

Table 1: Number of adult offenders sentenced for offences under the Firearms Act 1968, all courts, 2008-2018

Guideline group	Legislation	Section	Offence	Number of adult offenders sentenced										
				2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Group 1 (Maximum: 10 years)	Firearms Act 1968	5(1)(a)-(af), (c) 5(1A)(a)	Minimum term applies Possess/purchase/acquire a prohibited weapon (automatic)/ ammunition/ smooth-bore revolver/ rocket launcher/ mortar/ pump action rifle	340	360	308	207	172	206	253	364	463	402	345
			5(1A)(a) Possess/ purchase disguised firearm											
		Minimum term does not apply 5(1)(b) 5(1A)(b)-(g)	Possess/ purchase a weapon for the discharge of a noxious liquid / gas / electrical incapacitation device / thing Possess/ purchase/ sell or transfer military equipment	889	896	840	771	634	581	485	469	482	358	375
TOTAL SECTION 5 OFFENCES				1,229	1,256	1,148	978	806	787	738	833	945	760	720
Group 2 (Maximum: 5 years, or 7 years for 1(1) aggravated)	Firearms Act 1968	1(1)	Possess a firearm/ammunition without a certificate ¹	-	-	-	163	139	128	126	101	128	97	105
			Possess a shortened shotgun without a certificate; possess a thing converted into a firearm (aggravated form) ¹	-	-	-	13	13	6	15	8	6	14	8
		2(1)	Possess shotgun without a certificate	55	39	54	38	35	30	37	36	31	41	31
TOTAL 1(1) & 2(1) OFFENCES				240	230	251	216	194	164	178	145	168	152	144
Group 3 (Maximum: 5 years)	Firearms Act 1968	21(1) & (4) 21(2) & (4) & Sch 6	Possess a firearm/ shotgun/ air weapon/ ammunition when prohibited for life/ five years	89	111	95	89	74	62	53	49	60	48	61
		19	Possess loaded/unloaded firearm and suitable ammunition in public place	53	31	23	21	12	16	10	14	12	7	14
Possess a loaded shotgun in a public place	21		11	7	3	6	4	2	1	2	2	6		
Possess a loaded / unloaded air weapon in a public place	274		250	221	151	127	101	92	103	69	74	72		
Possess an imitation firearm in a public place	47		96	84	84	87	89	103	98	112	120	107		
TOTAL SECTION 19 OFFENCES				395	388	335	259	232	210	207	216	195	203	199
Group 5 (Maximum: Life)	Firearms Act 1968	16	Possess a firearm/ ammunition/ shotgun/ air weapon with intent to endanger life / enable another to do so	63	53	48	69	64	70	44	54	53	77	63
Group 6 (Maximum: 10 years)	Firearms Act 1968	16A	Possess a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence ¹	-	-	-	101	81	82	74	77	98	74	76
			Possess an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence ¹	-	-	-	146	139	138	145	162	180	187	164
		TOTAL SECTION 16A OFFENCES				327	257	274	250	230	221	221	241	280
Group 7 (Maximum: Life)	Firearms Act 1968	17(1), 17(2), 18(1)	Possess a firearm with intent to resist arrest/ commit a Schedule 1 offence/ commit an indictable offence ¹	-	-	-	18	15	13	10	7	11	5	22
			Possess an imitation firearm with intent to resist arrest/ commit a Schedule 1 offence/ commit an indictable offence ¹	-	-	-	34	17	20	28	17	20	27	20
		TOTAL SECTION 17(1), 17(2), 18(1) OFFENCES				81	73	50	52	34	33	38	24	31
Group 8 (Maximum: Life)	Firearms Act 1968	5(2A)(a)	Manufacture weapon / ammunition specified in section 5(1) of the Firearms Act 1968 ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	4	0	1
		5(2A)(b)	Sell / transfer prohibited weapon / ammunition ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	10	19	5
		5(2A)(c)	Possess prohibited weapon / ammunition for sale / transfer ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	4	5	4
		5(2A)(d)	Purchase / acquire prohibited weapon / ammunition for sale / transfer ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	1	0
TOTAL SECTION 5(2A) OFFENCES				-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	18	25	10

Notes

1) Data for these specific offences not available prior to 2011

2) These offences came into force on 14 July 2014. Cases in 2016 may have been sentenced prior to the Stephenson judgment

