



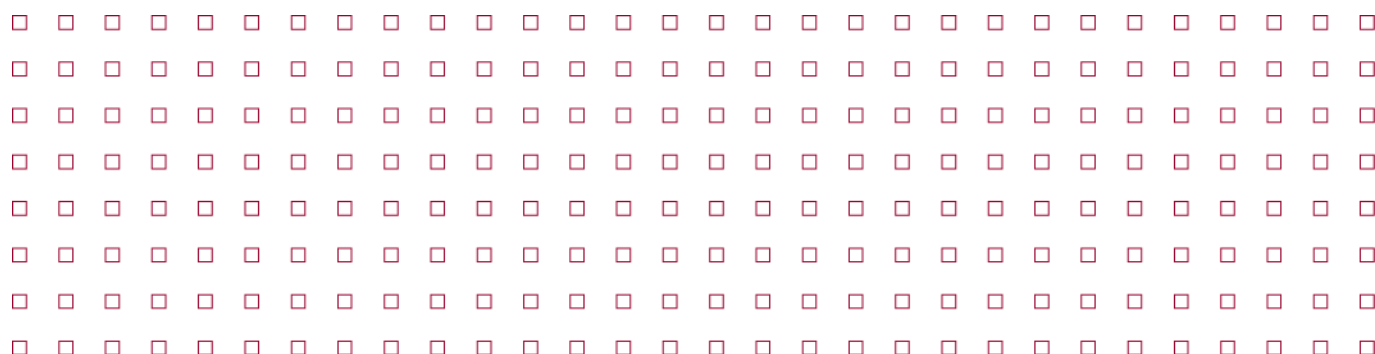
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Introduction

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

www.justice.gov.uk/publications/sentencingquarterly.htm

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

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

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

Changes in this edition

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

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

Key points: July to September 2009

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

- The number of persons sentenced was almost unchanged at 78,500 (a fall of 0.4 per cent on the same quarter in 2008). The number of males sentenced fell by 1.1 per cent while for females it rose by 4.4 per cent. There was a 5.9 per cent increase in the number of people sentenced at the Crown Court and a 2.7 per cent decrease at magistrates' courts.
- The number of juveniles and young adults sentenced fell by 14.6 per cent and 4.2 per cent respectively. The number of adults sentenced increased by 3.2 per cent. This rise comprised a 2.8 per cent increase for males and a 6.2 per cent increase for females.
- The number of people sentenced to immediate custody fell by 3.5 per cent to 19,100 persons. This was made up of a 2.7 per cent increase at the Crown Court and a fall of 13.1 per cent at magistrates' courts. The number of juveniles sentenced to immediate custody fell by 16.0 per cent, for young adults it decreased by 10.6 per cent, and for adults there was a 1.4 per cent decrease.
- The percentage of persons sentenced to custody for indictable offences at all courts was 24.3 per cent, a fall of 0.8 percentage points on the same quarter in 2008.
- The number of community sentences fell by 3.2 per cent to 24,700. The community sentence rate fell 0.9 percentage points to 31.5 per cent.
- The offence group with the largest proportionate increase in numbers sentenced was violence against the person, with an increase of 5.7 per cent to 10,900. The largest proportionate fall was for criminal damage, which fell 18.0 per cent to 2,000. This is a continuation of the downward trend in terms of numbers sentenced for criminal damage; since the third quarter of 2007 there has been fall of 36.0 per cent.
- The average custodial sentence length (ACSL) rose by 1.2 per cent to 16.6 months. This comprised a 1.4 per cent fall at magistrates' courts to 2.6 months and a fall of 4.4 per cent at the Crown Court to 24.4 months. While it may seem unlikely for ACSL to have fallen at both magistrates' and the Crown Court yet have risen overall, the overall figure is a combination of not only the length of sentences from each court but also the proportion of persons receiving a custodial sentence from each type of court. So while ACSL has fallen at the Crown Court, as a greater proportion of all custodial sentences are from the Crown Court, where custodial sentences tend to be longer, the contribution from the Crown Court to the overall ACSL is greater and hence has caused the overall ACSL to rise.
- The ACSL rose for six of the ten indictable offence groups, the largest proportionate increase was for other indictable (excluding motoring) offences, up 11.8 per cent to 11.5 months the next highest proportionate increase was for criminal damage which rose 2.8 per cent to 16.5 months. The rise in ACSL for all other offence groups was less than 2.0 per cent. The largest decreases were for drug offences, down 5.6 per cent to 31.2 months, and fraud and forgery down 5.1 per cent to 10.1 months.

Magistrates' courts

- There were 56,300 persons sentenced at magistrates' courts, a fall of 2.7 per cent on the same quarter of 2008.
- The immediate custody rate fell 1.4 percentage points to 11.9 per cent.
- The suspended sentence rate rose 0.2 percentage points, to 5.0 per cent.
- The community sentence rate fell by 0.7 percentage points to 37.4 per cent.
- The fine rate fell 1.1 percentage points to 20.4 per cent.
- The average custodial sentence length fell from 2.7 months to 2.6 months.

Crown Court

- There were 22,200 persons sentenced at the Crown Court, an increase of 5.9 per cent on the same quarter in 2008.
- The immediate custody rate fell by 1.7 percentage points to 55.8 per cent.
- The suspended sentence rate rose 0.6 percentage points to 21.0 per cent.
- The community sentence rate was virtually unchanged at 16.4 per cent.
- The fine rate was unchanged at 1.6 per cent.
- The average custodial sentence length fell from 25.5 months to 24.4 months.

Table i: Persons sentenced by disposal

	Magistrates'	Crown	All Courts
Total Sentenced (all ages) <i>(comparing Q2 2009 with Q2 2008)</i>	56,341 -2.7%	22,179 5.9%	78,520 -0.4%
Fine	11,471 -7.7%	346 3.0%	11,817 -7.4%
Community sentence	21,052 -4.5%	3,645 5.0%	24,697 -3.2%
Immediate custody	6,731 -13.1%	12,369 2.7%	19,100 -3.5%
Suspended sentence	2,803 2.0%	4,651 9.0%	7,454 6.2%
Other sentence⁽²⁾	14,284 10.6%	1,168 41.1%	15,452 12.4%
Average custodial sentence length (months)⁽¹⁾	2.6 -1.4%	24.4 -4.4%	16.6 1.2%

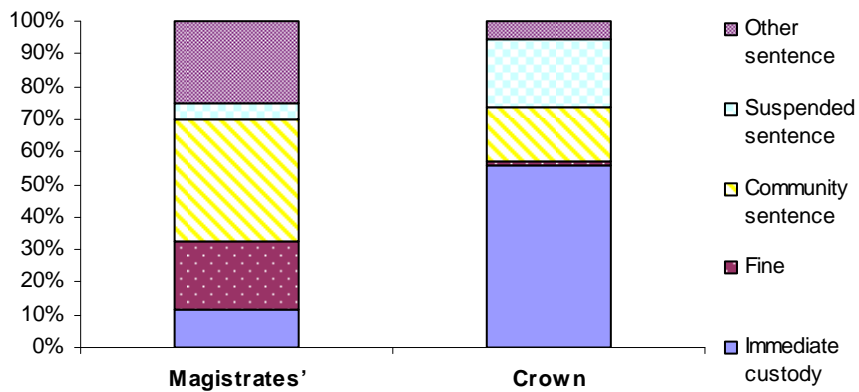
(1) Excludes life sentences and IPPs.

(2) The increase in otherwise dealt with disposals in this publication are due to unvalidated records being recorded as pre-sentence drug testing orders, these are preliminary disposals usually used prior to the imposition of a community sentence. It is highly likely the once the validation process has been completed these will be changed to community sentences

Table ii: Persons sentenced by age

	Magistrates'	Crown	All Courts
Total Sentenced (all ages) <i>(comparing Q3 2009 with Q3 2008)</i>	56,341 <i>-2.7%</i>	22,179 5.9%	78,520 <i>-0.4%</i>
10-17	9,275 <i>-15.3%</i>	631 <i>-2.8%</i>	9,906 <i>-14.6%</i>
18-20	6,869 <i>-5.4%</i>	3,324 <i>-1.5%</i>	10,193 <i>-4.2%</i>
21 and over	40,197 1.3%	18,224 7.7%	58,421 3.2%

Figure A: Distribution of disposals by court, 2009 Q3



Explanatory notes

Data sources

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

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

Although care is taken in processing and analysing the returns, the detail collected is subject to the inaccuracies inherent in any large scale recording system. Therefore, the figures are not necessarily accurate to the last digit shown.

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

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

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

Technical note

As with the previous edition of this brief it has been necessary to impute a number of cannabis possession sentences. There has, however, been a refinement of the method used to estimate the number of 'missing' cases. Further investigation revealed that the problem only affected cases returned from the magistrates' courts. Therefore the imputation has been refined to only estimate magistrates' courts cases. The imputation for quarter one and two of 2009 have been recalculated on this basis. Further details of the method, reasoning and the predicted values is shown below.

