

# Crown Court Bulletin

## April to June 2010

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### 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.

## Summary

### 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 (Figure 1).

### 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.

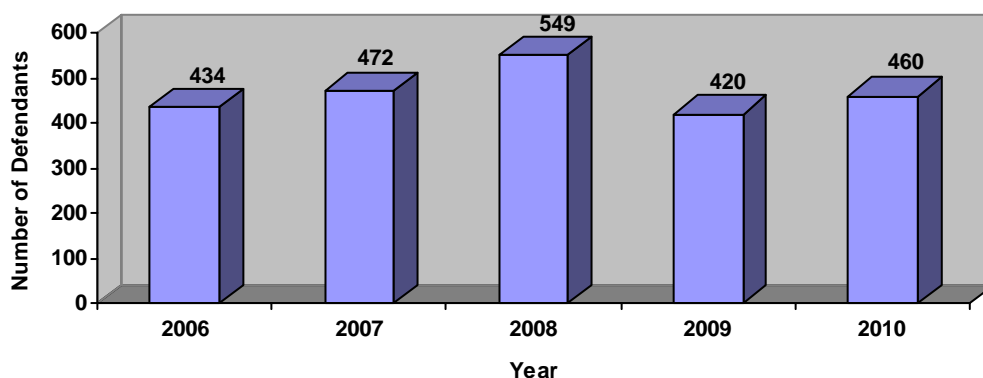
### Pleas and findings:

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).

Crown Court Defendants Dealt With (April to June)



**Table 1- Crown Court cases received**

	<b>Total</b>
<b>Belfast</b>	132
<b>Londonderry</b>	32
<b>Antrim</b>	43
<b>Fermanagh and Tyrone</b>	50
<b>Armagh and South Down</b>	29
<b>Ards</b>	37
<b>Craigavon</b>	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>367</b>

**Table 2 - Crown Court cases disposed**

	<b>Total</b>
<b>Belfast</b>	90
<b>Londonderry</b>	38
<b>Antrim</b>	63
<b>Fermanagh and Tyrone</b>	40
<b>Armagh and South Down</b>	21
<b>Ards</b>	46
<b>Craigavon</b>	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>349</b>

**Table 3 - Crown Court defendants received**

	<b>Total</b>
<b>Belfast</b>	176
<b>Londonderry</b>	44
<b>Antrim</b>	57
<b>Fermanagh and Tyrone</b>	71
<b>Armagh and South Down</b>	33
<b>Ards</b>	45
<b>Craigavon</b>	54
<b>Total</b>	<b>480</b>

**Table 4 - Crown Court defendants disposed**

	<b>Total</b>
<b>Belfast</b>	136
<b>Londonderry</b>	44
<b>Antrim</b>	81
<b>Fermanagh and Tyrone</b>	60
<b>Armagh and South Down</b>	26
<b>Ards</b>	51
<b>Craigavon</b>	62
<b>Total</b>	<b>460</b>

**Table 5 - Waiting times in days**

	<b>Committal to hearing - days</b>	<b>Conviction to disposal - days</b>	<b>Total defendants disposed</b>
<b>Belfast</b>	140	63	127
<b>Londonderry</b>	70	50	43
<b>Antrim</b>	110	60	77
<b>Fermanagh and Tyrone</b>	112	51	59
<b>Armagh and South Down</b>	108	33	26
<b>Ards</b>	106	23	49
<b>Craigavon</b>	92	36	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>441</b>

[1] Excludes defendants who had a bench warrant or deferred sentence

**Table 6 - Crown Court defendants disposed by judge type**

	<b>Judicial Level</b>		<b>Total</b>
	<b>County Court Judge</b>	<b>High Court Judge</b>	
<b>Belfast</b>	126	10	136
<b>Londonderry</b>	42	2	44
<b>Antrim</b>	81		81
<b>Fermanagh and Tyrone</b>	53	7	60
<b>Armagh and South Down</b>	26		26
<b>Ards</b>	49	2	51
<b>Craigavon</b>	61	1	62
<b>Total</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>460</b>

**Table 7 - Crown Court defendants disposed by charge type**

<b>All Offences Against the Person</b>	58
<b>All Sexual Offences</b>	46
<b>All Burglary Offences</b>	19
<b>All Robbery Offences</b>	12
<b>All Theft Offences</b>	23
<b>All Fraud and Forgery Offences</b>	18
<b>All Criminal Damage Offences</b>	8
<b>All Offences Against the State</b>	10
<b>All Other Offences</b>	22
<b>All Drug Offences</b>	40
<b>All Motoring Offences</b>	14
<b>All Non-Police Offences</b>	3
<b>Combination of charges</b>	187
<b>Total</b>	<b>460</b>

**Table 8 - Outcome of Crown Court Defendants**

	Plea of guilty on all charges	Plea of not guilty on at least one charge - found guilty on at least one charge	Plea not guilty - acquitted on all charges	All charges withdrawn	Total
<b>Belfast</b>	45	57	33	1	136
<b>Londonderry</b>	26	16	2		44
<b>Antrim</b>	39	30	12		81
<b>Fermanagh and Tyrone</b>	18	26	16		60
<b>Armagh and South Down</b>	5	19	2		26
<b>Ards</b>	28	19	4		51
<b>Craigavon</b>	25	24	13		62
<b>Total</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>460</b>

**Table 9 - Crown Court sitting times**

	Number of sittings	Total time
<b>Belfast</b>	278	834:27
<b>Londonderry</b>	74	229:31
<b>Antrim</b>	87	290:55
<b>Fermanagh and Tyrone</b>	98	311:53
<b>Armagh and South Down</b>	40	78:50
<b>Ards</b>	67	119:26
<b>Craigavon</b>	60	134:55
<b>Total</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>1999:57</b>

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