

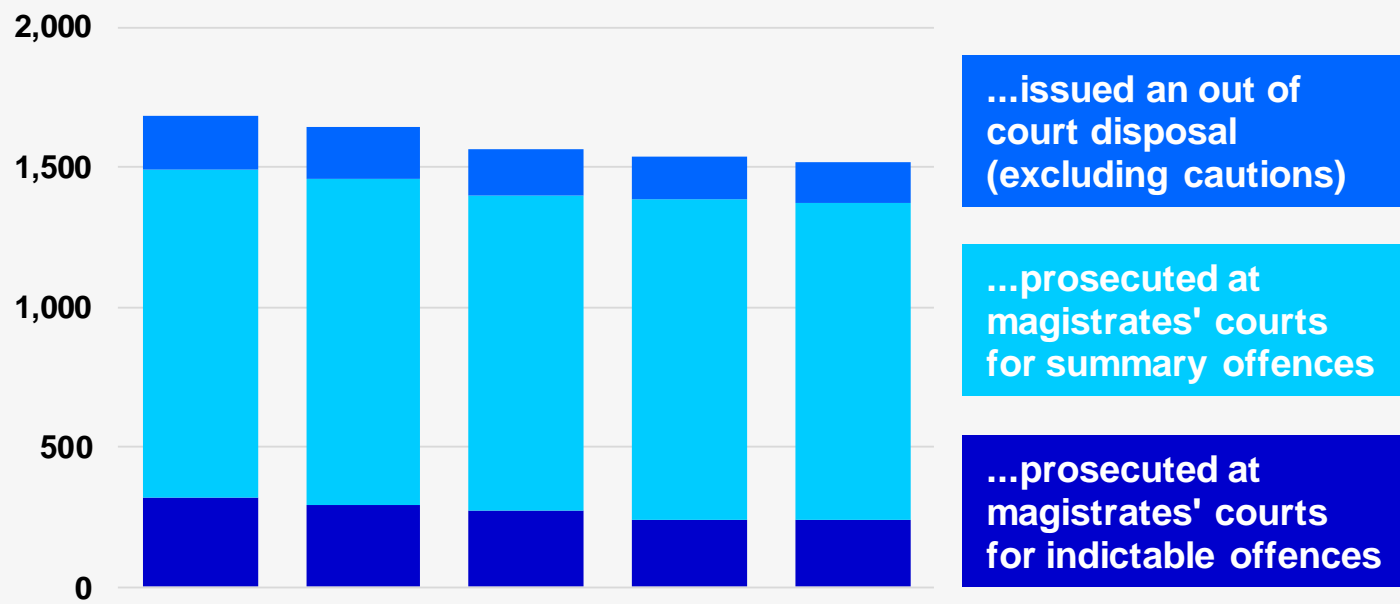
# Criminal Justice Statistics, 2019

## England and Wales

### Overview

The number of individuals **prosecuted** or given an **out of court disposal** was **1.52 million** in 2019, 1% lower than in 2018 when excluding cautions.