The problem arose due to coding changes brought about by the re-classification of cannabis from class C to class B in January 2009. These cases are still outstanding although it is envisaged that they will be retrieved shortly and will be available for publication in the next edition.

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

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

	Predicted value	Lower prediction interval	Upper prediction interval
January	1544.31	1415.41	1672.22
February	1423.28	1294.63	1550.99
March	1598.19	1469.12	1726.23
April	1456.49	1327.79	1584.24
May	1390.81	1262.21	1518.49
June	1674.20	1544.86	1802.48
July	1825.49	1695.43	1954.42
August	1547.27	1418.35	1675.18
September	1800.40	1670.47	1929.20

Definitions

Juveniles: offenders aged 10-17 at sentence

Young adults: offenders aged 18-20 at sentence

Adults: offenders aged 21 or over at sentence

Average custodial sentence length (months): this excludes life and other indeterminate sentences.

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

Immediate custodial sentences include detention and training orders, young offender institution, unsuspended imprisonment, extended sentences for public protection and indeterminate sentences for public protection¹.

Community sentence – for **adults (18 and over)** the main community sentence, which is supervised by the Probation Service, is the community order introduced by the Criminal Justice Act 2003 for offences committed on or after 4 April 2005. The court must add at least one (but could potentially add all 12) of the following requirements: supervision, unpaid work, specified activities, prohibited activities, accredited programmes, curfew, exclusion, residence, mental health treatment, drug rehabilitation, alcohol treatment and attendance centre requirement for under 25s. For **juveniles** the main community sentences used are the referral order, for first-time offenders who plead guilty on their first court appearance and do not merit a discharge or custodial sentence, and the supervision order (up to 3 years, may have additional requirements) although curfew orders, reparation orders, action plan orders and attendance centre orders are also available. Youth Offending Teams supervise orders for juveniles.

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

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

Contact points for further information

Current and previous editions of this publication are available for download at www.justice.gov.uk/publications/sentencingquarterly.htm

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

England and Wales	Males sentenced									Percentage change ^(4,5)				
	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009
Magistrates' courts														
Juveniles (under 18)														
Number sentenced	10,339	9,771	9,457	9,257	9,325	9,009	8,411	8,259	7,805	-9.8	-7.8	-11.1	-10.8	-16.3
Number given immediate custody	820	716	738	780	701	657	629	679	602	-14.5	-8.2	-14.8	-12.9	-14.1
Number given fines	528	550	466	519	491	444	388	276	193	-7.0	-19.3	-16.7	-46.8	-60.7
Number given community sentences	7,732	7,370	7,125	6,803	6,982	6,826	6,420	6,429	6,103	-9.7	-7.4	-9.9	-5.5	-12.6
Number given suspended sentences ⁽³⁾	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	*	*	*
Number given other sentences	1,259	1,135	1,128	1,155	1,151	1,082	974	875	907	-8.6	-4.7	-13.7	-24.2	-21.2
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	7.2	7.6	7.3	7.3	7.2	7.1	7.4	7.6	7.4	0.1	-6.6	1.1	3.4	2.9
Young Adults (18-20)														
Number sentenced	7,057	6,823	6,699	6,385	6,348	6,221	6,116	6,407	5,851	-10.0	-8.8	-8.7	0.3	-7.8
Number given immediate custody	896	852	838	745	679	607	408	406	422	-24.2	-28.8	-51.3	-45.5	-37.8
Number given fines	1,647	1,585	1,566	1,484	1,681	1,740	1,707	1,588	1,378	2.1	9.8	9.0	7.0	-18.0
Number given community sentences	2,516	2,441	2,298	2,292	2,227	2,289	2,380	2,521	2,114	-11.5	-6.2	3.6	10.0	-5.1
Number given suspended sentences	337	393	426	305	325	309	257	303	253	-3.6	-21.4	-39.7	-0.7	-22.2
Number given other sentences	1,661	1,552	1,571	1,559	1,436	1,276	1,364	1,589	1,684	-13.5	-17.8	-13.2	1.9	17.3
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	-11.4	-9.7	-8.4	-11.5	-4.7
Adults (21 and over)														
Number sentenced	32,445	31,581	32,919	32,076	32,655	32,227	33,708	34,098	32,865	0.6	2.0	2.4	6.3	0.6
Number given immediate custody	5,411	5,395	5,714	5,365	5,327	5,047	5,251	5,269	4,895	-1.6	-6.5	-8.1	-1.8	-8.1
Number given fines	8,231	7,765	7,982	7,955	8,761	8,393	8,670	8,597	8,375	6.4	8.1	8.6	8.1	-4.4
Number given community sentences	8,866	8,774	9,005	8,892	9,025	9,572	10,098	9,979	9,059	1.8	9.1	12.1	12.2	0.4
Number given suspended sentences	2,298	2,284	2,200	2,201	2,004	2,013	2,075	2,182	2,066	-12.8	-11.9	-5.7	5.4	3.1
Number given other sentences	7,639	7,363	8,018	7,793	7,538	7,202	7,614	8,071	8,470	-1.3	-2.2	-5.0	3.6	12.4
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.1	-6.1	-3.9	-5.0	-4.3	-3.1
The Crown Court														
Juveniles (under 18)														
Number sentenced	576	598	623	651	600	617	530	514	584	4.2	3.2	-14.9	-21.0	-2.7
Number given immediate custody	374	372	389	397	405	404	334	313	337	8.3	8.6	-14.1	-21.2	-16.8
Number given fines	3	4	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	*	*	*	*	*
Number given community sentences	172	177	212	213	181	190	183	171	195	5.2	7.3	-13.7	-19.7	7.7
Number given suspended sentences ⁽³⁾	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	*	*	*	*	*
Number given other sentences	27	45	22	38	14	23	12	28	51	*	*	*	*	*
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	21.6	20.2	21.9	23.2	24.2	22.5	22.4	22.6	22.3	12.2	11.4	2.3	-2.8	-8.1
Young Adults (18-20)														
Number sentenced	2,918	3,077	3,007	3,214	3,120	3,052	3,272	2,960	3,082	6.9	-0.8	8.8	-7.9	-1.2
Number given immediate custody	1,738	1,766	1,668	1,789	1,788	1,743	1,879	1,770	1,790	2.9	-1.3	12.6	-1.1	0.1
Number given fines	49	48	37	45	34	29	41	48	36	*	*	*	*	*
Number given community sentences	556	633	560	654	583	596	634	544	607	4.9	-5.8	13.2	-16.8	4.1
Number given suspended sentences	475	510	649	611	590	580	620	495	494	24.2	13.7	-4.5	-19.0	-16.3
Number given other sentences	100	120	93	115	125	104	98	103	155	25.0	-13.3	5.4	-10.4	24.0
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	20.5	20.7	21.2	21.7	22.5	21.9	21.8	22.9	21.5	9.7	5.9	3.1	5.4	-4.4
Adults (21 and over)														
Number sentenced	13,457	13,639	14,519	14,992	15,002	14,904	15,558	15,258	16,146	11.5	9.3	7.2	1.8	7.6
Number given immediate custody	7,876	8,001	8,654	9,067	9,057	9,049	9,323	9,020	9,436	15.0	13.1	7.7	-0.5	4.2
Number given fines	297	271	317	291	263	267	284	278	276	-11.4	-1.5	-10.4	-4.5	4.9
Number given community sentences	2,034	1,919	1,995	2,146	2,177	2,231	2,331	2,197	2,269	7.0	16.3	16.8	2.4	4.2
Number given suspended sentences	2,653	2,816	2,952	2,911	2,960	2,805	3,055	3,144	3,380	11.6	-0.4	3.5	8.0	14.2
Number given other sentences	597	632	601	577	545	552	565	619	785	-8.7	-12.7	-6.0	7.3	44.0
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	25.8	26.7	25.6	26.6	26.7	26.4	26.2	26.0	25.5	3.3	-1.1	2.4	-2.2	-4.4
All courts														
Juveniles (under 18)														
Number sentenced	10,915	10,369	10,080	9,908	9,925	9,626	8,941	8,773	8,389	-9.1	-7.2	-11.3	-11.5	-15.5
Number given immediate custody	1,194	1,088	1,127	1,177	1,106	1,061	963	992	939	-7.4	-2.5	-14.6	-15.7	-15.1
Number given fines	531	554	466	522	491	444	389	277	193	-7.5	-19.9	-16.5	-46.9	-60.7
Number given community sentences	7,904	7,547	7,337	7,016	7,163	7,016	6,603	6,600	6,298	-9.4	-7.0	-10.0	-5.9	-12.1
Number given suspended sentences ⁽³⁾	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	*	*	*	*	*
Number given other sentences	1,286	1,180	1,150	1,193	1,165	1,105	986	903	958	-9.4	-6.4	-14.3	-24.3	-17.8
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	11.6	11.7	12.1	12.4	13.3	12.8	12.4	12.2	12.7	15.0	9.0	3.0	-1.5	-5.1
Young Adults (18-20)														
Number sentenced	9,975	9,900	9,706	9,599	9,468	9,273	9,388	9,367	8,933	-5.1	-6.3	-3.3	-2.4	-5.7
Number given immediate custody	2,634	2,618	2,506	2,534	2,467	2,350	2,287	2,176	2,212	-6.3	-10.2	-8.7	-14.1	-10.3
Number given fines	1,696	1,633	1,603	1,529	1,715	1,769	1,748	1,636	1,414	1.1	8.3	9.0	7.0	-3.2
Number given community sentences	3,072	3,074	2,858	2,946	2,810	2,885	3,014	3,065	2,721	-8.5	-6.1	5.5	4.0	-3.6
Number given suspended sentences	812	903	1,075	916	915	889	877	798	747	12.7	-1.6	-18.4	-12.9	-18.4
Number given other sentences	1,761	1,672	1,664	1,674	1,561	1,380	1,462	1,692	1,839	-11.4	-17.5	-12.1	1.1	17.8
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	14.3	14.5	14.8	15.9	16.9	16.7	18.3	18.9	17.8	17.8	14.9	23.7	19.2	5.5
Adults (21 and over)														
Number sentenced	45,902	45,220	47,438	47,068	47,657	47,131	49,266	49,356	49,011	3.8	4.2	3.9	4.9	2.8
Number given immediate custody	13,287	13,396	14,368	14,432	14,384	14,096	14,574	14,289	14,331	8.3	5.2	1.4	-1.0	-0.4
Number given fines	8,528	8,036	8,299	8,246	9,024	8,660	8,954	8,875	8,651	5.8	7.8	7.9	7.6	-4.1
Number given community sentences	10,900	10,693	11,000	11,038	11,202	11,803	12,429	12,176	11,328	2.8	10.4	13.0	10.3	1.1
Number given suspended sentences	4,951	5,100	5,152	4,982	4,964	4,818	5,130	5,326	5,446	0.3	-5.5	-0.4	6.9	9.7
Number given other sentences	8,236	7,995	8,619	8,370	8,083	7,754	8,179	8,690	9,255	-1.9	-3.0	-5.1	3.8	14.5
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	15.9	16.5	16.0	17.3	17.4	17.5	17.3	17.0	17.3	9.0	5.9	8.5	-1.4	-0.3

