1	19.7	12.0	8.6	26.4	<b>31,335</b>
Immediate custody	9.1	9.3	13.9	11.5	10.1	46.2	<b>85,428</b>
Other <sup>(1)</sup>	7.7	11.5	16.6	12.5	9.2	42.5	<b>15,125</b>
All court convictions	9.4	13.9	18.9	12.6	9.7	35.6	<b>286,858</b>
All disposals	18.0	16.8	18.0	10.9	8.0	28.2	<b>378,333</b>

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

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

**Table Q7.5 Offenders sentenced for indictable offences by previous criminal history and sentence received, 12 month ending June 2002 to 12 months ending June 2012, England and Wales**

Disposal and number of previous convictions or cautions	Number and percentage of offenders										
	12 months ending June										
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>Offenders of All ages</b>											
<b>Absolute discharge</b>											
First time offenders	11.5	11.9	11.4	11.1	10.1	8.9	9.7	8.7	9.6	9.5	9.5
1-2 previous convictions/cautions	21.7	32.7	31.0	30.6	29.0	30.2	27.7	29.2	30.1	25.8	23.2
3-6 previous convictions/cautions	24.5	21.3	24.7	24.5	24.8	26.1	24.9	27.8	25.8	25.6	25.9
7-10 previous convictions/cautions	14.4	9.9	10.0	10.2	9.6	9.2	9.9	7.6	8.5	8.8	7.6
11-14 previous convictions/cautions	10.3	7.9	6.8	5.8	5.8	6.6	6.7	6.3	6.1	6.4	6.3
15 or more previous convictions/cautions	17.5	16.3	16.1	17.8	20.8	19.0	21.1	20.3	20.0	23.8	27.6
<b>All offenders (100%)</b>	<b>2,044</b>	<b>2,952</b>	<b>2,752</b>	<b>2,243</b>	<b>2,154</b>	<b>2,037</b>	<b>2,109</b>	<b>1,695</b>	<b>1,699</b>	<b>1,744</b>	<b>1,676</b>
<b>Conditional discharge</b>											
First time offenders	13.8	12.2	11.5	12.2	11.8	11.0	9.8	9.1	9.7	9.3	8.1
1-2 previous convictions/cautions	25.6	22.0	21.2	20.5	20.4	19.9	19.5	19.5	20.1	19.6	18.1
3-6 previous convictions/cautions	23.8	24.1	24.2	23.0	23.0	23.5	23.2	22.5	22.8	22.2	21.4
7-10 previous convictions/cautions	13.1	13.8	13.4	13.3	12.8	12.6	12.8	12.6	12.1	12.3	12.1
11-14 previous convictions/cautions	8.2	9.1	9.3	9.0	9.1	9.0	9.2	9.1	8.7	8.7	8.8
15 or more previous convictions/cautions	15.5	18.8	20.5	21.9	22.9	23.9	25.5	27.2	26.6	27.9	31.4
<b>All offenders (100%)</b>	<b>48,509</b>	<b>48,966</b>	<b>47,601</b>	<b>42,180</b>	<b>39,744</b>	<b>36,392</b>	<b>36,924</b>	<b>34,918</b>	<b>36,038</b>	<b>37,654</b>	<b>36,128</b>
<b>Fine</b>											
First time offenders	9.3	8.5	8.8	9.4	9.1	8.3	7.3	6.6	6.2	6.1	5.8
1-2 previous convictions/cautions	21.5	19.2	18.4	18.0	18.3	18.2	17.1	16.9	16.9	16.4	15.3
3-6 previous convictions/cautions	27.9	27.5	26.9	26.2	26.1	26.3	26.0	25.5	25.6	25.0	24.3
7-10 previous convictions/cautions	15.0	15.4	15.2	14.7	14.7	14.5	15.0	15.1	14.9	14.7	14.7
11-14 previous convictions/cautions	9.3	9.8	9.9	9.8	9.6	9.6	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.3
15 or more previous convictions/cautions	17.0	19.6	20.8	21.9	22.3	23.1	24.6	26.0	26.3	27.6	29.5
<b>All offenders (100%)</b>	<b>74,608</b>	<b>78,069</b>	<b>72,922</b>	<b>60,264</b>	<b>54,216</b>	<b>48,679</b>	<b>50,167</b>	<b>56,319</b>	<b>56,254</b>	<b>59,014</b>	<b>54,571</b>
<b>Community sentence</b>											
First time offenders	13.8	13.9	14.1	14.2	13.8	12.5	11.5	11.5	12.2	12.5	12.4
1-2 previous convictions/cautions	24.5	25.2	25.1	25.4	27.0	27.4	26.3	24.4	23.9	22.6	21.2
3-6 previous convictions/cautions	28.2	26.4	25.7	25.3	26.3	27.1	26.7	25.5	25.3	24.6	23.5
7-10 previous convictions/cautions	13.7	13.2	12.6	12.1	11.6	11.8	12.0	11.8	11.5	11.8	11.9
