



Criminal Justice Statistics, 2021

England and Wales

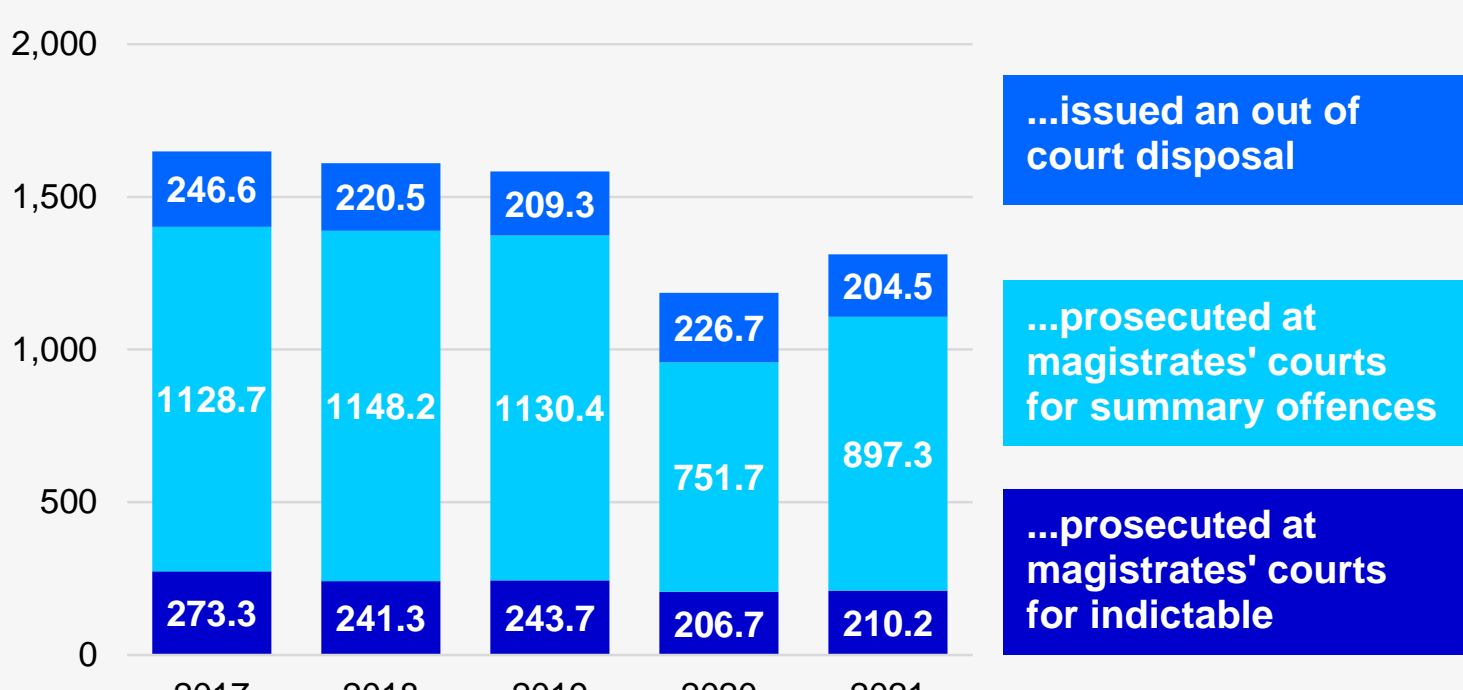
Overview

1.31 million individuals were prosecuted or given an out of court disposal in 2020

