

# Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service Crown Court Statistics (Provisional Statistics) April - June 2010

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Figures published today by the NI Courts and Tribunals Service in the quarterly Crown Court Bulletin outline the Crown court business received and dealt with from the quarter April to June 2010.

## During the quarter;

- There were 367 Crown cases received.
- 480 defendants were received in Crown Court.
- The average time from committal to hearing for the period was 112 days
- In total there were 704 Crown court sittings.

Ends

## Notes for Editors

### During Apr - Jun 2010:

- **Cases received and dealt with:**  
There were 367 Crown cases received during April to June 2010. This was a 1% increase on the 364 received during April to June 2009. The cases dealt with have increased by 10% from 317 in April to June 2009, to 349 for the same period in 2010.
- **Defendants received and dealt with:**  
480 defendants were received in Crown Court during April to June 2010 (a 4% increase since the same period last year, when 460 defendants were received). 460 defendants were dealt with during April to June 2010 (an increase of 10% against the same period last year, when 420 defendants were dealt with).
- **Waiting times:**  
The average time from committal to hearing for April to June 2010 was 112 days, compared with 111 days for the same period in 2009. The average time from conviction to disposal was 49 days, compared with 36 days for the equivalent period in 2009.
- **Disposals:**  
County Court Judges disposed of 95% of defendants (438). 13% of defendants were charged solely with offences against the person while 41% of defendants had a combination of charges.
- **Pleas and findings:**  
Of the 460 defendants disposed, 186 (40%) pleaded guilty to all charges.

- **Crown Court sittings:**

In total there were 704 Crown court sittings for April to June 2010 compared with 633 for April to June 2009 (an increase of 11%), with a total time of 2000 hours sat compared with 1704 hours sat during the same period last year.

(Please note that Easter recess took place in March in 2010, as opposed to April in 2009).

## **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 version is available at: [http://www.courtsni.gov.uk/en-GB/Publications/Targets\\_and\\_Performance/p\\_tp\\_CrownCourtBulletin\\_ApriJun\\_2010.htm](http://www.courtsni.gov.uk/en-GB/Publications/Targets_and_Performance/p_tp_CrownCourtBulletin_ApriJun_2010.htm)

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