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The Court Proceedings Database (CPD), maintained by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ), is the data source for these statistics.

Table 1: Demographics of adult offenders sentenced for possession of prohibited weapon offences covered by the guideline, by gender, age and perceived ethnicity, 2018

Possession, purchase or acquisition of a prohibited weapon or ammunition (Minimum term applies) ¹			Possession, purchase or acquisition of a prohibited weapon or ammunition (Minimum term does not apply)		
Gender	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced ²	Gender	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced ²
Male	324	95%	Male	335	91%
Female	18	5%	Female	34	9%
Not recorded/not known	0		Not recorded/not known	6	
Total	342	100%	Total	375	100%

Possession, purchase or acquisition of a prohibited weapon or ammunition (Minimum term applies) ¹			Possession, purchase or acquisition of a prohibited weapon or ammunition (Minimum term does not apply)		
Age Group ³	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced ⁴	Age Group ³	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced ⁴
18 to 21 years	63	18%	18 to 21 years	57	15%
22 to 29 years	119	35%	22 to 29 years	126	34%
30 to 39 years	88	26%	30 to 39 years	74	20%
40 to 49 years	39	11%	40 to 49 years	67	18%
50 to 59 years	25	7%	50 to 59 years	35	9%
60 years or older	8	2%	60 years or older	15	4%
Not recorded/not known	0		Not recorded/not known	1	
Total	342	100%	Total	375	100%

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Perceived Ethnicity^{5,6}	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced⁷
White	164	58%
Black	76	27%
Asian	34	12%
Other	7	2%
Not recorded/not known	61	
Total	342	100%

Perceived Ethnicity^{5,6}	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced⁷
White	231	77%
Black	40	13%
Asian	18	6%
Other	12	4%
Not recorded/not known	74	
Total	375	100%

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Notes:

- 1) Figures shown here differ from those published by the MoJ, as there are a small number of minimum term possession of prohibited weapon cases in the CPD which indicate that the offender was sentenced in a magistrates' court. These cases have been excluded from the above tables as this offence is indictable only, and can therefore only be sentenced in the Crown Court.
- 2) Percentage calculations do not include cases where the gender was unknown.
- 3) In some cases where the age of the adult was unknown, the age has been set to 25 in the source data for this table.
- 4) Percentage calculations do not include cases where the age was unknown.
- 5) The "perceived ethnicity" is the ethnicity of the offender as perceived by the police officer handling the case.
- 6) For a small proportion of adults sentenced (18% for minimum term offences, 20% for non-minimum term offences), their perceived ethnicity was either not recorded or it was not known. Therefore the proportions amongst those for whom data was provided may not reflect the demographics of the full population, and these figures should be treated with caution.
- 7) Percentage calculations do not include cases where the perceived ethnicity was unknown.

Table 2: Demographics of adult offenders sentenced for possession without certificate offences covered by the guideline, by gender, age and perceived ethnicity, 2018

Gender	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced
Male	130	90%
Female	14	10%
Total	144	100%

Age Group¹	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced
18 to 21 years	21	15%
22 to 29 years	37	26%
30 to 39 years	28	19%
40 to 49 years	27	19%
50 to 59 years	24	17%
60 years or older	7	5%
Total	144	100%

Perceived Ethnicity^{2,3}	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced⁴
White	81	79%
Black	15	15%
Asian	5	5%
Other	1	1%
Not recorded/not known	42	
Total	144	100%

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Notes:

- 1) In some cases where the age of the adult was unknown, the age has been set to 25 in the source data for this table.
- 2) The "perceived ethnicity" is the ethnicity of the offender as perceived by the police officer handling the case.
- 3) For a proportion of adults sentenced (29%), their perceived ethnicity was either not recorded or it was not known. Therefore the proportions amongst those for whom data was provided may not reflect the demographics of the full population, and these figures should be treated with caution.
- 4) Percentage calculations do not include cases where the perceived ethnicity was unknown.