(1) 2009 data is provisional.

(2) Excludes life and indeterminate sentences.

(3) Suspended sentences are not available for juveniles

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

(5) Percentage changes are based on a comparison with the same quarter of the year before

* Number too small to give a meaningful percentage change

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

England and Wales											Females sentenced					Percentage change ^(4,5)								
Court, age group and sentence											Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009
Magistrates' courts																								
Juveniles (under 18)																								
Number sentenced	1,806	1,616	1,578	1,563	1,565	1,563	1,552	1,617	1,426	-13.3	-3.3	-1.6	3.5	-8.9										
Number given immediate custody	64	63	70	85	64	63	61	48	50	0.0	0.0	-12.9	*	*										
Number given fines	60	37	40	36	39	36	33	20	29	*	*	*	*	*										
Number given community sentences	1,462	1,321	1,276	1,238	1,280	1,271	1,267	1,354	1,183	-12.4	-3.8	-0.7	9.4	-7.6										
Number given suspended sentences ⁽³⁾	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	*	*	*										
Number given other sentences	220	195	192	204	182	193	191	195	164	-17.3	-1.0	-0.5	-4.4	-9.9										
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	6.4	6.0	6.0	6.6	6.5	6.0	6.4	5.8	7.5	2.0	-0.5	7.3	-11.1	15.1										
Young Adults (18-20)																								
Number sentenced	936	934	938	899	873	930	1017	973	987	-6.7	-0.4	8.4	8.2	13.1										
Number given immediate custody	80	77	67	80	65	67	58	36	38	-18.8	-13.0	-13.4	*	*										
Number given fines	138	157	135	140	151	194	193	211	161	9.4	23.6	43.0	50.7	6.6										
Number given community sentences	348	334	346	311	312	358	363	358	334	-10.3	7.2	4.9	15.1	7.1										
Number given suspended sentences	44	57	51	34	33	37	41	26	29	*	*	*	*	*										
Number given other sentences	326	309	339	334	312	274	362	342	425	-4.3	-11.3	6.8	2.4	36.2										
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	2.6	2.3	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.0	-26.1	-10.5	5.3	24.7	5.9										
Adults (21 and over)																								
Number sentenced	6,457	6,709	6,724	6,724	6,696	7,111	7,521	7,900	7,070	3.7	6.0	11.9	17.5	5.6										
Number given immediate custody	759	798	843	821	846	763	764	787	687	11.5	-4.4	-9.4	-4.1	-18.8										
Number given fines	1,126	1,122	1,085	1,114	1,186	1,244	1,321	1,405	1,235	5.3	10.9	21.8	26.1	4.1										
Number given community sentences	2,025	2,119	2,069	2,040	2,084	2,369	2,497	2,533	2,157	2.9	11.8	20.7	24.2	3.5										
Number given suspended sentences	406	468	448	420	371	440	467	505	434	-8.6	-6.0	4.2	20.2	17.0										
Number given other sentences	2,141	2,202	2,279	2,329	2,209	2,295	2,472	2,670	2,557	3.2	4.2	8.5	14.6	15.8										
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	-4.0	-6.1	-2.3	-6.8	1.2										
The Crown Court																								
Juveniles (under 18)																								
Number sentenced	80	57	42	62	49	40	55	56	47	*	*	*	-9.7	*										
Number given immediate custody	45	25	18	27	19	14	26	25	9	*	*	*	*	*										
Number given fines	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	*	*	*										
Number given community sentences	31	26	21	30	28	19	26	25	30	*	*	*	*	*										
Number given suspended sentences ⁽³⁾	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	*	*	*										
Number given other sentences	4	6	3	5	2	7	3	6	8	*	*	*	*	*										
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	17.7	12.6	22.0	20.1	14.7	15.6	24.3	23.1	10.8	-17.3	23.2	10.4	15.2	-26.7										
Young Adults (18-20)																								
Number sentenced	247	244	236	278	253	265	255	242	242	2.4	8.6	8.1	-12.9	-4.3										
Number given immediate custody	97	92	72	95	87	95	83	78	92	-10.3	3.3	15.3	-17.9	5.7										
Number given fines	1	1	1	1	2	3	4	2	3	*	*	*	*	*										
Number given community sentences	66	78	76	77	71	90	81	80	74	7.6	15.4	6.6	3.9	4.2										
Number given suspended sentences	62	57	64	79	78	64	77	62	53	25.8	12.3	20.3	-21.5	-32.1										
Number given other sentences	21	16	23	26	15	13	10	20	20	*	*	*	*	*										
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	17.2	21.8	19.4	19.6	20.1	18.0	22.3	17.7	19.5	16.9	-17.7	15.0	-9.7	-2.9										
Adults (21 and over)																								
Number sentenced	1,873	1,847	2,038	2,093	1,918	1,894	2,102	2,051	2,078	2.4	2.5	3.1	-2.0	8.3										
Number given immediate custody	666	695	774	819	684	681	787	733	705	2.7	-2.0	1.7	-10.5	3.1										
Number given fines	31	28	28	20	37	25	19	32	31	*	*	*	*	*										
Number given community sentences	414	380	448	464	430	457	462	464	470	3.9	20.3	3.1	0.0	9.3										
Number given suspended sentences	587	609	637	664	640	599	686	668	723	9.0	-1.6	7.7	0.6	13.0										
Number given other sentences	175	135	151	126	127	132	148	154	149	-27.4	-2.2	-2.0	22.2	17.3										
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	21.5	18.6	20.7	19.3	19.8	22.4	22.5	18.3	18.8	-7.7	20.6	8.7	-5.4	-5.3										
All Courts																								
Juveniles (under 18)																								
Number sentenced	1,886	1,673	1,620	1,625	1,614	1,603	1,607	1,673	1,473	-14.4	-4.2	-0.8	3.0	-8.7										
Number given immediate custody	109	88	88	112	83	77	87	73	59	-23.9	-12.5	-1.1	-34.8	-28.9										
Number given fines	60	37	40	36	39	36	33	20	29	*	*	*	*	*										
Number given community sentences	1,493	1,347	1,297	1,268	1,308	1,290	1,293	1,379	1,213	-12.4	-4.2	-0.3	8.8	-7.3										
Number given suspended sentences ⁽³⁾	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	*	*	*										
Number given other sentences	224	201	195	209	184	200	194	201	172	-17.9	-0.5	-0.5	-3.8	-6.5										
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	11.0	7.9	9.3	9.5	8.3	7.7	11.5	11.8	7.9	-24.6	-2.2	23.9	23.2	-4.4										
Young Adults (18-20)																								
Number sentenced	1,183	1,178	1,174	1,177	1,126	1,195	1,272	1,215	1,229	-4.8	1.4	8.3	3.2	9.1										
Number given immediate custody	177	169	139	175	152	162	141	114	130	-14.1	-4.1	1.4	-34.9	-14.5										
Number given fines	139	158	136	141	153	197	197	213	164	10.1	24.7	44.9	51.1	7.2										
Number given community sentences	414	412	422	388	383	448	444	438	408	-7.5	8.7	5.2	12.9	6.5										
Number given suspended sentences	106	114	115	113	111	101	118	88	82	4.7	-11.4	2.6	-22.1	-26.1										
Number given other sentences	347	325	362	360	327	287	372	362	445	-5.8	-11.7	2.8	0.6	36.1										
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	10.4	12.7	10.8	11.4	12.3	11.4	13.8	12.9	14.4	18.0	-10.4	28.3	13.0	16.9										
Adults (21 and over)																								
Number sentenced	8,330	8,556	8,762	8,817	8,614	9,005	9,623	9,951	9,148	3.4	5.2	9.8	12.9	6.2										
Number given immediate custody	1,425	1,493	1,617	1,640	1,530	1,444	1,551	1,520	1,392	7.4	-3.3	-4.1	-7.3	-9.0										
Number given fines	1,157	1,150	1,113	1,134	1,223	1,269	1,340	1,437	1,266	5.7	10.3	20.4	26.7	3.5										
Number given community sentences	2,439	2,499	2,517	2,504	2,514	2,826	2,959	2,997	2,627	3.1	13.1	17.6	19.7	4.5										
Number given suspended sentences	993	1,077	1,085	1,084	1,011	1,039	1,153	1,173	1,157	1.8	-3.5	6.3	8.2	14.4										
Number given other sentences	2,316	2,337	2,430	2,455	2,336	2,427	2,620	2,824	2,706	0.9	3.9	7.8	15.0	15.8										
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	11.1	9.7	10.9	10.6	9.8	11.5	12.3	9.8	10.5	-11.1	19.0	12.9	-7.7	6.3										

