



Ministry of Justice



# Criminal Justice Statistics, 2023

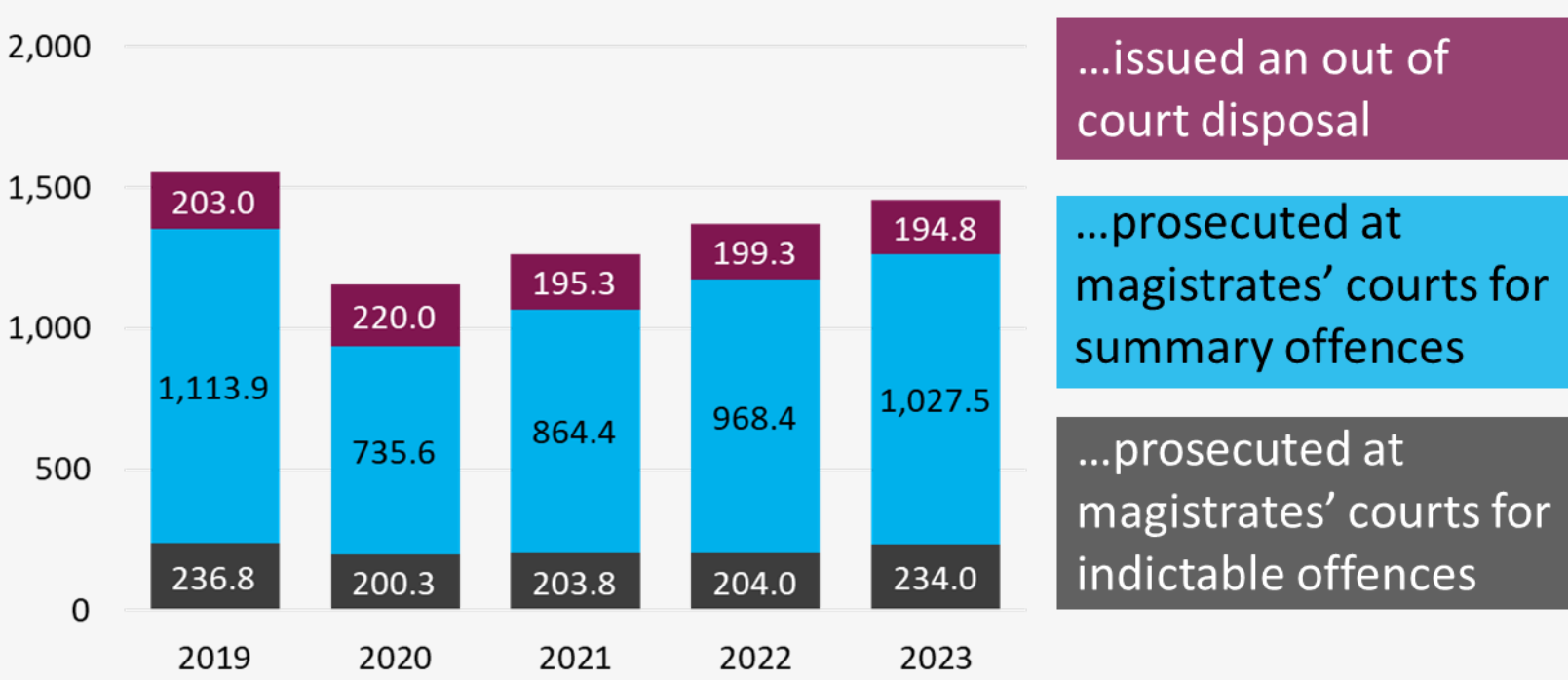
## England and Wales

### Overview

1.46 million individuals were prosecuted or given an out of court disposal in 2023

↑ 8% higher than in 2022

Number of individuals (in thousands) who were:



### Out of court disposals

Out of court disposals decreased by 2% in the latest year, whilst community resolutions are 3% higher than 2022.

