

Table 8: Average custodial sentence length for offenders sentenced to immediate custody under section 28 of the Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 by age group, in England and Wales^{1,2}, annually from year ending September 2017 and quarterly from Q1 2016³

	Months		
Average custodial sentence length ^{4,5}	All offenders - aged 16 and over	Adults - aged 18 and over	16 and 17 year olds
Year Ending September			
2017	7.2	7.3	6.4
2018	7.7	7.7	7.7
2019	8.0	8.0	7.2
Quarter			
Q1 2016	7.0	7.1	6.1
Q2 2016	7.4	7.6	5.5
Q3 2016	7.1	7.3	5.0
Q4 2016	6.9	7.0	6.3
Q1 2017	7.0	7.0	6.3
Q2 2017	7.4	7.5	6.4
Q3 2017	7.4	7.5	6.5
Q4 2017	7.9	8.0	6.8
Q1 2018	7.8	7.8	7.3
Q2 2018	7.5	7.5	6.8
Q3 2018	7.7	7.6	9.6
Q4 2018	7.8	7.9	5.6
Q1 2019	8.1	8.1	7.9
Q2 2019	7.8	7.9	6.4
Q3 2019	8.1	8.1	8.9

Source: Ministry of Justice's extract of the Police National Computer (PNC)

Notes:

¹ England and Wales includes all 43 police force areas and the British Transport Police.

² Averages are based on the number of sentencing occasions resulting in immediate custody which were prosecuted by police forces in England and Wales including the British Transport Police.

³ Figures for before Q1 2016 have not been included due to the small number of cases and reliability of the data available.

⁴ A month has been assumed to be 30 days.

⁵ Excludes life sentences and where sentence length is unknown.