



A Profile of Offenders of Crime Newcastle, 2008/09

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KEY MESSAGES

In 2008/09 17,268 **notifiable** offences were committed in Newcastle by 10,522 individuals. 3,035 of these offenders had allegedly committed more than one offence.

Where the notifiable crime was committed in Newcastle in 2008/09:

- One third of offenders committed crimes of a violent¹ nature.
- 81% of VAP offenders were male and 35% of these males were aged 18-24 years old.
- 56% of female VAP offenders were aged 10-24.
- 8% of offenders were from a Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) group. BME accounts for 10.7% of the total population of Newcastle.
- 24% of offenders were in employment, whilst 35% of offenders were charged.

In 2008/09 there were 14,989 notifiable offences committed by 8,111 individuals whose home address was given as Newcastle. 2,853 of these offenders had allegedly committed more than one offence. The offence would have been committed in the Northumbria Force Area, although not necessarily in Newcastle.

In 2008/09 there were 8,556 **non-notifiable** offences in Newcastle, committed by 6,637 individuals. 1,109 of these offenders had allegedly committed more than one offence.

Where the non-notifiable crime was committed in Newcastle in 2008/09:

- 83% of offenders were male, however, one-third of all offenders were males were aged 18-24 years old.
- 21% of female and 19% of male offenders were aged 30-39 years old.
- 8% of offenders were from a BME group. BME accounts for 10.7% of the total population of Newcastle.
- 57% of offenders were unemployed, whilst 29% were in employment.
- 54% of offenders had 'Other' listed as their disposal outcome. Excluding 'Other' disposal group, 67% of offenders were charged, whilst 7% were cautioned.

In 2008/09 there were 6,648 non-notifiable offences committed by 4,709 individuals whose home address was given as Newcastle. 1,082 of these offenders had allegedly committed more than one offence.

During 2008/09:

- Of the 17,268 notifiable offences committed in Newcastle, 12,562 of these offences were committed by 7,098 individuals living in Newcastle.
- Of the 8,556 non-notifiable offences committed in Newcastle, 5,703 of these offences were committed by 4,153 individuals living in Newcastle.

During 2008/09 in Newcastle:

- There were 1,882 Probation cases.
- 77% of Probation cases were for notifiable offences.
- 85% of those on Probation were male, 42% were aged under 26 years old and 6% were of Black or Minority Ethnic origin.
- 69% of those on Probation were subject to a Community Order, whilst 16% were given a Suspended Sentence. 12% were given a custodial sentence.

During 2008/09 in Newcastle of those on Probation undergoing OASys assessments:

- 29% were considered to be at high risk of reconviction at the start of the Probation sentence, whilst 10% were considered to be at high risk of reconviction at the end of the Probation sentence.
- At the start of sentence drug misuse was a concern in 29% of cases, whilst at the end it was a concern in 12% of cases.

¹ Violent crime comprises Violence Against the Person (VAP), Sexual offences and Robbery. VAP covers the whole spectrum of assaults from pushing and shoving, with no physical harm, to murder.

This report aims to give an overview of those arrested or charged with offences in Newcastle during 2008/09. For the purposes of the report these people arrested or charged with offences are referred to as offenders, although at this stage of the Criminal Justice process the offence against them has not been proven. A demographic profile of offenders, identifying particular groups of people arrested or charged with disproportionate levels of crime (rather than convictions) has been undertaken. The number of repeat offenders within the year has also been identified. Where the alleged crime was committed and the home address of the offender is analysed, along with the 'disposal outcome'. Analysis has been undertaken for notifiable and non-notifiable offences.

In order to build a more accurate picture of the profile of offenders only the latest disposal outcome for each offence within the time period being considered is counted. For example, within a year, an offender could be arrested, bailed (once or several times), then be charged with an offence. For the purposes of this report, only the latest 'event' is counted, so in this example the 'charge'.

The report provides an analysis of Probation Cases during 2008/09 in Newcastle. Probation is a sentence imposed by a court in lieu of incarceration. A criminal who is "on probation" has been convicted of a crime but has served only part of the sentence in jail, or has not served time at all.

Data are provided for one year only, 2008/09, therefore care should be taken when drawing conclusions.

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Ethnicity figures are experimental Population Estimates 2007 - Source: Office for National Statistics, Crown Copyright 2009.

