



Statistics on Ethnicity and the Criminal Justice System, 2020

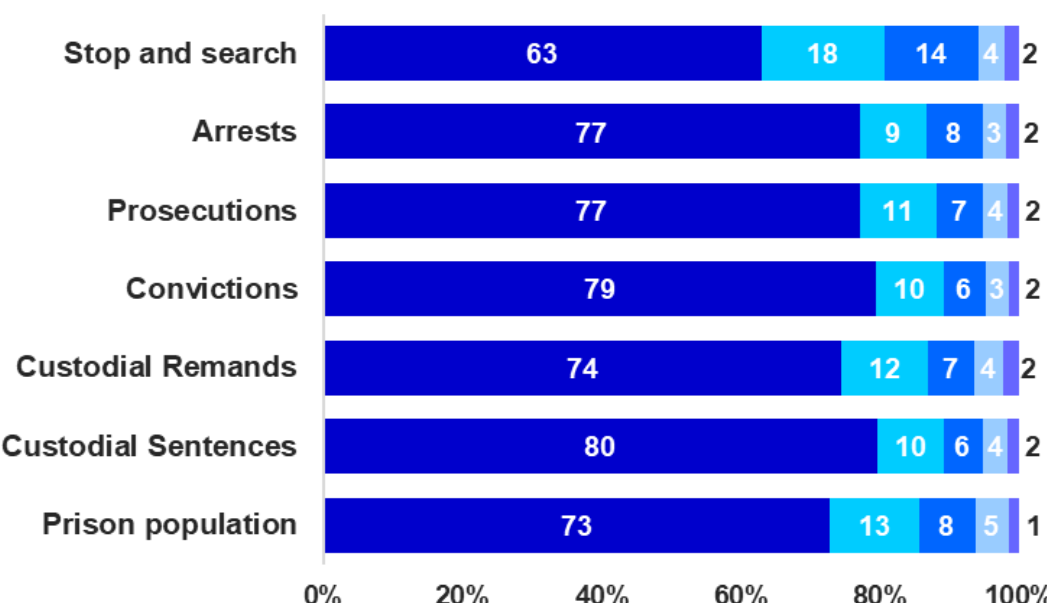
England and Wales

Ethnic groups:

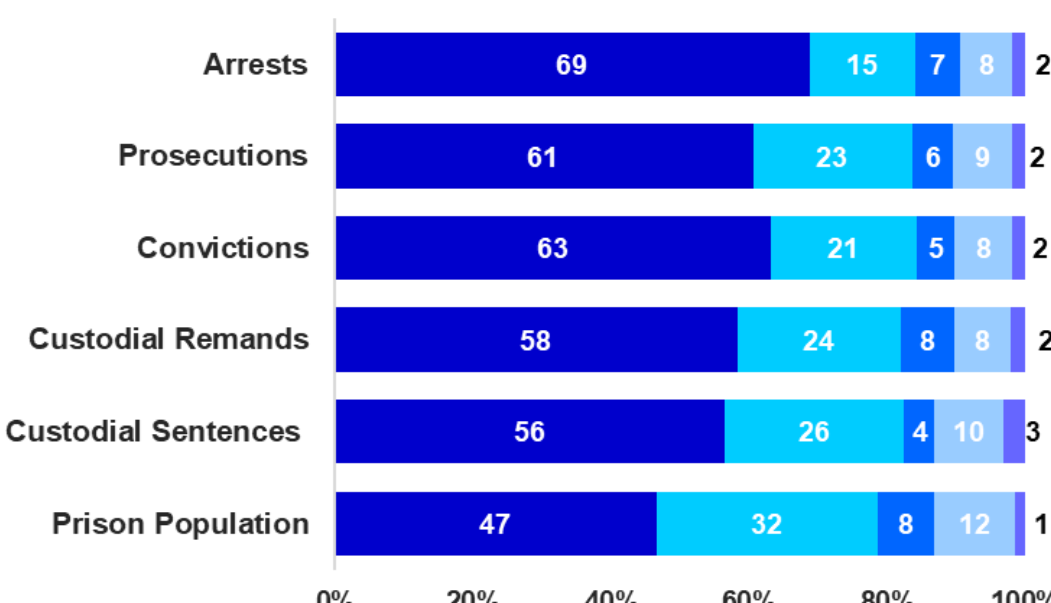


Overview

Adults (aged 18 and over)

