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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 – Q4 2008 compared to Q4 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 Q4 2007 and Q4 2008:**
 - The number starting court order supervision increased by 1 per cent (up from 45,410 to 46,010).
 - The number of offenders starting Community Orders increased by 5 per cent (up from 31,990 to 33,450).
 - The number of offenders starting Suspended Sentence Orders (SSOs) fell by 5 per cent (down from 11,690 to 11,090). This is the second quarter on quarter fall in a row.
 - The number of offenders starting pre or post release supervision increased by 2 per cent (up from 11,480 to 11,720).
- **Half of all Community Orders starting in Q4 2008 had just one requirement:** 50 per cent had one requirement and a further 35 per cent had two requirements; for SSOs these proportions were 36 per cent and 43 per cent respectively. The proportions having each number of requirements have remained stable throughout the last five quarters. Community Orders starting with one requirement increased by 4 per cent between Q4 2007 and Q4 2008, compared to 6 per cent for those with two requirements and 13 per cent for 4 requirements.
- **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 Q4 2008.
- **Overall, supervision was the most used requirement for Community Orders and SSOs** started in Q4 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 46 per cent, specified activities by 31 per cent and drug treatment by 15 per cent between Q4 2007 and Q4 2008 under Community Orders. All requirements had increased, apart from unpaid work and accredited programmes. Under SSOs there were decreases particularly in the use of supervision and accredited programme requirements (down 8 and 15 per cent respectively).
- **The proportion of offenders starting Community Orders who were supervised under Tier 1 increased** from 27 per cent to 33 per cent between Q4 2007 and Q4 2008. Conversely, the number supervised under Tier 2 decreased from 31 per cent to 26 per cent. There was a similar pattern for SSOs, with the proportion of those under Tier 3 also falling over the period. 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) – 31 December 08 compared to 31 December 07

- **Slight decrease in Probation Service caseload as at 31 December 2008:**
 - 2 per cent fall in the number of offenders supervised under a court order at the end of December 2008 (down from 150,180 to 146,730).
 - 1 per cent fall in the number of offenders being supervised under Community Orders, but a 2 per cent increase in the number being supervised under SSOs.
 - 4 per cent increase in number of offenders supervised either before or after release from prison at the end of December 2008, including a 12 per cent increase in the number supervised post release. However, these percentages are slightly understated due to an under-recording of this caseload by the West Midlands area.

3. Terminations of court orders (Table 9)

- **More than 60 per cent of Community and Suspended Sentence Orders ran their full course or were terminated early for good progress in Q4 2008:**
 - Of the 29,880 Community Orders terminated, 62 per cent had run their full course or were terminated early for good progress, compared to 28 per cent terminated for negative reasons. The equivalent percentages for SSOs were 64 and 29 respectively.

4. Court reports (Tables 10 and 11)

- **Slight decrease in the total number of court reports but a continued rise in the proportion of fast delivery pre sentence reports (PSRs):**
 - A total of 55,100 court reports were prepared in Q4 2008, 1 per cent down on Q4 2007.
 - The number of Standard PSRs fell by 6 per cent whilst total fast delivery PSRs rose by 10 per cent.
 - The proportion of fast delivery PSRs (both written and oral) from the combined total of fast delivery and standard PSRs was 39 per cent in Q4 2008, higher than in Q4 2007 when it was 35 per cent.
 - There has been a continued large increase in the number of **oral** fast delivery PSRs. Comparing Q4 2008 with the same quarter in 2007 they have increased by 19 per cent. The increase in magistrates' courts was 18

per cent, compared to 66 per cent in the Crown Court (although in the case of the latter it should be noted that these numbers are relatively small).

- Over the same period written fast delivery PSRs increased by 6 per cent. In magistrates' courts the increase was 2 per cent and in the Crown Court it was 77 per cent.
- **The level of concordance between sentences proposed and given for the twelve months ending 31 December 2008 was highest for custodial sentences** at 88 per cent, compared to 71 per cent for community sentences and 52 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.

