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## **Statistical Notice**

Further breakdowns for offender  
histories and proven re-offending

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## **Background**

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

Further details on offender histories can be found in the Criminal Justice Statistics publication. This publication is made quarterly and was last published on 29 November 2012 for the twelve months ending June 2012. The data used for this analysis was for the twelve months ending March 2012. This publication can be accessed through the Justice Statistics web page at [www.justice.gov.uk/statistics/criminal-justice/criminal-justice-statistics](http://www.justice.gov.uk/statistics/criminal-justice/criminal-justice-statistics)

Further details on proven re-offending can be found in the Proven Re-offending publication. This publication is made quarterly and was last published on 25 October 2012 and this data was used for this analysis. This publication can be accessed the Justice Statistics web page at [www.justice.gov.uk/statistics/reoffending/proven-re-offending](http://www.justice.gov.uk/statistics/reoffending/proven-re-offending)

These publications should be referred to for the definitions of terms used in this bulletin and for commentary to help interpret these results.

## Offender Histories

Table 1 gives a further breakdown of the offender histories tables published in Criminal Justice Statistics quarterly. The offender histories tables contain Table Q7.4 which presents offender histories broken down by sentence received and Table Q7I which presents offender histories broken down by offence group. The information presented here in Table 1 gives this breakdown by the same offence groups but also split out by three different sentence types.

**Table 1: Average number of previous conviction/cautions for offenders sentenced for an indictable offence in year ending March 2012, by type of offence committed and sentence received.**

Offence Type	Immediate Custody	Community Sentence	Suspended Sentence
Violence against the person	17.2	7.0	7.9
Sexual offences	5.2	3.2	3.9
Burglary	18.6	8.5	14.1
Robbery	11.1	2.1	5.3
Theft and handling stolen	24.7	13.4	18.1
Fraud and forgery	6.5	6.0	4.5
Criminal damage	14.3	6.8	8.9
Drug offences	10.1	8.4	7.7
Other indictable offences	12.5	7.5	7.3
Indictable motoring offences	12.1	4.0	5.6

Tables 2 to 4 give a further breakdown of the offender histories tables published in Criminal Justice Statistics quarterly. The offender histories tables contain Table Q7I which presents offender histories broken down by offence group. The information presented here in Tables 2 to 4 gives this breakdown by the same offence groups but for three different sentence types.

**Table 2: Offenders given a community sentence for an indictable offence in year ending March 2012, by type of offence committed and number of previous convictions/cautions.**

England and Wales	Percentage of offenders by offence type					
Sentence/offence	Number of previous convictions/cautions					
	0	1-2	3-6	7-10	11-14	15 or more
<b>Community sentence</b>						
Sexual offences	45.2	25.7	15.1	5.6	3.6	4.9
Robbery	40.2	33.1	19.4	4.3	1.6	1.4
Indictable motoring offences	33.5	25.1	22.2	8.0	4.1	7.1
Fraud and forgery	24.7	25.0	21.5	10.4	6.0	12.3
Violence against the person	18.0	26.0	24.7	10.9	6.4	14.0
Other indictable offences	17.4	22.5	22.9	12.4	8.4	16.4
Burglary	10.8	24.5	27.1	10.8	6.9	20.0
Criminal damage	10.6	26.3	29.4	14.0	6.9	12.8
Drug offences	7.7	21.1	28.8	15.0	9.4	18.0
Theft and handling stolen goods	6.2	17.0	21.9	12.3	8.8	33.7
All offences <sup>(1)</sup>	12.4	21.4	23.8	11.9	7.8	22.6

**Table 3: Offenders given a suspended sentence for an indictable offence in year ending March 2012, by type of offence committed and number of previous convictions/cautions.**