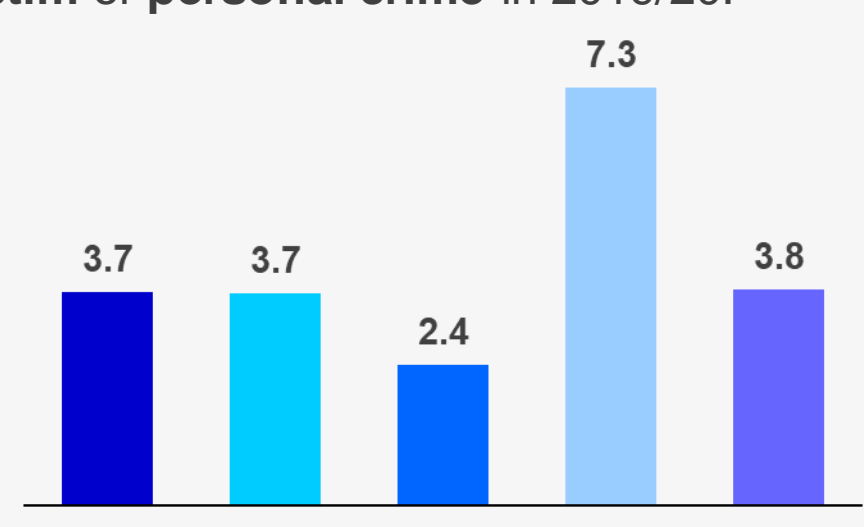


Children (aged 17 and under)



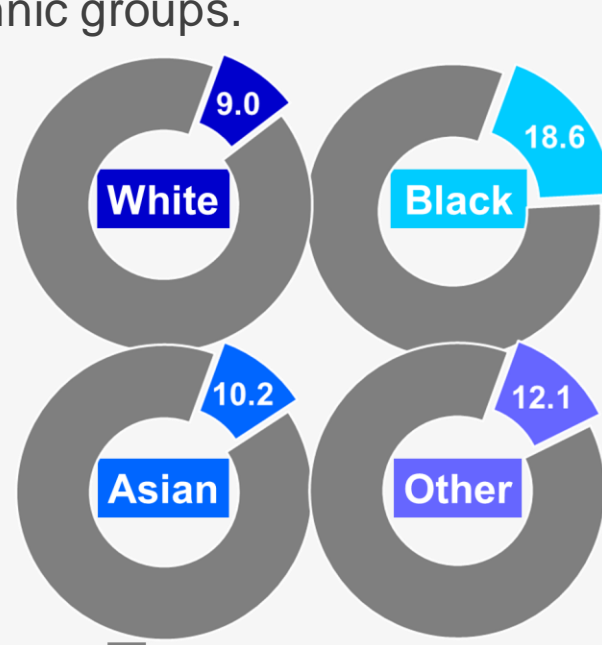
Victims of crime

A lower proportion of Asian adults were a victim of personal crime in 2019/20.



% of adults who were victims of personal crime in the past year (Crime Survey for England and Wales).

In the Black ethnic group, a larger proportion of homicide victims were children compared to other ethnic groups.



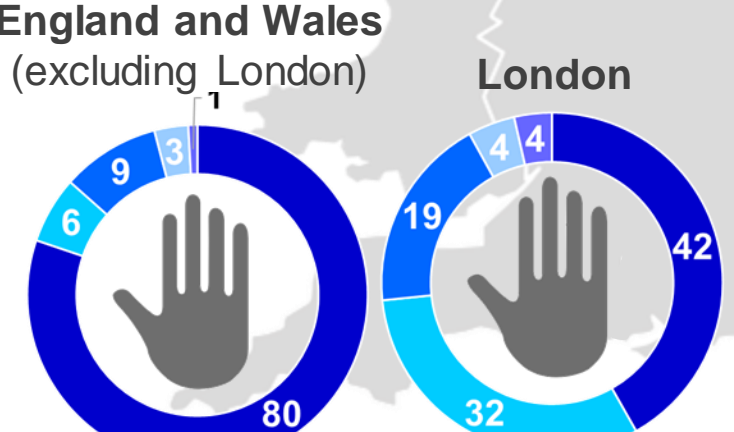
% of homicide victims who were children, 2017/18 to 2019/20.

Stop and searches

43% of all stop and searches¹ were conducted in London.