1. Notifiable Offences - Demographic Profile of Offenders Where the Crime was Committed in Newcastle

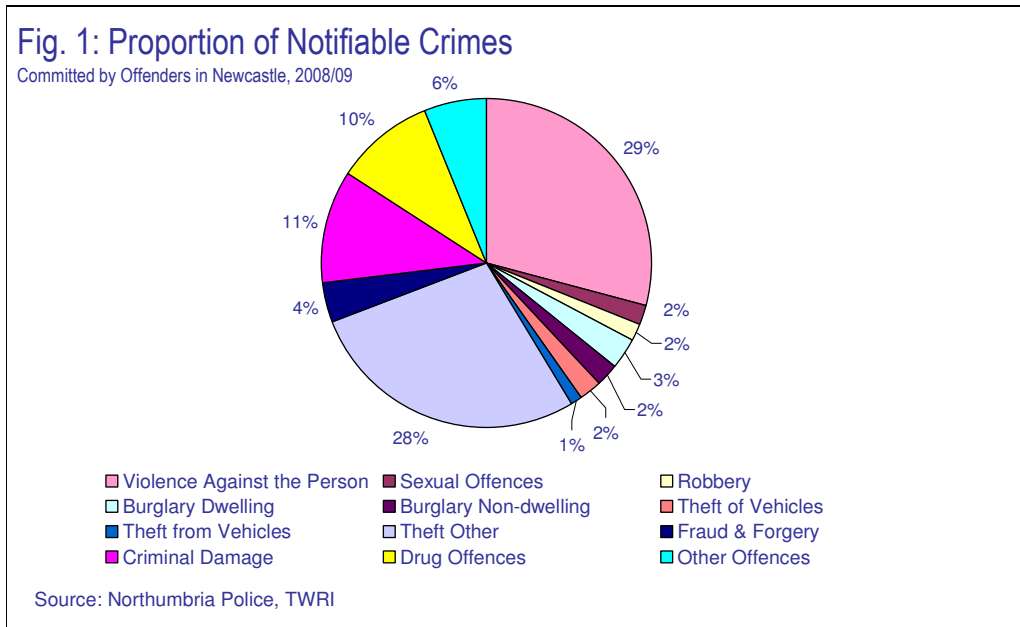
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1.1 Distribution of Different Types of Crime

In 2008/09 there were 17,268 notifiable offences in Newcastle, committed by 10,522 individuals. Within this section each notifiable offence is considered separately. An analysis of repeat offenders can be found in section 2.

One third of notifiable offences committed by offenders in Newcastle were of a violent nature². After violent crimes Theft Other accounted for over one quarter (28%) of offences.

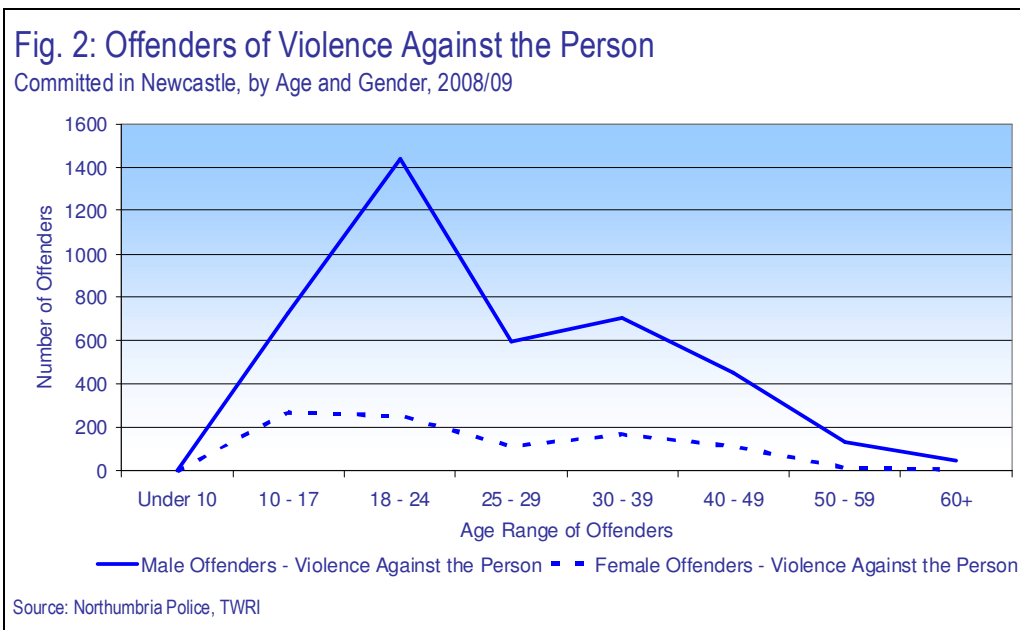
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1.2 Age and Gender of Offenders

