

Annex A: Number of adult offenders sentenced for perverting the courts of justice offences, 2010-2020.

	Number of adult offenders sentenced										
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 ¹
Perverting the course of justice	1,114	984	870	932	929	898	781	788	629	576	404
Intimidating a witness	430	438	322	327	364	405	413	324	275	213	154
Threatening a witness	105	80	67	48	50	52	48	48	30	24	21
Perjury (section 1)	0	1	1	3	5	4	0	0	0	0	0
Perjury (section 1A)	0	2	3	1	6	11	12	11	3	4	3
Contempt of court (summary)	0	66	55	60	67	73	70	86	76	52	20
Contempt of court (indictable)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Assisting an offender - murder	11	16	10	17	12	23	28	16	18	26	16
Assisting an offender - indictable offence (except murder)	51	38	34	57	40	38	47	33	31	41	18
Assisting an offender - triable either way offences only	5	15	14	14	15	16	7	17	10	12	8
Total	1,716	1,640	1,376	1,459	1,488	1,521	1,406	1,323	1,072	948	644

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Note:

1) Figures presented for 2020 include the time period since March 2020 in which restrictions were placed on the criminal justice system due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is therefore possible that these figures may reflect the impact of the pandemic on court processes and prioritisation and the subsequent recovery, rather than a continuation of the longer-term series, so care should be taken when interpreting these figures.

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