Table 2: Sentence outcomes for adult offenders sentenced for offences under the Firearms Act 1968, 2018

Guideline group	Section	Offence	Conditional Discharge	Fine	Community Order	Suspended Sentence	Immediate Custody	Otherwise dealt with ¹	Total
Group 1 (Maximum: 10 years)	Minimum term applies 5(1)(a)-(af), (c) 5(1A)(a)	Possess/purchase/acquire a prohibited weapon (automatic)/ ammunition/ smooth-bore revolver/ rocket launcher/ mortar/ pump action rifle	0	2	1	30	309	3	345
	Minimum term does not apply 5(1)(b) 5(1A)(b)-(g)	Possess/ purchase disguised firearm Possess/ purchase a weapon for the discharge of a noxious liquid / gas / electrical incapacitation device / thing Possess/ purchase/ sell or transfer military equipment	31	67	111	98	62	6	375
	TOTAL SECTION 5 OFFENCES		31	69	112	128	371	9	720
Group 2 (Maximum: 5 years, or 7 years for 1(1) aggravated)	1(1)	Possess a firearm/ammunition without a certificate Possess a shortened shotgun without a certificate; possess a thing converted into a firearm (aggravated form)	10	17	16	17	44	1	105
	2(1)	Possess shotgun without a certificate	0	0	0	0	7	1	8
	TOTAL 1(1) & 2(1)		2	2	3	12	11	1	31
TOTAL SECTION 1(1) & 2(1)			12	19	19	29	62	3	144
Group 3 (Maximum: 5 years)	21	Possess a firearm when prohibited for life / five years due to previous conviction	1	3	7	17	32	1	61
Group 4 (Maximum: 7 years, or 12 months for imitation)	19	Possess loaded/unloaded firearm and suitable ammunition/shotgun/ airweapon/ imitation firearm in public place	6	33	78	34	41	7	199
Group 5 (Maximum: Life)	16	Possess a firearm/ ammunition/ shotgun/ air weapon with intent to endanger life / enable another to do so	0	0	0	0	63	0	63
Group 6 (Maximum: 10 years)	16A	Possess a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence	0	0	1	10	61	4	76
		Possess an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence	0	0	5	32	120	7	164
		TOTAL SECTION 16A OFFENCES		0	0	6	42	181	11
Group 7 (Maximum: Life)	17(1), 17(2), 18(1)	Possess a firearm with intent to resist arrest/ commit a Schedule 1 offence/ commit an indictable offence	0	0	0	3	17	2	22
		Possess an imitation firearm with intent to resist arrest/ commit a Schedule 1 offence/ commit an indictable offence	0	0	0	2	17	1	20
		TOTAL SECTION 17(1), 17(2), 18(1) OFFENCES		0	0	0	5	34	3
Group 8 (Maximum: Life)	5(2A)(a)	Manufacture weapon / ammunition specified in section 5(1) of the Firearms Act 1968 ²	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
	5(2A)(b)-(d)	Sell / transfer prohibited weapon / ammunition, Possess/purchase/acquire prohibited weapon / ammunition for sale / transfer	0	0	0	0	9	0	9