Contact points for further information

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

England and Wales

	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Percentage change Q4 2008
All court reports⁽¹⁾	55,770	57,802	57,726	56,598	55,101	-1
Standard PSR	34,407	34,621	34,402	33,314	32,182	-6
Fast Delivery PSR written	13,129	13,930	14,022	14,204	13,890	6
Fast Delivery PSR oral	5,277	6,099	6,298	6,136	6,275	19
Deferred sentence ⁽²⁾	266	270	231	228	251	-6
PSR breach	2,691	2,882	2,773	2,716	2,503	-7
Court Review	198	198	174	191	180	-9
Magistrates' courts	42,161	43,785	43,118	42,399	41,005	-3
Standard PSR	21,787	21,652	21,050	20,497	19,599	-10
Fast Delivery PSR written	12,506	13,258	13,177	13,236	12,790	2
Fast Delivery PSR oral	5,197	5,996	6,160	6,005	6,142	18
Deferred sentence ⁽²⁾	172	164	139	135	145	-16
PSR breach	2,499	2,715	2,592	2,526	2,329	-7
Court Review	193	194	169	186	169	-12
Crown Court	13,609	14,017	14,608	14,199	14,096	4
Standard PSR	12,620	12,969	13,352	12,817	12,583	0
Fast Delivery PSR written	623	672	845	968	1,100	77
Fast Delivery PSR oral	80	103	138	131	133	66
Deferred sentence ⁽²⁾	94	106	92	93	106	13
PSR breach	192	167	181	190	174	-9
Court Review	5	4	5	5	11	*

(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 percer

Data Sources and Quality

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Table 9 Terminations of court orders by reason ⁽¹⁾

England and Wales

	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008
Community Order					
Ran their full course	49	48	49	49	50
Terminated early for:					
good progress	9	10	11	12	12
failure to comply with requirements	20	21	19	18	17
conviction of offence	12	11	11	11	11
other reasons	11	10	10	10	10
Total number	29,396	30,804	31,759	31,542	29,876
Suspended Sentence Order					
Ran their full course	49	48	49	51	54
Terminated early for:					
good progress	6	8	10	10	10
failure to comply with requirements	18	18	15	15	13
conviction of offence	17	17	18	16	16
other reasons	9	8	8	8	8
Total number	8,307	9,592	10,093	10,901	10,061

