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This publication has been prepared by the Sentencing Statistics and NOMS Projections section of OMS-AS (Offender Management and Sentencing – Analytical Services). It contains key statistics describing the sentencing of offenders in England and Wales. It is available as an online publication via the Ministry of Justice website at: www.justice.gov.uk/publications/statistics.htm. Detailed statistics related to this publication appear in the supplementary volumes of Criminal Statistics England and Wales also available at the Ministry of Justice site. A summary description of what is included in these volumes appears in Appendix 6.

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Data sources and quality

This data has been extracted and supplied to the Ministry of Justice by the courts and police forces from a variety of administrative data systems. Every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented in this publication are accurate and complete. Although care is taken in collating and analysing the returns used to compile these figures, the data are of necessity subject to the inaccuracies inherent in any large-scale recording system. Consequently, although figures are shown to the last digit in order to provide a comprehensive record of the information collected, they are not necessarily accurate to the last digit shown.

For further information on proceedings at the courts, including a definition of the disposals used please see Appendix 1. For information on legislation affecting the statistics and details of the offences, see Appendix 2 and Appendix 4.

The average custodial sentence length is calculated for all determinate custodial sentences. Indeterminate sentences, such as life sentences and the growing number of imprisonment for public protection sentences (introduced in April 2005 under the Criminal Justice Act 2003) cannot be included, as the length of the sentence is not known. Offenders receiving an indeterminate sentence for public protection for a serious offence would under previous sentencing frameworks have received a lengthy determinate sentence that would have been included in the calculation of average custodial sentence length. These longer sentences are now excluded from the calculation. This may result in a reduction in average custodial sentence lengths.

Significant changes in this edition

Breaches: The publication of breach statistics has been withdrawn from this edition. Data quality checks have shown large variations in the provision of breach data from the police forces and the courts, rendering the data unsuitable for publication. Statistics on breaches will not be published until significant improvements have been made to the submissions of this data to the Ministry of Justice.

Criminal histories: The criminal histories has been re-instated this year, following changes to the methodology. See Chapter 6 for more details.

Symbols and conventions

The following symbols have been used throughout the tables in this bulletin:

- : = Not applicable
- 0 = Nil or less than half amount shown
- .. = Not available

Numbers in the text have been rounded, full figures can be found in the tables. Figures for the number sentenced are rounded to the nearest one hundred, the average fine amounts are rounded to the nearest £10. For full numbers please see the supplementary tables.

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Chapter 1. National sentencing trends and key criminal justice system statistics, 1997–2007

Changes in crime in England and Wales

- The British Crime Survey¹ (BCS) shows that crime has fallen by ten per cent in the last year representing a million fewer crimes. Based on BCS interviews in 2007/08, it is estimated that there were approximately 10.1 million crimes against adults living in private households.
- Crimes recorded by the police in 2007/08 decreased to 5.0 million. The rate of victims' reporting of crimes to the police has remained broadly stable since 1997, whereas the rate of recording of crimes by the police has been increasing, especially in the last four years, largely because of the nationwide introduction of the National Crime Recording Standard (NCRS).
- The proportion of recorded crimes that resulted in a sanction detection has increased from 25.7 per cent in 2006/07 to 27.7 per cent in 2007/08. A sanction detection is defined as offences which are cleared up by an offender being, charged, cautioned, or receiving some other pre-court disposal or having the offence taken into consideration. Around half of all sanction detections are accounted for by charges or summons.

Public perception (from the BCS)

- Despite the number of crimes estimated by the BCS falling in recent years, comparatively high numbers of people still believe the crime rate has risen.
- People have more positive perceptions of crime in their own area than nationally; 65 per cent of people thought that crime in the country as a whole had increased in the previous two years, compared with 39 per cent who thought crime in their local area had increased.

Changes in numbers dealt with by the Criminal Justice System

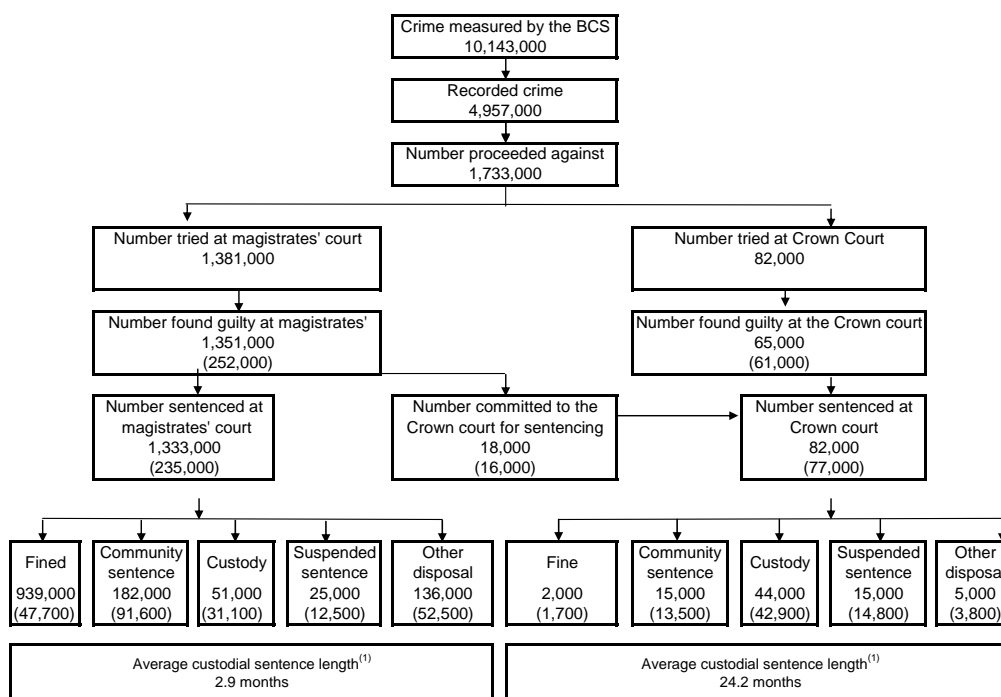
- Changes in the numbers of people processed through the criminal justice system can be influenced by factors unrelated to the underlying levels of crimes and the numbers of crimes detected. The flows

¹ Crime in England and Wales 2007/08; Chris Kershaw, Sian Nicholas and Alison Walker; Home Office Statistical Bulletin; July 2008.

through the criminal justice system are illustrated in Figure 1.1. A more detailed description of the procedures is given in Appendix 1, for further details on the court proceedings database and a definition of 'principal offence' see Appendix 3.

- There has been a growing use of non-court disposals such as cautions, Penalty Notices for Disorder (PND's) and warnings for cannabis possession. The number of people cautioned in 2007 was 362,900, up four per cent from 350,000 in 2006 and 28 per cent from 282,100 in 1997. There was a three per cent rise in the number of PND's from 201,200 in 2006 to 207,500 in 2007; the use of PND's has continued to rise from 63,600 when they were first introduced in 2004. The number of warnings given for cannabis possession was 104,200 in 2007, this is a rise of 28.2 per cent from the 81,300 given in 2006 and from 40,100 in 2004, the first year they were introduced.

Figure 1.1: Flows through the court system, 2007



Note: Figures are rounded to the nearest hundred for indictable offences and nearest thousand otherwise.
 1. Excludes life sentences and IPPs
 2. Numbers in Brackets indicate figures for indictable offences

Numbers sentenced

- The total number of offenders sentenced in 2007 was 1,414,700; this is a reduction of 0.4 per cent from 2006 and an increase of 2.2 per cent from 1997.
- The total number of offenders sentenced at magistrates' courts in 2007 was 1,333,200, a reduction of 0.8 per cent on 2006. While for the Crown Court it was 81,500, an increase of 6.4 per cent on 2006, and the highest number in the last decade.
- In 2007, there was a 1.6 per cent fall in the number of males sentenced while the number of females and others – companies, organisations etc. - both rose. Since 1997, the number of females sentenced has risen by 33.4 per cent.
- The number of juveniles sentenced has risen by 3.8 per cent since 2006 and by 23.1 per cent since 1997. While the numbers are still relatively small there has been a 56.4 per cent rise in the number of female juveniles sentenced between 1997 and 2007 from 9,400 to 14,800.
- The number sentenced for indictable offences ² (including triable-either-way offences) was 312,300, up 9,700 or 3.2 per cent from 2006 and a fall of 2.1 per cent from 1997.

Table 1 (i): Total offenders sentenced by sex, age, and court, 2007 and percentage change from 2006

Sex	Number	% change from 2006	Proportion of all sentenced
Males	1,117,283	-1.6%	79%
Females	289,505	4.3%	20%
Others	7,954	4.7%	1%
Agebands			
Juveniles (10-17)	97,387	3.8%	7%
Young adults (18-20)	140,276	-1.7%	10%
Adults (21 and over)	1,169,125	0.1%	83%
Court			
Magistrates court	1,333,236	-0.8%	94%
Crown court	81,506	6.4%	6%

² In this publication 'indictable offences' include 'triable-only-on-indictment' and 'triable-either-way' offences. For definitions see Appendix 1.

Numbers sentenced by offence type

- The biggest proportionate increase in numbers sentenced for specific offence types was for drug offences up 12.7 per cent since 2006, while the numbers sentenced for robbery, and fraud and forgery have both increased by 8.5 per cent since 2006. The largest proportionate decreases were for other indictable offences, down 9.5 per cent, and indictable motoring offences, down 10.9 per cent.
- Since 1997, the highest proportionate increases in numbers sentenced have been for robbery, up 58.3 per cent, and violence against the person up by 21.8 per cent. The largest proportionate decreases have been for burglary, down by 25.6 per cent, theft and handling of stolen goods, down by 10.8 per cent, and Indictable motoring offences down by 42.6 per cent.
- This has led to changes in the mix of offence types sentenced in the Crown Court. In 1997, violence against the person offences accounted for 16.5 per cent of Crown Court sentences; in 2007 this proportion had risen to 21.4 per cent. There were decreases in the proportion of sentences given for theft and handling of stolen goods, down from 16.2 to 10.0 per cent and for burglary, down from 17.4 to 10.8 per cent of sentences at the Crown Court. At magistrates' courts the proportion of sentences for different offence types stayed broadly similar between 1997 and 2007.

Table 1 (ii): Total number of offenders sentenced in 2007, and percentage change from 2006, by offence group

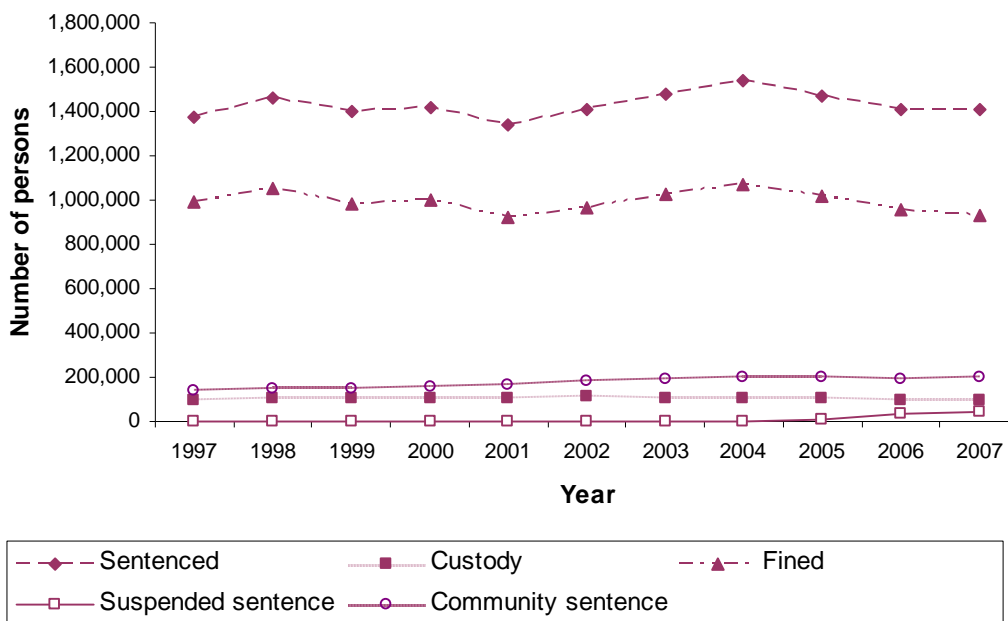
Offence Group	2007	% change from 2006
Violence against the person	42,076	0.4%
Sexual offences	5,054	2.5%
Burglary	23,549	3.9%
Robbery	8,862	8.5%
Theft and handling stolen goods	105,497	6.9%
Fraud and forgery	19,899	8.5%
Criminal damage	12,333	-1.5%
Drug offences	44,500	12.7%
Other indictable (excluding motoring)	45,028	-9.5%
Indictable motoring offences	5,460	-10.9%
All indictable	312,258	3.2%
Summary motoring offences	491,345	-0.8%
Summary (non-motoring) offences	611,139	-1.8%
All summary offences	1,102,484	-1.4%
All offences	1,414,742	-0.4%

Disposal patterns for all offences

- Fines are the most common disposal, with 941,500 handed down in 2007, accounting for 66.6 per cent of all sentences. However, this proportion has decreased from 72.1 per cent in 1997 and from 67.7 per cent in 2006. The use of suspended sentences³ has increased over this period, rising from 0.3 per cent (3,500 sentences) in 1997 to 2.9 per cent (40,700 sentences) in 2007. Community sentences accounted for 196,400 sentences in 2007, 13.9 per cent of all sentences, this is an increase of 3.8 percentage points from 1997. Immediate custody was given to 6.7 per cent (95,200) of all offenders in 2007, up from 93,800 in 1997 but a similar proportion to both 1997 and 2006.

³ The suspended sentence order (SSO) was introduced by the Criminal Justice Act 2003 for offences committed from April 2005 and replaced the fully suspended sentence (FSS). This new sentence may be given to persons aged 18 and above with a range of additional requirements similar to the community order.

Figure 1.2: Total numbers sentenced and disposals used for all offences at all courts 1997-2007



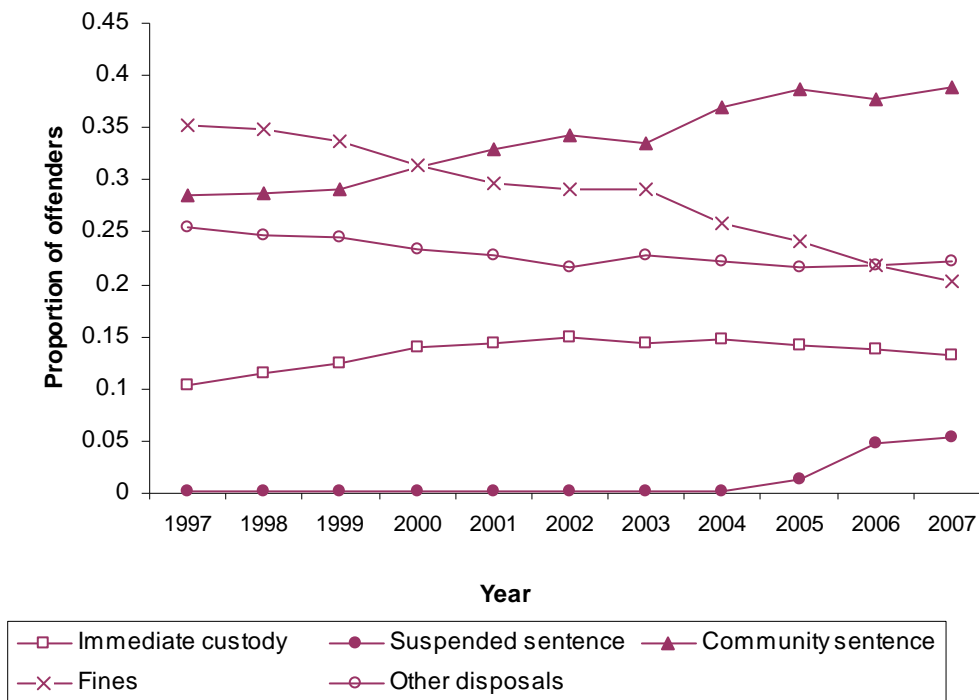
Disposals for indictable offences

- The most common disposal for indictable offences was community sentences accounting for 33.7 per cent of all sentences in 2007. This is an increase of 5.3 percentage points since 1997. The use of suspended sentences has also increased particularly since the introduction of the new suspended sentence order in 2005; this sentence accounted for 8.7 per cent of sentences in 2007, up from 0.7 per cent of sentences in 2004. The use of fines as a disposal for indictable offences has steadily decreased from 27.6 per cent in 1997 to 15.8 per cent in 2007. The immediate custody rate for indictable offences has remained relatively stable over the past decade rising slightly from 22.5 per cent in 1997 to 23.7 per cent in 2007.

Table 1 (iii): Total offenders and proportion sentenced to disposal types for indictable offences, 2007 and percentage change from 2006

	Number sentenced	% change from 2006	Proportion of sentences
Total number sentenced	312,258	3.2%	*
Immediate custody	74,037	0.7%	23.7%
Suspended sentence	27,254	31.0%	8.7%
Community sentence	105,142	2.1%	33.7%
Fine	49,463	-4.2%	15.8%
Otherwise dealt with	56,362	5.2%	18.1%

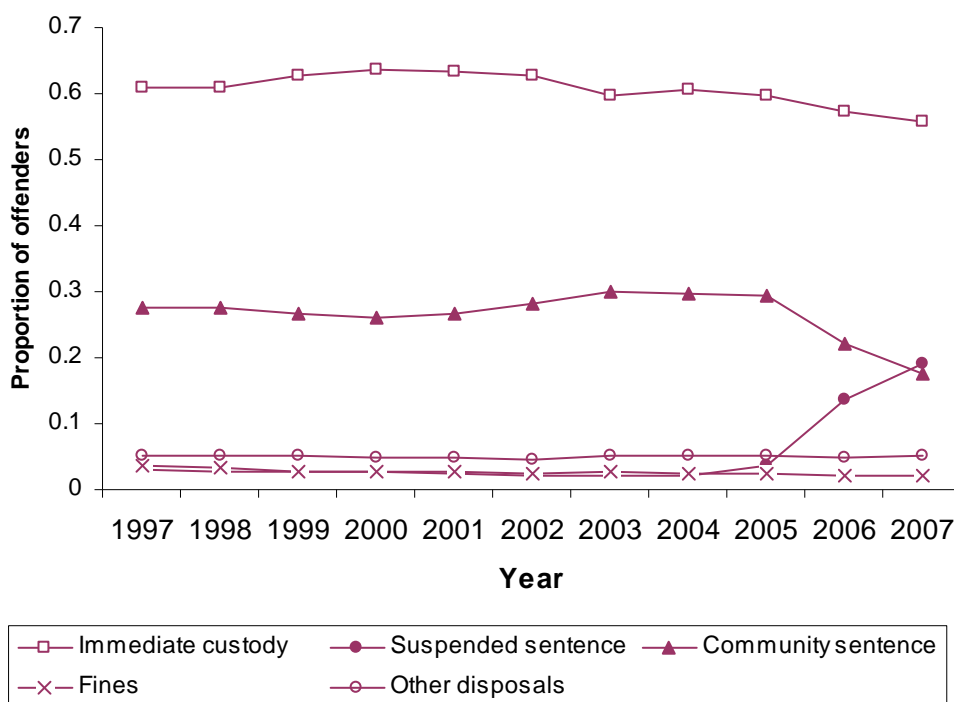
Figure 1.3: Disposal rates for indictable offences at magistrates' courts, 1997-2007



- At magistrates' courts the most significant changes over the last decade in sentencing for indictable offences has been the marked decline in the use of fines. Fines were the most common disposal, accounting for 35.2 per cent of sentences in 1997, and they have since fallen to the third most common disposal, accounting for 20.3 per cent of sentences in 2007. There has also been a large increase in the use of community sentences, up from 28.6 per cent in 1997 to 38.9 per cent in 2007. The use of suspended sentences has increased following the introduction of the Suspended Sentence Order (SSO) in 2005 and now accounts for 5.3 per

cent of sentences for indictable offences. The use of immediate custody increased from 10.4 per cent in 1997 to a peak of 14.9 per cent in 2002 and since then has declined relatively little despite the introduction of SSOs. It is now 13.2 per cent.

Figure 1.4: Disposal rates for indictable offences at the Crown Court, 1997-2007



- At the Crown Court, immediate custody is the most commonly used disposal for indictable offences. It accounted for over 60 per cent of all disposals from 1997 to 2002 but since then has dropped to 55.9 per cent in 2007. Suspended sentences accounted for 19.2 per cent of sentences in 2007 a marked increase since the introduction of the new SSO in 2005 when it accounted for 3.5 per cent of disposals. 2007 was the first year when suspended sentences were more common for indictable offences than community sentences at the Crown Court. It is clear that the new SSO is considerably decreasing the use of community sentences at the Crown Court while having a much smaller impact on the immediate custodial rate.

Previous criminal histories

- Data on previous criminal histories differ from the figures elsewhere in this volume for a number of reasons, the main ones being:
 - they are taken from information recorded by the police rather than data supplied to the Ministry of Justice by the courts
 - they exclude cases brought by non-police prosecuting authorities
 - they are based largely on recordable offences and therefore exclude a range of less serious summary offences
- Of all sentences given for indictable offences, the proportion given to offenders with 15 or more previous convictions or cautions has risen steadily from 17% in 2000 to 25% in 2007. If pre-court disposals are excluded from the count, the proportion shows an increase from 16% in 2000 to 23% in 2007. More than half of those sentenced had received another conviction or caution in the previous 12 months, a proportion that has remained largely unchanged since 2000.

Table 1.1 Recorded crime and defendants proceeded against, cautioned and sentenced by type of offence, 1997-2007

England and Wales		1997	1998/99 ⁽²⁾	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03 ⁽³⁾	2003/04 ⁽³⁾	2004/05 ⁽³⁾	2005/06 ⁽³⁾	2006/07	2007/08
Total recorded crime ⁽¹⁾⁽⁴⁾		4,598,357	5,109,089	5,301,187	5,170,843	5,525,024	5,974,960	6,013,759	5,637,511	5,555,174	5,427,559	4,950,671
		1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Penalty notices for disorder (PND) ⁽⁴⁾		:	:	:	:	:	:	:	63,639	146,481	201,197	207,544
Cannabis warnings		:	:	:	:	:	:	:	40,138	63,331	81,311	104,207
Total proceeded against		1,855,333	1,951,915	1,881,765	1,904,677	1,897,733	1,924,828	2,000,822	2,022,604	1,895,002	1,779,307	1,732,506
Total found guilty or cautioned ⁽⁴⁾		1,667,915	1,757,628	1,674,593	1,662,689	1,579,533	1,646,643	1,733,016	1,816,676	1,783,369	1,771,378	1,778,813
Total cautioned ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾		282,093	287,894	266,132	238,987	229,860	225,358	241,806	255,768	298,945	349,977	362,898
Total sentenced		1,384,678	1,468,949	1,407,998	1,424,349	1,348,494	1,419,607	1,489,827	1,547,353	1,482,453	1,420,571	1,414,742
Indictable only offences		13,307	13,477	13,219	13,160	14,574	15,845	15,478	16,273	16,053	17,953	20,680
Percentage sentenced for indictable only offences		1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.5
Triable either way (TEW) offences		305,542	327,625	328,445	313,050	308,629	320,899	318,452	300,664	290,545	284,584	291,578
Percentage sentenced for TEW offences		22.1	22.3	23.3	22.0	22.9	22.6	21.4	19.4	19.6	20.0	20.6
Summary non-motoring offences		416,515	462,669	433,475	490,603	441,946	487,027	493,286	522,498	508,729	495,520	491,345
Percentage sentenced for summary non-motoring offences		30.1	31.5	30.8	34.4	32.8	34.3	33.1	33.8	34.3	34.9	34.7
Summary motoring offences		649,314	665,178	632,859	607,536	583,345	595,836	662,611	707,918	667,126	622,514	611,139
Percentage sentenced for summary motoring offences		46.9	45.3	44.9	42.7	43.3	42.0	44.5	45.8	45.0	43.8	43.2
Total sentenced at magistrates' courts		1,305,176	1,388,589	1,330,828	1,350,008	1,276,426	1,343,416	1,413,764	1,471,099	1,406,712	1,343,985	1,333,236
Total committed for trial to the Crown Court		87,679	73,378 ⁽⁶⁾	72,290	70,240	79,169	82,825	81,595	78,409	80,874	79,468	84,425
Total committed for sentence to the Crown Court		7,303	19,192 ⁽⁶⁾	20,417	17,296	16,882	18,220	17,756	16,937	19,424	18,935	17,834
Total sentenced at the Crown Court		79,502	80,360	77,170	74,341	72,068	76,191	76,063	76,254	75,741	76,586	81,506

1 Recorded crime relates to offences and court proceedings etc relate to defendants. Because of this, the two sets of data are not directly comparable.
 2 The number of crimes recorded in the financial year using the expanded coverage and revised counting rules which came into effect on 1 April 1998.
 3 Numbers of recorded crimes will be affected by changes in reporting and recording. The national impact of recording changes in 2002/03 was estimated to be ten per cent for total recorded crime. The impact will vary for different types of offences. British Transport Police figures have been included from 2002/03.
 4 All or part of the data in these rows come from sources of data other than the court proceedings database.
 5 Includes reprimands and final warnings given to 10 to 17-year-olds who are too young to receive cautions, but not warnings given for possession of cannabis.
 6 The Crime (Sentences) Act 1997, implemented on 1 October 1997, extended the circumstances in which a magistrates' court may commit a person convicted of an offence triable either-way to the Crown Court for sentence. For further details see Appendix 1, paragraph 1.9.

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Table 1.2 Offenders sentenced by offence group and outcome, all courts, 1997-2007

England and Wales		Number of offenders										
Offence group	Outcome	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Violence against the person	Total number sentenced	34,537	37,119	35,983	35,533	35,436	37,773	38,031	39,257	40,754	41,905	42,076
	<i>Number given:</i>											
	Immediate custody	10,231	11,077	11,038	11,414	11,389	11,792	11,468	12,274	12,842	12,354	12,535
	Suspended sentence	595	611	524	516	459	504	473	505	1,335	5,569	7,167
	Community sentences	12,310	13,800	13,736	14,093	14,553	16,471	16,997	17,974	19,029	17,232	16,107
	Fines	4,683	4,866	4,450	3,990	3,915	4,001	3,944	3,487	2,811	2,273	1,997
	Other disposals	6,718	6,765	6,235	5,520	5,120	5,005	5,149	5,017	4,737	4,477	4,270
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	17.4	16.1	15.7	15.8	16.7	17.6	18.8	18.8	17.8	16.8	16.9
	Custody Rate (%)	29.6	29.8	30.7	32.1	32.1	31.2	30.2	31.3	31.5	29.5	29.8
Sexual offences	Total number sentenced	4,468	4,590	4,310	3,941	4,037	4,373	4,333	4,823	4,747	4,932	5,054
	<i>Number given:</i>											
	Immediate custody	2,514	2,687	2,615	2,431	2,400	2,562	2,505	2,841	2,701	2,808	2,810
	Suspended sentence	106	111	90	82	76	58	78	64	119	296	439
	Community sentences	1,140	1,176	1,160	1,060	1,047	1,207	1,169	1,404	1,444	1,347	1,366
	Fines	366	291	178	114	204	264	262	194	183	166	134
	Other disposals	342	325	267	254	310	282	319	320	300	315	305
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	37.9	38.7	37.5	38.7	37.7	39.6	40.0	39.9	41.5	41.0	42.9
	Custody Rate (%)	56.3	58.5	60.7	61.7	59.5	58.6	57.8	58.9	56.9	56.9	55.6
Burglary	Total number sentenced	31,656	31,087	29,329	26,694	24,655	26,376	25,360	24,133	22,652	22,675	23,549
	<i>Number given:</i>											
	Immediate custody	14,338	14,547	14,345	13,677	12,476	13,350	11,820	10,814	9,550	9,229	9,237
	Suspended sentence	136	163	150	130	100	106	121	94	408	1,752	2,405
	Community sentences	12,742	12,264	11,228	10,136	9,949	11,081	11,627	11,639	11,112	9,940	10,123
	Fines	1,486	1,285	1,101	818	616	609	545	468	423	415	461
	Other disposals	2,954	2,828	2,505	1,933	1,514	1,230	1,247	1,118	1,159	1,339	1,323
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	15.8	15.5	15.7	15.9	16.6	17.5	17.1	17.5	17.4	17.1	16.7
	Custody Rate (%)	45.3	46.8	48.9	51.2	50.6	50.6	46.6	44.8	42.2	40.7	39.2
Robbery	Total number sentenced	5,597	5,562	5,652	5,944	6,846	7,731	7,339	7,513	7,139	8,169	8,862
	<i>Number given:</i>											
	Immediate custody	4,008	3,962	4,085	4,341	4,775	5,881	5,150	5,063	4,407	4,802	4,772
	Suspended sentence	9	16	36	31	31	26	35	33	60	264	452
	Community sentences	1,307	1,356	1,306	1,392	1,833	1,715	2,024	2,299	2,539	2,957	3,470
	Fines	23	23	14	16	14	9	12	7	21	13	33
	Other disposals	250	205	211	164	193	100	118	111	112	133	135
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	39.1	35.3	35.7	36.1	35.4	38.9	39.3	38.4	35.0	32.3	31.3
	Custody Rate (%)	71.6	71.2	72.3	73.0	69.7	76.1	70.2	67.4	61.7	58.8	53.8
Theft and handling stolen goods	Total number sentenced	118,214	125,247	130,648	127,580	126,410	126,717	118,594	110,241	103,318	98,645	105,497
	<i>Number given:</i>											
	Immediate custody	19,396	21,818	24,427	25,983	26,205	27,945	25,517	22,759	20,472	19,631	19,612
	Suspended sentence	615	555	499	403	375	342	369	343	1,502	5,554	6,700
	Community sentences	36,640	38,592	39,995	41,488	44,572	47,095	43,447	42,362	40,866	36,946	40,181
	Fines	30,368	31,261	31,823	29,103	25,755	23,898	21,975	18,647	16,060	13,328	13,840
	Other disposals	31,195	33,021	33,904	30,603	29,503	27,437	27,286	26,130	24,418	23,186	25,164
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	5.9	5.1	4.5	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.1
	Custody Rate (%)	16.4	17.4	18.7	20.4	20.7	22.1	21.5	20.6	19.8	19.9	18.6
Fraud and forgery	Total number sentenced	16,930	19,645	20,203	19,155	18,207	18,126	18,053	18,023	18,296	18,336	19,899
	<i>Number given:</i>											
	Immediate custody	3,606	4,130	4,034	3,726	3,826	3,754	3,897	4,160	4,570	4,403	5,188
	Suspended sentence	437	413	426	453	403	330	313	376	620	1,687	2,391
	Community sentences	6,468	7,573	8,300	8,036	7,710	8,176	7,349	7,438	7,270	6,479	6,299
	Fines	3,040	3,457	3,512	3,223	2,930	2,686	2,952	2,728	2,532	2,313	2,256
	Other disposals	3,379	4,072	3,931	3,717	3,338	3,180	3,552	3,321	3,304	3,454	3,765
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	9.7	9.3	8.5	8.7	8.6	8.4	8.7	9.2	10.3	10.9	10.0
	Custody Rate (%)	21.3	21.0	20.0	19.5	21.0	20.7	21.5	21.5	25.0	24.0	26.1
Criminal damage	Total number sentenced	10,425	10,722	10,728	10,159	10,526	10,826	11,112	11,582	11,502	12,518	12,333
	<i>Number given:</i>											
	Immediate custody	1,098	1,176	1,252	1,222	1,202	1,178	1,201	1,266	1,282	1,333	1,330
	Suspended sentence	44	60	49	42	48	30	46	53	119	428	525
	Community sentences	3,478	3,877	3,888	4,028	4,277	4,844	4,999	5,599	5,675	6,049	5,573
	Fines	1,997	1,960	1,868	1,696	1,811	1,715	1,687	1,595	1,432	1,384	1,190
	Other disposals	3,808	3,649	3,671	3,171	3,188	3,059	3,179	3,069	2,994	3,234	3,715
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	19.8	15.5	15.5	14.9	15.9	16.4	16.5	16.7	15.1	12.9	12.6
	Custody Rate (%)	10.5	11.0	11.7	12.0	11.4	10.9	10.8	10.9	11.1	10.6	10.8
Drug offences	Total number sentenced	40,438	48,783	48,946	44,955	45,680	49,015	51,215	39,147	38,899	39,478	44,500
	<i>Number given:</i>											
	Immediate custody	7,749	8,458	8,731	8,141	8,499	8,284	8,140	7,981	7,783	7,532	8,186
	Suspended sentence	405	442	344	334	275	245	276	254	516	1,848	2,678
	Community sentences	7,194	8,622	8,635	8,064	8,267	8,803	9,582	9,078	9,693	9,127	10,296
	Fines	18,769	23,455	23,207	20,638	20,049	21,651	22,424	14,019	13,539	13,271	14,190
	Other disposals	6,321	7,806	8,029	7,778	8,590	10,032	10,793	7,815	7,368	7,700	9,150
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	28.9	27.0	28.7	30.1	32.5	34.5	35.2	37.3	35.8	33.8	31.9
	Custody Rate (%)	19.2	17.3	17.8	18.1	18.6	16.9	15.9	20.4	20.0	19.1	18.4
Other (excl motoring offences)	Total number sentenced	47,076	49,331	47,564	44,552	43,531	47,354	50,993	53,981	52,565	49,750	45,028
	<i>Number given:</i>											
	Immediate custody	7,268	7,903	7,608	8,102	7,583	8,177	8,721	10,461	10,681	9,713	8,787
	Suspended sentence	420	413	393	414	323	257	293	365	760	2,633	3,624
	Community sentences	7,362	7,957	7,781	7,870	8,017	9,070	9,751	11,242	11,871	11,156	10,297
	Fines	21,898	22,958	21,603	18,828	18,567	20,217	21,129	21,217	19,424	16,826	14,102
	Other disposals	10,128	10,100	10,189	9,338	9,041	9,633	11,099	10,696	9,829	9,422	8,218
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	9.1	8.5	8.5	8.5	9.2	9.9	9.9	8.6	9.2 ^r	9.0	9.5
	Custody Rate (%)	15.4	16.0	16.0	18.2	17.4	17.3	17.1	19.4	20.3	19.5	19.5
Motoring offences	Total number sentenced	9,508	9,016	8,301	7,697	7,875	8,453	8,900	8,237	6,726	6,128	5,460
	<i>Number given:</i>											
	Immediate custody	1,652	1,554	1,653	1,747	1,918	2,228	2,385	2,319	2,003	1,727	1,580
	Suspended sentence	56	50	46	48	49	65	51	56	171	768	873
	Community sentences	1,816	1,812	1,719	1,781	1,838	2,306	2,703	2,749	2,225	1,737	1,430
	Fines	5,405	5,036	4,365	3,684	3,605	3,420	3,320	2,733	2,008	1,639	1,260
	Other disposals	579	564	518	437	465	434	441	380	319	257	317
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	7.7	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.9	8.2	8.5	8.7	8.4	9.0	8.8
	Custody Rate (%)	17.4	17.2	19.9	22.7	24.4	26.4	26.8	28.2	29.8	28.2	28.9
All indictable offences	Total number sentenced	318,849	341,102	341,664	326,210	323,203	336,744	333,930	316,937	306,598	302,536	312,258
	<i>Number given:</i>											
	Immediate custody	71,860	77,312	79,788	80,784	80,273	85,151	80,794	79,938	76,291	73,532	74,037
	Suspended sentence	2,823	2,834	2,547	2,453	2,139	1,963	2,055	2,143	5,610	20,799	27,254
	Community sentences	90,457</										