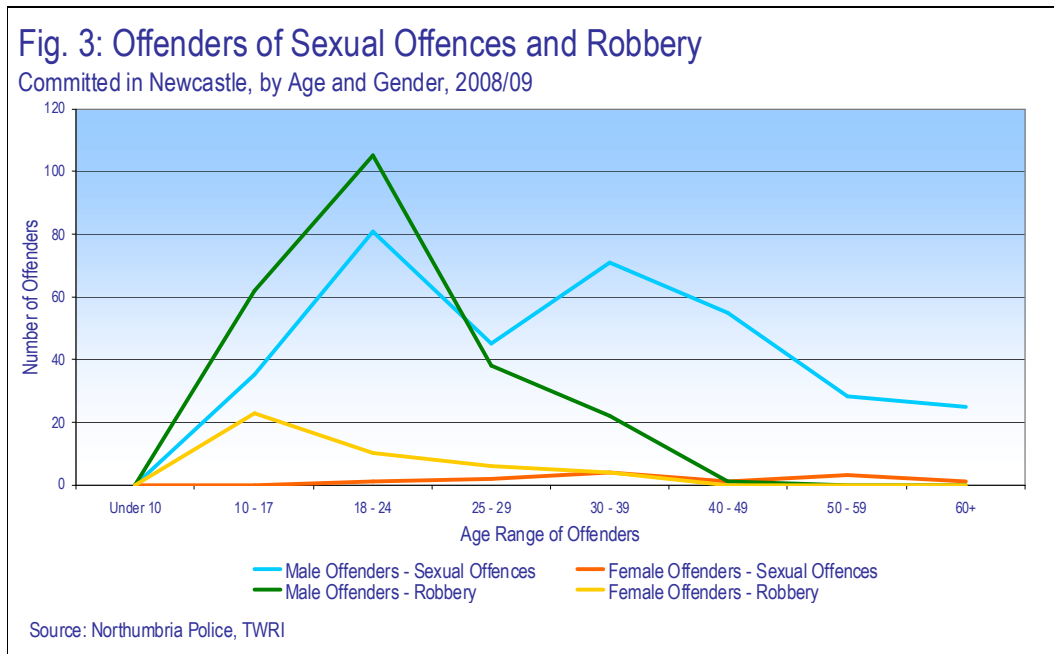
In Newcastle during 2008/09

- Violence Against the Person was the most prevalent offence committed by offenders.
- Males accounted for 81% of offenders of Violence Against the Person (VAP).
- Just over a third (35%) of these male offenders were aged 18-24, the age group accounting for the largest proportion of VAP offenders.
- 56% of female VAP offenders were aged 10-24.



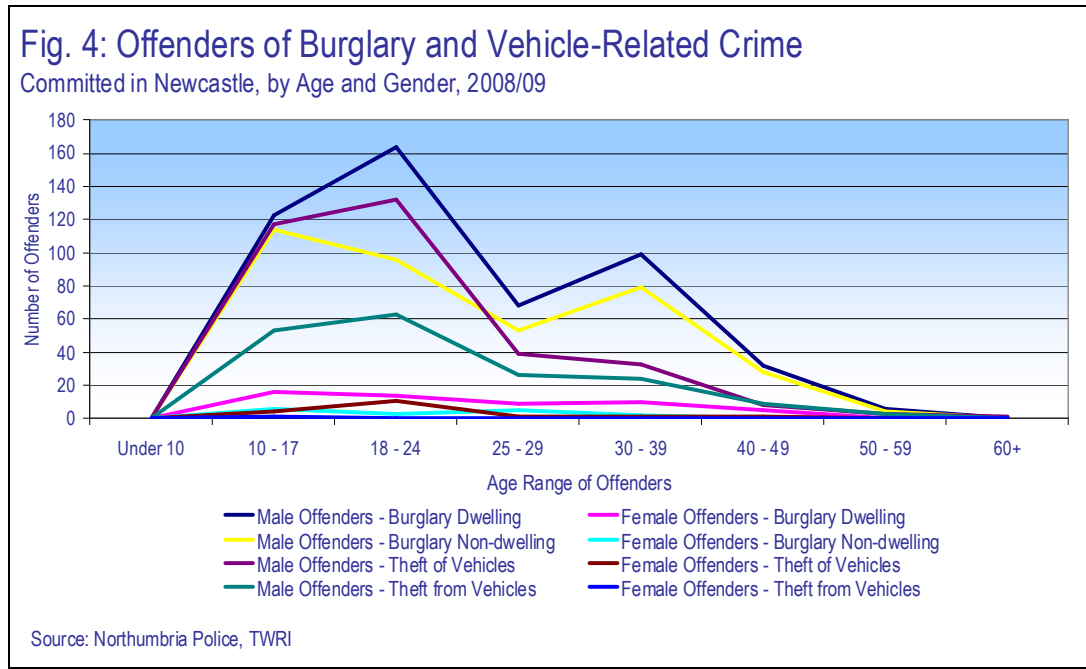
In Newcastle during 2008/09:

- Males accounted for 97% of offenders of Sexual Offences. 24% of these males were aged 18-24 years.
- Only 3% of Sexual Offences were allegedly committed by females. Females in the 30-39 age accounted for one third of female Sexual Offenders.
- Males accounted for 84% of Robbery offenders. 46% were aged 18-24.
- 53% of female Robbery offenders were aged 10-17 years old.