#### Community resolutions



↑ Up 3% since 2022  
↑ Up 41% since 2019

#### Penalty Notices for Disorder



↓ Down 28% since 2022  
↓ Down 64% since 2019

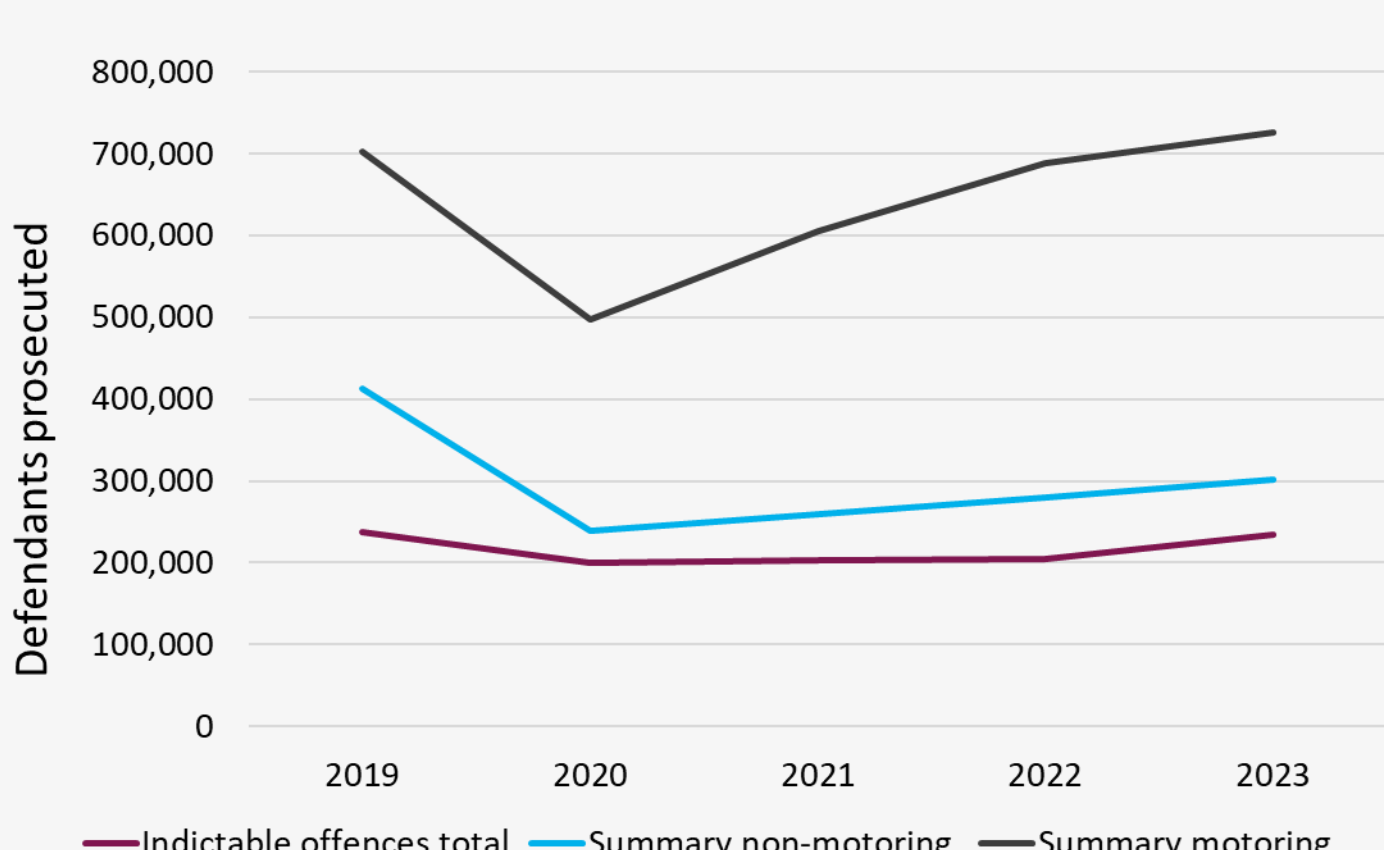
#### Cautions



↓ Down 9% since 2022  
↓ Down 32% since 2019

### Prosecutions and convictions

Number of defendants prosecuted, 2019 to 2023



1.26 million defendants were prosecuted at magistrates' courts in 2023.

8% more than 2022, but still 7% fewer than 2019.

#### Prosecutions

increased 8% in the latest year.