11-14 previous convictions/cautions	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.6	7.0	6.7	7.2	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.8
15 or more previous convictions/cautions	12.0	13.5	14.7	15.4	14.5	14.5	16.4	19.3	19.8	21.1	23.2
<b>All offenders (100%)</b>	<b>102,111</b>	<b>108,432</b>	<b>106,529</b>	<b>106,519</b>	<b>102,734</b>	<b>98,213</b>	<b>99,492</b>	<b>101,437</b>	<b>95,990</b>	<b>94,754</b>	<b>90,029</b>
<b>Fully suspended</b>											
First time offenders	32.5	28.5	27.7	23.0	14.2	14.3	14.6	15.0	15.8	16.3	16.1
1-2 previous convictions/cautions	18.2	16.9	15.8	14.7	14.4	15.7	16.7	17.3	17.7	18.0	17.1
3-6 previous convictions/cautions	18.1	18.2	19.5	19.2	20.3	21.2	20.9	20.2	21.0	21.0	19.7
7-10 previous convictions/cautions	10.9	11.5	11.6	12.6	13.7	13.7	13.3	12.9	12.2	12.1	12.0
11-14 previous convictions/cautions	7.2	8.5	7.9	8.6	10.3	9.7	9.2	8.9	8.8	8.2	8.6
15 or more previous convictions/cautions	13.1	16.3	17.6	22.0	27.0	25.4	25.8	25.8	24.5	24.5	26.4
<b>All offenders (100%)</b>	<b>2,062</b>	<b>2,121</b>	<b>2,171</b>	<b>3,001</b>	<b>15,118</b>	<b>27,055</b>	<b>30,509</b>	<b>30,905</b>	<b>31,705</b>	<b>31,065</b>	<b>31,370</b>
<b>Immediate custody</b>											
First time offenders	9.4	8.9	9.0	9.7	10.2	10.2	10.8	10.0	10.3	9.3	9.1
1-2 previous convictions/cautions	9.4	8.8	8.5	9.0	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.6	10.0	9.5	9.6
3-6 previous convictions/cautions	18.6	17.1	16.4	16.0	16.2	16.1	15.5	15.2	15.6	14.9	14.6
7-10 previous convictions/cautions	18.2	17.1	16.0	15.2	14.4	14.3	13.9	13.3	12.9	12.5	11.9
11-14 previous convictions/cautions	14.4	14.8	14.1	13.4	12.8	12.3	11.9	11.6	11.0	10.8	10.2
15 or more previous convictions/cautions	30.0	33.2	36.0	36.7	37.4	37.9	38.7	40.3	40.1	43.0	44.6
<b>All offenders (100%)</b>	<b>84,019</b>	<b>86,437</b>	<b>90,300</b>	<b>86,264</b>	<b>85,199</b>	<b>83,012</b>	<b>90,008</b>	<b>91,229</b>	<b>87,955</b>	<b>89,365</b>	<b>89,646</b>
<b>Other<sup>(1)</sup></b>											
First time offenders	9.3	7.9	7.5	7.5	8.0	8.6	9.3	10.5	10.1	8.7	7.9
1-2 previous convictions/cautions	16.1	13.9	13.7	13.5	14.0	14.0	13.0	14.1	15.5	13.7	12.4
3-6 previous convictions/cautions	24.3	24.0	23.3	22.1	22.4	22.5	21.0	20.1	19.5	18.9	18.3
7-10 previous convictions/cautions	16.6	16.3	15.4	15.0	14.9	14.7	14.1	13.0	12.9	12.7	12.7
11-14 previous convictions/cautions	11.8	12.4	12.0	11.5	11.3	10.6	10.3	10.2	9.4	9.3	9.1
15 or more previous convictions/cautions	21.9	25.3	28.1	30.5	29.4	29.8	32.3	32.2	32.6	36.6	39.5
<b>All offenders (100%)</b>	<b>13,911</b>	<b>14,150</b>	<b>13,447</b>	<b>12,486</b>	<b>12,144</b>	<b>12,068</b>	<b>12,803</b>	<b>13,525</b>	<b>17,187</b>	<b>17,727</b>	<b>16,514</b>
<b>All disposals</b>											
First time offenders	11.6	11.0	11.0	11.6	11.5	11.0	10.6	10.3	10.6	10.3	10.0
1-2 previous convictions/cautions	19.7	18.8	18.2	18.3	18.6	18.6	17.9	17.4	17.5	16.7	15.7
3-6 previous convictions/cautions	24.8	23.8	23.1	22.4	22.6	22.9	22.3	21.6	21.7	21.1	20.3
7-10 previous convictions/cautions	15.2	14.9	14.3	13.7	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.0	12.6	12.6	12.4
11-14 previous convictions/cautions	10.1	10.4	10.3	9.9	9.6	9.3	9.5	9.5	9.2	9.1	9.2
15 or more previous convictions/cautions	18.7	21.2	23.1	24.1	24.4	24.9	26.5	28.2	28.3	30.1	32.4
<b>Total offenders of All ages (100%)</b>	<b>327,264</b>	<b>341,127</b>	<b>335,722</b>	<b>312,957</b>	<b>311,309</b>	<b>307,456</b>	<b>322,012</b>	<b>330,028</b>	<b>326,828</b>	<b>331,323</b>	<b>319,934</b>