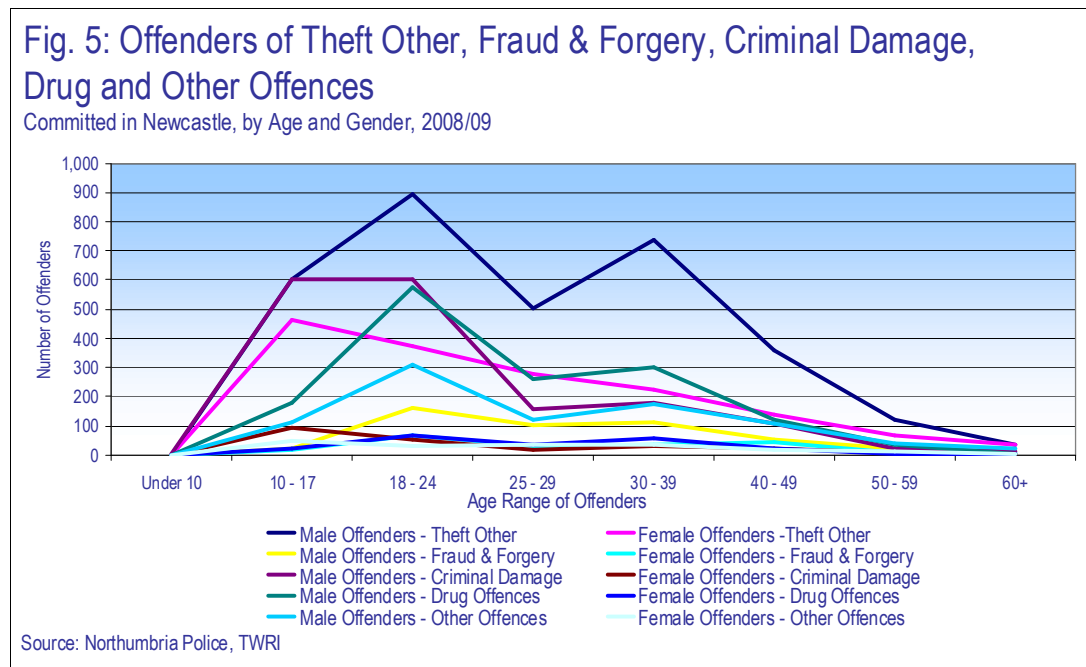
In Newcastle during 2008/09:

- Males accounted for 90% of Burglary Dwelling offenders. One third of these males were aged 18-24 years.
- Females accounted for only 10% of Burglary Dwelling offenders. 30% of these female offenders were aged under 18 years old.
- Males accounted for 96% of Burglary Non-dwelling offenders. Of these offenders those aged 10-17 represented the largest proportion (30%).
- Males accounted for 95% of offenders of vehicle thefts. 40% of these males were aged 18-24, whilst 61% of females allegedly responsible for vehicle thefts were also aged 18-24.
- Males accounted for 99% of Theft from Vehicle offenders. Over one third (35%) of these males were aged 18-24.



In Newcastle during 2008/09:

- Males accounted for 67% of Theft Other offenders. Males in the 18-24 age group were the most frequent offenders accounting for over one quarter (27%). Females aged 10-17 accounted for the highest proportion (29%) of Theft Other offenders.
- 30% of Fraud & Forgery offenders were female. Those aged 18-24 accounted for 33% of these offenders.
- 88% of Criminal Damage offenders were male. Almost three quarters (72%) of these males were aged under 25 years old. Of the 12% of female offenders of Criminal Damage those aged 10-17 accounted for 42%.
- 88% of offenders of Drug Offences were male. The peak age group for both male and female offenders was those aged 18-24 years.



1.3 Ethnicity of Offenders

In Newcastle during 2008/09:

- 2.4% of offenders of Violence Against the Person were Black or Black British people who accounted for 1.3% of the population of Newcastle.
- 22% of offenders of Sexual Offences were from a Black or Minority Ethnic (BME) group despite accounting for only 10.7% of the population.
- 0.5% of Burglary Dwelling offenders were of Asian or Asian British ethnicity despite accounting for 5.7% of the population of Newcastle.
- 94.9% of Theft of Vehicle offenders and 97.8% of Theft from Vehicle offenders were White despite the fact that people of White ethnicity accounted for only 89.3% of the population of Newcastle.
- 9% of Fraud & Forgery offences were committed by Black or Black British people despite the fact that they accounted for only 1.3% of the population of Newcastle.

