

# Key data

## Factors influencing resettlement from custody



### SENTENCING

The average custodial sentence length for all offences in the year ending March 2022 increased by six months compared with the previous year to 22.8 months.



### CUSTODY POPULATION

In the year to March 2022, there were on average 450 young people in the youth secure estate.



### REOFFENDING

The proven reoffending rate fell to 31.2% in March 2022, a three percentage point decrease on the previous year. This was the lowest reoffending rate on record, although likely to have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.



### RISE IN OVER-18s

There has been a 140% rise in young people aged over 18 in the youth secure estate in the first five months of 2023, now making up 28% of those in YOIs.



### CUSTODY RELEASE

Three out of four children remanded to youth detention accommodation did not subsequently receive a custodial sentence, which is the joint highest on record along with the previous year.



### USE OF REMAND

The average number of children held on remand accounted for 45% of the youth custody population at the end of March 2022, the largest proportion in the last decade.

Source: Youth Justice Statistics 21/22, Youth Justice Board, January 2023; Ministry of Justice quarterly custody data, July 2023 Picture: motortion/Adobe Stock