



# Criminal Justice Statistics, 2022

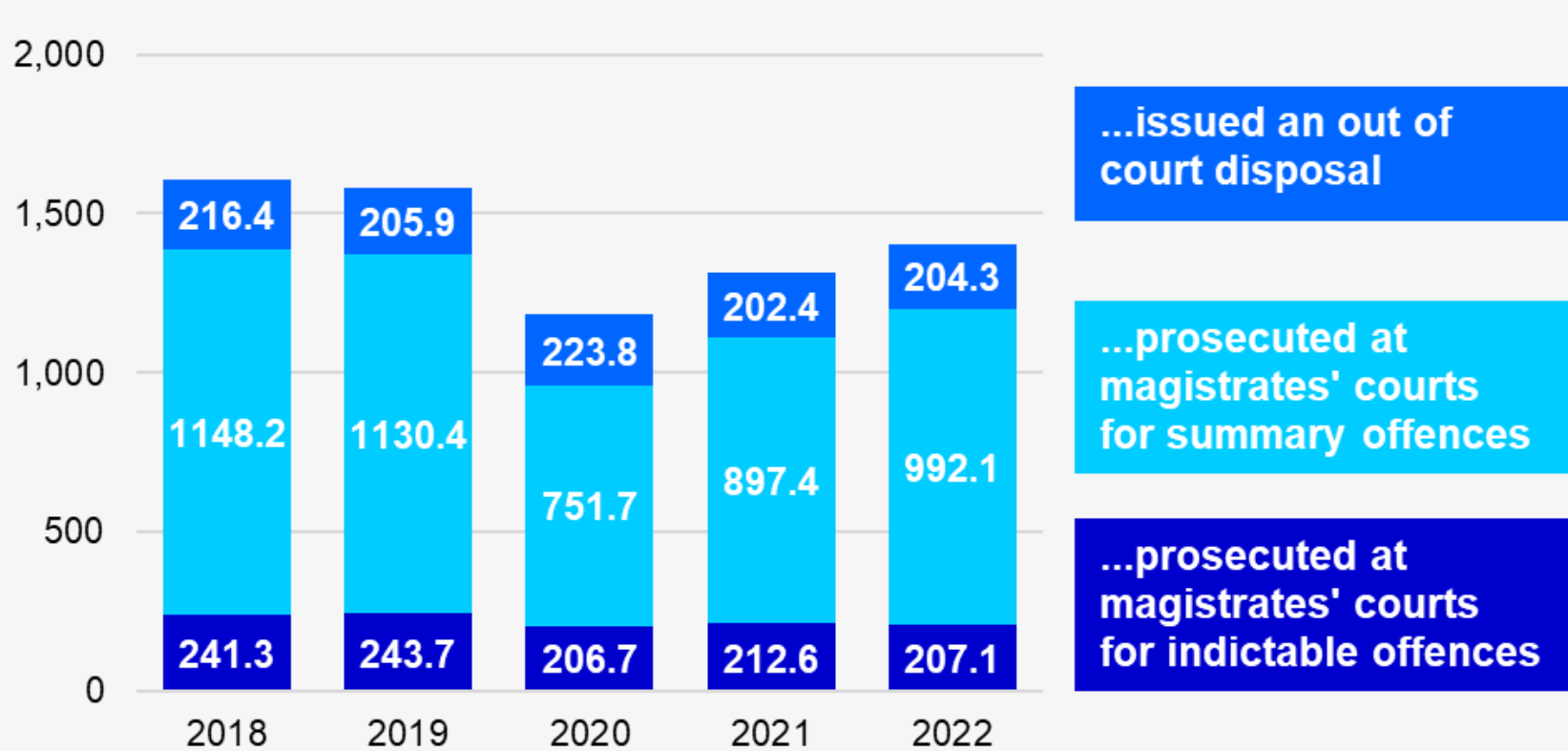
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### Overview