Prosecutions by offence type:

↑ 15%

Indictable

↑ 8%

Summary Non-motoring

↑ 5%

Summary motoring

#### Convictions

increased 7% in the latest year



Convictions by offence type:

↑ 12%

Indictable

↑ 7%

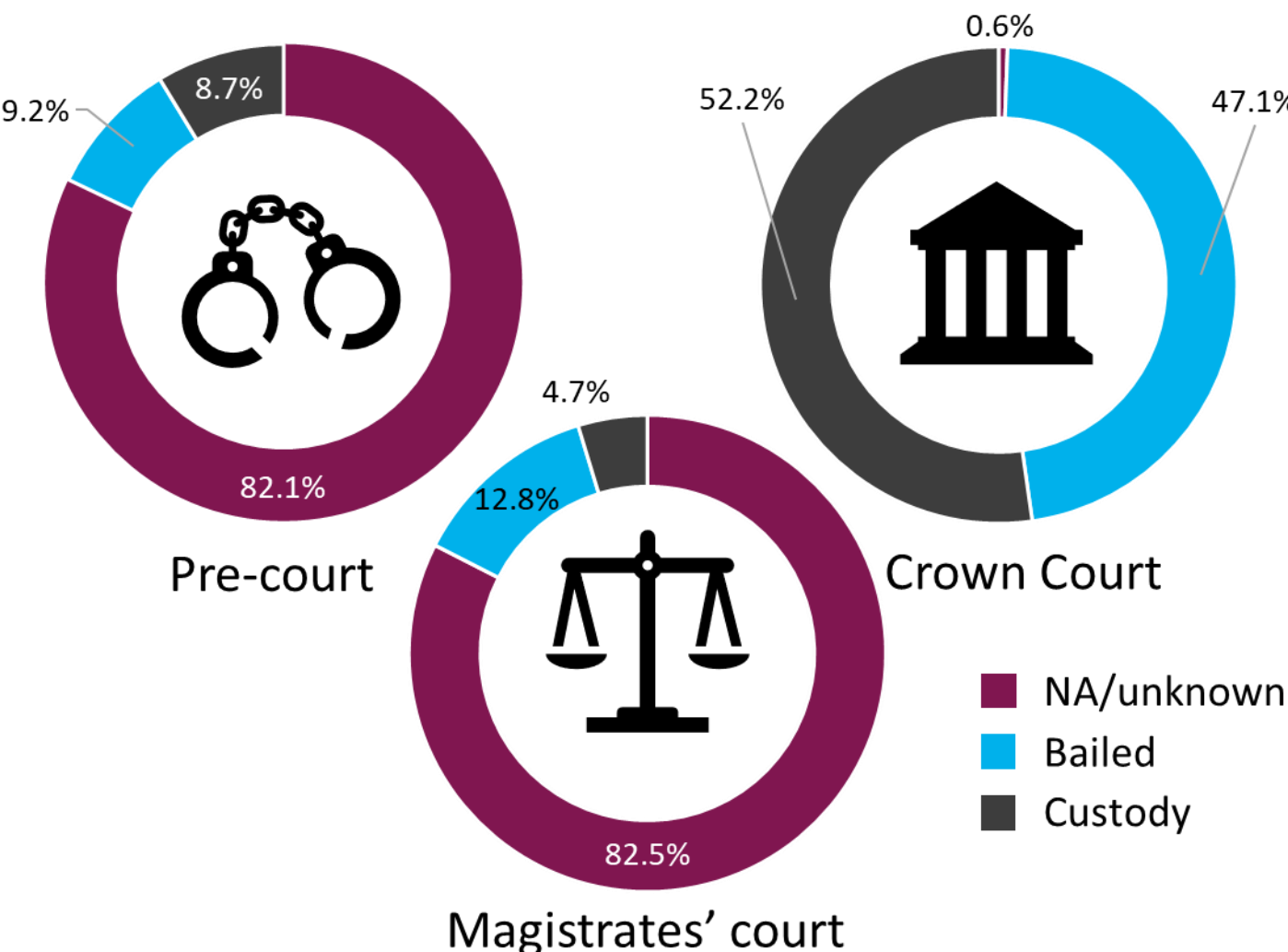
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↑ 5%

Summary motoring

### Remands

The proportion of defendants remanded in custody at Crown Court increased from 51% in 2022 to 52% in 2023.



