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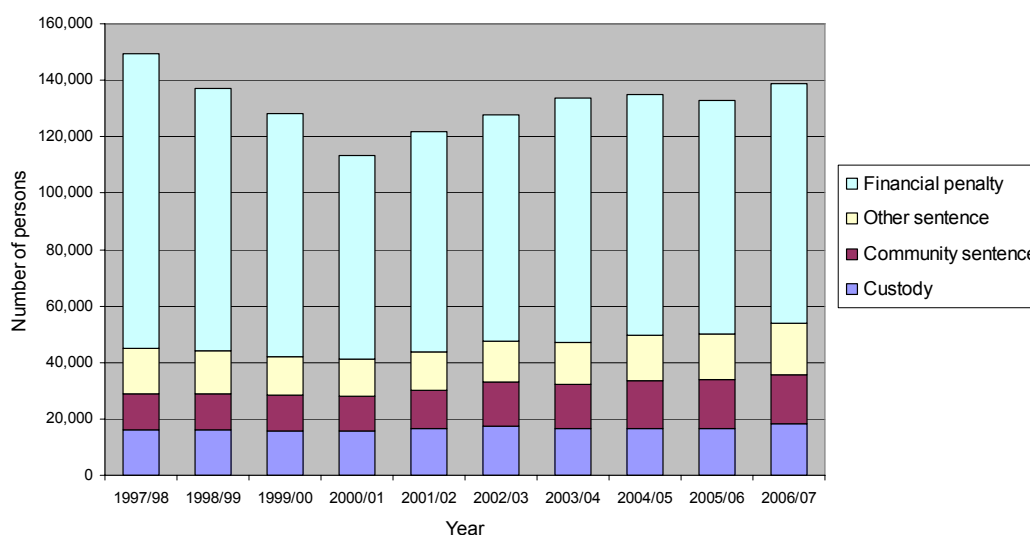
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1 Introduction

1.1 This bulletin presents statistics on criminal proceedings concluded in Scottish courts during 2006/07 as well as information on motor vehicle offences and statistics on bail orders and offences. Additional detailed tables will be published as background statistics on the Scottish Government Crime and Justice Statistics webpages.

1.2 The main data source is the Scottish Police Services Authority (SPSA) Criminal History System. The figures given in this bulletin reflect the details of court proceedings as made available to and recorded at SPSA, and as provided to the Scottish Government as at October 2007. Any subsequent updates on court disposals made will be incorporated into future bulletins and therefore some figures for 2006/07 (in particular those relating to the High Court) are likely to be subject to minor revisions. Detailed notes on the statistics used in the bulletin are given in the Annexes. Figures are generally quoted to the nearest 100 in the text but are given precisely in the tables.

Chart 1: Number of persons with a charge proved in Scottish Courts by main penalty, 1997/98 to 2006/07



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2 Key Points for 2006/07

Court proceedings

- A total of 153,900 persons were proceeded against in court, an increase of 5 per cent on 2005/06 and the highest figure since 1998/99.

Verdicts

- Ninety per cent of persons proceeded against in court had at least one charge proved against them or a plea of guilty accepted, a total of 138,800 convictions.

Convictions

- The total number of convictions was 138,800, an increase of 5 per cent compared with 2005/06. Of these, 61 per cent took place in sheriff summary courts.
- The number of persons convicted in the district and stipendiary magistrates courts (48,300) represented an increase of 2 per cent compared with 2005/06 but a decrease of 27 per cent compared with 1997/98.

Sentences

- The majority (85,000 or 61 per cent) of all convictions resulted in a financial penalty. Most of these were fines, although there were also 1,400 compensation orders issued. The average amount of fine imposed was £211 (excluding fines imposed upon companies). The average value of compensation orders imposed was £335.
- The number of custodial sentences imposed by courts was just under 18,200, a 9 per cent increase from 2005/06, and the highest figure recorded during the last 10 years. In both 2004/05 and 2005/06 community sentences outnumbered custodial sentences, however in 2006/07 there have been more custodial sentences. Over 80 per cent of all custodial sentences were for six months or less. The average length of determinate custodial sentences was just under seven months, slightly less than in previous years although the figure for 2006/07 may be an underestimate due to late recording of some High Court disposals.
- The number of convictions resulting in a community sentence was just under 17,400, similar to 2005/06. Community sentences mainly comprised sentences of a probation order (9,200) or a community service order (5,800).
- Female offenders accounted for 15 per cent of all convictions, 8 per cent of custodial convictions, 15 per cent of community sentences, 15 per cent of monetary sentences, and 26 per cent of other sentences (mainly admonitions).

Characteristics of individual offenders

- The peak age for conviction was 18. Seven per cent of 18 year old males in the Scottish population were convicted for a crime or relevant offence (such as common assault or breach of the peace) on at least one occasion during 2006/07; the corresponding proportion for females was 1 per cent.
- Of the 53,550 individuals convicted at least once in 2006/07 for a crime or relevant offence, 65 per cent had at least one such previous conviction in the previous ten years; 12 per cent had over ten such previous convictions.

Bail Orders and Offences

- There were 63,400 bail orders made, an increase of 11 per cent from 2005/06 and 34 per cent from 2002/03. However, the number of bail orders granted expressed as a percentage of the numbers of crimes cleared up by the police has shown an overall increase from 7 per cent in 2002/03 to 8 per cent in 2006/07.
- About half (51 per cent) of bail orders made related to the main charges of crimes of dishonesty (20 per cent of all orders), common assault (20 per cent of all orders), and breach of the peace (12 per cent of all orders). Males accounted for 84 per cent of all orders made. Most bail orders made were issued at Sheriff Courts (89 per cent of all orders made).
- Of the total of 187,800 offences with a charge proved in 2006/07, 29,000 (15 per cent) had a bail aggravator recorded against them, indicating that these offences were committed while the offender was on bail, an increase of 1 percentage point from 2005/06. Crimes and offence categories with a relatively high percentage of bail aggravator recording include robbery (34 per cent), 'other' crimes of indecency (33 per cent), crimes against public justice (32 per cent) and crimes of dishonesty (28 per cent). Crimes and offences with a relatively low percentage of bail aggravator recording include lewd and indecent behaviour (5 per cent) and motor vehicle offences (7 per cent).

Motor vehicle offences

- The total number of motor vehicle offences recorded by the police was 375,000, a decrease of 1 per cent on the total for 2005/06. Speeding offences accounted for 44 per cent of these offences.
- The police made an estimated 223,500 conditional offers of a fixed penalty, a decrease of 7 per cent compared with 2006/07. Sixty-three per cent of the offers related to speeding offences.
- The number of motor vehicle offences which resulted in a charge proved in court was 67,200, a decrease of 1 per cent compared with 2005/06. A fine was the most common penalty, imposed for 80 per cent of charges proved or accepted. In addition to the main penalty imposed, 32 per cent of offences resulted in a disqualification from driving and a further 48 per cent in an endorsement of the offender's driving licence.
- The average fine imposed for motor vehicle offences with a charge proved was £182, while the average length of driving ban imposed was 20 months.
- An estimated 105,300 fixed penalty notices were issued by the police for stationary vehicle offences, 62 per cent of which were for parking and waiting offences and 32 per cent for failing to display a road tax disc. The total number of fixed penalty notices increased by 6 per cent compared with 2005/06, however much of the long term decrease in the number of notices issued in recent years has reflected the decriminalisation of parking infringements in particular areas.
- The total number of penalty charge notices for parking infringements issued in 2006/07 by those councils which operated these civil penalty schemes was 481,900, a decrease of 12 per cent compared with 2005/06. Revenues from these notices and from vehicle removals totalled £13.6 million in 2006/07.

3. Commentary: Criminal Court Proceedings in Context (Table 1, Chart 2)

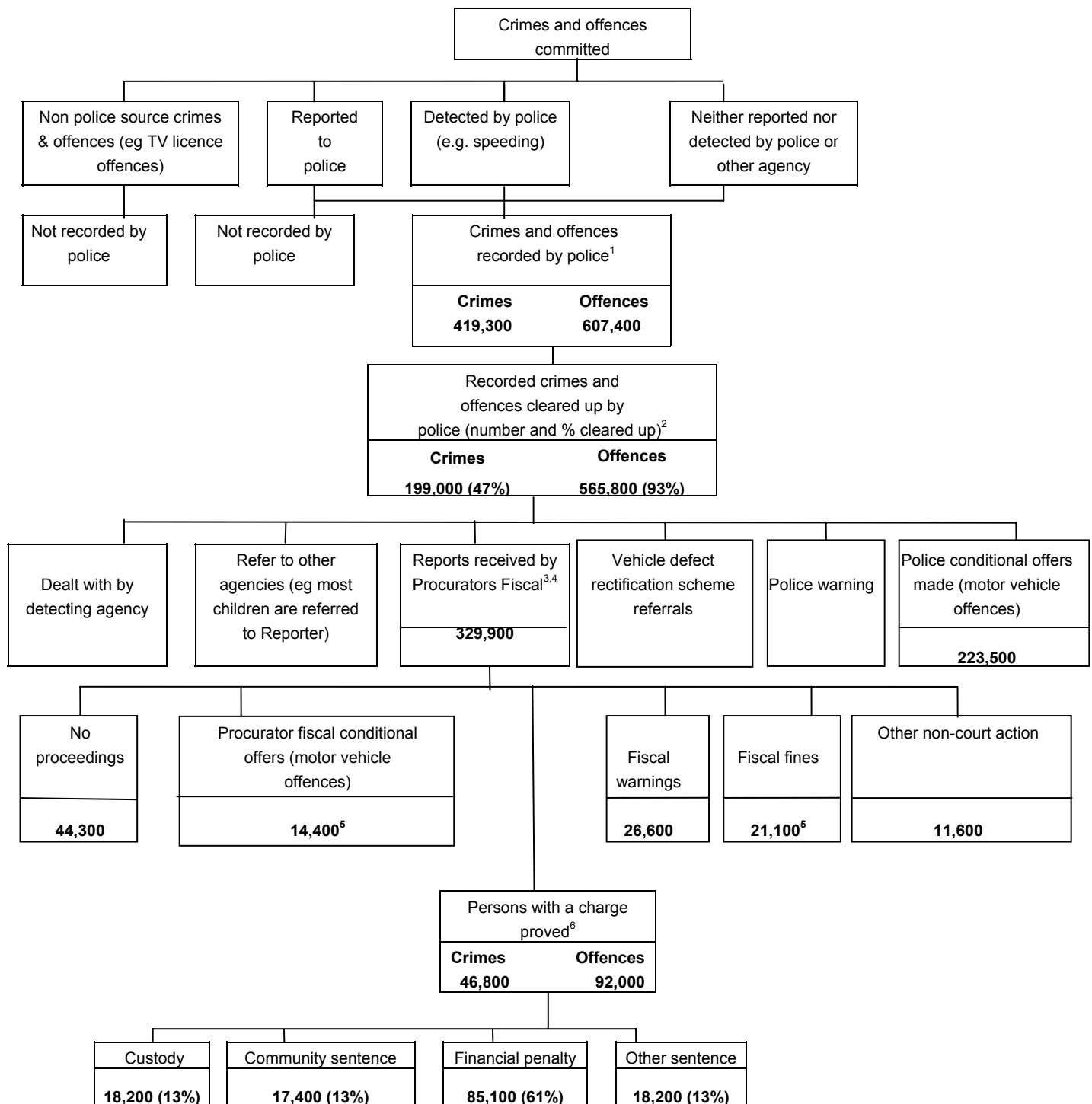
3.1 Chart 2 and Table 1 provide a summary of known action in the criminal justice system. The total number of crimes recorded by the police in 2006/07 was 419,300, less than half of one per cent more than in 2005/06. The total remains well below the 2004/05 figure of 438,100, and is generally lower than figures over the last quarter century where there have been only 4 years with lower totals. The number of crimes cleared up by the police increased by 4 per cent from 190,900 in 2005/06 to 199,000 in 2006/07. The number of offences recorded by the police increased by 1 per cent from 599,900 in 2005/06 to 607,400 in 2006/07.

3.2 "Clear-ups" do not necessarily result in a report being made by the police to the procurator fiscal. For example, where the alleged offender is a child, a referral will normally be made to the Reporter to the Children's Panel. The vehicle defect rectification scheme operated by police forces offers the owners of defective vehicles the opportunity to avoid a report being made to the procurator fiscal, and the consequent possibility of court proceedings, by having their vehicle repaired within a given period. An alternative to court proceedings for moving motor vehicle offences is the police conditional offer of a fixed penalty. In 2006/07 there were an estimated 223,500 police conditional offers, 7 per cent less than in 2005/06. It is not known how many alleged offenders are dealt with informally by the police or by other agencies, rather than the procurator fiscal.

3.3 Referrals or reports may often include more than one crime or offence, and in the case of reports to the procurator fiscal may also involve more than one person. There is thus no direct relationship between the number of crimes and offences recorded by the police and the number of disposals resulting from the action of other agencies within the criminal justice system. In addition, many offences such as Wireless Telegraphy Act or Communications Act offences (failure to pay a television licence) are not recorded by the police in the first instance. Where crimes or offences are recorded and cleared up by the police, procurator fiscal or other action does not necessarily occur in the same year. In 2006/07, the number of reports received by the procurator fiscal was just over 329,900, a decrease of 3 per cent compared with 2005/06.

3.4 Prosecution in court is only one of a range of possible options the procurator fiscal has for dealing with persons who have been charged. Other actions include the use of fiscal warnings, diversion to social work, the use of conditional offers of a fixed penalty for a range of motor vehicle offences, the "fiscal fine" for less serious non-motor vehicle offences, sending cases to the Reporter to the Children's Panel or a decision to take no proceedings.

Chart 2: Overview of action within the criminal justice system 2006/07 ¹



1. Figures rounded to the nearest 100
2. Crimes recorded in 2006/07 may not be cleared up or dealt with until 2007/08 or later.
3. A report to the procurator fiscal may involve more than one crime or offence and more than one alleged offender.
4. The total number of reports to the fiscal includes reports on non-criminal matters such as sudden deaths.
5. Figures relate to cases which were closed as offer accepted.
6. Figures for persons with a charge proved count the number of occasions on which a person is convicted.

A number of outcomes may result in subsequent prosecutions or referrals to other agencies, for example if a condition such as payment of a fixed penalty is not complied with. For simplicity, these pathways are not shown in the diagram.

4 Commentary: Persons Proceeded Against (Tables 1 and 2)

(Unless otherwise stated, references in this bulletin to the type of crime or offence for which a person is proceeded against or convicted relate to the main charge involved. For the definition of main charge, see Annexe C. The final column of Table 4a provides counts of individual offences with a charge proved regardless of whether or not they were the main offence involved. More detailed information on individual motor vehicle offences with a charge proved is also included in Section 10.)

4.1 In 2006/07, the total number of persons proceeded against increased by 5 per cent to an estimated 153,900. This figure is 10 per cent below the figure of 170,600 recorded for 1997/98.

4.3 An estimated 90 per cent of persons proceeded against in court in 2006/07 were convicted of at least one charge, a total of 138,800 convictions. Two per cent were acquitted on a "not guilty" verdict, and 1 per cent on a "not proven" verdict. The remaining 7 per cent either had their case deserted by the prosecution or a plea of "not guilty" accepted.

4.4 Acquittal rates vary by type of crime. In 2006/07, seventeen per cent of those proceeded against in court for serious assault or attempted murder, 25 per cent of those proceeded against for indecent assault and 49 per cent of those proceeded against for rape or attempted rape were acquitted following a "not guilty" or "not proven" verdict. Twenty-two per cent of persons proceeded against for theft of a motor vehicle had a plea of not guilty accepted or had the case against them deserted. By contrast, 95 per cent of persons proceeded against in court for motor vehicle offences were convicted in 2006/07, with only 1 per cent acquitted on a "not guilty" verdict and most of the remaining prosecutions either being deserted or having a plea of "not guilty" accepted.

4.5 Of those persons acquitted in 2006/07 after trial, 19 per cent received a "not proven" verdict. This proportion varied by type of crime: for example, it was higher than average for crimes of indecency (36 per cent), fire-raising (27 per cent), serious assault and attempted murder (26 per cent) and robbery (27 per cent); it was lower than average for speeding offences (3 per cent), homicide (7 per cent) and housebreaking (8 per cent).

5. Commentary: Persons Convicted (Tables 3, 4a and 4b)

5.1 The total number of convictions in 2006/07 was 138,800, an increase of 5 per cent compared with 2005/06. Of these, 85,000 (61 per cent of the total) took place in sheriff summary courts.

5.2 The more serious cases are dealt with in the High Court or by a sheriff sitting with a jury. Just under 5,600 persons were convicted in these courts in 2006/07, 4 per cent of the total. Recording delays mean that the figures for High Court convictions in 2006/07, and to a lesser extent 2005/06, may be underestimates.

5.3 In 2006/07, a total of 48,300 persons were convicted in the district courts or in the stipendiary magistrates court that operates in Glasgow. This represented an increase of 2 per cent compared with the previous year but a decrease of 27 per cent compared with 1997/98.

5.4 Within crime categories, increases between 2005/06 and 2006/07 were recorded for 'other' non-sexual crime of violence – which includes offences related to threats and extortion and child cruelty - (up 15 per cent to 314), fire-raising and vandalism (up 9 per cent to 5,400), crimes against public justice (up 25 per cent to 7,200), drugs offences (up 16 per cent to 8,800), common assault (up 7 per cent to 15,400), breach of the peace (up 7 per cent to 18,100), and speeding offences (up 9 per cent to 13,400). Decreases included the combined category of serious assault and attempted murder (down 8 per cent to 1,400), rape and attempted rape (down 26 per cent to 45), fraud (down 5 per cent to 1,180), drunkenness (down 11 per cent to 261), unlawful use of vehicle (down 9 per cent to 13,400), and 'other' motor vehicle offences (down 7 per cent to 4,600).

5.5 Excluding breach (of social work orders) proceedings, the 138,800 convictions in 2006/07 involved a total of 187,800 individual offences where the charge was proved. On average there were 1.35 charges proved for each conviction.

6 Commentary: Sex and Age of Persons with a charge proved (Tables 5, 6(a) and 6(b))

6.1 Between 2005/06 and 2006/07, the overall number of convictions per 1,000 population increased from 55 to 58 for males and remained at 10 for females. The number of convictions per 1,000 population in 2006/07 was generally lower than it was ten years previously for younger offenders but higher for older offenders.

6.2 Males accounted for 85 per cent of all convictions in 2006/07 (excluding companies); more males than females were convicted in almost all crime and offence categories. The main exception to this pattern was 'other' crimes of indecency, where females accounted for 73 per cent of what are mainly offences related to prostitution. The other categories where females formed a higher than average proportion of those convicted included 'other' non-sexual crimes of violence (41 per cent), fraud (34 per cent), shoplifting (27 per cent), and 'other' miscellaneous offences (26 per cent).

6.3 For males and females aged under 21, 12 per cent and 17 per cent respectively of convictions in 2006/07 were for crimes of dishonesty. Thirteen per cent and 23 per cent respectively were for common assault. Over half (58 per cent) of convictions for theft of a motor vehicle involved males aged under 21. Convictions for motor vehicle offences accounted for a much higher proportion of total convictions for those aged over 30 (43 per cent for males and 37 per cent for females) than they did for the under 21 age group (20 per cent for males and 14 per cent for females).

(An individual may be proceeded against on more than one occasion over the course of the year, with several charges involved on each occasion. Persons aged under 21 are more likely than older offenders to be convicted on a number of occasions and hence to be counted more than once. Section 8 provides information on the characteristics of individuals in each age group who were convicted in 2006/07.)

