



Criminal Justice Statistics, December 2025

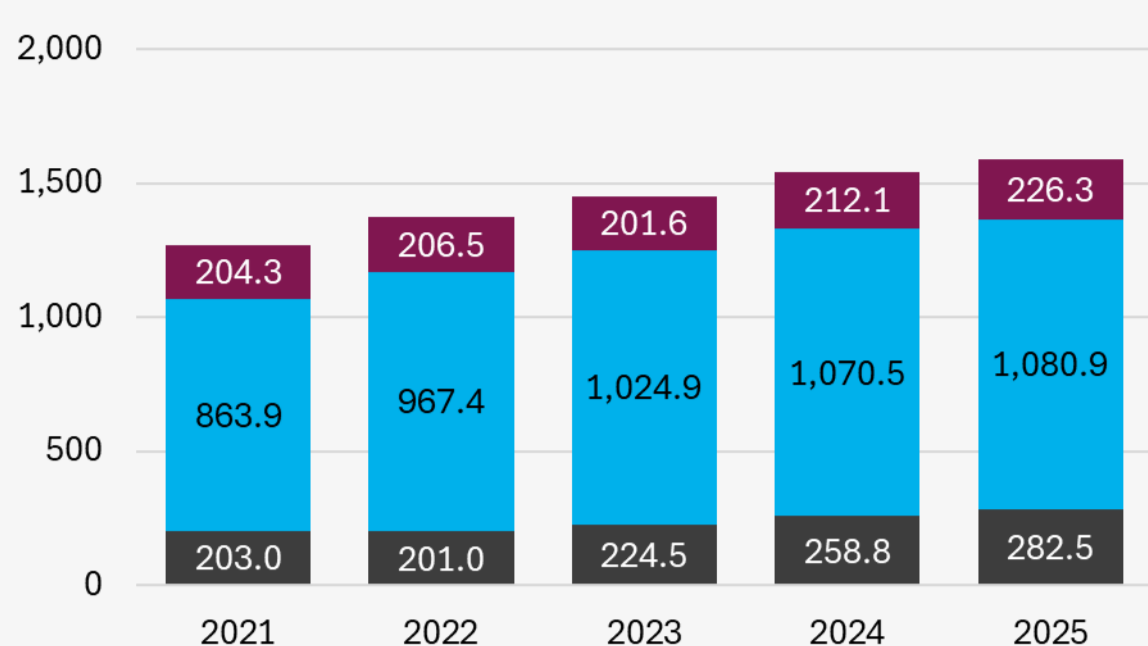
England and Wales

Overview

1.59 million individuals were prosecuted or given an out of court resolution in 2025

↑ 9% higher than in 2024

Number of individuals (in thousands) who were:



...issued and out of court disposal

...prosecuted at magistrates' courts for summary offences

...prosecuted at magistrates' court for indictable offences

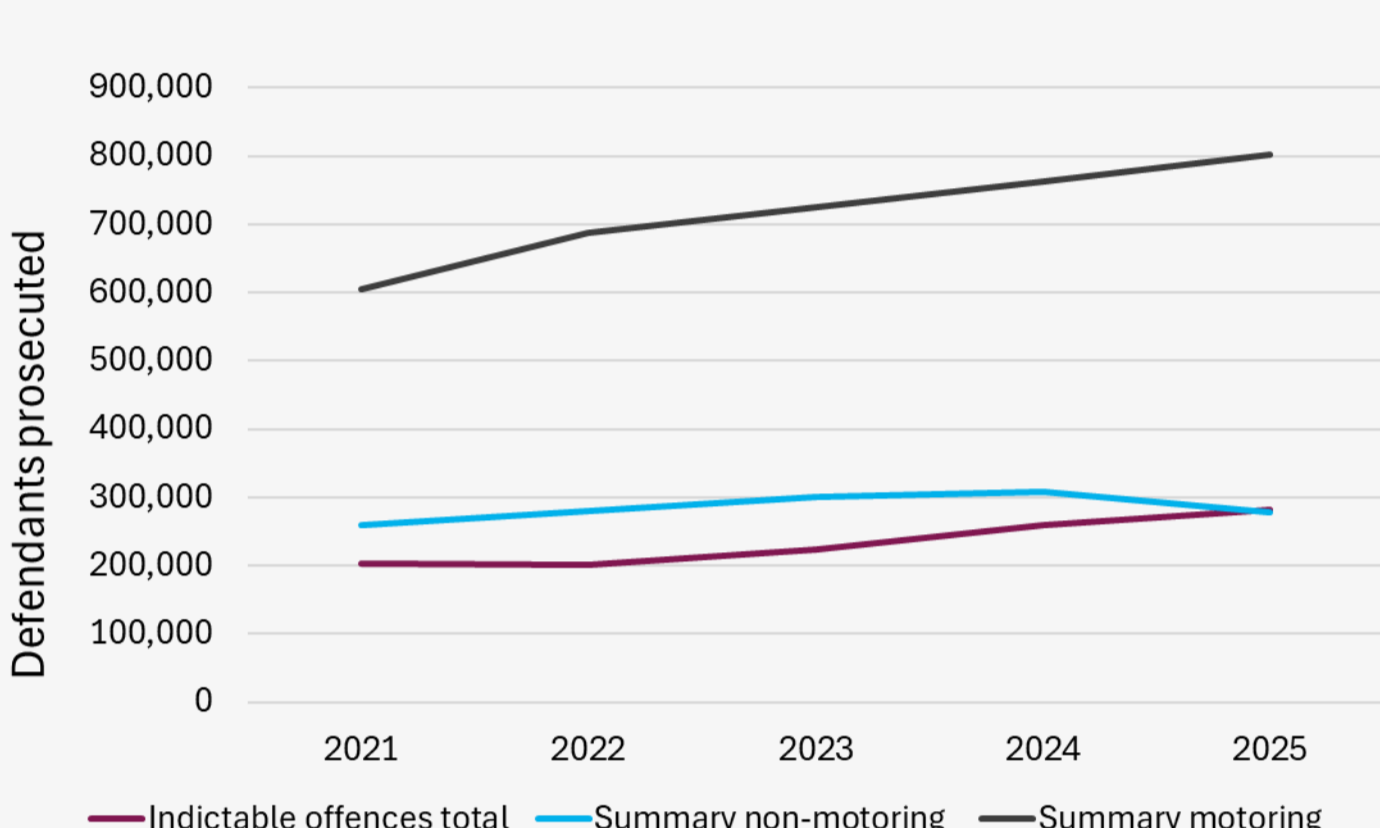
Out of court resolutions

Out of court resolutions increased by 7% in the latest year, driven by community resolutions being 11% higher than in 2024.



Prosecutions and convictions

Number of defendants prosecuted, 2021 to 2025



1.36 million defendants were prosecuted at magistrates' courts in 2025.

3% more than in 2024

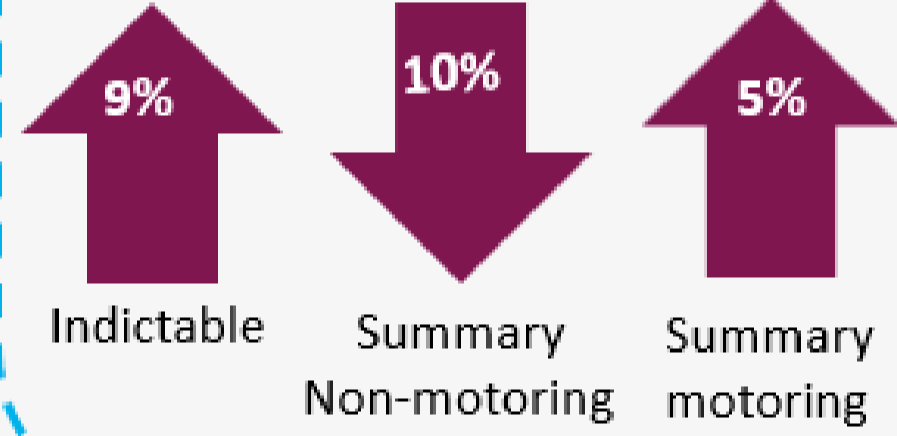
28% increase from 2021

Prosecutions

increased 3% in the latest year.



