

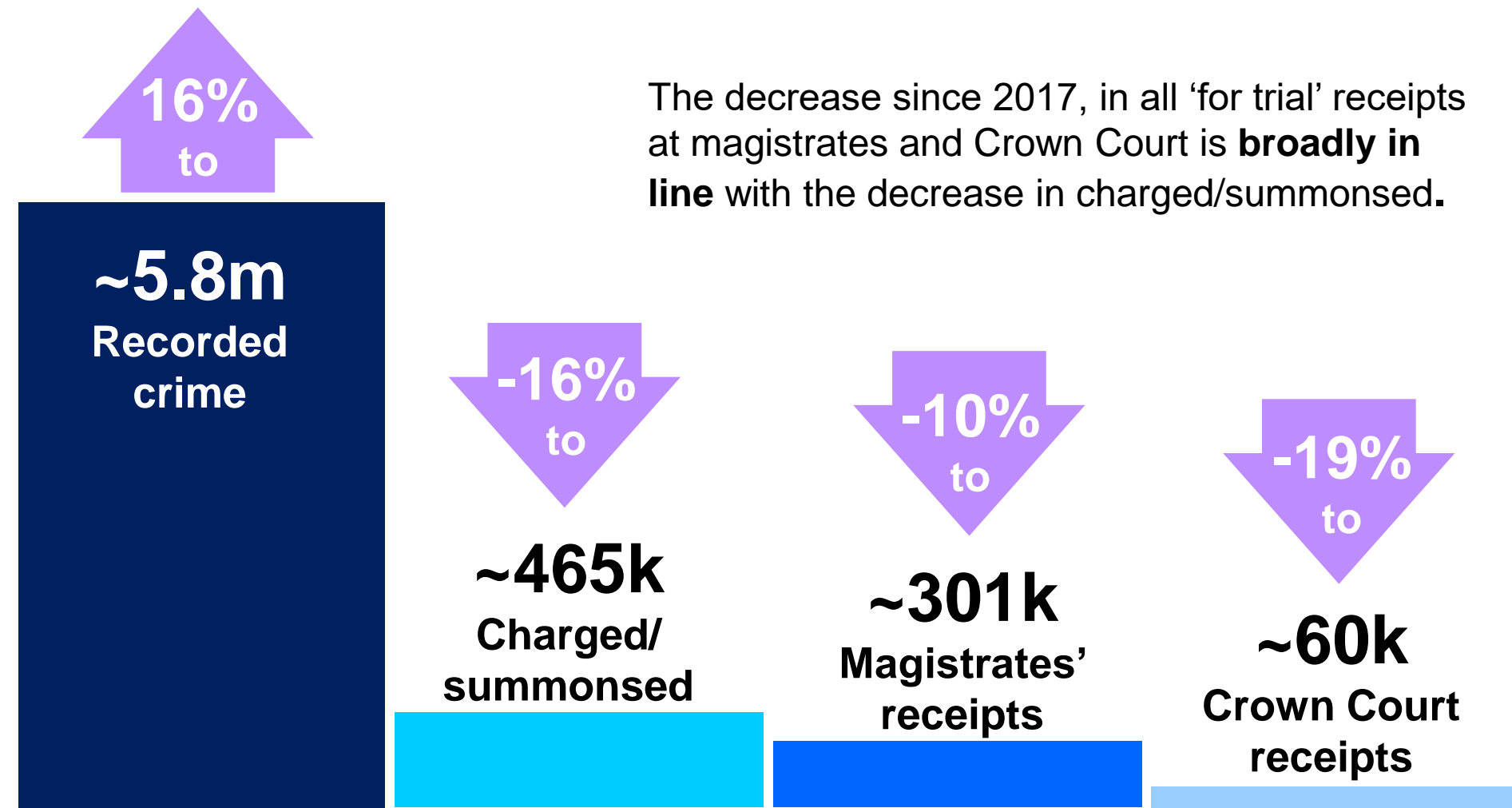


# Criminal Court Statistics

Q1 2019

England and Wales

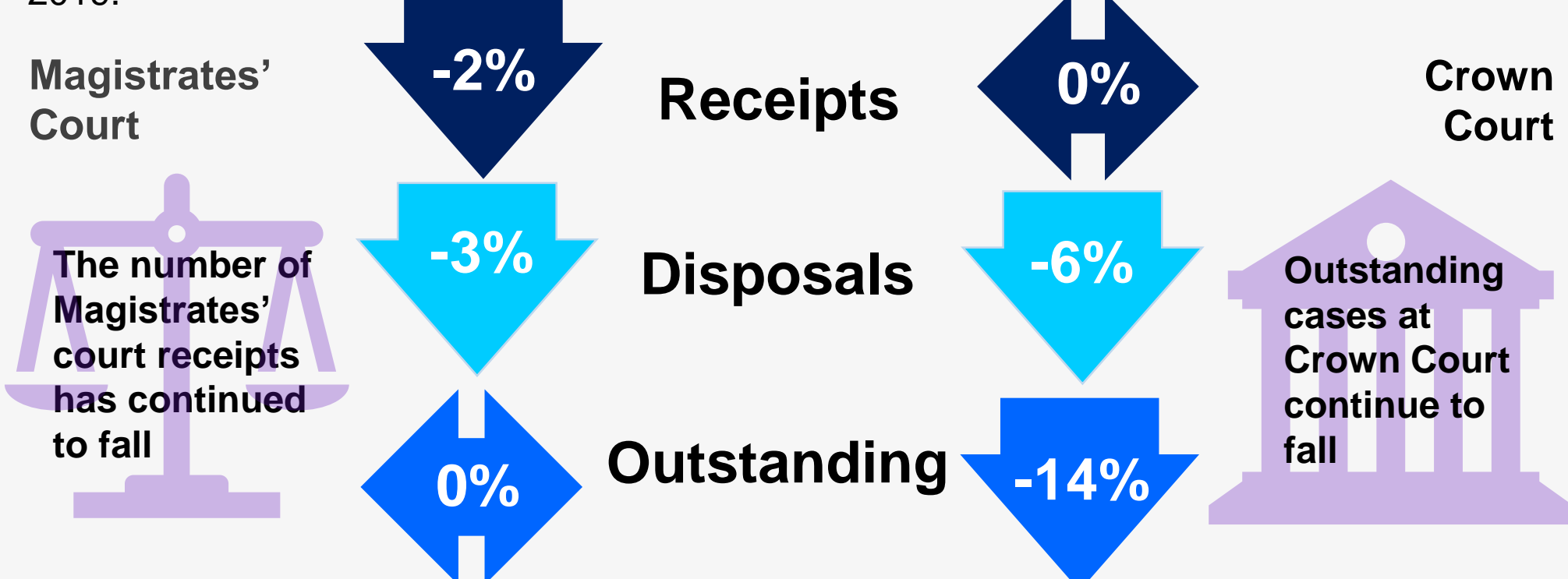
## Flow through the Criminal Justice System, year ending December 2018



\* Figures are indicative only, Home Office figures and MoJ figure are based on different counts.

