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Crime Outcomes in England and Wales, year ending December 2018: Data tables

These tables provide figures for year to December 2018. In addition, these data tables provide an update to certain tables published alongside the year ending March 2018 Crime Outcomes in England and Wales bulletin.  
The statistical bulletin "Crime Outcomes in England and Wales, year ending March 2018" published by the Home Office in July 2018 can be accessed here:  
<http://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/crime-outcomes-in-england-and-wales-2017-to-2018>

Data tables shown in this workbook are police recorded crime data.

The detailed data underpinning these tables can be found in the Outcomes Open Data tables accessible here:  
[www.gov.uk/government/statistics/police-recorded-crime-open-data-tables](http://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/police-recorded-crime-open-data-tables)

**Tables 2.1 and 2.2 cover all outcomes assigned in the year to December 2018 for crimes also recorded in the year to December 2018**  
**Tables 3.1 and 3.2 cover all outcomes assigned in the year to December 2018 regardless of when the crime was recorded**

The tables and figures contained in this file are:

- Table 2.1: Outcomes assigned to offences recorded in year to December 2017 and year to December 2018, by outcome type and group
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Table 2.1: Outcomes assigned to offences recorded in year to December 2017 and year to December 2018<sup>1</sup>, by outcome type and group

England and Wales, Recorded crime and outcomes					
Outcome number	Outcome type/group	Volume of offences recorded in period: <sup>2</sup>		Proportion of offences recorded in period: <sup>2</sup>	
		December 2017 (as first published in April 2018) <sup>3,4</sup>	Year to December 2018 <sup>5,6,8</sup>	December 2017 (as first published in April 2018) <sup>3,4</sup>	Year to December 2018 <sup>5,8</sup>
1	Charged/Summoned	439,395	422,193	9.1	8.2
4	Taken into consideration <sup>6</sup>	6,782	6,069	0.1	0.1
	Out-of-court (formal)	89,746	77,692	1.9	1.5
2	Caution - youths <sup>4</sup>	11,545	9,415	0.2	0.2
3	Caution - adults <sup>4</sup>	64,818	57,032	1.3	1.1
6	Penalty Notices for Disorder	13,383	11,245	0.3	0.2
	Out-of-court (informal)	125,643	123,514	2.6	2.4
7	Cannabis/Khat warning	30,775	22,827	0.6	0.4
8	Community resolution	94,868	100,687	2.0	2.0
	Prosecution prevented or not in the public interest	57,722	75,320	1.2	1.5
5	Offender died	1,640	1,522	0.0	0.0
9	Not in public interest (CPS)	2,129	1,766	0.0	0.0
10	Not in public interest (Police)	27,582	35,921	0.6	0.7
11	Prosecution prevented – suspect under age	7,219	7,529	0.2	0.1
12	Prosecution prevented – suspect too ill	11,016	12,657	0.2	0.2
13	Prosecution prevented – victim/key witness dead/too ill	1,580	6,424	0.0	0.1
17	Prosecution time limit expired	6,556	9,501	0.1	0.2
15	Evidential difficulties (suspect identified; victim supports action)	411,941	511,609	8.6	9.9
	Evidential difficulties (victim does not support action)	883,485	1,155,371	18.4	22.4
14	Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	202,599	250,798	4.2	4.9
16	Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action	680,886	904,573	14.2	17.6
18	Investigation complete - no suspect identified	2,256,585	2,353,071	47.0	45.7
20	Action undertaken by another body/agency	41,804	53,362	0.9	1.0
21	Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest <sup>7</sup>	61,008	75,590	1.3	1.5
<b>Total offences assigned an outcome (type 1-18, 20, 21)</b>		<b>4,374,111</b>	<b>4,853,791</b>	<b>91.0</b>	<b>94.2</b>
<b>Offences not yet assigned an outcome</b>		<b>431,259</b>	<b>299,273</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>5.8</b>
<b>Total offences<sup>1</sup></b>		<b>4,805,370</b>	<b>5,153,064</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

1. Year to December 2017 and year to December 2018 exclude fraud offences. Fraud offences are now recorded by the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) rather than police forces. Outcome 19 not shown as this applies only to fraud offences recorded by the NFIB.