Table 1: Offenders in Newcastle by Ethnicity, 2008/09

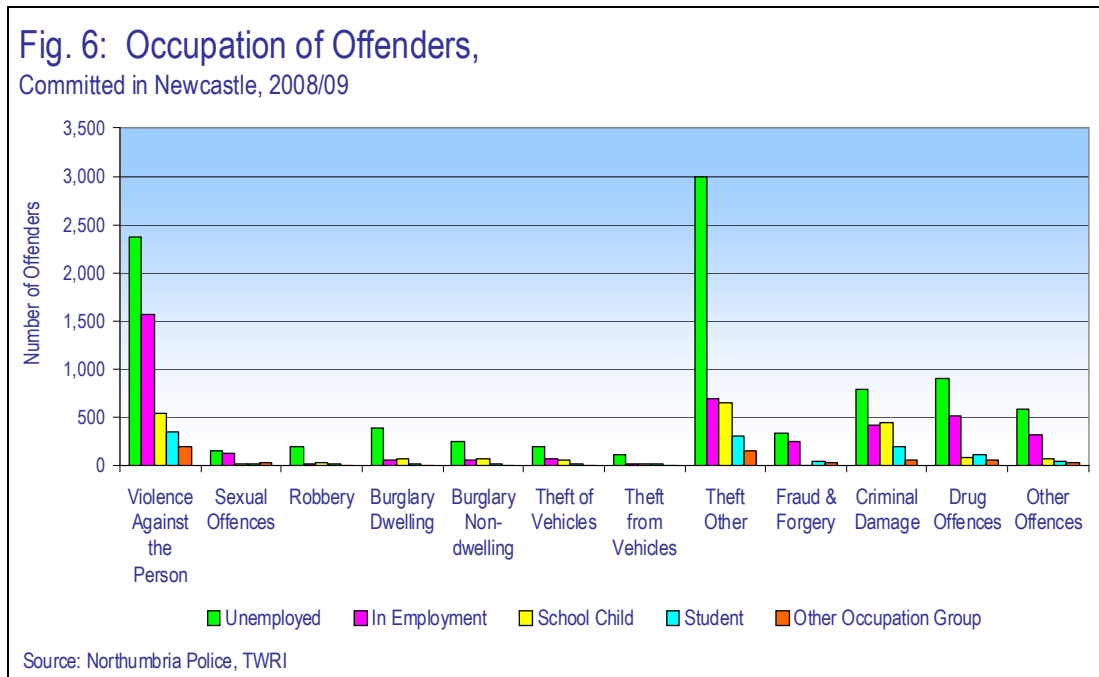
| Crime Category | Proportion of Offenders (%) | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| | Asian or Asian British (5.7%) | Black or Black British (1.3%) | Chinese / Mixed / Other (3.7%) | White (89.3%) |
| Violence Against the Person | 4.2 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 91.2 |
| Sexual Offences | 8.2 | 4.3 | 9.1 | 78.4 |
| Robbery | 0.7 | 0.7 | 3.0 | 95.6 |
| Burglary Dwelling | 0.5 | 0.9 | 3.3 | 95.2 |
| Burglary Non-Dwelling | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 99.7 |
| Theft of Vehicles | 3.7 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 94.9 |
| Theft from Vehicles | 0.6 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 97.8 |
| Theft Other | 2.9 | 2.9 | 1.6 | 92.6 |
| Fraud & Forgery | 6.6 | 9.0 | 3.4 | 81.0 |
| Criminal Damage | 3.0 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 95.3 |
| Drug Offences | 4.6 | 0.9 | 2.7 | 91.8 |
| Other Offences | 6.7 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 89.8 |

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1.4 Occupation of Offenders

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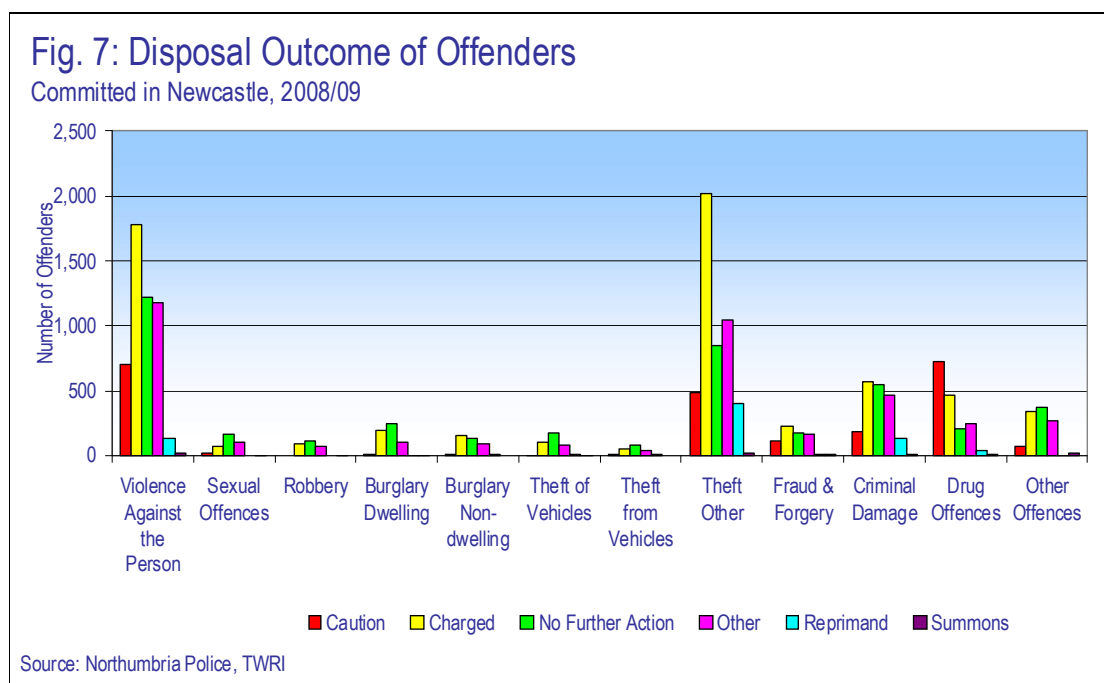
- The proportion of offenders who were unemployed was particularly high for Robbery (74%) and Burglary Dwellings (71%).
- The employed accounted for 38% of Fraud & Forgery offenders, 35% of Sexual offenders and 31% of Violence Against the Person offenders.
- School children accounted for 24% of Criminal Damage offenders and 18% of Burglary Non-dwelling offenders.
- Students accounted for 12% of Theft from Vehicle offenders and 7% of Violence Against the Person offenders.



