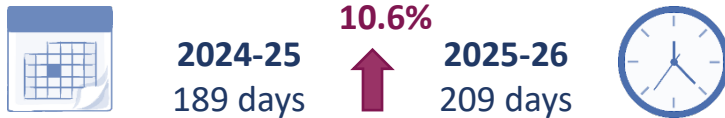


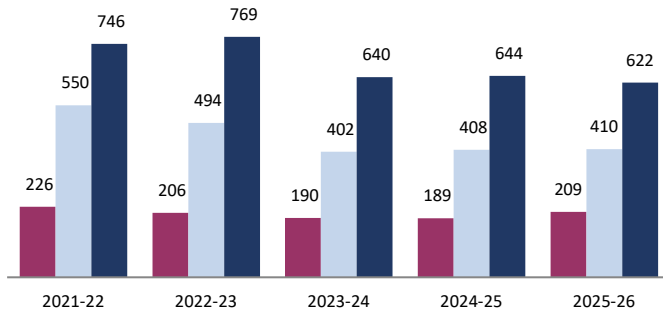
Case Processing Time for Criminal Cases dealt with at courts in Northern Ireland 2025-26

Overall

The median time taken for a case to be completed across **ALL courts** has increased.



Five-year Time Series



Median number of days taken
Number of days by which 80% of cases completed
Number of days by which 90% of cases completed

2025-26

80% of cases were completed in **410** days

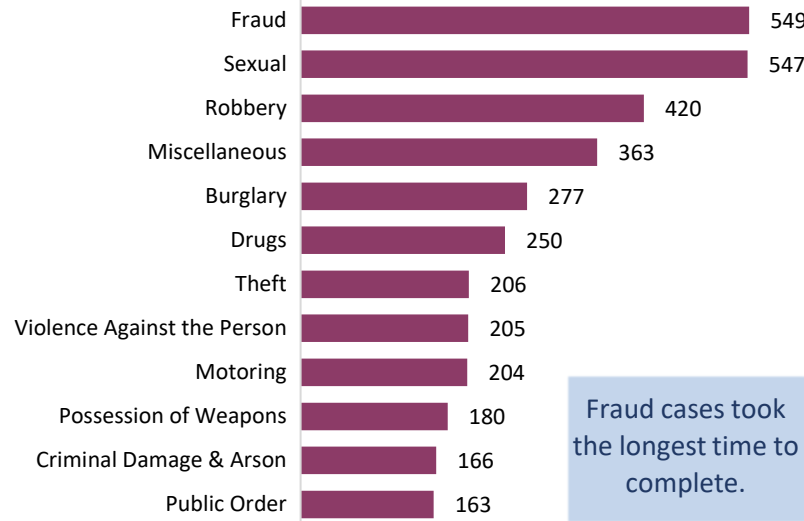
90% of cases were completed in **622** days

Cases by Court Type

Magistrates'	Crown	Youth
• 7,634 Charged	• 768 Charged	• 210 Charged
• 14,175 Summons	• 458 Summons	• 481 Summons

23,726 Criminal cases dealt with at courts in 2025-26

Median Time by Offence



Fraud cases took the longest time to complete.

Median Time by Court Type

2024/25

2025/26

Crown

Charge cases

542



521

Summons cases

1,211



1,174

Adult magistrates'

Charge cases

92



92

Summons cases

223



239

Youth magistrates'

Charge cases

158



159

Summon cases

290



257