

Adult and Youth Reoffending in Northern Ireland (2017/18 Cohort)

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Summary Findings

- This annual bulletin provides information on the one year proven reoffending rate for offenders who received a non-custodial disposal at court, a diversionary disposal or who were released from custody during 2017/18 within Northern Ireland. Information is presented in relation to the full cohort and also disaggregated in relation to adults (those aged 18 and over) and youths (those aged 17 and under).
- **Of the 20,407 people included in the 2017/18 cohort, 3,884 (19.0%) reoffended during the one year observational period.** The overall reoffending rate is being used as an indicator for the Programme for Government.
- The 2017/18 cohort was made up of 19,292 adults (94.5%) and 1,115 young people (5.5%). Of the adults within the cohort, 18.4% reoffended. The corresponding figure for young people was 29.4% .
- Of the 3,884 who reoffended, over two-fifths (44.7%) committed their first reoffence within the first three months (adults 44.2%, youths 50.0%).
- In terms of offending history, 61.2% of the 20,407 had committed previous offences, ranging from one to 656 distinct offences (adults 62.6%, youths 35.2%).
- Overall, 12.9% of females and 20.6% of males had reoffended (adult females 12.3% and adult males 20.0%, youth females 24.1% and youth males 30.7%).
- The one year proven reoffending rate for¹;
 - custody releases was 45.4% (adults 45.0% and 11 of 15 youths).
 - court community disposal (supervision) was 37.3% (adults 34.9%, youths 63.1%).
 - court community disposal (no supervision) was 18.6% (adults 18.3%, youths 47.6%).
 - diversionary disposal was 16.6% (adults 14.4%, youths 24.8%).
- The highest reoffending rates were found amongst those who committed a baseline offence in the 'Burglary' category (42.9%), followed by 'Robbery' (37.7%). This was the same for adults only ('Burglary' 43.4% and 'Robbery' 36.5%). For youths, the highest reoffending rates were found amongst those who committed a baseline offence of 'Criminal Damage' (43.8%), followed by 'Public Order' (38.7%) and 'Drugs' (35.9%).

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1 Introduction

1.1 Adult and Youth Reoffending in Northern Ireland

In 2013, the Department of Justice's Analytical Services Group embarked on a project to revise the methodology used to calculate recidivism rates within Northern Ireland, bringing it more in line with established methodology in England and Wales. A brief summary of the approach used is detailed in Appendix 2 – Methodology and Counting Rules. For more detailed methodology refer to 'Northern Ireland Reoffending Methodology: Methodology and Glossary' Part 1 and Part 2, which can be found at the following link:

[Department of Justice Reoffending Statistics \(opens in new window\)](#)

This report will provide information on the reoffending rates for the 2017/18 adult and youth cohorts. It should be noted that the figures reported throughout have not been adjusted to make allowances for factors known to influence reoffending, such as gender, age and criminal history. Therefore, it is inappropriate to compare these findings with other results from within Northern Ireland or other jurisdictions.



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About this Chapter

The following section provides information on the reoffending rates of the total cohort along with a separate breakdown for adults and youths. Information is presented by overall reoffending rate, reoffending interval, number of proven reoffences, offending history, gender, age, disposal, baseline offence and specified and serious offences.

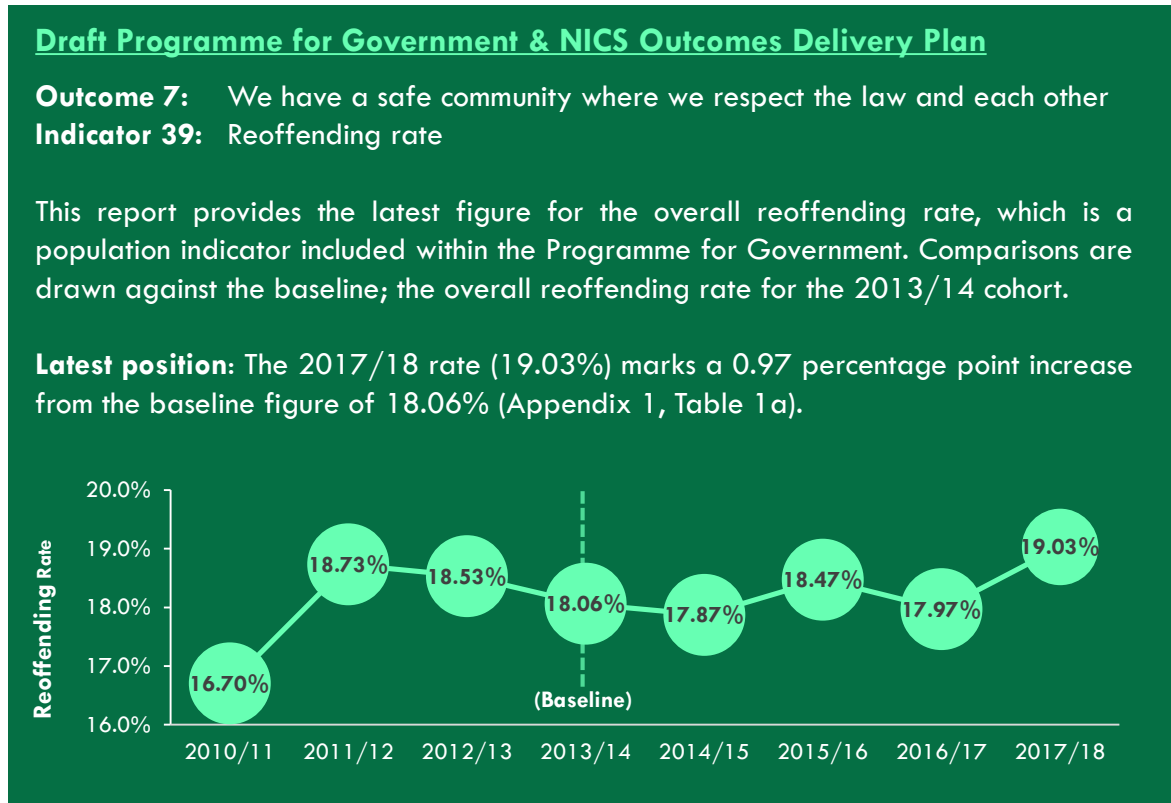
2.1 Reoffending Rate

2.1.1 Overall Reoffending Rate

A total of 20,407 offenders were included in the 2017/18 cohort. Overall, 3,884 (19.03%) committed a proven reoffence within the year following release from custody, receiving a non-custodial court disposal or a diversionary disposal. This represents a 1.06 percentage point increase in the actual rate of reoffending from the figure for the 2016/17 cohort (17.97%), and a 0.97 percentage point increase in the actual rate of reoffending from 2013/14 (18.06%) which is used as the baseline figure for measuring reoffending in line with the Programme for Government (Figure 1).

Whilst the reoffending rate has increased, it should be noted that the number of individuals included within the 2017/18 cohort of offenders (20,407) decreased by 1,086 from 2016/17 (21,493), and 6,662 from the 2013/14 baseline (27,069) (Appendix 1, Table 1a).

Figure 1: Overall Reoffending Rate from 2010/11 to 2017/18



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2.1.2 Adult Reoffending Rate

A total of 19,292 adults were included in the 2017/18 cohort, with 3,556 (18.43%) reoffending (Figure 2). This represents a 1.11 percentage point increase from the 2016/17 cohort (17.32%). However, the total number of adults within the 2017/18 cohort (19,292) decreased by 975 compared with the 2016/17 adult cohort (20,267) (Appendix 1, Table 1b).

2.1.3 Youth Reoffending Rate

Youths make up approximately five percent of the entire 2017/18 cohort. In total 328 (29.42%) of the 1,115 youths committed a reoffence within one year of being released from custody, being given a non-custodial disposal at court or a diversionary disposal (Figure 2). The total number of young people within the 2017/18 cohort (1,115) was 111 fewer than the youth cohort in 2016/17 (1,226) (Appendix 1, Table 1c).

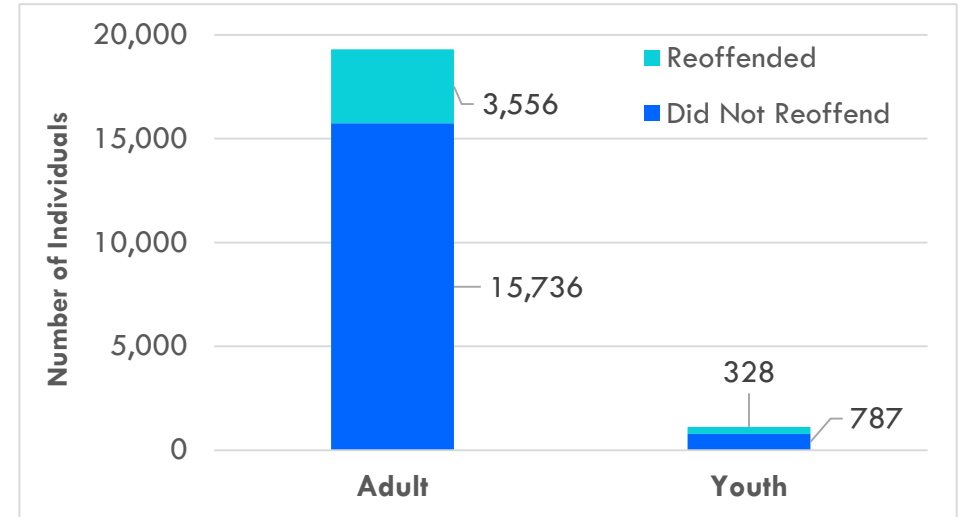
2.2 Reoffending Interval

Of the total 3,884 adults and youths who reoffended, 734 (18.9%) did so within the first month of being released from custody, receiving a non-custodial court disposal or a diversionary disposal. At 24.7% (81 of the 328 youths who committed a reoffence), the proportion of young people committing an offence within the first month was higher than that for adults (18.4%; 653 of the 3,556 adults who committed a reoffence).

By three months, 1,737 (44.7%) of all adult and youth reoffenders had committed a further offence. The comparative figure for adults only was 44.2% and 50.0% for youths.

