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Introduction

The statistics in this volume relate to criminal offences recorded by the 43 police forces in England and Wales and to offenders dealt with by formal police cautions, reprimands or warnings, or criminal court proceedings. The previous volume in this series was "Criminal statistics, England and Wales, 1998" (Cm 4649). As in previous years, this volume comprises a commentary and tables covering the major topics apart from: ."International Comparisons" which are again being published separately this year (see Appendix 7 under annual for details) and ."Criminal history studies based on the Offenders Index" where no more recent data are available than were published in "Criminal statistics, England and Wales, 1998" (Cm 4649). More detailed data for 1999 are to be published separately, in four volumes of supplementary tables. Information on the contents and purchase of the supplementary volumes is given in Appendix 8.

Other publications

Other police and court statistics are published from time to time in Home Office Statistical Bulletins. A list of these bulletins and other publications by the Research, Development and Statistics Directorate as well as other government departments is given in Appendix 7.

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Coverage of the statistics in this volume

Although care is taken in completing and analysing the returns, the detail collected is subject to the inaccuracies inherent in any large-scale recording system for example, there are nearly 2 million court proceedings in a year which involves the extraction of information from a variety of administrative systems and its eventual placement onto a separate statistical system. Therefore, although some figures in this volume are shown to the last digit, the figures are not necessarily accurate to the last digit shown. Where the statistics shown are rounded, the components may not add exactly to the rounded total because they have been rounded independently. Further information on the coverage and recording practice affecting the statistics is given in Appendix 2.

Offences recorded by the police

Chapters 2 to 4 give detailed statistics of crimes recorded by the police in England and Wales. In interpreting these statistics, it is important to bear in mind their coverage and the recording practices used. Details of recording practice, including the change in counting rules for recorded crime which took place on 1 April 1998, are given in Appendix 2 and chapter 2, and a detailed list of offences is given in Appendix 3. Changes in the number of offences recorded do not necessarily reflect changes in the amount of crime committed because many offences are either not reported to the police or not recorded by them. The question of unrecorded crime is addressed in Chapter 2. The whole problem of interpreting crime statistics is discussed in "Crime Statistics: their use and misuse", by Chris Lewis in **Social Trends** 22, HMSO 1992.

Offenders

Chapters 5 to 8 give statistics of offenders dealt with by a formal police caution, reprimand or warning, court proceedings and

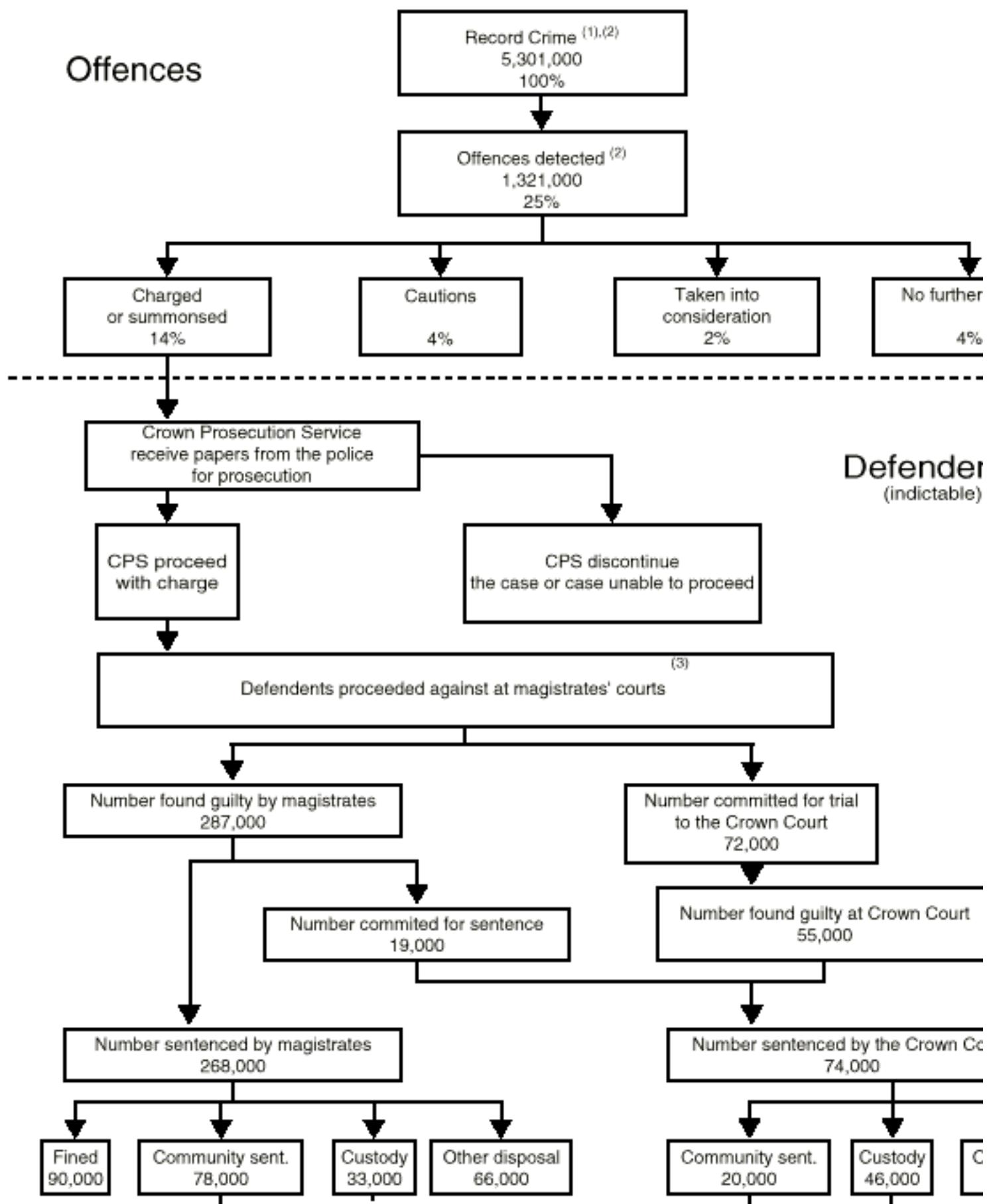
the use of various types of sentence or order, and cover such associated subjects as the use of police bail and court remand. The basis of these chapters is different from that of the chapters concerned with offences recorded by the police (see paragraph 35 of Appendix 2). Again, in interpreting the figures shown, it is important to bear in mind the coverage and reporting practice as set out in the rest of Appendix 2. The effect of changes in legislation on these statistics is set out in paragraphs 49 to 63 of Appendix 1.

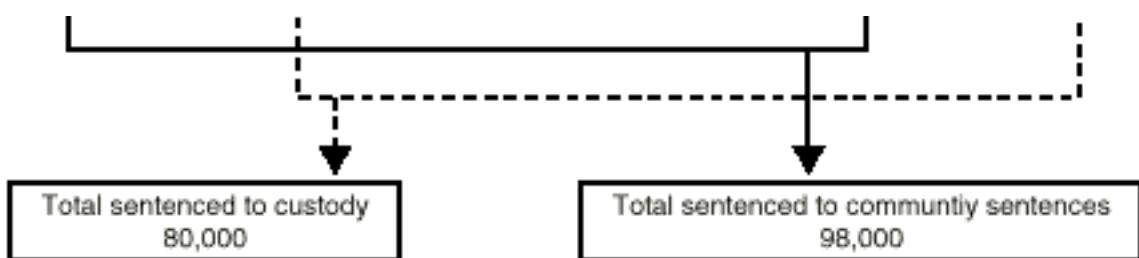
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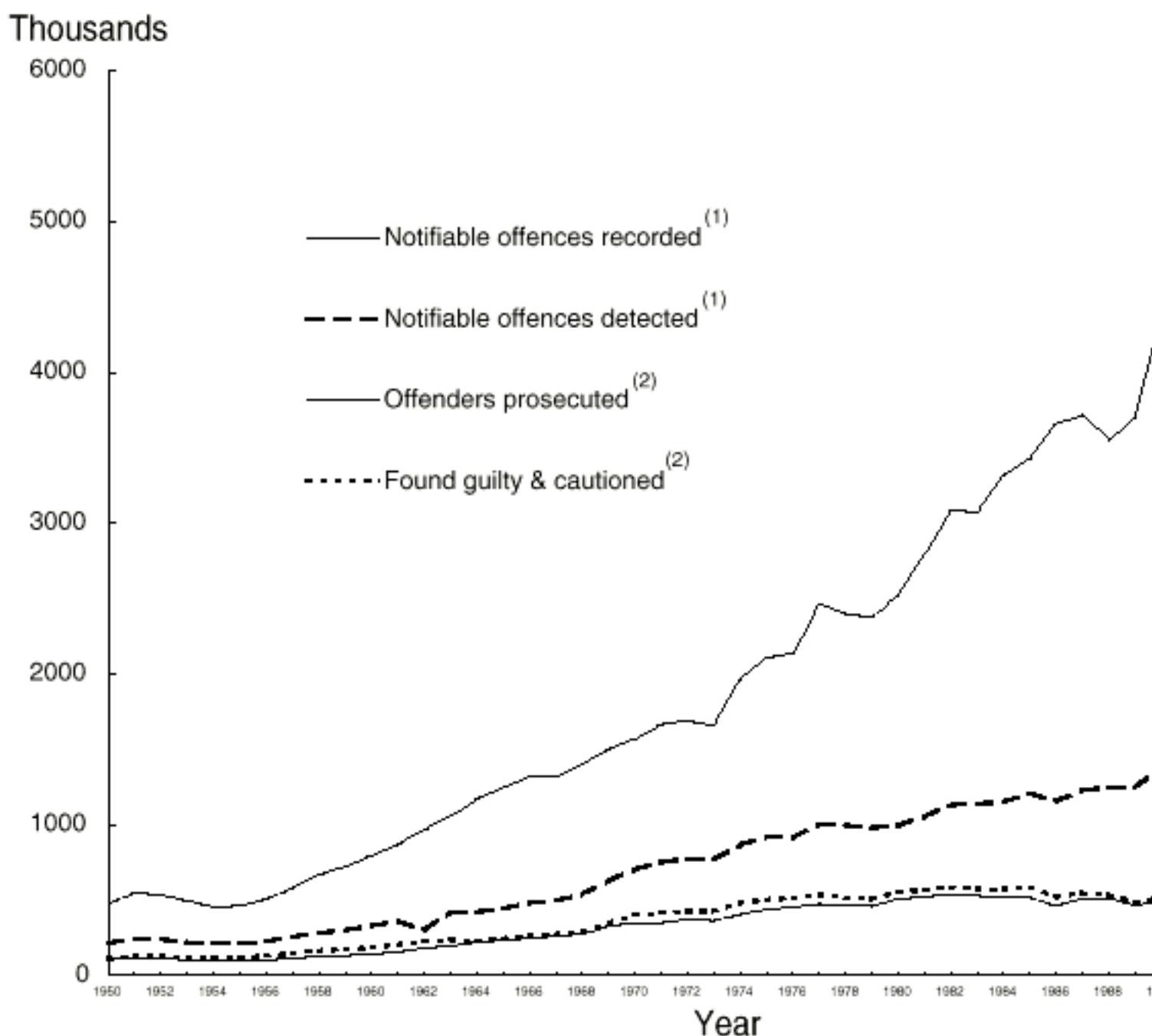
Figure 1.1 Flows through the Criminal Justice System, 1999





- (1) Covers all indictable, including triable either way, offences plus a few closely associated summary offences.
- (2) In the financial year 1999/00.
- (3) See table 6.3 for numbers of proceedings terminated early and defendants discharged at the committal procedur
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Figure 1.2 Recorded crime, prosecutions and known offenders, 1950-99



- (1) Data from 1950-1997 exclude criminal damage of £20 or under. From 1998 the figures are based on the new counting rules. They include all criminal damage.
- (2) Indictable offences with allowance for under-recording where appropriate.

Figure 1.3 Persons sentenced to immediate custody, 1950-99

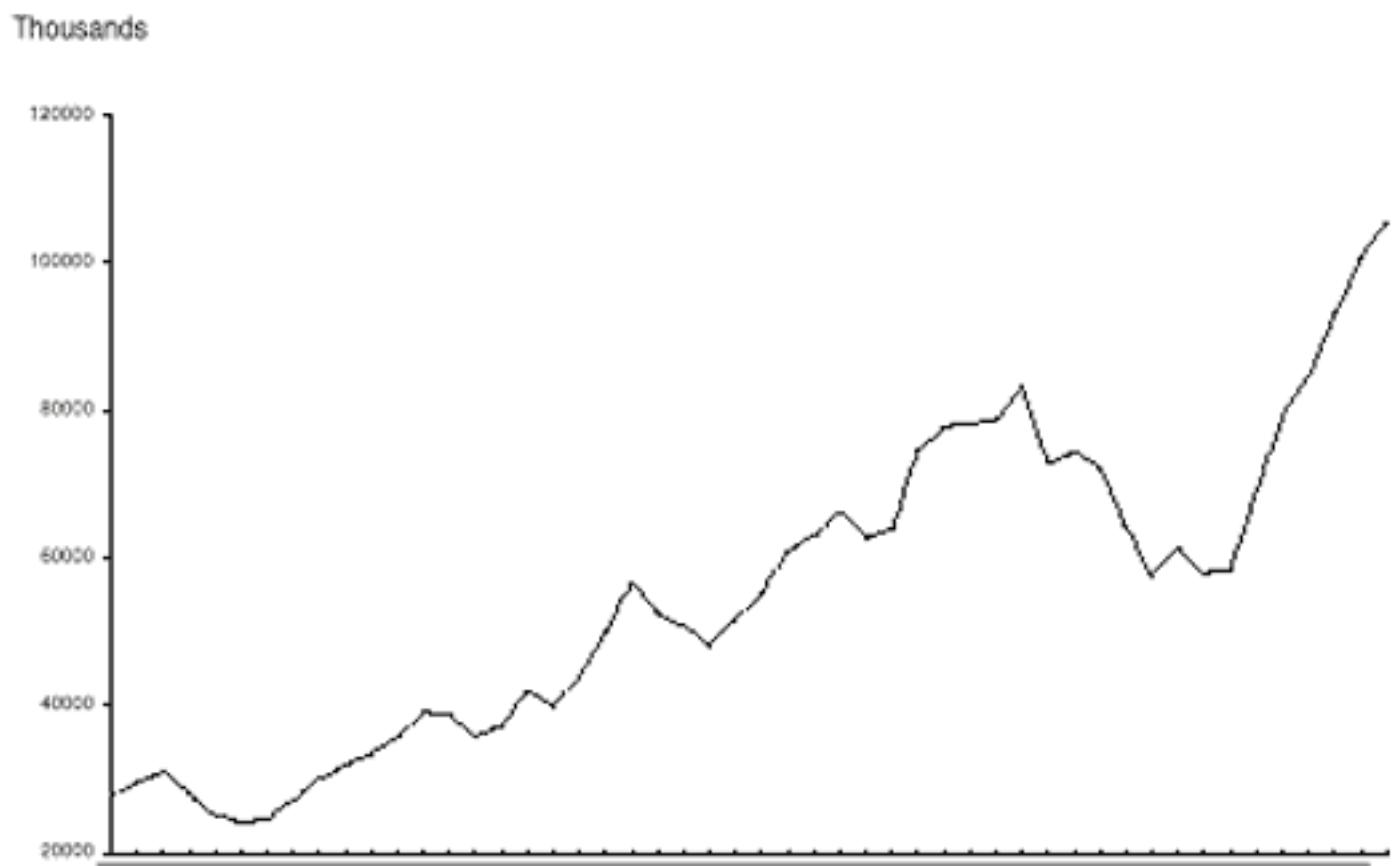


Table 1.1 Summary of criminal justice statistics, 1951, 1961, 1971, 1981, 1991, and 1997

England and Wales

	1951	1961	1971
Notifiable offences			
— offences recorded by the police ⁽¹⁾	525	807	1,666
— offences detected	247	361	775
— clear-up rate (percentage)	47	45	45
Number of offenders cautioned ⁽³⁾	* ⁽⁶⁾	70	109
of which Indictable offences ⁽⁴⁾	* ⁽⁶⁾	25	77
Defendants proceeded against at magistrates' courts	736	1,161	1,796
of which Indictable offences ⁽⁴⁾	122	159	374
Defendants found guilty at magistrates' courts	705	1,121	1,648
of which Indictable offences ⁽⁴⁾	115	151	282
Defendants sentenced at the Crown Court after summary conviction	3	4	14
Defendants tried at the Crown Court	20	34	48
Defendants found guilty at the Crown Court	18	31	40
Total offenders found guilty at both courts	723	1,152	1,688
of which Indictable offences ⁽⁴⁾	133	182	342
Total offenders found guilty or cautioned ⁽³⁾	723 ⁽⁶⁾	1,222	1,797
of which Indictable offences ⁽⁴⁾	133 ⁽⁶⁾	207	419

(1) Excluding other criminal damage of value £20 and under. Includes estimates for criminal damage over £20 for Merseyside.

(2) Adjusted to take account of the Criminal Damage Act 1971.

(3) Excludes motoring offences. Cautions, written warnings and all fixed penalties for summary motoring offences are not counted.

(4) Indictable offences include those triable either way.

(5) Includes allowances for missing data for those proceeded against, convicted, sentenced at magistrates' courts, see paragraph 10.

(6) Caution figures were not collected until 1954.

(7) Notifiable offences data are for the financial year 1998/99.

(8) Notifiable offences data are for the financial year 1999/00.

Figure 2.1 Recorded crime by type of offence 1999/00

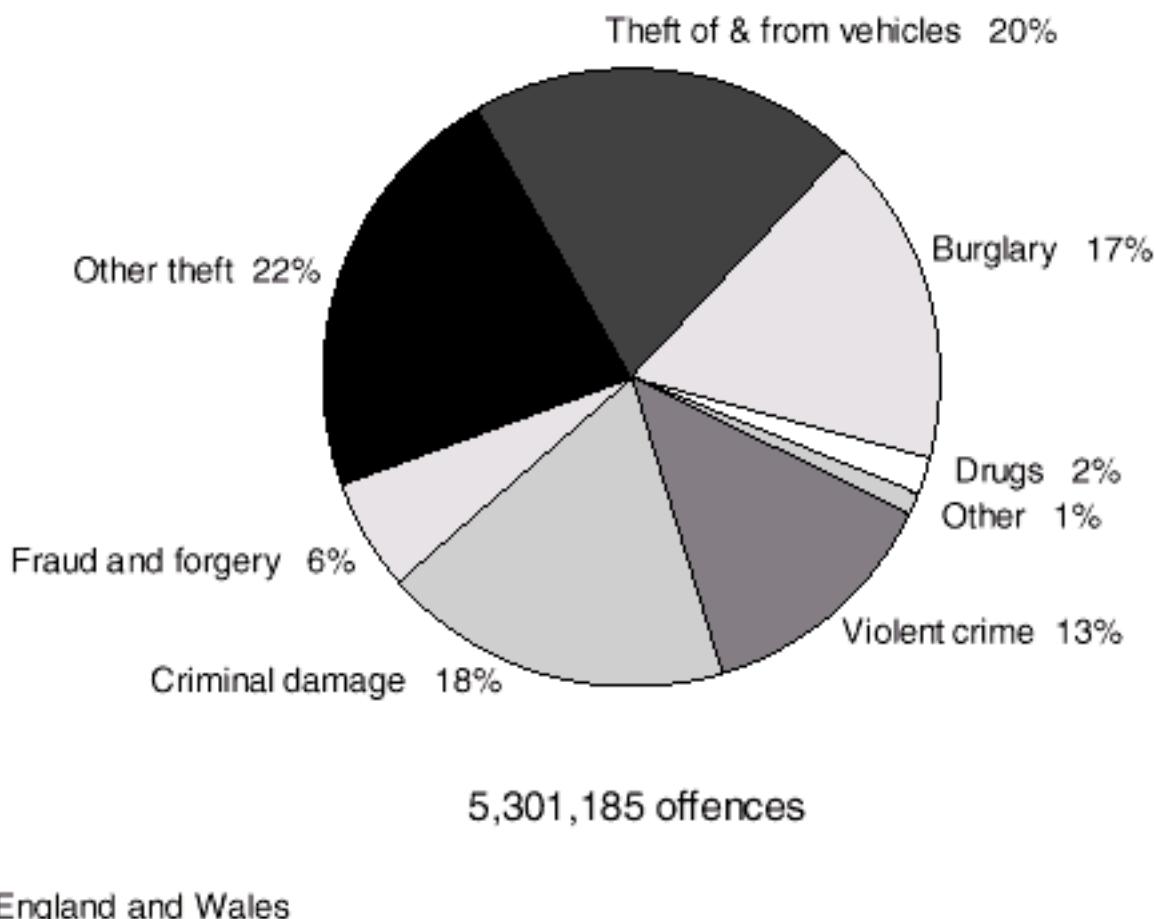


Figure 2.2 Indexed trend in comparable crime, 1981 to 1999

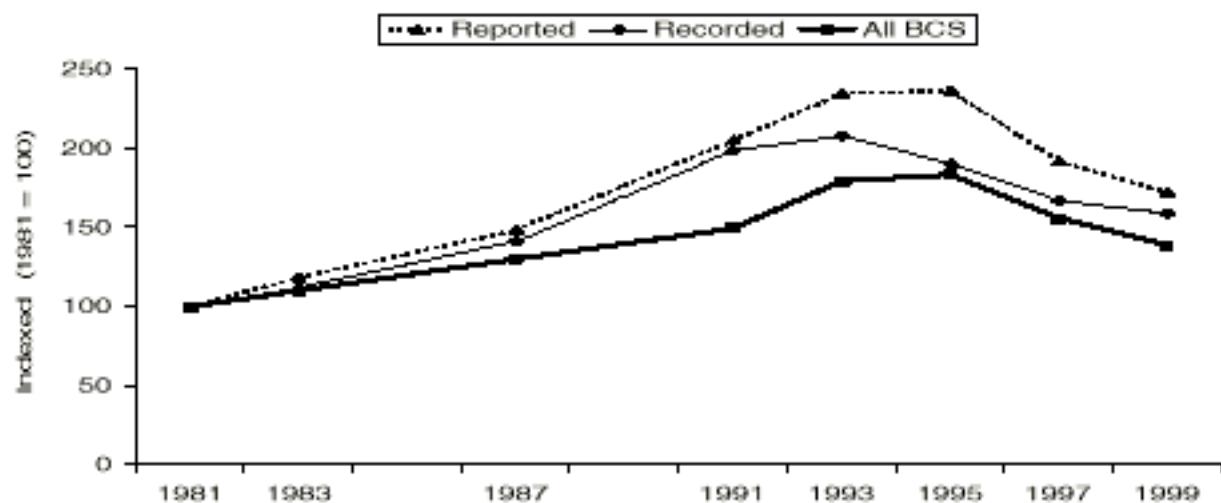


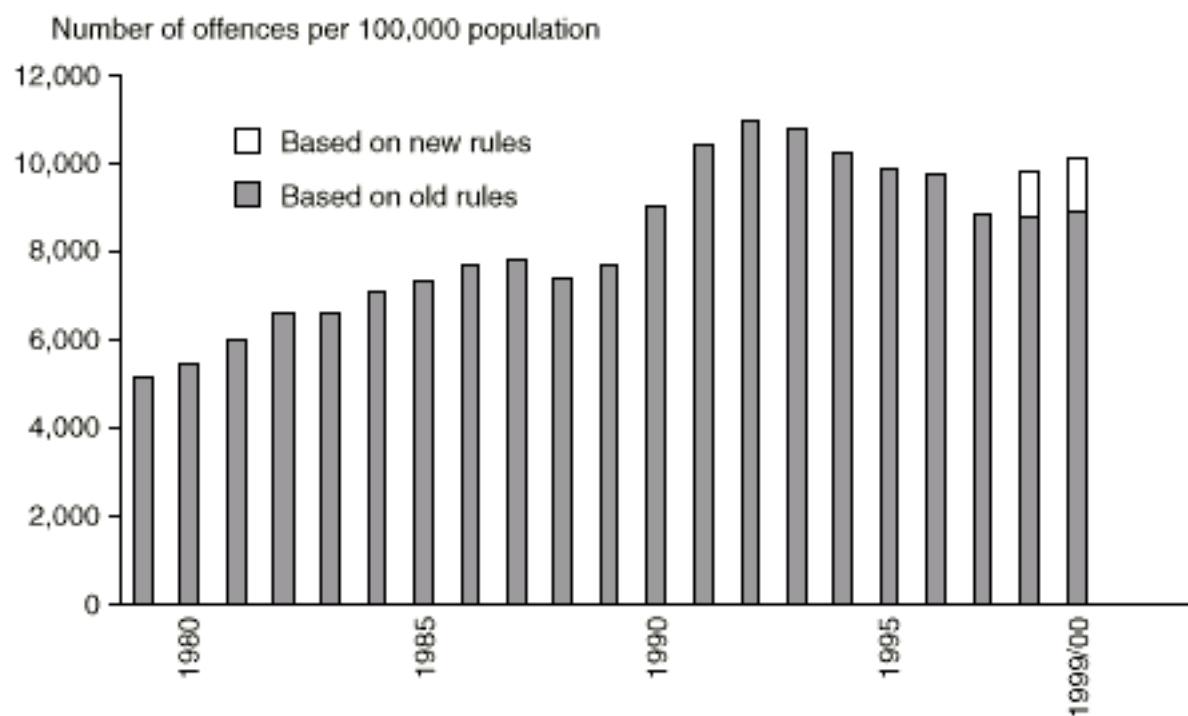
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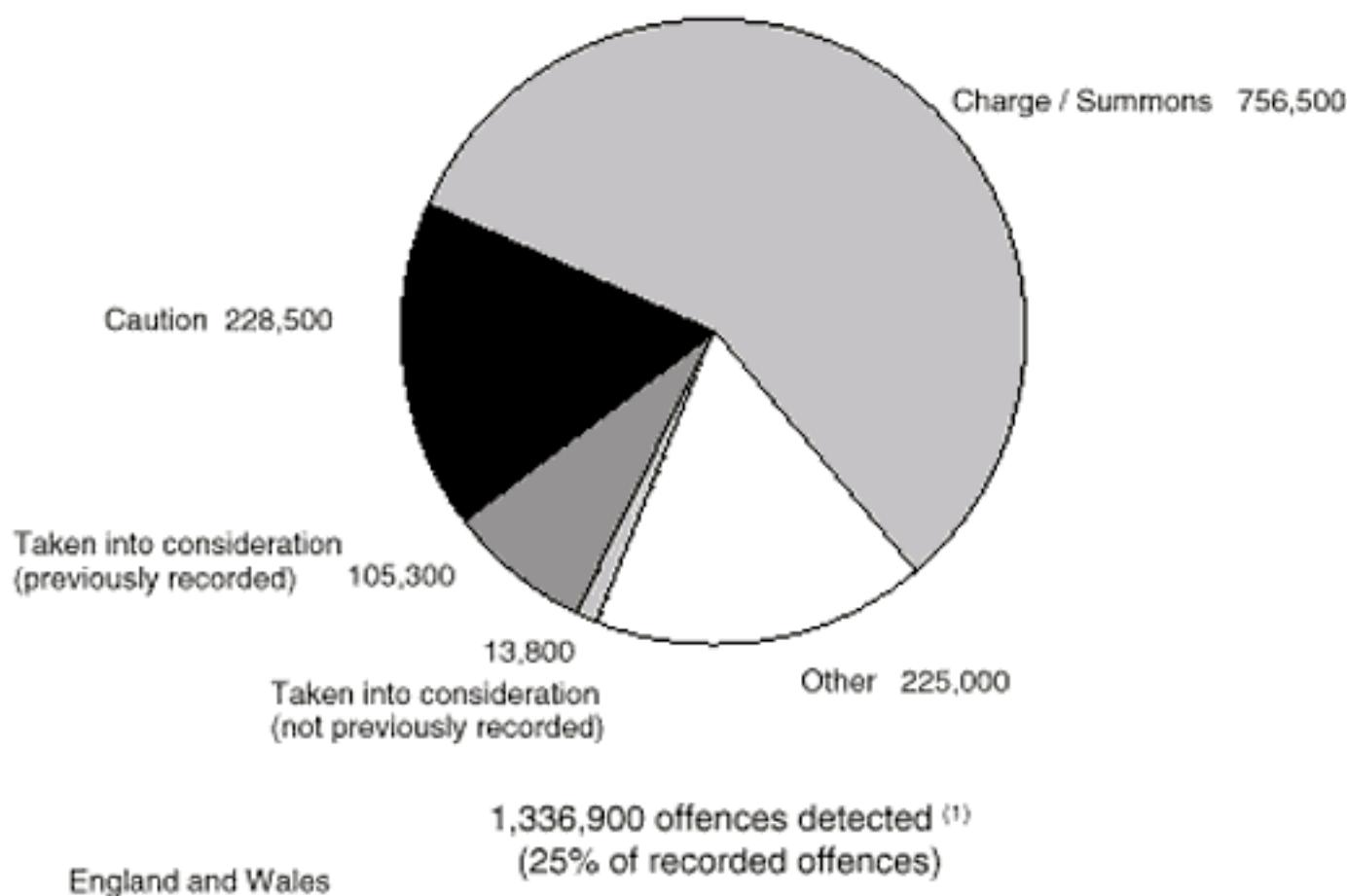
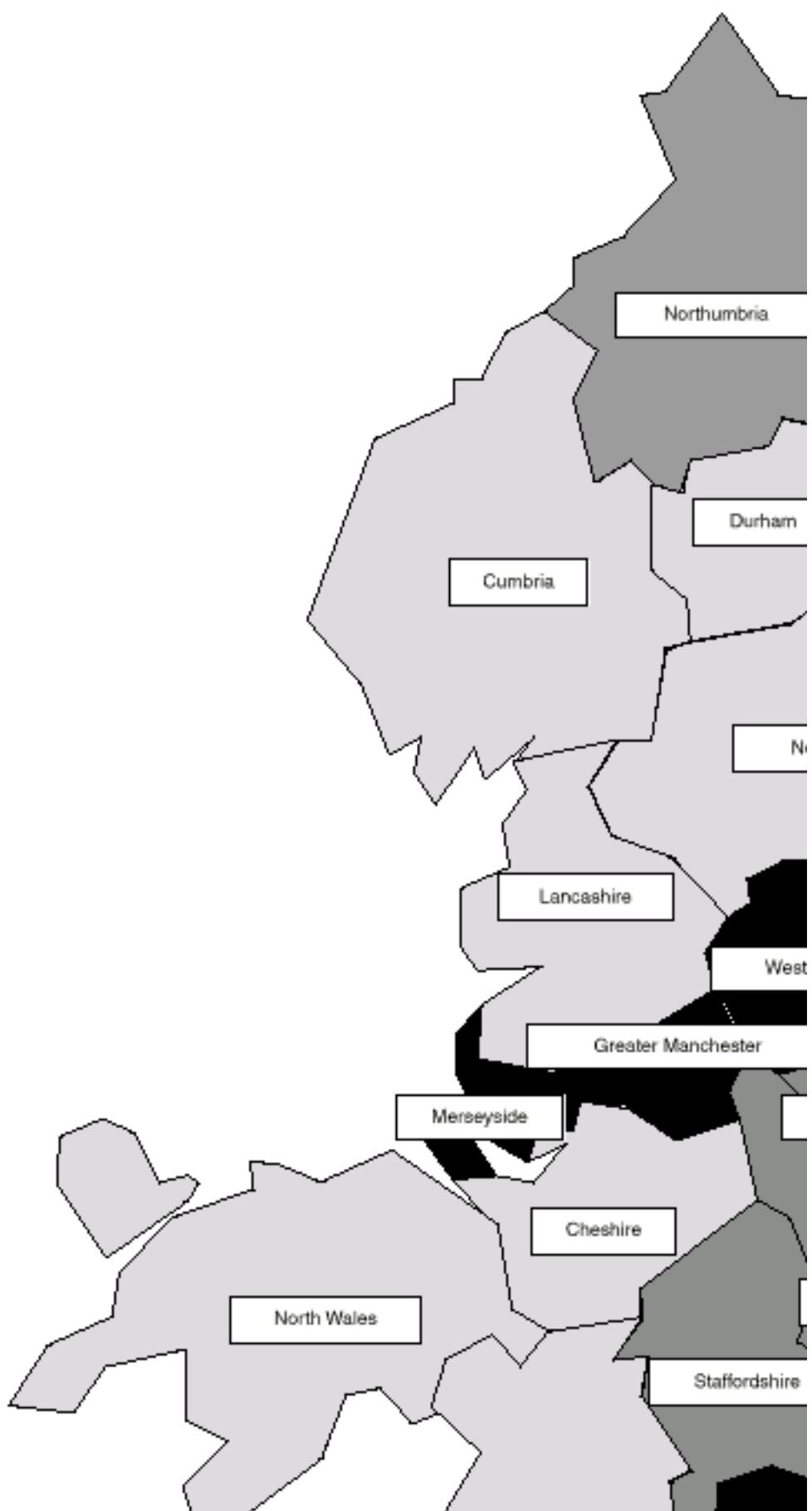
Figure 2.4 Recorded crimes detected by method of clear-up 1999/00