1.4 million individuals were prosecuted or given an out of court disposal in 2022

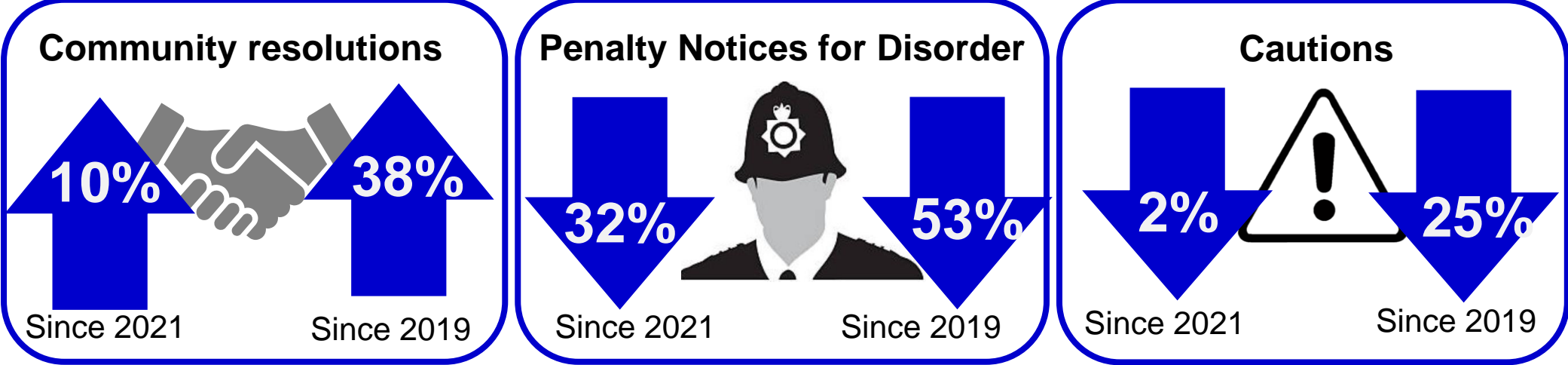
7% greater than in 2021  
11% lower than 2019

Number of individuals (in thousands) who were:



