



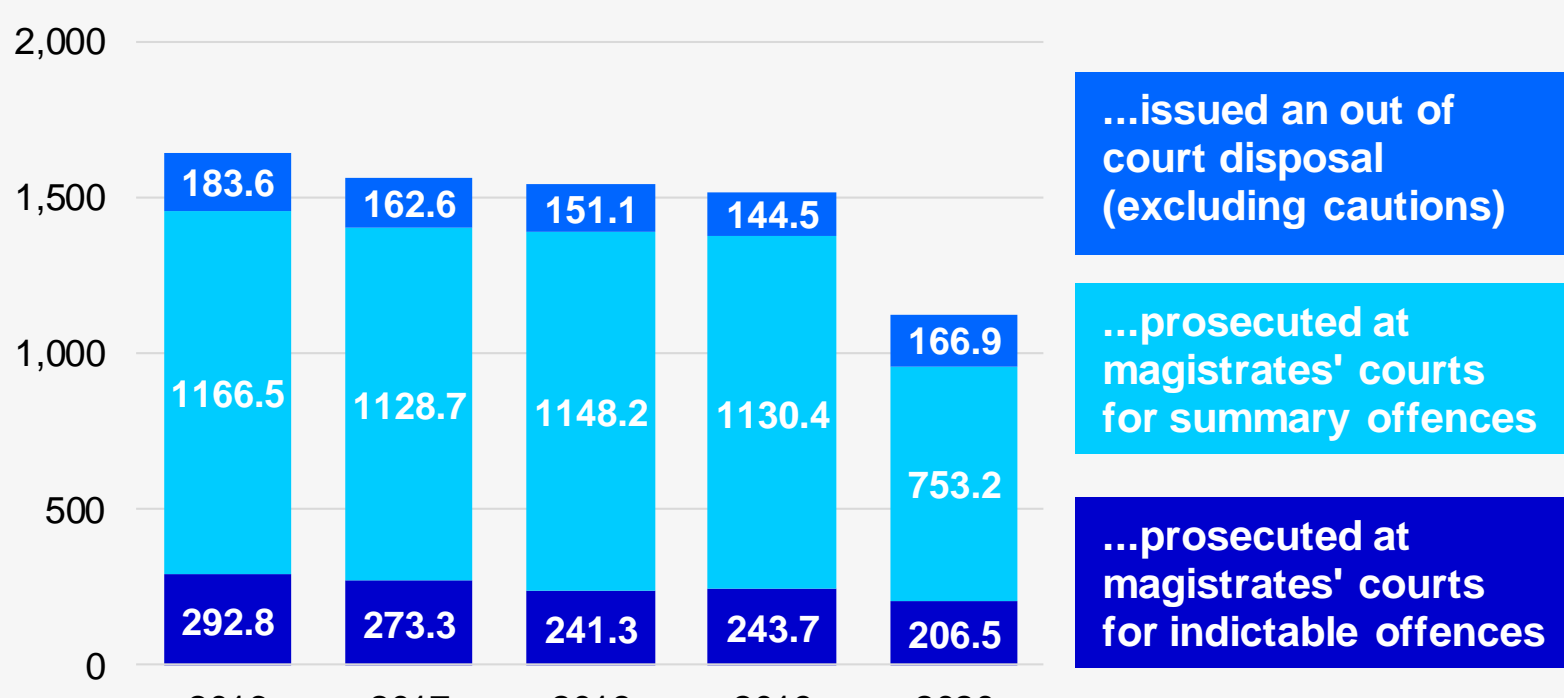
Criminal Justice Statistics, 2020

England and Wales

Overview

The number of individuals **prosecuted** or given an **out of court disposal** was **1.13 million** in 2020, 26% lower than in 2019 when excluding cautions.