↑ 11% greater than in 2020

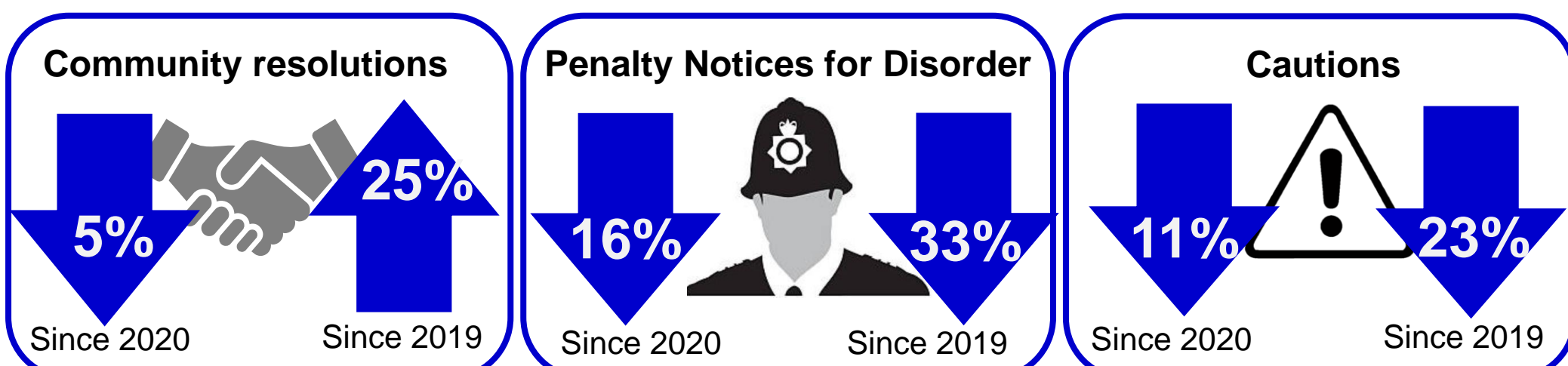
↓ 17% lower than 2019

Number of individuals (in thousands) who were:



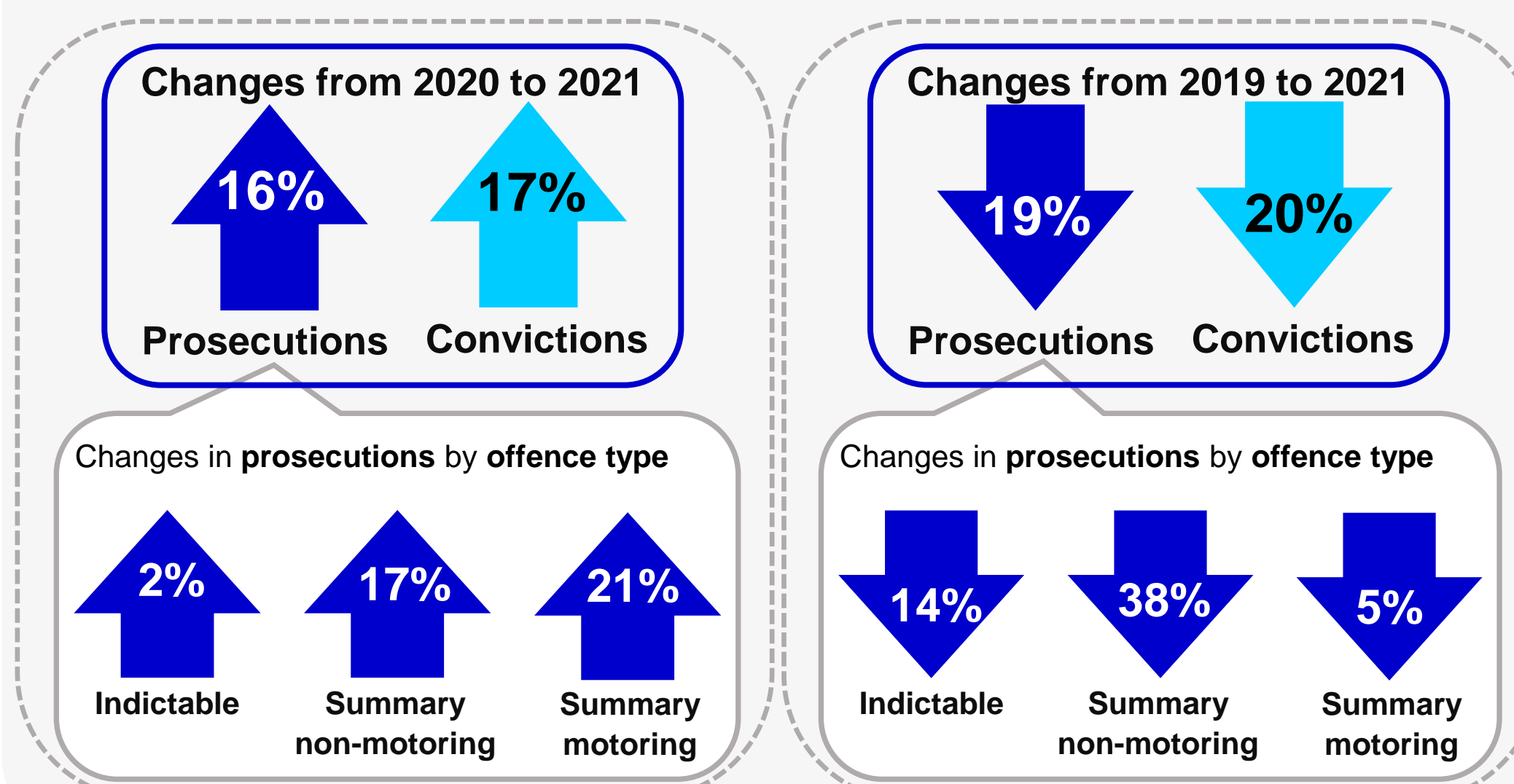