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Guideline group	Section	Offence	Conditional Discharge	Fine	Community Order	Suspended Sentence	Immediate Custody	Otherwise dealt with ¹	Total
Group 1 (Maximum: 10 years)	Minimum term applies	Possess/purchase/acquire a prohibited weapon (automatic)/ ammunition/ smooth-bore revolver/ rocket launcher/ mortar/ pump action rifle	0%	1%	<0.5%	9%	90%	1%	100%
	5(1)(a)-(af), (c)	Possess/ purchase disguised firearm							
	5(1A)(a)	Minimum term does not apply							
	5(1)(b)	Possess/ purchase a weapon for the discharge of a noxious liquid / gas / electrical incapacitation device / thing	8%	18%	30%	26%	17%	2%	100%
	5(1A)(b)-(g)	Possess/ purchase/ sell or transfer military equipment							
		TOTAL SECTION 5 OFFENCES	4%	10%	16%	18%	52%	1%	100%
Group 2 (Maximum: 5 years, or 7 years for 1(1) aggravated)	1(1)	Possess a firearm/ammunition without a certificate	10%	16%	15%	16%	42%	1%	100%
		Possess a shortened shotgun without a certificate; possess a thing converted into a firearm (aggravated form)	0%	0%	0%	0%	88%	13%	100%
	2(1)	Possess shotgun without a certificate	6%	6%	10%	39%	35%	3%	100%
		TOTAL 1(1) & 2(1)	8%	13%	13%	20%	43%	2%	100%
Group 3 (Maximum: 5 years)	21	Possess a firearm when prohibited for life / five years due to previous conviction	2%	5%	11%	28%	52%	2%	100%
Group 4 (Maximum: 7 years, or 12 months for imitation firearms)	19	Possess loaded/unloaded firearm and suitable ammunition/shotgun/ airweapon/ imitation firearm in public place	3%	17%	39%	17%	21%	4%	100%
Group 5 (Maximum: Life)	16	Possess a firearm/ ammunition/ shotgun/ air weapon with intent to endanger life / enable another to do so	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	100%
		Possess a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence	0%	0%	1%	13%	80%	5%	100%
Group 6 (Maximum: 10 years)	16A	Possess an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence	0%	0%	3%	20%	73%	4%	100%
		TOTAL SECTION 16A OFFENCES	0%	0%	3%	18%	75%	5%	100%
Group 7 (Maximum: Life)		Possess a firearm with intent to resist arrest/ commit a Schedule 1 offence/ commit an indictable offence	0%	0%	0%	14%	77%	9%	100%
	17(1), 17(2), 18(1)	Possess an imitation firearm with intent to resist arrest/ commit a Schedule 1 offence/ commit an indictable offence	0%	0%	0%	10%	85%	5%	100%
		TOTAL SECTION 17(1), 17(2), 18(1) OFFENCES	0%	0%	0%	12%	81%	7%	100%
Group 8 (Maximum: Life)	5(2A)(a)	Manufacture weapon / ammunition specified in section 5(1) of the Firearms Act 1968 ²	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	100%
	5(2A)(b)-(d)	Sell / transfer prohibited weapon / ammunition, Possess/purchase/acquire prohibited weapon / ammunition for sale / transfer	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	100%

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Notes

1) Includes a number of orders, for example hospital orders, confiscation orders and compensation orders.

2) Data shown for this offence covers the period 2016-2018 (due to very low volumes), and may therefore include cases sentenced prior to the Stephenson judgment.

Table 3: Estimated average custodial sentence lengths (pre guilty plea) for adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody, and sentence ranges for offences under the Firearms Act 1968, 2018

Guideline group	Section	Offence	Mean sentence length ^{1,3}	Median sentence length ^{2,3}	Sentence range (using estimated pre GP sentence lengths)
Group 1 (Maximum: 10 years)	Minimum term applies 5(1)(a)-(af), (c) 5(1A)(a)	Possess/purchase/acquire a prohibited weapon (automatic)/ ammunition/ smooth-bore revolver/ rocket launcher/ mortar/ pump action rifle	6 years 4 months	7 years	Fine - 10 years' custody
		Possess/ purchase disguised firearm			
	Minimum term does not apply 5(1)(b) 5(1A)(b)-(g)	Possess/ purchase a weapon for the discharge of a noxious liquid / gas / electrical incapacitation device / thing	1 year 8 months	1 year 2 months	Discharge - 8 years 3 months' custody
		Possess/ purchase/ sell or transfer military equipment			
		TOTAL SECTION 5 OFFENCES	5 years 6 months	6 years 6 months	Discharge - 10 years' custody
Group 2 (Maximum: 5 years, or 7 years for 1(1) aggravated)	1(1)	Possess a firearm/ammunition without a certificate	2 years 5 months	2 years 1 month	Discharge - 5 years' custody
		Possess a shortened shotgun without a certificate; possess a thing converted into a firearm (aggravated form) ⁴	4 years 1 month	4 years	1 year 9 months - 5 years 9 months' custody
	2(1)	Possess shotgun without a certificate ⁵	2 years 6 months	3 years	Discharge - 4 years' custody
		TOTAL 1(1) & 2(1)	2 years 8 months	2 years 7 months	Discharge - 5 years 9 months' custody
Group 3 (Maximum: 5 years)	21	Possess a firearm when prohibited for life / five years due to previous conviction	1 year 6 months	1 year 4 months	Discharge - 5 years' custody
Group 4 (Maximum: 7 years, or 12 months for imitation)	19	Possess loaded/unloaded firearm and suitable ammunition/shotgun/ airweapon/ imitation firearm in public place	1 year 6 months	9 months	Discharge - 7 years' custody
Group 5 (Maximum: Life)	16	Possess a firearm/ ammunition/ shotgun/ air weapon with intent to endanger life / enable another to do so	12 years 4 months	12 years	2 years 3 months - 30 years' custody (and indeterminate)
Group 6 (Maximum: 10 years)	16A	Possess a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence	4 years 11 months	4 years 6 months	CO - 10 years' custody
		Possess an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence	2 years 8 months	2 years 3 months	CO - 7 years 9 months' custody
		TOTAL SECTION 16A OFFENCES	3 years 5 months	2 years 6 months	CO - 10 years' custody
Group 7 (Maximum: Life)	17(1), 17(2), 18(1)	Possess a firearm with intent to resist arrest/ commit a Schedule 1 offence/ commit an indictable offence ⁵	8 years 11 months	8 years	SSO - 26 years 8 months' custody
		Possess an imitation firearm with intent to resist arrest/ commit a Schedule 1 offence/ commit an indictable offence ⁵	7 years	5 years	SSO - 18 years' custody
		TOTAL SECTION 17(1), 17(2), 18(1) OFFENCES	7 years 11 months	6 years	SSO - 26 years 8 months' custody
Group 8 (Maximum: Life)	5(2A)(a)	Manufacture weapon / ammunition specified in section 5(1) of the Firearms Act 1968 ^{4,6}	14 years 9 months	19 years 7 months	4 years - 22 years' custody
	5(2A)(b)-(d)	Sell / transfer prohibited weapon / ammunition, Possess/purchase/acquire prohibited weapon / ammunition for sale / transfer	11 years 2 months	9 years	3 years 9 months - 23 years' custody