**Juvenile offenders**

**Absolute discharge**

First time offenders	14.3	16.1	13.8	11.7	10.5	8.9	10.5	7.3	7.9	8.8	9.6
1-2 previous convictions/cautions	39.0	55.1	49.8	46.5	45.1	45.1	42.9	44.4	42.3	39.3	36.7
3-6 previous convictions/cautions	30.2	21.6	28.1	31.7	32.6	32.4	34.2	36.2	35.5	35.2	38.7
7-10 previous convictions/cautions	10.9	4.2	4.8	6.1	6.2	7.7	6.8	5.2	7.4	7.6	6.9
11-14 previous convictions/cautions	3.4	1.6	2.4	2.3	2.8	3.8	3.7	3.2	3.9	4.0	3.7
15 or more previous convictions/cautions	2.2	1.4	1.1	1.7	2.8	2.0	1.8	3.8	3.0	5.2	4.3
<b>All juvenile offenders (100%)</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>1,378</b>	<b>1,404</b>	<b>1,201</b>	<b>1,112</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>1,098</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>811</b>

**Conditional discharge**

First time offenders	16.7	5.9	5.2	5.3	5.4	4.5	3.9	2.9	3.1	2.7	2.4
1-2 previous convictions/cautions	40.8	26.6	26.0	24.5	24.5	24.4	21.8	21.0	20.2	19.0	18.5
3-6 previous convictions/cautions	29.4	44.1	46.1	47.2	46.0	46.8	47.9	47.6	48.1	47.7	47.7
7-10 previous convictions/cautions	8.8	14.5	14.1	15.2	15.5	14.8	16.4	16.6	15.9	17.0	18.3
11-14 previous convictions/cautions	3.0	5.9	5.5	5.1	5.9	6.3	6.9	7.2	7.4	7.7	6.9
15 or more previous convictions/cautions	1.3	3.1	3.1	2.6	2.7	3.2	3.2	4.7	5.3	5.9	6.1
<b>All juvenile offenders (100%)</b>	<b>6,464</b>	<b>3,671</b>	<b>3,893</b>	<b>3,728</b>	<b>3,747</b>	<b>3,690</b>	<b>3,452</b>	<b>3,324</b>	<b>3,167</b>	<b>3,215</b>	<b>2,613</b>