Figure 2.5 Recorded crime per 100,000 population by police force area 1999/00

- Under 6,500
- 6,500 to 8,499
- 8,500 to 10,499
- 10,500 and over



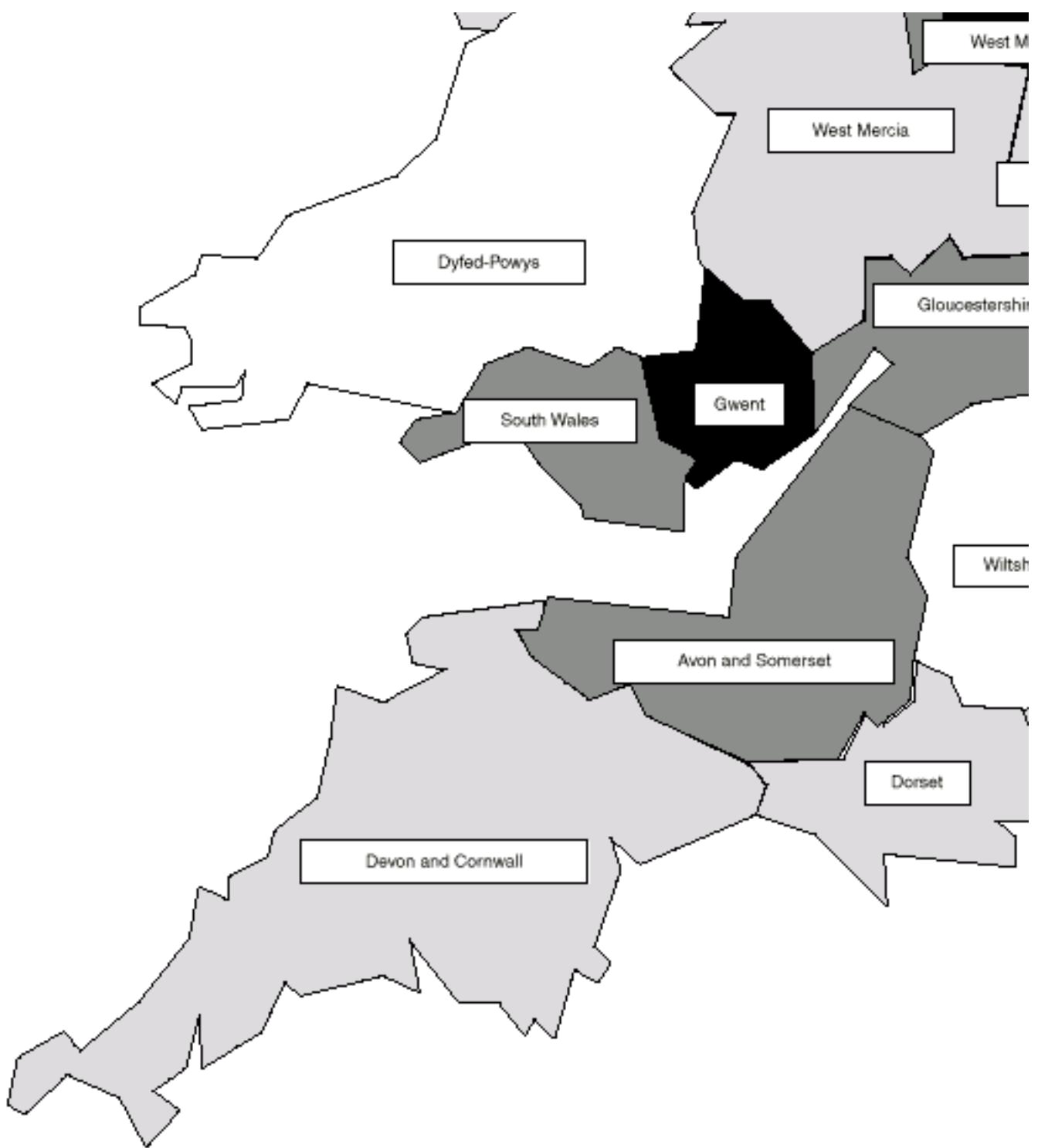


Figure 2.6 Violent crimes recorded by the police 1999/00

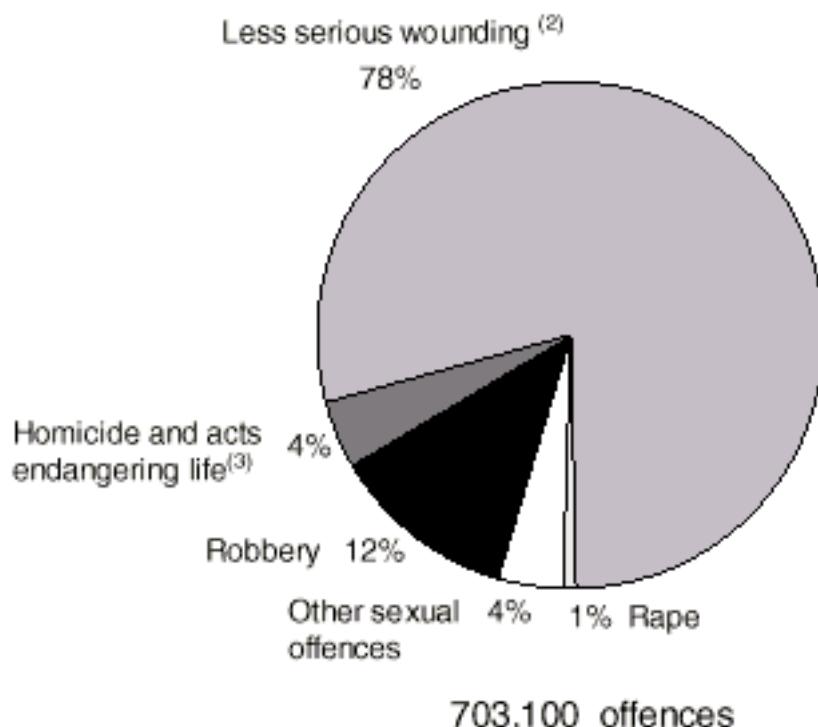


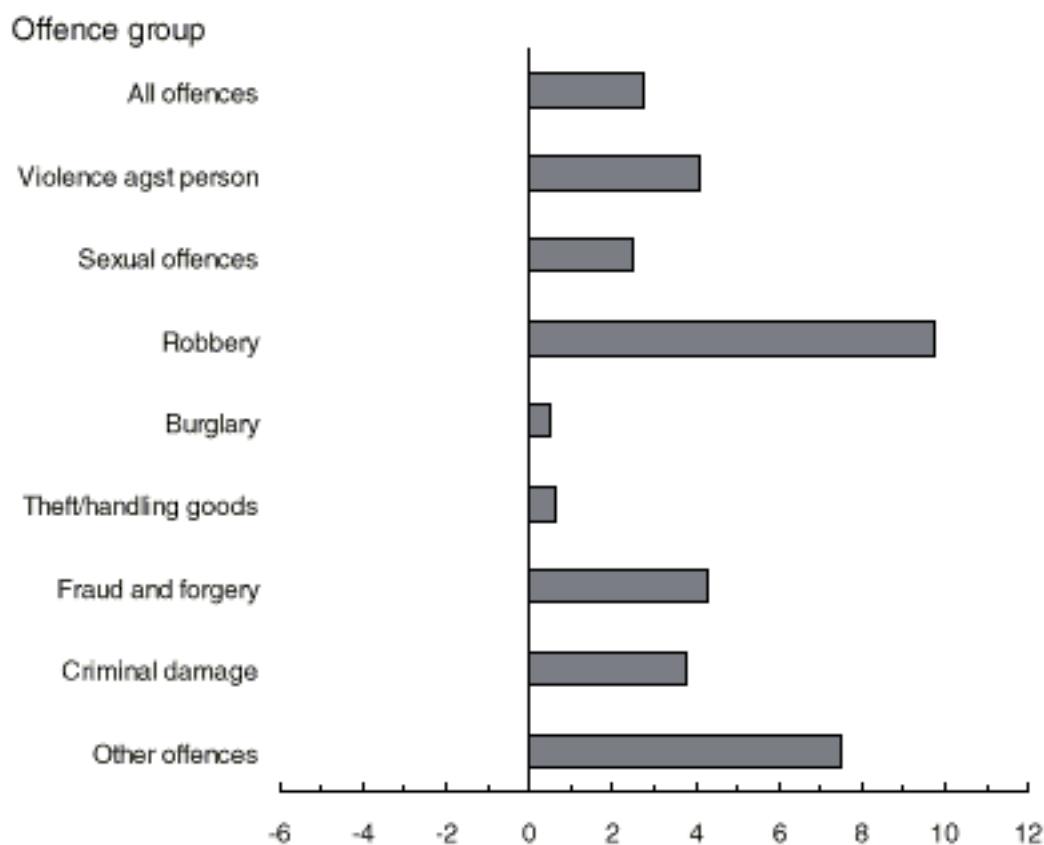
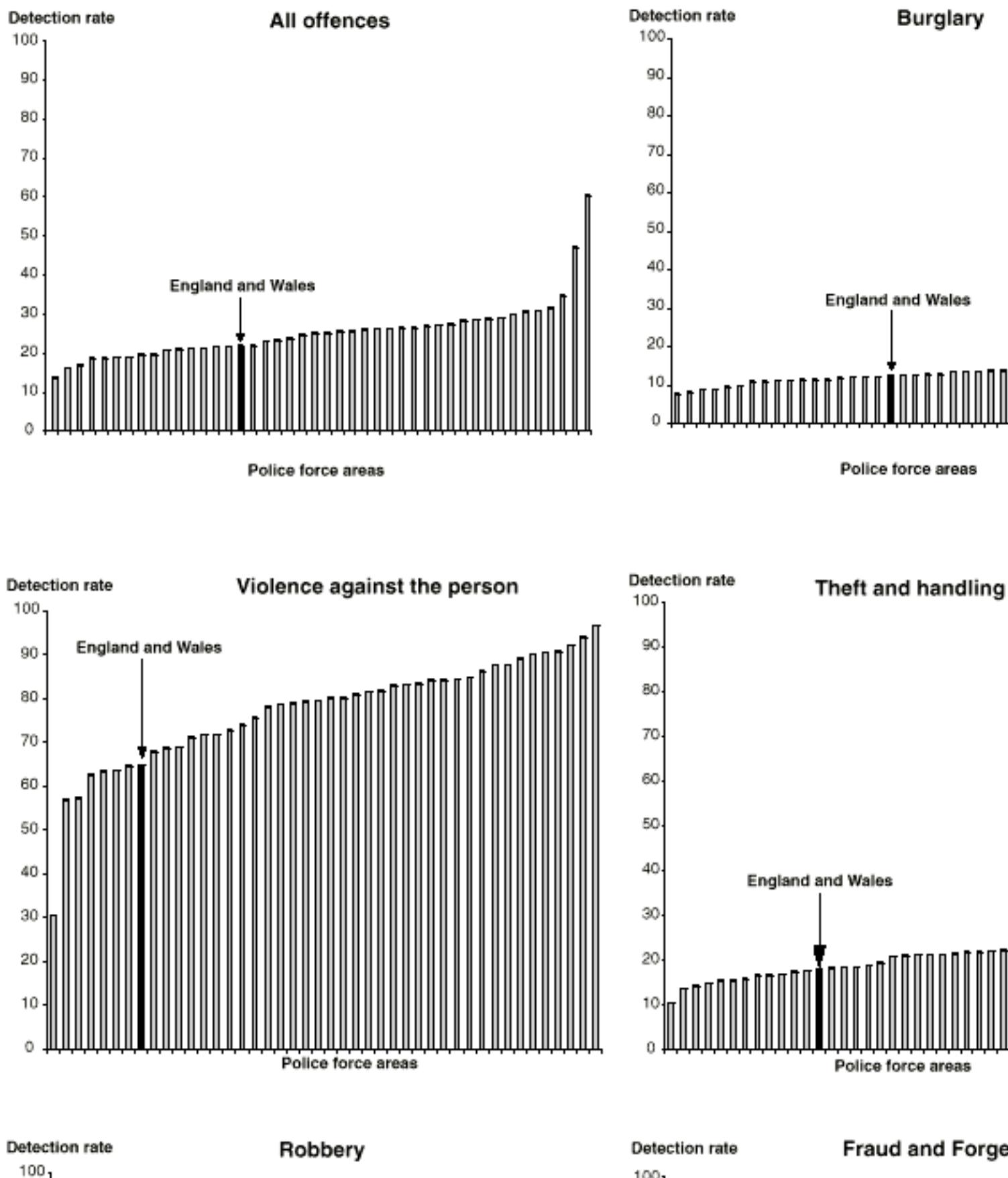
Figure 2.7 Recorded crime: average annual percentage change 1989-1999/00 by offence group

Figure 2.8 Detection rates for offence groups in police force areas 1999/00

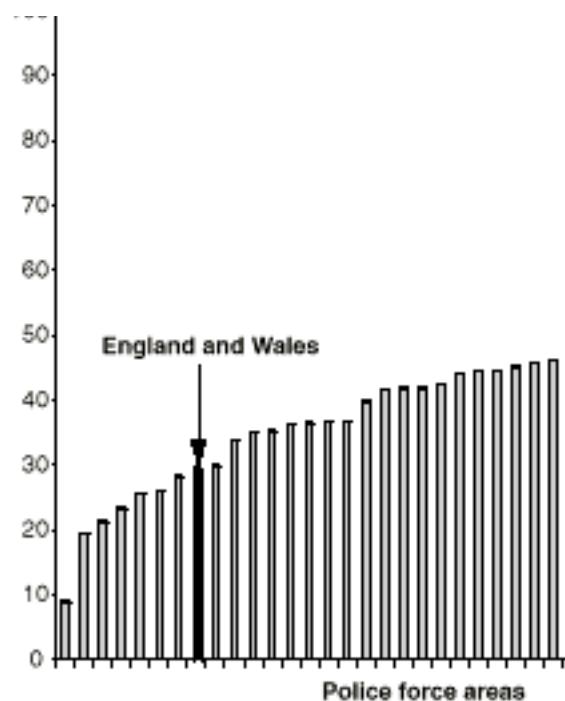
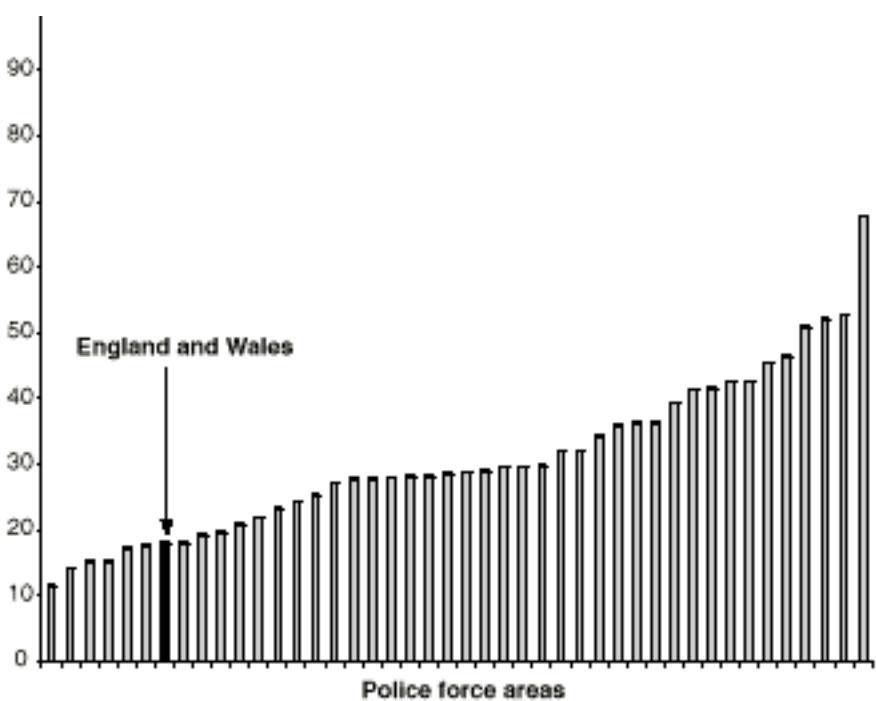


Table 2A Comparison of the results of the British Crime Survey with recorded crime⁽¹⁾
England and Wales 1999⁽¹⁾

Offences	Notifiable offences recorded by the police		BCS estima- nun commi- (Thousa- d)
	Total (Thousands)	Adjusted for comparison ⁽²⁾ (Thousands)	
Violence against the person:			
Wounding	218	186	
Common assault	213	177	2
Other, not covered by BCS	140	..	
Burglary			
Burglary in a dwelling	449	452	1
Other, not covered by BCS	465	..	
Robbery and theft from the person	151	139	
Theft and handling stolen goods:			
Theft from vehicle (with loss)	569	505	1
Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	310	280	
Theft from vehicle (no loss) and attempted theft or unauthorised taking of a vehicle	234	210	
Theft of a pedal cycle	131	136	
Other, not covered by BCS	902	..	
Criminal Damage	971	488	2
Other, not covered by BCS	509	..	
Total⁽²⁾	5,261	2,573	11

(1) Recorded crimes for the calendar year are estimates due to changes in the counting rules.

(2) Adjustments necessary because of the sample structure and coverage of the BCS. Details of the adjustments are given in the British Crime Survey (England and Wales).

Table 2.1 Recorded crime—summary of key figures

England and Wales

Offence group	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
Violence against the person of which:					
More serious offences	177.0	184.7	190.3	201.8	205.1
Less serious offences	13.9	14.7	15.8	17.8	18.0
Sexual offences of which:	29.7	29.0	29.4	29.5	31.3
Rape	163.0	170.0	174.5	184.0	187.1
Indecent assault on a female	3.3	3.4	4.0	4.1	4.6
Other sexual offences	15.4	15.8	15.8	16.2	17.4
Other sexual offences	11.1	9.9	9.6	9.2	9.3
Robbery	33.2	36.2	45.3	52.9	57.8
<i>Total violent crime</i>	239.9	249.9	265.1	284.2	294.2
Burglary of which:	825.9	1,006.8	1,219.5	1,355.3	1,369.6
Burglary in a dwelling	437.7	529.2	624.9	708.2	727.3
Burglary in other building	388.2	477.7	594.5	647.0	642.3
Theft and handling stolen goods of which:	2,012.8	2,374.4	2,761.1	2,851.6	2,751.9
Theft from the person	294	30.1	35.4	39.1	47.7
Theft from a shop	223.0	250.3	281.3	288.7	275.6
Theft of a pedal cycle	134.5	166.3	212.2	222.2	190.7
Theft from a vehicle	628.9	773.1	913.3	961.3	925.8
Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	393.4	494.2	581.9	587.9	597.5
<i>Theft of & from vehicles</i>	1,022.3	1,267.3	1,495.2	1,549.2	1,523.3
Other theft	558.7	613.6	685.6	702.6	664.1
Handling stolen goods	44.9	46.8	51.5	49.8	50.4
Fraud and forgery	134.5	147.9	174.7	168.6	162.8
Criminal damage of which:	630.1	733.4	821.1	892.6	906.7
Arson	23.7	26.5	30.1	33.7	32.3
Other criminal damage	606.4	707.0	791.1	858.9	874.5
Drug offences	9.2	10.0	11.4	13.8	14.8
Other notifiable offences of which:	18.4	21.1	23.2	25.6	26.1
Going equipped for stealing	6.8	8.4	9.7	9.2	8.6
Other offences	11.7	12.8	13.5	16.4	17.5
Total	3,870.7	4,543.6	5,276.2	5,591.7	5,526.3

(1) The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the coverage and rules in use until 31 March 1998.

(2) The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the expanded offence coverage and revised counting rules wh

Table 2.1 Recorded crime – summary of key figures (continued)

England and Wales

Offence group	1990	1991	1992
Violence against the person of which:	+4	+3	+6
More serious offences	+5	+8	+12
Less serious offences	+4	+3	+5
Sexual offences of which:	-2	+1	0
Rape	+3	+19	+2
Indecent assault on a female	+3	0	+3
Other sexual offences	+11	-3	-5
Robbery	+9	+25	+17
<i>Total violent crime</i>	+4	+6	+7
Burglary of which:	+22	+21	+11
Burglary in a dwelling	+21	+18	+13
Burglary in other building	+23	+24	+9
Theft and handling stolen goods of which:	+18	+16	+3
Theft from the person	+2	+18	+10
Theft from a shop	+3	+12	+12
Theft of a pedal cycle	+24	+28	+5
Theft from a vehicle	+23	+18	+5
Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle	+26	+18	+1
<i>Theft of & from vehicles</i>	+24	+18	+4
Other theft	+10	+12	+2
Handling stolen goods	+4	+10	-3
Fraud and forgery	+10	+18	-4
Criminal damage of which:	+16	+12	+9
Arson	+12	+14	+12
Other criminal damage	+17	+12	+9
Drug offences	+9	+14	+21
Other notifiable offences of which:	+13	+11	+14
Going equipped for stealing	+24	+16	-5
Other offences	+9	+6	+21
Total	+17	+16	+6

(1) The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the coverage and rules in use until 31 March 1998.

(2) The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the expanded offence coverage and revised counting rules wh

Table 2.2 Recorded crime and number per 100,000 population

England and Wales

Number of offences and number pe

Year	Number of offences ⁽¹⁾ (Thousands)	Number of offences ⁽²⁾ (Thousands)	Number of offences against property ⁽²⁾ (Thousands)	Number of offence per 100,000 population
1950	..	479.4	450.0 ⁽³⁾	.
1955	..	462.3	430.0 ⁽³⁾	.
1960	..	800.3	760.0 ⁽³⁾	.
1965	..	1,243.5	1,190.0 ⁽³⁾	.
1970	..	1,568.4	1,484.2	.
1975	..	2,105.6	1,984.7	.
1976	..	2,135.7	2,008.6	.
1977	2,636.5	2,463.0	2,330.4	5,36
1978	2,561.5	2,395.8	2,264.1	5,21
1979	2,536.7	2,376.7	2,238.6	5,15
1980	2,688.2	2,520.6	2,378.9	5,45
1981	2,963.8	2,794.2	2,645.4	5,97
1982	3,262.4	3,088.3	2,928.1	6,57
1983	3,247.0	3,071.0	2,903.3	6,54
1984	3,499.1	3,313.8	3,139.5	7,04
1985	3,611.9	3,426.4	3,239.0	7,25
1986	3,847.4	3,660.0	3,465.1	7,70
1987	3,892.2	3,716.2	3,498.0	7,77
1988	3,715.8	3,550.2	3,311.3	7,39
1989	3,870.7	3,706.2	3,438.7	7,68
1990	4,543.6	4,363.6	4,082.6	8,98
1991	5,276.2	5,075.3	4,775.6	10,40
1992	5,591.7	5,383.5	5,059.9	10,94
1993	5,526.3	5,317.1	4,981.9	10,77
1994	5,253.0	5,032.4	4,674.4	10,21
1995	5,100.2	4,885.9	4,524.3	9,88
1996	5,036.6	4,868.4	4,467.9	9,71
1997	4,598.3	4,460.6	4,053.8	8,84
1997/8	4,545.3	4,428.8	4,014.9	8,73
1998/9	4,481.8	..	4,086.7 ⁽⁴⁾	8,58
1998/9	5,109.1	..	4,303.7 ⁽⁵⁾	9,78
1999/00	5,301.2	..	4,410.5 ⁽⁶⁾	10,11

(1) Including all criminal damage.

(2) Excluding offences of 'other criminal damage' of value £20 and under.

(3) Estimated.

(4) Break in series due to revised counting rules from 1980.

(5) Change from calendar year to financial year.

(6) Break in series due to expanded offence coverage and revised counting rules which came into effect on 1 April 1998.

Table 2.3 Recorded crime per 100,000 population by offence group

England and Wales

Number of offences pe

Year	Total	Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Robbery	<i>Total violent crime</i>	Burglary	Theft and handling stolen goods	Fraud and forgery	Crimina damag
1988	7,396	315	53	63	431	1,628	3,844	266	1,18
1989	7,681	351	59	66	476	1,639	3,994	267	1,25
1990	8,986	365	57	72	494	1,991	4,696	293	1,45
1991	10,403	375	58	89	523	2,404	5,444	345	1,61
1992	11,025	398	58	104	560	2,672	5,622	332	1,76
1993	10,777	400	61	113	574	2,671	5,367	318	1,76
1994	10,212	424	62	117	603	2,443	4,986	282	1,80
1995	9,880	412	59	132	602	2,401	4,750	258	1,77
1996	9,719	462	61	143	665	2,247	4,600	263	1,83
1997	8,841	482	64	121	667	1,952	4,163	258	1,68
1997/8 ⁽¹⁾	8,739	492	66	120	678	1,900	4,124	262	1,65
1998/9 ⁽¹⁾	8,584	442	67	127	636	1,823	4,073	333	1,59
1998/9 ⁽²⁾	9,785	963	69	128	1,160	1,826	4,197	535	1,68
1999/00 ⁽²⁾	10,111	1,108	72	161	1,341	1,729	4,241	639	1,80

(1) The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the coverage and rules in use until 31 March 1998.

(2) The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the expanded offence coverage and revised counting rules 1 April 1998.

(3) Before 1 April 1998 the only drug offence was "trafficking".

