

Aggravated vehicle taking data – 2020¹

Sentencing outcomes

<i>Offence</i>	<i>Outcome</i>	<i>Volume</i>	<i>Proportion</i>
Damage under £5,000	Absolute and conditional discharge	9	3%
	Fine	25	7%
	Community sentence	212	60%
	Suspended sentence	46	13%
	Immediate custody	57	16%
	Otherwise dealt with ²	7	2%
Damage over £5,000	Absolute and conditional discharge	1	1%
	Fine	5	3%
	Community sentence	69	42%
	Suspended sentence	40	24%
	Immediate custody	45	27%
	Otherwise dealt with ²	5	3%
Injury	Absolute and conditional discharge	0	0%
	Fine	0	0%
	Community sentence	11	32%
	Suspended sentence	11	32%
	Immediate custody	12	35%
	Otherwise dealt with ²	0	0%
Death	Absolute and conditional discharge	0	0%
	Fine	0	0%
	Community sentence	0	0%
	Suspended sentence	1	100%
	Immediate custody	0	0%
	Otherwise dealt with ²	0	0%
Dangerous driving	Absolute and conditional discharge	1	<0.5%
	Fine	1	<0.5%
	Community sentence	30	15%
	Suspended sentence	42	20%
	Immediate custody	126	61%
	Otherwise dealt with ²	6	3%

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

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 The category 'Otherwise dealt with' covers miscellaneous disposals. Please note that due to a data issue currently under investigation, there are a number of cases which are incorrectly categorised in the Court Proceedings Database (CPD) as 'Otherwise dealt with'. Therefore, these volumes and proportions should be treated with caution.

Immediate custody sentence distribution

Offence	Sentence band³	Estimated pre-guilty plea proportion	Post-guilty plea proportion
Damage under £5,000	0-1 month	4%	4%
	1-2 months	11%	28%
	2-3 months	21%	25%
	3-4 months	11%	32%
	4-5 months	26%	7%
	5-6 months	19%	5%
	Greater than 6 months ⁴	9%	-
Damage over £5,000	0-6 months	13%	29%
	6-12 months	31%	53%
	12-18 months	44%	18%
	18-24 months	7%	0%
	Greater than 2 years ⁴	4%	-
Injury	0-6 months	17%	25%
	6-12 months	17%	58%
	12-18 months	50%	17%
	18-24 months	17%	0%
Death ⁵	-	-	-
Dangerous driving	0-6 months	10%	23%
	6-12 months	33%	52%
	12-18 months	37%	25%
	18-24 months	18%	1%
	Greater than 2 years ⁴	2%	-

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice, adjusted using data from the Crown Court Sentencing Survey (CCSS) to provide estimates of the pre-guilty plea sentence length

³ Sentence length intervals do not include the lower bound but do include the upper bound sentence length. For example, the category '0-6 months' includes sentence lengths less than or equal to 6 months, and '6 to 12 months' includes sentence lengths over 6 months, and up to and including 12 months.

⁴ While these sentences appear to exceed the statutory maximum, they are estimates only; there are no post guilty plea sentence lengths exceeding the statutory maximum.

⁵ No offenders were sentenced to immediate custody for *aggravated vehicle taking causing death* in 2020. In 2019, two offenders received custodial sentences between 6 to 8 years for this offence.

Average custodial sentence length (ACSL)

Offence		Pre-guilty plea estimated ACSL (months)	Post-guilty plea ACSL (months)
Damage under £5,000	Mean	4.0	3.0
	Median	4.1	2.8
Damage over £5,000	Mean	13.1	9.5
	Median	13.3	10.0
Injury	Mean	14.4	9.8
	Median	15.0	10.0
Death ⁵	Mean	-	-
	Median	-	-
Dangerous driving	Mean	14.0	10.0
	Median	13.5	10.0

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