**Fine**

First time offenders	5.4	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.0	1.7	2.1	1.0	1.3	1.3
1-2 previous convictions/cautions	39.2	23.5	24.6	24.2	24.6	23.6	21.0	18.5	19.5	18.5	19.2
3-6 previous convictions/cautions	40.7	52.8	51.3	50.0	50.1	49.0	51.7	50.9	48.2	50.2	48.4
7-10 previous convictions/cautions	9.8	15.1	14.5	15.7	15.1	16.5	16.6	17.7	19.4	17.2	18.2
11-14 previous convictions/cautions	3.6	4.8	5.1	5.0	5.0	5.7	6.0	6.5	6.8	7.4	7.3
15 or more previous convictions/cautions	1.3	1.7	2.2	2.8	2.9	3.2	3.0	4.2	5.1	5.3	5.7
<b>All juvenile offenders (100%)</b>	<b>5,353</b>	<b>3,614</b>	<b>3,456</b>	<b>3,091</b>	<b>2,843</b>	<b>2,398</b>	<b>2,530</b>	<b>2,236</b>	<b>1,856</b>	<b>1,638</b>	<b>1,178</b>

**Community sentence**

First time offenders	13.7	14.9	15.0	14.9	13.9	12.7	12.2	12.8	14.1	16.2	18.9
1-2 previous convictions/cautions	39.3	42.5	43.2	43.1	43.1	42.1	40.9	40.4	39.5	38.3	37.7
3-6 previous convictions/cautions	34.4	31.3	30.7	31.1	31.7	32.8	33.5	32.9	32.6	32.1	30.3
7-10 previous convictions/cautions	9.2	8.0	7.6	7.4	7.7	8.7	8.8	8.7	8.4	8.0	8.1
11-14 previous convictions/cautions	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.6	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.1	2.9
15 or more previous convictions/cautions	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.5	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.2
<b>All juvenile offenders (100%)</b>	<b>31,666</b>	<b>34,562</b>	<b>34,427</b>	<b>35,593</b>	<b>37,283</b>	<b>39,359</b>	<b>37,550</b>	<b>33,854</b>	<b>29,695</b>	<b>25,803</b>	<b>22,832</b>

**Immediate custody**

First time offenders	6.6	6.8	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.8	6.1	7.4	6.7	7.7
1-2 previous convictions/cautions	16.1	15.0	15.6	15.4	14.6	13.8	14.6	15.5	14.3	13.5	15.6
3-6 previous convictions/cautions	35.4	34.6	34.7	33.5	33.4	32.5	32.5	30.8	30.9	30.4	29.5
7-10 previous convictions/cautions	26.0	24.9	23.8	24.6	24.4	25.8	24.2	21.9	21.6	21.7	20.7
11-14 previous convictions/cautions	10.6	12.4	12.5	12.4	12.8	13.6	13.4	14.0	12.5	13.5	12.6
15 or more previous convictions/cautions	5.4	6.4	7.5	8.3	9.1	8.7	9.5	11.7	13.3	14.2	13.9
<b>All juvenile offenders (100%)</b>	<b>6,383</b>	<b>5,965</b>	<b>6,225</b>	<b>6,459</b>	<b>6,646</b>	<b>6,900</b>	<b>6,785</b>	<b>6,064</b>	<b>4,994</b>	<b>5,023</b>	<b>4,218</b>