Table 2.4 Recorded crime by police force area

England and Wales 1994-1999/00

Police force area	Number of offences						Perce			
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1997 ⁽¹⁾	1998 ⁽¹⁾	1998 ⁽²⁾	1999 ⁽²⁾	1994	199
				-98	-99	-99	-00	-95	-96	
Avon and Somerset	167,975	152,886	156,557	143,128	144,556	131,955	150,089	147,104	-9	+6
Bedfordshire	52,501	51,104	52,004	47,426	45,250	43,947	49,076	53,607	-3	+4
Cambridgeshire	61,732	67,652	69,513	60,050	58,864	59,678	67,256	68,722	+10	+6
Cheshire	74,926	73,202	66,214	60,363	60,716	59,414	65,119	64,528	-2	-10
Cleveland	81,732	79,719	78,608	64,445	63,634	63,726	67,030	65,185	-2	-1
Cumbria	42,492	41,230	39,739	35,810	35,777	35,171	40,202	37,729	-3	-4
Derbyshire	85,915	82,380	78,896	73,792	74,436	74,047	84,459	85,650	-4	-4
Devon and Cornwall	109,396	102,193	103,121	94,828	92,800	88,484	110,644	110,361	-7	+1
Dorset	55,415	54,582	49,731	44,104	43,536	43,903	52,755	52,332	-2	-4
Durham	65,029	57,817	51,849	47,976	47,311	44,178	50,413	48,796	-11	-10
Essex	105,995	98,097	100,758	90,158	89,380	87,147	95,797	102,777	-7	+6
Gloucestershire	60,371	55,448	53,675	47,533	46,044	44,000	48,206	50,993	-8	-1
Greater Manchester	338,110	327,994	327,976	307,403	315,000	336,172	362,450	377,086	-3	-4
Hampshire	141,272	134,319	135,915	124,306	121,042	115,008	128,253	135,174	-5	+1
Hertfordshire	54,887	55,891	54,441	50,050	49,426	46,255	49,309	52,741	+2	-1
Humberside	135,826	128,393	126,931	121,330	123,722	119,290	130,691	121,442	-5	-1
Kent	155,344	155,251	147,980	122,955	118,892	110,244	129,340	124,918	0	-5
Lancashire	127,300	124,921	122,487	119,755	116,947	105,161	118,085	108,866	-2	-7
Leicestershire	99,150	93,607	94,124	81,259	81,183	81,714	93,397	94,577	-6	+1
Lincolnshire	47,767	48,015	47,069	43,381	41,792	39,718	46,670	46,170	+1	-1
London, City of	5,272	5,727	4,831	5,130	5,137	6,035	7,144	7,775	+9	-10
Merseyside	136,825	153,385	145,956	125,979	125,312	130,606	140,874	148,172	+12	-1
Metropolitan Police	853,478	817,082	841,784	791,732	778,279	767,880	934,254	1,052,047	-4	+5
Norfolk	56,075	51,716	55,314	53,332	52,580	51,167	57,129	59,387	-8	+5
Northamptonshire	57,607	56,524	57,378	54,047	53,645	55,842	65,466	61,240	-2	+5
Northumbria	204,057	194,141	169,656	140,166	134,457	132,588	151,298	142,279	-5	-11
North Yorkshire	62,153	63,539	56,919	50,252	50,297	48,372	55,309	53,554	+2	-10
Nottinghamshire	152,592	151,371	144,060	128,015	125,097	123,680	135,255	136,875	-1	-5
South Yorkshire	157,089	154,293	151,577	130,960	125,907	124,427	133,059	131,700	-2	-5
Staffordshire	93,757	91,495	92,155	89,957	89,820	84,495	91,919	98,852	-2	+1
Suffolk	39,393	38,233	37,095	35,639	35,262	34,280	39,908	43,355	-3	-1
Surrey	46,783	44,313	42,014	38,440	38,015	36,376	42,467	46,288	-5	-1
Sussex	107,105	110,300	118,086	111,624	110,320	111,468	130,402	136,566	+3	+5
Thames Valley	186,268	178,702	172,194	157,423	154,014	161,646	176,477	191,875	-4	-1
Warwickshire	42,592	38,906	38,926	35,725	35,604	35,659	38,485	38,593	-9	-1
West Mercia	83,949	80,013	82,254	76,762	75,330	69,451	81,782	84,797	-5	+5
West Midlands	315,755	318,087	317,892	278,975	277,970	276,512	314,628	364,887	+1	+4
West Yorkshire	289,716	283,938	268,716	244,142	242,646	246,438	273,809	260,237	-2	-5
Wiltshire	38,147	36,428	35,911	33,039	32,831	32,984	38,189	38,461	-5	-1
England	4,991,748	4,852,894	4,790,306	4,361,391	4,312,831	4,259,118	4,847,095	5,045,698	-3	-1
Dyfed-Powys	21,602	19,419	19,072	18,098	17,994	17,858	24,588	23,709	-10	-4
Gwent	38,431	33,034	44,572	47,268	47,043	47,381	58,738	60,132	-14	+3
North Wales	43,451	41,645	41,024	40,684	38,658	36,570	43,848	44,606	-4	-1

South Wales	157,748	153,249	141,578	130,886	128,811	120,890	134,820	127,040	-3	-4
Wales	261,232	247,347	246,246	236,936	232,506	222,699	261,994	255,487	-5	-6
England and Wales	5,252,980	5,100,241	5,036,552	4,598,327	4,545,337	4,481,817	5,109,089	5,301,185	-3	-1

(1) The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the coverage and rules in use until 31 March 1998.

(2) The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the expanded offence coverage and revised counting rules which came into force on 1 April 1998.

Table 2.5 Recorded crime by police force area and offence group

England and Wales 1999/00

Police force area	Total	Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Robbery	Total <i>violent crime</i>	Burglary	Theft and handling stolen goods	Fraud and forgery	Crimi- nal dam- age
Avon and Somerset	147,104	12,921	759	2,381	16,061	27,804	71,130	8,518	20,4
Bedfordshire	53,607	5,104	402	615	6,121	7,913	25,135	4,760	8,0
Cambridgeshire	68,722	6,090	418	548	7,056	12,377	32,072	3,251	12,1
Cheshire	64,528	5,800	379	466	6,645	12,805	27,150	2,192	12,6
Cleveland	65,185	3,025	414	839	4,278	15,621	30,278	2,744	10,3
Cumbria	37,729	5,142	224	90	5,456	5,455	14,687	1,310	8,9
Derbyshire	85,650	10,019	546	584	11,149	15,536	36,023	4,739	15,2
Devon and Cornwall	110,361	12,479	936	487	13,902	17,307	48,566	6,925	18,4
Dorset	52,332	3,487	306	241	4,034	8,466	23,658	5,866	8,4
Durham	48,796	5,397	251	236	5,884	9,083	19,835	1,314	10,6
Essex	102,777	9,879	975	626	11,480	14,967	45,238	5,470	21,5
Gloucestershire	50,993	4,240	323	291	4,854	9,308	23,639	3,284	7,9
Greater Manchester	377,086	40,184	2,258	8,634	51,076	75,374	146,094	20,043	75,6
Hampshire	135,174	15,378	1,384	732	17,494	18,778	58,127	6,393	28,1
Hertfordshire	52,741	3,703	348	420	4,471	8,689	23,358	2,935	11,5
Humberside	121,442	9,085	717	950	10,752	32,230	51,561	3,745	20,7
Kent	124,918	12,984	872	827	14,683	19,722	52,325	7,387	24,1
Lancashire	108,866	9,803	754	1,058	11,615	21,360	44,459	4,024	22,7
Leicestershire	94,577	11,153	800	1,023	12,976	15,632	37,247	8,398	16,3
Lincolnshire	46,170	3,866	325	178	4,369	10,719	19,551	1,641	8,1
London, City of	7,775	525	21	49	595	420	4,640	1,214	4
Merseyside	148,172	14,639	935	2,663	18,237	25,638	62,230	4,794	30,8
Metropolitan Police	1,052,047	156,880	9,189	36,317	202,386	129,145	426,235	105,150	151,4
Norfolk	59,387	6,382	415	297	7,094	10,243	25,660	3,251	10,9
Northamptonshire	61,240	5,128	287	481	5,896	11,302	26,159	4,225	11,7
Northumbria	142,279	13,563	983	1,389	15,935	26,459	58,175	5,022	30,4
North Yorkshire	53,554	5,101	294	212	5,607	10,402	24,326	2,551	8,0
Nottinghamshire	136,875	13,629	987	1,768	16,384	26,458	60,570	6,195	23,6
South Yorkshire	131,700	7,605	645	1,122	9,372	32,412	55,045	4,794	25,1
Staffordshire	98,852	13,183	760	697	14,640	19,155	38,723	4,885	18,4
Suffolk	43,355	5,303	389	223	5,915	6,214	17,422	2,182	9,4
Surrey	46,288	5,370	505	224	6,099	6,640	18,886	3,808	8,6
Sussex	136,566	16,924	1,003	1,020	18,947	19,437	59,196	8,615	26,1
Thames Valley	191,875	13,870	1,002	1,659	16,531	31,185	96,123	14,191	28,0
Warwickshire	38,593	2,188	169	224	2,581	7,741	17,326	2,383	7,4
West Mercia	84,797	8,213	585	359	9,157	14,313	36,339	4,210	17,4
West Midlands	364,887	42,615	2,319	10,092	55,026	68,780	140,305	26,856	61,4
West Yorkshire	260,237	17,738	1,806	3,088	22,632	58,896	110,654	11,533	48,1
Wiltshire	38,461	4,519	358	258	5,135	5,718	16,746	2,086	7,1

England	5,045,698	543,114	36,043	83,368	662,525	869,704	2,124,893	322,884	890,7
Dyfed-Powys	23,709	5,519	292	28	5,839	2,072	7,374	1,136	4,
Gwent	60,132	13,774	503	216	14,493	7,656	19,721	2,586	12,
North Wales	44,606	5,739	373	146	6,258	6,892	17,647	1,570	10,
South Wales	127,040	12,890	581	519	13,990	20,144	53,985	6,597	28,1
Wales	255,487	37,922	1,749	909	40,580	36,764	98,727	11,889	54,9
England and Wales	5,301,185	581,036	37,792	84,277	703,105	906,468	2,223,620	334,773	945,6

Table 2.6 Recorded crimes per 100,000 population by police force area and offence group

England and Wales 1999/00

Police force area	Total	Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Robbery	Total violent crime	Number of offences per 100,000 population			
						Burglary	Theft and handling stolen goods	Fraud and forgery	Crimi- nal dam- age
Avon and Somerset	9,882	868	51	160	1,079	1,868	4,778	572	1,2
Bedfordshire	9,631	917	72	110	1,100	1,422	4,516	855	1,4
Cambridgeshire	9,548	846	58	76	980	1,720	4,456	452	1,6
Cheshire	6,556	589	39	47	675	1,301	2,758	223	1,2
Cleveland	11,717	544	74	151	769	2,808	5,442	493	1,5
Cumbria	7,655	1,043	45	18	1,107	1,107	2,980	266	1,8
Derbyshire	8,829	1,033	56	60	1,149	1,602	3,713	489	1,5
Devon and Cornwall	7,080	801	60	31	892	1,110	3,116	444	1,1
Dorset	7,571	504	44	35	584	1,225	3,423	849	1,2
Durham	8,029	888	41	39	968	1,494	3,264	216	1,7
Essex	6,703	644	64	41	749	976	2,950	357	1,4
Gloucestershire	9,151	761	58	52	871	1,670	4,242	589	1,4
Greater Manchester	14,630	1,559	88	335	1,982	2,924	5,668	778	2,5
Hampshire	7,633	868	78	41	988	1,060	3,282	361	1,2
Hertfordshire	6,004	422	40	48	509	989	2,659	334	1,2
Humberside	13,752	1,029	81	108	1,218	3,650	5,839	424	2,2
Kent	7,934	825	55	53	933	1,253	3,323	469	1,5
Lancashire	7,630	687	53	74	814	1,497	3,116	282	1,2
Leicestershire	10,184	1,201	86	110	1,397	1,683	4,011	904	1,8
Lincolnshire	7,409	620	52	29	701	1,720	3,138	263	1,2
London, City of	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Merseyside	10,513	1,039	66	189	1,294	1,819	4,415	340	2,1
Metropolitan Police ⁽¹⁾	13,784	2,047	120	473	2,640	1,685	5,604	1,383	1,9
Norfolk	7,515	808	53	38	898	1,296	3,247	411	1,2
Northamptonshire	9,945	833	47	78	957	1,835	4,248	686	1,5
Northumbria	9,981	951	69	97	1,118	1,856	4,081	352	2,1
North Yorkshire	7,214	687	40	29	755	1,401	3,277	344	1,1
Nottinghamshire	13,268	1,321	96	171	1,588	2,565	5,872	601	2,2
South Yorkshire	10,099	583	49	86	719	2,485	4,221	368	1,5
Staffordshire	9,314	1,242	72	66	1,379	1,805	3,649	460	1,7
Suffolk	6,460	790	58	33	881	926	2,596	325	1,4
Surrey	5,884	683	64	28	775	844	2,401	484	1,0
Sussex	9,110	1,129	67	68	1,264	1,297	3,949	575	1,7
Thames Valley	9,142	661	48	79	788	1,486	4,580	676	1,2
Warwickshire	7,616	432	33	44	509	1,528	3,419	470	1,4
West Mercia	7,462	723	51	32	806	1,260	3,198	370	1,5
West Midlands	13,884	1,621	88	384	2,094	2,617	5,338	1,022	2,3
West Yorkshire	12,315	839	85	146	1,071	2,787	5,236	546	2,2
Wiltshire	6,352	746	59	43	848	944	2,766	345	1,1

England	10,194	1,097	73	168	<i>1,339</i>	1,757	4,293	652	1,8
Dyfed-Powys	4,946	1,151	61	6	<i>1,218</i>	432	1,538	237	5
Gwent	10,791	2,472	90	39	<i>2,601</i>	1,374	3,539	464	2,1
North Wales	6,785	873	57	22	<i>952</i>	1,048	2,684	239	1,5
South Wales	10,251	1,040	47	42	<i>1,129</i>	1,625	4,356	532	2,2
Wales	8,710	1,293	60	31	<i>1,383</i>	1,253	3,366	405	1,8
England and Wales	10,111	1,108	72	161	<i>1,341</i>	1,729	4,241	639	1,8

(1) Including City of London.

* Not applicable.

Table 2.7 Percentage change in numbers of notifiable offences recorded by police force 1998/9–1999/00

England and Wales

Police force area	Total	Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Robbery	Total violent crime	Burglary	Theft and handling stolen goods	Fraud and forgery
Avon and Somerset	-2	+5	-8	+30	+7	-5	-1	-14
Bedfordshire	+9	+6	+17	+16	+8	+11	+11	+16
Cambridgeshire	+2	+14	-3	+25	+14	-3	0	+36
Cheshire	-1	-12	-39	+17	-13	-2	+1	+2
Cleveland	-3	+2	+12	-8	+1	-5	-5	+21
Cumbria	-6	-8	+12	-24	-8	-6	-11	-6
Derbyshire	+1	+18	-2	+16	+17	-7	-2	+13
Devon and Cornwall	0	+6	+7	+5	+6	-3	-2	-2
Dorset	-1	+24	-3	+18	+21	-8	-1	-7
Durham	-3	+9	+3	+37	+10	-10	-2	0
Essex	+7	+23	+11	+20	+22	-0	+2	+25
Gloucestershire	+6	+31	-6	+7	+26	-8	+1	+30
Greater Manchester	+4	+12	+5	+13	+12	-5	+1	+27
Hampshire	+5	+22	+30	+24	+23	-5	+1	+25
Hertfordshire	+7	+12	+8	+68	+15	+4	+2	+27
Humberside	-7	-3	-3	+13	-2	-6	-11	+5
Kent	-3	+5	-6	+16	+5	-14	-9	+30
Lancashire	-8	-5	-14	+8	-5	-12	-11	-9
Leicestershire	+1	+12	+5	+6	+11	-9	-3	+16
Lincolnshire	-1	-9	-17	+19	-9	+5	+1	-40
London, City of	+9	+3	-32	+69	+4	-19	+9	+41
Merseyside	+5	+20	-8	+7	+16	-3	+5	-2
Metropolitan Police	+13	+19	+13	+38	+22	+4	+11	+31
Norfolk	+4	+17	-18	+35	+15	+1	0	+31
Northamptonshire	-6	-2	-6	+9	-2	-7	-10	-5
Northumbria	-6	+9	+4	+3	+8	-16	-7	+1
North Yorkshire	-3	+6	-1	+25	+6	-7	-5	0
Nottinghamshire	+1	+13	+4	+35	+14	-8	+1	+31
South Yorkshire	-1	+16	-1	+15	+14	-6	-4	+21
Staffordshire	+8	+30	+34	+37	+31	-6	+2	+28
Suffolk	+9	+39	-4	+59	+36	0	+2	+4
Surrey	+9	+29	-13	+31	+24	-4	+5	+27
Sussex	+5	+15	+10	+9	+14	-7	+3	+11
Thames Valley	+9	+29	+14	+25	+27	+1	+7	+20

Warwickshire	0	+6	-13	+32	+6	-4	-2	-1
West Mercia	+4	+17	-5	+2	+15	-2	0	+6
West Midlands	+16	+37	+17	+38	+36	-3	+11	+71
West Yorkshire	-5	+6	+2	+1	+5	-13	-4	+9
Wiltshire	+1	+3	-11	+32	+3	-7	0	+8
England	+4	+15	+5	+26	+16	-5	+2	+21
Dyfed-Powys	-4	+18	-8	-33	+16	-21	-4	-19
Gwent	+2	+21	+11	+25	+21	-9	-5	+8
North Wales	+2	+22	+12	+15	+21	-5	+1	-16
South Wales	-6	+13	-19	+2	+11	-15	-6	+4
Wales	-2	+18	-4	+7	+17	-12	-5	-1
England and Wales	+4	+16	+4	+26	+16	-5	+1	+20

Table 2.8 Recorded crimes which were cleared up by offence group

England and Wales

Offence group	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
Violence against the person	136.1	141.7	147.1	153.6	156.6
Sexual offences	22.2	22.0	22.4	22.1	23.4
Robbery	8.8	9.6	10.6	11.7	12.5
<i>Total violent crime</i>	<i>167.1</i>	<i>173.3</i>	<i>180.1</i>	<i>187.4</i>	<i>192.5</i>
Burglary	225.2	255.9	285.8	268.4	266.4
Theft and handling stolen goods	630.5	709.8	763.3	693.6	634.0
Fraud and forgery	89.4	89.8	97.0	88.6	82.9
Criminal damage	108.1	120.5	120.0	115.3	113.5
Drug offences
Other notifiable offences	26.6	30.0	33.2	37.6	39.0
Total	1,247.0	1,379.4	1,479.5	1,390.9	1,328.2
Violence against the person	77	77	77	76	76
Sexual offences	75	76	76	75	75
Robbery	26	26	23	22	22
<i>Total violent crime</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>65</i>
Burglary	27	25	23	20	19
Theft and handling stolen goods	31	30	28	24	23
Fraud and forgery	66	61	55	53	51
Criminal damage	23	22	19	17	16
Drug offences
Other notifiable offences	96	96	96	96	95
Total	34	32	29	26	25

(1) The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the coverage and rules in use until 31 March 1998.

(2) The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the expanded offence coverage and revised counting rules wh

(3) Offences cleared up as a percentage of the total number of offences recorded by the police.

Table 2.9 Recorded crimes which were cleared up by police force area and offence group

England and Wales 1999/00

Police force area	Total	Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Robbery	Burglary	Theft and handling stolen goods	Fraud and forgery	Criminal damage
Avon and Somerset	32,041	8,211	471	363	3,552	10,130	3,115	3,486
Bedfordshire	13,313	3,670	210	122	761	4,613	931	1,527
Cambridgeshire	17,395	4,878	292	139	2,193	4,899	1,146	2,179
Cheshire	19,884	5,002	320	168	1,746	6,171	1,185	2,219
Cleveland	14,093	1,928	346	162	1,422	6,765	821	1,275
Cumbria	14,830	4,516	196	46	1,065	4,297	990	1,897
Derbyshire	23,846	7,956	344	174	1,743	6,238	1,991	2,806
Devon and Cornwall	38,743	11,309	851	203	2,416	10,911	3,685	4,384
Dorset	13,498	2,506	193	68	1,034	4,436	2,156	1,391
Durham	15,713	4,982	228	101	1,149	4,382	987	1,871
Essex	30,503	8,202	650	176	2,194	10,070	2,181	3,567
Gloucestershire	15,552	3,576	228	84	1,826	4,996	1,464	1,613
Greater Manchester	88,470	28,608	1,470	1,326	6,757	24,695	7,054	10,266
Hampshire	42,935	12,561	1,024	266	2,194	12,835	2,928	5,263
Hertfordshire	14,153	2,924	255	117	1,306	4,953	1,311	1,722
Humberside	22,534	5,875	289	165	2,498	7,669	1,593	2,519
Kent	41,015	11,023	700	344	3,123	12,430	2,508	5,404
Lancashire	31,851	7,719	573	314	3,009	10,432	2,110	3,318
Leicestershire	28,722	8,123	430	297	2,144	7,889	3,525	3,134
Lincolnshire	12,931	3,162	260	76	1,251	4,251	912	1,700
London, City of	2,498	299	8	7	101	816	749	121
Merseyside	38,648	10,096	623	482	3,130	12,078	2,622	3,496
Metropolitan Police	166,196	48,122	2,955	4,208	12,748	44,429	9,565	15,471
Norfolk	18,063	5,112	267	83	1,189	5,313	1,927	2,122
Northamptonshire	19,945	4,662	245	190	2,112	6,532	1,863	2,472
Northumbria	43,413	10,986	577	448	3,449	13,967	2,827	5,158
North Yorkshire	16,652	4,547	205	73	1,170	5,385	1,680	1,597
Nottinghamshire	29,367	8,546	535	370	2,914	9,340	1,446	3,147
South Yorkshire	32,404	6,419	516	306	3,616	11,572	2,214	3,152
Staffordshire	22,221	7,558	287	171	1,578	6,450	1,269	2,568
Suffolk	15,575	4,416	245	118	988	4,525	1,372	1,992
Surrey	14,818	3,976	287	72	864	4,188	1,725	1,800
Sussex	33,953	11,627	546	224	2,663	9,381	2,217	3,928
Thames Valley	38,735	9,432	527	388	3,730	13,099	3,025	3,936
Warwickshire	8,667	1,711	103	67	945	2,882	877	1,028

West Mercia	24,307	6,532	400	131	2,037	7,759	1,752	2,606
West Midlands	99,286	32,285	1,385	1,798	9,507	25,898	7,617	10,155
West Yorkshire	65,245	14,955	1,424	873	9,786	20,092	4,200	5,839
Wiltshire	12,815	3,776	242	74	891	3,818	964	1,520
England	1,234,830	341,788	20,707	14,794	106,801	370,586	92,504	133,649
Dyfed-Powys	15,411	5,339	275	19	676	3,424	957	1,863
Gwent	31,755	12,967	471	113	2,489	7,097	1,460	3,826
North Wales	15,840	5,182	331	68	1,006	4,289	997	1,875
South Wales	39,079	11,303	492	237	3,381	11,787	3,209	4,525
Wales	102,085	34,791	1,569	437	7,552	26,597	6,623	12,089
England and Wales	1,336,915	376,579	22,276	15,231	114,353	397,183	99,127	145,738

(1) Vehicle crime includes theft of a vehicle, theft from a vehicle, aggravated vehicle taking, vehicle interference/tampering and racially aggravated criminal damage to a vehicle.

Table 2.10 Recorded crime: clear-up rate by offence group and police force area

England and Wales 1999/00

Police force area	Total	Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Robbery	Burglary	Theft and handling stolen goods	Fraud and forgery	Criminal damage
Avon and Somerset	19	64	62	15	13	14	37	17
Bedfordshire	21	72	52	20	10	18	20	19
Cambridgeshire	22	80	70	25	18	15	35	18
Cheshire	26	86	84	36	14	23	54	18
Cleveland	19	64	84	19	9	22	30	12
Cumbria	35	88	88	51	20	29	76	21
Derbyshire	24	79	63	30	11	17	42	18
Devon and Cornwall	30	91	91	42	14	22	53	24
Dorset	22	72	63	28	12	19	37	17
Durham	28	92	91	43	13	22	75	18
Essex	26	83	67	28	15	22	40	16
Gloucestershire	27	84	71	29	20	21	45	20
Greater Manchester	20	71	65	15	9	17	35	14
Hampshire	27	82	74	36	12	22	46	19
Hertfordshire	23	79	73	28	15	21	45	15
Humberside	16	65	40	17	8	15	43	12
Kent	29	85	80	42	16	24	34	22
Lancashire	25	79	76	30	14	23	52	15
Leicestershire	26	73	54	29	14	21	42	19
Lincolnshire	25	82	80	43	12	22	56	20
London, City of	31	57	38	14	24	18	62	30
Merseyside	22	69	67	18	12	19	55	11
Metropolitan Police	14	31	32	12	10	10	9	10
Norfolk	26	80	64	28	12	21	59	19
Northamptonshire	29	91	85	40	19	25	44	21
Northumbria	27	81	59	32	13	24	56	17
North Yorkshire	27	89	70	34	11	22	66	19
Nottinghamshire	19	63	54	21	11	15	23	13
South Yorkshire	21	84	80	27	11	21	46	12
Staffordshire	20	57	38	25	8	17	26	14
Suffolk	32	83	63	53	16	26	63	21
Surrey	28	74	57	32	13	22	45	21
Sussex	21	69	54	22	14	16	26	15
Thames Valley	17	68	53	23	12	14	21	14
Warwickshire	19	78	61	30	12	17	37	14

West Mercia	25	80	68	36	14	21	42	15
West Midlands	24	76	60	18	14	18	28	17
West Yorkshire	21	84	79	28	17	18	36	12
Wiltshire	29	84	68	29	16	23	46	21
England	21	63	57	18	12	17	29	15
Dyfed-Powys	60	97	94	68	33	46	84	42
Gwent	47	94	94	52	33	36	56	31
North Wales	31	90	89	47	15	24	64	19
South Wales	26	88	85	46	17	22	49	16
Wales	34	92	90	48	21	27	56	22
England and Wales	22	65	59	18	13	18	30	15

(1) Vehicle crime includes theft of a vehicle, theft from a vehicle, aggravated vehicle taking, vehicle interference and racially aggravated criminal damage to a vehicle.

(2) Offences cleared up in current year may have been initially recorded in an earlier year.

Table 2.11 Recorded crime: clear-up rate by police force area

England and Wales 1989-1999/00

Police force area	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Avon and Somerset	33	29	24	17	17	21	23	24	
Bedfordshire	34	19	19	20	21	22	22	33	
Cambridgeshire	38	38	36	27	25	25	19	24	
Cheshire	52	50	41	29	26	30	31	34	
Cleveland	36	25	33	32	27	19	25	24	
Cumbria	49	43	40	37	38	37	40	36	
Derbyshire	37	32	28	22	21	21	20	21	
Devon and Cornwall	36	32	29	18	25	27	27	30	
Dorset	42	35	41	32	33	30	28	27	
Durham	42	34	30	30	30	32	30	30	
Essex	32	29	32	29	32	36	33	29	
Gloucestershire	36	33	35	24	20	24	27	23	
Greater Manchester	30	32	36	35	34	34	24	17	
Hampshire	32	32	28	26	26	27	28	28	
Hertfordshire	44	30	33	26	21	24	28	30	
Humberside	35	37	32	23	16	17	19	20	
Kent	32	25	23	27	25	29	26	32	
Lancashire	40	44	40	37	35	33	34	33	
Leicestershire	40	36	29	30	28	30	29	31	
Lincolnshire	42	43	46	39	37	32	39	42	
London, City of	20	21	20	20	22	27	23	27	
Merseyside	45	44	45	42	39	33	27	29	
Metropolitan Police	17	17	17	16	17	23	25	23	
Norfolk	40	37	37	34	28	34	31	32	
Northamptonshire	43	35	31	30	27	31	28	34	
Northumbria	40	40	35	17	20	22	23	24	
North Yorkshire	35	40	36	33	30	25	23	25	
Nottinghamshire	35	35	27	26	29	28	23	28	
South Yorkshire	43	44	36	26	20	24	24	23	
Staffordshire	43	39	37	30	29	31	32	34	
Suffolk	43	41	37	39	37	35	34	33	
Surrey	33	27	23	22	20	30	31	29	
Sussex	31	26	23	23	24	24	28	29	
Thames Valley	33	26	22	19	21	22	23	25	
Warwickshire	35	29	24	23	21	24	25	24	
West Mercia	39	46	35	34	29	29	28	26	
West Midlands	39	36	31	27	27	25	24	23	
West Yorkshire	38	34	28	25	18	20	21	24	
Wiltshire	46	44	40	37	35	36	32	29	
England	33	31	29	25	25	26	26	26	
Dyfed-Powys	52	50	50	53	50	53	57	58	

Gwent	24	31	47	44	43	47	20	20
North Wales	44	40	36	33	36	39	32	33
South Wales	39	36	29	30	28	24	29	32
Wales	43	40	35	35	34	32	34	37
England and Wales	34	32	29	26	25	26	26	26

(1) The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the coverage and rules in use until 31 March 1998.

