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Sentencing trends for non-domestic burglary, 2009-2019¹

Number and proportion of adult offenders sentenced for non-domestic burglary, by court type, 2009-2019

Court type	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Magistrates' court	5,699	5,848	6,394	5,468	4,995	4,414	3,942	3,856	4,031	3,703	3,364
Crown Court	1,757	1,789	2,103	2,195	2,043	2,139	2,094	1,849	1,771	1,759	1,879
Total	7,456	7,637	8,497	7,663	7,038	6,553	6,036	5,705	5,802	5,462	5,243

Court type	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Magistrates' court	76%	77%	75%	71%	71%	67%	65%	68%	69%	68%	64%
Crown Court	24%	23%	25%	29%	29%	33%	35%	32%	31%	32%	36%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

The number of offenders sentenced for non-domestic burglary has decreased from a high of 8,500 in 2011 to 5,200 in 2019. In 2019, 64 per cent of offenders were sentenced in magistrates' courts.

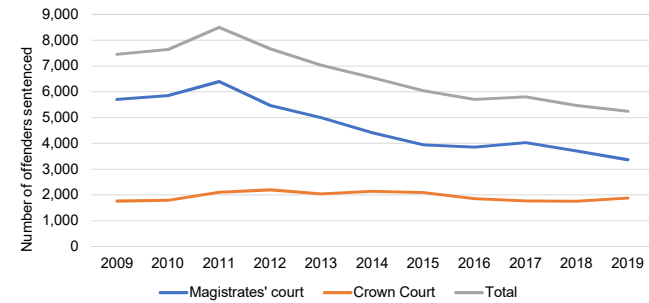
Number and proportion of adult offenders sentenced for non-domestic burglary, by sentence outcome, all courts, 2009-2019

Outcome	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Absolute discharge	4	5	5	3	4	4	10	6	5	2	1
Conditional discharge	350	324	350	230	205	226	187	133	97	107	90
Fine	255	318	340	234	218	259	205	168	188	157	113
Community sentence	3,023	3,107	3,187	2,526	1,911	1,462	1,375	1,132	1,122	1,163	1,147
Suspended sentence	956	1,014	1,158	1,072	1,169	1,209	1,227	1,211	1,205	1,034	912
Immediate custody	2,747	2,736	3,281	3,347	3,150	3,004	2,911	2,980	3,109	2,896	2,881
Otherwise dealt with	121	133	176	251	381	389	121	75	76	103	99
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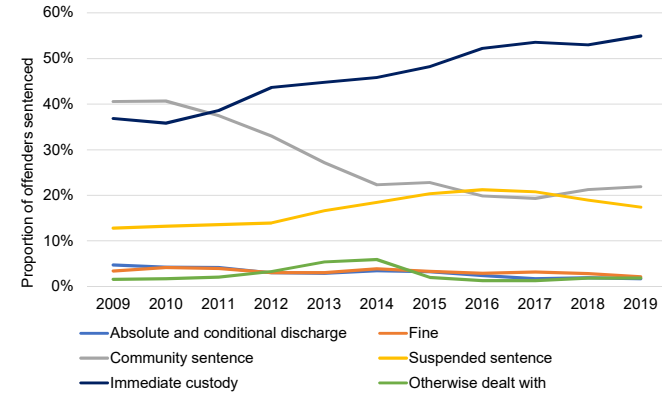
Outcome	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Absolute and conditional discharge	5%	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Fine	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%
Community sentence	41%	41%	38%	33%	27%	22%	23%	20%	19%	21%	22%
Suspended sentence	13%	13%	14%	14%	17%	18%	20%	21%	21%	19%	17%
Immediate custody	37%	36%	39%	44%	45%	46%	48%	52%	54%	53%	55%
Otherwise dealt with	2%	2%	2%	3%	5%	6%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%

Between 2010 and 2017, the proportion of offenders receiving a CO decreased from 41 per cent to 19 per cent. In 2018 and 2019 this increased slightly, to 21 and 22 per cent. The proportion of offenders receiving a custodial sentence (either immediate or suspended) increased during the period 2010 and 2017, and has since remained stable. In 2019, 17 per cent of offenders were given a suspended sentence, and 55 per cent were sentenced to immediate custody.

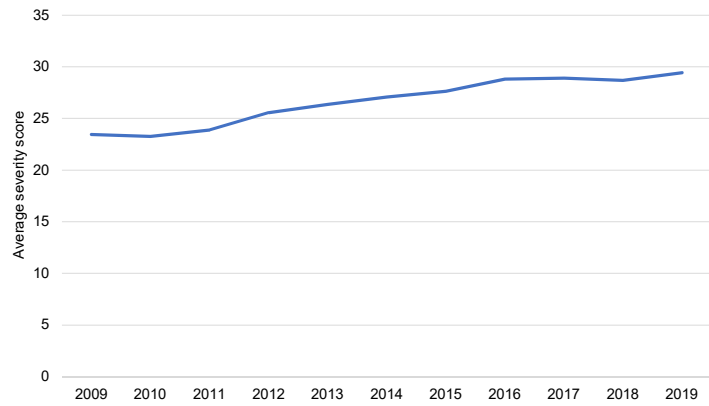
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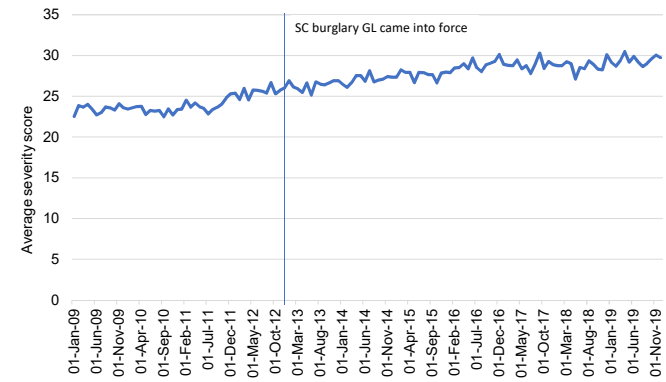
Sentence outcomes for adult offenders sentenced for non-domestic burglary, all courts, 2009-2019



Average sentencing severity per year for adult offenders sentenced for non-domestic burglary, all courts, 2009-2019

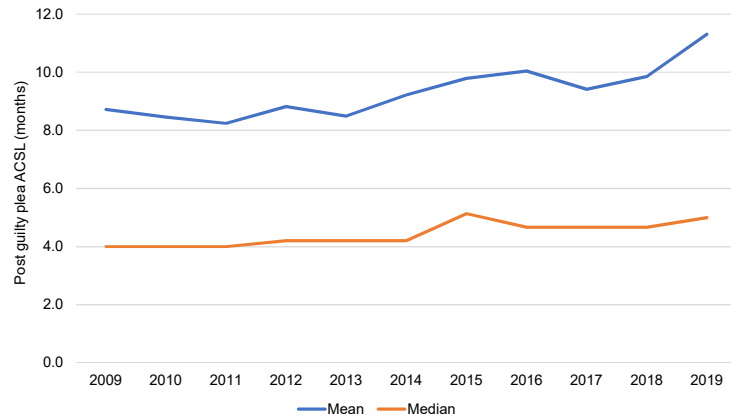


Average sentencing severity per month for adult offenders sentenced for non-domestic burglary, all courts, 2009-2019

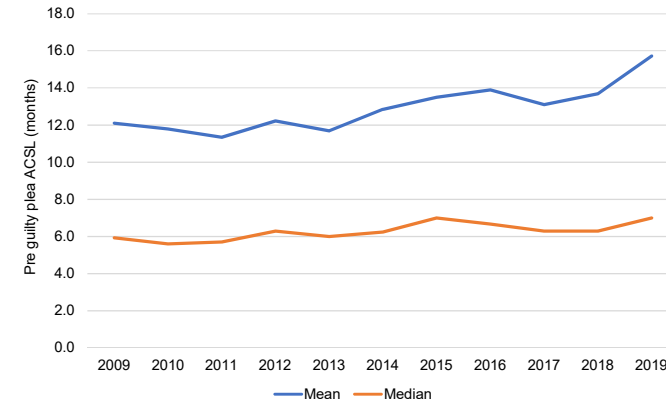


Between 2010 and 2016 there was an upward trend in sentence severity, which appears to have been driven by an increase in the proportion of offenders receiving a custodial sentence (either immediate or suspended), and a reduction in the proportion of offenders receiving a CO. Severity remained stable between 2016 and 2018 but in 2019 started to rise again.

Post guilty plea ACSLs received by adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for non-domestic burglary, all courts, 2009-2019



Estimated ACSLs (pre guilty plea) received by adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for non-domestic burglary, all courts, 2009-2019



Information is displayed for both the mean and median average custodial sentence lengths (ACSLs). Over time the ACSL (mean) has increased, from 8 months in 2011 to 11 months in 2019 (post guilty plea).

Sentence length bands (post guilty plea) received by adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for non-domestic burglary, all courts, 2009-2019

Sentence length band	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
1 year or less	2,222	2,282	2,714	2,702	2,587	2,352	2,238	2,263	2,413	2,203	2,090
Between 1 and 2 years	331	247	359	416	352	413	412	434	422	399	438
Between 2 and 3 years	109	125	120	133	128	138	160	175	188	200	211
Between 3 and 4 years	56	39	44	59	46	71	63	57	50	65	66
Between 4 and 5 years	12	26	25	17	22	15	25	25	22	17	37
More than 5 years	17	17	19	20	15	15	13	26	14	12	39
Total	2,747	2,736	3,281	3,347	3,150	3,004	2,911	2,980	3,109	2,896	2,881

Sentence length band	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
1 year or less	81%	83%	83%	81%	82%	78%	77%	76%	78%	76%	73%
Between 1 and 2 years	12%	9%	11%	12%	11%	14%	14%	15%	14%	14%	15%
Between 2 and 3 years	4%	5%	4%	4%	4%	5%	5%	6%	6%	7%	7%
Between 3 and 4 years	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Between 4 and 5 years	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
More than 5 years	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%

Over time, the proportion of offenders receiving a final sentence of 1 year or less has declined, and a higher proportion now receive sentences between 2 and 3 years.

Sentence length bands (pre guilty plea) received by adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for non-domestic burglary, all courts, 2009-2019

Sentence length band	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
1 year or less	1,985	2,043	2,442	2,402	2,353	2,130	1,991	2,044	2,213	2,009	1,903
Between 1 and 2 years	386	362	449	527	423	414	445	429	369	368	372
Between 2 and 3 years	195	135	200	208	183	249	249	263	282	267	289
Between 3 and 4 years	69	81	81	99	98	94	115	116	130	130	156
Between 4 and 5 years	46	47	48	44	36	48	53	61	67	70	61
Between 5 and 6 years	40	30	30	39	29	44	34	22	22	27	32
Between 6 and 7 years	9	16	14	7	11	7	8	15	9	6	22
More than 7 years	17	22	17	21	17	18	16	30	17	19	46
Total	2,747	2,736	3,281	3,347	3,150	3,004	2,911	2,980	3,109	2,896	2,881

Sentence length band	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
1 year or less	72%	75%	74%	72%	75%	71%	68%	69%	71%	69%	66%
Between 1 and 2 years	14%	13%	14%	16%	13%	14%	15%	14%	12%	13%	13%
Between 2 and 3 years	7%	5%	6%	6%	6%	8%	9%	9%	9%	9%	10%
Between 3 and 4 years	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%
Between 4 and 5 years	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Between 5 and 6 years	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Between 6 and 7 years	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%
More than 7 years	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Note:

1) Excludes youths, and custodial sentences of over 10 years (the statutory maximum for this offence)

Sentence outcomes and ACSLs for non-domestic burglary offences (post-guideline), Crown Court, 2012 Q2 - 2015 Q1^{1,2}

Offenders placed in each offence category (level of seriousness)

Seriousness	2012 Q234 (n=749)	2013 (n=1,108)	2014 (n=1,238)	2015 Q1 (n=282)
Level 1 (most)	28%	29%	36%	35%
Level 2	46%	49%	47%	51%
Level 3 (least)	26%	22%	17%	14%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Based on the most recent data available, 35 per cent of offenders currently fall in the highest category of seriousness, and 14% fall in the lowest category.

