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Population in Custody MONTHLY TABLES

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Population in custody January 2008 - Key points

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Population in custody

- The population in custody on 31 January 2008 was 81,592, 2 per cent more than a year earlier. The population in prisons was 80,892, in police cells it was 250, in Secure Training Centres (STCs) it was 237, and in Secure Children's Homes (SCHs) it was 213.

Population in prison

- The male prison population increased by 2 per cent to 76,458 and the female prison population increased 1 per cent to 4,434.
- The remand population in prison decreased by 1 per cent to 12,842 in January 2008 compared to January 2007. Within this total, the untried population decreased 3 per cent to 8,014 and the convicted unsentenced population increased 3 per cent to 4,828.
- Amongst the remand population the largest percentage decreases since January 2007 were seen in motoring, theft and handling and other offences down by 22, 12 and 6 per cent respectively. Increases were seen in drug offences and fraud and forgery, both up by 9 per cent.
- There were 66,420 sentenced⁽¹⁾ prisoners at 31 January 2008, an increase of 2 per cent from a year earlier. The largest proportionate increase since January 2007 was for those serving indeterminate sentences (Life sentences and Indeterminate sentences for Public Protection) which increased by 24 per cent.
- Amongst the sentenced⁽¹⁾ prison population other offences, violence against the person, fraud and forgery and sexual offences saw the largest percentage increases, up by 8, 7, 5 and 5 per cent from January 2007. The number of people serving sentences for motoring offences saw the largest percentage decrease since January 2007, down by 18 per cent.
- The adult population in prison was 69,229 at 31 January 2008, an increase of 2 per cent from a year earlier. Over the same time period the young adults also saw an increase of 2 per cent to 9,420 and the 15 to 17 year olds saw a decrease of 6 per cent to 2,243.
- The prison population was 112 per cent of the 'In Use CNA' (72,110) at 31 January 2008.

