



Ministry  
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## **Statistical Notice**

Further breakdowns of proven re-offending data for adult offenders in England and Wales released from custody

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## Background

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

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

[www.gov.uk/government/collections/proven-reoffending-statistics](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/proven-reoffending-statistics)

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

Table 1 in this statistical notice is a further breakdown of the custody figures that can be found in table 18a of the publication. It shows the number of adult offenders who were released from custody between 2005 and 2011; and the number and proportion that re-offended, by region, within a one year follow-up period.

Table 2 provides the top five proven re-offences committed by adult offenders released from custody in 2011 within each region in England and Wales, within a one year follow-up period.

A proven re-offence is defined as any offence committed in a 12 month follow-up period and resulting in a court conviction, caution, reprimand or warning in either the 12 month follow-up period or within a further six month waiting period (to allow time for the offence to be proven in court). Note that it is not appropriate to compare the number of proven re-offences for different areas without taking into account offender characteristics.

Table 1: Proven re-offending data for adult offenders in England and Wales released from custody between 2005 and 2011, by region

Region	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
<b>East Midlands</b>							
Proportion of offenders who commit a re-offence (%)	45.7	45.9	47.7	47.3	44.4	46.1	45.2
Number of re-offenders	2,333	2,113	2,259	2,415	2,274	2,165	2,244
Number of offenders in cohort <sup>5</sup>	5,102	4,606	4,739	5,107	5,125	4,696	4,968
<b>East of England</b>							
Proportion of offenders who commit a re-offence (%)	45.5	46.6	47.3	49.1	46.4	48.4	46.7
Number of re-offenders	2,399	2,274	2,316	2,598	2,473	2,200	2,233
Number of offenders in cohort <sup>5</sup>	5,271	4,882	4,901	5,296	5,335	4,546	4,780
<b>London</b>							
Proportion of offenders who commit a re-offence (%)	44.0	46.6	46.8	46.8	45.3	44.8	42.8
Number of re-offenders	4,226	4,285	4,466	5,025	5,033	4,388	4,552
Number of offenders in cohort <sup>5</sup>	9,598	9,189	9,542	10,746	11,103	9,784	10,644
<b>North East</b>							
Proportion of offenders who commit a re-offence (%)	54.6	56.7	55.6	56.9	55.0	56.8	56.6
Number of re-offenders	1,555	1,490	1,629	1,775	1,603	1,489	1,540
Number of offenders in cohort <sup>5</sup>	2,846	2,627	2,932	3,119	2,914	2,620	2,723

<b>North West</b>							
Proportion of offenders who commit a re-offence (%)	46.8	47.5	48.3	48.5	46.6	47.9	46.6
Number of re-offenders	4,686	4,639	4,788	5,125	4,597	4,146	4,394
Number of offenders in cohort <sup>5</sup>	10,019	9,758	9,923	10,563	9,862	8,656	9,430
<b>South East</b>							
Proportion of offenders who commit a re-offence (%)	46.1	45.8	47.7	47.4	47.2	46.8	45.5
Number of re-offenders	2,914	2,793	3,132	3,342	3,179	2,916	2,859
Number of offenders in cohort <sup>5</sup>	6,324	6,099	6,561	7,051	6,735	6,233	6,284
<b>South West</b>							
Proportion of offenders who commit a re-offence (%)	49.8	49.3	52.0	53.1	48.1	49.8	49.5
Number of re-offenders	2,080	2,005	2,003	2,227	2,016	1,868	1,896
Number of offenders in cohort <sup>5</sup>	4,178	4,071	3,850	4,197	4,193	3,752	3,830
<b>Wales</b>							
Proportion of offenders who commit a re-offence (%)	47.6	48.5	50.2	51.6	49.9	50.9	51.6
Number of re-offenders	1,817	1,706	1,735	1,968	2,064	1,907	1,950
Number of offenders in cohort <sup>5</sup>	3,815	3,517	3,453	3,814	4,137	3,746	3,778
<b>West Midlands</b>							
Proportion of offenders who commit a re-offence (%)	49.1	48.6	48.9	49.8	44.7	44.0	43.9
Number of re-offenders	3,658	3,538	3,560	3,889	3,346	2,737	2,866
Number of offenders in cohort <sup>5</sup>	7,457	7,286	7,274	7,809	7,484	6,227	6,523

