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Crime Outcomes in England and Wales, year ending December 2017: Data tables

These tables provide figures for year to December 2017. In addition, these data tables provide an update to certain Chapter 2 tables published alongside the year ending March 2017 Crime Outcomes in England and Wales bulletin.
The statistical bulletin "Crime Outcomes in England and Wales, year ending March 2017" published by the Home Office in July 2017 can be accessed here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/crime-outcomes-in-england-and-wales-2016-to-2017>

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

Tables 2.1 and 2.2 cover outcomes assigned in the year to December 2017 for crimes also recorded in the year to December 2017. Tables 3.1 and 3.2 cover all outcomes assigned in the year to December 2017 regardless of when the crime was recorded.

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Table 2.1: Outcomes assigned to offences recorded in year to December 2016 and year to December 2017¹, by Outcome type and group

England and Wales, Recorded crime and outcomes

Outcome number	Outcome type/group	Proportion of offences recorded in period: ²	
		Year to December 2016 ^{3,4}	Year to December 2017 ^{4,5}
1	Charged/Summonsed	12.0	9.1
4	Taken into consideration⁶	0.2	0.1
	Out-of-court (formal)	2.9	1.9
2	Caution - youths ⁴	0.4	0.2
3	Caution - adults ⁴	2.1	1.3
6	Penalty Notices for Disorder	0.5	0.3
	Out-of-court (informal)	3.4	2.6
7	Cannabis/Khat warning	0.8	0.6
8	Community resolution	2.6	2.0
	Prosecution prevented or not in the public interest	1.5	1.2
5	Offender died	0.0	0.0
9	Not in public interest (CPS)	0.1	0.0
10	Not in public interest (Police)	0.8	0.6
11	Prosecution prevented – suspect under age	0.1	0.2
12	Prosecution prevented – suspect too ill	0.3	0.2
13	Prosecution prevented – victim/key witness dead/too ill	0.0	0.0
17	Prosecution time limit expired	0.2	0.1
15	Evidential difficulties (suspect identified; victim supports action)	9.9	8.6
	Evidential difficulties (victim does not support action)	16.3	18.4
14	Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	3.8	4.2
16	Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action	12.6	14.2
18	Investigation complete - no suspect identified	47.9	47.0
20	Action undertaken by another body/agency	0.7	0.9
21	Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest⁷	0.7	1.3
Total offences assigned an outcome (type 1-18, 20, 21)		95.6	91.0
Offences not yet assigned an outcome		4.4	9.0
Total offences¹		100.0	100.0

1. Year to December 2016 and year to December 2017 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 December 2016. Of these, 18 forces did not submit updated year to December 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. This means the proportion of offences assigned an outcome will be higher for year to December 2016 than for year to September 2016, as the former have had a longer period since being recorded in which to be assigned.

5. Based on data from all 44 forces. Of these, two forces had previously provided data for year to December 2016 but did not subsequently provide data for April to September 2016 for this publication. Data for these two forces have been included from October 2015 to December 2016 only. See Table A for details.

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.

Table 2.2: Outcomes assigned to crimes recorded in year to December 2016 and year to December 2017, by outcome group and offence group¹