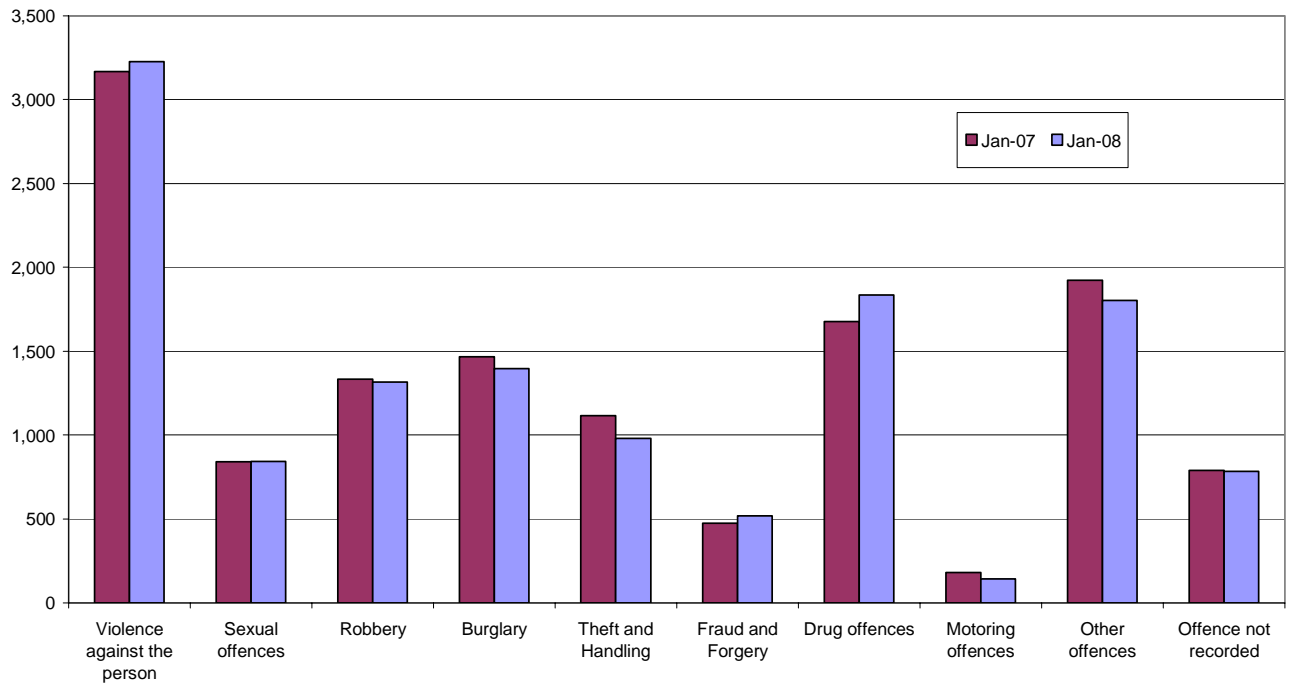
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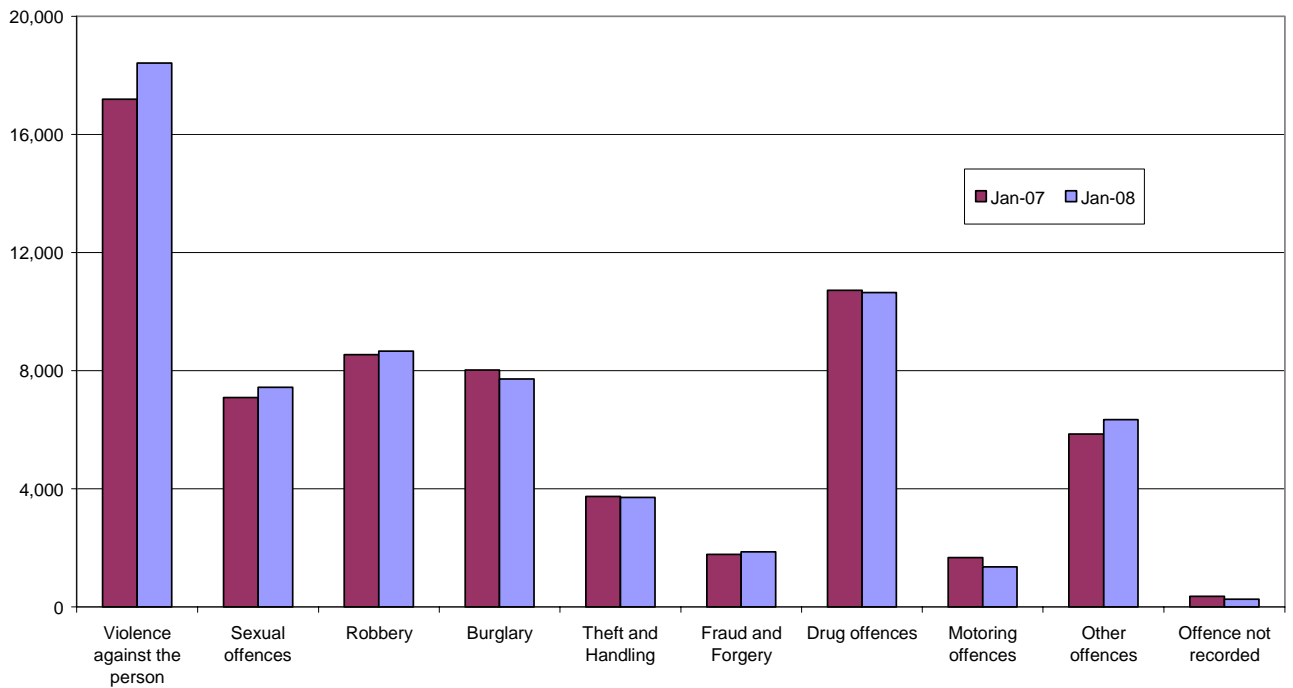
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Remand population by offence group



Immediate custodial sentenced population by offence group



NOTES

Data sources and quality

The data presented in this brief are drawn from the prison administrative IT systems. Although care is taken when processing and analysing the returns, the detail collected is subject to the inaccuracies inherent in any large-scale recording system. While the figures shown have been checked as far as practicable, they must be approximate and not necessarily accurate to the last whole number shown in the tables. They are fit to be used for purposes of looking at trends and for comparing the relative magnitude of components.

We are currently undertaking a programme of work to audit the quality of our data, and to identify priorities for improvements. This may lead to changes in future tables.