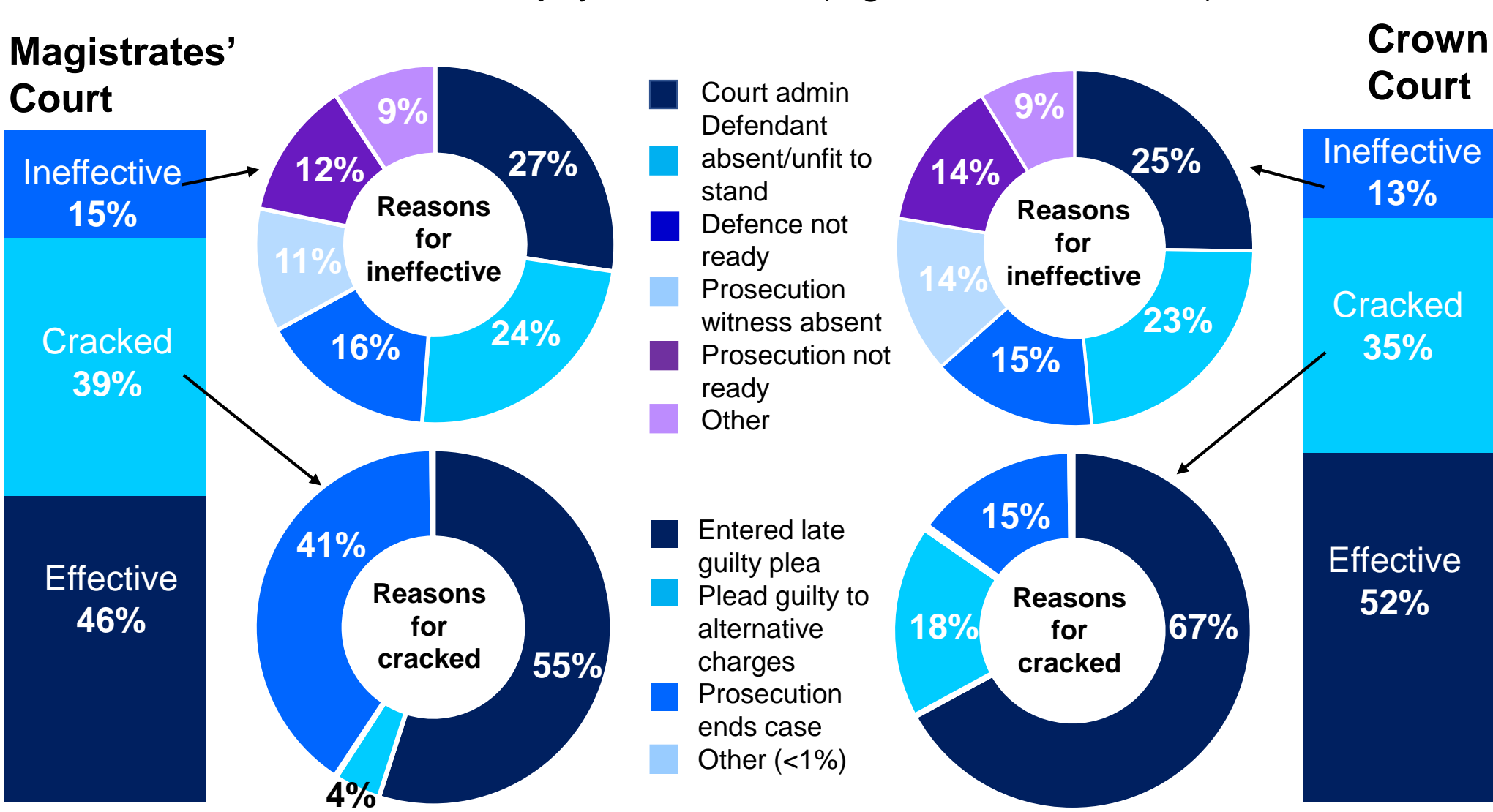
## Caseload

Both magistrates' and Crown Court workloads have decreased between Q1 2018 and Q1 2019.



