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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 2007, was published in October 2008.

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 – Q2 2008 compared to Q2 2007 (unless otherwise stated)

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

- **The number of offenders starting court orders and pre or post release supervision increased between Q2 2007 and Q2 2008:**
 - The number starting court order supervision increased by 3 per cent (up from 45,810 to 47,200).
 - The number of offenders starting Community Orders increased by 4 per cent (up from 32,390 to 33,670).
 - The number of offenders starting Suspended Sentence Orders (SSOs) increased by 6 per cent (up from 11,150 to 11,840).
 - The number of offenders starting pre or post release supervision increased by 18 per cent (up from 10,760 to 12,700).
- **Half of all Community Orders starting in Q2 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 39 per cent and 41 per cent respectively. Community Orders starting with one requirement increased by 7 per cent between Q2 2007 and Q2 2008, whilst those with three requirements fell by 4 per cent.
- **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 Q2 2008. The number of SSOs with stand alone unpaid work increased by 18 per cent between Q2 2007 and Q2 2008.
- **Overall, supervision was the most used requirement for Community Orders and SSOs** started in Q2 2008, closely followed by unpaid work. These two requirements accounted for roughly two-thirds of all requirements attached to orders. Among other requirements, use of the alcohol treatment requirement increased by 39 per cent and use of curfew by 35 per cent between Q2 2007 and Q2 2008 under Community Orders. Under SSOs there were large increases in exclusion, prohibited activity and residential requirements
- **The proportion of offenders starting Community Orders who were supervised under Tier 1 increased** from 25 per cent to 31 per cent between Q2 2007 and Q2 2008. Conversely, the number supervised under Tier 2 decreased from 31 per cent to 27 per cent. There was a similar pattern for SSOs. Supervision *tier* indicates the level of intervention required with offenders, with tier 1 being the lowest and tier 4 the highest.

2. Offender caseload (Tables 7 and 8) – 30 June 08 compared to 30 June 07

- **Slight decrease in Probation Service caseload as at 30 June 2008:**

- 1 per cent fall in the number of offenders supervised under a court order at the end of June 2008 (down from 149,050 to 147,790).
- Almost no change in the total number of offenders being supervised under Community Orders, but an 18 per cent increase in the number being supervised under SSOs (up from 37,710 to 44,610).
- Total of 99,190 offenders supervised either before or after release from prison at the end of June 2008, a 7 per cent increase. Eleven per cent increase in the number supervised post release (up from 26,760 to 29,590).

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 Q2 2008:**

- Of the 31,760 Community Orders terminated, 59 per cent had run their full course or were terminated early for good progress, compared to 30 per cent terminated for negative reasons. The equivalent percentages for SSOs were 59 and 33 respectively.

4. Court reports (Tables 10 and 11)

- **Slight increase in the number of court reports and a continued rise in the proportion of fast delivery pre sentence reports (PSRs):**

- A total of 57,730 court reports were prepared in Q2 2008, a 4 per cent increase compared to Q2 2007.
- However the number of Standard PSRs fell by 6 per cent whilst fast delivery PSRs rose by 24 per cent.
- The proportion of fast delivery PSRs (both written and oral) from the combined total of fast delivery and standard PSRs was 37 per cent, higher than in Q2 2007 when it was 31 per cent.
- There has been a continued large increase in the number of oral fast delivery PSRs. Comparing Q2 2008 with the same quarter in 2007 they have increased by 81 per cent. This was the same increase that occurred for oral fast delivery PSRs in magistrates' courts. In the Crown Court the number of these reports doubled although it should be noted that these numbers are relatively small.
- Over the same period written fast delivery PSRs increased by 8 per cent. In magistrates' courts the increase was 5 per cent and in the Crown Court it was 95 per cent.

- **The level of concordance between sentences proposed and given for the twelve months ending 30 June 2008 was highest for custodial sentences** at 87 per cent, compared to 71 per cent for community sentences and 54 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 2007 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.

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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.