The proportion of stop searches in London involving Black suspects was over 5 times more that of the rest of England and Wales

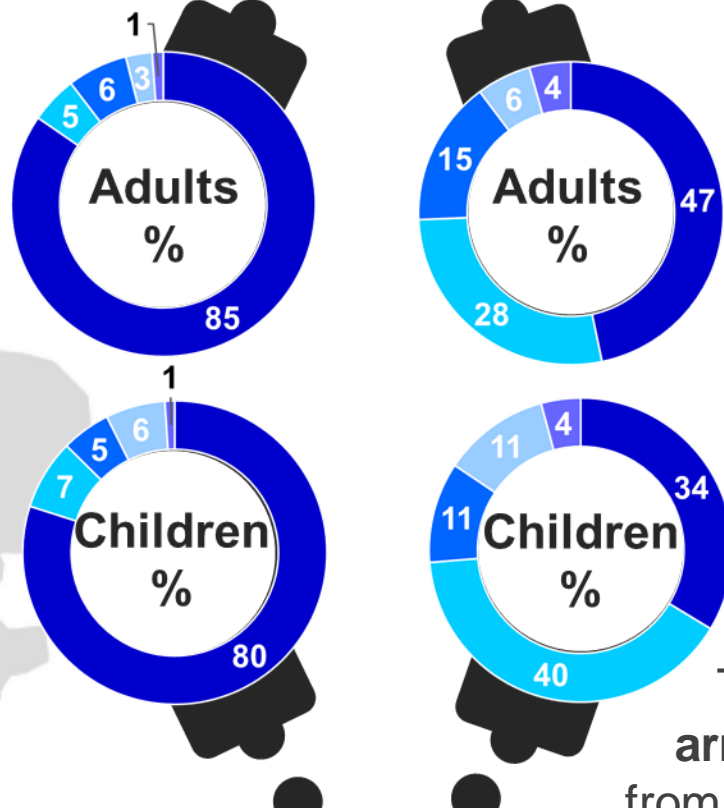
England and Wales (excluding London)



¹ in England and Wales, where ethnicity is known.
² in England and Wales excluding London.

Arrests

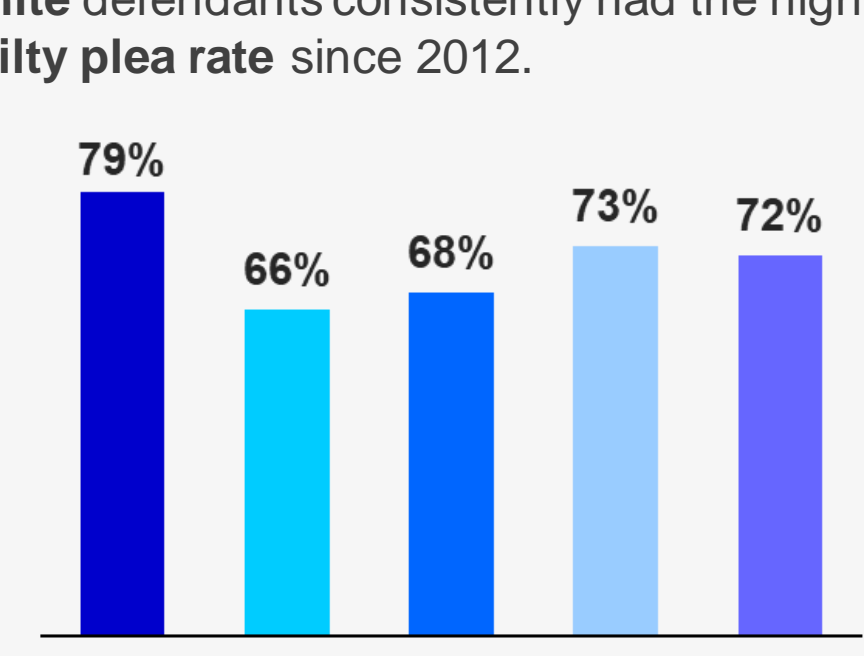
Just over half of adults arrested in London were from minority ethnic groups.



Two thirds of children arrested in London were from minority ethnic groups.