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

England and Wales										Persons sentenced					Percentage change ^(4,5)								
Court, age group and sentence										Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009
Magistrates' courts																							
Juveniles (under 18)																							
Number sentenced	12,145	11,387	11,095	10,896	10,949	10,640	10,039	9,946	9,275	-9.8	-6.6	-9.5	-8.7	-15.3									
Number given immediate custody	884	779	813	869	768	726	699	729	655	-13.1	-6.8	-14.0	-16.1	-14.7									
Number given fines	588	587	509	563	537	487	427	301	224	-8.7	-17.0	-16.1	-46.5	-58.3									
Number given community sentences	9,194	8,691	8,447	8,097	8,302	8,143	7,739	7,824	7,318	-9.7	-6.3	-8.4	-3.4	-11.9									
Number given suspended sentences ⁽³⁾	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	*	*	*									
Number given other sentences	1,479	1,330	1,326	1,367	1,342	1,284	1,174	1,092	1,078	-9.3	-3.5	-11.5	-20.1	-19.7									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	7.2	7.4	7.2	7.3	7.2	7.0	7.3	7.5	7.5	-0.1	-6.4	1.8	2.7	4.2									
Young Adults (18-20)																							
Number sentenced	7,993	7,757	7,676	7,320	7,263	7,199	7,162	7,406	6,869	-9.1	-7.2	-6.7	1.2	-5.4									
Number given immediate custody	976	929	911	829	749	682	472	446	464	-23.3	-26.6	-48.2	-46.2	-38.1									
Number given fines	1,785	1,742	1,706	1,631	1,841	1,944	1,904	1,805	1,545	3.1	11.6	11.6	10.7	-16.1									
Number given community sentences	2,864	2,775	2,656	2,615	2,560	2,665	2,753	2,891	2,458	-10.6	-4.0	3.7	10.6	-4.0									
Number given suspended sentences	381	450	478	341	359	349	300	330	285	-5.8	-22.4	-37.2	-3.2	-20.6									
Number given other sentences	1,987	1,861	1,925	1,904	1,754	1,559	1,733	1,934	2,117	-11.7	-16.2	-10.0	1.6	20.7									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	-12.7	-9.9	-8.3	-8.8	-3.7									
Adults (21 and over)																							
Number sentenced	38,902	38,290	39,931	39,107	39,670	39,726	41,597	42,356	40,197	2.0	3.8	4.2	8.3	1.3									
Number given immediate custody	6,170	6,193	6,585	6,226	6,228	5,877	6,067	6,099	5,612	0.9	-5.1	-7.9	-2.0	-9.9									
Number given fines	9,357	8,887	9,140	9,167	10,052	9,756	10,127	10,126	9,702	7.4	9.8	10.8	10.5	-3.5									
Number given community sentences	10,891	10,893	11,137	10,988	11,180	12,043	12,684	12,615	11,276	2.7	10.6	13.9	14.8	0.9									
Number given suspended sentences	2,704	2,752	2,671	2,508	2,390	2,476	2,568	2,711	2,518	-11.6	-10.0	-3.9	8.1	5.4									
Number given other sentences	9,780	9,565	10,398	10,218	9,820	9,574	10,151	10,805	11,089	0.4	0.1	-2.4	5.7	12.9									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	-6.0	-4.2	-4.7	-4.5	-2.4									
The Crown Court																							
Juveniles (under 18)																							
Number sentenced	656	655	665	713	649	657	585	570	631	-1.1	0.3	-12.0	-20.1	-2.8									
Number given immediate custody	419	397	407	424	424	418	360	338	346	1.2	5.3	-11.5	-20.3	-18.4									
Number given fines	3	4	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	*	*	*	*	*									
Number given community sentences	203	203	233	243	209	209	209	196	225	3.0	3.0	-10.3	-19.3	7.7									
Number given suspended sentences ⁽³⁾	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	*	*	*	*	*									
Number given other sentences	31	51	25	43	16	30	15	34	59	*	*	*	*	*									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	21.2	19.7	21.9	23.0	23.8	22.3	22.5	22.6	22.0	12.5	13.0	2.9	-1.8	-7.6									
Young Adults (18-20)																							
Number sentenced	3,165	3,321	3,243	3,492	3,373	3,317	3,527	3,202	3,324	6.6	-0.1	8.8	-8.3	-1.5									
Number given immediate custody	1,835	1,858	1,740	1,884	1,875	1,838	1,962	1,848	1,882	2.2	-1.1	12.8	-1.9	0.4									
Number given fines	50	49	38	46	36	32	45	50	39	*	*	*	*	*									
Number given community sentences	622	711	636	731	654	686	715	624	681	5.1	-3.5	12.4	-14.6	4.1									
Number given suspended sentences	537	567	713	690	668	644	697	557	547	24.4	13.6	-2.2	-19.3	-18.1									
Number given other sentences	121	136	116	141	140	117	108	123	175	15.7	-14.0	-6.9	-12.8	25.0									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	20.4	20.7	21.1	21.6	22.4	21.7	21.9	22.6	21.4	10.1	4.6	3.5	4.9	-4.3									
Adults (21 and over)																							
Number sentenced	15,330	15,486	16,557	17,085	16,920	16,798	17,660	17,309	18,224	10.4	8.5	6.7	1.3	7.7									
Number given immediate custody	8,542	8,696	9,428	9,886	9,741	9,730	10,110	9,753	10,141	14.0	11.9	7.2	-1.3	4.1									
Number given fines	328	299	345	311	300	292	303	310	307	-8.5	-2.3	-12.2	-0.3	2.3									
Number given community sentences	2,448	2,299	2,443	2,610	2,607	2,688	2,793	2,661	2,739	6.5	16.9	14.3	2.0	5.1									
Number given suspended sentences	3,240	3,425	3,589	3,575	3,600	3,404	3,741	3,812	4,103	11.1	-0.6	4.2	6.6	14.0									
Number given other sentences	772	767	752	703	672	684	713	773	934	-13.0	-10.8	-5.2	10.0	39.0									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	25.5	26.1	25.2	26.0	26.2	26.2	25.9	25.4	25.0	2.8	0.4	2.9	-2.1	-4.5									
All Courts																							
Juveniles (under 18)																							
Number sentenced	12,801	12,042	11,760	11,609	11,598	11,297	10,624	10,516	9,906	-9.4	-6.2	-9.7	-9.4	-14.6									
Number given immediate custody	1,303	1,176	1,220	1,293	1,192	1,144	1,059	1,067	1,001	-8.5	-2.7	-13.2	-17.5	-16.0									
Number given fines	591	591	509	566	537	487	428	302	224	-9.1	-17.6	-15.9	-46.6	-58.3									
Number given community sentences	9,397	8,894	8,680	8,340	8,511	8,352	7,948	8,020	7,543	-9.4	-6.1	-8.4	-3.8	-11.4									
Number given suspended sentences ⁽³⁾	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	*	*	*	*	*									
Number given other sentences	1,510	1,381	1,351	1,410	1,358	1,314	1,189	1,126	1,137	-10.1	-4.9	-12.0	-20.1	-16.3									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	11.5	11.4	11.8	12.2	13.0	12.4	12.3	12.2	12.4	12.3	8.4	4.0	0.2	-4.5									
Young Adults (18-20)																							
Number sentenced	11,158	11,078	10,919	10,812	10,636	10,516	10,689	10,608	10,193	-4.7	-5.1	-2.1	-1.9	-4.2									
Number given immediate custody	2,811	2,787	2,651	2,713	2,624	2,520	2,434	2,294	2,346	-6.7	-9.6	-8.2	-15.4	-10.6									
Number given fines	1,835	1,791	1,744	1,677	1,877	1,976	1,949	1,855	1,584	2.3	10.3	11.8	10.6	-15.6									
Number given community sentences	3,486	3,486	3,292	3,346	3,214	3,351	3,468	3,515	3,139	-7.8	-3.9	5.3	5.1	-2.3									
Number given suspended sentences	918	1,017	1,191	1,031	1,027	993	997	887	832	11.9	-2.4	-16.3	-14.0	-19.0									
Number given other sentences	2,108	1,997	2,041	2,045	1,894	1,676	1,841	2,057	2,292	-10.2	-16.1	-9.8	0.6	21.0									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	14.1	14.4	14.5	15.6	16.6	16.3	18.0	18.6	17.6	17.8	13.0	23.6	19.5	6.1									
Adults (21 and over)																							
Number sentenced	54,232	53,776	56,488	56,192	56,590	56,524	59,257	59,665	58,421	4.3	5.1	4.9	6.2	3.2									
Number given immediate custody	14,712	14,889	16,013	16,112	15,969	15,607	16,177	15,852	15,753	8.5	4.8	1.0	-1.6	-1.4									
Number given fines	9,685	9,186	9,485	9,478	10,352	10,048	10,430	10,436	10,009	6.9	9.4	10.0	10.1	-3.3									
Number given community sentences	13,339	13,192	13,580	13,598	13,787	14,731	15,477	15,276	14,015	3.4	11.7	14.0	12.3	1.7									
Number given suspended sentences	5,944	6,177	6,260	6,083	5,990	5,880	6,309	6,523	6,621	0.8	-4.8	0.8	7.2	10.5									
Number given other sentences	10,552	10,332	11,150	10,921	10,492	10,258	10,864	11,578	12,023	-0.6	-0.7	-2.6	6.0	14.6									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	15.5	15.8	15.4	16.5	16.6	16.9	16.8	16.3	16.7	7.3	6.6	8.9	-1.6	0.5									

