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## **Data source and validations:**

Data from the Integrated Courts Operations System (ICOS) are used for this publication. This system has been chosen as it is the main system within the Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service (NICTS). The data are input to this system on a daily basis. A download from this system is supplied to the Statistics and Research team on a weekly basis on flat files.

This information is downloaded via SPSS and validations are produced from this system to ensure that the data are reliable and robust for use. Any inconsistencies are reported back to individual court offices and if required, any necessary amendments are made to the data. Once, these amendments have been checked, computer syntax is then used to produce the tables in the bulletin. The aggregated total figures in the bulletin are produced from the computer syntax. The data are broken down by court location as this is the established way of producing and presenting these data.

To ensure that timely data are used, the latest available extract is used to compile this bulletin.

## Summary

### During October – December 2010:

There were 1,170 scheduled magistrates' sittings of which:

Criminal	767
Youth	142
Family	261

There were 66 additional magistrates' sittings of which:

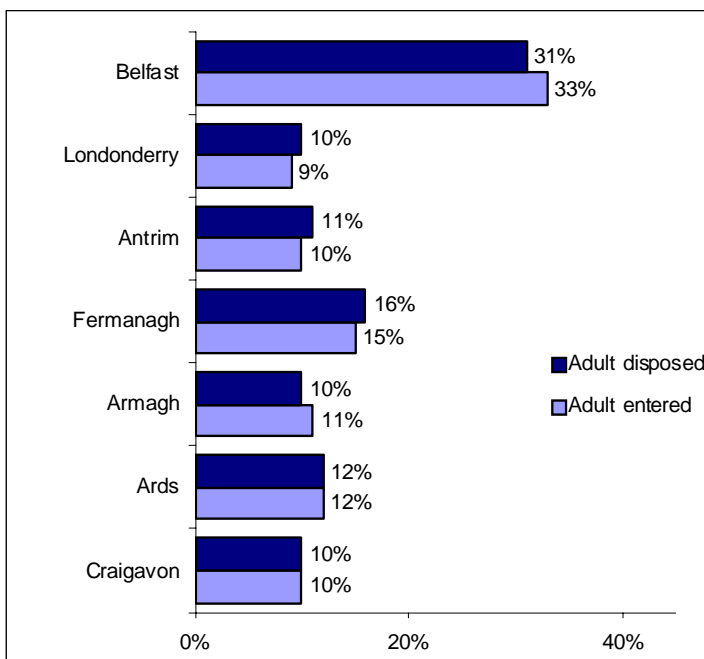
Criminal	57
Youth	4
Family	5

There were 61 special magistrates' sittings of which:

Criminal	60
Family	1

14,554 new adult criminal defendants were received in court and 14,421 adult defendants were disposed of during the period. (Figure 1)

**Figure 1: Percentage of adults entered and disposed of in the court divisions**



The majority of prosecutions disposed in the adult court were brought by PSNI/ PPS.

The volume of adult business was highest in the Division of Belfast.

The average waiting time in the adult criminal court from first hearing to disposal was 7 weeks. (Figure 2)