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Table 1.2 Offenders sentenced by offence group and outcome, all courts, 1997-2007 (continued)

England and Wales		Number of offenders											
Offence group	Outcome	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	
Summary non-motoring offences	Total number sentenced	416,515	462,669	433,475	490,603	441,946	487,028	493,286	522,498	508,729	495,521	491,345	
	<i>Number given:</i>												
	Immediate custody	7,666	8,802	9,776	9,318	9,051	9,545	9,470	11,215	12,075	12,571	13,277	
	Suspended sentence	196	200	236	248	259	216	264	320	1,515	6,041	7,266	
	Community sentences	23,721	26,115	27,774	31,494	35,079	41,231	43,367	51,430	58,029	59,586	65,188	
	Fines	327,312	367,901	335,041	390,551	341,296	379,448	378,689	394,954	375,891	356,512	343,429	
	Other disposals	57,620	59,651	60,648	58,992	56,261	56,588	61,496	64,579	61,219	60,811	62,185	
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	
	Custody Rate (%)	1.8	1.9	2.3	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.1	2.4	2.5	2.7	
	Summary motoring offences	Total number sentenced	649,314	665,178	632,859	607,536	583,345	595,836	662,611	707,918	667,126	622,514	611,139
		<i>Number given:</i>											
Immediate custody		14,315	14,452	15,759	16,085	16,949	16,911	17,406	15,169	12,870	9,914	7,892	
Suspended sentence		472	414	378	371	357	340	398	392	2,541	6,869	6,168	
Community sentences		25,812	26,244	26,111	26,096	27,855	34,521	38,666	39,732	34,494	28,281	26,094	
Fines		583,325	598,250	565,258	540,686	511,359	514,819	576,678	622,642	590,740	553,395	548,642	
Other disposals		25,390	25,818	25,353	24,298	26,825	29,245	29,463	29,983	26,481	24,255	22,343	
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾		3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.3	
Custody Rate (%)		2.2	2.2	2.5	2.6	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.1	1.9	1.6	1.3	
All summary offences		Total number sentenced	1,065,829	1,127,847	1,066,334	1,098,139	1,025,291	1,082,864	1,155,897	1,230,416	1,175,855	1,118,035	1,102,484
		<i>Number given:</i>											
	Immediate custody	21,981	23,254	25,535	25,403	26,000	26,456	26,876	26,384	24,945	22,485	21,169	
	Suspended sentence	668	614	614	619	616	556	662	712	4,056	12,710	13,434	
	Community sentences	49,533	52,359	53,885	57,590	62,934	75,752	82,033	91,162	92,523	87,867	91,282	
	Fines	910,637	966,151	900,299	931,237	852,655	894,267	955,367	1,017,596	966,631	909,907	892,071	
	Other disposals	83,010	85,469	86,001	83,290	83,086	85,833	90,959	94,562	87,700	85,066	84,528	
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.0	
	Custody Rate (%)	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.9	
	All offences	Total number sentenced	1,384,678	1,468,949	1,407,998	1,424,349	1,348,494	1,419,608	1,489,827	1,547,353	1,482,453	1,420,571	1,414,742
		<i>Number given:</i>											
Immediate custody		93,841	100,566	105,323	106,187	106,273	111,607	107,670	106,322	101,236	96,017	95,206	
Suspended sentence		3,491	3,448	3,161	3,072	2,755	2,519	2,717	2,855	9,666	33,509	40,688	
Community sentences		139,990	149,388	151,633	155,538	164,997	186,520	191,681	202,946	204,247	190,837	196,424	
Fines		998,672	1,060,743	992,420	1,013,347	930,121	972,737	1,033,617	1,082,691	1,025,064	961,535	941,534	
Other disposals		148,684	154,804	155,461	146,205	144,348	146,225	154,142	152,539	142,240	138,673	140,890	
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾		12.7	11.8	11.5	11.4	11.8	12.6	12.6	12.9	12.6	12.4	12.4	
Custody Rate (%)		6.8	6.8	7.5	7.5	7.9	7.9	7.2	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.7	

¹ Excludes life and indeterminate sentences.

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Table 1.3 Offenders sentenced by offence group and outcome, magistrates' courts, 1997-2007

England and Wales		Number of offenders										
Offence group	Outcome	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Violence against the person	Total number sentenced	21,453	23,718	22,873	22,259	21,944	23,311	23,199	24,015	24,782	25,173	24,608
	<i>Number given:</i>											
	Immediate custody	2,696	3,401	3,447	3,575	3,426	3,561	3,469	3,709	3,940	3,775	3,691
	Suspended sentence	109	126	102	107	93	95	88	125	855	2,524	2,956
	Community sentences	8,418	9,721	9,760	10,084	10,470	11,855	12,044	13,131	14,107	13,411	13,126
	Fines	4,285	4,495	4,131	3,693	3,594	3,673	3,547	3,146	2,494	2,019	1,712
	Other disposals	5,945	5,975	5,433	4,800	4,361	4,127	4,051	3,904	3,586	3,444	3,123
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.6	3.9	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	3.9
	Custody Rate (%)	12.6	14.3	15.1	16.1	15.6	15.3	15.0	15.4	15.9	15.0	15.0
	Sexual offences	Total number sentenced	1,231	1,163	949	845	1,051	1,237	1,246	1,397	1,326	1,296
<i>Number given:</i>												
Immediate custody		138	153	157	157	189	240	233	251	184	185	165
Suspended sentence		13	10	5	2	5	8	5	10	29	77	99
Community sentences		506	523	493	443	507	561	560	752	782	692	752
Fines		319	248	135	90	165	236	233	178	156	153	111
Other disposals		255	229	159	153	185	192	215	206	175	189	174
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾		3.5	3.8	3.5	4.4	4.3	4.2	3.9	4	4.1	4.3	4.3
Custody Rate (%)		11.2	13.2	16.5	18.6	18.0	19.4	18.7	18.0	13.9	14.3	12.7
Burglary		Total number sentenced	17,834	17,073	15,840	14,228	13,574	14,230	14,231	13,848	13,536	14,098
	<i>Number given:</i>											
	Immediate custody	4,065	4,103	4,079	4,046	4,026	4,279	4,152	3,831	3,425	3,390	3,420
	Suspended sentence	25	28	31	23	13	21	39	29	251	911	1,074
	Community sentences	9,510	9,053	8,304	7,602	7,571	8,235	8,396	8,535	8,444	8,194	8,598
	Fines	1,454	1,252	1,078	800	595	592	532	453	407	403	442
	Other disposals	2,780	2,637	2,348	1,757	1,369	1,103	1,112	1,000	1,009	1,200	1,201
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	3.4	3.5	3.6	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.3
	Custody Rate (%)	22.8	24.0	25.8	28.4	29.7	30.1	29.2	27.7	25.3	24.0	23.2
	Robbery	Total number sentenced	1,271	1,237	1,063	1,306	1,855	1,554	1,759	2,057	2,300	2,991
<i>Number given:</i>												
Immediate custody		195	228	188	297	466	444	386	431	428	564	495
Suspended sentence		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5
Community sentences		859	847	715	896	1,269	1,070	1,318	1,588	1,832	2,357	2,848
Fines		21	18	7	9	9	7	3	3	10	8	28
Other disposals		196	144	153	104	111	33	52	35	30	59	63
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾		3.7	4	3.9	6.6	8	9.7	9.1	9.4	8.4	8.7	8.4
Custody Rate (%)		15.3	18.4	17.7	22.7	25.1	28.6	21.9	21.0	18.6	18.9	14.4
Theft and handling stolen goods		Total number sentenced	105,352	113,458	120,011	117,858	117,489	117,639	109,788	101,853	95,483	90,777
	<i>Number given:</i>											
	Immediate custody	12,612	15,457	18,374	20,303	21,253	23,048	21,043	18,528	16,684	15,971	16,084
	Suspended sentence	240	237	227	188	202	167	194	196	1,259	4,380	5,015
	Community sentences	32,295	34,641	36,699	38,508	41,595	43,840	40,125	39,205	37,845	34,641	38,093
	Fines	29,793	30,801	31,476	28,816	25,471	23,663	21,707	18,362	15,810	13,106	13,595
	Other disposals	30,412	32,322	33,235	30,043	28,968	26,921	26,719	25,562	23,885	22,679	24,580
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3
	Custody Rate (%)	12.0	13.6	15.3	17.2	18.1	19.6	19.2	18.2	17.5	17.6	16.5
	Fraud and forgery	Total number sentenced	12,698	15,452	16,263	15,473	14,622	14,512	14,463	14,067	13,028	12,634
<i>Number given:</i>												
Immediate custody		1,517	1,952	1,959	1,851	2,009	2,029	2,166	2,135	1,449	1,062	999
Suspended sentence		82	118	114	121	108	101	92	111	266	847	950
Community sentences		5,047	6,222	7,049	6,859	6,536	6,781	6,020	6,082	5,785	5,294	5,348
Fines		2,887	3,299	3,402	3,110	2,830	2,586	2,832	2,605	2,422	2,214	2,150
Other disposals		3,165	3,861	3,739	3,532	3,139	3,015	3,353	3,134	3,106	3,217	3,467
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾		2.8	2.9	3	3	3.1	3	3.2	3.3	2.9	2.8	2.8
Custody Rate (%)		11.9	12.6	12.0	12.0	13.7	14.0	15.0	15.2	11.1	8.4	7.7
Criminal damage		Total number sentenced	8,790	8,906	8,974	8,517	8,863	9,161	9,409	9,747	9,813	10,877
	<i>Number given:</i>											
	Immediate custody	436	496	539	537	531	541	564	571	607	674	650
	Suspended sentence	12	18	13	12	10	6	14	11	62	230	265
	Community sentences	2,813	3,106	3,209	3,362	3,595	4,139	4,281	4,849	4,996	5,550	5,172
	Fines	1,940	1,889	1,791	1,645	1,750	1,661	1,621	1,541	1,383	1,347	1,138
	Other disposals	3,589	3,397	3,422	2,961	2,977	2,814	2,929	2,775	2,765	3,076	3,483
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.4
	Custody Rate (%)	5.0	5.6	6.0	6.3	6.0	5.9	6.0	5.9	6.2	6.2	6.1
	Drug offences	Total number sentenced	29,180	36,952	37,581	34,294	35,088	38,733	40,637	28,704	28,519	29,297
<i>Number given:</i>												
Immediate custody		756	1,170	1,328	1,129	1,162	1,122	1,046	830	947	1,040	1,178
Suspended sentence		27	46	29	45	38	29	25	37	153	545	685
Community sentences		4,301	5,644	6,028	5,653	6,095	6,749	7,218	6,812	7,218	7,440	8,748
Fines		18,190	22,866	22,742	20,225	19,661	21,300	22,062	13,697	13,258	13,028	13,877
Other disposals		5,906	7,226	7,454	7,242	8,132	9,533	10,286	7,328	6,943	7,244	8,610
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾		2.2	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.6	2.5
Custody Rate (%)		2.6	3.2	3.5	3.3	3.3	2.9	2.6	2.9	3.3	3.5	3.6
Other (excl motoring offences)		Total number sentenced	36,872	38,716	37,510	34,349	33,795	37,230	40,085	42,917	41,274	38,788
	<i>Number given:</i>											
	Immediate custody	2,317	2,696	2,708	2,909	2,826	3,190	3,342	4,776	4,878	4,707	3,953
	Suspended sentence	55	50	45	56	52	28	47	68	303	999	1,067
	Community sentences	4,230	4,663	4,572	4,694	4,697	5,442	5,908	7,434	8,133	8,047	7,837
	Fines	21,213	22,242	20,979	18,253	17,937	19,629	20,438	20,672	18,804	16,266	13,541
	Other disposals	9,057	9,065	9,206	8,437	8,283	8,941	10,350	9,967	9,156	8,769	7,558
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.2	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.0
	Custody Rate (%)	6.3	7.0	7.2	8.5	8.4	8.6	8.3	11.1	11.8	12.1	11.6
	Motoring offences	Total number sentenced	7,574	7,307	6,617	6,022	6,074	6,141	6,371	5,546	4,349	3,864
<i>Number given:</i>												
Immediate custody		505	571	609	676	786	832	903	786	679	511	483
Suspended sentence		15	15	10	22	13	20	9	17	96	361	361
Community sentences		1,295	1,304	1,261	1,328	1,350	1,600	1,864	1,821	1,442	1,259	1,088
Fines		5,222	4,892	4,261	3,593	3,488	3,291	3,196	2,589	1,874	1,522	1,134
Other disposals		537	525	476	403	437	398	399	333	258	211	250
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾		3.8	3.8	4	4.5	4.8	4.9	5.2	5	4.8	5	4.9
Custody Rate (%)		6.7	7.8	9.2	11.2	12.9	13.5	14.2	14.2	15.6	13.2	14.6
All indictable offences		Total number sentenced	242,255	263,982	267,681	255,151	254,355	263,748	261,188	244,151	234,410	229,795
	<i>Number given:</i>											
	Immediate custody	25,237	30,227	33,388	35,480	36,674	39,286	37,304	35,848	33,221	31,879	31,118
	Suspended sentence	578	648	576	576	534	475	513	604	3,074	10,877	12,477
	Community sentences	69,274	75,724	78,090	79,429	83,685	90,272	87,734	90,209	90,584	86,885	91,610
	Fines	85,324	92,002	90,002	80,234	75,500	76,638	76,171	63,246	56,618	50,066	47,728
	Other disposals	61,842	65,381	65,625	59,432	57,962	57,077	59,466	54,244			

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Table 1.3 Offenders sentenced by offence group and outcome, magistrates' courts, 1997-2007 (continued)

England and Wales		Number of offenders										
Offence group	Outcome	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Summary non-motoring offences	Total number sentenced	414,363	460,248	431,141	488,148	439,504	484,637	490,767	519,825	505,915	492,348	487,648
	<i>Number given:</i>											
	Immediate custody	7,189	8,224	9,179	8,726	8,519	9,018	8,953	10,642	11,385	11,835	12,377
	Suspended sentence	180	184	213	225	236	200	253	306	1,479	5,784	6,912
	Community sentences	22,943	25,300	26,979	30,616	34,139	40,309	42,440	50,438	56,976	58,571	64,061
	Fines	326,945	367,473	334,696	390,164	340,942	379,127	378,293	394,586	375,554	356,146	343,019
	Other disposals	57,106	59,067	60,074	58,417	55,668	55,983	60,828	63,853	60,521	60,012	61,279
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
	Custody Rate (%)	1.7	1.8	2.1	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.8	2.0	2.3	2.4	2.5
	Summary motoring offences	Total number sentenced	648,558	664,359	632,006	606,709	582,567	595,032	661,809	707,123	666,387	621,842
<i>Number given:</i>												
Immediate custody		14,091	14,164	15,407	15,769	16,675	16,609	17,139	14,894	12,644	9,717	7,677
Suspended sentence		467	412	370	370	352	338	393	390	2,528	6,613	6,082
Community sentences		25,598	26,010	25,908	25,887	27,645	34,283	38,413	39,492	34,284	28,149	25,936
Fines		583,059	598,015	565,015	540,437	511,129	514,619	576,454	622,405	590,538	553,182	548,299
Other disposals		25,343	25,758	25,306	24,246	26,766	29,183	29,410	29,942	26,393	24,181	22,152
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾		3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.3
Custody Rate (%)		2.2	2.1	2.4	2.6	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.1	1.9	1.6	1.3
All summary offences		Total number sentenced	1,062,921	1,124,607	1,063,147	1,094,857	1,022,071	1,079,669	1,152,576	1,226,948	1,172,302	1,114,190
	<i>Number given:</i>											
	Immediate custody	21,280	22,388	24,586	24,495	25,194	25,627	26,092	25,536	24,029	21,552	20,054
	Suspended sentence	647	596	583	595	588	538	646	696	4,007	12,397	12,994
	Community sentences	48,541	51,310	52,887	56,503	61,784	74,592	80,853	89,930	91,260	86,720	89,997
	Fines	910,004	965,488	899,711	930,601	852,071	893,746	954,747	1,016,991	966,092	909,328	891,318
	Other disposals	82,449	84,825	85,380	82,663	82,434	85,166	90,238	93,795	86,914	84,193	83,431
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.9
	Custody Rate (%)	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8
	All offences	Total number sentenced	1,305,176	1,388,589	1,330,828	1,350,008	1,276,426	1,343,417	1,413,764	1,471,099	1,406,712	1,343,985
<i>Number given:</i>												
Immediate custody		46,517	52,615	57,974	59,975	61,868	64,913	63,396	61,384	57,250	53,431	51,172
Suspended sentence		1,225	1,244	1,159	1,171	1,122	1,013	1,159	1,300	7,081	23,274	25,471
Community sentences		117,815	127,034	130,977	135,932	145,469	164,864	168,587	180,139	181,844	173,605	181,607
Fines		995,328	1,057,490	989,713	1,010,835	927,571	970,384	1,030,918	1,080,237	1,022,710	959,394	939,046
Other disposals		144,291	150,206	151,005	142,095	140,396	142,243	149,704	148,039	137,827	134,281	135,940
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾		2.9	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9
Custody Rate (%)		3.6	3.8	4.4	4.4	4.8	4.8	4.5	4.2	4.1	4.0	3.8

¹ Excludes life and indeterminate sentences.

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Table 1.4 Offenders sentenced by offence group and outcome, the Crown Court, 1997-2007

England and Wales		Number of offenders										
Offence group	Outcome	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Violence against the person	Total number sentenced	13,084	13,401	13,110	13,274	13,492	14,462	14,832	15,242	15,972	16,732	17,468
	<i>Number given:</i>											
	Immediate custody	7,535	7,676	7,591	7,839	7,963	8,231	7,999	8,565	8,902	8,579	8,844
	Suspended sentence	486	485	422	409	366	409	385	380	680	3,045	4,211
	Community sentences	3,892	4,079	3,976	4,009	4,083	4,616	4,953	4,843	4,922	3,821	2,981
	Fines	398	371	319	297	321	328	397	341	317	254	285
	Other disposals	773	790	802	720	759	878	1,098	1,113	1,151	1,033	1,147
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	22.8	22.1	21.7	21.6	22.6	23.9	25.6	25.6	24.5	23.2	23.0
	Custody rate (%)	57.6	57.3	57.9	59.1	59.0	56.9	53.9	56.2	55.7	51.3	50.6
	Sexual offences	Total number sentenced	3,237	3,427	3,361	3,096	2,986	3,136	3,087	3,426	3,421	3,636
<i>Number given:</i>												
Immediate custody		2,376	2,534	2,458	2,274	2,211	2,322	2,272	2,590	2,517	2,623	2,645
Suspended sentence		93	101	85	80	71	50	73	54	90	219	340
Community sentences		634	653	667	617	540	646	609	652	662	655	614
Fines		47	43	43	24	39	28	29	16	27	13	23
Other disposals		87	96	108	101	125	90	104	114	125	126	131
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾		39.9	40.9	39.7	41.1	40.7	43.4	43.8	43.4	44.4	44.1	45.8
Custody rate (%)		73.4	73.9	73.1	73.4	74.0	74.0	73.6	75.6	73.6	72.1	70.5
Burglary		Total number sentenced	13,822	14,014	13,489	12,466	11,081	12,146	11,129	10,285	9,116	8,577
	<i>Number given:</i>											
	Immediate custody	10,273	10,444	10,266	9,631	8,450	9,071	7,668	6,983	6,125	5,839	5,817
	Suspended sentence	111	135	119	107	87	85	82	65	157	841	1,331
	Community sentences	3,232	3,211	2,924	2,534	2,378	2,846	3,231	3,104	2,668	1,746	1,525
	Fines	32	33	23	18	21	17	13	15	16	12	19
	Other disposals	174	191	157	176	145	127	135	118	150	139	122
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	20.7	20.2	20.5	20.8	22.3	23.5	24	24.6	24.7	24.4	24.0
	Custody rate (%)	74.3	74.5	76.1	77.3	76.3	74.7	68.9	67.9	67.2	68.1	66.0
	Robbery	Total number sentenced	4,326	4,325	4,589	4,638	4,991	6,177	5,580	5,456	4,839	5,178
<i>Number given:</i>												
Immediate custody		3,813	3,734	3,897	4,044	4,309	5,437	4,764	4,632	3,979	4,238	4,277
Suspended sentence		9	16	36	31	31	26	35	33	60	261	447
Community sentences		448	509	591	496	564	645	706	711	707	600	622
Fines		2	5	7	7	5	2	9	4	11	5	5
Other disposals		54	61	58	60	82	67	66	76	82	74	72
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾		40.9	37.3	37.3	38.3	38.4	41.3	41.7	41.1	38	35.7	34.3
Custody rate (%)		88.1	86.3	84.9	87.2	86.3	88.0	85.4	84.9	82.2	81.8	78.9
Theft and handling stolen goods		Total number sentenced	12,862	11,789	10,637	9,722	8,921	9,078	8,806	8,388	7,835	7,868
	<i>Number given:</i>											
	Immediate custody	6,784	6,361	6,053	5,680	4,952	4,897	4,474	4,231	3,788	3,660	3,528
	Suspended sentence	375	318	272	215	173	175	175	147	243	1,174	1,685
	Community sentences	4,345	3,951	3,296	2,980	2,977	3,255	3,322	3,157	3,021	2,305	2,088
	Fines	575	460	347	287	284	235	268	285	250	222	245
	Other disposals	783	699	669	560	535	516	567	568	533	507	584
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	12.4	11.7	10.7	10.4	11.1	11.5	12.1	12.3	12.8	12.7	12.4
	Custody rate (%)	52.7	54.0	56.9	58.4	55.5	53.9	50.8	50.4	48.3	46.5	43.4
	Fraud and forgery	Total number sentenced	4,232	4,193	3,940	3,682	3,585	3,614	3,590	3,956	5,268	5,702
<i>Number given:</i>												
Immediate custody		2,089	2,178	2,075	1,875	1,817	1,725	1,721	2,025	3,121	3,341	4,189
Suspended sentence		355	295	312	332	295	229	221	265	354	840	1,441
Community sentences		1,421	1,351	1,251	1,177	1,174	1,395	1,329	1,356	1,485	1,185	951
Fines		153	158	110	113	100	100	120	123	110	99	106
Other disposals		214	211	192	185	199	165	199	187	198	237	298
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾		14.7	15.1	13.6	14.4	14.7	14.8	15.6	15.4	13.7	13.4	11.7
Custody rate (%)		49.4	51.9	52.7	50.9	50.7	47.7	47.9	51.2	59.2	58.6	60.0
Criminal damage		Total number sentenced	1,635	1,816	1,754	1,642	1,663	1,665	1,703	1,835	1,689	1,641
	<i>Number given:</i>											
	Immediate custody	662	690	713	685	671	637	637	695	675	659	690
	Suspended sentence	32	42	36	30	38	24	32	42	57	198	260
	Community sentences	665	771	679	666	682	705	718	750	679	499	401
	Fines	57	71	77	51	61	54	66	54	49	37	52
	Other disposals	219	252	249	210	211	245	250	294	229	248	232
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	31.7	25.3	25.6	24.6	26.4	28.2	28.8	28.3	27.2	25.3	24.0
	Custody rate (%)	40.5	37.4	40.6	41.7	40.3	38.3	37.4	37.9	40.0	40.2	41.8
	Drug offences	Total number sentenced	11,258	11,831	11,365	10,661	10,592	10,282	10,578	10,443	10,380	10,181
<i>Number given:</i>												
Immediate custody		6,993	7,288	7,403	7,012	7,337	7,162	7,094	7,151	6,836	6,492	7,008
Suspended sentence		378	396	315	289	237	216	251	217	363	1,303	1,993
Community sentences		2,893	2,978	2,607	2,411	2,172	2,054	2,364	2,266	2,475	1,687	1,548
Fines		579	589	465	413	388	351	362	322	281	243	313
Other disposals		415	580	575	536	458	499	507	487	425	456	540
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾		31.7	30.9	33.4	34.5	37.2	39.5	40	41.3	40.4	38.8	36.9
Custody rate (%)		62.1	61.6	65.1	65.8	69.3	69.7	67.1	68.5	69.9	63.8	61.5
Other (excl motoring offences)		Total number sentenced	10,204	10,615	10,054	10,203	9,736	10,124	10,908	11,064	11,291	10,962
	<i>Number given:</i>											
	Immediate custody	4,951	5,207	4,900	5,193	4,757	4,987	5,379	5,685	5,803	5,006	4,834
	Suspended sentence	365	363	338	358	271	229	246	297	457	1,634	2,557
	Community sentences	3,132	3,294	3,209	3,176	3,320	3,628	3,843	3,808	3,738	3,109	2,460
	Fines	685	716	624	575	630	588	691	545	620	560	561
	Other disposals	1,071	1,035	983	901	758	692	749	729	673	653	660
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	12.4	11.8	12	11.9	13.3	14.7	14.7	14.3	15.5	15.7	15.8
	Custody rate (%)	48.5	49.1	48.7	50.9	48.9	49.3	49.3	51.4	51.4	45.7	43.7
	Motoring offences	Total number sentenced	1,934	1,709	1,684	1,675	1,801	2,312	2,529	2,691	2,377	2,264
<i>Number given:</i>												
Immediate custody		1,147	983	1,044	1,071	1,132	1,396	1,482	1,533	1,324	1,216	1,097
Suspended sentence		41	35	36	26	36	45	42	39	75	407	512
Community sentences		521	508	458	453	488	706	839	928	783	478	342
Fines		183	144	104	91	117	129	124	144	134	117	126
Other disposals		42	39	42	34	28	36	42	47	61	46	67
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾		9.5	9.9	9.8	9.7	10.1	10.2	10.4	10.6	10.3	10.7	10.5
Custody rate (%)		59.3	57.5	62.0	63.9	62.9	60.4	58.6	57.0	55.7	53.7	51.2
All indictable offences		Total number sentenced	76,594	77,120	73,983	71,059	68,848	72,996	72,742	72,786	72,188	72,741
	<i>Number given:</i>											
	Immediate custody	46,623	47,085	46,400	45,304	43,599	45,865	43,490	44,090	43,070	41,653	42,919
	Suspended sentence	2,245	2,186	1,971	1,877	1,605	1,488	1,542	1,539	2,536	9,922	14,777
	Community sentences	21,183	21,305	19,658	18,519	18,378	20,496	21,914	21,575	21,140	16,085	13,532
	Fines	2,711	2,590	2,119	1,876	1,966	1,832	2,079	1,849	1,815	1,562	1,735
	Other disposals	3,832	3,954	3,835	3,483	3,300	3,315	3,717	3,733	3,627	3,519	3,853
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	22.8	22.2	22.5	22.8	24.5	26.3	26.8	27.0	25.9	25.2	24.6
	Custody rate (%)	60.9	61.1	62.7	63.8	63.3	62.8	59.8	60.6			

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Table 1.4 Offenders sentenced by offence group and outcome, the Crown Court, 1997-2007 (continued)

England and Wales		Number of offenders										
Offence group	Outcome	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Summary non-motoring offences	Total number sentenced	2,152	2,421	2,334	2,455	2,442	2,391	2,519	2,673	2,814	3,173	3,697
	<i>Number given:</i>											
	Immediate custody	477	578	597	592	532	527	517	573	690	736	900
	Suspended sentence	16	16	23	23	23	16	11	14	36	257	354
	Community sentences	778	815	795	878	940	922	927	992	1,053	1,015	1,127
	Fines	367	428	345	387	354	321	396	368	337	366	410
	Other disposals	514	584	574	575	593	605	668	726	698	799	906
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.9	3.5
	Custody rate (%)	22.2	23.9	25.6	24.1	21.8	22.0	20.5	21.4	24.5	23.2	24.3
	Summary motoring offences	Total number sentenced	756	819	853	827	778	804	802	795	739	672
<i>Number given:</i>												
Immediate custody		224	288	352	316	274	302	267	275	226	197	215
Suspended sentence		5	2	8	1	5	2	5	2	13	56	86
Community sentences		214	234	203	209	210	238	253	240	210	132	158
Fines		266	235	243	249	230	200	224	237	202	213	343
Other disposals		47	60	47	52	59	62	53	41	88	74	191
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾		4	3.9	4	3.8	3.8	3.7	4	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.5
Custody rate (%)		29.6	35.2	41.3	38.2	35.2	37.6	33.3	34.6	30.6	29.3	21.7
All summary offences		Total number sentenced	2,908	3,240	3,187	3,282	3,220	3,195	3,321	3,468	3,553	3,845
	<i>Number given:</i>											
	Immediate custody	701	866	949	908	806	829	784	848	916	933	1,115
	Suspended sentence	21	18	31	24	28	18	16	16	49	313	440
	Community sentences	992	1,049	998	1,087	1,150	1,160	1,180	1,232	1,263	1,147	1,285
	Fines	633	663	588	636	584	521	620	605	539	579	753
	Other disposals	561	644	621	627	652	667	721	767	786	873	1,097
	Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.9	3.5
	Custody rate (%)	24.1	26.7	29.8	27.7	25.0	25.9	23.6	24.5	25.8	24.3	23.8
	All offences	Total number sentenced	79,502	80,360	77,170	74,341	72,068	76,191	76,063	76,254	75,741	76,586
<i>Number given:</i>												
Immediate custody		47,324	47,951	47,349	46,212	44,405	46,694	44,274	44,938	43,986	42,586	44,034
Suspended sentence		2,266	2,204	2,002	1,901	1,633	1,506	1,558	1,555	2,585	10,235	15,217
Community sentences		22,175	22,354	20,656	19,606	19,528	21,656	23,094	22,807	22,403	17,232	14,817
Fines		3,344	3,253	2,707	2,512	2,550	2,353	2,699	2,454	2,354	2,141	2,488
Other disposals		4,393	4,598	4,456	4,110	3,952	3,982	4,438	4,500	4,413	4,392	4,950
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽¹⁾		22.5	21.8	22.1	22.4	24.2	25.9	26.3	26.5	25.5	24.7	24.0
Custody rate (%)		59.5	59.7	61.4	62.2	61.6	61.3	58.2	58.9	58.1	55.6	54.0

¹ Excludes life and indeterminate sentences.