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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

	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Percentage change Q2 2008
MALES AND FEMALES						
All court orders	45,892	46,698	45,408	46,775	47,200	3
All community sentences	34,722	35,112	33,702	34,735	35,341	2
Community order	32,389	33,032	31,988	33,045	33,672	4
CRO	323	243	184	172	140	-57
CPO ⁽²⁾	1,293	1,135	968	981	983	-24
CPO (breach)	320	281	230	322	338	6
CPRO	373	425	335	218	212	-43
DTTO	18	11	5	7	7	*
C&YP 1969 ⁽³⁾	8	2	5	5	5	*
SSSO	26	17	15	8	17	*
MPSO	6	7	10	12	13	*
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	138	158	161	129	158	14
Suspended sentence order	11,150	11,565	11,693	12,051	11,842	6
Pre and post release supervision	10,756	11,451	11,478	11,872	12,704	18
MALES						
All court orders	39,075	39,642	38,452	39,701	39,920	2
All community sentences	29,390	29,636	28,374	29,342	29,777	1
Community order	27,370	27,799	26,839	27,822	28,282	3
CRO	256	180	138	127	112	-56
CPO ⁽²⁾	1,126	1,022	881	901	894	-21
CPO (breach)	292	263	220	288	307	5
CPRO	331	381	306	206	191	-42
DTTO	15	6	3	6	6	*
C&YP 1969 ⁽³⁾	6	2	5	5	4	*
SSSO	18	13	9	7	9	*
MPSO	5	5	9	9	13	*
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	111	131	127	104	122	10
Suspended sentence order	9,682	9,991	10,077	10,372	10,148	5
Pre and post release supervision	9,983	10,644	10,640	10,991	11,747	18
FEMALES						
All court orders	6,817	7,056	6,956	7,074	7,280	7
All community sentences	5,332	5,476	5,328	5,393	5,564	4
Community order	5,019	5,233	5,149	5,223	5,390	7
CRO	67	63	46	45	28	*
CPO ⁽²⁾	167	113	87	80	89	-47
CPO (breach)	28	18	10	34	31	*
CPRO	42	44	29	12	21	*
DTTO	3	5	2	1	1	*
C&YP 1969 ⁽³⁾	2	0	0	0	1	*
SSSO	8	4	6	1	8	*
MPSO	1	2	1	3	0	*
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	27	27	34	25	36	*
Suspended sentence order	1,468	1,574	1,616	1,679	1,694	15
Pre and post release supervision	773	807	838	881	957	24

(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

	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Percentage change Q2 2008
Community Orders	32,389	33,032	31,988	33,045	33,672	4
1	16,057	16,243	15,906	16,778	17,153	7
2	11,210	11,599	11,170	11,501	11,661	4
3	4,356	4,456	4,171	4,108	4,162	-4
4	667	642	642	569	617	-7
5 or more	99	92	99	89	79	-20
% Breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
1	50	49	50	51	51	
2	35	35	35	35	35	
3	13	13	13	12	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	11,150	11,565	11,693	12,051	11,842	6
1	4,171	4,195	4,333	4,544	4,560	9
2	4,631	4,933	4,872	5,059	4,891	6
3	1,968	2,067	2,115	2,091	2,028	3
4	337	325	323	320	320	-5
5 or more	43	45	50	37	43	*
% Breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
1	37	36	37	38	39	
2	42	43	42	42	41	
3	18	18	18	17	17	
4	3	3	3	3	3	
5 or more	0	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