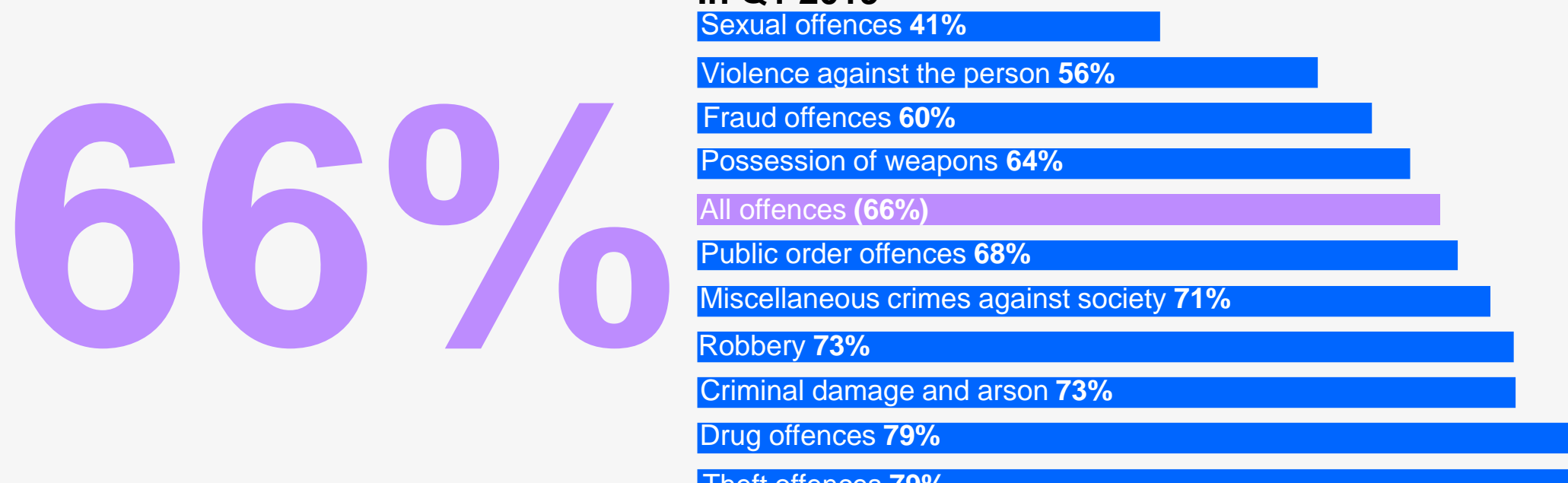
## Trial Effectiveness

In Q1 2019, at both magistrates and Crown Court, approximately half of the trials heard were effective. At magistrates, this means that the trial started on the scheduled date and reached a verdict. At Crown Court, it means a jury was sworn in (regardless of the verdict).



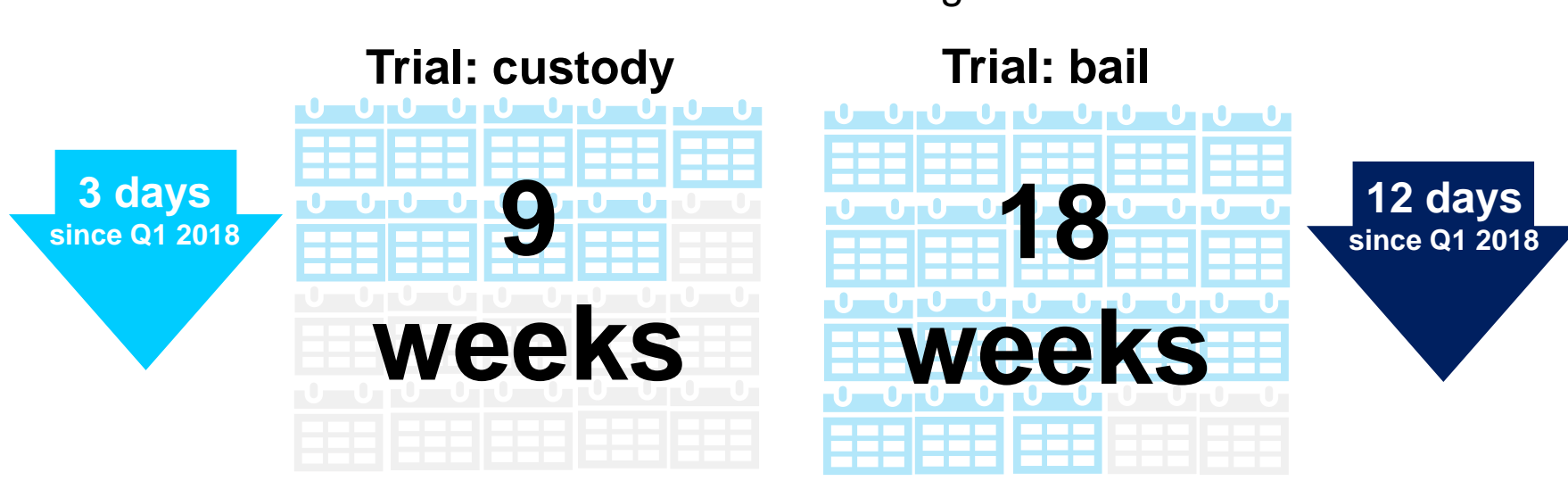
## Guilty Plea Rate

The guilty plea rate has remained broadly stable since Q1 2018, with most offence groups having a guilty plea rate of 60% or over.



## Waiting Times

Waiting time is the duration in weeks between a cases being committed to the Crown Court and the first main hearing. The median waiting time for all defendants dealt with reached a series low of 6.1 weeks in Q1 2019. The median waiting time for trial cases was 13.7 weeks.