The prison population information has been drawn from two prison sources. The first source is the routine provision by prison establishments of records of the numbers of persons held in custody at the end of each month, broadly subdivided according to age, sex, custody type and sentence length. The records are collated and processed centrally, to produce the main estimates of the end of month population presented. The second source is the electronically held details for individual inmates such as date of birth, sex, religion, ethnic origin, custody type, offence, and reception and discharge dates and, for sentenced prisoners, sentence length. These data are collected on a central computer database and are used to produce the analyses by offence group and individual year of age. They form the basis of detailed population breakdowns, supplementing the aggregates derived from the first source, to which they are scaled for consistency. A new more detailed method of scaling this information was developed in 2004.

Because the detailed population breakdowns have been scaled and also rounded to the nearest whole number, individual components may not sum to the totals.

Information on the population in STCs and SCHs has been supplied by the Youth Justice Board.

All figures are provisional pending publication of the annual Offender Management Caseload Statistics.

Definitions

Population in custody - this includes those held in prison establishments, police cells under Operation Safeguard, secure training centres (STCs) and secure children's homes (SCHs). This is a change to previous outputs (notably Prison Population Monthly Brief and Prison Statistics England and Wales) where the reference to 'population in custody' just covered those held in prison establishments and police cells. All coverage is for England and Wales.

Population in prison – this includes those held in prisons in England and Wales, including the three removal centres of Dover, Haslar and Lindholme.

Sentenced population – this includes those sentenced to an immediate custodial sentence and fine defaulters.

Immediate custodial sentence – this does not include fine defaulters.

Adult prisoners – these are prisoners aged 21 years and over.

Young adults – these are prisoners aged 18 to 20, but including 21 year old prisoners who were aged 20 or under at conviction who have not been reclassified as part of the adult population

Indeterminate sentences – these cover life sentences and indeterminate sentences for public protection (IPP).

Table 1: Population in custody: by type of custody and sex

	Jan-07			Jan-08			Percentage change 2007 to 2008		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
All population in custody, of which	75,708	4,528	80,236	77,026	4,566	81,592	2	1	2
Prisons	75,241	4,378	79,619	76,458	4,434	80,892	2	1	2
Police cells	120	0	120	250	0	250	*	*	*
SCHs	186	40	226	166	47	213	-11	*	-6
STCs	161	110	271	152	85	237	-6	-23	-13
All population in prison, of which	75,241	4,378	79,619	76,458	4,434	80,892	2	1	2
Remand	12,126	841	12,967	11,920	922	12,842	-2	10	-1
untried	7,756	525	8,281	7,466	548	8,014	-4	4	-3
convicted unsentenced	4,370	316	4,686	4,454	374	4,828	2	18	3
Under sentence	61,562	3,485	65,047	63,074	3,437	66,511	2	-1	2
Fine defaulter	61	6	67	82	9	91	34	*	36
Less than or equal to 6 months	4,792	494	5,286	4,991	517	5,508	4	5	4
Greater than 6 months to less than 12 months	2,296	276	2,572	2,354	238	2,592	3	-14	1
12 months to less than 4 years	21,147	1,264	22,411	21,788	1,232	23,020	3	-3	3
4 years or more (excluding Indeterminate sentences)	24,964	1,177	26,141	23,606	1,107	24,713	-5	-6	-5
Indeterminate sentences	8,302	268	8,570	10,253	334	10,587	23	25	24
Non-criminal prisoners	1,553	52	1,605	1,464	75	1,539	-6	44	-4
All adult population in prison, of which	64,050	3,908	67,958	65,295	3,934	69,229	2	1	2
Remand	9,568	730	10,298	9,600	804	10,404	0	10	1
untried	6,205	460	6,665	6,083	473	6,556	-2	3	-2
convicted unsentenced	3,363	270	3,633	3,517	331	3,848	5	23	6
Under sentence	53,045	3,128	56,173	54,344	3,058	57,402	2	-2	2
Fine defaulter	61	6	67	79	9	88	30	*	31
Less than or equal to 6 months	3,607	412	4,020	3,729	427	4,155	3	4	3
Greater than 6 months to less than 12 months	1,697	238	1,934	1,778	210	1,988	5	-12	3
12 months to less than 4 years	16,675	1,106	17,781	17,276	1,069	18,345	4	-3	3
4 years or more (excluding Indeterminate sentences)	23,245	1,114	24,359	22,008	1,030	23,038	-5	-8	-5
Indeterminate sentences	7,760	252	8,012	9,475	313	9,788	22	24	22
Non-criminal prisoners	1,437	50	1,487	1,351	72	1,423	-6	44	-4
All 15 -17 year olds in prison, of which	2,319	66	2,385	2,180	63	2,243	-6	-4	-6
Remand	541	24	566	471	20	491	-13	*	-13
untried	362	17	379	307	13	320	-15	*	-16
convicted unsentenced	179	7	187	165	7	171	-8	*	-8
Under sentence	1,776	42	1,817	1,706	43	1,749	-4	*	-4
Fine defaulter	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*	*
Less than or equal to 6 months	425	14	439	418	14	432	-2	*	-2
Greater than 6 months to less than 12 months	229	8	237	232	7	240	1	*	1
12 months to less than 4 years	930	13	943	867	14	881	-7	*	-7
4 years or more (excluding Indeterminate sentences)	138	6	144	120	7	127	-13	*	-12
Indeterminate sentences	54	0	54	70	0	70	29	*	29
Non-criminal prisoners	2	0	2	3	0	3	*	*	*
All young adults in prison, of which	8,872	404	9,276	8,983	437	9,420	1	8	2
Remand	2,017	87	2,103	1,849	98	1,947	-8	12	-7
untried	1,189	48	1,237	1,076	62	1,138	-9	*	-8
convicted unsentenced	828	39	866	772	36	809	-7	*	-7
Under sentence	6,741	315	7,057	7,024	336	7,360	4	7	4
Fine defaulter	0	0	0	3	0	3	*	*	*
Less than or equal to 6 months	760	67	827	845	76	920	11	13	11
Greater than 6 months to less than 12 months	370	31	401	344	21	365	-7	*	-9
12 months to less than 4 years	3,542	145	3,687	3,645	149	3,794	3	3	3
4 years or more (excluding Indeterminate sentences)	1,581	57	1,638	1,478	70	1,548	-6	22	-6
Indeterminate sentences	488	16	504	708	21	729	45	*	45
Non-criminal prisoners	114	2	116	110	3	113	-3	*	-2