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Table 1.5 Offenders sentenced by disposals by sex, age, type of court and type of sentence 1997-2007 continued

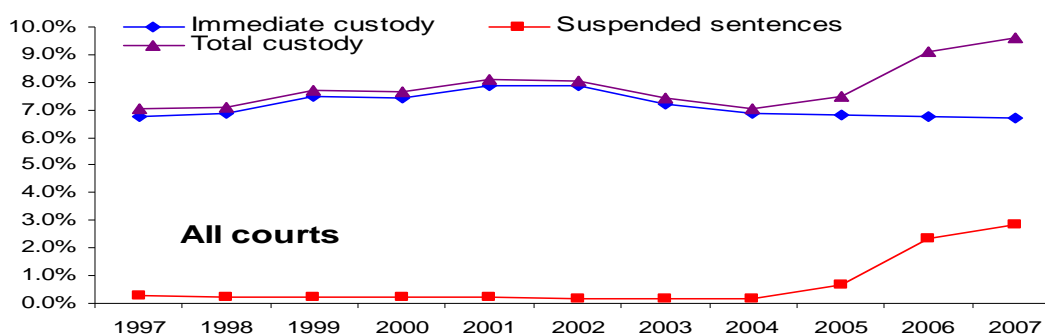
Sex and age	Magistrates' courts									The Crown Court									All Courts								
	Absolute	Conditional	Fine	Suspended sentence ⁽²⁾	Community sentence	Immediate custody	Other ⁽¹⁾	Total offences sentenced	Absolute	Conditional	Fine	Suspended sentence ⁽²⁾	Community sentence	Immediate custody	Other ⁽¹⁾	Total offences sentenced	Absolute	Conditional	Fine	Suspended sentence ⁽²⁾	Community sentence	Immediate custody	Other ⁽¹⁾	Total offences sentenced			
	discharge	discharge	order	order	order	order	order	order	discharge	discharge	order	order	order	order	order	order	discharge	discharge	order	order	order	order	order	order	order		
All ages	1997	2,690	15,347	151,240	252	10,765	2,504	1,696	164,404	10	495	201	492	2,423	2,652	134	5,907	2,610	15,442	151,441	744	13,188	4,556	1,630	190,211		
	1998	2,463	15,976	163,973	275	12,066	3,170	1,954	199,273	16	509	189	509	2,576	2,210	169	6,169	2,465	16,565	163,568	794	14,642	4,556	1,794	205,442		
	1999	2,441	15,439	147,642	285	12,863	3,652	1,234	184,638	14	447	148	473	2,392	2,480	135	6,964	2,465	15,871	147,790	758	15,245	4,556	1,416	205,442		
	2000	2,631	15,522	182,178	277	13,243	3,919	2,219	201,988	13	424	122	440	2,965	2,418	143	5,625	2,644	15,946	182,300	717	15,608	6,337	2,362	225,914		
	2001	2,493	15,823	163,241	257	13,843	4,005	2,576	202,544	8	403	135	383	2,276	2,541	122	5,697	2,501	16,226	163,376	640	16,124	6,546	2,038	208,111		
	2002	2,483	16,992	179,921	246	15,194	4,619	3,059	222,590	13	448	140	394	2,534	2,809	144	6,172	2,592	17,620	180,851	630	17,629	7,228	3,203	228,762		
	2003	2,593	16,224	169,454	246	15,994	4,819	3,659	222,590	13	448	140	394	2,534	2,809	144	6,172	2,592	17,620	180,851	630	17,629	7,228	3,203	228,762		
	2004	2,504	17,272	198,344	328	16,448	4,719	4,116	222,590	17	511	156	444	2,593	3,418	189	6,342	2,528	19,850	198,500	772	18,411	7,459	3,185	229,545		
	2005	1,777	16,148	200,612	881	15,500	4,251	4,194	234,193	7	488	170	618	2,917	2,647	192	6,934	1,589	16,656	200,782	1,499	18,207	6,888	4,986	226,127		
	2006	1,582	14,989	195,800	881	14,554	3,951	4,936	238,022	2	453	128	514	2,917	2,114	166	7,006	1,589	15,452	195,898	4,089	16,268	6,540	5,202	245,008		
2007	1,430	16,112	204,430	2,835	14,837	3,860	4,175	247,679	6	498	182	2,207	1,794	2,682	203	7,552	1,436	16,610	204,612	5,042	16,631	6,522	4,379	285,231			
All persons	1997	2,890	22,235	163,833	252	15,599	3,011	2,129	209,799	12	602	241	492	3,491	2,495	164	7,187	2,992	22,837	163,824	744	18,780	2,693	2,890	225,996		
	1998	2,775	23,388	177,294	275	17,770	3,880	2,492	227,974	16	615	213	509	3,282	2,877	188	7,520	2,791	24,033	177,607	794	21,052	6,567	3,260	225,996		
	1999	2,753	22,986	159,878	285	19,066	4,596	3,097	212,571	17	519	162	473	3,103	2,988	164	7,338	2,770	22,595	160,040	758	22,166	7,504	3,261	220,007		
	2000	2,894	22,016	195,033	277	20,555	4,943	3,334	248,752	16	537	140	440	3,070	2,957	178	7,338	2,910	22,633	195,479	717	3,212	26,090	8,081	256,090		
	2001	2,771	21,212	175,453	257	22,179	5,007	5,007	220,982	12	510	150	383	2,940	2,783	161	7,215	2,783	21,722	175,418	630	3,754	23,697	9,001	237,697		
	2002	3,267	20,962	191,681	246	25,237	5,591	3,926	230,980	16	539	154	394	3,501	3,350	170	7,714	3,283	21,501	191,815	630	28,438	8,331	4,098	258,594		
	2003	2,953	21,017	208,461	246	23,245	5,320	3,926	230,980	16	539	154	394	3,501	3,350	170	7,714	3,283	21,501	191,815	630	28,438	8,331	4,098	258,594		
	2004	2,993	20,644	226,254	246	23,245	5,320	3,926	230,980	16	539	154	394	3,501	3,350	170	7,714	3,283	21,501	191,815	630	28,438	8,331	4,098	258,594		
	2005	2,345	18,720	213,271	855	27,891	5,112	5,046	274,322	4	582	190	635	3,497	3,189	215	8,292	2,349	20,302	213,461	1,570	31,388	9,281	5,263	292,614		
	2006	2,153	18,450	206,583	2,785	28,768	4,811	5,878	289,428	7	527	155	527	2,625	3,033	243	8,925	2,160	20,398	206,738	1,411	18,977	7,944	4,516	287,712		
2007	2,101	19,814	217,573	3,115	28,378	4,672	5,027	290,680	10	582	191	2,437	2,239	3,123	243	8,925	2,111	20,398	217,784	5,552	30,617	7,795	5,027	298,505			
Aged 18-20	1997	857	24,113	18,432	24,836	4,129	1,893	74,170	4	144	28	26	1,694	2,954	88	4,922	861	24,257	18,469	18,469	744	18,780	2,693	2,890	79,992		
	1998	803	26,524	21,024	27,156	4,239	2,089	81,520	6	136	28	26	1,795	2,872	99	4,774	809	26,060	21,050	21,050	744	21,052	2,693	2,890	86,594		
	1999	732	28,616	20,871	28,862	4,929	3,589	85,399	4	110	24	24	1,781	2,724	136	4,781	738	26,726	20,895	20,895	744	22,166	7,504	3,261	91,860		
	2000	1,017	21,376	21,376	34,442	5,135	3,980	87,424	6	151	15	15	1,530	2,279	77	4,956	1,021	21,625	21,391	21,391	744	3,972	4,057	91,480			
	2001	1,331	16,026	22,017	41,512	5,789	4,528	92,033	5	148	22	22	1,947	1,827	53	3,402	4,269	16,174	22,039	22,039	744	4,269	4,269	95,485			
	2002	4,707	9,374	15,170	62,694	5,230	3,833	80,639	3	103	3	3	1,323	2,186	39	3,860	4,710	9,777	15,209	15,209	744	5,419	7,116	96,548			
	2003	3,429	8,979	14,819	62,694	4,802	3,833	80,639	3	103	3	3	1,323	2,186	39	3,860	4,710	9,777	15,209	15,209	744	5,419	7,116	96,548			
	2004	3,403	9,177	15,653	4,685	3,327	3,327	83,148	5	98	13	13	1,216	1,680	74	3,100	3,408	9,275	15,656	15,656	744	5,818	6,325	96,139			
	2005	3,060	8,914	14,039	4,685	4,482	2,886	83,507	8	72	8	8	972	1,553	40	2,986	3,063	8,992	14,034	14,034	1,570	31,388	9,281	5,263	96,139		
	2006	2,901	8,663	11,584	4,572	4,672	2,886	81,203	5	72	8	8	972	1,553	40	2,986	3,063	8,992	14,034	14,034	1,570	31,388	9,281	5,263	96,139		
2007	2,982	9,147	10,436	4,572	4,672	2,886	81,203	7	91	17	17	1,171	1,511	281	3,585	2,989	9,238	10,433	10,433	1,570	31,388	9,281	5,263	97,997			
Aged 21 and over	1997	1,820	15,037	96,364	18,989	7,613	3,656	142,846	11	396	371	2,886	4,426	6,172	236	13,614	1,821	15,422	96,376	96,376	3,491	15,785	2,693	2,890	166,459		
	1998	1,843	16,026	103,770	18,989	8,176	3,211	152,052	10	354	420	2,886	4,426	6,172	236	13,614	1,821	15,422	103,816	103,816	3,491	15,785	2,693	2,890	180,622		
	1999	1,624	16,382	97,789	22,789	9,745	3,754	152,052	11	344	324	324	4,165	8,286	250	13,360	1,635	16,738	98,032	98,032	3,491	16,011	4,004	4,004	165,412		
	2000	1,532	15,289	95,633	22,413	10,287	3,915	145,000	13	394	298	332	4,086	8,144	260	13,185	1,545	15,633	92,450	92,450	3,491	16,011	4,004	4,004	165,412		
	2001	1,376	15,240	92,118	10,064	10,843	3,915	145,000	21	383	332	332	4,021	7,984	226	12,847	1,387	15,633	92,450	92,450	3,491	16,011	4,004	4,004	165,412		
	2002	1,480	15,068	93,820	22,447	9,382	4,048	146,265	14	349	292	332	4,396	7,971	197	13,119	1,504	15,417	94,112	94,112	3,491	16,011	4,004	4,004	165,412		
	2003	1,507	15,337	98,286	22,900	8,450	4,091	149,675	8	389	365	365	4,390	6,989	188	12,316	1,515	15,714	98,641	98,641	3,491	16,011	4,004	4,004	165,412		
	2004	1,446	13,838	93,832	23,124	7,649	4,835	144,154	6	422	301	301	4,438	6,987	180	12,246	1,432	14,580	93,833	93,833	3,491	16,011	4,004	4,004	165,412		
	2005	1,463	13,984	98,552	22,576	8,032	5,757	139,849	1	332	323	323	4,487	6,987	180	12,246	1,432	14,580	93,833	93,833	3,491	16,011	4,004	4,004	165,412		
	2006	1,463	12,538	80,937	21,294	7,057	4,709	129,814	8	322	323	323	4,487	6,987	180	12,246	1,432	14,580	93,833	93,833	3,491	16,011	4,004	4,004	165,412		
2007	901	13,775	75,234	2,933	22,238	6,792	4,555	126,428	10	378	302	2,174	3,076	749	409	13,848	911	14,153	75,536	75,536	5,107	14,291	4,964	4,964	140,276		

Chapter 2. Custodial sentences (immediate and suspended)

All offences

- In 2007, there were nearly 136,000 persons sentenced to custody⁴ (immediate and suspended), the highest in a decade. This was an increase of 4.9 per cent from 2006 and 39.6 per cent from 1997.
- This growth reflects increased use of immediate custody in the first half of the decade and in recent years growing numbers of suspended sentence orders (introduced in April 2005 for those aged 18 or over) which have more than compensated for the decline in the number of immediate custodial sentences.
- There were 40,700 suspended sentences in 2007, an increase of 7,200 (21 per cent) on 2006. The number of sentences of immediate custody, at 95,200, was the second lowest figure recorded in the last decade and 810 (0.8 per cent) down on 2006.

Figure 2.1: Custody rates for all offences, all courts, 1997- 2007



⁴ Custodial sentences include immediate custody and suspended sentence orders. For details of the types of disposals included in immediate custody see Appendix 1.

Figure 2.2: Custody rates for all offences, magistrates' courts, 1997-2007

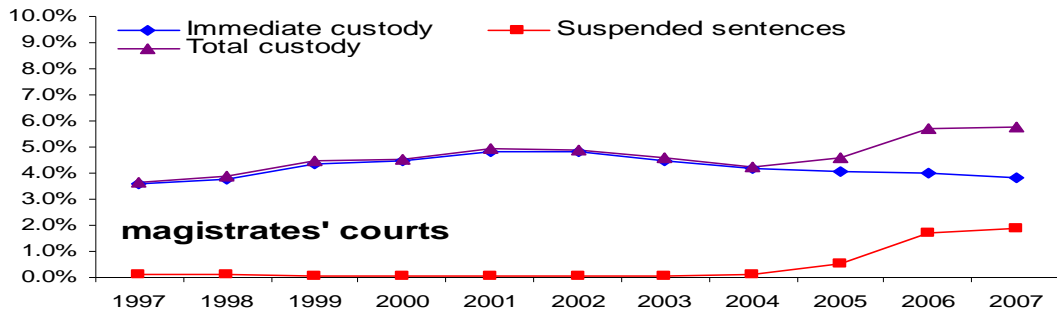
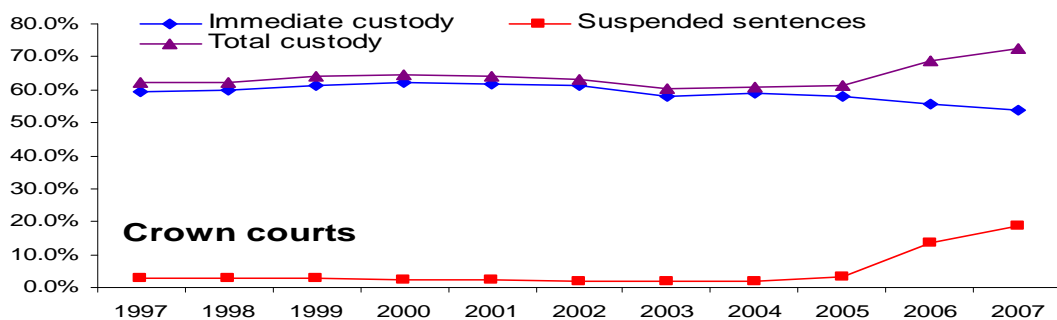


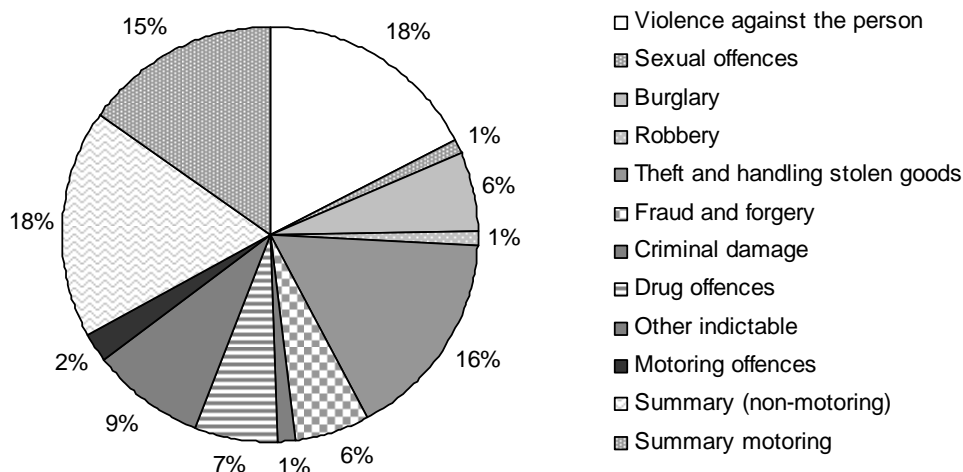
Figure 2.3: Custody rates for all offences, Crown Court, 1997- 2007



- Numbers given immediate custody dropped for both male offenders (down 0.9 per cent) and female offenders (down 0.6 per cent) between 2006 and 2007. Numbers given immediate custody for those aged 18-20 increased by 2.8 per cent, with a 3.3 per cent increase for males and a 5.5 per cent decrease for females while figures for juveniles dropped by 5.7 per cent and for those aged 21 or over there was very little change.
- The immediate custody rate in 2007 was 6.8 per cent, the same as in 2006 and 1997 although the rate peaked at 7.9 per cent in 2001 and 2002. However, taking into account the suspended sentence rate of 2.9 per cent in 2007, the overall custodial rate was highest in 2007 for the last decade.
- The length of immediate custodial sentences averaged 12.4 months in 2007, the same as in 2006 and down from a peak of 12.9 months in 2004. However, this average excludes the growing number of indeterminate sentences given since the introduction of imprisonment for public protection sentences in April 2005. If these longer sentences were included, the average would be higher.

- Magistrates' courts accounted for 51,200 sentences of immediate custody (down 2,300 or 4.2 per cent on 2006) and 25,500 suspended sentences (up 2,200 or 9.4 per cent). Thus, overall, their use of custody was relatively steady at 5.8 per cent compared with 5.7 per cent in 2006. At the Crown Court there were 44,000 sentences of immediate custody (up 1,400 or 3.4 per cent) and 15,200 suspended sentences (up 5,000 or 48.7 per cent) giving an overall custody rate of 72.7 per cent up from 69.1 per cent in 2006 and the highest this decade. A third of all suspended sentences were given for summary offences.
- At magistrates' courts, the immediate custody rate for all offences was 3.9 per cent (one of the lower rates in the last decade) with a further 1.9 per cent given suspended sentences. At the Crown Court, the immediate custody rate was 54.1 per cent (the lowest rate in the last decade) with a further 18.7 per cent on suspended sentences.

Figure 2.4: Distribution of suspended sentence orders for all offences, 2007



- At magistrates' courts, the average sentence length for sentences of immediate custody was 2.9 months in 2007, down on the 2006 figure of 3.0 months; over the last decade, the average sentence length has been between 2.8 months and 3.1 months. At the Crown Court the average determinate sentence length was 24.0 months, down from 24.7 months in 2006. This average excludes 2,200 indeterminate sentences in 2007.

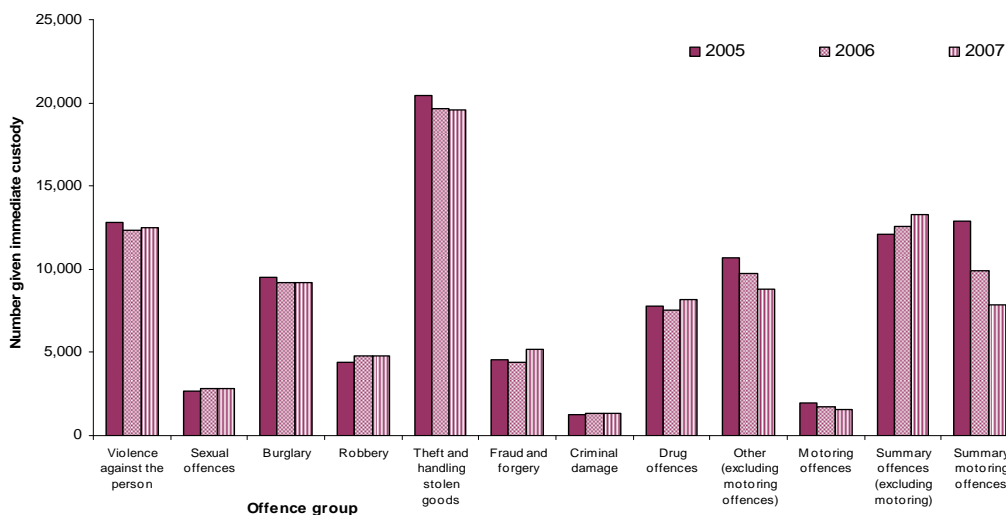
Table 2 (i): Number of persons sentenced to immediate custody (and percentage change from 2006)

	Magistrates' courts	Crown courts	All courts
All offenders	51,172 -4.2%	44,034 3.4%	95,206 -0.8%
Males aged 10-17	3,864 -8.0%	1,497 -0.2%	5,361 -5.9%
Males aged 18-20	6,320 -3.5%	7,167 10.3%	13,487 3.3%
Males aged 21+	36,316 -4.1%	32,247 2.2%	68,563 -1.2%
Males all ages	46,500 -4.3%	40,911 3.4%	87,411 -0.8%
Females aged 10-17	340 -2.9%	129 -	469 4.2%
Females aged 18-20	472 -5.6%	332 -5.1%	804 -5.4%
Females aged 21+	3,860 -2.3%	2,662 2.4%	6,522 -0.4%
Females all ages	4,672 -2.7%	3,123 2.4%	7,795 -0.7%
All persons aged 10-17	4,204 -7.6%	1,626 1.6%	5,830 -5.2%
All persons aged 18-20	6,792 -3.7%	7,499 9.5%	14,291 2.8%
All persons aged 21+	40,176 -3.9%	34,909 2.2%	75,085 -1.1%

- Number too small to give a meaningful percentage

The largest numbers of immediate custodial sentences were given for theft and handling stolen goods (19,600 in 2007, 18.6 per cent of those sentenced for these offences), summary non-motoring offences (13,300, 2.7 per cent) and violence against the person (12,500, 29.8 per cent). The percentage of those getting immediate custody ranges from over 50 per cent (for sexual offences and robbery) to less than 5 per cent (for summary offences). The average lengths of determinate immediate custodial sentences range from over 42 months (for sexual offences), to over 30 months (for robbery and drug offences) to less than 5 months (for theft and handling stolen goods and summary offences).

Figure 2.5: Number of persons sentenced to immediate custody by offence group, 2005-2007



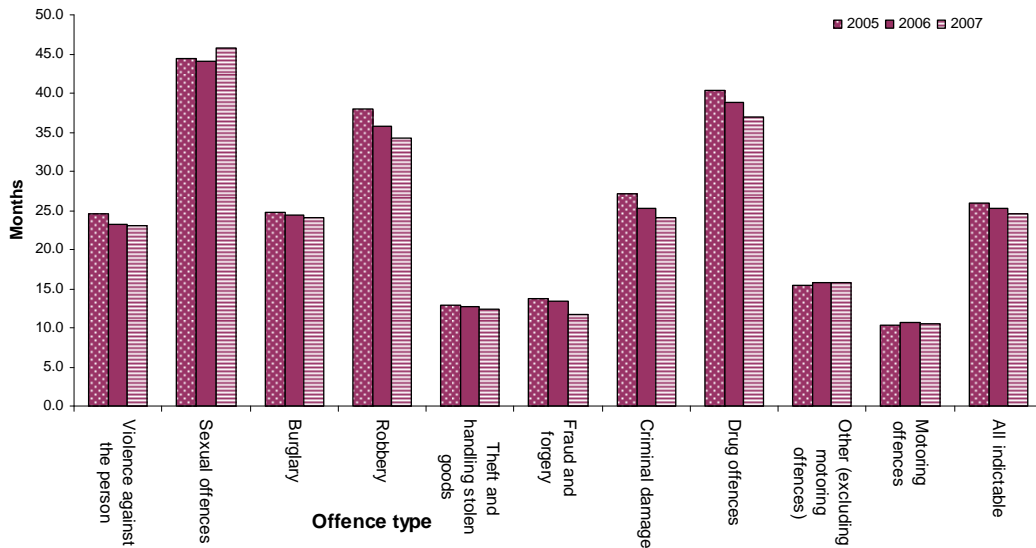
Indictable offences

- Indictable offences accounted for 101,300 or 75 per cent of custodial sentences in 2007. This was made up of 27,300 suspended sentences (67 per cent of 40,700 suspended sentences given) and 74,000 sentences of immediate custody (78 per cent of 95,200 such sentences).
- The number of sentences of immediate custody was up 0.7 per cent on 2006, but lower than in all other years apart from 1997. Because more people were sentenced in 2007 than in 2006 the immediate custody rate fell to 23.8 per cent from 24.4 per cent in 2006. This was the lowest rate since 1997-1999. Growth in suspended sentences (up 31 per cent on 2006) more than compensated for the decline in immediate custody.
- Lengths of immediate custodial sentences averaged 15.2 months in 2007, slightly down from 2006 (15.3 months) and down from a peak of 16.1 months in 2004. This decrease reflects the growing number of indeterminate sentences excluded from the average and referred to above.
- At magistrates' courts, indictable offences accounted for 31,100 (61 per cent) sentences of immediate custody given at these courts and 12,500 (49 per cent) of suspended sentences. The average sentence length for immediate custodial sentences was 2.8 months.
- At the Crown Court, nearly all offences dealt with are indictable so the total numbers of immediate custodial sentences (42,900) and suspended sentences (14,800) given for these offences, and the

average length of immediate custodial sentences (24.6 months) are very similar to the figures for all offences.

- Nearly 400 people were recorded as receiving the minimum mandatory sentence of 3 years for a third domestic burglary. More information on sentencing by criminal history is given in chapter 6.

Figure 2.6: Average custodial sentence length at the Crown Court for indictable offences, 2005-2007



- In 2007, there were 1,100 people sentenced to an Extended sentence for Public Protection (EPP) this is a decrease from 1,300 in 2006; there were also 1,700 people sentenced to an Indeterminate sentence for Public Protection (IPP) up from 1,500 in 2006. A further 500 people were given a life sentence which is a fall from 550 in 2006 and the lowest figure since 2000.

Sentencing Statistics, 2007 England and Wales

Table 2.1 Persons sentenced to immediate custody at magistrates' courts by length of sentence and average custodial sentence length, 1997-2007

England and Wales	Number of persons and percentages										
Custody rate and sentence length	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
All offences											
Total persons sentenced	1,293,961	1,376,514	1,320,751	1,339,986	1,266,634	1,334,439	1,403,921	1,460,707	1,397,675	1,336,501	1,325,453
Number given immediate custody	46,517	52,615	57,974	59,975	61,868	64,913	63,396	61,384	57,250	53,431	51,172
<i>Percentage given immediate custody (%)</i>	3.6	3.8	4.4	4.5	4.9	4.9	4.5	4.2	4.1	4.0	3.9
Up to and including 3 months	30,875	35,078	38,529	37,300	37,396	39,476	37,856	36,798	34,377	32,254	31,787
Over 3 months and less than 6 months	12,326	13,854	15,387	17,212	18,440	19,370	19,835	19,161	18,365	16,839	15,529
6 months	3,316	3,640	3,974	4,549	4,696	4,553	4,413	4,173	3,336	3,018	2,661
Over 6 months ⁽¹⁾	:	43	84	914	1,336	1,514	1,292	1,252	1,172	1,320	1,195
Average custodial sentence length (months)	2.9	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9
Indictable offences											
Total persons sentenced	241,021	262,613	266,452	253,961	253,195	262,653	259,895	243,152	233,450	228,892	234,541
Number given immediate custody	25,237	30,227	33,388	35,480	36,674	39,286	37,304	35,848	33,221	31,879	31,118
<i>Percentage given immediate custody (%)</i>	10.5	11.5	12.5	14.0	14.5	15.0	14.4	14.7	14.2	13.9	13.3
Up to and including 3 months	17,542	21,169	23,454	23,296	23,368	25,457	23,937	22,947	21,510	20,353	20,326
Over 3 months and less than 6 months	6,147	7,012	7,552	8,428	8,963	9,339	9,189	8,874	8,237	7,953	7,641
6 months	1,548	2,003	2,298	2,843	3,011	2,979	2,889	2,775	2,308	2,266	1,960
Over 6 months ⁽¹⁾	:	43	84	913	1,332	1,511	1,289	1,252	1,166	1,307	1,191
Average custodial sentence length (months)	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.8

¹ Over 6 months sentences relate to secure training orders given to juveniles (introduced in 1998) and replaced by detention and training orders in April 2000.

Sentencing Statistics, 2007 England and Wales

Table 2.2 Persons sentenced to immediate custody at the Crown Court by length of sentence and average custodial sentence length, 1997-2007

England and Wales		Number of persons and percentages									
Custody rate and sentence length	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
All offences											
Total persons sentenced	79,417	80,262	77,035	74,202	71,888	76,065	75,891	76,119	75,600	76,439	81,335
Number given immediate custody	47,324	47,951	47,349	46,212	44,405	46,694	44,274	44,938	43,986	42,586	44,034
<i>Percentage given immediate custody (%)</i>	59.6	59.7	61.5	62.3	61.8	61.4	58.3	59.0	58.2	55.7	54.1
Up to and including 3 months	4,179	4,349	4,530	4,285	3,488	3,066	2,898	2,909	2,723	2,458	2,640
Over 3 months and up to and including 6 months	6,575	6,820	6,842	6,753	5,894	5,496	5,250	5,158	5,055	4,565	4,919
Over 6 months and less than 12 months	5,808	5,920	5,489	5,505	5,001	5,076	4,746	5,094	5,290	5,081	5,584
12 months	5,641	5,837	5,677	5,316	5,019	5,130	4,800	4,811	5,001	4,775	5,059
Over 12 months and up to and including 18 months	7,071	7,417	7,061	6,575	6,323	6,769	6,297	6,150	6,079	6,060	6,096
Over 18 months and up to and including 3 years	10,822	10,573	10,378	10,232	10,254	11,205	10,541	10,676	10,366	10,343	10,440
Over 3 years and less than 4 years	935	1,096	1,222	1,354	1,617	1,969	1,861	2,082	1,745	1,533	1,458
4 years	1,886	1,754	1,737	1,789	1,917	2,251	2,128	2,146	1,745	1,607	1,603
Over 4 years and up to and including 5 years	1,553	1,511	1,539	1,536	1,748	2,099	2,090	2,161	1,920	1,670	1,611
Over 5 years and up to and including 10 years	2,113	1,973	2,054	2,091	2,332	2,679	2,747	2,772	2,658	2,190	2,109
Over 10 years and less than life	374	307	337	309	309	399	403	409	353	309	316
Indeterminate sentence ⁽¹⁾	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	426	1,448	1,707
Life	367	394	483	467	503	555	513	570	625	547	492
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	22.5	21.8	22.1	22.4	24.2	25.9	26.3	26.5	25.5	24.7	24.0
Indictable offences											
Total persons sentenced	76,509	77,023	73,852	70,921	68,671	72,870	72,571	72,654	72,052	72,596	76,650
Number given immediate custody	46,623	47,085	46,400	45,304	43,599	45,865	43,490	44,090	43,070	41,653	42,919
<i>Percentage given immediate custody (%)</i>	60.9	61.1	62.8	63.9	63.5	62.9	59.9	60.7	59.8	57.4	56.0
Up to and including 3 months	3,803	3,907	4,074	3,823	3,060	2,636	2,502	2,490	2,298	2,028	2,095
Over 3 months and up to and including 6 months	6,253	6,399	6,360	6,309	5,520	5,100	4,864	4,731	4,564	4,066	4,351
Over 6 months and less than 12 months	5,808	5,918	5,483	5,504	4,998	5,074	4,745	5,093	5,290	5,081	5,583
12 months	5,638	5,836	5,675	5,315	5,019	5,129	4,799	4,810	5,001	4,775	5,058
Over 12 months and up to and including 18 months	7,071	7,417	7,058	6,575	6,322	6,769	6,297	6,150	6,079	6,060	6,096
Over 18 months and up to and including 3 years	10,822	10,573	10,378	10,232	10,254	11,205	10,541	10,676	10,366	10,342	10,440
Over 3 years and less than 4 years	935	1,096	1,222	1,354	1,617	1,969	1,861	2,082	1,745	1,532	1,458
4 years	1,886	1,754	1,737	1,789	1,917	2,251	2,128	2,146	1,745	1,607	1,603
Over 4 years and up to and including 5 years	1,553	1,511	1,539	1,536	1,748	2,099	2,090	2,161	1,920	1,670	1,611
Over 5 years and up to and including 10 years	2,113	1,973	2,054	2,091	2,332	2,679	2,747	2,772	2,658	2,189	2,109
Over 10 years and less than life	374	307	337	309	309	399	403	409	353	309	316
Indeterminate sentence ⁽¹⁾	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	426	1,447	1,707
Life	367	394	483	467	503	555	513	570	625	547	492
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	22.8	22.2	22.5	22.8	24.5	26.3	26.8	27.0	25.9	25.2	24.6

¹ Sentences of imprisonment for public protection introduced by the Criminal Justice Act 2003 on 4 April 2005.

² Excludes life and indeterminate sentences.

Sentencing Statistics, 2007 England and Wales

Table 2.3 Persons sentenced to immediate custody at all courts by length of sentence and average custodial sentence length, 1997-2007

England and Wales	Number of persons and percentages										
Custody rate and sentence length	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
All offences											
Total persons sentenced	1,373,378	1,456,776	1,397,786	1,414,188	1,338,522	1,410,504	1,479,812	1,536,826	1,473,275	1,412,940	1,406,788
Number given immediate custody	93,841	100,566	105,323	106,187	106,273	111,607	107,670	106,322	101,236	96,017	95,206
<i>Percentage given immediate custody (%)</i>	6.8	6.9	7.5	7.5	7.9	7.9	7.3	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.8
Up to and including 3 months	35,054	39,427	43,059	41,585	40,884	42,542	40,754	39,707	37,100	34,712	34,427
Over 3 months and up to and including 6 months	22,217	24,314	26,203	28,514	29,030	29,419	29,498	28,492	26,756	24,422	23,109
Over 6 months and less than 12 months	5,808	5,963	5,573	6,419	6,337	6,590	6,038	6,346	6,462	6,401	6,779
12 months	5,641	5,837	5,677	5,316	5,019	5,130	4,800	4,811	5,001	4,775	5,059
Over 12 months and up to and including 18 months	7,071	7,417	7,061	6,575	6,323	6,769	6,297	6,150	6,079	6,060	6,096
Over 18 months and up to and including 3 years	10,822	10,573	10,378	10,232	10,254	11,205	10,541	10,676	10,366	10,343	10,440
Over 3 years and less than 4 years	935	1,096	1,222	1,354	1,617	1,969	1,861	2,082	1,745	1,533	1,458
4 years	1,886	1,754	1,737	1,789	1,917	2,251	2,128	2,146	1,745	1,607	1,603
Over 4 years and up to and including 5 years	1,553	1,511	1,539	1,536	1,748	2,099	2,090	2,161	1,920	1,670	1,611
Over 5 years and up to and including 10 years	2,113	1,973	2,054	2,091	2,332	2,679	2,747	2,772	2,658	2,190	2,109
Over 10 years and less than life	374	307	337	309	309	399	403	409	353	309	316
Indeterminate sentence ⁽¹⁾	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	426	1,448	1,707
Life	367	394	483	467	503	555	513	570	625	547	492
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	12.7	11.8	11.5	11.4	11.8	12.6	12.6	12.9	12.6	12.4	12.4
Indictable offences											
Total persons sentenced	317,530	339,636	340,304	324,882	321,866	335,523	332,466	315,806	305,502	301,488	311,191
Number given immediate custody	71,860	77,312	79,788	80,784	80,273	85,151	80,794	79,938	76,291	73,532	74,037
<i>Percentage given immediate custody (%)</i>	22.6	22.8	23.4	24.9	24.9	25.4	24.3	25.3	25.0	24.4	23.8
Up to and including 3 months	21,345	25,076	27,528	27,119	26,428	28,093	26,439	25,437	23,808	22,381	22,421
Over 3 months and up to and including 6 months	13,948	15,414	16,210	17,580	17,494	17,418	16,942	16,380	15,109	14,285	13,952
Over 6 months and less than 12 months	5,808	5,961	5,567	6,417	6,330	6,585	6,034	6,345	6,456	6,388	6,774
12 months	5,638	5,836	5,675	5,315	5,019	5,129	4,799	4,810	5,001	4,775	5,058
Over 12 months and up to and including 18 months	7,071	7,417	7,058	6,575	6,322	6,769	6,297	6,150	6,079	6,060	6,096
Over 18 months and up to and including 3 years	10,822	10,573	10,378	10,232	10,254	11,205	10,541	10,676	10,366	10,342	10,440
Over 3 years and less than 4 years	935	1,096	1,222	1,354	1,617	1,969	1,861	2,082	1,745	1,532	1,458
4 years	1,886	1,754	1,737	1,789	1,917	2,251	2,128	2,146	1,745	1,607	1,603
Over 4 years and up to and including 5 years	1,553	1,511	1,539	1,536	1,748	2,099	2,090	2,161	1,920	1,670	1,611
Over 5 years and up to and including 10 years	2,113	1,973	2,054	2,091	2,332	2,679	2,747	2,772	2,658	2,189	2,109
Over 10 years and less than life	374	307	337	309	309	399	403	409	353	309	316
Indeterminate sentence ⁽¹⁾	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	426	1,447	1,707
Life	367	394	483	467	503	555	513	570	625	547	492
Average custodial sentence length (months) ⁽²⁾	15.7	14.5	14.2	14.0	14.7	15.5	15.7	16.1	15.8	15.3	15.2

¹ Sentences of imprisonment for public protection introduced by the Criminal Justice Act 2003 on 4 April 2005.