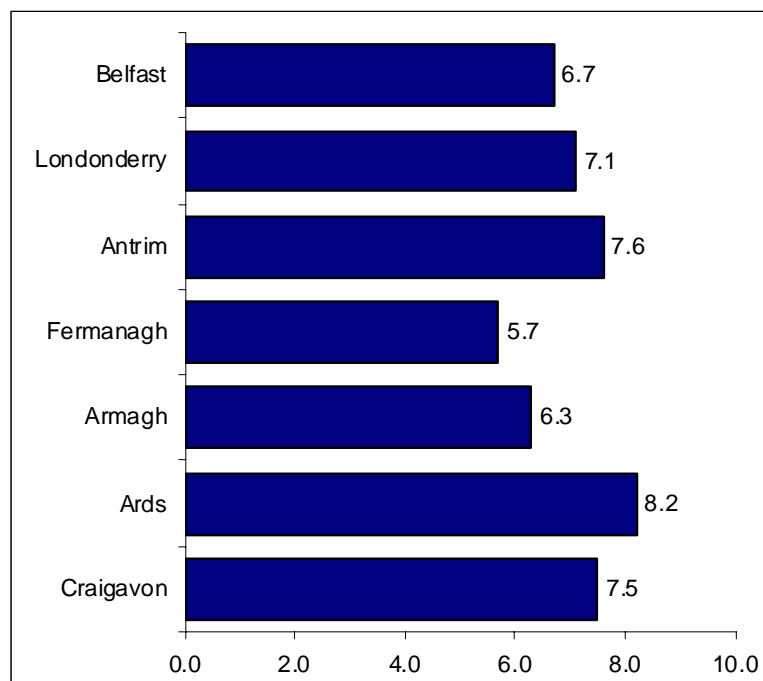
749 new defendants were entered in the youth court and 811 youth defendants were disposed of in the youth court.

The average waiting time in the youth court from first hearing to disposal was 13 weeks.

1,550 new civil applications were entered and 1,399 civil applications were disposed of.

The average length of time for a case to progress through the civil court was 9 weeks from date of issue to disposal.

**Figure 2: Waiting times in weeks in adult magistrates' courts (1st hearing to disposal)**



**Table 1.1 Scheduled court sitting days & average court sitting times in the magistrates' courts by division & venue**

		Adult criminal day		Youth criminal day		Family day	
		Number of court sitting days	Average court sitting time	Number of court sitting days	Average court sitting time	Number of court sitting days	Average court sitting time
Belfast	Laganside	251	04:01:49	44	03:35:58	70	03:16:47
	Total	251	04:01:49	44	03:35:58	70	03:16:47
Londonderry	Limavady	15	04:08:00		.		.
	Magherafelt	12	03:20:00	4	01:37:30	2	03:32:30
	Londonderry	54	04:18:16	9	03:33:20	20	04:18:15
	Total	81	04:07:44	13	02:57:41	22	04:14:05
Antrim	Antrim	20	04:20:00	6	02:55:50	11	03:48:38
	Larne	12	03:18:00	3	01:53:20	6	02:14:10
	Coleraine	37	05:11:04	6	03:14:10	11	03:48:10
	Ballymena@Antrim	21	03:36:37	5	01:35:00	17	02:40:35
	Total	90	04:22:36	20	02:31:45	45	03:10:13
Fermanagh & Tyrone	Dungannon	41	04:42:43	6	03:20:00	13	05:24:36
	Strabane	22	03:02:30	3	02:56:40		.
	Omagh	28	04:40:53	6	02:42:30	10	05:03:00
	Enniskillen	24	05:23:57	5	02:57:00	3	04:08:20
	Total	115	04:31:42	20	02:59:30	26	05:07:30
Armagh & South Down	Armagh	21	04:26:40	6	05:16:40	1	08:40:00
	Banbridge@Newry	13	03:41:09	1	04:15:00	2	02:15:00
	Newry	33	04:13:20	6	03:03:20	18	03:24:10
	Total	67	04:11:16	13	04:10:23	21	03:32:37
Ards	Bangor	22	03:46:08		.	3	02:31:40
	Downpatrick	23	05:35:00	6	03:00:00	3	02:05:00
	Newtownards	48	03:01:58	14	02:24:17	40	02:04:00
	Total	93	03:50:16	20	02:35:00	46	02:05:52
Craigavon	Lisburn	37	04:36:29	6	02:25:00	12	03:45:25
	Craigavon	33	04:30:45	6	03:07:30	19	02:40:03
	Total	70	04:33:47	12	02:46:15	31	03:05:21

**Table1.1a Scheduled court sitting days & average court sitting times in the magistrates' courts for Northern Ireland**

	Adult criminal day		Youth criminal day		Family day	
	Number of court sitting days	Average court sitting time	Number of court sitting days	Average court sitting time	Number of court sitting days	Average court sitting time
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	767	04:11:42	142	03:08:38	261	03:18:55

A court sitting day is counted as any day where the judiciary sit in court. It does not include time in chambers or days where the judiciary are sitting in chambers.