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Notes

- 1) The mean is calculated by taking the sum of all values and then dividing by the number of values
- 2) The median is the value which lies in the middle of a set of numbers when those numbers are placed in ascending or descending order.
- 3) Excludes life and indeterminate sentences.
- 4) These figures should be treated with caution, due to the low number of offenders sentenced for this offence.
- 5) These figures should be treated with some caution, due to the relatively low number of offenders sentenced for this offence
- 6) The ACSLs and ranges shown for this offence cover the period 2016-2018 (due to very low volumes), and may therefore include cases sentenced prior to the Stephenson judgment

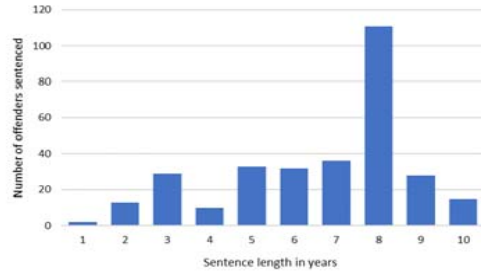
Figure 1: Estimated distribution of custodial sentence lengths for adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for offences under the Firearms Act 1968, before any reduction for guilty plea, 2018

Note: Sentence length intervals include the upper bound sentence length. For example, the category "1" includes sentence lengths less than, and equal to, 1 year, and "2" includes sentence lengths over 1 year, and up to and including 2 years.

Group 1 (Maximum: 10 years)

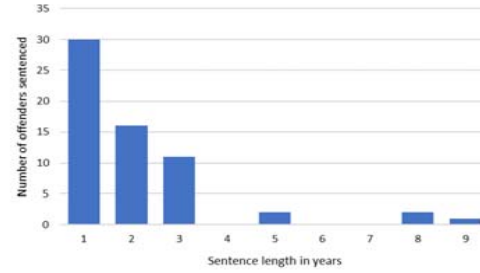
Minimum term applies

Sections 5(1)(a)-(af),(c) & 5(1A)(a) combined, 2018



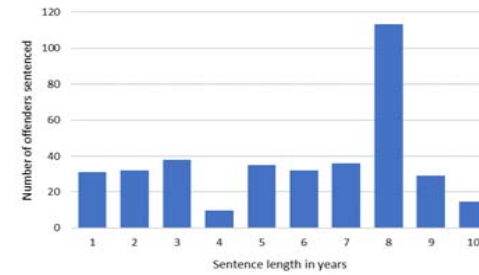
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Sections 5(1)(b) & 5(1A)(b)-(g) combined, 2018