Prosecutions by offence type:

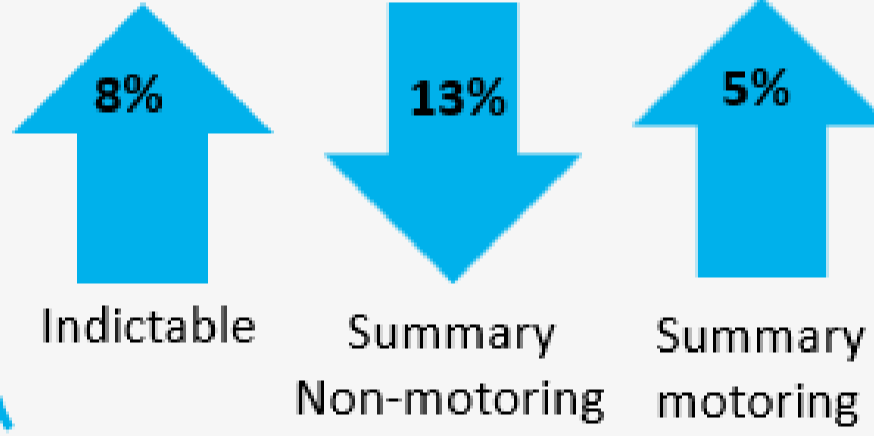


Convictions

increased 1% in the latest year

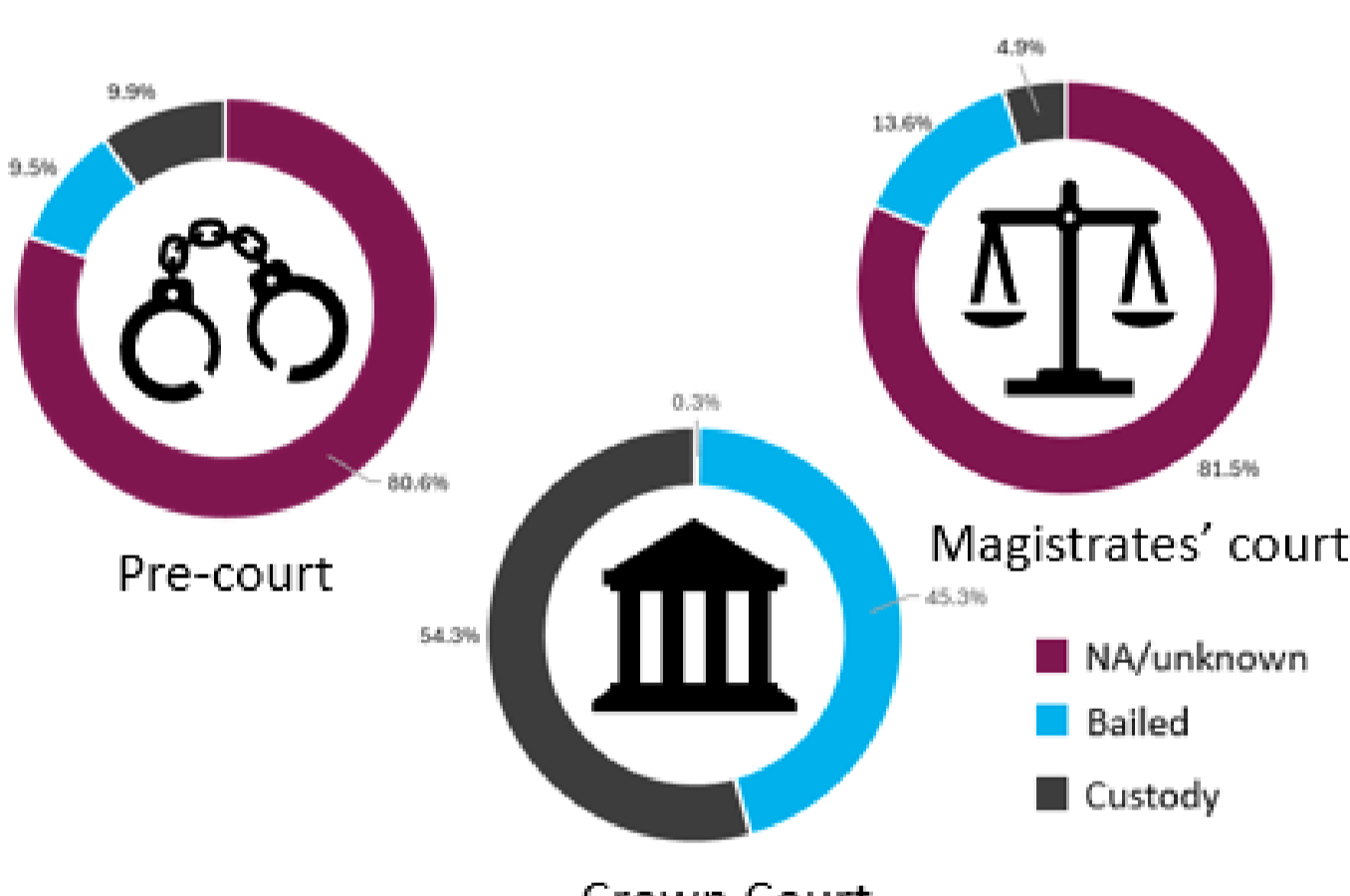


Convictions by offence type:



Remands

The proportion of defendants remanded in custody at Crown Court decreased from 55% in 2024 to 54% in 2025.