**Other<sup>(1)</sup>**

First time offenders	11.3	6.7	5.8	5.5	6.5	5.5	5.3	7.7	10.1	10.1	11.1
1-2 previous convictions/cautions	29.8	26.3	24.3	24.8	24.6	21.3	21.4	23.1	28.2	23.6	22.7
3-6 previous convictions/cautions	36.4	41.0	44.3	40.9	41.4	43.2	42.2	36.9	33.0	34.1	36.2
7-10 previous convictions/cautions	15.5	15.9	14.9	16.7	17.2	18.4	17.1	17.3	14.5	16.3	15.6
11-14 previous convictions/cautions	5.0	6.8	6.6	7.5	7.3	7.6	8.0	9.1	7.6	8.5	7.6
15 or more previous convictions/cautions	2.0	3.3	4.0	4.6	3.1	4.1	5.9	5.9	6.4	7.4	6.8
<b>All juvenile offenders (100%)</b>	<b>2,282</b>	<b>1,925</b>	<b>1,813</b>	<b>1,707</b>	<b>1,840</b>	<b>1,827</b>	<b>1,780</b>	<b>1,825</b>	<b>2,436</b>	<b>2,183</b>	<b>1,389</b>

**All disposals<sup>(2)</sup>**

First time offenders	12.2	12.1	11.9	11.9	11.3	10.5	10.1	10.5	11.6	12.7	15.0
1-2 previous convictions/cautions	36.2	36.5	36.8	36.7	36.7	35.9	34.7	34.3	33.7	31.9	32.0
3-6 previous convictions/cautions	34.6	34.2	34.2	34.0	34.3	34.7	35.5	34.7	34.3	34.1	32.7
7-10 previous convictions/cautions	11.5	11.1	10.7	10.9	11.0	11.9	11.9	11.6	11.3	11.4	11.2
11-14 previous convictions/cautions	3.8	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.3	4.5	5.0	5.3	4.9	5.3	4.8
15 or more previous convictions/cautions	1.6	1.9	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.7	4.1	4.6	4.3
<b>Total All juvenile offenders (100%)</b>	<b>52,771</b>	<b>51,116</b>	<b>51,219</b>	<b>51,794</b>	<b>53,550</b>	<b>55,394</b>	<b>53,306</b>	<b>48,383</b>	<b>43,178</b>	<b>38,852</b>	<b>33,076</b>

## Adult offenders

### Absolute discharge

First time offenders	10.3	8.3	8.8	10.6	9.6	9.0	8.9	10.6	11.8	10.3	9.5
1-2 previous convictions/cautions	14.1	13.2	11.4	12.4	11.8	11.9	11.3	9.9	14.5	11.0	10.4
3-6 previous convictions/cautions	22.0	21.1	21.2	16.2	16.5	18.4	14.7	17.3	13.3	15.1	13.9
7-10 previous convictions/cautions	16.0	14.8	15.3	14.9	13.1	11.0	13.2	10.7	9.8	10.2	8.2
11-14 previous convictions/cautions	13.4	13.3	11.4	9.7	9.0	9.9	10.0	10.3	8.9	9.1	8.7
15 or more previous convictions/cautions	24.1	29.4	31.8	36.3	39.9	39.8	41.9	41.2	41.7	44.2	49.4
<b>All adult offenders (100%)</b>	<b>1,421</b>	<b>1,574</b>	<b>1,348</b>	<b>1,042</b>	<b>1,042</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>1,011</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>865</b>

### Conditional discharge

First time offenders	13.4	12.7	12.0	12.9	12.5	11.8	10.4	9.8	10.3	10.0	8.6
1-2 previous convictions/cautions	23.3	21.6	20.7	20.1	20.0	19.4	19.3	19.3	20.1	19.7	18.1
3-6 previous convictions/cautions	23.0	22.5	22.2	20.7	20.6	20.9	20.6	19.9	20.3	19.8	19.4
7-10 previous convictions/cautions	13.7	13.8	13.4	13.1	12.6	12.4	12.5	12.2	11.8	11.9	11.7
11-14 previous convictions/cautions	9.0	9.4	9.6	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.4	9.3	8.8	8.8	9.0
15 or more previous convictions/cautions	17.7	20.1	22.0	23.8	25.0	26.2	27.8	29.5	28.6	29.9	33.4
<b>All adult offenders (100%)</b>	<b>42,045</b>	<b>45,295</b>	<b>43,708</b>	<b>38,452</b>	<b>35,997</b>	<b>32,702</b>	<b>33,472</b>	<b>31,594</b>	<b>32,871</b>	<b>34,439</b>	<b>33,515</b>