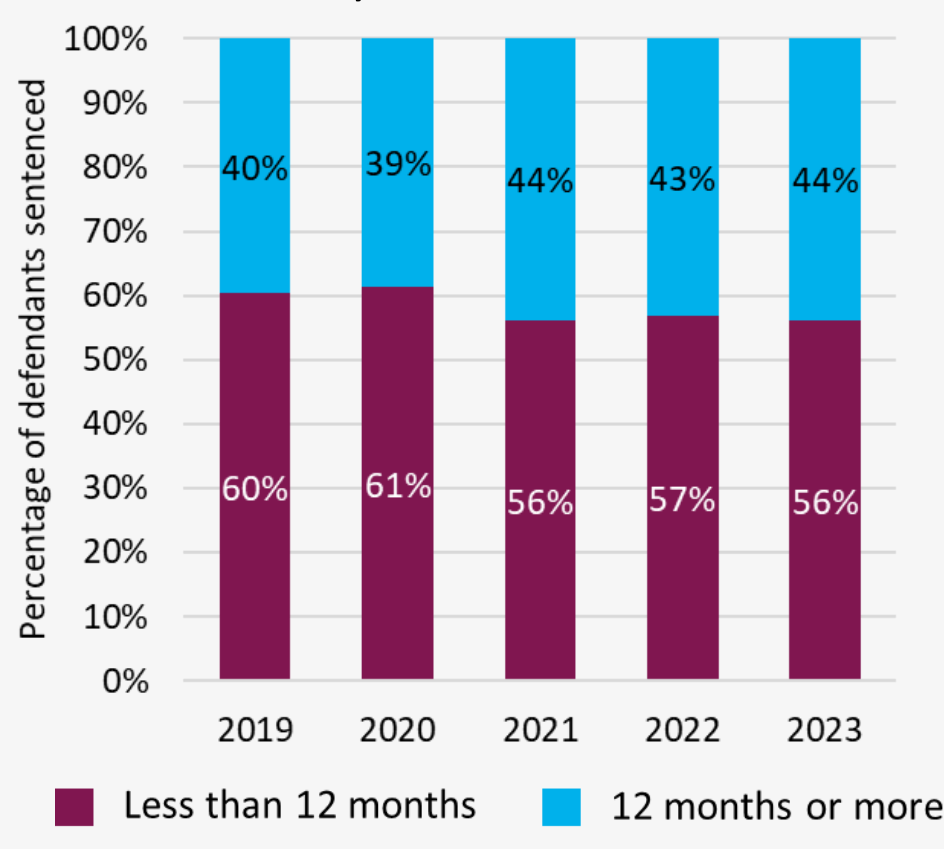
Of those remanded in custody at Crown Court, 71% were sentenced to immediate custody.

At all courts, 26% of defendants that were sentenced after being remanded in custody received a non-custodial sentence.

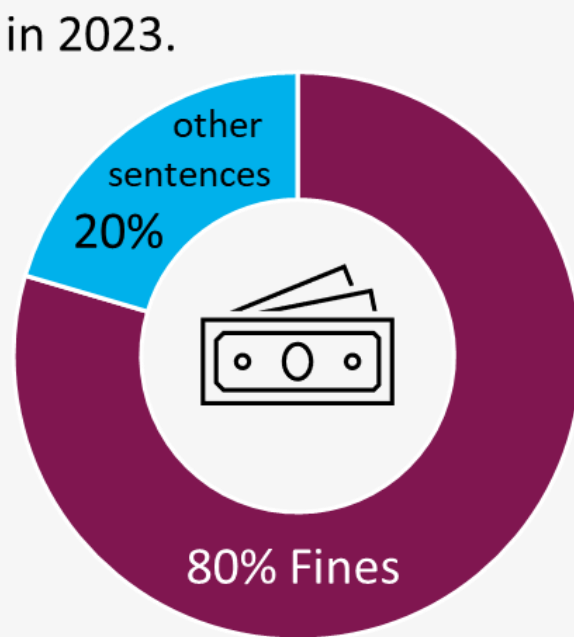
### Sentencing

The number of offenders sentenced at all courts rose by 6% in the latest year.

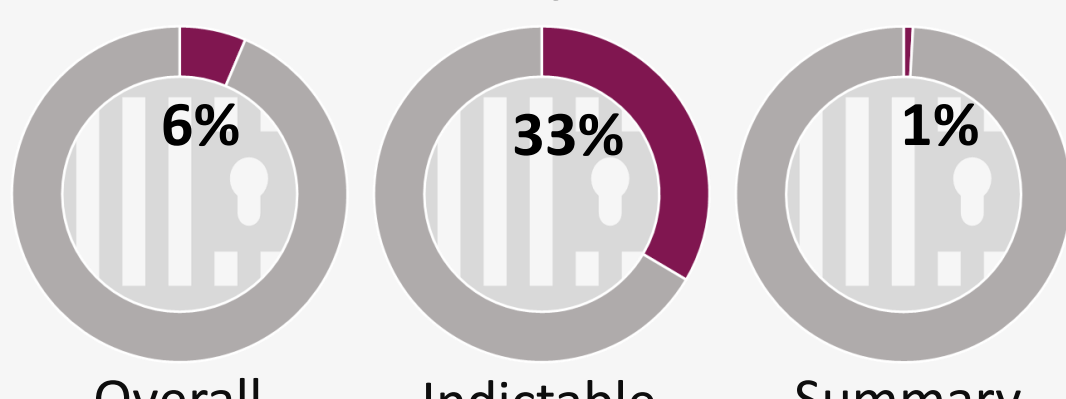
Percentage of offenders sentenced to immediate custody at all courts



Fines remained the most common sentence overall in 2023.



