



Proven Reoffending Statistics Ad Hoc – Reoffending by Index Disposal, Wales

This ad hoc provides the proven reoffending statistics for offenders in Wales for the April to June 2020 offender cohort, to the July to September 2023 offender cohort. This bulletin, and associated tables, present the proportion of offenders who reoffend (proven reoffending rate) and the number of proven reoffences, by their index disposal. An offender can be included once per disposal type. For technical details, and a glossary of terms, please refer to the accompanying [guide to proven reoffending](#).

Please note that an offender's geographical location is based on their postcode on the date they received their disposal. Therefore, this publication is for offenders with a last known postcode in Wales and may not represent all offenders with a home address in Wales, or those who consider themselves Welsh.

Reoffending by Disposal Type

Please note, users should exercise caution when comparing the effectiveness of different sentences because the presented rates do not control for differences in offender characteristics receiving those sentences - for further information please consult research from 2019 on the [impact of short custodial sentences, community orders and suspended sentence orders on reoffending](#) as well as the [guide to proven reoffending statistics](#).¹

Adult offenders

For the July to September 2023 cohort, the proven reoffending rate for adult offenders, with their last known address in Wales, starting a court order² was 35.4%, an increase of 0.7 percentage points when compared to the same quarter in 2022, and a decrease of 0.9 percentage points when compared to the previous quarter. In comparison, the proven reoffending rate for adult offenders in the July to September 2023 cohort in England and Wales, starting a court order, was 33.9%.

The proven reoffending rate for adult offenders, with their last known address in Wales, released from custody between July and September 2023, was 43.5%, an increase of 1.4 percentage points compared to the same quarter in 2022 and a 3.4 percentage points increase when compared to the previous quarter. In comparison, the proven reoffending rate for adult offenders in England and Wales, released from custody between July and September 2023, was 41.3%.

¹ Proven reoffending rates by disposal should not be compared to assess the effectiveness of sentences, as there is no control for known differences in offender characteristics and the type of sentence given. For further information see [Annex D of the October 2016 publication](#) (page 41) and the [guide to proven reoffending statistics](#).

² Community order or suspended sentence order.

Juvenile offenders

The small numbers in the juvenile cohort make percentage figures volatile. Therefore, caution should be used when comparing rates across the time series.

Further information

Accompanying files

As well as this bulletin, the following products are published as part of this release:

- A set of overview tables, covering each section of this bulletin.
- A technical guide to proven reoffending statistics providing information on how proven reoffending is measured and the data sources used.
- A data quality statement which outlines our policies for producing quality statistical outputs and the information provided to maintain our users' understanding and trust.

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