Young adults are those aged 18 - 20 and those 21 year olds who were aged 20 or under at conviction who have not been reclassified as part of the adult population

* indicates that one or both of the comparative numbers are less than 50 which could give rise to misleading percentage changes

Table 2: Population in prison by offence - remand and immediate custodial sentence

	Jan-07		Jan-08		Percentage change 2007 to 2008	
	Remand	Immediate custodial sentence	Remand	Immediate custodial sentence	Remand	Immediate custodial sentence
All prisoners	12,967	64,980	12,842	66,420	-1	2
Violence against the person	3,168	17,192	3,227	18,411	2	7
Sexual offences	840	7,098	842	7,446	0	5
Robbery	1,332	8,541	1,316	8,660	-1	1
Burglary	1,466	8,025	1,396	7,716	-5	-4
Theft and Handling	1,117	3,744	980	3,711	-12	-1
Fraud and Forgery	474	1,782	518	1,864	9	5
Drug offences	1,676	10,724	1,835	10,641	9	-1
Motoring offences	181	1,667	142	1,360	-22	-18
Other offences	1,923	5,855	1,802	6,344	-6	8
Offence not recorded	789	353	785	268	-1	-24
All male prisoners	12,126	61,501	11,920	62,992	-2	2
Violence against the person	3,015	16,520	3,048	17,644	1	7
Sexual offences	831	7,053	832	7,396	0	5
Robbery	1,276	8,238	1,256	8,358	-2	1
Burglary	1,403	7,802	1,341	7,516	-4	-4
Theft and Handling	1,000	3,320	859	3,299	-14	-1
Fraud and Forgery	400	1,531	420	1,597	5	4
Drug offences	1,526	9,634	1,682	9,636	10	0
Motoring offences	178	1,644	139	1,338	-22	-19
Other offences	1,788	5,437	1,653	5,956	-8	10
Offence not recorded	708	322	691	253	-2	-21
All female prisoners	841	3,479	922	3,428	10	-1
Violence against the person	153	671	179	766	17	14
Sexual offences	9	45	10	50	*	*
Robbery	56	303	60	302	7	0
Burglary	63	223	55	200	-12	-10
Theft and Handling	117	424	121	412	4	-3
Fraud and Forgery	74	251	98	267	33	6
Drug offences	151	1,090	152	1,005	1	-8
Motoring offences	3	23	3	22	*	*
Other offences	135	417	149	388	10	-7
Offence not recorded	81	31	93	15	15	*

