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Guidance

This pocketbook contains a printable version of the information presented in Justice in Numbers. The QR code beneath each measure will take you to the relevant section of Justice in Numbers, where you can find additional trend data, as well as links to source material where additional context and caveats can be found to aid interpretation.

Some measures are presented as an annual trend, with data reported at fixed intervals. In some cases, more recent intermediate quarterly figures are published which do not align with these annual periods. These are highlighted in the 'Latest published data point' column of the Summary Tables, and above the relevant trend charts where applicable. The most recent and next publication dates are also listed for each measure. In cases where there is no next publication date listed, this is because a future publication date has not been announced.

Justice in Numbers can be accessed at
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Summary Tables

Headline measures

Description	Latest trend period	Latest trend value	Previous trend period	Previous trend value	Latest published data point	Last published	Next published
Crime figures from Crime Survey for England and Wales	Apr 2025 to Mar 2026	9.6 million	Apr 2024 to Mar 2025	9.4 million	30 Jun 2026	22 October 2026	
Police recorded crime in England and Wales	Apr 2025 to Mar 2026	7.0 million	Apr 2024 to Mar 2025	6.6 million	30 Jun 2026	22 October 2026	
Estimated total cost of crime in England and Wales	2015/16	£58.9bn				23 July 2018	
Prison population	30-Jun-2026	85,858	30-Jun-2025	87,334	31 Mar 2026	30 July 2026	29 October 2026 9:30am
Probation caseload	31 Mar 2026	258,332	31 Dec 2025	248,568		30 July 2026	29 October 2026 9:30am
Proven reoffending rate	Jul - Sep 2024	29.9%	Apr - Jun 2024	29.6%		30 July 2026	29 October 2026 9:30am
Crown Court disposals	Jan - Dec 2025	114,490	Jan - Dec 2024	114,237	30 Jun 2026	24 September 2026	10 December 2026 9:30am
Crown Court open caseload	31 Dec 2025	80,462	31 Dec 2024	74,472	30 Jun 2026	24 September 2026	10 December 2026 9:30am
Magistrates' courts disposals	Jan - Dec 2025	1,461,268	Jan - Dec 2024	1,436,768	30 Jun 2026	24 September 2026	10 December 2026 9:30am

Description	Latest trend period	Latest trend value	Previous trend period	Previous trend value	Latest published data point	Last published	Next published
Civil courts - total judgments	Jan - Dec 2025	1,202,109	Jan - Dec 2024	1,091,032	Jun 2026	3 September 2026	3 December 2026 9:30am
Family court - total cases disposed	Jan - Dec 2025	242,976	Jan - Dec 2024	246,419	30 Jun 2026	24 September 2026	17 December 2026 9:30am
Tribunals disposals - overall	Apr 2025 - Mar 2026	333,468	Apr 2024 - Mar 2025	317,688	30 Jun 2026	10 September 2026	10 December 2026 9:30am

Public protection

Description	Latest trend period	Latest trend value	Previous trend period	Previous trend value	Latest published data point	Last published	Next published
Prison first receptions (quarterly)	Jan-Mar 2026	17,945	Oct-Dec 2025	18,379		30 July 2026	29 October 2026 9:30am
Prison population	30-Jun-2026	85,858	30-Jun-2025	87,334	31 Mar 2026	30 July 2026	29 October 2026 9:30am
Prison releases (quarterly)	Jan-Mar 2026	12,977	Oct-Dec 2025	14,643		30 July 2026	29 October 2026 9:30am
Individuals released on temporary licence	Jan-Mar 2026	4,155	Oct-Dec 2025	4,179		30 July 2026	29 October 2026 9:30am
Prison operational capacity	Jun 2026	89,120	Jun 2025	89,573		13 July 2026	
Prison staff in post (bands 3-5)	March 2026	21,984	March 2025	22,716	30 Jun 2026	20 August 2026	
Crowding	Apr 2025 to Mar 2026	23.9%	Apr 2024 to Mar 2025	24.7%		30 July 2026	

Description	Latest trend period	Latest trend value	Previous trend period	Previous trend value	Latest published data point	Last published	Next published
Historic crowding data from 1998 to 2024	Apr 2023 to Mar 2024	23.6%	Apr 2022 to Mar 2023	22.9%		30 July 2026	
Prisoner on prisoner assaults per 1,000 prisoners	Apr 2025 to Mar 2026	244	Apr 2024 to Mar 2025	237	Dec 2025	30 July 2026	29 October 2026 9:30am
Assaults on staff per 1,000 prisoners	Apr 2025 to Mar 2026	113	Apr 2024 to Mar 2025	122	Dec 2025	30 July 2026	29 October 2026 9:30am
Self-harm incidents per 1,000 prisoners	Apr 2025 to Mar 2026	812	Apr 2024 to Mar 2025	899	Dec 2025	30 July 2026	29 October 2026 9:30am
Self inflicted deaths	Apr 2025 to Mar 2026	67	Apr 2024 to Mar 2025	93	Dec 2025	30 July 2026	29 October 2026 9:30am
Random mandatory drug testing (traditional drugs)	Apr 2019 to Mar 2020	10.5 %	Apr 2018 to Mar 2019	10.4 %		30 July 2026	
Barricades or prevention of access	Apr 2025 to Mar 2026	1,740	Apr 2024 to Mar 2025	1,964		30 July 2026	
Escapes from prison establishments and escorts	Apr 2025 to Mar 2026	14	Apr 2024 to Mar 2025	12		30 July 2026	
Absconds	Apr 2025 to Mar 2026	78	Apr 2024 to Mar 2025	57		30 July 2026	
Electronic monitoring caseload	30 September 2026	27,496	31 August 2026	28,132	Dec 2025	22 October 2026	
Probation caseload	31 Mar 2026	258,332	31 Dec 2025	248,568		30 July 2026	29 October 2026 9:30am

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Staff in post (Probation Service)	March 2026	21,765	March 2025	21,022	30 Jun 2026	20 August 2026	
Serious further offence convictions	Apr 2023 - Mar 2024	357	Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	312		30 July 2026	29 October 2026 9:30am

Reduce reoffending

Description	Latest trend period	Latest trend value	Previous trend period	Previous trend value	Latest published data point	Last published	Next published
Proven reoffending rate	Jul - Sep 2024	29.9%	Apr - Jun 2024	29.6%		30 July 2026	29 October 2026 9:30am
Housed on release from custody (MI014)	Apr 2025 - Mar 2026	83.3%	Apr 2024 - Mar 2025	84.0%		30 July 2026	29 July 2027 9:30am
Settled accommodation at 3 months post release from custody (MI015a/MI015Sa)	Apr 2025 - Mar 2026	81.0%	May 2024 - Mar 2025	80.6%		30 July 2026	29 July 2027 9:30am
Settled accommodation at 3 months post community disposal (MI015b/MI015Sb)	Apr 2025 - Mar 2026	85.8%	May 2024 - Mar 2025	84.9%		30 July 2026	29 July 2027 9:30am
Employed at 6 weeks post release from custody (MI016/MI016R)	Apr 2025 - Mar 2026	20.6%	May 2024 - Mar 2025	20.1%		30 July 2026	29 July 2027 9:30am
Employed at 6 months post release from custody (MI017a/MI017Ra)	Apr 2025 - Mar 2026	36.5%	May 2024 - Mar 2025	34.5%		30 July 2026	29 July 2027 9:30am

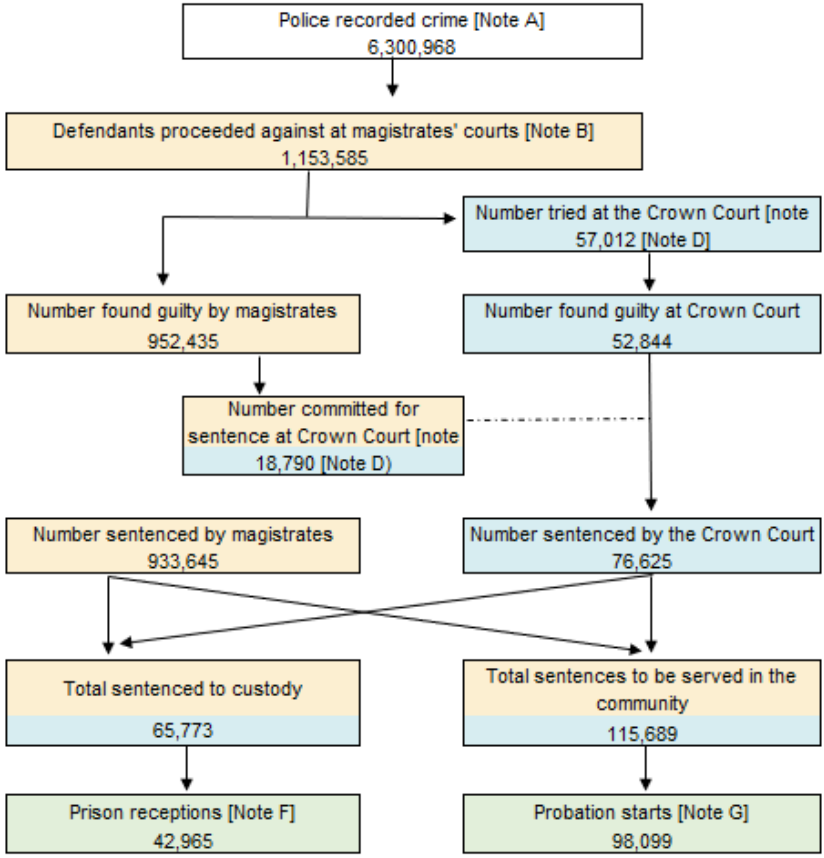
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Employed at 6 months post community disposal (MI017b/MI017Rb)	Apr 2025 - Mar 2026	45.2%	May 2024 - Mar 2025	45.8%		30 July 2026	29 July 2027 9:30am
Random mandatory drug testing (traditional drugs)	Apr 2019 to Mar 2020	10.5 %	Apr 2018 to Mar 2019	10.4 %		30 July 2026	
Random mandatory drug testing - new psychoactive substances only	Apr 2019 to Mar 2020	4.3 %	Apr 2018 to Mar 2019	9.0 %		30 July 2026	
Prisoners completing treatment free from dependence	Apr 2024 - Mar 2025	37.4%	Apr 2023 - Mar 2024	37.9%		5 February 2026	11 February 2027 9:30am

Access to justice

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Crown Court cracked trials	Jan - Dec 2025	31%	Jan - Dec 2024	31%	30 Jun 2026	24 September 2026	10 December 2026 9:30am
Crown Court ineffective trials	Jan - Dec 2025	25%	Jan - Dec 2024	25%	30 Jun 2026	24 September 2026	10 December 2026 9:30am
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Employment tribunal disposals - single claims	Apr 2025 - Mar 2026	26,377	Apr 2024 - Mar 2025	29,127	30 Jun 2026	10 September 2026	10 December 2026 9:30am
Employment tribunal disposals - multiple claims	Apr 2025 - Mar 2026	20,217	Apr 2024 - Mar 2025	31,641	30 Jun 2026	10 September 2026	10 December 2026 9:30am
Number of receipts of adult rape cases at the Crown Court	Q2 (Apr-Jun) 2026	1,104	Q1 (Jan-Mar) 2026	1,023		24 September 2026	10 December 2026 9:30am
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Legal aid - overall annual expenditure (£m)	Apr 2025 - Mar 2026	1,864 (£m)	Apr 2024 - Mar 2025	2,240 (£m)		24 September 2026	

Flow through the Criminal Justice System - Year ending March 2022



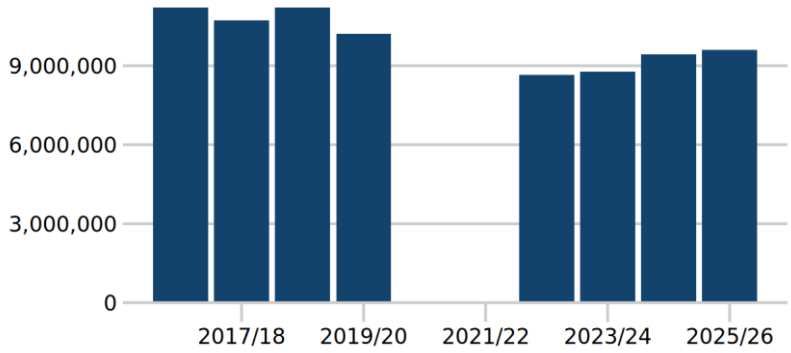
NOTES: Note A: Covers all indictable offences, including triable either way, plus a few closely associated summary offences. Excludes fraud offences recorded by Action Fraud/CIFAS/Financial Fraud Action UK. Note B: Includes males, females, persons where sex 'Not Stated and other offenders, i.e. companies, public bodies, etc. Note D: Defendants tried or sentenced at the Crown Court in a given year may have been committed for trial or sentence by a magistrate in a previous year. Note F: Prison receptions of offenders sentenced to immediate custody, excluding fine defaulters. Note G: Offenders starting Community Order or Suspended Sentence Order supervision by the Probation Service. Includes Suspended Sentence Orders without requirements.

Headline measures

Crime figures from Crime Survey for England and Wales

Incidents of crime against households and people aged 16 and over estimated from the Crime Survey for England and Wales. Includes fraud and computer misuse. Figures are survey estimates and subject to sampling variance. Therefore, figures in this chart are rounded to the nearest 100,000 incidents. Due to the suspension of the CSEW, data are not available between the year ending March 2020 and the year ending March 2022.