1.5 Disposal Group of Offenders

In Newcastle during 2008/09:

- Over two fifths (43%) of Drug Offenders received cautions.
- Charges were brought against 42% of Theft Other offenders and 40% Burglary-Non Dwelling offenders.
- No further action was taken against 48% of Theft of Vehicle offenders and 47% of Sexual offence offenders.
- Reprimands were given to 8% of Theft Other offenders and 7% of Criminal Damage offenders.



2. Notifiable Offences - Profile of Repeat Offenders Where the Crime was Committed in Newcastle

During 2008/09 in Newcastle

- There were 10,522 offenders.
- 3,035 offenders had allegedly committed more than one offence.
- 59 individuals had allegedly committed over 10 offences each, accounting for 5% of all offences. Just under half (47%) of the offences allegedly committed by these 59 individuals were for Theft Other (433 out of 912 offences).
- 8 individuals had allegedly committed over 20 offences each.

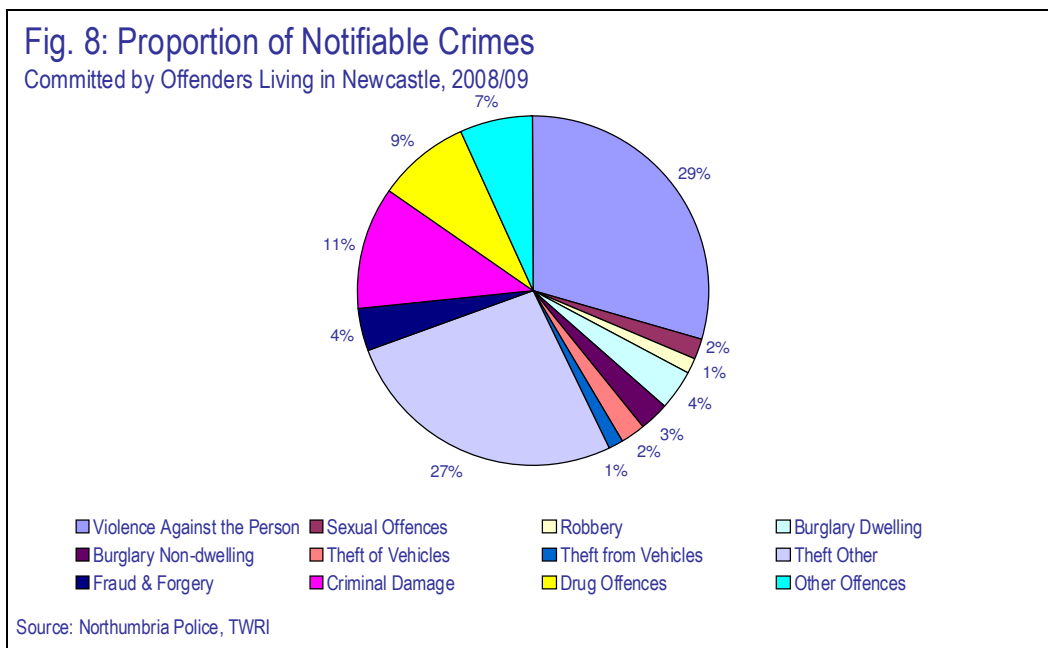
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3.1 Distribution of Different Types of Crime