Number of individuals (in thousands) who were:



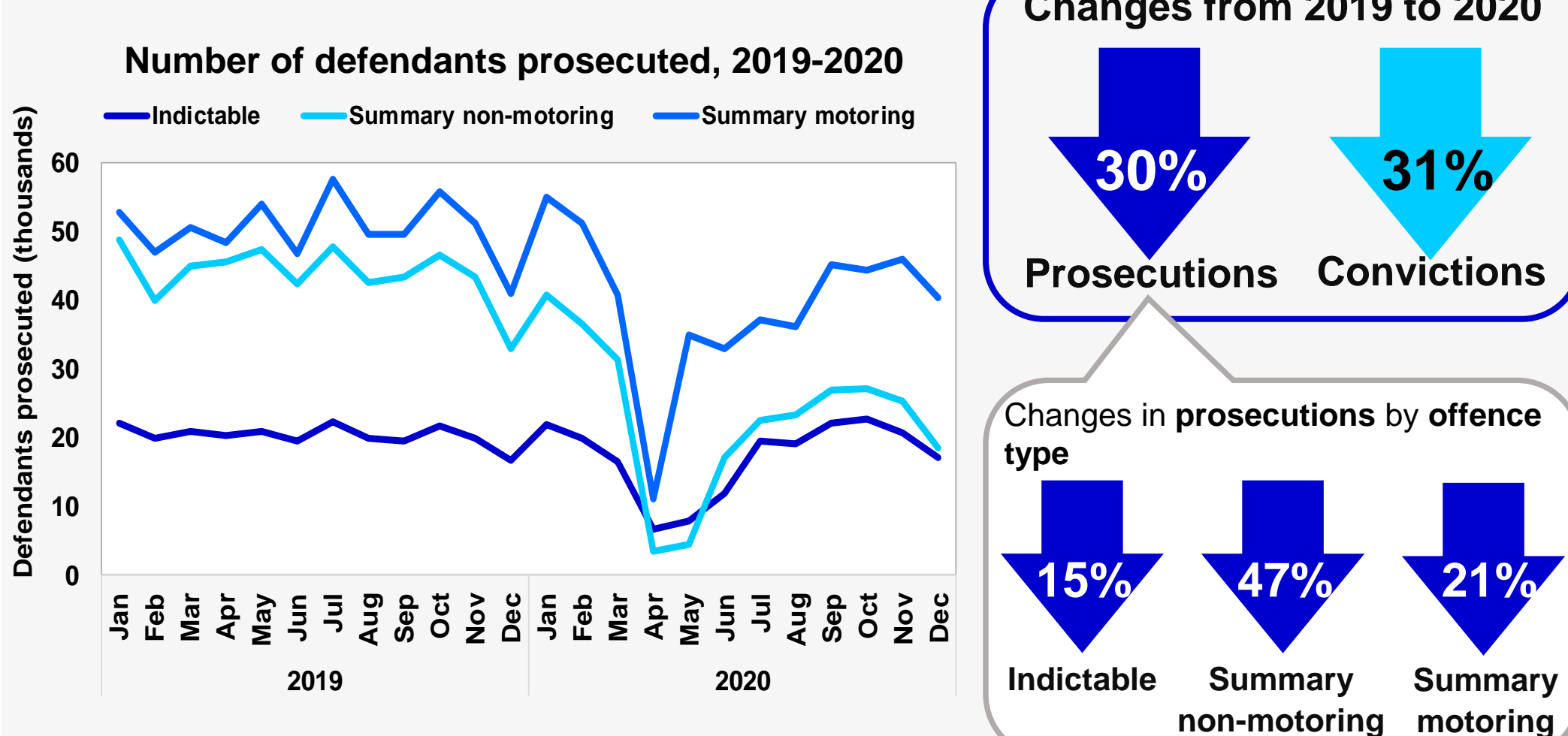
Out of court disposals

The overall use of **out of court disposals (excluding cautions)** increased by **18%** compared to the previous year, driven by an **increase** in the use of **community resolutions**.