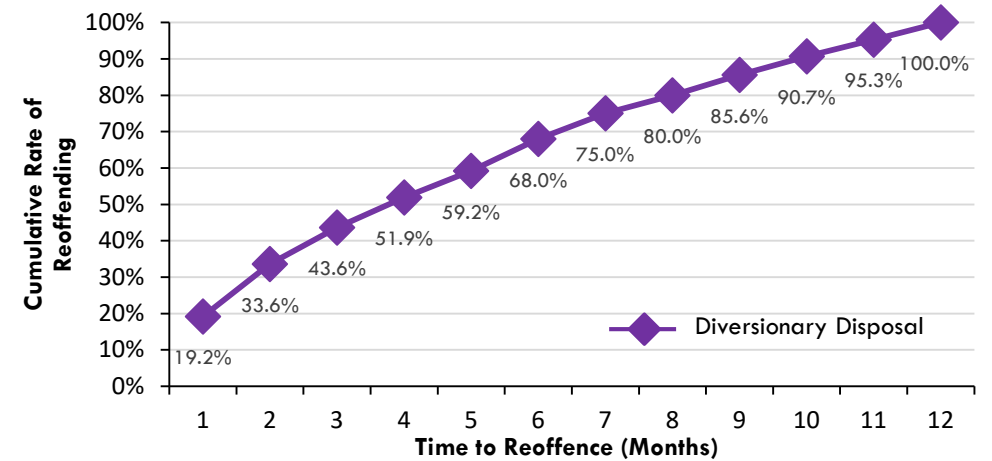
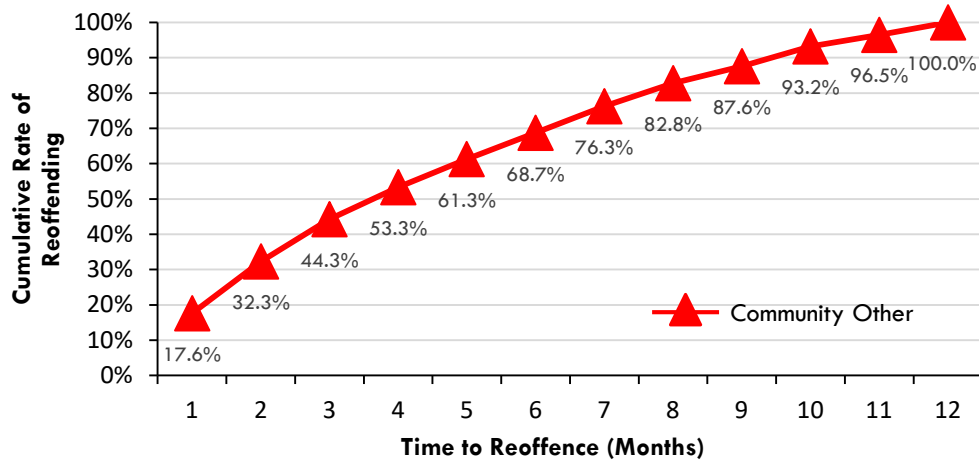
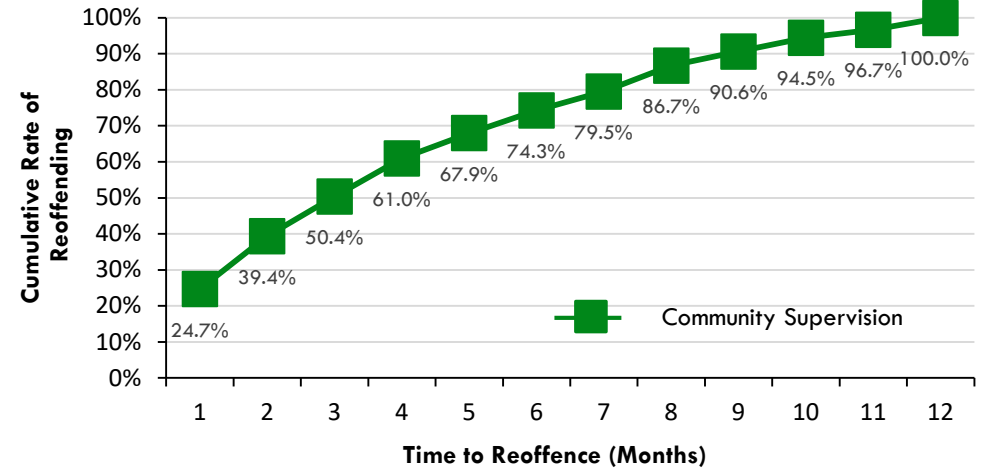
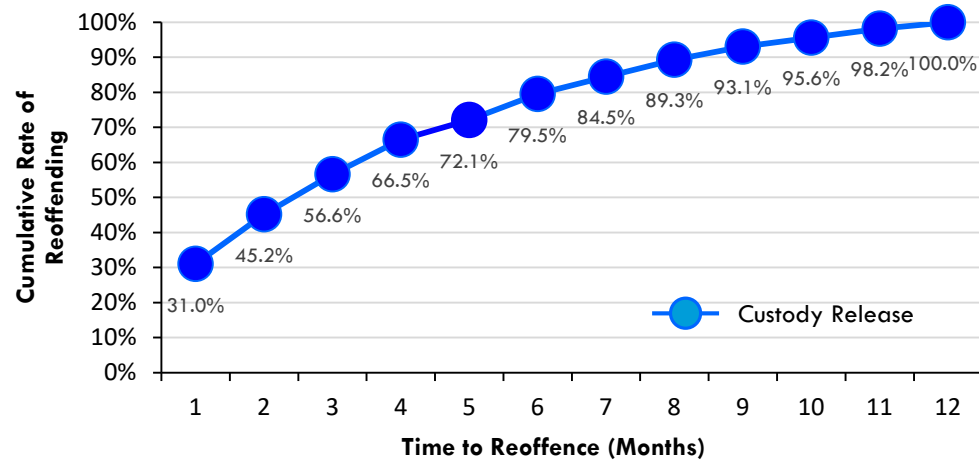
Although all disposal groups followed the same general trend, those released from custody were more likely to reoffend within the first month of release. Of those released from custody who reoffended, 56.6% had done so within the first three months of release, rising to 79.5% by the end of the first six months (Figure 3 and Appendix 1, Table 2a, 2b and 2c).

Figure 2: Adult and Youth Cohorts Released in 2017/18



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Figure 3: Reoffending Interval by Disposal Group (All)*



*Offenders are counted once per disposal group, however they may appear in more than one group

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2.3 Number of Proven Reoffences

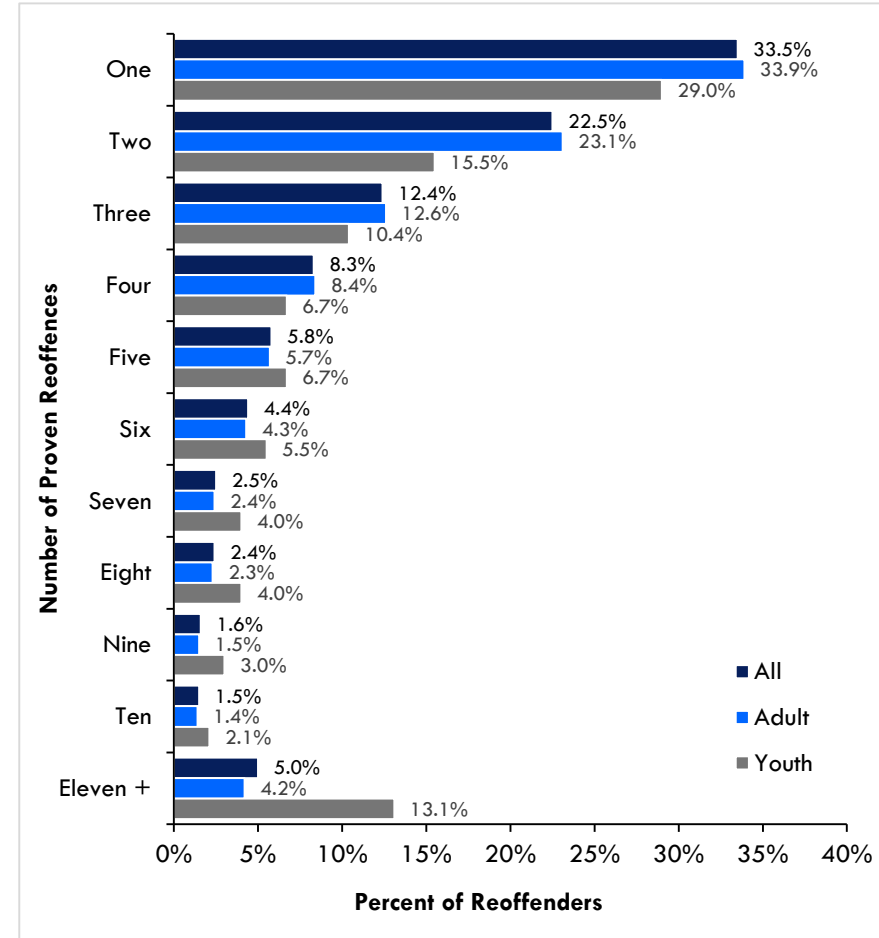
During the observation year, the 3,884 people who reoffended committed a further 13,616 proven offences, with adults committing 11,922 and youths committing 1,694 offences.

Overall this averages to just over three offences per reoffender and less than one offence per offender across the entire 2017/18 cohort. This was also true for adults, whereas youth reoffences equated to an average of five offences per youth who reoffended and less than two offences per offender across the youth cohort.

Just over one-third (33.9%) of adults committed only one further offence within the observation year and 4.2% committed 11 or more reoffences. In contrast, 29.0% of youths committed only one further offence, with 13.1% committing 11 or more.

Overall, the number of reoffences ranged from one to 35 for adults and one to 28 for youths (Figure 4 and Appendix 1, Table 3).

Figure 4: Number of Proven Reoffences



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2.4 Offending History

Of the 20,407 offenders included in the 2017/18 cohort, 7,928 had no previous offences. The remaining 12,479 (61.2%) had committed a total of 208,550 previous offences³ within their lifetime, ranging from one to 656 offences (Appendix 1, Table 4).

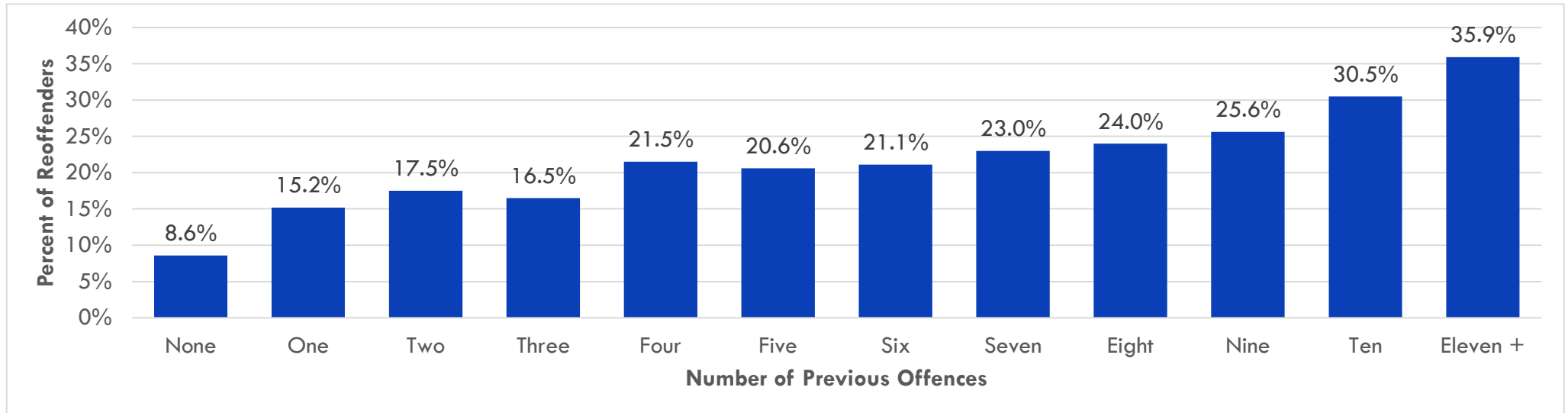
Of the 19,292 adults, 7,206 had no previous offences. The remaining 12,086 (62.6%) had committed 205,337

previous offences, ranging from one to 656.