**Table 1.2 Additional court sitting days & average court sitting times in the magistrates' courts by division & venue**

		Adult criminal day		Youth criminal day		Family day	
		Number of court sitting days	Average court sitting time	Number of court sitting days	Average court sitting time	Number of court sitting days	Average court sitting time
<b>Londonderry</b>	<b>Limavady</b>	2	05:12:30			1	04:20:00
	<b>Londonderry</b>	1	00:20:00				
	<b>Total</b>	3	03:35:00			1	04:20:00
<b>Antrim</b>	<b>Coleraine</b>	5	03:21:00				
	<b>Total</b>	5	03:21:00				
<b>Fermanagh &amp; Tyrone</b>	<b>Dungannon</b>	8	03:46:52				
	<b>Strabane</b>	2	02:00:00				
	<b>Omagh</b>	2	04:17:30				
	<b>Enniskillen</b>	5	04:36:00				
	<b>Total</b>	17	03:52:21				
<b>Armagh &amp; South Down</b>	<b>Armagh</b>	1	04:00:00				
	<b>Banbridge@Newry</b>	1	05:15:00				
	<b>Newry</b>	3	04:03:20				
	<b>Total</b>	5	04:17:00				
<b>Ards</b>	<b>Bangor</b>	1	04:30:00				
	<b>Downpatrick</b>	9	03:58:53	2	03:05:00		
	<b>Newtownards</b>	6	01:53:20			1	03:50:00
	<b>Total</b>	16	03:13:45	2	03:05:00	1	03:50:00
<b>Craigavon</b>	<b>Lisburn</b>	5	02:57:00			3	02:43:20
	<b>Craigavon</b>	6	03:08:00	2	02:27:30		
	<b>Total</b>	11	03:03:00	2	02:27:30	3	02:43:20

**Table 1.2a Additional court sitting days & average court sitting times in the magistrates' courts for Northern Ireland**

	Adult criminal day		Youth criminal day		Family day	
	Number of court sitting days	Average court sitting time	Number of court sitting days	Average court sitting time	Number of court sitting days	Average court sitting time
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	57	03:30:29	4	02:46:15	5	03:16:00

A court sitting day is counted as any day where the judiciary sit in court. It does not include time in chambers or days where the judiciary are sitting in chambers.

**Table 1.3 Special court sitting days & average court sitting times in the magistrates' courts by division & venue**

		Adult criminal day		Family day	
		Number of court sitting days	Average court sitting time	Number of court sitting days	Average court sitting time
Londonderry	Londonderry	8	00:23:07		.
	Total	8	00:23:07		.
Antrim	Antrim	7	00:34:17		.
	Ballymena@Antrim	4	00:35:00		.
	Total	11	00:34:32		.
Fermanagh & Tyrone	Omagh	10	00:49:00	1	01:25:00
	Total	10	00:49:00	1	01:25:00
Armagh & South Down	Newry	9	00:46:33		.
	Total	9	00:46:33		.
Ards	Newtownards	11	00:31:00		.
	Total	11	00:31:00		.
Craigavon	Lisburn	11	00:49:05		.
	Total	11	00:49:05		.

**Table 1.3a Special court sitting days & average court sitting times in the magistrates' courts for Northern Ireland**

	Adult criminal day		Family day	
	Number of court sitting days	Average court sitting time	Number of court sitting days	Average court sitting time
Northern Ireland	60	00:39:15	1	01:25:00

A court sitting day is counted as any day where the judiciary sit in court. It does not include time in chambers or days where the judiciary are sitting in chambers.