7 Commentary: Sentencing (Tables 7 to 12, Charts 3 and 4)

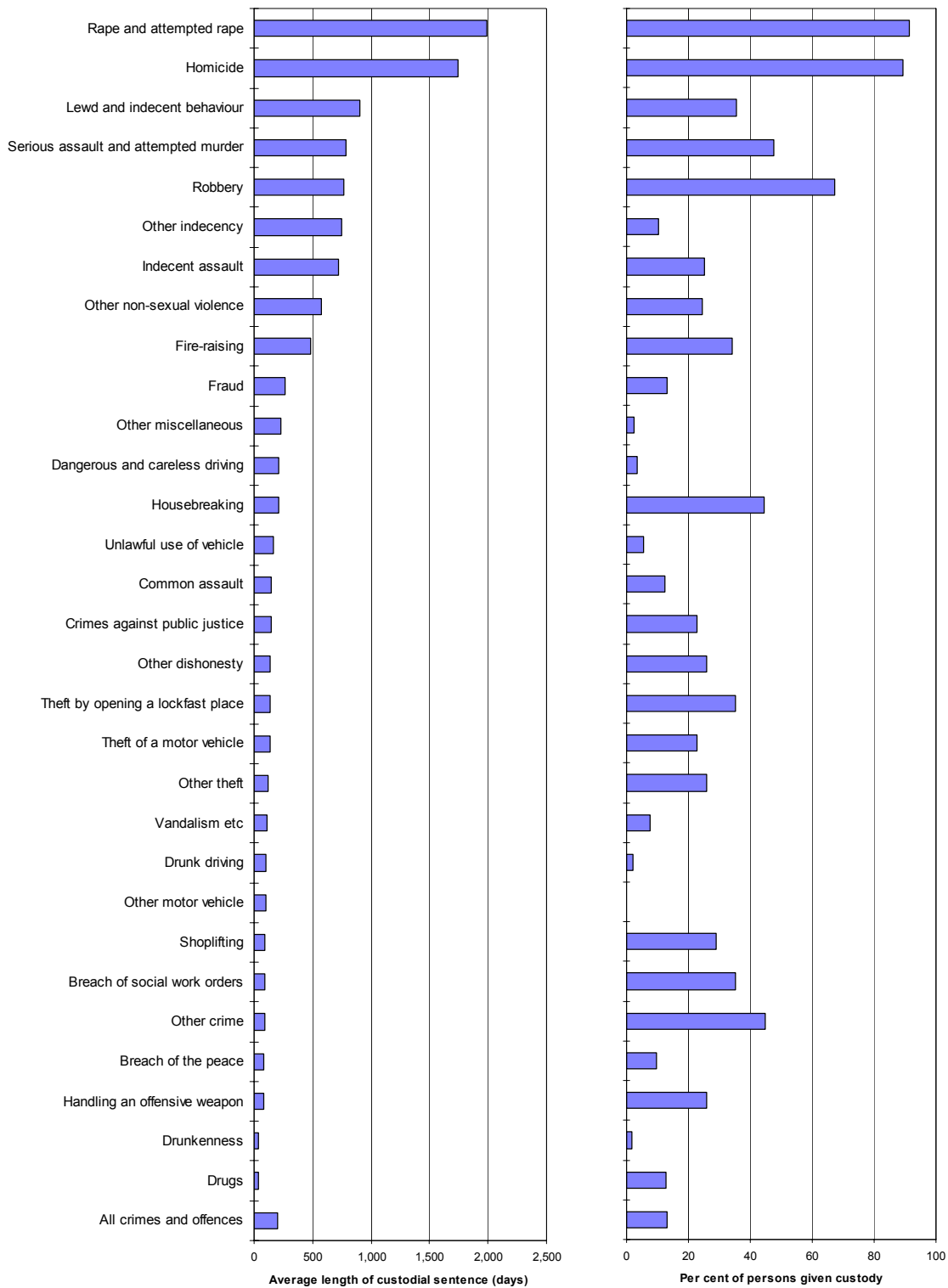
Custodial sentences

7.1 The overall number of convictions resulting in a custodial sentence in 2006/07 was just under 18,200, an increase of 9 per cent on the figure for 2005/06, and the highest figures recorded during the last 10 years.

7.2 Custody is the most frequently used sentence for most types of crime involving violence. Excluding homicide, rape and attempted rape, the categories with the highest proportions of convictions resulting in a custodial sentence in 2006/07 were robbery (70 per cent), housebreaking (51 per cent) and serious assault (50 per cent).

7.3 The average length of determinate custodial sentences over most of the last decade has been between seven and eight months and was just under seven months in 2006/07. Over half (55 per cent) of all custodial sentences in 2006/07 were for three months or less; 81 per cent were for six months or less. Crimes of violence and crimes of indecency were the most likely to attract long custodial sentences. Only 1 per cent of custodial sentences for crimes of dishonesty were for over two years whereas the corresponding proportions for non-sexual crimes of violence and crimes of indecency were 39 per cent and 52 per cent respectively. In 2006/07, drug offences accounted for 19 per cent of all custodial sentences of four years or more.

Chart 3: Average sentence length¹ and per cent of custody by type of crime or offence, 2006/07



¹ Excludes life sentences and indeterminate detention

Community sentences

7.4 The total number of convictions resulting in a community sentence in 2006/07 totalled just under 17,400, similar to 2005/06. Over the last ten years, the use of community sentences has generally increased as a proportion of all sentences imposed by the courts: they accounted for 13 per cent of all sentences in 2006/07 compared with 8 per cent in 1997/98. In both 2004/05 and 2005/06 community sentences outnumbered custodial sentences, however in 2006/07 there have been more custodial sentences.

7.5 In 2006/07, the number of convictions resulting in a probation order (including probation with a requirement that the offender shall perform unpaid work) was just over 9,200 (2 per cent less than in 2005/06). The proportion of convictions resulting in an offender being placed on probation was highest for indecent assault (39 per cent) followed by lewd and indecent behaviour (38 per cent) and 'other violence' (25 per cent).

7.6 The number of convictions in 2006/07 resulting in a community service order was just under 5,800, an increase of 2 per cent compared with 2005/06. In 2006/07, the categories with the highest proportion of convictions resulting in a community service order were serious assault and attempted murder (19 per cent), handling an offensive weapon (16 per cent), fire-raising (14 per cent) and fraud (13 per cent). The average length of community service order imposed in 2006/07 was 147 hours.

7.7 Other forms of community sentence were available to courts in a number of areas in 2006/07. These included restriction of liberty orders (1,300 sentences) and drug treatment and testing orders (900 sentences), supervised attendance orders of first instance (just over 100 sentences) and a small number of Community Reparation Orders and Antisocial Behaviour Orders.

Financial penalties

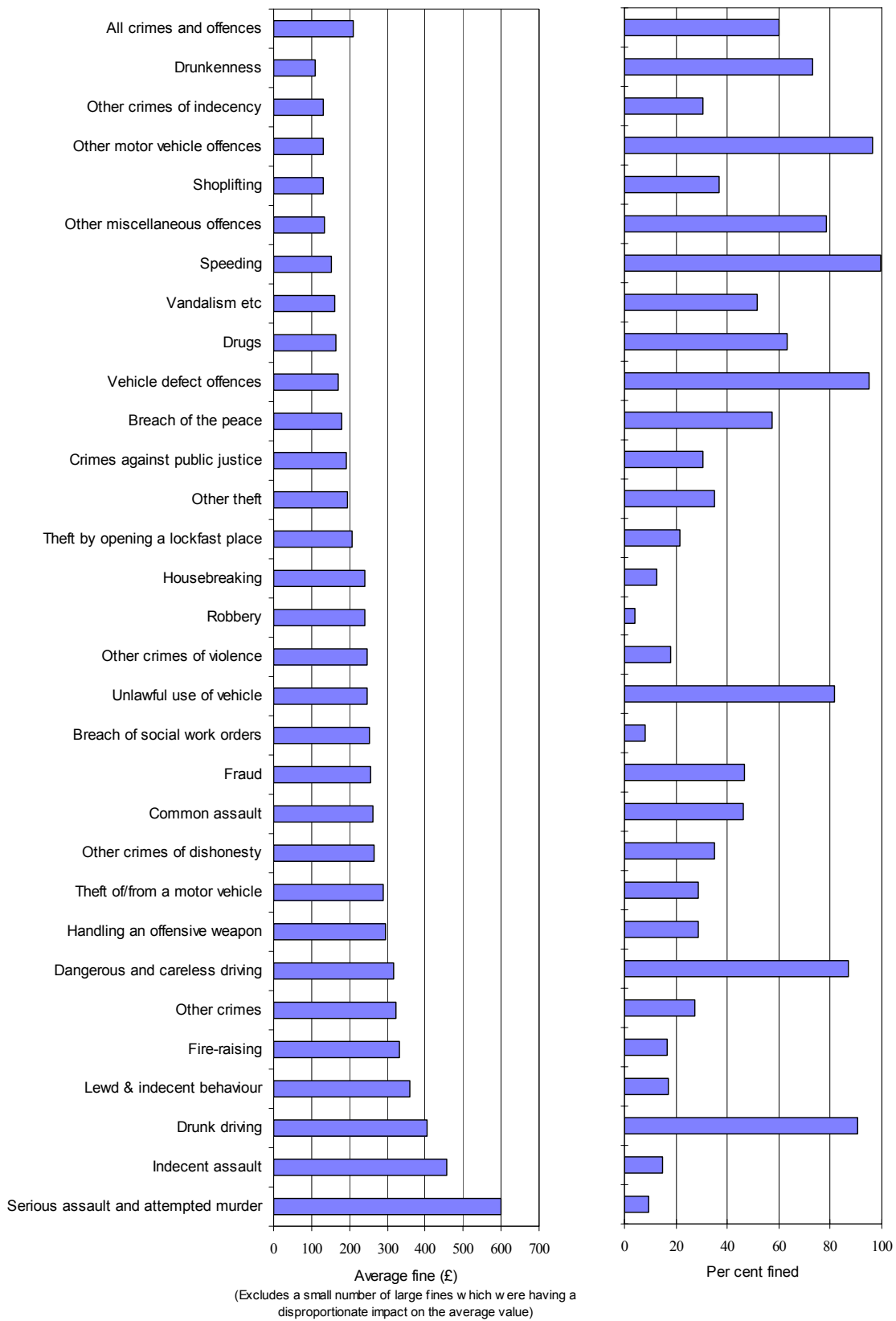
7.8 Between 1997/98 and 2006/07, the use of fines, the most common main penalty imposed by courts, has generally fallen as a proportion of all penalties imposed. This is in part a result of those offences most likely to be punished by fines increasingly being dealt with outside the court, for example by police conditional offers or "fiscal fines". Fines were the main penalty imposed in 60 per cent of convictions in 2006/07, one percentage point less than the proportion in 2005/06 and nine percentage points below the figure recorded for 1997/98. In 2006/07, a fine was the most frequent penalty imposed in convictions for motor vehicle offences (91 per cent), 'other' offences (79 per cent), drunkenness (73 per cent), drugs offences (63 per cent), and breach of the peace (57 per cent).

7.9 Excluding cases where a company was fined, the average fine imposed by courts in 2006/07 was £211, an increase of under 1 per cent compared with the average in 2005/06 (£212). The average compensation order imposed by courts either as main or secondary penalty was £335, a 19 per cent increase compared with the average in 2005/06 (£282).

Other sentences

7.11 In 2006/07, admonition was the main penalty in 12 per cent of convictions, one percentage point higher than in 2005/06 and two percentage points higher than in 1997/98. This type of sentence was a relatively frequent outcome in convictions for the 'other' crimes of indecency category (46 per cent of convictions), the 'other' violence category (25 per cent of convictions), crimes against public justice (24 per cent), drunkenness (22 per cent) and breach of the peace (21 per cent).

Chart 4: Average fine and per cent fined by type of crime or offence, 2006/07⁽¹⁾



1 Excludes homicide and rape

Sentencing by sex and age of offender

7.12 The pattern of penalties imposed in 2006/07 varied with the age and gender of the offender. This is likely to reflect the different patterns of offending and conviction histories of the different groups of offenders. While males accounted for 85 per cent of all convictions (excluding companies) in 2006/07, they represented 92 per cent of custodial convictions. Females accounted for 15 per cent of all convictions (excluding companies) and 26 per cent of other sentences (mainly admonition).

7.13 Between 2005/06 and 2006/07, the number of convictions resulting in a custodial sentence increased by 9 per cent. The largest percentage increase was in females under 21 (up by 70 per cent). Females aged 21-30 also showed an increase (up by 11 per cent), though females over 30 showed a decrease (down by 16 per cent). For males, all age categories showed an increase, the largest being for those over 30 (up by 12 per cent).

7.14 Between 2005/06 and 2006/07, the number of convictions resulting in a community sentence increased by 1 per cent (to 14,700) for males but decreased by 5 per cent (to 2,700) for females. Decreases were recorded for all sex and age categories, except for males aged under 21 (up 8 per cent to 4,900) and females aged under 21 (up 13 per cent to just under 700).

7.15 Between 2005/06 and 2006/07, the number of convictions resulting in a financial penalty increased by 3 per cent (to 72,300) for males and by 1 per cent (to 12,500) for females. Increases were recorded for all age categories, the highest being males aged 21-30 (up 5 per cent to 25,300) and females aged under 21 (up 5 per cent to 1,600).

8 Commentary: Characteristics of Individual Offenders (Tables 13,14, Chart 5)

8.1 The preceding sections of the bulletin generally present information in terms of persons convicted in court for all crimes and offences. In those statistics, each occasion on which a person is convicted is counted once, so that one individual offender may be counted on a number of occasions throughout the year. It is possible to analyse convictions for crimes and certain offences (common assault, breach of the peace, racially aggravated conduct and harassment, firearms offences and social security offences) by individual offender. This section presents information on the 53,550 individual offenders who were convicted for these crimes and offences on at least one occasion in 2006/07.

8.2 About a quarter of the 53,550 individual offenders in 2006/07 accounted for half of the 81,300 convictions in 2006/07.

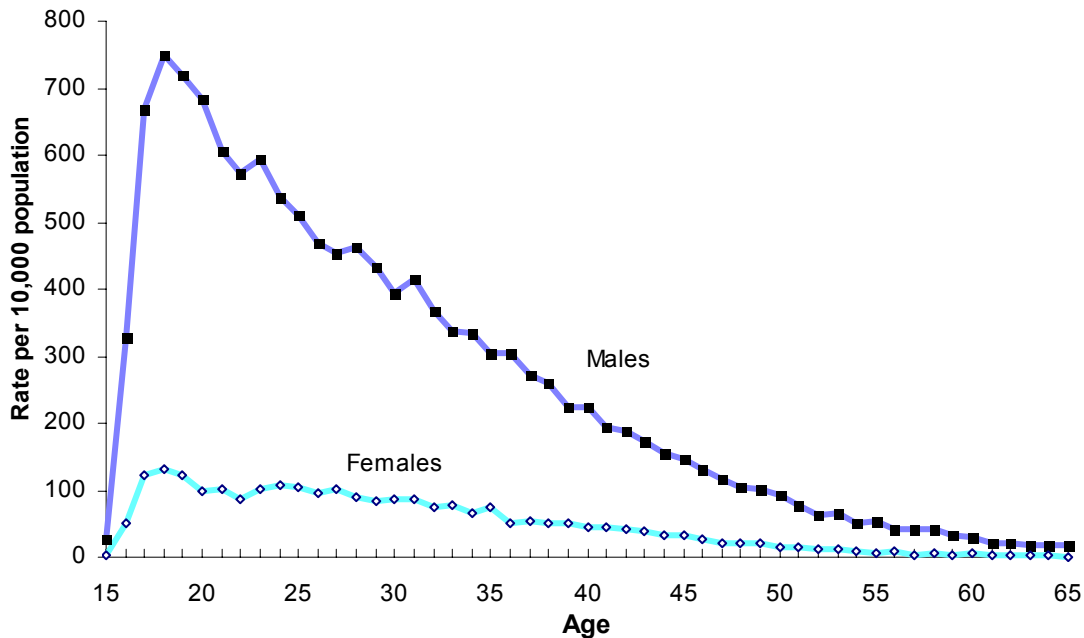
8.3 In 2006/07, the peak age for convictions was 18. The proportion of 18 year olds in the Scottish population who were convicted on at least one occasion for a crime or relevant offence was much higher for males (7 per cent) than females (1 per cent).

8.4 Of the 53,550 individuals convicted at least once in 2006/07 for a crime or relevant offence, 65 per cent had accumulated at least one previous conviction for these crimes and offences in the period 1997/98 to 2006/07, including 12 per cent with over 10 such previous convictions. This latter proportion was higher for males (12 per cent) than for females (8 per cent), and was highest for the 21-30 year old age group (19 per cent).

8.5 Sixty-eight per cent of the 6,900 individuals sentenced to custody (for their most recent conviction) in 2006/07 for a crime or relevant offence had at least one previous

custodial conviction for these crimes and offences in 1997/98 to 2006/07. Sixty-two per cent of this group of offenders had previously received a community sentence; and 40 per cent had previously been convicted before the High Court or a Sheriff and Jury Court.

Chart 5: Individual offenders per 10,000 population with one or more charges proved in court in 2006/07 for a crime or relevant offences



9 Commentary: Bail Orders and Offences (Tables 15 to 19)

9.1 The total number of bail orders made in 2006/07 was 63,400, an increase of 11 per cent from 2005/06. Increases between these two years have been greatest for the main charge categories of 'other' crimes (which includes crimes against public justice) (up 20 per cent), handling an offensive weapon (up 20 per cent), and common assault (up by 16 per cent). There has been a decrease for the category of crimes of indecency (down by 2 per cent).

9.2 In terms of longer-term trends, the 63,400 bail orders made in 2006/07 represented an increase of 34 per cent since 2002/03. Increases over this period have been greatest for the main charge categories of miscellaneous offences (up 80 per cent to 3,400), breach of the peace (up 71 per cent to 7,300), handling an offensive weapon (up 71 per cent to 3,400) and common assault (up 67 per cent to 12,700). The category of crimes of dishonesty showed a decrease over this time period (down by 4 per cent to 12,500), while the category of motor vehicle offences has remained at a similar level (4,300 bail orders).

9.3 The number of bail orders granted expressed as a percentage of the numbers of crimes cleared up by the police has shown an overall increase from 7 per cent in 2002/03 to 8 per cent in 2006/07. The percentage use of bail orders varies by each type of offence category, for instance the number of bail orders made in 2006/07 for non-sexual crimes of violence represented 50 per cent of all crimes cleared up for this type of offence over that period, while the number of bail orders made for motor vehicle offences represented only 1 per cent of all crimes cleared up for that type of offence.

9.4 Over half (51 per cent) of the total number of bail orders made in 2006/07 were accounted for by those where the main charge was a crime of dishonesty (20 per cent of all orders), common assault (20 per cent of all orders), and breach of the peace (12 per

cent of all orders). Males received 84 per cent of all orders made. Those aged 21-30 and over 30 received 36 per cent and 39 per cent respectively of all orders made. Most (89 per cent) bail orders made in 2006/07 were issued at Sheriff Courts, with District (including Stipendiary) Courts making up most of the remainder.

9.5 Of the total of 187,300 offences with a charge proved in 2006/07, 29,000 (15 per cent) had a bail aggravator recorded against them, indicating that these offences were committed while the offender was on bail, an increase of 1 percentage point from 2005/06. Crimes and offence categories with a relatively high percentage of bail aggravator recording include robbery (34 per cent), 'other' crimes of indecency (33 per cent), crimes against public justice (32 per cent) and crimes of dishonesty (28 per cent). Crimes and offences with a relatively low percentage of bail aggravator recording include lewd and indecent behaviour (5 per cent) and motor vehicle offences (7 per cent).