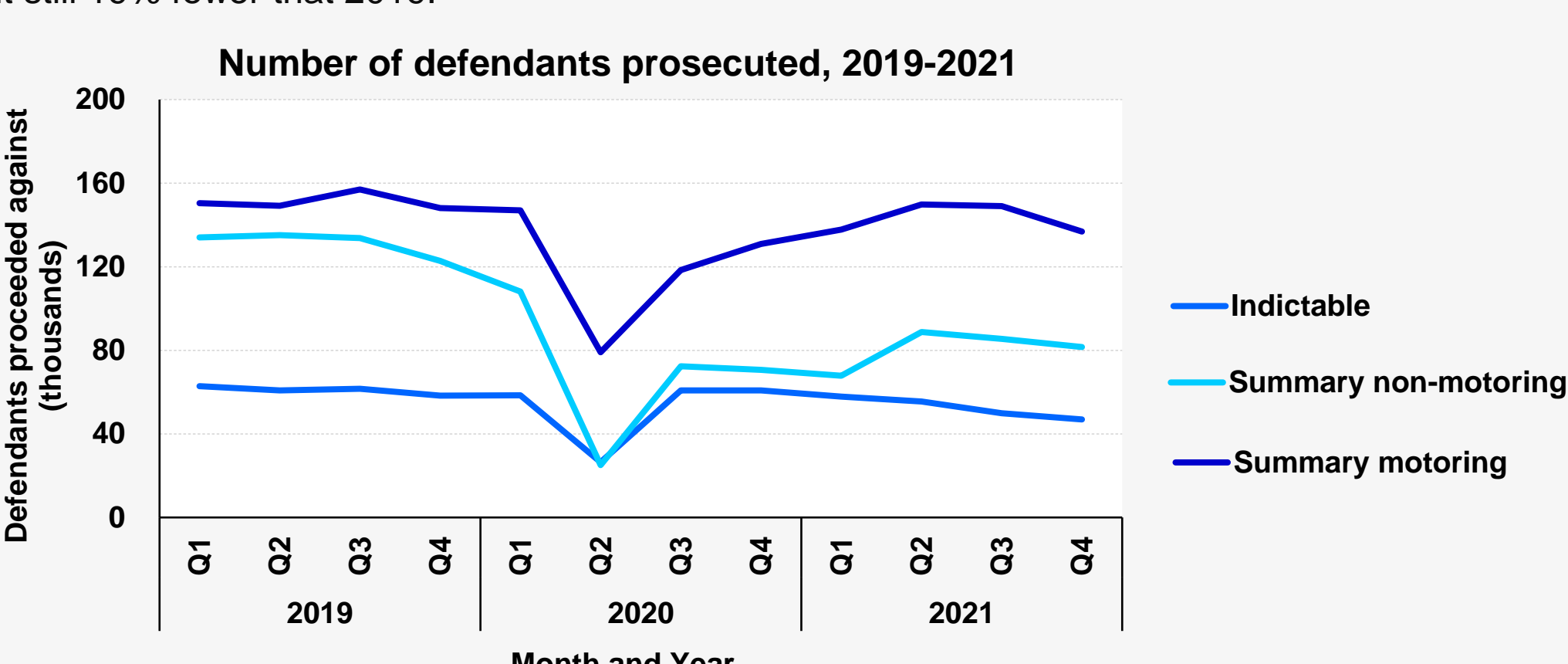
Out of court disposals