**Table 2.1 Adult criminal defendants received in the magistrates' courts by division & venue**

		PSNI/PPS prosecution	Departmental prosecution	Fixed penalty	Total
Belfast	Laganside Courts	3629	1156	63	4848
	Division total	3629	1156	63	4848
Londonderry	Londonderry Court Office	636	146	26	808
	Limavady Court Office	249	36	3	288
	Magherafelt Court Office	207	40	15	262
	Division total	1092	222	44	1358
Antrim	Antrim Court Office	526	98	6	630
	Coleraine Court Office	411	179	8	598
	Ballymena Court Office	14	66	1	81
	Larne Court Office	82	44	3	129
	Division total	1033	387	18	1438
Fermanagh and Tyrone	Omagh Court Office	399	99	16	514
	Strabane Court Office	184	76	5	265
	Enniskillen Court Office	396	98	7	501
	Dungannon Court Office	649	219	24	892
	Division total	1628	492	52	2172
Armagh and South Down	Armagh Court Office	196	106	19	321
	Banbridge Court Office	163	53		216
	Newry Court Office	855	175	14	1044
	Division total	1214	334	33	1581
Ards	Newtownards Court Office	634	144	16	794
	Downpatrick Court Office	442	76	14	532
	Bangor Court Office	322	63	5	390
	Division total	1398	283	35	1716
Craigavon	Craigavon Court Office	588	113	37	738
	Lisburn Court Office	539	133	31	703
	Division total	1127	246	68	1441

**Table 2.1a Adult criminal defendants received in the magistrates' courts in Northern Ireland**

	PSNI/PPS prosecution	Departmental prosecution	Fixed penalty	Total
Northern Ireland	11121	3120	313	14554

**Table 2.2 Adult criminal defendants disposed of in the magistrates' court by division & venue**

		PSNI/PPS prosecution	Departmental prosecution	Fixed penalty	Total
Belfast	Laganside Courts	3454	974	62	4490
	Division total	3454	974	62	4490
Londonderry	Londonderry Court Office	650	160	26	836
	Limavady Court Office	233	52	2	287
	Magherafelt Court Office	196	40	14	250
	Division total	1079	252	42	1373
Antrim	Antrim Court Office	529	84	6	619
	Coleraine Court Office	507	194	9	710
	Ballymena Court Office	49	65	1	115
	Larne Court Office	67	42	3	112
	Division total	1152	385	19	1556
Fermanagh and Tyrone	Omagh Court Office	405	112	16	533
	Strabane Court Office	227	65	5	297
	Enniskillen Court Office	428	107	7	542
	Dungannon Court Office	614	232	24	870
	Division total	1674	516	52	2242
Armagh and South Down	Armagh Court Office	213	115	19	347
	Banbridge Court Office	190	48		238
	Newry Court Office	728	178	13	919
	Division total	1131	341	32	1504
Ards	Newtownards Court Office	665	136	15	816
	Downpatrick Court Office	440	81	14	535
	Bangor Court Office	323	70	6	399
	Division total	1428	287	35	1750
Craigavon	Craigavon Court Office	609	129	39	777
	Lisburn Court Office	541	154	34	729
	Division total	1150	283	73	1506

Table 2.2a Adult criminal defendants disposed of in the magistrates' court in Northern Ireland

	PSNI/PPS prosecution	Departmental prosecution	Fixed penalty	Total
Northern Ireland	11068	3038	315	14421

Table 2.3: Average waiting times in the adult magistrates' courts by division & venue

