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Introduction

This publication has been prepared by the Prison and Probation Statistics team, Analytical Services. It contains key statistics describing the workload of the Probation Service in England and Wales.

Full details on data quality and definitions are given in the notes at the end of the text.

All statistics quoted in this quarterly brief are provisional pending publication of the annual volume Offender Management Caseload Statistics. The most recent annual volume, covering 2006, was published in December 2007.

The main factors affecting the Probation Service caseload are:

- the number of cases passing through the courts and the number found guilty;
- the community sentence rates at the courts;
- average sentence length given;
- changes to policy and legislation.

Key points – Q1 2008 compared to Q1 2007 (unless otherwise stated)

1. Offenders starting Probation Service supervision (Tables 1 to 6)

- **The number of offenders starting court orders remained stable between Q1 2007 and Q1 2008, whilst those starting pre or post release supervision increased:**
 - Almost no change in the number starting court order supervision (46,780 compared to 46,960 in Q1 2007).
 - Use of the Community Order has remained relatively stable with between 32,000 and 33,200 offenders starting these in each of the last five quarters.
 - The number of offenders starting Suspended Sentence Orders (SSOs) increased by 9 per cent (up from 11,050 to 12,060).
 - The number of offenders starting pre or post release supervision increased by 4 per cent (up from 11,370 to 11,870).
- **Half of all Community Orders starting in Q1 2008 had just one requirement:** 51 per cent had one requirement and a further 35 per cent had two requirements; for SSOs these proportions were 38 per cent and 42 per cent respectively.
- **Stand alone unpaid work was the most common combination of requirements** accounting for almost a third of Community Orders and 19 per cent of all SSOs starting in Q1 2008 (for SSOs this was closely followed by 15 per cent with the combination of supervision with an accredited programme, and a further 14 per cent with stand alone supervision).
- **Overall, supervision was the most used requirement for Community Orders** started in Q1 2008, closely followed by unpaid work and then accredited programme. These 3 requirements accounted for 80 per cent of all requirements attached to Community Orders. They also accounted for 80 per cent of all requirements under Suspended Sentence Orders. Among other requirements, use of the Alcohol Treatment requirement increased by 45 per cent and use of Curfew by 23 per cent between Q1 2007 and Q1 2008.

2. Offender caseload (Tables 7 and 8) – 31 March 08 compared to 31 March 07

- **Slight increase in Probation Service caseload as at 31 March 2008, broadly in line with commencements:**
 - 1 per cent rise in the number of offenders supervised under a court order at the end of March 2008 (up from 148,130 to 149,280). This increase, despite the slight fall in court order commencements over the same period, can be explained by the fact that an increasingly higher proportion of those on the caseload are serving SSOs, which have a higher than average

sentence length, meaning that those offenders spend longer on the caseload.

- 3 per cent more offenders being supervised under Community Orders and 31 per cent more being supervised under SSOs.
- Total of 97,080 offenders supervised either before or after release from prison at the end of March 2008, a 6 per cent increase.

3. Terminations of court orders (Table 9)

- **More than half of Community and Suspended Sentence Orders ran their full course or were terminated early for good progress in Q1 2008:**
 - Of the 30,800 Community Orders terminated, 58 per cent had run their full course or were terminated early for good progress, compared to 32 per cent terminated for negative reasons. The equivalent percentages for SSOs were 56 and 36 respectively.

4. Court reports (Tables 10 and 11)

- **No change in the total number of court reports but continued rise in the proportion of fast delivery PSRs:**
 - A total of 57,800 court reports were prepared in Q1 2008, no overall percentage change from Q1 2007.
 - However the number of Standard PSRs fell by 10 per cent whilst Fast Delivery PSRs rose by 26 per cent.
 - The proportion of Fast Delivery PSRs (both written and oral) from the combined total of Fast Delivery and Standard PSRs rose to 37 per cent from 29 per cent in Q1 2007.
 - There has been a continued large increase in the number of oral fast delivery PSRs. Comparing Q1 2008 with the same quarter in 2007 they have increased by 83 per cent. Over the same period written fast delivery PSRs increased by 10 per cent. Most of the increase in oral fast delivery PSRs occurred in magistrates' courts.
- **The level of concordance between sentences given and proposed for the twelve months ending 31 March 2008 was highest for custodial sentences at 87 per cent, compared to 72 per cent for community sentences and 55 per cent for Suspended Sentence Orders.**

Explanatory notes

Data Quality

The data presented in this brief are drawn from the probation administrative IT systems. Although care is taken when processing and analysing the returns, the detail collected is subject to the inaccuracies inherent in any large-scale recording system. While the figures shown have been checked as far as practicable, they should be considered as approximate and not necessarily accurate to the last whole number shown in the tables. They are fit to be used for purposes of looking at trends and for comparing the relative magnitude of components.

Counting Rules

Persons starting supervision – annual (and quarterly) statistics in tables 1, 2, 3 and 5 count each person once in each year (or quarter) for each type of supervision started in the year (or quarter). But each person is counted only once in each total or sub-total even if they started several types of supervision in the year or quarter. Thus the sum of the number of persons starting each type of court order exceeds the number of those starting court orders in total. In contrast, table 4 counts each requirement once.

