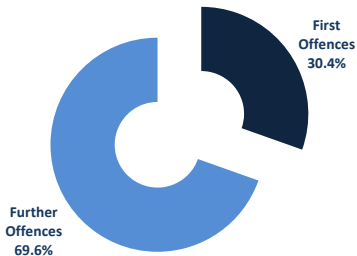


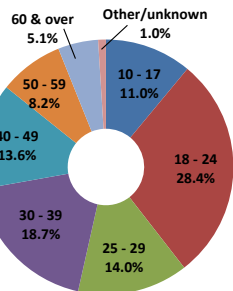
First Time Offenders in Northern Ireland, 2015/16

29,083 cases were dealt with by conviction or diversion in the justice system in 2015/16

8,848 First Offences (30.4%)



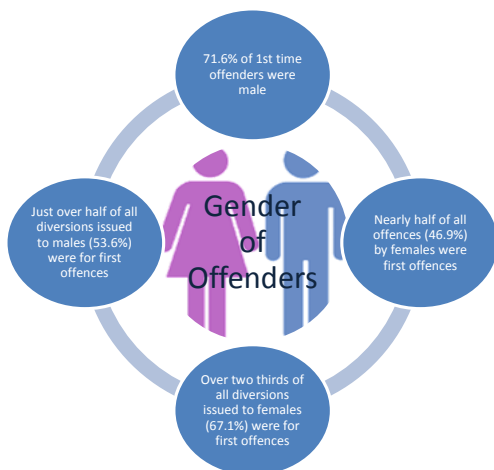
First offences by age band of offender



Of first offences, 37.9% were dealt with by diversion



2015/16 at a glance



23.7% of all convictions were for first offences.

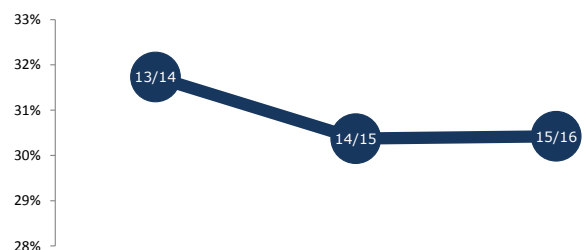
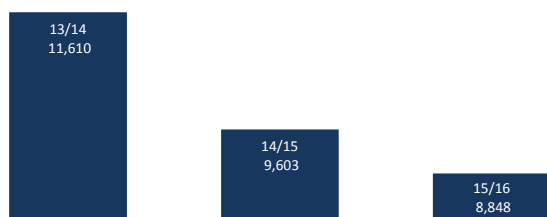
Imprisonment disposals were the outcome in relation to only 1.5% of first offences.

More than three times as many 1st offenders than further offenders were dealt with by diversion (37.9% versus 12.5%)



Trends

The number of first time offenders (8,848) decreased by 7.9% from 2014/15 ...



... whilst as a proportion of all offenders, remained unchanged (30.4%)