9.6 Bail-related offences other than committing an offence on bail covers the offences of breach of bail conditions and failure to appear in court after being granted bail. A total of 7,400 of these offences had a charge proved in 2006/07, an increase of 24 per cent compared with 2005/06. However when looked at as a percentage of bail orders granted, the value for 2006/07 (12 per cent) was a 1 percentage point increase from 2005/06 (11 per cent), and was at a similar level to 2002/03 (12 per cent). For the number of bail-related offences, the main increases from 2005/06 to 2006/07 were seen in Sheriff Summary Court offences (up 26 per cent to 6,800), offences relating to those aged under 21 (up 44 per cent to 2,500), and offences where the offender was male (up 26 per cent to 6,600).

10.1 Commentary: Motor Vehicle Offences: Context (Table 20)

10.1.1 Most motor vehicle offences are dealt with by means other than court proceedings. Table 20 shows the numbers of offences which were dealt with by various means for the period 1997/98 to 2006/07. Further information on offences recorded, alternatives to prosecution and offences proceeded against in court is given in sections 10.2 to 10.7. Stationary vehicle offences, mainly parking offences, for which police fixed penalty notices are issued, are **not** included in the figures for recorded offences. However, moving offences such as speeding offences which are dealt with via the police and procurator fiscal conditional offer system **are** included. Further details of fixed penalty notices issued for stationary vehicle offences are given in section 10.5.

10.1.2 Non-payment of a procurator fiscal or police conditional offer of a fixed penalty is usually followed by prosecution. Consequently there is an overlap between conditional offers made and offences proceeded against in court.

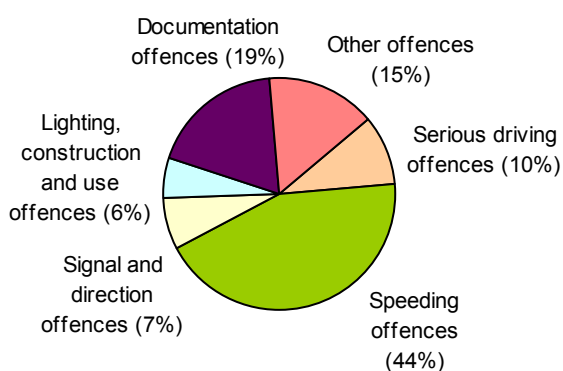
10.1.3 The number of licensed motor vehicles in Scotland increased by over a quarter (28 per cent) between 1997/98 and 2006/07 when it reached almost 2.6 million. However the number of recorded offences per 1,000 licensed vehicles in 2006/07 was 145, the lowest annual figure in the last 10 years. There has been a general trend away from court proceedings against motor vehicle offences (number of charges proved in 2006/07 were around a fifth lower than in 1997/98) towards the use of alternatives to prosecution such as police and fiscal conditional offers of fixed penalties.

10.2 Commentary: Motor Vehicle Offences Recorded by the Police (Table 21, Chart 6)

10.2.1 The number of motor vehicle offences recorded by the police in each of the years 1997/98 and 2002/03 to 2006/07 is shown in Table 21. These figures include offences in respect of which either the police or the procurator fiscal made a conditional offer of a fixed penalty (mainly *moving* vehicle offences). They do not include *stationary* vehicle offences (mainly parking and waiting offences) which are dealt with by the police or traffic wardens through the issuing of police fixed penalty notices. For information on stationary vehicle offences, see Section 10.5.

10.2.2 The total number of motor vehicle offences recorded in 2006/07 was 375,000, a decrease of 1 per cent on the 2005/06 total. Forty-four per cent of all motor vehicle offences recorded by the police in 2006/07 related to speeding offences. Changes in the figures for individual offence categories may arise because of changes in the level of enforcement or police deployment

Chart 6: Motor vehicle offences recorded by police in Scotland, 2006/07



Number of motor vehicle offences recorded: 375,033

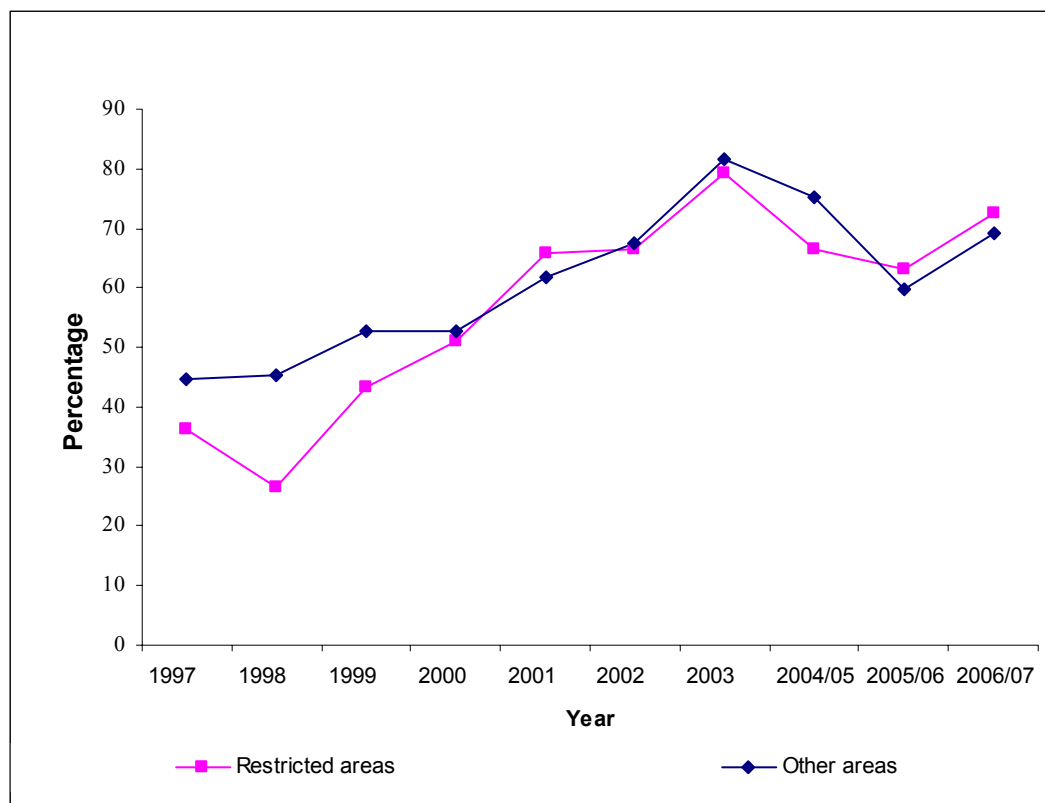
10.3 Commentary: Motor Vehicle Offences - Alternatives to Prosecution (Tables 22 and 23, Chart 7)

10.3.1 In many instances, where the offence is of a more minor nature, the offender is not prosecuted in court. There are several alternatives to prosecution which are available in Scotland. The main ones for road traffic offences being the vehicle defect rectification scheme, under which drivers of vehicles are given a set period of time to repair their vehicle, and conditional offers of a fixed penalty which can be given by the procurator fiscal or by the police.

10.3.3 The police made an estimated 223,500 conditional offers of a fixed penalty, a decrease of 7 per cent compared with 2005/06. Sixty-three per cent of the offers related to speeding offences. A total of around 14,000 reports to Procurators Fiscal in 2006/07 resulted in the acceptance of a conditional offer of a fixed penalty for moving vehicle offences.

10.3.4 Since the mid 1990s, an increasing proportion of the police conditional offers of a fixed penalty related to offences which had been detected automatically e.g. via a speed camera. The number of offences that are detected automatically will fluctuate according to the number of cameras that are in operation at any given time, as well as police campaigns and trends in driver behaviour.

Chart 7: Police conditional offers made for speeding offences: % where offence detected automatically, 1997-2006/07



10.4 Commentary: Motor Vehicle Offences - Offences with a Charge Proved (Table 24 and Table 4(a))

10.4.1 In 2006/07, the total number of individual motor vehicle offences with a charge proved in court was 67,200, a decrease of 1 per cent compared with 2005/06. For 45,000 persons, a motor vehicle offence was the main offence with which they were charged.

10.4.2 Offence categories with the largest decreases between 2005/06 and 2006/07 included vehicle excise licence offences (down 76 per cent to 400), 'other' offences (down 55 per cent to 700) and failing to provide breath specimen at the roadside (down 13 per cent to just over 200). The largest increases included the offences of failing to provide information to identify driver (up 32 per cent to just under 300), mobile phone offences (up 31 per cent to over 900), and traffic direction offences (up 23 per cent to just under 1,300).

Penalties imposed (Tables 25-27)

10.4.3 In 2006/07, an estimated 80 per cent of all motor vehicle offences proceeded against resulted in the charge being proved or accepted. A fine was the most common penalty: Eighty per cent of offences proved or accepted resulted in a fine, 13 per cent resulted in an admonition and 3 per cent resulted in a custodial sentence.

10.4.4 While 3 per cent of all motor vehicle offences with a charge proved or accepted in 2006/07 resulted in a custodial sentence, the corresponding proportion was higher for driving while disqualified (38 per cent), and dangerous driving (19 per cent).

10.4.5 In addition to the main penalty imposed, 32 per cent of offences resulted in an outright disqualification or disqualification under the 'totting up' procedure (this is a procedure by which drivers who obtain 12 or more penalty points for offences committed within a three year period are disqualified from driving). A further 48 per cent of offences resulted in endorsement of penalty points on the driver's licence. Forty per cent of disqualifications were for drunk driving and a further 29 per cent were for failing to have third party insurance. This latter category also accounted for 26 per cent of all endorsements issued. For speeding offences endorsement is obligatory in all but exceptional circumstances and is generally imposed with a fine.

Fines

10.4.6 Excluding the small number of cases where no separate figure was available, the average fine imposed in 2006/07 for motor vehicle offences which resulted in a fine was £182. Nine per cent of fines were for £50 or less while 12 per cent were in excess of £300. Unsurprisingly, the largest fines were imposed for more serious types of offences: the average fines for dangerous driving, drunk driving offences and driving while disqualified were £380, £353 and £340 respectively. The total amount of fines imposed by Scottish courts for motor vehicle offences in 2006/07 was estimated to be £9.8 million.

Disqualifications

10.4.7 In 2006/07, a total of just under 21,500 motor vehicle offences resulted in the offender being disqualified from driving. Of those offences for which a separate period of disqualification was identifiable 44 per cent resulted in disqualification for more than 12 months. One hundred and four led to disqualification for life and 437 resulted in the offender being disqualified until they had retaken their driving test.

10.4.8 Seventy-three per cent of disqualifications for over three years were imposed for drunk driving or driving while already disqualified. Dangerous driving and failure to insure against third party risks accounted for a further 15 per cent and 10 per cent respectively of disqualifications of this length.

10.4.9 For those offences for which a determinate period of disqualification was given, the average period of disqualification in 2006/07 was 20 months. However, for the offence of driving while disqualified the average period imposed was 40 months.

10.5 Commentary: Police Fixed Penalty Notices for Stationary Vehicle Offences (Tables 28 and 29)

10.5.1 To enable the offender to discharge liability for prosecution for stationary vehicle offences such as unlawful parking or failure to display a valid vehicle excise licence (road tax disc), the police and traffic wardens may issue fixed penalty notices. In 2006/07, an estimate of 105,300 such notices were issued, 6 per cent more than in 2005/06. Much of the decrease in the number of fixed penalty notices issued since 1997 reflects the decriminalisation of parking infringements in some areas, further details in section 10.6 below.

10.6 Commentary: Civil Penalty Charge Notices for Parking Infringements (Tables 30 and 31)

10.6.1 Most parking infringements in the City of Edinburgh, Glasgow City, Perth & Kinross, Aberdeen City, Dundee City and South Lanarkshire council areas have been dealt with as a civil matter, as from October 1998, October 1999, October 2002, March 2003, April 2004 and February 2005 respectively.

10.6.2 The total number of penalty charge notices for parking infringements issued in 2006/07 by those councils which operate these civil penalty schemes was 481,900, a decrease of 12 per cent compared with 2005/06. Revenues from these notices and from vehicle removals totalled £13.6 million in 2006/07.

10.6.3 In 2006/07, City of Edinburgh (44 per cent) and Glasgow City (33 per cent) accounted for the great majority of penalty charge notices issued for parking infringements.

10.7 Commentary: Other Offences Related to Motor Vehicles (Table 32)

10.7.1 Certain crimes related to motor vehicles are not included within the group of motor vehicle offences in the Scottish Government classification of crimes and offences. These are causing death by dangerous driving, causing death by careless driving when under the influence of drink or drugs and reckless driving (common law).

10.7.2 In 2006/07, the police recorded 37 crimes of causing death by dangerous driving and 1 crime of causing death by careless driving when under the influence of drink or drugs.

10.7.3 In 2006/07, 12 persons were convicted where the main offence was causing death by dangerous driving and 5 by careless driving when under the influence of drink or drugs. Custodial sentences were passed in all but four of these cases. No convictions were recorded for 2006/07 with reckless driving (common law) as the main offence.

10.7.4 Note that the statistics dealing with recorded crime and court proceedings are not directly comparable as a crime may be recorded by the police in one year and court proceedings concluded in a subsequent year.

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Summary of known action, 1997/98 - 2006/07

Table 1

Thousands

	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
Crimes and offences recorded by the police										
Crimes	421	434	435	418	426	418	414	438	418	419
Offences	496	520	499	496	532	524	616	639	600	607
Crimes and offences cleared up by the police										
Crimes	167	187	188	186	191	193	196	195	191	199
Offences	480	502	478	474	510	502	592	595	558	566
Crimes and offences dealt with by:										
Offence referrals to Reporter to Children's Panel ¹	28	28	31	27	29	30	34	36	38	36
Offences dealt with under Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme ²	31	35	31	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Police conditional offers (Motor vehicle Offences)	124	152	168	160	175	161	231	281	241	223
Procurator Fiscal action ³										
Total reports received ⁴	289	295	286	281	276	304	321	323	339	330
Fiscal warnings	23	22	18	19	19	16	22	32	33	26
Conditional offers (Motor vehicle offences) ⁵	8	9	8	7	8	6	9	10	10	14
Fiscal fines ⁵	19	19	16	18	20	24	30	23	18	21
Diversion	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
No proceedings	35	41	44	44	43	51	44	61	49	44
Persons proceeded against in court ⁶	171	156	148	132	140	138	147	149	147	154

1 Includes referrals from the procurator fiscal; a referral may relate to more than one offence.

2 Includes estimated data.

3 Figures shown for 1997/98 are for calendar year 1997.

4 Includes reports on deaths etc.

5 Figures relate to cases which were closed as offer accepted

6 1999/00 and 2000/01 have an estimated shortfall of around 3,300 proceedings in total - see Annexe B note 5

Persons proceeded against in court by main crime/offence by main crime/offence
and percentage outcome of court proceedings, 2006/07 ¹

Table 2

Main crime or offence	PNGA ^{2,3} or deserted	Acquitted not guilty	Acquitted not proven	Charge proved	Total	Not proven as % of all acquitted
All crimes and offences	7	2	1	90	100	19
All crimes	9	3	1	88	100	21
Non-sexual crimes of violence	10	10	3	76	100	25
Homicide	4	11	1	85	100	7
Serious assault and attempted murder	10	13	4	74	100	26
Robbery	10	6	2	82	100	27
Other	13	7	2	78	100	21
Crimes of indecency	4	9	5	82	100	36
Rape and attempted rape	2	28	21	49	100	42
Indecent assault	4	16	9	72	100	36
Lewd and indecent behaviour	6	9	5	80	100	35
Other	3	3	1	94	100	20
Crimes of dishonesty	10	1	*	89	100	16
Housebreaking	12	1	*	87	100	8
Theft by opening a lockfast place	9	2	*	88	100	17
Theft of a motor vehicle	22	1	*	76	100	18
Shoplifting	7	*	*	93	100	15
Other theft	10	2	*	88	100	14
Fraud	13	1	*	85	100	21
Other	12	4	1	83	100	18
Fire-raising, vandalism, etc	9	3	-	88	100	14
Fire-raising	9	3	1	87	100	27
Vandalism, etc	9	3	-	88	100	13
Other crimes	8	2	1	89	100	20
Crimes against public justice	10	2	*	87	100	15
Handling an offensive weapon	7	6	2	85	100	23
Drugs	7	1	*	92	100	21
Other	7	3	*	90	100	13
All offences	6	2	1	91	100	18
Miscellaneous offences	7	4	1	88	100	18
Common assault	9	7	2	83	100	19
Breach of the peace	8	3	1	89	100	17
Drunkenness	4	1	-	95	100	-
Breach of social work orders	*	-	-	100	100	-
Other	5	3	1	92	100	17
Motor vehicle offences	4	1	-	95	100	16
Dangerous and careless driving	4	2	1	93	100	22
Drunk driving	1	2	*	97	100	15
Speeding	1	*	*	99	100	3
Unlawful use of vehicle	9	*	*	91	100	21
Vehicle defect offences	10	*	-	90	100	-
Other	5	1	*	93	100	12

¹ Excludes persons against whom proceedings are started but which are dropped before they reach court.

² Plea of not guilty accepted.

³ Includes cases where proceedings are dropped after a person has been called to court eg if witnesses cannot be traced.