People supervised (caseload) – the statistics in tables 6 and 7 count each person once for each type of supervision being received at the end of the quarter. But each person is counted only once in each total or sub-total even if they were subject to several types of supervision at the end of the quarter. Thus, the sum of the numbers receiving each type of court order supervision exceeds the number receiving court supervision in total.

Terminations – the statistics count all terminations of all types of supervision in each quarter.

See Technical Appendix in Offender Management Caseload Statistics 2006 for a more detailed explanation of the counting procedures.

Definitions

PRE-SENTENCE REPORTS

Pre-sentence report (PSR)/ Standard PSR – Pre-sentence reports are written reports prepared by probation staff. PSRs provide information to the sentencing court about the offender and the offence(s) committed, and they assist the court in deciding on a suitable sentence. They should provide a full risk assessment and a proposal for sentencing that takes into account the risk of harm, the likelihood of re-offending, the nature of the offence and the suitability of the offender.

Specific sentence report (SSR) - a shortened form of pre-sentence reports, usually provided on the same day by probation staff. The report helps the sentencing court determine the offender's suitability for a specific sentence envisaged by the court. SSRs were introduced during 1999.

Fast Delivery PSR (written) – As Standard PSR, but normally completed on day of request and must be completed within 5 days. Full risk assessment not usually required.

Fast Delivery PSR (oral) – The Criminal Justice Act 2003 removed the requirement for all PSRs to be written. An oral PSR can be made when the court only requires a limited amount of information.

Deferred Sentence Reports – When a Court defers sentence to a future date and sets clear expectations for the offender's progress, a Pre-Sentence Report (i.e. a deferred sentence report) will normally be required to detail how those expectations have been fulfilled and to assist the court in determining the appropriate sentence.

Court Review Reports – In certain circumstances a court at the time of passing a community order or suspended sentence order can determine that the sentence should be reviewed periodically and would require the responsible officer to present a report (i.e. a Review Report) on the offender's progress and compliance.

PROBATION SERVICE SUPERVISION

The National Probation Service generally deals with those aged 18 years and over. (Those under 18 are mostly dealt with by Youth Offending Teams, answering to the Youth Justice Board.) The main types of supervision are:

Community Order – Single community sentence introduced by the Criminal Justice Act 2003 for offences committed on or after 4 April 2005. Designed to replace all previous adult community orders. The court must add at least one (but could potentially add all 12) of the following requirements: supervision, unpaid work, specified activities, prohibited activities, accredited programs, curfew, exclusion, residence, mental health treatment, drug rehabilitation, alcohol treatment, and attendance centre requirement for under 25s.

Suspended Sentence Order - a custodial sentence suspended for between 6 months and 2 years. During this time the court sets a number of requirements from the set of options available for the Community Order, and these are supervised by the Probation Service.

Community Rehabilitation Order (CRO) – this is of 6 months to 3 years length, for those aged 16 and over. It may have additional requirements such as residence, probation centre attendance or treatment for drug, alcohol or mental problems. CRO was formerly a Probation Order

Community Punishment Order (CPO) – is of unpaid work of 40 – 240 hours for those aged 16 and over (20 – 100 hours for fine defaulters). CPO was formerly a Community Service Order.

Community Punishment and Rehabilitation Order (CPRO) – is of 1 to 3 year probation element and 40-100 hour community punishment element for those aged 16 and over. It may have additional requirements like those of a CRO. CPRO was formerly a Combination Order.

Drug Treatment and Testing Order (DTTO) – for 6 months to 3 years for those aged 16 and over. Introduced nationally from 1 October 2000, following a pilot in a few areas from 30 December 1998.

Children and Young Persons Act 1969 (C&YP 1969) – this is a supervision order for up to 3 years for those aged under 18. It may have additional requirements similar to those of a CRO. Youth Offending Teams, not the Probation Service, have supervised these orders since 2000.

Suspended Sentence Supervision Order (SSSO) – where the Crown Court suspends the 6 month to 2 year prison sentence they may ask the Probation Service to supervise.

Money Payment Supervision Order (MPSO) – Youth and adult magistrates' courts may enforce monetary penalties by appointing a member of the Probation Service (or other person) to supervise the offender.

PRE AND POST RELEASE SUPERVISION

Prisoners released on licence are also supervised by the Probation Service both before and after their release.

All prisoners given a custodial sentence of 12 months or more serve a proportion of their sentence in custody and are then released on licence. They are supervised by probation staff before and after release from custody. In

addition, offenders with sentences of less than 12 months who are aged under 22 receive a minimum of 3 months post-release supervision, provided this does not extend beyond their 22nd birthday.

Pre-release supervision – Home supervising officers along with probation staff in prisons work jointly with prison staff on sentence planning and management, including consideration of post-release issues.

Post-release supervision – Prisoners released on licence are supervised by the Probation Service in the community. The aims of post-release supervision are to protect the public, prevent further offences and secure the rehabilitation of the offender.

