

# Number of women sentenced to immediate custody for less than six months in England and Wales by Police Force Area, 2014-2024

| Police Force Area  | 2014        | 2015        | 2016        | 2017        | 2018        | 2019        | 2020        | 2021        | 2022        | 2023        | 2024        | 2014 - 2024 % change |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Warwickshire       | 72          | 82          | 86          | 77          | 53          | 60          | 41          | 36          | 37          | 10          | 7           | -90%                 |
| Surrey             | 61          | 46          | 39          | 42          | 29          | 25          | 20          | 8           | 8           | 8           | 16          | -74%                 |
| Essex              | 157         | 117         | 121         | 107         | 131         | 118         | 64          | 53          | 51          | 52          | 56          | -64%                 |
| Suffolk            | 54          | 46          | 31          | 42          | 37          | 23          | 30          | 18          | 27          | 31          | 23          | -57%                 |
| West Mercia        | 78          | 66          | 77          | 77          | 77          | 74          | 65          | 45          | 20          | 43          | 35          | -55%                 |
| Bedfordshire       | 48          | 50          | 33          | 34          | 25          | 24          | 14          | 10          | 20          | 21          | 23          | -52%                 |
| London             | 843         | 784         | 857         | 725         | 677         | 602         | 412         | 331         | 344         | 320         | 410         | -51%                 |
| Cheshire           | 124         | 131         | 125         | 126         | 114         | 98          | 79          | 54          | 39          | 66          | 65          | -48%                 |
| Dyfed Powys        | 17          | 19          | 18          | 24          | 19          | 28          | 15          | 13          | 20          | 23          | 9           | -47%                 |
| Gloucestershire    | 50          | 50          | 41          | 36          | 26          | 26          | 8           | 5           | 12          | 20          | 29          | -42%                 |
| West Midlands      | 347         | 340         | 343         | 274         | 254         | 226         | 140         | 120         | 116         | 185         | 203         | -41%                 |
| Hertfordshire      | 63          | 64          | 80          | 66          | 55          | 41          | 22          | 21          | 25          | 32          | 37          | -41%                 |
| Derbyshire         | 125         | 134         | 131         | 120         | 134         | 87          | 90          | 82          | 82          | 76          | 82          | -34%                 |
| Thames Valley      | 151         | 176         | 155         | 121         | 120         | 100         | 48          | 74          | 81          | 71          | 101         | -33%                 |
| Staffordshire      | 80          | 81          | 66          | 62          | 75          | 80          | 49          | 51          | 49          | 48          | 56          | -30%                 |
| Leicestershire     | 71          | 61          | 67          | 65          | 80          | 71          | 65          | 38          | 42          | 48          | 50          | -30%                 |
| Sussex             | 68          | 97          | 80          | 60          | 66          | 39          | 37          | 20          | 27          | 28          | 48          | -29%                 |
| South Wales        | 245         | 244         | 299         | 235         | 263         | 232         | 162         | 135         | 111         | 132         | 181         | -26%                 |
| North Wales        | 63          | 76          | 87          | 69          | 64          | 52          | 36          | 45          | 54          | 55          | 47          | -25%                 |
| Dorset             | 36          | 49          | 40          | 40          | 35          | 44          | 24          | 15          | 10          | 29          | 28          | -22%                 |
| Northumbria        | 122         | 123         | 102         | 94          | 114         | 97          | 52          | 61          | 50          | 81          | 95          | -22%                 |
| Kent               | 126         | 111         | 129         | 109         | 104         | 82          | 81          | 88          | 70          | 84          | 100         | -21%                 |
| Cumbria            | 60          | 59          | 60          | 65          | 94          | 48          | 27          | 20          | 18          | 36          | 49          | -18%                 |
| Avon and Somerset  | 143         | 126         | 105         | 92          | 98          | 90          | 80          | 61          | 62          | 93          | 117         | -18%                 |
| Greater Manchester | 302         | 239         | 170         | 151         | 127         | 117         | 94          | 89          | 111         | 179         | 248         | -18%                 |
| South Yorkshire    | 175         | 162         | 143         | 137         | 88          | 87          | 72          | 53          | 53          | 106         | 150         | -14%                 |
| Northamptonshire   | 66          | 52          | 52          | 43          | 41          | 41          | 22          | 38          | 28          | 47          | 59          | -11%                 |
| Gwent              | 55          | 50          | 53          | 71          | 52          | 27          | 17          | 21          | 16          | 29          | 51          | -7%                  |
| Merseyside         | 145         | 178         | 190         | 166         | 145         | 152         | 82          | 90          | 85          | 95          | 135         | -7%                  |
| Durham             | 55          | 50          | 53          | 40          | 48          | 26          | 30          | 26          | 41          | 48          | 52          | -5%                  |
| North Yorkshire    | 55          | 48          | 52          | 56          | 57          | 63          | 57          | 33          | 34          | 49          | 52          | -5%                  |
| Lincolnshire       | 30          | 43          | 57          | 27          | 39          | 41          | 14          | 19          | 27          | 28          | 29          | -3%                  |
| Norfolk            | 48          | 67          | 91          | 67          | 74          | 57          | 51          | 34          | 28          | 54          | 48          | 0%                   |
| Cambridgeshire     | 55          | 56          | 84          | 82          | 89          | 60          | 44          | 32          | 45          | 56          | 58          | 5%                   |
| Hampshire          | 130         | 138         | 107         | 119         | 98          | 86          | 87          | 53          | 62          | 62          | 138         | 6%                   |
| Humberside         | 91          | 84          | 100         | 68          | 111         | 96          | 90          | 76          | 66          | 87          | 100         | 10%                  |
| Devon and Cornwall | 73          | 84          | 81          | 87          | 80          | 73          | 69          | 55          | 41          | 72          | 82          | 12%                  |
| Wiltshire          | 19          | 24          | 31          | 29          | 37          | 32          | 16          | 16          | 21          | 23          | 22          | 16%                  |
| Nottinghamshire    | 111         | 119         | 111         | 107         | 124         | 135         | 73          | 71          | 98          | 113         | 130         | 17%                  |
| Lancashire         | 126         | 120         | 94          | 113         | 128         | 100         | 54          | 57          | 58          | 77          | 156         | 24%                  |
| West Yorkshire     | 188         | 187         | 227         | 208         | 199         | 188         | 165         | 152         | 179         | 264         | 275         | 46%                  |
| Cleveland          | 73          | 48          | 69          | 103         | 108         | 60          | 28          | 50          | 56          | 91          | 138         | 89%                  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>5001</b> | <b>4881</b> | <b>4937</b> | <b>4436</b> | <b>4389</b> | <b>3808</b> | <b>2726</b> | <b>2369</b> | <b>2424</b> | <b>3072</b> | <b>3790</b> | <b>-24%</b>          |

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Data sets in this publication have been and continue to be affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. This is particularly the case for 2020 & 2021.

Since this analysis was last published, the Ministry of Justice has transitioned to more modern data processing methods, allowing known issues to be resolved. There has also been a redistribution from Dyfed-Powys and Gwent towards South Wales and other police force areas. This may explain why Dyfed-Powys and Gwent now show no cases of certain custodial sentence lengths for multiple years.