Offence category 1 (most serious)

Proportion of offenders receiving each sentence outcome

Sentence outcome	2012 Q234 (n=211)	2013 (n=325)	2014 (n=450)	2015 Q1 (n=98)
Immediate custody	85%	82%	83%	74%
SSO	11%	18%	17%	24%
CO	4%	1%	0%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

In category 1 there has been a decrease in the use of immediate custody over time, and an increase in SSOs. The ACSL in category 1 has remained relatively stable since the guideline came into force, and was around 1 year 10 months in 2015 Q1 (post guilty plea) or 2 years 6 months pre guilty plea (note: the starting point for this category is 2 years).

Post guilty plea ACSLs for offenders sentenced to immediate custody

	ACSL in months			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	24.2	23.9	23.5	21.5
Median	21.0	20.0	22.0	21.0

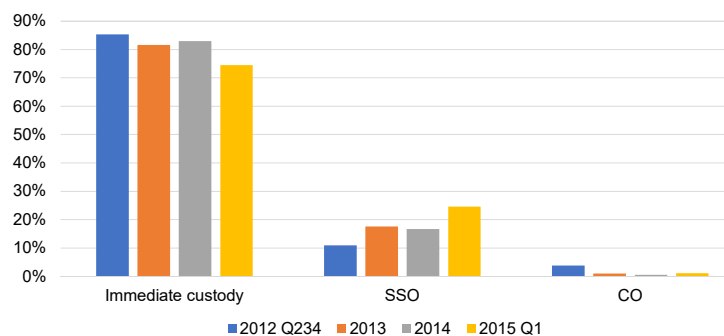
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	ACSL in months			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	33.6	33.2	32.8	29.7
Median	29.9	28.0	29.9	26.9

Offence categories in Sentencing Council non-domestic burglary definitive guideline

Offence Category	Starting Point (Applicable to all offenders)	Category Range (Applicable to all offenders)
Category 1	2 years' custody	1–5 years' custody
Category 2	18 weeks' custody	Low level community order – 51 weeks' custody
Category 3	Medium level community order	Band B fine – 18 weeks' custody

Proportion of adult offenders, by sentence outcome, category 1 (most serious), 2012 to 2015



	ACSL in years			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.8
Median	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8

	ACSL in years			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.5
Median	2.5	2.3	2.5	2.2

Offence category 2 (middle category)

Proportion of offenders receiving each sentence outcome

Sentence outcome	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
	(n=347)	(n=541)	(n=577)	(n=144)
Immediate custody	58%	60%	59%	60%
SSO	29%	30%	30%	31%
CO	11%	10%	11%	8%
Conditional discharge	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other	1%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

The proportion of offenders placed in category 2 has fluctuated between 46 and 51 per cent since the guideline came into force. Both the use of disposal types and the ACSL in category 2 have remained broadly stable over time.

Post guilty plea ACSLs for offenders sentenced to immediate custody

	ACSL in months			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	13.0	11.1	10.9	11.6
Median	12.0	9.0	9.0	9.0

Pre guilty plea ACSLs for offenders sentenced to immediate custody

	ACSL in months			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	18.5	15.7	15.4	16.0
Median	17.9	11.9	11.9	11.9

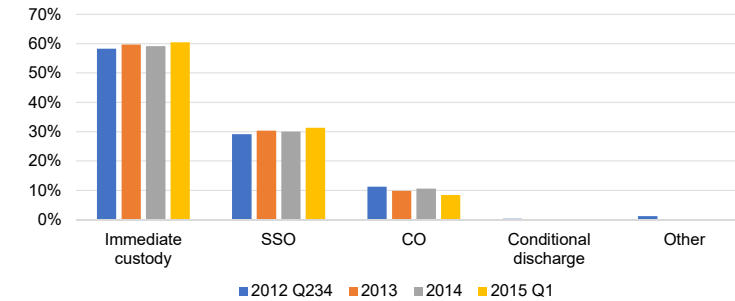
Offence category 3 (least serious)

Proportion of offenders receiving each sentence outcome

Sentence outcome	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
	(n=191)	(n=242)	(n=211)	(n=40)
Immediate custody	46%	43%	49%	55%
SSO	18%	25%	22%	15%
CO	35%	29%	27%	28%
Fine	0%	1%	0%	0%
Conditional discharge	1%	2%	0%	0%
Other	0%	0%	1%	3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

In category 3, the various disposal types and the ACSL have fluctuated over time.

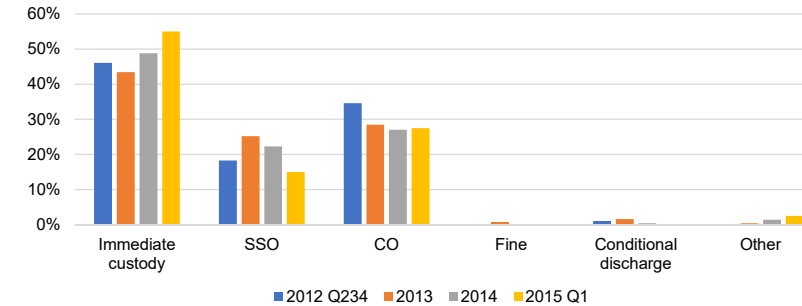
Proportion of adult offenders, by sentence outcome, category 2 (middle category), 2012 to 2015



	ACSL in years			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	1.1	0.9	0.9	1.0
Median	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.8

	ACSL in years			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.3
Median	1.5	1.0	1.0	1.0

Proportion of adult offenders, by sentence outcome, category 3 (least serious), 2012 to 2015



Post guilty plea ACSLs for offenders sentenced to immediate custody

	ACSL in months			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	8.9	7.7	8.3	5.8
Median	8.0	6.0	6.0	4.0

	ACSL in years			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.5
Median	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.3

Pre guilty plea ACSLs for offenders sentenced to immediate custody

	ACSL in months			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	12.5	11.0	11.5	7.9
Median	10.6	9.0	8.6	5.3

	ACSL in years			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.7
Median	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.4

Source: Crown Court Sentencing Survey

Notes:

1) Excludes youths, and custodial sentences of over 10 years (the statutory maximum for this offence).

2) The CCSS response rate for the period 1 April - 31 December 2012 was 58%. In 2013 and 2014, the response rates were 60% and 64%, respectively. From 1 January - 31 March 2015 the response rate was 58%.

Frequency of factors for non-domestic burglary offences (post-guideline), Crown Court, 2012 Q2 - 2015 Q1^{1,2,3}

	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Total forms included in analysis:	910	1,293	1,392	330
So 10% is approximately:	91	129	139	33
And 1% is approximately:	9	13	14	3

	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Factors indicating greater harm				
Theft of/damage to property causing significant degree of loss	30%	31%	35%	32%
Soiling/ransacking/vandalism of property	11%	11%	10%	12%
Victim on/returns to premises while offender present	7%	9%	11%	8%
Significant physical/psychological injury or trauma	2%	2%	2%	1%
Violence used/threatened particularly involving a weapon	2%	1%	2%	2%
Context of general public disorder	12%	3%	1%	0%
None stated	52%	54%	53%	53%

This factor has consistently been the most frequently used greater harm factor.

	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Factors indicating lesser harm				
No physical/psychological injury or trauma	17%	16%	16%	12%
No violence used/threatened and a weapon not produced	18%	16%	18%	15%
Nothing stolen or of very low value	17%	18%	16%	13%
Limited damage/disturbance to property	14%	15%	15%	16%
None stated	66%	67%	67%	73%

	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Factors indicating higher culpability				
Deliberately targeted	33%	33%	38%	30%
Significant degree of planning	23%	27%	35%	29%
Weapon present on entry or carried	2%	2%	1%	2%
Equipped for burglary	25%	25%	32%	30%
Member of group or gang	31%	31%	36%	33%
None stated	44%	43%	35%	36%

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	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Factors indicating lower culpability				
Offender exploited by others	2%	2%	3%	3%
Offence committed on impulse/limited intrusion	9%	10%	8%	7%
Mental disorder/learning disability where linked to the	1%	1%	1%	0%
None stated	88%	88%	90%	90%

Most frequently used lower culpability factor.

	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Factors increasing seriousness				
<i>Statutory aggravating factors:</i>				
Previous relevant convictions	70%	74%	80%	76%
Offence committed on bail	8%	7%	6%	5%
None stated	28%	25%	19%	23%

High proportion of cases with previous convictions.

	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
<i>Other aggravating factors include:</i>				
Child at home/returns	0%	1%	0%	0%
Committed at night	21%	24%	29%	23%
Abuse of power/trust	2%	2%	2%	2%
Gratuitous degradation	0%	0%	0%	0%
Steps taken to prevent reporting/assisting prosecution	0%	0%	0%	0%
Established evidence of community impact	3%	2%	3%	2%
Offender was under the influence of alcohol/drugs	12%	11%	13%	11%
Failure to comply with current court orders	16%	12%	13%	15%
On licence	9%	10%	11%	10%
TIC's	4%	7%	5%	2%
High level of gain/level of profit element/financially motivated offence	1%	0%	0%	1%
Multiple/previous attempts at same type of offence	2%	1%	0%	1%
Speed of reoffending	0%	1%	1%	0%
No factors stated	49%	51%	48%	49%

Frequently used aggravating factor.

	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Factors reducing seriousness or reflecting personal mitigation				
Made voluntary reparation	0%	1%	1%	1%
Subordinate role in group or gang	7%	5%	7%	6%
No previous relevant convictions	7%	7%	6%	5%
Remorse	16%	18%	15%	16%
Good character/exemplary conduct	5%	4%	3%	2%
Determination/demonstration to address addiction/behaviour	10%	11%	9%	13%
Serious medical conditions	2%	2%	2%	3%
Age/lack of maturity affecting responsibility	6%	5%	3%	3%
Lapse of time not fault of offender	2%	1%	1%	1%
Mental disorder/learning disability where not linked to the commission of the offence	3%	2%	2%	2%
Sole/primary career for dependant relatives	2%	2%	1%	3%
Nothing stolen or of very little value	12%	9%	9%	8%
Long gap between offences/lived legally in-between reoffending	1%	1%	0%	0%
Suffering stress/under pressure at time of offence/family problems at time of offence	1%	1%	0%	0%
Property recovered	0%	1%	0%	1%
Is an addict	0%	0%	1%	1%
Co-operation with authorities	1%	1%	0%	1%
Offender responding well to existing order/sentence	1%	1%	1%	0%
Currently in, or prospects of work/training	0%	0%	1%	1%
No Factors stated	58%	62%	62%	62%

Most frequently used mitigating factor.

Source: Crown Court Sentencing Survey

Notes:

- 1) Excludes youths, and custodial sentences of over 10 years (the statutory maximum for this offence).
- 2) In some cases, sentencers wrote additional factors in a free-text box on the form. These have been included in the table above if the proportion was at least 1% in more than one period. These factors have been highlighted in orange.
- 3) Factors in blue are those which are not specifically listed in the non-domestic burglary guideline, but were on the CCSS form, because they were in either the domestic or aggravated burglary guidelines.
- 4) The factor 'Nothing stolen or of very little value' is not actually a mitigating factor in the non-domestic burglary guideline (it is a lesser harm factor). It is, however, a mitigating factor for aggravated burglary, and therefore appeared in two places on the CCSS form (which covered all types of burglary). It was therefore possible for sentencers to tick this factor twice.

Demographics of adult offenders sentenced for Non-domestic Burglary, by sex, age and perceived ethnicity, 2019

Sex	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced¹
Male	4,994	96
Female	208	4
Not recorded/not known	41	
Total	5,243	100

96% of those sentenced were male

Age Group	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced
18 to 21 years	378	7
22 to 29 years	1,004	19
30 to 39 years	2,118	40
40 to 49 years	1,430	27
50 to 59 years	284	5
60 years or older	28	1
Not recorded/not known	1	
Total	5,243	100

40% of the adults sentenced were in the 30 to 39 age group.