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Table 1 Number of persons starting Court Order supervision by the Probation Service by sex⁽¹⁾

England and Wales

	Q1 2007	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Percentage change Q1 2008
MALES AND FEMALES						
All court orders	46,963	45,892	46,698	45,408	46,775	0
All community sentences	35,923	34,722	35,112	33,702	34,735	-3
Community order	33,165	32,389	33,032	31,988	33,045	0
CRO	444	323	243	184	172	-61
CPO ⁽²⁾	1,431	1,293	1,135	968	981	-31
CPO (breach)	406	320	281	230	322	-21
CPRO	449	373	425	335	218	-51
DTTO	39	18	11	5	7	*
C&YP 1969 ⁽³⁾	4	8	2	5	5	*
SSSO	29	26	17	15	8	*
MPSO	8	6	7	10	12	*
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	117	138	158	161	129	10
Suspended sentence order	11,057	11,150	11,565	11,693	12,051	9
Pre and post release supervision	11,370	10,756	11,451	11,478	11,872	4
MALES						
All court orders	40,234	39,075	39,642	38,452	39,701	-1
All community sentences	30,637	29,390	29,636	28,374	29,342	-4
Community order	28,273	27,370	27,799	26,839	27,822	-2
CRO	351	256	180	138	127	-64
CPO ⁽²⁾	1,233	1,126	1,022	881	901	-27
CPO (breach)	369	292	263	220	288	-22
CPRO	403	331	381	306	206	-49
DTTO	21	15	6	3	6	*
C&YP 1969 ⁽³⁾	4	6	2	5	5	*
SSSO	22	18	13	9	7	*
MPSO	7	5	5	9	9	*
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	96	111	131	127	104	8
Suspended sentence order	9,621	9,682	9,991	10,077	10,372	8
Pre and post release supervision	10,606	9,983	10,644	10,640	10,991	4
FEMALES						
All court orders	6,729	6,817	7,056	6,956	7,074	5
All community sentences	5,286	5,332	5,476	5,328	5,393	2
Community order	4,892	5,019	5,233	5,149	5,223	7
CRO	93	67	63	46	45	*
CPO ⁽²⁾	198	167	113	87	80	-60
CPO (breach)	37	28	18	10	34	*
CPRO	46	42	44	29	12	*
DTTO	18	3	5	2	1	*
C&YP 1969 ⁽³⁾	0	2	0	0	0	*
SSSO	7	8	4	6	1	*
MPSO	1	1	2	1	3	*
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	21	27	27	34	25	*
Suspended sentence order	1,436	1,468	1,574	1,616	1,679	17
Pre and post release supervision	764	773	807	838	881	15

(1) Each person is counted only once in the total even if they started several types of supervision in the year.

(2) Includes CPOs for persistent petty offending and CPOs for fine default.

(3) Transfer of responsibility for supervision of offenders aged 16 to 17 to Youth Offending Teams began in 2000.

* Indicates that one or more of the comparative numbers are less than 50. For small numbers this could give misleading percentage changes.

Data Sources and Quality

These figures have been drawn from administrative IT systems which, as with any large scale recording system, are subject to possible errors with data entry and processing.

Table 2 Number of persons starting Community Order and Suspended Sentence Order supervision by number of requirements

England and Wales

	Q1 2007	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Percentage change Q1 2008
Community Orders	33,165	32,389	33,032	31,988	33,045	<i>0</i>
1	16,035	16,057	16,243	15,906	16,778	<i>5</i>
2	11,521	11,210	11,599	11,170	11,501	<i>0</i>
3	4,725	4,356	4,456	4,171	4,108	<i>-13</i>
4	788	667	642	642	569	<i>-28</i>
5 or more	96	99	92	99	89	<i>-7</i>
% Breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
1	48	50	49	50	51	
2	35	35	35	35	35	
3	14	13	13	13	12	
4	2	2	2	2	2	
5 or more	0	0	0	0	0	
Average (mean)	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	
Suspended Sentence Orders	11,057	11,150	11,565	11,693	12,051	<i>9</i>
1	4,016	4,171	4,195	4,333	4,544	<i>13</i>
2	4,577	4,631	4,933	4,872	5,059	<i>11</i>
3	2,094	1,968	2,067	2,115	2,091	<i>0</i>
4	313	337	325	323	320	<i>2</i>
5 or more	57	43	45	50	37	<i>*</i>
% Breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
1	36	37	36	37	38	
2	41	42	43	42	42	
3	19	18	18	18	17	
4	3	3	3	3	3	
5 or more	1	0	0	0	0	
Average (mean)	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	

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Table 3 Most frequently used combinations of requirements for Community Orders and Suspended Sentence Orders