Prosecutions and convictions

960,000 defendants were **prosecuted** at magistrates' courts in 2020, 30% fewer than 2019. Most of this reduction was a result of **reduced court activity** during the second quarter of 2020. Court proceedings **began to recover** over the rest of the year, with the **most serious indictable offences** recovering faster than **summary offences**.



Offences related to COVID-19

4,400 defendants were **prosecuted** and **3,500** offenders **convicted**, the majority of which were for breaching emergency period restrictions.

2020

99% Almost all of the **3,500** sentenced received a fine.

The majority of COVID-19 related offences were dealt with out of court via a fixed penalty notice.

Assault of an emergency worker

In 2020, prosecutions for **violence against the person** remained **stable**, with **increases** seen in offences relating to **assaults on emergency workers**.

Compared to 2019:

- Prosecuted **19%** increase
- Convicted **13%** increase
- Sentenced **11%** increase

2020 Custody rate

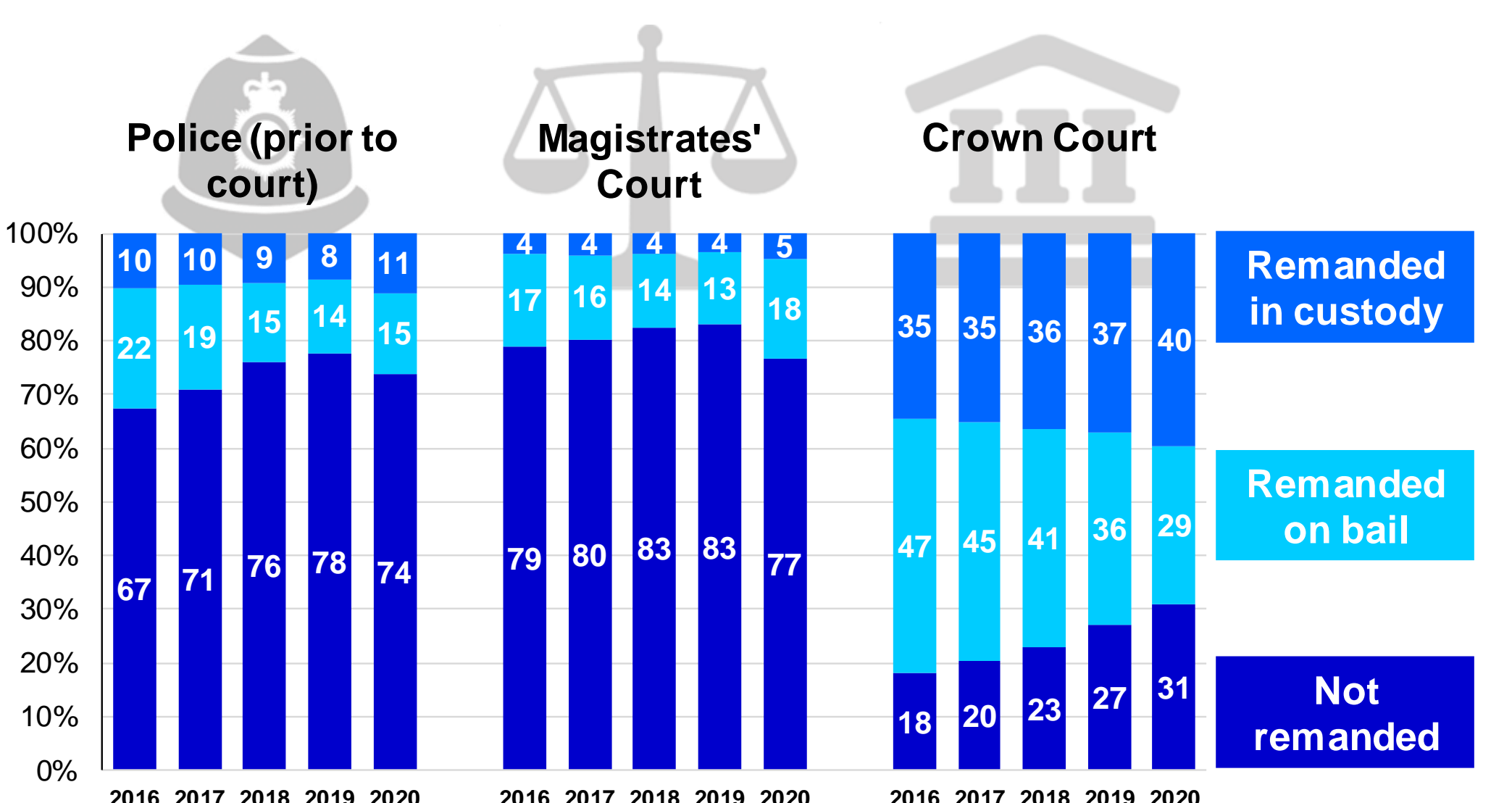
24%

Average custodial sentence length

3.3 months

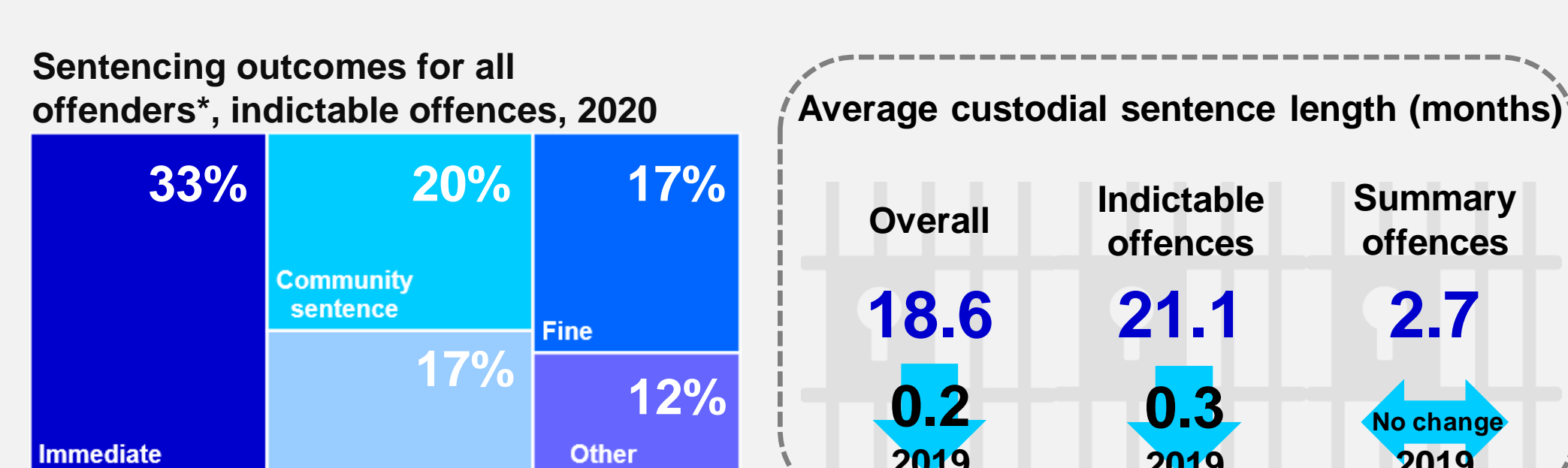