### Fine

First time offenders	9.6	8.8	9.1	9.8	9.4	8.7	7.6	6.8	6.4	6.2	5.9
1-2 previous convictions/cautions	20.1	19.0	18.1	17.7	17.9	17.9	16.9	16.8	16.9	16.4	15.3
3-6 previous convictions/cautions	26.9	26.3	25.7	24.9	24.7	25.1	24.6	24.4	24.9	24.3	23.8
7-10 previous convictions/cautions	15.5	15.5	15.2	14.7	14.6	14.4	14.9	14.9	14.7	14.7	14.6
11-14 previous convictions/cautions	9.7	10.0	10.1	10.0	9.9	9.7	10.3	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.4
15 or more previous convictions/cautions	18.2	20.4	21.7	22.9	23.4	24.1	25.8	26.9	27.0	28.2	30.0
<b>All adult offenders (100%)</b>	<b>69,255</b>	<b>74,455</b>	<b>69,466</b>	<b>57,173</b>	<b>51,373</b>	<b>46,281</b>	<b>47,637</b>	<b>54,083</b>	<b>54,398</b>	<b>57,376</b>	<b>53,393</b>

### Community sentence

First time offenders	13.9	13.4	13.6	13.9	13.7	12.4	11.0	10.8	11.3	11.2	10.2
1-2 previous convictions/cautions	17.8	17.1	16.5	16.5	17.8	17.6	17.4	16.5	16.8	16.7	15.6
3-6 previous convictions/cautions	25.4	24.1	23.3	22.4	23.2	23.2	22.6	21.9	22.0	21.7	21.1
7-10 previous convictions/cautions	15.8	15.7	15.0	14.4	13.8	13.9	13.9	13.4	12.9	13.2	13.2
11-14 previous convictions/cautions	10.1	10.3	10.4	10.2	9.6	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.3	9.1	9.5
15 or more previous convictions/cautions	17.0	19.4	21.2	22.5	22.0	23.4	25.5	28.0	27.7	28.1	30.3
<b>All adult offenders (100%)</b>	<b>70,445</b>	<b>73,870</b>	<b>72,102</b>	<b>70,926</b>	<b>65,451</b>	<b>58,854</b>	<b>61,942</b>	<b>67,583</b>	<b>66,295</b>	<b>68,951</b>	<b>67,197</b>

### Fully suspended

First time offenders	32.5	28.5	27.7	23.1	14.3	14.3	14.6	15.0	15.8	16.3	16.1
1-2 previous convictions/cautions	18.2	16.9	15.8	14.7	14.4	15.7	16.6	17.3	17.7	18.0	17.1
3-6 previous convictions/cautions	18.1	18.3	19.4	19.0	20.2	21.1	20.8	20.1	20.9	20.9	19.7
7-10 previous convictions/cautions	10.9	11.5	11.6	12.5	13.7	13.6	13.3	12.8	12.2	12.1	12.0
11-14 previous convictions/cautions	7.2	8.5	7.9	8.6	10.3	9.7	9.2	8.9	8.8	8.1	8.6
15 or more previous convictions/cautions	13.1	16.3	17.6	22.1	27.1	25.5	25.5	25.9	24.6	24.5	26.4
<b>All adult offenders (100%)</b>	<b>2,062</b>	<b>2,120</b>	<b>2,170</b>	<b>2,986</b>	<b>15,039</b>	<b>26,957</b>	<b>30,398</b>	<b>30,773</b>	<b>31,630</b>	<b>30,986</b>	<b>31,335</b>