Table 2: Population in prison by offence - remand and immediate custodial sentence

	Jan-07		Jan-08		Percentage change 2007 to 2008	
	Remand	Immediate custodial sentence	Remand	Immediate custodial sentence	Remand	Immediate custodial sentence
All adult prisoners	10,298	56,106	10,404	57,314	1	2
Violence against the person	2,454	14,757	2,571	15,803	5	7
Sexual offences	729	6,728	731	7,028	0	4
Robbery	763	6,322	786	6,495	3	3
Burglary	1,122	6,870	1,093	6,577	-3	-4
Theft and Handling	925	3,151	815	3,133	-12	-1
Fraud and Forgery	444	1,731	502	1,813	13	5
Drug offences	1,474	9,987	1,602	9,854	9	-1
Motoring offences	143	1,413	105	1,192	-27	-16
Other offences	1,594	4,858	1,522	5,203	-5	7
Offence not recorded	651	288	678	215	4	-26
All adult male prisoners	9,568	52,984	9,600	54,265	0	2
Violence against the person	2,328	14,196	2426	15180	4	7
Sexual offences	720	6,685	723	6,978	0	4
Robbery	724	6,081	742	6,254	3	3
Burglary	1,069	6,667	1,044	6,394	-2	-4
Theft and Handling	819	2,766	703	2,756	-14	0
Fraud and Forgery	374	1,487	405	1,557	8	5
Drug offences	1,337	8,943	1,469	8,902	10	0
Motoring offences	140	1,393	102	1,170	-27	-16
Other offences	1,478	4,505	1,396	4,871	-6	8
Offence not recorded	578	261	591	203	2	-22
All adult female prisoners	730	3,122	804	3,049	10	-2
Violence against the person	126	561	145	624	15	11
Sexual offences	9	43	8	50	*	*
Robbery	39	241	44	241	*	0
Burglary	53	203	49	183	*	-10
Theft and Handling	106	385	112	377	6	-2
Fraud and Forgery	70	244	97	256	39	5
Drug offences	136	1,045	133	952	-2	-9
Motoring offences	3	20	3	22	*	*
Other offences	115	354	126	332	10	-6
Offence not recorded	72	26	86	11	20	*

Table 2: Population in prison by offence - remand and immediate custodial sentence

	Jan-07		Jan-08		Percentage change 2007 to 2008	
	Remand	Immediate custodial sentence	Remand	Immediate custodial sentence	Remand	Immediate custodial sentence
All aged 15-17	566	1,817	491	1,749	-13	-4
Violence against the person	154	421	148	424	-4	1
Sexual offences	18	61	20	79	*	30
Robbery	155	524	144	434	-7	-17
Burglary	73	281	41	262	*	-7
Theft and Handling	47	164	32	168	*	2
Fraud and Forgery	2	7	3	5	*	*
Drug offences	26	82	41	85	*	3
Motoring offences	6	42	5	29	*	*
Other offences	61	228	45	258	*	13
Offence not recorded	24	7	11	5	*	*
All males aged 15-17	541	1,776	471	1,706	-13	-4
Violence against the person	145	406	140	408	-4	0
Sexual offences	18	60	20	79	*	32
Robbery	152	517	142	426	-7	-18
Burglary	71	281	41	260	*	-7
Theft and Handling	43	157	31	163	*	4
Fraud and Forgery	2	6	3	5	*	*
Drug offences	23	80	37	84	*	5
Motoring offences	6	42	5	29	*	*
Other offences	60	221	42	249	*	13
Offence not recorded	22	6	9	3	*	*
All females aged 15-17	24	42	20	43	*	*
Violence against the person	9	15	9	16	*	*
Sexual offences	0	1	0	0	*	*
Robbery	3	7	2	8	*	*
Burglary	2	0	0	2	*	*
Theft and Handling	4	7	1	5	*	*
Fraud and Forgery	0	1	0	0	*	*
Drug offences	3	2	4	1	*	*
Motoring offences	0	0	0	0	*	*
Other offences	1	7	3	9	*	*
Offence not recorded	2	1	1	2	*	*