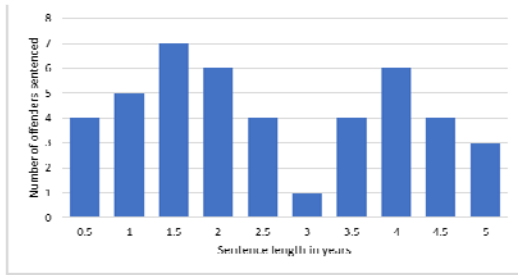
All Group 1 offences

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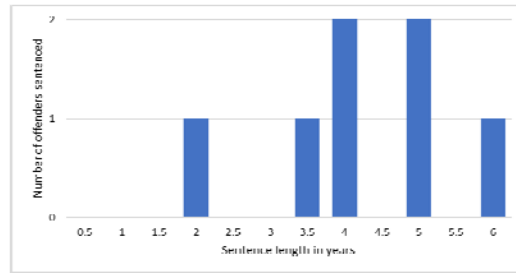


Group 2 (Maximum: 5 years, or 7 years for 1(1) aggravated)

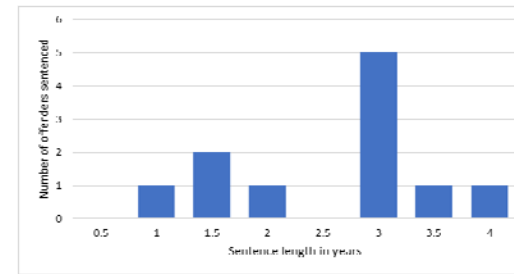
Section 1(1) - Possess a firearm/ammunition without a certificate, 2018



Section 1(1) - Possess a shortened shotgun without a certificate; possess a thing converted into a firearm (aggravated form), 2018

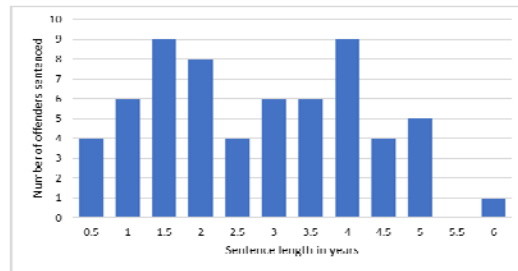


Section 2(1) - Possess shotgun without a certificate, 2018



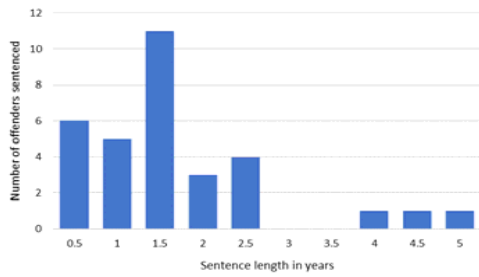
All Group 2 offences

Sections 1(1) & 2(1) combined - Possess a firearm/ ammunition/ shortened shotgun/ shotgun without a certificate, 2018



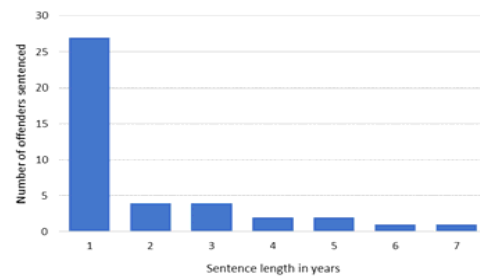
Group 3 (Maximum: 5 years)

Section 21 - Possess a firearm when prohibited for life / five years due to previous conviction, 2018



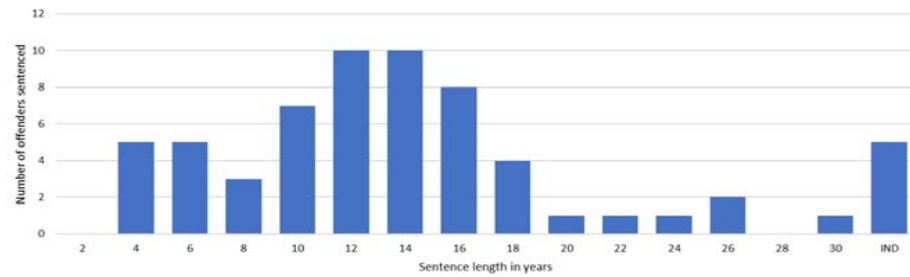
Group 4 (Maximum: 7 years, or 12 months for imitation)