Latest published data: In the 12 months to 30 Jun 2026 there were 9.7 million incidents of crime estimated from the CSEW.



Apr 2018 to Mar 2019	11.2 million
Apr 2019 to Mar 2020	10.2 million
Apr 2020 to Mar 2021	
Apr 2021 to Mar 2022	
Apr 2022 to Mar 2023	8.7 million
Apr 2023 to Mar 2024	8.8 million
Apr 2024 to Mar 2025	9.4 million
Apr 2025 to Mar 2026	9.6 million

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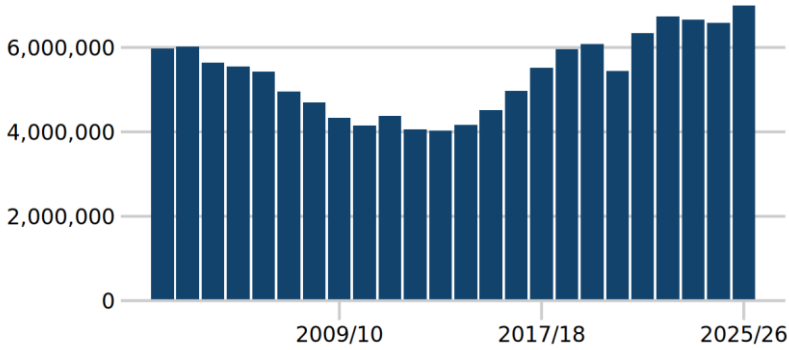
Source: Crime in England and Wales

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Police recorded crime in England and Wales

Police recorded crime statistics based on data from all 43 forces in England and Wales (including the British Transport Police). All offences including fraud and computer misuse (recorded by Action Fraud or referred to the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau since April 2011). Action Fraud migrated to a new system (Report Fraud) in December 2025. The redesigned system provides a more accurate reflection of the victim's reporting journey. As a result, there have been changes to the way offences are recorded compared with previous years. Care should therefore be taken when interpreting year-on-year changes, as increases/decreases may partly reflect changes in recording practices rather than underlying trends.

Latest published data: In the 12 months to 30 Jun 2026 there were 7.1 million offences of crime recorded by police.



Apr 2018 to Mar 2019	6.0 million
Apr 2019 to Mar 2020	6.1 million
Apr 2020 to Mar 2021	5.4 million
Apr 2021 to Mar 2022	6.3 million
Apr 2022 to Mar 2023	6.7 million
Apr 2023 to Mar 2024	6.7 million
Apr 2024 to Mar 2025	6.6 million
Apr 2025 to Mar 2026	7.0 million

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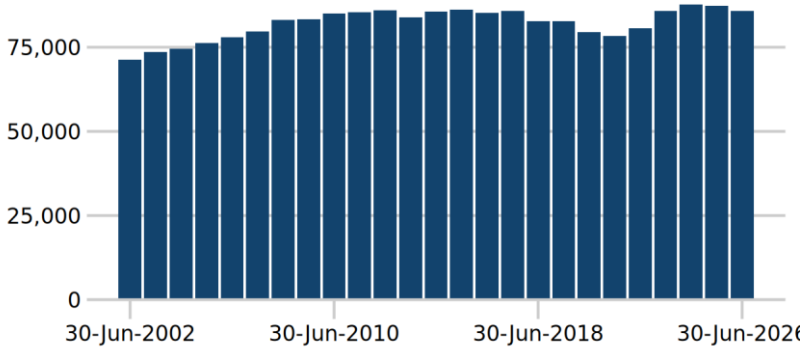
Source: Crime in England and Wales

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Prison population

Total number of prisoners at a specific point in time each year. The time period for this measure refers to a single reference value or snapshot, in this case the population on a single day, rather than a duration such as 3 months or a year.

Latest published data: The prison population at 31 Mar 2026 was 87,342.



30-Jun-2019	82,710
30-Jun-2020	79,514
30-Jun-2021	78,324
30-Jun-2022	80,659
30-Jun-2023	85,851
30-Jun-2024	87,726
30-Jun-2025	87,334
30-Jun-2026	85,858

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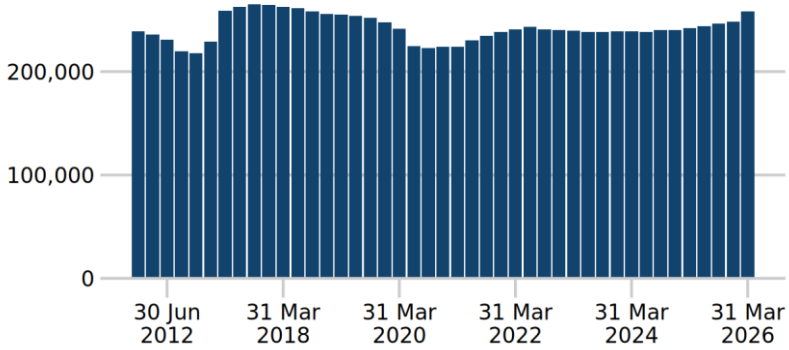
Source: Offender management statistics quarterly

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Probation caseload

The statistics count each person once for each type of probation supervision being received on the date shown. In addition, each person is counted once only in each total or sub-total even if they are subject to several types of probation supervision on the date shown. For example, if a person is subject to both a community order and a Supervision Default Order on the date shown, then the person would be counted once only within the overall total for all supervision.

The figure for 31 Mar 2026 is 258,332



30 Jun 2024	238,646
30 Sep 2024	240,497
31 Dec 2024	240,362
31 Mar 2025	242,397
30 Jun 2025	244,209
30 Sep 2025	246,502
31 Dec 2025	248,568
31 Mar 2026	258,332

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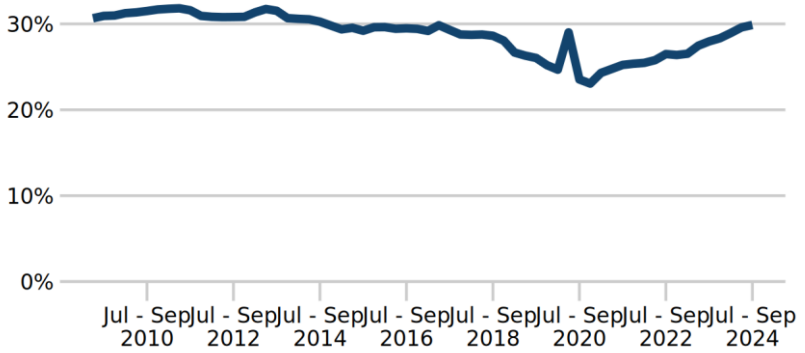
Source: Offender management statistics quarterly

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Proven reoffending rate

Proportion of all offenders who reoffend (%). Although not directly affected by the operational restrictions imposed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this latest offender cohort period does overlap with a period of on-going recovery for the courts and with the Criminal Bar Association strikes. There have also been other policy changes introduced during this period, such as Probation Reset and End of Custody Supervised Licence (ECSL). It is not possible to separate out the impact of any individual change on the overall rates.

The figure for Jul - Sep 2024 is 29.9%, up 0.3ppt from Apr - Jun 2024



Oct - Dec 2022	26.4%
Jan - Mar 2023	26.5%
Apr - Jun 2023	27.5%
Jul - Sep 2023	28.0%
Oct - Dec 2023	28.3%
Jan - Mar 2024	28.9%
Apr - Jun 2024	29.6%
Jul - Sep 2024	29.9%

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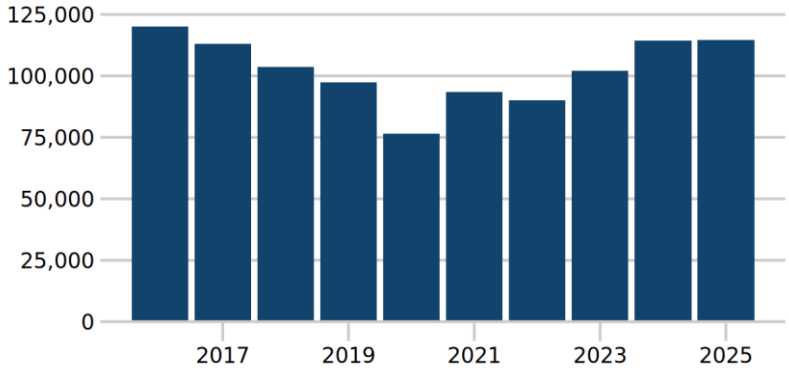
Source: Proven reoffending statistics

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Crown Court disposals

A count of the number of cases where all the offences on the case have been completed (following a validation process) in the reporting period. Disposals figures in this report may change if the case results are entered after the first collation of the data.

Latest published data: In the 3 months to 30 Jun 2026 there were 27,837 Crown Court disposals.



Jan - Dec 2018	103,618
Jan - Dec 2019	97,373
Jan - Dec 2020	76,572
Jan - Dec 2021	93,399
Jan - Dec 2022	90,124
Jan - Dec 2023	102,149
Jan - Dec 2024	114,237
Jan - Dec 2025	114,490

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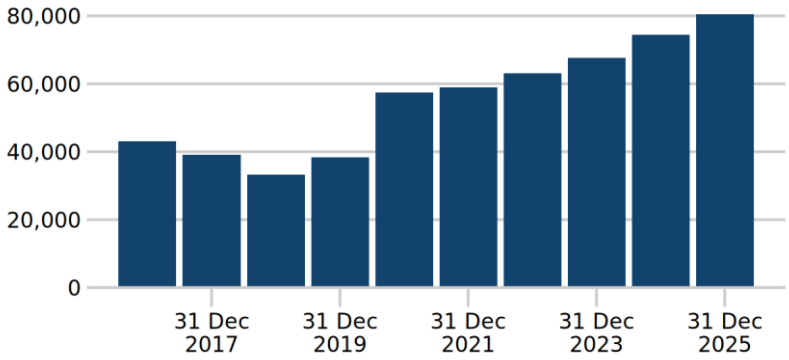
Source: Criminal court statistics quarterly

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Crown Court open caseload

A count of all cases where one or more offence remains incomplete. The data is a snapshot based on open cases on the final day of the reporting period. This is a count of live cases on the system and is not a calculation based on receipts and disposals.

Latest published data: As of 30 Jun 2026 there were 80,829 open cases in the Crown Court.



31 Dec 2018	33,188
31 Dec 2019	38,341
31 Dec 2020	57,378
31 Dec 2021	59,008
31 Dec 2022	63,142
31 Dec 2023	67,599
31 Dec 2024	74,472
31 Dec 2025	80,462

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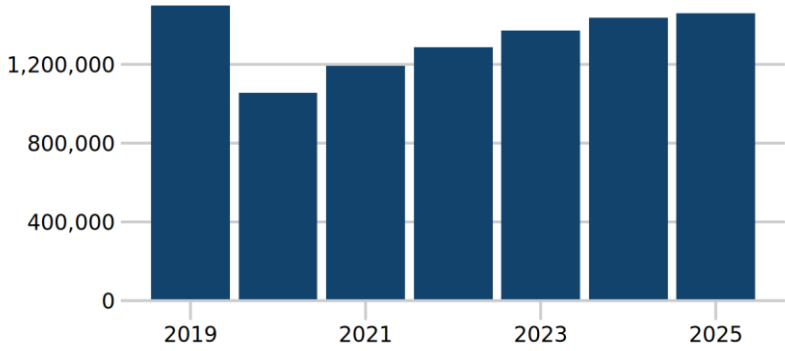
Source: Criminal court statistics quarterly

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Magistrates' courts disposals

A count of the number of cases only when all the offences have been completed (following a validation process) in the reporting period. Disposals figures in this report may change if the case results are entered after the first collation of the data.

Latest published data: In the 3 months to 30 Jun 2026 there were 357,064 magistrates' courts disposals.



Jan - Dec 2019	1,499,394
Jan - Dec 2020	1,056,194
Jan - Dec 2021	1,193,405
Jan - Dec 2022	1,287,106
Jan - Dec 2023	1,370,224
Jan - Dec 2024	1,436,768
Jan - Dec 2025	1,461,268

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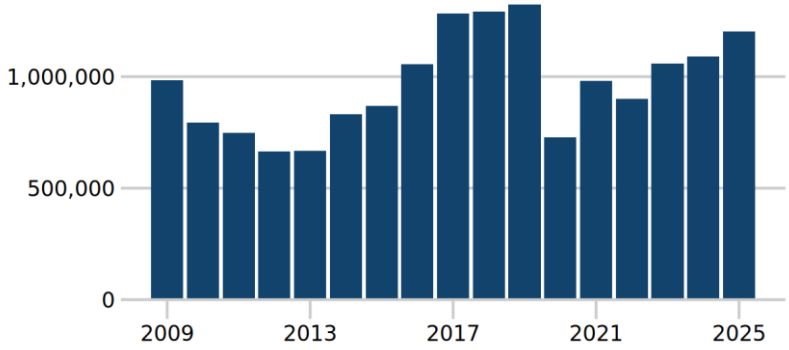
Source: Criminal court statistics quarterly

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Civil courts - total judgments

Total number of judgments in the county courts. Some civil cases are resolved via mediation or settled out of court and don't proceed to a judgment.

Latest published data: In the 3 months to 30 Jun 2026 there were 367,953 estimated total judgments.



