

Youth justice in Lancashire (2018/19)

Key findings for the Lancashire-14 area

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1 Overview

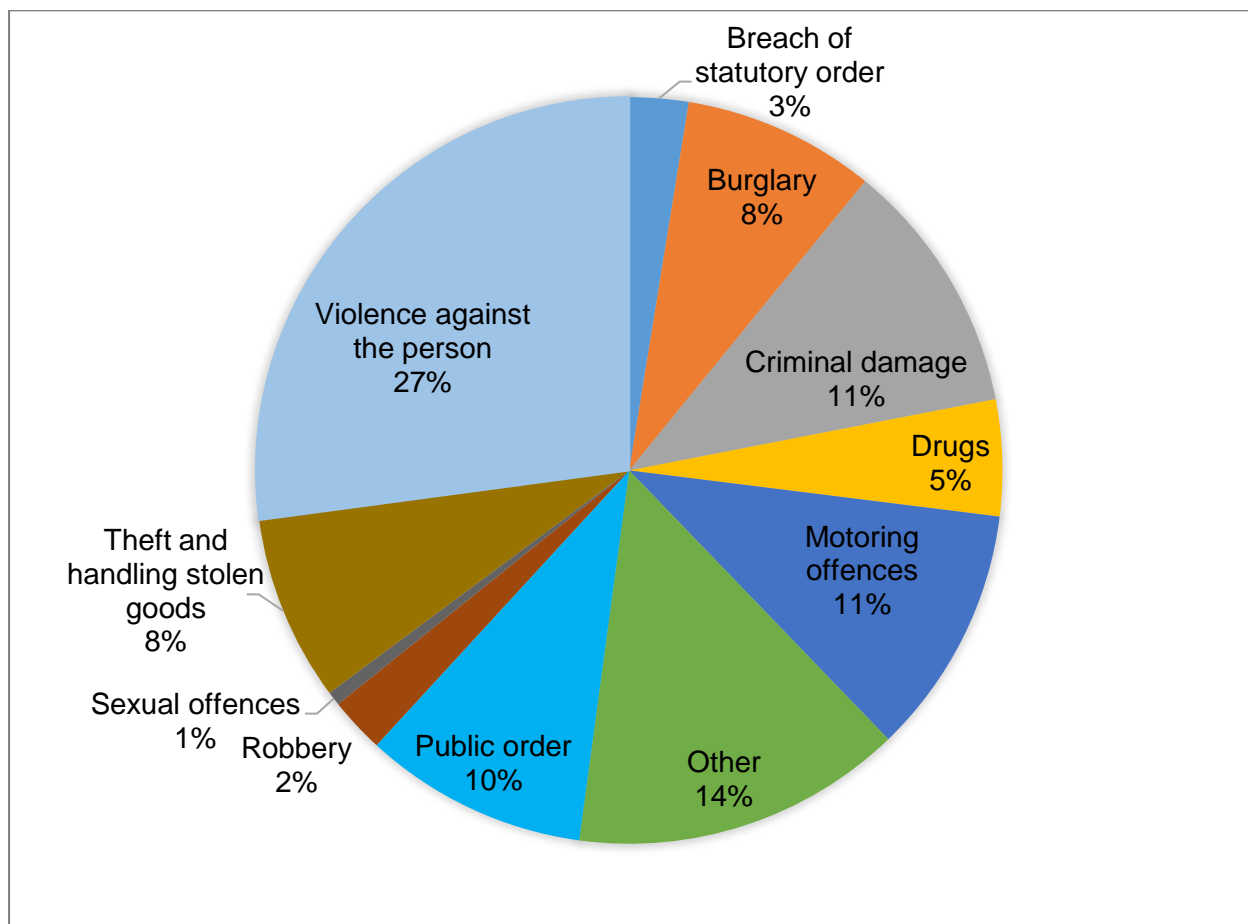
The Ministry of Justice publishes a range of annual statistics which concentrate on the flow of young people (aged 10-17) through the Youth Justice System in England and Wales. This article is a summary of the statistics for Lancashire-14.