2. Proportions show the percentage of crimes recorded in the year receiving each outcome.

3. Based on data from all 44 forces covering the full year to September 2017. Of these, 3 forces did not submit updated year to March 2016 data to the Home Office for this publication. These forces may therefore appear to have fewer than expected outcomes assigned during that period as their numbers have not been updated since first published. See Table A for details.

4. Proportions as at the time data were provided to the Home Office.

5. Based on data from all 44 forces.

6. Offences asked to be taken in to consideration by a court (TICs).

7. Outcome 21 was introduced from January 2016 on a voluntary basis and became mandatory from April 2016.

8. Lancashire Police Force were unable to provide police recorded crime for November and December 2018. Therefore, totals for year ending December 2018 were produced using an estimate for these months.



Table 2.2: Outcomes assigned to crimes recorded in year to December 2018, by outcome group and offence group<sup>1</sup>

Offence group	Charged/ summarised	Taken into consideration (TICs) <sup>2</sup>	Out-of- court (formal) <sup>3</sup>	Out-of- court (informal) <sup>4</sup>	Prosecution prevented or not in the public interest <sup>5</sup>		Evidential difficulties (suspect identified; victim supports action)	Evidential difficulties (victim does not support action)	Investigation complete - no suspect identified	Action undertaken by another body/ agency	Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest <sup>6</sup>		Offences not yet assigned an outcome	Outcome rate (%)
					2.4	1.5					9.9	22.4		
Violence against the person	8.9	0.0	1.6	2.0	2.4	2.4	16.3	43.3	14.6	2.5	1.8	6.6	5.6	
Sexual offences	3.8	0.0	0.4	0.4	2.6	2.6	16.5	31.6	15.4	2.9	2.1	24.1	24.1	
of which: Rape	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	1.5	16.2	40.2	8.7	1.1	0.3	30.2	30.2	
Robbery	8.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	7.1	18.0	58.1	0.1	0.1	7.9	7.9	
Traffic offences	6.0	0.3	0.6	1.2	0.5	0.5	4.5	7.2	75.6	0.1	0.7	3.3	3.3	
Criminal damage and arson	3.4	0.0	1.4	2.1	0.9	0.9	5.8	14.6	68.1	0.2	0.2	3.6	3.6	
Drug offences	28.3	0.0	13.7	28.3	2.8	2.8	7.1	6.9	2.5	0.3	2.3	14.1	14.1	
Possession of weapons offences	36.9	0.0	3.3	4.5	4.4	4.4	13.8	7.6	11.4	0.8	3.4	9.7	9.7	
Public order offences	9.5	0.0	1.7	1.8	2.1	2.1	14.0	32.3	30.3	0.5	2.9	4.9	4.9	
Misc. crimes against society	14.5	0.0	1.3	2.2	2.7	2.7	15.4	21.9	17.6	2.9	7.5	13.6	13.6	
<b>Total year to December 2018<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>45.7</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>5.8</b>	

England and Wales, Recorded crime and outcomes.

1. Year to December 2018 data exclude fraud offences. Fraud offences are now recorded by the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) rather than police forces.  
 2. Offences asked to be taken into consideration by a court (TICs)  
 3. Includes caution - reprimand, caution - youths, Penalty Notices for Disorder.  
 4. Includes cautions, reprimands, warnings and community resolutions.  
 5. Includes not in the public interest (CPS); Not in public interest (Police); Offender Died; Prosecution prevented (suspect under age, suspect too ill, victim/witness dead/old); Prosecution time limit expired  
 6. Includes evidential difficulties where the suspect was/was not identified and the victim does not support further action  
 7. Outcome 21 (further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest) was introduced from January 2016 on a voluntary basis and became mandatory from April 2016.  
 8. Proportions show the percentage of crimes recorded in the year receiving each outcome.