Section 19 - Possess loaded/unloaded firearm and suitable ammunition/shotgun/ airweapon/ imitation firearm in public place, 2018



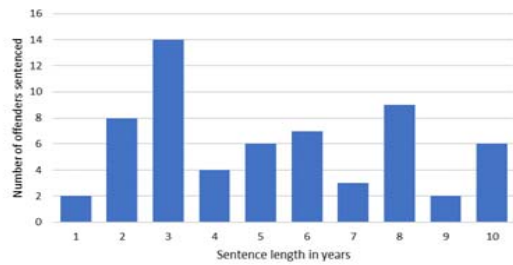
Group 5 (Maximum: Life)

Section 16 (all) - Possess a firearm/ ammunition/ shotgun/ air weapon with intent to endanger life / enable another to do so, 2018

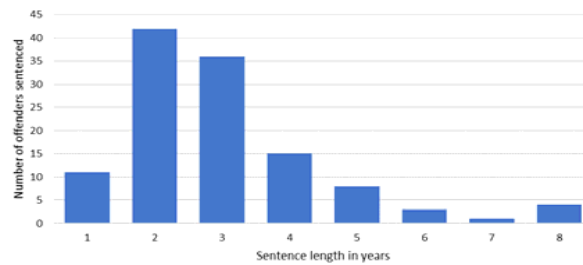


Group 6 (Maximum: 10 years)

Section 16A - Possess a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence, 2018

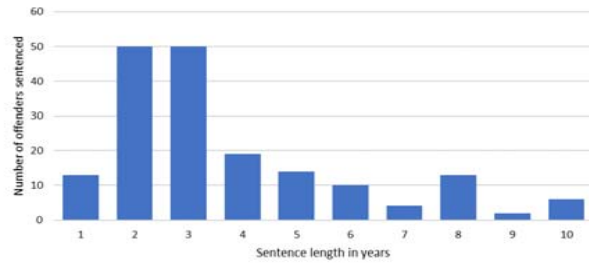


Section 16A - Possess an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence, 2018



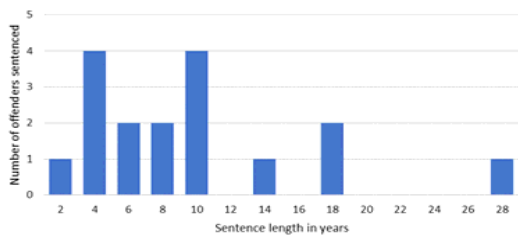
All Group 6 offences

Section 16A - Possess a firearm/ imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence, 2018

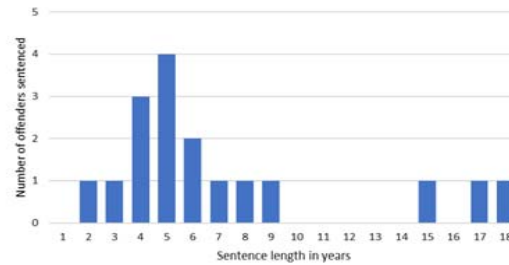


Group 7 (Maximum: Life)

Sections 17(1), 17(2), 18(1) - Possess a firearm with intent to resist arrest/ commit a Schedule 1 offence/ commit an indictable offence, 2018

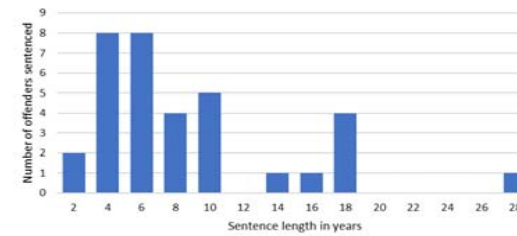


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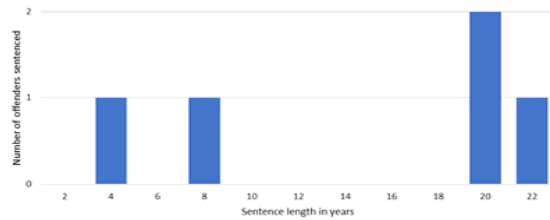
All Group 7 offences

Sections 17(1), 17(2), 18(1) - Possess a firearm/ imitation firearm with intent to resist arrest/ commit a Schedule 1 offence/ commit an indictable offence, 2018