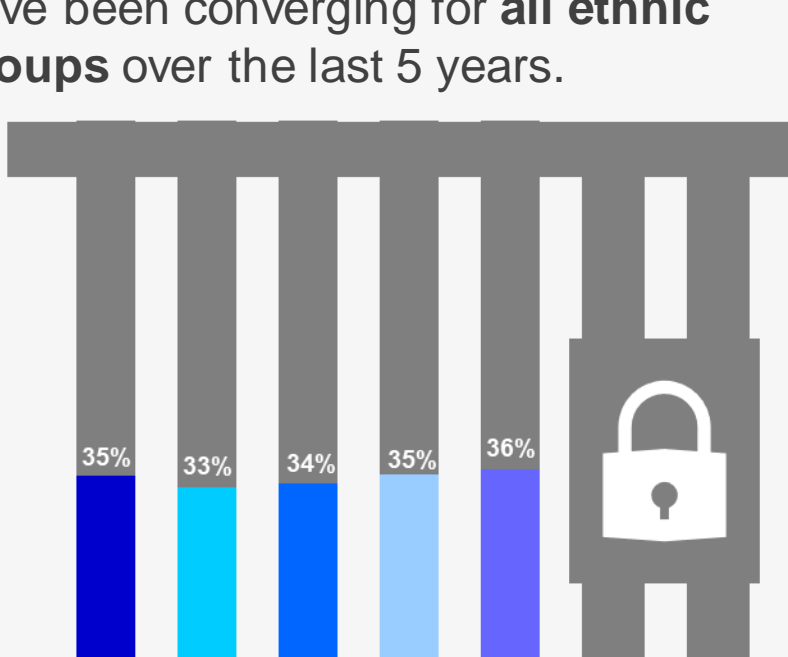
At the criminal courts

White defendants consistently had the highest guilty plea rate since 2012.



% of defendants who pleaded guilty at Crown Court in 2020.

Custody rates for indictable offences have been converging for all ethnic groups over the last 5 years.

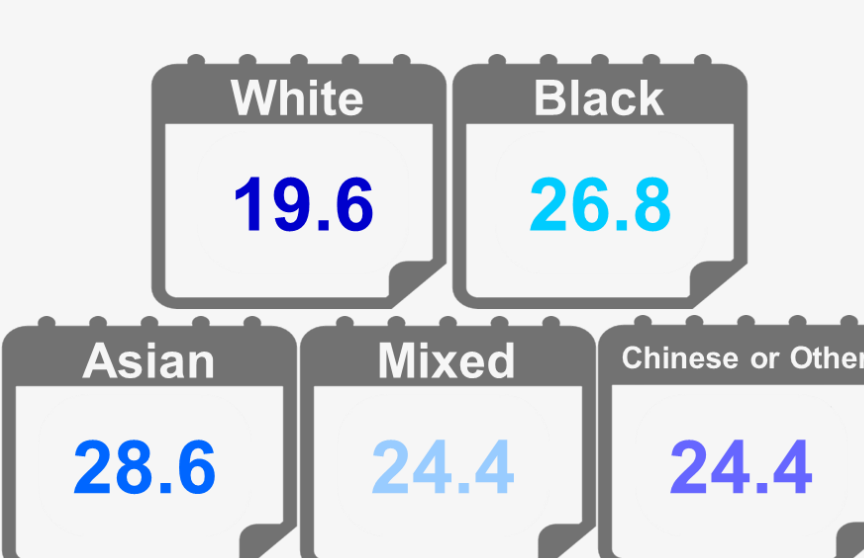


% of offenders sentenced to immediate custody.

When controlling for offence mix across ethnic groups, a slight increase in custody rate was observed across all minority ethnic groups.

White defendants have had a consistently lower average custodial sentence length (ACSL) for indictable offences than all other ethnic groups since 2016.

When controlling for offence mix across ethnic groups, a decrease in ACSL was observed across all ethnic groups. Whilst controlling for offence mix reduces the disparity between ethnic groups, it does not remove it fully.