Table 3.1: Outcomes recorded in the year ending December 2018<sup>1</sup>, by outcome type and group

England and Wales, Recorded crime and outcomes			
Outcome number	Outcome type/group	Number of outcomes <sup>3</sup>	Ratio <sup>2</sup>
1	Charged/Summoned	469,048	9.1
4	Taken into consideration <sup>3</sup>	7,661	0.1
	Out-of-court (formal)	84,425	1.6
2	Caution - youths	11,432	0.2
3	Caution - adults	61,424	1.2
6	Penalty Notices for Disorder	11,569	0.2
	Out-of-court (informal)	128,710	2.5
7	Cannabis/Khat warning	23,999	0.5
8	Community resolution	104,711	2.0
	Prosecution prevented or not in the public interest	84,077	1.6
5	Offender died	1,902	0.0
9	Not in public interest (CPS)	2,530	0.0
10	Not in public interest (Police)	40,076	0.8
11	Prosecution prevented – suspect under age	7,937	0.2
12	Prosecution prevented – suspect too ill	13,324	0.3
13	Prosecution prevented – victim/key witness dead/too ill	5,866	0.1
17	Prosecution time limit expired	12,442	0.2
15	Evidential difficulties (suspect identified; victim supports action)	564,061	10.9
	Evidential difficulties (victim does not support action)	1,186,159	23.0
14	Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	256,972	5.0
16	Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action	929,187	18.0
18	Investigation complete - no suspect identified	2,391,935	46.4
20	Action undertaken by another body/agency	56,413	1.1
21	Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest <sup>4</sup>	79,342	1.5
<b>Total recorded offences<sup>1</sup></b>		<b>5,153,064</b>	

1. Excludes (outcomes for) fraud offences. Fraud offences are now recorded by the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) rather than police forces.

2. Ratio based on number of outcomes recorded in year divided by number of offences recorded in year.

3. Offences asked to be taken in to consideration by a court (TICs)

4. Outcome 21 was introduced from January 2016 on a voluntary basis and became mandatory from April 2016.

5. Lancashire Police Force were unable to provide police recorded crime for November and December 2018. Therefore, totals for year ending December 2018 were produced using an estimate for these months.





Table 3.2: Outcomes recorded in the year ending December 2018, by outcome group and offence group<sup>1</sup>

England and Wales, Recorded crime and outcomes											
Offence group	Recorded crime <sup>16</sup>	Charged/ Summonsed	Taken into consideration <sup>2</sup>	Out-of-court (formal) <sup>3</sup>	Out-of-court (informal) <sup>4</sup>	Prosecution prevented or not in the public interest <sup>5</sup>	Evidential difficulties (suspect identified; victim supports action) <sup>6</sup>	Evidential difficulties (victim does not support action) <sup>8</sup>	Investigation complete - no suspect identified	Action undertaken by another body/agency	Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest <sup>7</sup>
		<i>Number of outcomes</i>									
Violence against the person	1,608,505	157,042	52	28,570	35,128	41,351	276,234	705,526	238,294	41,319	29,845
Sexual offences	159,740	10,937	47	929	637	5,064	40,309	61,174	27,297	5,163	3,739
Robbery	82,566	7,976	39	145	167	246	6,984	15,691	49,387	48	110
Theft offences	2,002,253	132,329	7,207	13,140	26,070	11,677	102,421	148,269	1,538,017	2,049	14,883
Criminal damage and arson	571,767	33,619	182	8,745	13,562	5,576	36,007	85,276	376,949	1,458	4,258
Drug offences	144,741	47,500	26	20,905	41,184	4,775	12,382	746	3,891	526	3,692
Possession of weapons offences	44,294	17,377	1	2,619	2,103	2,077	7,422	3,450	5,164	372	1,603
Public order offences	438,286	44,142	49	7,760	8,409	10,151	64,141	143,405	134,037	2,220	12,902
Misc. crimes against society	100,912	18,126	48	1,612	1,450	3,160	18,161	22,622	18,900	3,258	8,310
<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>5,153,064</b>	<b>469,048</b>	<b>7,651</b>	<b>84,425</b>	<b>128,710</b>	<b>84,077</b>	<b>564,061</b>	<b>1,186,159</b>	<b>2,391,935</b>	<b>56,413</b>	<b>79,342</b>
		<i>Ratio (%)<sup>8</sup></i>									
Violence against the person		9.8	0.0	1.8	2.2	2.6	17.2	44.0	14.8	2.6	1.9
Sexual offences		6.8	0.0	0.6	0.4	3.2	25.2	38.3	17.1	3.2	2.3
Robbery		9.6	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.3	8.4	18.9	59.5	0.1	0.1
Theft offences		6.6	0.4	0.7	1.3	0.6	5.1	7.4	76.7	0.1	0.7
Criminal damage and arson		5.9	0.0	1.5	2.4	1.0	6.3	14.9	66.0	0.3	0.7
Drug offences		32.7	0.0	14.4	28.4	3.3	8.5	0.5	2.7	0.4	2.5
Possession of weapons offences		39.1	0.0	5.9	4.7	4.7	16.7	7.8	11.6	0.8	3.6
Public order offences		10.1	0.0	1.8	1.9	2.3	14.6	32.8	30.6	0.5	2.9
Misc. crimes against society		18.0	0.0	1.6	1.4	3.1	18.0	22.4	18.7	3.2	8.2
<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>		<b>9.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>46.4</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.5</b>