		Summons to first hearing (weeks)	First hearing to finding (weeks)	Finding to disposal (weeks)	First hearing to disposal (weeks)
Belfast	Laganside Courts	5.29	6.02	.72	6.74
	Total	5.29	6.02	.72	6.74
Londonderry	Londonderry Court Office	5.06	6.25	1.00	7.25
	Limavady Court Office	5.53	5.33	.50	5.83
	Magherafelt Court Office	6.47	7.26	1.05	8.31
	Total	5.41	6.24	.90	7.14
Antrim	Antrim Court Office	4.31	5.52	.65	6.17
	Coleraine Court Office	4.43	8.14	.80	8.94
	Ballymena Court Office	6.29	8.99	1.82	10.81
	Larne Court Office	5.01	4.41	.37	4.78
	Total	4.54	6.85	.77	7.61
Fermanagh and Tyrone	Omagh Court Office	5.62	4.82	.46	5.28
	Strabane Court Office	5.23	4.24	.79	5.03
	Enniskillen Court Office	7.34	5.18	.78	5.96
	Dungannon Court Office	6.09	5.30	.82	6.13
	Total	6.17	5.01	.72	5.74
Armagh and South Down	Armagh Court Office	5.30	6.52	.46	6.98
	Banbridge Court Office	4.62	6.30	.39	6.69
	Newry Court Office	8.22	5.59	.37	5.96
	Total	6.99	5.91	.39	6.30
Ards	Newtownards Court Office	6.84	5.28	.58	5.86
	Downpatrick Court Office	6.41	10.78	.70	11.48
	Bangor Court Office	6.03	7.73	1.04	8.77
	Total	6.53	7.52	.72	8.23
Craigavon	Craigavon Court Office	6.92	5.42	.89	6.31
	Lisburn Court Office	6.35	7.74	1.08	8.82
	Total	6.65	6.52	.98	7.50

Bench warrants, adjourned generally and deferred sentences excluded

**Table 2.3a Average waiting times in the adult magistrates' courts in Northern Ireland**

	Summons to first hearing (weeks)	First hearing to finding (weeks)	Finding to disposal (weeks)	First hearing to disposal (weeks)
Northern Ireland	5.83	6.19	.73	6.93

Bench warrants, adjourned generally and deferred sentences excluded

**Table 2.4 Number and type of charges brought for adult defendants disposed of by business area**

	PSNI/PPS prosecution	Departmental prosecution	Fixed penalty	Total
All Offences Against the Person	1036	17		1053
All Sexual Offences	233			233
All Burglary Offences	134			134
All Robbery Offences	28			28
All Theft Offences	731			731
All Fraud and Forgery Offences	119	172		291
All Criminal Damage Offences	295			295
All Offences Against the State	206			206
All Other Offences	630	389		1019
All Drug Offences	371			371
All Motoring Offences	4649	839		5488
All Non-Police Offences	37	1495	315	1847
All Breach	158	54		212
Combination of charges	2441	72		2513
Total	11068	3038	315	14421

**Table 2.5 Outcome of adult defendants disposed of by business area**

	PSNI/PPS prosecution	Departmental prosecution	Fixed penalty	Total
Committed to the Crown Court	541			541
Plea of guilty on all charges	5037	773		5810
All charges withdrawn	2054	865	3	2922
Fixed penalty default			312	312
Plea not guilty - found guilty on at least one charge	2988	1341		4329
Plea not guilty - acquitted on all charges	448	59		507
<b>Total</b>	<b>11068</b>	<b>3038</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>14421</b>

Table 3.1 Youth defendants received in the magistrates' courts by division & venue

		PSNI/PPS prosecution	Departmental prosecution	Fixed penalty	Total
Belfast	Laganside Courts	261			261
	Division total	261			261
Londonderry	Londonderry Court Office	46			46
	Limavady Court Office	11			11
	Magherafelt Court Office	12			12
	Division total	69			69
Antrim	Antrim Court Office	37			37
	Coleraine Court Office	38			38
	Ballymena Court Office	3			3
	Larne Court Office	7			7
	Division total	85			85
Fermanagh and Tyrone	Omagh Court Office	25			25
	Strabane Court Office	19			19
	Enniskillen Court Office	20		1	21
	Dungannon Court Office	26			26
	Division total	90		1	91
Armagh and South Down	Armagh Court Office	11			11
	Banbridge Court Office	8			8
	Newry Court Office	39			39
	Division total	58			58
Ards	Newtownards Court Office	48			48
	Downpatrick Court Office	26			26
	Bangor Court Office	31	1		32
	Division total	105	1		106
Craigavon	Craigavon Court Office	43			43
	Lisburn Court Office	36			36
	Division total	79			79