England and Wales

	Q1 2007	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Percentage change Q1 2008
Community Orders	33,165	32,389	33,032	31,988	33,045	<i>0</i>
Unpaid Work	10,371	10,251	10,274	10,031	10,660	<i>3</i>
Supervision	4,368	4,509	4,665	4,355	4,338	<i>-1</i>
Supervision & Accredited Programme	4,053	3,696	3,811	3,569	3,603	<i>-11</i>
Supervision & Unpaid Work	2,478	2,661	2,467	2,383	2,376	<i>-4</i>
Supervision & Drug Treatment	1,608	1,672	1,705	1,686	1,848	<i>15</i>
Curfew	960	939	977	1,172	1,407	<i>47</i>
Supervision, Unpaid Work & Accredited Programme	1,611	1,463	1,366	1,241	1,144	<i>-29</i>
Unpaid Work & Unpaid Work ⁽¹⁾	805	763	849	823	720	<i>-11</i>
Supervision & Specified Activity	712	602	688	605	649	<i>-9</i>
Supervision, Accredited Programme & Drug Treatment	764	650	661	586	535	<i>-30</i>
All other combinations of requirements	5,435	5,183	5,569	5,537	5,765	<i>6</i>
Suspended Sentence Orders	11,057	11,150	11,565	11,693	12,051	<i>9</i>
Unpaid Work	1,824	1,940	2,020	2,102	2,311	<i>27</i>
Supervision & Accredited Programme	1,881	1,864	1,905	1,867	1,798	<i>-4</i>
Supervision	1,658	1,724	1,677	1,685	1,632	<i>-2</i>
Supervision & Unpaid Work	1,169	1,256	1,278	1,227	1,326	<i>13</i>
Supervision, Unpaid Work & Accredited Programme	791	732	746	712	741	<i>-6</i>
Supervision & Drug Treatment	498	485	540	579	652	<i>31</i>
Curfew	228	223	252	300	342	<i>50</i>
Supervision & Curfew	235	218	299	288	311	<i>32</i>
Supervision, Accredited Programme & Drug Treatment	299	244	240	254	231	<i>-23</i>
Supervision & Specified Activity	209	177	189	175	180	<i>-14</i>
All other combinations of requirements	2,265	2,287	2,419	2,504	2,527	<i>12</i>

(1) Normally a result of further unpaid work given for breach.

Data Sources and Quality

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Table 4 Number of requirements commenced under Community Orders and Suspended Sentence Orders

England and Wales						Percentage change Q1 2008
	Q1 2007	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	
Community Orders	57,176	55,014	56,152	54,155	55,167	-4
Supervision	19,936	19,428	19,848	18,826	18,957	-5
Unpaid Work	18,957	18,608	18,600	18,041	18,385	-3
Accredited Programme	8,215	7,406	7,520	6,968	6,871	-16
Drug Treatment	3,095	3,025	3,034	2,976	3,110	0
Curfew	3,008	2,877	3,159	3,428	3,700	23
Specified Activity	2,426	2,033	2,149	2,019	2,173	-10
Alcohol Treatment	658	748	892	956	957	45
Residential	222	235	231	205	208	-6
Mental Health	211	173	150	156	177	-16
Exclusion	185	201	230	231	257	39
Prohibited Activity	163	181	206	254	249	53
Attendance Centre	100	99	133	95	123	23
% breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
Supervision	35	35	35	35	34	
Unpaid Work	33	34	33	33	33	
Accredited Programme	14	13	13	13	12	
Drug Treatment	5	5	5	5	6	
Curfew	5	5	6	6	7	
Specified Activity	4	4	4	4	4	
Alcohol Treatment	1	1	2	2	2	
Residential	0	0	0	0	0	
Mental Health	0	0	0	0	0	
Exclusion	0	0	0	0	0	
Prohibited Activity	0	0	0	0	0	
Attendance Centre	0	0	0	0	0	
Suspended Sentence Orders	20,946	20,839	21,813	22,024	22,477	7
Supervision	8,359	8,342	8,623	8,645	8,672	4
Unpaid Work	4,941	5,099	5,284	5,262	5,616	14
Accredited Programme	3,900	3,710	3,803	3,782	3,665	-6
Curfew	1,222	1,179	1,424	1,559	1,629	33
Drug Treatment	1,023	970	996	1,092	1,127	10
Specified Activity	738	709	731	657	698	-5
Alcohol Treatment	282	347	405	400	438	55
Exclusion	50	55	141	159	174	248
Prohibited Activity	167	140	155	182	175	5
Residential	128	135	170	189	208	63
Mental Health	128	141	67	80	57	-55
Attendance Centre	8	12	14	17	18	*
% breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
Supervision	40	40	40	39	39	
Unpaid Work	24	24	24	24	25	
Accredited Programme	19	18	17	17	16	
Curfew	6	6	7	7	7	
Drug Treatment	5	5	5	5	5	
Specified Activity	4	3	3	3	3	
Alcohol Treatment	1	2	2	2	2	
Exclusion	0	0	1	1	1	
Prohibited Activity	1	1	1	1	1	
Residential	1	1	1	1	1	
Mental Health	1	1	0	0	0	
Attendance Centre	0	0	0	0	0	

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Data Sources and Quality

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Table 5 Number of persons starting Community Order and Suspended Sentence Order supervision by the Probation Service by area