(1) The increase over time in percentages of Community Orders and Suspended Sentence Orders running their full course is due partly 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 8 Persons supervised by the Probation Service at 31 December 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	260	6,914	2,772	9,555	3,035	1,689	4,696	14,122
Durham	65	1,448	617	2,039	545	335	877	2,888
Northumbria	132	3,588	1,388	4,939	1,503	884	2,364	7,243
Teesside	63	1,878	767	2,577	987	470	1,455	3,991
North West	978	15,180	7,120	22,591	10,664	5,047	15,602	37,907
Cheshire	62	1,788	689	2,463	900	557	1,442	3,887
Cumbria	81	1,074	338	1,471	451	247	695	2,147
Lancashire	168	3,219	1,450	4,690	1,774	1,064	2,826	7,471
Greater Manchester	445	5,804	3,008	8,961	4,623	2,144	6,752	15,597
Merseyside	222	3,295	1,635	5,006	2,916	1,035	3,887	8,805
Yorkshire & Humberside	462	10,636	3,676	14,481	7,057	3,911	10,948	25,262
Humberside	99	1,562	792	2,412	1,270	756	2,022	4,408
North Yorkshire	70	991	410	1,438	490	326	816	2,241
South Yorkshire	107	2,553	1,138	3,720	1,974	1,086	3,050	6,720
West Yorkshire	186	5,530	1,336	6,911	3,323	1,743	5,060	11,893
East Midlands	283	7,256	3,279	10,563	4,885	2,488	7,351	17,829
Derbyshire	100	1,640	847	2,508	955	577	1,531	4,017
Leicestershire	72	1,497	797	2,306	933	500	1,427	3,722
Lincolnshire	20	863	348	1,211	562	272	834	2,034
Northamptonshire	12	1,088	460	1,533	764	415	1,166	2,684
Nottinghamshire	79	2,168	827	3,005	1,671	724	2,393	5,372
West Midlands	746	11,521	5,478	17,192	7,472	3,579	10,898	27,844
Staffordshire	96	1,779	917	2,713	1,031	608	1,636	4,329
Warwickshire	37	820	254	1,093	398	259	648	1,735
West Mercia	91	1,708	721	2,448	923	493	1,413	3,819
West Midlands	522	7,214	3,586	10,938	5,120	2,219	7,201	17,961
Eastern	484	8,984	4,139	13,175	4,694	2,478	7,145	20,194
Bedfordshire	33	846	316	1,178	736	334	1,069	2,239
Cambridgeshire	48	1,286	720	1,990	729	445	1,173	3,146
Essex	204	3,211	1,369	4,583	1,272	731	1,988	6,518
Hertfordshire	109	1,638	711	2,388	695	349	1,041	3,404
Norfolk	44	1,057	506	1,563	672	395	1,065	2,619
Suffolk	46	946	517	1,473	590	224	809	2,268
London	1,390	16,138	6,926	23,788	14,783	5,814	20,447	43,811
South East	615	11,681	5,009	16,827	7,134	3,485	10,589	27,291
Hampshire	187	3,156	1,195	4,445	1,438	924	2,354	6,755
Kent	122	2,451	1,218	3,662	1,619	767	2,383	6,026
Surrey	19	982	389	1,352	497	260	751	2,096
Sussex	125	2,140	960	3,104	1,788	644	2,424	5,510
Thames Valley	162	2,952	1,247	4,264	1,792	890	2,677	6,904
South West	347	6,632	2,507	9,268	3,801	1,872	5,642	14,839
Avon & Somerset	73	2,421	801	3,217	1,403	600	1,994	5,188
Devon & Cornwall	165	1,656	726	2,500	947	443	1,379	3,864
Dorset	34	799	396	1,208	555	313	866	2,065
Gloucestershire	33	901	339	1,228	492	306	795	2,007
Wiltshire	42	855	245	1,115	404	210	608	1,715
Wales	256	6,211	3,071	9,285	3,339	1,857	5,159	14,335
Dyfed-Powys	20	666	374	1,030	318	171	487	1,512
Gwent	47	1,299	506	1,813	568	351	915	2,713
North Wales	79	1,322	673	2,032	654	423	1,068	3,077
South Wales	110	2,924	1,518	4,410	1,799	912	2,689	7,033
All areas	5,821	101,153	43,977	146,725	66,864	32,220	98,477	243,434

(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.

(2) The pre and post release figures for the West Midlands area are understated, due to an under-recording of the caseload in data submitted for December 2008. This is due to them recently changing case management systems.

Data Sources and Quality

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

England and Wales

	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008 ⁽⁶⁾	Percentage change Q4 2008
MALES AND FEMALES						
All court orders	150,179	149,282	147,786	146,680	146,725	-2
All community sentences	111,454	109,166	107,266	106,551	106,714	-4
Community order	101,858	101,246	100,455	100,362	101,153	-1
CRO	3,774	2,806	2,132	1,687	1,447	-62
CPO ⁽²⁾	3,260	2,852	2,601	2,446	2,231	-32
CPO (breach)	572	476	386	366	304	-47
CPRO	2,492	2,146	1,928	1,830	1,739	-30
DTTO	130	104	98	92	84	-35
C&YP 1969 ⁽³⁾	41	45	74	67	55	*
SSSO ⁽⁴⁾	170	124	127	109	89	-48
MPSO	273	244	215	209	173	-37
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	111	95	97	105	90	-19
Suspended sentence order	42,912	44,253	44,614	44,173	43,977	2
All pre and post release supervision ^(1,5)	94,459	97,082	99,193	99,139	98,477	4
Pre release supervision	66,381	67,535	68,407	68,453	66,864	1
Post release supervision	28,721	30,270	31,583	31,407	32,220	12
MALES						
All court orders	128,561	127,730	126,374	125,317	125,229	-3
All community sentences	95,165	93,237	91,600	90,936	90,970	-4
Community order	86,952	86,389	85,657	85,521	86,066	-1
CRO	3,142	2,331	1,785	1,408	1,227	-61
CPO ⁽²⁾	2,909	2,577	2,370	2,240	2,044	-30
CPO (breach)	546	456	365	344	283	-48
CPRO	2,198	1,906	1,724	1,636	1,561	-29
DTTO	97	78	75	72	67	-31
C&YP 1969 ⁽³⁾	35	42	68	61	49	*
SSSO ⁽⁴⁾	120	85	89	76	60	-50
MPSO	199	178	159	155	123	-38
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	86	77	78	91	77	-10
Suspended sentence order	37,091	38,165	38,413	37,986	37,759	2
All pre and post release supervision ^(1,5)	89,269	91,704	93,620	93,680	93,136	4
Pre release supervision	62,969	64,027	64,802	64,952	63,535	1
Post release supervision	26,930	28,373	29,586	29,428	30,190	12
FEMALES						
All court orders	21,618	21,552	21,412	21,363	21,496	-1
All community sentences	16,289	15,929	15,666	15,615	15,744	-3
Community order	14,906	14,857	14,798	14,841	15,087	1
CRO	632	475	347	279	220	-65
CPO ⁽²⁾	351	275	231	206	187	-47
CPO (breach)	26	20	21	22	21	*
CPRO	294	240	204	194	178	-39
DTTO	33	26	23	20	17	-48
C&YP 1969 ⁽³⁾	6	3	6	6	6	*
SSSO ⁽⁴⁾	50	39	38	33	29	*
MPSO	74	66	56	54	50	-32
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	25	18	19	14	13	-48
Suspended sentence order	5,821	6,088	6,201	6,187	6,218	7
All pre and post release supervision ^(1,5)	5,190	5,378	5,573	5,459	5,341	3
Pre release supervision	3,412	3,508	3,605	3,501	3,329	-2
Post release supervision	1,791	1,897	1,997	1,979	2,030	13