Perceived Ethnicity²	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced¹
White	4,009	88
Black	358	8
Asian	125	3
Other	64	1
Not recorded/not known	687	
Total	5,243	100

88% of adults sentenced had 'white' recorded as their perceived ethnicity.

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Notes:

- 1) Percentage calculations do not include cases where the sex, age or perceived ethnicity was unknown.
- 2) The "perceived ethnicity" is the ethnicity of the offender as perceived by the police officer handling the case.

Number and proportion of adult offenders sentenced for non-domestic burglary, by gender, age and perceived ethnicity and sentence outcome, 2019

Sex	Number of adults sentenced							Total	Sex	Proportion of adults sentenced							Total
	Discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with ¹	Discharge			Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with ¹			
Male	81	107	1060	857	2797	92	4994	Male	2%	2%	21%	17%	56%	2%	100%		
Female	9	4	78	44	68	5	208	Female	4%	2%	38%	21%	33%	2%	100%		
Not recorded/not known	1	2	9	11	16	2	41	Not recorded/not known	2%	5%	22%	27%	39%	5%	100%		

Age Group	Number of adults sentenced							Total	Age Group	Proportion of adults sentenced							Total
	Discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with ¹	Discharge			Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with ¹			
18 to 21 years	20	16	152	58	121	11	378	18 to 21 years	5%	4%	40%	15%	32%	3%	100%		
22 to 29 years ²	13	35	221	181	539	16	1005	22 to 29 years ²	1%	3%	22%	18%	54%	2%	100%		
30 to 39 years	29	30	395	346	1287	31	2118	30 to 39 years	1%	1%	19%	16%	61%	1%	100%		
40 to 49 years	18	23	300	272	785	32	1430	40 to 49 years	1%	2%	21%	19%	55%	2%	100%		
50 to 59 years	9	8	74	52	132	9	284	50 to 59 years	3%	3%	26%	18%	46%	3%	100%		
60 years or older	2	1	5	3	17	0	28	60 years or older	7%	4%	18%	11%	61%	0%	100%		
Not recorded /not known	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Not recorded /not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

Perceived Ethnicity ³	Number of adults sentenced							Total	Perceived Ethnicity ³	Proportion of adults sentenced							Total
	Discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with ¹	Discharge			Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with ¹			
White	66	86	922	684	2179	72	4009	White	2%	2%	23%	17%	54%	2%	100%		
Black	9	5	60	70	209	5	358	Black	3%	1%	17%	20%	58%	1%	100%		
Asian	1	2	28	19	72	3	125	Asian	1%	2%	22%	15%	58%	2%	100%		
Other	1	0	13	8	39	3	64	Other	2%	0%	20%	13%	61%	5%	100%		
Not recorded/not known	14	20	124	131	382	16	687	Not recorded/not known	2%	3%	18%	19%	56%	2%	100%		

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Footnotes.

1) The category 'Otherwise dealt with' includes: one day in police cells; disqualification order; restraining order; confiscation order; travel restriction order; disqualification from driving; recommendation for deportation; compensation; and other miscellaneous disposals.

2) The 22-29 age group includes an adult whose age was unknown.

3) The "perceived ethnicity" is the ethnicity of the offender as perceived by the police officer handling the case.

Average custodial sentence lengths (ACSL) received by adult offenders sentenced for non-domestic burglary, by sex, age and perceived ethnicity, 2019

Gender	ACSL (months)¹	
	Mean	Median
Male	11.5	5.4
Female	6.9	3.7
Not recorded/not known	3.23	3.03

Age	Mean	Median
18 to 21 years	13.1	6.0
22 to 29 years	12.5	6.0
30 to 39 years	11.4	4.7
40 to 49 years	10.0	5.1
50 to 59 years	11.0	4.7
60 years or older	20.2	9.0
Not recorded /not known	-	-

Perceived Ethnicity²	Mean	Median
White	11.3	4.7
Black	8.8	4.0
Asian	9.8	4.7
Other	13.0	8.0
Not recorded/not known	13.0	7.5

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Notes:

- 1) Excludes life and indeterminate sentences.
- 2) The "perceived ethnicity" is the ethnicity of the offender as perceived by the police officer handling the case.

Sentence lengths received by adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for non-domestic burglary, by gender, age and perceived ethnicity, 2019

Sex	Number of adults sentenced to each sentence length (years) ¹							Total
	1 year or less	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 3 years	Between 3 and 4 years	Between 4 and 5 years	Between 5 and 6 years	More than 6 years	
Male	2018	428	209	66	37	13	26	2797
Female	56	10	2	0	0	0	0	68
Not recorded /not known	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	16

Age Group	Number of adults sentenced to each sentence length (years) ¹							Total
	1 year or less	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 3 years	Between 3 and 4 years	Between 4 and 5 years	Between 5 and 6 years	More than 6 years	
18 to 21 years	83	21	10	2	1	1	3	121
22 to 29 years	365	97	45	10	14	4	4	539
30 to 39 years	938	186	93	35	14	7	14	1287
40 to 49 years	597	113	49	15	8	1	2	785
50 to 59 years	98	19	9	4	0	0	2	132
60 years or older	9	2	5	0	0	0	1	17
Not recorded /not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Perceived Ethnicity ²	Number of adults sentenced to each sentence length (years) ¹							Total
	1 year or less	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 3 years	Between 3 and 4 years	Between 4 and 5 years	Between 5 and 6 years	More than 6 years	
White	1590	327	151	50	32	7	22	2179
Black	168	24	10	3	2	1	1	209
Asian	56	8	3	4	1	0	0	72
Other	24	8	5	2	0	0	0	39
Not recorded /not known	252	71	42	7	2	5	3	382

Sex	Proportion of adults sentenced to each sentence length (years)							Total
	1 year or less	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 3 years	Between 3 and 4 years	Between 4 and 5 years	Between 5 and 6 years	More than 6 years	
Male	72%	15%	7%	2%	1%	0%	1%	100%
Female	82%	15%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Not recorded /not known	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%

Age Group	Proportion of adults sentenced to each sentence length (years)							Total
	1 year or less	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 3 years	Between 3 and 4 years	Between 4 and 5 years	Between 5 and 6 years	More than 6 years	
18 to 21 years	69%	17%	8%	2%	1%	1%	2%	100%
22 to 29 years	68%	18%	8%	2%	3%	1%	1%	100%
30 to 39 years	73%	14%	7%	3%	1%	1%	1%	100%
40 to 49 years	76%	14%	6%	2%	1%	0%	0%	100%
50 to 59 years	74%	14%	7%	3%	0%	0%	2%	100%
60 years or older	53%	12%	29%	0%	0%	0%	6%	100%
Not recorded /not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Perceived Ethnicity ²	Proportion of adults sentenced to each sentence length (years)							Total
	1 year or less	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 3 years	Between 3 and 4 years	Between 4 and 5 years	Between 5 and 6 years	More than 6 years	
White	73%	15%	7%	2%	1%	0%	1%	100%
Black	80%	11%	5%	1%	1%	0%	0%	100%
Asian	78%	11%	4%	6%	1%	0%	0%	100%
Other	62%	21%	13%	5%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Not recorded /not known	66%	19%	11%	2%	1%	1%	1%	100%

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Notes:

1) Sentence length intervals do not include the lower bound, but do include the upper bound sentence length. For example, the category 'Less than 1 year' includes sentence lengths less than and equal to 1 year, and '1 to 2' includes sentence lengths over 1 year, and up to and including 2 years.

2) The "perceived ethnicity" is the ethnicity of the offender as perceived by the police officer handling the case.

Sentencing trends for domestic burglary, 2009-2019

Number and proportion of adult offenders sentenced for domestic burglary, by court type, 2009-2019

Court type	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Magistrates' court	2,034	2,237	2,321	1,903	1,508	1,256	1,035	989	921	720	598
Crown Court	7,638	8,272	8,759	8,357	8,183	7,500	6,370	5,261	4,914	4,399	4,053
Total	9,672	10,509	11,080	10,260	9,691	8,756	7,405	6,250	5,835	5,119	4,651

Court type	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Magistrates' court	21%	21%	21%	19%	16%	14%	14%	16%	16%	14%	13%
Crown Court	79%	79%	79%	81%	84%	86%	86%	84%	84%	86%	87%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Domestic burglary volumes have decreased from a high of 11,100 in 2011 down to 4,700 in 2019. In 2019 87 per cent of offenders were sentenced in the Crown Court.

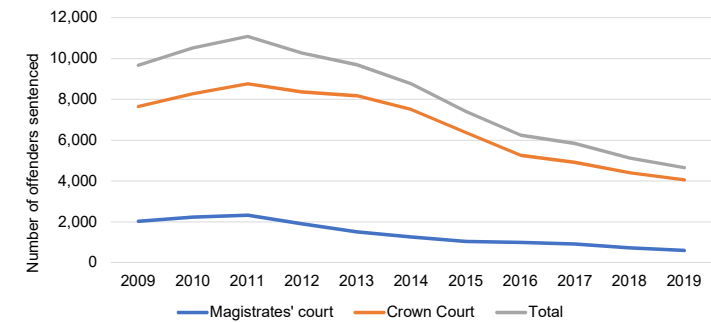
Number and proportion of adult offenders sentenced for domestic burglary, by sentence outcome, all courts, 2009-2019

Outcome	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Absolute discharge	3	4	1	0	2	2	1	5	0	3	5
Conditional discharge	84	99	81	57	44	57	47	32	35	29	25
Fine	29	44	32	34	38	41	38	21	18	18	16
Community sentence	1,913	2,116	2,010	1,648	1,181	895	740	529	451	459	423
Suspended sentence	1,408	1,571	1,561	1,494	1,547	1,524	1,352	962	805	653	546
Immediate custody	6,137	6,575	7,300	6,925	6,737	6,086	5,149	4,637	4,453	3,875	3,563
Otherwise dealt with	98	100	95	102	142	151	78	64	73	82	73
Total	9,672	10,509	11,080	10,260	9,691	8,756	7,405	6,250	5,835	5,119	4,651

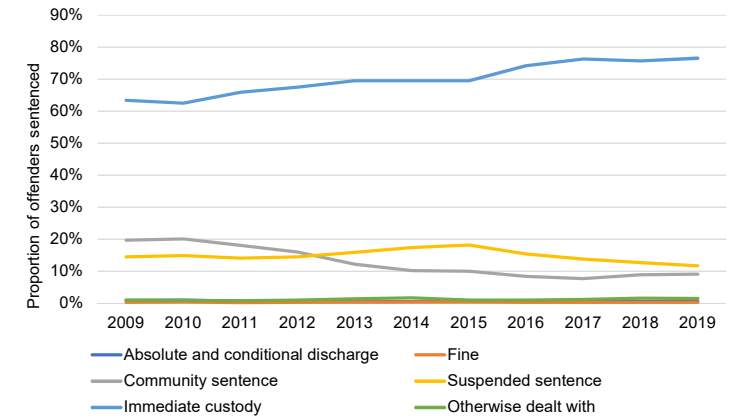
Outcome	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Absolute and conditional discharge	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Fine	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Community sentence	20%	20%	18%	16%	12%	10%	10%	8%	8%	9%	9%
Suspended sentence	15%	15%	14%	15%	16%	17%	18%	15%	14%	13%	12%
Immediate custody	63%	63%	66%	67%	70%	70%	70%	74%	76%	76%	77%
Otherwise dealt with	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%

Over the last decade there has been a gradual increase in the proportion of offenders sentenced to immediate custody, and in 2019 the proportion sentenced to immediate custody was 77 per cent. The proportion of offenders receiving suspended sentences increased during the period 2012 to 2015, but has since been decreasing, with 12 per cent of offenders receiving an SSO in 2019. The proportion receiving COs decreased in the period 2008 to 2017, but increased slightly in 2018, where it remains in 2019 at 9 per cent.