Table 3: Demographics of adult offenders sentenced for possession by person prohibited offences covered by the guideline, by gender, age and perceived ethnicity, 2018

Gender	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced¹
Male	60	100%
Not recorded/not known	1	
Total	61	100%

Age Group²	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced
18 to 21 years	2	3%
22 to 29 years	21	34%
30 to 39 years	24	39%
40 to 49 years	8	13%
50 to 59 years	4	7%
60 years or older	2	3%
Total	61	100%

Perceived Ethnicity^{3,4}	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced⁵
White	44	83%
Black	9	17%
Asian	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Not recorded/not known	8	
Total	61	100%

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Notes:

- 1) Percentage calculations do not include cases where the gender was unknown.
- 2) In some cases where the age of the adult was unknown, the age has been set to 25 in the source data for this table.
- 3) The "perceived ethnicity" is the ethnicity of the offender as perceived by the police officer handling the case.
- 4) For a small proportion of adults sentenced (13%), their perceived ethnicity was either not recorded or it was not known. Therefore the proportions amongst those for whom data was provided may not reflect the demographics of the full population, and these figures should be treated with caution.
- 5) Percentage calculations do not include cases where the perceived ethnicity was unknown.

Table 4: Demographics of adult offenders sentenced for carrying a firearm in a public place, by gender, age and perceived ethnicity, 2018

Gender	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced¹
Male	194	98%
Female	4	2%
Not recorded/not known	1	
Total	199	100%

Age Group²	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced
18 to 21 years	46	23%
22 to 29 years	58	29%
30 to 39 years	52	26%
40 to 49 years	26	13%
50 to 59 years	16	8%
60 years or older	1	1%
Total	199	100%

Perceived Ethnicity^{3,4}	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced⁵
White	127	77%
Black	24	15%
Asian	12	7%
Other	1	1%
Not recorded/not known	35	
Total	199	100%

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Notes:

- 1) Percentage calculations do not include cases where the gender was unknown.
- 2) In some cases where the age of the adult was unknown, the age has been set to 25 in the source data for this table.
- 3) The "perceived ethnicity" is the ethnicity of the offender as perceived by the police officer handling the case.
- 4) For a small proportion of adults sentenced (18%), their perceived ethnicity was either not recorded or it was not known. Therefore the proportions amongst those for whom data was provided may not reflect the demographics of the full population, and these figures should be treated with caution.
- 5) Percentage calculations do not include cases where the perceived ethnicity was unknown.

Table 5: Demographics of adult offenders sentenced for possession with intent to endanger life, by gender, age and perceived ethnicity, 2018¹

Gender	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced
Male	62	98%
Female	1	2%
Total	63	100%

Age Group²	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced
18 to 21 years	15	24%
22 to 29 years	28	44%
30 to 39 years	13	21%
40 to 49 years	6	10%
50 to 59 years	1	2%
60 years or older	0	0%
Total	63	100%

Perceived Ethnicity^{3,4}	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced⁵
White	21	40%
Black	21	40%
Asian	8	15%
Other	3	6%
Not recorded/not known	10	
Total	63	100%

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Notes:

- 1) Figures shown here differ from those published by the MoJ, as there are a small number of possession with intent to endanger life cases in the CPD which indicate that the offender was sentenced in a magistrates' court. These cases have been excluded from the above tables as this offence is indictable only, and can therefore only be sentenced in the Crown Court.
- 2) In some cases where the age of the adult was unknown, the age has been set to 25 in the source data for this table.
- 3) The "perceived ethnicity" is the ethnicity of the offender as perceived by the police officer handling the case.
- 4) For a small proportion of adults sentenced (16%), their perceived ethnicity was either not recorded or it was not known. Therefore the proportions amongst those for whom data was provided may not reflect the demographics of the full population, and these figures should be treated with caution.
- 5) Percentage calculations do not include cases where the perceived ethnicity was unknown.