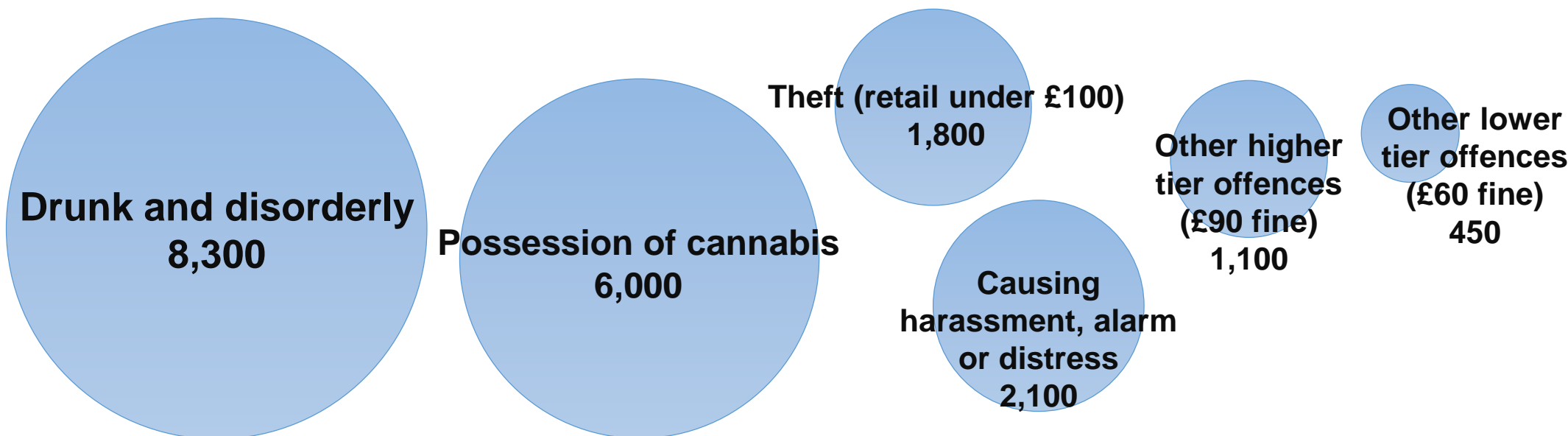
Number of individuals (in thousands) who were:



### Out of court disposals

The overall use of **out of court disposals** continues to decline. In the latest year there has been a 7% fall in the use of **penalty notice for disorders**, an 18% fall in the use of **cannabis/khat warnings** and the use of **community resolutions** has remained stable.