² Excludes life and indeterminate sentences.

Sentencing Statistics, 2007 England and Wales

Table 2.4 Persons sentenced to immediate custody by age and sex showing number of prison places (excluding life and indeterminate sentence prisoners) required, 1997-2007

England and Wales		Number of persons										
Age and sex		1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Males												
Aged 10-17	Total number sentenced	69,647	75,496	79,262	80,570	84,087	83,186	80,838	83,413	82,465	80,136	82,619
	Number given immediate custody	6,775	6,881	7,244	6,968	7,147	6,886	5,776	5,881	5,512	5,730	5,361
	Number given immediate custody excluding life and indeterminate sentences	6,751	6,870	7,218	6,949	7,119	6,865	5,765	5,866	5,463	5,669	5,277
	Average sentence length excluding life and indeterminate sentences (months)	10.3	9.2	8.8	9.8	9.5	11.2	10.5	11.0	10.5	10.7	10.4
	Prison places required	2,906	2,629	2,653	2,828	2,814	3,215	2,510	2,697	2,380	2,516	2,296
Aged 18-20	Total number sentenced	139,129	147,868	147,003	142,824	139,919	140,914	143,365	137,732	127,302	123,660	120,770
	Number given immediate custody	15,143	16,152	17,048	17,324	16,882	16,290	14,465	13,817	13,351	13,046	13,487
	Number given immediate custody excluding life and indeterminate sentences	15,114	16,127	17,011	17,315	16,855	16,269	14,418	13,793	13,237	12,802	13,126
	Average sentence length excluding life and indeterminate sentences (months)	11.1	10.3	9.8	9.8	10.2	11.2	11.4	12.0	11.9	11.8	11.7
	Prison places required	6,999	6,902	6,958	7,077	7,187	7,618	6,831	6,924	6,577	6,295	6,403
Aged 21 and over	Total number sentenced	947,616	997,918	951,514	934,704	877,019	927,809	994,992	1,036,196	980,894	931,432	913,894
	Number given immediate custody	66,417	70,966	73,527	73,995	74,183	79,600	78,619	77,870	74,092	69,397	68,563
	Number given immediate custody excluding life and indeterminate sentences	66,124	70,622	73,126	73,577	73,754	79,106	78,188	77,361	73,254	67,768	66,882
	Average sentence length excluding life and indeterminate sentences (months)	13.6	12.7	12.4	12.2	12.6	13.2	13.2	13.5	13.2	12.9	13.0
	Prison places required	37,510	37,469	37,637	37,383	38,666	43,478	43,082	43,432	40,316	36,478	36,280
All ages	Total number sentenced	1,156,392	1,221,282	1,177,779	1,158,098	1,101,025	1,151,909	1,219,195	1,257,341	1,190,661	1,135,228	1,117,283
	Number given immediate custody	88,335	93,999	97,819	98,287	98,212	102,776	98,860	97,568	92,955	88,173	87,411
	Number given immediate custody excluding life and indeterminate sentences	87,989	93,619	97,355	97,841	97,728	102,240	98,371	97,020	91,954	86,239	85,285
	Average sentence length excluding life and indeterminate sentences (months)	12.9	12.0	11.6	11.6	12.0	12.7	12.8	13.1	12.9	12.6	12.7
	Prison places required	47,415	47,000	47,248	47,288	48,667	54,311	52,424	53,053	49,273	45,289	44,978
Females												
Aged 10-17	Total number sentenced	9,445	10,798	10,898	10,910	11,398	11,362	11,693	12,775	13,738	13,670	14,768
	Number given immediate custody	308	336	409	446	449	530	424	444	503	453	469
	Number given immediate custody excluding life and indeterminate sentences	305	335	406	444	448	529	424	443	498	453	466
	Average sentence length excluding life and indeterminate sentences (months)	9.7	7.1	7.6	8.3	9.4	11.1	10.8	9.0	9.5	8.3	8.6
	Prison places required	123	99	128	154	176	246	192	167	198	157	166
Aged 18-20	Total number sentenced	17,330	19,254	18,409	19,266	17,988	18,470	18,702	18,667	18,749	19,034	19,506
	Number given immediate custody	642	851	963	1,117	1,066	1,073	973	819	880	851	804
	Number given immediate custody excluding life and indeterminate sentences	640	851	961	1,116	1,063	1,071	969	817	875	841	793
	Average sentence length excluding life and indeterminate sentences (months)	9.1	7.8	8.0	7.8	8.7	10.3	9.5	10.2	10.2	9.5	9.6
	Prison places required	242	275	320	364	385	458	384	346	373	334	318
Aged 21 and over	Total number sentenced	190,211	205,442	190,700	225,914	208,111	228,762	230,222	248,043	250,127	245,008	255,231
	Number given immediate custody	4,556	5,380	6,132	6,337	6,546	7,228	7,413	7,491	6,898	6,540	6,522
	Number given immediate custody excluding life and indeterminate sentences	4,540	5,367	6,118	6,319	6,531	7,212	7,393	7,472	6,858	6,489	6,463
	Average sentence length excluding life and indeterminate sentences (months)	9.9	9.3	9.2	9.4	10.7	10.3	10.3	10.3	9.8	9.7	9.5
	Prison places required	1,874	2,081	2,343	2,466	2,919	3,092	3,160	3,220	2,806	2,618	2,550
All ages	Total number sentenced	216,986	235,494	220,007	256,090	237,497	258,594	260,617	279,485	282,614	277,712	289,505
	Number given immediate custody	5,506	6,567	7,504	7,900	8,061	8,831	8,810	8,754	8,281	7,844	7,795
	Number given immediate custody excluding life and indeterminate sentences	5,485	6,553	7,485	7,879	8,042	8,812	8,786	8,732	8,231	7,783	7,722
	Average sentence length excluding life and indeterminate sentences (months)	9.8	9.0	9.0	9.1	10.4	10.3	10.2	10.3	9.8	9.6	9.4
	Prison places required	2,238	2,455	2,791	2,985	3,480	3,795	3,736	3,734	3,378	3,109	3,034
All persons												
Aged 10-17	Total number sentenced	79,092	86,294	90,160	91,480	95,485	94,548	92,531	96,188	96,203	93,806	97,387
	Number given immediate custody	7,083	7,217	7,653	7,414	7,596	7,416	6,200	6,325	6,015	6,183	5,830
	Number given immediate custody excluding life and indeterminate sentences	7,056	7,205	7,624	7,393	7,567	7,394	6,189	6,309	5,961	6,122	5,743
	Average sentence length excluding life and indeterminate sentences (months)	10.3	9.1	8.8	9.7	9.5	11.2	10.5	10.9	10.4	10.5	10.3
	Prison places required	3,029	2,727	2,782	2,982	2,991	3,460	2,702	2,864	2,578	2,672	2,462
Aged 18-20	Total number sentenced	156,459	167,122	165,412	162,090	157,907	159,384	162,067	156,399	146,051	142,694	140,276
	Number given immediate custody	15,785	17,003	18,011	18,441	17,948	17,363	15,438	14,636	14,231	13,897	14,291
	Number given immediate custody excluding life and indeterminate sentences	15,754	16,978	17,972	18,431	17,918	17,340	15,387	14,610	14,112	13,643	13,919
	Average sentence length excluding life and indeterminate sentences (months)	11.0	10.1	9.7	9.7	10.1	11.2	11.3	11.9	11.8	11.7	11.6
	Prison places required	7,241	7,177	7,278	7,441	7,572	8,076	7,216	7,270	6,950	6,629	6,721
Aged 21 and over	Total number sentenced	1,137,827	1,203,360	1,142,214	1,160,618	1,085,130	1,156,571	1,225,214	1,284,239	1,231,021	1,176,440	1,169,125
	Number given immediate custody	70,973	76,346	79,659	80,332	80,729	86,828	86,032	85,361	80,990	75,937	75,085
	Number given immediate custody excluding life and indeterminate sentences	70,664	75,989	79,244	79,896	80,285	86,318	85,581	84,833	80,112	74,257	73,345
	Average sentence length excluding life and indeterminate sentences (months)	13.4	12.5	12.1	12.0	12.4	12.9	13.0	13.2	12.9	12.6	12.7
	Prison places required	39,384	39,550	39,980	39,850	41,585	46,569	46,242	46,652	43,123	39,096	38,812
All ages	Total number sentenced	1,373,378	1,456,776	1,397,786	1,414,188	1,338,522	1,410,503	1,479,812	1,536,826	1,473,275	1,412,940	1,406,788
	Number given immediate custody	93,841	100,566	105,323	106,187	106,273	111,607	107,670	106,322	101,236	96,017	95,206
	Number given immediate custody excluding life and indeterminate sentences	93,474	100,172	104,840	105,720	105,770	111,052	107,157	105,752	100,185	94,022	93,007
	Average sentence length excluding life and indeterminate sentences (months)	12.7	11.8	11.5	11.4	11.8	12.6	12.6	12.9	12.6	12.4	12.4
	Prison places required	49,654	49,455	50,039	50,273	52,147	58,106	56,160	56,787	52,651	48,398	48,012

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Table 2.5 Persons sentenced to immediate custody by offence group and type of sentence, 1997-2007

England and Wales		Immediate custodial sentences							Number of persons	
Offence group and year	S90-92 PCC(S) Act 2000 ⁽¹⁾	Secure training order	Detention and training order ⁽²⁾	Young offender institution ⁽²⁾	Unsuspected imprisonment ⁽²⁾	Intermittent custody	Total immediate custody	Total persons sentenced		
Violence against the person	1997	130	:	:	2,595	7,506	:	10,231	34,537	
	1998	108	3	:	2,837	8,129	:	11,077	37,119	
	1999	135	8	:	2,916	7,979	:	11,038	35,983	
	2000	128	6	717	2,427	8,136	:	11,414	35,533	
	2001	129	:	963	2,174	8,123	:	11,389	35,436	
	2002	158	:	872	2,207	8,555	:	11,792	37,773	
	2003	117	:	778	2,095	8,478	:	11,468	38,031	
	2004	147	:	817	2,204	9,085	21	12,274	39,257	
2005	146	:	872	2,343	9,452	29	12,842	40,754		
2006	134	:	890	2,160	9,156	14	12,354	41,905		
2007	130	:	900	2,455	9,050	:	12,535	42,076		
Sexual offences	1997	56	:	:	143	2,315	:	2,514	4,468	
	1998	45	0	:	172	2,470	:	2,687	4,590	
	1999	58	1	:	176	2,380	:	2,615	4,310	
	2000	48	0	38	115	2,230	:	2,431	3,941	
	2001	46	:	59	123	2,172	:	2,400	4,037	
	2002	33	:	70	117	2,342	:	2,562	4,373	
	2003	32	:	51	123	2,299	:	2,505	4,333	
	2004	34	:	56	102	2,649	0	2,841	4,823	
2005	43	:	55	120	2,483	0	2,701	4,747		
2006	24	:	46	124	2,614	0	2,808	4,932		
2007	33	:	39	135	2,603	:	2,810	5,054		
Burglary	1997	128	:	:	5,154	9,056	:	14,338	31,656	
	1998	133	29	:	5,139	9,246	:	14,547	31,087	
	1999	101	54	:	5,068	9,122	:	14,345	29,329	
	2000	65	17	1,139	3,431	9,025	:	13,677	26,694	
	2001	55	:	1,358	2,563	8,500	:	12,476	24,655	
	2002	80	:	1,265	2,449	9,556	:	13,350	26,376	
	2003	34	:	1,029	1,814	8,943	:	11,820	25,360	
	2004	42	:	952	1,685	8,134	1	10,814	24,133	
2005	28	:	917	1,530	7,072	3	9,550	22,652		
2006	24	:	1,040	1,494	6,670	1	9,229	22,675		
2007	23	:	930	1,601	6,683	:	9,237	23,549		
Robbery	1997	345	:	:	1,795	1,868	:	4,008	5,597	
	1998	241	3	:	1,829	1,889	:	3,962	5,562	
	1999	258	14	:	1,698	2,115	:	4,085	5,652	
	2000	268	4	593	1,256	2,220	:	4,341	5,944	
	2001	231	:	936	1,226	2,382	:	4,775	6,846	
	2002	378	:	1,015	1,328	3,160	:	5,881	7,731	
	2003	228	:	787	1,124	3,011	:	5,150	7,339	
	2004	259	:	844	1,221	2,739	0	5,063	7,513	
2005	182	:	784	1,121	2,314	6	4,407	7,139		
2006	210	:	934	1,239	2,419	0	4,802	8,169		
2007	151	:	882	1,273	2,466	:	4,772	8,862		
Theft and handling stolen goods	1997	17	:	:	4,656	14,723	:	19,396	118,214	
	1998	18	35	:	5,021	16,744	:	21,818	125,247	
	1999	5	61	:	5,400	18,961	:	24,427	130,648	
	2000	4	30	1,023	4,621	20,305	:	25,983	127,580	
	2001	6	:	1,419	3,928	20,852	:	26,205	126,410	
	2002	6	:	1,306	3,548	23,085	:	27,945	126,717	
	2003	5	:	1,022	2,767	21,723	:	25,517	118,594	
	2004	3	:	975	2,271	19,501	9	22,759	110,241	
2005	5	:	879	1,962	17,604	22	20,472	103,318		
2006	1	:	820	2,003	16,788	19	19,631	98,646		
2007	3	:	817	1,895	16,897	:	19,612	105,497		
Fraud and forgery	1997	1	:	:	262	3,343	:	3,606	16,929	
	1998	0	0	:	331	3,799	:	4,130	19,641	
	1999	1	0	:	388	3,645	:	4,034	20,200	
	2000	0	0	38	303	3,385	:	3,726	19,149	
	2001	0	:	58	358	3,410	:	3,826	18,206	
	2002	0	:	32	305	3,417	:	3,754	18,123	
	2003	0	:	38	305	3,544	:	3,887	18,051	
	2004	1	:	37	266	3,838	18	4,160	18,019	
2005	2	:	48	293	4,195	32	4,570	18,291		
2006	1	:	36	232	4,116	18	4,403	18,332		
2007	4	:	39	254	4,891	:	5,188	19,897		
Criminal damage	1997	32	:	:	282	784	:	1,098	10,425	
	1998	20	8	:	296	852	:	1,176	10,722	
	1999	29	17	:	322	884	:	1,252	10,728	
	2000	27	4	108	256	827	:	1,222	10,159	
	2001	21	:	125	217	839	:	1,202	10,526	
	2002	17	:	126	221	814	:	1,178	10,826	
	2003	15	:	91	214	881	:	1,201	11,112	
	2004	20	:	101	197	947	1	1,266	11,582	
2005	7	:	94	234	945	2	1,282	11,502		
2006	17	:	117	234	965	0	1,333	12,518		
2007	11	:	81	290	948	:	1,330	12,333		
Drug offences	1997	18	:	:	822	6,909	:	7,749	40,438	
	1998	23	2	:	909	7,524	:	8,458	48,782	
	1999	29	1	:	1,055	7,646	:	8,731	48,946	
	2000	32	0	102	951	7,056	:	8,141	44,954	
	2001	23	:	158	974	7,344	:	8,499	45,679	
	2002	24	:	126	867	7,267	:	8,284	49,015	
	2003	38	:	135	870	7,097	:	8,140	51,212	
	2004	34	:	147	832	6,964	4	7,981	39,146	
2005	32	:	168	814	6,756	13	7,783	38,898		
2006	24	:	190	846	6,467	5	7,532	39,478		
2007	21	:	193	1,021	6,951	:	8,186	44,500		

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Table 2.5 Persons sentenced to immediate custody by offence group and type of sentence, 1996 - 2006 (continued)

England and Wales		Immediate custodial sentences							Number of persons
Offence group and year	S90-92 PCC(S) Act 2000 ⁽¹⁾	Secure training order	Detention and training order ⁽²⁾	Young offender institution ⁽²⁾	Unsuspected imprisonment ⁽²⁾	Intermittent custody	Total immediate custody	Total persons sentenced	
Other (excluding motoring offences)	1997	21	:	:	1,650	5,597	:	7,268	45,776
	1998	15	6	:	1,806	6,076	:	7,903	47,893
	1999	15	3	:	1,682	5,908	:	7,608	46,226
	2000	9	3	301	1,606	6,183	:	8,102	43,250
	2001	15	:	427	1,419	5,722	:	7,583	42,215
	2002	29	:	466	1,430	6,252	:	8,177	46,145
	2003	15	:	406	1,322	6,978	:	8,721	49,548
	2004	25	:	441	1,518	8,464	13	10,461	52,869
	2005	30	:	421	1,522	8,677	31	10,681	51,481
2006	25	:	382	1,427	7,875	4	9,713	48,713	
2007	18	:	434	1,361	6,974	:	8,787	43,968	
Motoring offences	1997	0	:	:	369	1,283	:	1,652	9,490
	1998	0	2	:	344	1,208	:	1,554	8,993
	1999	0	4	:	398	1,251	:	1,653	8,282
	2000	0	2	126	375	1,244	:	1,747	7,678
	2001	0	:	204	427	1,287	:	1,918	7,856
	2002	1	:	196	450	1,581	:	2,228	8,444
	2003	0	:	247	454	1,684	:	2,385	8,886
	2004	0	:	210	456	1,646	7	2,319	8,223
	2005	1	:	166	405	1,423	8	2,003	6,720
2006	0	:	135	338	1,250	4	1,727	6,120	
2007	0	:	108	343	1,129	:	1,580	5,455	
Total indictable offences	1997	748	:	:	17,728	53,384	:	71,860	317,530
	1998	603	88	:	18,684	57,937	:	77,312	339,636
	1999	631	163	:	19,103	59,891	:	79,788	340,304
	2000	581	66	4,185	15,341	60,611	:	80,784	324,882
	2001	526	:	5,707	13,409	60,631	:	80,273	321,866
	2002	726	:	5,474	12,922	66,029	:	85,151	335,523
	2003	484	:	4,584	11,088	64,638	:	80,794	332,466
	2004	565	:	4,580	10,752	63,967	74	79,938	315,806
	2005	476	:	4,404	10,344	60,921	146	76,291	305,502
2006	460	:	4,590	10,097	58,320	65	73,532	301,488	
2007	394	:	4,423	10,628	58,592	:	74,037	311,191	
Summary offences (excluding motoring)	1997	0	:	:	2,309	5,357	:	7,666	414,230
	1998	0	12	:	2,552	6,238	:	8,802	460,326
	1999	0	21	:	2,975	6,780	:	9,776	431,372
	2000	1 ⁽³⁾	12	503	2,209	6,593	:	9,318	488,560
	2001	1 ⁽³⁾	:	726	1,830	6,494	:	9,051	440,097
	2002	3 ⁽³⁾	:	701	1,851	6,990	:	9,545	485,352
	2003	1 ⁽³⁾	:	589	1,704	7,176	:	9,470	491,514
	2004	0	:	731	1,895	8,579	10	11,215	520,623
	2005	2 ⁽³⁾	:	722	2,104	9,236	11	12,075	507,149
2006	1 ⁽³⁾	:	772	2,292	9,501	5	12,571	493,888	
2007	4 ⁽³⁾	:	709	2,361	10,203	:	13,277	489,882	
Summary motoring offences	1997	0	:	:	2,083	12,232	:	14,315	641,618
	1998	0	2	:	2,279	12,171	:	14,452	656,814
	1999	0	11	:	2,760	12,988	:	15,759	626,110
	2000	0	7	386	2,564	13,128	:	16,085	600,746
	2001	0	:	636	2,709	13,604	:	16,949	576,559
	2002	0	:	509	2,593	13,809	:	16,911	589,629
	2003	0	:	553	2,635	14,218	:	17,406	655,832
	2004	0	:	446	1,992	12,706	25	15,169	700,397
	2005	1 ⁽³⁾	:	321	1,591	10,928	29	12,870	660,624
2006	0	:	225	1,129	8,550	10	9,914	617,564	
2007	0	:	147	842	6,903	:	7,892	605,715	
Total summary offences	1997	0	:	:	4,392	17,589	:	21,981	1,055,848
	1998	0	14	:	4,831	18,409	:	23,254	1,117,140
	1999	0	32	:	5,735	19,768	:	25,535	1,057,482
	2000	1 ⁽³⁾	19	889	4,773	19,721	:	25,403	1,089,306
	2001	1 ⁽³⁾	:	1,362	4,539	20,098	:	26,000	1,016,656
	2002	3 ⁽³⁾	:	1,210	4,444	20,799	:	26,456	1,074,981
	2003	1 ⁽³⁾	:	1,142	4,339	21,394	:	26,876	1,147,346
	2004	0	:	1,177	3,887	21,285	35	26,384	1,221,020
	2005	3 ⁽³⁾	:	1,043	3,695	20,164	40	24,945	1,167,773
2006	1 ⁽³⁾	:	997	3,421	18,051	15	22,485	1,111,452	
2007	4 ⁽³⁾	:	856	3,203	17,106	:	21,169	1,095,597	
All offences	1997	748	:	:	22,120	70,973	:	93,841	1,373,378
	1998	603	102	:	23,515	76,346	:	100,566	1,456,776
	1999	631	195	:	24,838	79,659	:	105,323	1,397,786
	2000	582	85	5,074	20,114	80,332	:	106,187	1,414,188
	2001	527	:	7,069	17,948	80,729	:	106,273	1,338,522
	2002	729	:	6,684	17,366	86,828	:	111,607	1,410,504
	2003	485	:	5,726	15,427	86,032	:	107,670	1,479,812
	2004	565	:	5,757	14,639	85,252	109	106,322	1,473,275
	2005	479	:	5,447	14,039	81,085	186	101,236	1,473,275
2006	461	:	5,587	13,518	76,371	80	96,017	1,412,940	
2007	398	:	5,279	13,831	75,698	:	95,206	1,406,788	

¹ Section 53 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 was repealed on 25 August 2000 and its provisions transferred to sections 90 to 92 of the Power of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000.

² Sentences for dangerous young offenders under the Criminal Justice Act 2003 which came into force on 4 April 2005 are included under 'Unsuspected imprisonment'.

³ See Appendix 3

Table 2.6 Persons sentenced under the Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000, 2000-2007

England and Wales		Number of persons		
Year	Section 109	Section 110	Section 111	
	Life for second serious offence	Minimum 7 years for third class A drug trafficking offence	Minimum 3 years for third domestic burglary	
2000	57	2	0	
2001	51	1	6	
2002	44	0	2	
2003	48	3	13	
2004	47	4	46	
2005	43 ⁽¹⁾	3	89	
2006	16 ⁽¹⁾	7	229	
2007	5 ⁽¹⁾	11	398	

¹ Section 109 was replaced on 4 April 2005 by sentences of imprisonment for public protection. Figures therefore relate to offences committed prior to that date.

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Table 2.7 Persons sentenced to life imprisonment⁽¹⁾ by sex and age, 1997-2007

England and Wales										Number of persons	
Sex and age	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Males											
Aged 10-17	24	11	26	19	28	21	11	15	27	16	23
Aged 18-20	29	25	38	9	27	21	47	24	50	46	70
Aged 21 and over	293	344	401	418	429	494	431	509	517	469	378
All ages	346	380	465	446	484	536	489	548	594	531	471
Females											
Aged 10-17	3	1	3	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	3
Aged 18-20	2	0	2	1	3	2	4	2	4	2	3
Aged 21 and over	16	13	14	18	15	16	20	19	26	14	15
All ages	21	14	19	21	19	19	24	22	31	16	21
All persons											
Aged 10-17	27	12	29	21	29	22	11	16	28	16	26
Aged 18-20	31	25	40	10	30	23	51	26	54	48	73
Aged 21 and over	309	357	415	436	444	510	451	528	543	483	393
All ages	367	394	484	467	503	555	513	570	625	547	492

¹ Includes detention under the Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000, Secs 90-92 (Children and Young Persons Act 1933, Secs 53(1) and (2) prior to August 2000) (persons aged 10-17), custody for life under the Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000, Secs 93 and 94(1) (persons aged 18-20), mandatory life sentences under the Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000, Sec 109 (persons aged 18 and over) and immediate imprisonment (persons aged 21 and over). Indeterminate sentences for public protection under the Criminal Justice Act 2003 are **excluded**.

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Table 2.8 Persons sentenced to immediate custody by age group, sex and type of sentence, 1997-2007

England and Wales		Number of persons							
Age, sex and year	Immediate custodial sentences							Total persons sentenced	
	S90-92 PCC(S) Act 2000 ⁽¹⁾	Secure training order	Detention and training order ⁽²⁾	Young offender institution ⁽²⁾	Unsuspending imprisonment ⁽²⁾	Intermittent custody	Total immediate custody		
Males									
Aged 10-17	1997	715	:	:	6,060	:	:	6,775	69,647
	1998	583	99	:	6,199	:	:	6,881	75,496
	1999	600	183	:	6,461	:	:	7,244	79,262
	2000	552	82	4,741	1,593	:	:	6,968	80,570
	2001	493	:	6,654	:	:	:	7,147	84,087
	2002	671	:	6,212	3 ⁽³⁾	:	:	6,886	83,186
	2003	440	:	5,336	:	:	:	5,776	80,838
	2004	531	:	5,342	8 ⁽³⁾	:	:	5,881	83,413
	2005	432	:	4,992	:	88	:	5,512	82,465
	2006	432	:	5,154	:	144	:	5,730	80,136
	2007	366	:	4,839	:	156	:	5,361	82,619
Aged 18-20	1997	:	:	:	15,143	:	:	15,143	139,129
	1998	:	:	:	16,152	:	:	16,152	147,868
	1999	:	:	:	17,048	:	:	17,048	147,003
	2000	:	:	:	17,324	:	:	17,324	142,824
	2001	:	:	:	16,882	:	:	16,882	139,919
	2002	:	:	:	16,290	:	:	16,290	140,914
	2003	11	:	:	14,454	:	:	14,465	143,365
	2004	4	:	:	13,813	:	:	13,817	137,732
	2005	10	:	:	13,163	178	:	13,351	127,302
	2006	8	:	:	12,686	352	:	13,046	123,660
	2007	9	:	:	13,038	440	:	13,487	120,770
Aged 21 and over	1997	:	:	:	:	66,417	:	66,417	947,616
	1998	:	:	:	:	70,966	:	70,966	997,918
	1999	:	:	:	:	73,527	:	73,527	951,514
	2000	:	:	:	:	73,995	:	73,995	934,704
	2001	:	:	:	:	74,183	:	74,183	877,019
	2002	:	:	:	:	79,600	:	79,600	927,809
	2003	:	:	:	:	78,619	:	78,619	994,992
	2004	:	:	:	:	77,792	78	77,870	1,036,196
	2005	:	:	:	:	73,948	144	74,092	980,894
	2006	3	:	:	:	69,340	54	69,397	931,432
	2007	:	:	:	:	68,563	:	68,563	913,894
All ages	1997	715	:	:	21,203	66,417	:	88,335	1,156,392
	1998	583	99	:	22,351	70,966	:	93,999	1,221,282
	1999	600	183	:	23,509	73,527	:	97,819	1,177,779
	2000	552	82	4,741	18,917	73,995	:	98,287	1,158,098
	2001	493	:	6,654	16,882	74,183	:	98,212	1,101,025
	2002	671	:	6,212	16,293	79,600	:	102,776	1,151,909
	2003	451	:	5,336	14,454	78,619	:	98,860	1,219,195
	2004	535	:	5,342	13,821	77,792	78	97,568	1,257,341
	2005	442	:	4,992	13,163	74,214	144	92,955	1,190,661
	2006	443	:	5,154	12,686	69,836	54	88,173	1,135,228
	2007	375	:	4,839	13,038	69,159	:	87,411	1,117,283
Females									
Aged 10-17	1997	33	:	:	275	:	:	308	9,445
	1998	20	3	:	313	:	:	336	10,798
	1999	31	12	:	366	:	:	409	10,898
	2000	30	3	333	80	:	:	446	10,910
	2001	34	:	415	:	:	:	449	11,398
	2002	58	:	472	:	:	:	530	11,362
	2003	34	:	390	:	:	:	424	11,693
	2004	29	:	415	:	:	:	444	12,775
	2005	37	:	455	:	11	:	503	13,738
	2006	16	:	433	:	4	:	453	13,670
	2007	23	:	440	:	6	:	469	14,768
Aged 18-20	1997	:	:	:	642	:	:	642	17,330
	1998	:	:	:	851	:	:	851	19,254
	1999	:	:	:	963	:	:	963	18,409
	2000	:	:	:	1,117	:	:	1,117	19,266
	2001	:	:	:	1,066	:	:	1,066	17,988
	2002	:	:	:	1,073	:	:	1,073	18,470
	2003	:	:	:	973	:	:	973	18,702
	2004	1	:	:	818	:	:	819	18,667
	2005	:	:	:	876	4	:	880	18,749
	2006	2	:	:	832	17	:	851	19,034
	2007	:	:	:	793	11	:	804	19,506

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Table 2.8 Persons sentenced to immediate custody by age group, sex and type of sentence, 1997-2007 (continued)

England and Wales		Number of persons						
Age, sex and year	Immediate custodial sentences							Total persons sentenced
	S90-92 PCC(S) Act 2000 ⁽¹⁾	Secure training order	Detention and training order ⁽²⁾	Young offender institution ⁽²⁾	Unsuspending imprisonment ⁽²⁾	Intermittent custody	Total immediate custody	
Females (continued)								
Aged 21 and over	1997	:	:	:	4,556	:	4,556	190,211
	1998	:	:	:	5,380	:	5,380	205,442
	1999	:	:	:	6,132	:	6,132	190,700
	2000	:	:	:	6,337	:	6,337	225,914
	2001	:	:	:	6,546	:	6,546	208,111
	2002	:	:	:	7,228	:	7,228	228,762
	2003	:	:	:	7,413	:	7,413	230,222
	2004	:	:	:	7,460	31	7,491	248,043
	2005	:	:	:	6,856	42	6,898	250,127
	2006	:	:	:	6,514	26	6,540	245,008
	2007	:	:	:	6,522	:	6,522	255,231
All ages	1997	33	:	:	917	:	5,506	216,986
	1998	20	3	:	1,164	:	6,567	235,494
	1999	31	12	:	1,329	:	7,504	220,007
	2000	30	3	333	1,197	:	7,900	256,090
	2001	34	:	415	1,066	:	8,061	237,497
	2002	58	:	472	1,073	:	8,831	258,594
	2003	34	:	390	973	:	8,810	260,617
	2004	30	:	415	818	31	8,754	279,485
	2005	37	:	455	876	42	8,281	282,614
	2006	18	:	433	832	26	7,844	277,712
	2007	23	:	440	793	:	7,795	289,505
All persons								
Aged 10-17	1997	748	:	:	6,335	:	7,083	79,092
	1998	603	102	:	6,512	:	7,217	86,294
	1999	631	195	:	6,827	:	7,653	90,160
	2000	582	85	5,074	1,673	:	7,414	91,480
	2001	527	:	7,069	:	:	7,596	95,485
	2002	729	:	6,684	3 ⁽³⁾	:	7,416	94,548
	2003	474	:	5,726	:	:	6,200	92,531
	2004	560	:	5,757	8 ⁽³⁾	:	6,325	96,188
	2005	469	:	5,447	:	99	6,015	96,203
	2006	448	:	5,587	:	148	6,183	93,806
	2007	389	:	5,279	:	162	5,830	97,387
Aged 18-20	1997	:	:	:	15,785	:	15,785	156,459
	1998	:	:	:	17,003	:	17,003	167,122
	1999	:	:	:	18,011	:	18,011	165,412
	2000	:	:	:	18,441	:	18,441	162,090
	2001	:	:	:	17,948	:	17,948	157,907
	2002	:	:	:	17,363	:	17,363	159,384
	2003	11	:	:	15,427	:	15,438	162,067
	2004	5	:	:	14,631	:	14,636	156,399
	2005	10	:	:	14,039	182	14,231	146,051
	2006	10	:	:	13,518	369	13,897	142,694
	2007	9	:	:	13,831	451	14,291	140,276
Aged 21 and over	1997	:	:	:	70,973	:	70,973	1,137,827
	1998	:	:	:	76,346	:	76,346	1,203,360
	1999	:	:	:	79,659	:	79,659	1,142,214
	2000	:	:	:	80,332	:	80,332	1,160,618
	2001	:	:	:	80,729	:	80,729	1,085,130
	2002	:	:	:	86,828	:	86,828	1,156,571
	2003	:	:	:	86,032	:	86,032	1,225,214
	2004	:	:	:	85,252	109	85,361	1,284,239
	2005	:	:	:	80,804	186	80,990	1,231,021
	2006	3	:	:	75,854	80	75,937	1,176,440
	2007	:	:	:	75,085	:	75,085	1,169,125
All ages	1997	748	:	:	22,120	:	93,841	1,373,378
	1998	603	102	:	23,515	:	100,566	1,456,776
	1999	631	195	:	24,838	:	105,323	1,397,786
	2000	582	85	5,074	20,114	:	106,187	1,414,188
	2001	527	:	7,069	17,948	:	106,273	1,338,522
	2002	729	:	6,684	17,366	:	111,607	1,410,503
	2003	485	:	5,726	15,427	:	107,670	1,479,812
	2004	565	:	5,757	14,639	109	106,322	1,536,826
	2005	479	:	5,447	14,039	186	101,236	1,473,275
	2006	461	:	5,587	13,518	80	96,017	1,412,940
	2007	398	:	5,279	13,831	:	95,206	1,406,788

¹ Section 53 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 was repealed on 25 August 2000 and its provisions transferred to sections 90 to 92 of the Power of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000.