Table 2: Population in prison by offence - remand and immediate custodial sentence

	Jan-07		Jan-08		Percentage change 2007 to 2008	
	Remand	Immediate custodial sentence	Remand	Immediate custodial sentence	Remand	Immediate custodial sentence
All young adults	2,103	7,057	1,947	7,357	-7	4
Violence against the person	561	2,013	507	2,183	-10	8
Sexual offences	93	308	91	338	-2	10
Robbery	414	1,695	386	1,731	-7	2
Burglary	271	874	262	877	-3	0
Theft and Handling	145	429	133	410	-8	-4
Fraud and Forgery	28	44	13	46	*	*
Drug offences	176	655	192	702	9	7
Motoring offences	32	211	31	138	*	-34
Other offences	268	768	236	882	-12	15
Offence not recorded	114	58	96	49	-15	*
All male young adults	2,017	6,742	1,849	7,021	-8	4
Violence against the person	542	1,918	482	2,057	-11	7
Sexual offences	93	307	89	338	-5	10
Robbery	400	1,640	372	1,678	-7	2
Burglary	263	854	255	862	-3	1
Theft and Handling	139	398	125	380	-10	-5
Fraud and Forgery	24	38	12	35	*	*
Drug offences	165	612	176	650	7	6
Motoring offences	32	208	31	138	*	-34
Other offences	250	712	216	835	-14	17
Offence not recorded	108	54	91	48	-16	*
All female young adults	87	315	98	336	12	7
Violence against the person	18	95	25	126	*	33
Sexual offences	0	1	2	0	*	*
Robbery	14	55	14	53	*	-3
Burglary	8	21	6	15	*	*
Theft and Handling	6	31	8	30	*	*
Fraud and Forgery	4	6	1	11	*	*
Drug offences	11	43	16	52	*	*
Motoring offences	0	3	0	0	*	*
Other offences	18	56	20	47	*	*
Offence not recorded	6	4	6	1	*	*

* indicates that one or both of the comparative numbers are less than 50 which could give rise to misleading percentage changes

Table 3: Young population in prison: by type of custody and sex
31 January 2008

	15	16	17	Total - under 18	18	19	20	21	Total Young Adults
All young population in prisons, of which									
<i>Prisoners on remand</i>	48	123	321	491	621	676	571	79	1,947
untried	35	76	210	320	371	384	326	58	1,138
convicted unsentenced	13	47	111	171	251	292	245	21	809
<i>Prisoners under sentence</i>	172	550	1,027	1,749	1,560	2,387	2,781	632	7,360
Fine defaulter	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Immediate custodial sentence	172	550	1,027	1,749	1,557	2,387	2,781	632	7,357
<i>Non-criminal prisoners</i>	0	0	3	3	28	28	38	19	113
All young male population in prisons, of which									
<i>Prisoners on remand</i>	48	123	301	471	599	642	534	74	1,849
untried	35	76	196	307	354	365	301	56	1,076
convicted unsentenced	13	47	104	165	245	276	233	19	772
<i>Prisoners under sentence</i>	172	550	984	1,706	1,470	2,276	2,669	609	7,024
Fine defaulter	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Immediate custodial sentence	172	550	984	1,706	1,467	2,276	2,669	609	7,021
<i>Non-criminal prisoners</i>	0	0	3	3	26	27	38	19	110
All young female population in prisons, of which									
<i>Prisoners on remand</i>	0	0	20	20	23	34	37	4	98
untried	0	0	13	13	17	18	24	2	62
convicted unsentenced	0	0	7	7	6	16	13	2	36
<i>Prisoners under sentence</i>	0	0	43	43	91	111	112	23	336
Fine defaulter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Immediate custodial sentence	0	0	43	43	91	111	112	23	336
<i>Non-criminal prisoners</i>	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3

Young adults are those aged 18 - 20 and those 21 year olds who were aged 20 or under at conviction who have not been reclassified as part of the adult population