(2) The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the expanded offence coverage and revised counting rules whi

Table 2.12 Recorded crime: offences cleared up by the police by method of clear-up

England and Wales

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Year	Charge/ summons	Caution	Method of clear-up				n	
			Taken into consideration		No further action			
			Previously recorded	Not previously recorded	Interview of convicted prisoner	Other		
Numbers of offences (thousands)								
1988 ⁽²⁾	637	136	115	98	188	76		
1989	657	132	91	77	199	90		
1990	687	151	121	88	221	111		
1991	691	167	178	84	246	114		
1992	644	197	146	63	230	110		
1993	604	197	125	57	221	124		
1994	604	187	103	50	236	151		
1995	558	181	90	37	235	176		
1996	576	166	98	34	211	203		
1997	579	173	102	26	180	198		
1997/8	585	172	102	24	174	196		
1998/9	756	240	105	26	119	251		
1999/00	766 ⁽⁴⁾	231 ⁽⁴⁾	99 ⁽⁴⁾	14 ⁽⁴⁾	.. ⁽⁵⁾	228 ⁽⁴⁾		
Cleared up as percentage of recorded								
1988 ⁽²⁾	18	4	3	3	5	2		
1989	18	4	2	2	5	2		
1990	16	3	3	2	5	3		
1991	14	3	4	2	5	2		
1992	12	4	3	1	4	2		
1993	11	4	2	1	4	2		
1994	12	4	2	1	5	3		
1995	11	4	2	1	5	4		
1996	12	3	2	1	4	4		
1997	13	4	2	1	4	4		
1997/8	13	4	2	1	4	4		
1998/9	15	5	2	1	2	5		
1999/00	14 ⁽⁴⁾	4 ⁽⁴⁾	2 ⁽⁴⁾	0 ⁽⁴⁾	.. ⁽⁵⁾	4 ⁽⁴⁾		

(1) Excluding offences of 'other criminal damage' of value £20 or under.

(2) Estimated from returns from 40 police forces.

(3) The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the expanded offence coverage and revised counting rules from 1 April 1998.

(4) Estimated based on returns from 42 police forces.

(5) New instructions, which clarify the detecting of crime, were introduced on 1 April 1999. Therefore detections obtained by the prisoner are no longer included.

Table 2.13 Recorded crime—burglary

England and Wales

Police force area	Burglary in a dwelling			
	Offences recorded	Offences cleared up		Attempts
		1999/00	Number	%
Avon and Somerset	13,121	2,208	17	1,947
Bedfordshire	3,709	512	14	718
Cambridgeshire	5,259	1,300	25	721
Cheshire	5,379	1,062	20	486
Cleveland	7,717	860	11	1,160
Cumbria	2,222	495	22	144
Derbyshire	6,427	1,025	16	1,066
Devon and Cornwall	7,416	1,096	15	683
Dorset	3,524	559	16	454
Durham	4,044	625	15	..
Essex	5,868	1,221	21	734
Gloucestershire	4,160	1,156	28	576
Greater Manchester	40,953	3,880	9	5,986
Hampshire	7,372	1,074	15	793
Hertfordshire	3,501	610	17	258
Humberside	13,040	1,347	10	2,033
Kent	8,177	1,733	21	1,248
Lancashire	10,561	1,698	16	1,171
Leicestershire	7,803	1,204	15	1,207
Lincolnshire	4,626	672	15	644
London, City of	27	2	7	1
Merseyside	13,606	2,002	15	1,097
Metropolitan Police	79,504	7,454	9	11,336
Norfolk	3,956	609	15	448
Northamptonshire	4,907	1,105	23	641
Northumbria	12,539	1,944	16	1,714
North Yorkshire	4,343	544	13	475
Nottinghamshire	12,612	1,596	13	1,894
South Yorkshire	16,169	2,106	13	1,897
Staffordshire	9,073	918	10	1,390
Suffolk	2,332	553	24	277
Surrey	2,903	490	17	340
Sussex	9,596	1,744	18	1,259
Thames Valley	15,498	2,398	15	2,255
Warwickshire	3,189	510	16	435
West Mercia	5,668	1,220	22	563
West Midlands	35,583	5,617	16	5,260
West Yorkshire	29,623	6,438	22	4,682
Wiltshire	2,149	468	22	245
Dyfed-Powys	696	282	41	12
Gwent	3,148	1,261	40	181

North Wales	2,219	504	23	62
South Wales	8,383	1,772	21	844
England and Wales	442,602	65,874	15	58,761

Table 2.14 Recorded crime— thefts of and from motor vehicles

England and Wales

Police force area	Theft and unauthorised taking of motor vehicles			
	Offences recorded	Offences cleared up		Number of offence less attempt
		1999/00	Number	%
Avon and Somerset	10,953	1,190	11	9,56
Bedfordshire	4,531	614	14	3,79
Cambridgeshire	3,596	479	13	3,52
Cheshire	4,594	532	12	4,05
Cleveland	4,402	476	11	4,32
Cumbria	1,373	341	25	1,28
Derbyshire	5,472	766	14	4,50
Devon and Cornwall	4,366	1,013	23	4,30
Dorset	2,998	393	13	2,52
Durham	3,605	478	13	
Essex	7,174	1,101	15	6,31
Gloucestershire	2,531	570	23	2,07
Greater Manchester	42,493	4,491	11	34,72
Hampshire	7,159	1,075	15	6,44
Hertfordshire	3,452	719	21	3,09
Humberside	6,812	816	12	6,60
Kent	8,248	1,150	14	8,12
Lancashire	6,504	1,038	16	5,92
Leicestershire	6,052	881	15	5,11
Lincolnshire	1,998	336	17	1,97
London, City of	212	76	36	19
Merseyside	16,775	1,708	10	14,77
Metropolitan Police	62,791	5,323	8	59,13
Norfolk	2,983	398	13	2,67
Northamptonshire	3,921	1,009	26	3,87
Northumbria	10,395	1,418	14	10,36
North Yorkshire	2,622	410	16	2,49
Nottinghamshire	7,035	765	11	
South Yorkshire	11,918	1,435	12	10,90
Staffordshire	6,003	644	11	5,02
Suffolk	1,742	342	20	1,49
Surrey	2,091	410	20	1,72
Sussex	7,721	832	11	7,03
Thames Valley	14,492	1,682	12	11,73
Warwickshire	2,519	351	14	2,51
West Mercia	4,690	825	18	4,07
West Midlands	33,230	4,539	14	29,22
West Yorkshire	21,197	2,912	14	21,01
Wiltshire	1,615	301	19	1,31
Dyfed-Powys	868	316	36	85
Gwent	3,393	995	29	3,36

North Wales	2,310	473	20	2,25
South Wales	15,850	2,745	17	14,63
England and Wales	374,686	48,368	13	328,93

(1) As a percentage of offences recorded less attempts.

Table 2.15 Recorded crime—offences of violence against the person

England and Wales

Offence		1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
1	Murder							
4.1	Manslaughter	641	669	725	687	670	726	730
4.2	Infanticide							
2	Attempted murder	376	476	555	568	661	651	640
3	Threat or conspiracy to murder	3,579	4,162	4,712	5,487	5,638	6,844	7,100
4.3	Child destruction	2	0	2	0	3	7	10
4.4	Causing death by dangerous driving							
4.6	Causing death by careless driving when under the influence of drink or drugs	393	419	416	277	292	278	270
37.1	Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking	19	17	14	12
5	Wounding or other acts of endangering life	8,926	8,920	9,408	10,741	10,701	11,033	11,100
6	Endangering railway passenger	9	9	11	20	17	10	10
	More serious offences	13,926	14,655	15,829	17,799	17,999	19,563	19,600
7	Endangering life at sea	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
8A	Other wounding							
8B	Possession of weapons	162,843	169,764	174,245	183,717	186,765	198,383	193,000
8C	Harassment							
8D	Racially-aggravated other wounding ⁽¹⁾
8E	Racially-aggravated harassment ⁽¹⁾
11	Cruelty to or neglect of children
12	Abandoning a child aged under two years	34	23	47	40	45	51	53
13	Child abduction	140	208	196	206	275	343	340
14	Procuring illegal abortion	5	5	3	1	2	3	3
15	Concealment of birth	12	9	19	14	16	11	11
104	Assault on a constable
105	Common assault
105B	Racially-aggravated common assault ⁽¹⁾
	Less serious offences	163,036	170,010	174,510	183,978	187,103	198,791	193,000
	Total violence against the person	176,962	184,665	190,339	201,777	205,102	218,354	212,000

(1) From 1 April 1999 these offences were collected separately, prior to that they would have been included in the original category.

(2) The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the coverage and rules in use until 31 March 1998.

(3) The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the expanded offence coverage and revised counting rules which came into force on 1 April 1999.

Table 2.16 Recorded crime—sexual offences and offences of robbery

England and Wales

Offence	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	
16 Buggery ⁽¹⁾	1,138	1,120	1,127	1,255	1,279	1,258	
17 Indecent assault on a male	2,878	3,043	3,070	3,119	3,340	3,205	
18 Gross indecency between males	2,022	1,159	965	892	671	683	
19 Rape—of a female —of a male	3,305	3,391	4,045	4,142	4,589	5,032	
20 Indecent assault on a female	15,376	15,783	15,792	16,235	17,350	17,579	1
21 Unlawful sexual intercourse with a girl under 13	300	304	315	253	268	275	
22 Unlawful sexual intercourse with a girl under 16	2,471	2,140	1,949	1,563	1,443	1,446	
23 Incest	471	435	389	344	484	316	
24 Procuration	113	176	138	130	136	196	
25 Abduction	298	356	411	354	354	388	
26 Bigamy	82	74	75	83	90	81	
27 Soliciting or importuning by a man	
74 Gross indecency with a child	1,279	1,063	1,147	1,158	1,280	1,512	
Total sexual offences	29,733	29,044	29,423	29,528	31,284	31,971	3
34A Robbery of business property	33,163	36,195	45,323	52,894	57,845	60,007	6
34B Robbery of personal property							
Total violent crime	239,858	249,904	265,085	284,199	294,231	310,332	31

(1) The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the coverage and rules in use until 31 March 1998.

(2) The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the expanded offence coverage and revised counting rules whi

Table 2.17 Recorded crime – offences of burglary

England and Wales

Offence		1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	
28	Burglary in a dwelling	436,271	527,634	622,969	705,924	724,573	676,412	64
29	Aggravated burglary in a dwelling	1,449	1,527	1,977	2,307	2,703	2,470	
30	Burglary in a building other than a dwelling	388,043	477,422	594,210	646,733	641,946	577,444	59
31	Aggravated burglary in a building other than a dwelling	167	230	308	310	362	356	
	Total burglary	825,930	1,006,813	1,219,464	1,355,274	1,369,584	1,256,682	1,23

(1) The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the coverage and rules in use until 31 March 1998.

(2) The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the expanded offence coverage and revised counting rules whi

Table 2.18 Recorded crime – offences of theft and handling stolen goods

England and Wales

Offence	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
37.2 Aggravated vehicle taking	"	"	"	2,355	4,859	5,170
39 Theft from the person of another	29,434	30,126	35,432	39,111	47,743	51,119
40 Theft in a dwelling other than from automatic machine or meter	42,990	43,517	44,795	42,924	41,034	37,257
41 Theft by an employee	19,849	19,417	17,264	15,112	12,951	13,651
42 Theft or unauthorised taking of mail	4,396	5,185	7,692	8,771	6,791	5,118
43 Abstracting electricity	4,477	3,770	3,349	3,109	2,964	2,729
44 Theft of pedal cycle	134,473	166,296	212,169	222,242	190,685	176,825
45 Theft from vehicle	628,912	773,079	913,276	961,340	925,819	842,680
46 Theft from shop	222,974	250,301	281,276	288,672	275,607	269,017
47 Theft from automatic machine or meter	17,255	18,038	19,552	22,589	19,275	14,286
48 Theft or unauthorised taking of motor vehicle	393,399	494,209	581,901	585,501	592,660	536,579
49 Other theft or unauthorised taking	469,734	523,649	592,918	610,076	581,068	554,480
54 Handling stolen goods	44,867	46,822	51,495	49,836	50,445	55,697
126 Vehicle interference and tampering	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total theft and handling stolen goods	2,012,760	2,374,409	2,761,119	2,851,638	2,751,901	2,564,608
						2,451

(1) The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the coverage and rules in use until 31 March 1998.

(2) The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the expanded offence coverage and revised counting rules wh

Table 2.19 Recorded crime—offences of fraud and forgery

England and Wales

Offence

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
51 Fraud by company director	25	53	24	35	34	41
52 False accounting	2,106	2,001	1,623	1,710	1,427	1,532
53A Cheque and credit card fraud	121,756	133,866	159,136	153,734	147,979	128,608
53B Other fraud						
55 Bankruptcy and insolvency offences	"	"	"	"	"	"
60 Forgery, or use of, false drug prescription	1,196	1,009	968	1,111	1,037	1,073
61 Other forgery etc	9,407	10,980	12,991	12,010	12,359	14,035
814 Vehicle/driver document fraud	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total fraud and forgery	134,490	147,909	174,742	168,600	162,836	145,289

(1) The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the coverage and rules in use until 31 March 1998.

(2) The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the expanded offence coverage and revised counting rules wh

Table 2.20 Recorded crime—offences of criminal damage and drug offences

England and Wales

Offence

		1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	
56	Arson	23,715	26,469	30,090	33,748	32,254	30,595	2
57	Criminal damage endangering life	212	228	246	208	301	259	
58	Other criminal damage ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾	604,584	705,181	789,153	857,049	872,441	895,411	88
		440,053	525,202	588,323	648,817	663,296	674,878	66
58A	Criminal damage to a dwelling	"	"	"	"	"	"	
58B	Criminal damage to a building other than a dwelling	"	"	"	"	"	"	
58C	Criminal damage to a vehicle	"	"	"	"	"	"	
58D	Other criminal damage	"	"	"	"	"	"	
58E	Racially-aggravated criminal damage to a dwelling ⁽³⁾	"	"	"	"	"	"	
58F	Racially-aggravated criminal damage to a building other than a dwelling ⁽³⁾	"	"	"	"	"	"	
58G	Racially-aggravated criminal damage to a vehicle ⁽³⁾	"	"	"	"	"	"	
58H	Racially-aggravated other criminal damage ⁽³⁾	"	"	"	"	"	"	
59	Threat, etc. to commit criminal damage	1,573	1,567	1,652	1,618	1,750	2,064	
	Total criminal damage ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾	630,084	733,445	821,141	892,623	906,746	928,329	91
		465,553	553,466	620,311	684,391	697,601	707,796	66
92A	Trafficking in controlled drugs	9,201	9,998	11,379	13,809	14,840	18,340	2
92B	Possession of controlled drugs	"	"	"	"	"	"	
92C	Other drug offences	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Total drug offences	9,201	9,998	11,379	13,809	14,840	18,340	2

(1) Including offences of 'other criminal damage' of value £20 and under.

(2) Excluding offences of 'other criminal damage' of value £20 and under.

(3) From 1 April 1999 these offences were collected separately, prior to that they would have been included in the original offence coverage.

(4) The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the coverage and rules in use until 31 March 1998.

(5) The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the expanded offence coverage and revised counting rules which came into force on 1 April 1999.

Table 2.21 Recorded crime—Other offences

England and Wales

Offence		1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	
33 Going equipped for stealing, etc.		6,768	8,377	9,721	9,211	8,571	7,795	
35 Blackmail		863	831	954	1,062	933	960	
36 Kidnapping		516	545	766	929	1,051	1,079	
62 High treason and other offences against Treason Acts		—	—	—	—	—	—	
63 Treason felony		—	—	—	—	—	—	
64 Riot		12	29	9	14	14	41	
65 Violent disorder		1,611	1,849	1,517	1,723	1,663	1,792	
66 Other offence against the State or public order		3,976	4,716	5,504	6,732	7,539	10,288	1
67 Perjury		378	332	312	374	327	314	
68 Libel		6	8	5	4	—	6	
75 Betting, gaming and lotteries		—	—	—	—	—	—	
76 Aiding suicide		13	11	12	10	6	13	
78 Immigration offences		—	—	—	—	—	—	
79 Perverting the course of justice		1,414	1,705	1,989	2,345	2,817	3,531	
80 Absconding from lawful custody		2,366	2,497	2,269	2,874	2,581	2,607	
81 Firearms Acts offences		—	—	—	—	—	—	
82 Customs and Revenue offences		—	—	—	—	—	—	
83 Bail offences		—	—	—	—	—	—	
84 Trade descriptions etc		—	—	—	—	—	—	
85 Health and Safety offences		—	—	—	—	—	—	
86 Obscene publications etc		—	—	—	—	—	—	
87 Protection from eviction		—	—	—	—	—	—	
89 Adulteration of food		—	—	—	—	—	—	
90 Knives Act 1997 offences		—	—	—	—	—	—	
91 Public health offences		—	—	—	—	—	—	
94 Planning laws		—	—	—	—	—	—	
99 Other offences		502	233	185	296	615	974	
139 Indecent exposure		—	—	—	—	—	—	
802 Dangerous driving		—	—	—	—	—	—	
Total other		18,425	21,133	23,243	25,574	26,117	29,400	2

(1) The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the coverage and rules in use until 31 March 1998.

(2) The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the expanded offence coverage and revised counting rules which

(3) Offences cleared up in current year may have been initially recorded in an earlier year.

Table 2.22 Recorded crime by offence group

England and Wales

Offence group	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
Violence against the person	176,962	184,665	190,339	201,777	205,102
Sexual offences	29,733	29,044	29,423	29,528	31,284
Robbery	33,163	36,195	45,323	52,894	57,845
<i>Total violent crime</i>	<i>239,858</i>	<i>249,904</i>	<i>265,085</i>	<i>284,199</i>	<i>294,231</i>
Burglary	825,930	1,006,813	1,219,464	1,355,274	1,369,584
Theft and handling stolen goods	2,012,760	2,374,409	2,761,119	2,851,638	2,751,901
Fraud and forgery	134,490	147,909	174,742	168,600	162,836
Criminal damage	630,084	733,445	821,141	892,623	906,746
Drug offences
Other notifiable offences	27,626	31,131	34,622	39,383	40,957
Total notifiable offences	3,870,748	4,543,611	5,276,173	5,591,717	5,526,255
Violence against the person	4.6	4.1	3.6	3.6	3.7
Sexual offences	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6
Robbery	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0
<i>Total violent crime</i>	<i>6.2</i>	<i>5.5</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>5.3</i>
Burglary	21.3	22.2	23.1	24.2	24.8
Theft and handling stolen goods	52.0	52.3	52.3	51.0	49.8
Fraud and forgery	3.5	3.3	3.3	3.0	2.9
Criminal damage	16.3	16.1	15.6	16.0	16.4
Drug offences
Other notifiable offences	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Total notifiable offences	100	100	100	100	100

(1) The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the coverage and rules in use until 31 March 1998.

(2) The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the expanded offence coverage and revised counting rules whi

**Figure 3.1 Offences in which firearms were reported to have been used: criminal damage, robbery and other offences
1989-1999/00**

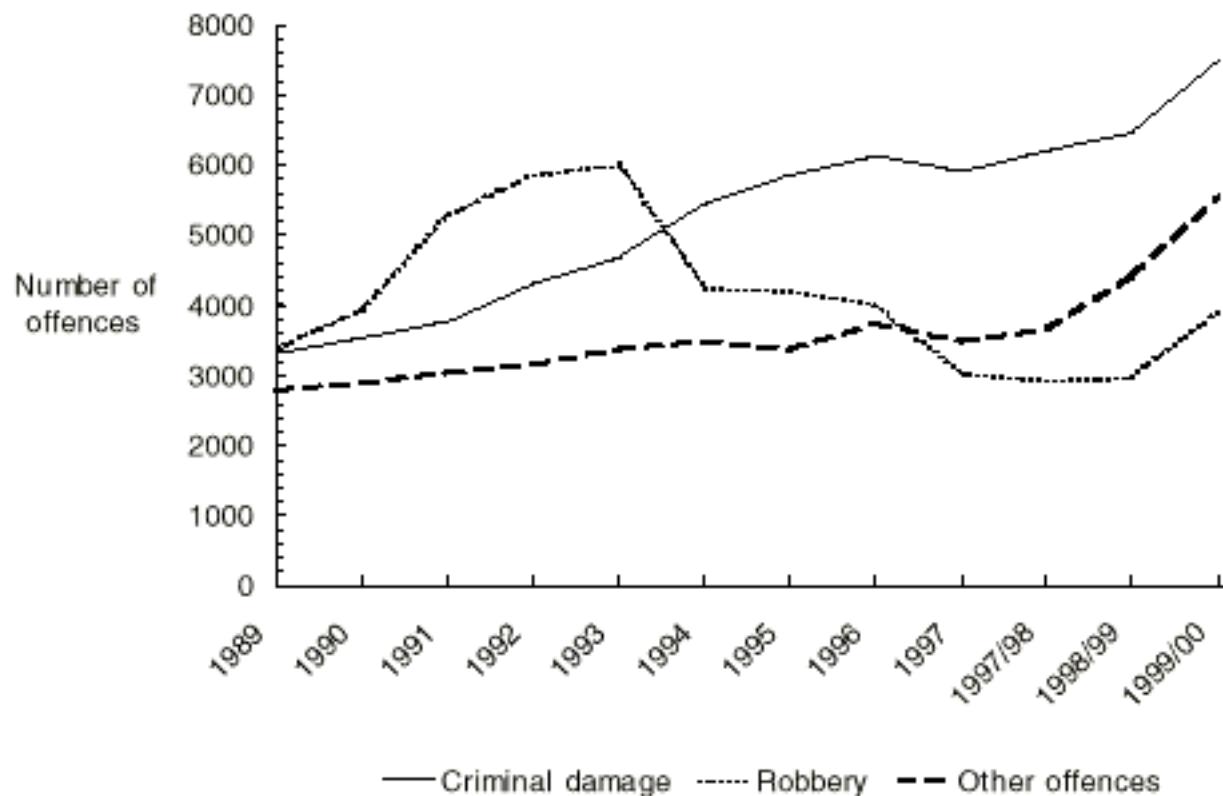


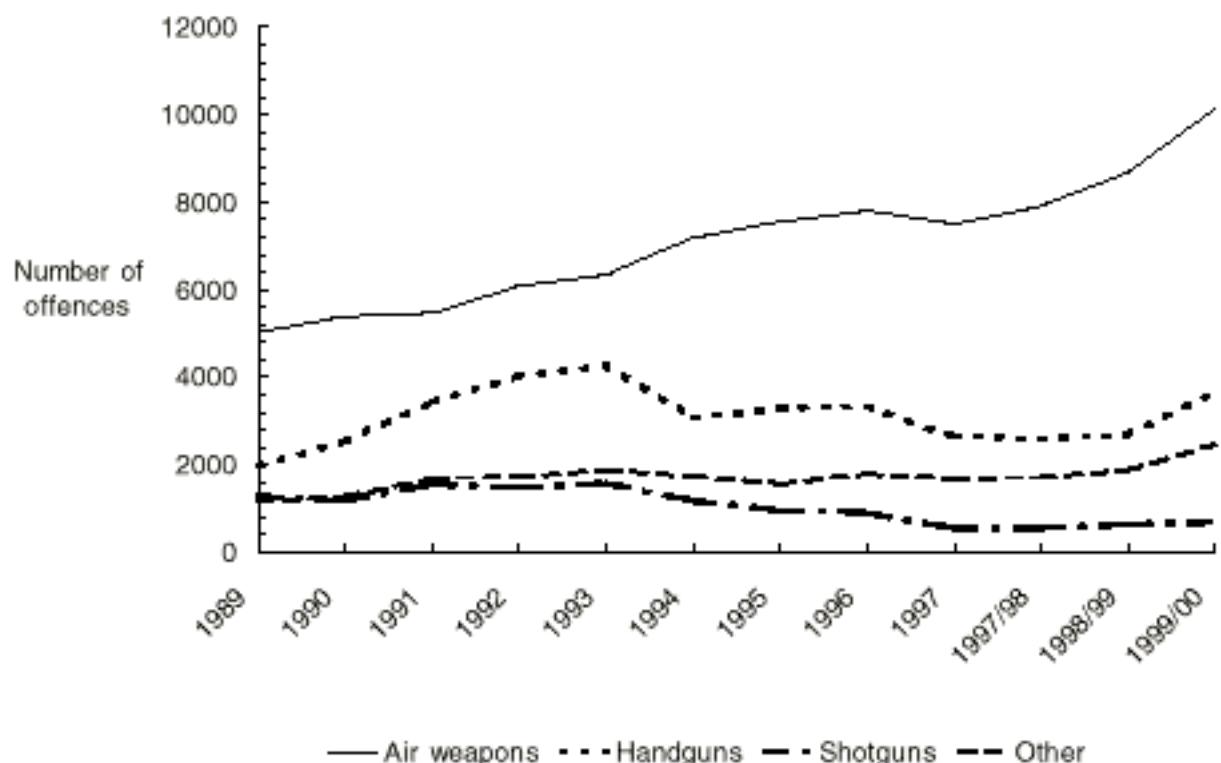
Figure 3.2 Firearm offences, by type of principal weapon 1989-1999/00

Figure 3.3 The proportion of handguns, shotguns and other guns used in firearms offences 1989 and 1999/00 (all offences excluding air weapons)

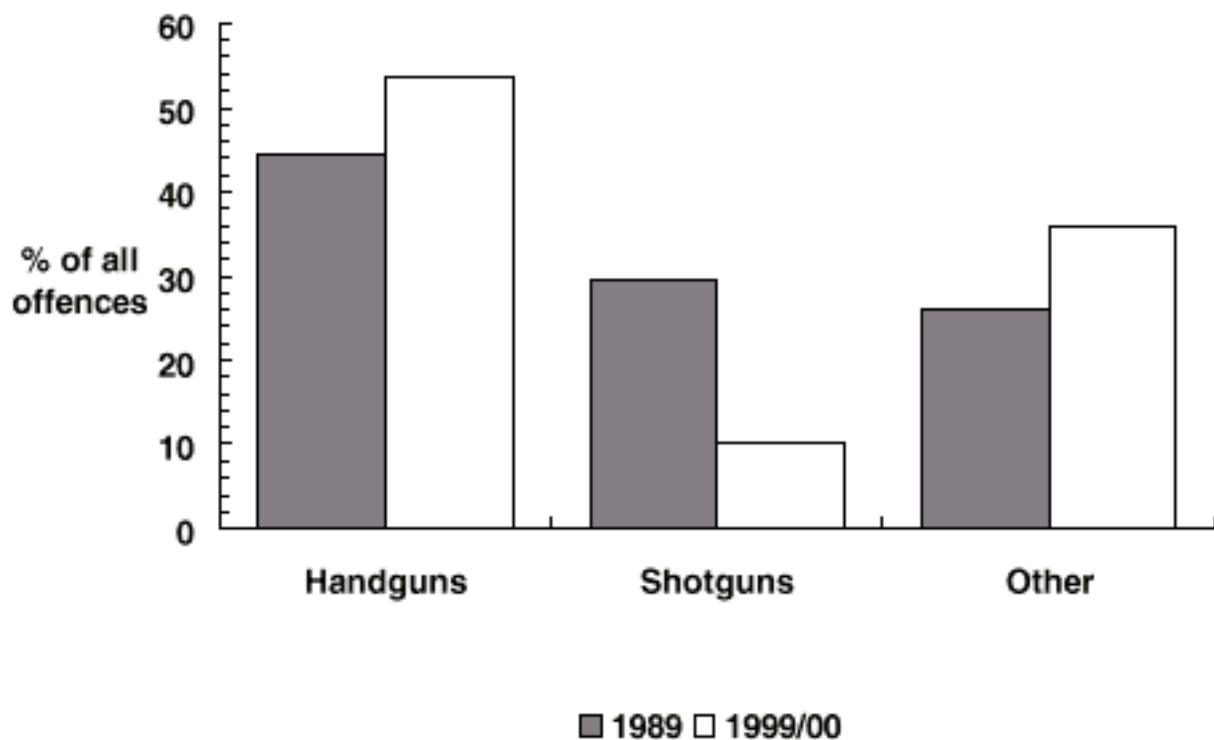


Figure 3.4 Offences of robbery recorded by the police in which firearms were reported to have been used, by location of offence, 1989-1999/00