Table 3
Persons with a charge proved by type of court, 1997/98-2006/07

Type of court	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
All court types¹	149,334	137,174	128,104	113,206	121,598	127,772	133,614	135,045	132,784	138,830
High court ^{2,3}	1,126	1,062	1,183	1,099	1,142	1,205	1,228	977	865	700
Sheriff solemn	3,057	3,039	3,048	3,191	3,172	3,464	3,726	3,892	4,213	4,854
Sheriff summary	79,093	75,323	71,865	66,852	73,072	81,371	81,317	82,153	80,260	84,975
District court ⁴	66,056	57,750	52,007	42,062	44,208	41,732	47,340	48,021	47,441	48,300
Type of court	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
All court types¹	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
High court ^{2,3}	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sheriff solemn	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Sheriff summary	53	55	56	59	60	64	61	61	60	61
District court ⁴	44	42	41	37	36	33	35	36	36	35
Type of court	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
All court types¹	100	92	86	76	81	86	89	90	89	93
High court ^{2,3}	100	94	105	98	101	107	109	87	77	62
Sheriff solemn	100	99	100	104	104	113	122	127	138	159
Sheriff summary	100	95	91	85	92	103	103	104	101	107
District court ⁴	100	87	79	64	67	63	72	73	72	73

1 Includes court type unknown.

2 Includes cases remitted to the High court from the Sheriff court.

3 The figures for 2006/07, and to an extent earlier years, may be underestimates due to late recording of disposals.

4 Includes the stipendiary magistrates court in Glasgow.

Table 4(a)

Persons with a charge proved by main crime/offence, 1997/98-2006/07

Main Crime or Offence	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07 ¹	% change 05/06-06/07	All offences proved, 06/07 ^{1,2}
All crimes and offences	149,334	137,174	128,104	113,206	121,598	127,772	133,614	135,045	132,784	138,830	5	187,837
All crimes	48,062	46,295	42,312	39,680	42,116	42,809	43,361	44,721	43,296	46,787	8	63,723
Non-sexual crimes of violence	2,039	2,000	2,003	1,976	2,092	2,381	2,596	2,425	2,439	2,364	-3	2,598
Homicide	104	92	105	100	103	99	131	143	107	104	-3	104
Serious assault and attempted murder	1,039	1,036	1,053	1,089	1,171	1,360	1,475	1,372	1,554	1,432	-8	1,496
Robbery	666	652	659	603	627	682	689	610	506	514	2	637
Other	230	220	186	184	191	240	301	300	272	314	15	361
Crimes of indecency	1,329	1,280	790	633	614	562	666	809	852	841	-1	1,148
Rape and attempted rape	55	58	48	52	67	55	58	69	61	45	-26	53
Indecent assault	91	83	84	60	48	65	93	87	84	82	-2	143
Lewd and indecent behaviour	343	320	302	256	298	273	297	321	319	307	-4	513
Other	840	819	356	265	201	169	218	332	388	407	5	439
Crimes of dishonesty	25,272	24,726	22,652	20,571	21,536	21,700	19,887	19,665	18,044	18,401	2	26,134
Housebreaking	3,174	3,071	2,860	2,676	2,672	2,752	2,508	2,373	2,074	2,024	-2	2,716
Theft by opening a lockfast place	1,940	1,770	1,614	1,504	1,478	1,448	1,288	1,194	951	911	-4	1,870
Theft of a motor vehicle	2,006	1,882	1,536	1,426	1,386	1,486	1,268	1,099	985	1,025	4	2,006
Shoplifting	7,313	7,559	7,753	7,345	8,366	8,826	8,123	8,427	8,162	8,527	4	9,919
Other theft	5,866	5,796	5,026	4,303	4,234	3,783	3,521	3,551	3,186	3,286	3	4,617
Fraud	1,992	1,920	1,595	1,448	1,479	1,459	1,444	1,355	1,245	1,178	-5	3,011
Other	2,981	2,728	2,268	1,869	1,921	1,946	1,735	1,666	1,441	1,450	1	1,995
Fire-raising, vandalism, etc	4,871	4,591	3,979	3,942	4,051	4,212	4,759	5,024	4,998	5,429	9	6,981
Fire-raising	112	125	102	109	125	147	169	192	192	250	30	317
Vandalism, etc	4,759	4,466	3,877	3,833	3,926	4,065	4,590	4,832	4,806	5,179	8	6,664
Other crimes	14,551	13,698	12,888	12,558	13,823	13,954	15,453	16,798	16,963	19,752	16	26,862
Crimes against public justice	5,096	4,776	4,589	4,929	5,257	5,048	5,290	5,767	5,751	7,203	25	11,142
Handling an offensive weapon	2,173	2,033	2,118	2,340	2,633	2,771	2,875	3,447	3,499	3,534	1	4,096
Drugs	7,236	6,861	6,158	5,279	5,913	6,111	7,258	7,553	7,604	8,814	16	11,400
Other	46	28	23	10	20	24	30	31	109	201	84	224
All offences	101,272	90,879	85,792	73,526	79,482	84,963	90,253	90,324	89,488	92,043	3	124,114
Miscellaneous offences	45,816	39,241	34,189	33,262	34,661	37,007	39,631	42,809	44,285	47,030	6	56,934
Common assault	12,441	11,677	10,749	10,270	10,823	11,745	12,317	13,574	14,425	15,411	7	19,880
Breach of the peace	19,355	17,156	14,023	13,031	13,950	14,384	15,050	16,172	16,901	18,082	7	26,554
Drunkenness	937	626	454	430	374	370	418	311	293	261	-11	382
Breach of social work orders	3,765	4,217	4,684	4,611	4,509	4,945	5,095	5,317	4,609	4,847	5	-
Other	9,318	5,565	4,279	4,920	5,005	5,563	6,751	7,435	8,057	8,429	5	10,118
Motor vehicle offences	55,456	51,638	51,603	40,264	44,821	47,956	50,622	47,515	45,203	45,013	0	67,180
Dangerous and careless driving	4,577	3,764	3,431	2,561	3,319	3,628	4,118	3,810	3,621	3,772	4	5,076
Drunk driving	8,173	7,290	7,366	6,265	6,538	9,508	8,158	8,001	7,970	8,053	1	8,984
Speeding	12,220	12,971	15,293	9,427	9,988	9,832	12,700	13,546	12,273	13,425	9	13,773
Unlawful use of vehicle	20,052	18,662	16,990	15,987	18,553	19,192	19,563	16,696	14,711	13,430	-9	28,885
Vehicle defect offences	3,198	2,470	2,075	1,302	1,252	1,510	1,859	1,791	1,653	1,708	3	3,090
Other	7,236	6,481	6,488	4,722	5,171	4,286	4,224	3,671	4,975	4,625	-7	7,372

1 Figures for some categories dealt with by the High Court - including homicide, rape and major drug cases - may be underestimated slightly due to late recording of disposals - see Annex note B2.

2 Whether or not the main crime/offence involved. Breaches are not counted as individual offences

3. Increase in 2006/07 largely due to the introduction of the Emergency Workers (Scotland) Act 2005

Persons with a charge proved by main crime/offence, 1997/08-2006/07
Index: 1997/98=100

Table 4(b)

Main Crime or Offence	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07 ¹
All crimes and offences	100	92	86	76	81	86	89	90	89	93
All crimes	100	96	88	83	88	89	90	93	90	97
Non-sexual crimes of violence	100	98	98	97	103	117	127	119	120	116
Homicide	100	88	101	96	99	95	126	138	103	100
Serious assault and attempted murder	100	100	101	105	113	131	142	132	150	138
Robbery	100	98	99	91	94	102	103	92	76	77
Other	100	96	81	80	83	104	131	130	118	137
Crimes of indecency	100	96	59	48	46	42	50	61	64	63
Rape and attempted rape	100	105	87	95	122	100	105	125	111	82
Indecent assault	100	91	92	66	53	71	102	96	92	90
Lewd and indecent behaviour	100	93	88	75	87	80	87	94	93	90
Other	100	98	42	32	24	20	26	40	46	48
Crimes of dishonesty	100	98	90	81	85	86	79	78	71	73
Housebreaking	100	97	90	84	84	87	79	75	65	64
Theft by opening a lockfast place	100	91	83	78	76	75	66	62	49	47
Theft of a motor vehicle	100	94	77	71	69	74	63	55	49	51
Shoplifting	100	103	106	100	114	121	111	115	112	117
Other theft	100	99	86	73	72	64	60	61	54	56
Fraud	100	96	80	73	74	73	72	68	63	59
Other	100	92	76	63	64	65	58	56	48	49
Fire-raising, vandalism, etc	100	94	82	81	83	86	98	103	103	111
Fire-raising	100	112	91	97	112	131	151	171	171	223
Vandalism, etc	100	94	81	81	82	85	96	102	101	109
Other crimes	100	94	89	86	95	96	106	115	117	136
Crimes against public justice	100	94	90	97	103	99	104	113	113	141
Handling an offensive weapon	100	94	97	108	121	128	132	159	161	163
Drugs	100	95	85	73	82	84	100	104	105	122
Other	100	61	50	22	43	52	65	67	237	437
All offences	100	90	85	73	78	84	89	89	88	91
Miscellaneous offences	100	86	75	73	76	81	87	93	97	103
Common assault	100	94	86	83	87	94	99	109	116	124
Breach of the peace	100	89	72	67	72	74	78	84	87	93
Drunkenness	100	67	48	46	40	39	45	33	31	28
Breach of social work orders	100	112	124	122	120	131	135	141	122	129
Other	100	60	46	53	54	60	72	80	86	90
Motor vehicle offences	100	93	93	73	81	86	91	86	82	81
Dangerous and careless driving	100	82	75	56	73	79	90	83	79	82
Drunk driving	100	89	90	77	80	116	100	98	98	99
Speeding	100	106	125	77	82	80	104	111	100	110
Unlawful use of vehicle	100	93	85	80	93	96	98	83	73	67
Vehicle defect offences	100	77	65	41	39	47	58	56	52	53
Other	100	90	90	65	71	59	58	51	69	64

¹ Figures for some categories dealt with by the High Court - including homicide, rape and major drug cases - may be underestimated slightly due to late recording of disposals at SP5A - see Annexe note B2.

Numbers of persons with a charge proved¹ per 1,000 population by sex and age, 1997/98-2006/07 Table 5

Type of accused	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
All persons²										
Total³	36	33	31	28	30	31	33	33	32	33
Under 16 ⁴	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
16	42	42	33	25	28	32	30	32	38	39
17	110	100	92	80	79	82	83	84	86	97
18	141	130	117	109	114	110	108	104	106	113
19	140	122	113	102	110	114	109	103	100	105
20	122	120	106	96	107	110	106	96	93	98
21-25	96	91	87	80	87	92	92	89	83	85
26-30	68	63	60	55	61	64	70	72	69	70
31-40	41	38	36	33	35	38	41	43	43	45
Over 40 ⁵	13	11	11	9	10	11	12	13	13	13
Males										
Total³	64	59	55	48	52	54	54	56	55	58
Under 16 ⁴	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5
16	74	75	60	44	51	57	56	56	67	68
17	196	177	163	141	139	144	152	146	148	167
18	250	228	205	193	203	193	199	182	185	194
19	254	218	200	180	195	203	197	182	177	182
20	216	216	185	169	191	194	187	167	164	171
21-25	168	159	154	140	152	157	158	148	140	144
26-30	117	110	106	96	107	111	114	121	115	116
31-40	70	67	64	56	61	64	65	73	73	76
Over 40 ⁵	23	21	20	16	18	19	20	22	22	23
Females										
Total³	10	9	8	8	8	9	10	10	10	10
Under 16 ⁴	0.06	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.07	0.07	0.03	0.05
16	7	8	6	5	5	6	5	7	8	7
17	22	21	19	16	17	17	17	17	21	22
18	28	29	26	24	22	23	21	23	24	27
19	28	25	26	23	26	24	25	23	21	25
20	27	26	26	23	22	27	25	25	21	23
21-25	25	24	23	22	23	27	28	28	25	25
26-30	20	17	16	16	18	20	24	24	24	23
31-40	13	11	10	10	11	13	16	16	15	15
Over 40 ⁵	4	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4

1 Number of occasions when a person had a charge proved.

2 Includes sex not known; excludes companies.

3 Includes age not known; uses mid-year population estimate for those aged 8-70.

4 Uses mid-year population estimate for those aged 8-15.

5 Uses mid-year population estimate for those aged 41-70.

Males with a charge proved by main crime/offence and age, 2006/07

Table 6(a)

Main crime or offence	(Number)				(Per cent)			
	Under 21	21-30	Over 30	Total ¹	Under 21	21-30	Over 30	Total ¹
All crimes and offences	26,912	42,052	48,315	117,282	100	100	100	100
All crimes	10,980	15,719	12,735	39,434	41	37	26	34
Non-sexual crimes of violence	719	805	542	2,066	3	2	1	2
Homicide	26	42	28	96	*	*	*	*
Serious assault and attempted murder	492	501	339	1,332	2	1	1	1
Robbery	170	197	87	454	1	*	*	*
Other	31	65	88	184	*	*	*	*
Crimes of indecency	131	117	279	527	*	*	1	*
Rape and attempted rape	7	13	24	44	*	*	*	*
Indecent assault	12	19	50	81	*	*	*	*
Lewd and indecent behaviour	63	56	175	294	*	*	*	*
Other	49	29	30	108	*	*	*	*
Crimes of dishonesty	3,163	6,451	4,984	14,598	12	15	10	12
Housebreaking	582	826	545	1,953	2	2	1	2
Theft by opening a lockfast place	256	386	183	825	1	1	*	1
Theft of a motor vehicle	598	295	96	989	2	1	*	1
Shoplifting	747	2,999	2,489	6,235	3	7	5	5
Other theft	642	1,143	862	2,647	2	3	2	2
Fraud	91	298	385	774	*	1	1	1
Other	247	504	424	1,175	1	1	1	1
Fire-raising, vandalism, etc	2,372	1,590	936	4,898	9	4	2	4
Fire-raising	123	46	47	216	*	*	*	*
Vandalism, etc	2,249	1,544	889	4,682	8	4	2	4
Other crimes	4,595	6,756	5,994	17,345	17	16	12	15
Crimes against public justice	1,902	2,119	2,243	6,264	7	5	5	5
Handling an offensive weapon	1,289	1,175	880	3,344	5	3	2	3
Drugs	1,364	3,415	2,796	7,575	5	8	6	6
Other	40	47	75	162	*	*	*	*
All offences	15,932	26,333	35,580	77,848	59	63	74	66
Miscellaneous offences	10,606	13,588	15,001	39,195	39	32	31	33
Common assault	3,541	4,426	4,884	12,851	13	11	10	11
Breach of the peace	3,817	5,331	6,687	15,835	14	13	14	14
Drunkenness	20	62	151	233	*	*	*	*
Breach of social work orders	1,369	1,780	1,000	4,149	5	4	2	4
Other	1,859	1,989	2,279	6,127	7	5	5	5
Motor vehicle offences	5,326	12,745	20,579	38,653	20	30	43	33
Dangerous and careless driving	873	1,045	1,367	3,285	3	2	3	3
Drunk driving	979	2,166	3,819	6,965	4	5	8	6
Speeding	647	3,136	7,527	11,312	2	7	16	10
Unlawful use of vehicle	2,173	4,754	4,769	11,696	8	11	10	10
Vehicle defect offences	204	411	822	1,437	1	1	2	1
Other	450	1,233	2,275	3,958	2	3	5	3

¹ Includes age not known.

Females with a charge proved by main crime/offence and age, 2006/07

Table 6(b)

Main crime or offence	Number				Per cent			
	Under 21	21-30	Over 30	Total ¹	Under 21	21-30	Over 30	Total ¹
All crimes and offences	3,418	7,738	10,085	21,243	100	100	100	100
All crimes	1,284	3,194	2,866	7,344	38	41	28	35
Non-sexual crimes of violence	69	112	117	298	2	1	1	1
Homicide	2	1	5	8	*	*	*	*
Serious assault and attempted murder	38	27	35	100	1	*	*	*
Robbery	19	28	13	60	1	*	*	*
Other	10	56	64	130	*	1	1	1
Crimes of indecency	13	219	82	314	*	3	1	1
Rape and attempted rape	-	1	-	1	-	*	-	*
Indecent assault	-	-	1	1	-	-	*	*
Lewd and indecent behaviour	2	7	4	13	*	*	*	*
Other	11	211	77	299	*	3	1	1
Crimes of dishonesty	574	1,712	1,509	3,795	17	22	15	18
Housebreaking	21	35	15	71	1	*	*	*
Theft by opening a lockfast place	22	40	24	86	1	1	*	*
Theft of a motor vehicle	20	11	5	36	1	*	*	*
Shoplifting	318	1,089	885	2,292	9	14	9	11
Other theft	128	278	233	639	4	4	2	3
Fraud	41	146	209	396	1	2	2	2
Other	24	113	138	275	1	1	1	1
Fire-raising, vandalism, etc	190	150	191	531	6	2	2	2
Fire-raising	7	5	22	34	*	*	*	*
Vandalism, etc	183	145	169	497	5	2	2	2
Other crimes	438	1,001	967	2,406	13	13	10	11
Crimes against public justice	273	350	316	939	8	5	3	4
Handling an offensive weapon	46	76	68	190	1	1	1	1
Drugs	113	561	564	1,238	3	7	6	6
Other	6	14	19	39	*	*	*	*
All offences	2,134	4,544	7,219	13,899	62	59	72	65
Miscellaneous offences	1,665	2,538	3,529	7,734	49	33	35	36
Common assault	777	782	1,001	2,560	23	10	10	12
Breach of the peace	479	677	1,090	2,246	14	9	11	11
Drunkenness	1	12	15	28	*	*	*	*
Breach of social work orders	156	358	184	698	5	5	2	3
Other	252	709	1,239	2,202	7	9	12	10
Motor vehicle offences	469	2,006	3,690	6,165	14	26	37	29
Dangerous and careless driving	73	123	290	486	2	2	3	2
Drunk driving	115	272	701	1,088	3	4	7	5
Speeding	82	621	1,404	2,107	2	8	14	10
Unlawful use of vehicle	147	718	856	1,721	4	9	8	8
Vehicle defect offences	12	48	61	121	*	1	1	1
Other	40	224	378	642	1	3	4	3

¹ Includes age not known.

Persons with a charge proved by main penalty, 1997/98-2006/07

Table 7

Main penalty	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	% change 05/06-06/07	Number
Total ⁶	149,334	137,174	128,104	113,206	121,598	127,772	133,614	135,045	132,784	138,830		5
Custody	16,299	16,027	15,895	15,656	16,499	17,326	16,584	16,717	16,670	18,157		9
Prison	11,754	11,456	11,519	11,390	12,418	13,560	13,153	13,499	13,247	14,382		9
Young offenders institution	4,521	4,547	4,363	4,253	4,067	3,741	3,406	3,198	3,399	3,752		10
Other custody	24	24	13	13	14	25	25	20	24	23		-4
Community sentence ⁵	12,515	12,921	12,366	12,488	13,800	15,942	15,565	17,013	17,314	17,376		0
Probation	6,817	7,464	7,258	7,344	8,496	9,438	8,902	9,437	9,418	9,209		-2
Community service order	5,605	5,254	4,776	4,744	4,726	5,279	4,881	5,432	5,669	5,787		2
Supervised attendance order ⁸	93	78	97	64	58	54	38	43	111	122		10
Restriction of liberty order	-	125	230	189	193	743	1,048	1,313	1,273	1,309		3
Drug treatment & testing order	-	-	5	147	327	428	696	788	831	926		11
Financial penalty	104,399	93,165	85,949	72,191	77,805	80,319	86,586	85,496	82,625	85,119		3
Fine	103,091	91,904	84,778	71,104	76,641	78,957	84,797	83,782	81,147	83,737		3
Compensation order	1,308	1,261	1,171	1,087	1,164	1,362	1,789	1,714	1,478	1,382		-6
Other sentence ⁶	16,121	15,061	13,894	12,871	13,494	14,185	14,879	15,819	16,175	18,178		12
Insanity, hospital, guardianship order	160	130	136	128	104	105	132	95	113	76		-33
Admonition	14,707	13,841	12,641	11,649	12,176	12,829	13,445	14,279	14,607	16,354		12
Absolute discharge ⁹	1,046	914	991	978	1,055	1,020	1,102	1,211	1,190	1,436		21
Remit to children's hearing	208	176	120	116	159	230	196	221	260	311		20
Average amount of penalty ¹												
Custody (days) ⁴	230	224	230	229	228	236	239	223	215	201		
Community service order (hours)	151	151	152	152	152	153	152	148	148	147		
Fine ^{2,7} (£)	164	167	172	177	188	206	208	215	210	211		
Compensation order ^{3,7} (£)	246	252	250	264	234	219	209	242	282	335		
<p>1 Excludes indeterminate/not known sentences. 2. Excludes company fines. 3. As main or secondary penalty. 4. Figures for 2005/06 and 2006/07 may be underestimates. 5. Includes a small number of Community Reparation Orders and Anti Social Behaviour Orders. 6. Includes a small number of sentence unknown. 7. Excludes a small number of large fines which were having a disproportionate impact on the average value. 8. Of first instance. 9. Includes a small number of court cautions and dog-related disposals</p>												
Main penalty	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07		Percentage
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		100
Custody	11	12	12	14	14	14	12	12	13	13		13
Prison	8	8	9	10	10	11	10	10	10	10		10
Young offenders institution	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	2	3	3		3
Other custody	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*
Community sentence	8	9	10	11	11	12	12	13	13	13		13
Probation	5	5	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	7		7
Community service order	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		4
Supervised attendance order	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*
Restriction of liberty order	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Drug treatment & testing order	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Financial penalty	70	68	67	64	64	63	65	63	62	61		61
Fine	69	67	66	63	63	62	63	62	61	60		60
Compensation order	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1
Other sentence	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	12	12	13		13
Insanity, hospital, guardianship order	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*
Cautions or admonition	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	11	11	12		12
Absolute discharge	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1
Remit to children's hearing	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*

Persons with a charge proved by main crime/offence and main penalty, 2006/07

Table 8(a)