Offence group	Charged/ summonsed	Taken into consideration (TICs) ²	Out-of- court (formal) ³	Out-of- court (informal) ⁴	Prosecution prevented or not		Evidential difficulties (suspect identified; victim support action)	Evidential difficulties (victim does not support action) ⁵	Investigation complete - no another body/ agency public interest ⁷	Action investigation support formal action not in the public interest ⁷	Further Offences not yet assigned	Outcome rate (%) ⁸
					in the public interest ⁶	support action)						
Year to December 2016^{9,10}												
Violence against the person	14.4	0.0	3.6	3.4	2.7	18.0	35.7	14.2	2.0	0.9	5.1	
Sexual offences	10.6	0.0	1.0	0.5	3.4	23.1	27.6	15.1	2.4	1.3	15.0	
of which: Rape	8.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	26.2	35.1	6.8	1.0	0.3	20.4	
Robbery	12.9	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.3	9.3	15.8	54.1	0.1	0.1	6.9	
Theft offences	8.5	0.5	1.4	1.9	0.6	4.7	5.6	73.0	0.1	0.4	3.4	
Criminal damage and arson	6.8	0.0	2.3	2.9	0.9	5.6	9.6	68.3	0.1	0.3	3.1	
Drug offences	36.2	0.0	18.8	29.4	2.3	5.4	0.3	1.6	0.2	1.0	5.0	
Possession of weapons offences	50.5	0.0	8.9	3.9	4.3	14.1	4.4	7.0	0.6	1.6	4.7	
Public order offences	16.7	0.0	3.7	2.9	2.5	15.1	28.0	25.0	0.3	1.1	4.8	
Misc. crimes against society	28.4	0.1	3.0	3.1	3.6	18.0	15.1	18.6	2.9	4.0	5.0	
Total year to December 2016¹	12.0	0.2	2.9	3.4	1.5	9.9	16.3	47.9	0.7	0.7	4.4	
Year to December 2017^{10,11}												
Violence against the person	10.8	0.0	2.3	2.5	2.2	15.2	38.2	14.4	2.3	1.7	10.5	
Sexual offences	5.6	0.0	0.5	0.4	2.5	14.8	25.6	14.1	2.6	2.0	31.8	
of which: Rape	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	14.5	30.5	6.5	1.1	0.3	42.6	
Robbery	9.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	6.6	16.8	56.0	0.0	0.2	10.5	
Theft offences	6.6	0.3	0.8	1.4	0.4	4.0	6.1	73.3	0.1	0.6	6.3	
Criminal damage and arson	5.4	0.0	1.5	2.2	0.8	4.9	11.5	66.3	0.2	0.6	6.5	
Drug offences	30.8	0.0	15.2	28.3	2.2	5.4	0.3	2.0	0.2	1.8	13.8	
Possession of weapons offences	40.7	0.0	6.4	4.3	3.3	13.7	6.4	10.4	0.7	2.7	11.6	
Public order offences	11.1	0.0	2.1	2.1	1.7	12.5	29.2	29.7	0.4	2.7	8.5	
Misc. crimes against society	17.8	0.1	1.8	2.5	2.1	13.7	17.6	17.5	2.8	6.3	17.7	
Total year to December 2017¹	9.1	0.1	1.9	2.6	1.2	8.6	18.4	47.0	0.9	1.3	9.0	

1. Year to December 2016 and year to December 2017 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. Offences asked to be taken into consideration by a court (TICs).

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

4. Includes cautions/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/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 (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.

9. Based on data from all 44 forces covering the full year to December 2016. Of these, 18 forces did not submit updated year to December 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.

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11. Based on data from all 44 forces. Of these, two forces had previously provided data for year to December 2016 but did not subsequently provide data for April to September 2016 for this publication. Data for these two forces have been included from July 2015 to December 2016 only. See Table A for details.

England and Wales, Recorded crime and outcomes

Table 3.1: Outcomes recorded in the year ending December 2017¹, by outcome type and group

