

## Women’s imprisonment factsheet: Essex

- 92 immediate prison sentences were given to women in Essex in 2024, a decrease from 93 in 2023 and a 54% decrease since 2014. 61% were for less than six months.<sup>1</sup>
- 40% of the prison sentences were for theft offences.
- The use of community sentences for women in Essex has decreased by 31% since 2014.
- The use of cautions has decreased by 74% since 2014.<sup>2</sup>

Figure 1

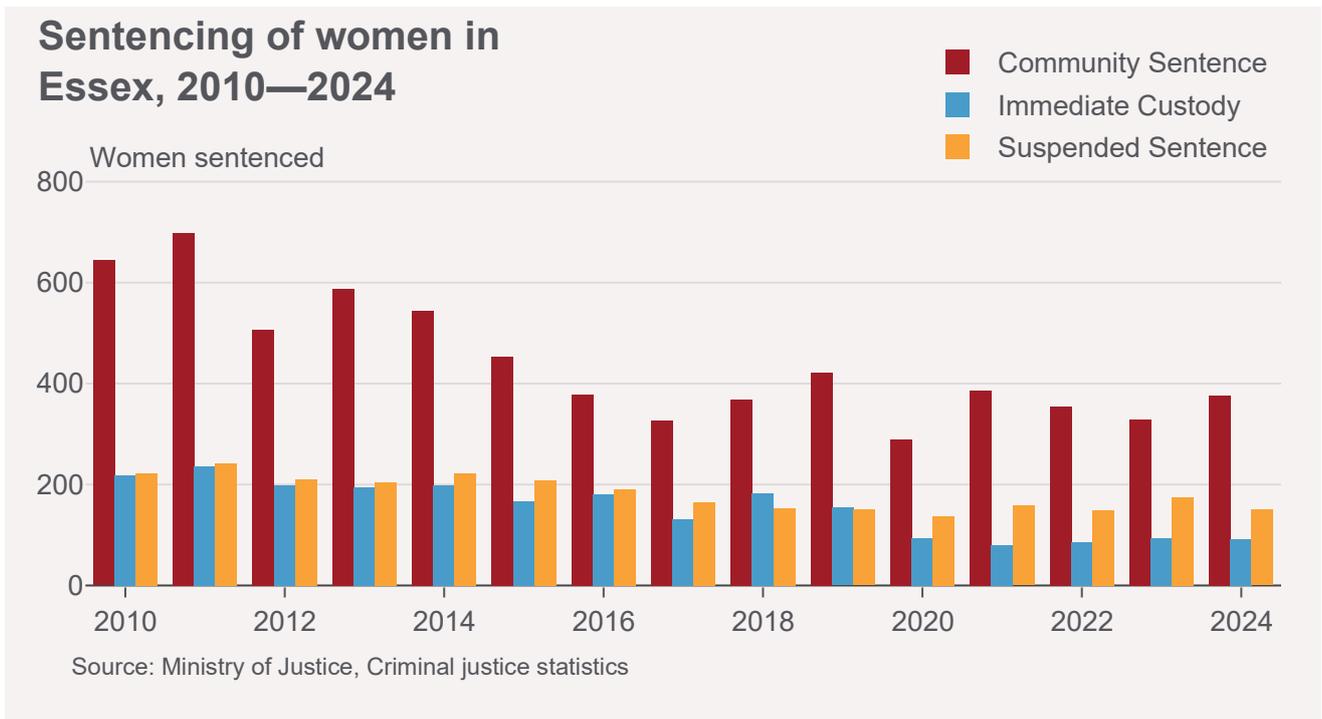
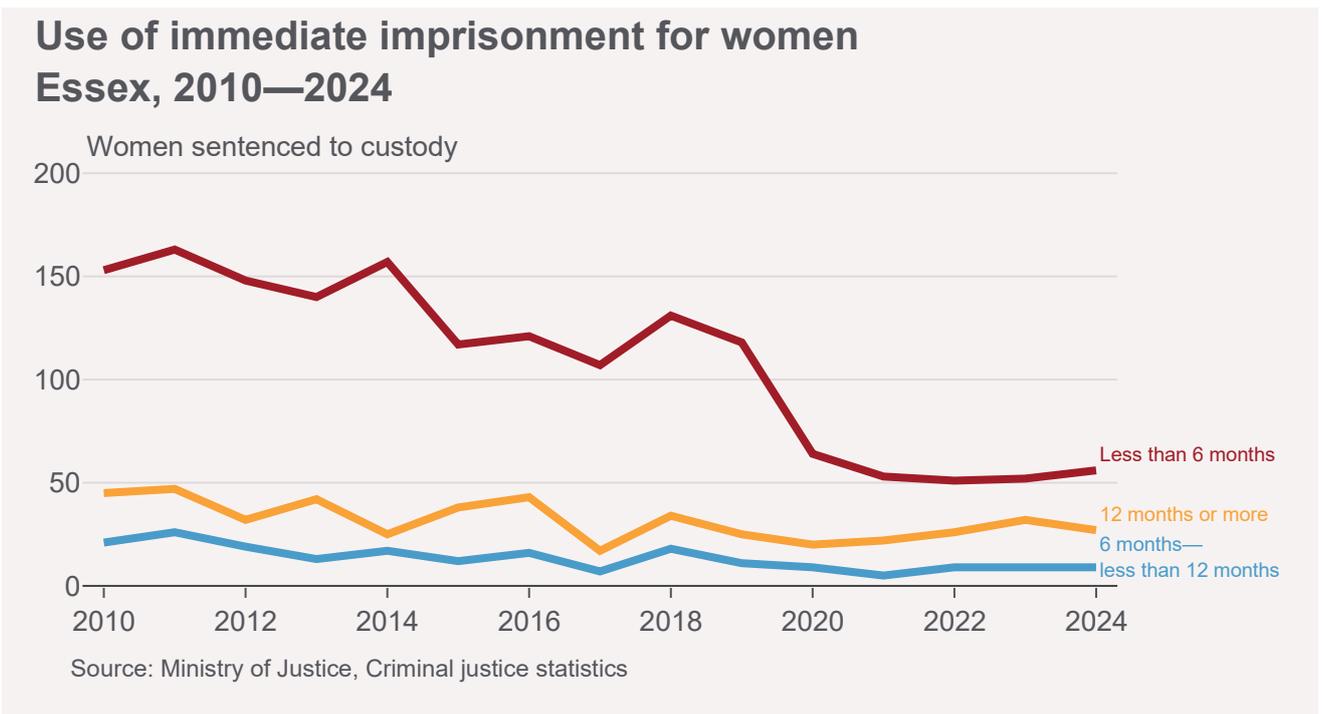