<b>Yorkshire and the Humber</b>							
Proportion of offenders who commit a re-offence (%)	49.3	50.0	51.5	49.6	47.3	48.8	47.3
Number of re-offenders	3,454	3,414	3,526	3,624	3,269	2,922	2,977
Number of offenders in cohort <sup>5</sup>	6,999	6,829	6,849	7,310	6,910	5,988	6,290
<b>Unknown</b>							
Proportion of offenders who commit a re-offence (%)	7.6	19.7	7.0	7.7	8.8	5.6	11.1
Number of re-offenders	5	12	4	3	3	2	7
Number of offenders in cohort <sup>5</sup>	66	61	57	39	34	36	63
<b>England and Wales</b>							
Proportion of offenders who commit a re-offence (%)	47.2	48.0	49.0	49.2	46.8	47.5	46.4
Number of re-offenders	29,127	28,269	29,418	31,991	29,857	26,740	27,518
Number of offenders in cohort <sup>5</sup>	61,675	58,925	60,081	65,051	63,832	56,284	59,313

1. The region is based on the offender's address at the time of their most recent offence

2. This does not represent all offenders - offenders who are released from custody are matched to the Police National Computer and those who cannot be matched are excluded from the offender cohort

Table 2: Top five proven re-offences committed by adult offenders<sup>1</sup> released from custody in 2011, by region

<b>Region<sup>2,3</sup></b>	<b>Offence<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>Number of offences</b>
East Midlands	Theft	2,884
	Violence-non serious	1,286
	Public Order or Riot	678
	Other Motoring Offences	550
	Absconding or Bail Offences	517
East of England	Theft	3,492
	Violence-non serious	1,557
	Public Order or Riot	935
	Criminal or Malicious Damage	555
	Absconding or Bail Offences	526
	Other Motoring Offences	526
London	Theft	5,169
	Violence-non serious	2,196
	Public Order or Riot	1,648
	Drugs (Possession/Small Scale Supply)	1,474
	Other Motoring Offences	1,017
North East	Theft	3,036
	Violence-non serious	817
	Public Order or Riot	804

<b>Region<sup>2,3</sup></b>	<b>Offence<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>Number of offences</b>
	Criminal or Malicious Damage	429
	Absconding or Bail Offences	402
North West	Theft	5,233
	Violence-non serious	2,668
	Public Order or Riot	1,781
	Drugs (Possession/Small Scale Supply)	1,117
	Absconding or Bail Offences	1,056
South East	Theft	4,694
	Violence-non serious	1,708
	Public Order or Riot	1,085
	Other Motoring Offences	662
	Drugs (Possession/Small Scale Supply)	650
South West	Theft	2,930
	Violence-non serious	1,114
	Public Order or Riot	851
	Absconding or Bail Offences	523
	Drugs (Possession/Small Scale Supply)	510
Wales	Theft	2,499
	Violence-non serious	1,046
	Public Order or Riot	776
	Drugs (Possession/Small Scale Supply)	689

<b>Region<sup>2,3</sup></b>	<b>Offence<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>Number of offences</b>
	Absconding or Bail Offences	560
West Midlands	Theft	3,739
	Violence-non serious	1,539
	Other Motoring Offences	896
	Public Order or Riot	772
	Absconding or Bail Offences	633
Yorkshire and the Humber	Theft	4,126
	Violence-non serious	1,422
	Public Order or Riot	906
	Absconding or Bail Offences	794
	Other Motoring Offences	725
England and Wales <sup>3</sup>	Theft	37,804
	Violence-non serious	15,355
	Public Order or Riot	10,238
	Drugs (Possession/Small Scale Supply)	7,048
	Other Motoring Offences	6,695

1. The group of offenders for whom re-offending is measured does not represent all proven offenders. Offenders who started a court order are matched to the police national computer database and a small proportion of these offenders cannot be matched. These unmatched offenders are, therefore, excluded from the proven re-offending measure

2. The region is based on the offender's address at the time of their most recent offence

3. Excludes those whose region is unknown

4. Offences recorded under the 'Other' offence category have been excluded from the table



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