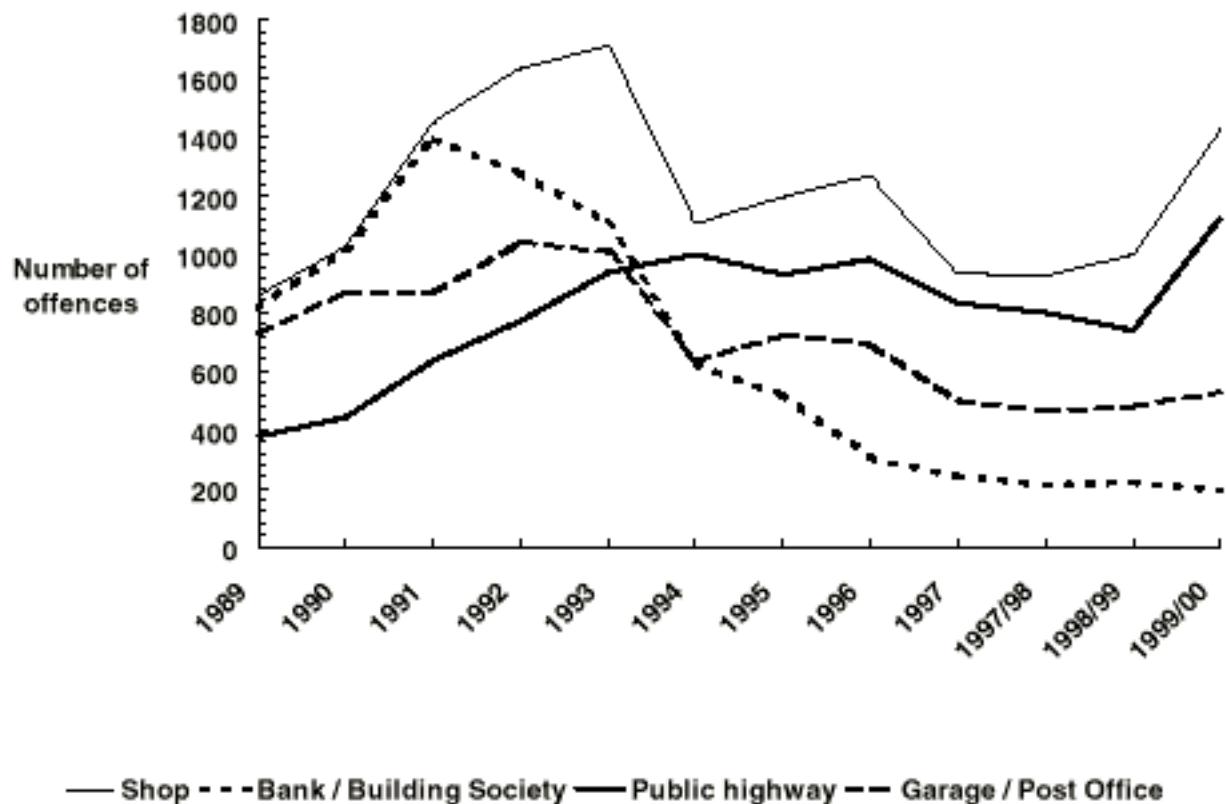


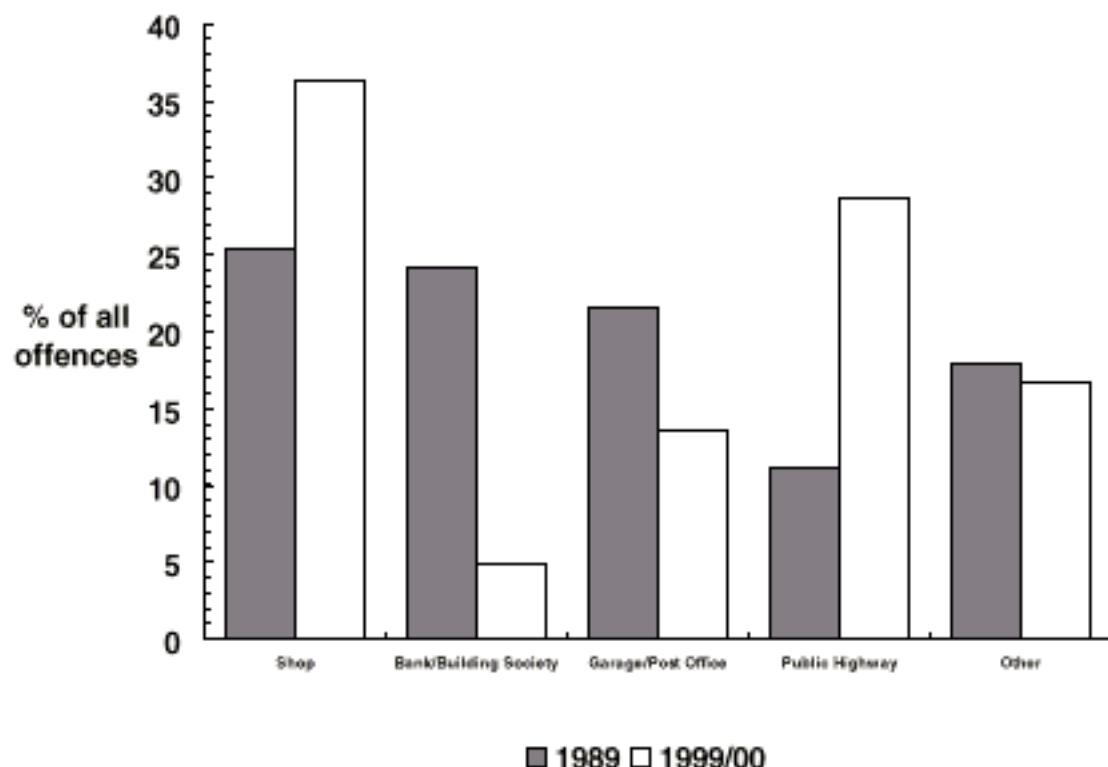
Figure 3.5 The location of firearms robberies 1989 and 1999/00: percentage of all offences

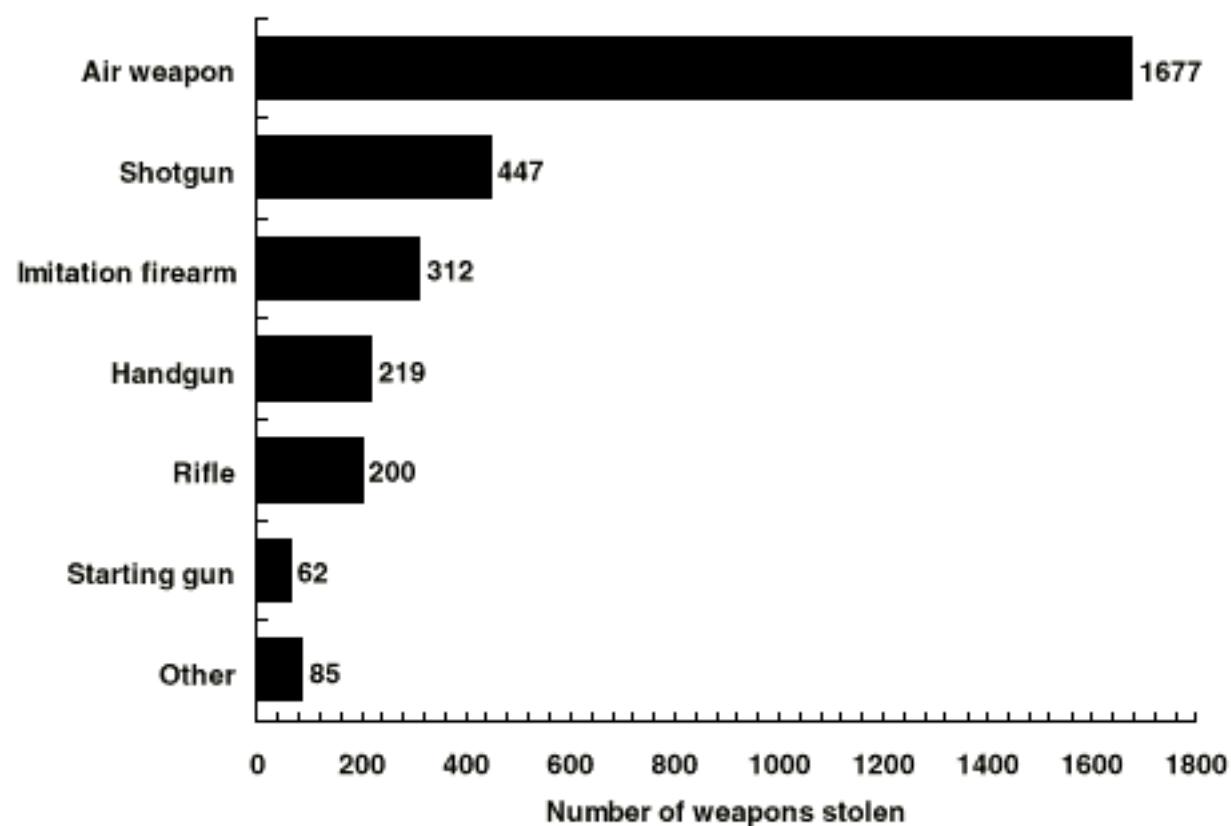
Figure 3.6 Number of firearms misappropriated, by type of firearm, 1999/00

Table 3A Offences involving firearms (other than air weapons) by offence group, 1995

England and Wales

Year	All offences	Violence against the person	Robbery	Burglary	Crimi Dam:
1995	5,866	1,206	4,094	223	
1996	6,063	1,462	3,932	257	
1997	4,904	1,386	2,930	265	
1997/98	4,903	1,463	2,836	284	
1998/99	5,209	1,746	2,890	238	
1999/00	6,843	2,264	3,831	309	

Table 3B Offences in which firearms were used, by type of firearm, whether fired, and caused

England and Wales 1999/00

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	% fired	% not fired ⁽¹⁾	Of those fired		%
			% Fatal or serious injury	% Slight injury	
Shotguns	24	76	44	5	
Handguns	9	91	38	9	
Rifles/other ⁽²⁾	38	62	5	69	
Air weapons	95	5	2	19	

(1) Includes incidents in which firearms were used as a blunt instrument to cause injury (see Table 3.5).

(2) Starting guns, imitation weapons, supposed type unknown, prohibited firearms (including CS gas) and other firearms.

Table 3C Notifiable offences recorded by the police in which a police officer on duty was injured by a firearm

England and Wales

Year	Total	Fatal injury	Serious injury ⁽¹⁾
1989	11	1	2
1990	5	1	2
1991	7	—	5
1992	10	1 ⁽²⁾	3
1993	10	1	3
1994	21	—	12
1995	15	1	9
1996	9	—	4
1997	6	—	2
1997/98	6	—	3
1998/99	11	—	—
1999/00	10	—	—

(1) A serious injury is one which necessitated detention in hospital or involved fractures, concussion, severe general shock, multiple shot wounds.

(2) Special constable.

**Table 3D Firearm homicides by circumstances of offence, and whether firearm legally known
England and Wales 1992–1998**

Circumstances of homicide	Legal status of firearm known		To
	Legally held ⁽¹⁾	Not legally held	
Organised crime, drugs related, contract killing etc.	—	75	
Domestic	28	62	
Robbery or gain	2	33	
Arguments, jealousy, revenge	6	49	
Other	9	24	
Total	45	243	2

(1) Two domestic homicide cases involved firearms legally held by the victim.

Table 3.1 Notifiable offences recorded by the Police in which firearms were reported to offence group

England and Wales

Year	All offences ⁽¹⁾	All offences excluding criminal damage	Violence against the person			Robbery	Burglary
			Homicide	Attempted murder and other acts (including wounding) endangering life	Other		
1989	9,502	6,181	45	581	1,914	3,390	133
1990	10,373	6,829	60	663	1,855	3,939	154
1991	12,129	8,352	55	861	1,795	5,296	176
1992	13,341	9,023	56	868	1,895	5,859	182
1993	14,067	9,382	74	1,058	1,743	6,012	237
1994	13,167	7,717	66	1,074	1,790	4,239	259
1995	13,434	7,577	70	894	1,779	4,206	279
1996	13,876	7,753	49	810	2,027	4,013	300
1997	12,410	6,504	59	628	2,148	3,029	316
1997/98	12,805	6,608	54	696	2,250	2,938	333
1998/99 ⁽¹⁾	13,874	7,408	49	724	2,910	2,973	319
1999/00	16,946	9,481	62	759	3,881	3,922	329

(1) There was a change in the counting rules for recorded crime on 1.4.98. Please see paras 3.3, 3.4 and 3.6.

Table 3.2 Notifiable offences recorded by the Police in which firearms were reported proportion of all notifiable offences of that type by certain offence groups

England and Wales

Year	All offences ⁽¹⁾	Violence against the person			Rob
		Homicide	Attempted murder and other acts (including wounding)	endangering life	
1989	0.2	7.0	4.5		1.2
1990	0.2	8.9	4.9		1.1
1991	0.2	7.6	5.9		1.0
1992	0.2	8.2	5.1		1.0
1993	0.3	11.0	6.1		0.9
1994	0.3	9.1	5.7		0.9
1995	0.3	9.4	4.9		0.9
1996	0.3	7.2	3.7		0.9
1997	0.3	8.0	2.7		0.9
1997/98	0.3	7.2	3.0		1.0
1998/99	0.3	6.5	2.8		0.6
1999/00	0.3	8.1	2.6		0.7

(1) There was a change in the counting rules for recorded crime on 1.4.98. Please see paras 3.3, 3.4 and 3.6.

Table 3.3 Notifiable offences recorded by the police in which firearms were reported to type of principal weapon

England and Wales

Year	All weapons ⁽¹⁾	All weapons excluding air weapon	Shotgun	Handgun	Other weap excluding weap
1989	9,502	4,465	1,313	1,983	1,
1990	10,373	4,993	1,193	2,537	1,
1991	12,129	6,665	1,569	3,430	1,
1992	13,341	7,243	1,494	4,023	1,
1993	14,067	7,730	1,592	4,273	1,
1994	13,167	6,002	1,190	3,087	1,
1995	13,434	5,866	984	3,318	1,
1996	13,876	6,063	933	3,347	1,
1997	12,410	4,904	580	2,648	1,
1997/98	12,805	4,903	565	2,636	1,
1998/99 ⁽¹⁾	13,874	5,209	642	2,687	1,
1999/00	16,946	6,843	693	3,685	2,

(1) There was a change in the counting rules for recorded crime on 1.4.98. Please see paras 3.3, 3.4 and 3.6.

Table 3.4 Notifiable offences recorded by the police in which firearms were reported to offence group and principal weapon

England and Wales 1999/00

Principal weapon	All offences	All offences excluding criminal damage	Violence against the person			Robbery	Burglary
			Homicide ⁽¹⁾	Attempted murder and other acts (including wounding)	Other endangering life		
Long-barrelled shotgun	353	319	6	99	49	138	13
Sawn-off shotgun	340	337	13	38	34	217	23
Handgun	3,685	3,666	42	310	407	2,561	204
Rifle	67	54	0	23	13	12	1
Imitation firearm	823	820	0	50	455	228	22
Supposed firearm	762	715	0	133	106	432	24
Other firearm	813	797	1	26	459	243	22
All weapons excluding air weapon	6,843	6,708	62	679	1,523	3,831	309
Air weapon	10,103	2,773	0	80	2,358	91	20
Total	16,946	9,481	62	759	3,881	3,922	329

(1) These figures may not agree with those in Table 4.3 in Chapter 4, Homicide, because (a) in this table, cases are included where a blunt instrument and (b) the homicide figures are compiled at a later date and take into account the results of police and

Table 3.5 Notifiable offences recorded by the police in which firearms were reported to have been involved and principal weapon

England and Wales 1999/00

Principal weapon	Total	Fired causing injury	Fired causing property damage only	Fired, no injury or property damage	Us insti
Shotgun	693	80	59	25	
Handgun	3,685	150	44	121	
Rifle	67	8	11	21	
Imitation firearm	823	23	1	40	
Supposed/unidentified firearm	762	55	60	33	
Other firearm	813	607	12	63	
All weapons excluding air weapon	6,843	923	187	303	
Air weapon	10,103	1,963	7,305	357	
Total	16,946	2,886	7,492	660	

Table 3.6 Injury caused in offences in which firearms were used by type of firearm and England and Wales 1999/00

Principal weapon		Total	Number of offer			
			Fired			
			Fatal injury	Serious injury ⁽¹⁾	Slight injury	No injury
Shotgun	Number	693	19	52	9	84
	% of fired		12%	32%	5%	51%
	% of all offences					
Rifle/other	Number	2,465	1	43	649	241
	% of fired		0.1%	5%	69%	26%
	% of all offences					
Handgun	Number	3,685	42	80	28	165
	% of fired		13%	25%	9%	52%
	% of all offences					
Air weapon	Number	10,103	—	170	1,793	7,662
	% of fired		—	2%	19%	80%
	% of all offences					
Total	Number	16,946	62	345	2,479	8,152
	% of fired		0.6%	3%	22%	74%
	% of all offences					

(1) A serious injury is one which necessitated detention in hospital or involved fractures, concussion, severe general shock, multiple shot wounds.

(2) Includes some injuries caused when firearm used as a blunt instrument or a threat.

Table 3.7 Notifiable offences recorded by the police in which firearms were reported as causing injury⁽¹⁾ by type of principal weapon

England and Wales

Year	All weapons	All weapons excluding air weapon	Shotgun	Handgun	Other weap excluding weap
1989	2,164	402	164	123	
1990	2,152	406	163	160	
1991	2,132	503	188	230	
1992	2,319	597	183	290	
1993	2,348	770	219	393	
1994	2,241	650	179	317	
1995	2,056	646	146	299	
1996	1,981	769	104	279	
1997	1,972	778	71	314	
1997/98	2,074	804	74	317	
1998/99 ⁽²⁾	2,378	864	73	239	
1999/00	3,172	1,195	100	352	

(1) By the weapon being fired, used as a blunt instrument or in a threat.

(2) There was a change in the counting rules for recorded crime on 1.4.98. Please see paras 3.3, 3.4 and 3.6.

Table 3.8 Notifiable offences recorded by the police in which firearms were reported as causing injury⁽¹⁾ by degree of injury and type of principal weapon

England and Wales 1999/00

Type of weapon	Total	Fatal injury	Serious injury ⁽²⁾
Shotgun	100	19	
Handgun	352	42	
Other weapon excluding air weapon	743	1	
All weapons excluding air weapon	1,195	62	2
Air weapon	1,977	0	1
All weapons	3,172	62	3

(1) By the weapon being fired, used as a blunt instrument or in a threat.

(2) A serious injury is one which necessitated detention in hospital or involved fractures, concussion, severe general shock, multiple shot wounds.

Table 3.9 Offences of robbery recorded by the police in which firearms were reported by type of principal weapon

England and Wales

Year	All weapons	All weapons excluding air weapon	Long-barrelled shotgun	Sawn-off shotgun	Handgun	Rifle	Imitation firearm	Supposed firearm
1989	3,390	3,300	280	524	1,772	10	235	438
1990	3,939	3,817	280	448	2,233	27	279	511
1991	5,296	5,140	381	650	2,988	28	314	735
1992	5,859	5,708	407	605	3,568	20	276	779
1993	6,012	5,881	440	603	3,670	20	236	875
1994	4,239	4,124	278	386	2,479	16	203	680
1995	4,206	4,094	245	299	2,647	14	169	644
1996	4,013	3,932	237	247	2,575	11	178	538
1997	3,029	2,930	121	178	1,854	10	186	460
1997/98	2,939	2,836	98	168	1,811	9	190	447
1998/99	2,973	2,890	138	193	1,814	4	163	419
1999/00	3,922	3,831	138	217	2,561	12	228	432

Table 3.10 Offences of robbery recorded by the police in which firearms were reported by location of offence

England and Wales

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Year	Total	Shop, stall etc	Garage, service station	Post office	Bank	Building society	Resi- dential
1989	3,390	858	410	319	236	581	100
1990	3,939	1,022	508	360	296	720	95
1991	5,296	1,451	508	362	471	924	127
1992	5,859	1,632	578	464	584	696	212
1993	6,012	1,711	452	554	498	607	233
1994	4,239	1,106	292	342	288	336	178
1995	4,206	1,193	331	392	240	281	176
1996	4,013	1,267	309	385	159	144	178
1997	3,029	933	208	290	134	111	103
1997/98	2,939	928	188	276	123	91	119
1998/99	2,973	998	198	282	129	95	109
1999/00	3,922	1,425	213	315	113	81	152

Table 3.11 Notifiable offences recorded by the police in which firearms were reported misappropriated⁽¹⁾ by type of principal weapon

England and Wales

Year	Total	Air weapon	Shotgun	Handgun	Rifle	Starting gun	Li
1989	1,821	810	509	142	79	62	
1990	2,089	953	495	193	116	65	
1991	2,500	1,179	600	206	141	51	
1992	2,750	1,404	590	282	139	49	
1993	3,190	1,571	622	347	209	68	
1994	2,830	1,476	554	270	130	68	
1995 ⁽³⁾	3,915	1,980	728	398	232	73	
1996	3,679	1,942	624	294	201	88	
1997	2,912	1,451	539	305	193	57	
1997/98	2,885	1,453	524	270	155	55	
1998/99	2,711	1,520	395	242	179	48	
1999/00	3,002	1,677	447	219	200	62	

(1) Misappropriated is defined as stolen, obtained by fraud or forgery etc., or handled dishonestly.

(2) For the years 1989 to 1994, more than one firearm may have been misappropriated in each offence.

(3) From 1995, the figures relate to the number of firearms misappropriated.

Table 3.12 Firearms misappropriated⁽¹⁾ in notifiable offences recorded by the police and location

England and Wales 1999/00

Location	Total	Air weapon	Shotgun	Handgun	Rifle	Starting gun
Residential	1,931	1,028	334	142	125	35
Office	24	14	2	2	1	1
Factory	68	22	30	1	3	0
Store	130	99	8	2	4	2
Goods vehicle	16	7	3	1	4	1
Private car	160	94	36	3	14	2
School	22	9	0	1	0	10
Military establishment	24	3	1	0	17	0
Gun club	21	16	1	0	3	0
Other premises	606	385	32	67	29	11
Total	3,002	1,677	447	219	200	62

(1) Misappropriated is defined as stolen, obtained by fraud or forgery etc., or handled dishonestly.

**Table 3.13 Persons found guilty at all courts or cautioned for offences under the Firearms Act
type of offence**

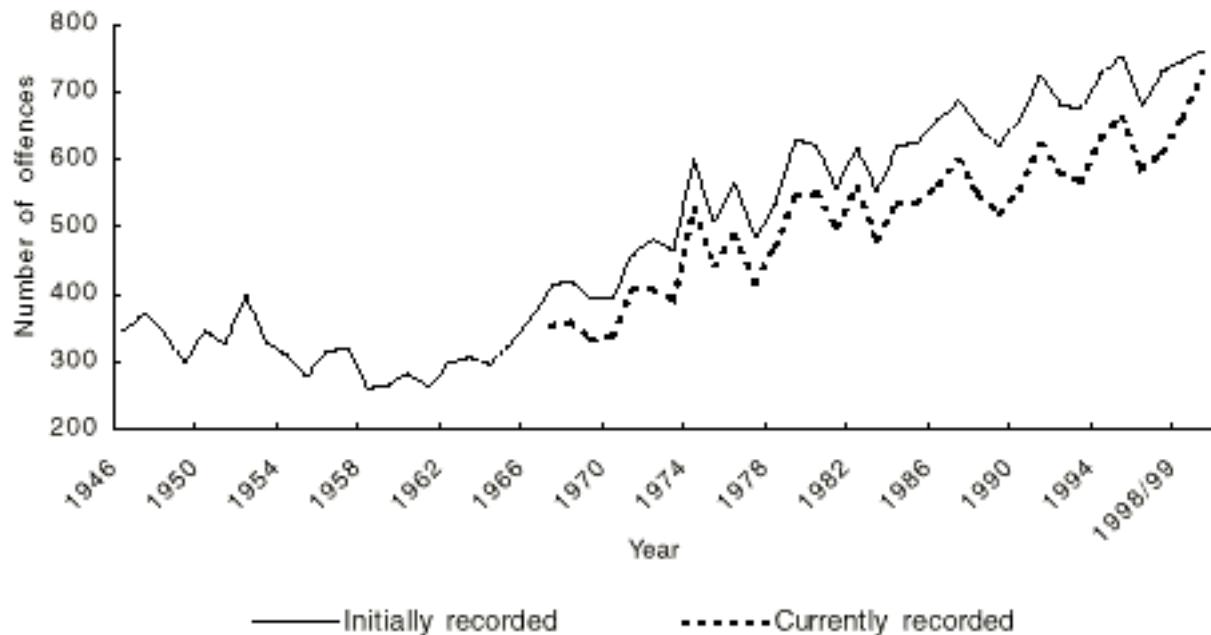
England and Wales

Offence	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Indictable offences					
Possession of firearms with intent to endanger life or injure property	46	116	207	240	221
Using firearms with intent to resist arrest	19	27	15	9	8
Possessing firearms at time of committing, or being arrested for, an offence	59	70	61	77	81
Possessing firearms with intent to commit an indictable offence or resist arrest	129	113	82	71	81
Possessing firearms with intent to cause fear of violence	..	89	188	223	291
Possessing firearms or ammunition without certificate (Section 1) ⁽²⁾	558	599	647	705	481
Shortening a shotgun	34	29	24	14	11
Possessing shotgun without certificate	1,002	885	700	609	421
Selling firearms to person without a certificate	24	18	18	29	12
Possessing or distributing prohibited weapons or ammunition	581	879	1,002	1,053	1,301
Carrying loaded firearm in public place	204	189	151	174	118
Possession of firearms by persons previously convicted of crime	114	141	152	151	112
Other indictable offences	26	69	34	43	12
Total indictable offences	2,796	3,224	3,281	3,398	3,311
Summary offences					
Non-compliance with condition of firearms certificate (Section 1) ⁽²⁾	54	64	98	91	51
Carrying loaded air weapon in public place	614	511	575	540	581
Trespassing with firearm on land	159	180	154	139	115
Person under 17 acquiring firearm subject to control under Section 1	30	36	28	27	11
Making false statement in order to procure grant or renewal of firearm or shotgun certificate	107	95	100	71	42

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Non-compliance with condition of shotgun certificate	144	125	189	189	10
Person under 14 having an air weapon or ammunition	95	92	82	60	5
Person under 17 having an air weapon in a public place	462	396	301	297	23
Other summary offences	143	131	123	107	11
Total summary offences	1,808	1,630	1,650	1,521	1,40
All offences	4,604	4,854	4,931	4,919	4,71

(1) Proportion of those found guilty or cautioned who were cautioned.

(2) Section 1 includes all firearms except shotguns and air weapons as defined in Section 1(3)(a) and 1(3)(b) of the Firearms

Figure 4.1 Offences recorded by the police as homicide 1946-1999/00 England and Wales

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Table 4.1 Offences⁽¹⁾ initially recorded by the police as homicide by current classification

England and Wales

Number of offences and number per

Year	Offences initially recorded as homicide ⁽³⁾	Offences no longer recorded as homicide	Offences currently recorded as homicide	
			Number	Percentage
1946	347
1947	371
1948	341
1949	298
1950	346
1951	328
1952	400
1953	327
1954	311
1955	279
1956	315
1957	321
1958	261
1959	266
1960	282
1961	265
1962	299
1963	307
1964	296
1965	325
1966	364
1967	414	60	354	85
1968	420	60	360	86
1969	395	63	332	83
1970	396	57	339	85
1971	459	52	407	88
1972	480	71	409	85
1973	465	74	391	84
1974	599	73	526	87
1975	508	65	443	87
1976	565	77	488	86
1977	484	66	418	86
1978	535	64	471	87
1979	629	83	546	86
1980	621	72	549	86
1981	556	57	499	88
1982	618	61	557	88
1983	552	70	482	87
1984	619	82	537	87

1985	625	89	536
1986	660	97	563
1987	686	87	599
1988	645	98	547
1989	622	101	521
1990	661	106	555
1991	725	102	623
1992	681	100	581
1993	675	109	566
1994	727	95	632
1995	753	90	663
1996	679	94	585
1997	735	123	612
1997/98	731	119	612
1998/99	745	82	663
1999/00	761	33	728

- (1) A separate offence is recorded for each victim of homicide, so that in an incident in which several people are killed, the number is the total number of persons killed.
- (2) As at 11 September 2000; figures are subject to revision as cases are dealt with by the police and by the courts, or as further information becomes available.
- (3) Because of differences in recording practice with respect to 'no crimes' and problems with dates of recording in the third quarter, the figures in this table do not always agree with those shown in Table 2.15.

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Table 4.3 Offences currently⁽¹⁾ recorded as homicide by apparent method of killing an
England and Wales

Apparent method	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1997/98	1998/99	1999	M
Offences													
Sharp instrument	106	126	144	148	122	160	184	139	133	137	152	144	144
Blunt instrument	37	47	31	32	37	33	48	49	49	48	41	41	41
Hitting, kicking, etc	58	60	75	73	67	62	89	63	77	80	77	77	77
Strangulation ⁽²⁾	26	28	22	21	27	28	25	20	10	12	31	31	31
Shooting ⁽³⁾	25	39	32	38	51	49	55	38	52	45	43	43	43
Explosion	11	2	1	3	3	—	1	2	1	1	2	2	2
Burning	20	17	9	11	7	22	16	13	15	15	14	14	14
Drowning	7	1	2	6	4	8	1	4	7	5	3	3	3
Poison or drugs	2	8	7	7	7	6	9	15	12	12	25	25	25
Motor vehicle ⁽⁴⁾	6	7	7	6	6	4	4	2	11	12	12	12	12
Other	3	5	5	2	9	3	9	29	24	26	30	30	30
Not known	—	2	1	1	3	3	3	—	6	9	14	14	14
Total	301	342	336	348	343	378	444	374	397	402	444	444	444
Per 100,000 population													
Sharp instrument	76	52	73	70	60	71	59	58	67	65	51	51	51
Blunt instrument	26	27	31	18	29	22	30	19	23	21	24	24	24
Hitting, kicking, etc	22	34	41	44	30	32	17	18	23	24	13	13	13
Strangulation ⁽²⁾	62	53	72	58	62	76	58	57	54	49	50	50	50
Shooting ⁽³⁾	13	20	18	14	20	14	11	9	6	7	4	4	4
Explosion	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Burning	9	11	24	10	7	17	17	11	14	13	20	20	20
Drowning	4	3	6	8	2	5	2	5	—	1	3	3	3
Poison or drugs	2	1	12	4	3	11	7	13	5	6	23	23	23
Motor vehicle ⁽⁴⁾	1	5	6	3	3	1	2	—	1	1	3	3	3
Other	4	2	3	2	5	1	10	15	14	13	17	17	17
Not known	1	5	1	1	2	4	6	6	8	10	11	11	11
Total	220	213	287	233	223	254	219	211	215	210	219	219	219
Total offences													
Sharp instrument	182	178	217	218	182	231	243	197	200	202	203	203	203
Blunt instrument	63	74	62	50	66	55	78	68	72	69	65	65	65
Hitting, kicking, etc	80	94	116	117	97	94	106	81	100	104	90	90	90
Strangulation ⁽²⁾	88	81	94	79	89	104	83	77	64	61	81	81	81
Shooting ⁽³⁾	38	59	50	52	71	63	66	47	58	52	47	47	47
Explosion	11	2	1	4	3	—	1	2	1	1	2	2	2
Burning	29	28	33	21	14	39	33	24	29	28	34	34	34
Drowning	11	4	8	14	6	13	3	9	7	6	6	6	6
Poison or drugs	4	9	19	11	10	17	16	28	17	18	48	48	48
Motor vehicle ⁽⁴⁾	7	12	13	9	9	5	6	2	12	13	15	15	15
Other	7	7	8	4	14	4	19	44	38	39	47	47	47
Not known	1	7	2	2	5	7	9	6	14	19	25	25	25

Total	521	555	623	581	566	632	663	585	612	612	663	7
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- (1) As at 11 September 2000; figures are subject to revision as cases are dealt with by the police and by the courts, or
(2) Including asphyxiation.
(3) These figures may not agree with those in Tables 3.1, 3.2, 3.4, 3.6 and 3.8 in Chapter 3 (Recorded Crime in which fir
the firearm was used as a blunt instrument and (b) homicide figures include shooting by crossbows, are compiled
(4) Excluding death by careless/dangerous driving and aggravated vehicle taking.
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Table 4.7 Suspects convicted of homicide⁽¹⁾ by type of homicide

England and Wales

Year offence initially recorded	Total indicted for homicide	Convicted of homicide		
		Total	Murder	Section 2 manslaughter
1965	247	205	57	47
1966	303	254	72	51
1967	346	251	64	47
1968	374	272	76	50
1969	367	271	78	58
1970	386	299	99	65
1971	418	327	91	72
1972	450	337	85	85
1973	427	321	83	77
1974	537	424	125	96
1975	503	383	99	77
1976	530	394	108	92
1977	457	362	116	94
1978	529	424	137	90
1979	595	475	169	109
1980	537	423	140	88
1981	543	448	167	87
1982	525	441	161	102
1983	523	417	153	80
1984	579	451	171	77
1985	595	457	166	76
1986	662	506	208	84
1987	677	515	216	78
1988	642	493	189	74
1989	633	458	198	83
1990	626	443	186	70
1991	712	502	197	76
1992	708	504	215	78
1993	681	501	224	62
1994	649	491	228	69
1995	742	553	272	54
1996	716	530	258	50
1997	688	499	247	46
1997/98	684	506	228	47
1998/99	681	490	241	38
1999/00 ⁽²⁾	323	232	121	13

(1) As at 11 September 2000; figures are subject to revision as cases are dealt with by the police and by the courts, or as further information becomes available.