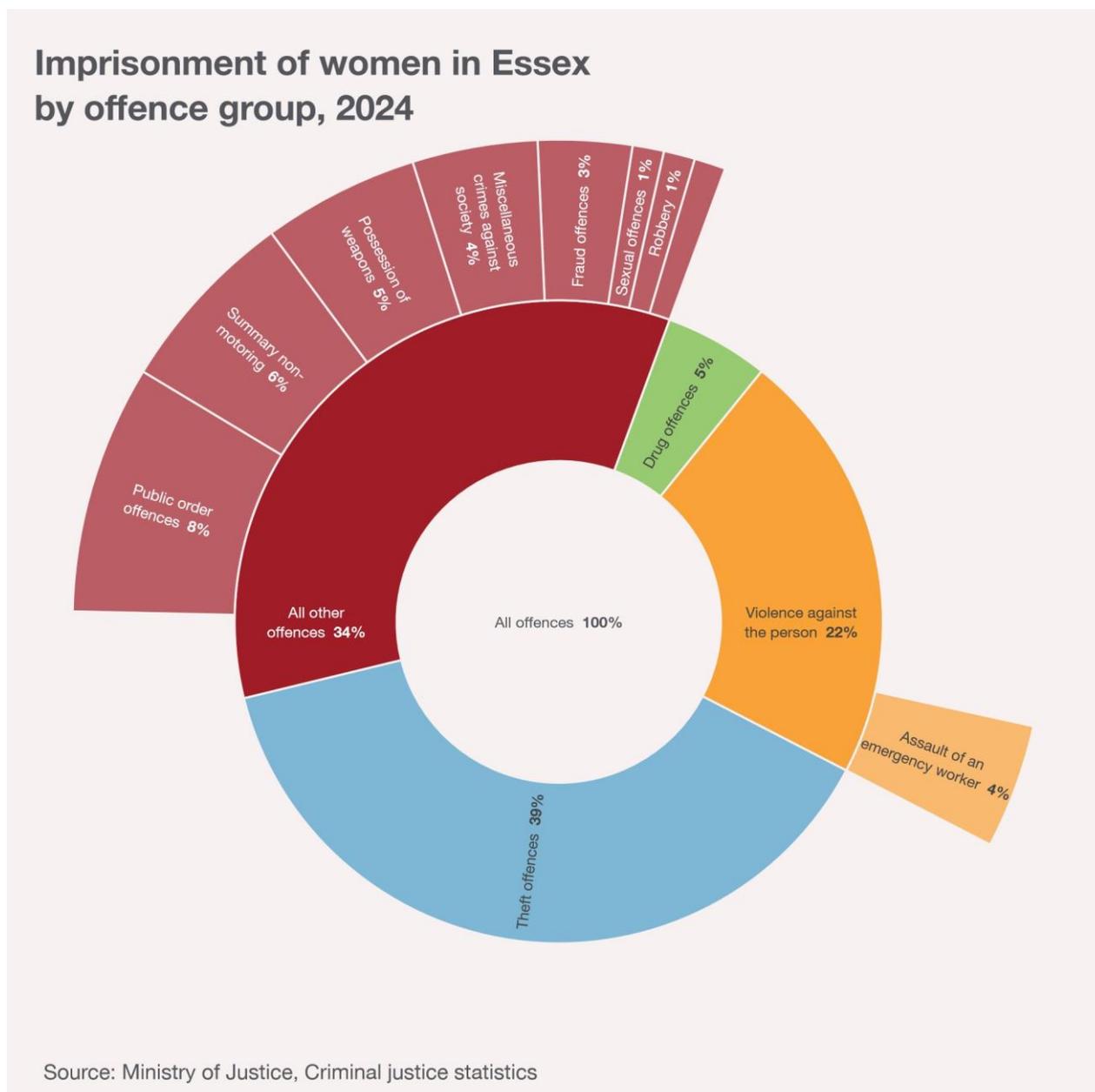
Figure 2



<sup>1</sup> The data in this fact sheet is taken from the following source unless otherwise indicated: Ministry of Justice. (2025). *Outcomes by Offence data tool*. Criminal Justice System statistics quarterly: December 2024.

<sup>2</sup> Ministry of Justice. (2025). *Out of court disposals tool*. Criminal Justice System statistics quarterly: December 2024. Note: this figure excludes the youth caution and youth conditional caution.

Figure 3



## Women's imprisonment – the national picture

There are more than twice as many women in prison in England and Wales today as there were in 1993.

- The women's prison population on Monday 29 September 2025 was 3,504.<sup>3</sup>
- Women were sent to prison on 6,190 occasions in 2024 – either on remand or to serve a sentence.<sup>4</sup>
- 75% of immediate prison sentences given to women in 2024 were for less than 12 months.<sup>5</sup>
- In 2024 there were 2,920 recalls of women to custody. Women serving sentences of less than 12 months accounted for almost two-thirds (63%) of all recalls.<sup>6</sup>

Go to [www.prisonreformtrust.org.uk/women](http://www.prisonreformtrust.org.uk/women) for information and resources to inform the development of effective local women's criminal justice strategies.

<sup>3</sup> Ministry of Justice. (2025). *Population bulletin: weekly 29 September 2025*. Prison population: weekly estate figures 2025.

<sup>4</sup> Table 2.A.1. Ministry of Justice. (2025). *Prison receptions: 2024*. Offender management statistics quarterly: October to December 2024.

<sup>5</sup> Ministry of Justice. (2025). *Outcomes by Offence data tool: December 2024*. Criminal Justice System statistics quarterly: December 2024.

<sup>6</sup> Table 5.A.2. Ministry of Justice. (2025). *Prison recalls: 2024*. Offender management statistics quarterly: October to December 2024.