	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Percentage change Q2 2008
Community Orders	32,389	33,032	31,988	33,045	33,672	4
Unpaid Work	10,251	10,274	10,031	10,660	10,806	5
Supervision	4,509	4,665	4,355	4,338	4,450	-1
Supervision & Accredited Programme	3,696	3,811	3,569	3,603	3,457	-6
Supervision & Unpaid Work	2,661	2,467	2,383	2,376	2,542	-4
Supervision & Drug Treatment	1,672	1,705	1,686	1,848	2,005	20
Curfew	939	977	1,172	1,407	1,537	64
Supervision, Unpaid Work & Accredited Programme	1,463	1,366	1,241	1,144	1,223	-16
Unpaid Work & Unpaid Work ⁽¹⁾	763	849	823	720	703	-8
Supervision & Specified Activity	602	688	605	649	632	5
Supervision, Accredited Programme & Drug Treatment	650	661	586	535	511	-21
All other combinations of requirements	5,183	5,569	5,537	5,765	5,806	12
Suspended Sentence Orders	11,150	11,565	11,693	12,051	11,842	6
Unpaid Work	1,940	2,020	2,102	2,311	2,281	18
Supervision & Accredited Programme	1,864	1,905	1,867	1,798	1,749	-6
Supervision	1,724	1,677	1,685	1,632	1,681	-2
Supervision & Unpaid Work	1,256	1,278	1,227	1,326	1,251	0
Supervision, Unpaid Work & Accredited Programme	732	746	712	741	677	-8
Supervision & Drug Treatment	485	540	579	652	617	27
Curfew	223	252	300	342	326	46
Supervision & Curfew	218	299	288	311	305	40
Supervision, Accredited Programme & Drug Treatment	244	240	254	231	217	-11
Supervision & Specified Activity	177	189	175	180	204	15
All other combinations of requirements	2,287	2,419	2,504	2,527	2,534	11