Jan - Dec 2018	1,291,142
Jan - Dec 2019	1,323,750
Jan - Dec 2020	727,438
Jan - Dec 2021	980,474
Jan - Dec 2022	901,278
Jan - Dec 2023	1,058,964
Jan - Dec 2024	1,091,032
Jan - Dec 2025	1,202,109

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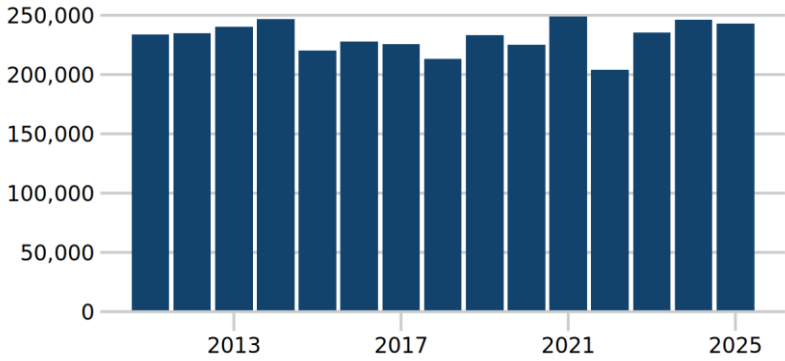
Source: Civil justice statistics

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Family court - total cases disposed

Total cases disposed at family court.

Latest published data: In the 3 months to 30 Jun 2026 there were 62,183 estimated cases disposed at family court.



Jan - Dec 2018	213,119
Jan - Dec 2019	233,112
Jan - Dec 2020	225,102
Jan - Dec 2021	249,045
Jan - Dec 2022	203,931
Jan - Dec 2023	235,386
Jan - Dec 2024	246,419
Jan - Dec 2025	242,976

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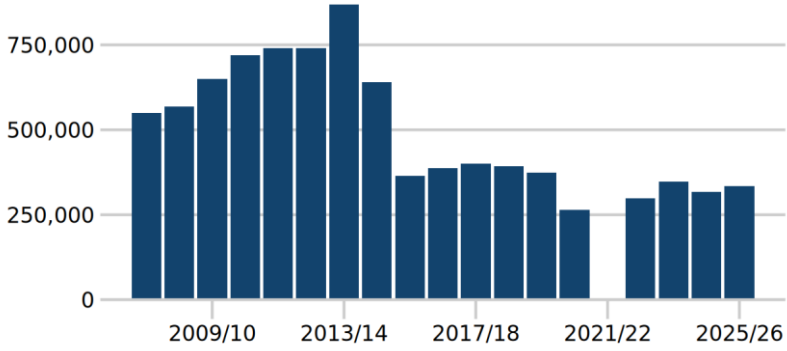
Source: Family court statistics quarterly

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Tribunals disposals - overall

The overall total for years 2021/22 to 2025/26 is unavailable due to migration of some tribunals. An 'Interim Total' has been calculated. This is the sum of all the tribunals excluding those tribunals with data missing or incomplete i.e. Upper Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber). These tribunals are being migrated to a new case management system and will be made available as soon as possible. The interim total is not available for 2021/22 due to the employment tribunal being migrated to a new case management system.

Latest published data: In the 3 months to 30 Jun 2026 the interim total number of tribunals disposals was 84,466.



Apr 2018 - Mar 2019	392,575
Apr 2019 - Mar 2020	373,642
Apr 2020 - Mar 2021	263,572
Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	
Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	299,013
Apr 2023 - Mar 2024	347,342
Apr 2024 - Mar 2025	317,688
Apr 2025 - Mar 2026	333,468

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Source: Tribunals statistics quarterly

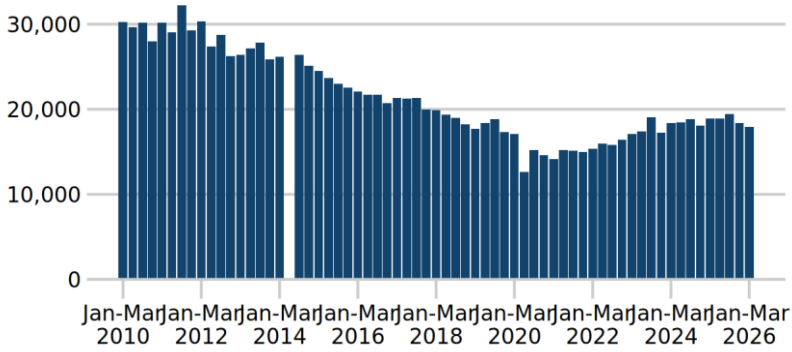
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Public protection

Prison first receptions (quarterly)

A first reception is a measure which counts a prisoner's first movement into custody following a court hearing for a particular set of offences committed, and therefore gives the best indication of the number of new prisoners in the reporting period.

The figure for Jan-Mar 2026 is 17,945, down 434 from Oct-Dec 2025



Apr - Jun 2024	18,478
Jul-Sep 2024	18,805
Oct-Dec 2024	18,090
Jan-Mar 2025	18,874
Apr-Jun 2025	18,912
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Oct-Dec 2025	18,379
Jan-Mar 2026	17,945

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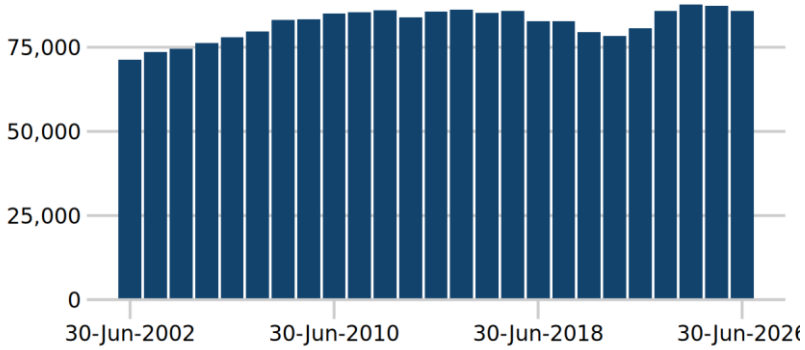
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Prison population

Total number of prisoners at a specific point in time each year. The time period for this measure refers to a single reference value or snapshot, in this case the population on a single day, rather than a duration such as 3 months or a year.

Latest published data: The prison population at 31 Mar 2026 was 87,342.



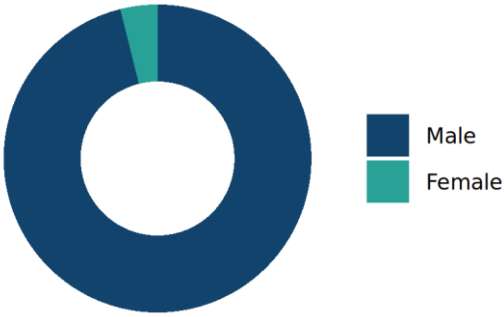
30-Jun-2019	82,710
30-Jun-2020	79,514
30-Jun-2021	78,324
30-Jun-2022	80,659
30-Jun-2023	85,851
30-Jun-2024	87,726
30-Jun-2025	87,334
30-Jun-2026	85,858

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Prison population by sex: 30 June 2026



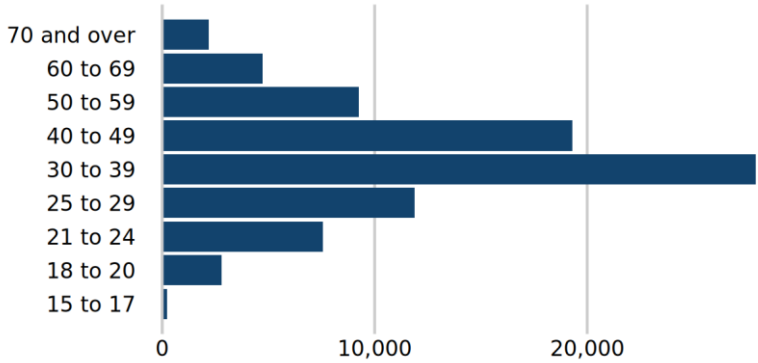
Male	82,508 prisoners
Female	3,350 prisoners

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Prison population by age: 30 June 2026



15 to 17	220 prisoners
18 to 20	2,790 prisoners
21 to 24	7,552 prisoners
25 to 29	11,888 prisoners
30 to 39	27,928 prisoners
40 to 49	19,296 prisoners
50 to 59	9,250 prisoners
60 to 69	4,737 prisoners
70 and over	2,197 prisoners

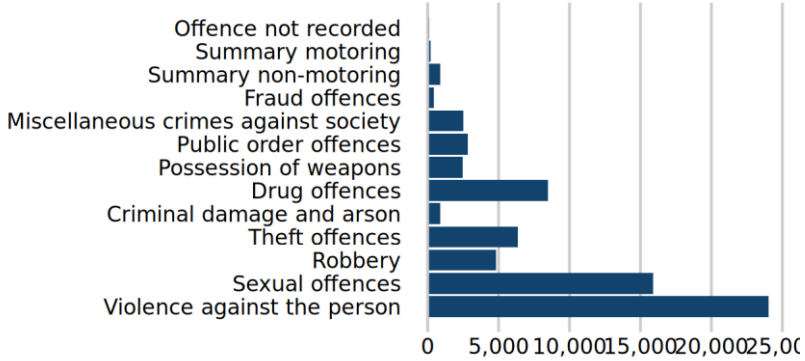
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Prison population by offence group: 30 June 2026

Prison population under an immediate custodial sentence by offence group. Excludes remand and non-criminal prisoners.



Violence against the person	24,012
Sexual offences	15,897
Robbery	4,840
Theft offences	6,348
Criminal damage and arson	886
Drug offences	8,501
Possession of weapons	2,449
Public order offences	2,847
Miscellaneous crimes against society	2,516
Fraud offences	451
Summary non-motoring	893
Summary motoring	222
Offence not recorded	112

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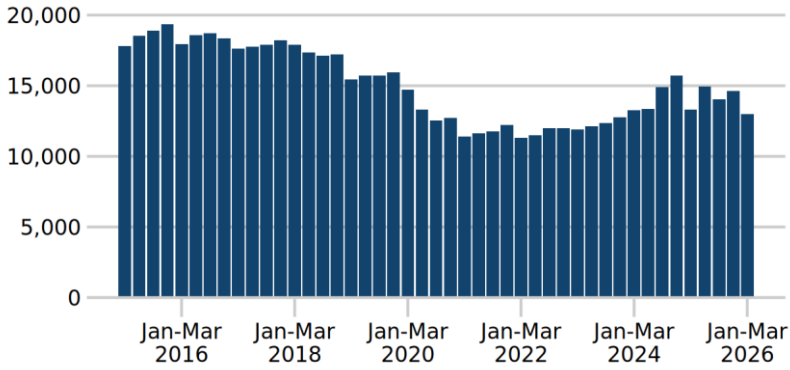
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Prison releases (quarterly)

A release is defined as a release from prison where the prisoner has finished serving the custodial term of their sentence(s) and excludes: civil non-criminal prisoners; persons committed to custody for non-payment of a fine; releases to hospital; deported prisoners from HMPPS operated Immigration Removal Centres (IRCs); and releases following recall after release on licence, except occasions: where the offender has committed a new offence and is committed to custody for a new sentence and the subsequent release date falls after the sentence expiry date of the original sentence; or where upon release the offender is subject to the licence condition of the new custodial sentence.

The figure for Jan-Mar 2026 is 12,977, down 1,666 from Oct-Dec 2025



Apr - Jun 2024	13,338
Jul-Sep 2024	14,920
Oct-Dec 2024	15,730
Jan-Mar 2025	13,296
Apr-Jun 2025	14,946
Jul-Sep 2025	14,038
Oct-Dec 2025	14,643
Jan-Mar 2026	12,977

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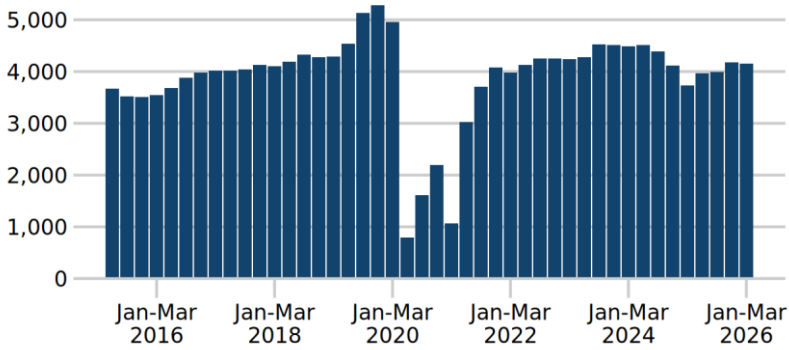
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Individuals released on temporary licence

Release on Temporary Licence (ROTL) is the mechanism under which offenders may be released into the community, generally towards the end of their sentences, for rehabilitative purposes. It can play an important role in public protection by allowing risk management plans for offenders to be tested in the community under strict conditions before they are released. It also provides a valuable means of helping offenders prepare for their resettlement in the community by, for example, finding work or rebuilding links with their families, which helps to reduce reoffending.