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

England and Wales										Persons sentenced					Percentage change ^(3,4)								
Court, sex and sentence										Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009
Magistrates' courts																							
Males																							
Number sentenced	49,841	48,175	49,075	47,718	48,328	47,457	48,235	48,764	46,521	-3.0	-1.5	-1.7	2.2	-3.7									
Number given immediate custody	7,127	6,963	7,290	6,890	6,707	6,311	6,288	6,354	5,919	-5.9	-9.4	-13.7	-7.8	-11.7									
Number given fines	10,406	9,900	10,014	9,958	10,933	10,577	10,765	10,461	9,946	5.1	6.8	7.5	5.1	-9.0									
Number given community sentences	19,114	18,585	18,428	17,987	18,234	18,687	18,898	18,929	17,276	-4.6	0.5	2.6	5.2	-5.3									
Number given suspended sentences	2,635	2,677	2,626	2,376	2,329	2,322	2,332	2,485	2,319	-11.6	-13.3	-11.2	4.6	-0.4									
Number given other sentences	10,559	10,050	10,717	10,507	10,125	9,560	9,952	10,535	11,061	-4.1	-4.9	-7.1	0.3	9.2									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	-7.0	-5.3	-4.3	-4.2	-2.4									
Females																							
Number sentenced	9,199	9,259	9,240	9,186	9,134	9,604	10,090	10,490	9,483	-0.7	3.7	9.2	14.2	3.8									
Number given immediate custody	903	938	980	986	975	893	883	871	775	8.0	-4.8	-9.9	-11.7	-20.5									
Number given fines	1,324	1,316	1,260	1,290	1,376	1,474	1,547	1,636	1,425	3.9	12.0	22.8	26.8	3.6									
Number given community sentences	3,835	3,774	3,691	3,589	3,676	3,998	4,127	4,245	3,674	-4.1	5.9	11.8	18.3	-0.6									
Number given suspended sentences	450	525	499	454	404	477	508	531	463	-10.2	-9.1	1.8	17.0	14.1									
Number given other sentences	2,687	2,706	2,810	2,867	2,703	2,762	3,025	3,207	3,146	0.6	2.1	7.7	11.9	16.4									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.3	-5.9	-5.0	-0.5	-11.5	3.8									
Persons																							
Number sentenced	59,040	57,434	58,702	57,323	57,882	57,565	58,798	59,708	56,341	-2.0	0.2	0.2	4.2	-2.7									
Number given immediate custody	8,030	7,901	8,309	7,924	7,745	7,285	7,238	7,274	6,731	-3.5	-7.8	-12.9	-8.2	-13.1									
Number given fines	11,730	11,216	11,355	11,361	12,430	12,187	12,458	12,232	11,471	6.0	8.7	9.7	7.7	-7.7									
Number given community sentences	22,949	22,359	22,240	21,700	22,042	22,851	23,176	23,330	21,052	-4.0	2.2	4.2	7.5	-4.5									
Number given suspended sentences	3,085	3,202	3,149	2,849	2,749	2,825	2,868	3,041	2,803	-10.9	-11.8	-8.9	6.7	2.0									
Number given other sentences	13,246	12,756	13,649	13,489	12,916	12,417	13,058	13,831	14,284	-2.5	-2.7	-4.3	2.5	10.6									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.6	-7.3	-5.5	-4.0	-5.0	-1.4									
The Crown Court																							
Males																							
Number sentenced	16,951	17,314	18,149	18,857	18,722	18,573	19,360	18,732	19,812	10.4	7.3	6.7	-0.7	5.8									
Number given immediate custody	9,988	10,139	10,711	11,253	11,250	11,196	11,536	11,103	11,563	12.6	10.4	7.7	-1.3	2.8									
Number given fines	349	323	354	339	297	296	326	327	312	-14.9	-8.4	-7.9	-3.5	5.1									
Number given community sentences	2,762	2,729	2,767	3,013	2,941	3,017	3,148	2,912	3,071	6.5	10.6	13.8	-3.4	4.4									
Number given suspended sentences	3,128	3,326	3,601	3,522	3,550	3,385	3,675	3,640	3,875	13.5	1.8	2.1	3.4	9.2									
Number given other sentences	724	797	716	730	684	679	675	750	991	-5.5	-14.8	-5.7	2.7	44.9									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	24.7	25.4	24.8	25.7	25.9	25.6	25.4	25.4	24.8	4.8	0.6	2.5	-1.1	-4.4									
Females																							
Number sentenced	2,200	2,148	2,316	2,433	2,220	2,199	2,412	2,349	2,367	0.9	2.4	4.1	-3.5	6.6									
Number given immediate custody	808	812	864	941	790	790	896	836	806	-2.2	-2.7	3.7	-11.2	2.0									
Number given fines	32	29	29	21	39	28	23	34	34	*	*	*	*	*									
Number given community sentences	511	484	545	571	529	566	569	569	574	3.5	16.9	4.4	-0.4	8.5									
Number given suspended sentences	649	666	701	743	718	663	763	730	776	10.6	-0.5	8.8	-1.7	8.1									
Number given other sentences	200	157	177	157	144	152	161	180	177	-28.0	-3.2	-9.0	14.6	22.9									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	20.8	18.8	20.7	19.4	19.8	21.8	22.6	18.4	18.8	-5.0	16.0	9.2	-5.1	-4.9									
Persons																							
Number sentenced	19,151	19,462	20,465	21,290	20,942	20,772	21,772	21,081	22,179	9.4	6.7	6.4	-1.0	5.9									
Number given immediate custody	10,796	10,951	11,575	12,194	12,040	11,986	12,432	11,939	12,369	11.5	9.5	7.4	-2.1	2.7									
Number given fines	381	352	383	360	336	324	349	361	346	-11.8	-8.0	-8.9	0.3	3.0									
Number given community sentences	3,273	3,213	3,312	3,584	3,470	3,583	3,717	3,481	3,645	6.0	11.5	12.2	-2.9	5.0									
Number given suspended sentences	3,777	3,992	4,302	4,265	4,268	4,048	4,438	4,370	4,651	13.0	1.4	3.2	2.5	9.0									
Number given other sentences	924	954	893	887	828	831	836	930	1,168	-10.4	-12.9	-6.4	4.8	41.1									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	24.4	24.9	24.4	25.2	25.5	25.3	25.2	24.9	24.4	4.4	1.6	3.0	-1.1	-4.4									
All Courts																							
Males																							
Number sentenced	66,792	65,489	67,224	66,575	67,050	66,030	67,595	67,496	66,333	0.4	0.8	0.6	1.4	-1.1									
Number given immediate custody	17,115	17,102	18,001	18,143	17,957	17,507	17,824	17,457	17,482	4.9	2.4	-1.0	-3.8	-2.6									
Number given fines	10,755	10,223	10,368	10,297	11,230	10,873	11,091	10,788	10,258	4.4	6.4	7.0	4.8	-8.7									
Number given community sentences	21,876	21,314	21,195	21,000	21,175	21,704	22,046	21,841	20,347	-3.2	1.8	4.0	4.0	-3.9									
Number given suspended sentences	5,763	6,003	6,227	5,898	5,879	5,707	6,007	6,125	6,194	2.0	-4.9	-3.5	3.8	5.4									
Number given other sentences	11,283	10,847	11,433	11,237	10,809	10,239	10,627	11,285	12,052	-4.2	-5.6	-7.0	0.4	11.5									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	15.4	15.9	15.6	16.8	17.1	17.1	17.2	17.0	17.1	10.9	7.5	10.5	1.3	0.5									
Females																							
Number sentenced	11,399	11,407	11,556	11,619	11,354	11,803	12,502	12,839	11,850	-0.4	3.5	8.2	10.5	4.4									
Number given immediate custody	1,711	1,750	1,844	1,927	1,765	1,683	1,779	1,707	1,581	3.2	-3.8	-3.5	-11.4	-10.4									
Number given fines	1,356	1,345	1,289	1,311	1,415	1,502	1,570	1,670	1,459	4.4	11.7	21.8	27.4	3.1									
Number given community sentences	4,346	4,258	4,236	4,160	4,205	4,564	4,696	4,814	4,248	-3.2	7.2	10.9	15.7	1.0									
Number given suspended sentences	1,099	1,191	1,200	1,197	1,122	1,140	1,261	1,239	1,239	2.1	-4.3	5.9	5.3	10.4									
Number given other sentences	2,887	2,863	2,987	3,024	2,847	2,914	3,186	3,387	3,323	-1.4	1.8	6.7	12.0	16.7									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	11.0	9.9	10.8	10.6	10.0	11.3	12.4	10.1	10.7	-9.2	14.7	14.6	-5.0	7.1									
Persons																							
Number sentenced	78,191	76,896	79,167	78,613	78,824	78,337	80,570	80,789	78,520	0.8	1.9	1.8	2.8	-0.4									
Number given immediate custody	18,826	18,852	19,884	20,118	19,785	19,271	19,670	19,213	19,100	5.1	2.2	-1.1	-4.5	-3.5									
Number given fines	12,111	11,568	11,738	11,721	12,766	12,511	12,807	12,593	11,817	5.4	8.2	9.1	7.4	-7.4									
Number given community sentences	26,222	25,572	25,552	25,284	25,512	26,434	26,893	26,811	24,697	-2.7	3.4	5.2	6.0	-3.2									
Number given suspended sentences	6,862	7,194	7,451	7,114	7,017	6,873	7,306	7,411	7,454	2.3	-4.5	-1.9	4.2	6.2									
Number given other sentences	14,170	13,710	14,542	14,376	13,744	13,248	13,894	14,761	15,452	-1.4	-3.4	-4.5	2.7	12.4									
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	15.0	15.3	15.1	16.1	16.4	16.5	16.7	16.3	16.6	9.3	7.7	10.7	1.2	1.2									