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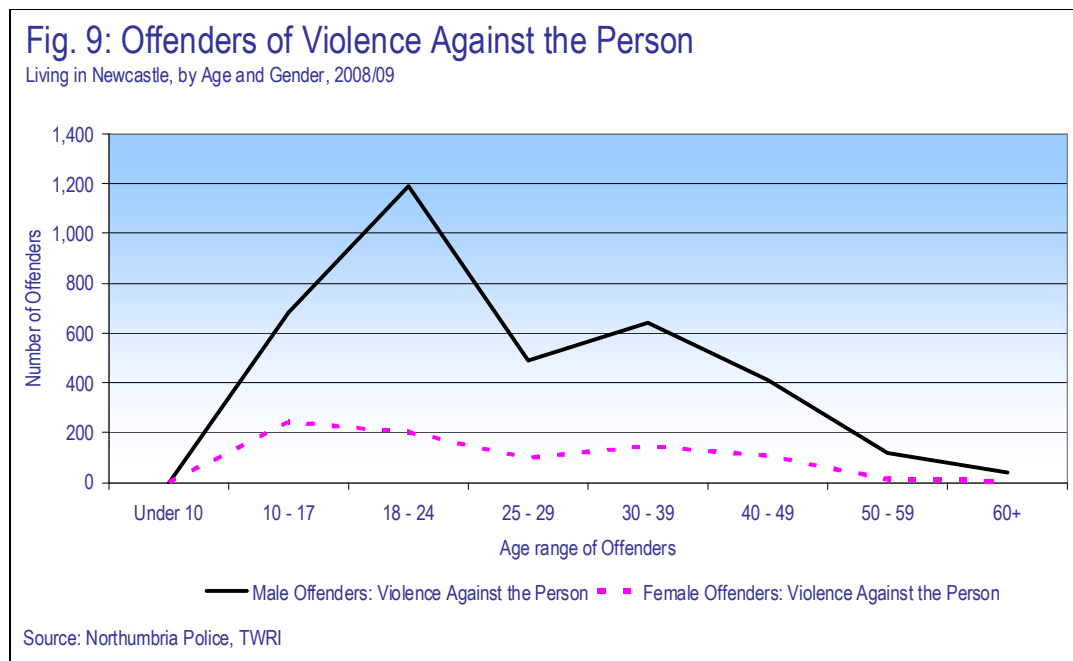
Of the offenders living in Newcastle, one third had allegedly committed a violent crime while just over one quarter (27%) were for Theft Other offences.



3.2 Age and Gender of Offenders

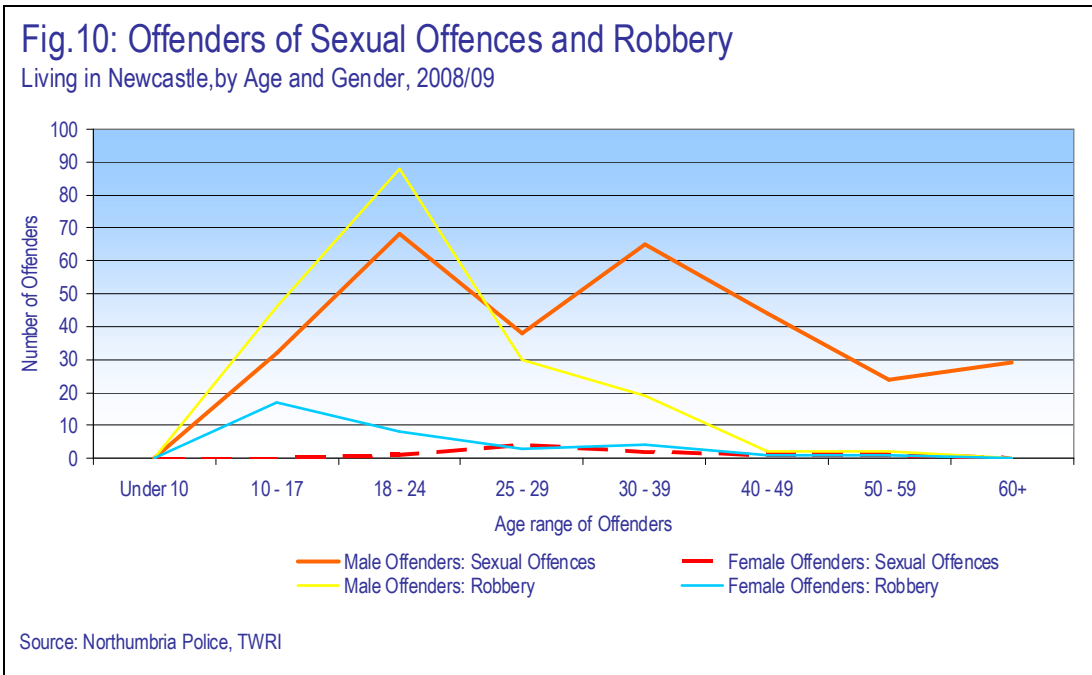
Offenders who had a home address in Newcastle during 2008/09:

- Under one third (29%) of offenders had allegedly committed Violence Against the Person offences.
- 81% of Violence Against the Person offenders were male. One third of these males were aged 18-24.
- Almost one third (30%) of female offenders of Violence Against the Person were aged 10-17.