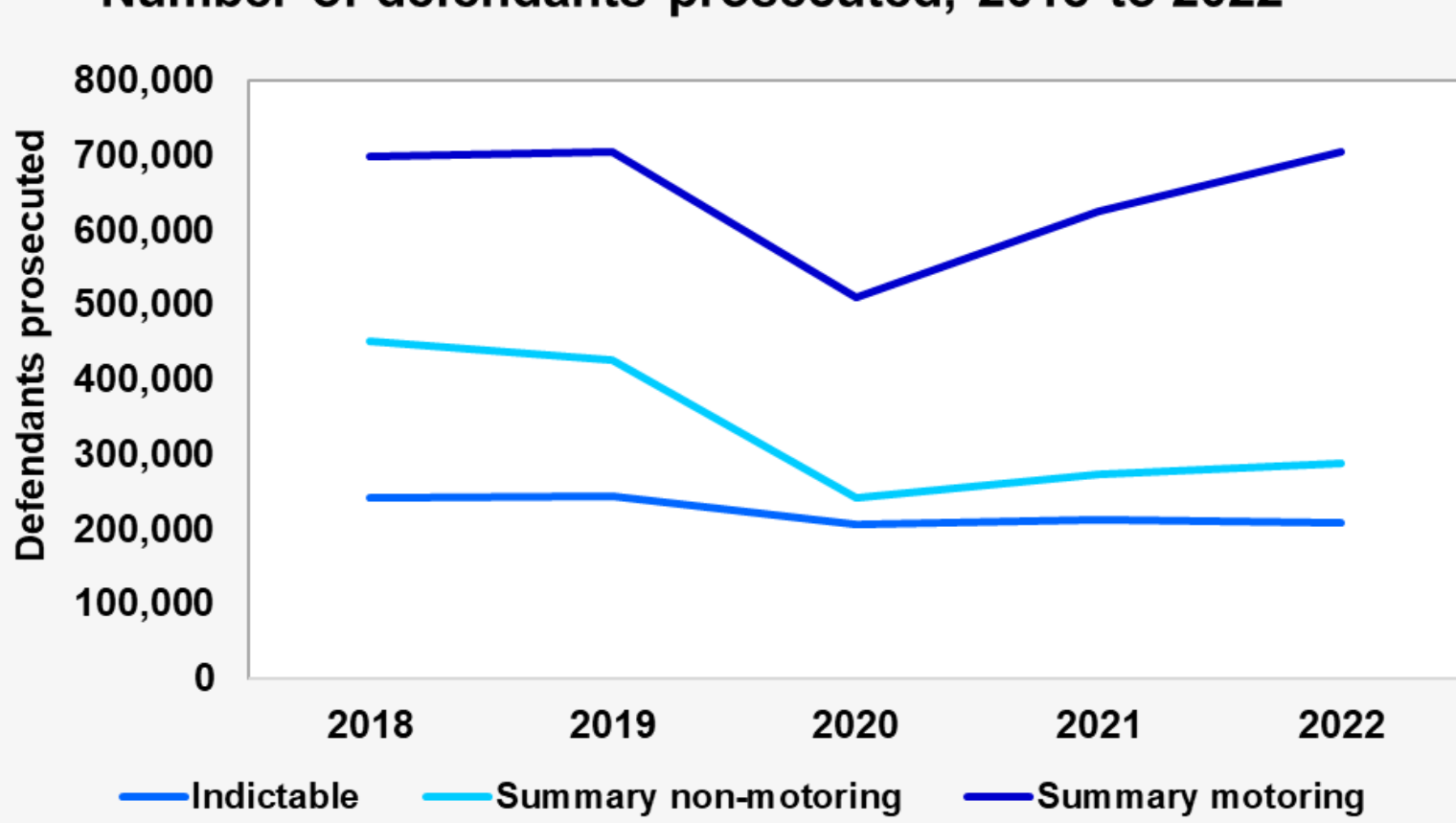
### Out of court disposals

Out of court disposals increased by 1% in the latest year, whilst community resolutions remain 10% higher than 2021.