Of the 1,115 youths, 722 had no previous offences. The remaining 393 (35.2%) had committed 3,213 previous offences, ranging from one to 101.

As shown in Figure 5, the reoffending rate overall tends to increase with the number of previous offences.

Figure 5: Reoffending Rate by Number of Previous Offences (All)

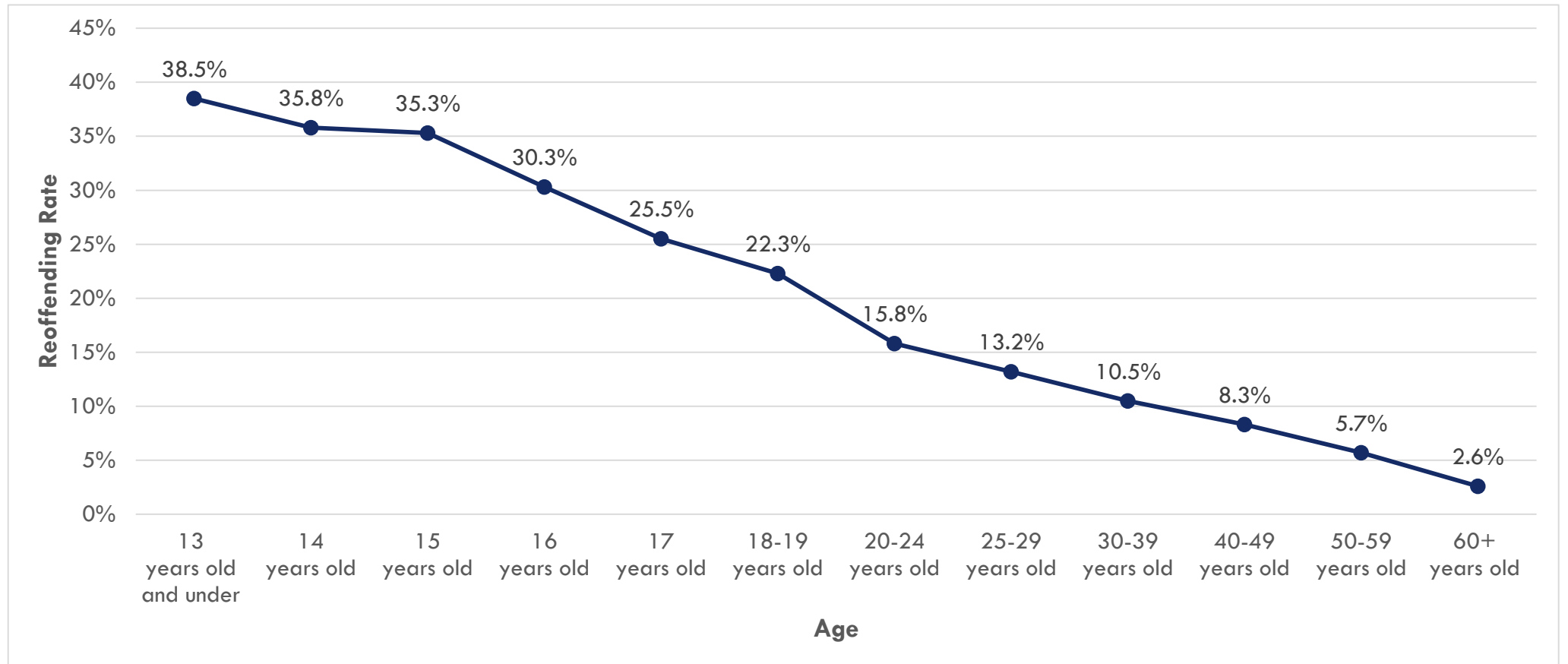


³Offences included are those recorded on an offender's criminal record only

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For each person in the 2017/18 cohort, their age at first recorded offence was calculated. As Figure 6 shows, the rate of reoffending appears to be generally higher for those who committed their first recorded offence in their early teenage years (Appendix 1, Table 5).

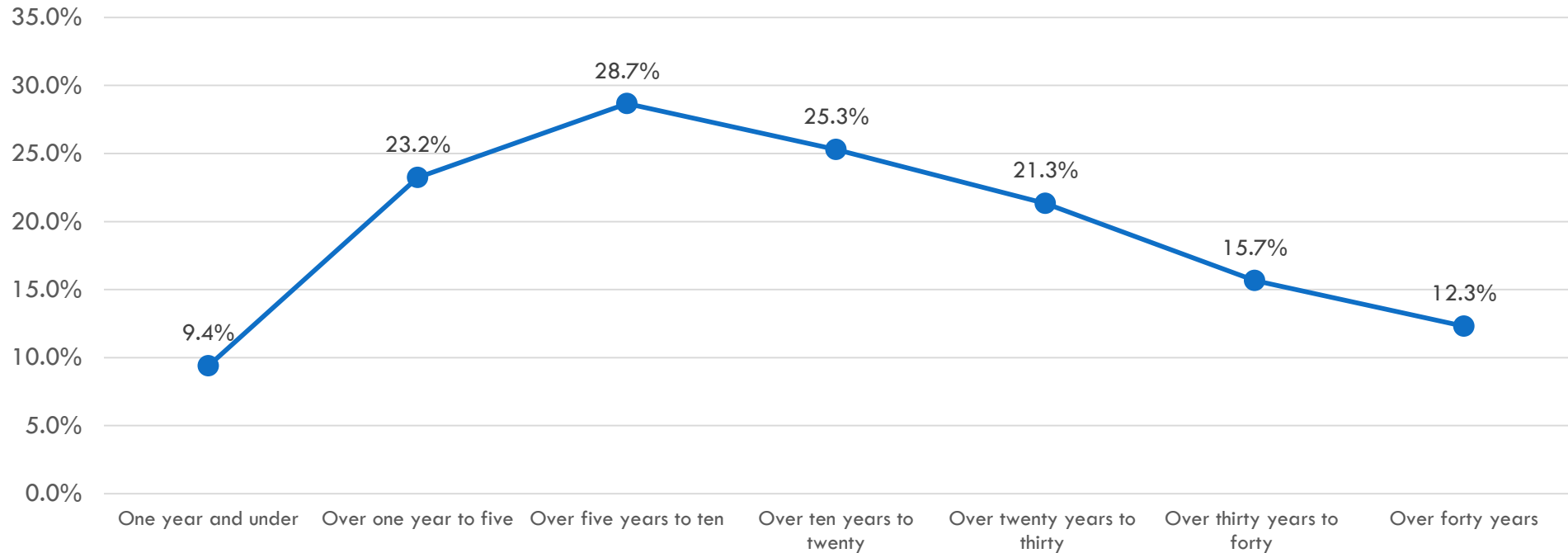
Figure 6: Reoffending Rate by Age at First Recorded Offence (All)



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As well as age at first offence, the time between committing this first offence and entering the 2017/18 cohort (i.e. the baseline date) was calculated as an estimate of the length of time each person has been engaging in criminal behaviours (Appendix 1, Table 6). This represents a very simplistic measure and does not take into consideration the frequency or severity of offending during this period. However, as can be seen in Figure 7, although the rates of reoffending initially appear to increase as the length of time between first offence and the date they enter the 2017/18 cohort increases, after approximately 10 years the reoffending rate appears to consistently decline. This is likely an interaction between ageing and reoffending behaviours. As highlighted in section 2.5, reoffending rates appear to decline as age increases.

Figure 7: Reoffending Rate by Time between First Offence and Baseline Date (All)



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2.5 Gender and Age at Baseline

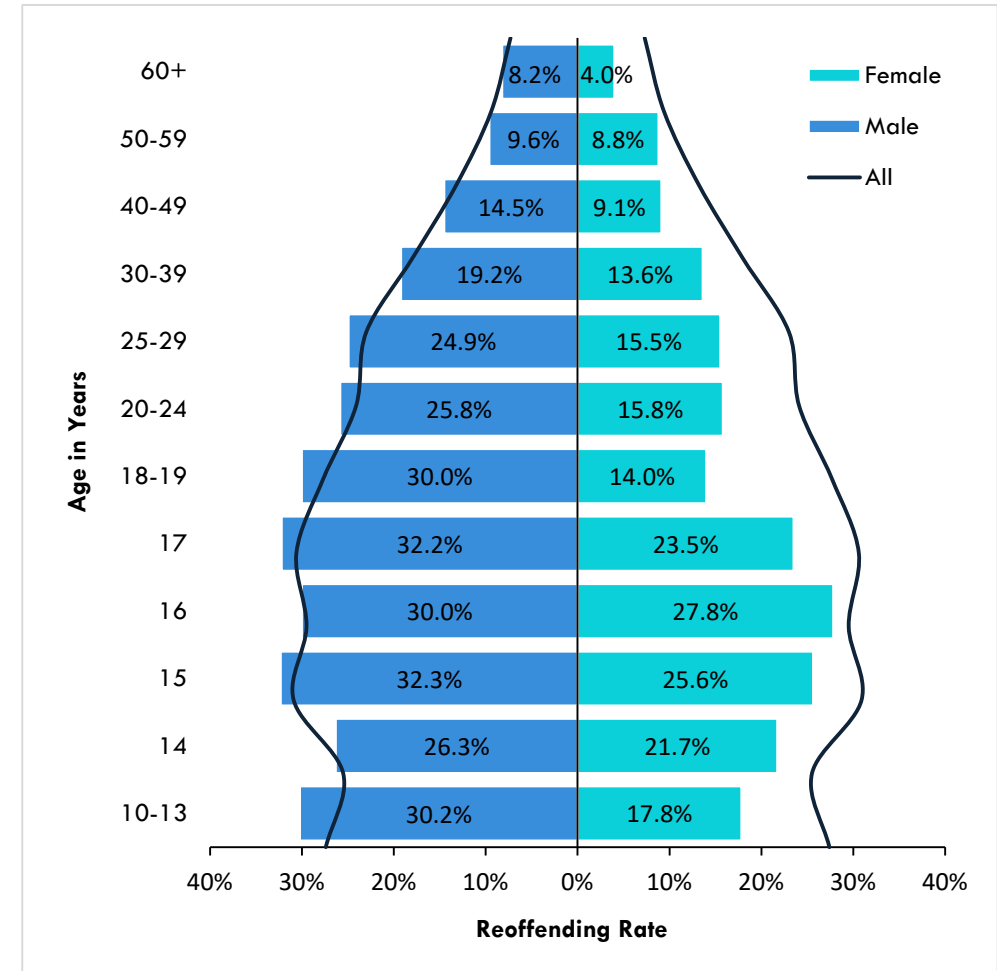
Of the 20,407 offenders in the cohort, 4,139 (20.3%) were female and the remaining 16,268 were male (79.7%). Overall, 535 females (12.9%) and 3,349 males (20.6%) had a proven reoffense within one year (Appendix 1, Table 7).

