

- *In 2017/18 there were just over 65,800 arrests of 10-17 year olds. Just under half of these arrests (49%) were for drugs, robbery, violence or weapon possession offences, with violence against the person making up the largest proportion (26%).*
 - *Source: Youth Justice Statistics: 2017 to 2018*
- *In the last year, the number of arrests decreased for all offence groups except for possession of weapons, robbery and miscellaneous crimes against society. The most noticeable increase was for possession of weapons, which had 676 more arrests for this offence group than in the previous year (an increase of 22%).*
 - *Source: Youth Justice Statistics: 2017 to 2018*
- *There have been long term downward falls in the number of youth first time entrants (FTEs) to the youth justice system. However, when examined by offence group, the number of FTEs committing possession of weapons offences has been steadily increasing since 2013, although it has levelled off in the latest year. In the year ending December 2018, the proportion of FTEs committing possession of weapons offences was 15%, compared to 4% five years ago.*
 - *Source: Criminal Justice Statistics quarterly: December 2018*
- *In 2017/18, there were around 70,300 proven offences committed by young people. While this number has been falling year-on-year over the last ten years, the proportion of violence against the person offences has been increasing, and now accounts for 29% of all proven offences in 2017/18, compared to 19% ten years ago.*
 - *Source: Youth Justice Statistics: 2017 to 2018*
- *There were 4,430 knife or offensive weapon offences resulting in a caution or conviction committed by 10-17 year olds in the year ending December 2018. The vast majority of these (96%) were for possession of a knife or offensive weapon offence, with the remaining 4% for threatening with a knife or offensive weapon offence.*
 - *Source: Knife and offensive weapon sentencing statistics: October to December 2018*
- *Knife and offensive weapon offences committed by children resulting in a caution or conviction had been gradually increasing since the year ending December 2014, but in the latest year there has been a decrease of 2%.*
 - *Source: Knife and offensive weapon sentencing statistics: October to December 2018*

- *The rate per 10,000 population of knife offences resulting in a caution or conviction committed by children remains higher than that for adults (8.4 for children, 3.7 for adults).*
 - *Source: Knife and offensive weapon sentencing statistics: October to December 2018*
- *In 2017/18 there was an average of 894 children in the youth secure estate at any one time. This is an increase of 3% compared with the previous year, (although provisional data for 2018/19 shows this number has fallen again). Over the last five years there has been a decline in the average number of children held for each offence group, except for violence against the person. This offence group increased by 11% in the last year and accounts for 41% of the youth secure estate.*
 - *Source: Youth Justice Statistics: 2017 to 2018*
- *NHS data for England indicates that's there has been a 51% increase in the number of episodes of sharp object assaults since 2012/13 from 313 to 473.*