The figure for Jan-Mar 2026 is 4,155, down 24 from Oct-Dec 2025



Apr - Jun 2024	4,512
Jul-Sep 2024	4,388
Oct-Dec 2024	4,113
Jan-Mar 2025	3,726
Apr-Jun 2025	3,970
Jul-Sep 2025	3,992
Oct-Dec 2025	4,179
Jan-Mar 2026	4,155

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Prison type - male / female: October 2025

Prisons count by male, female and children (under 18 years old) establishments. Peterborough and Parc each contain two sites that are counted separately for reporting purposes, but each is covered by one private prison contract. The Peterborough contract covers an adult male and female prison, and the Parc contract covers an adult male prison and an under 18 site. Therefore, the number of private prison contracts in operation is two fewer than the number of private prison sites listed. Oakhill Secure Training Centre is listed in the linked publication but not counted here as a prison.



Male	110 prisons
Female	12 prisons
Under 18	4 prisons

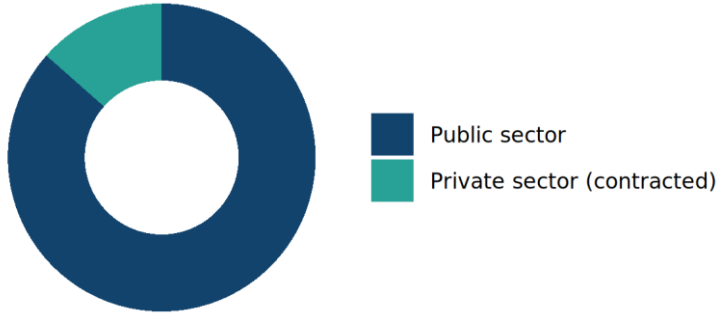
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Prison type - public / private: October 2025

Prisons count by ownership. Peterborough and Parc each contain two sites that are counted separately for reporting purposes, but each is covered by one private prison contract. The Peterborough contract covers an adult male and female prison, and the Parc contract covers an adult male prison and an under 18 site. Therefore, the number of private prison contracts in operation is two fewer than the number of private prison sites listed. Oakhill Secure Training Centre is listed in the linked publication but not counted here as a prison.



Public sector	109 prisons
Private sector (contracted)	17 prisons

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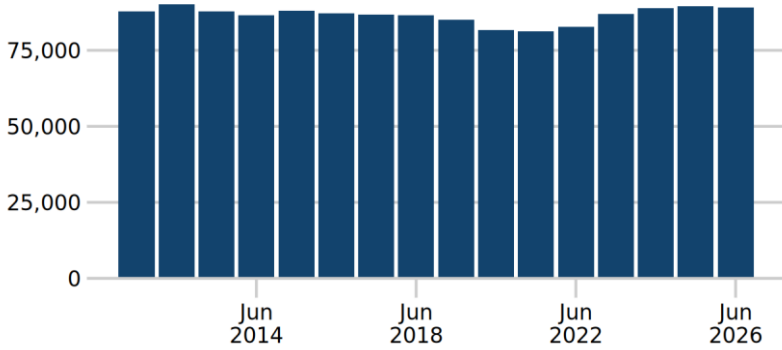
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Prison operational capacity

The operational capacity of a prison is the total number of prisoners that an establishment can hold taking into account control, security and the proper operation of the planned regime. This measure reports the useable operational capacity of the estate, which is the sum of all establishments' operational capacity less an operating margin. Figures are taken on the last working Friday of June each year, meaning the time period refers to this single day.

The figure for Jun 2026 is 89,120, down 453 from Jun 2025



Jun 2019	85,056
Jun 2020	81,749
Jun 2021	81,154
Jun 2022	82,759
Jun 2023	86,859
Jun 2024	88,818
Jun 2025	89,573
Jun 2026	89,120

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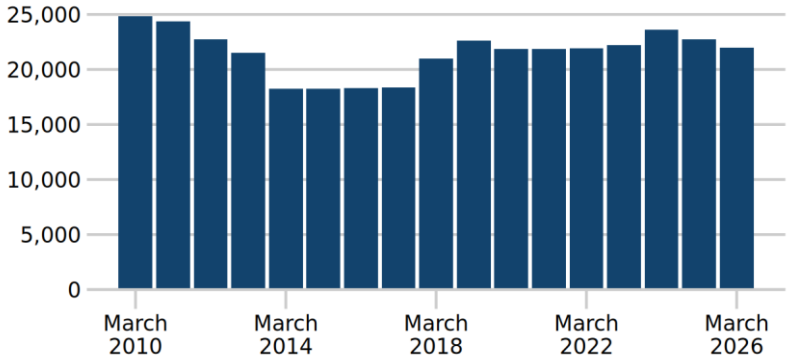
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Prison staff in post (bands 3-5)

The chart shows Band 3-5 prison officer staff (full time equivalent) at the end of each financial year.

Latest published data: At 30 Jun 2026 there were 22,001 Band 3-5 FTE officers in post.



March 2019	22,594
March 2020	21,884
March 2021	21,863
March 2022	21,921
March 2023	22,202
March 2024	23,590
March 2025	22,716
March 2026	21,984

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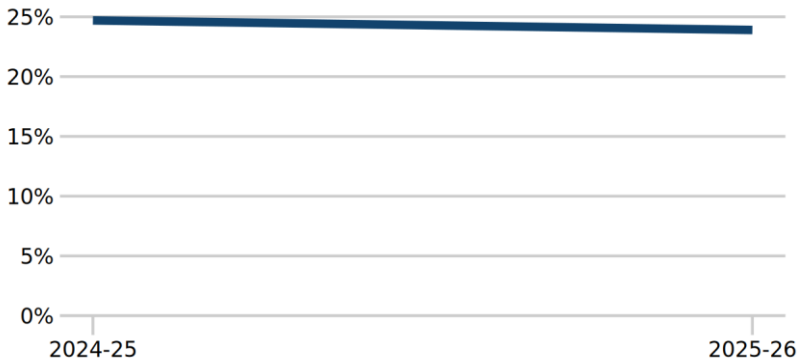
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Crowding

Percentage of prisoners held in crowded accommodation. Prison crowding statistics use automated monthly data from 2024-25, providing a more reliable and accurate calculation of crowding levels compared with the previous manual monthly returns. This change does not materially impact the levels of crowding at a national level, however, the automated process has enabled corrections in reporting at prison level, resulting in some increases/decreases at a small number of prisons. For this reason, no comparisons have been made with previous years' crowding data.

The figure for 2025-26 is 23.9%, down 0.8ppt from 2024-25



Apr 2024 to Mar 2025	24.7%
Apr 2025 to Mar 2026	23.9%

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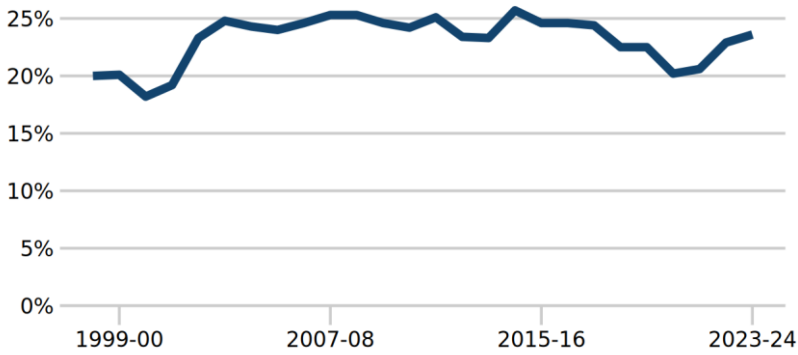
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Historic crowding data from 1998 to 2024

Percentage of prisoners held in crowded accommodation. Prison crowding statistics use automated monthly data from 2024-25, providing a more reliable and accurate calculation of crowding levels compared with the previous manual monthly returns.

The figure for 2023-24 is 23.6%, up 0.7ppt from 2022-23



Apr 2016 to Mar 2017	24.6%
Apr 2017 to Mar 2018	24.4%
Apr 2018 to Mar 2019	22.5%
Apr 2019 to Mar 2020	22.5%
Apr 2020 to Mar 2021	20.2%
Apr 2021 to Mar 2022	20.6%
Apr 2022 to Mar 2023	22.9%
Apr 2023 to Mar 2024	23.6%

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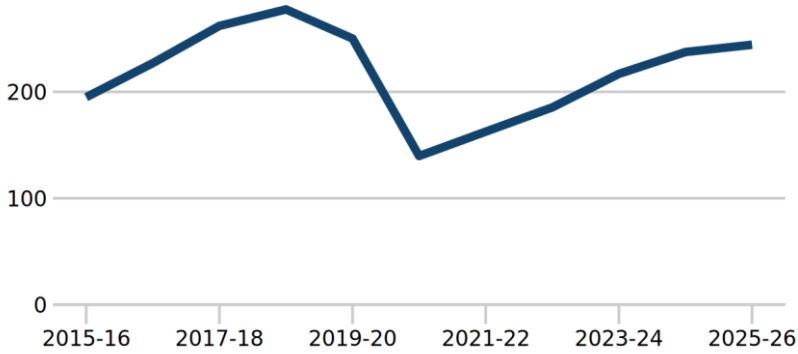
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Prisoner on prisoner assaults per 1,000 prisoners

Assaults in prison custody cover a wide range of violent incidents including fights between prisoners. From time to time, events in prison custody and developments within and outside the Ministry of Justice have changed the way safety in prisons is viewed and managed. Some have resulted in changes to the way offenders are managed, others have affected the way statistics are collected and reported.

Latest published data: In the 12 months to Dec 2025 there were 247 prisoner on prisoner assaults per 1,000 prisoners.



Apr 2018 to Mar 2019	277
Apr 2019 to Mar 2020	250
Apr 2020 to Mar 2021	140
Apr 2021 to Mar 2022	163
Apr 2022 to Mar 2023	185
Apr 2023 to Mar 2024	217
Apr 2024 to Mar 2025	237
Apr 2025 to Mar 2026	244

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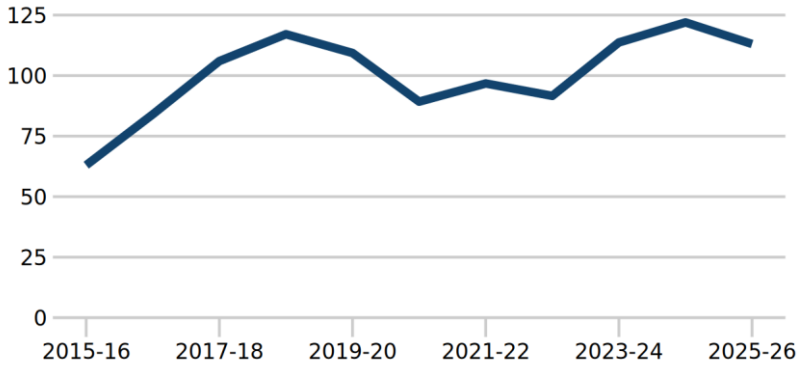
Source: Safety in custody statistics

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Assaults on staff per 1,000 prisoners

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Latest published data: In the 12 months to Dec 2025 there were 117 assaults on staff per 1,000 prisoners.



Apr 2018 to Mar 2019	117
Apr 2019 to Mar 2020	109
Apr 2020 to Mar 2021	89
Apr 2021 to Mar 2022	97
Apr 2022 to Mar 2023	92
Apr 2023 to Mar 2024	114
Apr 2024 to Mar 2025	122
Apr 2025 to Mar 2026	113

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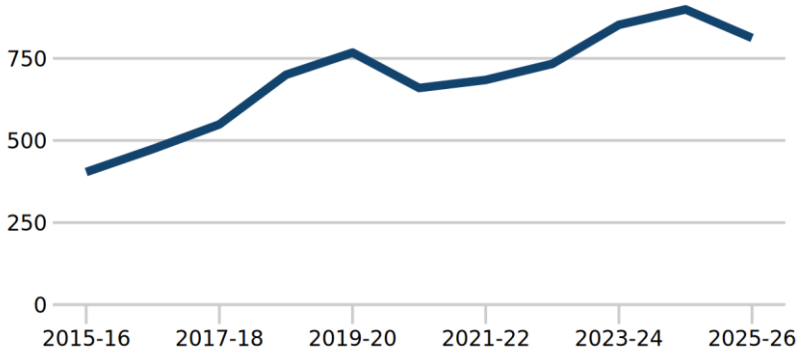
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Self-harm incidents per 1,000 prisoners

Self-harm in prison covers a wide range of severity and type of incident, including cutting, overdose or hanging.

Latest published data: In the 12 months to Dec 2025 there were 837 self-harm incidents per 1,000 prisoners.



Apr 2018 to Mar 2019	700
Apr 2019 to Mar 2020	768
Apr 2020 to Mar 2021	660
Apr 2021 to Mar 2022	684
Apr 2022 to Mar 2023	733
Apr 2023 to Mar 2024	852
Apr 2024 to Mar 2025	899
Apr 2025 to Mar 2026	812

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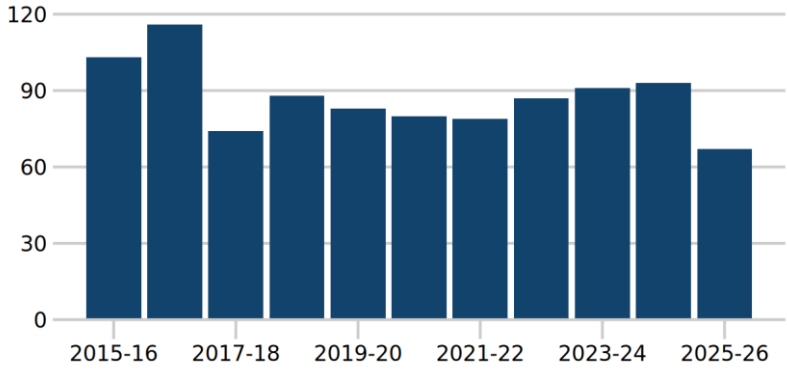
Source: Safety in custody statistics

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Self inflicted deaths

The number of self inflicted deaths in prisons. As classification of deaths may change following inquest or as new information emerges, numbers may change from time to time. Please see the most recent publication for the most up to date figures. Self-inflicted death statistics are typically reported one quarter ahead of other measures, so to maintain consistency, the values and dates presented reflect data from the previous quarter.

