

## Sentencing trends for GBH, 2007-2017<sup>1,2</sup>

### Proportion of adult offenders sentenced for GBH, by sentence outcome, all courts, 2007-2017<sup>3</sup>

Outcome	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Absolute and conditional discharge	1%	1%	<0.5%	1%	<0.5%	<0.5%	<0.5%	<0.5%	<0.5%	<0.5%	<0.5%
Fine	1%	<0.5%	<0.5%	<0.5%	<0.5%	<0.5%	<0.5%	<0.5%	<0.5%	<0.5%	<0.5%
Community sentence	14%	12%	10%	11%	8%	8%	6%	6%	5%	4%	4%
Suspended sentence	31%	32%	30%	32%	32%	34%	38%	40%	40%	40%	40%
Immediate custody	51%	52%	58%	53%	57%	57%	54%	53%	53%	53%	54%
Otherwise dealt with	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%

<sup>1</sup> Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes youths, section 29 offences (racially/religiously aggravated), and custodial sentences of over 5 years for GBH (the statutory maximum sentence for this offence).

<sup>3</sup> Percentages may not add up to 100 per cent, due to rounding.

## GBH sentence lengths

### Post guilty plea sentence length bands received by adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for GBH, all courts, 2007-2017<sup>4</sup>

Sentence length band	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
1 year or less	30%	32%	33%	35%	29%	21%	23%	22%	22%	19%	19%
Between 1 and 2 years	51%	51%	49%	46%	51%	55%	50%	51%	49%	52%	48%
Between 2 and 3 years	16%	14%	14%	15%	16%	19%	22%	21%	22%	23%	28%
Between 3 and 4 years	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	5%	5%	5%	4%
Between 4 and 5 years	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	<0.5%	1%	1%	1%

### Estimated pre guilty plea sentence length bands received by adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for GBH, all courts, 2007-2017<sup>4</sup>

Sentence length band	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
1 year or less	12%	13%	12%	15%	10%	6%	7%	6%	7%	5%	7%
Between 1 and 2 years	42%	44%	46%	45%	44%	44%	40%	40%	39%	37%	33%
Between 2 and 3 years	32%	29%	29%	26%	31%	32%	31%	33%	31%	34%	34%
Between 3 and 4 years	9%	8%	8%	10%	9%	12%	16%	15%	15%	16%	18%
Between 4 and 5 years	6%	5%	5%	5%	6%	6%	6%	7%	7%	8%	8%

<sup>4</sup> Sentence length bands do not include the lower bound, but do include the upper bound sentence length. For example, the category '1 year or less' includes sentence lengths less than and equal to 1 year, and 'Between 1 and 2 years' includes sentence lengths over 1 year, and up to and including 2 years.

## Crown Court Sentencing Survey data for GBH offences, 2013 - 2015 (Q1)<sup>5,6</sup>

### Proportion of offenders placed in each offence category, Crown Court Sentencing Survey

Offence category	2013	2014	2015 Q1
	(n=2,080)	(n=2,231)	(n=493)
Level 1 (most)	22%	25%	24%
Level 2	68%	66%	65%
Level 3 (least)	10%	9%	11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>



Around two thirds of offenders sentenced in the Crown Court are placed within the middle category of seriousness, and around a quarter are placed in the highest category.

### Proportion of offenders receiving each sentence outcome: Offence category 1 (most serious), Crown Court Sentencing Survey

Sentence outcome	2013	2014	2015 Q1
	(n=456)	(n=554)	(n=118)
Immediate custody	87%	84%	81%
SSO	11%	15%	17%
CO	0%	0%	1%
Conditional discharge	0%	0%	0%
Other	2%	0%	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

<sup>5</sup> Source: Crown Court Sentencing Survey, 2013-2015 (Q1).

<sup>6</sup> Excludes youths, section 29 offences (racially/religiously aggravated), and custodial sentences of over 5 years (the statutory maximum sentence for this offence).

**Proportion of offenders receiving each sentence outcome: Offence category 2 (middle category), Crown Court Sentencing Survey**

Sentence outcome	2013	2014	2015 Q1
	(n=1,415)	(n=1,470)	(n=321)
Immediate custody	50%	50%	49%
SSO	46%	46%	48%
CO	3%	3%	2%
Fine	0%	0%	0%
Conditional discharge	0%	0%	0%
Other	0%	0%	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Proportion of offenders receiving each sentence outcome: Offence category 3 (least serious), Crown Court Sentencing Survey**

Sentence outcome	2013	2014	2015 Q1
	(n=209)	(n=207)	(n=54)
Immediate custody	22%	13%	15%
SSO	51%	53%	52%
CO	24%	32%	33%
Fine	1%	1%	0%
Conditional discharge	2%	1%	0%
Other	0%	0%	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Post guilty plea mean ACSLs for offenders sentenced to immediate custody, Crown Court Sentencing Survey**

	ACSL in years		
<b>Offence category</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015 Q1</b>
Level 1 (most)	2.3	2.3	2.3
Level 2	1.5	1.5	1.4
Level 3 (least)	0.9	1.0	1.3

**Estimated pre guilty plea mean ACSLs for offenders sentenced to immediate custody, Crown Court Sentencing Survey**

	ACSL in years		
<b>Offence category</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015 Q1</b>
Level 1 (most)	3.0	2.9	2.9
Level 2	1.9	1.9	1.9
Level 3 (least)	1.2	1.3	1.7

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