

Annex B: Aggravated vehicle taking causing vehicle/property damage data – 2020¹

Sentencing outcomes

Offence	Outcome	Volume	Proportion
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%

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

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%	-

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

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.

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.

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

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