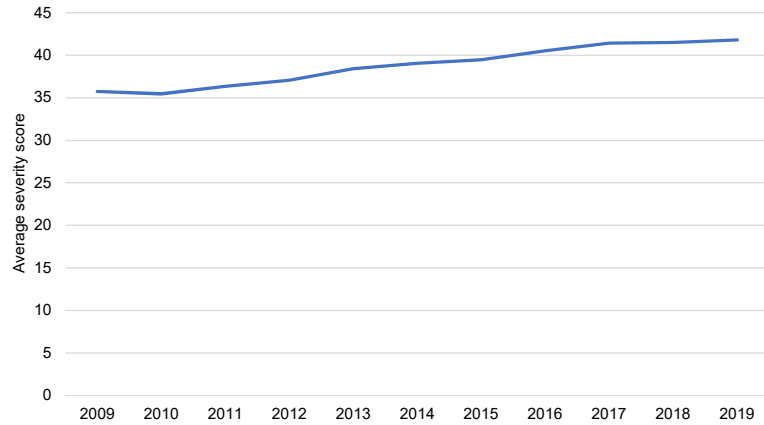
Number of adult offenders sentenced for domestic burglary, by court type, 2009-2019



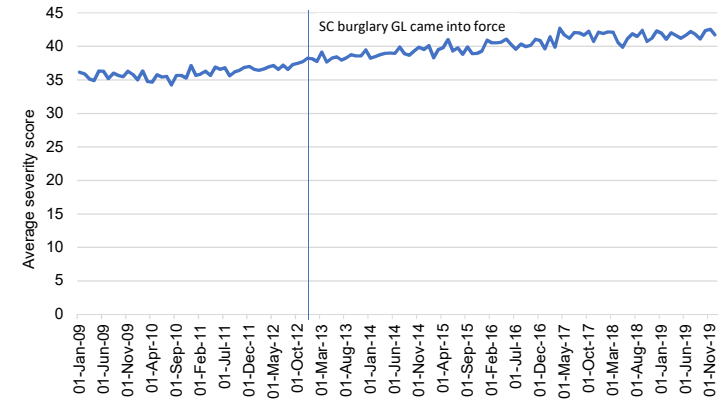
Sentence outcomes for adult offenders sentenced for domestic burglary, all courts, 2009-2019



Average sentencing severity per year for adult offenders sentenced for domestic burglary, all courts, 2009-2019

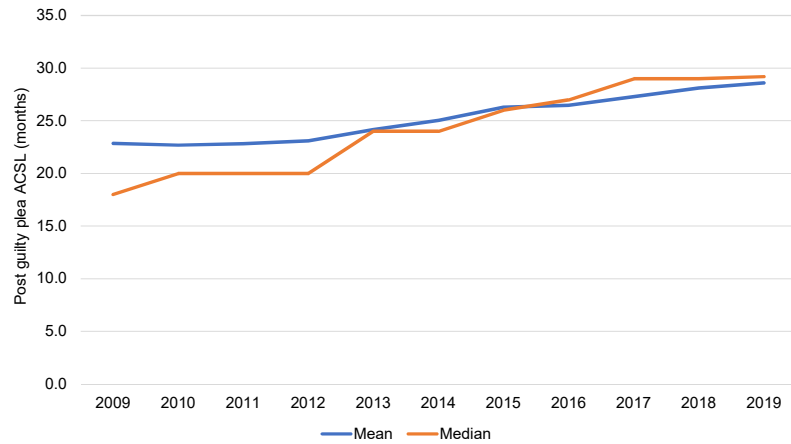


Average sentencing severity per month for adult offenders sentenced for domestic burglary, all courts, 2008-2018

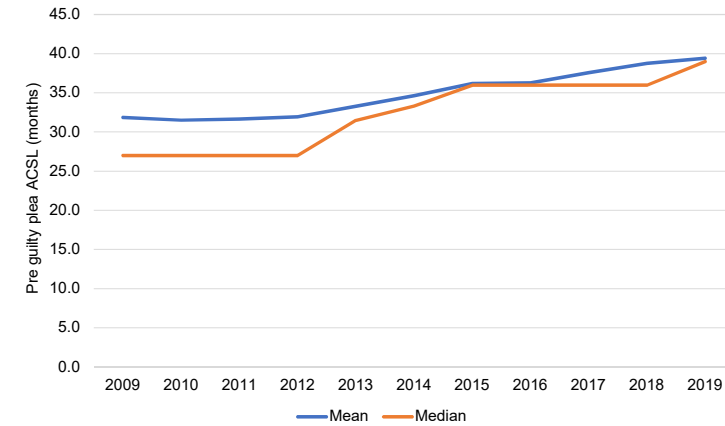


Over time there has been an upward trend in sentence severity, which appears to have been driven by an increase in the proportion of offenders sentenced to immediate custody, and an increase in ACSL.

Post guilty plea ACSLs received by adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for domestic burglary, all courts, 2009-2019



Estimated ACSLs (pre guilty plea) received by adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for domestic burglary, all courts, 2009-2019



Information is displayed for both the mean and median average custodial sentence lengths (ACSLs). Over time the ACSL (mean) has increased, from 22.8 months in 2011 to 28.6 months in 2019 (post guilty plea).

Sentence length bands (post guilty plea) received by adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for domestic burglary, all courts, 2009-2019

Sentence length band	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
1 year or less	2,014	2,120	2,400	2,205	1,968	1,687	1,347	1,187	1,041	848	760
Between 1 and 2 years	1,787	1,958	2,085	1,891	1,762	1,558	1,214	1,095	1,018	893	778
Between 2 and 3 years	1,529	1,699	1,850	1,894	2,037	1,858	1,635	1,482	1,476	1,265	1,218
Between 3 and 4 years	548	553	678	651	690	652	605	572	611	536	490
Between 4 and 5 years	166	143	170	179	175	183	192	164	185	180	169
Between 5 and 6 years	54	61	73	65	55	87	84	83	76	95	79
More than 6 years	39	41	44	40	50	61	72	54	46	58	69
Total	6,137	6,575	7,300	6,925	6,737	6,086	5,149	4,637	4,453	3,875	3,563

Sentence length band	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
1 year or less	33%	32%	33%	32%	29%	28%	26%	26%	23%	22%	21%
Between 1 and 2 years	29%	30%	29%	27%	26%	26%	24%	24%	23%	23%	22%
Between 2 and 3 years	25%	26%	25%	27%	30%	31%	32%	32%	33%	33%	34%
Between 3 and 4 years	9%	8%	9%	9%	10%	11%	12%	12%	14%	14%	14%
Between 4 and 5 years	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	4%	5%	5%
Between 5 and 6 years	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
More than 6 years	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%

Over time, the proportion of offenders receiving a final sentence of 1 year or less has declined, and a higher proportion now receive sentences between 2 and 4 years.

Sentence length bands (pre guilty plea) received by adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for domestic burglary, all courts, 2009-2019

Sentence length band	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
1 year or less	1,129	1,203	1,353	1,313	1,178	980	771	699	623	481	425
Between 1 and 2 years	1,684	1,829	2,027	1,827	1,626	1,439	1,169	991	915	741	706
Between 2 and 3 years	1,179	1,266	1,360	1,209	1,227	1,068	865	822	737	721	554
Between 3 and 4 years	964	1,096	1,220	1,318	1,420	1,351	1,164	1,065	1,025	870	897
Between 4 and 5 years	628	648	728	720	726	693	614	561	616	536	492
Between 5 and 6 years	359	337	384	329	352	301	301	273	308	277	245
Between 6 and 7 years	62	64	70	70	85	77	92	80	85	95	94
Between 7 and 8 years	65	61	81	84	59	87	78	62	77	71	76
More than 8 years	67	71	77	55	64	90	95	84	67	83	74
Total	6,137	6,575	7,300	6,925	6,737	6,086	5,149	4,637	4,453	3,875	3,563

Sentence length band	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
1 year or less	18%	18%	19%	19%	17%	16%	15%	15%	14%	12%	12%
Between 1 and 2 years	27%	28%	28%	26%	24%	24%	23%	21%	21%	19%	20%
Between 2 and 3 years	19%	19%	19%	17%	18%	18%	17%	18%	17%	19%	16%
Between 3 and 4 years	16%	17%	17%	19%	21%	22%	23%	23%	23%	22%	25%
Between 4 and 5 years	10%	10%	10%	10%	11%	11%	12%	12%	14%	14%	14%
Between 5 and 6 years	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	6%	6%	7%	7%	7%
Between 6 and 7 years	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%
Between 7 and 8 years	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%
More than 8 years	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Note:

1) Excludes youths, and custodial sentences of over 14 years (the statutory maximum for this offence)

Sentence outcomes and ACSLs for domestic burglary offences (post-guideline), Crown Court, 2012 Q2 - 2015 Q1^{1,2}

Offenders placed in each offence category (level of seriousness)

Seriousness	2012 Q234 (n=2,902)	2013 (n=4,418)	2014 (n=4,362)	2015 Q1 (n=899)
Level 1 (most)	30%	33%	35%	32%
Level 2	54%	54%	54%	57%
Level 3 (least)	16%	13%	10%	11%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Offence categories in Sentencing Council domestic burglary definitive guideline

Offence Category	Starting Point (Applicable to all offenders)	Category Range (Applicable to all offenders)
Category 1	3 years' custody	2–6 years' custody
Category 2	1 year's custody	High level community order – 2 years' custody
Category 3	High Level Community Order	Low level community order – 26 weeks' custody

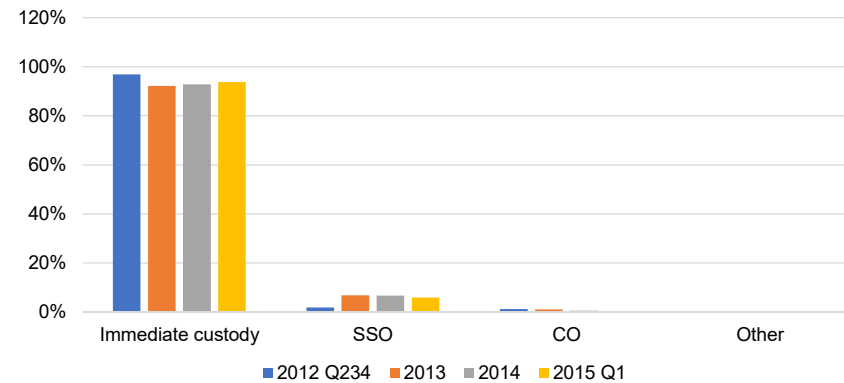
Based on the most recent data available, 32 per cent of offenders currently fall in the highest category of seriousness, and 11% fall in the lowest category.

Offence category 1 (most serious)

Proportion of offenders receiving each sentence outcome

Sentence outcome	2012 Q234 (n=861)	2013 (n=1,450)	2014 (n=1,539)	2015 Q1 (n=289)
Immediate custody	97%	92%	93%	94%
SSO	2%	7%	7%	6%
CO	1%	1%	1%	0%
Other	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

In category 1 there has been a small decrease in the use of immediate custody, and a small increase in SSOs. The ACSL in category 1 has increased slightly since the guideline came into force, and was around 3 years in 2015 Q1 (post guilty plea) or 4 years pre guilty plea (note: the starting point for this category is 3 years).



