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Statistical Notice

Further breakdowns for serious proven re-offending of adult offenders in England and Wales released from custodial sentences of less than 12 months

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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

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 provides information on the number of adult offenders in England and Wales who were released from a custodial sentence of less than 12 months between 2000 and 2011 and went on to commit a serious proven re-offence. 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).

These figures use a Home Office definition of serious offences; the list of offences included is set out in *Annex A* of the *Definitions and Measurement* document available at the link above. This classification is based on the definition used by a legacy Home Office performance indicator designed to support the delivery of public sector agreement 23: 'Make communities safer'.

Table 1: Serious proven re-offending data for adult offenders in England and Wales who were released from custodial sentences of less than 12 months between 2000 and 2011^{1,2}

Cohort	Number of offenders in cohort ⁴	Serious violent or sexual re-offence		Serious acquisitive re-offence		Serious re-offence ³	
		Number of offenders who commit a serious violent or sexual re-offence	Proportion of offenders who commit a serious violent or sexual re-offence (%)	Number of offenders who commit a serious acquisitive re-offence	Proportion of offenders who commit a serious acquisitive re-offence (%)	Number of offenders who commit a serious re-offence ⁵	Proportion of offenders who commit a serious re-offence (%)
2000	38,532	331	0.86	3,198	8.30	3,476	9.02
2002	38,214	365	0.96	3,873	10.14	4,171	10.91
2003	36,310	373	1.03	3,383	9.32	3,702	10.20
2004	36,689	342	0.93	2,796	7.62	3,095	8.44
2005	34,811	349	1.00	2,692	7.73	2,997	8.61
2006	33,424	356	1.07	2,849	8.52	3,164	9.47
2007	33,099	302	0.91	2,938	8.88	3,209	9.70
2008	36,312	426	1.17	3,058	8.42	3,432	9.45
2009	34,782	365	1.05	2,671	7.68	2,991	8.60
2010	30,512	349	1.14	2,497	8.18	2,808	9.20
2011	29,691	356	1.20	2,482	8.36	2,790	9.40

1. This table represents a further breakdown of statistics published in the *Proven Re-offending Statistics Quarterly Bulletin, January to December 2011*, Table 19a

2. Data are not available for 2001 due to a problem with archived data on court orders

3. Includes serious violent, sexual and serious acquisitive offences

4. 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

5. An offender is counted only once in the total which, therefore, does not equal the sum of 'serious violent or sexual' and 'serious acquisitive' (as a small number of offenders committed both types of serious re-offence)

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