Main crime or offence	Prison	Y O I	Other custody	Probation	Community service order	Super-vised attendance order ²	Restrict-ion of liberty order	Drug treatment & testing order	Communi-ty reparation order	Anti-Social behaviour order	Fine	Compen-sation order	Insanity, guardian-ship, hospital order	Admoni-tion	Absolute discharge	Remit to children's hearing	Total ¹
All crimes and offences	14,382	3,752	23	9,209	5,787	122	1,309	926	17	6	83,737	1,382	76	16,354	1,436	311	138,830
All crimes	8,941	2,153	20	4,848	2,841	35	693	807	9	3	18,069	968	42	7,017	135	206	46,787
Non-sexual crimes of violence	839	396	8	332	326	2	43	7	-	-	217	27	10	133	6	18	2,364
Homicide	71	26	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	2	-	-	104
Serious assault and attempted murder	448	264	6	186	278	-	30	2	-	-	137	26	9	34	5	7	1,432
Robbery	258	98	2	67	31	-	7	2	-	-	57	1	1	20	-	7	514
Other	62	8	-	78	16	2	6	3	-	-	57	-	-	77	1	4	314
Crimes of indecency	172	15	3	202	29	-	4	-	-	-	188	1	2	222	2	1	841
Rape and attempted rape	39	3	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45
Indecent assault	23	1	1	32	4	-	-	-	-	-	12	1	-	8	-	-	82
Lewd and indecent behaviour	87	6	-	118	11	-	3	-	-	-	52	-	2	25	2	1	307
Other	23	5	-	52	14	-	-	-	-	-	124	-	-	189	-	-	407
Crimes of dishonesty	4,603	732	6	2,029	953	14	237	634	-	-	6,100	265	11	2,797	54	66	18,401
Housebreaking	838	184	1	298	129	3	39	80	-	-	254	27	1	155	1	14	2,024
Theft by opening a lockfast place	277	61	1	121	65	2	19	40	-	-	196	21	1	101	2	5	911
Theft of a motor vehicle	141	124	3	174	92	1	41	10	-	-	292	9	-	123	2	13	1,025
Shoplifting	2,044	173	-	914	162	6	54	368	-	-	3,141	45	6	1,591	23	10	8,527
Other theft	680	121	2	331	222	2	57	98	-	-	1,155	112	3	478	15	10	3,286
Fraud	182	19	-	64	149	-	7	11	-	-	553	33	-	154	3	3	1,178
Other	341	50	-	127	134	-	20	37	-	-	509	18	-	195	8	11	1,450
Fire-raising, vandalism etc	309	167	1	494	260	8	85	4	8	-	2,714	669	3	654	17	36	5,429
Fire-raising	44	23	1	48	35	1	13	-	-	-	42	8	2	19	2	12	250
Vandalism etc	265	144	-	446	225	7	72	4	8	-	2,672	661	1	635	15	24	5,179
Other crimes	3,118	843	2	1,791	1,273	11	324	162	1	3	8,850	6	16	3,211	56	85	19,752
Crimes against public justice	1,238	482	2	882	310	5	166	43	1	3	2,208	6	11	1,763	16	67	7,203
Handling an offensive weapon	755	289	-	409	569	-	93	17	-	-	1,016	-	4	345	20	17	3,534
Drugs	1,063	59	-	474	374	6	58	101	-	-	5,571	-	1	1,086	20	1	8,814
Other	62	13	-	26	20	-	7	1	-	-	55	-	-	17	-	-	201
All offences	5,441	1,599	3	4,361	2,946	87	616	119	8	3	65,668	414	34	9,337	1,301	105	92,043
Miscellaneous offences	4,332	1,473	3	3,816	2,231	59	535	107	8	3	24,674	394	34	8,021	1,242	97	47,030
Common assault	1,549	577	3	1,733	1,197	13	232	18	4	-	7,105	249	11	2,572	101	46	15,411
Breach of the peace	1,531	313	-	1,237	424	33	137	23	4	3	10,363	33	17	3,846	77	41	18,082
Drunkennes	4	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	191	-	-	58	1	-	261
Breach of social work orders	1,067	546	-	650	519	11	142	64	-	-	381	7	1	422	1,037	-	4,847
Other	181	37	-	189	91	2	24	2	2	-	6,634	105	5	1,123	26	10	8,429
Motor vehicle offences	1,109	126	-	545	715	28	81	12	-	-	40,994	20	-	1,316	59	8	45,013
Dangerous and careless driving	132	34	-	79	99	5	13	1	-	-	3,275	3	-	120	8	3	3,772
Drunk driving	207	17	-	234	220	2	18	2	-	-	7,289	-	-	52	10	2	8,053
Speeding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,387	-	-	33	5	-	13,425
Unlawful use of vehicle	762	74	-	228	392	18	49	9	-	-	10,956	14	-	898	27	3	13,430
Vehicle defect offences	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1,626	1	-	79	1	-	1,708
Other	8	1	-	4	4	2	1	-	-	-	4,461	2	-	134	8	-	4,625

1. Includes a small number of cases where the main penalty is not known.

2. Of first instance

Persons with a charge proved by main crime/offence and main penalty, 2006/07 **Table 8(b)**

Main crime or offence	Row percentages				Column percentages					
	Custody sentence	Community sentence	Monetary	Other	Total	Custody sentence	Community sentence	Monetary	Other	Total
All crimes and offences	13	13	61	13	100	100	100	100	100	100
All crimes	24	20	41	16	100	61	53	22	41	34
Non-sexual crimes of violence	53	30	10	7	100	7	4	*	1	2
Homicide	93	2	3	2	100	1	*	*	*	*
Serious assault and attempted murder	50	35	11	4	100	4	3	*	*	1
Robbery	70	21	4	5	100	2	1	*	*	*
Other	22	33	18	26	100	*	1	*	*	*
Crimes of indecency	23	28	22	27	100	1	1	*	1	1
Rape and attempted rape	98	2	*	*	100	*	*	-	-	*
Indecent assault	30	44	16	10	100	*	*	*	*	*
Lewd and indecent behaviour	30	43	17	10	100	1	1	*	*	*
Other	7	16	30	46	100	*	*	*	1	*
Crimes of dishonesty	28	21	35	16	100	29	22	7	16	13
Housebreaking	51	27	14	8	100	6	3	*	1	1
Theft by opening a lockfast place	37	27	24	12	100	2	1	*	1	1
Theft of a motor vehicle	26	31	29	13	100	1	2	*	1	1
Shoplifting	26	18	37	19	100	12	9	4	9	6
Other theft	24	22	39	15	100	4	4	1	3	2
Fraud	17	20	50	14	100	1	1	1	1	1
Other	27	22	36	15	100	2	2	1	1	1
Fire-raising, vandalism etc	9	16	62	13	100	3	5	4	4	4
Fire-raising	27	39	20	14	100	*	1	*	*	*
Vandalism etc	8	15	64	13	100	2	4	4	4	4
Other crimes	20	18	45	17	100	22	21	10	19	14
Crimes against public justice	24	20	31	26	100	9	8	3	10	5
Handling an offensive weapon	30	31	29	11	100	6	6	1	2	3
Drugs	13	11	63	13	100	6	6	7	6	6
Other	37	27	27	8	100	*	*	*	*	*
All offences	8	9	72	12	100	39	47	78	59	66
Miscellaneous offences	12	14	53	20	100	32	39	29	52	34
Common assault	14	21	48	18	100	12	18	9	15	11
Breach of the peace	10	10	57	22	100	10	11	12	22	13
Drunkness	2	3	73	23	100	*	*	*	*	*
Breach of social work orders	33	29	8	30	100	9	8	*	8	3
Other	3	4	80	14	100	1	2	8	6	6
Motor vehicle offences	3	3	91	3	100	7	8	48	8	32
Dangerous and careless driving	4	5	87	3	100	1	1	4	1	3
Drunk driving	3	6	91	1	100	1	3	9	*	6
Speeding	*	*	100	-	100	-	-	16	*	10
Unlawful use of vehicle	6	5	82	7	100	5	4	13	5	10
Vehicle defect offences	*	-	95	5	100	-	*	2	*	1
Other	-	-	96	3	100	*	*	5	1	3

Percentage of persons with a charge proved receiving custodial sentences by main crime/offence, 1997/98-2006/07 Table 9

Main crime or offence	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
All crimes and offences	11	12	12	14	14	14	12	12	13	13
All crimes	22	23	25	25	26	26	24	23	24	24
Non-sexual crimes of violence	53	53	56	56	57	54	52	51	49	53
Homicide	86	84	84	89	83	93	89	92	90	93
Serious assault and attempted murder	47	48	50	50	52	51	48	50	46	50
Robbery	68	68	71	72	75	67	65	61	66	70
Other	18	20	16	17	13	22	18	17	25	22
Crimes of indecency	20	20	29	32	36	35	33	27	27	23
Rape and attempted rape	89	88	85	88	85	95	83	94	90	98
Indecent assault	25	30	46	37	44	28	39	30	26	30
Lewd and indecent behaviour	43	46	40	40	38	38	37	28	35	30
Other	6	4	8	12	13	15	11	12	11	7
Crimes of dishonesty	26	27	29	30	31	30	29	29	28	28
Housebreaking	46	47	51	53	51	49	48	47	45	51
Theft by opening a lockfast place	33	35	37	38	39	40	37	33	34	37
Theft of a motor vehicle	31	29	31	29	25	29	23	24	23	26
Shoplifting	21	22	26	27	29	28	29	28	28	26
Other theft	23	25	25	26	28	27	26	26	26	24
Fraud	10	12	12	10	11	11	10	11	13	17
Other	24	23	26	25	26	28	26	24	25	27
Fire-raising, vandalism, etc	7	7	7	7	8	8	9	9	9	9
Fire-raising	35	26	24	30	34	35	31	24	35	27
Vandalism, etc	6	7	6	6	7	7	8	8	8	8
Other crimes	16	17	17	19	19	19	17	17	19	20
Crimes against public justice	15	16	17	19	19	20	19	19	23	24
Handling an offensive weapon	24	23	25	27	24	26	22	22	26	30
Drugs	15	15	15	16	16	16	14	14	13	13
Other	11	43	61	30	45	29	20	42	45	37
All offences	6	6	6	8	7	7	7	7	7	8
Miscellaneous offences	10	11	12	13	12	13	12	12	12	12
Common assault	12	12	12	13	13	13	12	13	13	14
Breach of the peace	7	7	7	8	9	9	8	9	10	10
Drunkenness	3	1	2	2	1	1	3	3	2	2
Breach of social work orders	38	38	37	39	36	35	35	32	35	33
Other	1	1	1	1	2	3	2	3	2	3
Motor vehicle offences	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Dangerous and careless driving	3	3	4	5	4	6	4	4	4	4
Drunk driving	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	3
Speeding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unlawful use of vehicle	5	5	6	7	5	6	6	5	6	6
Vehicle defect offences	*	-	*	*	-	*	*	*	*	*
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Persons receiving a custodial sentence by main crime/offence and length of sentence, 2006/07

Table 10

Main crime or offence	Average length of sentence (days) ²							(Percentages)				
	Total ¹	Up to 3 months	Over 3 months to 6 months	Over 6 months to 2 years	Over 2 years to 4 years	Over 4 years and over	Indeterminate	Up to 3 months	Over 3 months to 6 months	Over 6 months to 2 years	Over 2 years to 4 years	Over 4 years and over including life etc
All crimes and offences	18,134	10,046	4,640	2,437	592	364	51	55	26	13	3	2
All crimes	11,094	5,593	2,809	1,750	550	348	51	50	25	16	5	4
Non-sexual crimes of violence	1,235	62	116	573	247	184	50	5	9	46	20	19
Homicide	97	-	-	6	12	28	48	-	-	6	12	81
Sexual assault and attempted murder	712	17	56	375	156	107	1	2	8	53	22	15
Robbery	356	25	49	168	71	42	1	7	14	47	20	12
Other	70	20	11	24	8	7	-	29	16	34	11	10
Crimes of indecency	187	26	8	56	35	61	1	14	4	30	19	33
Rape and attempted rape	42	-	-	4	7	31	-	-	-	10	17	74
Indecent assault	24	2	4	12	4	2	-	8	17	50	17	8
Lewd and indecent behaviour	93	15	3	33	19	22	1	16	3	35	20	25
Other	28	9	1	7	5	6	-	32	4	25	18	21
Crimes of dishonesty	5,235	2,857	1,838	465	60	15	-	55	35	9	1	*
Housebreaking	1,022	337	428	220	33	4	-	33	42	22	3	*
Theft by opening a lockfast place	338	168	136	31	2	1	-	50	40	9	1	*
Theft of a motor vehicle	265	145	86	31	2	1	-	55	32	12	1	*
Shoplifting	2,217	1,443	734	38	2	-	-	65	33	2	*	-
Other theft	801	413	323	59	6	-	-	52	40	7	1	-
Fraud	201	89	54	40	12	6	-	44	27	20	6	3
Other	391	262	77	46	3	3	-	67	20	12	1	1
Fire-raising, vandalism etc.	476	326	73	63	10	4	-	68	15	13	2	1
Fire-raising	67	12	10	33	8	4	-	18	15	49	12	6
Vandalism etc.	409	314	63	30	2	-	-	77	15	7	*	-
Other crimes	3,961	2,312	774	593	198	84	-	58	20	15	5	2
Crimes against public justice	1,720	1,486	182	48	-	4	-	86	11	3	-	*
Handling an offensive weapon	1,044	467	380	188	9	-	-	45	36	18	1	-
Drugs	1,122	330	182	345	186	79	-	29	16	31	17	7
Other	75	29	30	12	3	1	-	39	40	16	4	1
All offences	7,040	4,463	1,831	687	42	16	-	63	26	10	1	*
Miscellaneous offences	5,805	4,015	1,333	404	36	16	-	69	23	7	1	*
Common assault	2,126	1,115	726	258	18	9	-	52	34	12	1	*
Breach of the peace	1,844	1,540	235	62	6	1	-	84	13	3	*	*
Drunkenness	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	-	-	-
Breach of social work orders	1,613	1,236	313	61	2	-	-	77	19	4	*	-
Other	218	120	59	23	10	6	-	55	27	11	5	3
Motor vehicle offences	1,235	448	498	283	6	-	-	36	40	23	*	-
Dangerous and careless driving	166	51	62	49	4	-	-	31	37	30	2	-
Drunk driving	224	128	85	11	-	-	-	57	38	5	-	-
Speeding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unlawful use of vehicle	836	263	348	223	2	-	-	31	42	27	*	-
Vehicle defect offences	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	9	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Includes a small number of cases where sentence length is unknown

² Excludes life sentences and indeterminate detention.

Average sentence length figures for some categories may be underestimated slightly due to late recording of some High Court disposals on SCRO.

Persons with a charge proved by main penalty, sex and age, 2006/07

Table 11
Number

Main penalty	Total	Males				Females				Companies		
		All males	Under 16	16 to 20	21 to 30	Over 30	All females	Under 16	16 to 20		21 to 30	Over 30
Total¹	138,830	117,279	120	26,792	42,052	48,315	21,241	11	3,407	7,738	10,085	294
Custody	18,157	16,777	20	3,497	7,211	6,049	1,380	3	256	703	418	-
Community sentence	17,376	14,683	23	4,846	5,384	4,430	2,693	3	669	1,019	1,002	-
Financial penalty	85,119	72,331	10	14,717	25,340	32,264	12,499	1	1,580	4,256	6,662	274
Other sentence	18,178	13,488	67	3,732	4,117	5,572	4,669	4	902	1,760	2,003	20
Row per cent												
Main penalty	Total	Males				Females				Companies		
		All males	Under 16	16 to 20	21 to 30	Over 30	All females	Under 16	16 to 20		21 to 30	Over 30
Total	100	84	*	19	30	35	15	*	2	6	7	*
Custody	100	92	*	19	40	33	8	*	1	4	2	-
Community sentence	100	85	*	28	31	25	15	*	4	6	6	-
Financial penalty	100	85	*	17	30	38	15	*	2	5	8	*
Other sentence	100	74	*	21	23	31	26	*	5	10	11	*
Column per cent												
Main penalty	Total	Males				Females				Companies		
		All males	Under 16	16 to 20	21 to 30	Over 30	All females	Under 16	16 to 20		21 to 30	Over 30
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Custody	13	14	17	13	17	13	6	27	8	9	4	-
Community sentence	13	13	19	18	13	9	13	27	20	13	10	-
Financial penalty	61	62	8	55	60	67	59	9	46	55	66	93
Other sentence	13	12	56	14	10	12	22	36	26	23	20	7

1 Includes a small number of cases where age and sex are unknown

Persons (excluding companies) with a charge proved by main penalty, sex and age, 1997/98-2006/07

Table 12

	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	% change 05/06-06/07	
Total¹	148,614	136,506	127,526	112,832	121,254	127,417	133,146	134,547	132,423	138,525	5	
Custody²	16,299	16,027	15,894	15,656	16,499	17,326	16,584	16,716	16,670	18,157	9	
Males	Total³	15,434	15,059	14,884	14,723	15,373	16,109	15,282	15,342	15,385	16,777	9
	Under 21	4,371	4,327	4,056	3,979	3,773	3,518	3,187	3,001	3,275	3,517	7
	21-30	6,955	6,664	6,985	6,850	7,339	7,891	7,492	7,244	6,700	7,211	8
	Over 30	4,108	4,066	3,842	3,893	4,260	4,700	4,603	5,096	5,410	6,049	12
Females	Total³	865	968	1,010	933	1,126	1,217	1,302	1,374	1,285	1,380	7
	Under 21	174	247	325	299	307	258	250	224	152	259	70
	21-30	460	475	497	454	531	638	654	717	636	703	11
	Over 30	231	246	188	180	288	321	398	433	497	418	-16
Community sentence²	12,515	12,921	12,366	12,488	13,800	15,939	15,565	17,013	17,314	17,376	0	
Males	Total³	10,775	11,000	10,389	10,633	11,658	13,341	12,971	14,265	14,480	14,683	1
	Under 21	4,505	4,669	4,132	3,997	4,128	4,563	4,083	4,425	4,528	4,869	8
	21-30	3,866	3,884	3,754	3,963	4,469	5,136	5,055	5,466	5,433	5,384	-1
	Over 30	2,399	2,444	2,502	2,673	3,059	3,642	3,833	4,374	4,519	4,430	-2
Females	Total³	1,740	1,921	1,977	1,855	2,142	2,598	2,594	2,748	2,834	2,693	-5
	Under 21	459	547	548	544	515	562	518	569	594	672	13
	21-30	727	774	889	795	1,015	1,258	1,150	1,187	1,232	1,019	-17
	Over 30	553	597	539	516	612	777	926	992	1,008	1,002	-1
Financial penalty²	103,728	92,548	85,414	71,846	77,483	79,994	86,138	85,032	82,293	84,835	3	
Males	Total³	89,723	81,179	75,019	62,034	67,583	68,395	73,014	71,640	69,896	72,334	3
	Under 21	17,819	16,168	14,841	12,755	14,129	14,108	14,498	13,891	14,127	14,727	4
	21-30	35,597	31,214	27,865	23,076	25,131	24,840	25,995	25,064	24,073	25,340	5
	Over 30	35,380	32,926	31,549	25,571	28,049	29,431	32,517	32,680	31,693	32,264	2
Females	Total³	14,005	11,369	10,395	9,812	9,900	11,599	13,124	13,392	12,397	12,501	1
	Under 21	1,883	1,669	1,538	1,369	1,330	1,446	1,563	1,499	1,512	1,581	5
	21-30	5,562	4,469	3,867	3,639	3,694	4,040	4,597	4,638	4,274	4,256	0
	Over 30	6,236	4,983	4,742	4,582	4,815	6,110	6,963	7,255	6,611	6,662	1
Other sentence²	16,072	15,010	13,852	12,842	13,472	14,158	14,859	15,786	16,146	18,157	12	
Males	Total³	12,147	11,345	10,450	9,527	10,171	10,611	11,025	11,728	12,011	13,488	12
	Under 21	4,183	4,093	3,535	2,957	3,202	3,366	3,254	3,342	3,492	3,799	9
	21-30	3,687	3,293	3,164	3,103	3,312	3,504	3,591	3,628	3,657	4,117	13
	Over 30	4,209	3,918	3,704	3,418	3,643	3,738	4,179	4,758	4,862	5,572	15
Females	Total³	3,925	3,665	3,402	3,315	3,301	3,547	3,834	4,058	4,135	4,669	13
	Under 21	924	940	872	750	758	752	732	744	816	906	11
	21-30	1,434	1,403	1,253	1,267	1,288	1,373	1,538	1,541	1,556	1,760	13
	Over 30	1,477	1,265	1,265	1,277	1,245	1,422	1,563	1,773	1,763	2,003	14

