

Crown Court Statistics (Provisional Statistics) January – March 2011

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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 January to March 2011.

During the quarter;

- There were 414 Crown cases received
- 557 defendants were received in Crown Court
- The average time from committal to hearing was 126 days
- There were 826 Crown court sittings

Ends

Notes for Editors

During Jan - Mar 2011:

Cases received and dealt with:

There were 414 Crown cases received during January to March 2011. This was a 29% increase on the 322 received during January to March 2010

Defendants received and dealt with:

557 defendants were received in Crown Court during January to March 2011 (a 36% increase since the same period last year, when 409 defendants were received).

Waiting times:

The average time from committal to hearing for January to March 2011 was 126 days, compared with 117 days for the same period in 2010.

Disposals:

County Court Judges disposed of 99% of defendants (532). 17% of defendants were charged solely with offences against the person while 33% of defendants had a combination of charges

Pleas and findings:

Of the 540 defendants disposed, 242 (45%) pleaded guilty to all charges.

Crown Court sittings:

In total there were 826 Crown court sittings for January to March 2011 compared with 773 for January to March 2010 (an increase of 7%), with a total time of 2671 hours sat compared with 2142 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 version is available at: http://www.courtsni.gov.uk/en-GB/Publications/Targets_and_Performance/p_tp_CrownCourtBulletin_JanMarch_2011.htm

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