² Sentences for dangerous young offenders under the Criminal Justice Act 2003 which came into force on 4 April 2005 are included under 'Unsuspending imprisonment'.

³ See Appendix 3

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Table 2.9 Persons sentenced to immediate and suspended custody by age group, sex and type of sentence, 1997-2007

England and Wales		Number of persons							
Age, sex and year	Year	Immediate custodial sentences					Suspended sentence	Total custodial sentences	Total persons sentenced
		Determinate sentence	Extended sentence of imprisonment ⁽¹⁾ (EPP)	Imprisonment ⁽¹⁾ for public protection (IPP)	Life sentence	Total immediate custody			
Males									
Aged 10-17	1997	6,751	:	:	24	6,775	:	6,775	69,647
	1998	6,870	:	:	11	6,881	:	6,881	75,496
	1999	7,218	:	:	26	7,244	:	7,244	79,262
	2000	6,949	:	:	19	6,968	:	6,968	80,570
	2001	7,119	:	:	28	7,147	:	7,147	84,087
	2002	6,865	:	:	21	6,886	:	6,886	83,186
	2003	5,765	:	:	11	5,776	:	5,776	80,838
	2004	5,866	:	:	15	5,881	:	5,881	83,413
	2005	5,397	66	22	27	5,512	3 ⁽²⁾	5,515	82,465
	2006	5,570	99	45	16	5,730	:	5,730	80,136
2007	5,182	95	61	23	5,361	1 ⁽²⁾	5,362	82,619	
Aged 18-20	1997	15,114	:	:	29	15,143	:	15,143	139,129
	1998	16,127	:	:	25	16,152	:	16,152	147,868
	1999	17,011	:	:	37	17,048	:	17,048	147,003
	2000	17,315	:	:	9	17,324	:	17,324	142,824
	2001	16,855	:	:	27	16,882	:	16,882	139,919
	2002	16,269	:	:	21	16,290	:	16,290	140,914
	2003	14,418	:	:	47	14,465	:	14,465	143,365
	2004	13,793	:	:	24	13,817	:	13,817	137,732
	2005	13,123	114	64	50	13,351	567	13,918	127,302
	2006	12,648	154	198	46	13,046	3,740	16,786	123,660
2007	12,977	149	291	70	13,487	4,597	18,084	120,770	
Aged 21 and over	1997	66,124	:	:	293	66,417	2,747	69,164	947,616
	1998	70,622	:	:	344	70,966	2,664	73,630	997,918
	1999	73,109	17 ⁽³⁾	:	401	73,527	2,403	75,930	951,514
	2000	73,517	60 ⁽³⁾	:	418	73,995	2,355	76,350	934,704
	2001	73,711	43 ⁽³⁾	:	429	74,183	2,115	76,298	877,019
	2002	78,662	444 ⁽³⁾	:	494	79,600	1,889	81,489	927,809
	2003	77,329	859 ⁽³⁾	:	431	78,619	2,093	80,712	994,992
	2004	76,177	1,184 ⁽³⁾	:	509	77,870	2,083	79,953	1,036,196
	2005	71,973	1,281 ⁽³⁾	321	517	74,092	7,526	81,618	980,894
	2006	66,755	1,013	1,160	469	69,397	25,253	94,650	931,432
2007	66,023	859	1,303	378	68,563	30,538	99,101	913,894	
All ages	1997	87,989	:	:	346	88,335	2,747	91,082	1,156,392
	1998	93,619	:	:	380	93,999	2,664	96,663	1,221,282
	1999	97,338	17 ⁽³⁾	:	464	97,819	2,403	100,222	1,177,779
	2000	97,781	60 ⁽³⁾	:	446	98,287	2,355	100,642	1,158,098
	2001	97,685	43 ⁽³⁾	:	484	98,212	2,115	100,327	1,101,025
	2002	101,796	444 ⁽³⁾	:	536	102,776	1,889	104,665	1,151,909
	2003	97,512	859 ⁽³⁾	:	489	98,860	2,093	100,953	1,219,195
	2004	95,836	1,184 ⁽³⁾	:	548	97,568	2,083	99,651	1,257,341
	2005	90,493	1,461 ⁽³⁾	407	594	92,955	8,096	101,051	1,190,661
	2006	84,973	1,266	1,403	531	88,173	28,993	117,166	1,135,228
2007	84,182	1,103	1,655	471	87,411	35,136	122,547	1,117,283	
Females									
Aged 10-17	1997	305	:	:	3	308	:	308	9,445
	1998	335	:	:	1	336	:	336	10,798
	1999	406	:	:	3	409	:	409	10,898
	2000	444	:	:	2	446	:	446	10,910
	2001	448	:	:	1	449	:	449	11,398
	2002	529	:	:	1	530	:	530	11,362
	2003	424	:	:	:	424	:	424	11,693
	2004	443	:	:	1	444	:	444	12,775
	2005	491	7	4	1	503	:	503	13,738
	2006	449	4	:	:	453	:	453	13,670
2007	460	6	:	3	469	:	469	14,768	
Aged 18-20	1997	640	:	:	2	642	:	642	17,330
	1998	851	:	:	:	851	:	851	19,254
	1999	961	:	:	2	963	:	963	18,409
	2000	1,116	:	:	1	1,117	:	1,117	19,266
	2001	1,063	:	:	3	1,066	:	1,066	17,988
	2002	1,071	:	:	2	1,073	:	1,073	18,470
	2003	969	:	:	4	973	:	973	18,702
	2004	817	:	:	2	819	:	819	18,667
	2005	872	3	1	4	880	71	951	18,749
	2006	832	9	8	2	851	447	1,298	19,034
2007	790	3	8	3	804	510	1,314	19,506	

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Table 2.9 Persons sentenced to immediate and suspended custody by age group, sex and type of sentence, 1997-2007 (continued)

England and Wales		Number of persons							
Age, sex and year	Immediate custodial sentences					Suspended sentence	Total custodial sentences	Total persons sentenced	
	Determinate sentence	Extended sentence of imprisonment ⁽¹⁾ (EPP)	Imprisonment ⁽¹⁾ for public protection (IPP)	Life sentence	Total immediate custody				
Females (continued)									
Aged 21 and over	1997	4,540	:	:	16	4,556	744	190,211	
	1998	5,367	:	:	13	5,380	784	205,442	
	1999	6,118	:	:	14	6,132	758	190,700	
	2000	6,317	2 ⁽³⁾	:	18	6,337	717	225,914	
	2001	6,531	:	:	15	6,546	640	208,111	
	2002	7,205	7 ⁽³⁾	:	16	7,228	630	228,762	
	2003	7,378	15 ⁽³⁾	:	20	7,413	624	230,222	
	2004	7,462	10 ⁽³⁾	:	19	7,491	772	248,043	
All ages	2005	6,836	22 ⁽³⁾	14	26	6,898	1,499	250,127	
	2006	6,469	20	37	14	6,540	4,069	245,008	
	2007	6,445	18	44	15	6,522	5,042	255,231	
	1997	5,485	:	:	21	5,506	744	216,986	
	1998	6,553	:	:	14	6,567	784	235,494	
	1999	7,485	:	:	19	7,504	758	220,007	
	2000	7,877	2 ⁽³⁾	:	21	7,900	717	256,090	
	2001	8,042	:	:	19	8,061	640	237,497	
All persons	2002	8,805	7 ⁽³⁾	:	19	8,831	630	258,594	
	2003	8,771	15 ⁽³⁾	:	24	8,810	624	260,617	
	2004	8,722	10 ⁽³⁾	:	22	8,754	772	279,485	
	2005	8,199	32 ⁽³⁾	19	31	8,281	1,570	282,614	
	2006	7,750	33	45	16	7,844	4,516	277,712	
	2007	7,695	27	52	21	7,795	5,552	289,505	
	Aged 10-17	1997	7,056	:	:	27	7,083	:	79,092
		1998	7,205	:	:	12	7,217	:	86,294
1999		7,624	:	:	29	7,653	:	90,160	
2000		7,393	:	:	21	7,414	:	91,480	
2001		7,567	:	:	29	7,596	:	95,485	
2002		7,394	:	:	22	7,416	:	94,548	
2003		6,189	:	:	11	6,200	:	92,531	
2004		6,309	:	:	16	6,325	:	96,188	
Aged 18-20	2005	5,888	73	26	28	6,015	3 ⁽²⁾	96,203	
	2006	6,019	103	45	16	6,183	:	93,806	
	2007	5,642	101	61	26	5,830	1	97,387	
	1997	15,754	:	:	31	15,785	:	156,459	
	1998	16,978	:	:	25	17,003	:	167,122	
	1999	17,972	:	:	39	18,011	:	165,412	
	2000	18,431	:	:	10	18,441	:	162,090	
	2001	17,918	:	:	30	17,948	:	157,907	
Aged 21 and over	2002	17,340	:	:	23	17,363	:	159,384	
	2003	15,387	:	:	51	15,438	:	162,067	
	2004	14,610	:	:	26	14,636	:	156,399	
	2005	13,995	117	65	54	14,231	638	146,051	
	2006	13,480	163	206	48	13,897	4,187	142,694	
	2007	13,767	152	299	73	14,291	5,107	140,276	
	1997	70,664	:	:	309	70,973	3,491	1,137,827	
	1998	75,989	:	:	357	76,346	3,448	1,203,360	
All ages	1999	79,227	17 ⁽³⁾	:	415	79,659	3,161	1,142,214	
	2000	79,834	62 ⁽³⁾	:	436	80,332	3,072	1,160,618	
	2001	80,242	43 ⁽³⁾	:	444	80,729	2,755	1,085,130	
	2002	85,867	451 ⁽³⁾	:	510	86,828	2,519	1,156,571	
	2003	84,707	874 ⁽³⁾	:	451	86,032	2,717	1,225,214	
	2004	83,639	1,194 ⁽³⁾	:	528	85,361	2,855	1,284,239	
	2005	78,809	1,303 ⁽³⁾	335	543	80,990	9,025	1,231,021	
	2006	73,224	1,033	1,197	483	75,937	29,322	1,176,440	
2007	72,468	877	1,347	393	75,085	35,580	1,169,125		
All ages	1997	93,474	:	:	367	93,841	3,491	1,373,378	
	1998	100,172	:	:	394	100,566	3,448	1,456,776	
	1999	104,823	17 ⁽³⁾	:	483	105,323	3,161	1,397,786	
	2000	105,658	62 ⁽³⁾	:	467	106,187	3,072	1,414,188	
	2001	105,727	43 ⁽³⁾	:	503	106,273	2,755	1,338,522	
	2002	110,601	451 ⁽³⁾	:	555	111,607	2,519	1,410,503	
	2003	106,283	874 ⁽³⁾	:	513	107,670	2,717	1,479,812	
	2004	104,558	1,194 ⁽³⁾	:	570	106,322	2,855	1,536,826	
2005	98,692	1,493 ⁽³⁾	426	625	101,236	9,666	1,473,275		
2006	92,723	1,299	1,448	547	96,017	33,509	1,412,940		
2007	91,877	1,130	1,707	492	95,206	40,688	1,406,788		

¹ Detention for persons under 21.

² See Appendix 3

³ Persons whose offences were committed prior to 4 April 2005 will have been sentenced to an extended sentence under s85 of Powers of the Criminal Court (Sentencing) Act 2000.

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Table 2.10 Number of persons sentenced to immediate custody by sex and offence group, 2007

England and Wales		Number of persons				
Sex and offence group	Immediate custodial sentences					Total persons sentenced
	S90-92 PCC(S) Act 2000 ⁽¹⁾	Detention and training order ⁽²⁾	Young offender institution ⁽²⁾	Unsus-pended imprisonment ⁽²⁾	Total immediate custody	
Males						
Indictable offences						
Violence against the person	122	803	2,309	8,594	11,828	37,560
Sexual offences	33	39	135	2,585	2,792	4,995
Burglary	23	897	1,569	6,466	8,955	22,426
Robbery	142	804	1,216	2,325	4,487	7,987
Theft and handling stolen goods	3	737	1,715	14,374	16,829	84,439
Fraud and forgery	4	34	218	3,981	4,237	13,379
Criminal damage	10	76	279	864	1,229	10,911
Drug offences	20	188	948	6,246	7,402	40,304
Other (excluding motoring offences)	15	394	1,280	6,415	8,104	38,655
Motoring offences	0	106	343	1,096	1,545	5,185
Total	372	4,078	10,012	52,946	67,408	265,841
Summary offences						
Summary offences (excluding motoring)	3	615	2,191	9,523	12,332	337,087
Summary motoring offences	0	146	835	6,690	7,671	514,355
Total	3	761	3,026	16,213	20,003	851,442
All offences	375	4,839	13,038	69,159	87,411	1,117,283
Females						
Indictable offences						
Violence against the person	8	97	146	456	707	4,516
Sexual offences	0	0	0	18	18	59
Burglary	0	33	32	217	282	1,123
Robbery	9	78	57	141	285	875
Theft and handling stolen goods	0	80	180	2,523	2,783	21,058
Fraud and forgery	0	5	36	910	951	6,518
Criminal damage	1	5	11	84	101	1,422
Drug offences	1	5	73	705	784	4,196
Other (excluding motoring offences)	3	40	81	559	683	5,313
Motoring offences	0	2	0	33	35	270
Total	22	345	616	5,646	6,629	45,350
Summary offences						
Summary offences (excluding motoring)	1	94	170	680	945	152,795
Summary motoring offences	0	1	7	213	221	91,360
Total	1	95	177	893	1,166	244,155
All offences	23	440	793	6,539	7,795	289,505
All persons						
Indictable offences						
Violence against the person	130	900	2,455	9,050	12,535	42,076
Sexual offences	33	39	135	2,603	2,810	5,054
Burglary	23	930	1,601	6,683	9,237	23,549
Robbery	151	882	1,273	2,466	4,772	8,862
Theft and handling stolen goods	3	817	1,895	16,897	19,612	105,497
Fraud and forgery	4	39	254	4,891	5,188	19,897
Criminal damage	11	81	290	948	1,330	12,333
Drug offences	21	193	1,021	6,951	8,186	44,500
Other (excluding motoring offences)	18	434	1,361	6,974	8,787	43,968
Motoring offences	0	108	343	1,129	1,580	5,455
Total	394	4,423	10,628	58,592	74,037	311,191
Summary offences						
Summary offences (excluding motoring)	4	709	2,361	10,203	13,277	489,882
Summary motoring offences	0	147	842	6,903	7,892	605,715
Total	4	856	3,203	17,106	21,169	1,095,597
All offences	398	5,279	13,831	75,698	95,206	1,406,788

¹ Section 53 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 was repealed on 25 August 2000 and its provisions transferred to sections 90 to 92 of the Power of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000.

² Sentences for dangerous young offenders under the Criminal Justice Act 2003 which came into force on 4 April 2005 are included under 'Unsuspending imprisonment'.

Table 2.11 Percentage of persons sentenced to immediate custody by type of court and offence group, 1997-2007

Type of court and year	Offence group														Total all offences
	Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Burglary	Robbery	Theft and handling stolen goods	Fraud and forgery	Criminal damage	Drug offences	Other (excluding motoring)	Motoring offences	Total indictable offences	Summary non-motoring offences	Summary motoring offences	Total summary offences	
Magistrates' courts															
1997	12.6	11.2	22.8	15.3	12.0	11.9	5.0	2.6	6.5	6.7	10.5	1.7	2.2	2.0	3.6
1998	14.3	13.2	24.0	18.4	13.6	12.6	5.6	3.2	7.2	7.8	11.5	1.8	2.2	2.0	3.8
1999	15.1	16.5	25.8	17.7	15.3	12.0	6.0	3.5	7.5	9.2	12.5	2.1	2.5	2.3	4.4
2000	16.1	18.6	28.4	22.7	17.2	12.0	6.3	3.3	8.8	11.3	14.0	1.8	2.6	2.3	4.5
2001	15.6	18.0	29.7	25.1	18.1	13.7	6.0	3.3	8.7	13.0	14.5	1.9	2.9	2.5	4.9
2002	15.3	19.4	30.1	28.6	19.6	14.0	5.9	2.9	8.8	13.6	15.0	1.9	2.8	2.4	4.9
2003	15.0	18.7	29.2	21.9	19.2	15.0	6.0	2.6	8.6	14.2	14.4	1.8	2.6	2.3	4.5
2004	15.4	18.0	27.7	21.0	18.2	15.2	5.9	2.9	11.4	14.2	14.7	2.1	2.1	2.1	4.2
2005	15.9	13.9	25.3	18.6	17.5	11.1	6.2	3.3	12.1	15.6	14.2	2.3	1.9	2.1	4.1
2006	15.0	14.3	24.0	18.9	17.6	8.4	6.2	3.5	12.4	13.2	13.9	2.4	1.6	1.9	4.0
2007	15.0	12.7	23.2	14.4	16.5	7.7	6.1	3.6	12.0	14.6	13.3	2.5	1.3	1.8	3.9
The Crown Court															
1997	57.6	73.4	74.3	88.1	52.7	49.4	40.5	62.1	48.9	59.3	60.9	22.2	29.6	24.1	59.6
1998	57.3	73.9	74.5	86.3	54.0	51.9	37.4	61.6	49.5	57.5	61.1	23.9	35.2	26.7	59.7
1999	57.9	73.1	76.1	84.9	56.9	52.7	40.6	65.1	49.4	62.0	62.8	25.6	41.3	29.8	61.5
2000	59.1	73.4	77.3	87.2	58.4	50.9	41.7	65.8	51.6	63.9	63.9	24.1	38.2	27.7	62.3
2001	59.0	74.0	76.3	86.3	55.5	50.7	40.3	69.3	49.8	62.9	63.5	21.8	35.2	25.1	61.8
2002	56.9	74.0	74.7	88.0	53.9	47.7	38.3	69.7	49.9	60.4	62.9	22.0	37.6	25.9	61.4
2003	53.9	73.6	68.9	85.4	50.8	48.0	37.4	67.1	50.1	58.6	59.9	20.5	33.3	23.6	58.3
2004	56.2	75.6	67.9	84.9	50.4	51.2	37.9	68.5	52.0	57.0	60.7	21.5	34.6	24.5	59.0
2005	55.7	73.6	67.2	82.2	48.3	59.3	40.0	65.9	46.3	55.7	59.8	24.6	30.6	25.8	58.2
2006	51.3	72.1	68.1	81.8	46.5	58.6	40.2	63.8	46.3	53.8	57.4	23.2	29.3	24.3	55.7
2007	50.6	70.5	66.0	78.9	43.4	60.0	41.8	61.5	44.3	51.2	56.0	24.4	21.7	23.8	54.1
All Courts															
1997	29.6	56.3	45.3	71.6	16.4	21.3	10.5	19.2	15.9	17.4	22.6	1.9	2.2	2.1	6.8
1998	29.8	58.5	46.8	71.2	17.4	21.0	11.0	17.3	16.5	17.3	22.8	1.9	2.2	2.1	6.9
1999	30.7	60.7	48.9	72.3	18.7	20.0	11.7	17.8	16.5	20.0	23.4	2.3	2.5	2.4	7.5
2000	32.1	61.7	51.2	73.0	20.4	19.5	12.0	18.1	18.7	22.8	24.9	1.9	2.7	2.3	7.5
2001	32.1	59.5	50.6	69.7	20.7	21.0	11.4	18.6	18.0	26.4	24.4	2.1	2.9	2.6	7.9
2002	31.2	58.6	50.6	76.1	22.1	20.7	10.9	16.9	17.7	26.4	25.4	2.0	2.9	2.5	7.9
2003	30.2	57.8	46.6	70.2	21.5	21.5	10.8	15.9	17.6	26.8	24.3	1.9	2.7	2.3	7.3
2004	31.3	58.9	44.8	67.4	20.6	23.1	10.9	20.4	19.8	28.2	25.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	6.9
2005	31.5	56.9	42.2	61.7	19.8	25.0	11.1	19.1	20.7	29.8	25.0	2.4	1.9	2.1	6.9
2006	29.5	56.9	40.7	58.8	19.9	24.0	10.6	20.0	19.9	28.2	24.4	2.5	1.6	2.0	6.8
2007	29.8	55.6	39.2	53.8	18.6	26.1	10.8	18.4	20.0	29.0	23.8	2.7	1.3	1.9	6.8

Table 2.12 Average length of immediate custodial sentence⁽¹⁾ by type of court and offence group, 1997-2007

Type of court and year	Offence group													Average length of sentence (months)	
	Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Burglary	Robbery	Theft and handling stolen goods	Fraud and forgery	Criminal damage	Drug offences	Other (excluding motoring)	Motoring offences	Total indictable offences	Summary non-motoring offences	Summary motoring offences	Total summary offences	Total all offences
Magistrates' courts															
1997	3.1	3.5	3.4	3.7	2.5	2.8	2.1	2.2	2.1	3.8	2.7	2.6	3.3	3.0	2.9
1998	3.1	3.8	3.5	4.0	2.4	2.9	2.3	2.4	2.2	3.8	2.7	2.6	3.3	3.0	2.8
1999	3.2	3.5	3.6	3.9	2.4	3.0	2.3	2.3	2.2	4.0	2.7	2.5	3.3	3.0	2.8
2000	3.6	4.4	4.3	6.6	2.5	3.0	2.8	2.5	2.4	4.5	2.9	2.7	3.4	3.1	3.0
2001	3.9	4.3	4.5	8.0	2.5	3.1	2.7	2.6	2.4	4.8	3.0	2.7	3.4	3.1	3.0
2002	3.8	4.2	4.7	9.7	2.5	3.0	2.7	2.4	2.4	4.9	3.0	2.7	3.4	3.2	3.1
2003	3.9	3.9	4.5	9.1	2.5	3.2	2.7	2.5	2.2	5.2	3.0	2.7	3.5	3.2	3.1
2004	3.9	4.0	4.5	9.4	2.5	3.3	2.7	2.6	1.8	5.0	3.0	2.7	3.5	3.2	3.0
2005	3.9	4.1	4.5	8.4	2.4	2.9	2.5	2.8	1.8	4.8	2.9	2.7	3.4	3.1	3.0
2006	4.0	4.3	4.5	8.7	2.4	2.8	2.6	2.6	1.9	5.0	2.9	2.7	3.4	3.1	3.0
2007	3.9	4.3	4.3	8.4	2.3	2.8	2.4	2.5	2.0	4.9	2.8	2.7	3.3	2.9	2.9
The Crown Court															
1997	22.8	39.9	20.7	40.9	12.4	14.7	31.7	31.7	12.4	9.5	22.8	3.5	4.0	3.6	22.5
1998	22.1	40.9	20.2	37.3	11.7	15.1	25.3	30.9	11.8	9.9	22.2	3.5	3.9	3.7	21.8
1999	21.7	39.7	20.5	37.3	10.7	13.6	25.6	33.4	12.0	9.8	22.5	3.6	4.0	3.7	22.1
2000	21.6	41.1	20.8	38.3	10.4	14.4	24.6	34.5	11.9	9.7	22.8	3.5	3.8	3.6	22.4
2001	22.6	40.7	22.3	38.4	11.1	14.7	26.4	37.2	13.3	10.1	24.5	3.3	3.8	3.5	24.2
2002	23.9	43.4	23.5	41.3	11.5	14.8	28.2	39.5	14.7	10.2	26.3	3.4	3.7	3.5	25.9
2003	25.6	43.8	24.0	41.7	12.1	15.6	28.8	40.0	14.7	10.4	26.8	3.4	4.0	3.6	26.3
2004	25.6	43.4	24.6	41.1	12.3	15.4	28.3	41.3	14.3	10.6	27.0	3.5	3.8	3.6	26.5
2005	24.5	44.4	24.7	38.0	12.8	13.7	27.2	40.4	15.5	10.3	25.9	3.7	3.7	3.7	25.5
2006	23.2	44.1	24.4	35.7	12.7	13.4	25.3	38.8	15.7	10.7	25.2	3.9	3.7	3.9	24.7
2007	23.0	45.8	24.0	34.3	12.4	11.7	24.0	36.9	15.8	10.5	24.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	24.0
All Courts															
1997	17.4	37.9	15.8	39.1	5.9	9.7	19.8	28.9	9.1	7.7	15.7	2.6	3.3	3.1	12.7
1998	16.1	38.7	15.5	35.3	5.1	9.3	15.5	27.0	8.5	7.6	14.5	2.6	3.3	3.1	11.8
1999	15.7	37.5	15.7	35.7	4.5	8.5	15.5	28.7	8.5	7.7	14.2	2.6	3.4	3.1	11.5
2000	15.8	38.7	15.9	36.1	4.2	8.7	14.9	30.1	8.5	7.7	14.0	2.7	3.4	3.1	11.4
2001	16.7	37.7	16.6	35.4	4.2	8.6	15.9	32.5	9.2	7.9	14.7	2.7	3.4	3.2	11.8
2002	17.6	39.6	17.5	38.9	4.1	8.4	16.4	34.5	9.9	8.2	15.5	2.7	3.4	3.2	12.6
2003	18.8	40.0	17.1	39.3	4.2	8.7	17.1	35.2	9.9	8.5	16.7	2.7	3.5	3.2	12.9
2004	18.8	39.9	17.5	38.4	4.3	9.2	16.7	37.3	8.6	8.7	16.1	2.8	3.5	3.2	12.6
2005	17.8	41.5	17.4	35.0	4.3	10.3	15.1	35.8	9.2	8.4	15.8	2.8	3.4	3.1	12.9
2006	16.8	41.0	17.1	32.3	4.3	10.9	12.9	33.8	9.0	9.0	15.3	2.8	3.4	3.0	12.4
2007	16.9	42.9	16.7	31.3	4.1	10.0	12.6	31.9	9.5	8.8	15.2	2.7	3.3	3.0	12.4

¹ Excludes life and indeterminate sentences.

Table 2.13 Percentage of persons sentenced to immediate custody by sex and offence group, 1997-2007

Sex and year	Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Burglary	Robbery	Theft and handling stolen goods	Fraud and forgery	Criminal damage	Drug offences	Other (excluding motoring)	Motoring offences	Offence group					Total all offences
											Total indictable non-motoring offences	Summary offences	Summary motoring offences	Total summary offences	Total offences	
Males																
1997	31.2	56.5	46.0	74.4	18.0	24.3	11.0	19.3	16.9	18.2	24.3	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.4	7.6
1998	31.5	58.7	47.5	73.6	19.1	24.5	11.2	17.3	17.5	18.0	24.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	7.7
1999	32.2	61.0	49.6	74.4	20.3	23.0	12.1	17.6	17.5	20.9	25.1	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	8.3
2000	33.8	61.8	52.0	75.0	22.2	22.8	12.3	17.7	19.9	23.6	26.7	2.4	3.0	3.0	2.8	8.5
2001	33.6	59.6	51.5	71.7	22.6	24.4	11.8	18.0	19.2	25.4	26.7	2.6	3.3	3.3	2.8	8.9
2002	32.6	59.0	51.4	78.2	24.1	24.7	11.2	16.4	18.8	27.4	27.1	2.5	3.2	3.0	3.0	8.9
2003	31.6	58.1	47.3	72.8	23.5	24.8	11.2	15.4	18.8	28.0	25.9	2.4	3.0	3.0	2.7	8.1
2004	32.8	59.1	45.4	70.2	22.6	27.1	11.3	20.1	20.8	29.3	27.1	2.7	2.4	2.5	2.5	7.8
2005	33.3	57.1	42.8	64.6	21.7	29.3	11.4	19.9	21.8	30.9	26.7	3.1	2.2	2.5	2.5	7.8
2006	31.2	57.2	41.4	61.6	21.4	29.4	11.1	18.9	20.7	26.0	26.0	3.3	1.8	2.4	2.4	7.8
2007	31.5	55.9	39.9	56.2	19.9	31.7	11.3	18.4	21.0	29.8	25.4	3.7	1.5	2.3	2.3	7.8
Females																
1997	14.9	28.6	25.0	42.9	9.4	12.1	5.7	18.3	7.8	4.4	11.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	2.5
1998	15.1	44.4	27.1	45.0	10.4	11.7	9.0	18.0	8.9	3.8	12.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	2.8
1999	16.7	32.7	31.4	48.2	12.1	11.9	7.8	19.4	9.0	4.0	13.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	3.4
2000	17.4	54.3	32.3	51.8	13.1	11.0	9.4	21.6	10.3	6.8	14.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	3.1
2001	18.5	40.5	31.4	50.5	13.2	12.3	8.3	23.9	9.6	7.3	14.9	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	3.4
2002	19.0	30.4	35.3	58.0	14.2	11.1	8.0	21.8	10.3	8.0	15.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	3.4
2003	17.3	40.0	33.7	50.0	14.2	13.2	7.2	19.9	9.8	7.8	15.2	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	3.4
2004	18.1	45.5	34.2	43.9	13.5	13.2	8.0	22.4	12.9	8.9	15.4	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	3.1
2005	17.2	40.7	29.3	39.7	12.8	15.0	9.4	20.5	13.7	8.9	15.2	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.6	2.9
2006	14.8	37.1	27.4	35.5	13.8	13.0	7.1	20.6	14.5	8.3	15.1	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.5	2.8
2007	15.7	30.5	25.1	32.6	13.2	14.6	7.1	18.7	12.9	13.0	14.6	0.6	0.2	0.5	0.5	2.7
All persons																
1997	29.6	56.3	45.3	71.6	16.4	21.3	10.5	19.2	15.9	17.4	22.6	1.9	2.2	2.1	2.1	6.8
1998	29.8	58.5	46.8	71.2	17.4	21.0	11.0	17.3	16.5	17.3	22.8	1.9	2.2	2.1	2.1	6.9
1999	30.7	60.7	48.9	72.3	18.7	20.0	11.7	17.8	16.5	20.0	23.4	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.4	7.5
2000	32.1	61.7	51.2	73.0	20.4	19.5	12.0	18.1	18.7	22.8	24.9	1.9	2.7	2.3	2.3	7.5
2001	32.1	59.5	50.6	69.7	20.7	21.0	11.4	18.6	18.0	24.4	24.9	2.1	2.9	2.6	2.6	7.9
2002	31.2	58.6	50.6	76.1	22.1	20.7	10.9	16.9	17.7	26.4	25.4	2.0	2.9	2.5	2.5	7.9
2003	30.2	57.8	46.6	70.2	21.5	21.5	10.8	15.9	17.6	26.8	24.3	1.9	2.7	2.3	2.3	7.3
2004	31.3	58.9	44.8	67.4	20.6	23.1	10.9	20.4	19.8	28.2	25.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	6.9
2005	31.5	56.9	42.2	61.7	19.8	25.0	11.1	20.0	20.7	29.8	25.0	2.4	1.9	2.1	2.1	6.9
2006	29.5	56.9	40.7	58.8	19.9	24.0	10.6	19.1	19.9	28.2	24.4	2.5	1.6	2.0	2.0	6.8
2007	29.8	55.6	39.2	53.8	18.6	26.1	10.8	18.4	20.0	29.0	23.8	2.7	1.3	1.9	1.9	6.8

Table 2.14 Average length of immediate custodial sentence⁽¹⁾ by sex and offence group, 1997-2007
England and Wales

Sex and year	Offence group														Total all offences
	Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Burglary	Robbery	Theft and handling stolen goods	Fraud and forgery	Criminal damage	Drug offences	Other (excluding motoring)	Motoring offences	Total indictable offences	Summary non-motoring offences	Summary motoring offences	Total summary offences	
Males															
1997	17.6	38.0	15.8	40.1	6.2	10.1	19.4	29.1	9.3	7.7	16.1	2.7	3.3	3.1	12.9
1998	16.3	38.9	15.5	36.1	5.3	9.8	15.4	27.2	8.7	7.7	14.9	2.7	3.3	3.1	12.0
1999	16.0	37.7	15.7	36.4	4.6	8.8	15.3	28.7	8.7	7.7	14.5	2.6	3.4	3.1	11.6
2000	15.9	38.7	16.0	37.0	4.4	9.3	14.7	30.0	8.7	7.7	14.4	2.7	3.4	3.2	11.6
2001	16.8	37.9	16.6	36.1	4.3	9.0	15.8	32.1	9.5	7.9	15.0	2.7	3.4	3.2	12.0
2002	17.8	39.6	17.5	40.0	4.2	8.8	16.5	34.4	10.2	8.3	15.9	2.7	3.5	3.2	12.7
2003	19.0	40.1	17.2	40.3	4.3	9.1	16.0	35.1	10.3	8.5	16.2	2.7	3.5	3.2	12.8
2004	19.0	40.1	17.5	39.2	4.5	9.6	16.3	37.4	8.9	8.7	16.6	2.8	3.5	3.2	13.1
2005	18.0	41.6	17.5	35.9	4.5	10.8	15.1	36.0	9.5	8.5	16.2	2.8	3.4	3.1	12.9
2006	16.9	41.0	17.1	33.0	4.4	11.4	12.8	33.9	9.1	9.1	15.7	2.8	3.4	3.1	12.6
2007	17.0	42.9	16.7	31.8	4.2	10.3	12.2	32.0	9.8	8.8	15.6	2.8	3.3	3.0	12.7
Females															
1997	14.8	11.5	13.6	20.9	3.9	7.3	26.5	27.2	6.0	7.4	10.9	2.2	2.5	2.3	9.8
1998	12.9	24.8	13.6	22.2	3.4	6.6	16.6	25.6	6.1	6.0	9.9	2.2	2.6	2.3	9.0
1999	11.9	13.4	13.3	23.2	3.4	6.5	18.5	28.5	5.2	6.6	9.8	2.2	2.7	2.4	9.0
2000	13.2	38.0	13.2	23.4	3.3	5.8	17.6	30.4	5.3	5.9	10.1	2.3	2.8	2.5	9.1
2001	15.2	21.1	14.6	26.7	3.3	6.5	16.7	35.2	5.7	6.1	11.5	2.4	2.6	2.5	10.4
2002	15.4	39.3	16.0	26.1	3.2	6.3	15.8	35.1	6.1	4.9	11.4	2.4	2.8	2.6	10.3
2003	14.3	29.4	14.7	27.2	3.3	6.8	22.8	35.8	5.2	6.5	11.4	2.4	2.9	2.6	10.2
2004	15.8	22.6	16.4	27.9	3.2	7.1	20.3	36.7	5.1	7.3	11.6	2.5	2.9	2.7	10.3
2005	15.3	29.9	15.9	23.4	3.3	8.0	15.7	34.2	5.9	5.4	11.2	2.6	3.0	2.7	9.8
2006	14.6	42.5	14.9	22.0	3.5	8.5	14.3	32.5	7.3	7.0	10.9	2.6	3.0	2.6	9.6
2007	15.5	34.1	14.0	23.9	3.4	8.7	17.6	31.5	6.1	8.9	10.6	2.6	2.9	2.6	9.4
All persons															
1997	17.4	37.9	15.8	39.1	5.9	9.7	19.8	28.9	9.1	7.7	15.7	2.6	3.3	3.1	12.7
1998	16.1	38.7	15.5	35.3	5.1	9.3	15.5	27.0	8.5	7.6	14.5	2.6	3.3	3.1	11.8
1999	15.7	37.5	15.7	35.7	4.5	8.5	15.5	28.7	8.5	7.7	14.2	2.6	3.4	3.1	11.5
2000	15.8	38.7	15.9	36.1	4.2	8.7	14.9	30.1	8.5	7.7	14.0	2.7	3.4	3.1	11.4
2001	16.7	37.7	16.6	35.4	4.2	8.6	15.9	32.5	9.2	7.9	14.7	2.7	3.4	3.2	11.8
2002	17.6	39.6	17.5	38.9	4.1	8.4	16.4	34.5	9.9	8.2	15.5	2.7	3.4	3.2	12.6
2003	18.8	40.0	17.1	39.3	4.2	8.7	16.5	35.2	9.9	8.5	15.7	2.8	3.5	3.2	12.6
2004	18.8	39.9	17.5	38.4	4.3	9.2	16.7	37.3	8.6	8.7	16.1	2.7	3.5	3.2	12.9
2005	17.8	41.5	17.4	35.0	4.3	10.3	15.1	35.8	9.2	8.4	15.8	2.8	3.4	3.1	12.6
2006	16.8	41.0	17.1	32.3	4.3	10.9	12.9	33.8	9.0	9.0	15.3	2.8	3.4	3.0	12.4
2007	16.9	42.9	16.7	31.3	4.1	10.0	12.6	31.9	9.5	8.8	15.2	2.7	3.3	3.0	12.4

¹ Excludes life and indeterminate sentences.