(2) In addition there were 437 suspects for whom court proceedings were not completed by 11 September 2000.

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Table 4.10 Suspects convicted of homicide by previous homicide convictions⁽¹⁾

England and Wales

Year offence initially recorded	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Total number convicted of homicide	458	443	502	504	501	491	553	530	499
Number previously convicted of homicide:									
While serving sentence for homicide	4 ⁽²⁾	7	4	7 ⁽²⁾	4	3 ⁽³⁾	6	—	1 ⁽²⁾
After release or termination of sentence for previous homicide conviction	—	1	2	1	2	1	—	—	—
	4	6	2	6	2	2	6	—	1

(1) As at 11 September 2000; figures are subject to revision as cases are dealt with by the police and by the courts, or as further information becomes available.

(2) In addition, one suspect of an offence who committed suicide had previously been convicted of homicide.

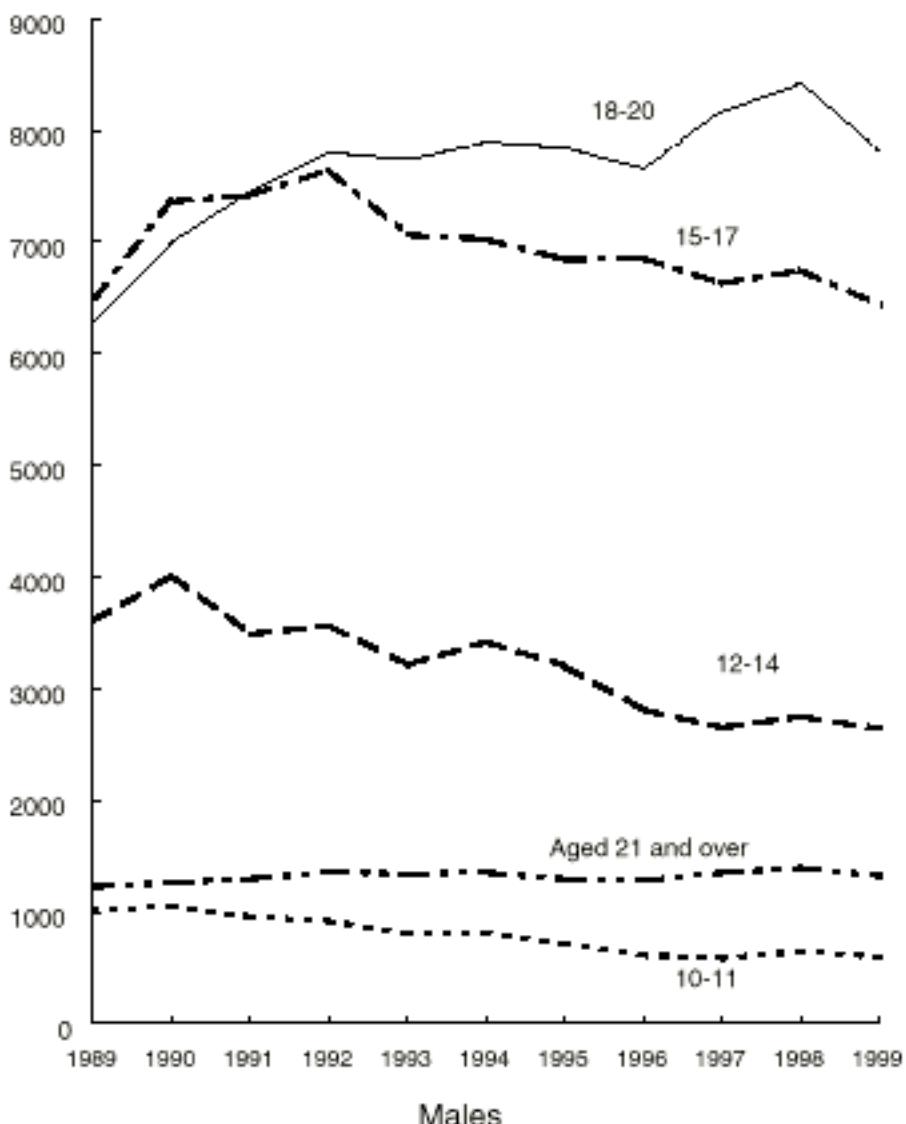
(3) In addition, one suspect was found 'unfit to plead' to their previous homicide.

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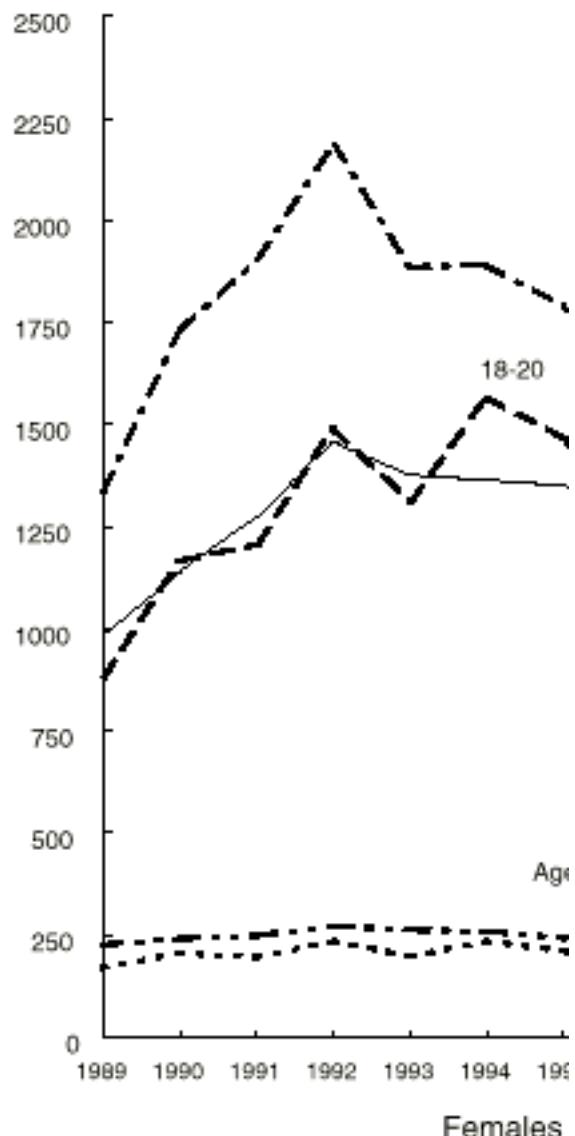
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Figure 5.2 Offenders found guilty of, or cautioned for, indictable offences per 100,000 population by age group**England and Wales**

Number per 100,000 population



Number per 100,000 population



(1) Other offenders, i.e. companies, public bodies etc. are included with males 21 and over.

Figure 5.3 Persons found guilty of, or cautioned for, indictable offences per 100,000 population by age group, 1999

England and Wales Number per 100,000 population

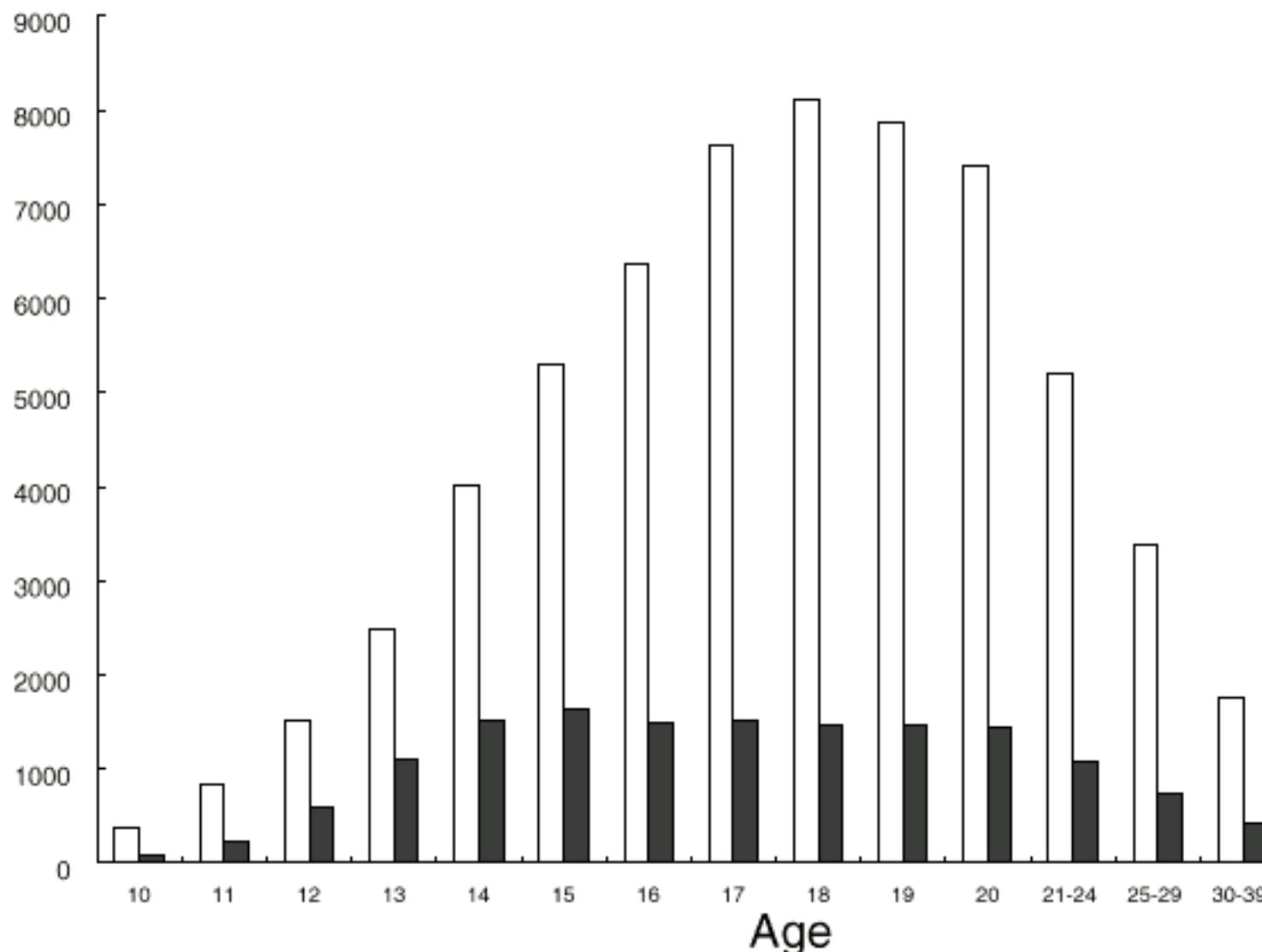
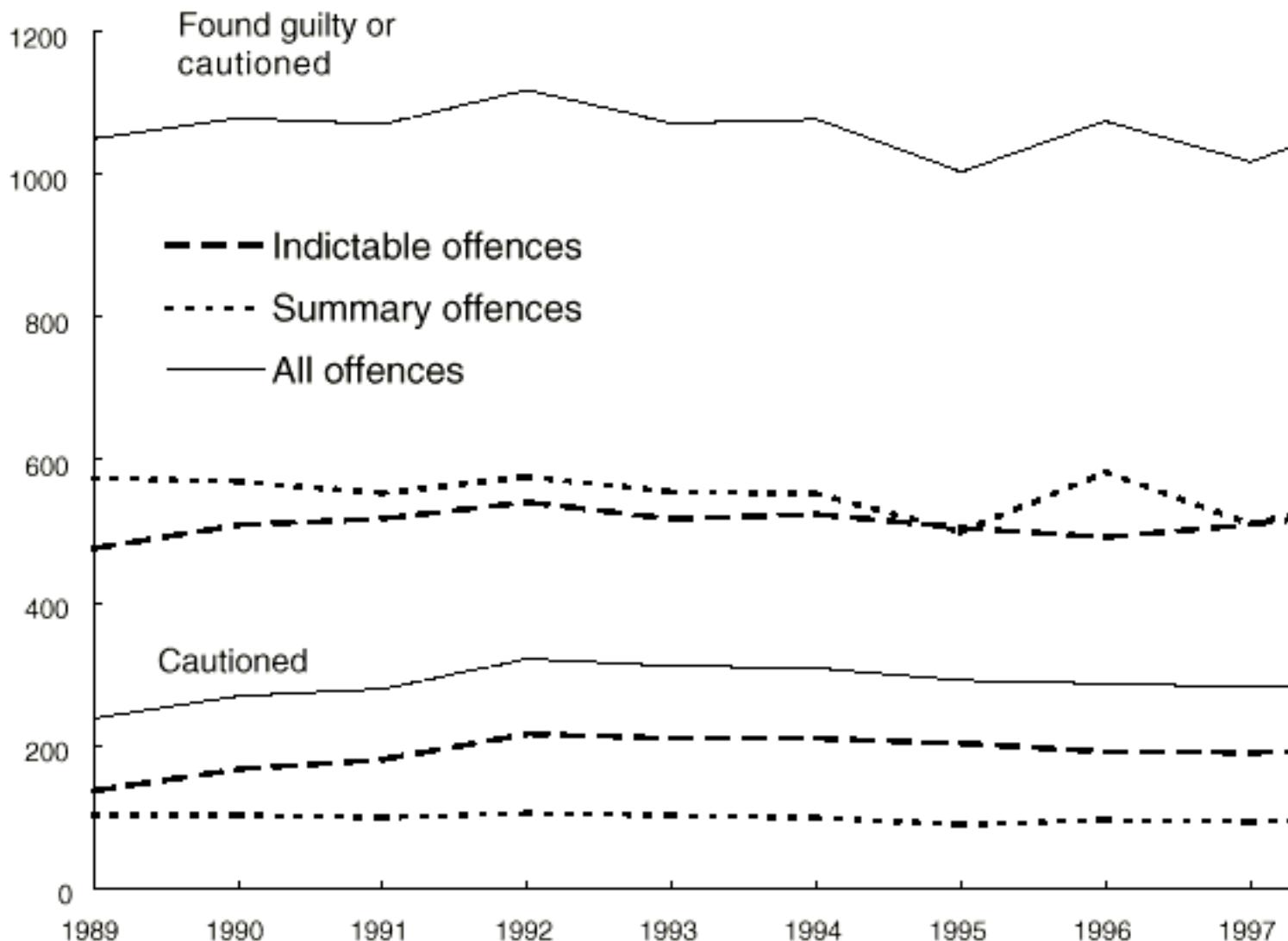


Figure 5.4 Offenders found guilty at all courts or cautioned (1) for indictable and summary offences

England and Wales



(1) Excluding all motoring offences, for which written warnings are used.

Figure 5.5 Number of offenders cautioned for all offences by sex, 1989-1999

England and Wales

Thousands

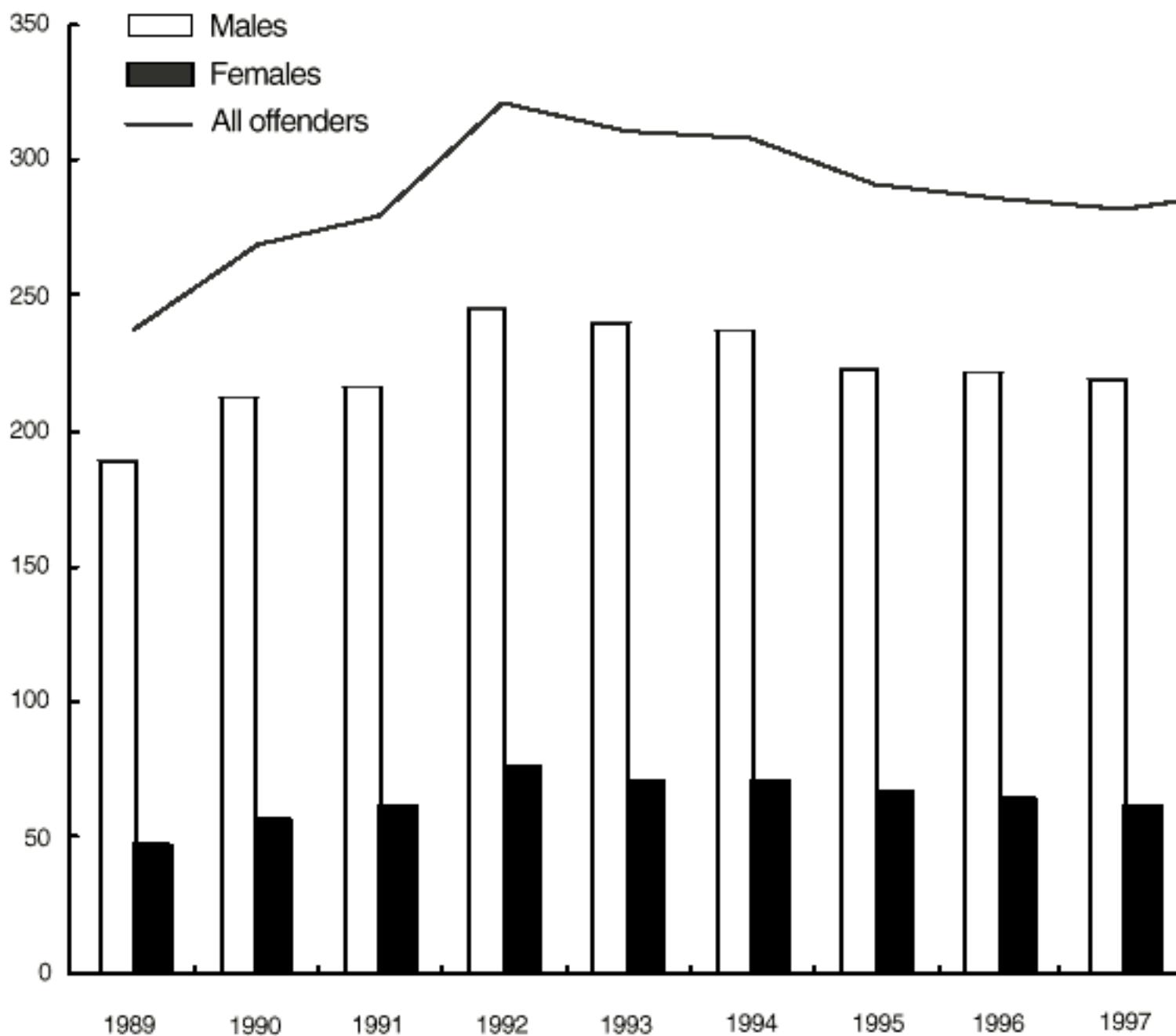
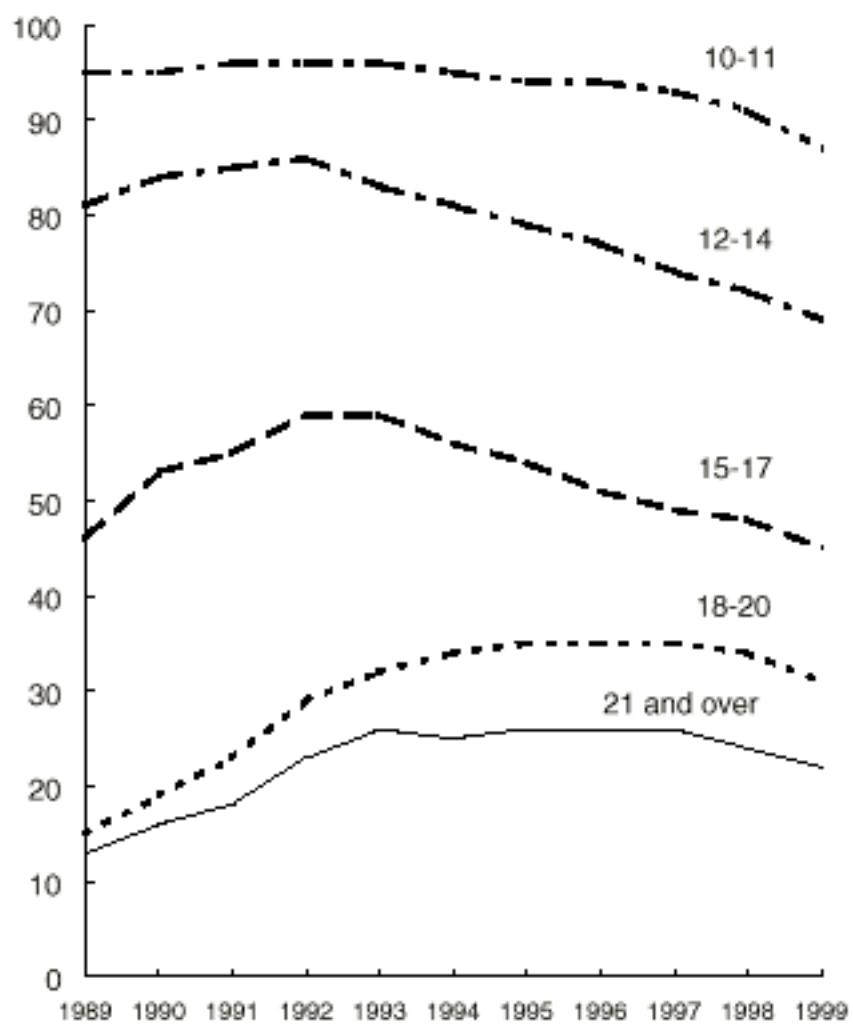


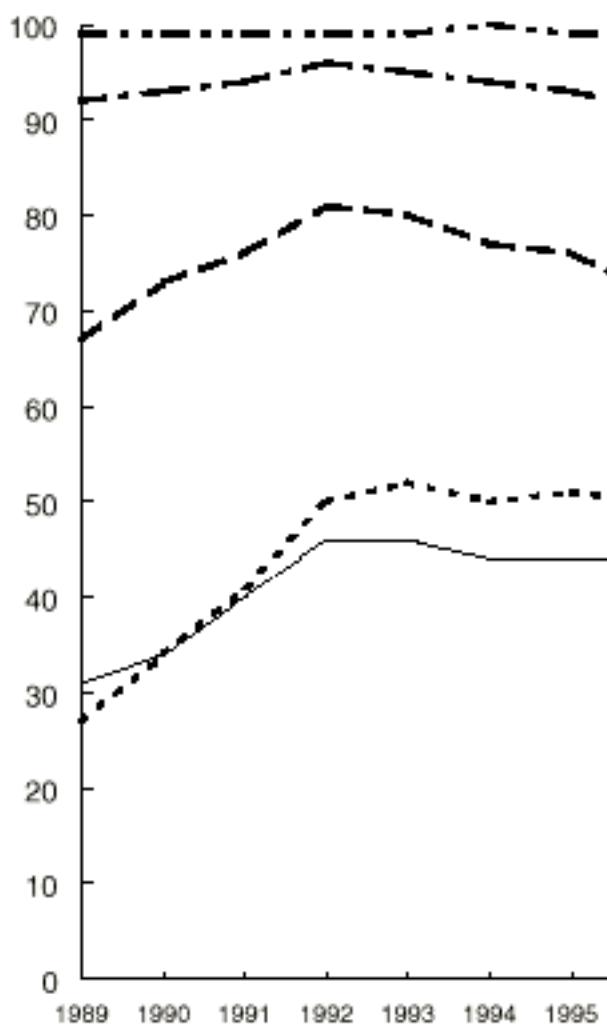
Figure 5.6 Offenders (1) cautioned for indictable offences (2) as a percentage of offenders found guilty or cautioned for indictable offences by age and sex

England and Wales Percentage



Males

England and Wales Percentage

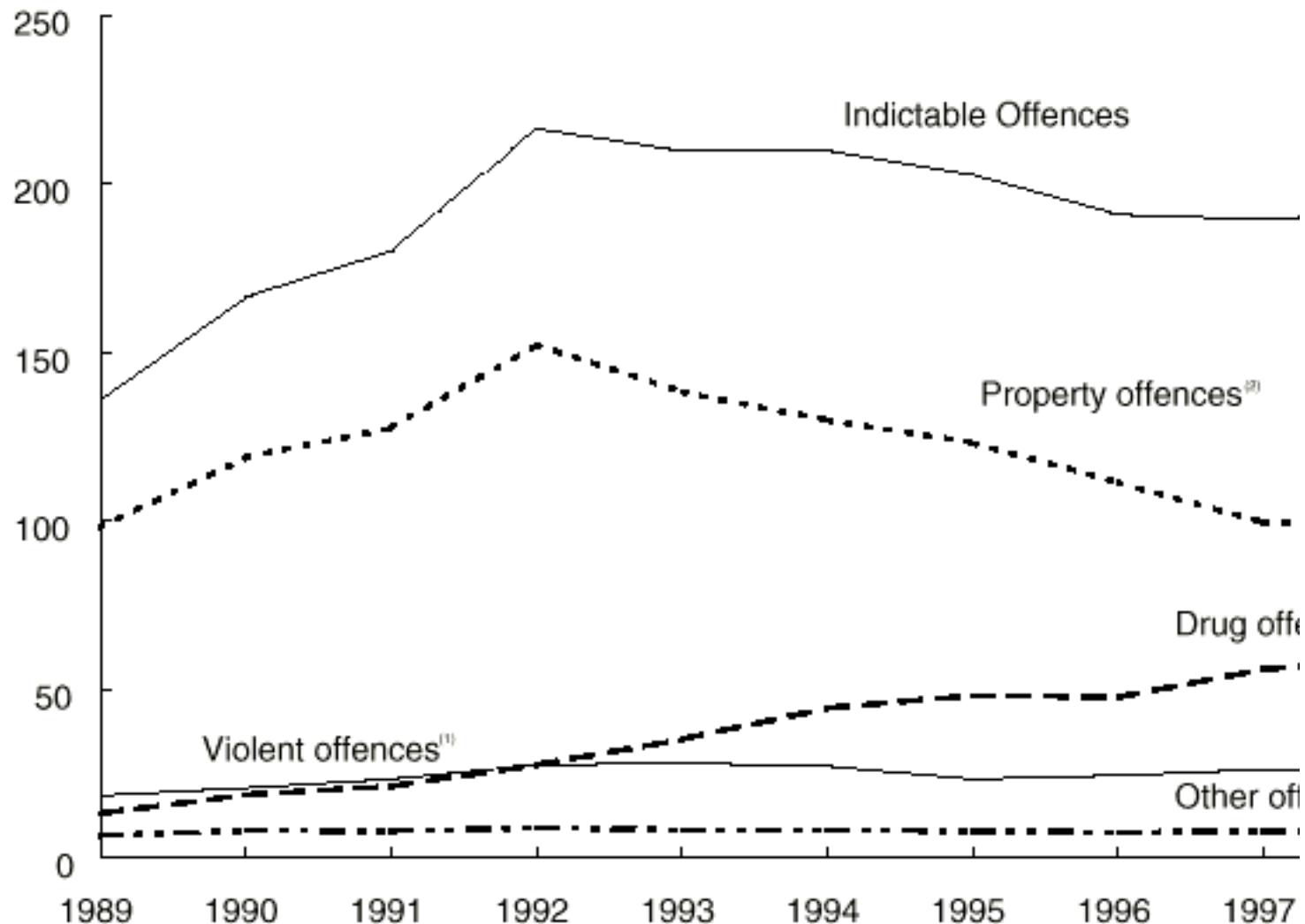


Females

- (1) Other offenders, i.e. companies, public bodies etc. are included with males aged 21 and over.
 (2) Excluding motoring offences.