Post guilty plea ACSLs for offenders sentenced to immediate custody

	ACSL in months			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	34.1	33.4	34.2	35.7
Median	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0

	ACSL in years			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	2.8	2.8	2.8	3.0
Median	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7

Pre guilty plea ACSLs for offenders sentenced to immediate custody

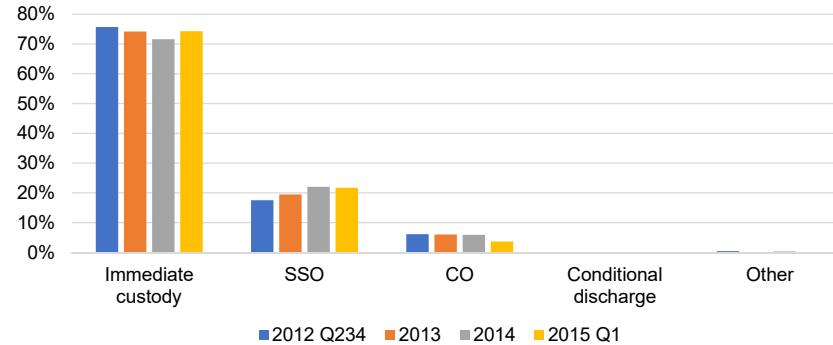
	ACSL in months			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	46.6	45.6	46.3	47.6
Median	44.8	42.0	43.6	44.8

	ACSL in years			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	3.9	3.8	3.9	4.0
Median	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.7

Offence category 2 (middle category)

Proportion of offenders receiving each sentence outcome

Sentence outcome	2012 Q234 (n=1,578)	2013 (n=2,384)	2014 (n=2,370)	2015 Q1 (n=510)
Immediate custody	76%	74%	72%	74%
SSO	18%	20%	22%	22%
CO	6%	6%	6%	4%
Conditional discharge	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other	1%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%



The proportion of offenders placed in category 2 has been relatively stable since the guideline came into force. Similarly to category 1, the use of immediate custody has slightly decreased, and the use of SSOs has slightly increased. The ACSL in category 2 has remained fairly stable over time.

Post guilty plea ACSLs for offenders sentenced to immediate custody

	ACSL in months			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	20.6	21.2	20.8	21.6
Median	16.0	18.0	16.0	18.0

	ACSL in years			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.8
Median	1.3	1.5	1.3	1.5

Pre guilty plea ACSLs for offenders sentenced to immediate custody

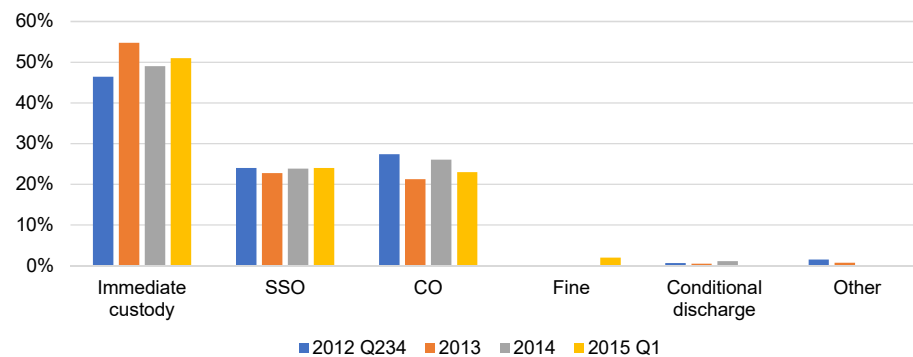
	ACSL in months			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	28.2	29.0	28.2	29.2
Median	23.9	23.9	23.9	23.9

	ACSL in years			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
Median	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

Offence category 3 (least serious)

Proportion of offenders receiving each sentence outcome

Sentence outcome	2012 Q234 (n=463)	2013 (n=584)	2014 (n=453)	2015 Q1 (n=100)
Immediate custody	46%	55%	49%	51%
SSO	24%	23%	24%	24%
CO	27%	21%	26%	23%
Fine	0%	0%	0%	2%
Conditional discharge	1%	1%	1%	0%
Other	2%	1%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%



In category 3, the various disposal types and the ACSL have fluctuated over time.

Post guilty plea ACSLs for offenders sentenced to immediate custody

	ACSL in months			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	17.6	17.2	19.3	17.2
Median	14.0	12.0	15.0	12.0

	ACSL in years			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.4
Median	1.2	1.0	1.3	1.0

Pre guilty plea ACSLs for offenders sentenced to immediate custody

	ACSL in months			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	24.1	23.6	25.8	22.7
Median	18.7	17.9	22.4	17.9

	ACSL in years			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	2.0	2.0	2.2	1.9
Median	1.6	1.5	1.9	1.5

Source: Crown Court Sentencing Survey

Notes:

- 1) Excludes youths, and custodial sentences of over 14 years (the statutory maximum for this offence).
- 2) The CCSS response rate for the period 1 April - 31 December 2012 was 58%. In 2013 and 2014, the response rates were 60% and 64%, respectively. From 1 January - 31 March 2015 the response rate was 58%.

Frequency of factors for domestic burglary offences (post-guideline), Crown Court, 2012 Q2 - 2015 Q1^{1,2,3}

	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1	
Total forms included in analysis:	3,355	5,121	5,096	1,036	
So 10% is approximately:	336	512	510	104	
And 1% is approximately:	34	51	51	10	
Factors indicating greater harm					
Theft of/damage to property causing significant degree of loss	23%	22%	22%	21%	This factor has been used frequently over time.
Soiling/ransacking/vandalism of property	12%	14%	12%	14%	
Victim on/returns to premises while offender present	36%	39%	39%	37%	This has consistently been the most frequently used greater harm factor.
Significant physical/psychological injury or trauma	10%	9%	10%	9%	
Violence used/threatened particularly involving a weapon	4%	4%	4%	3%	
Context of general public disorder	0%	0%	0%	0%	
None stated	39%	37%	37%	38%	
Factors indicating lesser harm					
No physical/psychological injury or trauma	14%	12%	11%	11%	
No violence used/threatened and a weapon not produced	19%	17%	16%	15%	
Nothing stolen or of very low value	15%	15%	13%	14%	
Limited damage/disturbance to property	17%	16%	15%	15%	
None stated	68%	69%	71%	72%	
Factors indicating higher culpability					
Deliberately targeted	23%	21%	24%	22%	This factor has been used fairly frequently.
Significant degree of planning	16%	17%	18%	16%	
Weapon present on entry or carried	1%	2%	1%	2%	
Equipped for burglary	14%	15%	16%	14%	
Member of group or gang	24%	26%	24%	21%	This factor has been used fairly frequently.
None stated	53%	51%	50%	56%	
Factors indicating lower culpability					
Offender exploited by others	3%	2%	2%	2%	
Offence committed on impulse/limited intrusion	12%	11%	10%	11%	Most frequently used lower culpability factor.
Mental disorder/learning disability where linked to the	1%	1%	1%	1%	
None stated	85%	86%	88%	87%	
Factors increasing seriousness					
<i>Statutory aggravating factors:</i>					
Previous relevant convictions:	72%	73%	72%	76%	High proportion of cases with previous convictions.
Offence committed on bail	7%	6%	6%	4%	
None stated	27%	26%	27%	24%	
<i>Other aggravating factors include:</i>					
Child at home/returns	6%	6%	6%	4%	
Committed at night	27%	27%	27%	26%	Frequently used aggravating factor.
Abuse of power/trust	4%	3%	4%	4%	
Gratuitous degradation	1%	1%	1%	0%	
Steps taken to prevent reporting/assisting prosecution	0%	1%	0%	0%	
Victim compelled to leave home (domestic violence in particular)	1%	1%	1%	1%	
Established evidence of community impact	2%	2%	2%	1%	
Offender was under the influence of alcohol/drugs	18%	17%	17%	18%	
Failure to comply with current court orders	13%	11%	9%	10%	
On licence	11%	11%	12%	11%	
TIC's	9%	8%	6%	4%	
Multiple/previous attempts at same type of offence	2%	1%	0%	1%	
Vulnerable victim	2%	1%	1%	2%	
Speed of reoffending	1%	1%	0%	1%	
No factors stated	38%	45%	46%	46%	
Factors reducing seriousness or reflecting personal mitigation					
Subordinate role in group or gang	5%	5%	5%	4%	
No previous relevant convictions	10%	9%	8%	8%	
Remorse	22%	22%	21%	19%	Most frequently used mitigating factor.
Good character/exemplary conduct	4%	4%	3%	3%	
Determination/demonstration to address addiction/behaviour	10%	9%	9%	8%	
Serious medical conditions	1%	1%	1%	1%	
Age/lack of maturity affecting responsibility	8%	8%	6%	5%	
Lapse of time not fault of offender	1%	1%	1%	1%	
Mental disorder/learning disability where not linked to the commission of the offence	2%	2%	2%	3%	
Sole/primary career for dependant relatives	2%	2%	1%	2%	
Nothing stolen or of very little value	9%	9%	8%	11%	
Made voluntary reparation	1%	1%	1%	2%	
Long gap between offences/lived legally in-between reoffending	1%	0%	1%	0%	
Co-operation with authorities	1%	1%	1%	0%	
No Factors stated	56%	58%	61%	62%	

Source: Crown Court Sentencing Survey

Notes:

1) Excludes youths, and custodial sentences of over 14 years (the statutory maximum for this offence).

2) In some cases, sentencers wrote additional factors in a free-text box on the form. These have been included in the table above if the proportion was at least 1% in more than one period. These factors have been highlighted in orange.

3) Factors in blue are those which are not specifically listed in the domestic burglary guideline, but were on the CCSS form, because they were in either the non-domestic or aggravated burglary guidelines.

4) The factor 'Nothing stolen or of very little value' is not actually a mitigating factor in the domestic burglary guideline (it is a lesser harm factor). It is, however, a mitigating factor for aggravated burglary, and therefore appeared in two places on the CCSS form (which covered all types of burglary). It was therefore possible for sentencers to tick this factor twice.

Demographics of adult offenders sentenced for domestic Burglary, by sex, age and perceived ethnicity, 2019

Sex	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced ¹
Male	4,319	93
Female	319	7
Not recorded/not known	13	
Total	4,651	100

93% of those sentenced were male

Age Group	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced
18 to 21 years	645	14
22 to 29 years	1,195	26
30 to 39 years	1,519	33
40 to 49 years	995	21
50 to 59 years	272	6
60 years or older	25	<1
Not recorded/not known	-	
Total	4,651	100

A third of the adults sentenced were in the 30 to 39 age group.

Perceived Ethnicity ²	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced ¹
White	3,336	86
Black	316	8
Asian	126	3
Other	79	2
Not recorded/not known	794	
Total	4,651	100

86% of adults sentenced had 'white' as their recorded perceived ethnicity.

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Notes:

- 1) Percentage calculations do not include cases where the sex, age or perceived ethnicity was unknown.
- 2) The "perceived ethnicity" is the ethnicity of the offender as perceived by the police officer handling the case.

Number and proportion of adult offenders sentenced for domestic burglary, by gender, age and perceived ethnicity and sentence outcome, 2019

Sex	Number of adults sentenced						
	Discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with ¹	Total
Male	19	14	366	468	3388	64	4319
Female	11	2	52	77	168	9	319
Not recorded/not known	0	0	5	1	7	0	13

Age Group	Number of adults sentenced						
	Discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with ¹	Total
18 to 21 years	6	0	100	101	424	14	645
22 to 29 years	8	6	112	150	900	19	1195
30 to 39 years	5	5	113	165	1213	18	1519
40 to 49 years	10	3	86	87	794	15	995
50 to 59 years	1	2	11	34	217	7	272
60 years or older	0	0	1	9	15	0	25
Not recorded /not known	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Perceived Ethnicity ²	Number of adults sentenced						
	Discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with ¹	Total
White	27	13	319	361	2569	47	3336
Black	1	2	34	53	219	7	316
Asian	0	0	10	17	96	3	126
Other	0	0	4	11	64	0	79
Not recorded/not known	2	1	56	104	615	16	794

Notes:

- 1) The category 'Otherwise dealt with' includes: one day in police cells; disqualification order; restraining order; confiscation order; travel restriction order; disqualification from driving; recommendation for deportation; compensation; and other miscellaneous disposals.
- 2) The "perceived ethnicity" is the ethnicity of the offender as perceived by the police officer handling the case.