Table 2.15 Average length of immediate custodial sentence at magistrates' courts by age and offence group, 1997-2007
England and Wales

Age and year	Offence group														Average length of sentence (months)	
	Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Burglary	Robbery	Theft and handling stolen goods	Fraud and forgery	Criminal damage	Drug offences	Other (excluding motoring)	Motoring offences	Total indictable offences	Summary offences (excluding motoring)	Summary motoring offences	Total summary offences	Total all offences	
Aged 10 - 17																
1997	3.5	3.2	3.5	3.7	3.2	3.5	2.8	3.6	3.2	3.8	3.4	3.0	3.3	3.1	3.3	
1998	3.4	4.4	3.7	3.9	3.3	3.0	4.0	3.4	3.3	3.9	3.5	3.0	3.3	3.1	3.4	
1999	3.5	3.4	3.8	3.9	3.4	2.9	4.2	3.2	3.0	4.2	3.6	3.0	3.5	3.1	3.4	
2000	6.0	8.6	6.6	6.7	5.5	5.1	6.2	5.8	5.4	6.4	6.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	5.5	
2001	6.8	8.1	7.2	8.1	5.7	5.2	6.4	6.5	6.4	7.1	6.7	4.4	4.5	4.5	6.1	
2002	7.1	9.3	8.1	9.9	6.3	5.0	7.1	6.7	7.3	7.7	7.5	4.5	4.6	4.6	6.8	
2003	7.4	7.1	7.8	9.2	6.1	5.9	7.5	7.7	6.8	7.8	7.3	4.5	4.6	4.6	6.6	
2004	8.5	8.1	7.8	9.5	6.2	4.9	7.0	7.5	5.9	7.4	7.2	4.5	4.6	4.6	6.6	
2005	7.2	8.0	7.7	8.5	5.7	6.0	6.9	7.2	6.4	7.1	7.0	4.6	4.4	4.5	6.4	
2006	7.2	9.0	7.3	8.9	5.8	5.6	6.8	7.5	6.5	7.6	7.1	4.6	4.5	4.5	6.6	
2007	7.4	8.7	7.5	8.6	5.7	5.8	7.5	8.3	6.5	8.1	7.1	4.5	4.4	4.5	6.6	
Aged 18 - 20																
1997	3.1	3.7	3.4	3.8	2.7	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.2	3.6	2.8	2.7	3.3	3.0	2.9	
1998	3.1	3.9	3.4	4.1	2.6	2.7	2.3	2.4	2.3	3.8	2.8	2.6	3.2	2.9	2.9	
1999	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.6	2.6	2.8	2.2	2.4	2.2	4.2	2.8	2.6	3.2	2.9	2.8	
2000	3.3	3.9	3.5	5.0	2.5	2.9	2.6	2.6	2.2	3.9	2.8	2.6	3.2	2.9	2.8	
2001	3.2	3.8	3.5	4.5	2.5	2.9	1.9	2.4	2.2	4.0	2.7	2.5	3.2	2.9	2.8	
2002	3.3	3.2	3.6	4.8	2.5	2.9	2.0	2.4	2.3	3.9	2.8	2.6	3.3	3.0	2.9	
2003	3.3	3.2	3.4	5.0	2.5	2.9	2.0	2.2	2.0	4.0	2.8	2.5	3.3	3.0	2.9	
2004	3.3	4.1	3.5	5.1	2.6	3.1	2.3	2.3	1.8	4.2	2.8	2.6	3.3	3.0	2.9	
2005	3.3	3.2	3.4	5.2	2.4	2.5	2.0	2.4	2.0	4.1	2.7	2.6	3.2	2.9	2.8	
2006	3.5	3.8	3.4	5.5	2.3	2.7	2.0	2.7	2.0	3.9	2.7	2.5	3.2	2.7	2.7	
2007	3.4	4.6	3.3	5.2	2.3	2.6	2.1	2.3	2.2	3.9	2.7	2.5	3.1	2.7	2.7	
Aged 21 and over																
1997	3.0	3.5	3.4	.	2.3	2.8	2.0	2.2	1.9	3.8	2.5	2.5	3.3	3.0	2.8	
1998	3.0	3.6	3.5	.	2.3	2.9	2.0	2.3	2.0	3.8	2.5	2.5	3.3	3.0	2.8	
1999	3.1	3.6	3.5	.	2.3	3.0	1.9	2.3	2.1	4.0	2.5	2.4	3.4	3.1	2.8	
2000	3.1	3.7	3.5	.	2.3	2.9	2.0	2.2	1.9	4.0	2.5	2.5	3.4	3.1	2.8	
2001	3.1	3.3	3.6	.	2.3	3.1	2.0	2.2	1.9	4.0	2.5	2.5	3.4	3.1	2.8	
2002	3.1	3.0	3.6	.	2.3	3.0	1.8	2.1	1.8	4.2	2.5	2.5	3.4	3.1	2.7	
2003	3.2	3.2	3.2	.	2.3	3.2	2.0	2.1	1.8	4.3	2.5	2.5	3.5	3.2	2.7	
2004	3.2	3.2	3.6	.	2.3	3.3	1.9	2.1	1.4	4.2	2.5	2.6	3.4	3.1	2.7	
2005	3.2	3.3	3.6	.	2.2	2.9	1.9	2.3	1.5	4.1	2.4	2.6	3.4	3.1	2.7	
2006	3.2	3.6	3.5	.	2.2	2.7	1.9	2.0	1.5	4.1	2.4	2.6	3.4	3.0	2.6	
2007	3.1	3.5	3.3	.	2.1	2.7	1.8	1.8	1.6	4.1	2.2	2.6	3.3	2.9	2.5	
All ages																
1997	3.1	3.5	3.4	3.7	2.5	2.8	2.1	2.2	2.1	3.8	2.7	2.6	3.3	3.0	2.9	
1998	3.1	3.8	3.5	4.0	2.4	2.9	2.3	2.4	2.2	3.8	2.7	2.6	3.3	3.0	2.8	
1999	3.2	3.5	3.6	3.9	2.4	3.0	2.3	2.3	2.2	4.0	2.7	2.5	3.3	3.0	2.8	
2000	3.6	4.4	4.3	6.6	2.5	3.0	2.8	2.5	2.4	4.5	2.9	2.7	3.4	3.1	3.0	
2001	3.9	4.3	4.5	8.0	2.5	3.1	2.7	2.6	2.4	4.8	3.0	2.7	3.4	3.2	3.1	
2002	3.8	4.2	4.7	9.7	2.5	3.0	2.7	2.4	2.4	4.9	3.0	2.7	3.5	3.2	3.1	
2003	3.9	4.5	4.7	9.1	2.5	3.2	2.7	2.5	2.2	5.2	3.0	2.7	3.5	3.2	3.1	
2004	3.9	4.0	4.5	9.4	2.5	3.3	2.7	2.6	1.8	5.0	3.0	2.7	3.5	3.2	3.0	
2005	3.9	4.1	4.5	8.4	2.4	2.9	2.5	2.8	1.8	4.8	2.9	2.7	3.4	3.1	3.0	
2006	4.0	4.3	4.5	8.7	2.4	2.8	2.6	2.6	1.9	5.0	2.9	2.7	3.4	3.0	3.0	
2007	3.9	4.3	4.3	8.4	2.3	2.8	2.4	2.5	2.0	4.9	2.8	2.7	3.3	2.9	2.9	

Table 2.16 Average length of immediate custodial sentence⁽¹⁾ at the Crown Court by age and offence group, 1997-2007
England and Wales

Age and year	Offence group															Total all offences		
	Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Burglary	Robbery	Theft and handling stolen goods	Fraud and forgery	Criminal damage	Drug offences	Other (excluding motoring)	Motoring offences	Total indictable offences	Summary offences (excluding motoring)	Summary motoring offences	Total summary offences				
Aged 10 - 17																		
1997	22.6	46.9	16.1	25.8	12.8	15.0	28.8	18.9	12.4	10.0	20.3	4.1	2.7	4.0	20.1			
1998	20.6	36.6	15.7	23.4	12.2	7.6	21.7	21.9	10.3	11.5	18.8	4.1	2.5	4.0	18.6			
1999	20.5	35.2	15.2	22.8	9.8	10.1	19.2	23.2	12.8	9.8	18.6	4.0	4.5	4.1	18.5			
2000	20.6	30.8	14.5	23.3	9.9	9.0	22.9	23.6	11.4	8.3	19.2	4.2	4.5	4.3	19.1			
2001	22.3	36.5	15.3	22.2	10.7	7.3	22.0	21.2	11.8	5.5	20.3	3.4	*	3.4	20.2			
2002	23.9	33.3	18.3	24.7	11.4	12.7	19.6	21.5	13.5	12.0	22.2	3.7	4.0	3.7	22.1			
2003	24.3	40.4	16.8	24.1	10.1	18.0	23.7	26.1	12.2	6.7	22.2	4.4	4.0	4.3	22.1			
2004	27.1	33.6	19.7	24.8	9.3	9.7	25.8	23.1	13.8	12.0	23.3	4.3	4.0	4.3	23.2			
2005	24.1	38.7	17.6	23.0	14.6	8.8	22.3	21.5	12.9	8.5	22.1	3.8	2.0	3.4	22.1			
2006	23.3	38.0	16.5	23.5	11.7	19.0	21.9	19.6	14.4	8.0	22.0	4.3	*	4.3	22.0			
2007	21.9	39.8	17.5	20.9	9.4	8.5	22.5	19.1	13.3	8.0	20.5	4.1	*	4.1	20.4			
Aged 18 - 20																		
1997	19.6	42.3	17.7	32.7	11.8	10.6	21.8	22.5	9.8	9.6	18.9	3.6	4.2	3.8	18.6			
1998	19.0	38.5	17.2	31.4	10.1	8.8	21.1	21.1	9.6	9.9	18.1	3.7	3.6	3.7	17.8			
1999	19.2	32.7	17.6	32.2	9.3	8.1	21.5	21.9	8.9	9.5	18.2	3.7	4.1	3.8	17.9			
2000	19.1	42.9	17.6	32.5	9.0	8.4	19.8	24.1	10.5	8.8	18.7	3.6	3.9	3.7	18.4			
2001	20.7	36.5	18.5	32.9	9.4	8.9	21.4	24.3	11.3	9.4	19.8	3.5	4.0	3.7	19.5			
2002	21.8	36.5	19.4	35.0	10.7	11.0	23.3	28.2	12.5	9.7	21.4	3.6	3.7	3.6	21.0			
2003	23.0	37.4	20.0	34.5	10.6	10.5	22.5	28.8	12.4	10.2	21.8	3.5	4.0	3.6	21.5			
2004	23.1	33.6	21.4	34.4	10.9	10.2	20.5	29.8	12.3	10.3	22.3	3.6	3.8	3.7	21.9			
2005	23.0	38.2	19.5	31.8	10.7	10.3	24.4	29.4	13.2	10.5	21.8	3.8	3.9	3.8	21.4			
2006	21.6	39.8	19.5	32.2	11.1	11.1	21.5	28.3	13.2	10.2	21.8	3.5	3.9	3.5	21.3			
2007	20.7	35.4	19.5	28.6	9.4	9.2	18.8	26.3	12.9	10.3	20.5	3.8	3.7	3.8	20.1			
Aged 21 and over																		
1997	23.6	39.6	22.3	52.6	12.5	14.9	34.7	32.8	13.0	9.5	23.9	3.4	4.0	3.6	23.6			
1998	23.0	41.1	21.8	46.3	12.0	15.4	26.6	32.0	12.4	9.8	23.3	3.4	4.0	3.6	23.0			
1999	22.5	40.3	22.2	44.9	11.1	14.0	27.6	34.8	12.6	9.9	23.8	3.5	4.0	3.7	23.4			
2000	22.3	41.4	22.3	46.2	10.7	14.8	26.0	35.9	12.2	9.8	24.0	3.4	3.7	3.5	23.6			
2001	23.1	41.0	23.8	46.2	11.5	15.0	28.1	39.0	13.8	10.3	25.9	3.3	3.7	3.5	25.4			
2002	24.5	43.9	24.8	49.1	11.7	15.0	30.5	41.1	15.3	10.3	27.6	3.3	3.8	3.5	27.2			
2003	26.3	44.2	25.0	48.2	12.4	15.8	41.6	41.6	15.2	10.5	27.9	3.4	4.0	3.6	27.5			
2004	26.1	44.0	25.4	48.3	12.5	15.7	30.1	43.0	14.7	10.7	28.0	3.5	3.8	3.6	27.6			
2005	24.9	44.9	25.9	45.4	13.1	13.9	28.4	42.1	16.0	10.2	26.9	3.7	3.7	3.7	26.4			
2006	23.6	44.5	25.6	41.8	13.1	13.5	26.5	40.5	16.3	10.9	26.1	3.9	3.7	3.9	25.6			
2007	23.8	46.6	25.2	41.8	12.9	11.8	25.6	38.7	16.6	10.6	25.7	3.5	3.5	3.5	25.1			
All ages																		
1997	22.8	39.9	20.7	40.9	12.4	14.7	31.7	31.7	12.4	9.5	22.8	3.5	4.0	3.6	22.5			
1998	20.2	32.1	20.2	37.3	11.7	15.1	25.3	30.9	11.8	9.9	22.2	3.5	3.9	3.7	21.8			
1999	21.7	39.7	20.5	37.3	10.7	13.6	25.6	33.4	12.0	9.8	22.5	3.6	4.0	3.7	22.1			
2000	21.6	41.1	20.8	38.3	10.4	14.4	24.6	34.5	11.9	9.7	22.8	3.5	3.8	3.6	22.4			
2001	22.6	40.7	22.3	38.4	11.1	14.7	26.4	37.2	13.3	10.1	24.5	3.3	3.8	3.5	24.2			
2002	23.9	43.4	23.5	41.3	11.5	14.8	28.2	39.5	14.7	10.2	26.3	3.4	3.7	3.5	25.9			
2003	25.6	43.8	24.0	41.7	12.1	15.6	28.8	40.0	14.7	10.4	26.8	3.4	4.0	3.6	26.3			
2004	25.6	43.4	24.6	41.1	12.3	15.4	28.3	41.3	14.3	10.6	27.0	3.5	3.8	3.6	26.5			
2005	24.5	44.4	24.7	38.0	12.8	13.7	27.2	40.4	15.5	10.3	25.9	3.7	3.7	3.7	25.5			
2006	23.2	44.1	24.4	35.7	12.7	13.4	25.3	38.8	15.7	10.7	25.2	3.9	3.7	3.9	24.7			
2007	23.0	45.8	24.0	34.3	12.4	11.7	24.0	36.9	15.8	10.5	24.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	24.0			

¹ Excludes life and indeterminate sentences.

Sentencing Statistics, 2007 England and Wales

Table 2.17 Average length of immediate custodial sentence⁽¹⁾ at all courts by age and offence group, 1997-2007
England and Wales

Age and year	Offence group																Total all offences
	Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Burglary	Robbery	Theft and handling stolen goods	Fraud and forgery	Criminal damage	Drug offences	Other (excluding motoring)	Motoring offences	Total indictable offences	Summary offences (excluding motoring)	Summary motoring offences	Summary summary offences	Total summary offences		
Aged 10 - 17																	
1997	12.5	40.0	9.6	21.9	5.3	4.9	17.5	14.0	7.3	4.6	11.5	3.1	3.3	3.1	3.1	10.3	
1998	11.1	29.0	9.7	19.1	4.6	3.6	13.0	13.6	6.1	4.8	10.2	3.0	3.3	3.1	3.1	9.1	
1999	10.9	30.1	9.4	19.2	4.1	4.1	12.2	14.5	7.0	4.8	10.0	3.0	3.5	3.1	3.1	8.8	
2000	11.8	25.7	9.7	18.6	5.9	5.5	13.9	15.8	7.2	6.5	10.9	4.4	4.0	4.0	4.0	9.7	
2001	11.6	26.2	9.3	16.7	5.9	5.3	13.2	13.3	8.0	7.1	10.6	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.5	9.5	
2002	13.6	22.6	10.8	20.2	6.6	5.8	12.0	14.6	9.4	7.8	12.5	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6	11.2	
2003	13.4	27.8	9.4	18.6	6.3	6.2	13.5	18.0	8.7	7.7	11.8	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.5	10.5	
2004	14.3	26.0	10.0	18.9	6.4	5.8	13.7	17.0	8.3	7.5	12.4	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6	10.9	
2005	13.1	29.7	9.3	17.0	6.1	6.6	11.4	15.2	8.4	7.1	11.6	4.6	4.4	4.4	4.5	10.4	
2006	12.8	29.9	8.6	16.9	6.1	7.1	12.3	14.0	8.7	7.6	11.6	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.6	10.5	
2007	12.7	33.1	8.9	15.5	5.9	6.4	12.9	13.8	8.8	8.1	11.3	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.4	10.3	
Aged 18 - 20																	
1997	15.4	37.8	13.7	32.4	6.0	5.7	13.5	19.7	7.3	7.4	13.2	2.8	3.3	3.1	3.1	11.0	
1998	14.3	35.8	13.3	31.0	5.0	4.5	11.7	17.4	7.2	7.0	12.2	2.7	3.2	2.9	2.9	10.1	
1999	14.3	29.3	13.6	31.8	4.3	4.5	12.7	18.2	6.5	7.2	11.9	2.7	3.2	3.0	3.0	9.7	
2000	14.3	37.7	13.5	32.1	4.0	4.6	11.3	20.4	7.3	6.6	11.8	2.6	3.2	3.0	3.0	9.7	
2001	16.0	32.7	13.9	32.5	4.0	4.2	12.1	20.5	8.1	7.2	12.6	2.6	3.2	3.0	3.0	10.1	
2002	16.7	30.2	14.8	34.6	4.4	5.3	13.5	24.3	9.5	7.5	14.0	2.7	3.3	3.0	3.0	11.2	
2003	17.8	31.8	14.6	34.3	4.5	5.0	13.0	25.4	9.2	8.1	14.5	2.6	3.3	3.0	3.0	11.3	
2004	17.6	27.6	15.7	34.2	4.9	5.8	12.0	27.0	8.1	8.5	15.2	2.7	3.3	3.0	3.0	11.8	
2005	17.4	34.4	13.9	31.4	4.5	6.8	14.1	26.5	9.1	8.5	15.0	2.7	3.2	2.9	2.9	11.8	
2006	16.3	36.5	13.9	31.5	4.3	7.6	9.9	24.7	8.3	8.2	14.6	2.6	3.2	2.8	2.8	11.7	
2007	15.5	32.2	14.1	28.1	4.0	6.9	9.4	23.0	9.0	7.9	14.2	2.6	3.1	2.7	2.7	11.6	
Aged 21 and over																	
1997	18.5	37.8	17.9	52.6	6.0	10.0	21.8	30.1	9.7	8.0	16.8	2.5	3.3	3.1	3.1	13.4	
1998	17.1	39.2	17.5	46.3	5.2	9.8	16.8	28.2	9.0	8.0	15.5	2.6	3.3	3.1	3.1	12.5	
1999	16.7	38.3	17.7	44.9	4.5	8.9	16.7	30.2	8.8	8.1	15.1	2.5	3.4	3.1	3.1	12.1	
2000	16.7	39.3	17.8	46.2	4.2	9.1	16.2	31.6	8.8	8.1	14.9	2.6	3.4	3.1	3.1	12.0	
2001	17.7	38.6	18.6	46.2	4.1	9.1	17.3	34.6	9.6	8.3	15.5	2.6	3.4	3.1	3.1	12.4	
2002	18.4	40.9	19.1	49.1	3.9	8.7	18.0	36.1	10.0	8.5	16.1	2.6	3.4	3.1	3.1	12.9	
2003	19.6	40.9	18.6	48.2	4.0	9.0	17.7	36.8	10.1	8.7	16.2	2.6	3.5	3.2	3.2	13.0	
2004	19.6	40.8	18.7	48.3	4.1	9.4	18.0	39.0	8.7	8.9	16.6	2.6	3.5	3.1	3.1	13.2	
2005	18.5	42.5	19.2	45.4	4.2	10.6	15.9	37.6	9.3	8.6	16.2	2.7	3.4	3.1	3.1	12.9	
2006	17.5	41.7	19.1	41.8	4.2	11.1	13.9	35.6	9.1	9.4	15.7	2.7	3.4	3.0	3.0	12.6	
2007	17.9	44.0	18.4	41.8	4.0	10.2	13.7	33.8	9.7	9.2	15.7	2.7	3.3	2.9	2.9	12.7	
All ages																	
1997	17.4	37.9	15.8	39.1	5.9	9.7	19.8	28.9	9.1	7.7	15.7	2.6	3.3	3.1	3.1	12.7	
1998	16.1	38.7	15.5	35.3	5.1	9.3	15.5	27.0	8.5	7.6	14.5	2.6	3.3	3.1	3.1	11.8	
1999	15.7	37.5	15.7	35.7	4.5	8.5	15.5	28.7	8.5	7.7	14.2	2.6	3.4	3.1	3.1	11.5	
2000	15.8	38.7	15.9	36.1	4.2	8.7	14.9	30.1	8.5	7.7	14.0	2.7	3.4	3.1	3.1	11.4	
2001	16.7	37.7	16.6	35.4	4.2	8.6	15.9	32.5	9.2	7.9	14.7	2.7	3.4	3.2	3.2	11.8	
2002	17.6	39.6	17.5	38.9	4.1	8.4	16.4	34.5	9.9	8.2	15.5	2.7	3.4	3.2	3.2	12.6	
2003	18.8	40.0	17.1	39.3	4.2	8.7	16.5	35.2	9.9	8.5	15.7	2.7	3.5	3.2	3.2	12.6	
2004	18.8	39.9	17.5	38.4	4.3	9.2	16.7	37.3	8.6	8.7	16.1	2.8	3.5	3.2	3.2	12.9	
2005	17.8	41.5	17.4	35.0	4.3	10.3	15.1	35.8	9.2	8.4	15.8	2.8	3.4	3.1	3.1	12.6	
2006	16.8	41.0	17.1	32.3	4.3	10.9	12.9	33.8	9.0	9.0	15.3	2.8	3.4	3.0	3.0	12.4	
2007	16.9	42.9	16.7	31.3	4.1	10.0	12.6	31.9	9.5	8.8	15.2	2.7	3.3	3.0	3.0	12.4	

¹ Excludes life and indeterminate sentences.

Table 2.18 Percentage of persons sentenced to immediate custody by age and offence group, 1997-2007

Age and year	Offence group														Total all offences	
	Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Burglary	Robbery	Theft and handling stolen goods	Fraud and forgery	Criminal damage	Drug offences	Other (excluding motoring)	Motoring offences	Total indictable offences	Summary offences (excluding motoring)	Summary motoring offences	Total summary offences		
Aged 10 - 17	1997	14.2	18.8	22.7	44.5	7.4	4.2	4.3	5.6	10.0	21.4	13.2	3.1	2.6	3.0	9.0
	1998	15.1	19.0	21.7	44.0	6.6	5.6	5.3	4.9	10.7	22.7	12.3	3.1	3.1	3.1	8.4
	1999	15.9	21.7	23.4	44.4	6.7	5.0	6.2	5.4	10.6	23.5	12.3	3.6	3.6	3.6	8.5
	2000	16.4	20.8	23.3	44.9	6.7	4.9	6.4	4.4	10.6	27.9	12.4	2.6	3.8	3.0	8.1
	2001	15.8	20.6	22.5	41.8	6.9	5.7	5.0	4.2	10.2	30.5	12.4	2.6	3.8	3.0	8.0
	2002	15.0	18.5	21.0	49.7	7.1	3.4	4.9	3.0	11.1	25.7	12.6	2.5	3.0	2.7	7.8
	2003	13.4	18.5	18.5	48.5	6.2	4.7	3.6	3.4	9.9	30.2	11.0	2.1	3.1	2.5	6.7
	2004	13.9	15.7	16.7	37.2	5.8	5.0	3.7	4.0	10.1	28.5	10.9	2.3	2.6	2.4	6.6
2005	13.9	20.3	15.6	32.7	5.2	7.2	3.3	4.3	10.1	28.6	10.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	6.3	
2006	14.0	20.2	17.3	32.0	5.0	6.2	4.0	4.8	10.0	25.7	10.9	2.3	1.9	2.2	6.6	
2007	14.1	19.4	15.6	26.4	4.5	6.4	2.7	4.1	11.0	26.2	9.8	1.9	1.5	1.8	6.0	
Aged 18 - 20	1997	32.6	45.1	46.8	86.7	16.1	10.6	12.0	11.4	15.2	22.6	22.7	4.1	2.9	3.3	10.1
	1998	32.0	43.8	50.5	85.8	16.8	11.2	11.2	9.8	15.9	21.2	22.6	4.0	3.0	3.4	10.2
	1999	33.2	46.9	52.3	86.2	17.3	11.8	11.4	10.9	14.8	24.8	22.8	4.7	3.7	4.1	10.9
	2000	34.8	41.4	53.0	88.2	19.5	11.2	13.6	11.4	18.1	29.7	24.5	4.5	4.0	4.2	11.4
	2001	34.3	45.7	53.1	85.1	19.5	13.9	12.7	11.9	18.0	34.9	24.5	4.1	4.6	4.4	11.4
	2002	33.1	41.2	52.8	89.8	19.8	13.2	13.2	10.0	17.6	33.9	24.4	4.0	4.3	4.2	10.9
	2003	32.3	45.1	44.3	85.3	18.1	14.4	12.3	10.0	16.2	32.9	22.4	3.6	4.1	3.9	9.5
	2004	32.7	34.1	44.2	83.7	16.6	13.7	11.1	14.6	17.7	34.5	23.8	4.0	3.1	3.5	9.4
2005	34.7	45.3	42.2	83.7	15.7	16.7	12.9	14.9	18.9	35.4	24.4	4.6	2.8	3.6	9.7	
2006	32.0	44.2	40.3	79.7	16.7	16.3	11.6	14.5	18.5	32.7	24.1	4.8	2.2	3.4	9.7	
2007	35.4	47.8	40.4	75.6	15.0	17.7	14.3	15.3	19.6	34.0	24.7	4.8	1.8	3.4	10.2	
Aged 21 and over	1997	32.8	61.7	56.8	94.0	18.7	23.9	12.3	21.5	16.8	16.4	24.6	1.5	2.2	1.9	6.2
	1998	32.9	64.5	58.7	90.4	20.5	23.4	12.9	19.8	17.3	16.3	25.0	1.6	2.1	1.9	6.3
	1999	33.8	67.1	60.6	89.0	22.3	22.4	14.1	20.4	17.6	18.9	26.1	1.9	2.4	2.2	7.0
	2000	35.8	69.2	64.1	91.0	24.0	21.8	14.1	21.3	20.2	20.9	27.8	1.6	2.5	2.1	6.9
	2001	36.6	66.7	62.7	91.0	24.3	23.3	14.2	22.2	19.1	21.6	27.9	1.8	2.7	2.3	7.4
	2002	35.3	66.3	62.4	91.6	25.6	23.0	13.0	20.5	18.6	24.9	26.3	1.7	2.7	2.3	7.5
	2003	34.0	63.6	57.7	89.0	25.0	23.4	13.7	19.0	18.8	25.2	27.3	1.7	2.5	2.2	7.0
	2004	35.6	67.2	56.5	88.6	24.5	25.2	14.4	24.0	21.4	26.8	28.6	1.9	2.1	2.0	6.6
2005	35.6	63.3	54.5	84.0	23.9	26.7	14.7	23.5	22.4	28.7	28.3	2.2	1.9	2.0	6.6	
2006	33.1	62.6	52.1	82.3	23.9	25.4	14.0	22.2	21.4	27.5	27.5	2.2	1.5	1.9	6.5	
2007	32.7	61.1	49.6	79.0	22.6	27.5	14.1	21.4	21.2	28.0	26.9	2.5	1.3	1.8	6.4	
All ages	1997	29.6	56.3	45.3	71.6	16.4	21.3	10.5	19.2	15.9	17.4	22.6	1.9	2.2	2.1	6.8
	1998	29.8	58.5	46.8	71.2	17.4	21.0	11.0	17.3	16.5	17.3	22.8	1.9	2.2	2.1	6.9
	1999	30.7	60.7	48.9	72.3	18.7	20.0	11.7	17.8	16.5	18.7	23.4	2.3	2.5	2.3	7.5
	2000	32.1	61.7	51.2	73.0	20.4	19.5	12.0	18.1	18.7	22.8	24.9	1.9	2.7	2.3	7.5
	2001	32.1	59.5	50.6	69.7	20.7	21.0	11.4	18.6	18.0	24.4	24.9	2.1	2.9	2.6	7.9
	2002	31.2	58.6	50.6	76.1	22.1	20.7	10.9	16.9	17.7	26.4	25.4	2.0	2.9	2.5	7.9
	2003	30.2	57.8	46.6	70.2	21.5	21.5	10.8	15.9	17.6	26.8	24.3	1.9	2.7	2.3	7.3
	2004	31.3	58.9	44.8	67.4	20.6	23.1	10.9	20.4	19.8	28.2	25.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	6.9
2005	31.5	56.9	42.2	61.7	19.8	25.0	11.1	19.8	20.7	29.8	25.0	2.4	1.9	2.1	6.9	
2006	29.5	56.9	40.7	58.8	19.9	24.0	10.6	19.1	19.9	28.2	24.4	2.5	1.6	2.0	6.8	
2007	29.8	55.6	39.2	53.8	18.6	26.1	10.8	18.4	20.0	29.0	23.8	2.7	1.3	1.9	6.8	

Sentencing Statistics, 2007 England and Wales

Table 2.19 Persons sentenced⁽¹⁾ for indictable offences at the Crown Court: Plea⁽²⁾, immediate custody and average sentence length, 2007

England and Wales	Number of persons, percentages and average sentence length (months)								
	Total number sentenced			Immediate custody				Average length of sentence ⁽³⁾	
	Guilty plea	Not guilty plea	Percentage pleading guilty	Guilty plea	Percentage of guilty pleas	Not guilty plea	Percentage of not guilty pleas	Guilty plea	Not guilty plea
Males									
Indictable offences									
Violence against the person	10,878	2,557	81.0	5,397	49.6	1,719	67.2	22.4	36.3
Sexual offences	2,090	1,283	62.0	1,370	65.6	1,073	83.6	39.4	58.8
Burglary	5,160	392	92.9	3,526	68.3	279	71.2	26.7	33.5
Robbery	4,173	749	84.8	3,358	80.5	635	84.8	33.2	44.4
Theft and handling stolen goods	4,063	510	88.8	1,642	40.4	225	44.1	13.6	24.6
Fraud and forgery	3,920	280	93.3	2,773	70.7	150	53.6	11.8	25.0
Criminal damage	1,035	132	88.7	440	42.5	73	55.3	24.3	39.3
Drug offences	6,875	895	88.5	4,327	62.9	711	79.4	35.9	59.0
Other (excluding motoring) offences	7,417	891	89.3	3,263	44.0	509	57.1	15.8	28.5
Motoring offences	1,197	195	86.0	557	46.5	82	42.1	10.5	11.2
Total	46,808	7,884	85.6	26,653	56.9	5,456	69.2	24.5	42.8
Females									
Indictable offences									
Violence against the person	1,135	236	82.8	289	25.5	106	44.9	21.6	32.5
Sexual offences	28	11	71.8	9	32.1	7	63.6	20.0	59.1
Burglary	252	20	92.6	113	44.8	10	50.0	21.2	39.6
Robbery	371	54	87.3	208	56.1	33	61.1	26.1	32.0
Theft and handling stolen goods	738	139	84.2	170	23.0	38	27.3	13.3	23.0
Fraud and forgery	1,354	128	91.4	612	45.2	38	29.7	9.7	20.3
Criminal damage	172	15	92.0	52	30.2	5	33.3	31.8	34.5
Drug offences	967	118	89.1	417	43.1	78	66.1	34.5	54.2
Other (excluding motoring) offences	797	101	88.8	182	22.8	46	45.5	11.9	21.4
Motoring offences	45	17	72.6	13	28.9	5	29.4	10.5	8.2
Total	5,859	839	87.5	2,065	35.2	366	43.6	19.6	33.9
All persons									
Indictable offences									
Violence against the person	12,013	2,793	81.1	5,686	47.3	1,825	65.3	22.4	36.0
Sexual offences	2,118	1,294	62.1	1,379	65.1	1,080	83.5	39.2	58.8
Burglary	5,412	412	92.9	3,639	67.2	289	70.1	26.6	33.7
Robbery	4,544	803	85.0	3,566	78.5	668	83.2	32.7	43.7
Theft and handling stolen goods	4,801	649	88.1	1,812	37.7	263	40.5	13.5	24.4
Fraud and forgery	5,274	408	92.8	3,385	64.2	188	46.1	11.4	24.1
Criminal damage	1,207	147	89.1	492	40.8	78	53.1	25.0	39.0
Drug offences	7,842	1,013	88.6	4,744	60.5	789	77.9	35.8	58.6
Other (excluding motoring) offences	8,214	992	89.2	3,445	41.9	555	55.9	15.6	27.8
Motoring offences	1,242	212	85.4	570	45.9	87	41.0	10.5	11.1
Total	52,667	8,723	85.8	28,718	54.5	5,822	66.7	24.2	42.2

¹ Excludes persons sentenced after summary conviction.