	Community Orders						Percentage change Q1 2008	Suspended Sentence Orders						Percentage change Q1 2008
	Q1 2007	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q1 2007		Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008			
North East	2,212	2,194	2,348	2,382	2,370	7	554	640	650	741	733	32		
Durham	449	489	538	519	479	7	109	140	147	186	151	39		
Northumbria	1,143	1,151	1,230	1,275	1,256	10	260	317	339	366	380	46		
Teesside	620	554	580	588	635	2	185	183	164	189	202	9		
North West	5,604	5,413	5,498	5,067	5,202	-7	1,886	1,898	1,906	1,922	2,001	6		
Cheshire	611	632	590	530	634	4	188	219	223	223	215	14		
Cumbria	379	343	393	383	408	8	121	94	123	113	115	-5		
Lancashire	1,231	1,264	1,239	1,307	1,241	1	353	379	415	407	481	36		
Greater Manchester	2,195	2,143	2,107	1,947	2,057	-6	921	861	816	857	895	-3		
Merseyside	1,188	1,031	1,169	900	862	-27	303	345	329	322	295	-3		
Yorkshire & Humberside	4,045	3,899	3,923	3,853	3,889	-4	1,145	1,137	1,150	1,092	1,200	5		
Humberside	485	570	539	566	535	10	238	270	267	276	296	24		
North Yorkshire	452	383	387	392	410	-9	133	148	131	127	150	13		
South Yorkshire	1,116	987	1,003	964	979	-12	361	342	386	356	419	16		
West Yorkshire	1,992	1,959	1,994	1,931	1,965	-1	413	377	366	333	335	-19		
East Midlands	2,765	2,678	2,729	2,650	2,745	-1	1,012	951	986	961	1,093	8		
Derbyshire	582	579	601	562	594	2	219	226	239	197	274	25		
Leicestershire	645	576	587	540	676	5	247	223	263	233	254	3		
Lincolnshire	327	314	307	301	311	-5	159	132	110	119	146	-8		
Northamptonshire	394	386	387	392	344	-13	79	85	119	133	116	47		
Nottinghamshire	817	823	847	855	820	0	308	285	255	279	303	-2		
West Midlands	3,612	3,527	3,653	3,328	3,331	-8	1,198	1,266	1,401	1,411	1,413	18		
Staffordshire	677	631	603	565	574	-15	222	188	220	227	217	-2		
Warwickshire	286	301	332	289	293	2	66	63	60	81	83	26		
West Mercia	551	537	586	591	530	-4	196	202	231	238	198	1		
West Midlands	2,098	2,058	2,132	1,883	1,934	-8	714	813	890	865	915	28		
Eastern	2,659	2,650	2,845	2,808	2,944	11	1,062	983	1,036	1,028	1,051	-1		
Bedfordshire	265	268	285	298	324	22	99	79	99	97	91	-8		
Cambridgeshire	393	341	445	434	400	2	170	115	167	167	157	-8		
Essex	860	848	878	886	950	10	344	344	340	309	310	-10		
Hertfordshire	573	512	552	514	582	2	173	148	155	134	161	-7		
Norfolk	320	422	416	381	407	27	136	178	129	169	195	43		
Suffolk	248	259	269	295	281	13	140	119	146	152	137	-2		
London	4,333	4,160	4,123	3,966	4,086	-6	1,488	1,490	1,511	1,552	1,637	10		
South East	3,861	3,748	3,885	3,605	4,528	17	1,329	1,317	1,418	1,272	1,281	-4		
Hampshire	1048	992	1,045	1,058	1,119	7	340	315	349	316	326	-4		
Kent	755	728	750	761	833	10	315	302	348	359	301	-4		
Surrey	360	354	416	409	428	19	107	125	108	113	133	24		
Sussex	737	721	740	802	1202	63	274	248	292	298	398	45		
Thames Valley	961	953	934	951	946	-2	293	327	321	312	357	22		
South West	2,044	2,151	2,123	2,078	2,161	6	633	624	611	714	734	16		
Avon & Somerset	672	716	670	678	661	-2	187	200	179	223	213	14		
Devon & Cornwall	576	591	585	572	577	0	160	190	220	222	213	33		
Dorset	267	308	309	298	313	17	109	108	98	103	127	17		
Gloucestershire	260	305	263	310	324	25	96	70	57	88	99	3		
Wiltshire	269	231	296	220	286	6	81	56	57	78	82	1		
Wales	2,030	1,969	1,905	1,875	2,162	7	750	844	896	874	791	5		
Dyfed-Powys	268	293	238	239	253	-6	77	114	95	94	86	12		
Gwent	362	393	381	411	381	5	117	138	149	149	135	15		
North Wales	496	407	418	411	455	-8	149	139	184	152	151	1		
South Wales	904	876	868	814	1,073	19	407	453	468	479	419	3		
All areas	33,165	32,389	33,032	31,988	33,045	0	11,057	11,150	11,565	11,693	12,051	9		

Data Sources and Quality

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Table 6 Number of persons starting Community Order and Suspended Sentence Order supervision by tier