Outcome number	Outcome type/group	England and Wales, Recorded crime and outcomes	
		Number of outcomes	Rate ²
1	Charged/Summoned	510,854	10.6
4	Taken into consideration³	9,198	0.2
	Out-of-court (formal)	100,538	2.1
2	Caution - youths	14,112	0.3
3	Caution - adults	72,222	1.5
6	Penalty Notices for Disorder	14,204	0.3
	Out-of-court (informal)	136,120	2.8
7	Cannabis/Khat warning	32,020	0.7
8	Community resolution	104,100	2.2
	Prosecution prevented or not in the public interest	67,468	1.4
5	Offender died	2,079	0.0
9	Not in public interest (CPS)	3,169	0.1
10	Not in public interest (Police)	30,806	0.6
11	Prosecution prevented – suspect under age	7,632	0.2
12	Prosecution prevented – suspect too ill	12,469	0.3
13	Prosecution prevented – victim/key witness dead/too ill	1,845	0.0
17	Prosecution time limit expired	9,468	0.2
15	Evidential difficulties (suspect identified; victim supports action)	486,413	10.1
	Evidential difficulties (victim does not support action)	947,249	19.7
14	Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	223,278	4.6
16	Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action	723,971	15.1
18	Investigation complete - no suspect identified	2,363,970	49.2
20	Action undertaken by another body/agency	46,128	1.0
21	Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest⁴	66,629	1.4%
Total recorded offences¹		4,805,366	

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

2. Rate 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.

Table 3.2: Outcomes recorded in the year ending December 2017, by outcome group and offence group¹

Offence group	Recorded crime ¹	England and Wales, Recorded crime and outcomes										
		Charged/ Summonsed	Taken into consideration	Out-of-court (formal)	Out-of-court (informal)	Prosecution prevented or not in the public interest	difficulties (suspect identified; difficulties victim does not support action) ⁶	Evidential difficulties (victim does not support action) ⁶	Investigation complete - no suspect identified	Action undertaken by another body/agency	Investigation to support formal action not in the public interest ⁷	
<i>Number of outcomes</i>												
Violence against the person	1,349,154	165,903	18	34,817	36,834	33,392	230,127	548,949	205,132	33,083	23,450	
Sexual offences	145,397	14,967	53	1,054	668	4,759	34,935	46,090	23,459	4,525	3,374	
Robbery	74,130	8,209	31	183	173	166	6,500	13,498	43,810	36	115	
Theft offences	2,011,942	152,658	8,755	18,688	31,808	9,455	99,706	132,267	1,542,058	1,881	14,670	
Criminal damage and arson	594,296	36,436	219	10,587	15,115	5,014	34,081	72,611	412,226	1,247	3,765	
Drug offences	134,461	49,587	17	22,081	39,891	3,517	9,228	364	2,993	373	2,905	
Possession of weapons offences	36,666	16,344	3	2,571	1,805	1,298	5,740	2,415	3,997	300	1,040	
Public order offences	368,551	45,956	12	8,595	8,468	7,386	50,645	113,915	113,144	1,828	10,656	
Misc. crimes against society	90,769	20,794	90	1,962	1,358	2,481	15,451	17,140	17,151	2,855	6,634	
Total¹	4,805,366	510,854	9,198	100,538	136,120	67,468	486,413	947,249	2,363,970	46,128	66,629	
<i>Rate (%)⁸</i>												
Violence against the person		12.3	0.0	2.6	2.7	2.5	17.1	40.7	15.2	2.5	1.7	
Sexual offences		10.3	0.0	0.7	0.5	3.3	24.0	31.7	16.1	3.1	2.3	
Robbery		11.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	8.8	18.2	59.1	0.0	0.2	
Theft offences		7.6	0.4	0.9	1.6	0.5	5.0	6.6	76.6	0.1	0.7	
Criminal damage and arson		6.1	0.0	1.8	2.5	0.8	5.7	12.2	69.4	0.2	0.6	
Drug offences		36.9	0.0	16.4	29.7	2.6	6.9	0.3	2.2	0.3	2.2	
Possession of weapons offences		44.6	0.0	7.0	4.9	3.5	15.7	6.6	10.9	0.8	2.8	
Public order offences		12.5	0.0	2.3	2.3	2.0	13.7	30.9	30.7	0.5	2.9	
Misc. crimes against society		22.9	0.1	2.2	1.5	2.7	17.0	18.9	18.9	3.1	7.3	
Total¹		10.6	0.2	2.1	2.8	1.4	10.1	19.7	49.2	1.0	1.4	