Table 3.1a Youth defendants received in the magistrates' courts in Northern Ireland

	PSNI/PPS prosecution	Departmental prosecution	Fixed penalty	Total
Northern Ireland	747	1	1	749

Table 3.2 Youth defendants disposed of in the magistrates' courts by division & venue

		PSNI/PPS prosecution	Departmental prosecution	Fixed penalty	Total
Belfast	Laganside Courts	277	2		279
	Division total	277	2		279
Londonderry	Londonderry Court Office	53			53
	Limavady Court Office	2			2
	Magherafelt Court Office	19			19
	Division total	74			74
Antrim	Antrim Court Office	59			59
	Coleraine Court Office	47			47
	Ballymena Court Office	5			5
	Larne Court Office	10			10
	Division total	121			121
Fermanagh and Tyrone	Omagh Court Office	19			19
	Strabane Court Office	15			15
	Enniskillen Court Office	13		1	14
	Dungannon Court Office	33			33
	Division total	80		1	81
Armagh and South Down	Armagh Court Office	11			11
	Banbridge Court Office	5			5
	Newry Court Office	38			38
	Division total	54			54
Ards	Newtownards Court Office	49			49
	Downpatrick Court Office	41			41
	Bangor Court Office	35	1		36
	Division total	125	1		126
Craigavon	Craigavon Court Office	45	1		46
	Lisburn Court Office	30			30
	Division total	75	1		76

Table 3.2a Youth defendants disposed of in the magistrates' courts in Northern Ireland

	PSNI/PPS prosecution	Departmental prosecution	Fixed penalty	Total
Northern Ireland	806	4	1	811

Table 3.3 Average waiting times in the youth magistrates' courts by division & venue

		Summons to first hearing (weeks)	First hearing to finding (weeks)	Finding to disposal (weeks)
Belfast	Laganside Courts	4.42	10.24	3.03
	Total	4.42	10.24	3.03
Londonderry	Londonderry Court Office	4.38	7.52	3.55
	Limavady Court Office	2.64	.00	2.50
	Magherafelt Court Office	5.32	12.89	1.42
	Total	4.61	8.92	2.86
Antrim	Antrim Court Office	2.68	6.10	3.80
	Coleraine Court Office	2.69	12.97	2.46
	Ballymena Court Office	.00	7.14	.00
	Larne Court Office	1.77	10.77	.50
	Total	2.53	8.79	2.95
Fermanagh and Tyrone	Omagh Court Office	2.45	6.60	.31
	Strabane Court Office	6.91	4.32	2.18
	Enniskillen Court Office	8.23	7.80	1.95
	Dungannon Court Office	5.98	7.86	5.56
	Total	5.88	6.96	3.10
Armagh and South Down	Armagh Court Office	4.43	10.07	5.31
	Banbridge Court Office	1.79	17.25	6.75
	Newry Court Office	4.97	4.18	2.30
	Total	4.55	6.76	3.42
Ards	Newtownards Court Office	4.59	10.23	4.68
	Downpatrick Court Office	4.48	14.98	2.80
	Bangor Court Office	4.74	10.12	2.92
	Total	4.61	11.43	3.64
Craigavon	Craigavon Court Office	5.60	12.41	2.37
	Lisburn Court Office	5.31	11.34	2.85
	Total	5.49	12.01	2.55