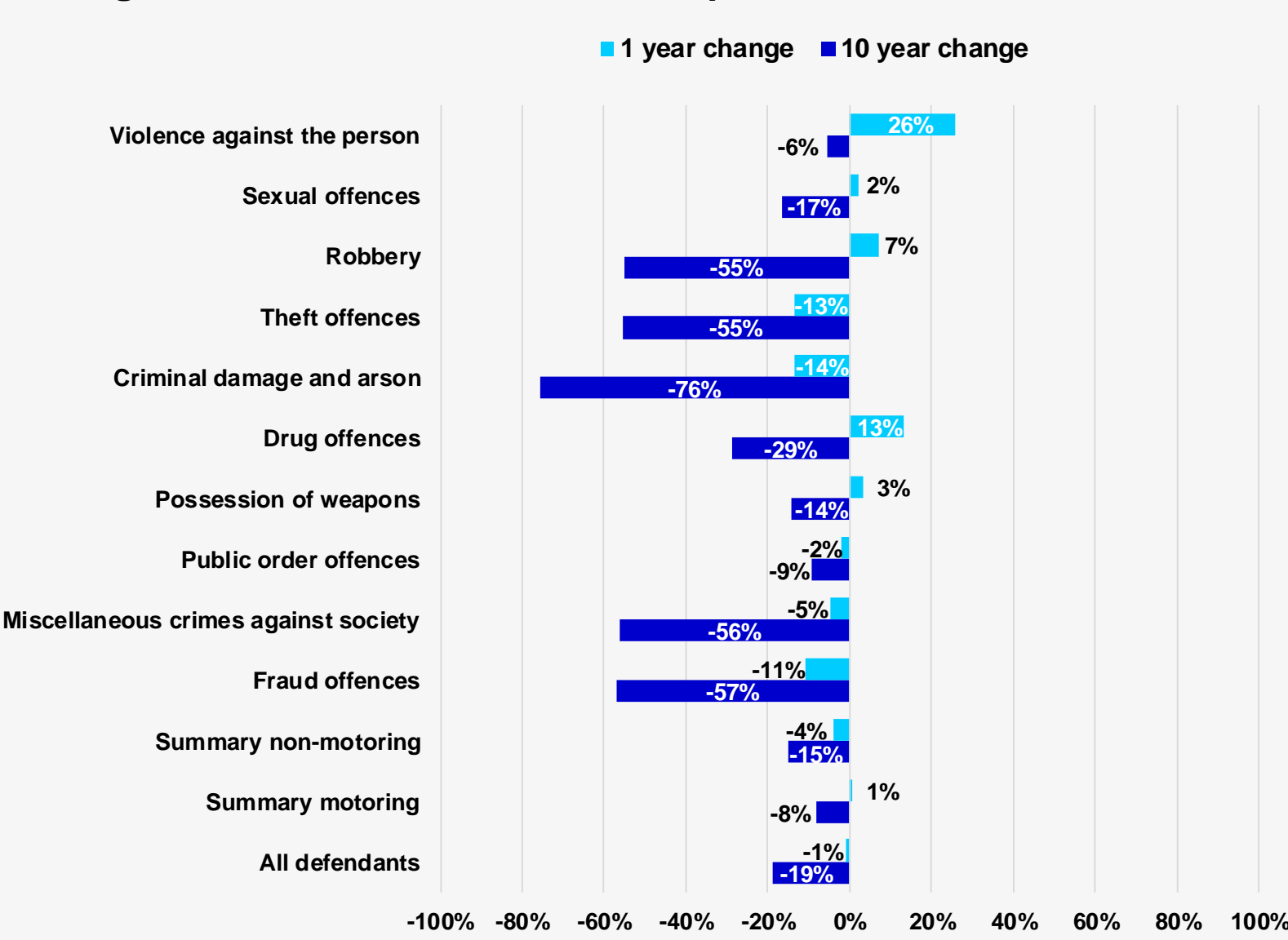
Penalty notices for disorder, 2019



### Prosecutions and convictions

**1.37 million** defendants were **prosecuted** at magistrates' courts in 2019. **Prosecutions for violence against the person offences increased** in the latest year driven by the introduction of legislation on assaults of emergency workers.

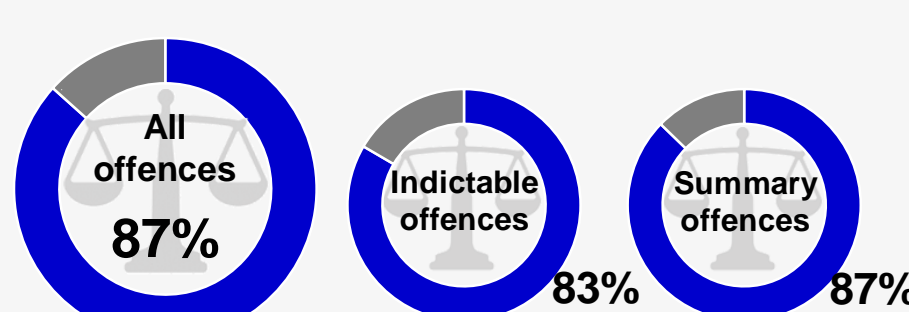
Change in the number of defendants prosecuted, 2009-2019