For background information on youth justice data sources, concepts and definitions, please read the Ministry of Justice [guide to youth justice statistics](#)

2 Types of offences

Violence against the person is the most common offence for a young offender (27%), followed by criminal damage (11%) and motoring offences (11%).

Chart 1 Types of offences, year ending March 2019



Source: [Ministry of Justice, Youth justice statistics](#)

Over the five year period from March 2015 to March 2019, there has been a significant reduction in the number of proven offences. Violence against the person reducing by -37%, criminal damage by -53% and motoring offences by -37% (see table 1 below).

Table 1 Number of proven offences, March 2015 to March 2019

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Breach of statutory order	243	190	98	48	34
Burglary	239	173	124	120	111
Criminal damage	316	300	237	176	147
Drugs	85	83	58	56	67
Motoring offences	228	235	237	153	144
Other	360	336	237	229	191
Public order	212	173	143	149	129
Robbery	38	40	15	18	32
Sexual offences	39	46	48	38	8
Theft and handling stolen goods	420	281	148	135	107
Violence against the person	574	557	415	358	361
Grand Total	2,754	2,414	1,760	1,480	1,331

Source: Ministry of Justice, Youth justice statistics

3 Demographics

Youth offending teams work with 10 to 17 year olds. The largest group of those managed by YOTs in the Lancashire-14 area are in the oldest age group, 15-17 years (77.9%), compared with 77.4% in England and Wales as a whole.

Table 2 Young people cautioned or sentenced by age, year ending March 2019

YOT	Age group	
	10 to 14	15 to 17
Blackburn with Darwen	9	40
Blackpool	30	70
Lancashire-12	63	250
Lancashire-14	102	360
%	22.2	77.9
England and Wales	4,889	16,776
%	22.6	77.4

Source: Ministry of Justice, Youth justice statistics

By an over-whelming majority, most young offenders are male.

Table 3 Young people cautioned or sentenced by gender, year ending March 2019

YOT	Gender		
	Male	Female	Not known
Blackburn with Darwen	46	3	
Blackpool	80	20	
Lancashire-12	276	37	
Lancashire-14	402	60	
%	87.0	13.0	
England and Wales	18,324	3,324	17
%	84.6	15.3	0.1

Source: Ministry of Justice, Youth justice statistics

The ethnic breakdown is slightly more biased towards white offenders. In the 2011 census, 86% of the Lancashire-14 area were white and 87% of offenders were white. In comparison, 70% of offenders in England and Wales as a whole were white.

Table 4 Young people cautioned or sentenced by ethnicity, year ending March 2019

YOT	Ethnicity		
	BAME	White	Not Known
Blackburn with Darwen	14	35	
Blackpool	4	93	3
Lancashire-12	29	274	10
Lancashire-14	47	402	13
%	10.2%	87.0%	2.8%
England and Wales	5,644	15,191	830
%	26.1%	70.1%	3.8%

Source: Ministry of Justice, Youth justice statistics

4 Use of justice

Use of Justice is the number of young people receiving custodial sentences expressed as a rate per 1,000 of 10-17 year old population. The use of justice rate is lower in Lancashire than in the North West and England and Wales.

Table 5 Use of custody, year ending March 2019

District	Custodial sentences	10-17 population mye 2018	Rate per 1,000 of 10-17 population
Blackburn with Darwen	4	16,753	0.24
Blackpool	7	12,161	0.58
Lancashire-12	18	109,648	0.16
Lancashire-14	29	138,562	0.21
North West	252	664,240	0.38
England and Wales	1,571	5,360,653	0.29