Figure 5.7 Offenders cautioned for indictable offences by offence group 1989 to 1999

England and Wales Thousands



(1) Violent offences includes violence against the person, sexual offences and robbery

(2) Property offences includes burglary, theft & handling stolen goods fraud and forgery

(3) Other offences includes criminal damage and other indictable offences

Figure 5.8 Persons cautioned as a proportion of the total number of persons found guilty of, or cautioned, for various indictable offence groups and summary offences, 1989 and 1999

England and Wales

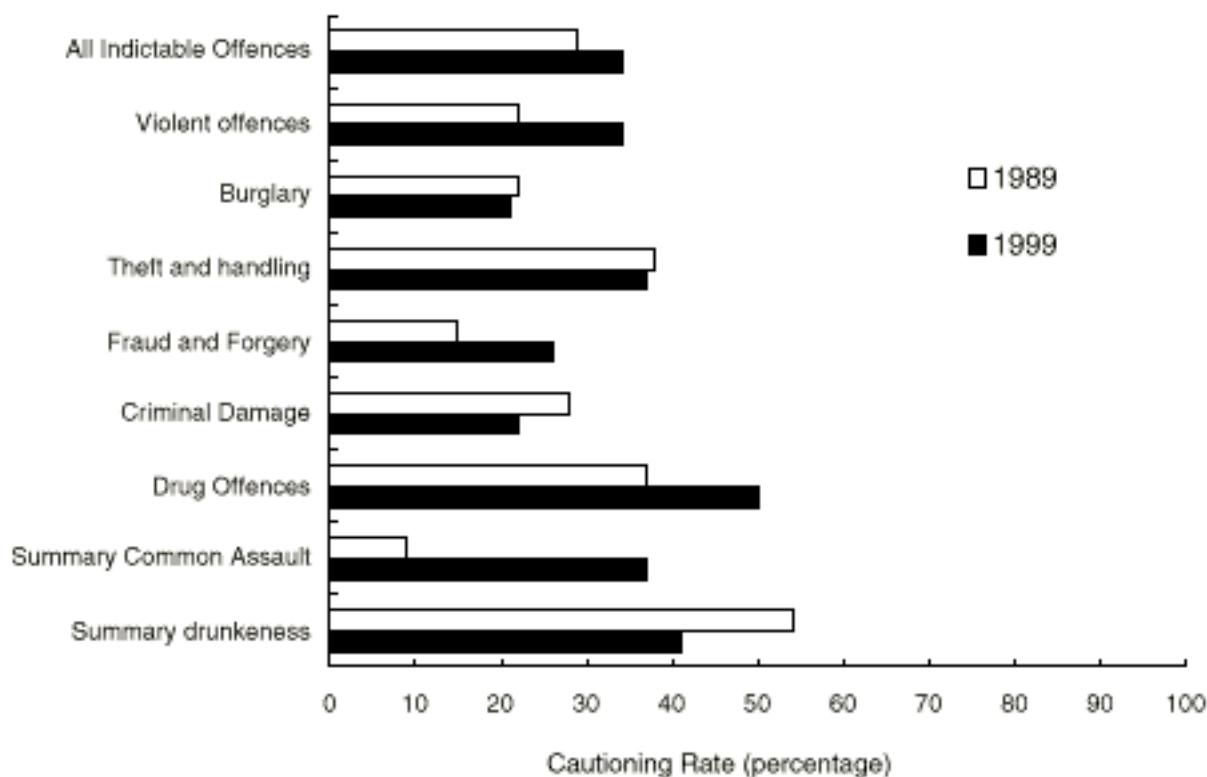


Table 5A Number and proportion of persons given reprimands and final warnings with areas by age group and type of offence, 1999

	Age 10-11	Age 12-14	Number
Reprimand and Final Warnings [=100%]			
Indictable offences	329	1,766	2
Summary (excluding motoring)	142	751	
Total offences	471	2,517	3
Reprimands			
Indictable offences	80	70	
Summary (excluding motoring)	76	73	
Total offences	79	71	
Final Warnings			
Indictable offences	20	30	
Summary (excluding motoring)	24	27	
Total offences	21	29	

Table 5B Criminal history of a sample of offenders cautioned in England and Wales
 England and Wales

Criminal history before the sample caution	Percentage of offenders in sample		
	1985	1988	1991
No previous court appearance and			
— no previous caution	81	76	69
— one previous caution	9	10	10
— two or more previous cautions	2	3	6
Previous court appearance and			
— no previous caution	6	9	11
— one previous caution	2	1	2
— two or more previous cautions	1	1	2

**Table 5C Two year subsequent conviction rate for offenders cautioned in 1991 and 1992
England and Wales**

Criminal history before the sample caution	Percentage of offenders convicted within 2 years	
	1991	1992
No previous court appearance and		
— no previous caution	11	11
— one previous caution	22	22
— two or more previous cautions	45	45
Previous court appearance and		
— no previous caution	24	24
— one previous caution	(33)	(33)
— two or more previous cautions	46	46

() indicates percentage based on fewer than 50 offenders.

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Table 5.2 Offenders cautioned by type of offence, sex and age group

England and Wales 1999

	All offenders	Males			
		All ages	Aged 10-11	Aged 12-14	Aged 15-17
Indictable offences					
Violence against the person	21.2	16.6	0.3	2.3	3.8
Sexual offences	1.5	1.4	0.0	0.2	0.3
Burglary	7.7	6.8	0.7	2.5	2.2
Robbery	0.6	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.2
Theft and handling stolen goods	75.4	46.4	2.2	10.7	12.2
Fraud and forgery	7.2	4.6	0.0	0.3	0.8
Criminal damage	3.0	2.6	0.3	0.8	0.7
Drug offences	49.4	43.5	0.0	0.9	7.8
Other (excluding motoring offences)	4.6	3.7	0.0	0.3	0.8
Total (excluding motoring offences)	170.6	126.1	3.7	18.3	28.7
Summary offences					
(excluding motoring offences)	95.6	76.1	2.0	9.7	16.1
All offences					
(excluding motoring offences)	266.1	202.3	5.6	28.1	44.8

					Offenders cautioned a
Indictable offences					
Violence against the person	37	34	94	75	47
Sexual offences	25	25	(65)	67	47
Burglary	21	19	87	62	27
Robbery	9	9	(71)	36	11
Theft and handling stolen goods	37	31	88	72	46
Fraud and forgery	26	24	(82)	81	53
Criminal damage	22	21	76	54	29
Drug offences	50	50	(94)	84	74
Other (excluding motoring offences)	9	8	(65)	42	18
Total (excluding motoring offences)	34	31	87	69	45
Summary offences					
(excluding motoring offences)	18	17	88	70	46
All offences					
(excluding motoring offences)	26	25	87	69	46

(a) Percentage based on less than 100 offenders.

Table 5.3 Offenders⁽¹⁾ cautioned as a percentage of offenders found guilty or cautioned
 England and Wales

Year	All offenders ⁽¹⁾	Males ⁽¹⁾			
		All ages	Aged 10-11	Aged 12-14	Aged 15-17
Indictable offences⁽²⁾					
1989	29	26	95	81	46
1990	33	30	95	84	53
1991	36	32	96	85	55
1992	41	36	96	86	59
1993	41	37	96	83	59
1994	41	37	95	81	56
1995	41	37	94	79	54
1996	40	36	94	77	51
1997	38	35	93	74	49
1998	37	33	91	72	48
1999	34	31	87	69	45
Summary offences⁽²⁾					
1989	18	20	95	80	43
1990	18	21	95	82	48
1991	18	21	95	82	50
1992	18	22	96	84	57
1993	18	22	97	85	63
1994	18	21	97	82	60
1995 ⁽³⁾	18	20	94	78	56
1996	16	19	95	79	55
1997	18	19	94	77	50
1998	17	18	92	73	47
1999	18	18	88	70	46

(1) Other offenders, i.e. companies, public bodies, etc. are included with males aged 21 and over.

(2) Excluding all motoring offences.

(3) In 1995, there was a shortfall in recording data for certain summary offences for persons found guilty (see paragraph 27 o

Table 5.4 Persons cautioned for indictable (excluding motoring) offences as a percentage
 England and Wales 1999

	All persons	Males		
		All ages	Aged 10-11	Aged 12-14
Avon and Somerset	33	31	89	79
Bedfordshire	40	35	82	81
Cambridgeshire	34	32	86	55
Cheshire	26	23	90	73
Cleveland	29	26	87	62
Cumbria	35	33	91	68
Derbyshire	30	27	82	63
Devon and Cornwall	38	36	91	80
Dorset	29	26	89	76
Durham	22	18	71	49
Essex	33	29	97	67
Gloucestershire	43	40	91	82
Greater Manchester	32	29	88	69
Hampshire	31	28	81	66
Hertfordshire	37	32	92	79
Humberside	28	24	94	71
Kent	39	36	91	68
Lancashire	26	24	82	60
Leicestershire	27	25	93	70
Lincolnshire	24	21	86	77
Merseyside	32	31	83	67
Metropolitan Police ⁽¹⁾	41	39	91	74
Norfolk	32	29	79	70
Northamptonshire	33	29	83	42
Northumbria	39	35	85	64
North Yorkshire	29	25	82	70
Nottinghamshire	30	25	85	62
South Yorkshire	26	23	81	60
Staffordshire	34	30	90	75
Suffolk	37	33	84	75
Surrey	51	48	97	86
Sussex	39	35	92	84
Thames Valley	29	26	90	77
Warwickshire	40	38	85	67
West Mercia	36	33	77	73
West Midlands	33	30	87	65
West Yorkshire	24	21	81	59
Wiltshire	39	34	93	84
England	34	31	87	69
Dyfed-Powys	44	41	100	83
Gwent	40	37	87	75
North Wales	33	29	95	69
South Wales	26	23	84	63

Wales	34	30	90	70	44
England and Wales	34	31	87	69	45

Table 5.5 Persons cautioned for summary (excluding motoring) offences as a percentage
 England and Wales 1999

	All persons	Males		
		All ages	Aged 10-11	Aged 12-14
Avon and Somerset	12	12	94	76
Bedfordshire	19	19	92	78
Cambridgeshire	31	29	97	71
Cheshire	16	16	79	65
Cleveland	24	26	98	66
Cumbria	19	19	90	66
Derbyshire	17	17	87	68
Devon and Cornwall	23	23	86	74
Dorset	9	8	88	51
Durham	24	23	72	56
Essex	11	11	90	69
Gloucestershire	15	16	80	84
Greater Manchester	18	19	92	69
Hampshire	15	15	86	63
Hertfordshire	11	11	74	72
Humberside	14	15	95	72
Kent	38	37	96	67
Lancashire	19	20	52	42
Leicestershire	12	12	87	71
Lincolnshire	13	14	88	74
Merseyside	38	42	88	69
Metropolitan Police ⁽¹⁾	12	12	91	78
Norfolk	17	16	78	63
Northamptonshire	16	18	67	38
Northumbria	29	29	86	67
North Yorkshire	13	13	67	65
Nottinghamshire	17	16	93	65
South Yorkshire	22	23	89	72
Staffordshire	26	25	91	66
Suffolk	17	17	63	74
Surrey	29	28	100	75
Sussex	21	22	86	84
Thames Valley	19	18	87	79
Warwickshire	17	17	92	77
West Mercia	25	24	90	75
West Midlands	19	20	92	70
West Yorkshire	14	15	82	63
Wiltshire	18	17	95	78
England	18	18	88	69
Dyfed-Powys	12	11	33	55
				36

Gwent	30	30	100	82	58
North Wales	23	23	96	78	48
South Wales	14	14	79	69	47
Wales	19	19	90	74	49
England and Wales	18	18	88	70	46

(1) Including City of London.

Table 5.6 Offenders⁽¹⁾ found guilty at all courts by sex and type of offence

England and Wales

Sex and type of offence	1989	1990	1991	1992
Males⁽²⁾				
Indictable offences⁽²⁾				
Violence against the person ⁽³⁾	51.2	48.1	43.3	39.8
Sexual offences	7.2	6.5	5.5	4.9
Burglary	42.0	42.1	44.7	43.0
Robbery	4.4	4.6	4.5	4.8
Theft and handling stolen goods	107.9	107.5	108.1	103.9
Fraud and forgery	17.6	17.2	16.6	15.6
Criminal damage	8.7	10.3	9.3	9.0
Drug offences	20.2	22.1	21.2	20.6
Other (excluding motoring offences)	26.4	29.7	31.6	33.1
Motoring offences	10.8	10.6	10.8	10.3
Total	296.6	298.8	295.7	284.9
Summary offences⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾				
Offences (excluding motoring offences)	351.9	341.4	324.0	322.5
Motoring offences	663.8	645.1	649.4	653.3
Total	1,015.8	986.5	973.4	975.8
All offences⁽²⁾	1,312.4	1,285.2	1,269.1	1,260.7
Females				
Indictable offences⁽²⁾				
Violence against the person ⁽³⁾	4.4	4.4	3.9	3.8
Sexual offences	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Burglary	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.2
Robbery	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Theft and handling stolen goods	26.6	26.8	25.5	24.0
Fraud and forgery	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.4
Criminal damage	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.8
Drug offences	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.1
Other (excluding motoring offences)	2.1	2.6	2.8	2.9
Motoring offences	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
Total	43.0	44.0	41.9	40.0
Summary offences⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾				
Offences (excluding motoring offences)	120.4	125.9	130.3	149.2
Motoring offences ⁽³⁾	58.9	59.5	63.7	69.8
Total	179.2	185.3	194.1	219.0
All offences⁽²⁾	222.2	229.4	236.0	259.0

Table 5.7 Offenders found guilty at all courts by type of offence, sex and age group

England and Wales 1999

Type of offence	All offenders	Males				A 18
		All ages	Aged 10-11	Aged 12-14	Aged 15-17	
Indictable offences						
Violence against the person	35.7	32.1	0.0	0.8	4.3	
Sexual offences	4.3	4.3	0.0	0.1	0.4	
Burglary	29.3	28.2	0.1	1.6	5.8	
Robbery	5.6	5.2	0.0	0.4	1.5	
Theft and handling stolen goods	131.2	105.1	0.3	4.1	14.4	1
Fraud and forgery	20.3	14.7	0.0	0.1	0.7	
Criminal damage	10.9	9.9	0.1	0.7	1.6	
Drug offences	48.7	43.5	0.0	0.2	2.7	
Other (excluding motoring offences)	47.9	41.1	0.0	0.4	3.4	
Motoring offences	8.1	7.6	0.0	0.0	0.4	
Total	342.0	291.7	0.6	8.3	35.1	4
Summary offences						
Offences (excluding motoring offences)	433.6	337.1	0.3	4.2	18.7	3
Motoring offences	632.9	549.5	0.0	0.5	11.6	3
Total	1,066.5	886.6	0.3	4.8	30.3	5
All offences	1,408.5	1,178.3	0.8	13.1	65.4	12

Table 5.8 Offenders found guilty or cautioned by type of offence, sex and age group

England and Wales

Type of offence	All offenders	Males				
		Total	10-11	12-14	15-17	18+
Indictable offences						
1997 Found guilty	320.1	276.5	0.3	6.8	33.6	1
Cautioned	189.4	143.3	3.7	19.2	32.0	1
Found guilty or cautioned	509.4	419.8	4.0	26.0	65.7	1
1998 Found guilty	341.7	292.9	0.4	7.7	35.2	1
Cautioned	191.7	142.9	4.1	19.7	32.0	1
Found guilty or cautioned	533.5	435.9	4.5	27.3	67.2	1
1999 Found guilty	342.0	291.7	0.6	8.3	35.1	1
Cautioned	170.6	126.1	3.7	18.3	28.7	1
Found guilty or cautioned	512.6	417.8	4.2	26.7	63.8	1
Summary offences						
(excluding motoring offences)						
1997 Found guilty	416.5	313.1	0.1	2.5	16.1	1
Cautioned	92.7	75.7	1.7	8.2	16.1	1
Found guilty or cautioned	509.3	388.8	1.8	10.7	32.2	1
1998 Found guilty	462.8	350.8	0.2	3.3	18.2	1
Cautioned	96.2	76.9	1.8	8.8	16.1	1
Found guilty or cautioned	559.0	427.8	2.0	12.1	34.2	1
1999 Found guilty	433.6	337.1	0.3	4.2	18.7	1
Cautioned	95.6	76.1	2.0	9.7	16.1	1
Found guilty or cautioned	529.2	413.3	2.2	14.0	34.8	1
Summary motoring offences						
1997 Found guilty	649.3	567.8	0.0	0.4	9.8	1
1998 Found guilty	665.2	578.2	0.0	0.4	10.3	1
1999 Found guilty	632.9	549.5	0.0	0.5	11.6	1
All offences						
1997 Found guilty	1,385.8	1,157.4	0.4	9.8	59.5	1
Cautioned	282.1	219.0	5.4	27.4	48.1	1
Found guilty or cautioned	1,667.9	1,376.4	5.8	37.1	10.8	1
1998 Found guilty	1,469.7	1,222.0	0.6	11.4	63.7	1
Cautioned	287.9	219.8	5.9	28.5	48.1	1
Found guilty or cautioned	1,757.6	1,441.8	6.5	39.9	111.8	1
1999 Found guilty	1,408.5	1,178.3	0.8	13.1	65.4	1
Cautioned	266.1	202.3	5.6	28.1	44.8	1
Found guilty or cautioned	1,674.6	1,380.5	6.5	41.2	110.2	1

Table 5.9 Offenders⁽¹⁾ found guilty at all courts or cautioned by sex and type of offence

England and Wales

Sex and type of offence	1989	1990	1991	1992
Males⁽¹⁾				
Indictable offences⁽²⁾				
Violence against the person ⁽³⁾	62.3	60.6	57.8	57.3
Sexual offences	10.6	9.9	8.7	8.3
Burglary	53.2	55.2	56.9	56.1
Robbery	4.7	5.1	5.0	5.4
Theft and handling stolen goods	164.3	174.7	178.9	186.7
Fraud and forgery	20.3	20.4	20.4	20.5
Criminal damage	12.1	14.0	12.7	12.6
Drug offences	32.0	39.0	40.4	45.4
Other (excluding motoring offences)	29.1	33.4	35.4	37.4
Motoring offences ⁽⁴⁾	10.8	10.6	10.8	10.3
Total	399.3	423.0	427.0	439.9
Summary offences⁽²⁾				
(excluding motoring offences)	438.9	429.6	409.3	412.5
All offences⁽²⁾				
(excluding motoring offences)	838.2	852.6	836.4	852.5
Females				
Indictable offences⁽²⁾				
Violence against the person ⁽³⁾	7.9	8.6	8.7	9.7
Sexual offences	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Burglary	2.2	2.7	2.5	2.5
Robbery	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
Theft and handling stolen goods	52.1	59.4	63.1	71.5
Fraud and forgery	6.1	6.1	6.5	7.0
Criminal damage	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.3
Drug offences	3.6	4.2	4.3	4.9
Other (excluding motoring offences)	2.3	2.9	3.1	3.4
Motoring offences ⁽⁴⁾	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
Total	76.2	86.1	90.5	101.1
Summary offences⁽²⁾				
(excluding motoring offences)	135.5	140.4	143.9	164.3
All offences⁽²⁾				
(excluding summary motoring offences)	211.7	226.6	234.4	265.4

Table 5.10 Offenders found guilty at all courts or cautioned by type of offence, sex and age, England and Wales 1999

Type of offence	All offenders	Males				
		All ages	Aged 10-11	Aged 12-14	Aged 15-17	Age 18+
Indictable offences						
Violence against the person	56.9	48.7	0.3	3.1	8.1	
Sexual offences	5.8	5.7	0.0	0.4	0.7	
Burglary	37.0	35.0	0.9	4.1	8.0	
Robbery	6.2	5.7	0.1	0.6	1.6	
Theft and handling stolen goods	206.7	151.5	2.5	14.8	26.6	
Fraud and forgery	27.5	19.3	0.0	0.4	1.5	
Criminal damage	13.9	12.5	0.4	1.6	2.3	
Drug offences	98.1	87.1	0.0	1.0	10.6	
Other (excluding motoring offences)	52.5	44.8	0.0	0.8	4.1	
Motoring offences ⁽¹⁾	8.1	7.6	0.0	0.0	0.4	
Total	512.6	417.8	4.2	26.7	63.8	
Summary offences						
(excluding motoring offences)	529.2	413.3	2.2	14.0	34.8	
All offences						
(excluding motoring offences)	1,041.7	831.1	6.4	40.6	98.6	
Indictable offences						
Violence against the person	11	12	8	12	13	
Sexual offences	1	1	0	1	1	
Burglary	7	8	20	15	12	
Robbery	1	1	2	2	3	
Theft and handling stolen goods	40	36	58	55	42	
Fraud and forgery	5	5	1	1	2	
Criminal damage	3	3	8	6	4	
Drug offences	19	21	1	4	17	
Other (excluding motoring offences)	10	11	1	3	6	
Motoring offences ⁽¹⁾	2	2	0	0	1	
Total	100	100	100	100	100	

(1) Offenders found guilty only; motoring offences may attract written warnings (see paragraph 21, Appendix 2).

Table 5.11 Offenders found guilty at all courts or cautioned for offences of violence against England and Wales

Offence	Offenders found				
	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
Indictable offences					
1 Murder ⁽¹⁾	189	180	201	182	211
2 Attempted murder	66	74	56	51	62
3 Threat or conspiracy to murder	593	598	576	590	516
4.1 Manslaughter ⁽¹⁾	267	183	219	281	219
4.2 Infanticide	4	3	7	6	6
4.3 Child destruction	—	—	—	—	—
4.4 Causing death by reckless driving	327	313	319	280	225
4.5 Diminished responsibility ⁽¹⁾	40	22	21	12	30
4.6 Causing death by careless driving while under the influence of drink or drugs	*	*	*	1	24
37.1 Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking	*	*	*	22	17
5 Wounding or other act endangering life	1,873	1,757	1,643	1,813	1,774
6 Endangering railway passenger	47	44	32	20	30
More serious offences	3,406	3,174	3,074	3,258	3,114
7 Endangering life at sea	1	4	6	2	5
8 Other wounding, etc.	66,283	65,642	63,011	63,331	59,413
9 Assault ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	208	*	*	*	*
11 Cruelty to or neglect of children	290	349	343	360	391
12 Abandoning child aged under 2 years	6	10	18	11	9
13 Child abduction	66	42	61	49	42
14 Procuring illegal abortion	3	31	2	1	2
15 Concealment of birth	5	3	9	8	4
Less serious offences	66,862	66,081	63,450	63,762	59,866
Total indictable violence against the person	70,268	69,255	66,524	67,020	62,980
Summary offences					
105 Common assault ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	3,745	5,805	6,859	9,145	10,538
Total indictable and summary violence against the person offences	74,013	75,060	73,383	76,165	73,518

(1) Figures may not agree with those shown in table 4.7 which relate to a different recording definition.

(2) Reclassified from an indictable offence to a summary offence in 1989 following the Criminal Justice Act 1988.

(3) A new charging standard was introduced for assault in 1994 (see paragraph 60, Appendix 1).

(*) Percentage based on less than 100 offenders.

Table 5.12 Offenders found guilty at all courts or cautioned for indictable sexual offences
 England and Wales

Offence	Offenders found guilty				
	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
16 Buggery	335	336	302	277	245
17 Indecent assault on a male	713	831	710	720	667
18 Indecency between males	1,718	1,298	954	1,055	862
19 Rape					
– of a female	613	561	559	529	482
– of a male					
20 Indecent assault on a female	4,119	3,990	3,791	3,695	3,471
21 Unlawful sexual intercourse with girl under 13	179	182	168	148	143
22 Unlawful sexual intercourse with girl under 16	1,384	1,288	1,073	924	723
23 Incest	200	181	157	127	127
24 Prostitution	520	444	305	186	180
25 Abduction	30	26	20	22	43
26 Bigamy	41	39	33	44	42
27 Soliciting by a man	580	464	471	333	330
74 Gross indecency with a child	297	370	300	326	304
Total sexual offences	10,729	10,010	8,843	8,386	7,619

() Percentage based on less than 100 offenders.

Table 5.13 Offenders found guilty at all courts or cautioned for offences of burglary at England and Wales

Offence	Offenders found				
	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
28 Burglary in a dwelling	20,420	22,142	22,390	22,698	21,911
29 Aggravated burglary in a dwelling	320	244	238	254	277
30 Burglary in a building other than a dwelling	34,507	35,409	36,762	35,665	30,839
31 Aggravated burglary in a building other than a dwelling	95	67	46	43	66
Total burglary	55,342	57,862	59,436	58,660	53,093
34 Robbery	4,960	5,379	5,416	5,730	5,798

() Percentage based on less than 100 offenders.

Table 5.14 Offenders found guilty at all courts or cautioned for offences of theft and handling stolen goods
 England and Wales

Offence	Offenders found guilty				
	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
Indictable offences					
37.2 Aggravated vehicle taking	*	*	*	1,322	5,403
39 Theft from the person of another	1,905	1,690	2,206	2,343	2,936
40 Theft in a dwelling other than from automatic machine or meter	2,883	2,789	2,586	2,343	1,955
41 Theft by an employee	6,978	6,830	6,482	6,062	4,756
42 Theft or unauthorised taking from mail	487	444	446	385	396
43 Abstracting electricity	2,638	2,199	1,764	1,658	1,579
44 Theft of a pedal cycle	3,940	4,665	4,526	4,714	3,657
45 Theft from vehicle	12,654	14,200	14,481	14,151	12,541
46 Theft from shops	92,874	106,956	116,007	131,353	119,141
47 Theft from automatic machine or meter	2,190	1,849	1,531	1,692	1,598
48 Theft or unauthorised taking of motor vehicle ⁽¹⁾	6,479	5,910	6,151	5,436	4,288
49 Other theft or unauthorised taking	54,696	56,508	53,219	51,047	45,022
54 Handling stolen goods	28,703	30,107	32,680	35,692	35,528
Total indictable theft and handling stolen goods	216,427	234,147	242,079	258,198	238,800
Summary offences					
130 Stealing or unauthorised taking of a conveyance ⁽²⁾	24,172	26,843	26,708	20,827	14,884
131 Aggravated vehicle taking, Criminal damage of £5,000 or under ⁽²⁾	--	--	--	151	712
Total indictable and summary theft and handling stolen goods offences	240,599	260,990	268,787	279,176	254,396

(1) Reclassified from an indictable offence to a summary offence in 1989 following the Criminal Justice Act 1988.

(2) Under the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 Section 46 the previous limit of £2,000 rose to £5,000 as from February 1994.

Table 5.15 Offenders found guilty at all courts or cautioned for offences of fraud and forgery
 England and Wales

Offence	Offenders found guilty				
	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
51 Fraud by company director, etc.	91	103	93	92	64
52 False accounting	743	752	733	627	576
53 Other fraud	22,496	22,759	22,775	23,429	21,178
55 Bankruptcy offence	145	131	129	116	82
60 Forgery, or use of, false drug prescription	148	137	129	143	162
61 Other forgery etc.	2,740	2,665	2,955	3,122	3,515
Total fraud and forgery	26,363	26,547	26,814	27,529	25,577

() Percentage based on less than 100 offenders.

Table 5.16 Offenders found guilty at all courts or cautioned for offences of criminal damage
 England and Wales

Offence	Offenders found guilty				
	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
Indictable offences					
56 Arson	3,315	3,393	2,831	2,717	2,598
57 Criminal damage endangering life	94	85	64	82	70
58 Other criminal damage	9,197	11,334	10,578	10,563	10,288
59 Threat, etc. to commit criminal damage	524	539	500	452	513
Total indictable criminal damage	13,130	15,351	13,973	13,814	13,469
Summary offences					
149 Criminal damage £5,000 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ or less and malicious damage	50,806	50,096	45,731	45,089	43,763
Total indictable and summary criminal damage offences	63,936	65,447	59,704	58,903	57,232

(1) Criminal damage over £400 but below £2,000 was reclassified from an indictable offence to a summary offence in 1989 to 1990.

(2) Under the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 Section 46 the previous limit of £2,000 rose to £5,000 as from Feb 1994.

Table 5.17 Offenders found guilty at all courts or cautioned for indictable drug offences
 England and Wales

Offence	Offenders found				
	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
Unlawful importation of a controlled drug	1,367	1,248	1,172	1,266	1,162
Class A
Class B
Class C
Class (unspecified)
Unlawful exportation of a controlled drug	30	33	35	26	50
Class A
Class B
Class C
Class (unspecified)
Production, supply and possession with intent to supply a controlled drug	4,648	5,191	5,534	7,017	7,970
Class A	1,852
Class B	5,973
Class C	42
Class (unspecified)	103
Possession of a controlled drug	28,921	35,922	37,143	41,304	47,273
Class A	3,863
Class B	42,530
Class C	59
Class (unspecified)	821
Other drug offences	669	860	794	659	544
Total drug offences	35,635	43,254	44,678	50,272	56,999

() Percentage based on less than 100 offenders.