Sex	Proportion of adults sentenced						
	Discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with ¹	Total
Male	0%	0%	8%	11%	78%	1%	100%
Female	3%	1%	16%	24%	53%	3%	100%
Not recorded/not known	0%	0%	38%	8%	54%	0%	100%

Age Group	Proportion of adults sentenced						
	Discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with ¹	Total
18 to 21 years	1%	0%	16%	16%	66%	2%	100%
22 to 29 years	1%	1%	9%	13%	75%	2%	100%
30 to 39 years	0%	0%	7%	11%	80%	1%	100%
40 to 49 years	1%	0%	9%	9%	80%	2%	100%
50 to 59 years	0%	1%	4%	13%	80%	3%	100%
60 years or older	0%	0%	4%	36%	60%	0%	100%
Not recorded /not known	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	-

Perceived Ethnicity ²	Proportion of adults sentenced						
	Discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with ¹	Total
White	1%	0%	10%	11%	77%	1%	100%
Black	0%	1%	11%	17%	69%	2%	100%
Asian	0%	0%	8%	13%	76%	2%	100%
Other	0%	0%	5%	14%	81%	0%	100%
Not recorded/not known	0%	0%	7%	13%	77%	2%	100%

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Average custodial sentence lengths (ACSL) received by adult offenders sentenced for domestic burglary, by sex, age and perceived ethnicity, 2019

Gender	ACSL (months) ¹	
	Mean	Median
Male	28.9	29.2
Female	24.0	24.0
Not recorded/not known ²	4.5	5.6

Age Group	Mean	Median
18 to 21 years	24.3	24.0
22 to 29 years	27.9	28.0
30 to 39 years	28.3	29.0
40 to 49 years	30.8	30.0
50 to 59 years	33.7	32.0
60 years or older	24.1	29.0
Not recorded /not known	-	-

Perceived Ethnicity ³	Mean	Median
White	28.7	29.2
Black	28.0	29.2
Asian	27.6	24.0
Other	25.2	20.0
Not recorded/not known	28.9	28.0

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

- = No offenders were sentenced to immediate custody.

Notes:

1) ACSL was based on only 7 adults.

2) Excludes life and indeterminate sentences.

3) The "perceived ethnicity" is the ethnicity of the offender as perceived by the police officer handling the case.

Sentence lengths received by adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for domestic burglary, by gender, age and perceived ethnicity, 2019

Sex	Number of adults sentenced to each sentence length (years) ¹							
	1 year or less	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 3 years	Between 3 and 4 years	Between 4 and 5 years	Between 5 and 6 years	More than 6 years	Total
Male	705	738	1161	472	166	77	69	3388
Female	48	40	57	18	3	2	0	168
Not recorded /not known	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7

Age Group	Number of adults sentenced to each sentence length (years) ¹							
	1 year or less	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 3 years	Between 3 and 4 years	Between 4 and 5 years	Between 5 and 6 years	More than 6 years	Total
18 to 21 years	111	140	117	37	10	2	7	424
22 to 29 years	210	204	294	115	40	15	22	900
30 to 39 years	279	249	415	155	57	35	23	1213
40 to 49 years	127	152	302	131	51	20	11	794
50 to 59 years	28	31	84	50	11	7	6	217
60 years or older	5	2	6	2	0	0	0	15
Not recorded /not known	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Perceived Ethnicity ²	Number of adults sentenced to each sentence length (years) ¹							
	1 year or less	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 3 years	Between 3 and 4 years	Between 4 and 5 years	Between 5 and 6 years	More than 6 years	Total
White	541	539	893	362	130	59	45	2569
Black	46	38	90	31	8	3	3	219
Asian	24	28	24	10	6	1	3	96
Other	20	17	15	7	3	1	1	64
Not recorded /not known	129	156	196	80	22	15	17	615

Notes:

1) Sentence length intervals do not include the lower bound, but do include the upper bound sentence length. For example, the category 'Less than 1 year' includes sentence lengths less than and equal to 1 year, and '1 to 2' includes sentence lengths over 1 year, and up to and including 2 years.

2) The "perceived ethnicity" is the ethnicity of the offender as perceived by the police officer handling the case.

Sex	Proportion of adults sentenced to each sentence length (years)							
	1 year or less	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 3 years	Between 3 and 4 years	Between 4 and 5 years	Between 5 and 6 years	More than 6 years	Total
Male	21%	22%	34%	14%	5%	2%	2%	100%
Female	29%	24%	34%	11%	2%	1%	0%	100%
Not recorded /not known	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%

Age Group	Proportion of adults sentenced to each sentence length (years)							
	1 year or less	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 3 years	Between 3 and 4 years	Between 4 and 5 years	Between 5 and 6 years	More than 6 years	Total
18 to 21 years	26%	33%	28%	9%	2%	0%	2%	100%
22 to 29 years	23%	23%	33%	13%	4%	2%	2%	100%
30 to 39 years	23%	21%	34%	13%	5%	3%	2%	100%
40 to 49 years	16%	19%	38%	16%	6%	3%	1%	100%
50 to 59 years	13%	14%	39%	23%	5%	3%	3%	100%
60 years or older	33%	13%	40%	13%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Not recorded /not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%

Perceived Ethnicity ²	Proportion of adults sentenced to each sentence length (years)							
	1 year or less	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 3 years	Between 3 and 4 years	Between 4 and 5 years	Between 5 and 6 years	More than 6 years	Total
White	21%	21%	35%	14%	5%	2%	2%	100%
Black	21%	17%	41%	14%	4%	1%	1%	100%
Asian	25%	29%	25%	10%	6%	1%	3%	100%
Other	31%	27%	23%	11%	5%	2%	2%	100%
Not recorded /not known	21%	25%	32%	13%	4%	2%	3%	100%

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Sentencing trends for aggravated burglary, 2009-2019

Number and proportion of adult offenders sentenced for aggravated burglary, by court type, 2009-2019

Court type	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Magistrates' court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crown Court	263	309	318	303	257	227	217	193	200	170	190
Total	263	309	318	303	257	227	217	193	200	170	190

Court type	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Magistrates' court	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Crown Court	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

The number of offenders sentenced for aggravated burglary has decreased from a high of 320 in 2011 to 190 in 2019.

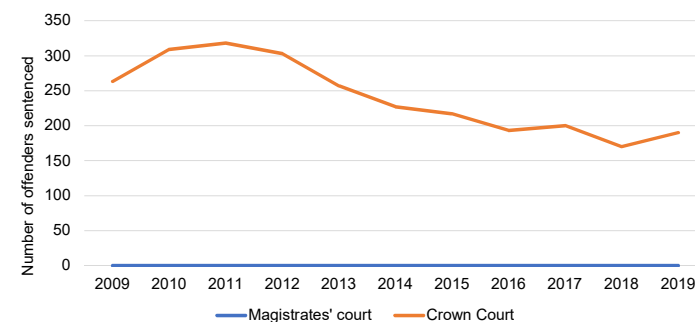
Number and proportion of adult offenders sentenced for aggravated burglary, by sentence outcome, all courts, 2009-2019

Outcome	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Fine	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Community sentence	5	11	4	3	0	3	1	0	2	1	0
Suspended sentence	10	15	8	3	4	2	6	2	2	1	0
Immediate custody	246	278	302	293	251	217	199	179	183	159	173
Otherwise dealt with	2	5	4	4	2	5	10	12	13	9	17
Total	263	309	318	303	257	227	217	193	200	170	190

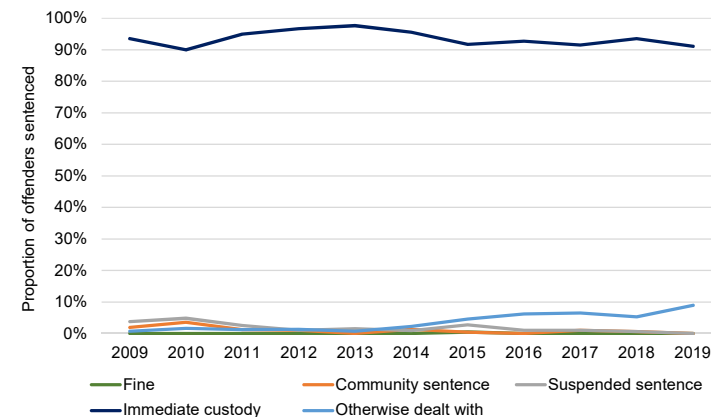
Outcome	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Fine	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Community sentence	2%	4%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%
Suspended sentence	4%	5%	3%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Immediate custody	94%	90%	95%	97%	98%	96%	92%	93%	92%	94%	91%
Otherwise dealt with	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	5%	6%	7%	5%	9%

The majority of offenders sentenced for aggravated burglary are sentenced to immediate custody. In 2019, 91 per cent of offenders were sentenced to immediate custody and nine per cent were otherwise dealt with.

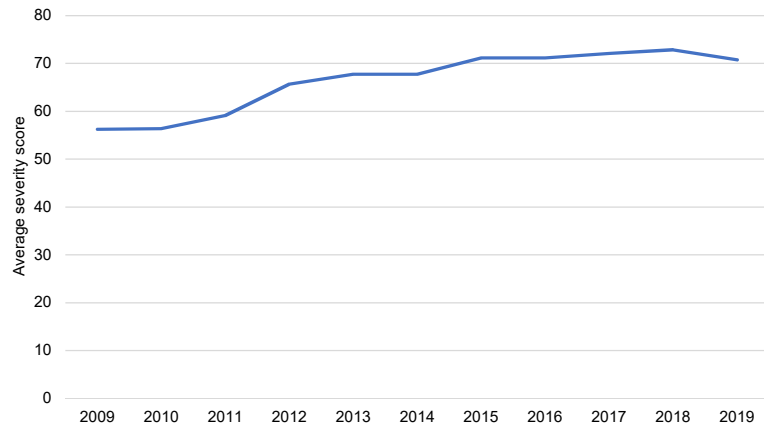
Number of adult offenders sentenced for aggravated burglary, by court type, 2009-2019



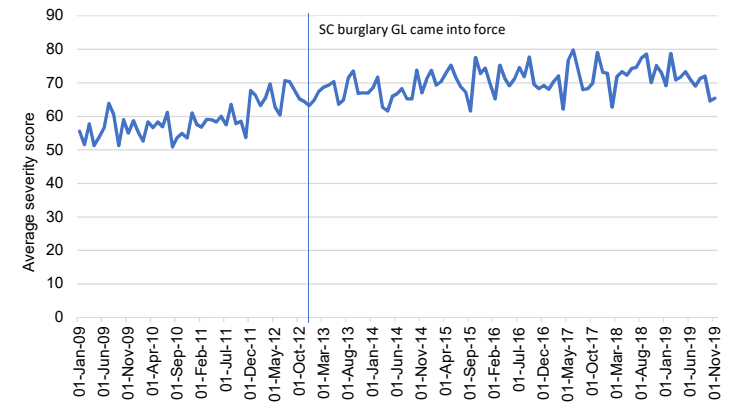
Sentence outcomes for adult offenders sentenced for aggravated burglary, all courts, 2009-2019



Average sentencing severity per year for adult offenders sentenced for aggravated burglary, all courts, 2009-2019

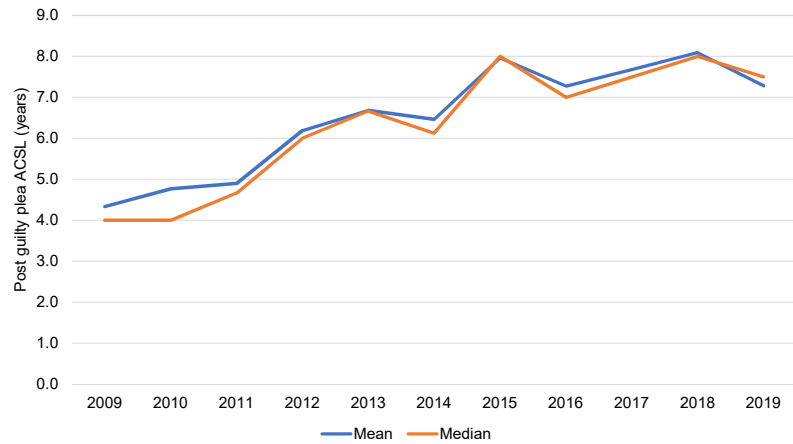


Average sentencing severity per month for adult offenders sentenced for aggravated burglary, all courts, 2009-2019

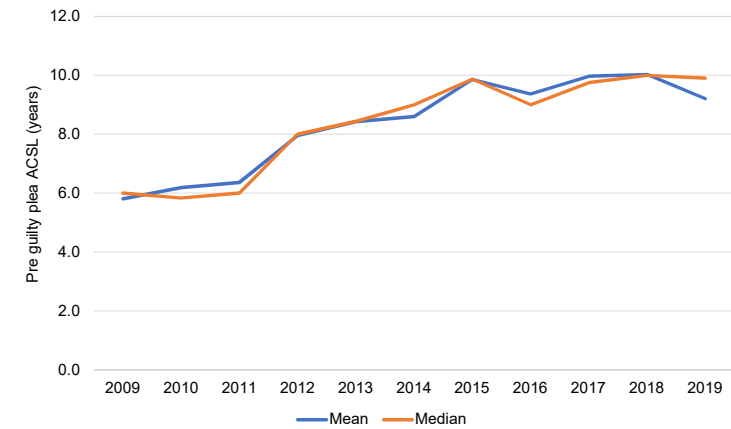


Since 2010 there has been an upward trend in sentence severity, but has started to drop in the last year.