Source: Ministry of Justice, Youth justice statistics

5 Outcomes

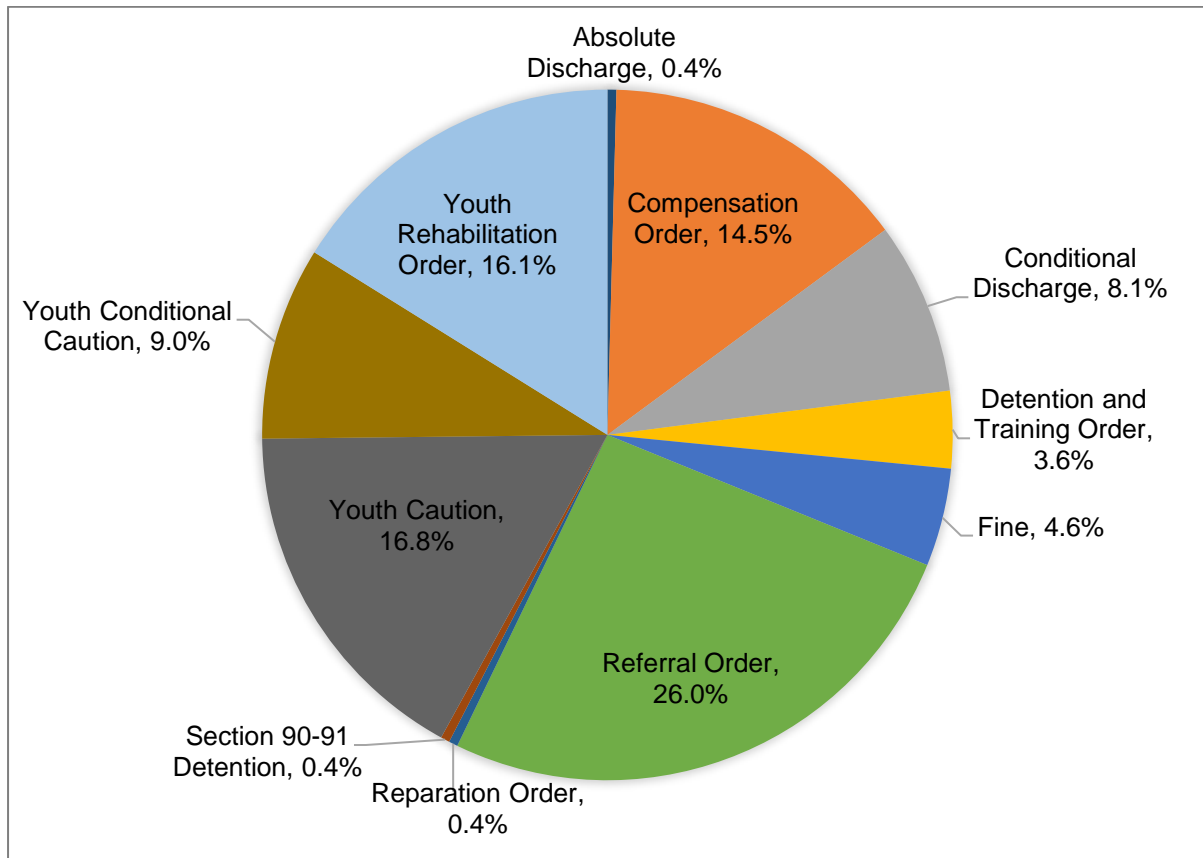
A referral order is the most common outcome for a young offender (26%), followed by a youth caution (17%) and a youth rehabilitation order (16%).

Table 6 Outcomes, year ending March 2019

Outcome	Number
Absolute Discharge	3
Bind Over	0
Compensation Order	104
Conditional Discharge	58
Detention and Training Order	26
Fine	33
Referral Order	187
Reparation Order	3
Section 90-91 Detention	3
Sentence Deferred	0
Youth Caution	121
Youth Conditional Caution	65
Youth Rehabilitation Order	116

Source: Ministry of Justice, Youth justice statistics

Chart 2: Outcomes by YOT and outcome type, year ending March 2019



Source: [Ministry of Justice, Youth justice statistics](#)