(1) 2009 data is provisional.

(2) Excludes life and indeterminate sentences.

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

(4) Percentage changes are based on a comparison with the same quarter of the year before

* Number too small to give a meaningful percentage change

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

England and Wales	Persons sentenced									Percentage change ⁽⁷⁾				
	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009
Magistrates' courts														
Immediate custodial sentences														
Detention and training order	879	884	813	869	768	726	699	729	655	-12.6	-17.9	-14.0	-16.1	-14.7
Young offender institution	970	976	911	829	749	682	472	446	464	-22.8	-30.1	-48.2	-46.2	-38.1
Unsuspended imprisonment	5,704	6,170	6,585	6,226	6,228	5,877	6,067	6,099	5,612	9.2	-4.7	-7.9	-2.0	-9.9
Total immediate custody	7,553	8,030	8,309	7,924	7,745	7,285	7,238	7,274	6,731	2.5	-9.3	-12.9	-8.2	-13.1
Community sentences														
Community rehabilitation order	339	316	274	265	267	279	240	216	215	-21.2	-11.7	-12.4	-18.5	-19.5
Supervision order	1,893	1,799	1,521	1,449	1,280	1,304	1,157	1,233	996	-32.4	-27.5	-23.9	-14.9	-22.2
Community punishment order	303	314	278	280	295	249	250	250	239	-2.6	-20.7	-10.1	-10.7	-19.0
Attendance centre order	477	437	426	403	337	351	326	283	278	-29.4	-19.7	-23.5	-29.8	-17.5
Community punishment and rehabilitation order	225	261	228	183	286	271	240	241	240	27.1	3.8	5.3	31.7	-16.1
Curfew order	969	920	950	835	1,063	1,067	1,055	999	920	9.7	16.0	11.1	19.6	-13.5
Reparation order	510	446	488	424	466	428	437	393	348	-8.6	-4.0	-10.5	-7.3	-25.3
Action plan order	690	625	539	481	510	549	494	419	337	-26.1	-12.2	-8.3	-12.9	-33.9
Drug treatment and testing order	5	4	2	2	0	1	2	0	0	*	*	*	*	*
Referral order ⁽²⁾	4,563	4,461	4,079	4,064	4,093	3,963	3,811	4,053	3,935	-10.3	-11.2	-6.6	-0.3	-3.9
Community order ⁽³⁾	13,018	13,366	13,455	13,314	13,445	14,389	15,164	15,242	13,544	3.3	7.7	12.7	14.5	0.7
Total community sentences	22,992	22,949	22,240	21,700	22,042	22,851	23,176	23,329	21,052	-4.1	-0.4	4.2	7.5	-4.5
Other sentences														
Absolute or conditional discharge	10,423	10,634	10,324	10,443	9,663	9,430	9,868	10,224	9,816	-7.3	-11.3	-4.4	-2.1	1.6
Fine	11,744	11,730	11,355	11,361	12,430	12,187	12,456	12,231	11,472	5.8	3.9	9.7	7.7	-7.7
Suspended sentence ⁽⁴⁾	3,046	3,085	3,149	2,849	2,749	2,825	2,868	3,041	2,803	-9.8	-8.4	-8.9	6.7	2.0
Otherwise dealt with	2,634	2,612	3,325	3,046	3,253	2,987	3,192	3,606	4,468	23.5	14.4	-4.0	18.4	37.4
Total other sentences	27,847	28,061	28,153	27,699	28,095	27,429	28,384	29,102	28,559	0.9	-2.3	0.8	5.1	1.7
The Crown Court														
Immediate custodial sentences														
S90-92 PCC(S) Act 2000	82	119	120	122	139	128	102	110	100	69.5	7.6	-15.0	-9.8	-28.1
Detention and training order	272	263	245	259	269	278	242	226	249	-1.1	5.7	-1.2	-12.7	-7.4
Young offender institution	1,652	1,734	1,640	1,764	1,824	1,767	1,909	1,797	1,839	10.4	1.9	16.4	1.9	0.8
Unsuspended imprisonment	8,379	8,680	9,570	10,049	9,808	9,813	10,179	9,806	10,181	17.1	13.1	6.4	-2.4	3.8
Total immediate custody	10,385	10,796	11,575	12,194	12,040	11,986	12,432	11,939	12,369	15.9	11.0	7.4	-2.1	2.7
Community sentences														
Community rehabilitation order	60	45	50	48	54	51	39	41	40	-10.0	*	*	*	*
Supervision order	104	79	98	99	88	85	87	84	88	-15.4	7.6	-11.2	-15.2	0.0
Community punishment order	47	36	57	40	26	43	29	36	39	*	*	*	*	*
Attendance centre order	1	0	1	0	2	1	2	1	3	*	*	*	*	*
Community punishment and rehabilitation order	45	42	49	33	34	43	44	35	43	*	*	*	*	*
Curfew order	44	54	48	69	59	58	80	66	63	*	7.4	*	-4.3	6.8
Reparation order	0	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	2	*	*	*	*	*
Action plan order	5	3	1	7	4	2	5	0	0	*	*	*	*	*
Drug treatment and testing order	6	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	*	*	*	*	*
Community order ⁽⁵⁾	3,075	3,010	3,007	3,284	3,201	3,300	3,431	3,218	3,367	4.1	9.6	14.1	-2.0	5.2
Total community sentences	3,387	3,273	3,312	3,584	3,470	3,583	3,717	3,481	3,645	2.5	9.5	12.2	-2.9	5.0
Other sentences														
Absolute or conditional discharge	496	483	504	492	485	471	467	483	537	-2.2	-2.5	-7.3	-1.8	10.7
Fine	374	381	383	360	336	324	349	361	346	-10.2	-15.0	-8.9	0.3	3.0
Suspended sentence ⁽⁴⁾	3,473	3,777	4,302	4,265	4,268	4,048	4,438	4,370	4,651	22.9	7.2	3.2	2.5	9.0
Otherwise dealt with	481	441	389	395	343	360	369	447	631	-28.7	-18.4	-5.1	13.2	84.0
Total other sentences	4,824	5,082	5,578	5,512	5,432	5,203	5,623	5,661	6,165	12.6	2.4	0.8	2.7	13.5
All courts														
Immediate custodial sentences														
S90-92 PCC(S) Act 2000	82	119	120	122	139	128	102	110	100	69.5	7.6	-15.0	-9.8	-28.1
Detention and training order	1,151	1,147	1,058	1,128	1,037	1,004	941	955	904	-9.9	-12.5	-11.1	-15.3	-12.8
Young offender institution	2,622	2,710	2,551	2,593	2,573	2,449	2,381	2,243	2,303	-1.9	-9.6	-6.7	-13.5	-10.5
Unsuspended imprisonment	14,083	14,850	16,155	16,275	16,036	15,690	16,246	15,905	15,793	13.9	5.7	0.6	-2.3	-1.5
Total immediate custody	17,938	18,826	19,884	20,118	19,785	19,271	19,670	19,213	19,100	10.3	2.4	-1.1	-4.5	-3.5