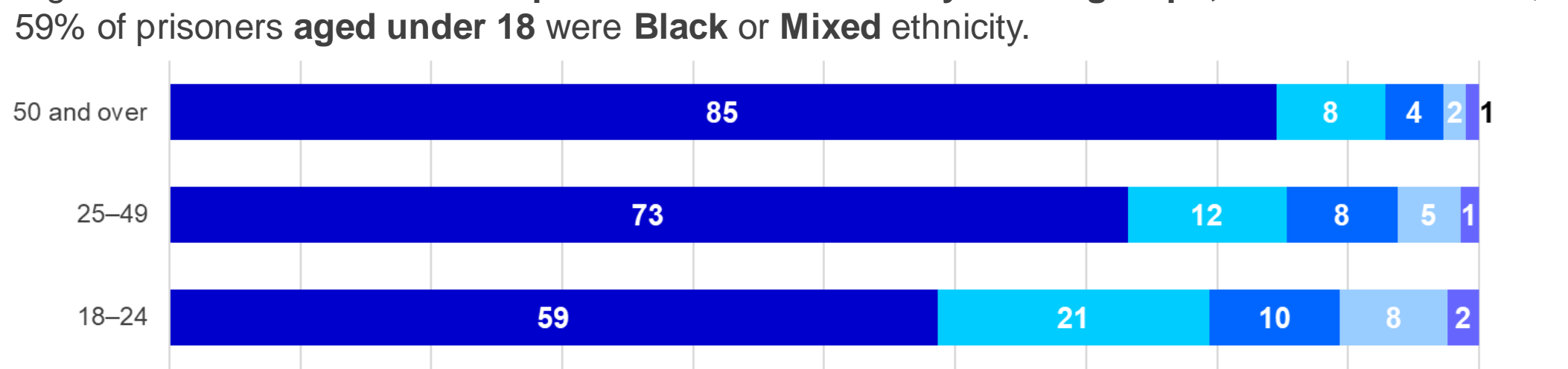
Average custodial sentence length in months.

Offenders in prison

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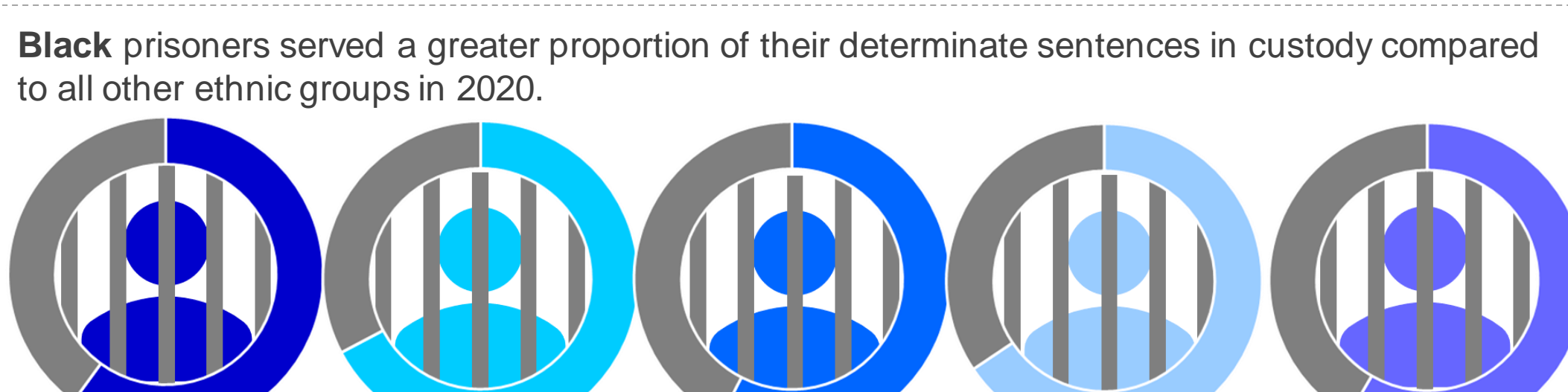


A greater number of children in prison were from minority ethnic groups; as at 30 June 2020, 59% of prisoners aged under 18 were Black or Mixed ethnicity.