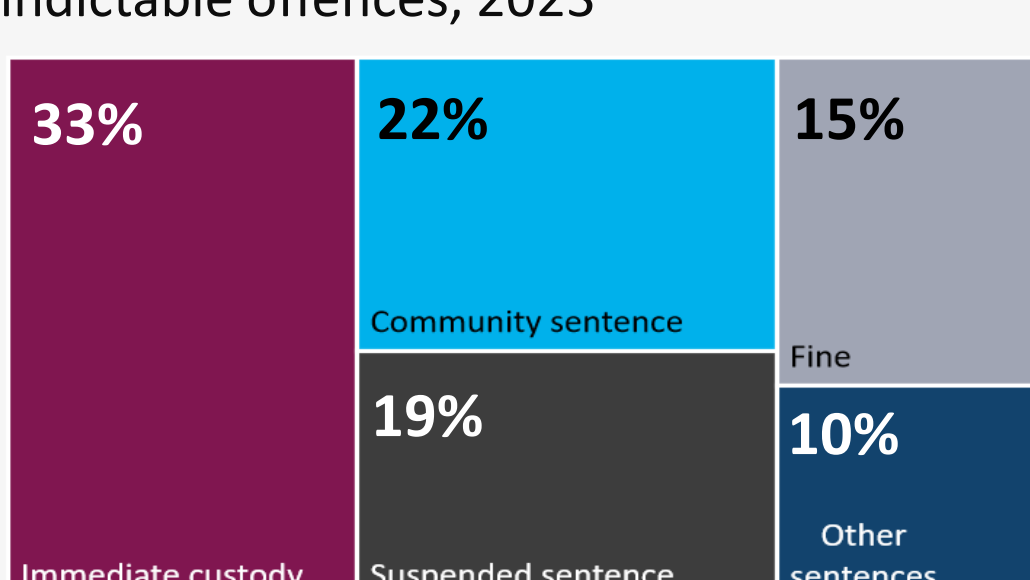
#### Custody rate



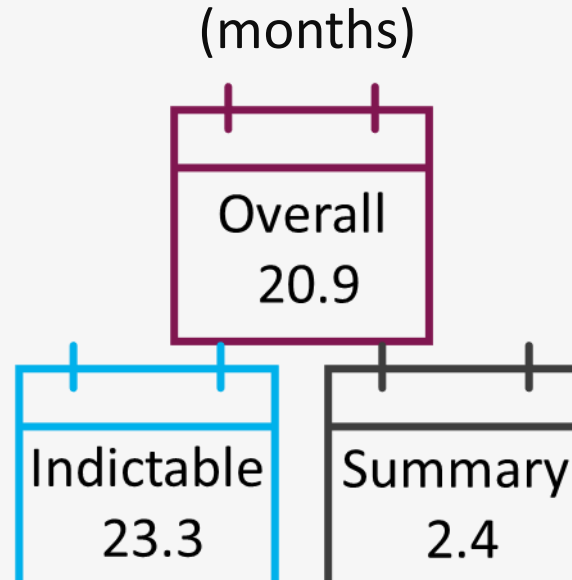
Custody rate increased from 33% in 2022 to 34% in 2023.

Custodial sentences rose by 11% to 71,700 in 2023.

Sentencing outcomes for all offenders\*, indictable offences, 2023



Average custodial sentence length (months)

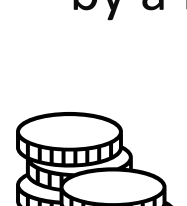


\*includes companies, public bodies, etc.

### Motoring

Prosecutions and convictions for motoring offences increased by 6% and 5% respectively in the last year, with sentencing following the same trend.

95% of motoring offences were dealt with by a fine in 2023



£311 Average fine

Custody rate for motoring offences causing death



The number of sentenced offenders directly disqualified decreased in 2023.