Latest published data: In the 12 months to Dec 2025 there were 79 self-inflicted deaths.



Apr 2018 to Mar 2019	88
Apr 2019 to Mar 2020	83
Apr 2020 to Mar 2021	80
Apr 2021 to Mar 2022	79
Apr 2022 to Mar 2023	87
Apr 2023 to Mar 2024	91
Apr 2024 to Mar 2025	93
Apr 2025 to Mar 2026	67

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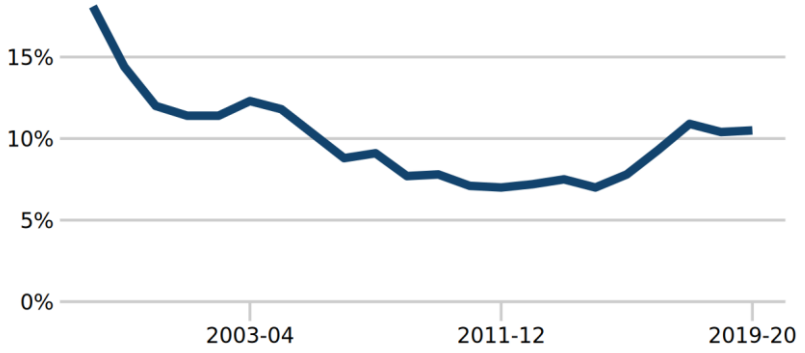
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Random mandatory drug testing (traditional drugs)

The percentage of random mandatory drug tests which show drugs to be present, hence a downward trend is positive. This measure excludes tests for new psychoactive substances. The values for 2018/19 onwards are calculated using a new weighted methodology - please refer to the HMPPS Annual Digest 2018 to 2019 for more details. Due to an insufficient number of prisons meeting the required testing level, the data is currently not sufficient to robustly estimate the prevalence of drug use in prisons. Any changes in the monthly percentage positive levels could be driven by certain prisons reaching their required levels rather than underlying levels of drug use. Since we do not have a robust estimate, there are no tables accompanying this chapter of the HMPPS Digest.

The figure for 2019-20 is 10.5 %, up 0.1ppt from 2018-19



Apr 2012 to Mar 2013	7.2 %
Apr 2013 to Mar 2014	7.5 %
Apr 2014 to Mar 2015	7.0 %
Apr 2015 to Mar 2016	7.8 %
Apr 2016 to Mar 2017	9.3 %
Apr 2017 to Mar 2018	10.9 %
Apr 2018 to Mar 2019	10.4 %
Apr 2019 to Mar 2020	10.5 %

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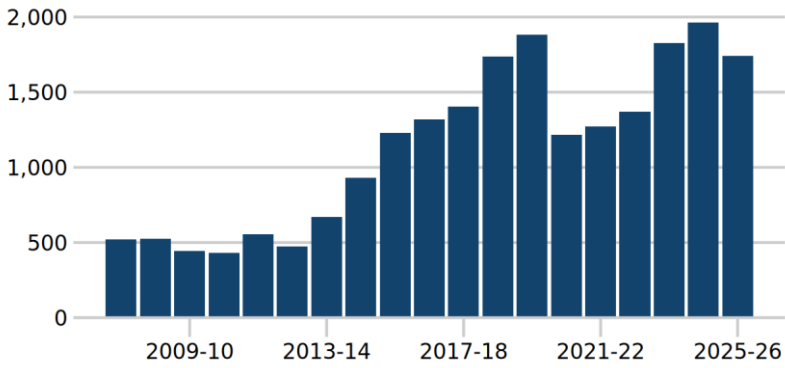
Source: HM Prison and Probation Service annual digest

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Barricades or prevention of access

The number of incidents where one or more offenders deny access to all or part of a prison to those lawfully empowered to have such access, by use of a physical barrier.

The figure for 2025-26 is 1,740, down 224 from 2024-25



Apr 2018 to Mar 2019	1,737
Apr 2019 to Mar 2020	1,882
Apr 2020 to Mar 2021	1,217
Apr 2021 to Mar 2022	1,273
Apr 2022 to Mar 2023	1,371
Apr 2023 to Mar 2024	1,827
Apr 2024 to Mar 2025	1,964
Apr 2025 to Mar 2026	1,740

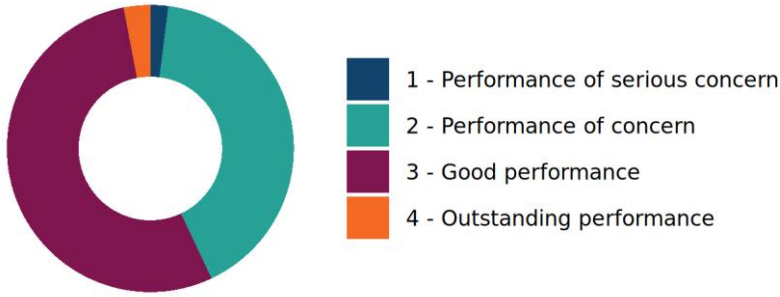
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Safety Audit / Risk Management Audit: 4 - Outstanding performance

An announced audit to determine how effectively the prison is assessing and managing risks of violence and self-harm. The audit is carried out approximately every two years in the adult closed estate. This measure doesn't apply to the open estate. The data presented here shows the most recent assessment for each prison establishment. The Safety Audit has now replaced the Risk Management Audit, however, in those prisons where a Safety Audit has not taken place yet, the Risk Management Audit score is used.



1 - Performance of serious concern	2 prisons
2 - Performance of concern	41 prisons
3 - Good performance	54 prisons
4 - Outstanding performance	3 prisons

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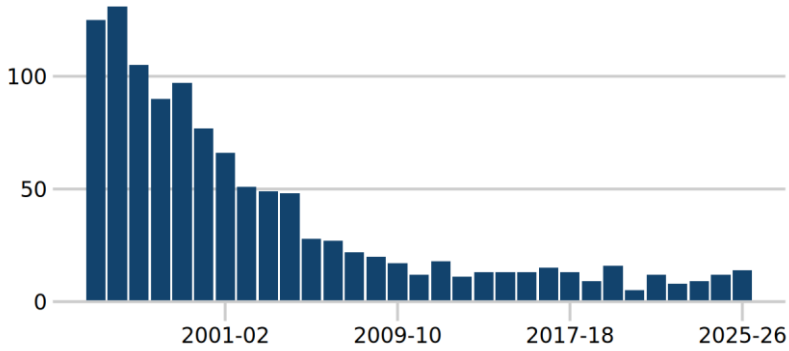
Source: Prison performance ratings

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Escapes from prison establishments and escorts

A prisoner escapes from prison if they unlawfully gain their liberty (for 15 minutes or more) by breaching the secure perimeter of a closed prison, or if during prison staff escort, overcome the control of escorting staff and leave the escort, the van or the building (hospital etc.). Those who escape for less than 15 minutes and commit an offence are also recorded as an escape. Escapes are monitored to analyse the frequency across the estate and identify any trends nationally, also taking into consideration the management of risk to the public. This total consists of escapes from establishments, HMPPS escorts, contractor escorts and includes escapes by Category A prisoners. For a further breakdown please see the HM Prison and Probation Service annual digest.

The figure for 2025-26 is 14, up 2 from 2024-25



Apr 2018 to Mar 2019	9
Apr 2019 to Mar 2020	16
Apr 2020 to Mar 2021	5
Apr 2021 to Mar 2022	12
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Apr 2024 to Mar 2025	12
Apr 2025 to Mar 2026	14

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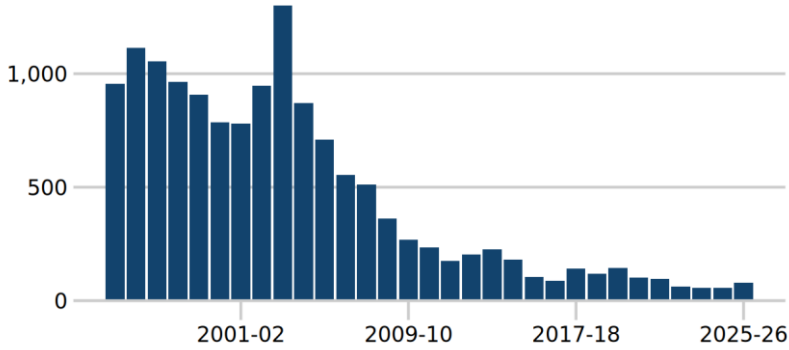
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Absconds

An abscond is an escape that does not involve overcoming a physical security restraint such as that provided by a wall or fence, locks, bolts or bars, a secure vehicle, handcuffs or the direct supervision of staff. Absconds are monitored to analyse the frequency across the open estate and identify any trends nationally also taking into consideration, the management of risk to the public. It is only possible to abscond from open prison conditions.

The figure for 2025-26 is 78, up 21 from 2024-25



Apr 2018 to Mar 2019	119
Apr 2019 to Mar 2020	143
Apr 2020 to Mar 2021	101
Apr 2021 to Mar 2022	95
Apr 2022 to Mar 2023	63
Apr 2023 to Mar 2024	58
Apr 2024 to Mar 2025	57
Apr 2025 to Mar 2026	78

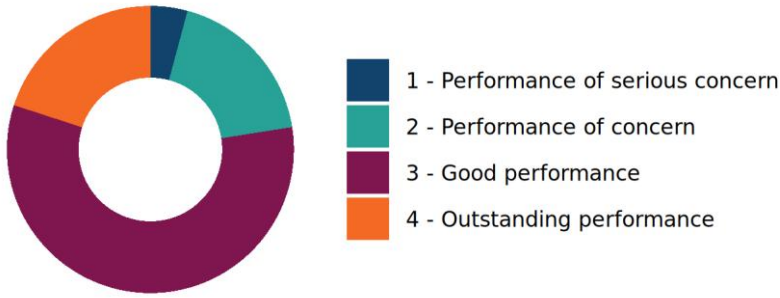
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Security audit: 4 - Outstanding performance

An internal audit that assesses, on a four point scale, the level to which effective security procedures are adhered to within each prison. Full Security Audits are delivered annually in the High Security Estate and every two years in the rest of the estate. With the exception of prisons in the open estate, diagnostic audits take place in the intervening year.



1 - Performance of serious concern	5 prisons
2 - Performance of concern	22 prisons
3 - Good performance	69 prisons
4 - Outstanding performance	24 prisons

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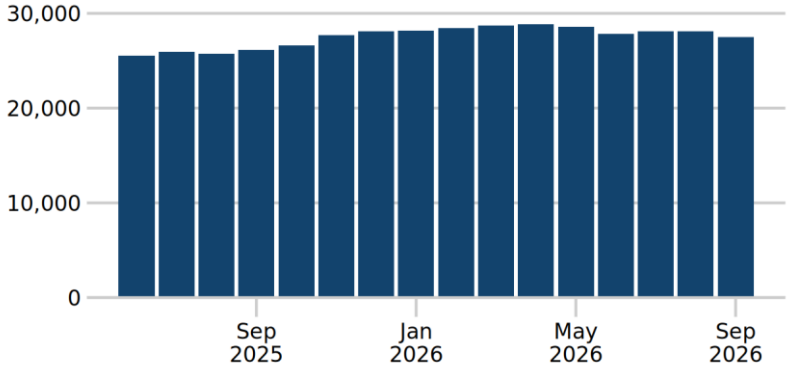
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Electronic monitoring caseload

Total caseload.

Latest published data: As at Dec 2025, the total caseload was 28,111.



28 February 2026	28,416
31 March 2026	28,687
30 April 2026	28,847
31 May 2026	28,574
30 June 2026	27,861
31 July 2026	28,113
31 August 2026	28,132
30 September 2026	27,496

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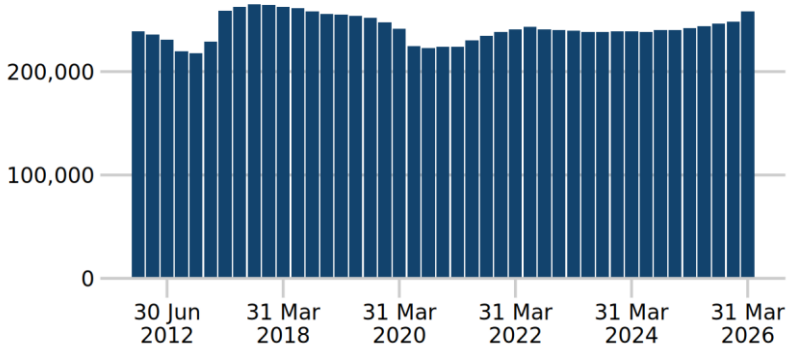
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Probation caseload

The statistics count each person once for each type of probation supervision being received on the date shown. In addition, each person is counted once only in each total or sub-total even if they are subject to several types of probation supervision on the date shown. For example, if a person is subject to both a community order and a Supervision Default Order on the date shown, then the person would be counted once only within the overall total for all supervision.