Of the 19,292 adults in the cohort, 3,923 (20.3%) were female and the remaining 15,369 were male (79.7%). Overall, 483 adult females (12.3%) and 3,073 adult males (20.0%) had a proven reoffense within one year.

Of the 1,115 youths in the cohort, 216 (19.4%) were female and the remaining 899 were male (80.6%). Overall, 52 youth females (24.1%) and 276 youth males (30.7%) had a proven reoffense within one year.

In terms of age, when looking at the entire cohort, the rate of reoffending fluctuates throughout the early teen years, before peaking between the ages of 15-17, and then generally declines thereafter. When looking at males and females separately however, the pattern appears to be different, with males following this overall pattern and females presenting a less consistent trend. This may be a result of the smaller number of female offenders within the cohort (Figure 8 and Appendix 1, Table 7).

Figure 8: Reoffending Rate by Age at Baseline and Gender



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2.6 Disposal

Appendix 1, Table 8 provides a breakdown of reoffending by baseline disposal. Although separate disposals are listed, disposals are grouped into four main categories:

1. People released from custody or young offender centre during 2017/18. This group includes those released from serving a prison term only and those released under community supervision (such disposals include Determinate Custodial Sentences; definitions for the different types of custodial sentences can be found on the [NI Direct website \(opens in a new window\)](#));
2. People given a non-custodial disposal at court that requires supervision in the community (such as a Probation Order);
3. People given a non-custodial disposal at court that does not require supervision in the community (such as a fine or a suspended sentence); and
4. People given a diversionary disposal (such as a caution or an informed warning).

At 45.4%, those released from custody have the highest reoffending rate, followed by non-custodial disposal with community supervision (37.3%), non-custodial disposal without supervision (community other) (18.6%) and, finally, diversionary disposals (16.6%).

Adults released from custody had a one year reoffending rate of 45.0%, followed by non-custodial disposal with community supervision (34.9%), non-custodial disposal without supervision (18.3%) and, finally, diversionary disposals (14.4%).

Eleven of the 15 youths released from custody reoffended within one year, as did 63.1% of those who received a non-custodial disposal with community supervision, 47.6% of those who received a non-custodial disposal without supervision and 24.8% of those who received a diversionary disposal.

Please note that base reoffending rates should not be used to measure the comparative success of different disposal types in their own right. The reason for this is that different offender characteristics and histories and different offence types will themselves be related to the type of disposal given. Therefore, offender profiles may differ substantially between the different disposal types.

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2.7 Baseline Offence

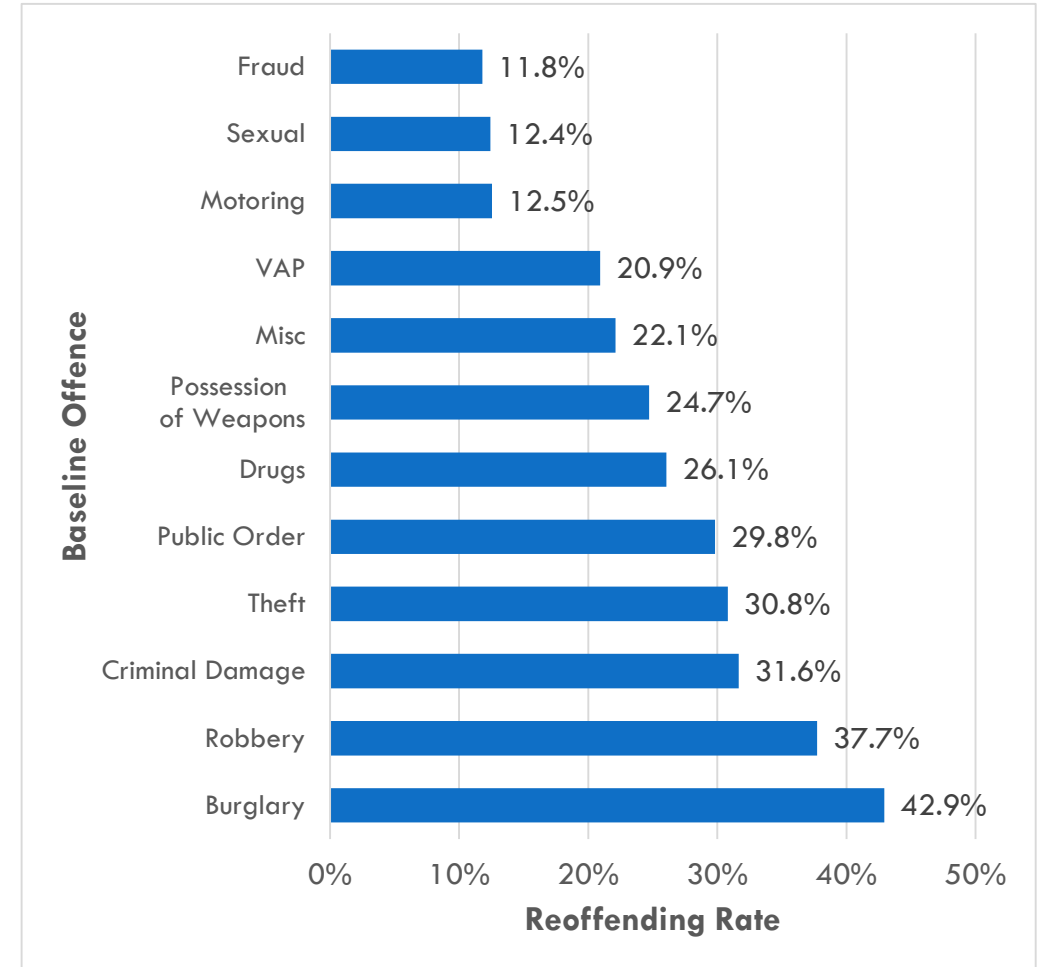
Figure 9 presents the reoffending rate by baseline offence category. Overall, reoffending rates were highest amongst those who committed a baseline offence in the 'Burglary' category followed by 'Robbery' (42.9% and 37.7% respectively).

For adults, the highest reoffending rates were for baseline offence categories of 'Burglary' and 'Robbery' (43.4% and 36.5%). For youths, the highest reoffending rates were found amongst those who had committed a baseline offence in the 'Criminal Damage' category (43.8%), followed by 'Public Order' (38.7%) and 'Drugs' (35.9%).

The lowest overall rates of reoffending for the 2017/18 cohort were committed by those with a baseline 'Fraud' offence (11.8%). This also held true for adults when viewed separately from youths (Appendix 1, Table 9).

Appendix 1, Tables 10a, 10b and 10c provide a breakdown of baseline offence category by first reoffence category. Although no definitive pattern emerged, it is interesting to note that, overall and for adults alone, for those who committed a baseline offence of 'Theft', 'Drugs', 'Public Order' or 'Motoring', the largest proportion of first reoffences were for offences in the same category. For youths, the same trend was noted across these four categories alongside 'Violence Against the Person' and 'Criminal Damage' offences.

Figure 9: Reoffending Rate by Baseline Offence (All)



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2.8 Specified and Serious Offences

During September 2016 there was an internal Department of Justice exercise which made a small number of changes to offence classifications designated as specified or serious, as per the Criminal Justice (NI) Order 2008⁴. This had a limited impact on the number of offences designated as 'serious'. However, those offences designated as 'specified' have increased substantially. This should not be interpreted as an increase in such offences, but has resulted from the inclusion of additional offence types in this classification. As such, no comparison with years prior to the 2013/14 cohort can be made.

Overall, 1,946 (9.5%) of the 20,407 people in the 2017/18 cohort had committed a baseline 'specified' offence. Of these, 460 (23.6%) went on to reoffend, 109 committing a further 'specified' offence. When examined separately, 9.2% of the adult cohort (1,766 of the 19,292 adults), had committed a baseline 'specified' offence. Of these, 415 (23.5%) went on to reoffend, 99 committing a further 'specified' offence. For youths, 180 (16.1%) had committed a baseline 'specified' offence. Of these, 45 (25.0%) went on to reoffend, with 10 committing a further 'specified' offence (Appendix 1, Tables 11a and 11b).

Overall, 530 (2.6%) of the 20,407 people in the 2017/18 cohort had committed a 'serious' offence, of which 90 (17.0%) reoffended, 5 committing a further serious offence. In total, 506 (2.6%) of the 19,292 adults had committed such offences, of whom 85 (16.8%) reoffended, with 4 committing a further serious offence. Of youths, 24 (2.2% of the 1,115 youths) had committed such offences. Of the 24, 5 reoffended, with 1 committing a further serious offence (Appendix 1, Tables 11a and 11b).



