

Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service

Crown Court Statistics (Provisional Statistics) January to March 2010

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Figures published today by the NI Courts and Tribunals Service in the quarterly Crown' Court Bulletin outlines the Crown court business received and dealt with from the quarter January to March 2010.

During the quarter:

- There were 322 Crown cases received during January to March 2010.
- Of the 513 defendants disposed, 219 (39%) pleaded guilty to all charges.
- There were a total of 773 Crown court sittings.

Ends

Notes for Editors

- **Cases received and dealt with:**

There were 322 Crown cases received during January to March 2010. This was a 5% increase on the 306 received during January to March 2009. The cases dealt with have increased by 6% from 372 in January to March 2009, to 393 for the same period in 2010 (Figure 1).
- **Defendants received and dealt with:**

409 defendants were received in Crown Court during January to March 2010 (an 8% increase since the same period last year, when 377 defendants were received). 513 defendants were dealt with during January to March 2010 (an increase of 9% against the same period last year, when 469 defendants were dealt with).
- **Waiting times:**

The average time from committal to hearing for January to March 2010 was 117 days, compared with 128 days for the same period in 2009. The average time from conviction to disposal was 45 days, compared with 54 days for the equivalent period in 2009.
- **Disposals:**

County Court Judges disposed of 96% of defendants (494). 16% of defendants were charged solely with offences against the person while 42% of defendants had a combination of charges.
- **Pleas and findings:**

Of the 513 defendants disposed, 219 (39%) pleaded guilty to all charges.
- **Crown Court sittings:**

In total there were 773 Crown court sittings for January to March 2010

compared with 762 for January to March 2009 (an increase of 1%), with a total time of 2142 hours sat compared with 2111 hours sat during the same period last year.

Important Notes:

Figures are computed from a live database and may change due to late returns and further validations.

Date of disposal is based on the date of sentencing, date of acquittal or date a bill of indictment is not proceeded with.

Waiting times do not exclude recess.

The full bulletin can be found at:

http://www.courtsni.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/E2763652-F23D-42A4-9CF1-BE342DB6819D/0/p_tp_CrownCourtBulletin_JanMar_2010.pdf

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