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| **Indicator:** | **Reoffending Rate** |

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| **Responsible Statistician:** | Gayle Kennedy, Department of Justice |
| **Web Link to Statistical Publication:** | <https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/articles/reoffending> |
| **Frequency of update:** | Annual |
| **Time lag:** | 10-11 months |
| **Data Source:** | Administrative Data |
| **National Statistics Status** | Official Statistics |
| **Quality Report:** | Quality reports contained within methodology section of each publication. |
| **Historic Data available from:** | 2010/11 |
| **Time-series trend:** | In 2013 the measurement of recidivism rates was reinstated within Northern Ireland. At this time a new methodology was introduced providing reoffending rather than reconviction rates. To date there have been six publications providing one year proven reoffending rates for all those given a community based sentence, a diversionary sentence or released from custody during each of the six cohort years, 2010/11, to 2015/16.  The reoffending rate for the latest cohort, (201516) was 18.47%. This is a 0.41 percentage point increase in the actual rate of reoffending compared to the baseline of 18.06%.  **Reoffending Rate**   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Cohort** | **Number of People in Cohort** | **Number who Reoffended within one Year** | **Actual Reoffending**  **%** | | 2010/11 | 33,815 | 5,646 | 16.70% | | 2011/12 | 31,343 | 5,869 | 18.73% | | 2012/13 | 29,427 | 5,452 | 18.53% | | 2013/14 | 27,069 | 4,890 | 18.06% | | 2014/15 | 23,627 | 4,221 | 17.87% | | 2015/16 | 21,982 | 4,059 | 18.47% | |
| **For Survey Data**  **Sample size and confidence interval for the latest available year:** | N/A |
| **UK/RoI/International comparisons:** | Whilst the methodology used in Northern Ireland is similar to those used in many other jurisdictions, inherent differences in criminal justice systems and offender characteristics make comparison on an international level difficult to accurately establish. This is an issue all countries providing reoffending rates face and there are projects currently underway to investigate this more closely. |
| **Issues in relation to this data, e.g. data limitations, future data availability, changes to methodology** | While every care has been taken in collating the data, they are subject to the limitations inherent in any large-scale recording system and to variation in recording practice over time.  The ability to compare and discuss trends in reoffending is important to its usefulness as a performance target within government. However, differences in the offending related characteristics of those included in each cohort make comparing reoffending rates problematic, across both time and jurisdictions. Statistical techniques can and have been employed to control for differences within the cohorts. When this further analysis was completed and reoffending rates were adjusted to take into consideration any such differences, the increase noted in the 2015/16 Cohort reduces to 0.32 percentage point. |
| **Is this measure being used to monitor performance against your current/latest Departmental/ Agency Plan** | Yes |
| **If yes, please specify any particular baseline point/year for the measure which is being for performance monitoring purposes** | 2013/14 |

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| **Available groupings\*** | **Yes/No** | **Notes** |
| **NI Level** | Yes |  |
| **Parliamentary Constituency level** | No |  |
| **Local Government District (2014) level** | No |  |
| **Deprivation Quintile** | No |  |
| **NISRA Geography Urban/Rural Measure** | No |  |
| **Gender** | Yes | Based on personal report |
| **Age** | Yes | Person’s age as they enter the reoffending cohort, i.e. their age on receipt of a community based sentence or diversionary disposal or release from custody. Age is presented for youths in a group of 10-13 year olds, followed by 14-17 year olds presented individually. For adults age is presented in 7 groups.  Based on personal report |
| **Marital Status** | No |  |
| **Religion** | No |  |
| **Political Opinion** | No |  |
| **Disability** | No |  |
| **Dependants** | No |  |
| **Sexual Orientation** | No |  |
| **Racial Group** | No |  |
| **Lowest level geography at which the measure is available:** | This information is currently available at Northern Ireland Level. As more information becomes available to enable geographic breakdown this will be reviewed. | |

\* Due to confidentiality constraints, in some instances breakdowns may not be available due to small numbers