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

Table 5.1: Number and proportion of transferred or cancelled records¹, by offence group², year ending December 2017

	England and Wales, Recorded crime			
	Offences initially recorded	Transferred and cancelled records	Offences recorded	Total transferred or cancelled records as % of offences initially recorded
Violence against the person	1,391,638	42,484	1,349,154	3%
Sexual offences	154,781	9,384	145,397	6%
of which: Rape	55,622	3,789	51,833	7%
Robbery	75,469	1,339	74,130	2%
Theft offences	2,070,628	58,686	2,011,942	3%
Criminal damage and arson	609,030	14,734	594,296	2%
Drug offences	138,704	4,243	134,461	3%
Possession of weapons offences	38,812	2,146	36,666	6%
Public order offences	381,136	12,585	368,551	3%
Misc. crimes against society	95,554	4,785	90,769	5%
Total²	4,955,752	150,386	4,805,366	3%

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.

Table 5.2: Proportion of transferred and cancelled records¹ by type broken down by offence group², year ending December 2017

	England and Wales, Recorded crime				
	C1: Transferred to another force	C2: Cancelled: additional verifiable information that duplicate records did not occur	C3: Cancelled: crime recorded in duplicate records	C4: Cancelled: crime recorded in error	C5: Cancelled: self defence claimed ³
Violence against the person	15%	28%	36%	20%	0%
Sexual offences	34%	20%	32%	14%	0%
<i>of which: Rape</i>	34%	18%	37%	11%	0%
Robbery	27%	26%	32%	15%	0%
Theft offences	14%	49%	25%	12%	0%
Criminal damage and arson	5%	29%	43%	22%	0%
Drug offences	5%	22%	37%	37%	0%
Possession of weapons offences	6%	23%	31%	40%	0%
Public order offences	8%	30%	28%	35%	0%
Misc. crimes against society	9%	24%	25%	42%	0%
Total²	14%	36%	31%	19%	0%

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.