(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

	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Percentage change Q2 2008
Community Orders	55,014	56,152	54,155	55,167	56,296	2
Supervision	19,428	19,848	18,826	18,957	19,373	0
Unpaid Work	18,608	18,600	18,041	18,385	18,824	1
Accredited Programme	7,406	7,520	6,968	6,871	6,704	-9
Drug Treatment	3,025	3,034	2,976	3,110	3,227	7
Curfew	2,877	3,159	3,428	3,700	3,887	35
Specified Activity	2,033	2,149	2,019	2,173	2,169	7
Alcohol Treatment	748	892	956	957	1,041	39
Residential	235	231	205	208	239	2
Mental Health	173	150	156	177	203	17
Exclusion	201	230	231	257	252	25
Prohibited Activity	181	206	254	249	247	36
Attendance Centre	99	133	95	123	130	31
% breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
Supervision	35	35	35	34	34	
Unpaid Work	34	33	33	33	33	
Accredited Programme	13	13	13	12	12	
Drug Treatment	5	5	5	6	6	
Curfew	5	6	6	7	7	
Specified Activity	4	4	4	4	4	
Alcohol Treatment	1	2	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	20,839	21,813	22,024	22,477	22,000	6
Supervision	8,342	8,623	8,645	8,672	8,493	2
Unpaid Work	5,099	5,284	5,262	5,616	5,449	7
Accredited Programme	3,710	3,803	3,782	3,665	3,527	-5
Curfew	1,179	1,424	1,559	1,629	1,527	30
Drug Treatment	970	996	1,092	1,127	1,095	13
Specified Activity	709	731	657	698	757	7
Alcohol Treatment	347	405	400	438	431	24
Exclusion	55	141	159	174	179	225
Prohibited Activity	140	155	182	175	230	64
Residential	135	170	189	208	240	78
Mental Health	141	67	80	57	54	-62
Attendance Centre	12	14	17	18	18	*
% breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
Supervision	40	40	39	39	39	
Unpaid Work	24	24	24	25	25	
Accredited Programme	18	17	17	16	16	
Curfew	6	7	7	7	7	
Drug Treatment	5	5	5	5	5	
Specified Activity	3	3	3	3	3	
Alcohol Treatment	2	2	2	2	2	
Exclusion	0	1	1	1	1	
Prohibited Activity	1	1	1	1	1	
Residential	1	1	1	1	1	
Mental Health	1	0	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						Suspended Sentence Orders					
	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Percentage change Q2 2008	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Percentage change Q2 2008
North East	2,194	2,348	2,382	2,370	2,410	10	640	650	741	733	685	7
Durham	489	538	519	479	494	1	140	147	186	151	174	24
Northumbria	1,151	1,230	1,275	1,256	1,223	6	317	339	366	380	310	-2
Teesside	554	580	588	635	693	25	183	164	189	202	201	10
North West	5,413	5,498	5,067	5,202	5,542	2	1,898	1,906	1,922	2,001	2,015	6
Cheshire	632	590	530	634	581	-8	219	223	223	215	218	0
Cumbria	343	393	383	408	415	21	94	123	113	115	99	5
Lancashire	1,264	1,239	1,307	1,241	1,255	-1	379	415	407	481	423	12
Greater Manchester	2,143	2,107	1,947	2,057	2,034	-5	861	816	857	895	888	3
Merseyside	1,031	1,169	900	862	1,257	22	345	329	322	295	387	12
Yorkshire & Humberside	3,899	3,923	3,853	3,889	4,018	3	1,137	1,150	1,092	1,200	1,074	-6
Humberside	570	539	566	535	572	0	270	267	276	296	255	-6
North Yorkshire	383	387	392	410	425	11	148	131	127	150	117	-21
South Yorkshire	987	1,003	964	979	1,031	4	342	386	356	419	377	10
West Yorkshire	1,959	1,994	1,931	1,965	1,990	2	377	366	333	335	325	-14
East Midlands	2,678	2,729	2,650	2,745	2,878	7	951	986	961	1,093	1,049	10
Derbyshire	579	601	562	594	654	13	226	239	197	274	274	21
Leicestershire	576	587	540	676	614	7	223	263	233	254	253	13
Lincolnshire	314	307	301	311	338	8	132	110	119	146	135	2
Northamptonshire	386	387	392	344	387	0	85	119	133	116	139	64
Nottinghamshire	823	847	855	820	885	8	285	255	279	303	248	-13
West Midlands	3,527	3,653	3,328	3,331	3,383	-4	1,266	1,401	1,411	1,413	1,344	6
Staffordshire	631	603	565	574	621	-2	188	220	227	217	260	38
Warwickshire	301	332	289	293	275	-9	63	60	81	83	65	3
West Mercia	537	586	591	530	569	6	202	231	238	198	187	-7
West Midlands	2,058	2,132	1,883	1,934	1,918	-7	813	890	865	915	832	2
Eastern	2,650	2,845	2,808	2,944	2,859	8	983	1,036	1,028	1,051	1,035	5
Bedfordshire	268	285	298	324	310	16	79	99	97	91	83	5
Cambridgeshire	341	445	434	400	443	30	115	167	167	157	196	70
Essex	848	878	886	950	873	3	344	340	309	310	283	-18
Hertfordshire	512	552	514	582	611	19	148	155	134	161	146	-1
Norfolk	422	416	381	407	356	-16	178	129	169	195	190	7
Suffolk	259	269	295	281	266	3	119	146	152	137	137	15
London	4,160	4,123	3,966	4,086	4,130	-1	1,490	1,511	1,552	1,637	1,626	9
South East	3,748	3,885	3,605	4,528	3,637	-3	1,317	1,418	1,272	1,281	1,513	15
Hampshire	992	1,045	1,058	1,119	1,102	11	315	349	316	326	384	22
Kent	728	750	761	833	819	13	302	348	359	301	342	13
Surrey	354	416	409	428	388	10	125	108	113	133	138	10
Sussex	721	740	802	1202	705	-2	248	292	298	398	271	9
Thames Valley	953	934	951	946	962	1	327	321	312	357	378	16
South West	2,151	2,123	2,078	2,161	2,344	9	624	611	714	734	690	11
Avon & Somerset	716	670	678	661	787	10	200	179	223	213	213	7
Devon & Cornwall	591	585	572	577	593	0	190	220	222	213	196	3
Dorset	308	309	298	313	323	5	108	98	103	127	115	6
Gloucestershire	305	263	310	324	345	13	70	57	88	99	84	20
Wiltshire	231	296	220	286	296	28	56	57	78	82	82	46
Wales	1,969	1,905	1,875	2,162	2,132	8	844	896	874	791	811	-4
Dyfed-Powys	293	238	239	253	243	-17	114	95	94	86	91	-20
Gwent	393	381	411	381	374	-5	138	149	149	135	127	-8
North Wales	407	418	411	455	461	13	139	184	152	151	166	19
South Wales	876	868	814	1,073	1,054	20	453	468	479	419	427	-6
All areas	32,389	33,032	31,988	33,045	33,672	4	11,150	11,565	11,693	12,051	11,842	6