England and Wales	Percentage of offenders by offence type					
Sentence/offence	Number of previous convictions/cautions					
	0	1-2	3-6	7-10	11-14	15 or more
<b>Suspended sentence</b>						
Sexual offences	43.5	27.0	11.9	6.4	4.2	7.0
Fraud and forgery	41.3	21.1	16.4	7.7	4.6	8.9
Indictable motoring offences	23.0	24.6	20.9	14.4	6.2	10.8
Other indictable offences	22.7	20.2	20.4	12.9	7.0	16.8
Violence against the person	15.9	20.9	24.7	13.0	8.5	17.0
Drug offences	13.9	20.8	24.8	14.1	9.6	16.8
Robbery	13.3	30.8	29.2	11.8	5.8	9.1
Criminal damage	11.9	17.1	26.4	12.8	11.2	20.7
Theft and handling stolen goods	9.5	8.8	12.8	10.1	9.5	49.4
Burglary	5.8	12.2	19.5	12.2	11.8	38.5
All offences <sup>(1)</sup>	16.1	17.2	19.9	11.9	8.6	26.4

**Table 4: Offenders given an immediate custodial sentence for an indictable offence in year ending March 2012, by type of offence committed and number of previous convictions/cautions.**

England and Wales	Percentage of offenders by offence type					
Sentence/offence	Number of previous convictions/cautions					
	0	1-2	3-6	7-10	11-14	15 or more
<b>Immediate custody</b>						
Fraud and forgery	42.7	18.0	12.3	7.3	5.0	14.7
Sexual offences	35.6	22.5	16.9	9.1	5.7	10.2
Other indictable offences	13.6	12.6	17.6	13.8	10.3	32.1
Drug offences	13.1	14.2	22.2	14.7	10.8	24.9
Indictable motoring offences	7.2	9.7	20.6	16.1	14.1	32.4
Robbery	7.1	13.6	22.4	15.6	11.6	29.6
Criminal damage	6.5	11.5	17.4	16.6	11.5	36.5
Violence against the person	6.1	9.8	18.0	14.6	11.5	40.0
Theft and handling stolen goods	3.5	5.1	8.8	8.9	9.0	64.7
Burglary	3.0	5.5	11.6	11.9	12.1	55.8
All offences <sup>(1)</sup>	9.1	9.6	14.8	12.0	10.2	44.3

(1) Figures include offence type unknown

## Proven re-offending

Table 5 gives a further breakdown of information published in the proven re-offending tables for January to December 2010. The proven re-offending tables contain Table 5a which presents adult proven re-offending data by index offence, Table 18a which presents adult proven re-offending data by index disposal and Table 19a which presents adult proven re-offending data by custodial sentence length. The information presented here gives the adult proven re-offending rates by three selected index disposals from Tables 18a and 19a for the index offences in Table 5a.

**Table 5: One year proven re-offending rates for adult offenders starting court orders or released from custody, by index offence, 2010**

Index offence <sup>(1)</sup>	Court orders <sup>(2)</sup> (%)	Less than 12 months custody (%)	12 months or more custody (%)
Absconding or Bail Offences	48.8	57.9	49.4
Criminal or Malicious Damage	41.8	64.9	37.6
Domestic Burglary	47.0	63.9	58.2
Drink Driving Offences	14.6	33.7	25.4
Drugs (Import/Export/Production/Supply)	23.0	33.1	20.7
Drugs (Possession/Small Scale Supply)	36.1	50.3	24.9
Fraud and Forgery	15.8	20.8	12.9
Handling	47.6	70.6	53.9
Other	25.3	58.1	33.8
Other Burglary	56.1	76.7	64.4
Other Motoring Offences	27.7	41.0	38.4
Public Order or Riot	31.6	53.9	38.9
Robbery	33.1	48.8	42.0
Sexual	21.1	47.8	25.9
Sexual (Child)	10.4	10.8	7.3
Soliciting or Prostitution	30.0	50.0	*
Taking and Driving Away and Related Offences	37.7	63.3	61.9
Theft	56.2	76.6	43.7
Theft from Vehicles	63.6	82.8	71.8
Violence-non serious	28.8	52.2	35.2
Violence-serious	15.8	24.6	26.1

<sup>(1)</sup> Index offence is the offence for which the community or custodial sentence was given

<sup>(2)</sup> Community Orders and Suspended Sentence Orders

\* = less than 30 offenders

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