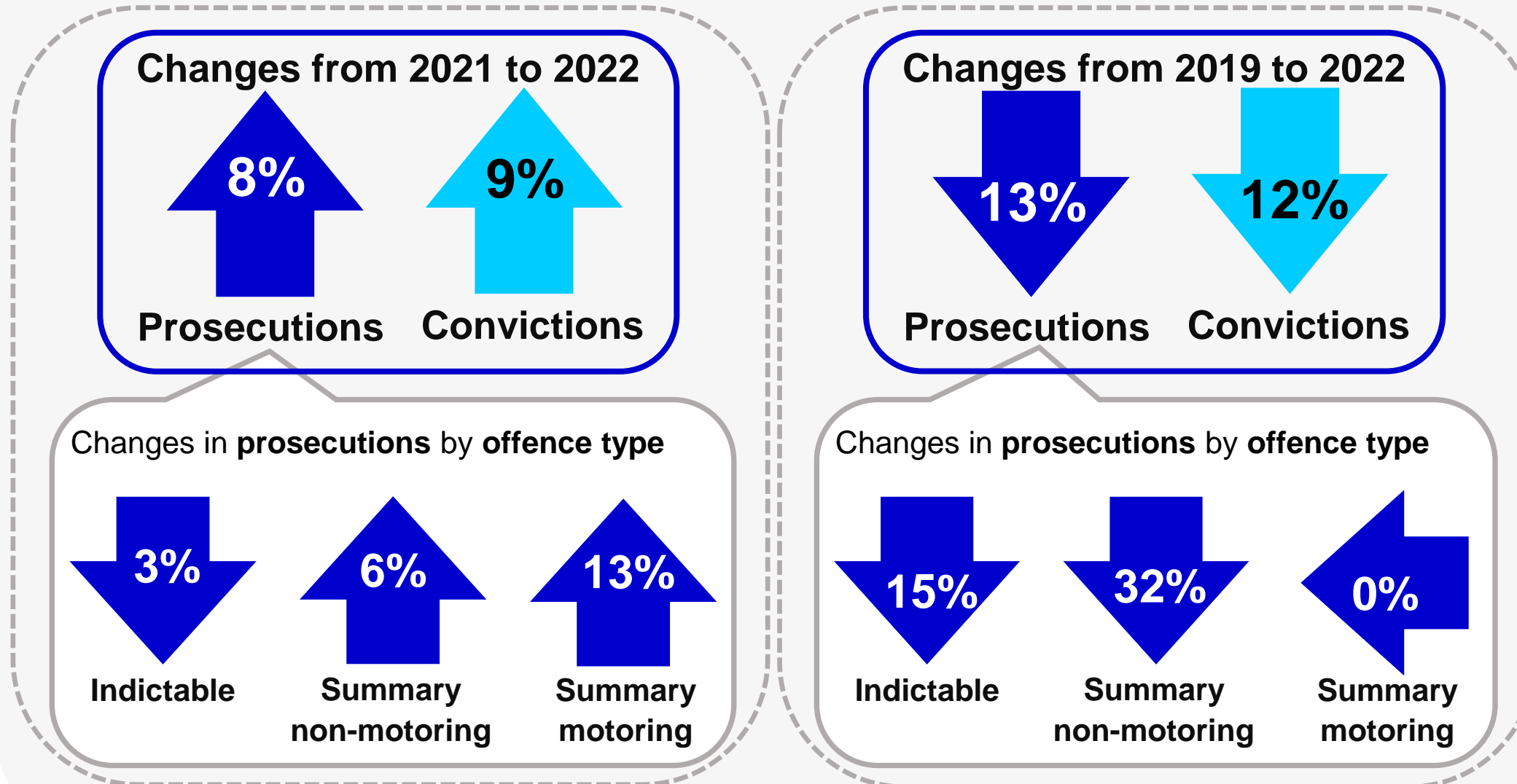
### Prosecutions and convictions

Number of defendants prosecuted, 2018 to 2022



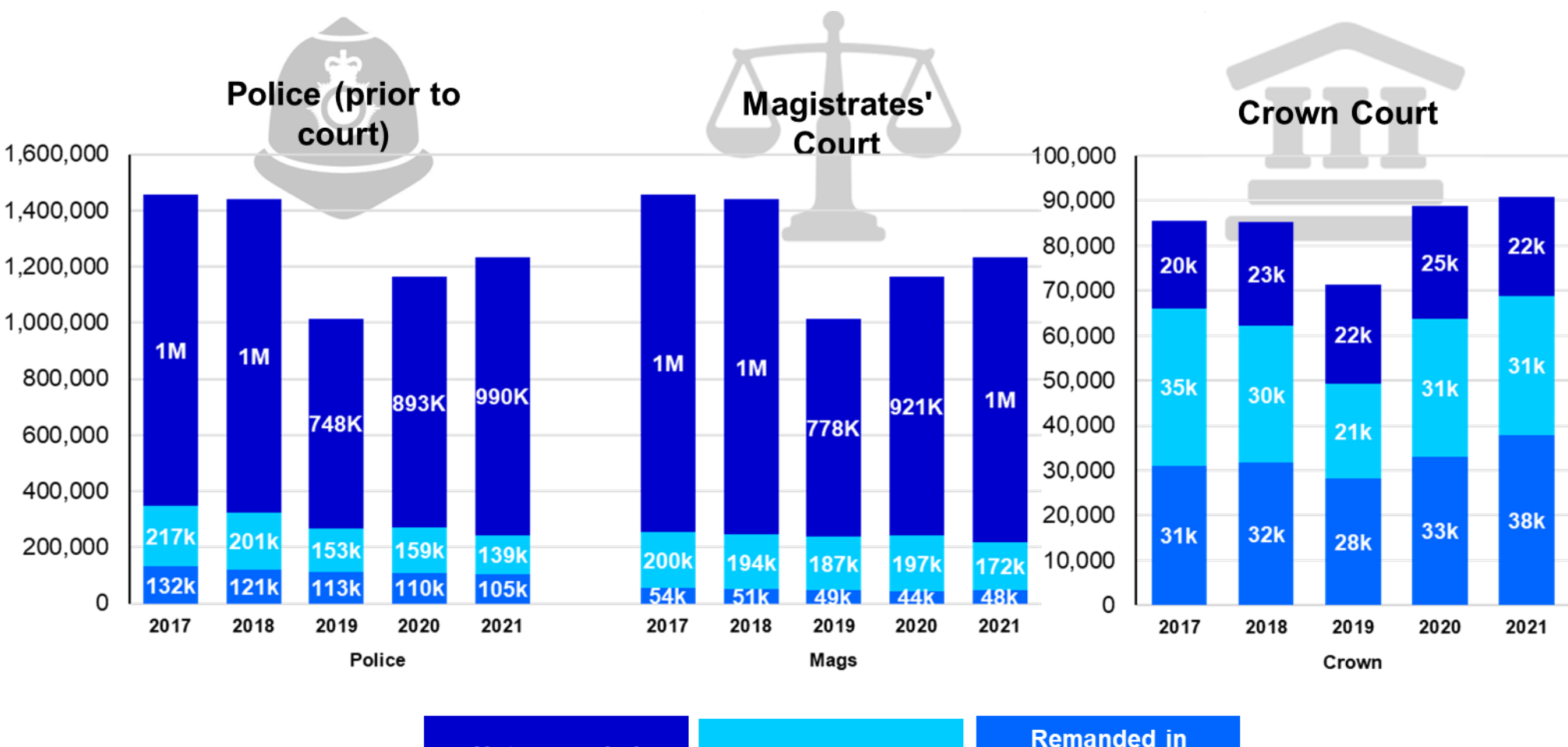
1.2 million defendants were prosecuted at magistrates' courts in 2021.

8% more than 2021, but still 13% fewer than 2019.