⁴[The Criminal Justice NI Order 2008 \(opens in new window\)](#)

Appendix 1 – Tables

Table 1a: Reoffending Rate (All)

| | Number of People in Cohort | Number who Reoffended within One Year | Reoffending Rate (%) |
|----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2010/11 | 33,815 | 5,646 | 16.70% |
| 2011/12 | 31,343 | 5,869 | 18.73% |
| 2012/13 | 29,427 | 5,452 | 18.53% |
| 2013/14 | 27,069 | 4,890 | 18.06% |
| 2014/15 | 23,627 | 4,221 | 17.87% |
| 2015/16 | 21,982 | 4,059 | 18.47% |
| 2016/17 | 21,493 | 3,862 | 17.97% |
| 2017/18 | 20,407 | 3,884 | 19.03% |

Table 1b: Reoffending Rate (Adult)

| | Number of People in Cohort | Number who Reoffended within One Year | Reoffending Rate (%) |
|----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2010/11 | 30,576 | 4,875 | 15.94% |
| 2011/12 | 28,751 | 5,116 | 17.79% |
| 2012/13 | 27,130 | 4,760 | 17.55% |
| 2013/14 | 25,164 | 4,353 | 17.30% |
| 2014/15 | 22,064 | 3,718 | 16.85% |
| 2015/16 | 20,439 | 3,601 | 17.62% |
| 2016/17 | 20,267 | 3,510 | 17.32% |
| 2017/18 | 19,292 | 3,556 | 18.43% |

Table 1c: Reoffending Rate (Youth)

| | Number of People in Cohort | Number who Reoffended within One Year | Reoffending Rate (%) |
|----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2010/11 | 3,248 | 772 | 23.77% |
| 2011/12 | 2,592 | 753 | 29.05% |
| 2012/13 | 2,297 | 692 | 30.13% |
| 2013/14 | 1,905 | 537 | 28.19% |
| 2014/15 | 1,563 | 503 | 32.18% |
| 2015/16 | 1,543 | 458 | 29.68% |
| 2016/17 | 1,226 | 352 | 28.71% |
| 2017/18 | 1,115 | 328 | 29.42% |

Table 2a: Reoffending Interval (Months) by Disposal Group (All)

| Disposal Group* | 1 month | 2 months | 3 months | 4 months | 5 months | 6 months | 7 months | 8 months | 9 months | 10 months | 11 months | 12 months | Total |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Custody Release | 174 | 80 | 64 | 56 | 31 | 42 | 28 | 27 | 21 | 14 | 15 | 10 | 562 |
| Community Supervision | 189 | 113 | 84 | 81 | 53 | 49 | 40 | 55 | 30 | 30 | 17 | 25 | 766 |
| Community Other | 474 | 396 | 322 | 243 | 214 | 201 | 203 | 177 | 127 | 153 | 87 | 95 | 2,692 |
| Diversionsary Disposal | 136 | 102 | 71 | 59 | 52 | 62 | 50 | 35 | 40 | 36 | 33 | 33 | 709 |
| Total | 734 | 561 | 442 | 348 | 294 | 302 | 283 | 246 | 188 | 206 | 136 | 144 | 3,884 |
| Percent (%) | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| Custody Release | 31.0% | 14.2% | 11.4% | 10.0% | 5.5% | 7.5% | 5.0% | 4.8% | 3.7% | 2.5% | 2.7% | 1.8% | 100.0% |
| Community Supervision | 24.7% | 14.8% | 11.0% | 10.6% | 6.9% | 6.4% | 5.2% | 7.2% | 3.9% | 3.9% | 2.2% | 3.3% | 100.0% |
| Community Other | 17.6% | 14.7% | 12.0% | 9.0% | 7.9% | 7.5% | 7.5% | 6.6% | 4.7% | 5.7% | 3.2% | 3.5% | 100.0% |
| Diversionsary Disposal | 19.2% | 14.4% | 10.0% | 8.3% | 7.3% | 8.7% | 7.1% | 4.9% | 5.6% | 5.1% | 4.7% | 4.7% | 100.0% |
| Total | 18.9% | 14.4% | 11.4% | 9.0% | 7.6% | 7.8% | 7.3% | 6.3% | 4.8% | 5.3% | 3.5% | 3.7% | 100.0% |
| Cumulative Percent (%) | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| Custody Release | 31.0% | 45.2% | 56.6% | 66.5% | 72.1% | 79.5% | 84.5% | 89.3% | 93.1% | 95.6% | 98.2% | 100.0% | |
| Community Supervision | 24.7% | 39.4% | 50.4% | 61.0% | 67.9% | 74.3% | 79.5% | 86.7% | 90.6% | 94.5% | 96.7% | 100.0% | |
| Community Other | 17.6% | 32.3% | 44.3% | 53.3% | 61.3% | 68.7% | 76.3% | 82.8% | 87.6% | 93.2% | 96.5% | 100.0% | |
| Diversionsary Disposal | 19.2% | 33.6% | 43.6% | 51.9% | 59.2% | 68.0% | 75.0% | 80.0% | 85.6% | 90.7% | 95.3% | 100.0% | |
| Total | 18.9% | 33.3% | 44.7% | 53.7% | 61.3% | 69.0% | 76.3% | 82.6% | 87.5% | 92.8% | 96.3% | 100.0% | |

*Individual disposals will not sum to overall total. For each of these groupings, only the first instance a person is included in this category is counted.

Table 2b: Reoffending Interval (Months) by Disposal Group (Adult)

| Disposal Group* | 1 month | 2 months | 3 months | 4 months | 5 months | 6 months | 7 months | 8 months | 9 months | 10 months | 11 months | 12 months | Total |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Custody Release | 170 | 77 | 63 | 55 | 31 | 42 | 28 | 26 | 21 | 13 | 15 | 10 | 551 |
| Community Supervision | 148 | 94 | 68 | 72 | 51 | 44 | 32 | 49 | 28 | 28 | 15 | 24 | 653 |
| Community Other | 447 | 386 | 316 | 236 | 207 | 200 | 200 | 176 | 126 | 149 | 86 | 93 | 2,622 |
| Diversionsary Disposal | 93 | 67 | 49 | 46 | 32 | 42 | 32 | 21 | 33 | 28 | 25 | 19 | 487 |
| Total | 653 | 515 | 405 | 323 | 269 | 277 | 261 | 226 | 179 | 194 | 126 | 128 | 3,556 |
| Percent (%) | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| Custody Release | 30.9% | 14.0% | 11.4% | 10.0% | 5.6% | 7.6% | 5.1% | 4.7% | 3.8% | 2.4% | 2.7% | 1.8% | 100.0% |
| Community Supervision | 22.7% | 14.4% | 10.4% | 11.0% | 7.8% | 6.7% | 4.9% | 7.5% | 4.3% | 4.3% | 2.3% | 3.7% | 100.0% |
| Community Other | 17.0% | 14.7% | 12.1% | 9.0% | 7.9% | 7.6% | 7.6% | 6.7% | 4.8% | 5.7% | 3.3% | 3.5% | 100.0% |
| Diversionsary Disposal | 19.1% | 13.8% | 10.1% | 9.4% | 6.6% | 8.6% | 6.6% | 4.3% | 6.8% | 5.7% | 5.1% | 3.9% | 100.0% |
| Total | 18.4% | 14.5% | 11.4% | 9.1% | 7.6% | 7.8% | 7.3% | 6.4% | 5.0% | 5.5% | 3.5% | 3.6% | 100.0% |
| Cumulative Percent (%) | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| Custody Release | 30.9% | 44.9% | 56.3% | 66.3% | 71.9% | 79.5% | 84.6% | 89.3% | 93.1% | 95.5% | 98.2% | 100.0% | |
| Community Supervision | 22.7% | 37.1% | 47.5% | 58.5% | 66.3% | 73.0% | 77.9% | 85.5% | 89.7% | 94.0% | 96.3% | 100.0% | |
| Community Other | 17.0% | 31.8% | 43.8% | 52.8% | 60.7% | 68.3% | 76.0% | 82.7% | 87.5% | 93.2% | 96.5% | 100.0% | |
| Diversionsary Disposal | 19.1% | 32.9% | 42.9% | 52.4% | 58.9% | 67.6% | 74.1% | 78.4% | 85.2% | 91.0% | 96.1% | 100.0% | |
| Total | 18.4% | 32.8% | 44.2% | 53.3% | 60.9% | 68.7% | 76.0% | 82.4% | 87.4% | 92.9% | 96.4% | 100.0% | |

*Individual disposals will not sum to overall total. For each of these groupings, only the first instance a person is included in this category is counted.

Table 2c: Reoffending Interval (Months) by Disposal Group (Youth)

| Disposal Group* | 1 month | 2 months | 3 months | 4 months | 5 months | 6 months | 7 months | 8 months | 9 months | 10 months | 11 months | 12 months | Total |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Custody Release | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 11 |
| Community Supervision | 41 | 19 | 16 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 113 |
| Community Other | 27 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 70 |
| Diversionsary Disposal | 43 | 35 | 22 | 13 | 20 | 20 | 18 | 14 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 14 | 222 |
| Total | 81 | 46 | 37 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 22 | 20 | 9 | 12 | 10 | 16 | 328 |
| Percent (%) | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| Custody Release | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Community Supervision | 36.3% | 16.8% | 14.2% | 8.0% | 1.8% | 4.4% | 7.1% | 5.3% | 1.8% | 1.8% | 1.8% | 0.9% | 100.0% |
| Community Other | 38.6% | 14.3% | 8.6% | 10.0% | 10.0% | 1.4% | 4.3% | 1.4% | 1.4% | 5.7% | 1.4% | 2.9% | 100.0% |
| Diversionsary Disposal | 19.4% | 15.8% | 9.9% | 5.9% | 9.0% | 9.0% | 8.1% | 6.3% | 3.2% | 3.6% | 3.6% | 6.3% | 100.0% |
| Total | 24.7% | 14.0% | 11.3% | 7.6% | 7.6% | 7.6% | 6.7% | 6.1% | 2.7% | 3.7% | 3.0% | 4.9% | 100.0% |
| Cumulative Percent (%) | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| Custody Release | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Community Supervision | 36.3% | 53.1% | 67.3% | 75.2% | 77.0% | 81.4% | 88.5% | 93.8% | 95.6% | 97.3% | 99.1% | 100.0% | |
| Community Other | 38.6% | 52.9% | 61.4% | 71.4% | 81.4% | 82.9% | 87.1% | 88.6% | 90.0% | 95.7% | 97.1% | 100.0% | |
| Diversionsary Disposal | 19.4% | 35.1% | 45.0% | 50.9% | 59.9% | 68.9% | 77.0% | 83.3% | 86.5% | 90.1% | 93.7% | 100.0% | |
| Total | 24.7% | 38.7% | 50.0% | 57.6% | 65.2% | 72.9% | 79.6% | 85.7% | 88.4% | 92.1% | 95.1% | 100.0% | |

*Individual disposals will not sum to overall total. For each of these groupings, only the first instance a person is included in this category is counted.