Post guilty plea ACSLs received by adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for aggravated burglary, all courts, 2009-2019



Estimated ACSLs (pre guilty plea) received by adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for aggravated burglary, all courts, 2009-2019



Information is displayed for both the mean and median average custodial sentence lengths (ACSLs). Over time the ACSL (mean) has increased, from 4 years 4 months in 2009 to 7 years 3 months in 2019 (post guilty plea).

Sentence length bands (post guilty plea) received by adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for aggravated burglary, all courts, 2009-2019

Sentence length band	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
2 years or less	36	29	28	12	8	5	3	2	3	1	6
Between 2 and 4 years	77	104	91	50	37	41	20	19	20	17	24
Between 4 and 6 years	85	67	102	94	70	62	37	43	41	30	36
Between 6 and 8 years	16	31	39	69	69	66	49	59	55	45	45
Between 8 and 10 years	5	11	12	29	51	29	51	39	38	36	34
More than 10 years	4	11	7	17	14	13	38	17	26	30	27
Indeterminate	23	25	23	22	2	1	1	.	.	.	1
Total	246	278	302	293	251	217	199	179	183	159	173

Sentence length band	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
2 years or less	15%	10%	9%	4%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%
Between 2 and 4 years	31%	37%	30%	17%	15%	19%	10%	11%	11%	11%	14%
Between 4 and 6 years	35%	24%	34%	32%	28%	29%	19%	24%	22%	19%	21%
Between 6 and 8 years	7%	11%	13%	24%	27%	30%	25%	33%	30%	28%	26%
Between 8 and 10 years	2%	4%	4%	10%	20%	13%	26%	22%	21%	23%	20%
More than 10 years	2%	4%	2%	6%	6%	6%	19%	9%	14%	19%	16%
Indeterminate	9%	9%	8%	8%	1%	<1%	<1%	0%	0%	0%	<1%

In 2019, 46% of those sentenced receive a sentence of between six and ten years.

Sentence length bands (pre guilty plea) received by adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for aggravated burglary, all courts, 2009-2019

Sentence length band	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
2 years or less	16	7	14	6	4	5	3	1	.	1	3
Between 2 and 4 years	38	52	46	25	16	13	6	7	7	6	11
Between 4 and 6 years	82	94	94	49	35	39	19	17	23	14	27
Between 6 and 8 years	54	56	61	64	59	36	30	42	29	23	23
Between 8 and 10 years	20	17	42	66	78	57	56	54	49	47	33
Between 10 and 12 years	6	16	15	49	33	47	48	31	40	44	52
More than 12 years	7	11	7	12	24	19	36	27	35	24	23
Indeterminate	23	25	23	22	2	1	1	.	.	.	1
Total	246	278	302	293	251	217	199	179	183	159	173

Sentence length band	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
2 years or less	7%	3%	5%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	0%	1%	2%
Between 2 and 4 years	15%	19%	15%	9%	6%	6%	3%	4%	4%	4%	6%
Between 4 and 6 years	33%	34%	31%	17%	14%	18%	10%	9%	13%	9%	16%
Between 6 and 8 years	22%	20%	20%	22%	24%	17%	15%	23%	16%	14%	13%
Between 8 and 10 years	8%	6%	14%	23%	31%	26%	28%	30%	27%	30%	19%
Between 10 and 12 years	2%	6%	5%	17%	13%	22%	24%	17%	22%	28%	30%
More than 12 years	3%	4%	2%	4%	10%	9%	18%	15%	19%	15%	13%
Indeterminate	9%	9%	8%	8%	1%	<1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Note:

1) Excludes youths, and cases which are recorded in the CPD as being sentenced in magistrates' courts (this offence is indictable only).

Sentence outcomes and ACSLs for aggravated burglary offences (post-guideline), Crown Court, 2012 Q2 - 2015 Q1^{1,2}

Offenders placed in each offence category (level of seriousness)

Seriousness	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
	(n=123)	(n=155)	(n=160)	(n=43)
Level 1 (most)	76%	68%	69%	81%
Level 2	23%	28%	29%	19%
Level 3 (least)	1%	4%	1%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Offence categories in Sentencing Council aggravated burglary definitive guideline

Offence Category	Starting Point <i>(Applicable to all offenders)</i>	Category Range <i>(Applicable to all offenders)</i>
Category 1	10 years' custody	9–13 years' custody
Category 2	6 years' custody	4–9 years' custody
Category 3	2 years' custody	1–4 years' custody

Based on the most recent data available, 81 per cent of offenders currently fall in the highest category of seriousness, and the remainder (19 per cent) fall in the middle category.

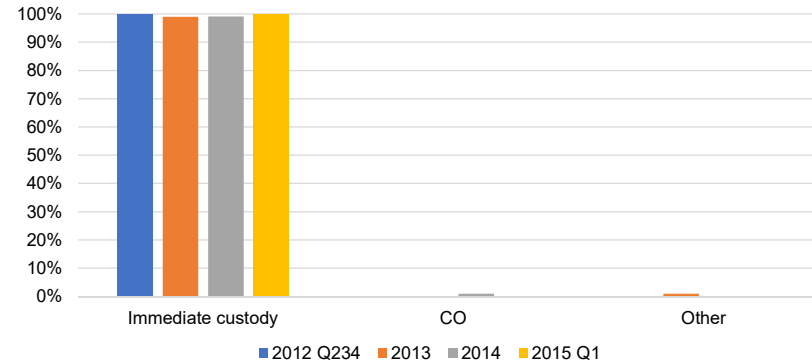
Offence category 1 (most serious)

Proportion of offenders receiving each sentence outcome

Sentence outcome	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
	(n=94)	(n=105)	(n=111)	(n=35)
Immediate custody	100%	99%	99%	100%
CO	0%	0%	1%	0%
Other	0%	1%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Since the guideline came into force, the ACSL in category 1 has ranged from 7 years 3 months to 8 years (post guilty plea). The pre guilty plea ACSL has ranged from 9 years 6 months to 9 years 10 months. (To note, the starting point in this category is 10 years.)

Proportion of adult offenders, by sentence outcome, category 1 (most serious), 2012 to 2015



Post guilty plea ACSLs for offenders sentenced to immediate custody

	ACSL in months			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	89.7	87.4	87.8	95.5
Median	90.0	90.0	88.0	108.0

	ACSL in years			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	7.5	7.3	7.3	8.0
Median	7.5	7.5	7.3	9.0

Pre guilty plea ACSLs for offenders sentenced to immediate custody

	ACSL in months			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	117.7	113.5	113.6	115.0
Median	116.4	114.0	120.0	120.0

	ACSL in years			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	9.8	9.5	9.5	9.6
Median	9.7	9.5	10.0	10.0

Offence category 2 (middle category)

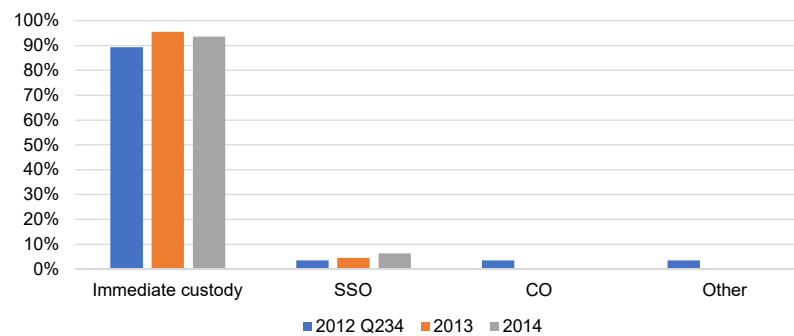
Proportion of offenders receiving each sentence outcome

Sentence outcome	2012 Q234 (n=28)	2013 (n=44)	2014 (n=47)	2015 Q1 (n=8)
Immediate custody	89%	95%	94%	*
SSO	4%	5%	6%	*
CO	4%	0%	0%	*
Other	4%	0%	0%	*
Total	100%	100%	100%	*

The proportion of offenders placed in category 2 has fluctuated since the guideline came into force, as has the ACSL, which has ranged from 4 years 4 months to 4 years 8 months.

* Proportions and ACSLs have not been shown for 2015 Q1, due to the low number of offenders placed within this category during this period.

Proportion of adult offenders, by sentence outcome, category 2 (middle category), 2012 to 2015



Post guilty plea ACSLs for offenders sentenced to immediate custody

	ACSL in months			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	54.9	55.9	52.4	*
Median	54.0	53.0	48.0	*

	ACSL in years			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	4.6	4.7	4.4	*
Median	4.5	4.4	4.0	*

Pre guilty plea ACSLs for offenders sentenced to immediate custody

	ACSL in months			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	69.9	71.3	64.3	*
Median	71.6	69.2	60.0	*

	ACSL in years			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	5.8	5.9	5.4	*
Median	6.0	5.8	5.0	*

Offence category 3 (least serious)

Proportion of offenders receiving each sentence outcome

Sentence outcome	2012 Q234 (n=1)	2013 (n=6)	2014 (n=2)	2015 Q1 (n=0)
Immediate custody	*	*	*	*
SSO	*	*	*	*
Total	*	*	*	*

* Proportions and ACSLs have not been shown for category 3, due to the very low number of offenders placed within this category each year.

Post guilty plea ACSLs for offenders sentenced to immediate custody

	ACSL in months			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	*	*	*	*
Median	*	*	*	*

	ACSL in years			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	*	*	*	*
Median	*	*	*	*

Pre guilty plea ACSLs for offenders sentenced to immediate custody

	ACSL in months			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	*	*	*	*
Median	*	*	*	*

	ACSL in years			
	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Mean	*	*	*	*
Median	*	*	*	*

Source: Crown Court Sentencing Survey

Notes:

- 1) Excludes youths, and cases which are recorded in the CPD as being sentenced in magistrates' courts (this offence is indictable only).
- 2) The CCSS response rate for the period 1 April - 31 December 2012 was 58%. In 2013 and 2014, the response rates were 60% and 64%, respectively. From 1 January - 31 March 2015 the response rate was 58%.