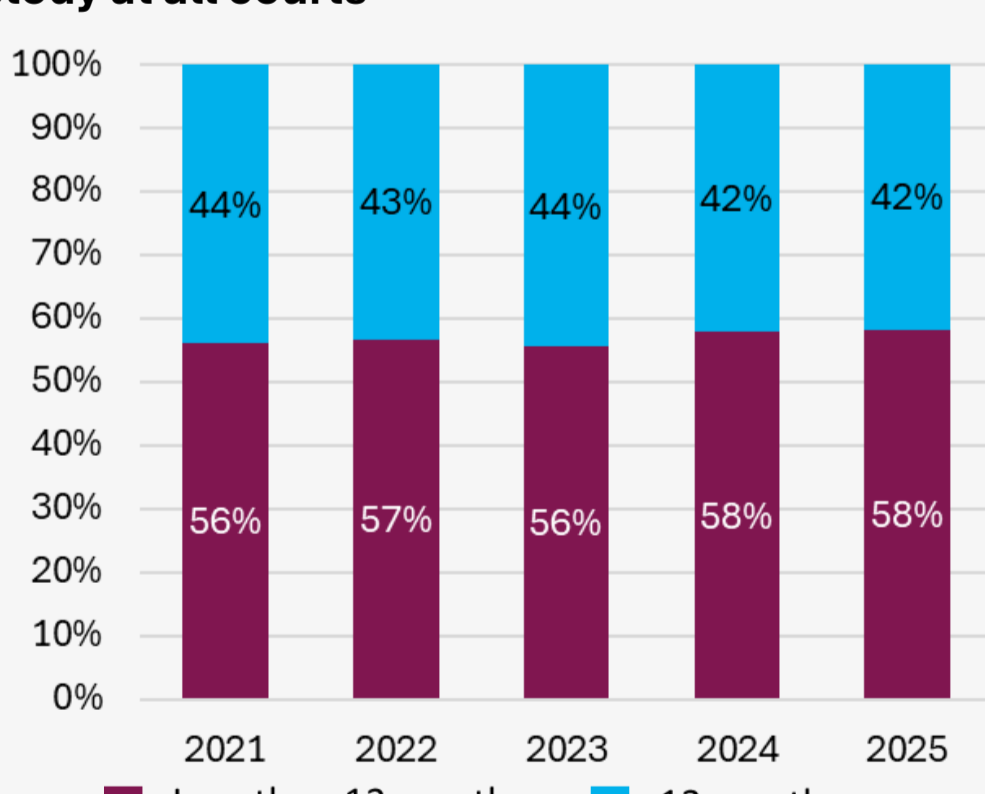
Of those remanded in custody at Crown Court, 71% were sentenced to immediate custody.

At all criminal courts, 24% of defendants that were sentenced after being remanded in custody received a non-custodial sentence.

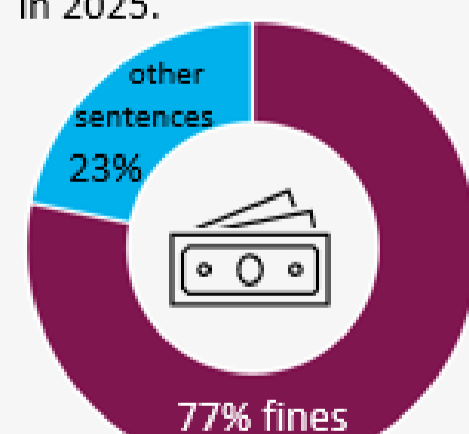
Sentencing

The number of offenders sentenced at all courts rose by 1% in the latest year.

