

Annex C: Demographic data for perverting the course of justice and witness intimidation offences, 2020.

Perverting the course of justice

Number and proportion of adult offenders sentenced for perverting the course of justice, by sex, 2020

Sex	Number of adults sentenced						Total
	Absolute and conditional discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with²	
Female	2	1	4	60	33	7	107
Male	0	0	11	111	173	2	297

Sex	Proportion of adults sentenced						Total
	Absolute and conditional discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with²	
Female	2%	1%	4%	56%	31%	7%	100%
Male	0%	0%	4%	37%	58%	1%	100%

Number and proportion of adult offenders sentenced for perverting the course of justice, by age group, 2020

Age group	Number of adults sentenced						Total
	Absolute and conditional discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with²	
18 to 21	0	0	1	8	13	1	23
22 to 29	2	0	3	50	78	5	138
30 to 39	0	0	2	43	68	1	114
40 to 49	0	1	4	40	28	1	74
50 to 59	0	0	3	26	15	1	45
60 and over	0	0	2	4	4	0	10

Age group	Proportion of adults sentenced						Total
	Absolute and conditional discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with ²	
18 to 21	0%	0%	4%	35%	57%	4%	100%
22 to 29	1%	0%	2%	36%	57%	4%	100%
30 to 39	0%	0%	2%	38%	60%	1%	100%
40 to 49	0%	1%	5%	54%	38%	1%	100%
50 to 59	0%	0%	7%	58%	33%	2%	100%
60 and over	0%	0%	20%	40%	40%	0%	100%

Number and proportion of adult offenders sentenced for perverting the course of justice, by age group, 2020

Ethnicity	Number of adults sentenced						Total
	Absolute and conditional discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with ²	
Asian	0	0	3	14	14	0	31
Black	0	0	0	8	16	1	25
Mixed	0	0	0	4	9	1	14
Other	0	1	1	0	2	0	4
White	1	0	11	81	111	5	209
Not recorded/not known	1	0	0	64	54	2	121

Ethnicity	Proportion of adults sentenced						Total
	Absolute and conditional discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with ²	
Asian	0%	0%	10%	45%	45%	0%	100%
Black	0%	0%	0%	32%	64%	4%	100%
Mixed	0%	0%	0%	29%	64%	7%	100%
Other	0%	25%	25%	0%	50%	0%	100%
White	0%	0%	5%	39%	53%	2%	100%
Not recorded/not known	1%	0%	0%	53%	45%	2%	100%

Intimidating a witness (section 51(1) and 51(2) combined)

Number and proportion of adult offenders sentenced for intimidating a witness, by sex, 2020

Sex	Number of adults sentenced						Total
	Absolute and conditional discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with ²	
Female	0	0	5	4	6	1	16
Male	0	1	8	42	103	4	158
Not recorded/not known	0	0	0	0	1	0	1

Sex	Proportion of adults sentenced						Total
	Absolute and conditional discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with ²	
Female	0%	0%	31%	25%	38%	6%	100%
Male	0%	1%	5%	27%	65%	3%	100%
Not recorded/not known	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	100%

Number and proportion of adult offenders sentenced for intimidating a witness, by age group, 2020

Age group	Number of adults sentenced						Total
	Absolute and conditional discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with ²	
18 to 21	0	1	4	8	15	0	28
22 to 29	0	0	3	11	28	3	45
30 to 39	0	0	5	17	44	1	67
40 to 49	0	0	1	5	12	0	18
50 to 59	0	0	0	4	7	1	12
60 and over	0	0	0	1	4	0	5

Age group	Proportion of adults sentenced						Total
	Absolute and conditional discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with ²	
18 to 21	0%	4%	14%	29%	54%	0%	100%
22 to 29	0%	0%	7%	24%	62%	7%	100%
30 to 39	0%	0%	7%	25%	66%	1%	100%
40 to 49	0%	0%	6%	28%	67%	0%	100%
50 to 59	0%	0%	0%	33%	58%	8%	100%
60 and over	0%	0%	0%	20%	80%	0%	100%

Number and proportion of adult offenders sentenced for intimidating a witness, by ethnicity, 2020

Ethnicity	Number of adults sentenced						Total
	Absolute and conditional discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with ²	
Asian	0	0	0	0	6	0	6
Black	0	0	1	1	3	0	5
Mixed	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White	0	1	9	37	77	4	128
Not recorded/not known	0	0	2	7	24	1	34

Ethnicity	Proportion of adults sentenced						Total
	Absolute and conditional discharge	Fine	Community sentence	Suspended sentence	Immediate custody	Otherwise dealt with ²	
Asian	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	100%
Black	0%	0%	20%	20%	60%	0%	100%
Mixed	0%	0%	50%	50%	0%	0%	100%
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
White	0%	1%	7%	29%	60%	3%	100%
Not recorded/not known	0%	0%	6%	21%	71%	3%	100%

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

- = No proportions have been calculated as no offenders were sentenced.

Notes:

- 1) Figures presented for 2020 include the time period since March 2020 in which restrictions were placed on the criminal justice system due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is therefore possible that these figures may reflect the impact of the pandemic on court processes and prioritisation and the subsequent recovery, rather than a continuation of the longer-term series, so care should be taken when interpreting these figures.

- 2) 2) The category 'Otherwise dealt with' includes victim surcharge, restraining order and otherwise dealt with on conviction.
- 3) 3) Ethnicity is the self-identified ethnicity as defined by the individual and is categorised using the 5+1 self-identified classification based on the 18+1 classification used in the 2011 Census.