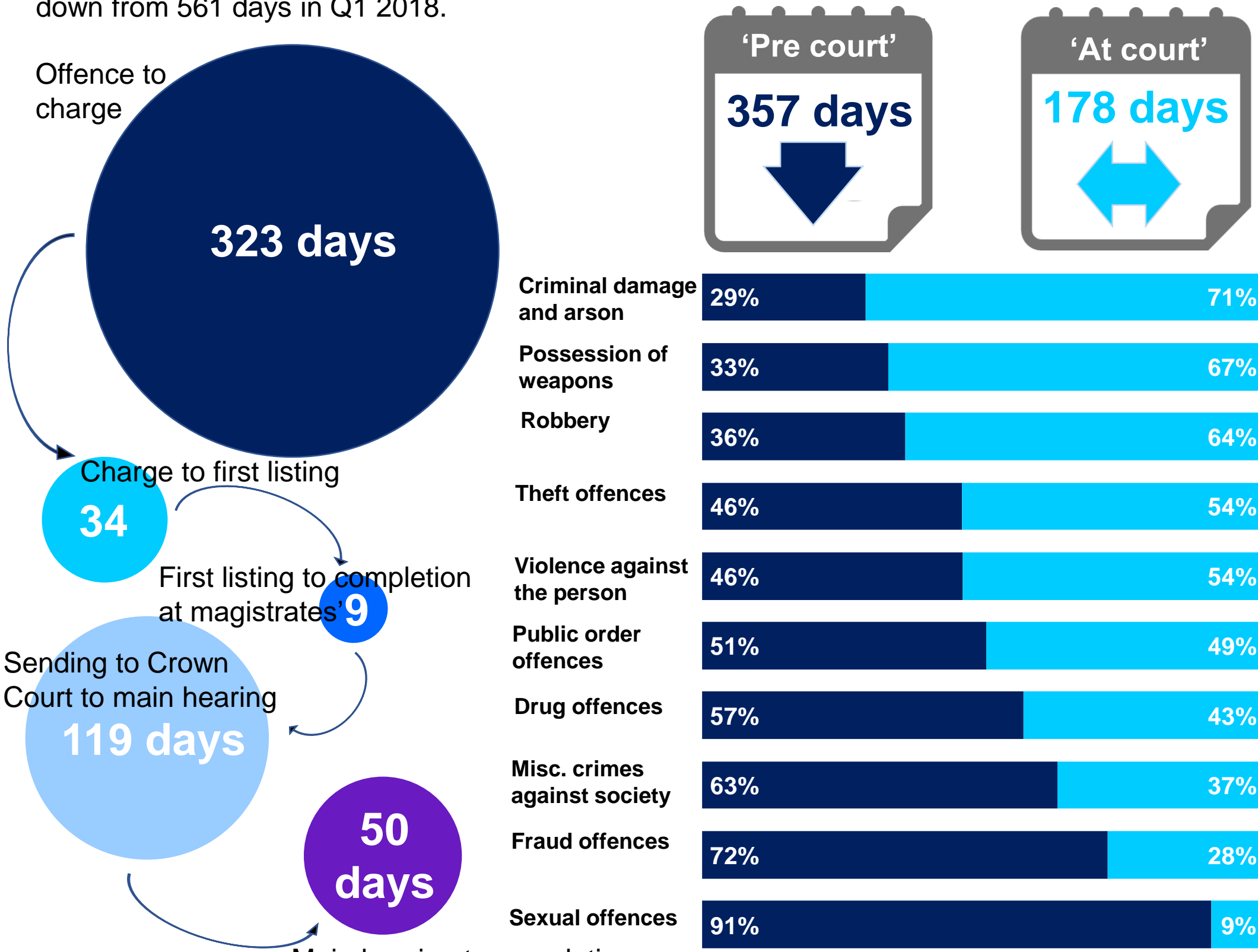
## Hearing times

The median average hearing time in trial cases has remained stable at about 1.5 hours in Q1 2019.



## Timeliness

On average, from offence to completion, Crown Court criminal cases took 535 days in Q1 2019, down from 561 days in Q1 2018.



## Single Justice Procedure Offences (SJP)

Introduced in June 2015, they allow cases involving adults charged with summary offences to be dealt with in a single magistrates' sitting without a prosecutor or defendant being present.