England and Wales

	Q1 2007	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Percentage change Q1 2008
Community Orders	33,165	32,389	33,032	31,988	33,045	<i>0</i>
Tier 1 (Low)	8,311	8,191	8,546	8,577	9,506	<i>14</i>
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	10,343	10,200	10,394	9,820	9,424	<i>-9</i>
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	12,076	11,771	12,024	11,610	12,145	<i>1</i>
Tier 4 (High)	1,668	1,553	1,374	1,351	1,328	<i>-20</i>
Tier not stated	767	674	694	630	642	<i>-16</i>
% Breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
Tier 1 (Low)	25	25	26	27	29	
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	31	31	31	31	29	
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	36	36	36	36	37	
Tier 4 (High)	5	5	4	4	4	
Tier not stated	2	2	2	2	2	
Suspended Sentence Orders	11,057	11,150	11,565	11,693	12,051	<i>9</i>
Tier 1 (Low)	1,421	1,505	1,651	1,707	2,096	<i>48</i>
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	3,169	3,335	3,455	3,327	3,244	<i>2</i>
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	5,327	5,253	5,400	5,618	5,731	<i>8</i>
Tier 4 (High)	897	847	833	844	808	<i>-10</i>
Tier not stated	243	210	226	197	172	<i>-29</i>
% Breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
Tier 1 (Low)	13	13	14	15	17	
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	29	30	30	28	27	
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	48	47	47	48	48	
Tier 4 (High)	8	8	7	7	7	
Tier not stated	2	2	2	2	1	

Data Sources and Quality

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Table 7 Persons supervised by the Probation Service at end of period⁽¹⁾

England and Wales

	Q1 2007	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Percentage change Q1 2008
MALES AND FEMALES						
All court orders	148,126	149,045	149,777	150,179	149,282	1
All community sentences	117,816	115,339	113,276	111,454	109,166	-7
Community order	98,092	100,597	101,667	101,858	101,246	3
CRO	9,683	6,717	4,923	3,774	2,806	-71
CPO ⁽²⁾	5,811	4,595	3,775	3,260	2,852	-51
CPO (breach)	952	792	682	572	476	-50
CPRO	4,500	3,531	2,905	2,492	2,146	-52
DTTO	485	281	181	130	104	-79
C&YP 1969 ⁽³⁾	40	43	41	41	45	*
SSSO ⁽⁴⁾	375	292	229	170	124	-67
MPSO	439	293	279	273	244	-44
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	82	87	94	111	95	16
Suspended sentence order	33,890	37,706	40,634	42,912	44,253	31
All pre and post release supervision^(1,5)	91,776	92,394	93,659	94,459	97,082	6
Pre release supervision	66,347	66,243	66,225	66,381	67,535	2
Post release supervision	26,110	26,763	28,113	28,721	30,270	16
MALES						
All court orders	127,162	127,937	128,386	128,561	127,730	0
All community sentences	100,827	98,731	96,845	95,165	93,237	-8
Community order	84,276	86,332	87,007	86,952	86,389	3
CRO	7,958	5,528	4,072	3,142	2,331	-71
CPO ⁽²⁾	5,044	3,989	3,317	2,909	2,577	-49
CPO (breach)	873	723	637	546	456	-48
CPRO	3,967	3,102	2,564	2,198	1,906	-52
DTTO	365	215	136	97	78	-79
C&YP 1969 ⁽³⁾	34	36	35	35	42	*
SSSO ⁽⁴⁾	249	197	160	120	85	-66
MPSO	323	212	202	199	178	-45
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	63	64	69	86	77	22
Suspended sentence order	29,496	32,759	35,194	37,091	38,165	29
All pre and post release supervision^(1,5)	86,549	87,129	88,443	89,269	91,704	6
Pre release supervision	62,719	62,670	62,805	62,969	64,027	2
Post release supervision	24,491	25,052	26,295	26,930	28,373	16
FEMALES						
All court orders	20,964	21,108	21,391	21,618	21,552	3
All community sentences	16,989	16,608	16,431	16,289	15,929	-6
Community order	13,816	14,265	14,660	14,906	14,857	8
CRO	1,725	1,189	851	632	475	-72
CPO ⁽²⁾	767	606	458	351	275	-64
CPO (breach)	79	69	45	26	20	*
CPRO	533	429	341	294	240	-55
DTTO	120	66	45	33	26	*
C&YP 1969 ⁽³⁾	6	7	6	6	3	*
SSSO ⁽⁴⁾	126	95	69	50	39	*
MPSO	116	81	77	74	66	-43
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	19	23	25	25	18	*
Suspended sentence order	4,394	4,947	5,440	5,821	6,088	39
All pre and post release supervision^(1,5)	5,227	5,265	5,216	5,190	5,378	3
Pre release supervision	3,628	3,573	3,420	3,412	3,508	-3
Post release supervision	1,619	1,711	1,818	1,791	1,897	17

(1) Each person is counted only once in the all community sentences and pre and post release figures, even if they started several types of supervision in the year.

(2) Includes CPOs for persistent petty offending and CPOs for fine default. Excludes those supervised on CPO for more than 2 years.

(3) Transfer of responsibility for supervision of offenders aged 16 to 17 to Youth Offending Teams began in 2000.

(4) Pre CJA03 sentence

(5) Excludes those on voluntary supervision for more than 3 years.

