

12 March 2025

REFERENCE: FOI\25\24

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your request for information dated 12th February 2025, as detailed below.

‘I would like to request the following by court district in the last five years:

The number of people who have been fined over £10,000 for any reason, the total amount of people fined in each £10k bloc up to the highest amount, and the number who are paying the fine through a payment plan, and the average weekly/monthly payment amount.’

In the period 2019 – 2023, the most recent five years for which information is available, there were 50 cases where a fine of £10,000 or more was imposed following conviction. In 26 cases, the fine imposed was in the range £10,000 - £19,999; 8 were in the range £20,000 - £29,999, fewer than three were in the range £30,000 - £39,999, 5 were in the range £40,000 - £49,999, 4 were in the range £50,000 - £59,999, fewer than three were in the range £60,000 - £69,999, fewer than three were in the range £70,000 - £79,999 and 3 were in the range £120,000 - £129,999.

Information in relation to the cases just described has been presented in the following table, in relation to the relevant Court Office

**Cases that resulted in a fine of £10,000 or more by fine amount and Court Office,
2019 - 2023**

Court Office	£10,000 - £19,999	£20,000 - £29,999	£30,000 - £39,999	£40,000 - £49,999	£50,000 - £59,999	£60,000 - £69,999	£70,000 - £79,999	£120,000 - £129,999
Antrim	4	*	-	*	-	-	-	-
Ballymena	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*
Banbridge	-	*	-	-	*	-	-	-
Coleraine	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Craigavon	*	-	-	-	*	-	-	*
Downpatrick	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dungannon	*	-	-	-	*	-	-	*
Enniskillen	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Laganside	4	#	*	#	*	*	*	*
Lisburn	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Londonderry	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Newry	4	*	-	-	*	-	-	-
Strabane	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note:

1. Figures relate to initial disposals at courts. Appeals are not included.
 2. Figures relate to cases where there was a fine of £10,000 or more imposed for at least one offence, whether or not it was the main penalty imposed. They do not include other party compensation or costs.
 3. Figures relate to cases prosecuted on behalf of police or other Governmental agencies.
 4. Figures relate to cases dealt with at Crown Court and at magistrates' courts.
- * means a figure of less than 3 has been suppressed under rules of disclosure.
- # means a figure of 3 or more has been treated to prevent disclosure of a small number elsewhere.

From Courts records, of the cases above, 17 are paying the fine through a payment plan. Of those on a monthly payment plan, the average payment was, or is, £1257. It is not possible to provide information in relation to those on weekly or annual payment plans because of the small numbers involved.

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Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Manager