1 Includes sentence unknown.

2 Excludes persons with sex unknown.

3 Includes persons with age unknown.

**Individual offenders with at least one charge proved in 2006/07 for a crime or relevant offence¹,
by sex, age and number of convictions**

Table 13

	Number of convictions in 2006/07						Total	Number of convictions in 2006/07					
	1	2	3-5	6-10	>10	Total		1	2	3-5	6-10	>10	Total
All Persons²	Number of individuals												
All ages³	39,504	7,884	5,132	961	70	53,551	73.8	14.7	9.6	1.8	0.1	100.0	
Under 21	8,542	2,144	1,548	330	28	12,592	67.8	17.0	12.3	2.6	0.2	100.0	
21-30	13,813	3,035	2,087	387	29	19,351	71.4	15.7	10.8	2.0	0.1	100.0	
Over 30	17,149	2,705	1,497	244	13	21,608	79.4	12.5	6.9	1.1	0.1	100.0	
Male Person	32,782	6,782	4,500	822	56	44,942	72.9	15.1	10.0	1.8	0.1	100.0	
Under 21	7,236	1,932	1,396	297	22	10,883	66.5	17.8	12.8	2.7	0.2	100.0	
21-30	11,549	2,594	1,808	324	22	16,297	70.9	15.9	11.1	2.0	0.1	100.0	
Over 30	13,997	2,256	1,296	201	12	17,762	78.8	12.7	7.3	1.1	0.1	100.0	
Female Person	6,721	1,102	632	139	14	8,608	78.1	12.8	7.3	1.6	0.2	100.0	
Under 21	1,306	212	152	33	6	1,709	76.4	12.4	8.9	1.9	0.4	100.0	
21-30	2,263	441	279	63	7	3,053	74.1	14.4	9.1	2.1	0.2	100.0	
Over 30	3,152	449	201	43	1	3,846	82.0	11.7	5.2	1.1	0.0	100.0	
All Persons²	Number of occasions on which a charge was proved												
All ages³	39,504	15,768	18,364	6,825	886	81,347	48.6	19.4	22.6	8.4	1.1	100.0	
Under 21	8,542	4,288	5,633	2,343	357	21,163	40.4	20.3	26.6	11.1	1.7	100.0	
21-30	13,813	6,070	7,463	2,758	373	30,477	45.3	19.9	24.5	9.0	1.2	100.0	
Over 30	17,149	5,410	5,268	1,724	156	29,707	57.7	18.2	17.7	5.8	0.5	100.0	
Male Person	32,782	13,564	16,120	5,818	702	68,986	47.5	19.7	23.4	8.4	1.0	100.0	
Under 21	7,236	3,864	5,089	2,111	276	18,576	39.0	20.8	27.4	11.4	1.5	100.0	
21-30	11,549	5,188	6,461	2,287	281	25,766	44.8	20.1	25.1	8.9	1.1	100.0	
Over 30	13,997	4,512	4,570	1,420	145	24,644	56.8	18.3	18.5	5.8	0.6	100.0	
Female Person	6,721	2,204	2,244	1,007	184	12,360	54.4	17.8	18.2	8.1	1.5	100.0	
Under 21	1,306	424	544	232	81	2,587	50.5	16.4	21.0	9.0	3.1	100.0	
21-30	2,263	882	1,002	471	92	4,710	48.0	18.7	21.3	10.0	2.0	100.0	
Over 30	3,152	898	698	304	11	5,063	62.3	17.7	13.8	6.0	0.2	100.0	

1 Relevant offences include common assault, breach of the peace, racially aggravated conduct or harassment, firearms offences or social security offences.

2 Includes sex not known.

3 Includes age not known.

Individual offenders with a charge proved for a crime or relevant offence¹ in 2006/07,
by sex, age and number and type of previous convictions in 1997/98-2006/07

Table 14
Percentages

Number and type of previous convictions in 1997/98-2006/07 ¹	Total ⁴	Sex		Age ⁵			(Last) sentence in 2006/07			
		Males	Females	Under 21	21-30	Over 30	Custody Sentence	Community Sentence	Monetary	Other
Number of persons with charge proved (=100%)	53,551	44,942	8,608	12,436	19,432	21,683	6,913	8,347	28,340	9,951
All previous convictions ¹										
None	35	33	45	49	26	36	12	27	39	49
1 or 2	25	25	25	28	23	26	13	26	29	22
3-10	28	29	22	20	32	28	37	34	26	20
Over 10	12	12	8	3	19	11	38	13	6	9
Previous custodial sentences										
None	78	76	89	90	73	77	32	78	87	86
1 or 2	9	10	5	6	10	11	21	10	7	6
3-10	9	10	4	4	12	9	32	9	5	6
Over 10	3	4	1	-	5	3	15	3	1	2
Previous community sentences										
None	69	68	74	77	59	72	38	57	77	75
1 or 2	21	21	16	17	23	21	34	28	17	16
3-10	10	10	9	6	16	7	26	15	6	9
Over 10	1	1	1	-	1	-	2	1	-	-
Previous solemn convictions ²										
None	87	85	94	94	83	87	60	87	92	92
1 or 2	12	13	5	6	15	12	33	11	8	8
3-10	2	2	-	-	2	1	7	1	-	1
Over 10	-	-	*	*	-	*	-	*	*	*
Non-sexual crimes of violence ³										
None	91	91	94	95	87	93	76	91	94	94
1 or 2	8	9	5	5	12	7	23	9	6	6
3-10	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Over 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Crimes of dishonesty ³										
None	69	69	71	82	59	71	39	64	76	76
1 or 2	16	16	15	13	19	15	20	19	15	12
3-10	11	11	11	5	15	10	25	12	7	8
Over 10	4	4	4	-	7	4	16	5	2	3
Drug offences ³										
None	81	80	87	93	75	80	67	80	83	86
1 or 2	16	17	12	7	21	16	27	17	15	11
3-10	3	3	2	-	4	3	6	3	2	2
Over 10	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	*	-	*

1 Convictions for crimes or common assault, breach of the peace, racially aggravated conduct or harassment, firearms offences or social security offences. Excludes convictions outwith Scotland.

2 Convictions in the High Court or in a sheriff and jury court.

3 Where main crime or offence.

4 Includes age not known.

5 Age as at date of last sentencing occasion in 2006/07.

Bail orders made⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ by main charge, 2002/03-2006/07

Table 15

Year	Non-sexual crimes of violence	Crimes of indecency	Crimes of dishonesty	Fire-raising vandalism etc.	Handling an offensive weapon	Drug offences	Other crimes ⁽³⁾	Common Assault	Breach of the peace	Miscellaneous offences ⁽⁴⁾	Motor vehicle offences	Total ⁽⁵⁾
2002/03	3,892	741	13,010	2,565	1,976	2,731	4,246	7,567	4,281	1,863	4,271	47,270
2003/04	4,052	876	12,348	2,978	2,328	3,116	4,644	8,568	4,837	2,256	4,487	50,718
2004/05	4,239	984	12,207	3,323	2,632	3,341	4,516	9,890	5,776	2,508	3,825	53,438
2005/06	4,167	1,126	11,630	3,599	2,820	3,532	5,344	10,955	6,682	3,027	3,820	56,913
2006/07	4,213	1,108	12,526	4,064	3,376	3,907	6,391	12,669	7,300	3,359	4,269	63,438
<i>percentage change from 2005/06 to 2006/07</i>												
	1	-2	8	13	20	11	20	16	9	11	12	11
Index (2002/03=100):												
2002/03	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
2003/04	104	118	95	116	118	114	109	113	113	121	105	107
2004/05	109	133	94	130	133	122	106	131	135	135	90	113
2005/06	107	152	89	140	143	129	126	145	156	162	89	120
2006/07	108	150	96	158	171	143	151	167	171	180	100	134
<i>Bail orders made as a percentage of crimes cleared up</i>												
2002/03	42	14	15	12	21	7	19	18	6	5	1	7
2003/04	46	17	15	12	26	7	18	19	7	5	1	6
2004/05	49	18	16	12	28	8	18	19	7	5	1	7
2005/06	51	23	17	12	30	8	20	22	8	6	1	8
2006/07	50	22	18	13	34	9	20	23	9	6	1	8

1. Excludes modifications to existing bail orders, persons counted once only where more than one bail order on same day

2. The recording of bail orders has improved over time, so some caution is needed when comparing changes from earlier years

3. Includes crimes against public order, prevention of terrorism acts and crimes against public justice etc

4. Includes racially aggravated harassment / conduct, drunkenness, offences by licensed persons etc

5. Includes in 2006-07, 49 persons where main offence not known, and 207 persons where bail was granted following the lodging of an appeal. Other years also include some numbers of these cases.

Bail orders by main charge, sex and age, 2006/07⁽¹⁾

Table 16

	Number	% of total
Main charge		
Non-sexual crimes of violence	4,213	7
Crimes of indecency	1,108	2
Crimes of dishonesty	12,526	20
Fire-raising, vandalism, etc	4,064	6
Handling an offensive weapon	3,376	5
Drug offences	3,907	6
Other crimes	6,391	10
Common assault	12,669	20
Breach of the peace	7,300	12
Other miscellaneous offences	3,359	5
Motor vehicle offences	4,269	7
Sex		
Male	53,269	84
Female	9,187	14
Not known	982	2
Age		
Under 21	15,882	25
21-30	22,639	36
Over 30	24,917	39
Total⁽²⁾	63,438	100

1. Excludes modifications to existing bail orders. Persons counted once only where more than one offence is charged.

2. Totals include persons where main offence not known, and where bail was granted following the lodging of an appeal.

Bail orders made⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ by type of court, 2002/03-2006/07

Table 17

Year	All Courts ⁽³⁾	District	Sheriff	High	All Courts ⁽³⁾	District	Sheriff	High
	number of Bail orders				<i>percentages</i>			
2002/03	47,270	5,217	41,773	280	100	11	88	1
2003/04	50,718	6,541	43,717	460	100	13	86	1
2004/05	53,438	5,720	47,276	427	100	11	88	1
2005/06	56,913	5,663	50,846	383	100	10	89	1
2006/07	63,438	6,480	56,434	511	100	10	89	1

1. Excludes modifications to existing bail orders, persons counted once only where more than one bail order on same day

2. The recording of bail orders has improved over time, so some caution is needed when comparing changes from earlier years

3. Includes some records where court is not assigned

Offences with a charge proved in 2005/06 and 2006/07, with a Bail Aggravator recorded⁽¹⁾

Table 18

Main crime or offence	2005/06					2006/07				
	Total Offences	(Number)		(Per cent)		Total Offences	(Number)		(Per cent)	
		Bail Aggravator Yes	Bail Aggravator No	Bail Aggravator Yes	Bail Aggravator No		Bail Aggravator Yes	Bail Aggravator No	Bail Aggravator Yes	Bail Aggravator No
All crimes and offences	182,332	25,794	156,538	14	86	187,837	28,965	158,872	15	85
<i>Bail Aggravators as a percentage of bail orders made:</i>		45				46				
All crimes	60,230	12,977	47,253	22	78	63,723	15,022	48,701	24	76
Non-sexual crimes of violence	2,678	308	2,370	12	88	2,598	543	2,055	21	79
Homicide	107	14	93	13	87	104	16	88	15	85
Serious assault and attempted murder	1,631	122	1,509	7	93	1,496	246	1,250	16	84
Robbery	623	118	505	19	81	637	218	419	34	66
Other	317	54	263	17	83	361	63	298	17	83
Crimes of indecency	1,145	158	987	14	86	1,148	185	963	16	84
Rape and attempted rape	74	7	67	9	91	53	4	49	8	92
Indecent assault	117	7	110	6	94	143	11	132	8	92
Lewd and indecent behaviour	534	27	507	5	95	513	27	486	5	95
Other	420	117	303	28	72	439	143	296	33	67
Crimes of dishonesty	26,067	6,771	19,296	26	74	26,134	7,233	18,901	28	72
Housebreaking	2,783	707	2,076	25	75	2,716	788	1,928	29	71
Theft by opening a lockfast place	1,902	430	1,472	23	77	1,870	495	1,375	26	74
Theft of a motor vehicle	1,930	409	1,521	21	79	2,006	503	1,503	25	75
Shoplifting	9,597	3,393	6,204	35	65	9,919	3,604	6,315	36	64
Other theft	4,596	1,031	3,565	22	78	4,617	1,094	3,523	24	76
Fraud	3,129	373	2,756	12	88	3,011	322	2,689	11	89
Other	2,130	428	1,702	20	80	1,995	427	1,568	21	79
Fire-raising, vandalism, etc	6,682	828	5,854	12	88	6,981	993	5,988	14	86
Fire-raising	261	37	224	14	86	317	34	283	11	89
Vandalism, etc	6,421	791	5,630	12	88	6,664	959	5,705	14	86
Other crimes	23,658	4,912	18,746	21	79	26,862	6,068	20,794	23	77
Crimes against public justice	9,433	2,728	6,705	29	71	11,142	3,517	7,625	32	68
Handling an offensive weapon	4,023	780	3,243	19	81	4,096	850	3,246	21	79
Drugs	10,086	1,390	8,696	14	86	11,400	1,654	9,746	15	85
Other	116	14	102	12	88	224	47	177	21	79
All offences	122,102	12,817	109,285	10	90	124,114	13,943	110,171	11	89
Miscellaneous offences	54,255	8,279	45,976	15	85	56,934	9,444	47,490	17	83
Common assault	18,853	2,848	16,005	15	85	19,880	3,365	16,515	17	83
Breach of the peace	25,183	4,576	20,607	18	82	26,554	5,181	21,373	20	80
Drunkenness	432	80	352	19	81	382	73	309	19	81
Other	9,787	775	9,012	8	92	10,118	825	9,293	8	92
Motor vehicle offences	67,847	4,538	63,309	7	93	67,180	4,499	62,681	7	93
Dangerous and careless driving	4,832	286	4,546	6	94	5,076	317	4,759	6	94
Drunk driving	8,847	553	8,294	6	94	8,984	582	8,402	6	94
Speeding	12,583	28	12,555	*	100	13,773	44	13,729	*	100
Unlawful use of vehicle	30,752	3,408	27,344	11	89	28,885	3,282	25,603	11	89
Vehicle defect offences	3,055	51	3,004	2	98	3,090	68	3,022	2	98
Other	7,778	212	7,566	3	97	7,372	206	7,166	3	97

1. Indicating that the offence was committed while the offender was on bail.

Bail-related Offences⁽¹⁾ with a Charge Proved, 2002/03 to 2006/07

Table 19

	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	% change 2005/06 to 2006/07
All Bail-related Offences	5,534	5,840	6,102	5,995	7,409	24
<i>Bail-related offences as a percentage of bail orders made</i>	12	12	11	11	12	
High Court	51	42	38	42	20	-52
Sheriff Solemn	216	243	233	294	332	13
Sheriff Summary	4,848	5,175	5,578	5,415	6,821	26
District Court	419	380	253	244	236	-3
Age:						
Under 21	1,576	1,575	1,781	1,762	2,544	44
21-30	2,285	2,555	2,345	2,177	2,472	14
Over 30	1,673	1,710	1,976	2,056	2,393	16
Male	4,867	5,057	5,351	5,234	6,594	26
Female	667	783	751	761	815	7
Main result of proceedings:						
Custody	1,445	1,448	1,476	1,717	2,161	26
Community	950	1,085	1,297	1,242	1,454	17
Monetary	1,429	1,444	1,451	1,354	1,698	25
Other	1,710	1,863	1,878	1,682	2,096	25

1. Bail offences other than committing an offence on bail (includes the offences of breach of bail conditions and failure to appear in court having been granted bail)

Vehicles, offences and penalties, 1997/98 - 2006/07

Table 20
Thousands

Year	Number of vehicles currently licensed at 31 December ¹	Offences recorded by the police	Recorded offences per 1,000 vehicles licensed	Offences where charge proved in court	Fiscal conditional offers for motor vehicle offences ²	Police conditional offers of fixed penalties sent ^{3,4}	Vehicle defect rectification scheme ³	Police fixed penalties issued: stationary motor vehicle offences ^{3,4}
1997/98	2,023	340	168	84	8	124	31 ⁴	439
1998/99	2,073	367	177	78	9	152	35 ⁴	397
1999/00	2,131	347	163	77	8	168	31 ⁴	296
2000/01	2,188	341	156	62	7	160	n/a	186
2001/02	2,262	368	163	69	8	175	n/a	180
2002/03	2,330	355	152	76	6	161	n/a	164
2003/04	2,383	435	183	79	9	231	n/a	143
2004/05	2,448	424	173	72	10	281	n/a	106
2005/06	2,531	380	150	68	10	241	n/a	99
2006/07	2,587	375	145	67	14	223	n/a	105

1 Estimates from the Vehicle Information Database.

2 Reports to the Procurators Fiscal disposed of by a conditional offer. Figures relate to cases which were closed as offer accepted.