Community sentences														
Community rehabilitation order	399	361	324	313	321	330	279	257	255	-19.5	-8.6	-13.9	-17.9	-20.6
Supervision order	1,997	1,878	1,619	1,548	1,368	1,389	1,244	1,317	1,084	-31.5	-26.0	-23.2	-14.9	-20.8
Community punishment order	350	350	335	320	321	292	279	286	278	-8.3	-16.6	-16.7	-10.6	-13.4
Attendance centre order	478	437	427	403	339	352	328	284	281	-29.1	-19.5	-23.2	-29.5	-17.1
Community punishment and rehabilitation order	270	303	277	216	320	314	284	276	283	18.5	3.6	2.5	27.8	-11.6
Curfew order	1,013	974	998	904	1,122	1,125	1,135	1,065	983	10.8	15.5	13.7	17.8	-12.4
Reparation order	510	447	488	428	467	428	437	393	350	-8.4	-4.3	-10.5	-8.2	-25.1
Action plan order	695	628	540	488	514	551	499	419	337	-26.0	-12.3	-7.6	-14.1	-34.4
Drug treatment and testing order	11	7	3	2	1	1	2	0	0	*	*	*	*	*
Referral order ⁽²⁾	4,563	4,461	4,079	4,064	4,093	3,963	3,811	4,053	3,935	-10.3	-11.2	-6.6	-0.3	-3.9
Community order ⁽³⁾	16,093	16,376	16,462	16,598	16,646	17,689	18,595	18,460	16,911	3.4	8.0	13.0	11.2	1.6
Total community sentences	26,379	26,222	25,552	25,284	25,512	26,434	26,893	26,810	24,697	-3.3	0.8	5.2	6.0	-3.2
Other sentences														
Absolute or conditional discharge	10,919	11,117	10,828	10,935	10,148	9,901	10,335	10,707	10,353	-7.1	-10.9	-4.6	-2.1	2.0
Fine	12,118	12,111	11,738	11,721	12,766	12,511	12,805	12,592	11,818	5.3	3.3	9.1	7.4	-7.4
Suspended sentence ⁽⁴⁾	6,519	6,862	7,451	7,114	7,017	6,873	7,306	7,411	7,454	7.6	0.2	-1.9	4.2	6.2
Otherwise dealt with ⁽⁶⁾	3,115	3,053	3,714	3,441	3,596	3,347	3,561	4,053	5,099	15.4	9.6	-4.1	17.8	41.8
Total other sentences	32,671	33,143	33,731	33,211	33,527	32,632	34,007	34,763	34,724	2.6	-1.5	0.8	4.7	3.6

(1) 2009 data is provisional.

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

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

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

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

(6) The increase in otherwise dealt with disposals in this publication are due to unvalidated records being recorded as pre-sentence drug testing orders, these are preliminary disposals usually used prior to the imposition of a community sentence. It is highly likely the once the validation process has been completed these will be changed to community sentences

(7) Percentage changes are based on a comparison with the same quarter of the year before

* Number too small to give a meaningful percentage change

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

England and Wales	Persons sentenced									Percentage change ⁽⁴⁾				
	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009
Violence against the person	10,535	10,456	10,507	10,178	10,333	10,424	10,965	10,935	10,924	-1.9	-0.3	4.4	7.4	5.7
Sexual offences	1,200	1,294	1,274	1,324	1,286	1,256	1,193	1,219	1,298	7.2	-2.9	-6.4	-7.9	0.9
Burglary	6,132	5,667	5,787	5,814	6,207	5,843	5,703	5,800	5,883	1.2	3.1	-1.5	-0.2	-5.2
Robbery	2,186	2,239	2,110	2,066	2,205	2,114	2,217	2,252	2,159	0.9	-5.6	5.1	9.0	-2.1
Theft and handling stolen goods	26,269	26,255	27,328	27,285	27,500	28,235	29,270	30,103	28,022	4.7	7.5	7.1	10.3	1.9
Fraud and forgery	5,144	4,940	5,348	5,118	4,705	4,752	5,417	5,136	4,622	-8.5	-3.8	1.3	0.4	-1.8
Criminal damage	3,127	2,762	2,636	2,405	2,441	2,092	2,012	2,098	2,002	-21.9	-24.3	-23.7	-12.8	-18.0
Drug offences ⁽³⁾	11,155	11,655	12,602	13,273	13,454	13,580	13,689	13,331	13,167	20.6	16.5	8.6	0.4	-2.1
Other (excluding motoring offences)	11,159	10,353	10,335	9,916	9,619	8,983	8,994	8,796	9,490	-13.8	-13.2	-13.0	-11.3	-1.3
Indictable motoring offences	1,284	1,275	1,240	1,234	1,074	1,058	1,111	1,116	955	-16.4	-17.0	-10.4	-9.6	-11.1
Total indictable offences	78,191	76,896	79,167	78,613	78,824	78,337	80,571	80,786	78,522	0.8	1.9	1.8	2.8	-0.4

England and Wales	Average custodial sentence length ⁽²⁾									Percentage change ⁽⁴⁾				
	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Q1 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009
Violence against the person	16.2	16.6	16.5	16.9	17.0	18.5	17.7	16.6	17.2	5.2	11.3	7.2	-1.6	1.0
Sexual offences	43.5	43.6	41.2	44.2	44.8	45.3	50.9	46.6	45.3	2.8	4.0	23.8	5.5	1.2
Burglary	16.5	16.8	16.1	17.3	18.7	17.5	18.2	18.6	18.5	13.2	4.5	13.1	7.7	-1.0
Robbery	30.7	34.8	30.9	33.3	33.2	32.6	32.7	32.9	33.5	8.2	-6.2	5.6	-1.3	0.9
Theft and handling stolen goods	4.2	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.0	-6.6	5.1	8.1	3.5	0.2
Fraud and forgery	9.9	9.7	10.7	10.8	10.7	10.9	10.7	9.8	10.1	7.6	12.6	0.1	-9.4	-5.1
Criminal damage	11.9	14.5	13.7	13.6	16.0	16.3	20.2	18.1	16.5	34.6	12.6	47.7	33.0	2.8
Drug offences ⁽³⁾	32.4	31.8	32.3	33.2	33.1	32.1	32.2	31.9	31.2	2.2	0.7	-0.3	-3.9	-5.6
Other (excluding motoring offences)	9.4	9.6	10.8	11.3	10.3	11.2	12.7	12.9	11.5	9.4	16.5	17.4	13.8	11.8
Indictable motoring offences	8.7	9.0	9.2	9.3	9.5	9.7	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.4	7.0	-0.7	-1.9	-2.8
Total indictable offences	15.0	15.3	15.1	16.1	16.4	16.5	16.7	16.3	16.6	9.3	7.7	10.7	1.2	1.2

(1) 2009 data is provisional.