Frequency of factors for aggravated burglary offences (post-guideline), Crown Court, 2012 Q2 - 2015 Q1^{1,2,3}

	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Total forms included in analysis:	136	168	172	46
So 10% is approximately:	14	17	17	5
And 1% is approximately:	1	2	2	0

Factors indicating greater harm	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Theft of/damage to property causing significant degree of loss	13%	9%	13%	17%
Soiling/ransacking/vandalism of property	12%	14%	12%	9%
Victim on/returns to premises while offender present	74%	68%	69%	74%
Significant physical/psychological injury or trauma	42%	39%	41%	57%
Violence used/threatened particularly involving a weapon	80%	75%	67%	72%
Context of general public disorder	4%	5%	3%	7%
None stated	8%	13%	12%	11%

Very frequently used greater harm factor
Frequently used greater harm factor
Very frequently used greater harm factor

Factors indicating lesser harm	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
No physical/psychological injury or trauma	5%	7%	6%	11%
No violence used/threatened and a weapon not produced	1%	5%	4%	7%
Nothing stolen or of very low value ⁴	10%	17%	8%	9%
Limited damage/disturbance to property	6%	11%	3%	9%
None stated	82%	79%	85%	83%

Factors indicating higher culpability	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Deliberately targeted	51%	48%	45%	52%
Significant degree of planning	43%	42%	44%	39%
Equipped for burglary	32%	43%	37%	24%
Weapon present on entry or carried	77%	72%	76%	85%
Member of group or gang	62%	60%	52%	61%
None stated	7%	13%	13%	11%

Frequently used greater harm factor
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Very frequently used greater harm factor
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Factors indicating lower culpability	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Offender exploited by others	5%	1%	2%	4%
Offence committed on impulse/limited intrusion	4%	4%	5%	0%
Mental disorder/learning disability where linked to the	1%	1%	1%	2%
None stated	90%	95%	92%	96%

Factors increasing seriousness	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
<i>Statutory aggravating factors:</i>				
Previous relevant convictions:	62%	61%	62%	57%
Offence committed on bail	4%	3%	4%	2%
None stated	35%	38%	36%	41%

High proportion of cases with previous convictions.

<i>Other aggravating factors include:</i>	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Child at home/returns	16%	20%	18%	26%
Committed at night	42%	38%	50%	48%
Abuse of power/trust	0%	2%	1%	0%
Gratuitous degradation	7%	9%	7%	4%
Steps taken to prevent reporting/assisting prosecution	2%	5%	3%	2%
Victim compelled to leave home (domestic violence in particular)	2%	10%	6%	9%
Established evidence of community impact	0%	2%	1%	0%
Offender was under the influence of alcohol/drugs	19%	21%	17%	37%
Failure to comply with current court orders	12%	4%	9%	13%
On licence	10%	9%	12%	13%
TIC's	4%	2%	1%	0%
Major role of offender including Facilitating/forcing involvement of others including child	1%	1%	0%	2%
Multiple/previous attempts at same type of offence	0%	1%	1%	0%
Newton hearing/trial of issue	1%	1%	0%	0%
Risk of harm to others/causing fear to others	0%	1%	0%	4%
Location of offence	1%	0%	1%	4%
Wearing of a disguise	1%	1%	0%	2%
Vulnerable victim	0%	1%	0%	2%
No factors stated	29%	38%	31%	26%

Frequently used aggravating factor.

Factors reducing seriousness or reflecting personal mitigation	2012 Q234	2013	2014	2015 Q1
Subordinate role in group or gang	13%	11%	14%	9%
Injuries caused recklessly	2%	5%	2%	2%
Nothing stolen or of very little value ⁴	15%	15%	11%	11%
Made voluntary reparation	1%	0%	1%	0%
No previous relevant convictions	16%	17%	16%	2%
Remorse	29%	25%	25%	15%
Good character/exemplary conduct	10%	5%	8%	0%
Determination/demonstration to address addiction/behaviour	4%	5%	7%	4%
Serious medical conditions	2%	1%	4%	2%
Age/lack of maturity affecting responsibility	13%	15%	12%	13%
Lapse of time not fault of offender	1%	2%	1%	2%
Mental disorder/learning disability where not linked to the commission of the offence	2%	2%	3%	4%
Sole/primary carer for dependant relatives	1%	1%	1%	0%
Long gap between offences/lived legally in-between reoffending	0%	1%	1%	0%
Is an addict	0%	0%	1%	2%
Co-operation with authorities	2%	2%	0%	0%
Provocation	1%	1%	1%	0%
No Factors stated	45%	45%	52%	61%

Most frequently used mitigating factor.

Source: Crown Court Sentencing Survey

Notes:

- 1) Excludes youths.
- 2) In some cases, sentencers wrote additional factors in a free-text box on the form. These have been included in the table above if the proportion was at least 1% in more than one period. These factors have been highlighted in orange.
- 3) Factors in blue are those which are not specifically listed in the aggravated burglary guideline, but were on the CCSS form, because they were in either the domestic or non-domestic burglary guidelines.
- 4) The factor 'Nothing stolen or of very little value' is not actually a lesser harm factor in the aggravated burglary guideline (it is a mitigating factor). It is, however, a lesser harm factor for domestic/non-domestic burglary, and therefore appeared in two places on the CCSS form (which covered all types of burglary). It was therefore possible for sentencers to tick this factor twice.

Demographics of adult offenders sentenced for Aggravated Burglary, by sex, age and perceived ethnicity, 2019

Sex	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced ¹
Male	181	95
Female	9	5
Not recorded/not known	-	-
Total	190	100

95% of those sentenced were male

Age Group	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced
18 to 21 years	46	24
22 to 29 years	65	34
30 to 39 years	43	23
40 to 49 years	26	14
50 to 59 years	10	5
60 years or older	-	-
Not recorded/not known	-	-
Total	190	100

81% of the adults sentenced were under 40 years of age.

Perceived Ethnicity ²	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced ¹
White	119	78
Black	23	15
Asian	6	4
Other	5	3
Not recorded/not known	37	-
Total	190	100

78% of adults sentenced had 'white' as their recorded perceived ethnicity.

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Notes:

- 1) Percentage calculations do not include cases where the sex, age or perceived ethnicity was unknown.
- 2) The "perceived ethnicity" is the ethnicity of the offender as perceived by the police officer handling the case.

Number and proportion of adult offenders sentenced for aggravated burglary, by gender, age and perceived ethnicity and sentence outcome, 2019

Sex	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with ¹	Total
Male	168	13	181
Female	5	4	9
Not recorded/not known	-	-	-

Age Group	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with ¹	Total
18 to 21 years	44	2	46
22 to 29 years	59	6	65
30 to 39 years	39	4	43
40 to 49 years	21	5	26
50 to 59 years	10	0	10
60 years or older	0	0	0
Not recorded/not known	0	0	0

Perceived Ethnicity ²	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with ¹	Total
White	109	10	119
Black	22	1	23
Asian	5	1	6
Other	5	0	5
Not recorded/not known	32	5	37

Sex	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with ¹	Total
Male	93%	7%	100%
Female	56%	44%	100%
Not recorded/not known	-	-	-

Age Group	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with ¹	Total
18 to 21 years	96%	4%	100%
22 to 29 years	91%	9%	100%
30 to 39 years	91%	9%	100%
40 to 49 years	81%	19%	100%
50 to 59 years	100%	0%	100%
60 years or older	-	-	-
Not recorded/not known	-	-	-

Perceived Ethnicity ²	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with ¹	Total
White	92%	8%	100%
Black	96%	4%	100%
Asian	83%	17%	100%
Other	100%	0%	100%
Not recorded/not known	86%	14%	100%

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Notes:

- 1) The category 'Otherwise dealt with' includes: one day in police cells; disqualification order; restraining order; confiscation order; travel restriction order; disqualification from driving; recommendation for deportation;
- 2) The "perceived ethnicity" is the ethnicity of the offender as perceived by the police officer handling the case.

Average custodial sentence lengths (ACSL) received by adult offenders sentenced for aggravated burglary, by sex, age and perceived ethnicity, 2019

Gender	ACSL (years)¹	
	Mean	Median
Male	7.8	7.5
Female	6.9	8.0
Not recorded/not known	-	-

Age Group	Mean	Median
18 to 21 years	6.1	6.0
22 to 29 years	8.3	8.0
30 to 39 years	7.5	8.0
40 to 49 years	6.4	7.0
50 to 59 years	16.7	7.8
60 years or older	-	-
Not recorded /not known	-	-

Perceived Ethnicity²	Mean	Median
White	8.4	8.0
Black	7.6	7.1
Asian	6.0	6.0
Other	5.9	6.5
Not recorded/not known	6.6	6.4

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Notes:

- 1) Excludes life and indeterminate sentences.
- 2) The "perceived ethnicity" is the ethnicity of the offender as perceived by the police officer handling the case.

Sentence lengths received by adult offenders sentenced to immediate custody for aggravated burglary, by gender, age and perceived ethnicity, 2019

Sex	Number of adults sentenced to each sentence length (years) ¹								
	2 years or less	Between 2 and 4 years	Between 4 and 6 years	Between 6 and 8 years	Between 8 and 10 years	Between 10 and 12 years	More than 12 years	Indeterminate	Total
Male	6	23	35	44	32	24	3	1	168
Female	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	5
Not recorded /not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Age Group	Number of adults sentenced to each sentence length (years) ¹								
	2 years or less	Between 2 and 4 years	Between 4 and 6 years	Between 6 and 8 years	Between 8 and 10 years	Between 10 and 12 years	More than 12 years	Indeterminate	Total
18 to 21 years	0	8	19	9	7	1	0	0	44
22 to 29 years	2	5	8	15	14	14	1	0	59
30 to 39 years	2	5	6	11	9	5	1	0	39
40 to 49 years	2	5	3	4	3	3	1	0	21
50 to 59 years	0	1	0	6	1	1	0	1	10
60 years or older	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not recorded /not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Perceived Ethnicity ²	Number of adults sentenced to each sentence length (years) ¹								
	2 years or less	Between 2 and 4 years	Between 4 and 6 years	Between 6 and 8 years	Between 8 and 10 years	Between 10 and 12 years	More than 12 years	Indeterminate	Total
White	4	11	21	28	25	17	2	1	109
Black	0	4	5	4	4	4	1	0	22
Asian	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	5
Other	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	5
Not recorded /not known	2	7	7	9	4	3	0	0	32

Sex	Proportion of adults sentenced to each sentence length (years)								
	2 years or less	Between 2 and 4 years	Between 4 and 6 years	Between 6 and 8 years	Between 8 and 10 years	Between 10 and 12 years	More than 12 years	Indeterminate	Total
Male	4%	14%	21%	26%	19%	14%	2%	1%	100%
Female	0%	20%	20%	20%	40%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Not recorded /not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Age Group	Proportion of adults sentenced to each sentence length (years)								
	2 years or less	Between 2 and 4 years	Between 4 and 6 years	Between 6 and 8 years	Between 8 and 10 years	Between 10 and 12 years	More than 12 years	Indeterminate	Total
18 to 21 years	0%	18%	43%	20%	16%	2%	0%	0%	100%
22 to 29 years	3%	8%	14%	25%	24%	24%	2%	0%	100%
30 to 39 years	5%	13%	15%	28%	23%	13%	3%	0%	100%
40 to 49 years	10%	24%	14%	19%	14%	14%	5%	0%	100%
50 to 59 years	0%	10%	0%	60%	10%	10%	0%	10%	100%
60 years or older	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not recorded /not known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Perceived Ethnicity ²	Proportion of adults sentenced to each sentence length (years)								
	2 years or less	Between 2 and 4 years	Between 4 and 6 years	Between 6 and 8 years	Between 8 and 10 years	Between 10 and 12 years	More than 12 years	Indeterminate	Total
White	4%	10%	19%	26%	23%	16%	2%	1%	100%
Black	0%	18%	23%	18%	18%	18%	5%	0%	100%
Asian	0%	20%	40%	20%	20%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Other	0%	20%	20%	60%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Not recorded /not known	6%	22%	22%	28%	13%	9%	0%	0%	100%

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Notes:

1) Sentence length intervals do not include the lower bound, but do include the upper bound sentence length. For example, the category '2 years or less' includes sentence lengths less than and equal to 2 years, and '2 to 4' includes sentence lengths over 2 years, and up to and including 4 years.

2) The "perceived ethnicity" is the ethnicity of the offender as perceived by the police officer handling the case