(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.

(6) The pre and post release figures for Q4 2008 are slightly understated, due to an under-recording of the caseload in data submitted by the West Midlands area. This is due to them recently changing case management systems.

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

England and Wales

	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Percentage change Q4 2008
Community Orders	31,988	33,045	33,672	33,934	33,452	5
Tier 1 (Low)	8,577	9,506	10,428	11,280	10,926	27
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	9,820	9,424	8,979	8,609	8,618	-12
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	11,610	12,145	12,234	12,064	11,836	2
Tier 4 (High)	1,351	1,328	1,406	1,472	1,515	12
Tier not stated	630	642	625	509	557	-12
% Breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
Tier 1 (Low)	27	29	31	33	33	
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	31	29	27	25	26	
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	36	37	36	36	35	
Tier 4 (High)	4	4	4	4	5	
Tier not stated	2	2	2	1	2	
Suspended Sentence Orders	11,693	12,051	11,842	11,467	11,093	-5
Tier 1 (Low)	1,707	2,096	2,239	2,433	2,410	41
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	3,327	3,244	3,117	3,035	2,817	-15
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	5,618	5,731	5,541	5,062	4,949	-12
Tier 4 (High)	844	808	790	764	766	-9
Tier not stated	197	172	155	173	151	-23
% Breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
Tier 1 (Low)	15	17	19	21	22	
Tier 2 (Low/Medium)	28	27	26	26	25	
Tier 3 (Medium/High)	48	48	47	44	45	
Tier 4 (High)	7	7	7	7	7	
Tier not stated	2	1	1	2	1	