* Indicates that one or more of the comparative numbers are less than 50. For small numbers this could give misleading percentage changes.

Data Sources and Quality

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Table 8 Persons supervised by the Probation Service at 31 March 2008, by area

Region/Area	All Pre CJA orders	Community Order	Suspended Sentence Order	All court orders ⁽¹⁾	All pre release supervision	All post release supervision	All pre and post release supervision ⁽¹⁾	All Probation Service supervision ⁽¹⁾
North East	448	6,806	2,704	9,620	3,053	1,525	4,561	14,073
Durham	99	1,533	575	2,126	558	310	866	2,963
Northumbria	235	3,505	1,342	4,930	1,535	777	2,299	7,180
Teesside	114	1,768	787	2,564	960	438	1,396	3,930
North West	1,442	15,991	7,662	24,283	11,135	5,583	16,523	40,288
Cheshire	91	1,693	683	2,390	890	502	1,381	3,754
Cumbria	79	1,070	406	1,512	435	242	674	2,171
Lancashire	245	3,333	1,563	4,943	1,758	1,013	2,760	7,654
Greater Manchester	712	6,196	3,390	9,966	5,191	2,755	7,822	17,502
Merseyside	315	3,699	1,620	5,472	2,861	1,071	3,886	9,207
Yorkshire & Humberside	564	10,139	3,873	14,225	7,172	3,465	10,610	24,704
Humberside	102	1,494	908	2,451	1,295	637	1,929	4,364
North Yorkshire	84	918	440	1,406	551	316	864	2,260
South Yorkshire	109	2,407	1,155	3,569	2,018	924	2,933	6,478
West Yorkshire	269	5,320	1,370	6,799	3,308	1,588	4,884	11,602
East Midlands	468	7,154	3,336	10,671	4,732	2,307	7,015	17,601
Derbyshire	137	1,528	774	2,376	978	501	1,476	3,832
Leicestershire	108	1,666	823	2,516	920	466	1,378	3,877
Lincolnshire	33	802	432	1,247	502	274	774	2,009
Northamptonshire	52	1,081	372	1,478	763	392	1,149	2,609
Nottinghamshire	138	2,077	935	3,054	1,569	674	2,238	5,274
West Midlands	1,037	11,960	5,385	17,809	8,538	3,419	11,756	29,175
Staffordshire	135	1,828	773	2,676	1,058	558	1,611	4,267
Warwickshire	47	851	268	1,137	407	222	620	1,751
West Mercia	133	1,733	807	2,588	935	447	1,381	3,927
West Midlands	722	7,548	3,537	11,408	6,138	2,192	8,144	19,230
Eastern	729	8,967	4,194	13,430	4,582	2,221	6,772	20,065
Bedfordshire	34	850	316	1,183	667	307	973	2,148
Cambridgeshire	76	1,399	668	2,085	732	387	1,117	3,182
Essex	358	3,217	1,468	4,801	1,318	575	1,875	6,618
Hertfordshire	154	1,645	685	2,406	662	340	997	3,376
Norfolk	52	1,038	532	1,583	678	345	1,021	2,596
Suffolk	55	818	525	1,372	525	267	789	2,145
London	1,899	16,030	6,435	23,614	14,202	5,184	19,252	42,468
South East	929	11,812	4,935	17,143	7,135	3,123	10,215	27,222
Hampshire	244	3,009	1,134	4,297	1,480	811	2,275	6,527
Kent	207	2,453	1,246	3,769	1,615	671	2,284	6,025
Surrey	40	1,007	377	1,386	538	259	789	2,166
Sussex	192	2,308	1,003	3,355	1,753	592	2,334	5,669
Thames Valley	246	3,035	1,175	4,336	1,749	790	2,533	6,835
South West	496	6,384	2,448	9,088	3,771	1,802	5,546	14,580
Avon & Somerset	119	2,235	797	3,057	1,391	514	1,898	4,934
Devon & Cornwall	198	1,598	696	2,435	975	523	1,490	3,914
Dorset	53	761	365	1,165	542	319	858	2,020
Gloucestershire	48	957	329	1,282	482	235	715	1,986
Wiltshire	78	833	261	1,149	381	211	585	1,726
Wales	378	6,003	3,281	9,399	3,215	1,641	4,832	14,111
Dyfed-Powys	40	699	393	1,104	294	155	447	1,544
Gwent	87	1,289	555	1,894	564	307	865	2,744
North Wales	86	1,311	720	2,074	646	356	1,000	3,049
South Wales	165	2,704	1,613	4,327	1,711	823	2,520	6,774
All areas	8,390	101,246	44,253	149,282	67,535	30,270	97,082	244,287

(1) Each person is counted only once in the all court orders and pre and post release figures, even if they started several types of supervision in the period.