The figure for 31 Mar 2026 is 258,332



30 Jun 2024	238,646
30 Sep 2024	240,497
31 Dec 2024	240,362
31 Mar 2025	242,397
30 Jun 2025	244,209
30 Sep 2025	246,502
31 Dec 2025	248,568
31 Mar 2026	258,332

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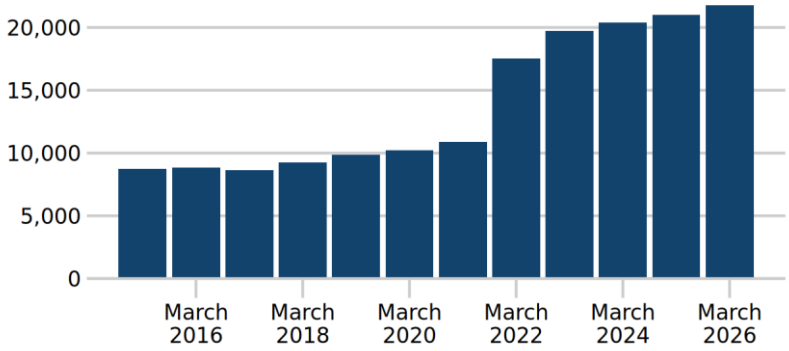
Source: Offender management statistics quarterly

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Staff in post (Probation Service)

Full time equivalent staff in post for the Probation Service (PS) at the end of each financial year. (Workforce data for private sector Community Rehabilitation Companies is not published). During November and December 2019, over 1,200 PS staff moved to the Community and Interventions directorate, part of HMPPS HQ and areas services. In the same quarter, over 300 staff in Wales were transferred from privately run CRCs to HMPPS, into the new "PS Wales UM transition". In late June 2021, more than 7,000 staff from private sector Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRC) came together with probation staff already in the public sector in the new Probation Service.

Latest published data: At 30 Jun 2026 there were 22,133 FTE staff in post.



March 2019	9,844
March 2020	10,224
March 2021	10,897
March 2022	17,551
March 2023	19,740
March 2024	20,412
March 2025	21,022
March 2026	21,765

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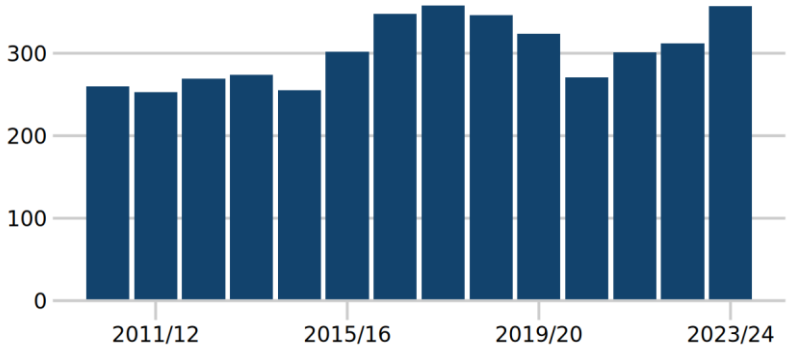
Source: HM Prison & Probation Service workforce quarterly

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Serious further offence convictions

SFO conviction figures are reported by the date of SFO notification. This is the date on which the supervising probation region notifies HM Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) that an offender under its supervision has appeared in court charged with an offence which qualifies for an SFO review.

The figure for 2023/24 is 357, up 45 from 2022/23



Apr 2016 - Mar 2017	348
Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	358
Apr 2018 - Mar 2019	346
Apr 2019 - Mar 2020	324
Apr 2020 - Mar 2021	271
Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	301
Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	312
Apr 2023 - Mar 2024	357

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Source: Proven reoffending statistics

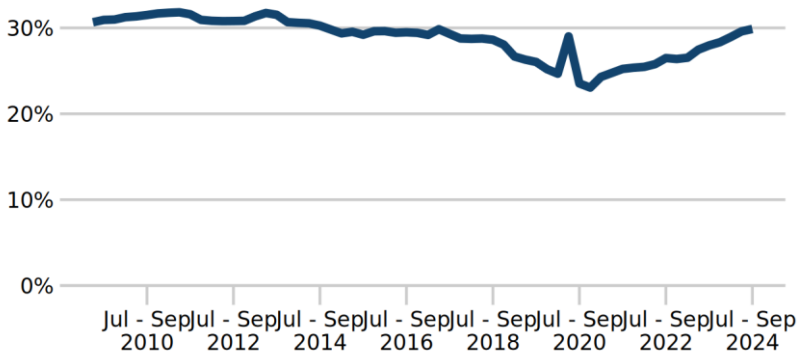
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Reduce reoffending

Proven reoffending rate

Proportion of all offenders who reoffend (%). Although not directly affected by the operational restrictions imposed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this latest offender cohort period does overlap with a period of on-going recovery for the courts and with the Criminal Bar Association strikes. There have also been other policy changes introduced during this period, such as Probation Reset and End of Custody Supervised Licence (ECSL). It is not possible to separate out the impact of any individual change on the overall rates.

The figure for Jul - Sep 2024 is 29.9%, up 0.3ppt from Apr - Jun 2024



Oct - Dec 2022	26.4%
Jan - Mar 2023	26.5%
Apr - Jun 2023	27.5%
Jul - Sep 2023	28.0%
Oct - Dec 2023	28.3%
Jan - Mar 2024	28.9%
Apr - Jun 2024	29.6%
Jul - Sep 2024	29.9%

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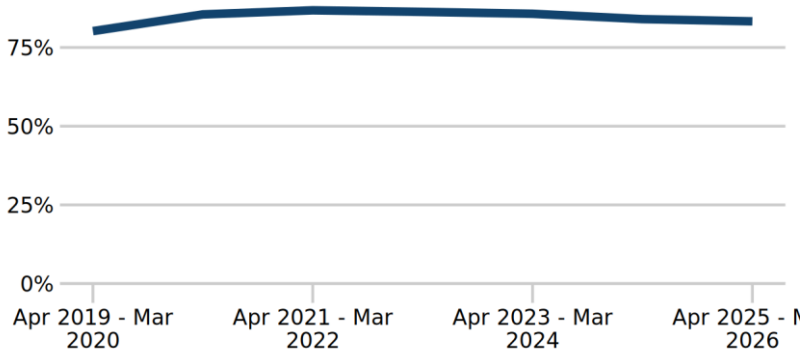
Source: Proven reoffending statistics

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Housed on release from custody (MI014)

The proportion of individuals in settled or temporary accommodation on the night of release from custody.

The figure for Apr 2025 - Mar 2026 is 83.3%, down 0.7ppt from Apr 2024 - Mar 2025



Apr 2019 - Mar 2020	80.2%
Apr 2020 - Mar 2021	85.5%
Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	86.8%
Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	86.3%
Apr 2023 - Mar 2024	85.7%
Apr 2024 - Mar 2025	84.0%
Apr 2025 - Mar 2026	83.3%

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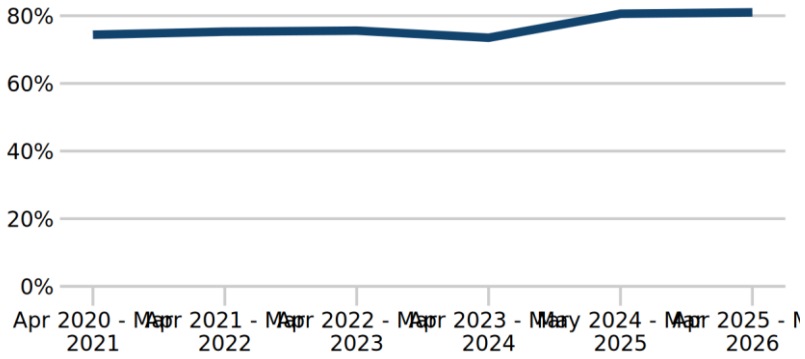
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Settled accommodation at 3 months post release from custody (MI015a/MI015Sa)

The proportion of individuals in settled accommodation at three months post release for custodial sentences. The 2025 release of Offender Accommodation Outcomes was based on 11 months of performance data from May 2024 to March 2025. Accommodation outcomes from 2020/21 to 2023/24 are not comparable with accommodation outcomes observed after April 2024 due to Probation Reset.

The figure for Apr 2025 - Mar 2026 is 81.0%, up 0.4ppt from May 2024 - Mar 2025



Apr 2020 - Mar 2021	74.4%
Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	75.3%
Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	75.6%
Apr 2023 - Mar 2024	73.5%
May 2024 - Mar 2025	80.6%
Apr 2025 - Mar 2026	81.0%

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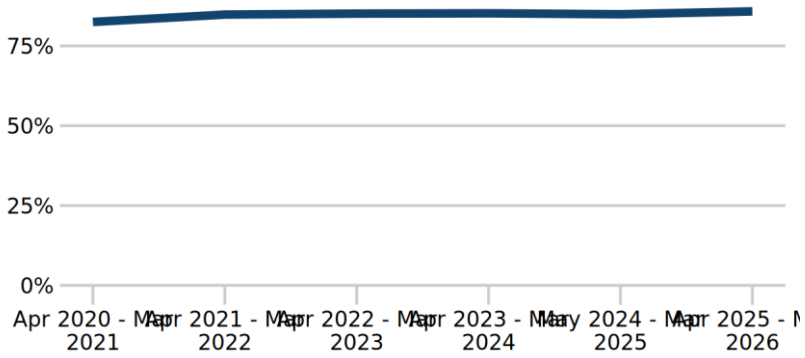
Source: Offender Accommodation Outcomes

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Settled accommodation at 3 months post community disposal (MI015b/MI015Sb)

The proportion of individuals in settled accommodation at three months post disposal for community sentences. The 2025 release of Offender Accommodation Outcomes was based on 11 months of performance data from May 2024 to March 2025. Accommodation outcomes from 2020/21 to 2023/24 are not comparable with accommodation outcomes observed after April 2024 due to Probation Reset.

The figure for Apr 2025 - Mar 2026 is 85.8%, up 0.9ppt from May 2024 - Mar 2025



Apr 2020 - Mar 2021	82.5%
Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	84.8%
Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	85.1%
Apr 2023 - Mar 2024	85.2%
May 2024 - Mar 2025	84.9%
Apr 2025 - Mar 2026	85.8%

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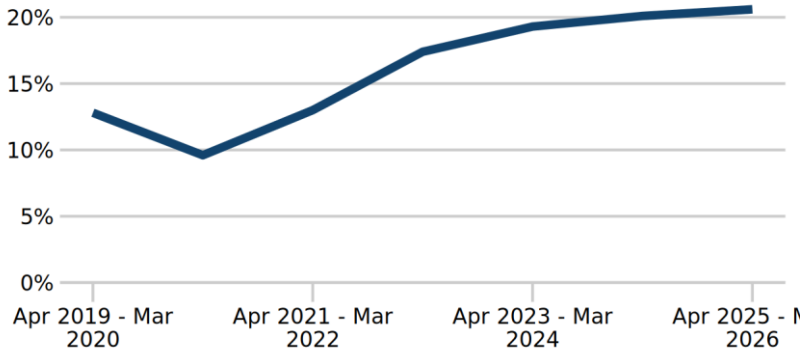
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Employed at 6 weeks post release from custody (MI016/MI016R)

The proportion of individuals in employment at six weeks after release from custody. The 2025 release of Offender Employment Outcomes was based on 11 months of performance data from May 2024 to March 2025. Employment outcomes from 2019/20 to 2023/24 are not comparable with employment outcomes observed after April 2024 due to Probation Reset.

The figure for Apr 2025 - Mar 2026 is 20.6%, up 0.5ppt from May 2024 - Mar 2025



Apr 2019 - Mar 2020	12.8%
Apr 2020 - Mar 2021	9.6%
Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	13.0%
Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	17.4%
Apr 2023 - Mar 2024	19.3%
May 2024 - Mar 2025	20.1%
Apr 2025 - Mar 2026	20.6%

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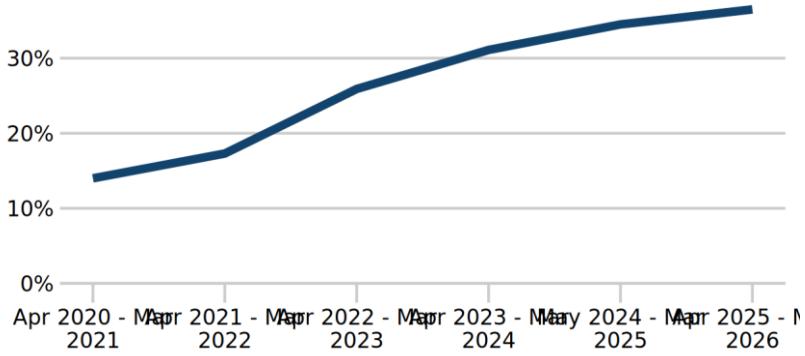
Source: Offender employment outcomes

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Employed at 6 months post release from custody (MI017a/MI017Ra)

The proportion of individuals in employment at six months post release for custodial sentences. The 2025 release of Offender Employment Outcomes was based on 11 months of performance data from May 2024 to March 2025. Employment outcomes from 2020/21 to 2023/24 are not comparable with employment outcomes observed after April 2024 due to Probation Reset.