Changes between 2018 and 2019

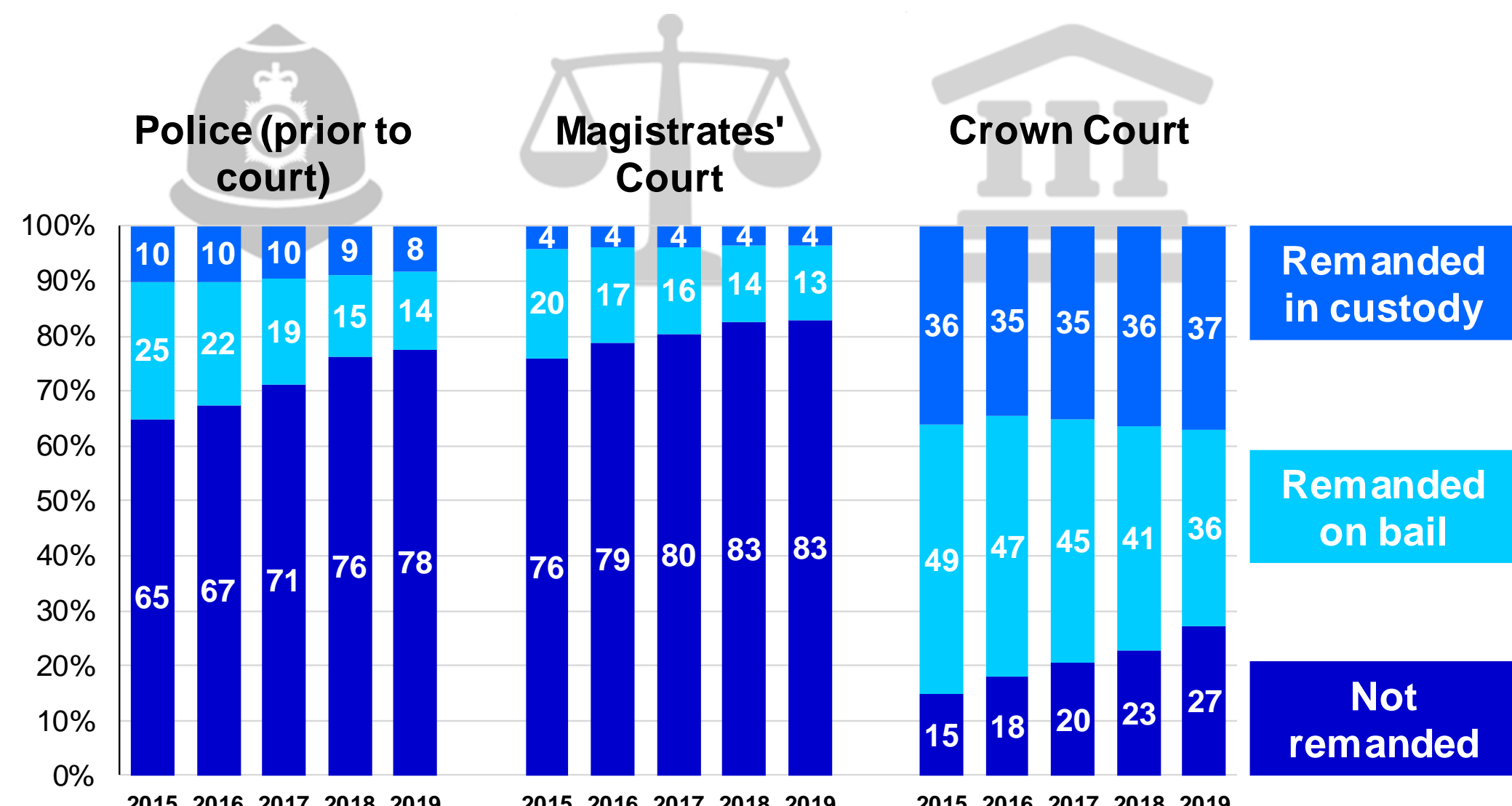


Conviction ratios in 2019



### Remands

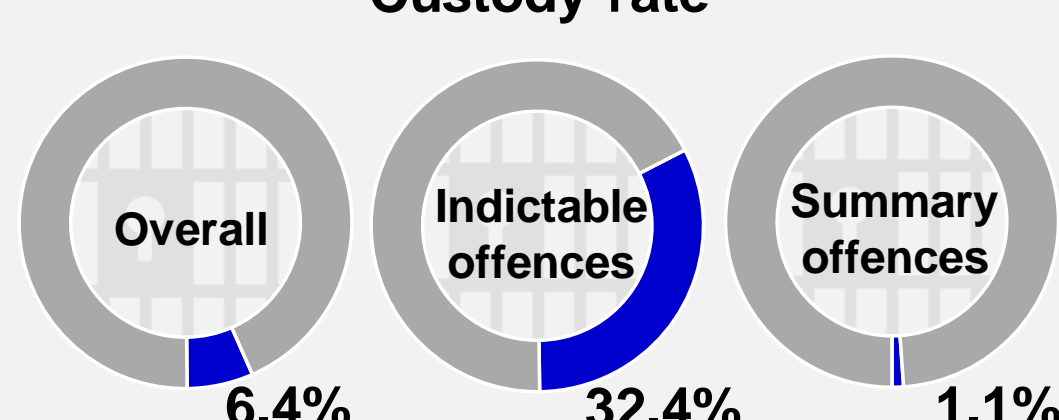
The proportion of defendants **remanded on bail** has continued to fall. The proportion of defendants **remanded in custody** has remained broadly stable at **magistrates' court** (4%) but has been increasing since 2016 at **Crown Court** (37%).