### Immediate custody

First time offenders	9.7	9.1	9.3	10.0	10.6	10.7	11.2	10.3	10.5	9.4	9.1
1-2 previous convictions/cautions	8.9	8.3	7.9	8.4	8.7	8.7	8.8	9.1	9.7	9.3	9.3
3-6 previous convictions/cautions	17.2	15.8	15.1	14.6	14.7	14.7	14.1	14.1	14.7	14.0	13.9
7-10 previous convictions/cautions	17.5	16.6	15.4	14.5	13.6	13.3	13.0	12.7	12.4	12.0	11.5
11-14 previous convictions/cautions	14.7	15.0	14.2	13.4	12.8	12.1	11.8	11.5	11.0	10.6	10.1
15 or more previous convictions/cautions	32.0	35.2	38.1	39.0	39.8	40.6	41.1	42.3	41.8	44.8	46.2
<b>All adult offenders (100%)</b>	<b>77,636</b>	<b>80,472</b>	<b>84,075</b>	<b>79,805</b>	<b>78,553</b>	<b>76,112</b>	<b>83,223</b>	<b>85,165</b>	<b>82,961</b>	<b>84,342</b>	<b>85,428</b>

### Other<sup>(1)</sup>

First time offenders	8.9	8.1	7.8	7.8	8.3	9.1	10.0	10.9	10.1	8.5	7.7
1-2 previous convictions/cautions	13.5	12.0	12.1	11.7	12.1	12.7	11.6	12.7	13.4	12.3	11.5
3-6 previous convictions/cautions	21.9	21.3	20.1	19.2	19.1	18.8	17.5	17.4	17.3	16.7	16.6
7-10 previous convictions/cautions	16.8	16.4	15.5	14.7	14.5	14.0	13.6	12.3	12.6	12.2	12.5
11-14 previous convictions/cautions	13.2	13.3	12.8	12.1	12.0	11.1	10.7	10.4	9.7	9.4	9.2
15 or more previous convictions/cautions	25.8	28.8	31.8	34.5	34.1	34.4	36.6	36.3	37.0	40.7	42.5
<b>All adult offenders (100%)</b>	<b>11,629</b>	<b>12,225</b>	<b>11,634</b>	<b>10,779</b>	<b>10,304</b>	<b>10,241</b>	<b>11,023</b>	<b>11,700</b>	<b>14,751</b>	<b>15,544</b>	<b>15,125</b>

### All disposals

First time offenders	11.4	10.8	10.8	11.5	11.5	11.2	10.7	10.2	10.5	9.9	9.4
1-2 previous convictions/cautions	16.5	15.6	14.8	14.6	14.9	14.8	14.5	14.5	15.1	14.7	13.9
3-6 previous convictions/cautions	22.9	21.9	21.1	20.1	20.2	20.3	19.6	19.4	19.8	19.4	18.9
7-10 previous convictions/cautions	15.9	15.6	14.9	14.3	13.7	13.6	13.5	13.2	12.9	12.8	12.6
11-14 previous convictions/cautions	11.3	11.5	11.4	11.1	10.7	10.4	10.4	10.2	9.9	9.6	9.7
15 or more previous convictions/cautions	22.0	24.6	26.9	28.4	29.0	29.8	31.2	32.4	32.0	33.5	35.6
<b>Total All adult offenders (100%)</b>	<b>274,493</b>	<b>290,011</b>	<b>284,503</b>	<b>261,163</b>	<b>257,759</b>	<b>252,062</b>	<b>268,706</b>	<b>281,645</b>	<b>283,650</b>	<b>292,471</b>	<b>286,858</b>

(1) For 12 months ending June 2012 the 'Other' category includes some deferred sentences that the police will update on the Police National Computer at a later date when the final decision is known.

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

## **Explanatory notes**

The statistics in this bulletin relate to cases in the Crown and magistrates' courts in England and Wales during 12 months ending June 2012. This bulletin subsumes a number of previous bulletins including Criminal Statistics: England & Wales, Quarterly Sentencing Statistics, and Young people aged 10-17 receiving their first reprimand, warning or conviction.

### **Symbols and conventions**

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

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

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