The figure for Apr 2025 - Mar 2026 is 36.5%, up 2.0ppt from May 2024 - Mar 2025



Apr 2020 - Mar 2021	14.0%
Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	17.3%
Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	25.9%
Apr 2023 - Mar 2024	31.1%
May 2024 - Mar 2025	34.5%
Apr 2025 - Mar 2026	36.5%

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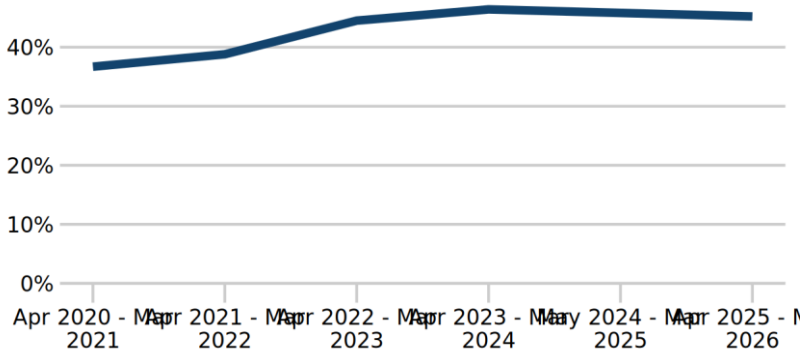
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Employed at 6 months post community disposal (MI017b/MI017Rb)

The proportion of individuals in employment at six months post disposal for community sentences. The 2025 release of Offender Employment Outcomes was based on 11 months of performance data from May 2024 to March 2025. Employment outcomes from 2020/21 to 2023/24 are not comparable with employment outcomes observed after April 2024 due to Probation Reset.

The figure for Apr 2025 - Mar 2026 is 45.2%, down 0.6ppt from May 2024 - Mar 2025



Apr 2020 - Mar 2021	36.7%
Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	38.8%
Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	44.5%
Apr 2023 - Mar 2024	46.4%
May 2024 - Mar 2025	45.8%
Apr 2025 - Mar 2026	45.2%

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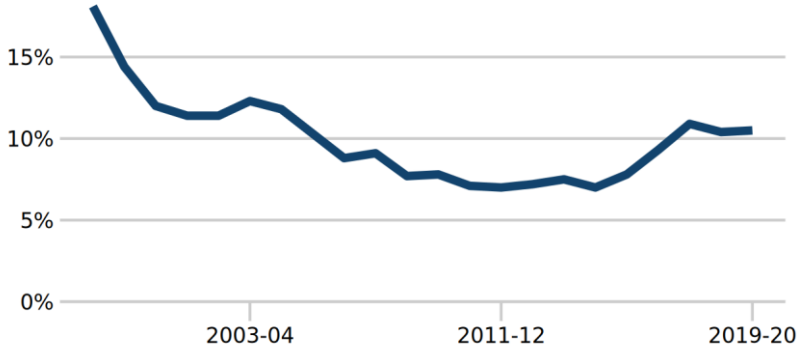
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Random mandatory drug testing (traditional drugs)

The percentage of random mandatory drug tests which show drugs to be present, hence a downward trend is positive. This measure excludes tests for new psychoactive substances. The values for 2018/19 onwards are calculated using a new weighted methodology - please refer to the HMPPS Annual Digest 2018 to 2019 for more details. Due to an insufficient number of prisons meeting the required testing level, the data is currently not sufficient to robustly estimate the prevalence of drug use in prisons. Any changes in the monthly percentage positive levels could be driven by certain prisons reaching their required levels rather than underlying levels of drug use. Since we do not have a robust estimate, there are no tables accompanying this chapter of the HMPPS Digest.

The figure for 2019-20 is 10.5 %, up 0.1ppt from 2018-19



Apr 2012 to Mar 2013	7.2 %
Apr 2013 to Mar 2014	7.5 %
Apr 2014 to Mar 2015	7.0 %
Apr 2015 to Mar 2016	7.8 %
Apr 2016 to Mar 2017	9.3 %
Apr 2017 to Mar 2018	10.9 %
Apr 2018 to Mar 2019	10.4 %
Apr 2019 to Mar 2020	10.5 %

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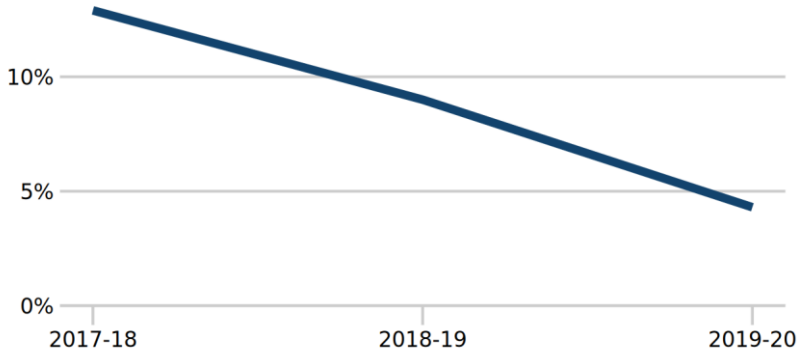
Source: HM Prison and Probation Service annual digest

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Random mandatory drug testing - new psychoactive substances only

The percentage of random mandatory drug tests which show drugs to be present, hence a downward trend is positive. This measure includes tests for new psychoactive substances ("NPS"), as defined in the Psychoactive Substances Act 2016. Note this measure replaces "random mandatory drug testing including new psychoactive substances". Due to an insufficient number of prisons meeting the required testing level, the data is currently not sufficient to robustly estimate the prevalence of drug use in prisons. Any changes in the monthly percentage positive levels could be driven by certain prisons reaching their required levels rather than underlying levels of drug use. Since we do not have a robust estimate, there are no tables accompanying this chapter of the HMPPS Digest.

The figure for 2019-20 is 4.3 %, down 4.7ppt from 2018-19



Apr 2017 to Mar 2018	12.9 %
Apr 2018 to Mar 2019	9.0 %
Apr 2019 to Mar 2020	4.3 %

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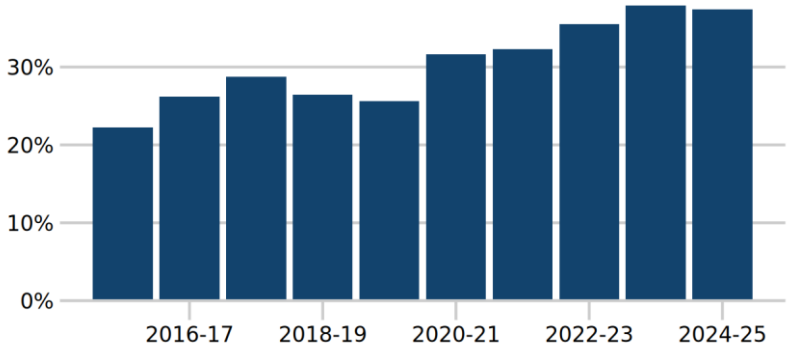
Source: HM Prison and Probation Service annual digest

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Prisoners completing treatment free from dependence

The percentage of adults exiting treatment free from dependence on drugs or alcohol.

The figure for 2024-25 is 37.4%, down 0.5ppt from 2023-24



Apr 2017 - Mar 2018	28.8%
Apr 2018 - Mar 2019	26.4%
Apr 2019 - Mar 2020	25.6%
Apr 2020 - Mar 2021	31.7%
Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	32.3%
Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	35.5%
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Apr 2024 - Mar 2025	37.4%

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Source: Substance misuse treatment in secure settings

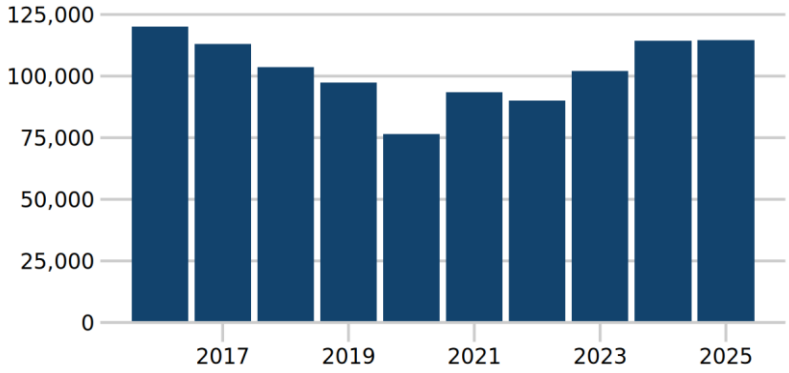
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Access to justice

Crown Court disposals

A count of the number of cases where all the offences on the case have been completed (following a validation process) in the reporting period. Disposals figures in this report may change if the case results are entered after the first collation of the data.

Latest published data: In the 3 months to 30 Jun 2026 there were 27,837 Crown Court disposals.



Jan - Dec 2018	103,618
Jan - Dec 2019	97,373
Jan - Dec 2020	76,572
Jan - Dec 2021	93,399
Jan - Dec 2022	90,124
Jan - Dec 2023	102,149
Jan - Dec 2024	114,237
Jan - Dec 2025	114,490

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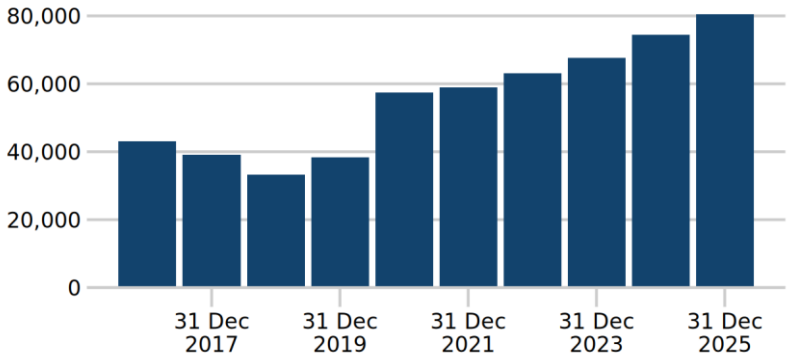
Source: Criminal court statistics quarterly

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Crown Court open caseload

A count of all cases where one or more offence remains incomplete. The data is a snapshot based on open cases on the final day of the reporting period. This is a count of live cases on the system and is not a calculation based on receipts and disposals.

Latest published data: As of 30 Jun 2026 there were 80,829 open cases in the Crown Court.



31 Dec 2018	33,188
31 Dec 2019	38,341
31 Dec 2020	57,378
31 Dec 2021	59,008
31 Dec 2022	63,142
31 Dec 2023	67,599
31 Dec 2024	74,472
31 Dec 2025	80,462

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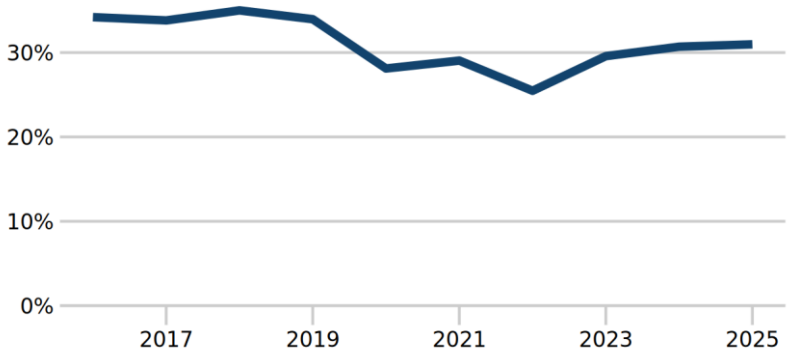
Source: Criminal court statistics quarterly

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Crown Court cracked trials

Cracked trials as a percentage of total trials.

Latest published data: In the 3 months to 30 Jun 2026, 31% of the total Crown Court trials were cracked trials.



Jan - Dec 2018	35%
Jan - Dec 2019	34%
Jan - Dec 2020	28%
Jan - Dec 2021	29%
Jan - Dec 2022	25%
Jan - Dec 2023	30%
Jan - Dec 2024	31%
Jan - Dec 2025	31%

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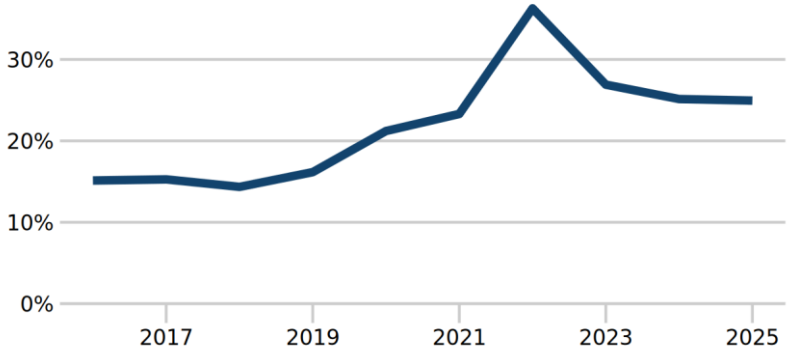
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Crown Court ineffective trials

Ineffective trials as a percentage of total trials.

Latest published data: In the 3 months to 30 Jun 2026, 25% of the total Crown Court trials were ineffective trials.