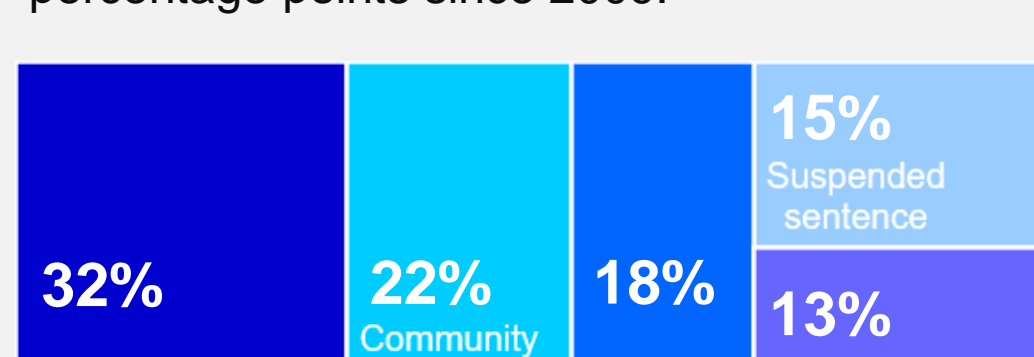
### Sentencing

The number of **offenders sentenced** at all courts **fell by 1% in the latest year to 1.18 million**.

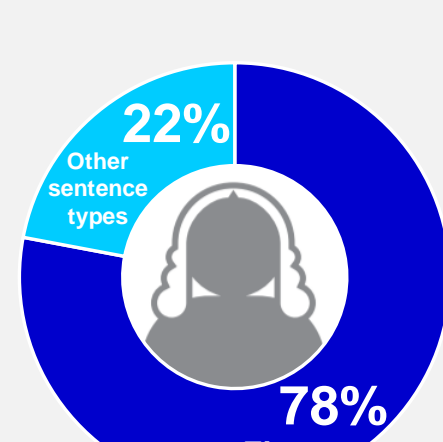
Custody rate



In 2019, a greater proportion of offenders received **custody** for **indictable offences** than any other outcome, up 7 percentage points since 2009.



Fines remained the most common sentence overall, up by 11 percentage points since 2009.

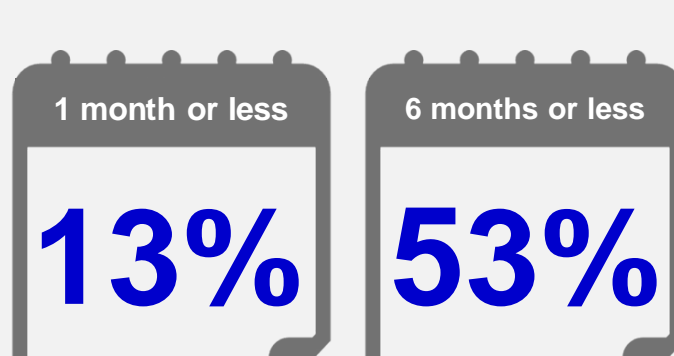


Average custodial sentence length (months)



Offenders sentenced to immediate custody

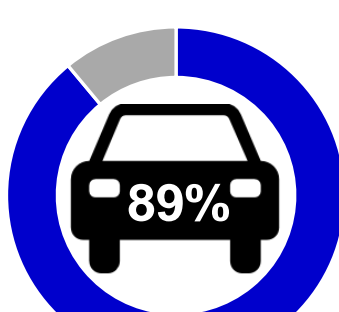
The proportion of offenders sentenced to **less than 6 months** was the **lowest** it has been over the last decade, and the proportion of those sentenced to **1 month or less** fell by 2 percentage points in the latest year.



### Motoring

**Prosecutions for motoring offences increased by 1% over the last year while convictions and sentencing both remained stable.**

Conviction ratio for all motoring offences in 2019



Average fine in 2019

£331

Direct disqualifications for driving with the proportion of specified controlled drug above the specified limit doubled in the latest year

2018  
5,600

2019  
11,200