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

	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Percentage change Q2 2008
Community Orders	32,389	33,032	31,988	33,045	33,672	4
Tier 1 (Low)	8,191	8,546	8,577	9,506	10,428	27
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	10,200	10,394	9,820	9,424	8,979	-12
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	11,771	12,024	11,610	12,145	12,234	4
Tier 4 (High)	1,553	1,374	1,351	1,328	1,406	-9
Tier not stated	674	694	630	642	625	-7
% Breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
Tier 1 (Low)	25	26	27	29	31	
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	31	31	31	29	27	
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	36	36	36	37	36	
Tier 4 (High)	5	4	4	4	4	
Tier not stated	2	2	2	2	2	
Suspended Sentence Orders	11,150	11,565	11,693	12,051	11,842	6
Tier 1 (Low)	1,505	1,651	1,707	2,096	2,239	49
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	3,335	3,455	3,327	3,244	3,117	-7
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	5,253	5,400	5,618	5,731	5,541	5
Tier 4 (High)	847	833	844	808	790	-7
Tier not stated	210	226	197	172	155	-26
% Breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
Tier 1 (Low)	13	14	15	17	19	
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	30	30	28	27	26	
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	47	47	48	48	47	
Tier 4 (High)	8	7	7	7	7	
Tier not stated	2	2	2	1	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

