

# Housing Act (2004) offences

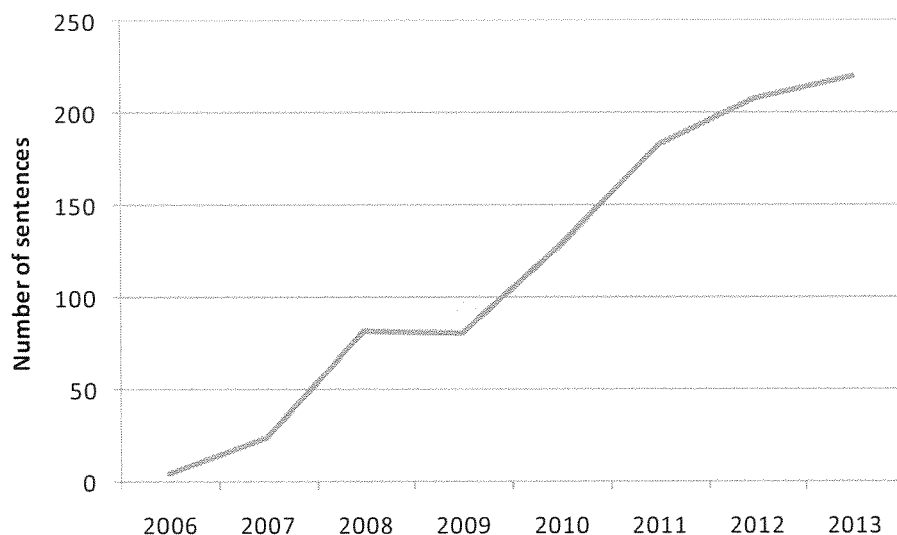
## Summary offences

This section includes the following offences:

- Fail to comply with a housing improvement notice (s.30)
- Fail to comply with a housing prohibition order (s.32)
- Licence holder / person restricted by licence of multi occupation house fail to comply with licence conditions (s.72(3) & (7))
- Fail to comply with a housing management order (s.131)
- Disclose document / information contained in a home condition report (s.165)
- Obstruct officer of a housing enforcement authority (s.167)
- Fail to comply with regulations in respect of management of housing in multiple occupation (s.234)
- Aid / abet a failure to comply with regulations in respect of management of housing in multiple occupation (s.234)
- Fail to comply with the requirements of a housing notice under section 235 (s.236(1) & (3))
- Knowingly supply false / misleading information to a housing authority (s.238(1) & (3))
- Knowingly supply false / misleading information to another knowing it will be given to a housing authority (s.238(2) & (3))

In 2013, 220 adult offenders were sentenced for these offences. All offenders were sentenced in magistrates' courts, and the majority of offenders (95 per cent) received a fine. The number of offenders sentenced for these offences has generally been increasing since 2006 (see Figure 1).

**Figure 1: Number of adult offenders sentenced for specified summary offences, 2006-2013**



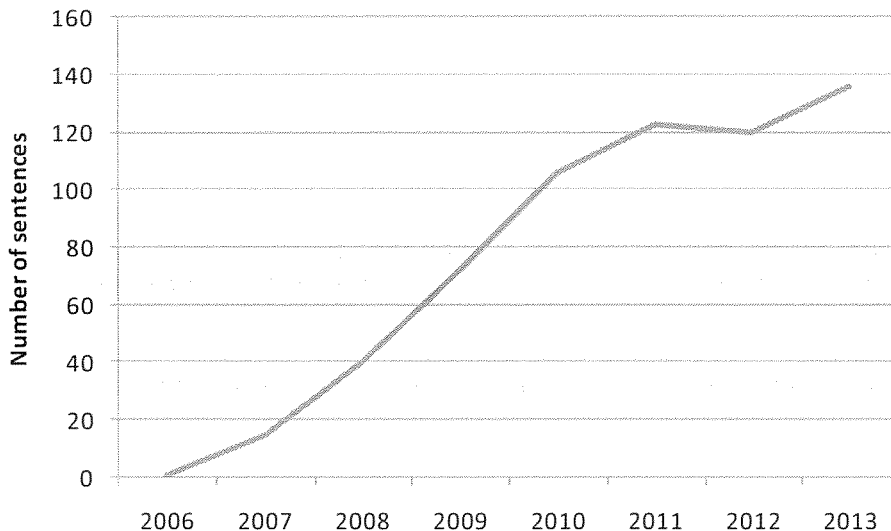
## Summary offences connected with housing licences

This section includes the following offences:

- Controller / manager of house in multiple occupation act without a section 6(1) licence (72(1) & (6))
- Controller / manager of licensed multi occupation house knowingly permit unlicensed occupation (72(2) & (6))
- Controller / manager of residential accommodation required to be licensed under Part 3 of the Act (95(1) & (5))
- Licence holder / person fail to comply restriction of s. 90(6) licence condition (95(2) & (6))

In 2013, approximately 140 adult offenders were sentenced for these offences and the majority (96 per cent) were sentenced in magistrates' courts. The most common sentence outcome for these offences is a fine. In 2013 fines comprised 93 per cent of all sentence outcomes. Since 2006 the number of offenders sentenced for these offences has generally been increasing (see Figure 2).

**Figure 2: Number of adult offenders sentenced for specified offences, 2006-2013**



## Other housing offences

This section includes the following offences:

- Fail to comply with a housing overcrowding order (s.139)
- Obstruct a relevant person in performance of anything required by Parts 1 to 4 of the Housing Act 2004 (s.241)

Over the last ten years, 10 adult offenders have been sentenced for these offences. All of these offenders received a fine.