Table 3: Number of Proven Reoffences

| Number of Proven Reoffences | Number of Offenders (All) | Percent of Offenders (%) (All) | Number of Offenders (Adult) | Percent of Offenders (%) (Adult) | Number of Offenders (Youth) | Percent of Offenders (%) (Youth) |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| One | 1,301 | 33.5% | 1,206 | 33.9% | 95 | 29.0% |
| Two | 873 | 22.5% | 822 | 23.1% | 51 | 15.5% |
| Three | 482 | 12.4% | 448 | 12.6% | 34 | 10.4% |
| Four | 322 | 8.3% | 300 | 8.4% | 22 | 6.7% |
| Five | 226 | 5.8% | 204 | 5.7% | 22 | 6.7% |
| Six | 171 | 4.4% | 153 | 4.3% | 18 | 5.5% |
| Seven | 98 | 2.5% | 85 | 2.4% | 13 | 4.0% |
| Eight | 95 | 2.4% | 82 | 2.3% | 13 | 4.0% |
| Nine | 64 | 1.6% | 54 | 1.5% | 10 | 3.0% |
| Ten | 58 | 1.5% | 51 | 1.4% | 7 | 2.1% |
| Eleven + | 194 | 5.0% | 151 | 4.2% | 43 | 13.1% |
| Total | 3,884 | 100.0% | 3,556 | 100.0% | 328 | 100.0% |

Table 4: Reoffending Rate by Number of Previous Offences

| Number of Previous Offences | Reoffended (All) | Number of Offenders (All) | One Year Proven Reoffending Rate (All) | Reoffended (Adult) | Number of Offenders (Adult) | One Year Proven Reoffending Rate** (Adult) | Reoffended (Youth) | Number of Offenders (Youth) | One Year Proven Reoffending Rate* (Youth) |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| None | 678 | 7,928 | 8.6% | 539 | 7,206 | 7.5% | 139 | 722 | 19.3% |
| One | 292 | 1,924 | 15.2% | 262 | 1,829 | 14.3% | 30 | 95 | 31.6% |
| Two | 228 | 1,302 | 17.5% | 198 | 1,227 | 16.1% | 30 | 75 | 40.0% |
| Three | 165 | 997 | 16.5% | 148 | 961 | 15.4% | 17 | 36 | - |
| Four | 163 | 757 | 21.5% | 148 | 729 | 20.3% | 15 | 28 | - |
| Five | 136 | 659 | 20.6% | 128 | 639 | 20.0% | 8 | 20 | - |
| Six | 110 | 522 | 21.1% | 105 | 508 | 20.7% | 5 | 14 | - |
| Seven | 106 | 461 | 23.0% | 100 | 450 | 22.2% | 6 | 11 | - |
| Eight | 88 | 366 | 24.0% | 79 | 352 | 22.4% | 9 | 14 | - |
| Nine | 94 | 367 | 25.6% | 89 | 358 | 24.9% | 5 | 9 | - |
| Ten | 89 | 292 | 30.5% | 86 | 288 | 29.9% | 3 | 4 | - |
| Eleven + | 1,735 | 4,832 | 35.9% | 1,674 | 4,745 | 35.3% | 61 | 87 | 70.1% |
| Total | 3,884 | 20,407 | 19.0% | 3,556 | 19,292 | 18.4% | 328 | 1,115 | 29.4% |

*Percentage cannot be shown where denominator is less than 50

Table 5: Reoffending Rate by Age at First Recorded Offence

| Age* | Reoffended (All) | Number of Offenders (All) | One Year Proven Reoffending Rate (All) | Reoffended (Adult) | Number of Offenders (Adult) | One Year Proven Reoffending Rate (Adult) | Reoffended (Youth) | Number of Offenders (Youth) | One Year Proven Reoffending Rate (Youth) |
|------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 13 years old and under | 442 | 1,148 | 38.5% | 301 | 773 | 38.9% | 141 | 375 | 37.6% |
| 14 years old | 300 | 837 | 35.8% | 233 | 621 | 37.5% | 67 | 216 | 31.0% |
| 15 years old | 364 | 1,031 | 35.3% | 311 | 823 | 37.8% | 53 | 208 | 25.5% |
| 16 years old | 357 | 1,177 | 30.3% | 319 | 995 | 32.1% | 38 | 182 | 20.9% |
| 17 years old | 416 | 1,629 | 25.5% | 387 | 1,495 | 25.9% | 29 | 134 | 21.6% |
| 18-19 years old | 645 | 2,897 | 22.3% | 645 | 2,897 | 22.3% | - | - | - |
| 20-24 years old | 580 | 3,674 | 15.8% | 580 | 3,674 | 15.8% | - | - | - |
| 25-29 years old | 288 | 2,183 | 13.2% | 288 | 2,183 | 13.2% | - | - | - |
| 30-39 years old | 291 | 2,773 | 10.5% | 291 | 2,773 | 10.5% | - | - | - |
| 40-49 years old | 135 | 1,622 | 8.3% | 135 | 1,622 | 8.3% | - | - | - |
| 50-59 years old | 53 | 931 | 5.7% | 53 | 931 | 5.7% | - | - | - |
| 60+ years old | 13 | 505 | 2.6% | 13 | 505 | 2.6% | - | - | - |
| Total | 3,884 | 20,407 | 19.0% | 3,556 | 19,292 | 18.4% | 328 | 1,115 | 29.4% |

*This is the offender's age at the time they committed their first offence as recorded on the Criminal Record Viewer

Table 6: Reoffending Rate by Time Between First Recorded Offence and Baseline Date

| Time in Years* | Reoffended (All) | Number of Offenders (All) | One Year Proven Reoffending Rate (All) | Reoffended (Adult) | Number of Offenders (Adult) | One Year Proven Reoffending Rate (Adult) | Reoffended (Youth) | Number of Offenders (Youth) | One Year Proven Reoffending Rate (Youth) |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| One year and under | 685 | 7,285 | 9.4% | 540 | 6,610 | 8.2% | 145 | 675 | 21.5% |
| Over one year to five | 835 | 3,594 | 23.2% | 677 | 3,195 | 21.2% | 158 | 399 | 39.6% |
| Over five years to ten | 1,045 | 3,646 | 28.7% | 1,020 | 3,605 | 28.3% | 25 | 41 | - |
| Over ten years to twenty | 845 | 3,340 | 25.3% | 845 | 3,340 | 25.3% | - | - | - |
| Over twenty years to thirty | 317 | 1,486 | 21.3% | 317 | 1,486 | 21.3% | - | - | - |
| Over thirty years to forty | 126 | 804 | 15.7% | 126 | 804 | 15.7% | - | - | - |
| Over forty years | 31 | 252 | 12.3% | 31 | 252 | 12.3% | - | - | - |
| Total | 3,884 | 20,407 | 19.0% | 3,556 | 19,292 | 18.4% | 328 | 1,115 | 29.4% |

*This is the time in years between the offender's first offence as recorded on the Criminal Record Viewer and the baseline date

Table 7: Reoffending Rate by Age and Gender

| Age* | Reoffended (All) | Number of Offenders (All) | One Year Proven Reoffending Rate (All) | Reoffended (Male) | Number of Offenders (Male) | One Year Proven Reoffending Rate (Male) | Reoffended (Female) | Number of Offenders (Female) | One Year Proven Reoffending Rate** (Female) |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------------------|---|---------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 10-13 years old | 34 | 124 | 27.4% | 29 | 96 | 30.2% | 5 | 28 | - |
| 14 years old | 35 | 137 | 25.5% | 30 | 114 | 26.3% | 5 | 23 | - |
| 15 years old | 63 | 204 | 30.9% | 52 | 161 | 32.3% | 11 | 43 | - |
| 16 years old | 80 | 271 | 29.5% | 65 | 217 | 30.0% | 15 | 54 | 27.8% |
| 17 years old | 116 | 379 | 30.6% | 100 | 311 | 32.2% | 16 | 68 | 23.5% |
| 18-19 years old | 340 | 1,227 | 27.7% | 316 | 1,055 | 30.0% | 24 | 172 | 14.0% |
| 20-24 years old | 820 | 3,403 | 24.1% | 730 | 2,833 | 25.8% | 90 | 570 | 15.8% |
| 25-29 years old | 798 | 3,463 | 23.0% | 693 | 2,784 | 24.9% | 105 | 679 | 15.5% |
| 30-39 years old | 927 | 5,139 | 18.0% | 781 | 4,065 | 19.2% | 146 | 1,074 | 13.6% |
| 40-49 years old | 419 | 3,173 | 13.2% | 349 | 2,403 | 14.5% | 70 | 770 | 9.1% |
| 50-59 years old | 183 | 1,940 | 9.4% | 143 | 1,484 | 9.6% | 40 | 456 | 8.8% |
| 60+ years old | 69 | 947 | 7.3% | 61 | 745 | 8.2% | 8 | 202 | 4.0% |
| Total | 3,884 | 20,407 | 19.0% | 3,349 | 16,268 | 20.6% | 535 | 4,139 | 12.9% |

*Age at baseline date

**Percentage cannot be shown where denominator is less than 50

Table 8: Reoffending Rate by Disposal

| Disposal Group | Disposal* | Reoffended (All) | Number of Offenders (All) | One Year Proven Reoffending Rate** (All) | Reoffended (Adult) | Number of Offenders (Adult) | One Year Proven Reoffending Rate** (Adult) | Reoffended (Youth) | Number of Offenders (Youth) | One Year Proven Reoffending Rate** (Youth) |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Custody Release | Life Licenses | 0 | 10 | - | 0 | 10 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| Custody Release | Indeterminate Custodial Sentence | 0 | 4 | - | 0 | 4 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| Custody Release | Extended Custodial Sentence | 7 | 24 | - | 7 | 24 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| Custody Release | Determinate Custodial Sentence | 110 | 370 | 29.7% | 110 | 370 | 29.7% | 0 | 0 | - |
| Custody Release | Custody Probation Order | 0 | 15 | - | 0 | 15 | - | 0 | 0 | - |
| Custody Release | Imprisonment | 396 | 745 | 53.2% | 395 | 744 | 53.1% | 1 | 1 | - |
| Custody Release | Young Offender Centre | 51 | 72 | 70.8% | 49 | 69 | 71.0% | 2 | 3 | - |
| Custody Release | Juvenile Justice Centre Order | 8 | 11 | - | 0 | 0 | - | 8 | 11 | - |
| Custody Release | Total | 562 | 1,239 | 45.4% | 551 | 1,224 | 45.0% | 11 | 15 | - |
| Community Supervision | Attendance Centre | 12 | 16 | - | 1 | 1 | - | 11 | 15 | - |
| Community Supervision | Enhanced Combination Order | 34 | 83 | 41.0% | 34 | 83 | 41.0% | 0 | 0 | - |
| Community Supervision | Combination Order | 101 | 285 | 35.4% | 99 | 283 | 35.0% | 2 | 2 | - |
| Community Supervision | Probation Order | 351 | 873 | 40.2% | 341 | 855 | 39.9% | 10 | 18 | - |
| Community Supervision | Community Service Order | 220 | 715 | 30.8% | 214 | 707 | 30.3% | 6 | 8 | - |
| Community Supervision | Youth Conference Order | 98 | 164 | 59.8% | 5 | 14 | - | 93 | 150 | 62.0% |
| Community Supervision | Community Responsibility Order | 7 | 8 | - | 0 | 0 | - | 7 | 8 | - |
| Community Supervision | Total | 766 | 2,052 | 37.3% | 653 | 1,873 | 34.9% | 113 | 179 | 63.1% |
| Community Other | Suspended Imprisonment | 858 | 2,807 | 30.6% | 842 | 2,782 | 30.3% | 16 | 25 | - |
| Community Other | Monetary Penalty | 1,914 | 11,583 | 16.5% | 1,894 | 11,525 | 16.4% | 20 | 58 | 34.5% |
| Community Other | Bound Over | 18 | 63 | 28.6% | 18 | 63 | 28.6% | 0 | 0 | - |
| Community Other | Conditional Discharge | 206 | 602 | 34.2% | 169 | 543 | 31.1% | 37 | 59 | 62.7% |
| Community Other | Absolute Discharge | 8 | 33 | - | 6 | 31 | - | 2 | 2 | - |
| Community Other | Other Disposal | 20 | 126 | 15.9% | 14 | 107 | 13.1% | 6 | 19 | - |
| Community Other | Total | 2,692 | 14,461 | 18.6% | 2,622 | 14,314 | 18.3% | 70 | 147 | 47.6% |
| Diversionsary Disposal | Caution | 539 | 3,522 | 15.3% | 466 | 3,266 | 14.3% | 73 | 256 | 28.5% |
| Diversionsary Disposal | Youth Conference Plan (PPS) | 136 | 502 | 27.1% | 19 | 64 | 29.7% | 117 | 438 | 26.7% |
| Diversionsary Disposal | Informed Warning | 72 | 324 | 22.2% | 8 | 70 | 11.4% | 64 | 254 | 25.2% |
| Diversionsary Disposal | Total | 709 | 4,281 | 16.6% | 487 | 3,386 | 14.4% | 222 | 895 | 24.8% |
| Overall Total | | 3,884 | 20,407 | 19.0% | 3,556 | 19,292 | 18.4% | 328 | 1,115 | 29.4% |