(2) Excludes life and indeterminate sentences.

(3) Due to shortfalls in the recording of some drug offences this figure is partly based on estimations of the shortfall. More details are available in the technical note towards the rear of the publication

(4) Percentage changes are based on a comparison with the same quarter of the year before

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

England and Wales		Persons sentenced and percentages										
Quarter and type of sentence		Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Burglary	Robbery	Theft and handling stolen goods	Fraud and forgery	Criminal damage	Drug offences	Other (excluding motoring offences)	Motoring offences	Total
Q3 2007	Total number sentenced	10,535	1,200	6,132	2,186	26,269	5,144	3,127	11,155	11,159	1,284	78,191
	% given immediate custody	29.9	56.6	39.5	53.0	18.8	27.2	11.0	18.6	20.3	30.4	24.1
	% given fines	5.0	2.0	2.0	0.3	12.9	10.4	9.8	31.9	30.0	23.6	15.5
	% given community sentences	37.5	27.8	42.9	39.8	38.2	30.6	45.1	22.9	22.5	25.5	33.5
	% given suspended sentences	17.1	8.3	10.2	5.3	6.2	12.6	4.6	6.1	8.3	15.3	8.8
	% given other sentences	10.4	5.3	5.4	1.6	23.9	19.1	29.5	20.5	18.9	5.2	18.1
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	16.2	43.5	16.5	30.7	4.2	9.9	11.9	32.4	9.4	8.7	15.0
Q4 2007	Total number sentenced	10,456	1,294	5,667	2,239	26,255	4,940	2,762	11,655	10,353	1,275	76,896
	% given immediate custody	30.5	54.1	39.4	54.5	19.5	27.3	11.5	18.5	21.1	30.1	24.5
	% given fines	4.6	2.9	1.9	0.4	12.6	11.4	9.7	31.8	27.2	20.9	15.0
	% given community sentences	37.7	27.0	41.3	38.0	37.4	30.3	44.4	23.5	23.9	25.2	33.3
	% given suspended sentences	17.7	8.5	11.8	5.7	6.9	13.4	4.6	6.0	8.9	18.0	9.4
	% given other sentences	9.5	7.5	5.6	1.4	23.6	17.5	29.9	20.2	18.9	5.8	17.8
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	16.6	43.6	16.8	34.8	3.9	9.7	14.5	31.8	9.6	9.0	15.3
Q1 2008	Total number sentenced	10,507	1,274	5,787	2,110	27,328	5,348	2,636	12,602	10,335	1,240	79,167
	% given immediate custody	30.0	57.1	42.1	57.6	20.1	28.4	11.6	18.7	22.5	29.5	25.1
	% given fines	4.5	1.6	1.7	0.0	12.5	11.1	9.9	31.0	26.3	20.2	14.8
	% given community sentences	37.6	27.7	38.8	35.8	36.3	28.1	43.2	23.1	23.5	27.7	32.3
	% given suspended sentences	18.5	9.2	10.6	5.1	6.7	13.2	4.7	6.2	9.7	18.7	9.4
	% given other sentences	9.4	4.3	6.7	1.5	24.5	19.1	30.6	21.1	18.0	3.8	18.4
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	16.5	41.2	16.1	30.9	3.9	10.7	13.7	32.3	10.8	9.2	15.1
Q2 2008	Total number sentenced	10,178	1,324	5,814	2,066	27,285	5,118	2,405	13,273	9,916	1,234	78,613
	% given immediate custody	32.7	58.7	41.7	60.1	19.5	29.5	11.8	19.2	23.4	30.1	25.6
	% given fines	3.8	2.3	1.6	0.2	12.5	11.2	10.6	31.2	26.1	19.7	14.9
	% given community sentences	37.1	26.7	40.6	32.3	36.3	27.7	44.4	23.1	23.7	25.6	32.2
	% given suspended sentences	17.6	7.3	10.4	5.6	6.1	14.4	4.6	5.8	10.0	18.6	9.0
	% given other sentences	8.9	5.0	5.8	1.8	25.6	17.2	28.6	20.7	16.7	6.0	18.3
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	16.9	44.2	17.3	33.3	4.0	10.8	13.6	33.2	11.3	9.3	16.1
Q3 2008	Total number sentenced	10,333	1,286	6,207	2,205	27,500	4,705	2,441	13,454	9,619	1,074	78,824
	% given immediate custody	33.3	58.5	42.1	61.4	18.9	28.6	12.0	17.1	22.2	30.9	25.1
	% given fines	3.8	1.6	1.7	0.0	13.1	12.9	12.2	35.2	28.8	20.8	16.2
	% given community sentences	37.6	25.7	39.3	32.9	36.7	28.3	43.2	23.0	23.7	25.6	32.4
	% given suspended sentences	18.2	9.2	10.6	4.5	5.8	14.2	4.4	5.5	9.9	18.2	8.9
	% given other sentences	7.0	5.0	6.3	1.1	25.4	16.0	28.1	19.2	15.3	4.5	17.4
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	17.0	44.8	18.7	33.2	4.0	10.7	16.0	33.1	10.3	9.5	16.4
Q4 2008	Total number sentenced	10,424	1,256	5,843	2,114	28,235	4,752	2,092	13,580	8,983	1,058	78,337
	% given immediate custody	33.2	59.5	42.5	60.8	17.7	27.2	13.1	16.8	23.5	31.5	24.6
	% given fines	4.1	1.6	1.2	0.0	12.5	12.1	10.9	36.1	28.7	17.5	16.0
	% given community sentences	38.3	26.4	40.3	32.3	38.5	32.0	44.5	23.5	25.1	28.0	33.7
	% given suspended sentences	18.1	7.3	9.6	5.7	6.1	14.1	5.3	5.0	9.4	18.2	8.8
	% given other sentences	6.3	5.2	6.4	1.2	25.1	14.6	26.2	18.7	13.3	4.8	16.9
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	18.5	45.3	17.5	32.6	4.1	10.9	16.3	32.1	11.2	9.7	16.5
Q1 2009	Total number sentenced	10,965	1,193	5,703	2,217	29,270	5,417	2,012	13,688	8,994	1,111	80,570
	% given immediate custody	32.7	58.5	43.4	60.2	17.6	26.0	13.2	16.2	24.5	30.1	24.4
	% given fines	4.2	1.3	1.3	0.0	13.5	11.5	12.6	35.2	26.9	16.4	15.9
	% given community sentences	38.0	26.9	38.4	33.6	37.1	31.5	43.1	25.2	25.0	28.5	33.4
	% given suspended sentences	18.3	8.0	10.1	4.7	5.9	15.1	6.1	5.0	10.4	20.2	9.1
	% given other sentences	6.8	5.2	6.8	1.4	25.8	15.8	25.0	18.3	13.2	4.9	17.2
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	17.7	50.9	18.2	32.7	4.2	10.7	20.2	32.2	12.7	9.1	16.7
Q2 2009	Total number sentenced	10,935	1,219	5,800	2,252	30,103	5,136	2,098	13,331	8,796	1,116	80,786
	% given immediate custody	31.4	58.2	42.2	57.7	16.8	26.0	11.5	16.4	24.1	32.9	23.8
	% given fines	4.0	1.5	1.3	0.0	13.4	11.6	10.9	34.4	27.5	17.0	15.6
	% given community sentences	38.0	29.7	39.6	35.1	36.8	32.2	45.7	23.4	23.9	26.9	33.2
	% given suspended sentences	19.1	6.2	9.9	5.5	5.8	14.9	5.1	5.7	10.7	20.2	9.2
	% given other sentences	7.4	4.3	6.9	1.6	27.2	15.3	26.8	20.2	13.8	3.0	18.3
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	16.6	46.6	18.6	32.9	4.1	9.8	18.1	31.9	12.9	9.1	16.3
Q3 2009	Total number sentenced	10,924	1,298	5,883	2,159	28,022	4,622	2,002	13,166	9,490	955	78,521
	% given immediate custody	31.8	55.6	42.3	59.0	16.8	26.4	12.5	18.2	23.6	33.1	24.3
	% given fines	3.7	2.3	1.5	0.1	13.7	11.6	12.1	31.2	25.6	14.2	15.1
	% given community sentences	36.5	28.4	39.8	32.3	35.2	30.4	44.6	20.6	22.7	27.6	31.5
	% given suspended sentences	19.9	8.6	9.7	6.1	6.0	16.3	4.7	5.7	10.5	20.8	9.5
	% given other sentences	8.2	5.1	6.7	2.5	28.3	15.3	26.1	24.3	17.5	4.2	19.7
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	17.2	45.3	18.5	33.5	4.0	10.1	16.5	31.2	11.5	9.2	16.6

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