3 From 1997/98 to 2003/04 data are on a calendar year basis - 1997/98=1997, etc.

4 Includes estimated data.

Motor vehicle offences recorded by the police by type of offence, 1996/97 and 2002/03-2006/07
Table 21

Type of offence	1997/98	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	% change 05/06-06/07
Total Offences	339,581	354,559	434,913	424,262	380,397	375,033	-1
Serious Driving Offences							
Dangerous driving	2,140	2,796	2,842	3,002	2,873	3,044	6
Careless driving	14,093	9,884	9,194	10,060	10,083	10,557	5
Drunk Driving of which:	11,118	11,838	11,571	11,061	11,257	11,704	4
<i>Driving while unfit through drink or drugs</i>	935	940	828	769	809	761	-6
<i>In charge while unfit through drink or drugs</i>	189	133	151	17	102	111	9
<i>Driving with excess blood alcohol</i>	7,634	7,892	7,837	7,465	7,337	7,652	4
<i>In charge with excess blood alcohol</i>	272	488	507	548	693	754	9
<i>Failing to provide breath specimen at the roadside</i>	1,032	1,014	915	941	946	1,041	10
<i>Failing to provide breath, blood or urine specimen at a police station</i>	1,056	1,371	1,333	1,321	1,370	1,385	1
Failing to stop after accident	9,250	7,242	7,373	8,382	8,244	7,225	-12
Driving while disqualified	4,151	5,129	4,907	4,002	3,853	3,676	-5
Speeding Offences							
Speeding in restricted areas	61,496	66,422	120,949	123,926	93,495	70,758	-24
Other speeding and related offences ⁽¹⁾	34,671	51,311	78,686	86,642	74,749	93,068	25
Signal and Direction Offences							
Traffic direction offences	18,861	17,255	23,362	24,399	24,396	22,911	-6
Pedestrian crossing offences	5,498	3,362	6,071	5,542	4,511	3,767	-16
Lighting, Construction & Use Offences							
Lighting offences	26,383	24,509	18,383	11,884	9,876	8,134	-18
Construction & use regulations	35,948	21,957	18,811	15,138	14,056	13,036	-7
Documentation Offences							
Vehicle excise licence offences	23,136	27,197	27,815	18,050	17,966	17,699	-1
No test certificate	11,887	14,931	14,082	9,668	9,007	8,399	-7
Driving licence offences	11,573	18,377	18,872	15,940	15,288	14,232	-7
Third party insurance offences	21,712	30,512	30,314	25,202	25,140	25,228	0
Registration/identification offences	4,841	3,372	3,536	3,814	3,866	3,824	-1
Other Offences							
Failure to provide information to identify driver	367	615	761	656	728	852	17
Tachograph etc offences	8,773	3,085	3,288	2,405	1,894	2,603	37
Seat belt offences	30,613	31,012	28,123	29,653	27,308	28,859	6
Parking offences	951	601	587	511	419	2,321	454
Other offences ²	2,119	3,152	5,386	14,325	21,388	23,136	8

1 Includes other speeding, clearway and motorway offences

2 Includes the offence of driving while using a mobile phone, introduced in December 2003.

Police conditional offers for moving vehicle offences by type of offence¹, 1997-2006/07

Table 22

Type of offence	1997	1998	1999 ⁵	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
Total	123,614	152,332	168,198	159,782	175,184	161,360	231,163	280,900	240,609	223,474
Speeding (restricted areas):	43,375	53,009	65,473	59,153	65,427	63,682	99,242	110,460	82,499	56,294
Automatic Detection ^{2,3}	15,664	14,120	28,319	30,217	42,974	42,298	78,557	73,568	51,989	40,829
Other ^{2,2}	27,711	38,889	37,154	28,936	22,453	21,384	20,685	36,892	30,510	15,465
Speeding (other):	25,791	36,083	39,006	42,808	37,122	41,115	65,771	82,780	74,284	85,398
Automatic Detection ^{2,3}	11,481	16,403	20,526	22,511	22,881	27,774	53,782	62,222	44,489	59,174
Other ^{2,3}	14,310	19,680	18,480	20,297	14,241	13,341	11,989	20,558	29,795	26,224
Traffic direction offences:	14,746	14,602	12,002	12,416	14,234	16,271	19,437	23,514	25,015	20,117
Automatic Detection ²	1,485	1,815	1,782	1,871	3,521	2,696	8,499	9,636	11,643	12,046
Other ²	13,261	12,787	10,220	10,545	10,713	13,575	10,938	13,878	13,372	8,071
Other offences⁴	39,072	48,638	43,771	45,405	51,920	40,292	46,713	64,146	58,811	61,665

1 Includes estimated data. Totals may not sum to constituent parts due to missing data

2 During 1997 and 1998 the automatic detection system in Tayside was not operational.

3 The split into automatic detection and other is estimated for Central from April 1997 to December 2000. Central and Northern included in subtotals for 2001 and 2002, but not in the breakdown into automatic detection and other categories.

4 Other offences include construction and use, driving licence, vehicle excise licence, parking, motorway traffic,

seat belt and other motor vehicle offences. The figure for 2006/07 includes an estimated 19,954 offences of driving while using a mobile telephone.

5 The total includes 7,946 offers in Central which could not be broken down by offence type.

Police conditional offers for moving vehicle offences: percentage of offences detected automatically³, 1997-2006/07

Table 23

Type of offence	1997	1998	1999 ³	2000 ³	2001 ⁴	2002 ⁵	2003	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
Speeding (restricted areas):	36	27	43	51	66	66	79	67	63	73
Automatic Detection ^{1,2}	64	73	57	49	34	34	21	33	37	27
Other ^{1,2}										
Speeding (other):	45	45	53	53	62	68	82	75	60	69
Automatic Detection ^{1,2}	55	55	47	47	38	32	18	25	40	31
Other ^{1,2}										
Traffic direction offences:	10	12	15	15	25	17	44	41	47	60
Automatic Detection ¹	90	88	85	85	75	83	56	59	53	40
Other ¹										

1 During 1997 and 1998 the automatic detection system in Tayside was not operational.

2 The split into automatic detection and other is estimated for Central from April 1997 and for Northern in 2001.

3 Includes estimated data.

4 Excludes Central and Northern.

5 Excludes Northern.

Motor vehicle offences with a charge proved by type of offence, 1997/98 - 2006/07

Table 24

Type of offence	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	% change 05/06 - 06/07
Total offences	83,734	77,912	76,948	61,797	69,091	76,464	78,657	72,139	67,847	67,180	-1
Serious Driving Offences											
Dangerous driving	1,215	991	965	832	959	1,211	1,184	1,237	1,061	1,258	19
Careless driving	5,546	4,713	4,299	3,122	3,849	4,057	4,414	4,038	3,771	3,818	1
Drunk Driving of which:	9,452	8,345	8,527	7,238	7,477	10,688	9,194	8,981	8,847	8,984	2
<i>Driving while unfit through drink or drugs</i>	518	400	436	433	474	608	459	452	430	429	0
<i>In charge while unfit through drink or drugs</i>	51	108	57	53	55	77	67	49	52	62	19
<i>Driving with excess blood alcohol</i>	7,254	6,471	6,544	5,355	5,610	8,258	7,129	6,865	6,785	6,892	2
<i>In charge with excess blood alcohol</i>	235	302	333	263	277	454	397	384	411	413	0
<i>Failing to provide breath specimen at the roadside</i>	440	305	310	274	253	279	240	264	259	226	-13
<i>Failing to provide breath, blood or urine specimen at a police station</i>	954	759	847	860	808	1,012	902	967	910	962	6
Failing to stop after accident	2,761	2,510	2,293	1,369	1,523	1,520	1,529	1,419	1,363	1,347	-1
Driving while disqualified	3,494	3,323	3,207	3,313	3,377	4,093	3,959	3,537	3,204	3,027	-6
Speeding Offences											
Speeding in restricted areas	6,821	6,987	8,357	4,678	3,454	2,587	3,330	3,142	2,857	3,395	19
Other speeding offences ¹	5,837	6,346	7,427	5,095	6,885	7,576	9,755	10,741	9,726	10,378	7
Signal and Direction Offences											
Traffic direction offences	1,892	1,619	1,711	1,279	1,675	1,248	989	875	1,023	1,254	23
Pedestrian crossing offences	515	370	279	206	245	185	218	169	205	229	12
Lighting, Construction & Use Offences											
Lighting offences	1,523	1,318	1,134	829	1,136	1,043	970	714	655	613	-6
Construction & use regulations	4,145	3,548	2,973	1,949	1,813	2,447	2,823	2,718	2,400	2,477	3
Documentation Offences											
Vehicle excise licence offences	5,896	5,984	4,496	4,702	4,542	3,442	3,062	2,816	1,696	402	-76
No test certificate	4,425	3,348	3,146	2,881	3,466	3,550	3,638	2,454	2,066	1,922	-7
Driving licence offences	6,557	5,985	6,057	5,556	7,038	8,760	9,254	8,248	8,018	7,855	-2
Third party insurance offences	16,835	15,353	15,247	13,943	16,845	19,640	19,775	16,788	15,597	15,478	-1
Registration/identification offences	376	446	400	168	167	158	247	213	171	201	18
Other Offences											
Failure to provide information to identify driver	109	92	84	74	187	296	272	250	205	271	32
Tachograph etc offences	2,303	2,051	1,721	1,005	864	1,000	1,126	1,400	1,172	1,137	-3
Seat belt offences	2,842	2,788	2,932	2,401	2,356	2,087	2,018	1,248	1,503	1,470	-2
Mobile phone offences	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	291	719	944	31
Parking offences	441	313	369	70	21	16	8	8	9	6	-33
Other offences	749	1,482	1,324	1,087	1,212	860	889	852	1,579	714	-55

¹ Includes motorway and clearway offences

Motor vehicle offences proceeded against by type of offence and result of proceedings , 2006/07

Table 25

Type of offence	% not proved ⁽¹⁾	Charge proved or accepted													
		Total		Custodial		Fine		Admonished		Other sentence					
		Total	Disqual- -fied	Endorse- -ment	Total	Disqual- -fied	Endorse- -ment	Total	Disqual- -fied	Endorse- -ment	Total	Disqual- -fied	Endorse- -ment		
Total offences	20	67,180	21,460	32,104	1,913	1,698	77	54,005	16,255	27,760	8,500	1,561	2,762	1,946	388
Serious Driving Offences															
Dangerous driving	20	1,258	1,033	171	233	214	6	772	601	159	27	18	226	200	2
Careless driving	19	3,818	584	3,002	11	1	5	3,423	517	2,736	316	57	68	19	36
Drunk Driving of which:	18	8,984	8,519	342	381	351	8	7,660	7,386	265	174	116	749	666	31
<i>Driving while unfit through drink or drugs</i>	33	429	410	9	57	50	2	289	284	5	13	12	70	64	2
<i>In charge while unfit through drink or drugs</i>	34	62	46	12	5	4	-	40	29	10	8	7	9	6	1
<i>Driving with excess blood alcohol</i>	3	6,892	6,791	45	235	221	4	6,066	6,029	28	64	56	527	485	9
<i>In charge with excess blood alcohol</i>	27	413	323	85	9	8	-	365	282	82	8	6	31	27	1
<i>Failing to provide breath specimen at the roadside</i>	76	226	68	126	4	2	-	157	52	90	49	9	16	5	8
<i>Failing to provide breath, blood or urine specimen at a police station</i>	24	962	881	65	71	66	2	763	710	50	32	26	96	79	10
Failing to stop after accident	58	1,347	265	967	35	22	7	999	189	747	249	31	64	23	34
Driving while disqualified	7	3,027	2,750	148	1,163	1,085	36	871	803	53	102	72	891	790	37
Speeding Offences															
Speeding in restricted areas	2	3,395	149	3,193	-	-	-	3,374	146	3,182	20	3	1	-	-
Other speeding offences ⁽²⁾	2	10,378	1,141	8,996	-	-	-	10,314	1,134	8,962	60	6	4	1	1
Signal and Direction Offences															
Traffic direction offences	23	1,254	49	858	-	-	-	1,176	45	831	71	3	7	1	-
pedestrian crossing offences	12	229	14	195	-	-	-	216	13	190	12	1	1	-	-
Lighting, Construction & Use Offences															
Lighting offences	40	613	2	13	1	-	-	474	2	5	134	-	4	-	1
Construction & use regulations	31	2,477	25	849	-	-	-	2,179	23	782	288	2	10	-	5
Documentation Offences															
Vehicle excise licence offences	25	402	1	-	-	-	-	345	-	-	42	1	15	-	-
No test certificate	56	1,922	24	34	-	-	-	1,116	19	17	776	4	26	1	3
Driving licence offences	22	7,855	703	4,582	4	2	4	5,200	497	3,087	2,444	173	1,398	190	93
Third party insurance offences	13	15,478	6,153	8,438	21	23	11	11,731	4,847	6,484	3,213	1,071	471	212	140
Registration/identification offences	32	201	-	-	63	-	-	158	-	-	43	-	-	-	-
Other Offences															
Failure to provide information to identify driver	54	271	14	127	-	-	-	210	14	105	55	-	6	-	3
Tachograph etc offences	30	1,137	1	-	-	-	-	1,035	-	-	99	1	3	-	-
Seat belt offences	17	1,470	3	7	-	-	-	1,397	3	5	73	-	2	-	-
Mobile phone offences	8	944	2	5	-	-	-	927	2	4	15	-	2	-	-
Parking offences	14	6	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	1	2	-	-	-	-
Other offences	57	714	18	176	1	-	-	404	14	145	285	2	24	2	2

¹ Includes charge withdrawn, not guilty and not proven.

² Includes motorway and cleanway offences.

Amount of fine imposed by type of offence and level of fine, 2006/07

Table 26

Type of offence	Up to £25	£26-£50	£51-£100	£101-£200	£201-£300	£301-£400	£401-£500	Over £500	No separate figure	Total	Average fine (£) 1
Total offences	395	4,531	16,794	17,511	8,202	3,497	1,805	1,068	202	54,005	182
Serious Driving Offences											
Dangerous driving	-	1	36	178	194	140	106	114	3	772	380
Careless driving	3	88	669	1,360	839	283	117	60	4	3,423	216
Drunk Driving of which:	1	14	173	1,293	2,418	2,036	1,096	640	9	7,680	353
<i>Driving while unfit through drink or drugs</i>	-	2	8	46	84	85	43	20	1	289	345
<i>In charge while unfit through drink or drugs</i>	-	-	2	12	14	4	6	2	-	40	305
<i>Driving with excess blood alcohol</i>	-	5	82	952	1,919	1,670	897	536	5	6,066	361
<i>In charge with excess blood alcohol</i>	-	1	7	73	137	86	37	24	-	365	328
<i>Failing to provide breath specimen at the roadside</i>	1	6	45	62	27	7	4	3	2	157	195
<i>Failing to provide breath, blood or urine specimen at a police station</i>	-	-	29	148	237	184	109	55	1	763	341
Failing to stop after accident	4	71	324	421	132	26	11	2	8	999	157
Driving while disqualified	-	3	61	249	251	117	103	79	8	871	340
Speeding Offences											
Speeding in restricted areas	1	56	1,672	1,380	212	39	10	4	-	3,374	125
Other speeding offences ²	1	38	4,018	4,335	1,405	302	153	60	2	10,314	155
Signal and Direction Offences											
Traffic direction offences	2	160	724	266	17	4	-	-	3	1,176	92
Pedestrian crossing offences	1	10	152	49	4	-	-	-	-	216	94
Lighting, Construction & Use Offences											
Lighting offences	32	214	211	14	-	1	-	-	2	474	59
Construction & use regulations	43	405	829	453	191	99	59	42	58	2,179	148
Documentation Offences											
Vehicle excise licence offences	7	88	197	51	-	2	-	-	-	345	82
No test certificate	25	451	553	67	5	-	3	-	12	1,116	72
Driving licence offences	183	1,279	2,856	763	85	10	2	-	22	5,200	88
Third party insurance offences	19	305	2,555	5,886	2,328	406	125	62	45	11,731	183
Registration/identification offences	4	80	63	8	2	1	-	-	-	158	66
Other Offences											
Failure to provide information to identify driver	6	31	76	56	27	8	4	-	2	210	144
Tachograph etc offences	39	100	229	549	75	16	10	3	14	1,035	153
Seat belt offences	8	682	694	7	-	1	-	-	5	1,397	57
mobile phone offences	3	360	508	52	3	1	-	-	-	927	66
Parking offences	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	104
Other offences	13	95	191	73	14	5	6	2	5	404	108

1 Excludes fines for which no separate figure given.

2 Includes motorway and clearway offences

Disqualification period by type of offence and length of disqualification, 2006/07

Table 27

Type of offence	3 months or less	4-6 months	7-12 months	13-18 months	19-24 months	25-36 months	Over 3 yrs to 5 yrs	Over 5 yrs to 10 yrs	Over 10 years	Till pass test	Life	No separate figure	Total	Average length of disqualification (months) ⁽¹⁾
Total offences	959	4,137	6,782	2,834	2,243	1,940	1,440	446	69	437	104	69	21,460	20
Serious Driving Offences														
Dangerous driving	15	24	306	94	121	83	74	20	3	281	7	5	1,033	24
Careless driving	100	252	170	14	21	10	3	-	-	21	2	1	594	9
Drunk Driving of which:	27	93	3,410	2,156	980	1,016	639	95	11	64	17	11	8,519	19
<i>Driving while unfit through drink or drugs</i>	1	-	171	69	51	73	33	4	1	3	2	2	410	23
<i>In charge while unfit through drink or drugs</i>	1	4	21	9	2	3	1	2	-	2	-	1	46	18
<i>Driving with excess blood alcohol</i>	4	4	2,669	1,865	837	759	513	70	9	46	13	-	6,791	22
<i>In charge with excess blood alcohol</i>	13	63	126	39	21	42	10	3	-	1	2	3	323	17
<i>Failing to provide breath specimen at the roadside</i>	4	10	32	8	5	5	2	1	-	-	-	1	68	16
<i>Failing to provide breath, blood or urine specimen at a police station</i>	4	12	391	166	64	134	80	15	1	12	-	2	881	23
Failing to stop after accident	31	84	101	16	15	8	-	2	-	7	-	1	265	11
Driving while disqualified	14	80	453	168	500	523	581	262	42	45	67	15	2,750	40
Speeding Offences														
Speeding in restricted areas	21	124	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	149	6
Other speeding offences ⁽²⁾	430	678	29	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	1,141	5
Signal and Direction Offences														
Traffic direction offences	3	45	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	49	6
Pedestrian crossing offences	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	6
Lighting, Construction & Use Offences														
Lighting offences	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	9
Construction & use regulations	2	19	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	7
Documentation Offences														
Vehicle excise licence offences	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6
No test certificate	1	16	5	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	9
Driving licence offences	48	278	228	44	64	21	7	3	-	1	-	9	703	12
Third party insurance offences	264	2,416	2,060	338	537	276	136	64	13	15	11	23	6,153	14
Registration/identification offences	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Offences														
Failure to provide information to identify driver	2	5	1	1	3	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	14	13
Tachograph etc offences	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6
Seat belt offences	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	8
Mobile phone offences	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Parking offences	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Other offences	1	3	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	18	-

1 Excludes disqualifications for life, until driving test has been taken again and for which no separate figure was available.

2 Includes motorway and cleanway offences.

Police fixed penalty notices issued for stationary vehicle offences by type of offence, 1997-2006/07 **Table 28**

Type of offence	1997	1998	1999 ³	2000 ³	2001 ³	2002 ³	2003 ³	2004/05 ³	2005/06 ³	2006/07 ³
Numbers:										
Total notices issued⁴	438,681	396,626	296,368	185,987	179,553	164,037	142,951	106,000	99,396	105,305
Parking & waiting offences ¹	342,037	313,290	222,117	122,170	116,492	107,939	93,585	73,342	67,067	64,842
Failing to display a valid excise licence	96,570	83,245	74,185	63,431	62,358	56,015	49,329	32,576	32,287	33,243
Other ²	74	91	66	386	703	83	37	82	42	6,323
Percentages:										
Total notices issued	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Parking & waiting offences ¹	78	79	75	66	65	66	65	69	67	62
Failing to display a valid excise licence	22	21	25	34	35	34	35	31	32	32
Other ²	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	6

1 Includes clearway offences from 1996.

2 Includes vehicle lighting offences, prescribed routes offences, and infringements of the construction and use regulations. Figures for 1995 include clearway offences.

3 Includes estimated data.

4 Total may not sum to constituent parts where figures cannot be broken down

Police fixed penalty notices issued for stationary vehicle offences: subsequent outcome, 1997-2006/07 **Table 29**

Outcome	1997	1998 ²	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004/05 ³	2005/06 ³	2006/07 ³
Numbers:										
Total notices issued¹	438,681	396,626	296,368	185,987	179,553	164,037	142,951	106,000	99,396	105,305
Outcome:										
Penalty paid	279,480	261,279	163,931	112,443	108,558	100,178	81,051	64,708	63,881	69,440
No further action:										
Cautioned & excused payment	73,474	62,775	45,649	30,386	35,782	30,027	23,589	18,343	16,003	16,191
Diplomatic privilege/visitor from abroad	14,222	14,900	12,557	7,540	7,914	7,333	5,028	6,014	9,578	9,335
Other reasons	9,428	7,248	2,950	1,026	1,268	1,075	894	628	416	1,555
Hearing requested	49,824	40,627	30,142	21,820	26,600	21,619	17,667	11,701	6,009	5,301
Fine registered	684	519	251	257	415	751	205	65	189	953
Percentages¹:										
Total notices issued	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Outcome:										
Penalty paid	66	66	63	64	61	61	62	65	65	66
No further action:										
Cautioned & excused payment	17	16	18	17	20	18	18	18	16	15
Diplomatic privilege/visitor from abroad	3	4	5	4	4	4	4	6	10	9
Other reasons	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	*	1
Hearing requested	12	10	12	12	15	13	14	12	6	5
Fine registered	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1

1 Notices where the outcome is outstanding or could not be separately identified are included in the number of total notices but are excluded from the breakdown of outcomes, and the percentage calculations.

