

Crown Court Statistics (Provisional Statistics) July - September 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 July to September 2010.

During the quarter;

- There were 405 Crown cases received.
- 516 defendants were received in Crown Court.
- The average time from committal to hearing was 123 days.
- There were 325 Crown court sittings

Ends

Notes for Editors

During Jul - Sep 2010:

Cases received and dealt with:

There were 405 Crown cases received during July to September 2010. This was a 23% increase on the 328 received during July to September 2009. The cases dealt with have decreased by 6% from 152 in July to September 2009, to 143 for the same period in 2010

Defendants received and dealt with:

516 defendants were received in Crown Court during July to September 2010 (a 21% increase since the same period last year, when 428 defendants were received). 182 defendants were dealt with during July to September 2010 (compared with 183 defendants dealt with in the same period last year).

Waiting times:

The average time from committal to hearing for July to September 2010 was 123 days, compared with 112 days for the same period in 2009. The average time from conviction to disposal was 75 days, compared with 65 days for the equivalent period in 2009.

Disposals:

County Court Judges disposed of 98% of defendants (178). 14% of defendants were charged solely with offences against the person while 38% of defendants had a combination of charges.

Pleas and findings:

Of the 182 defendants disposed, 64 (35%) pleaded guilty to all charges

Crown Court sittings:

In total there were 325 Crown court sittings for July to September 2010 compared with 351 for July to September 2009 (a decrease of 7%), with a total time of 938 hours sat compared with 1040 hours sat during the same period last year.

(Please note that summer recess took place during July & August 2010).

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_July_Sept2010.htm

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