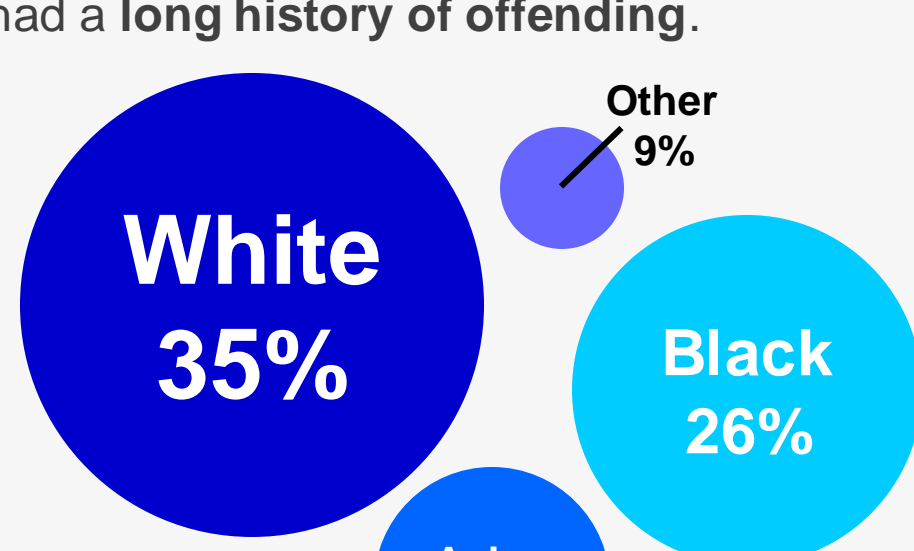
% of inmates by age, rounded to nearest percentage.

Black prisoners served a greater proportion of their determinate sentences in custody compared to all other ethnic groups in 2020.



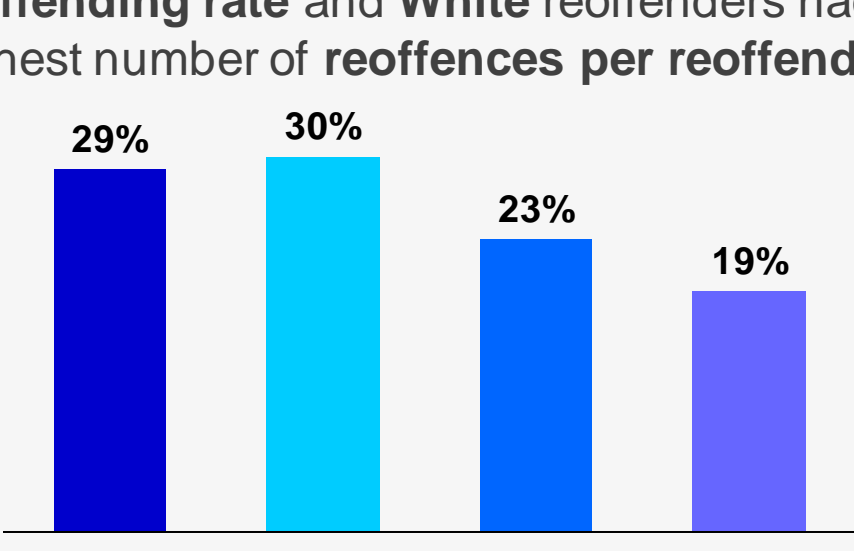
Offender characteristics

In 2020, a higher proportion of White offenders had a long history of offending.



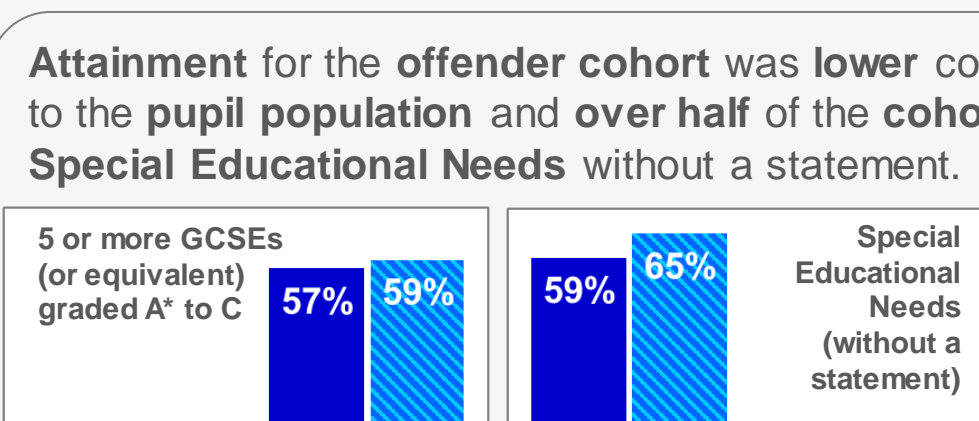
% of adult offenders with 15 or more previous convictions or cautions.

The Black ethnic group had the highest reoffending rate and White reoffenders had the highest number of reoffences per reoffender.