² Final plea recorded on completion of trial.

³ Excludes life and indeterminate sentences.

Sentencing Statistics, 2007 England and Wales

Table 2.20 Persons sentenced⁽¹⁾ for indictable offences at the Crown Court: Plea⁽²⁾, immediate custody and average sentence length, 1997-2007

England and Wales		Number of persons, percentages and average sentence length (months)								
		Total number sentenced			Immediate custody				Average length of sentence ⁽³⁾	
Sex and year		Guilty plea	Not guilty plea	Percentage pleading guilty	Guilty plea	Percentage of guilty pleas	Not guilty plea	Percentage of not guilty pleas	Guilty plea	Not guilty plea
Males	1997	53,662	10,593	83.5	32,908	61.3	7,701	72.7	21.2	37.2
	1998	43,949	9,817	81.7	26,310	59.9	7,150	72.8	21.8	37.0
	1999	40,177	9,248	81.3	24,828	61.8	6,802	73.6	22.7	38.5
	2000	39,491	8,977	81.5	24,861	63.0	6,774	75.5	23.0	37.4
	2001	39,457	8,812	81.7	24,646	62.5	6,525	74.0	24.4	39.1
	2002	42,201	8,990	82.4	26,048	61.7	6,763	75.2	26.1	41.8
	2003	42,687	8,387	83.6	25,197	59.0	6,097	72.7	26.3	45.0
	2004	43,066	8,422	83.6	25,780	59.9	6,318	75.0	26.6	45.5
	2005	41,675	7,830	84.2	24,766	59.4	5,738	73.3	26.2	44.0
	2006	41,830	7,803	84.3	23,842	57.0	5,626	72.1	25.7	43.0
2007	46,808	7,884	85.6	26,653	56.9	5,456	69.2	24.5	42.8	
Females	1997	5,545	999	84.7	1,819	32.8	462	46.2	18.3	27.5
	1998	4,634	990	82.4	1,483	32.0	430	43.4	17.9	33.6
	1999	4,401	978	81.8	1,619	36.8	460	47.0	19.4	32.2
	2000	4,477	887	83.5	1,665	37.2	445	50.2	20.9	33.4
	2001	4,484	953	82.5	1,774	39.6	508	53.3	23.7	36.8
	2002	4,863	983	83.2	1,927	39.6	500	50.9	23.3	38.1
	2003	4,940	910	84.4	1,816	36.8	453	49.8	24.6	36.8
	2004	5,183	926	84.8	1,952	37.7	480	51.8	23.4	37.7
	2005	5,169	870	85.6	1,779	34.4	435	50.0	22.8	34.3
	2006	5,024	865	85.3	1,673	33.3	400	46.2	21.3	37.8
2007	5,859	839	87.5	2,065	35.2	366	43.6	19.6	33.9	
All persons	1997	59,207	11,592	83.6	34,727	58.7	8,163	70.4	21.1	36.6
	1998	48,583	10,807	81.8	27,793	57.2	7,580	70.1	21.6	36.8
	1999	44,578	10,226	81.3	26,447	59.3	7,262	71.0	22.5	38.1
	2000	43,968	9,864	81.7	26,526	60.3	7,219	73.2	22.9	37.1
	2001	43,941	9,765	81.8	26,420	60.1	7,033	72.0	24.4	38.9
	2002	47,064	9,973	82.5	27,975	59.4	7,263	72.8	25.9	41.6
	2003	47,627	9,297	83.7	27,013	56.7	6,550	70.5	26.2	44.4
	2004	48,249	9,348	83.8	27,732	57.5	6,798	72.7	26.3	44.9
	2005	46,844	8,700	84.3	26,545	56.7	6,173	71.0	26.0	43.3
	2006	46,854	8,668	84.4	25,515	54.5	6,026	69.5	25.4	42.7
2007	52,667	8,723	85.8	28,718	54.5	5,822	66.7	24.2	42.2	

¹ Excludes persons sentenced after summary conviction.

² Final plea recorded on completion of trial.

³ Excludes life and indeterminate sentences.

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Table 2.21 Persons sentenced to suspended sentence order by sex, age and type of court, 1997-2007

England and Wales				Number of persons			
Sex, age and year	Suspended sentence order ⁽¹⁾			Sex, age and year	Suspended sentence order ⁽¹⁾		
	Magistrates' courts	The Crown Court	All courts		Magistrates' courts	The Crown Court	All courts
Males				Females (continued)			
Aged 10-17				Aged 21 and over			
1997	:	:	:	1997	252	492	744
1998	:	:	:	1998	275	509	784
1999	:	:	:	1999	285	473	758
2000	:	:	:	2000	277	440	717
2001	:	:	:	2001	257	383	640
2002	:	:	:	2002	246	384	630
2003	:	:	:	2003	247	377	624
2004	:	:	:	2004	328	444	772
2005	2 ⁽²⁾	1 ⁽²⁾	3 ⁽²⁾	2005	881	618	1,499
2006	:	:	:	2006	2,520	1,549	4,069
2007	1 ⁽²⁾	:	1 ⁽²⁾	2007	2,835	2,207	5,042
Aged 18-20				All ages			
1997	:	:	:	1997	252	492	744
1998	:	:	:	1998	275	509	784
1999	:	:	:	1999	285	473	758
2000	:	:	:	2000	277	440	717
2001	:	:	:	2001	257	383	640
2002	:	:	:	2002	246	384	630
2003	:	:	:	2003	247	377	624
2004	:	:	:	2004	328	444	772
2005	473	94	567	2005	935	635	1,570
2006	2,411	1,329	3,740	2006	2,785	1,731	4,516
2007	2,653	1,944	4,597	2007	3,115	2,437	5,552
Aged 21 and over				All Persons			
1997	973	1,774	2,747	Aged 10-17			
1998	969	1,695	2,664	1997	:	:	:
1999	874	1,529	2,403	1998	:	:	:
2000	894	1,461	2,355	1999	:	:	:
2001	865	1,250	2,115	2000	:	:	:
2002	767	1,122	1,889	2001	:	:	:
2003	912	1,181	2,093	2002	:	:	:
2004	972	1,111	2,083	2003	:	:	:
2005	5,671	1,855	7,526	2004	:	:	:
2006	18,078	7,175	25,253	2005	2 ⁽²⁾	1 ⁽²⁾	3 ⁽²⁾
2007	19,702	10,836	30,538	2006	:	:	:
All ages				2007	1 ⁽²⁾	:	1 ⁽²⁾
1997	973	1,774	2,747	Aged 18-20			
1998	969	1,695	2,664	1997	:	:	:
1999	874	1,529	2,403	1998	:	:	:
2000	894	1,461	2,355	1999	:	:	:
2001	865	1,250	2,115	2000	:	:	:
2002	767	1,122	1,889	2001	:	:	:
2003	912	1,181	2,093	2002	:	:	:
2004	972	1,111	2,083	2003	:	:	:
2005	6,146	1,950	8,096	2004	:	:	:
2006	20,489	8,504	28,993	2005	527	111	638
2007	22,356	12,780	35,136	2006	2,676	1,511	4,187
Females				2007	2,933	2,174	5,107
Aged 10-17				Aged 21 and over			
1997	:	:	:	1997	1,225	2,266	3,491
1998	:	:	:	1998	1,244	2,204	3,448
1999	:	:	:	1999	1,159	2,002	3,161
2000	:	:	:	2000	1,171	1,901	3,072
2001	:	:	:	2001	1,122	1,633	2,755
2002	:	:	:	2002	1,013	1,506	2,519
2003	:	:	:	2003	1,159	1,558	2,717
2004	:	:	:	2004	1,300	1,555	2,855
2005	:	:	:	2005	6,552	2,473	9,025
2006	:	:	:	2006	20,598	8,724	29,322
2007	:	:	:	2007	22,537	13,043	35,580
Aged 18-20				All ages			
1997	:	:	:	1997	1,225	2,266	3,491
1998	:	:	:	1998	1,244	2,204	3,448
1999	:	:	:	1999	1,159	2,002	3,161
2000	:	:	:	2000	1,171	1,901	3,072
2001	:	:	:	2001	1,122	1,633	2,755
2002	:	:	:	2002	1,013	1,506	2,519
2003	:	:	:	2003	1,159	1,558	2,717
2004	:	:	:	2004	1,300	1,555	2,855
2005	54	17	71	2005	7,081	2,585	9,666
2006	265	182	447	2006	23,274	10,235	33,509
2007	280	230	510	2007	25,471	15,217	40,688

¹ Fully suspended sentence for offences committed prior to 4 April 2005, suspended sentence order from 4 April 2005.

² See Appendix 3

Sentencing Statistics, 2007 England and Wales

Table 2.22 Persons sentenced to suspended sentence order by offence group and type of court, 1997-2007

England and Wales				Number of persons					
Offence group and year	Suspended sentence order ⁽¹⁾			Offence group and year	Suspended sentence order ⁽¹⁾				
	Magistrates' courts	The Crown Court	All courts		Magistrates' courts	The Crown Court	All courts		
Violence against the person	1997	109	486	595	Other (excluding motoring offences)	1997	55	365	420
	1998	126	485	611		1998	50	363	413
	1999	102	422	524		1999	45	338	383
	2000	107	409	516		2000	56	358	414
	2001	93	366	459		2001	52	271	323
	2002	95	409	504		2002	28	229	257
	2003	88	385	473		2003	47	246	293
	2004	125	380	505		2004	68	297	365
2005	655	680	1,335	2005	303	457	760		
2006	2,524	3,045	5,569	2006	999	1,634	2,633		
2007	2,956	4,211	7,167	2007	1,067	2,557	3,624		
Sexual offences	1997	13	93	106	Motoring offences	1997	15	41	56
	1998	10	101	111		1998	15	35	50
	1999	5	85	90		1999	10	36	46
	2000	2	80	82		2000	22	26	48
	2001	5	71	76		2001	13	36	49
	2002	8	50	58		2002	20	45	65
	2003	5	73	78		2003	9	42	51
	2004	10	54	64		2004	17	39	56
2005	29	90	119	2005	96	75	171		
2006	77	219	296	2006	361	407	768		
2007	99	340	439	2007	361	512	873		
Burglary	1997	25	111	136	Total indictable offences	1997	578	2,245	2,823
	1998	28	135	163		1998	648	2,186	2,834
	1999	31	119	150		1999	576	1,971	2,547
	2000	23	107	130		2000	576	1,877	2,453
	2001	13	87	100		2001	534	1,605	2,139
	2002	21	85	106		2002	475	1,488	1,963
	2003	39	82	121		2003	513	1,542	2,055
	2004	29	65	94		2004	604	1,539	2,143
2005	251	157	408	2005	3,074	2,536	5,610		
2006	911	841	1,752	2006	10,877	9,922	20,799		
2007	1,074	1,331	2,405	2007	12,477	14,777	27,254		
Robbery	1997	0	9	9	Summary offences (excluding motoring)	1997	180	16	196
	1998	0	16	16		1998	184	16	200
	1999	0	36	36		1999	213	23	236
	2000	0	31	31		2000	225	23	248
	2001	0	31	31		2001	236	23	259
	2002	0	26	26		2002	200	16	216
	2003	0	35	35		2003	253	11	264
	2004	0	33	33		2004	306	14	320
2005	0	60	60	2005	1,479	36	1,515		
2006	3	261	264	2006	5,784	257	6,041		
2007	5	447	452	2007	6,912	354	7,266		
Theft and handling stolen goods	1997	240	375	615	Summary motoring offences	1997	467	5	472
	1998	237	318	555		1998	412	2	414
	1999	227	272	499		1999	370	8	378
	2000	188	215	403		2000	370	1	371
	2001	202	173	375		2001	352	5	357
	2002	167	175	342		2002	338	2	340
	2003	194	175	369		2003	393	5	398
	2004	196	147	343		2004	390	2	392
2005	1,259	243	1,502	2005	2,528	13	2,541		
2006	4,380	1,174	5,554	2006	6,613	56	6,669		
2007	5,015	1,685	6,700	2007	6,082	86	6,168		
Fraud and forgery	1997	82	355	437	Total summary offences	1997	647	21	668
	1998	118	295	413		1998	596	18	614
	1999	114	312	426		1999	583	31	614
	2000	121	332	453		2000	595	24	619
	2001	108	295	403		2001	588	28	616
	2002	101	229	330		2002	538	18	556
	2003	92	221	313		2003	646	16	662
	2004	111	265	376		2004	696	16	712
2005	266	354	620	2005	4,007	49	4,056		
2006	847	840	1,687	2006	12,397	313	12,710		
2007	950	1,441	2,391	2007	12,994	440	13,434		
Criminal damage	1997	12	32	44	All offences	1997	1,225	2,266	3,491
	1998	18	42	60		1998	1,244	2,204	3,448
	1999	13	36	49		1999	1,159	2,002	3,161
	2000	12	30	42		2000	1,171	1,901	3,072
	2001	10	38	48		2001	1,122	1,633	2,755
	2002	6	24	30		2002	1,013	1,506	2,519
	2003	14	32	46		2003	1,159	1,558	2,717
	2004	11	42	53		2004	1,300	1,555	2,855
2005	62	57	119	2005	7,081	2,585	9,666		
2006	230	198	428	2006	23,274	10,235	33,509		
2007	265	260	525	2007	25,471	15,217	40,688		
Drug offences	1997	27	378	405					
	1998	46	396	442					
	1999	29	315	344					
	2000	45	289	334					
	2001	38	237	275					
	2002	29	216	245					
	2003	25	251	276					
	2004	37	217	254					
2005	153	363	516						
2006	545	1,303	1,848						
2007	685	1,993	2,678						

¹ Fully suspended sentence for offences committed prior to 4 April 2005, suspended sentence order from 4 April 2005.

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Table 2.23 Percentage of persons sentenced to suspended sentence order by offence group and type of court, 1997-2007

England and Wales				Number of persons					
Offence group and year	Suspended sentence order ⁽¹⁾			Offence group and year	Suspended sentence order ⁽¹⁾				
	Magistrates' courts	The Crown Court	All courts		Magistrates' courts	The Crown Court	All courts		
Violence against the person	1997	0.5	3.7	1.7	Other (excluding motoring offences)	1997	0.2	3.6	0.9
	1998	0.5	3.6	1.6		1998	0.1	3.5	0.9
	1999	0.4	3.2	1.5		1999	0.1	3.4	0.8
	2000	0.5	3.1	1.5		2000	0.2	3.6	1.0
	2001	0.4	2.7	1.3		2001	0.2	2.8	0.8
	2002	0.4	2.8	1.3		2002	0.1	2.3	0.6
	2003	0.4	2.6	1.2		2003	0.1	2.3	0.6
	2004	0.5	2.5	1.3		2004	0.2	2.7	0.7
	2005	2.6	4.3	3.3		2005	0.8	4.1	1.5
	2006	10.0	18.2	13.3		2006	2.6	15.1	5.4
2007	12.0	24.1	17.0	2007	3.2	23.4	8.2		
Sexual offences	1997	1.1	2.9	2.4	Motoring offences	1997	0.2	2.1	0.6
	1998	0.9	2.9	2.4		1998	0.2	2.0	0.6
	1999	0.5	2.5	2.1		1999	0.2	2.1	0.6
	2000	0.2	2.6	2.1		2000	0.4	1.6	0.6
	2001	0.5	2.4	1.9		2001	0.2	2.0	0.6
	2002	0.6	1.6	1.3		2002	0.3	1.9	0.8
	2003	0.4	2.4	1.8		2003	0.1	1.7	0.6
	2004	0.7	1.6	1.3		2004	0.3	1.4	0.7
	2005	2.2	2.6	2.5		2005	2.2	3.2	2.5
	2006	5.9	6.0	6.0		2006	9.4	18.0	12.5
2007	7.6	9.1	8.7	2007	10.9	23.9	16.0		
Burglary	1997	0.1	0.8	0.4	Total indictable offences	1997	0.2	2.9	0.9
	1998	0.2	1.0	0.5		1998	0.2	2.8	0.8
	1999	0.2	0.9	0.5		1999	0.2	2.7	0.7
	2000	0.2	0.9	0.5		2000	0.2	2.6	0.8
	2001	0.1	0.8	0.4		2001	0.2	2.3	0.7
	2002	0.1	0.7	0.4		2002	0.2	2.0	0.6
	2003	0.3	0.7	0.5		2003	0.2	2.1	0.6
	2004	0.2	0.6	0.4		2004	0.2	2.1	0.7
	2005	1.9	1.7	1.8		2005	1.3	3.5	1.8
	2006	6.5	9.8	7.7		2006	4.8	13.7	6.9
2007	7.3	15.1	10.2	2007	5.3	19.3	8.7		
Robbery	1997	:	0.2	0.2	Summary offences (excluding motoring)	1997	0.0	0.7	0.0
	1998	:	0.4	0.3		1998	0.0	0.7	0.0
	1999	:	0.8	0.6		1999	0.0	1.0	0.1
	2000	:	0.7	0.5		2000	0.0	0.9	0.1
	2001	:	0.6	0.5		2001	0.1	0.9	0.1
	2002	:	0.4	0.3		2002	0.0	0.7	0.0
	2003	:	0.6	0.5		2003	0.1	0.4	0.1
	2004	:	0.6	0.4		2004	0.1	0.5	0.1
	2005	:	1.2	0.8		2005	0.3	1.3	0.3
	2006	0.1	5.0	3.2		2006	1.2	8.1	1.2
2007	0.1	8.2	5.1	2007	1.4	9.6	1.5		
Theft and handling stolen goods	1997	0.2	2.9	0.5	Summary motoring offences	1997	0.1	0.7	0.1
	1998	0.2	2.7	0.4		1998	0.1	0.2	0.1
	1999	0.2	2.6	0.4		1999	0.1	0.9	0.1
	2000	0.2	2.2	0.3		2000	0.1	0.1	0.1
	2001	0.2	1.9	0.3		2001	0.1	0.6	0.1
	2002	0.1	1.9	0.3		2002	0.1	0.2	0.1
	2003	0.2	2.0	0.3		2003	0.1	0.6	0.1
	2004	0.2	1.8	0.3		2004	0.1	0.3	0.1
	2005	1.3	3.1	1.5		2005	0.4	1.8	0.4
	2006	4.8	14.9	5.6		2006	1.1	8.3	1.1
2007	5.2	20.7	6.4	2007	1.0	8.7	1.0		
Fraud and forgery	1997	0.6	8.4	2.6	Total summary offences	1997	0.1	0.7	0.1
	1998	0.8	7.0	2.1		1998	0.1	0.6	0.1
	1999	0.7	7.9	2.1		1999	0.1	1.0	0.1
	2000	0.8	9.0	2.4		2000	0.1	0.7	0.1
	2001	0.7	8.2	2.2		2001	0.1	0.9	0.1
	2002	0.7	6.3	1.8		2002	0.1	0.6	0.1
	2003	0.6	6.2	1.7		2003	0.1	0.5	0.1
	2004	0.8	6.7	2.1		2004	0.1	0.5	0.1
	2005	2.0	6.7	3.4		2005	0.3	1.4	0.3
	2006	6.7	14.7	9.2		2006	1.1	8.1	1.1
2007	7.4	20.6	12.0	2007	1.2	9.4	1.2		
Criminal damage	1997	0.1	2.0	0.4	All offences	1997	0.1	2.9	0.3
	1998	0.2	2.3	0.6		1998	0.1	2.7	0.2
	1999	0.1	2.1	0.5		1999	0.1	2.6	0.2
	2000	0.1	1.8	0.4		2000	0.1	2.6	0.2
	2001	0.1	2.3	0.5		2001	0.1	2.3	0.2
	2002	0.1	1.4	0.3		2002	0.1	2.0	0.2
	2003	0.1	1.9	0.4		2003	0.1	2.1	0.2
	2004	0.1	2.3	0.5		2004	0.1	2.0	0.2
	2005	0.6	3.4	1.0		2005	0.5	3.4	0.7
	2006	2.1	12.1	3.4		2006	1.7	13.4	2.4
2007	2.5	16.0	4.3	2007	1.9	18.7	2.9		
Drug offences	1997	0.1	3.4	1.0					
	1998	0.1	3.3	0.9					
	1999	0.1	2.8	0.7					
	2000	0.1	2.7	0.7					
	2001	0.1	2.2	0.6					
	2002	0.1	2.1	0.5					
	2003	0.1	2.4	0.5					
	2004	0.1	2.1	0.6					
	2005	0.5	3.5	1.3					
	2006	1.9	12.8	4.7					
2007	2.1	17.5	6.0						

¹ Fully suspended sentence for offences committed prior to 4 April 2005, suspended sentence order from 4 April 2005.

0.0 - less than 0.1 per cent

Chapter 3. Community sentences

The main types of community sentence used in 2007 were the community order for adults and the referral order and supervision order for juveniles. The community order was introduced by the Criminal Justice Act 2003 and came into force for offences committed on or after 4 April 2005. As part of the reform of sentences, the various kinds of community order previously available for adults have been replaced by this single generic community order with a range of possible requirements⁵. Courts are able to choose different elements to make up a bespoke community order, which is relevant to that particular offender and the crime(s) they committed. See Appendix 1 for more details.

Table 3 (i): Persons given community sentences and community sentence rate at all courts, 2007 and percentage change from 2006

	Number of community sentences and percentage change from 2006	Community sentence rate and percentage point change from 2006
Males all ages	165,807 2.7	14.8 0.6
Females all ages	30,617 4.2	10.6 -
All persons 10-17	66,007 7.3	67.8 2.2
All persons 18-20	25,314 1.7	18.0 0.6
All persons 21+	105,103 0.6	9.0 0.1
All ages	196,424 2.9	14.0 0.5

- No change

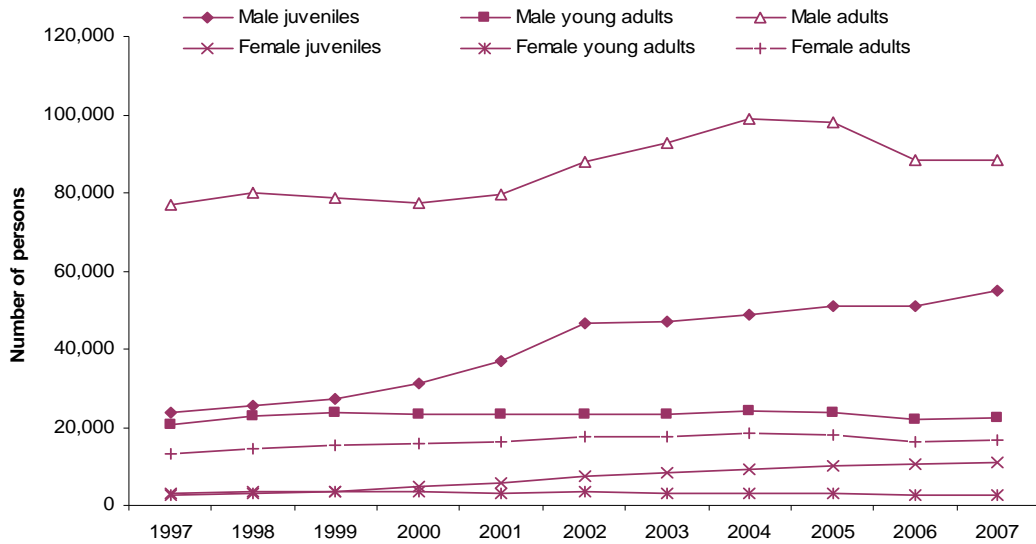
All offences

- The total number of community sentences at all courts was 196,400 in 2007, 2.9 per cent higher than in 2006, and 40.3 per cent higher than 1997, although lower than in 2004 and 2005.
- Within the total there were 126,900 community orders (65 per cent), 32,100 referral orders (16 per cent) and 12,000 supervision orders (six per cent).

⁵ The statistics in this publication are based on the first (or principal) disposal. We do not publish information on the requirements that are given with a community sentence. For information on the requirements given, see Offender Management Caseload Statistics (see Appendix 5 for details).

- The community sentence rate was 14.0 per cent, the highest in the last decade.
- The number of community sentences increased less for male offenders (up 2.7 per cent) than for female offenders (up 4.2 per cent), between 2006 and 2007. There were larger increases for younger offenders: up 7.3 per cent for juveniles, 1.8 per cent for 18-20 year olds and up 0.6 per cent for those aged 21 or over. The community sentence rate is much higher for juveniles (67.8 per cent in 2007) than for other age groups (18.0 per cent for 18-20 year olds, 9.0 per cent for those aged 21 or over).
- Magistrates' courts used more community sentences, partly reflecting that most juveniles are sentenced there. Magistrates' courts accounted for 181,600 community sentences, 92 per cent of those given in 2007. The 2007 total was 4.6 per cent higher than in 2006, 54.1 per cent higher than in 1997 and close to the peak figure of 181,800 in 2005. The community sentence rate was 13.7 per cent, the highest figure in the last decade.
- The Crown Court used fewer community sentences. At the Crown Court, the number of community sentences dropped 14.0 per cent from 17,200 in 2006 to 14,800 in 2007 and is the lowest number this decade. The community sentence rate was 18.2 per cent, down from 22.5 per cent in 2006 and the lowest rate in the last decade.
- In 2007, the largest volumes of community sentences were given for summary non-motoring offences (65,200, 13 per cent of those sentenced for these offences), theft and handling stolen goods (40,200, 38 per cent), summary motoring offences (26,100, 4 per cent) and violence against the person (16,100, 38 per cent). Much of the increase since 1997 was in summary non-motoring offences where the number of community sentences has increased by 175 per cent from 23,700 to 65,200 and the community sentence rate has increased from 6 per cent to 13 per cent.

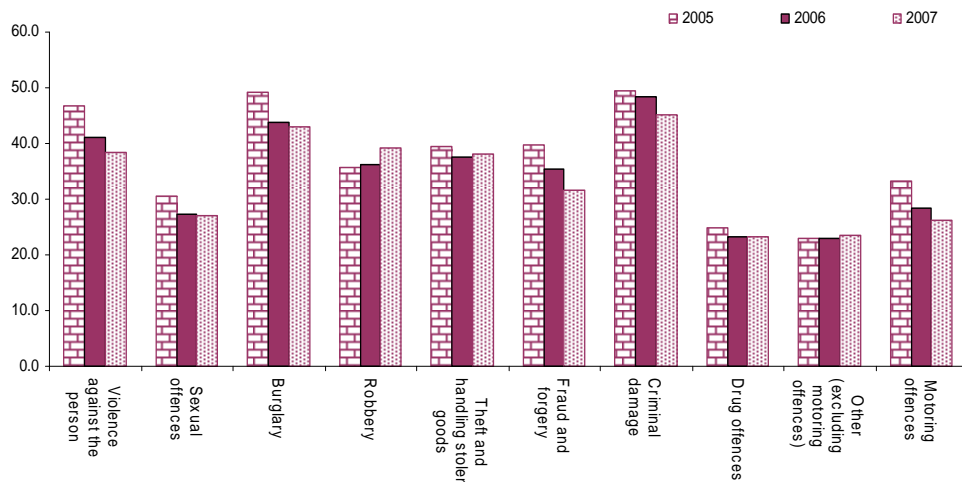
Figure 3.1: Number of community sentences at all courts by age and sex, 1997-2007



Indictable offences

- Indictable offences accounted for 105,100 community sentences, just over half of those given in 2007. The number was 2.1 per cent up on 2006 and 16.2 per cent up on 1997 but there were higher numbers in 2002-2005 with a peak of 111,800 in 2004.
- The community sentence rate was 33.8 per cent in 2007, down from 34.2 per cent in 2006 and lower than in 2004 and 2005.

Figure 3.2: Community sentence rate for indictable offences at all courts, 2005-2007



Sentencing Statistics, 2007 England and Wales

Table 3.1 Persons sentenced to community sentences at magistrates' courts by type of community sentence, 1997-2007

England and Wales		Number of persons and percentages									
Type of community sentence	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
All offences											
Total persons sentenced	1,293,961	1,376,514	1,320,751	1,339,986	1,266,634	1,334,439	1,403,921	1,460,707	1,397,675	1,336,501	1,325,453
Percentage given community sentences (%)	9.1	9.2	9.9	10.1	11.5	12.4	12.0	12.3	13.0	13.0	13.7
Community sentences:											
Community rehabilitation order ⁽¹⁾	46,175	49,816	50,635	49,366	50,967	56,010	55,269	53,407	28,229	3,004	2,055
Supervision order	10,430	11,567	11,821	10,872	10,526	9,845	9,421	9,696	10,208	10,850	11,589
Community punishment order ⁽¹⁾	37,502	39,462	41,128	41,725	41,859	42,503	41,942	45,613	27,919	4,453	2,297
Attendance centre order	7,549	7,984	8,612	6,985	5,778	4,007	3,275	3,421	3,300	3,162	3,451
Community punishment and rehabilitation order ⁽¹⁾	15,746	17,260	17,292	16,045	13,091	12,733	12,066	12,703	8,272	1,747	1,407
Curfew order	413	945	1,489	2,426	3,615	5,794	8,927	14,260	11,486	6,235	6,348
Reparation order	:	:(4)	:(4)	3,975	7,949	4,987	3,106	3,075	3,211	3,738	4,052
Action plan order	:	:(4)	:(4)	4,318	8,577	6,120	4,326	4,467	4,813	4,845	4,844
Drug treatment and testing order	:	:(4)	:(4)	220	3,107	3,657	4,586	5,932	3,436	157	25
Referral order ⁽²⁾	:	:	:	:(4)	:(4)	19,208	25,669	27,565	29,958	30,070	32,142
Community order ⁽³⁾	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	51,012	105,344	113,397
Total community sentences	117,815	127,034	130,977	135,932	145,469	164,864	168,587	180,139	181,844	173,605	181,607
Indictable offences											
Total persons sentenced	241,021	262,613	266,452	253,961	253,195	262,653	259,895	243,152	233,450	228,892	234,541
Percentage given community sentences (%)	28.7	28.8	29.3	31.3	33.1	34.4	33.8	37.1	38.8	38.0	39.1
Community sentences:											
Community rehabilitation order ⁽¹⁾	27,876	30,435	31,559	30,550	30,890	32,654	29,589	26,082	13,509	1,777	1,302
Supervision order	7,930	8,651	8,387	7,385	7,157	6,379	5,815	5,876	6,145	6,707	7,206
Community punishment order ⁽¹⁾	19,813	21,654	22,519	22,182	20,861	20,157	18,879	19,364	12,616	2,519	1,317
Attendance centre order	5,383	5,449	5,714	4,391	3,525	2,268	1,800	1,863	1,717	1,701	1,806
Community punishment and rehabilitation order ⁽¹⁾	8,021	9,005	9,087	8,295	6,506	5,866	5,225	5,357	3,705	1,156	966
Curfew order	251	530	824	1,334	2,001	3,128	4,585	7,449	6,336	3,687	3,800
Reparation order	:	(4)	(4)	2,253	4,352	2,556	1,457	1,400	1,448	1,719	1,865
Action plan order	:	(4)	(4)	2,839	5,520	3,562	2,440	2,415	2,530	2,463	2,462
Drug treatment and testing order	:	(4)	(4)	200	2,873	3,308	4,067	5,250	2,989	124	17
Referral order ⁽²⁾	:	:	:	(4)	(4)	10,394	13,877	15,153	16,594	16,372	17,725
Community order ⁽³⁾	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	22,995	48,661	53,144
Total community sentences	69,274	75,724	78,090	79,429	83,685	90,272	87,734	90,209	90,584	86,886	91,610

¹ Some community sentences were renamed in April 2001. Community rehabilitation order was previously probation order, community punishment order was previously community service order and community punishment and rehabilitation order was previously combination order.