Table 5.18 Offenders found guilty at all courts or cautioned for other indictable offences
 England and Wales

Offence	Offenders foun				
	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
33 Going equipped for stealing etc.	3,174	3,842	4,561	4,804	4,641
35 Blackmail	308	252	257	267	215
36 Kidnapping etc.	239	217	263	284	309
62 Treason	—	—	—	—	—
63 Treason felony	—	—	2	2	—
64 Riot	30	3	10	31	18
65 Violent disorder	2,652	2,309	1,652	1,270	1,153
66 Other offence against the State or public order	3,784	4,020	4,662	5,029	5,409
67 Perjury	256	218	236	235	233
68 Libel	1	—	2	—	—
75 Betting or gaming offence	170	108	94	89	68
76 Aiding suicide	5	9	3	3	1
78 Assisting entry of illegal immigrant	20	34	48	61	29
79 Perverting the course of justice	639	777	826	1,051	1,054
80 Absconding from lawful custody	168	186	217	283	280
81 Firearms Act offence	2,681	3,448	3,232	3,171	2,388
82 Revenue law offence	88	84	73	78	77
83 Failing to surrender to bail etc.	9,836	12,669	15,360	16,918	19,545
84 Trade Descriptions Act and similar offences	1,201	1,148	1,170	1,322	1,521
85 Health and Safety at work, etc. Act 1974	1,216	1,171	1,066	1,083	926
86 Possession of obscene material for gain etc.	191	210	302	282	312
87 Protection from Eviction Act 1978	101	106	98	114	85
89 Adulteration of food	1,203	1,577	696	779	612
90 Knives Act 1997 etc.	—	—	—	—	—
91 Public health	1,280	1,525	1,242	1,139	839
94 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 ⁽¹⁾	—	—	—	—	—
99 Other (excluding motoring offences)	2,170	2,323	2,388	2,485	2,275
Total	31,413	36,236	38,460	40,780	41,990

() Percentage based on less than 100 offenders.

(1) Up to 1994 included in other (excluding motoring offences).

Table 5.19 Offenders found guilty⁽¹⁾ at all courts for motoring offences by offence

England and Wales

Offence	1989	1990	1991	1992
Indictable offences				
Dangerous driving	4,674	5,100	5,196	4,676
Other indictable motoring offences	6,608	5,967	6,067	6,008
Total indictable motoring offences	11,282	11,067	11,263	10,684
Summary offences				
Driving whilst disqualified ⁽²⁾	17,996	18,977	19,952	19,274
Total indictable and summary motoring offences	29,278	30,044	31,215	29,958

(1) Motoring offences may attract written warnings; (see paragraph 21, Appendix 2).

(2) Reclassified from an indictable offence to a summary offence in 1989 following the Criminal Justice Act 1988.

Table 5.20 Offenders found guilty at all courts or cautioned for selected summary offences
 England and Wales

Offence	Offenders found				
	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
104 Assault on a constable	12,437	12,875	11,257	11,206	11,378
105 Common assault	3,745	5,805	6,859	9,145	10,674
108 Cruelty to animals	1,215	1,287	1,181	1,257	1,125
109 Cruelty to or neglect of children	3	8	8	3	2
113 Explosives Act	83	44	56	47	14
115 Firearms Act 1968	3,885	4,058	3,448	2,405	1,777
125 Offences against Public Order	48,401	46,124	38,966	38,083	35,264
126 Interference with a motor vehicle	2,970	3,254	3,869	3,775	3,879
130 Stealing or unauthorised taking of a conveyance	24,172	26,843	26,708	20,827	14,884
131 Aggravated vehicle taking					
– Criminal Damage of £2,000 or under	*	*	*	151	712
139 Indecent exposure	1,331	1,294	1,124	1,106	1,014
140 Drunkenness simple	41,766	39,556	35,227	29,515	23,115
141 Drunkenness with aggravation	51,056	46,658	40,123	39,255	36,792
151 Social Security Offences	7,497	5,624	3,136	5,107	6,121
152 Offences against Social Security Act 1975	817	245	113	55	41
165 Kerb Crawling	1,225	1,631	1,489	1,396	1,073
166 Offence by Prostitutes	15,159	14,362	13,501	12,571	11,161
167 Aiding and abetting offences by prostitutes	1	—	—	1	—
170 Motor vehicle licence offences ⁽¹⁾	103,849	99,618	108,447	114,392	113,872
191 Wireless/Telegraphic Act offences ⁽¹⁾	123,673	126,378	138,710	170,304	168,725
Other summary non-motoring offences ⁽¹⁾	131,109	134,406	119,041	116,209	113,215
Total Summary non-motoring	574,394	570,070	553,263	576,810	554,838

(1) In 1995 there was a shortfall in the data for offenders found guilty for motor vehicle licence offences (estimated at 11,400).
 () Percentage based on less than 100 offenders.

Table 5.21 Persons found guilty or cautioned for offences of drunkenness by sex
 England and Wales

Year	Number					
	Found guilty			Cautioned		
	All persons	Males	Females	All persons	Males	Fem
1989	42,910	40,049	2,861	49,912	45,851	4
1990	37,838	35,302	2,536	48,554	44,566	3
1991	29,355	27,314	2,041	45,995	42,571	3
1992	23,813	22,195	1,618	44,957	41,039	3
1993	18,799	17,534	1,265	41,108	37,014	4
1994	20,196	18,912	1,284	37,694	33,969	3
1995	19,792	18,486	1,306	22,889	20,518	2
1996	24,229	22,523	1,706	25,903	22,976	2
1997	28,795	26,674	2,121	25,680	22,436	3
1998	30,834	28,426	2,408	22,753	19,402	3
1999	28,680	26,101	2,579	20,340	17,033	3

(1) Based on the population aged 14 and over as the number of offenders aged under 14 is so small.

Table 5.22 Persons found guilty or cautioned for offences involving under age drinking
 England and Wales

Year	Persons under 18 buying intoxicating liquor	
	Found guilty	Cautioned
1989	519	1,795
1990	299	1,390
1991	103	777
1992	34	593
1993	7	382
1994	19	317
1995	15	336
1996	19	336
1997	24	252
1998	24	143
1999	21	94

(1) Section 169(2) Licensing Act 1964.

(2) Section 169(1) Licensing Act 1964.

Table 5.23 Persons found guilty at all courts or cautioned⁽¹⁾ for indictable offences and motoring offences in England and Wales

Year	All persons	Males			
		All ages	Aged 10-11	Aged 12-14	Aged 15-17
1989	136.0	102.8	5.9	26.4	31.3
1990	166.3	124.2	6.5	29.9	38.1
1991	179.9	131.4	6.1	26.9	38.5
1992	216.2	155.0	5.8	29.2	41.1
1993	209.6	153.6	5.1	26.4	37.1
1994	209.8	153.6	5.0	27.3	35.5
1995	202.6	149.3	4.5	24.7	35.3
1996	190.8	142.6	3.8	21.3	33.0
1997	189.4	143.3	3.7	19.2	32.0
1998	191.7	142.9	4.1	19.7	32.0
1999	170.6	126.1	3.7	18.3	28.7
1989	336.7	293.7	0.3	6.1	36.8
1990	339.7	295.7	0.3	5.7	35.0
1991	335.4	293.5	0.3	4.9	32.3
1992	322.8	282.8	0.2	4.7	28.9
1993	305.9	268.2	0.2	5.3	26.2
1994	312.8	273.2	0.3	6.6	28.7
1995	300.7	263.2	0.3	6.8	30.2
1996	299.1	261.1	0.2	6.4	32.5
1997	318.7	276.5	0.3	6.8	33.6
1998	340.3	292.9	0.4	7.7	35.2
1999	340.7	291.7	0.6	8.3	35.1
					Num
1989	472.7	396.5	6.2	32.6	68.1
1990	506.0	419.9	6.9	35.6	73.1
1991	515.3	424.8	6.3	31.8	70.8
1992	539.0	437.9	6.0	33.9	70.0
1993	515.5	421.8	5.3	31.7	63.3
1994	522.5	426.8	5.3	33.9	64.2
1995	503.3	412.6	4.8	31.5	65.4
1996	489.9	403.7	4.1	27.7	65.6
1997	508.1	419.8	4.0	26.0	65.7
1998	532.0	435.9	4.5	27.3	67.2
1999	511.2	417.8	4.2	26.7	63.8
					Number of perso
1989	1,073	1,859	1,017	3,604	6,499
1990	1,146	1,962	1,053	4,015	7,365
1991	1,159	1,969	956	3,489	7,416
1992	1,210	2,022	918	3,564	7,648
1993	1,153	1,941	806	3,212	7,065
1994	1,166	1,956	813	3,420	7,027
1995	1,118	1,879	715	3,202	6,844
1996	1,088	1,839	613	2,811	6,857
1997	1,123	1,901	586	2,651	6,627
1998	1,170	1,962	648	2,748	6,746
1999	1,118	1,867	599	2,642	6,436

(1) For motoring offences, only persons found guilty are included; these offences may attract written warnings (see paragraph 5.2).

Table 5.24 Persons found guilty at all courts or cautioned for indictable offences⁽¹⁾ and England and Wales

Sex and age	Number per 100,000 population						Found guilty or cautioned					
	found guilty or cautioned						Found guilty or cautioned					
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Males												
10	495	448	380	376	424	371	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.3
11	1,130	994	856	797	873	833	3.7	3.2	2.8	2.7	3.0	2.9
12	1,966	1,912	1,614	1,507	1,636	1,508	6.4	6.3	5.3	4.9	5.6	5.2
13	3,345	3,059	2,643	2,464	2,675	2,473	11.1	10.0	8.6	8.1	8.7	8.4
14	4,913	4,620	4,161	3,979	3,974	4,006	16.4	15.3	13.8	13.0	13.0	13.1
15	6,186	6,046	5,674	5,382	5,632	5,296	20.0	20.2	19.0	17.8	18.5	17.4
16	6,918	6,666	6,634	6,423	6,616	6,370	20.6	21.6	21.5	21.5	22.0	21.0
17	8,062	7,934	8,427	8,111	7,964	7,627	23.7	23.6	25.1	26.3	26.8	25.4
18	8,930	8,688	8,646	9,307	9,043	8,112	27.3	25.6	25.5	27.8	29.4	27.3
19	7,829	7,929	7,533	8,259	8,728	7,878	24.9	24.3	23.1	24.3	26.2	25.7
20	6,989	6,988	6,879	6,982	7,418	7,419	23.1	22.3	22.0	21.5	22.0	22.4
21 and under 25	4,899	4,855	4,681	5,096	5,300	5,198	74.9	71.4	68.9	71.3	70.6	66.4
25 and under 30	3,286	3,210	3,166	3,366	3,529	3,375	69.8	67.2	66.2	69.7	71.9	67.3
30 and under 40	1,617	1,559	1,591	1,723	1,830	1,769	62.8	62.4	63.7	70.8	76.7	75.2
40 and under 50	735	681	669	700	751	731	25.7	23.9	23.5	24.7	26.0	25.2
50 and under 60	367	340	334	345	339	313	10.1	9.5	9.3	9.8	10.1	9.7
60 and over	108	91	91	92	88	86	4.9	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.0	4.0
Total	1,956	1,879	1,839	1,901	1,962	1,867	426.8	412.6	403.7	419.8	435.9	417.8
Females												
10	118	99	77	70	84	77	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
11	351	328	260	206	252	243	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8
12	875	812	655	542	653	586	2.7	2.5	2.0	1.7	2.1	1.5
13	1,664	1,514	1,231	1,017	1,291	1,093	5.2	4.7	3.8	3.2	4.0	3.5
14	2,144	2,062	1,554	1,469	1,705	1,524	6.8	6.5	4.9	4.5	5.3	4.7
15	2,114	2,029	1,749	1,519	1,781	1,639	6.4	6.4	5.5	4.8	5.5	5.1
16	1,842	1,687	1,620	1,472	1,567	1,484	5.2	5.1	4.9	4.7	5.0	4.6
17	1,689	1,626	1,664	1,532	1,550	1,525	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.9	4.8
18	1,589	1,530	1,452	1,616	1,565	1,478	4.6	4.2	4.0	4.6	4.8	4.7
19	1,336	1,336	1,293	1,421	1,573	1,461	4.0	3.9	3.7	4.0	4.5	4.5
20	1,184	1,201	1,161	1,195	1,365	1,443	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.8	4.1
21 and under 25	902	870	861	968	1,056	1,076	13.1	12.2	12.1	12.9	13.4	13.1
25 and under 30	667	638	627	693	730	731	13.6	12.8	12.6	13.7	14.1	13.8
30 and under 40	376	355	368	395	428	429	14.2	13.8	14.3	15.7	17.3	17.5
40 and under 50	172	162	161	172	193	184	6.0	5.7	5.6	6.1	6.6	6.3
50 and under 60	91	76	82	83	86	81	2.5	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.5
60 and over	24	21	20	19	19	18	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1
Total	416	393	374	381	414	400	95.7	90.8	86.3	88.3	96.1	93.4

(1) For motoring offences, only persons found guilty are included; these offences may attract written warnings (see paragraph 5.1).

Table 5.25 Persons found guilty of, or cautioned for indictable (excluding motoring) offences and age group

England and Wales 1999

	All persons	Males			
		Total	Aged 10-17	Aged 10-11	Aged 12-14
Avon and Somerset	1,385	1,400	2,010	289	1,571
Bedfordshire	985	1,572	2,870	586	2,145
Cambridgeshire	864	1,440	2,989	379	2,331
Cheshire	1,020	1,689	2,903	385	2,102
Cleveland	1,634	2,599	4,789	1,125	3,802
Cumbria	1,234	2,070	4,962	963	4,172
Derbyshire	758	1,277	2,465	360	2,137
Devon and Cornwall	792	1,354	2,101	261	1,573
Dorset	767	1,292	2,446	327	1,723
Durham	1,014	1,695	3,981	595	2,984
Essex	761	1,265	2,683	439	2,021
Gloucestershire	1,001	1,639	3,054	606	2,464
Greater Manchester	1,433	2,373	4,675	918	3,681
Hampshire	1,006	1,677	4,142	906	3,365
Hertfordshire	676	1,103	2,112	207	1,552
Humberside	1,101	1,818	3,591	694	2,905
Kent	1,045	1,737	3,461	541	2,959
Lancashire	1,277	2,117	3,425	523	2,720
Leicestershire	908	1,521	2,817	337	1,959
Lincolnshire	852	1,451	3,080	363	2,494
Merseyside	1,307	2,236	3,804	597	2,673
Metropolitan Police ⁽¹⁾	1,312	2,194	3,879	457	2,609
Norfolk	868	1,426	2,761	542	2,179
Northamptonshire	1,073	1,790	2,557	135	1,605
Northumbria	1,604	2,617	6,141	1,742	5,068
North Yorkshire	937	1,546	2,959	294	2,237
Nottinghamshire	1,200	1,910	4,199	873	3,759
South Yorkshire	1,202	1,967	3,467	741	2,351
Staffordshire	871	1,438	2,719	638	2,145
Suffolk	823	1,362	2,633	475	1,992
Surrey	773	1,318	2,790	347	1,953
Sussex	803	1,372	2,496	271	1,645
Thames Valley	608	1,019	1,961	281	1,365
Warwickshire	802	1,363	3,003	397	2,032
West Mercia	878	1,507	2,754	427	1,870
West Midlands	1,412	2,385	4,573	930	3,350
West Yorkshire	1,417	2,358	4,103	872	3,246
Wiltshire	882	1,400	2,996	488	2,332
England	1,088	1,813	3,448	586	3,733
Dyfed-Powys	1,420	2,367	4,209	831	3,796
Gwent	1,490	2,506	4,616	1,041	3,811
North Wales	1,076	1,807	3,331	649	2,813
South Wales	1,293	2,141	4,206	737	3,102
					7,873

	Population	Deaths	Incidence	Rate	Population	Rate
Wales	1,302	2,173	4,096	793	3,290	7,285
England and Wales	1,100	1,833	3,486	598	2,638	6,396

(1) Including City of London.

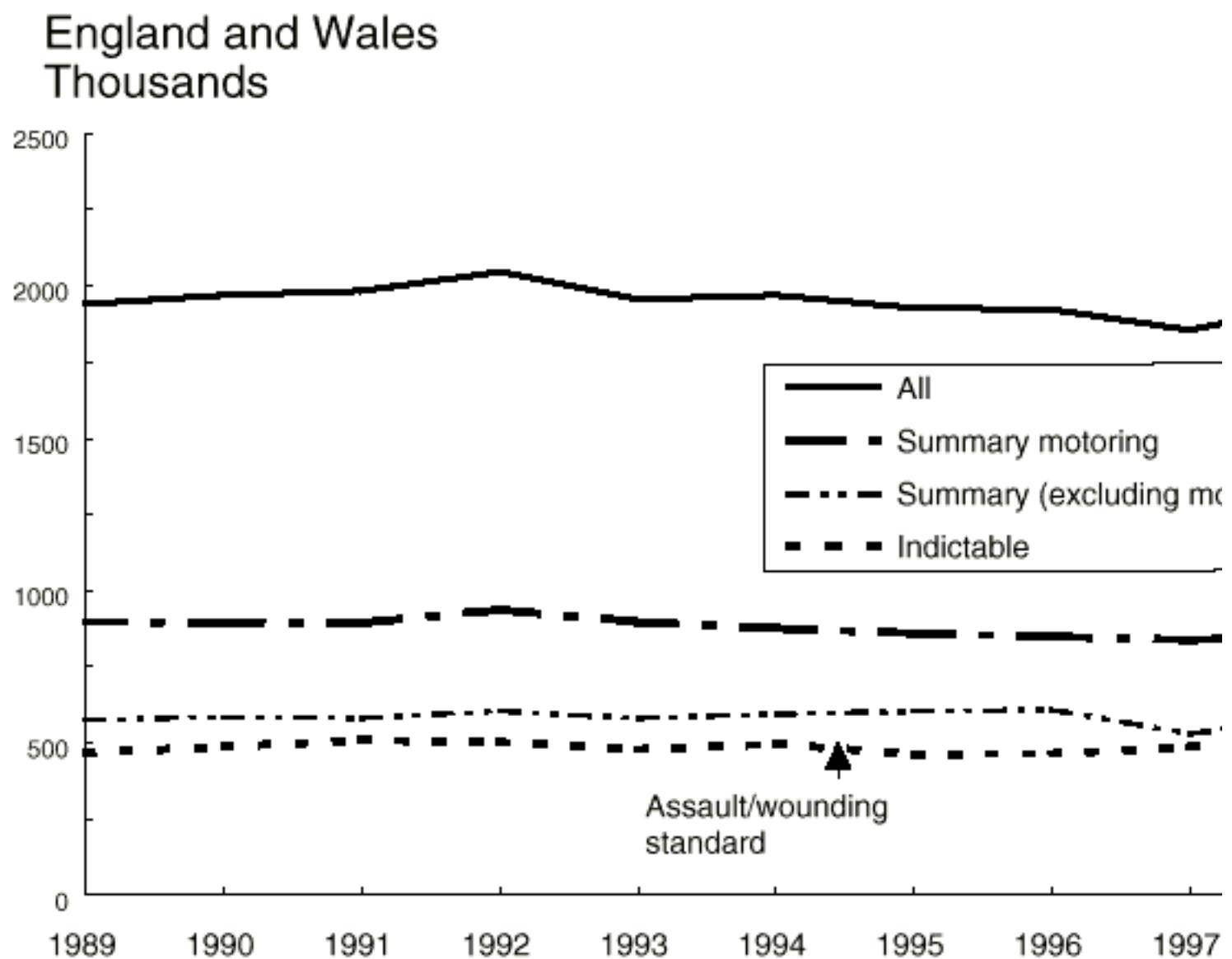
Table 5.26 Home population by sex and age group

England and Wales

Sex	Age	1989	1990	1991	1992	1
Males	10-11	613.7	652.1	663.4	655.7	61
	12-14	903.5	886.0	910.1	951.9	98
	15-17	1,047.1	992.3	954.8	915.8	88
	18-20	1,183.6	1,157.0	1,124.4	1,059.5	1,01
	21 and over	17,578.1	17,710.0	17,924.7	18,070.2	18,20
	Total aged 10 and over	21,325.9	21,397.3	21,577.5	21,653.1	21,72
Females	10-11	580.2	617.8	628.3	620.7	61
	12-14	853.9	837.2	856.3	898.2	92
	15-17	990.0	936.7	898.0	861.9	84
	18-20	1,135.7	1,104.4	1,065.0	1,002.2	94
	21 and over	19,152.8	19,251.3	19,421.1	19,527.1	19,61
	Total aged 10 and over	22,712.6	22,747.5	22,868.9	22,910.2	22,91
Persons	10-11	1,193.8	1,269.9	1,291.9	1,276.4	1,26
	12-14	1,757.4	1,723.2	1,766.6	1,850.2	1,91
	15-17	2,037.1	1,929.1	1,852.8	1,777.8	1,72
	18-20	2,319.3	2,261.4	2,189.3	2,061.7	1,94
	21 and over	36,730.9	36,961.3	37,345.9	37,597.4	37,82
	Total aged 10 and over	44,038.5	44,144.8	44,446.4	44,563.4	44,68

Source: Office for National Statistics.

Figure 6.1 Defendants proceeded against at magistrates courts by type of offence (1)(2)



(1) Includes estimates for shortfalls in recording of data, see paragraphs 26 to 29 of Appendix 2.

(2) Further details of the changes in legislation affecting this series are given in paragraphs 50 to 58 of Appendix 1.

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Table 8.9 Persons remanded on bail at magistrates' or Crown courts: proportion who failed to appear at court
 England and Wales 1999

Offence group	magistrates' courts			Total number bailed by the Crown Court (thousands)
	Total number bailed by magistrates' courts ⁽¹⁾ (thousands)	Number failing to appear to bail (thousands)	Percentage of those bailed failing to appear	
Indictable	320.3	48.5	15	53.
Summary (other than motoring)	125.0	10.3	8	1.
Summary motoring	93.0	10.1	11	0.
Total	538.3	68.9	13	55.

(1) Including those also held in custody at some stage.

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**Table 7.13 Persons sentenced to immediate custody⁽¹⁾ by sex, type of offence and type
England and Wales**

Age, sex and year	Total number sentenced to immediate custody	Number of persons sentenced to immediate custody						Persons s custody persons sentenced		
		Indictable offences ⁽²⁾			Summary offences ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾					
		All courts	Magistrates' courts	Crown Court	Total non motoring	Total motoring	All courts			
Aged 10-14⁽⁵⁾										
Males										
1989										
1994	0.0	0.0	—	0.0	—	—	0.4			
1995	0.1	0.1	—	0.1	—	—	0.8			
1996	0.1	0.1	—	0.1	—	—	1.1			
1997	0.1	0.1	—	0.1	—	—	1.7			
1998	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.1			
1999	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	3.0			
Females										
1989										
1994	0.0	0.0	—	0.0	—	—	0.2			
1995	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
1996	0.0	0.0	—	0.0	—	—	1.2			
1997	0.0	0.0	—	0.0	—	—	0.6			
1998	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	—	—	0.4			
1999	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	—	1.3			
Persons										
1989										
1994	0.0	0.0	—	0.0	—	—	0.3			
1995	0.1	0.1	—	0.1	—	—	0.7			
1996	0.1	0.1	—	0.1	—	—	1.2			
1997	0.1	0.1	—	0.1	—	—	1.6			
1998	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	1.9			
1999	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	2.8			
Aged 15-17										
Males										
1989										
1994	4.5	4.0	2.8	1.1	0.4	0.2	13.9			
1995	5.2	4.5	3.0	1.5	0.5	0.2	15.0			
1996	6.2	5.3	3.1	2.2	0.6	0.3	16.4			
1997	6.7	5.7	3.1	2.7	0.7	0.3	17.0			
1998	6.7	5.6	3.1	2.5	0.7	0.3	16.0			
1999	6.9	5.6	3.2	2.4	0.9	0.4	16.1			
Females										
1989										
1994	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	3.7			
1995	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	4.2			
1996	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	4.4			
1997	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	5.8			
1998	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	5.9			
1999	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	6.4			
Persons										
1989										
1994	4.7	4.1	2.9	1.2	0.4	0.2	12.7			
1995	5.4	4.7	3.1	1.6	0.5	0.2	13.7			
1996	6.4	5.5	3.2	2.2	0.6	0.2	15.1			

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
1997	7.0	6.0	3.2	2.8	0.7	0.3	15.7
1998	7.0	5.9	3.3	2.6	0.8	0.3	14.7
1999	7.3	6.0	3.4	2.6	0.9	0.4	14.8
Aged 18-20							
Males							
1989	13.0	11.0	2.7	8.4	1.3	0.6	17.4
1994	12.1	9.6	3.5	6.1	1.1	1.5	19.2
1995	13.3	10.4	3.8	6.6	1.3	1.6	22.0
1996	14.2	11.2	3.9	7.3	1.4	1.6	24.3
1997	15.1	11.8	4.1	7.7	1.6	1.8	24.5
1998	16.2	12.5	4.7	7.8	1.7	1.9	24.3
1999	17.0	12.8	5.1	7.7	2.0	2.3	24.5
Females							
1989	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	4.4
1994	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	5.2
1995	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	7.2
1996	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	8.9
1997	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	9.0
1998	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.0	10.7
1999	1.0	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.0	11.3
Persons							
1989	13.3	11.4	2.8	8.6	1.3	0.6	15.9
1994	12.5	9.9	3.6	6.3	1.1	1.5	17.6
1995	13.7	10.8	4.0	6.8	1.3	1.6	20.4
1996	14.8	11.7	4.1	7.6	1.4	1.6	22.6
1997	15.8	12.4	4.3	8.0	1.6	1.8	22.7
1998	17.0	13.3	5.1	8.2	1.8	1.9	22.6
1999	18.0	13.7	5.6	8.1	2.0	2.3	22.8

Table 7.13 Persons sentenced to immediate custody⁽¹⁾ by sex, type of offence & (continued)

England and Wales

Number of persons (thous.)

Age, sex and year	Total number sentenced to immediate custody	Number of persons sentenced to immediate custody					Persons in custody per 1000 persons sentenced		
		Indictable offences ⁽²⁾		Summary offences ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾					
		All courts	Magistrates' courts	Crown Court	Total non motoring	Total motoring			
Aged 21 and over									
Males									
1989	42.9	35.9	7.3	28.6	2.5	4.5	19.2		
1994	49.7	37.0	9.8	27.1	2.9	9.9	19.8		
1995	57.2	42.0	11.9	30.1	4.0	11.1	23.6		
1996	60.4	44.9	13.3	31.6	4.4	11.0	25.6		
1997	66.4	49.4	15.8	33.6	5.1	11.9	26.5		
1998	71.0	53.2	19.2	34.1	5.9	11.9	26.9		
1999	73.5	54.5	21.3	33.2	6.4	12.7	27.9		
Females									
1989	2.1	2.0	0.5	1.5	0.1	0.0	6.8		
1994	2.6	2.3	1.0	1.4	0.1	0.2	8.1		
1995	3.1	2.8	1.2	1.6	0.2	0.2	10.3		
1996	3.6	3.2	1.3	1.9	0.2	0.2	11.7		
1997	4.6	4.0	1.9	2.0	0.3	0.3	13.1		
1998	5.4	4.7	2.5	2.2	0.4	0.3	14.0		

1999	6.1	5.4	2.9	2.5	0.4	0.3	15.5
Persons							
1989	45.0	37.9	7.8	30.1	2.6	4.5	17.5
1994	52.4	39.3	10.8	28.5	3.0	10.1	18.2
1995	60.3	44.8	13.1	31.7	4.2	11.3	21.8
1996	64.0	48.1	14.6	33.5	4.7	11.2	23.7
1997	71.0	53.4	17.7	35.7	5.4	12.2	24.6
1998	76.3	57.9	21.7	36.3	6.2	12.2	25.0
1999	79.7	59.9	24.3	35.6	6.8	13.0	26.1
All ages							
Males							
1989	61.5	51.6	12.4	39.2	4.6	5.2	17.8
1994	66.4	50.6	16.1	34.4	4.3	11.6	18.5
1995	75.7	57.0	18.7	38.3	5.7	13.0	21.7
1996	80.8	61.6	20.4	41.2	6.4	12.9	23.6
1997	88.3	67.1	22.9	44.1	7.3	14.0	24.3
1998	94.0	71.5	27.1	44.4	8.3	14.1	24.5
1999	97.8	73.2	29.8	43.4	9.2	15.4	25.1
Females							
1989	2.6	2.5	0.7	1.8	0.1	0.0	5.8
1994	3.2	2.8	1.2	1.6	0.2	0.2	7.1
1995	3.8	3.3	1.5	1.9	0.2	0.2	8.9
1996	4.4	3.9	1.6	2.3	0.3	0.2	10.2
1997	5.5	4.8	2.3	2.5	0.4	0.3	11.4
1998	6.6	5.8	3.1	2.7	0.5	0.3	12.2
1999	7.5	6.6	3.6	3.0	0.5	0.4	13.5
Persons							
1989	64.1	54.1	13.1	41.0	4.8	5.2	16.3
1994	69.6	53.4	17.3	36.0	4.4	11.8	17.1
1995	79.5	60.4	20.2	40.2	6.0	13.2	20.1
1996	85.2	65.4	22.0	43.4	6.7	13.1	21.9
1997	93.8	71.9	25.2	46.6	7.7	14.3	22.6
1998	100.6	77.3	30.2	47.1	8.8	14.5	22.8
1999	105.3	79.8	33.4	46.4	9.8	15.8	23.4

- (1) Immediate custody for persons aged 14 and under 21 comprises s53 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 and detention institution; for persons aged 21 and over immediate custody is equivalent to immediate imprisonment, which includes par to 30 September 1992.
- (2) Under the Criminal Justice Act 1991 a sentence of detention in a young offenders institution for 14 year old boys was at 1992.
- (3) It is estimated that there are shortfalls in the number of offenders sentenced for summary non motoring and summary mot 1996 and for all offences in 1999 (see paragraph 27, Appendix 2).
- () Percentage based on less than 100 sentenced.