Table 4: CNA and population by sex and establishment

31 January 2008

Establishment	In use CNA	Population Total
Males		
Acklington	882	865
Albany	526	507
Altcourse	794	1,307
Ashfield	400	355
Ashwell	534	534
Aylesbury	437	432
Bedford	322	488
Belmarsh	799	925
Birmingham	1,121	1,461
Blakenhurst	821	1,074
Blantyre House	122	118
Blundestone	421	459
Brinsford	473	449
Bristol	420	607
Brixton	606	805
Brockhill	170	162
Buckley Hall	350	375
Bullingdon	759	965
Bullwood Hall	170	191
Camp Hill	523	589
Canterbury	196	301
Cardiff	524	757
Castington	400	364
Channings Wood	696	715
Chelmsford	541	695
Coldingley	370	387
Cookham Wood	17	0
Dartmoor	615	627
Deerbolt	453	441
Doncaster	771	1,148
Dorchester	143	232
Dovegate	800	840
Dover	316	301
Durham	591	950
Edmunds Hill	351	341
Elmley	753	980
Erlestoke	410	408
Everthorpe	603	676
Exeter	316	479
Featherstone	663	673
Feltham	762	583
Ford	541	494
Forest Bank	800	1,123
Frankland	732	721
Full Sutton	600	602
Garth	812	749
Gartree	570	575
Glen Parva	668	812
Gloucester	225	300
Grendon/Spring Hill	548	528
Guys Marsh	520	562
Haslar	131	124
Haverigg	622	577
Hewell Grange	187	176
Highdown	821	932
Highpoint	792	796

Table 4: CNA and population by sex and establishment

31 January 2008

Establishment	In use	Population
	CNA	Total
Hindley	523	489
Hollesley Bay	330	325
Holme House	857	1,003
Hull	723	1,032
Huntercombe	360	358
Kennet	171	310
Kingston(Portsmouth)	199	198
Kirkham	590	448
Kirklevington	223	222
Lancaster	96	171
Lancaster Farms	480	484
Latchmere House	207	197
Leeds	678	996
Leicester	210	342
Lewes	458	529
Leyhill	512	381
Lincoln	436	705
Lindholme	1,042	1,053
Littlehey	663	699
Liverpool	1,160	1,388
Long Lartin	426	402
Lowdham Grange	640	674
Maidstone	451	468
Manchester	948	1,218
Moorland Open	260	248
Moorland	740	778
North Sea Camp	306	281
Northallerton	153	242
Norwich	447	518
Nottingham	379	551
Onley	640	626
Parc	838	1,124
Parkhurst	449	487
Pentonville	799	1,134
Peterborough	480	624
Portland	519	537
Preston	429	728
Ranby	912	1,017
Reading	182	259
Risley	1,050	1,082
Rochester	392	391
Rye Hill	600	593
Shepton Mallet	165	179
Shrewsbury	175	324
Stafford	680	671
Standford Hill	464	427
Stocken	715	733
Stoke Heath	494	560
Sudbury	563	533
Swaleside	751	772
Swansea	240	426
Swinfen Hall	600	612
The Mount	747	753
The Verne	560	592
The Wolds	320	366
Thorn Cross	322	211
Usk/Prescoed	317	397
Wakefield	748	743

Table 4: CNA and population by sex and establishment

31 January 2008

Establishment	In use	Population
	CNA	Total
Wandsworth	996	1,475
Warren Hill	222	212
Wayland	657	696
Wealstun	785	763
Wellingborough	636	637
Werrington	160	126
Wetherby	360	345
Whatton	758	818
Whitemoor	464	454
Winchester	380	543
Woodhill	641	823
Wormwood Scrubs	1,173	1,261
Wymott	1,005	1,057
TOTAL	67,566	76,458
Police Cells	*	250
Males TOTAL in Custody	67,566	76,708
Females		
Askham Grange	126	96
Bronzefield	450	437
Downview	358	346
Drake Hall	315	310
East Sutton Park	98	91
Eastwood Park	326	334
Foston Hall	283	268
Holloway	498	473
Low Newton	291	301
Morton Hall	392	351
New Hall	393	421
Peterborough	360	360
Send	216	208
Styal	438	438
TOTAL	4,544	4,434
Police Cells	*	0
Females TOTAL in Custody	4,544	4,434
Males and Females TOTAL	72,110	81,142

In Use CNA - Certified Normal Accommodation that is available for immediate use, excludes damaged cells, cells affected by building works and cells taken out of use due to staff shortages

* On 31st January 2008 up to 400 police cells available under operation safeguard which are not included in the CNA figure.