Table A: Forces providing outcomes data

Force	Outcomes of crimes recorded in period (Tables 2.1 & 2.2):					Outcomes recorded in period (Tables 3.1 & 3.2):		Proportion of total year to September 2017 recorded crime
	Force data included from ¹ :	Force data included to ¹ :	Force year to March 2017 data updated? ²	How year to March 2017 data provided ³ :	How April to December 2017 data provided ³ :	Full outcomes data ⁴ from:		
Avon and Somerset	Apr-14	Dec-17	Yes	HODH	HODH	Apr-14	2.9	
Bedfordshire	Jul-14	Dec-17	Yes	HODH	HODH	Jul-14	1.0	
British Transport Police	Apr-15	Dec-17	Yes	Manual	HODH	Apr-14	1.2	
Cambridgeshire	Apr-14	Dec-17	Yes	HODH	HODH	Apr-14	1.4	
Cheshire	Apr-14	Dec-17	Yes	HODH	HODH	Apr-14	1.7	
Cleveland	Apr-14	Dec-17	Yes	HODH	HODH	Apr-14	1.2	
Cumbria	Apr-15	Dec-17	No	Manual	HODH	Aug-14	0.6	
Derbyshire	Apr-14	Dec-17	No	HODH	Manual	Apr-14	1.2	
Devon and Cornwall	Apr-14	Dec-17	Yes	HODH	HODH	Apr-14	2.1	
Dorset	Apr-14	Dec-17	No	Manual	Manual	Apr-14	1.0	
Durham	Apr-14	Dec-17	Yes	Manual	HODH	Apr-14	1.3	
Dyfed-Powys	Oct-14	Dec-17	No	Manual	HODH	May-14	0.5	
Essex	Apr-15	Dec-17	No	Manual	Manual	Apr-14	2.7	
Gloucestershire	Apr-14	Dec-17	Yes	HODH	HODH	Apr-14	0.7	
Greater Manchester	Apr-14	Dec-17	Yes	HODH	HODH	Apr-14	7.0	
Gwent	Apr-14	Dec-17	Yes	HODH	HODH	Apr-14	1.0	
Hampshire	Apr-14	Dec-17	Yes	HODH	HODH	Apr-14	3.3	
Hertfordshire	Jul-14	Dec-17	Yes	Manual	HODH	Jul-14	1.7	
Humburside	Apr-14	Jun-17	No	HODH	Manual	Apr-14	1.8	
Kent	Apr-14	Dec-17	Yes	Manual	HODH	Apr-14	3.5	
Lancashire	Apr-14	Dec-17	Yes	HODH	HODH	Apr-14	2.5	
Leicestershire	Apr-15	Dec-17	No	Manual	Manual	Apr-14	1.6	
Lincolnshire	Apr-14	Dec-17	Yes	HODH	HODH	Apr-14	0.8	
London, City of	Apr-14	Dec-17	Yes	Manual	HODH	Apr-14	0.1	
Merseyside	Apr-14	Dec-17	Yes	HODH	HODH	Apr-14	2.5	
Metropolitan Police	Dec-14	Dec-17	Yes	Manual	HODH	Dec-14	16.8	
Norfolk	Jul-14	Dec-17	No	Manual	HODH	Jul-14	1.2	
Northamptonshire	Apr-14	Dec-17	Yes	Manual	HODH	Apr-14	1.1	
Northumbria	Apr-14	Dec-17	Yes	HODH	HODH	Apr-14	3.1	
North Wales	Apr-14	Dec-17	Yes	Manual	HODH	Apr-14	1.0	
North Yorkshire	Apr-14	Dec-17	Yes	HODH	HODH	Apr-14	0.8	
Nottinghamshire	Apr-14	Dec-17	No	Manual	Manual	Apr-14	2.0	
South Wales	Apr-14	Dec-17	Yes	HODH	HODH	Apr-14	2.2	
South Yorkshire	Jul-14	Dec-17	Yes	Manual	HODH	Jul-14	3.0	
Staffordshire	Apr-14	Dec-17	Yes	HODH	HODH	Apr-14	1.7	
Suffolk	Jul-14	Mar-16	No	Manual	HODH	Jul-14	1.1	
Surrey	Apr-14	Dec-17	Yes	HODH	HODH	Apr-14	1.5	
Sussex	Apr-14	Dec-17	No	Manual	HODH	Apr-14	2.4	
Thames Valley	Apr-14	Dec-17	Yes	HODH	HODH	Apr-14	3.1	
Warwickshire	Apr-15	Dec-17	Yes	HODH	HODH	Apr-14	0.9	
West Mercia	Apr-14	Dec-17	Yes	HODH	HODH	Apr-14	1.8	
West Midlands	Apr-14	Dec-17	Yes	HODH	HODH	Apr-14	4.7	
West Yorkshire	Jul-14	Dec-17	Yes	HODH	HODH	Jun-14	5.4	
Wiltshire	Apr-15	Dec-17	Yes	Manual	Manual	Apr-14	0.9	

1. Forces' data for offences and outcomes assigned to offences recorded in year to March 2016 and year to December 2016 have been included between the months shown. In Tables 2.1 and 2.2, the data cover all outcomes types for the entirety of the period for which they are included. One force provided data for year to March 2016 but did not subsequently provide data for April to December 2016.

2. 8 forces did not submit updated year to March 2016 data to the Home Office for this publication, so these forces may appear to have fewer than expected outcomes assigned during that period.

3. 'HODH' means force submitted record-level data via the Home Office Data Hub; 'Manual' means force completed a spreadsheet.

4. The data cover outcome types 5, 9-18 (and 20 from April 2015 and 21 from April 2016) from the months shown onwards. Data for outcomes 1-4 and 6-8 recorded in the period were provided for all forces.