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

	Community order						Suspended sentence order					
	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Percentage change Q4 2008	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Percentage change Q4 2008
North East	2,382	2,370	2,410	2,403	2,433	2	741	733	685	742	670	-10
Durham	519	479	494	481	495	-5	186	151	174	176	148	-20
Northumbria	1,275	1,256	1,223	1,235	1,275	0	366	380	310	363	347	-5
Teesside	588	635	693	687	663	13	189	202	201	203	175	-7
North West	5,067	5,202	5,542	5,672	5,451	8	1,922	2,001	2,015	1,858	1,769	-8
Cheshire	530	634	581	652	670	26	223	215	218	168	205	-8
Cumbria	383	408	415	386	383	0	113	115	99	89	73	-35
Lancashire	1,307	1,241	1,255	1,290	1,259	-4	407	481	423	376	360	-12
Greater Manchester	1,947	2,057	2,034	2,099	2,005	3	857	895	888	776	758	-12
Merseyside	900	862	1,257	1,245	1,134	26	322	295	387	449	373	16
Yorkshire & Humberside	3,853	3,889	4,018	4,090	4,002	4	1,092	1,200	1,074	1,055	1,015	-7
Humberside	566	535	572	592	637	13	276	296	255	218	251	-9
North Yorkshire	392	410	425	430	457	17	127	150	117	129	112	-12
South Yorkshire	964	979	1,031	1,070	1,069	11	356	419	377	360	328	-8
West Yorkshire	1,931	1,965	1,990	1,998	1,839	-5	333	335	325	348	324	-3
East Midlands	2,650	2,745	2,878	2,731	2,749	4	961	1,093	1,049	972	923	-4
Derbyshire	562	594	654	596	639	14	197	274	274	283	237	20
Leicestershire	540	676	614	532	517	-4	233	254	253	222	261	12
Lincolnshire	301	311	338	359	350	16	119	146	135	103	108	-9
Northamptonshire	392	344	387	369	392	0	133	116	139	131	94	-29
Nottinghamshire	855	820	885	875	851	0	279	303	248	233	223	-20
West Midlands	3,328	3,331	3,383	3,430	3,237	-3	1,411	1,413	1,344	1,306	1,295	-8
Staffordshire	565	574	621	613	590	4	227	217	260	230	243	7
Warwickshire	289	293	275	284	266	-8	81	83	65	61	61	-25
West Mercia	591	530	569	624	601	2	238	198	187	170	198	-17
West Midlands	1,883	1,934	1,918	1,909	1,780	-5	865	915	832	845	793	-8
Eastern	2,808	2,944	2,859	3,071	2,913	4	1,028	1,051	1,035	1,025	959	-7
Bedfordshire	298	324	310	315	300	1	97	91	83	90	84	-13
Cambridgeshire	434	400	443	463	400	-8	167	157	196	197	182	9
Essex	886	950	873	959	912	3	309	310	283	292	289	-6
Hertfordshire	514	582	611	580	548	7	134	161	146	173	157	17
Norfolk	381	407	356	427	395	4	169	195	190	156	143	-15
Suffolk	295	281	266	327	358	21	152	137	137	117	104	-32
London	3,966	4,086	4,130	4,282	4,196	6	1,552	1,637	1,626	1,668	1,688	9
South East	3,605	4,528	3,637	4,050	3,894	8	1,272	1,281	1,513	1,426	1,229	-3
Hampshire	1,058	1,119	1,102	1,147	1,079	2	316	326	384	335	319	1
Kent	761	833	819	833	788	4	359	301	342	298	302	-16
Surrey	409	428	388	404	434	6	113	133	138	133	103	-9
Sussex	802	1,202	705	717	698	-13	298	398	271	286	211	-29
Thames Valley	951	946	962	949	895	-6	312	357	378	374	294	-6
South West	2,078	2,161	2,344	2,140	2,434	17	714	734	690	659	683	-4
Avon & Somerset	678	661	787	771	837	23	223	213	213	195	213	-4
Devon & Cornwall	572	577	593	427	645	13	222	213	196	178	181	-18
Dorset	298	313	323	324	326	9	103	127	115	133	123	19
Gloucestershire	310	324	345	324	339	9	88	99	84	90	105	19
Wiltshire	220	286	296	294	287	30	78	82	82	63	61	-22
Wales	1,875	2,162	2,132	2,065	2,143	14	874	791	811	756	862	-1
Dyfed-Powys	239	253	243	214	242	1	94	86	91	101	117	24
Gwent	411	381	374	374	404	-2	149	135	127	122	136	-9
North Wales	411	455	461	500	470	14	152	151	166	149	161	6
South Wales	814	1,073	1,054	977	1,027	26	479	419	427	384	448	-6
All areas	31,988	33,045	33,672	33,934	33,452	5	11,693	12,051	11,842	11,467	11,093	-5