1. Excludes (outcomes for) fraud offences. Fraud offences are now recorded by the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) rather than police forces.

2. Offences asked to be taken into consideration by a court (TICs).

3. Includes caution - adults; caution - youths; Penalty Notices for Disorder.

4. Includes cannabis/khat warnings and community resolutions.

5. Includes not in the public interest (Police); Offender Died; Prosecution prevented (suspect under age; suspect too ill; victim/key witness dead/too ill); Prosecution time limit expired.

6. Includes evidential difficulties where the suspect was/was not identified and the victim does not support further action.

7. Outcome 21 was introduced on a voluntary basis from January 2016 and became mandatory from April 2016.

8. Ratio based on number of outcomes recorded in year divided by number of offences recorded in year.

9. Lancashire Police Force were unable to provide police recorded crime for November and December 2018. Therefore, totals for year ending December 2018 were produced using an estimate for these months.



**Table 5.1: Number and proportion of transferred or cancelled records<sup>1</sup>, by offence group<sup>2</sup>, year ending December 2018**

<b>England and Wales, Recorded crime</b>				
	Offences initially recorded	Transferred and cancelled records	Offences recorded	Total transferred or cancelled records as % of offences initially recorded
Violence against the person	1,655,914	47,409	1,608,505	3%
Sexual offences	171,092	11,352	159,740	7%
<i>of which: Rape</i>	<i>62,404</i>	<i>4,804</i>	<i>57,600</i>	<i>8%</i>
Robbery	84,559	1,993	82,566	2%
Theft offences	2,058,858	56,605	2,002,253	3%
Criminal damage and arson	585,024	13,257	571,767	2%
Drug offences	150,019	5,278	144,741	4%
Possession of weapons offences	46,908	2,614	44,294	6%
Public order offences	451,614	13,328	438,286	3%
Misc. crimes against society	106,397	5,485	100,912	5%
<b>Total<sup>23</sup></b>	<b>5,310,385</b>	<b>157,321</b>	<b>5,153,064</b>	<b>3%</b>

1. Transferred and cancelled records were formerly referred to as 'no-crimes'.

2. Excludes fraud offences. Fraud offences are now recorded by the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) rather than police forces.

3. Lancashire Police Force were unable to provide police recorded crime for November and December 2018. Therefore, totals for year ending December 2018 were produced using an estimate for these months.



**Table 5.2: Proportion of transferred and cancelled records<sup>1</sup> by type broken down by offence group<sup>2</sup>, year ending December 2018**

	England and Wales, Recorded crime				
	C1: Transferred to another force	C2: Cancelled: additional verifiable information that notifiable offence did not occur	C3: Cancelled: duplicate records	C4: Cancelled: crime recorded in error	C5: Cancelled: self defence claimed <sup>3</sup>
Violence against the person	16%	21%	40%	22%	0%
Sexual offences	34%	17%	36%	13%	0%
<i>of which: Rape</i>	33%	17%	40%	10%	0%
Robbery	31%	18%	39%	12%	0%
Theft offences	16%	44%	26%	14%	0%
Criminal damage and arson	5%	23%	47%	25%	0%
Drug offences	4%	16%	38%	42%	0%
Possession of weapons offences	6%	16%	32%	45%	0%
Public order offences	7%	22%	30%	40%	0%
Misc. crimes against society	10%	19%	28%	44%	0%
<b>Total<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>0%</b>

1. Transferred and cancelled records were formerly referred to as 'no-crimes'.

2. Excludes fraud offences. Fraud offences are now recorded by the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) rather than police forces.

3. A small number of C5s (cancelled records where self defence was claimed) have been recorded against offence types other than assault classifications 8N, 104 or 105A. These cases are likely to be revised in future quarters.

