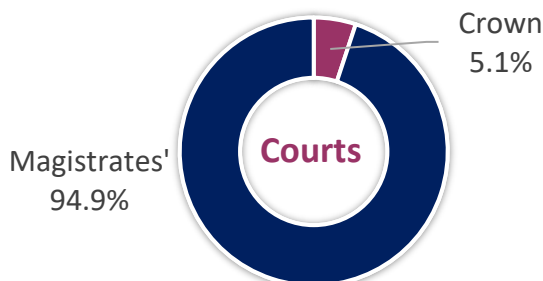


The Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings Act (Northern Ireland) 2021 – Prosecutions at Courts and Case Processing Time for Domestic Abuse Related Cases Dealt with in 2025/26

Cases overall

2,902 cases with offences under the Act¹
disposed in 2025/26

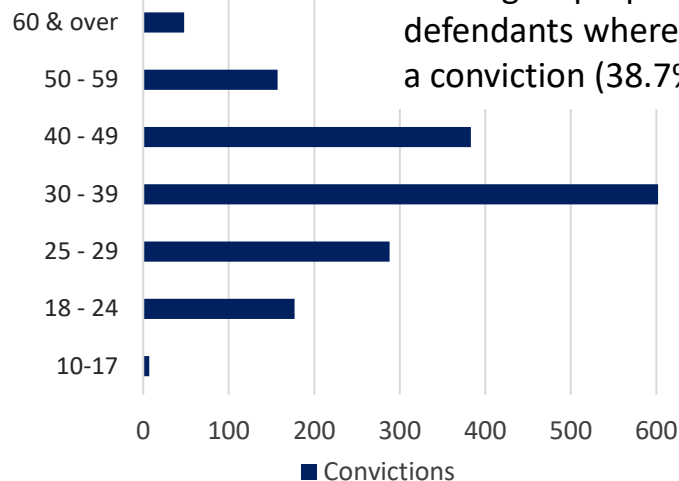
2,894 dealt with at court



8 by out of court disposals

Age

30-39 year olds made up
the largest proportion of
defendants where there was
a conviction (38.7%)



Gender



90.9% convicted
and **100%** dealt
with by out of
court disposal
were male²

9.1% convicted
were female



² Figures for males include a small
number of transgender and gender not
specified.

Case Processing Time

Median time taken for a case
to complete from offence
reported to disposal



All courts
157 days

Crown
475 days



Magistrates'
147 days

Court Disposals

Custodial Sentence **34.8%**

Suspended Sentence **25.9%**

Community Sentence **21.5%**

Monetary Penalty **14.0%**

Discharge/Other **3.8%**

**The main
disposal in 603
(34.8%) cases
was a custodial
sentence**

2025/26 compared to previous year



Cases resulting in a conviction

56.3%



2025/26

59.8%

Cases dealt with by out of court disposal

7



8

Median time (days) taken for cases to complete

152



157

¹ Figures in this infographic relate to offences under the Domestic Abuse and Civil Proceedings Act (Northern Ireland) 2021 and do not include cases where the Public Prosecution Service considered there was a domestic abuse motivation for an offence prior to the introduction of the Act on 21 February 2022.