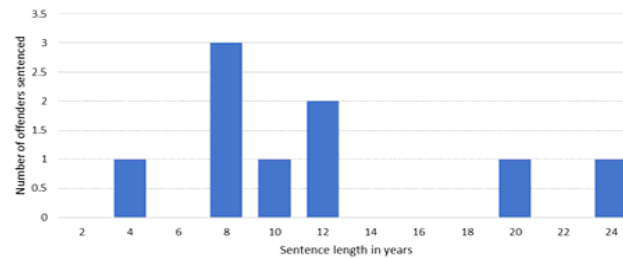


Group 8 (Maximum: Life)

Section 5(2A)(a) offences - Manufacture weapon / ammunition specified in section 5(1) of the Firearms Act 1968, 2016-2018¹



Section 5(2A)(b)-(d) offences - Sell / transfer prohibited weapon / ammunition, Possess/purchase/acquire prohibited weapon / ammunition for sale / transfer, 2018¹



Note:
1) The data shown for this offence covers the period 2016-2018 (due to very low volumes), and may therefore include cases sentenced prior to the Stephenson judgment.

Note:
1) Separate sentence length breakdowns for section 5(2A)(b)-(d) offences have not been shown due to low volumes.

Table 4: Distribution of estimated custodial sentence lengths for adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for offences under the Firearms Act 1968, before any reduction for guilty plea, 2018

Note: Sentence length intervals include the upper bound sentence length. For example, the category "1" includes sentence lengths less than, and equal to, 1 year, and "2" includes sentence lengths over 1 year, and up to and including 2 years.

Group 1 (Maximum: 10 years)**Minimum term applies**

Sections 5(1)(a)-(af),(c) & 5(1A)(a) combined, 2018

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
1	2	1%
2	13	4%
3	29	9%
4	10	3%
5	33	11%
6	32	10%
7	36	12%
8	111	36%
9	28	9%
10	15	5%
Total	309	100%

Minimum term does not apply

Sections 5(1)(b) & 5(1A)(b)-(g) combined, 2018

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
1	30	48%
2	16	26%
3	11	18%
4	0	0%
5	2	3%
6	0	0%
7	0	0%
8	2	3%
9	1	2%
Total	62	100%

All Group 1 offences

Sections 5(1)(a)-(af),(c), 5(1A)(a), 5(1)(b) & 5(1A)(b)-(g) combined, 2018

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
1	31	8%
2	32	9%
3	38	10%
4	10	3%
5	35	9%
6	32	9%
7	36	10%
8	113	30%
9	29	8%
10	15	4%
Total	371	100%

Group 2 (Maximum: 5 years, or 7 years for 1(1) aggravated)

Section 1(1) - Possess a firearm/ammunition without a certificate, 2018

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
0.5	4	9%
1	5	11%
1.5	7	16%
2	6	14%
2.5	4	9%
3	1	2%
3.5	4	9%
4	6	14%
4.5	4	9%
5	3	7%
Total	44	100%

Section 1(1) - Possess a shortened shotgun without a certificate; possess a thing converted into a firearm (aggravated form), 2018

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
0.5	0	0%
1	0	0%
1.5	0	0%
2	1	14%
2.5	0	0%
3	0	0%
3.5	1	14%
4	2	29%
4.5	0	0%
5	2	29%
5.5	0	0%
6	1	14%
Total	7	100%

Section 2(1) - Possess shotgun without a certificate, 2018

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
0.5	0	0%
1	1	9%
1.5	2	18%
2	1	9%
2.5	0	0%
3	5	45%
3.5	1	9%
4	1	9%
4.5	0	0%
5	0	0%
Total	11	100%

All Group 2 offences

Sections 1(1) & 2(1) combined - Possess a firearm/ ammunition/ shortened shotgun/ shotgun without a certificate, 2018

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
0.5	4	6%
1	6	10%
1.5	9	15%
2	8	13%
2.5	4	6%
3	6	10%
3.5	6	10%
4	9	15%
4.5	4	6%
5	5	8%
5.5	0	0%
6	1	2%
Total	62	100%

Group 3 (Maximum: 5 years)

Section 21 - Possess a firearm when prohibited for life / five years due to previous conviction, 2018

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
0.5	6	19%
1	5	16%
1.5	11	34%
2	3	9%
2.5	4	13%
3	0	0%
3.5	0	0%
4	1	3%
4.5	1	3%
5	1	3%
Total	32	100%

