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Statistical News Release: Crimes detected in England and Wales 2010/11

The latest National Statistics on crimes detected by the police in England and Wales are released today. These are based on data collected from the 43 Home Office police forces and the British Transport Police.

Levels and trends in crimes detected

The key points from the latest release are:

- There were 4.15 million offences recorded by the police in 2010/11 and 1.15 million crimes detected by means of a sanction detection. The sanction detection rate (i.e. the number of sanctions divided by the number of crimes) was 28 per cent in 2010/11.
- The sanction detection rate in 2010/11 was the same as for the previous year. The number of sanction detections fell by four per cent between 2009/10 and 2010/11. The number of recorded crimes also fell by four per cent in the same period.
- As in previous years, there is a wide variation in sanction detection rates for different types of crime, with a 94 per cent detection rate for drug offences but a rate of just 11 per cent for offences against vehicles.
- Sanction detection rates by offence group remained broadly unchanged between 2009/10 and 2010/11. The exceptions were a one percentage point rise for burglary, a two percentage point fall in other theft offences and a one percentage point fall in fraud and forgery.
- There was a rise of one per cent in the number of offences detected by means of a charge or summons between 2009/10 and 2010/11. There were falls in the number of offences detected by other methods with cautions down 12 per cent, Penalty Notices for Disorder down 16 per cent and Cannabis Warnings down 8 per cent.

Notes to editors

1. It is not possible to link individual detections to individual crimes. The detection rates described in the bulletin are the number of offences recorded as detected in a given year as a proportion of the total number of crimes recorded in the same period.

2. 'Crimes detected in England and Wales 2010/11' is available online on the UK National Statistics Publication Hub as well as the Home Office Science website.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/crime-research/hosb1111/>

3. Also released today is 'Crime in England and Wales 2010/11' available online on the UK National Statistics Publication Hub as well as the Home Office Science website.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/crime-research/hosb1011/>

4. A 'User Guide to Home Office Crime Statistics' is also available, providing further information about police recorded crime and the British Crime Survey.

www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/science-research-statistics/research-statistics/crime-research/user-guide-crime-statistics/

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