

**Highest number of previous specified offences<sup>1</sup> among offenders convicted<sup>2</sup> of the specified offence and given an immediate custodial sentence, England and Wales<sup>3</sup>, year ending March 2019**

<b>Offence Type</b>	<b>Number of previous instances of this offence</b>
Possession of article with a blade or point	34
Assault <sup>4</sup>	54
Possession of an offensive weapon	7
Sexual assault	28
Public Order Act 1986	50
Theft	309
Robbery	31
Burglary	126
Drugs offences <sup>5</sup>	47
Criminal damage	26
Fraud	123
Driving whilst disqualified <sup>6</sup>	52

**Source:** Ministry of Justice extract of the Police National Computer

**Notes:**

1 - This figure is a count of the number of individual instances of the offence of which the offender has been convicted or cautioned on a date prior to the one on which they were given an immediate custodial sentence for the offence.

2 - Found guilty at court.

3 - England and Wales includes all 43 police force areas plus the British Transport Police.

4 - Refers to common assault and excludes assault occasioning actual bodily harm and assault occasioning grievous bodily harm.

5 - Drugs offences is an offence classification which covers a range of offences related to drugs including possession, supply, production and illegal import/exportation.

6 - Includes the offences of causing death or serious injury while driving whilst disqualified.