

Number sentenced, proportion sentenced in the Crown Court, custody rate and average custodial sentence length for offences covered by the Assault offences definitive guideline

Offence	Number sentenced			Percentage increase or decrease in number sentenced		Proportion sentenced in Crown Court in 2014	Custody rate			Average custodial sentence length in years		
	2003	2011	2014	2011 vs 2003	2014 vs 2011		2003	2011	2014	2003	2011	2014
GBH with intent s18	1,332	1,625	1,355	22%	-17%	99.9%	93%	95%	90%	4.3	5.1	6.4
GBH s20	3,811	4,035	3,429	6%	-15%	98%	55%	57%	53%	1.5	1.6	1.8
Religiously or racially aggravated GBH s29	27	17	11	-37%	-35%	91%	70%	41%	73%	1.6	2.8	0.0
ABH s47	11,839	11,762	7,240	-1%	-38%	81%	29%	34%	41%	0.8	1.0	1.1
Religiously or racially aggravated ABH s29	93	85	62	-9%	-27%	89%	69%	55%	68%	1.0	1.3	1.2
Assault with intent to resist arrest s38	431	163	136	-62%	-17%	14%	40%	28%	29%	0.4	0.4	0.3
Assault on a police constable s89	6,837	8,452	6,985	24%	-17%	1%	20%	15%	14%	0.2	0.2	0.2
Common assault s39	25,884	46,102	47,420	78%	3%	4%	12%	15%	14%	0.2	0.2	0.2
Religiously or racially aggravated common assault s29	258	892	866	246%	-3%	11%	36%	23%	23%	0.5	0.4	0.4

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Note:

2003 is the earliest year for which data is available, 2011 is the year the assault offences definitive guideline came into force, and 2014 is the latest year for which data is available.

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