² Referral orders were introduced nationally on 1 April 2002. The figures include extensions of referral orders (retrospectively for 2002 - 2004).

³ The community order was introduced on 4 April 2005 and applies to offences committed on or after that date.

⁴ Numbers of reparation, action plan and drug treatment and testing orders given in pilot areas in 1998 and 1999 are included under 'Otherwise dealt with' in Chapter 4 as are referral orders given in pilot areas in 2000 and 2001.

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Table 3.2 Persons sentenced to community sentences at the Crown Court by type of community sentence, 1997-2007

England and Wales		Number of persons and percentages										
Type of community sentence	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	
All offences												
Total persons sentenced	79,417	80,262	77,035	74,202	71,888	76,065	75,891	76,119	75,600	76,439	81,335	
Percentage given community sentences (%)	27.9	27.9	26.8	26.4	27.2	28.5	30.4	30.0	29.6	22.5	18.2	
Community sentences:												
Community rehabilitation order ⁽¹⁾	7,917	8,345	7,733	7,093	7,980	7,771	7,933	7,254	5,354	850	227	
Supervision order	819	867	858	684	557	657	449	423	392	346	363	
Community punishment order ⁽¹⁾	9,621	9,104	8,469	8,258	7,905	8,288	8,440	8,273	6,889	1,379	244	
Attendance centre order	91	81	67	56	46	24	8	11	5	7	4	
Community punishment and rehabilitation order ⁽¹⁾	3,714	3,923	3,441	3,196	1,571	2,751	3,093	3,269	2,540	521	181	
Curfew order	13	34	88	171	248	472	672	882	643	276	246	
Reparation order	:	:(3)	:(3)	9	26	17	5	12	6	7	3	
Action plan order	:	:(3)	:(3)	38	73	61	22	19	19	22	21	
Drug treatment and testing order	:	:(3)	:(3)	101	1,122	1,615	2,472	2,664	2,105	149	13	
Community order ⁽³⁾	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	4,450	13,675	13,515	
Total community sentences	22,175	22,354	20,656	19,606	19,528	21,656	23,094	22,807	22,403	17,232	14,817	
Indictable offences												
Total of persons sentenced	76,509	77,023	73,852	70,921	68,671	72,870	72,571	72,654	72,052	72,596	76,650	
Percentage given community sentences (%)	27.7	27.7	26.6	26.1	26.8	28.1	30.2	29.7	29.3	22.2	17.7	
Community sentences:												
Community rehabilitation order ⁽¹⁾	7,578	7,970	7,361	6,698	7,509	7,337	7,502	6,853	5,039	815	221	
Supervision order	798	848	837	662	543	636	432	410	376	335	352	
Community punishment order ⁽¹⁾	9,108	8,592	8,000	7,759	7,360	7,784	7,950	7,762	6,511	1,321	234	
Attendance centre order	84	72	62	49	39	18	7	10	4	7	4	
Community punishment and rehabilitation order ⁽¹⁾	3,603	3,791	3,316	3,057	1,517	2,654	2,972	3,117	2,422	506	174	
Curfew order	12	32	82	156	230	429	635	814	608	266	228	
Reparation order	:	:(3)	:(3)	8	24	14	5	9	5	7	3	
Action plan order	:	:(3)	:(3)	34	62	54	18	16	16	18	20	
Drug treatment and testing order	:	:(3)	:(3)	96	1,094	1,570	2,393	2,584	2,048	147	13	
Community order ⁽²⁾	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	4,111	12,663	12,283	
Total community sentences	21,183	21,305	19,658	18,519	18,378	20,496	21,914	21,575	21,140	16,085	13,532	

¹ Some community sentences were renamed in April 2001. Community rehabilitation order was previously probation order, community punishment order was previously community service order and community punishment and rehabilitation order was previously combination order.

² The community order was introduced on 4 April 2005 and applies to offences committed on or after that date.

³ Numbers of reparation, action plan and drug treatment and testing orders given in pilot areas in 1998 and 1999 are included under 'Otherwise dealt with' in Chapter 4.

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Table 3.3 Persons sentenced to community sentences at all courts by type of community sentence, 1997-2007

England and Wales		Number of persons and percentages									
Type of community sentence	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
All offences											
Total persons sentenced	1,373,378	1,456,776	1,397,786	1,414,188	1,338,522	1,410,504	1,479,812	1,536,826	1,473,275	1,412,940	1,406,788
Percentage given community sentences (%)	10.2	10.3	10.8	11.0	12.3	13.2	13.0	13.2	13.9	13.5	14.0
Community sentences:											
Community rehabilitation order ⁽¹⁾	54,092	58,161	58,368	56,459	58,947	63,781	63,202	60,661	33,583	3,854	2,282
Supervision order	11,249	12,434	12,679	11,556	11,083	10,502	9,870	10,119	10,600	11,196	11,952
Community punishment order ⁽¹⁾	47,123	48,566	49,597	49,983	49,764	50,791	50,382	53,886	34,808	5,832	2,541
Attendance centre order	7,640	8,065	8,679	7,041	5,824	4,031	3,283	3,432	3,305	3,169	3,455
Community punishment and rehabilitation order ⁽¹⁾	19,460	21,183	20,733	19,241	14,662	15,484	15,159	15,972	10,812	2,268	1,588
Curfew order	426	979	1,577	2,597	3,863	6,266	9,599	15,142	12,129	6,511	6,594
Reparation order	:	:(4)	:(4)	3,984	7,975	5,004	3,111	3,087	3,217	3,745	4,055
Action plan order	:	:(4)	:(4)	4,356	8,650	6,181	4,348	4,486	4,832	4,867	4,865
Drug treatment and testing order	:	:(4)	:(4)	321	4,229	5,272	7,058	8,596	5,541	306	38
Referral order ⁽²⁾	:	:	:	:(4)	:(4)	19,208	25,669	27,565	29,958	30,070	32,142
Community order ⁽³⁾	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	55,462	119,019	126,912
Total community sentences	139,990	149,388	151,633	155,538	164,997	186,520	191,681	202,946	204,247	190,837	196,424
Indictable offences											
Total persons sentenced	317,530	339,636	340,304	324,882	321,866	335,523	332,466	315,806	305,502	301,488	311,191
Percentage given community sentences (%)	28.5	28.6	28.7	30.1	31.7	33.0	33.0	35.4	36.6	34.2	33.8
Community sentences:											
Community rehabilitation order ⁽¹⁾	35,454	38,405	38,920	37,248	38,399	39,991	37,091	32,935	18,548	2,592	1,523
Supervision order	8,728	9,499	9,224	8,047	7,700	7,015	6,247	6,286	6,521	7,042	7,558
Community punishment order ⁽¹⁾	28,921	30,246	30,519	29,941	28,221	27,941	26,829	27,126	19,127	3,840	1,551
Attendance centre order	5,467	5,521	5,776	4,440	3,564	2,286	1,807	1,873	1,721	1,708	1,810
Community punishment and rehabilitation order ⁽¹⁾	11,624	12,796	12,403	11,352	8,023	8,520	8,197	8,474	6,127	1,662	1,140
Curfew order	263	562	906	1,490	2,231	3,557	5,220	8,263	6,944	3,953	4,028
Reparation order	:	:(4)	:(4)	2,261	4,376	2,570	1,462	1,409	1,453	1,726	1,868
Action plan order	:	:(4)	:(4)	2,873	5,582	3,616	2,458	2,431	2,546	2,481	2,482
Drug treatment and testing order	:	:(4)	:(4)	296	3,967	4,878	6,460	7,834	5,037	271	30
Referral order ⁽²⁾	:	:	:	:(4)	:(4)	10,394	13,877	15,153	16,594	16,372	17,725
Community order ⁽³⁾	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	27,106	61,324	65,427
Total community sentences	90,457	97,029	97,748	97,948	102,063	110,768	109,648	111,784	111,724	102,971	105,142

¹ Some community sentences were renamed in April 2001. Community rehabilitation order was previously probation order, community punishment order was previously community service order and community punishment and rehabilitation order was previously combination order.

² Referral orders were introduced nationally on 1 April 2002. The figures include extensions of referral orders (retrospectively for 2002 - 2004).

³ The community order was introduced on 4 April 2005 and applies to offences committed on or after that date.

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Table 3.4 Persons sentenced to community sentences and community sentence rate by age and sex, 1997-2007

England and Wales		Number of persons and percentages										
Sex and age		1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Males												
Aged 10-17	Total number sentenced	69,647	75,496	79,262	80,570	84,087	83,186	80,838	83,413	82,465	80,136	82,619
	Number given community sentences	23,619	25,640	27,076	31,353	37,117	46,677	46,975	48,983	51,005	51,163	54,873
	<i>Percentage given community sentences (%)</i>	33.9	34.0	34.2	38.9	44.1	56.1	58.1	58.7	61.9	63.8	66.4
Aged 18-20	Total number sentenced	139,129	147,868	147,003	142,824	139,919	140,914	143,365	137,732	127,302	123,660	120,770
	Number given community sentences	20,714	22,730	23,557	23,101	23,115	23,443	23,491	24,260	23,676	22,089	22,462
	<i>Percentage given community sentences (%)</i>	14.9	15.4	16.0	16.2	16.5	16.6	16.4	17.6	18.6	17.9	18.6
Aged 21 and over	Total number sentenced	947,616	997,918	951,514	934,704	877,019	927,809	994,992	1,036,196	980,894	931,432	913,894
	Number given community sentences	76,877	79,966	78,831	77,459	79,646	87,962	92,670	98,923	98,178	88,192	88,472
	<i>Percentage given community sentences (%)</i>	8.1	8.0	8.3	8.3	9.1	9.5	9.3	9.5	10.0	9.5	9.7
All ages	Total number sentenced	1,156,392	1,221,282	1,177,779	1,158,098	1,101,025	1,151,909	1,219,195	1,257,341	1,190,661	1,135,228	1,117,283
	Number given community sentences	121,210	128,336	129,464	131,913	139,878	158,082	163,136	172,166	172,859	161,444	165,807
	<i>Percentage given community sentences (%)</i>	10.5	10.5	11.0	11.4	12.7	13.7	13.4	13.7	14.5	14.2	14.8
Females												
Aged 10-17	Total number sentenced	9,445	10,798	10,898	10,910	11,398	11,362	11,693	12,775	13,738	13,670	14,768
	Number given community sentences	2,911	3,301	3,547	4,619	5,742	7,510	8,138	9,156	10,101	10,335	11,134
	<i>Percentage given community sentences (%)</i>	30.8	30.6	32.5	42.3	50.4	66.1	69.6	71.7	73.5	75.6	75.4
Aged 18-20	Total number sentenced	17,330	19,254	18,409	19,266	17,988	18,470	18,702	18,667	18,749	19,034	19,506
	Number given community sentences	2,681	3,109	3,377	3,398	3,253	3,300	2,989	3,213	3,080	2,790	2,852
	<i>Percentage given community sentences (%)</i>	15.5	16.1	18.3	17.6	18.1	17.9	16.0	17.2	16.4	14.7	14.6
Aged 21 and over	Total number sentenced	190,211	205,442	190,700	225,914	208,111	228,762	230,222	248,043	250,127	245,008	255,231
	Number given community sentences	13,188	14,642	15,245	15,608	16,124	17,628	17,418	18,411	18,207	16,268	16,631
	<i>Percentage given community sentences (%)</i>	6.9	7.1	8.0	6.9	7.7	7.7	7.6	7.4	7.3	6.6	6.5
All ages	Total number sentenced	216,986	235,494	220,007	256,090	237,497	258,594	260,617	279,485	282,614	277,712	289,505
	Number given community sentences	18,780	21,052	22,169	23,625	25,119	28,438	28,545	30,780	31,388	29,393	30,617
	<i>Percentage given community sentences (%)</i>	8.7	8.9	10.1	9.2	10.6	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.1	10.6	10.6
All persons												
Aged 10-17	Total number sentenced	79,092	86,294	90,160	91,480	95,485	94,548	92,531	96,188	96,203	93,806	97,387
	Number given community sentences	26,530	28,941	30,623	35,972	42,859	54,187	55,113	58,139	61,106	61,498	66,007
	<i>Percentage given community sentences (%)</i>	33.5	33.5	34.0	39.3	44.9	57.3	59.6	60.4	63.5	65.6	67.8
Aged 18-20	Total number sentenced	156,459	167,122	165,412	162,090	157,907	159,384	162,067	156,399	146,051	142,694	140,276
	Number given community sentences	23,395	25,839	26,934	26,499	26,368	26,743	26,480	27,473	26,756	24,879	25,314
	<i>Percentage given community sentences (%)</i>	15.0	15.5	16.3	16.3	16.7	16.8	16.3	17.6	18.3	17.4	18.0
Aged 21 and over	Total number sentenced	1,137,827	1,203,360	1,142,214	1,160,618	1,085,130	1,156,571	1,225,214	1,284,239	1,231,021	1,176,440	1,169,125
	Number given community sentences	90,065	94,608	94,076	93,067	95,770	105,590	110,088	117,334	116,385	104,460	105,103
	<i>Percentage given community sentences (%)</i>	7.9	7.9	8.2	8.0	8.8	9.1	9.0	9.1	9.5	8.9	9.0
All ages	Total number sentenced	1,373,378	1,456,776	1,397,786	1,414,188	1,338,522	1,410,503	1,479,812	1,536,826	1,473,275	1,412,940	1,406,788
	Number given community sentences	139,990	149,388	151,633	155,538	164,997	186,520	191,681	202,946	204,247	190,837	196,424
	<i>Percentage given community sentences (%)</i>	10.2	10.3	10.8	11.0	12.3	13.2	13.0	13.2	13.9	13.5	14.0

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Table 3.5 Persons sentenced to community sentences by offence group and type of sentence, 1997-2007

England and Wales		Community sentences											Number of persons	
Offence group and year	Community rehabilitation order ⁽¹⁾	Supervision order	Community punishment order ⁽¹⁾	Attendance centre order	Community punishment and rehabilitation order ⁽¹⁾	Curfew order	Reparation order	Action plan order	Drug treatment and testing order	Referral order ⁽²⁾	Community order ⁽³⁾	Total community sentences	Total persons sentenced	
Violence against the person	1997	3,774	1,034	4,830	829	1,822	21	:	:	:	:	12,310	34,537	
	1998	4,390	1,170	5,373	788	2,013	66	:	:	:	:	13,800	37,119	
	1999	4,321	1,118	5,341	811	2,051	94	:	:	:	:	13,736	35,983	
	2000	4,096	1,164	5,465	590	2,035	152	184	403	4	:	14,093	35,533	
	2001	4,375	1,040	5,444	509	1,519	312	378	912	64	:	14,553	35,436	
	2002	4,770	881	5,636	322	1,779	440	246	552	99	1,746	16,471	37,773	
	2003	4,912	878	5,560	229	1,804	758	151	336	99	2,270	16,997	38,031	
	2004	4,910	899	5,587	272	2,033	1,062	147	346	190	2,528	17,974	39,257	
	2005	3,259	984	4,095	217	1,559	960	131	349	131	3,005	19,029	40,754	
	2006	438	1,099	616	240	408	522	157	401	19	3,070	10,262	17,232	41,905
2007	265	1,247	268	224	284	530	164	353	3	2,966	9,803	16,107	42,076	
Sexual offences	1997	737	217	113	14	56	3	:	:	:	:	1,140	4,468	
	1998	751	242	90	12	79	2	:	:	:	:	1,176	4,590	
	1999	729	252	106	6	62	5	:	:	:	:	1,160	4,310	
	2000	645	234	103	3	61	5	4	5	:	:	1,060	3,941	
	2001	640	236	94	10	32	9	5	21	0	0	1,047	4,037	
	2002	693	218	97	1	60	16	1	17	1	103	1,207	4,373	
	2003	703	162	126	1	42	23	1	14	0	97	1,169	4,333	
	2004	762	184	145	7	66	58	4	18	4	156	1,404	4,823	
	2005	593	177	84	3	44	44	8	13	3	152	323	1,444	4,747
	2006	127	150	16	1	14	33	2	13	0	140	851	1,347	4,932
2007	43	153	5	3	7	24	1	14	0	169	947	1,366	5,054	
Burglary	1997	4,097	2,181	3,238	1,176	1,994	56	:	:	:	:	12,742	31,656	
	1998	3,946	2,235	2,891	1,054	2,050	88	:	:	:	:	12,264	31,087	
	1999	3,576	1,901	2,707	1,017	1,872	155	:	:	:	:	11,228	29,329	
	2000	3,012	1,506	2,446	634	1,542	209	277	454	56	:	10,136	26,694	
	2001	2,971	1,336	1,981	384	982	359	466	811	659	:	9,949	24,655	
	2002	3,083	1,240	1,809	190	1,086	520	258	515	1,015	1,365	11,081	26,376	
	2003	3,133	1,065	1,832	153	1,092	740	116	303	1,477	1,716	11,627	25,360	
	2004	2,569	947	1,700	152	1,111	1,052	116	292	1,692	2,008	11,639	24,133	
	2005	1,395	1,097	1,111	125	753	828	123	315	1,061	2,142	2,162	11,112	22,652
	2006	251	1,179	274	137	199	622	124	320	51	2,053	4,730	9,940	22,675
2007	172	1,167	153	138	161	664	145	294	4	2,070	5,155	10,123	23,549	
Robbery	1997	158	606	158	229	155	1	:	:	:	:	1,307	5,597	
	1998	172	622	167	193	200	2	:	:	:	:	1,356	5,562	
	1999	212	549	212	179	148	6	:	:	:	:	1,306	5,652	
	2000	163	523	211	159	161	12	34	127	2	:	1,392	5,944	
	2001	228	666	200	105	172	55	64	311	32	:	1,833	6,846	
	2002	182	518	157	37	168	151	26	108	47	321	1,715	7,731	
	2003	180	452	174	24	166	249	10	58	110	601	2,024	7,339	
	2004	185	514	175	21	164	320	9	60	106	745	2,299	7,513	
	2005	148	545	149	26	135	379	13	71	75	858	140	2,539	7,139
	2006	78	704	88	21	101	329	17	67	6	1,121	425	2,957	8,169
2007	88	787	47	28	135	359	17	87	0	1,434	488	3,470	8,862	
Theft and handling stolen goods	1997	16,634	3,245	10,278	2,347	4,019	117	:	:	:	:	36,640	118,214	
	1998	17,500	3,668	10,380	2,533	4,269	242	:	:	:	:	38,592	125,247	
	1999	18,515	3,697	10,398	2,722	4,261	402	:	:	:	:	39,995	130,648	
	2000	18,622	3,038	10,240	2,188	3,901	663	1,371	1,283	182	:	41,488	127,580	
	2001	19,117	2,845	9,609	1,784	2,773	939	2,605	2,381	2,519	:	44,572	126,410	
	2002	19,840	2,589	9,248	1,177	2,588	1,469	1,473	1,636	2,912	4,163	47,095	126,717	
	2003	17,026	2,270	8,225	904	2,184	1,986	826	1,103	3,572	5,351	43,447	118,594	
	2004	14,284	2,234	7,960	868	2,111	2,836	760	1,082	4,437	5,790	42,362	110,341	
	2005	6,720	2,166	4,963	873	1,407	2,084	856	1,172	2,414	6,285	11,926	40,866	103,318
	2006	651	2,300	797	851	303	1,094	941	1,045	94	5,782	23,088	36,947	98,646
2007	455	2,521	519	909	234	1,337	1,030	1,094	13	6,614	25,455	40,181	105,497	
Fraud and forgery	1997	2,550	110	2,814	78	903	13	:	:	:	:	6,468	16,929	
	1998	2,977	135	3,203	104	1,125	29	:	:	:	:	7,573	19,641	
	1999	3,160	159	3,700	120	1,112	49	:	:	:	:	8,300	20,200	
	2000	3,018	138	3,604	75	998	90	51	54	8	:	8,036	19,149	
	2001	2,925	123	3,449	69	729	89	79	117	130	:	7,710	18,206	
	2002	3,002	117	3,569	36	719	123	49	81	205	275	8,176	18,123	
	2003	2,485	83	3,270	38	612	197	17	58	277	312	7,349	18,051	
	2004	2,134	82	3,599	43	601	324	22	42	312	279	7,438	18,019	
	2005	1,438	96	2,993	37	448	305	17	39	212	267	1,418	7,270	18,291
	2006	333	60	1,060	29	190	161	23	37	13	239	4,334	6,479	18,332
2007	101	79	219	32	50	112	27	42	2	236	5,399	6,299	19,897	
Criminal damage	1997	1,423	608	754	259	420	14	:	:	:	:	3,478	10,425	
	1998	1,636	634	791	275	497	44	:	:	:	:	3,877	10,722	
	1999	1,441	737	835	334	487	54	:	:	:	:	3,888	10,728	
	2000	1,426	618	809	248	450	77	182	217	1	:	4,028	10,159	
	2001	1,401	620	782	178	330	95	404	423	44	:	4,277	10,526	
	2002	1,542	575	804	139	351	207	206	241	48	731	4,844	10,826	
	2003	1,529	500	813	122	320	240	130	185	68	1,092	4,999	11,112	
	2004	1,587	588	858	138	408	426	145	232	67	1,150	5,599	11,582	
	2005	959	548	602	102	320	369	124	201	51	1,258	1,141	5,675	11,502
	2006	115	688	100	108	68	248	208	211	3	1,434	2,866	6,049	12,518
2007	79	648	64	122	43	229	211	216	0	1,384	2,577	5,573	12,333	
Drug offences	1997	3,284	199	2,578	97	1,023	13	:	:	:	:	7,194	40,438	
	1998	4,102	235	2,877	157	1,218	33	:	:	:	:	8,622	48,782	
	1999	4,230	276	2,753	187	1,138	51	:	:	:	:	8,635	48,946	
	2000	3,647	290	2,652	169	977	100	55	141	33	:	8,064	44,954	
	2001	3,849	267	2,411	194	629	137	172	242	366	:	8,267	45,679	
	2002	3,652	275	2,245	168	625	208	162	203	349	916	8,803	49,015	
	2003	3,525	279	2,330	150	689	346	117	168	589	1,389	9,582	51,212	
	2004	3,085	281	2,130	148	663	482	98	155	720	1,316	9,078	39,146	
	2005	1,795	324	1,414	154	496	445	89	157	881	1,374	2,564	9,693	38,898
	2006	179	334	191	156	107	202	141	166	63	1,273	6,315	9,127	39,478
2007	123	360	85	189	68	241	160	208	5	1,530	7,327	10,296	44,500	

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Table 3.5 Persons sentenced to community sentences by offence group and type of sentence, 1997-2007 (continued)

England and Wales												Number of persons		
Offence group and year	Community sentences											Total community sentences	Total persons sentenced	
	Community rehabilitation order ⁽¹⁾	Supervision order	Community punishment order ⁽¹⁾	Attendance centre order	Community punishment and rehabilitation order ⁽¹⁾	Curfew order	Reparation order	Action plan order	Drug treatment and testing order	Referral order ⁽²⁾	Community order ⁽³⁾			
Other (excluding motoring offences)	1997	2,342	461	3,252	400	888	19	:	:	:	:	:	7,362	45,776
	1998	2,478	489	3,617	359	966	48	:	:	:	:	:	7,957	47,893
	1999	2,334	462	3,650	356	903	76	:	:	:	:	:	7,781	46,226
	2000	2,247	449	3,544	337	871	154	94	165	9	:	:	7,870	43,250
	2001	2,484	469	3,348	294	603	184	188	313	134	:	:	8,017	42,215
	2002	2,740	504	3,442	196	748	326	136	219	156	603	:	9,070	46,145
	2003	2,963	458	3,455	161	818	561	90	195	199	851	:	9,751	49,548
	2004	2,841	481	3,832	200	865	1,536	102	184	227	974	:	11,242	52,869
	2005	1,942	529	3,044	175	691	1,420	91	216	146	1,068	2,549	11,871	51,481
	2006	371	457	604	151	205	696	106	199	21	1,098	7,248	11,156	48,713
2007	178	546	167	153	135	487	110	167	3	1,195	7,156	10,297	43,968	
Motoring offences	1997	455	67	906	38	344	6	:	:	:	:	:	1,816	9,490
	1998	453	69	857	46	379	8	:	:	:	:	:	1,812	8,993
	1999	402	73	817	44	369	14	:	:	:	:	:	1,719	8,282
	2000	372	87	867	37	356	28	9	24	1	:	:	1,781	7,678
	2001	409	98	903	37	254	52	15	51	19	:	:	1,838	7,856
	2002	487	98	934	20	396	97	13	44	46	171	:	2,306	8,444
	2003	635	100	1,044	25	470	120	4	38	69	198	:	2,703	8,886
	2004	578	76	1,140	24	452	167	6	20	79	207	:	2,749	8,223
	2005	299	55	672	9	274	110	1	13	63	185	544	2,225	6,720
	2006	49	71	94	14	67	46	7	22	1	162	1,204	1,737	6,120
2007	19	50	24	12	23	45	3	7	0	127	1,120	1,430	5,455	
Total indictable offences	1997	35,454	8,728	28,921	5,467	11,624	263	:	:	:	:	:	90,457	317,530
	1998	38,405	9,499	30,246	5,521	12,796	562	:	:	:	:	:	97,029	339,636
	1999	38,920	9,224	30,519	5,776	12,403	906	:	:	:	:	:	97,748	340,304
	2000	37,248	8,047	29,941	4,440	11,352	1,490	2,261	2,873	296	:	:	97,948	324,882
	2001	38,399	7,700	28,221	3,564	8,023	2,231	4,376	5,582	3,967	:	:	102,063	321,866
	2002	39,991	7,015	27,941	2,286	8,520	3,557	2,570	3,616	4,878	10,394	:	110,768	335,523
	2003	37,091	6,247	26,829	1,807	8,197	5,220	1,462	2,458	6,460	13,877	:	109,648	332,466
	2004	32,935	6,286	27,126	1,873	8,474	8,263	1,409	2,431	7,834	15,153	:	111,784	315,806
	2005	18,548	6,521	19,127	1,721	6,127	6,944	1,453	2,546	5,037	16,594	27,106	111,724	305,502
	2006	2,592	7,042	3,840	1,708	1,662	3,953	1,726	2,481	271	16,372	61,323	102,971	301,488
2007	1,523	7,558	1,551	1,810	1,140	4,028	1,868	2,482	30	17,725	65,427	105,142	311,191	
Summary non-motoring offences	1997	8,428	2,068	8,768	2,052	2,335	70	:	:	:	:	:	23,721	414,230
	1998	9,361	2,510	8,800	2,424	2,802	218	:	:	:	:	:	26,115	460,326
	1999	9,574	2,987	9,363	2,710	2,835	305	:	:	:	:	:	27,774	431,372
	2000	9,598	2,988	10,237	2,397	2,802	552	1,584	1,324	12	:	:	31,494	488,560
	2001	10,436	2,788	10,661	2,030	2,237	913	3,262	2,650	102	:	:	35,079	440,097
	2002	11,737	2,828	10,958	1,577	2,378	1,467	2,190	2,149	127	5,820	:	41,231	485,352
	2003	12,235	2,934	10,929	1,315	2,341	2,177	1,445	1,534	203	8,254	:	43,367	491,514
	2004	13,814	3,249	12,773	1,377	2,871	3,639	1,511	1,749	301	10,146	:	51,430	520,623
	2005	9,075	3,590	9,617	1,439	2,459	3,277	1,650	2,035	255	11,257	13,375	58,029	507,149
	2006	962	3,792	1,601	1,369	447	2,049	1,896	2,179	21	11,820	33,450	59,585	493,888
2007	642	4,083	861	1,571	362	2,223	2,064	2,229	4	12,799	38,350	65,188	489,882	
Summary motoring offences	1997	10,210	453	9,434	121	5,501	93	:	:	:	:	:	25,812	641,618
	1998	10,395	425	9,520	120	5,585	199	:	:	:	:	:	26,244	656,814
	1999	9,874	468	9,715	193	5,495	366	:	:	:	:	:	26,111	626,110
	2000	9,613	521	9,805	204	5,087	555	139	159	13	:	:	26,096	600,746
	2001	10,112	595	10,882	230	4,402	719	337	418	160	:	:	27,855	576,559
	2002	12,053	659	11,892	168	4,586	1,242	244	416	267	2,994	:	34,521	589,629
	2003	13,876	689	12,624	161	4,621	2,202	204	356	395	3,538	:	38,666	655,832
	2004	13,912	584	13,987	182	4,627	3,240	167	306	461	2,266	:	39,732	700,397
	2005	5,960	489	6,064	145	2,226	1,908	114	251	249	2,107	14,981	34,494	660,624
	2006	300	362	391	92	159	509	123	207	14	1,878	24,246	28,281	617,564
2007	117	311	129	74	86	343	123	154	4	1,618	23,135	26,094	605,715	
Total summary offences	1997	18,638	2,521	18,202	2,173	7,836	163	:	:	:	:	:	49,533	1,055,848
	1998	19,756	2,935	18,320	2,544	8,387	417	:	:	:	:	:	52,359	1,119,140
	1999	19,448	3,455	19,078	2,903	8,330	671	:	:	:	:	:	53,885	1,057,482
	2000	19,211	3,509	20,042	2,601	7,889	1,107	1,723	1,483	25	:	:	57,590	1,089,306
	2001	20,548	3,383	21,543	2,260	6,639	1,632	3,599	3,068	262	:	:	62,934	1,016,656
	2002	23,790	3,487	22,850	1,745	6,964	2,709	2,434	2,565	394	8,814	:	75,752	1,074,981
	2003	26,111	3,623	23,553	1,476	6,962	4,379	1,649	1,890	598	11,792	:	82,033	1,147,346
	2004	27,726	3,833	26,760	1,559	7,498	6,879	1,678	2,055	762	12,412	:	91,162	1,221,020
	2005	15,035	4,079	15,681	1,584	4,685	5,185	1,764	2,286	504	13,364	28,356	92,523	1,167,773
	2006	1,262	4,154	1,992	1,461	606	2,558	2,019	2,386	35	13,698	57,696	87,866	1,111,452
2007	759	4,394	990	1,645	448	2,566	2,187	2,383	8	14,417	61,485	91,282	1,095,597	
All offences	1997	54,092	11,249	47,123	7,640	19,460	426	:	:	:	:	:	139,990	1,373,378
	1998	58,161	12,434	48,566	8,065	21,183	979	:	:	:	:	:	149,388	1,456,776
	1999	58,368	12,679	49,597	8,679	20,733	1,577	:	:	:	:	:	151,633	1,397,786
	2000	56,459	11,556	49,983	7,041	19,241	2,597	3,984	4,356	321	:	:	155,538	1,414,188
	2001	58,947	11,083	49,764	5,824	14,662	3,863	7,975	8,650	4,229	:	:	164,997	1,338,522
	2002	63,781	10,502	50,791	4,031	15,484	6,266	5,004	6,181	5,272	19,208	:	186,520	1,410,504
	2003	63,202	9,870	50,382	3,283	15,159	9,599	3,111	4,348	7,058	25,669	:	191,681	1,479,812
	2004	60,661	10,119	53,886	3,432	15,972	15,142	3,087	4,486	8,596	27,565	:	202,946	1,536,826
	2005	33,583	10,600	34,808	3,305	10,812	12,129	3,217	4,832	5,541	29,958	55,462	204,247	1,473,275
	2006	3,854	11,196	5,832	3,169	2,268	6,511	3,745	4,867	306	30,070	119,019	190,837	1,412,940
2007	2,282	11,952	2,541	3,455	1,588	6,594	4,055	4,865	38	32,142	126,912	196,424	1,406,788	

¹ Some community sentences were renamed in April 2001. Community rehabilitation order was previously probation order, community punishment order was previously community service order and community punishment and rehabilitation order was previously combination order.

² Referral orders were introduced nationally on 1 April 2002. The figures include extensions of referral orders.

³ The community order was introduced on 4 April 2005 and applies to offences committed on or after that date.