### Remands

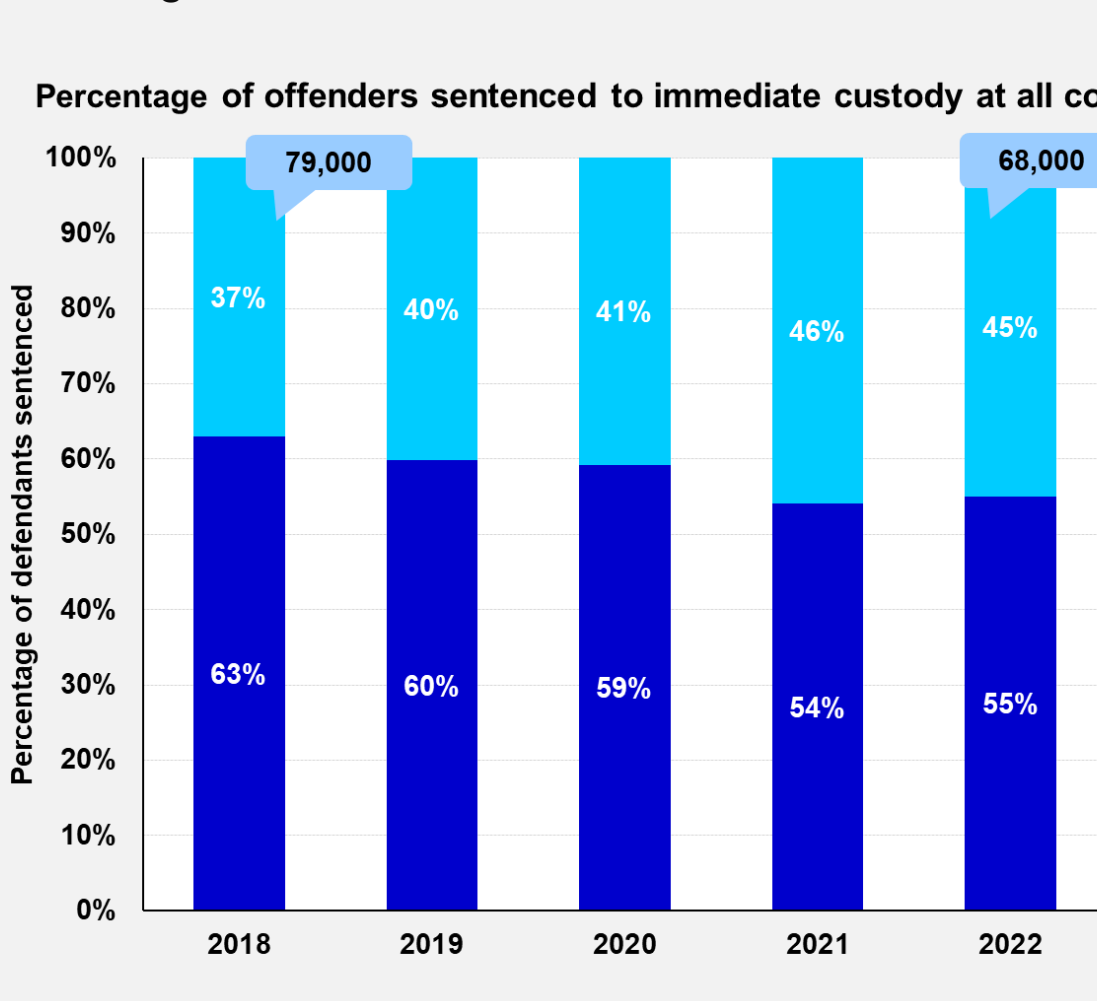
The proportion of defendants remanded in custody at Crown Court increased. 55% of defendants with known remand status at Crown Court were remanded in custody in 2022 – up from 52% in 2021.



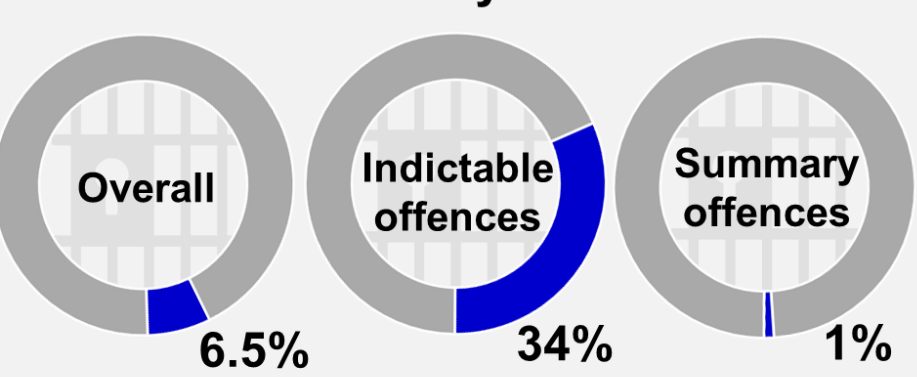
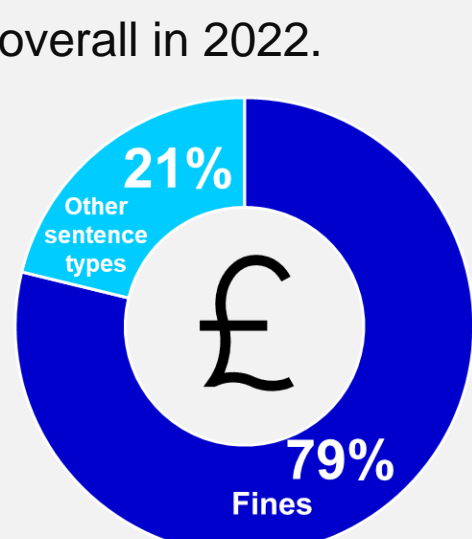
### Sentencing