Out of court disposals continue to decrease, whilst community resolutions remain 25% higher than 2019.



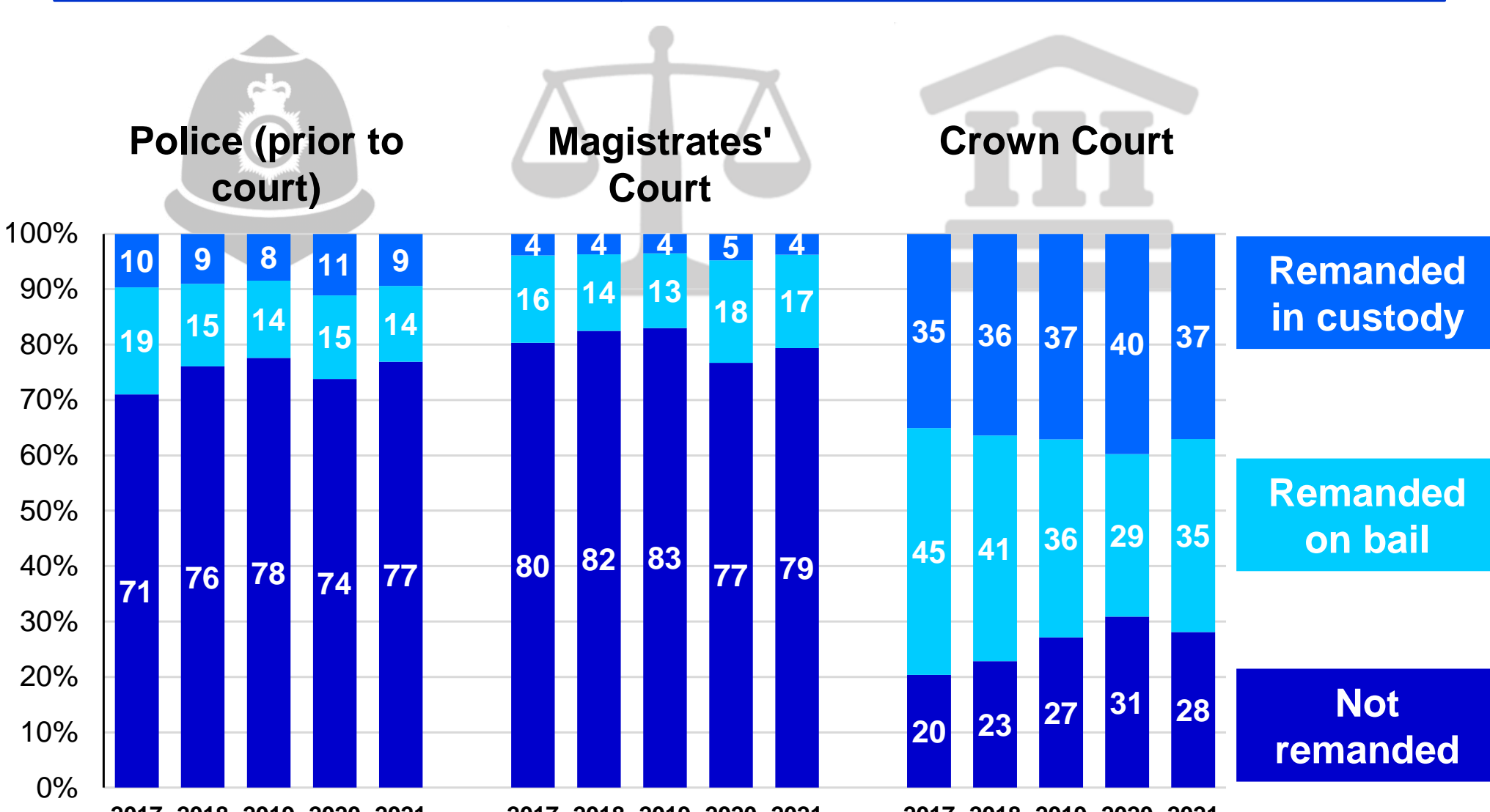
Prosecutions and convictions

1.11 million defendants were prosecuted at magistrates' courts in 2021, 16% more than 2020, but still 19% fewer than 2019.