Table 6: Demographics of adult offenders sentenced for possession with intent to cause fear of violence, by gender, age and perceived ethnicity, 2018¹

Gender	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced
Male	238	99%
Female	2	1%
Total	240	100%

Age Group²	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced
18 to 21 years	32	13%
22 to 29 years	99	41%
30 to 39 years	52	22%
40 to 49 years	33	14%
50 to 59 years	17	7%
60 years or older	7	3%
Total	240	100%

Perceived Ethnicity^{3,4}	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced⁵
White	160	79%
Black	24	12%
Asian	14	7%
Other	4	2%
Not recorded/not known	38	
Total	240	100%

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Notes:

- 1) Figures shown here differ from those published by the MoJ, as there are a small number of possession with intent to cause fear of violence cases in the CPD which indicate that the offender was sentenced in a magistrates' court. These cases have been excluded from the above tables as this offence is indictable only, and can therefore only be sentenced in the Crown Court.
- 2) In some cases where the age of the adult was unknown, the age has been set to 25 in the source data for this table.
- 3) The "perceived ethnicity" is the ethnicity of the offender as perceived by the police officer handling the case.
- 4) For a small proportion of adults sentenced (16%), their perceived ethnicity was either not recorded or it was not known. Therefore the proportions amongst those for whom data was provided may not reflect the demographics of the full population, and these figures should be treated with caution.
- 5) Percentage calculations do not include cases where the perceived ethnicity was unknown.

Table 7: Demographics of adult offenders sentenced for possession with intent – other offences, by gender, age and perceived ethnicity, 2018¹

Gender	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced
Male	42	100%
Female	0	0%
Total	42	100%

Age Group²	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced
18 to 21 years	9	21%
22 to 29 years	14	33%
30 to 39 years	8	19%
40 to 49 years	9	21%
50 to 59 years	1	2%
60 years or older	1	2%
Total	42	100%

Perceived Ethnicity^{3,4}	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced⁵
White	26	74%
Black	8	23%
Asian	0	0%
Other	1	3%
Not recorded/not known	7	
Total	42	100%

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Notes:

- 1) Figures shown here differ from those published by the MoJ, as there are a small number of cases of possession with intent – other offences in the CPD which indicate that the offender was sentenced in a magistrates' court. These cases have been excluded from the above tables as these offences are indictable only, and can therefore only be sentenced in the Crown Court.
- 2) In some cases where the age of the adult was unknown, the age has been set to 25 in the source data for this table.
- 3) The "perceived ethnicity" is the ethnicity of the offender as perceived by the police officer handling the case.
- 4) For a small proportion of adults sentenced (17%), their perceived ethnicity was either not recorded or it was not known. Therefore the proportions amongst those for whom data was provided may not reflect the demographics of the full population, and these figures should be treated with caution.
- 5) Percentage calculations do not include cases where the perceived ethnicity was unknown.

Table 8: Demographics of adult offenders sentenced for transfer and manufacture offences, by gender, age and perceived ethnicity, 2017-2018^{1,2}

Gender	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced
Male	35	100%
Female	0	0%
Total	35	100%

Age Group³	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced
18 to 21 years	2	6%
22 to 29 years	19	54%
30 to 39 years	7	20%
40 to 49 years	2	6%
50 to 59 years	2	6%
60 years or older	3	9%
Total	35	100%

Perceived Ethnicity^{4,5}	Number of adults sentenced	Percentage of all adults sentenced⁶
White	13	54%
Black	9	38%
Asian	2	8%
Other	0	0%
Not recorded/not known	11	
Total	35	100%

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Notes:

- 1) Figures shown here differ from those published by the MoJ, as there are a small number of cases of transfer and manufacture offences in the CPD which indicate that the offender was sentenced in a magistrates' court. These cases have been excluded from the above tables as these offences are indictable only, and can therefore only be sentenced in the Crown Court.
- 2) These statistics are provided for the period 2017-2018, rather than for a single year, due to the small number of offenders sentenced for these offences each year.
- 3) In some cases where the age of the adult was unknown, the age has been set to 25 in the source data for this table.
- 4) The "perceived ethnicity" is the ethnicity of the offender as perceived by the police officer handling the case.
- 5) For a proportion of adults sentenced (31%), their perceived ethnicity was either not recorded or it was not known. Therefore the proportions amongst those for whom data was provided may not reflect the demographics of the full population, and these figures should be treated with caution.
- 6) Percentage calculations do not include cases where the perceived ethnicity was unknown.