The number of offenders sentenced at all courts rose by 9% in the latest year to 1.05 million, remaining 15% lower than 2019.

Percentage of offenders sentenced to immediate custody at all courts

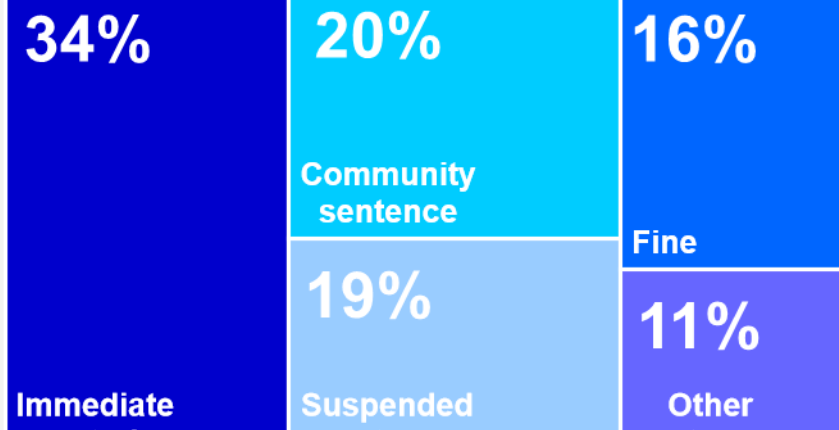


Fines remained the most common sentence overall in 2022.

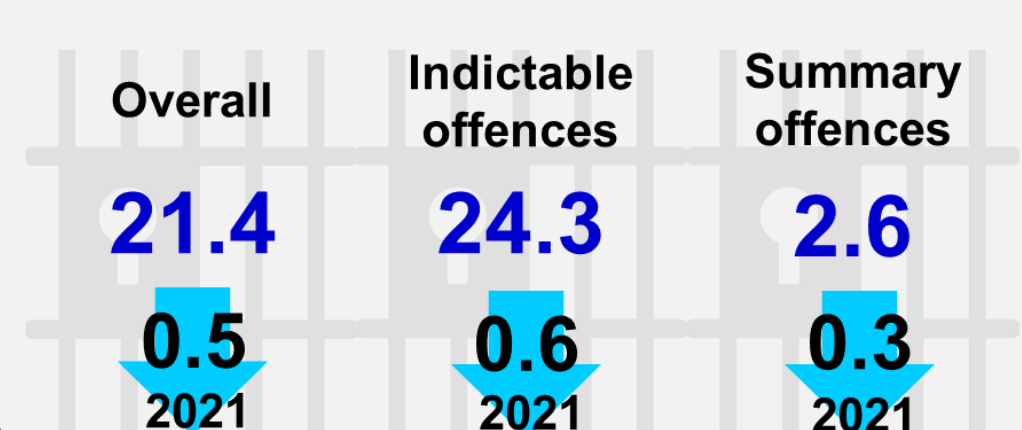


Custodial sentences rose by 4% to 67,800 in 2022. Custody rate increased from 32% in 2021 to 34% in 2022.

Sentencing outcomes for all offenders\*, indictable offences, 2022



Average custodial sentence length (months)



### Motoring

Prosecutions and convictions for motoring offences increased by 12% and 14% respectively in the last year, with sentencing following the same trend.