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

England and Wales

	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Percentage change Q4 2008
Community Orders	54,155	55,167	56,296	56,885	56,685	5
Supervision	18,826	18,957	19,373	19,615	19,789	5
Unpaid Work	18,041	18,385	18,824	18,721	18,006	0
Accredited Programme	6,968	6,871	6,704	6,465	6,424	-8
Drug Treatment	2,976	3,110	3,227	3,381	3,430	15
Curfew	3,428	3,700	3,887	3,917	3,871	13
Specified Activity	2,019	2,173	2,169	2,401	2,644	31
Alcohol Treatment	956	957	1,041	1,271	1,391	46
Residential	205	208	239	233	255	24
Mental Health	156	177	203	167	192	23
Exclusion	231	257	252	253	267	16
Prohibited Activity	254	249	247	327	288	13
Attendance Centre	95	123	130	134	128	35
% breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
Supervision	35	34	34	34	35	
Unpaid Work	33	33	33	33	32	
Accredited Programme	13	12	12	11	11	
Drug Treatment	5	6	6	6	6	
Curfew	6	7	7	7	7	
Specified Activity	4	4	4	4	5	
Alcohol Treatment	2	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	1	1	
Attendance Centre	0	0	0	0	0	
Suspended Sentence Orders	22,024	22,477	22,000	21,243	20,962	-5
Supervision	8,645	8,672	8,493	8,242	7,996	-8
Unpaid Work	5,262	5,616	5,449	5,299	5,163	-2
Accredited Programme	3,782	3,665	3,527	3,350	3,201	-15
Curfew	1,559	1,629	1,527	1,520	1,579	1
Drug Treatment	1,092	1,127	1,095	1,031	1,050	-4
Specified Activity	657	698	757	728	808	23
Alcohol Treatment	400	438	431	461	546	37
Exclusion	159	174	179	147	159	0
Prohibited Activity	182	175	230	183	204	12
Residential	189	208	240	217	177	-6
Mental Health	80	57	54	49	62	-23
Attendance Centre	17	18	18	16	17	*
% breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
Supervision	39	39	39	39	38	
Unpaid Work	24	25	25	25	25	
Accredited Programme	17	16	16	16	15	
Curfew	7	7	7	7	8	
Drug Treatment	5	5	5	5	5	
Specified Activity	3	3	3	3	4	
Alcohol Treatment	2	2	2	2	3	
Exclusion	1	1	1	1	1	
Prohibited Activity	1	1	1	1	1	
Residential	1	1	1	1	1	
Mental Health	0	0	0	0	0	
Attendance Centre	0	0	0	0	0	

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

England and Wales

	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Percentage change Q4 2008
Community Orders	31,988	33,045	33,672	33,934	33,452	5
Unpaid Work	10,031	10,660	10,806	10,789	10,377	3
Supervision	4,355	4,338	4,450	4,442	4,456	2
Supervision & Accredited Programme	3,569	3,603	3,457	3,325	3,258	-9
Supervision & Unpaid Work	2,383	2,376	2,542	2,552	2,512	5
Supervision & Drug Treatment	1,686	1,848	2,005	2,073	2,056	22
Curfew	1,172	1,407	1,537	1,460	1,363	16
Supervision, Unpaid Work & Accredited Programme	1,241	1,144	1,223	1,083	1,072	-14
Unpaid Work & Unpaid Work ⁽¹⁾	823	720	703	696	602	-27
Supervision & Specified Activity	605	649	632	733	812	34
Supervision, Accredited Programme & Drug Treatment	586	535	511	500	545	-7
All other combinations of requirements	5,537	5,765	5,806	6,281	6,399	16
Suspended Sentence Orders	11,693	12,051	11,842	11,467	11,093	-5
Unpaid Work	2,102	2,311	2,281	2,229	2,124	1
Supervision & Accredited Programme	1,867	1,798	1,749	1,708	1,585	-15
Supervision	1,685	1,632	1,681	1,582	1,369	-19
Supervision & Unpaid Work	1,227	1,326	1,251	1,250	1,197	-2
Supervision, Unpaid Work & Accredited Programme	712	741	677	637	607	-15
Supervision & Drug Treatment	579	652	617	621	601	4
Curfew	300	342	326	307	323	8
Supervision & Curfew	288	311	305	298	294	2
Supervision, Accredited Programme & Drug Treatment	254	231	217	188	190	-25
Supervision & Specified Activity	175	180	204	210	206	18
All other combinations of requirements	2,504	2,527	2,534	2,437	2,597	4