Bench warrants, adjourned generally and deferred sentences excluded

**Table 3.3a Average waiting times in the youth magistrates' courts in Northern Ireland**

	Summons to first hearing (weeks)	First hearing to finding (weeks)	Finding to disposal (weeks)
Northern Ireland	4.49	9.68	3.09

Bench warrants, adjourned generally and deferred sentences excluded

**Table 3.4 Number and type of charges brought for youth defendants disposed of by business area**

	PSNI/PPS prosecution	Departmental prosecution	Fixed penalty	Total
All Offences Against the Person	156			156
All Sexual Offences	12			12
All Burglary Offences	32			32
All Robbery Offences	7			7
All Theft Offences	73			73
All Fraud and Forgery Offences	3			3
All Criminal Damage Offences	59			59
All Offences Against the State	8			8
All Other Offences	101			101
All Drug Offences	16			16
All Motoring Offences	74			74
All Non-Police Offences	2	3	1	6
All Breach	10	1		11
Combination of charges	253			253
Total	806	4	1	811

**Table 3.5 Outcome of youth defendants disposed of by business area**

	PSNI/PPS prosecution	Departmental prosecution	Fixed penalty	Total
Committed to the Crown Court	16			16
Plea of guilty on all charges	281	2		283
All charges withdrawn	286	2		288
Fixed penalty default			1	1
Plea not guilty - found guilty on at least one charge	158			158
Plea not guilty - acquitted on all charges	65			65
<b>Total</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>811</b>

Table 4.1 Number of civil applications received in the magistrates' court by division & venue

		Current Business Area		Total
		Domestic Proceedings	Family Homes and Domestic Violence	
Belfast	Laganside Courts	26	396	422
	Division total	26	396	422
Londonderry	Londonderry Court Office	13	111	124
	Limavady Court Office		16	16
	Magherafelt Court Office		10	10
	Division total	13	137	150
Antrim	Antrim Court Office	8	136	144
	Coleraine Court Office	10	112	122
	Ballymena Court Office	2	12	14
	Larne Court Office	6	23	29
	Division total	26	283	309
Fermanagh and Tyrone	Omagh Court Office	6	50	56
	Strabane Court Office	1	20	21
	Enniskillen Court Office	7	32	39
	Dungannon Court Office	7	39	46
	Division total	21	141	162
Armagh and South Down	Armagh Court Office	3	32	35
	Banbridge Court Office	4	27	31
	Newry Court Office	17	97	114
	Division total	24	156	180
Ards	Newtownards Court Office	18	100	118
	Downpatrick Court Office	7	69	76
	Bangor Court Office	2	27	29
	Division total	27	196	223
Craigavon	Craigavon Court Office	3	41	44
	Lisburn Court Office	5	55	60
	Division total	8	96	104

**Table 4.1a Number of civil applications received in the magistrates' court in Northern Ireland**

	Current Business Area		Total
	Domestic Proceedings	Fh&Dv (Magistrates Court)	
Northern Ireland	145	1405	1550

**Table 4.2 Number of civil applications disposed in the magistrates' court by division & venue**

		Current Business Area		Total
		Domestic Proceedings	Fh&Dv (Magistrates Court)	
Belfast	Laganside Courts	43	342	385
	Division total	43	342	385
Londonderry	Londonderry Court Office	10	98	108
	Limavady Court Office	1	12	13
	Magherafelt Court Office	1	8	9
	Division total	12	118	130
Antrim	Antrim Court Office	12	116	128
	Coleraine Court Office	10	101	111
	Ballymena Court Office	4	12	16
	Larne Court Office	2	16	18
	Division total	28	245	273
Fermanagh and Tyrone	Omagh Court Office	5	55	60
	Strabane Court Office	1	19	20
	Enniskillen Court Office	8	28	36
	Dungannon Court Office	11	44	55
	Division total	25	146	171
Armagh and South Down	Armagh Court Office		31	31
	Banbridge Court Office	5	28	33
	Newry Court Office	17	96	113
	Division total	22	155	177
Ards	Newtownards Court Office	14	97	111
	Downpatrick Court Office	1	39	40
	Bangor Court Office	3	28	31
	Division total	18	164	182
Craigavon	Craigavon Court Office	8	31	39
	Lisburn Court Office	3	39	42

