

The Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings Act (Northern Ireland) 2021 – Prosecutions at Courts and Case Processing Time for Domestic Abuse Related Cases Dealt with in 2024/25

Cases overall

2,508 cases with offences under the Act¹ disposed in 2024/25

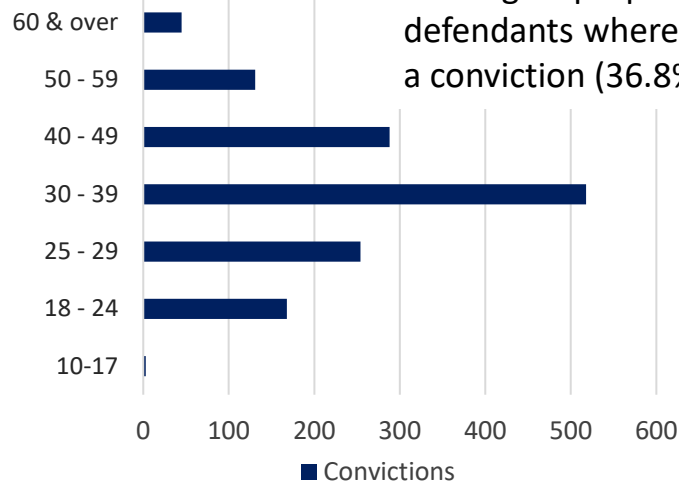
2,501 dealt with at court



7 by out of court disposals

Age

30-39 year olds made up the largest proportion of defendants where there was a conviction (36.8%)



Gender



90.8% convicted and **100%** dealt with by out of court disposal were male²

9.2% convicted were female



² Figures for males include a small number of transgender and gender not specified.

Median time taken for a case to complete from offence reported to disposal



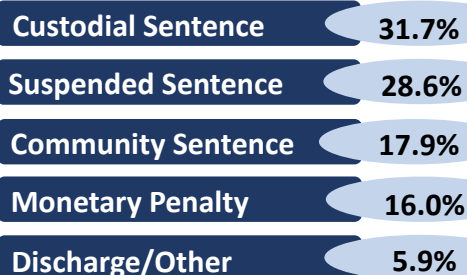
All courts
152 days

Crown
486 days



Magistrates'
145 days

Court Disposals



The main disposal in 446 (31.7%) cases was a custodial sentence

2024/25 compared to previous year



Cases resulting in a conviction

2023/24

55.5%



2024/25

56.3%

Cases dealt with by out of court disposal

8



7

Median time (days) taken for cases to complete

139



152

¹ Figures in this infographic relate to offences under the Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings Act (Northern Ireland) 2021 and do not include cases where the Public Prosecution Service considered there was a domestic abuse motivation for an offence prior to the introduction of the Act on 21 February 2022.