Data Sources and Quality
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Table 9 Terminations of court orders by reason ⁽¹⁾

England and Wales

	Q1 2007	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008
Community Order					
Ran their full course	45	46	47	49	48
Terminated early for:					
good progress	11	10	9	9	10
failure to comply with requirements	23	23	22	20	21
conviction of offence	12	12	11	12	11
other reasons	10	10	10	11	10
Total number	26,457	27,568	29,923	29,396	30,804
Suspended Sentence Order					
Ran their full course	40	44	46	49	48
Terminated early for:					
good progress	5	6	5	6	8
failure to comply with requirements	25	23	22	18	18
conviction of offence	21	18	17	17	17
other reasons	9	8	9	9	8
Total number	5,377	6,484	7,859	8,307	9,592
CRO					
Ran their full course	76	79	77	78	78
Replaced by conditional discharge order	0	0	0	0	0
Terminated early for:					
good progress	7	5	6	6	6
failure to comply with requirements	6	6	7	6	8
conviction of offence	7	5	5	6	4
other reasons	4	4	5	4	4
Total number	3,683	2,728	1,733	1,204	956
CRO element of CPRO					
Ran their full course	64	70	63	58	58
Replaced by conditional discharge order	0	0	0	0	0
Terminated early for:					
good progress	7	6	6	6	7
failure to comply with requirements	12	10	12	16	15
conviction of offence	10	9	11	10	10
other reasons	7	5	7	9	9
Total number	1,156	890	627	477	395
CPO					
Specified hours completed	48	46	42	46	45
Failure to comply with requirements	19	21	21	25	27
Conviction of an offence	10	9	9	13	12
Other change in circumstances	3	3	2	3	3
Warrant unexecuted	8	2	4	3	1
Other reason	12	18	22	10	11
Total number	3,360	2,548	2,452	1,594	1,546
CPO element of CPPO					
Specified hours completed	42	38	57	42	40
Failure to comply with requirements	18	23	23	26	23
Conviction of an offence	15	13	16	17	16
Other change in circumstances	4	3	5	3	3
Warrant unexecuted	5	3	2	2	0
Other reason	16	20	39	11	17
Total number	781	658	449	422	411

(1) The increase over time in percentages of Community Orders and Suspended Sentence Orders running their full course is due mainly to the fact that the more time the order has had to run, the greater the chance of it being completed successfully.

Data Sources and Quality

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Table 10 Criminal reports written by the Probation Service by type of report and court

England and Wales

	Q1 2007	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Percentage change Q1 2008
All court reports⁽¹⁾	57,629	55,695	56,690	55,770	57,802	0
Standard PSR	38,546	36,482	36,219	34,407	34,621	-10
Fast Delivery PSR written	12,612	12,926	13,470	13,129	13,930	10
Fast Delivery PSR oral	3,336	3,470	4,079	5,277	6,099	83
Deferred sentence ⁽²⁾	264	292	225	266	270	2
PSR breach	2,871	2,525	2,697	2,691	2,882	0
Court Review	261	304	294	198	198	-24
Magistrates' courts	43,935	42,672	43,200	42,161	43,785	0
Standard PSR	25,618	24,249	23,584	21,787	21,652	-15
Fast Delivery PSR written	12,183	12,492	12,957	12,506	13,258	9
Fast Delivery PSR oral	3,278	3,401	4,011	5,197	5,996	83
Deferred sentence ⁽²⁾	169	194	137	172	164	-3
PSR breach	2,687	2,336	2,511	2,499	2,715	1
Court Review	252	236	249	193	194	-23
Crown Court	13,694	13,023	13,490	13,609	14,017	2
Standard PSR	12,928	12,233	12,635	12,620	12,969	0
Fast Delivery PSR written	429	434	513	623	672	57
Fast Delivery PSR oral	58	69	68	80	103	78
Deferred sentence ⁽²⁾	95	98	88	94	106	12
PSR breach	184	189	186	192	167	-9
Court Review	9	68	45	5	4	*

(1) Does not include Court Review reports

(2) On appearance for sentence after deferment.

* Indicates that one or more of the comparative numbers are less than 50. For small numbers this could give misleading percentage changes

Data Sources and Quality

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Table 11 Concordance between sentences proposed and given where a PSR was written, April 2007 - March 2008

England and Wales

	Sentence given						All
	Community Sentences	Suspended Sentence Order	Custody	Fine	Absolute/Conditional Discharge	Other	
Sentence proposed							
Community Order	91,243	19,176	11,007	1,109	1,162	2,214	125,911
All Community Sentences ⁽¹⁾	93,120	20,159	12,002	1,159	1,207	2,382	130,029
Suspended Sentence Order	3,047	13,042	7,117	104	114	486	23,910
All custodial sentences	673	1,059	14,901	49	82	420	17,184
Fine	714	165	111	1,735	226	116	3,067
All	97,554	34,425	34,131	3,047	1,629	3,404	174,190
% breakdown							
Community Order	72%	15%	9%	1%	1%	2%	100%
All Community Sentences ⁽¹⁾	72%	16%	9%	1%	1%	2%	100%
Suspended Sentence Order	13%	55%	30%	0%	0%	2%	100%
All custodial sentences	4%	6%	87%	0%	0%	2%	100%
Fine	23%	5%	4%	57%	7%	4%	100%

(1) Includes all pre-CJA community sentences

Data Sources and Quality

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