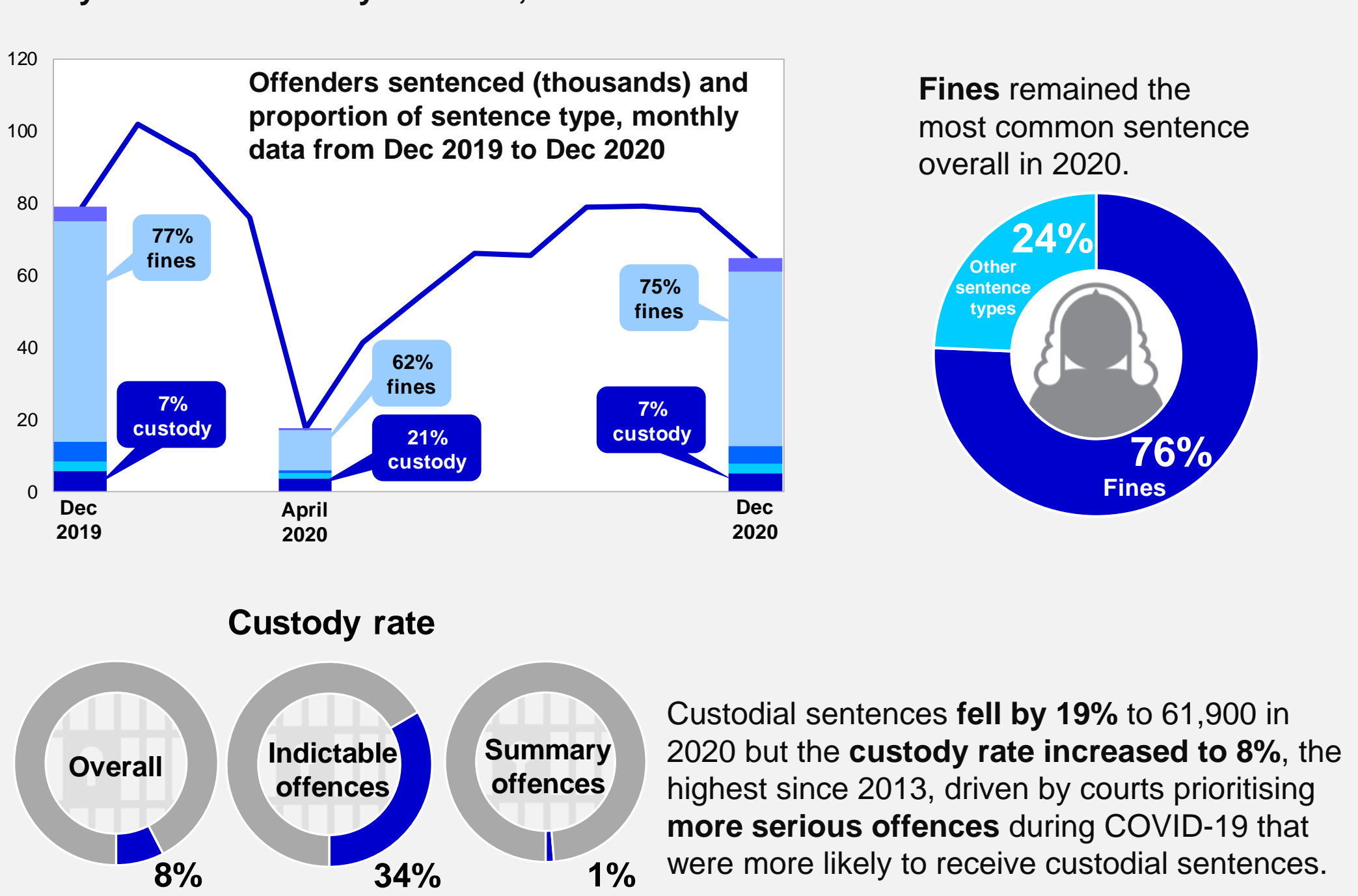
Remands

The proportion of defendants **remanded in custody** was at a 5-year high. At magistrates' court and Crown Court, this was influenced by the prioritisation of offences likely to result in custody in response to COVID-19.



Sentencing

The number of **offenders sentenced** at all courts was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and **fell by 31%** in the latest year to **816,000**.



Motoring

Prosecutions and convictions for motoring offences **decreased** by **27%** each over the last year, with sentencing following the same trend.