*Individuals disposals will not sum to disposal groups or the overall total as an individual may experience multiple disposals. For each grouping, only the first instance a person is included in this category is counted

**Percentage cannot be shown where denominator is less than 50

Table 9: Reoffending Rate by Baseline Offence Category

| Baseline Offence Category | Reoffended (All) | Number of Offenders (All) | One Year Proven Reoffending Rate (All) | Reoffended (Adult) | Number of Offenders (Adult) | One Year Proven Reoffending Rate (Adult) | Reoffended (Youth) | Number of Offenders (Youth) | One Year Proven Reoffending Rate* (Youth) |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| VAP | 608 | 2,907 | 20.9% | 538 | 2,619 | 20.5% | 70 | 288 | 24.3% |
| Sexual | 18 | 145 | 12.4% | 17 | 136 | 12.5% | 1 | 9 | - |
| Robbery | 20 | 53 | 37.7% | 19 | 52 | 36.5% | 1 | 1 | - |
| Theft | 384 | 1,246 | 30.8% | 346 | 1,126 | 30.7% | 38 | 120 | 31.7% |
| Burglary | 70 | 163 | 42.9% | 62 | 143 | 43.4% | 8 | 20 | - |
| Criminal Damage | 282 | 891 | 31.6% | 211 | 729 | 28.9% | 71 | 162 | 43.8% |
| Drugs | 562 | 2,157 | 26.1% | 525 | 2,054 | 25.6% | 37 | 103 | 35.9% |
| Possession of Weapons | 67 | 271 | 24.7% | 63 | 249 | 25.3% | 4 | 22 | - |
| Public Order | 342 | 1,147 | 29.8% | 301 | 1,041 | 28.9% | 41 | 106 | 38.7% |
| Motoring | 1,279 | 10,196 | 12.5% | 1,252 | 10,030 | 12.5% | 27 | 166 | 16.3% |
| Fraud | 23 | 195 | 11.8% | 22 | 187 | 11.8% | 1 | 8 | - |
| Misc | 229 | 1,036 | 22.1% | 200 | 926 | 21.6% | 29 | 110 | 26.4% |
| Total | 3,884 | 20,407 | 19.0% | 3,556 | 19,292 | 18.4% | 328 | 1,115 | 29.4% |

*Percentage cannot be shown where denominator is less than 50

Table 10a: Baseline Offence Category by First Reoffence Category (All)

| Baseline Offence Category | VAP | Sexual | Robbery | Theft | Burglary | Criminal Damage | Drugs | Possession of Weapons | Public Order | Motoring | Fraud | Misc | Total |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| VAP | 82 | 1 | 2 | 32 | 4 | 59 | 79 | 21 | 124 | 110 | 2 | 92 | 608 |
| Sexual | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 18 |
| Robbery | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 20 |
| Theft | 17 | 1 | 1 | 109 | 13 | 18 | 58 | 10 | 38 | 59 | 9 | 51 | 384 |
| Burglary | 2 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 7 | 4 | 11 | 3 | 8 | 12 | 1 | 11 | 70 |
| Criminal Damage | 43 | 0 | 1 | 25 | 6 | 30 | 39 | 9 | 57 | 28 | 3 | 41 | 282 |
| Drugs | 28 | 0 | 1 | 31 | 2 | 29 | 212 | 19 | 42 | 140 | 3 | 55 | 562 |
| Possession of Weapons | 4 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 14 | 11 | 1 | 14 | 11 | 0 | 6 | 67 |
| Public Order | 44 | 0 | 1 | 20 | 5 | 18 | 37 | 6 | 121 | 44 | 0 | 46 | 342 |
| Motoring | 50 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 7 | 38 | 120 | 22 | 85 | 807 | 5 | 114 | 1,279 |
| Fraud | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 23 |
| Misc | 22 | 1 | 0 | 23 | 6 | 12 | 28 | 7 | 44 | 48 | 1 | 37 | 229 |
| Total | 296 | 4 | 7 | 297 | 50 | 224 | 605 | 100 | 540 | 1,278 | 25 | 458 | 3,884 |
| Percent (%) | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| VAP | 13.5% | 0.2% | 0.3% | 5.3% | 0.7% | 9.7% | 13.0% | 3.5% | 20.4% | 18.1% | 0.3% | 15.1% | 100.0% |
| Sexual | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Robbery | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Theft | 4.4% | 0.3% | 0.3% | 28.4% | 3.4% | 4.7% | 15.1% | 2.6% | 9.9% | 15.4% | 2.3% | 13.3% | 100.0% |
| Burglary | 2.9% | 0.0% | 1.4% | 14.3% | 10.0% | 5.7% | 15.7% | 4.3% | 11.4% | 17.1% | 1.4% | 15.7% | 100.0% |
| Criminal Damage | 15.2% | 0.0% | 0.4% | 8.9% | 2.1% | 10.6% | 13.8% | 3.2% | 20.2% | 9.9% | 1.1% | 14.5% | 100.0% |
| Drugs | 5.0% | 0.0% | 0.2% | 5.5% | 0.4% | 5.2% | 37.7% | 3.4% | 7.5% | 24.9% | 0.5% | 9.8% | 100.0% |
| Possession of Weapons | 6.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 9.0% | 0.0% | 20.9% | 16.4% | 1.5% | 20.9% | 16.4% | 0.0% | 9.0% | 100.0% |
| Public Order | 12.9% | 0.0% | 0.3% | 5.8% | 1.5% | 5.3% | 10.8% | 1.8% | 35.4% | 12.9% | 0.0% | 13.5% | 100.0% |
| Motoring | 3.9% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 2.4% | 0.5% | 3.0% | 9.4% | 1.7% | 6.6% | 63.1% | 0.4% | 8.9% | 100.0% |
| Fraud | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Misc | 9.6% | 0.4% | 0.0% | 10.0% | 2.6% | 5.2% | 12.2% | 3.1% | 19.2% | 21.0% | 0.4% | 16.2% | 100.0% |
| Total | 7.6% | 0.1% | 0.2% | 7.6% | 1.3% | 5.8% | 15.6% | 2.6% | 13.9% | 32.9% | 0.6% | 11.8% | 100.0% |

*Violence Against the Person

**Percentage cannot be shown where denominator is less than 50

***Highlighted figures indicate those baseline offences for which the largest proportion of first reoffences were for offences in the same category

Table 10b: Baseline Offence Category by First Reoffence Category (Adult)

| Baseline Offence Category | VAP | Sexual | Robbery | Theft | Burglary | Criminal Damage | Drugs | Possession of Weapons | Public Order | Motoring | Fraud | Misc | Total |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| VAP | 66 | 0 | 2 | 28 | 3 | 49 | 68 | 18 | 113 | 106 | 2 | 83 | 538 |
| Sexual | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 17 |
| Robbery | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 19 |
| Theft | 15 | 1 | 1 | 97 | 10 | 14 | 55 | 8 | 36 | 57 | 8 | 44 | 346 |
| Burglary | 2 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 11 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 1 | 9 | 62 |
| Criminal Damage | 30 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 5 | 17 | 33 | 7 | 48 | 24 | 3 | 29 | 211 |
| Drugs | 25 | 0 | 1 | 30 | 2 | 23 | 199 | 17 | 39 | 137 | 3 | 49 | 525 |
| Possession of Weapons | 4 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 13 | 10 | 1 | 14 | 11 | 0 | 5 | 63 |
| Public Order | 36 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 5 | 15 | 33 | 4 | 106 | 44 | 0 | 40 | 301 |
| Motoring | 49 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 7 | 37 | 115 | 20 | 81 | 796 | 5 | 111 | 1,252 |
| Fraud | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 22 |
| Misc | 20 | 1 | 0 | 20 | 6 | 8 | 26 | 5 | 35 | 45 | 1 | 33 | 200 |
| Total | 251 | 3 | 7 | 260 | 44 | 182 | 559 | 85 | 486 | 1,247 | 24 | 408 | 3,556 |
| Percent (%) | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| VAP | 12.3% | 0.0% | 0.4% | 5.2% | 0.6% | 9.1% | 12.6% | 3.3% | 21.0% | 19.7% | 0.4% | 15.4% | 100.0% |
| Sexual | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Robbery | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Theft | 4.3% | 0.3% | 0.3% | 28.0% | 2.9% | 4.0% | 15.9% | 2.3% | 10.4% | 16.5% | 2.3% | 12.7% | 100.0% |
| Burglary | 3.2% | 0.0% | 1.6% | 12.9% | 9.7% | 6.5% | 17.7% | 4.8% | 11.3% | 16.1% | 1.6% | 14.5% | 100.0% |
| Criminal Damage | 14.2% | 0.0% | 0.5% | 6.6% | 2.4% | 8.1% | 15.6% | 3.3% | 22.7% | 11.4% | 1.4% | 13.7% | 100.0% |
| Drugs | 4.8% | 0.0% | 0.2% | 5.7% | 0.4% | 4.4% | 37.9% | 3.2% | 7.4% | 26.1% | 0.6% | 9.3% | 100.0% |
| Possession of Weapons | 6.3% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 7.9% | 0.0% | 20.6% | 15.9% | 1.6% | 22.2% | 17.5% | 0.0% | 7.9% | 100.0% |
| Public Order | 12.0% | 0.0% | 0.3% | 5.6% | 1.7% | 5.0% | 11.0% | 1.3% | 35.2% | 14.6% | 0.0% | 13.3% | 100.0% |
| Motoring | 3.9% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 2.5% | 0.6% | 3.0% | 9.2% | 1.6% | 6.5% | 63.6% | 0.4% | 8.9% | 100.0% |
| Fraud | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Misc | 10.0% | 0.5% | 0.0% | 10.0% | 3.0% | 4.0% | 13.0% | 2.5% | 17.5% | 22.5% | 0.5% | 16.5% | 100.0% |
| Total | 7.1% | 0.1% | 0.2% | 7.3% | 1.2% | 5.1% | 15.7% | 2.4% | 13.7% | 35.1% | 0.7% | 11.5% | 100.0% |