	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Percentage change Q2 2008
MALES AND FEMALES						
All court orders	149,045	149,777	150,179	149,282	147,786	-1
All community sentences	115,339	113,276	111,454	109,166	107,266	-7
Community order	100,597	101,667	101,858	101,246	100,455	0
CRO	6,717	4,923	3,774	2,806	2,132	-68
CPO ⁽²⁾	4,595	3,775	3,260	2,852	2,601	-43
CPO (breach)	792	682	572	476	386	-51
CPRO	3,531	2,905	2,492	2,146	1,928	-45
DTTO	281	181	130	104	98	-65
C&YP 1969 ⁽³⁾	43	41	41	45	74	*
SSSO ⁽⁴⁾	292	229	170	124	127	-57
MPSO	293	279	273	244	215	-27
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	87	94	111	95	97	11
Suspended sentence order	37,706	40,634	42,912	44,253	44,614	18
All pre and post release supervision^(1,5)	92,394	93,659	94,459	97,082	99,193	7
Pre release supervision	66,243	66,225	66,381	67,535	64,802	-2
Post release supervision	26,763	28,113	28,721	30,270	29,586	11
MALES						
All court orders	127,937	128,386	128,561	127,730	126,374	-1
All community sentences	98,731	96,845	95,165	93,237	91,600	-7
Community order	86,332	87,007	86,952	86,389	85,657	-1
CRO	5,528	4,072	3,142	2,331	1,785	-68
CPO ⁽²⁾	3,989	3,317	2,909	2,577	2,370	-41
CPO (breach)	723	637	546	456	365	-50
CPRO	3,102	2,564	2,198	1,906	1,724	-44
DTTO	215	136	97	78	75	-65
C&YP 1969 ⁽³⁾	36	35	35	42	68	*
SSSO ⁽⁴⁾	197	160	120	85	89	-55
MPSO	212	202	199	178	159	-25
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	64	69	86	77	78	22
Suspended sentence order	32,759	35,194	37,091	38,165	38,413	17
All pre and post release supervision^(1,5)	87,129	88,443	89,269	91,704	93,620	7
Pre release supervision	62,670	62,805	62,969	64,027	68,407	9
Post release supervision	25,052	26,295	26,930	28,373	31,583	26
FEMALES						
All court orders	21,108	21,391	21,618	21,552	21,412	1
All community sentences	16,608	16,431	16,289	15,929	15,666	-6
Community order	14,265	14,660	14,906	14,857	14,798	4
CRO	1,189	851	632	475	347	-71
CPO ⁽²⁾	606	458	351	275	231	-62
CPO (breach)	69	45	26	20	21	*
CPRO	429	341	294	240	204	-52
DTTO	66	45	33	26	23	*
C&YP 1969 ⁽³⁾	7	6	6	3	6	*
SSSO ⁽⁴⁾	95	69	50	39	38	*
MPSO	81	77	74	66	56	-31
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	23	25	25	18	19	*
Suspended sentence order	4,947	5,440	5,821	6,088	6,201	25
All pre and post release supervision^(1,5)	5,265	5,216	5,190	5,378	5,573	6
Pre release supervision	3,573	3,420	3,412	3,508	3,605	1
Post release supervision	1,711	1,818	1,791	1,897	1,997	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	372	6,788	2,801	9,625	3,028	1,631	4,642	14,138
Durham	81	1,471	618	2,093	562	326	886	2,946
Northumbria	185	3,526	1,393	4,944	1,493	850	2,331	7,219
Teesside	106	1,791	790	2,588	973	455	1,425	3,973
North West	1,282	15,777	7,641	23,910	11,698	5,818	17,252	40,588
Cheshire	74	1,675	708	2,380	908	535	1,429	3,788
Cumbria	81	1,097	393	1,532	455	233	680	2,193
Lancashire	203	3,246	1,593	4,853	1,749	1,075	2,811	7,614
Greater Manchester	600	6,131	3,368	9,751	5,245	2,921	8,023	17,444
Merseyside	324	3,628	1,579	5,394	3,341	1,054	4,309	9,549
Yorkshire & Humberside	515	10,212	3,805	14,206	7,072	3,696	10,745	24,800
Humberside	99	1,464	866	2,376	1,256	674	1,926	4,282
North Yorkshire	71	927	426	1,397	527	328	853	2,243
South Yorkshire	101	2,365	1,153	3,526	2,015	1,013	3,022	6,511
West Yorkshire	244	5,456	1,360	6,907	3,274	1,681	4,944	11,764
East Midlands	392	7,091	3,374	10,573	4,760	2,376	7,109	17,595
Derbyshire	123	1,571	835	2,457	966	546	1,512	3,946
Leicestershire	86	1,611	792	2,422	933	485	1,409	3,814
Lincolnshire	25	787	402	1,187	522	267	787	1,966
Northamptonshire	38	1,073	426	1,507	765	414	1,169	2,654
Nottinghamshire	120	2,049	919	3,000	1,574	664	2,232	5,215
West Midlands	829	11,612	5,433	17,307	8,373	3,514	11,689	28,652
Staffordshire	116	1,811	886	2,730	1,051	593	1,640	4,349
Warwickshire	45	829	267	1,110	396	234	620	1,723
West Mercia	121	1,690	793	2,518	987	469	1,452	3,922
West Midlands	547	7,282	3,487	10,949	5,939	2,218	7,977	18,658
Eastern	597	8,885	4,169	13,193	4,692	2,264	6,916	19,991
Bedfordshire	31	809	307	1,133	710	292	1,002	2,129
Cambridgeshire	61	1,362	694	2,053	738	409	1,146	3,187
Essex	297	3,179	1,434	4,680	1,339	567	1,883	6,511
Hertfordshire	128	1,723	682	2,454	672	344	1,011	3,443
Norfolk	36	976	532	1,504	675	388	1,058	2,550
Suffolk	44	836	520	1,369	558	264	816	2,171
London	1,669	15,831	6,587	23,355	14,440	5,430	19,730	42,700
South East	808	11,648	5,096	17,026	7,234	3,266	10,470	27,359
Hampshire	234	3,003	1,196	4,342	1,489	839	2,318	6,611
Kent	182	2,449	1,250	3,748	1,642	707	2,347	6,069
Surrey	25	979	408	1,374	513	257	767	2,130
Sussex	163	2,192	1,003	3,220	1,804	619	2,414	5,613
Thames Valley	204	3,025	1,239	4,342	1,786	844	2,624	6,936
South West	443	6,520	2,503	9,246	3,834	1,851	5,659	14,823
Avon & Somerset	98	2,339	828	3,182	1,417	546	1,955	5,104
Devon & Cornwall	193	1,599	712	2,456	1,000	517	1,509	3,950
Dorset	47	787	387	1,206	540	324	861	2,058
Gloucestershire	40	956	317	1,264	476	260	734	1,987
Wiltshire	65	839	259	1,138	401	204	600	1,724
Wales	318	6,091	3,205	9,345	3,276	1,737	4,981	14,206
Dyfed-Powys	31	706	347	1,056	312	155	466	1,513
Gwent	58	1,279	555	1,851	565	331	887	2,725
North Wales	90	1,310	686	2,034	662	394	1,052	3,068
South Wales	139	2,796	1,617	4,404	1,737	857	2,576	6,900
All areas	7,225	100,455	44,614	147,786	68,407	31,583	99,193	244,852