Jan - Dec 2018	14%
Jan - Dec 2019	16%
Jan - Dec 2020	21%
Jan - Dec 2021	23%
Jan - Dec 2022	36%
Jan - Dec 2023	27%
Jan - Dec 2024	25%
Jan - Dec 2025	25%

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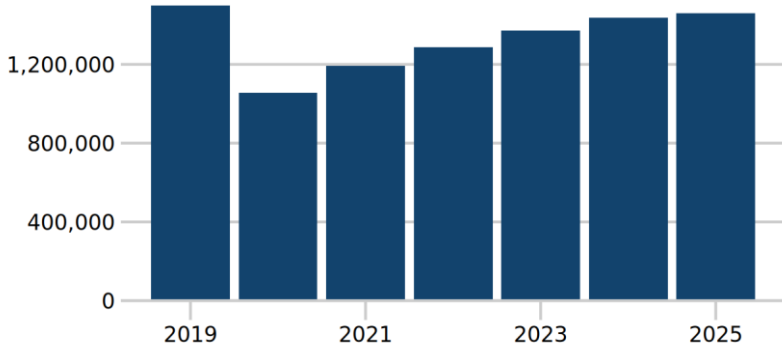
Source: Criminal court statistics quarterly

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Magistrates' courts disposals

A count of the number of cases only when all the offences have been completed (following a validation process) in the reporting period. Disposals figures in this report may change if the case results are entered after the first collation of the data.

Latest published data: In the 3 months to 30 Jun 2026 there were 357,064 magistrates' courts disposals.



Jan - Dec 2019	1,499,394
Jan - Dec 2020	1,056,194
Jan - Dec 2021	1,193,405
Jan - Dec 2022	1,287,106
Jan - Dec 2023	1,370,224
Jan - Dec 2024	1,436,768
Jan - Dec 2025	1,461,268

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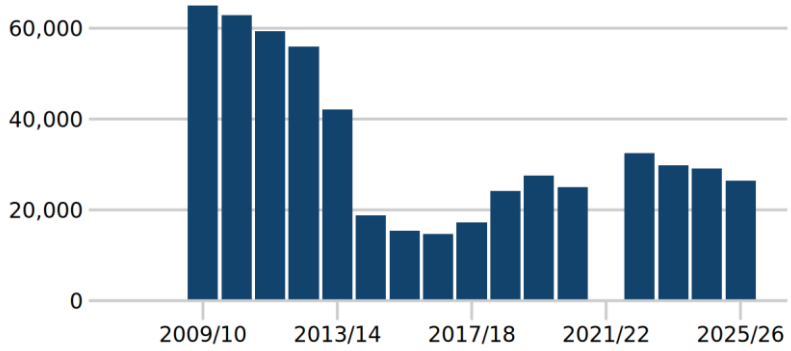
Source: Criminal court statistics quarterly

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Employment tribunal disposals - single claims

Employment tribunals are independent judicial bodies established to resolve disputes between employers and employees over employment rights. The data presented from July 2021 has been amalgamated from Q2 2025/26 to provide a combined total for Receipts, Disposals and Open Caseload, resulting in revisions to these data series. This data is produced from a combination of systems (ECM Reform and ECM Legacy). Previously, this data was provided via a temporary tactical solution that resulted in overcounting of receipts and open caseload. Data for 2021/22 is missing due to this tribunal being migrated to a new case management system.

Latest published data: In the 3 months to 30 Jun 2026 there were 6,121 single claims employment tribunal disposals.



Apr 2018 - Mar 2019	24,200
Apr 2019 - Mar 2020	27,576
Apr 2020 - Mar 2021	25,068
Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	
Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	32,499
Apr 2023 - Mar 2024	29,780
Apr 2024 - Mar 2025	29,127
Apr 2025 - Mar 2026	26,377

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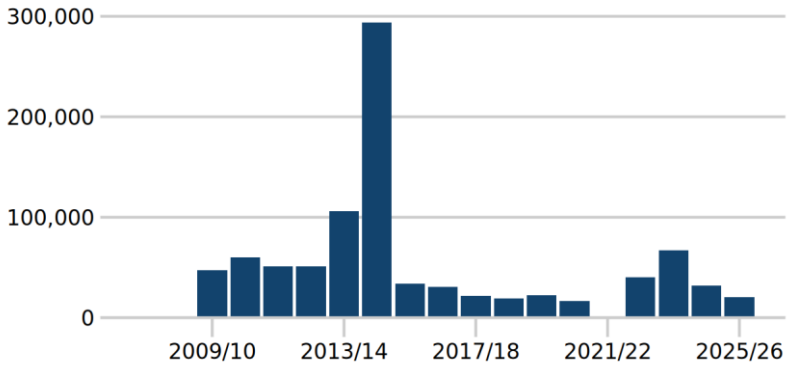
Source: Tribunals statistics quarterly

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Employment tribunal disposals - multiple claims

The large number of employment tribunal multiple claims disposals in 2014/2015 is due to a very large multiple airlines case covering 71,000 jurisdictions and relating to the Working Time Directive ending. Data for 2021/22 is missing due to this tribunal being migrated to a new case management system.

Latest published data: In the 3 months to 30 Jun 2026 there were 4,052 multiple claims employment tribunal disposals.



Apr 2018 - Mar 2019	19,394
Apr 2019 - Mar 2020	22,641
Apr 2020 - Mar 2021	16,554
Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	
Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	40,069
Apr 2023 - Mar 2024	67,260
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Apr 2025 - Mar 2026	20,217

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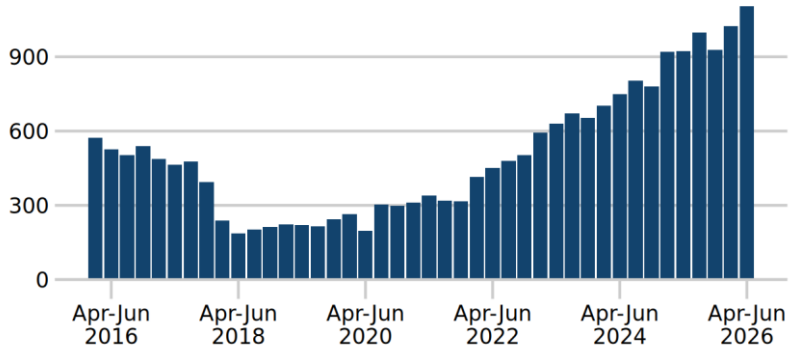
Source: Tribunals statistics quarterly

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Number of receipts of adult rape cases at the Crown Court

Cases arriving at the Crown Court. Data from the Crown Court cases received, disposed and open tool.

The figure for Apr-Jun 2026 is 1,104, up 81 from Jan-Mar 2026



Q3 (Jul-Sep) 2024	804
Q4 (Oct-Dec) 2024	781
Q1 (Jan-Mar) 2025	919
Q2 (Apr-Jun) 2025	924
Q3 (Jul-Sep) 2025	998
Q4 (Oct-Dec) 2025	928
Q1 (Jan-Mar) 2026	1,023
Q2 (Apr-Jun) 2026	1,104

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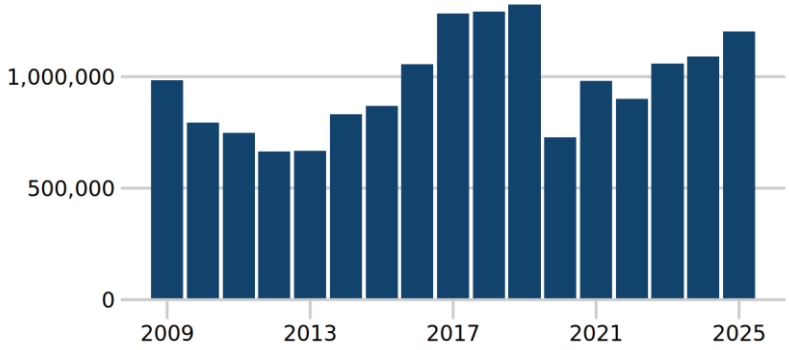
Source: Criminal court statistics quarterly

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Civil courts - total judgments

Total number of judgments in the county courts. Some civil cases are resolved via mediation or settled out of court and don't proceed to a judgment.

Latest published data: In the 3 months to 30 Jun 2026 there were 367,953 estimated total judgments.



Jan - Dec 2018	1,291,142
Jan - Dec 2019	1,323,750
Jan - Dec 2020	727,438
Jan - Dec 2021	980,474
Jan - Dec 2022	901,278
Jan - Dec 2023	1,058,964
Jan - Dec 2024	1,091,032
Jan - Dec 2025	1,202,109

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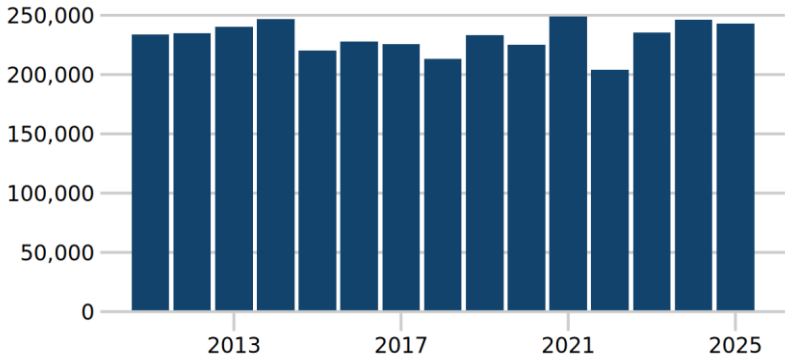
Source: Civil justice statistics

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Family court - total cases disposed

Total cases disposed at family court.

Latest published data: In the 3 months to 30 Jun 2026 there were 62,183 estimated cases disposed at family court.



Jan - Dec 2018	213,119
Jan - Dec 2019	233,112
Jan - Dec 2020	225,102
Jan - Dec 2021	249,045
Jan - Dec 2022	203,931
Jan - Dec 2023	235,386
Jan - Dec 2024	246,419
Jan - Dec 2025	242,976

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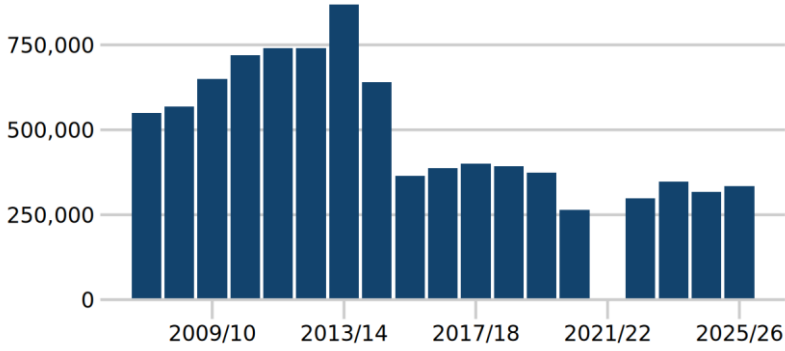
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Tribunals disposals - overall

The overall total for years 2021/22 to 2025/26 is unavailable due to migration of some tribunals. An 'Interim Total' has been calculated. This is the sum of all the tribunals excluding those tribunals with data missing or incomplete i.e. Upper Tribunal (Immigration and Asylum Chamber). These tribunals are being migrated to a new case management system and will be made available as soon as possible. The interim total is not available for 2021/22 due to the employment tribunal being migrated to a new case management system.

Latest published data: In the 3 months to 30 Jun 2026 the interim total number of tribunals disposals was 84,466.



Apr 2018 - Mar 2019	392,575
Apr 2019 - Mar 2020	373,642
Apr 2020 - Mar 2021	263,572
Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	
Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	299,013
Apr 2023 - Mar 2024	347,342
Apr 2024 - Mar 2025	317,688
Apr 2025 - Mar 2026	333,468

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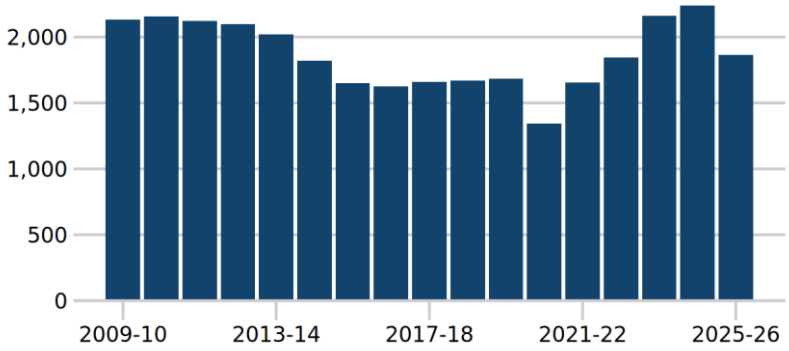
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Legal aid - overall annual expenditure (£m)

The closed-claim measure of expenditure shows the total value of payments made to legal aid providers in relation to pieces of work that are completed in each period, even where a portion of the work may have taken place over previous periods. Most expenditure figures in the legal aid statistics are shown on this basis.

The figure for 2025-26 is 1,864 (£m), down 375 (£m) from 2024-25



Apr 2018 - Mar 2019	1,671 (£m)
Apr 2019 - Mar 2020	1,684 (£m)
Apr 2020 - Mar 2021	1,342 (£m)
Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	1,656 (£m)
Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	1,847 (£m)
Apr 2023 - Mar 2024	2,162 (£m)
Apr 2024 - Mar 2025	2,240 (£m)
Apr 2025 - Mar 2026	1,864 (£m)

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Source: Legal aid statistics

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