*Violence Against the Person

**Percentage cannot be shown where denominator is less than 50

***Highlighted figures indicate those baseline offences for which the largest proportion of first reoffences were for offences in the same category

Table 10c: Baseline Offence Category by First Reoffence Category (Youth)

| Baseline Offence Category | VAP | Sexual | Robbery | Theft | Burglary | Criminal Damage | Drugs | Possession of Weapons | Public Order | Motoring | Fraud | Misc | Total |
|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| VAP | 16 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 11 | 3 | 11 | 4 | 0 | 9 | 70 |
| Sexual | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Robbery | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Theft | 2 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 38 |
| Burglary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| Criminal Damage | 13 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 13 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 0 | 12 | 71 |
| Drugs | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 13 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 37 |
| Possession of Weapons | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 |
| Public Order | 8 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 41 |
| Motoring | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 0 | 3 | 27 |
| Fraud | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Misc | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 29 |
| Total | 45 | 1 | 0 | 37 | 6 | 42 | 46 | 15 | 54 | 31 | 1 | 50 | 328 |
| Percent (%) | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| VAP | 22.9% | 1.4% | 0.0% | 5.7% | 1.4% | 14.3% | 15.7% | 4.3% | 15.7% | 5.7% | 0.0% | 12.9% | 100.0% |
| Sexual | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Robbery | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Theft | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Burglary | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Criminal Damage | 18.3% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 15.5% | 1.4% | 18.3% | 8.5% | 2.8% | 12.7% | 5.6% | 0.0% | 16.9% | 100.0% |
| Drugs | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Possession of Weapons | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Public Order | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Motoring | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Fraud | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Misc | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 13.7% | 0.3% | 0.0% | 11.3% | 1.5% | 12.8% | 14.0% | 4.6% | 16.5% | 9.5% | 0.3% | 15.2% | 100.0% |

*Violence Against the Person

**Percentage cannot be shown where denominator is less than 50

***Highlighted figures indicate those baseline offences for which the largest proportion of first reoffences were for offences in the same category

Table 11a: Reoffending Rate by Specified and Serious Offences

| Criminal Justice (NI) Order 2008 List | Reoffended (All) | Number of Offenders (All) | One Year Proven Reoffending Rate (All) | Reoffended (Adult) | Number of Offenders (Adult) | One Year Proven Reoffending Rate (Adult) | Reoffended (Youth) | Number of Offenders (Youth) | One Year Proven Reoffending Rate* (Youth) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Specified Offences | 460 | 1,946 | 23.6% | 415 | 1,766 | 23.5% | 45 | 180 | 25.0% |
| Serious Offences | 90 | 530 | 17.0% | 85 | 506 | 16.8% | 5 | 24 | - |

*Percentages cannot be shown where denominator is less than 50.

Table 11b: Proportion of Offenders with a Baseline Specified and Serious Offence whose First Reoffence was also Specified and Serious

| Criminal Justice (NI) Order 2008 List | Reoffended (All) | Number of Offenders (All) | One Year Proven Reoffending Rate (All) | Reoffended (Adult) | Number of Offenders (Adult) | One Year Proven Reoffending Rate (Adult) | Reoffended (Youth) | Number of Offenders (Youth) | One Year Proven Reoffending Rate** (Youth) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Specified Offences | 109 | 460 | 23.7% | 99 | 415 | 23.9% | 10 | 45 | - |
| Serious Offences | 5 | 90 | 5.6% | 4 | 85 | 4.7% | 1 | 5 | - |

*Percentages cannot be shown where denominator is less than 50.

Appendix 2 – Methodology and Counting Rules

The following section provides a brief summary of the methodology and counting rules used in the production of the Northern Ireland reoffending rates. For more detailed methodologies and glossaries providing definitions of key terms please refer to the two published methodology papers⁶.

Who is included in the cohort?

The cohort is made up of all adults and youths who have been given a non-custodial disposal at court, a diversionary disposal or who have been released from custody⁷ during the financial year 2017/18. An adult is defined as someone aged 18 or over at the time of community disposal or release from custody and a youth is defined as anyone aged 17 or under at this point. Information in the following bulletin is presented for the full cohort (adults and youths combined) and separately for adults and youths.

What are the baseline date, offence and disposal?

The baseline date is the date of entry into the cohort. This is the date that a non-custodial sentence is given at court, a diversionary disposal imposed or an individual is released from custody. This date forms the starting point for the observation period. The baseline offence is the principal offence associated with this baseline date. Following consultation, it has been agreed that an offender will be counted once within each relevant disposal category, including the initial baseline disposal associated with their entry into the cohort and also disposal categories associated within any subsequent proven reoffences.

What are the observation and follow up periods?

The observation period is the window of time over which a person is observed following receipt of a diversionary disposal or non-custodial disposal at court or release from custody. A balance needs to be struck between the need for timely information and the need to make the reoffending rate as informative and meaningful as possible. For one year reoffending, the observation period is one year and the follow up period is six months.

⁶ [Northern Ireland Reoffending Methodology 2014 \(opens in new window\)](#) & [Northern Ireland Reoffending Methodology 2015 \(opens in new window\)](#)

⁷ Includes only those released from custody following the completion of a sentence and excludes fine defaulters, those bailed or released following a period on remand, subject to extradition or transfer to another secure hospital facility.

What counts as a reoffence?

Under one year proven reoffending methodology an offence is counted as a reoffence if it:

- occurs within the one year observation period.
- has been committed within Northern Ireland.
- is prosecuted via the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) and not a third party (e.g. the Department of Communities can bring some cases of benefit fraud).
- is not a breach offence (e.g. breach of a probation order).
- has been 'proven', meaning that a court conviction or diversionary disposal has been imposed within the observation year or by the end of the 6 month follow up period.

Data Source

In Northern Ireland the main data source used to measure reoffending rates is supplied to the Department of Justice's Analytical Services Group from the Causeway Data Sharing Mechanism (DSM1). The information used is primarily created from an extract of records held on the Criminal Records Viewer (CRV). The CRV is held on Causeway and utilises data which originated from PSNI, along with data from Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service. Causeway is an interconnected information system, launched as a joint undertaking by the Criminal Justice Organisations (CJOs) in Northern Ireland. Information is also provided from the Northern Ireland Prison Service (NIPS) case management system (PRISM) and the Youth Justice Agency regarding releases from custody. Information on these offenders is matched to information taken from CRV.

Data Quality and Validation

While every care has been taken in collating the data, they are subject to the limitations inherent in any large-scale recording system and to variation in recording practice over time. While the relevant CJOs have a vested interest in maintaining the accuracy of the data within their management information systems, a number of accuracy, quality assurance/validation procedures have been conducted upon the dataset used to compile this data series, to ensure the data extracted are accurate, complete and fit for the statistical purposes for which they are to be used. Both automated and manual checks are carried out, at individual case level and, data corrected, where possible. Much of this validation is completed for the production of datasets in relation to the annual Prosecutions, Convictions and out of Court Disposals Publications⁸. Please refer to these publications for information on the validation process.

⁸ [Prosecution and Conviction Statistics | Department of Justice \(opens in new window\)](#)

Specific to this publication is the validation process completed on prison release data, to ensure that key fields are complete and logical and that all those who have been sentenced and released from custody can be identified. Validation exercises conducted have included comparing convictions data from Causeway with records from other agencies, including the Northern Ireland Prison Service, the Probation Board for Northern Ireland and the Youth Justice Agency, with amendments made where appropriate. For example, for the 2015/16 dataset, 1,515 cases were checked to ensure all sentenced prisoners were identified, with amendments made in 233 cases, relating to updates to the sentence release status of the offenders and updates to essential date fields. These changes are required due to the point in time in which the data has been extracted from the NIPS case management system (PRISM) and recording practices within NIPS that are not consistent with information required to produce the reoffending analysis.

Following guidance provided by the Office for National Statistics on the Quality Assessment of Administrative Data, information pertaining to data quality and validation is continually being assessed.

Interpreting Trends

The ability to compare and discuss trends in reoffending is important to its usefulness as a performance target within government. However, differences in the offending related characteristics of those included in each cohort make comparing reoffending rates problematic, across both time and jurisdictions. In previous bulletins, reoffending figures were provided alongside adjusted reoffending rates for adults and the overall cohort, to help provide an estimate of change in reoffending. Following consultation with key users, the decision has been taken to exclude this from future publications to avoid confusion in the interpretation of findings. We will continue to explore statistical techniques that could be employed to control for differences within the cohorts, meanwhile, care should be taken to understand the wider context within which offending and reoffending has occurred.

In addition, reoffending rates should not be used routinely to measure the comparative success of the different disposal types. As no adjustments have been made to control for offender characteristics or factors relating to variations in sentencing, such comparisons would be misleading.

Since 2015, there has been a consistent decline in the number of cases prosecuted and also in corresponding guilty findings. This has resulted in a further reduction in the size of the reoffending cohort.

A further distorting factor for 2017/18 may be the significant reduction in disposals at the Crown Court. The introduction of new rules in May 2015 in relation to legal aid remuneration resulted in a number of solicitors and counsel withdrawing their representation from a range of court cases. This affected defendants' access to legal aid representation and had an impact on disposals and delay within the Crown Court process during the period.

Analysis and Presentation of Statistics

The data used in this report are validated, maintained and analysed using IBM SPSS, which is a statistical package commonly used within social science.

For ease of use, figures in charts are given as whole numbers, whereas percentages throughout the text and tables are reported to one decimal place. When reporting on the change in reoffending rates, figures are presented to two decimal places due to the small numbers involved.

Whilst tables of information have been included in Appendix 1, the tables are also published alongside this bulletin in Microsoft Excel and open data format for ease of use.

The data upon which the publication is based are used to inform policy decisions within the Department of Justice (DoJ), as well as to inform requests from other Government organisations, answers to NI Assembly questions and queries from the general public.