Table 4.2 Number of civil applications disposed in the magistrates' court by division & venue

		Current Business Area		Total
		Domestic Proceedings	Fh&Dv (Magistrates Court)	
Belfast	Laganside Courts	43	342	385
	Division total	43	342	385
Londonderry	Londonderry Court Office	10	98	108
	Limavady Court Office	1	12	13
	Magherafelt Court Office	1	8	9
	Division total	12	118	130
Antrim	Antrim Court Office	12	116	128
	Coleraine Court Office	10	101	111
	Ballymena Court Office	4	12	16
	Larne Court Office	2	16	18
	Division total	28	245	273
Fermanagh and Tyrone	Omagh Court Office	5	55	60
	Strabane Court Office	1	19	20
	Enniskillen Court Office	8	28	36
	Dungannon Court Office	11	44	55
	Division total	25	146	171
Armagh and South Down	Armagh Court Office		31	31
	Banbridge Court Office	5	28	33
	Newry Court Office	17	96	113
	Division total	22	155	177
Ards	Newtownards Court Office	14	97	111
	Downpatrick Court Office	1	39	40
	Bangor Court Office	3	28	31
	Division total	18	164	182
	Craigavon Court Office	8	31	39
	Lisburn Court Office	3	39	42
	Division total	11	70	81

**Table 4.2a Number of civil applications disposed in the magistrates' court in Northern Ireland**

	Current Business Area		Total
	Domestic Proceedings	Fh&Dv (Magistrates Court)	
Northern Ireland	159	1240	1399

**Table 4.3 Average waiting times in the civil magistrates' courts by division & venue**

		Date of issue to first hearing (weeks)	First hearing to disposal (weeks)
Belfast	Laganside Courts	3.35	8.09
	Total	3.35	8.09
Londonderry	Londonderry Court Office	2.64	5.10
	Limavady Court Office	2.02	17.08
	Magherafelt Court Office	1.70	3.44
	Total	2.51	6.18
Antrim	Antrim Court Office	1.60	3.43
	Coleraine Court Office	1.44	5.21
	Ballymena Court Office	1.96	24.31
	Larne Court Office	1.28	.67
	Total	1.53	5.19
Fermanagh and Tyrone	Omagh Court Office	2.01	3.68
	Strabane Court Office	1.92	.97
	Enniskillen Court Office	1.72	5.36
	Dungannon Court Office	2.02	4.84
	Total	1.94	4.09
Armagh and South Down	Armagh Court Office	1.62	4.53
	Banbridge Court Office	1.92	3.47
	Newry Court Office	2.13	7.50
	Total	2.00	6.23
Ards	Newtownards Court Office	1.83	5.72
	Downpatrick Court Office	1.70	3.54
	Bangor Court Office	1.87	6.97
	Total	1.81	5.46
Craigavon	Craigavon Court Office	1.76	22.29
	Lisburn Court Office	.32	15.20
	Total	1.02	18.62

**Table 4.3a Average waiting times in the civil magistrates' courts in Northern Ireland**

	Date of issue to first hearing (weeks)	First hearing to disposal (weeks)
Northern Ireland	2.24	6.89

**Table 4.4 Outcome of applications under Family Homes & Domestic Violence Order in the magistrates' court in Northern Ireland**

						Total
	Granted	Dismissed or refused	Withdrawn	Vary discharge	Other	
Non molestation	723	208	207	74	1	1213
Occupation	4	3	8			15
Vary discharge non-mol occupation	1	4	1	6		12
<b>Total</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1240</b>

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