2 Includes 3,399 notices for Lothian & Borders where information on the outcome was estimated.

3 Includes estimated data

Penalty charge notices for parking infringements⁽¹⁾, 2002-2006/07

Table 30

Year	Total number of notices issued	% notices issued resulting in penalty:			Number of vehicles removed from on-street	Revenue (£million) ⁽²⁾
		paid	written off or cancelled	outstanding		
2002	510,105	74	16	10	9,710	13.7
2003	562,891	71	18	11	9,109	14.2
2004/05	513,716	74	15	11	9,125	14.4
2005/06	545,910	71	16	13	8,263	16.9
2006/07	481,930	70	18	12	6,012	13.6

1 Under revised arrangements, most parking infringements in the following council areas are now dealt with as a civil matter: Aberdeen City (from March 2003), City of Edinburgh (from October 1998), Dundee City (from April 2004), Glasgow City (from October 1999), Perth & Kinross (from October 2002) and South Lanarkshire (from February 2005).

2 From penalty charges and vehicle removals.

Penalty charge notices for parking infringements by council area, 2006/07

Table 31

Council	Total number of notices issued	% notices issued resulting in penalty:			Number of vehicles removed from on-street	Revenue (£million) ⁽²⁾
		paid	written off or cancelled	outstanding		
Aberdeen City ⁽¹⁾	53,150	63	17	20	-	1.1
City of Edinburgh	212,763	73	17	10	2,546	5.9
Dundee	30,410	76	9	15	-	0.9
Glasgow City	160,468	66	21	14	3,459	4.9
Perth & Kinross	9,933	78	15	7	7	0.3
South Lanarkshire	15,206	74	15	10	-	0.5

1 Aberdeen City contracts out the removal of vehicles from the street.

2 From penalty charges and vehicle removals.

Causing death by dangerous driving or careless driving when under the influence of drink or drugs: crimes recorded by the police and persons with a charge proved, 1997/08-2006/07¹

Table 32

	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
Crimes recorded by the police										
Causing death by dangerous driving	40	47	25	39	27	45	37	21	25	37
Death by careless driving when under the influence of drink or drugs	2	4	2	1	2	11	5	2	1	1
Persons with a charge proved by sentence type²										
Causing death by dangerous driving										
Total	16	16	22	11	23	16	18	29	19	12
Custody	14	9	12	6	13	13	17	27	17	10
Community ³	-	3	8	3	8	3	-	2	2	-
Monetary	1	3	2	1	2	-	1	-	-	2
Other	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Death by careless driving when under the influence of drink or drugs										
Total	6	1	2	2	2	-	3	5	3	5
Custody	5	1	1	2	2	-	3	5	3	3
Community ³	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Monetary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1 The statistics dealing with recorded crime and court proceedings are not directly comparable as a person may be proceeded against for more than one crime involving more than one victim and there is a possibility that the crime recorded by the police will be altered in the course of the judicial proceedings. Also a crime may be recorded by the police in one year and proceedings taken in a subsequent year.

2 Where these crimes were the main offence involved.

3 Probation and /or community service.

Notes on Statistics Used in this Bulletin

Annexe A - Data sources

Court proceedings

A1. Statistical information in the Scottish Government Court Proceedings Database is derived from data held on the Criminal History System at the Scottish Police Services Authority (SPSA), previously the Scottish Criminal Records Office (SCRO).

Recorded crime

A2. The statistical return from which the figures on recorded motor vehicle offences in this bulletin are taken is a simple count of the numbers of crimes and offences recorded by the police. The 8 Scottish forces are included; other police forces, such as the British Transport Police, are not. One return is made for each council area in Scotland and these are aggregated to give the national total. The return is submitted quarterly to the Scottish Government and gives the information as known at the end of each quarter. Thus amendments (such as the deletion of incidents found on investigation not to be criminal) which arise after the end of the year are not incorporated.

Bail

A3. The source of the statistical data on bail orders available to the Scottish Government is the Scottish Police Services Authority (SPSA). Each day a statistical extract is created at SPSA which picks up records for any bail orders granted three days before which are still associated with live pending cases on the SPSA database. For example, the extract run at the start of a Thursday will pick up any bail orders granted on the Monday of that week which a) have been recorded on the database by the start of Thursday, and b) which are associated with pending cases still live at the start of Thursday. The information covered in the data extracts includes the date of the bail order, the court which made it, the charge(s) involved, the police case reference number and the SPSA reference number of the accused.

Other

A4. Information on procurator fiscal conditional offers made for motor vehicle offences is derived from summary data collected by the Crown Office from procurators fiscal.

A5. Information on police conditional offers made for motor vehicle offences are based on figures provided by police force traffic departments. Estimates have been for missing data.

A6. Separate statistical returns to the Scottish Government are made annually by each police force for the number of "stationary" offences dealt with by the issue of a fixed penalty notice by the police or traffic wardens. Estimates have been made for missing data.

A7. Prior to 2004/05, statistics on police conditional offers, police fixed penalty notices and local authority penalty charge notices for parking infringements are only available on a calendar year basis.

A8. Information on penalty charge notices in Aberdeen City, City of Edinburgh, Glasgow City, Perth & Kinross, Dundee City and South Lanarkshire has been provided by the local authorities in these areas.

A9. The population figures used as denominators in Table 5 and Chart 5 are the relevant mid-year estimates prepared by the General Register Office for Scotland (GROS).

Annexe B - Collection and coverage of the court proceedings data

B1. During the preparation of this bulletin, our validation procedures identified a small number of Sheriff Solemn records which had not been processed correctly for the previous 2005/06 bulletin. The data processing problem appears to have been caused in late 2005 when new Sheriff Solemn court codes were phased in by SPSA (then SCRO) which were subsequently not picked up by our data processing system. We estimate that the impact has been an undercount of around 150 persons with a charge proved from the 2005/06 bulletin, which is around 5 per cent of all Sheriff Solemn Court convictions and around 0.1 per cent of total court convictions.

B2. The SPSA database which holds information on the outcome of court proceedings is not designed for statistical purposes. It is dependent on receiving timely information from the courts and police force records offices, while some types of outcome, e.g. acquittals, are weeded after a prescribed length of time. A pending case on the CHS is updated in a timely manner but there are occasions when a slight delay may happen. Recording delays of this sort generally affect High Court disposals relatively more than those for other types of court. The figures given in this bulletin reflect the details of court proceedings as made available to and recorded at SPSA, and as provided to the Scottish Government at 22 October 2007. Because of these recording delays, figures for 2006/07, and to some extent earlier years, should be considered provisional on the basis that future bulletins may be able to provide more up to date figures. We estimate that the 2005/06 Bulletin contained an undercount of around 4,200 persons with a charge proved in 2005/06, around 3 per cent of all persons with a charge proved.

B3. Since the last bulletin in this series was published, High Court cases which were entered too late on to the Criminal History System to be included in the data analysis files covering the period January 2000 to December 2005 have now been added to the Scottish Government court proceedings database, along with other late data for the years 2005 and 2006. Further details of these and other amendments can be obtained from the enquiry point given at the end of this bulletin

B4. Although every effort has been made to ensure that the data is reliable, the data collected are subject to the errors which may arise in any large scale recording system. Some inconsistencies in the data received cannot currently be corrected, for example persons whose gender has not been recorded or whose age is unknown.

B5. During parts of 2000, a few police forces are known to have experienced backlogs in recording the outcome of some court proceedings for motor vehicle offences on the SPSA (then SCRO) database. As at the time information on disposals of such offences was generally only retained on the database for a couple of months from the date of disposal before being weeded off, these cases were not included in the extracts of statistical data provided to the Scottish Government. The estimated shortfall in the number of persons proceeded against during 1999/00 and 2000/01 is estimated to be around 3,300 proceedings in total.

B6. The police record very detailed information on statutory offences but this does not always correspond exactly to the categories in the Scottish Government classification of crimes and offences. The most important example in numerical terms is an offence under Section 41(1)(a) of the Police (Scotland) Act 1967. This offence relates to "any person who assaults, resists, obstructs, molests or hinders a constable..". The Scottish Government classification divides this into 3 categories - resisting arrest, serious assault and common assault, but this distinction is not made by the courts. The majority of such cases are thought to have been

classed as common assault, and all the offences under this subsection have been so classified. The same problem arises in relation to a number of other statutes, but at the level of aggregation used in the bulletin the numbers involved in cases where there is a change in the final crime category are thought to be small.

B7. Following the introduction of computerisation of case recording to the sheriff courts, some difficulties were experienced by police force records offices in distinguishing sheriff solemn from sheriff summary cases when recording the disposal information on the SPSA database. Where possible those cases where the court type was incorrect have been identified and appropriate changes made to the data held in the Scottish Government Court Proceedings Database.

Annexe C - Understanding the Statistics in this Bulletin

C1. Individual offenders may be proceeded against on more than one occasion; on each occasion they may be proceeded against for more than one charge. The units of analysis used in this bulletin are:

(a) the **person or company proceeded against or convicted**. (sections 4 to 7)

Persons are counted once for each occasion on which they are proceeded against. If more than one proceeding is disposed of on the same day each occasion will be counted separately. The statistics are therefore not directly comparable with statistics on direct sentenced receptions to penal establishments (see note 21) or with social work authorities' statistics on probation and community service orders. Companies, which also include other bodies corporate, Scottish partnerships and unincorporated associations, constitute less than 1 per cent of the total and references to "persons" include companies, unless otherwise stated.

Where a person is proceeded against for more than one crime or offence, only the **main charge** is counted. The main charge is the one receiving the severest penalty if one or more charges are proved. If more than one charge receives the same (or a combined) penalty, then the main charge is the one judged by the police (who provide the information) to be the most serious. If no charge is proved then the one reaching the furthest stage in proceedings is the main one. A **person with a charge proved** is defined to be one who had a plea of "guilty" accepted, or who was proved guilty of at least one charge as a result of a trial.

(b) **individual offenders** (section 8)

In the period covered by this bulletin, each offender convicted of a crime, common assault, breach of the peace, racially aggravated conduct or harassment, firearms offences or social security offences will have been recorded by SPSA under a unique reference number. This enables all such convictions to be linked together, so that analysis of the number of convictions per offender in any given year, or the number of their previous convictions can be derived.

(c) **individual offences** (Tables 4a, 18 and 19, and section 9)

In addition to analysing persons convicted by the main charge involved, data in relation to individual offences which are proved are also available.

C2. Generally only the initial outcome is included in the court proceedings statistics, so that, for example, a person fined is regarded as fined even if he or she subsequently goes to prison in default of payment. (The exception to this recording policy is that proceedings for breaches of social work orders - community service, probation, etc. - are included in Crime Group 6 – miscellaneous offences.) Similarly, no account is taken of the outcome of appeals; the exception to this is for those crimes where an appeal is determined prior to publication and the conviction is quashed. Interim decisions such as deferral of sentence are also excluded.

C3. In the court proceedings statistics, the reference year used is the year in which the person's case is disposed of. So if a person pleads to and is convicted for a charge in 2003/04 but is not sentenced until 2004/05 all events are recorded as occurring in 2004/05. The age of each person is calculated as the date of sentence or acquittal. It is also possible that the offence recorded by the police may be altered as a result of the judicial proceedings, while many offences are dealt with by means other than prosecution, for example through the use of procurator or police conditional offers of fixed penalty. Children aged under 16 are generally referred to the children's hearings system rather than the courts for their alleged offending. Statistics of court proceedings are therefore not directly comparable with the recorded crime statistics.

C4. Figures for custodial sentences in this bulletin will not agree with those published in the statistical bulletin "Prisons Statistics Scotland" because they count sentences of courts while those in the prisons statistical bulletin count receptions to penal establishments. Direct sentenced receptions to penal establishments (i.e. excluding fine defaulters) are counted differently from custodial disposals in the court proceedings statistics for 2 main reasons. Firstly, in the case of backdated sentences if, after backdating, it is found that the custodial sentence has expired, neither the warrant nor the person sentenced will be taken to prison and thus a reception will not be counted though the sentence will be included in the court statistics. Secondly, if a person is given one or more custodial sentences on each of 2 separate sets of charges from the same court on the same day, this will be counted as 2 custodial sentences in the court statistics but only one direct sentenced reception.

C5. Figures for sentence lengths imposed include any element imposed for bail aggravation under Section 27(1)(b) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995, and under Section 16 of the Prisoners and Criminal Proceedings (Scotland) Act 1993 (where the offender committed an offence following release from custody and prior to the end of the previous sentence period imposed).

C6. Most motor vehicle offences are discovered and recorded as a result of police activity rather than by being reported to the police by the public. Hence the numbers of such offences recorded are mainly determined by the strength and deployment of the police forces.

C7. The statistics dealing with recorded crime and court proceedings are not directly comparable as a person may be proceeded against for more than one crime involving more than one victim and there is the possibility that the crime recorded by the police may be altered in the course of judicial proceedings. A crime may be recorded by the police in one year and court proceedings concluded in a subsequent year. Crimes committed by children aged under 16 are also generally dealt with through the children's hearings system rather than the courts.

Annexe D - Definitions and Classifications

D1. The measures available to a court in sentencing a person with a charge proved depend on whether the accused is an adult (21 or over), a young offender (aged 16 but less than 21) or a child (under 16 or under 18 with a current supervisory requirement from a children's hearing) and on whether the court is satisfied on the evidence of 2 medical practitioners that he is suffering from mental disorder. The measures available in 2006/07 included:

Custodial sentences

- a. Imprison the offender (adults only) or, if the offender has been released from prison on licence following a previous conviction, recall him to prison.
- b. Sentence a young offender to a young offenders institution (YOI) for a period not greater than that of imprisonment which the court could have imposed on an adult.
- c. Recall to YOI an offender who is under supervision following detention in a YOI for a previous offence.
- d. Sentence a young offender under 18 years of age convicted of murder to detention for an indeterminate period. *(The effect of these sentences is normally detention or further detention in a young offenders institution.)*
- e. Sentence a child to a specified period of detention in a place and on such conditions as Scottish Ministers may direct.

(The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 introduced provisions to allow courts to impose additional post-release supervision on licence where they consider that any existing supervision after the offender's release from custody would not be enough to protect the public from serious harm from the offender. These "extended sentences" can be imposed in indictment cases on sex offenders or on violent offenders who would have received a determinate sentence of four years or more.)

Community sentences

- f. Impose a probation order with or without various conditions including a requirement to do unpaid work.
- g. Impose a community service order on an adult or young offender requiring him to undertake unpaid work.
- h. Impose a supervised attendance order as a disposal of first instance for those aged 16 and above and currently being piloted in a small number of courts.
- i. Impose a restriction of liberty order: a community sentence introduced by section 5 of the Crime and Punishment (Scotland) Act 1997 and available to courts nationally from 1 May 2002.
- j. Impose a drug treatment and testing order: a measure introduced by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
- k. Impose a community reparation order (being piloted since April 2005 in Dundee, Inverness and Inverclyde)
- l. Impose an (criminal) antisocial behaviour order

Financial penalties

- m. Fine the offender.

- n. Impose a compensation order requiring the offender to compensate the victim of his crime for any resulting injury, loss or damage.

Other sentences

- o. Order an absolute discharge (with no conviction recorded in summary procedure) or, following a deferral of sentence, make no order.
- p. Admonish the offender or make an order to find caution.
- q. Remit the disposal of a child to a children's hearing.
- r. Make a guardianship order if the accused is suffering from mental disorder (with no conviction recorded in summary procedure).
- s. Make a hospital order if the accused is suffering from mental disorder (with no conviction recorded in summary procedure) or order the accused to be detained in hospital if he is found to be insane and unfit for trial or insane at the time of the offence.
- t. Make a compulsion order

D2. The court can impose more than one penalty in appropriate cases. For example, a fine or an order to find caution can be imposed in addition to a more severe penalty. Equipment used in the commission of a crime or offence may also be forfeited. However, the main additional punishments are generally disqualification from holding or obtaining a driving licence and the endorsement of a driving licence. The main charge in such cases is almost always either a motor vehicle offence or the theft of a motor vehicle. Disqualification from driving necessarily involves endorsement of a driving licence. However, for simplicity of presentation, the figures quoted in the bulletin for endorsement do not include cases where a disqualification also applied.

Notation

- D3. The following symbols are used throughout the tables in this bulletin:
- Nil
 - * Less than 0.5
 - n/a Not available

D4. The percentage figures given in tables and charts have been independently rounded, so they may not always sum to the relevant sub-totals or totals.

D5. Contraventions of the law are divided for statistical purposes into crimes and offences, crimes generally being the more serious. The classification of crimes and offences used by the Scottish Government for criminal statistics contains over 300 codes. These are grouped in this bulletin as follows.

CRIMES	
<u>NON-SEXUAL CRIMES OF VIOLENCE</u>	(Also referred to as Violence)
Homicide	Comprises murder and culpable homicide (including the statutory crimes of causing death by dangerous driving or causing death by careless driving while under the influence of drink or drugs).
Serious assault and attempted murder	Referred for short in the text as "serious assault".
Robbery	Includes offences involving intent to rob.
Other	Includes threats, extortion and cruel and unnatural treatment of children.
<u>CRIMES OF INDECENCY</u>	(Also referred to as Indecency).
Rape and attempted rape	-
Indecent assault	-
Lewd & indecent behaviour	Comprises lewd & indecent practices against children, indecent exposure.
Other	Includes offences connected with prostitution, incest and sexual intercourse with girls aged under 16.
<u>CRIMES INVOLVING DISHONESTY</u>	(Also referred to as Dishonesty)
Housebreaking	Includes business as well as domestic premises.
Theft by opening a lockfast place	-
Theft of a motor vehicle	-
Shoplifting	-
Other theft	Includes theft of pedal cycles.
Fraud	Includes statutory fraud, except social security benefit fraud.
Other	Includes forgery, reset and embezzlement.
<u>FIRE-RAISING, VANDALISM ETC</u>	
Fire-raising	-
Vandalism	Includes malicious mischief, vandalism and reckless conduct with firearms.
<u>OTHER CRIMES</u>	
Crimes against public justice	Includes perjury, contempt of court, bail offences and failing to appear at court.
Handling an offensive weapon	Comprises carrying offensive weapons, restriction of offensive weapons legislation. (This crime category was previously included under the non-sexual crimes of violence group.)
Drugs	Includes importation, possession and supply of controlled drugs.
Other	Includes conspiracy and explosives offences.
OFFENCES	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES</u>	
Common assault	Also sometimes termed petty assault or minor assault
Breach of the peace	-
Drunkenness	-
Breach of social work orders	Breach of probation, community service, restriction of liberty and supervised attendance orders.
Other	Includes offences against local legislation, Revenue and Excise Acts, Licensing Acts, Wireless Telegraphy Acts / Communication Acts.
<u>MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENCES</u>	
Dangerous and careless driving	Prior to 1992 this was known as "reckless and careless driving".
Drunk driving	Comprises driving or in charge of motor vehicle while unfit through drink or drugs, blood alcohol content above limit and failing to provide breath, blood or urine specimens.
Speeding	Includes the small number of motorway and clearway offences, as these are mostly speeding-related.
Unlawful use of vehicle	Comprises driving while disqualified, without a licence, insurance, test certificate, vehicle tax and registration and identification offences.
Vehicle defect offences	Comprises construction and use and lighting offences.
Other	Includes parking, record of work offences, neglect of traffic directions, failing to stop after accident and mobile phone offences.

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