

Male offenders cautioned and defendants proceeded against at magistrates' courts and found guilty and sentenced at all courts for selected sexual offences, England and Wales, 1993, 2003 & 2013 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾

Offence description	Outcome	1993	2003	2013
Rape ⁽⁷⁾	Cautioned	12	37	20
	Proceeded against	1,556	2,541	2,752
	Found guilty	407	584	980
	Sentenced	407	584	978
	<i>of which</i>			
	Absolute discharge	1	1	-
	Conditional discharge	-	-	-
	Fine	1	-	-
	Community sentence	9	7	37
	Suspended sentence	2	1	4
	Immediate custody	381	571	924
	Otherwise dealt with	13	6	13
	Cautioned	5	3	-
Attempted rape ⁽⁸⁾	Proceeded against	145	231	280
	Found guilty	57	87	134
	Sentenced	57	87	134
	<i>of which</i>			
	Absolute discharge	-	-	-
	Conditional discharge	1	-	-
	Fine	-	-	-
	Community sentence	3	3	6
	Suspended sentence	-	-	1
	Immediate custody	53	89	122
	Otherwise dealt with	-	1	5
	Cautioned	1,634	785	556
	Sexual assault, including indecent assault ⁽⁹⁾	Proceeded against	4,205	4,782
Found guilty		2,447	2,433	2,352
Sentenced		2,449	2,405	2,332
<i>of which</i>				
Absolute discharge		1	9	3
Conditional discharge		178	105	47
Fine		171	49	59
Community sentence		862	812	636
Suspended sentence		78	57	321
Immediate custody		1,090	1,314	1,210
Otherwise dealt with		69	59	56

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(1) The figures given in the table relate to persons for whom these offences were the principal offences for which they were dealt with. When a defendant has been cautioned for or found guilty of two or more offences it is the offence for which the heaviest penalty is imposed. Where the same disposal is imposed for two or more offences, the offence selected is the offence for which the statutory maximum penalty is the most severe.

(2) Every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that these data have been extracted from large administrative data systems generated by the courts and police forces. As a consequence, care should be taken to ensure data collection processes and their inevitable limitations are taken into account when those data are used.

(3) The number of offenders sentenced can differ from those found guilty as it may be the case that a defendant found guilty in a particular year, and committed for sentence at the Crown Court, may be sentenced in the following year.

(4) From 1 June 2000 the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 came into force nationally and removed the use of cautions for persons under 18 and replaced them with reprimands and warnings. These figures have been included in the totals.

(5) The Suspended Sentence Order (SSO) was introduced by the Criminal Justice Act 2003 for offences committed from April 2005 and replaced the Fully Suspended Sentence (FSS).

(6) The category Otherwise Dealt With (ODW) includes: one day in police cells; disqualification order; restraining order; confiscation order; travel restriction order; disqualification from driving; recommendation for deportation; and other miscellaneous disposals.

(7) Offences under S1 Sexual Offences Act 1956, S7 Sexual Offences Act 1956 as amended by the Mental Health Act 1959, S128(1) Mental Health Act 1959, SS.1,5 Sexual Offences Act 2003

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(9) Offences under SS.14,15 Sexual Offences Act 1956, SS.2,3,6,7 Sexual Offences Act 2003

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