Remands

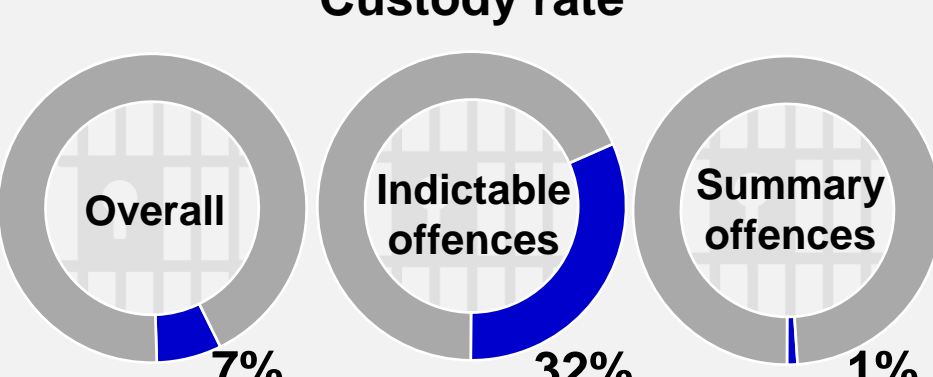
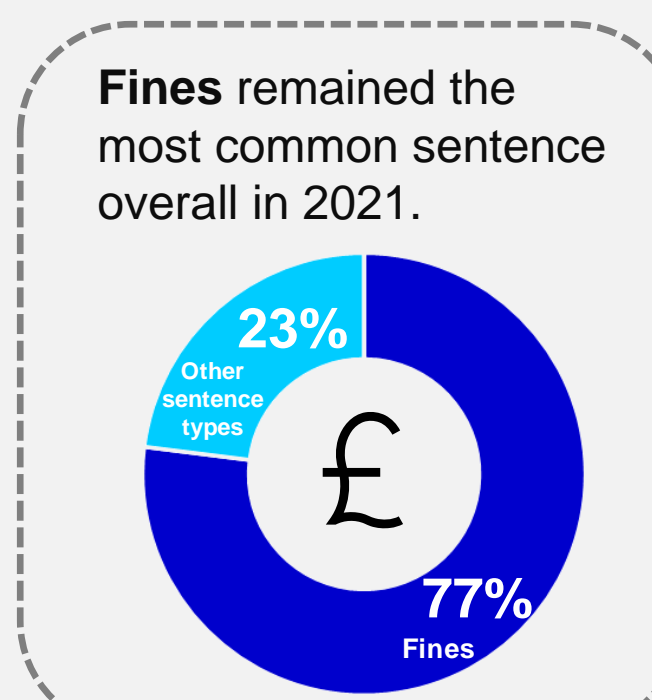
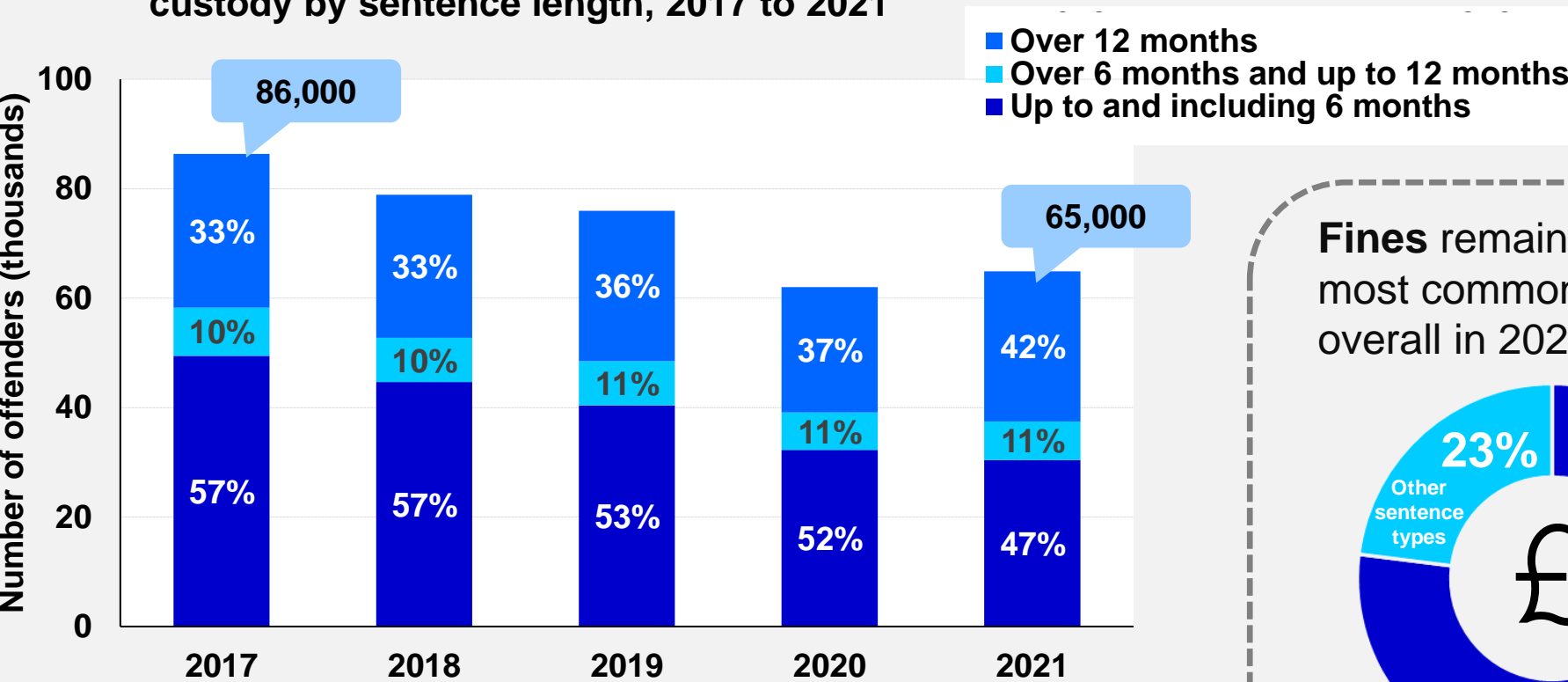
The proportion of defendants remanded in custody returns to pre-pandemic levels. Defendants remanded in custody by police was 1pp higher than 2019, whilst those remanded in custody at all courts was the same as 2019.