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

Data Sources and Quality

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

England and Wales

	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Percentage change Q4 2008
Community Orders	31,988	33,045	33,672	33,934	33,452	5
1	15,906	16,778	17,153	17,080	16,574	4
2	11,170	11,501	11,661	11,969	11,858	6
3	4,171	4,108	4,162	4,190	4,186	0
4	642	569	617	604	726	13
5 or more	99	89	79	91	108	9
% Breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
1	50	51	51	50	50	
2	35	35	35	35	35	
3	13	12	12	12	13	
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	11,693	12,051	11,842	11,467	11,093	-5
1	4,333	4,544	4,560	4,354	4,026	-7
2	4,872	5,059	4,891	4,857	4,732	-3
3	2,115	2,091	2,028	1,939	1,967	-7
4	323	320	320	276	324	0
5 or more	50	37	43	41	44	*
% Breakdown	100	100	100	100	100	
1	37	38	39	38	36	
2	42	42	41	42	43	
3	18	17	17	17	18	
4	3	3	3	2	3	
5 or more	0	0	0	0	0	
Average (mean)	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.9	

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Data Sources and Quality

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

England and Wales

	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008	Percentage change Q4 2008
MALES AND FEMALES						
All court orders	45,408	46,775	47,200	47,092	46,012	1
All community sentences	33,702	34,735	35,341	35,596	34,907	4
Community order	31,988	33,045	33,672	33,934	33,452	5
CRO	184	172	140	139	128	-30
CPO ⁽²⁾	968	981	983	962	859	-11
CPO (breach)	230	322	338	202	169	-27
CPRO	335	218	212	358	313	-7
DTTO	5	7	7	5	3	*
C&YP 1969 ⁽³⁾	5	5	5	5	6	*
SSSO	15	8	17	13	6	*
MPSO	10	12	13	7	9	*
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	161	129	158	158	143	-11
Suspended sentence order	11,693	12,051	11,842	11,467	11,093	-5
Pre and post release supervision	11,478	11,872	12,704	12,485	11,722	2
MALES						
All court orders	38,452	39,701	39,920	39,846	38,854	1
All community sentences	28,374	29,342	29,777	30,000	29,325	3
Community order	26,839	27,822	28,282	28,503	27,995	4
CRO	138	127	112	115	114	-17
CPO ⁽²⁾	881	901	894	879	789	-10
CPO (breach)	220	288	307	186	160	-27
CPRO	306	206	191	324	280	-8
DTTO	3	6	6	4	3	*
C&YP 1969 ⁽³⁾	5	5	4	5	6	*
SSSO	9	7	9	8	4	*
MPSO	9	9	13	4	7	*
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	127	104	122	134	113	-11
Suspended sentence order	10,077	10,372	10,148	9,819	9,527	-5
Pre and post release supervision	10,640	10,991	11,747	11,593	10,879	2
FEMALES						
All court orders	6,956	7,074	7,280	7,246	7,158	3
All community sentences	5,328	5,393	5,564	5,596	5,582	5
Community order	5,149	5,223	5,390	5,431	5,457	6
CRO	46	45	28	24	14	*
CPO ⁽²⁾	87	80	89	83	70	-20
CPO (breach)	10	34	31	16	9	*
CPRO	29	12	21	34	33	*
DTTO	2	1	1	1	0	*
C&YP 1969 ⁽³⁾	0	0	1	0	0	*
SSSO	6	1	8	5	2	*
MPSO	1	3	0	3	2	*
Other sentences						
Deferred sentence	34	25	36	24	30	*
Suspended sentence order	1,616	1,679	1,694	1,648	1,566	-3
Pre and post release supervision	838	881	957	892	843	1

(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 2001

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						Other	All
Sentence proposed							
All Community Sentences ⁽¹⁾	94,262	21,050	13,528	1,084	1,173	2,075	133,172
Suspended Sentence Order	2,778	11,749	7,302	89	97	395	22,410
All immediate custodial sentences	632	928	15,135	50	88	331	17,164
Fine	657	175	72	1,814	203	95	3,016
All	98,329	33,902	36,037	3,037	1,561	2,896	175,762
% breakdown							
All Community Sentences ⁽¹⁾	71%	16%	10%	1%	1%	2%	100%
Suspended Sentence Order	12%	52%	33%	0%	0%	2%	100%
All immediate custodial sentences	4%	5%	88%	0%	1%	2%	100%
Fine	22%	6%	2%	60%	7%	3%	100%

(1) Includes all pre-CJA community sentences

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