Group 4 (Maximum: 7 years, or 12 months for imitation)

Section 19 - Possess loaded/unloaded firearm and suitable ammunition/shotgun/ airweapon/ imitation firearm in public place, 2018

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
0.5	13	32%
1	14	34%
1.5	4	10%
2	0	0%
2.5	0	0%
3	4	10%
3.5	1	2%
4	1	2%
4.5	2	5%
5	0	0%
5.5	0	0%
6	1	2%
6.5	0	0%
7	1	2%
Total	41	100%

Group 5 (Maximum: Life)

Section 16 (all) - Possess a firearm/ ammunition/ shotgun/ air weapon with intent to endanger life / enable another to do so, 2018

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
2	0	0%
4	5	8%
6	5	8%
8	3	5%
10	7	11%
12	10	16%
14	10	16%
16	8	13%
18	4	6%
20	1	2%
22	1	2%
24	1	2%
26	2	3%
28	0	0%
30	1	2%
Indeterminate	5	8%
Total	63	100%

Group 6 (Maximum: 10 years)

Section 16A - Possess a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence, 2018

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
1	2	3%
2	8	13%
3	14	23%
4	4	7%
5	6	10%
6	7	11%
7	3	5%
8	9	15%
9	2	3%
10	6	10%
Total	61	100%

Group 7 (Maximum: Life)

Sections 17(1), 17(2), 18(1) - Possess a firearm with intent to resist arrest/ commit a Schedule 1 offence/ commit an indictable offence, 2018

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
2	1	6%
4	4	24%
6	2	12%
8	2	12%
10	4	24%
12	0	0%
14	1	6%
16	0	0%
18	2	12%
20	0	0%
22	0	0%
24	0	0%
26	0	0%
28	1	6%
Total	17	100%

Section 16A - Possess an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence, 2018

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
1	11	9%
2	42	35%
3	36	30%
4	15	13%
5	8	7%
6	3	3%
7	1	1%
8	4	3%
9	0	0%
10	0	0%
Total	120	100%

Sections 17(1), 17(2), 18(1) - Possess an imitation firearm with intent to resist arrest/ commit a Schedule 1 offence/ commit an indictable offence, 2018

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
1	0	0%
2	1	6%
3	1	6%
4	3	18%
5	4	24%
6	2	12%
7	1	6%
8	1	6%
9	1	6%
10	0	0%
11	0	0%
12	0	0%
13	0	0%
14	0	0%
15	1	6%
16	0	0%
17	1	6%
18	1	6%
Total	17	100%

All Group 6 offences

Section 16A - Possess a firearm/ imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence, 2018

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
1	13	7%
2	50	28%
3	50	28%
4	19	10%
5	14	8%
6	10	6%
7	4	2%
8	13	7%
9	2	1%
10	6	3%
Total	181	100%

All Group 7 offences

Sections 17(1), 17(2), 18(1) - Possess a firearm/ imitation firearm with intent to resist arrest/ commit a Schedule 1 offence/ commit an indictable offence, 2018

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
2	2	6%
4	8	24%
6	8	24%
8	4	12%
10	5	15%
12	0	0%
14	1	3%
16	1	3%
18	4	12%
20	0	0%
22	0	0%
24	0	0%
26	0	0%
28	1	3%
Total	34	100%

Group 8 (Maximum: Life)

Section 5(2A)(a) offences - Manufacture weapon / ammunition specified in section 5(1) of the Firearms Act 1968, 2016-2018^{1,2}

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
2	0	0%
4	1	20%
6	0	0%
8	1	20%
10	0	0%
12	0	0%
14	0	0%
16	0	0%
18	0	0%
20	2	40%
22	1	20%
Total	5	100%

Section 5(2A)(b)-(d) offences - Sell / transfer prohibited weapon / ammunition, Possess/purchase/acquire prohibited weapon / ammunition for sale / transfer, 2018

Sentence length in years	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of offenders sentenced
2	0	0%
4	1	11%
6	0	0%
8	3	33%
10	1	11%
12	2	22%
14	0	0%
16	0	0%
18	0	0%
20	1	11%
22	0	0%
24	1	11%
Total	9	100%

Notes:

1) The data shown for this offence covers the period 2016-2018 (due to very low volumes), and may therefore include cases sentenced prior to the Stephenson judgment.

2) These proportions should be treated with caution, due to the low number of offenders sentenced for this offence.

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

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