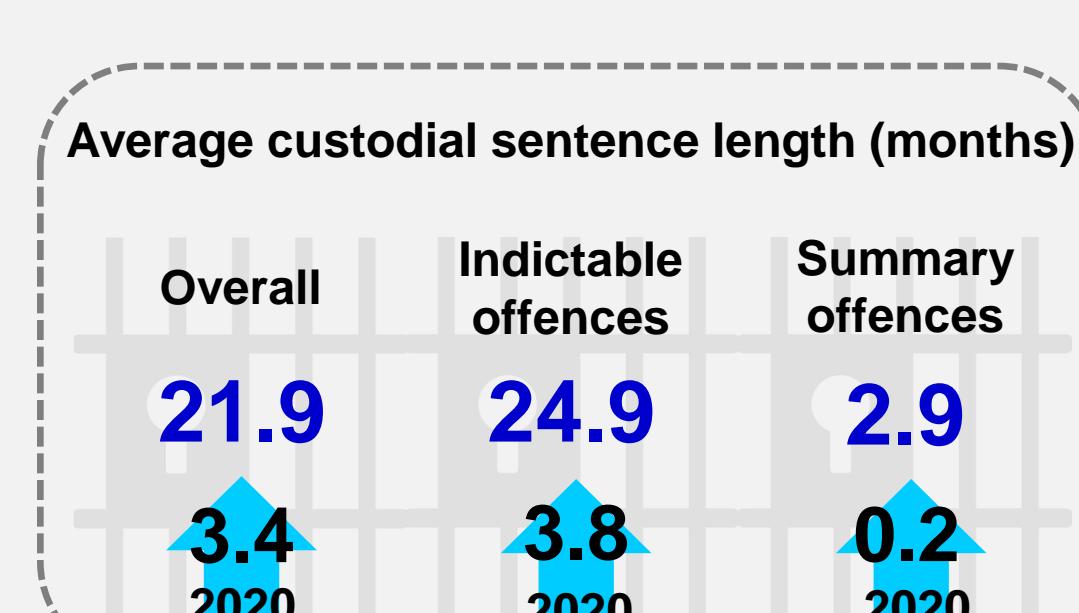
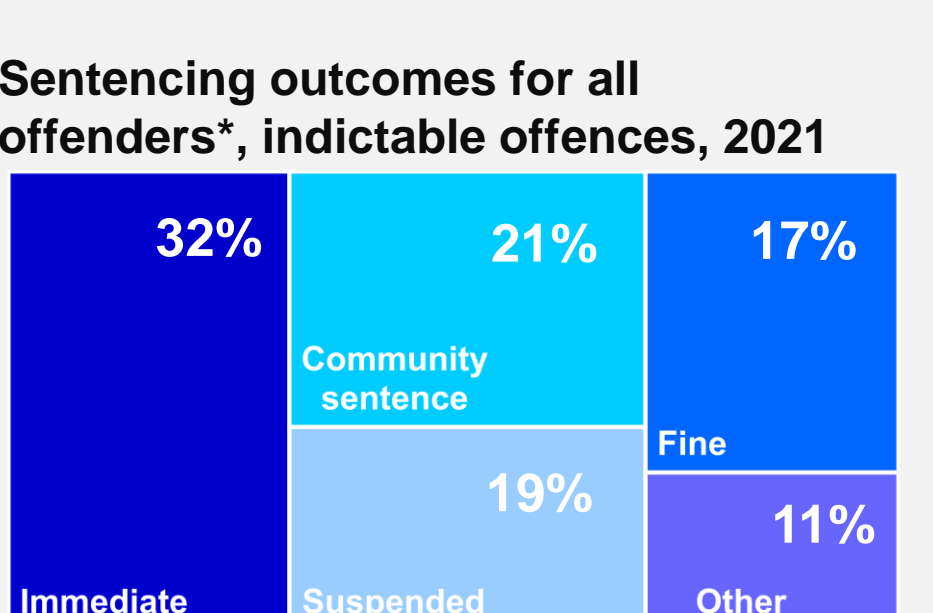
Sentencing

The number of offenders sentenced at all courts rose by 18% in the latest year to 962,000, remaining 19% lower than 2019.

Offenders sentenced (thousands) to immediate custody by sentence length, 2017 to 2021



Custodial sentences rose by 5% to 64,900 in 2021. Custody rate fell by 1pp to 7% when compared to 2020, but remains higher than 2019 where custody rate was 6%.



Motoring

Prosecutions and convictions for motoring offences increased by 22% each over the last year, with sentencing following the same trend.