(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

	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008
Community Order					
Ran their full course	46	47	49	48	49
Terminated early for:					
good progress	10	9	9	10	11
failure to comply with requirements	23	22	20	21	19
conviction of offence	12	11	12	11	11
other reasons	10	10	11	10	10
Total number	27,568	29,923	29,396	30,804	31,759
Suspended Sentence Order					
Ran their full course	44	46	49	48	49
Terminated early for:					
good progress	6	5	6	8	10
failure to comply with requirements	23	22	18	18	15
conviction of offence	18	17	17	17	18
other reasons	8	9	9	8	8
Total number	6,484	7,859	8,307	9,592	10,093

(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 Court reports written by the Probation Service by type of report and court

England and Wales

	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Percentage change Q2 2008
All court reports⁽¹⁾	55,695	56,690	55,770	57,802	57,726	4
Standard PSR	36,482	36,219	34,407	34,621	34,402	-6
Fast Delivery PSR written	12,926	13,470	13,129	13,930	14,022	8
Fast Delivery PSR oral	3,470	4,079	5,277	6,099	6,298	81
Deferred sentence ⁽²⁾	292	225	266	270	231	-21
PSR breach	2,525	2,697	2,691	2,882	2,773	10
Court Review	304	294	198	198	174	-43
Magistrates' courts	42,672	43,200	42,161	43,785	43,118	1
Standard PSR	24,249	23,584	21,787	21,652	21,050	-13
Fast Delivery PSR written	12,492	12,957	12,506	13,258	13,177	5
Fast Delivery PSR oral	3,401	4,011	5,197	5,996	6,160	81
Deferred sentence ⁽²⁾	194	137	172	164	139	-28
PSR breach	2,336	2,511	2,499	2,715	2,592	11
Court Review	236	249	193	194	169	-28
Crown Court	13,023	13,490	13,609	14,017	14,608	12
Standard PSR	12,233	12,635	12,620	12,969	13,352	9
Fast Delivery PSR written	434	513	623	672	845	95
Fast Delivery PSR oral	69	68	80	103	138	100
Deferred sentence ⁽²⁾	98	88	94	106	92	-6
PSR breach	189	186	192	167	181	-4
Court Review	68	45	5	4	5	*

(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, July 2007 - June 2008

England and Wales

	Sentence given						All
	Community Sentences	Suspended Sentence Order	Custody	Fine	Absolute/Conditional Discharge	Other	
Sentence proposed							
Community Order	91,461	19,324	11,435	1,060	1,164	2,292	126,736
All Community Sentences ⁽¹⁾	92,973	20,231	12,367	1,105	1,197	2,441	130,314
Suspended Sentence Order	3,051	13,161	7,495	98	102	486	24,393
All immediate custodial sentences	672	1,037	15,382	52	79	431	17,653
Fine	700	177	99	1,762	213	119	3,070
All	97,396	34,606	35,343	3,017	1,591	3,477	175,430
% breakdown							
Community Order	72%	15%	9%	1%	1%	2%	100%
All Community Sentences ⁽¹⁾	71%	16%	9%	1%	1%	2%	100%
Suspended Sentence Order	13%	54%	31%	0%	0%	2%	100%
All immediate custodial sentences	4%	6%	87%	0%	0%	2%	100%
Fine	23%	6%	3%	57%	7%	4%	100%

(1) Includes all pre-CJA community sentences

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