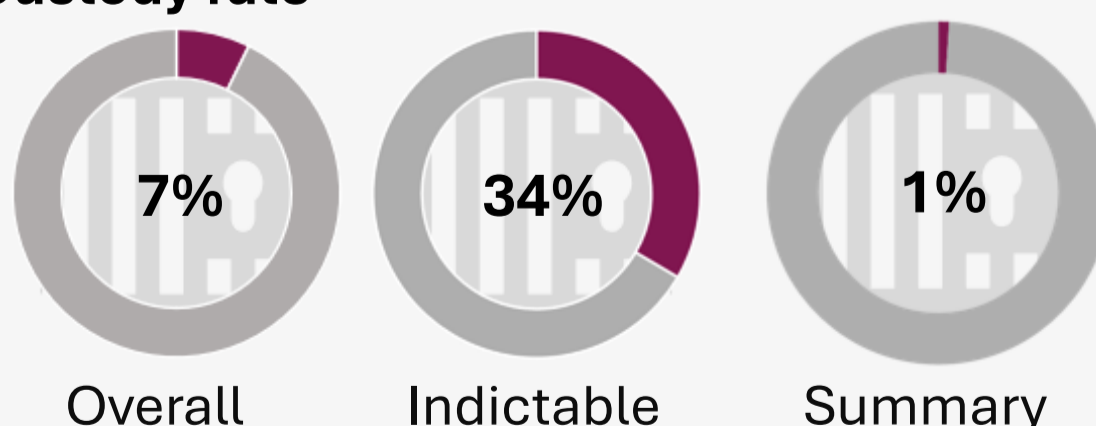
Percentage of offenders sentenced to immediate custody at all courts



Fines remained the most common sentence overall in 2025.



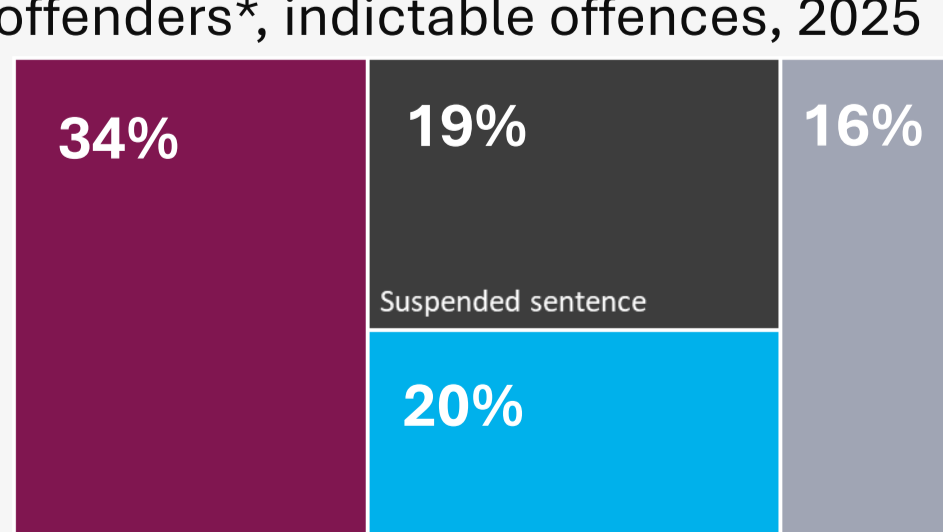
Custody rate



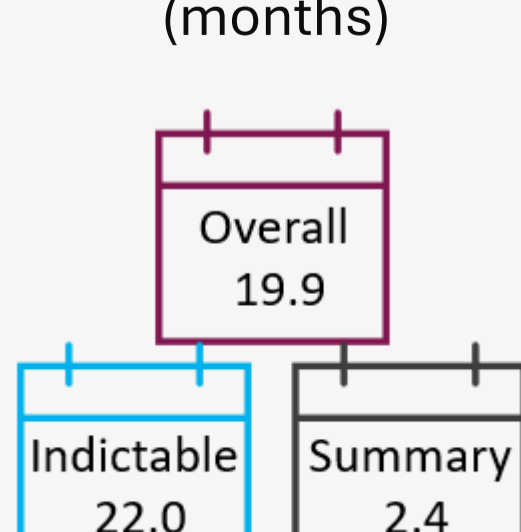
Custody rate increased slightly from 33% to 34% in 2025.

Custodial sentences rose by 9% to 88,100 in 2025.

Sentencing outcomes for all offenders*, indictable offences, 2025



Average custodial sentence length (months)



*includes companies, public bodies, etc.

Motoring

Prosecutions are at a series high, with both prosecutions and convictions for motoring offences increasing by 5% in the last year, with sentencing following the same trend.

95% of motoring offences were dealt with by a fine in 2025

£327 Average fine

Custody rate for motoring offences causing death