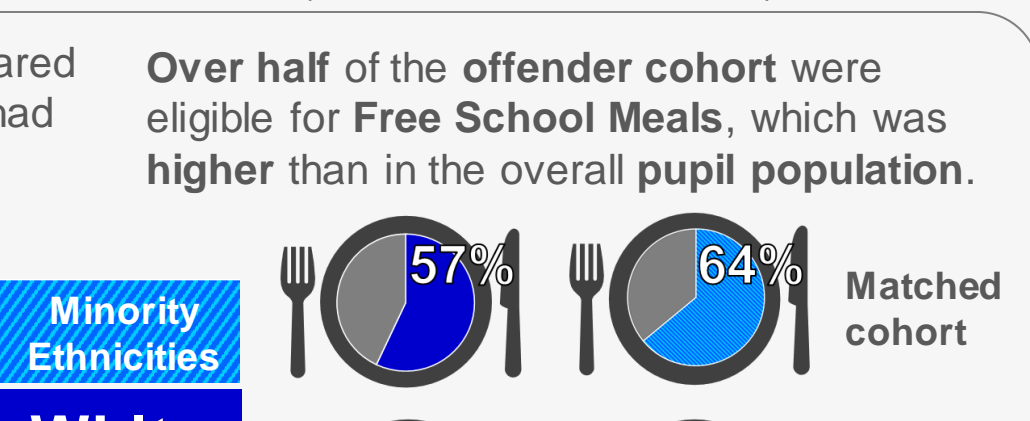
Reoffending rate and average reoffences per reoffender (2018/19 offender cohort).

Attainment for the offender cohort was lower compared to the pupil population and over half of the cohort had Special Educational Needs without a statement.



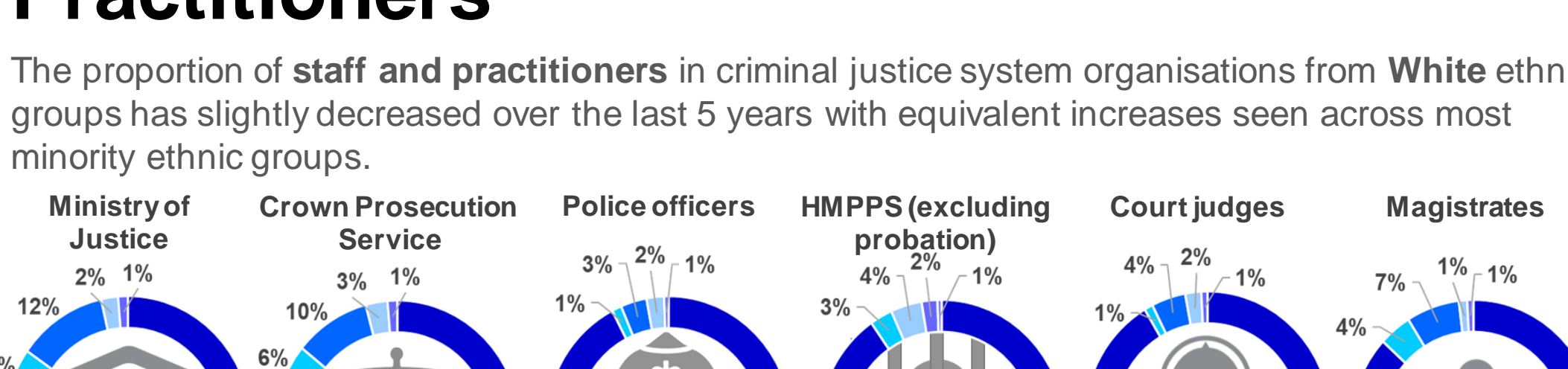
Findings from a Year 6 in either 2008/09 or 2009/10 and who were aged ten at the start of those academic years. To avoid inconsistency in the length of their offending histories, for those with an academic year of 2008/09 their offending data has been considered up to 31 August 2016 and for those with an academic year of 2009/10 it has been considered up to 31 August 2017. Pupil population is from 2014/15 and includes both offenders and non-offenders.

Over half of the offender cohort were eligible for Free School Meals, which was higher than in the overall pupil population.



Practitioners

The proportion of staff and practitioners in criminal justice system organisations from White ethnic groups has slightly decreased over the last 5 years with equivalent increases seen across most minority ethnic groups.



For prisons, stop and search and arrests data, defendants recorded as Chinese have been included in the Asian ethnic group in line with the 2011 Census classification.