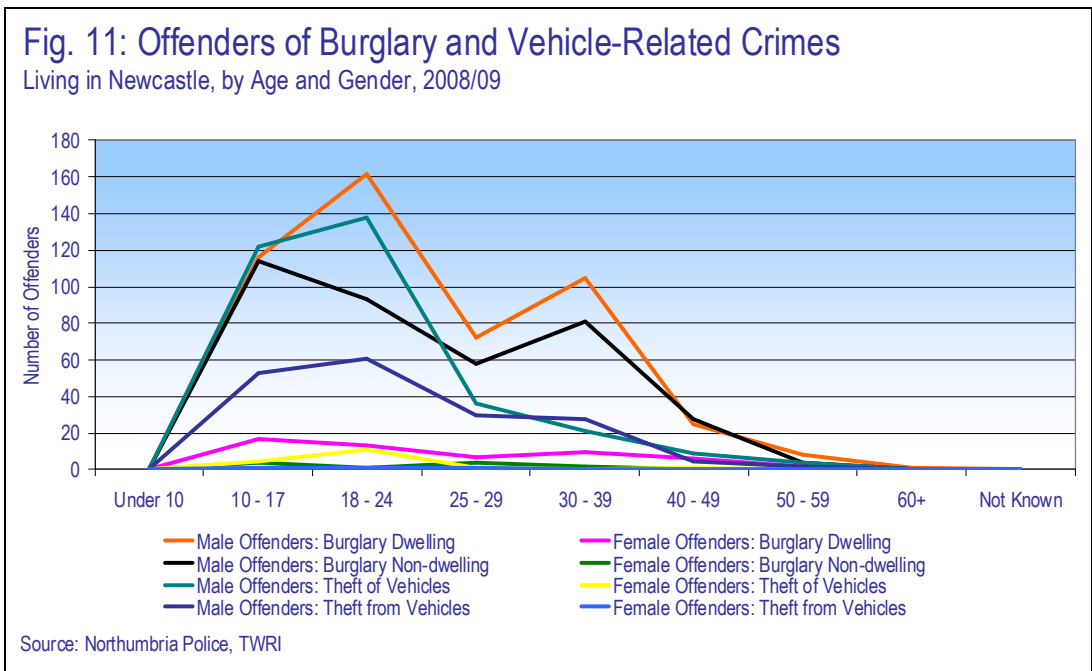
Offenders who had a home address in Newcastle during 2008/09:

- Sexual offenders made up 2% of the total number of offenders. 97% of Sexual offenders were male. One third of these males were under 25 years old.
- 85% of Robbery offenders were male. Almost half (47%) of these males were aged 18-24



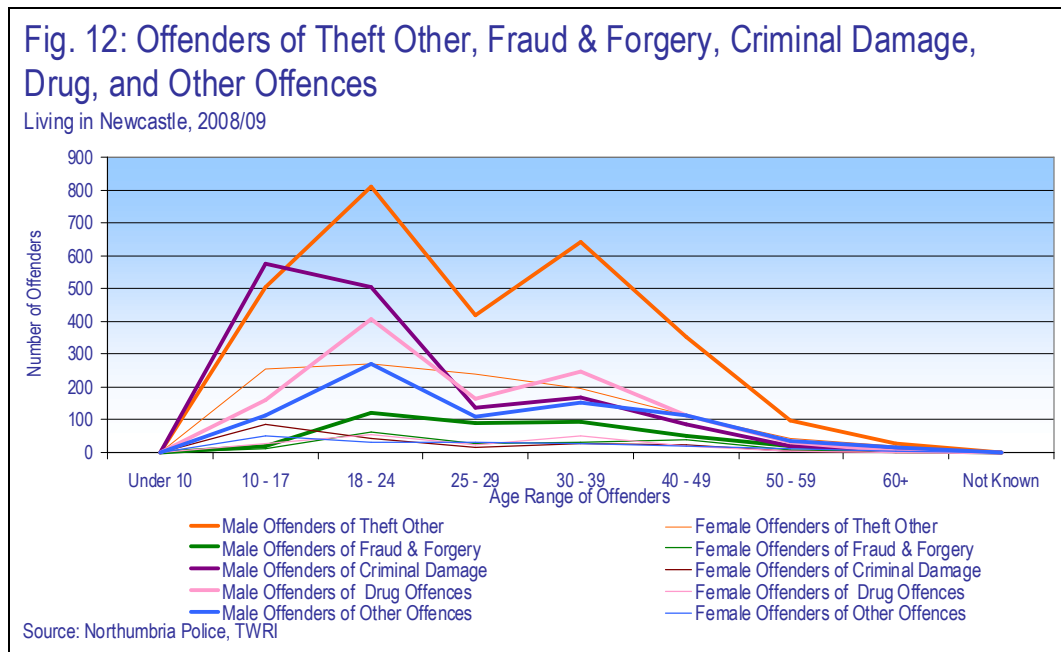
Offenders who had a home address in Newcastle during 2008/09:

- 90% of Burglary Dwelling offenders were male and one third of these were aged 18-24.
- 97% of Burglary Non-dwelling offenders were male and almost one third (30%) of these males were aged 10-17.
- 95% of Theft of Vehicle offenders were male and almost four fifths (78%) of these males were aged under 25 years.



Offenders who had a home address in Newcastle during 2008/09:

- Over one quarter (27%) of offenders had committed a Theft Other offence. Almost one third (29%) of Theft Other offenders were female and almost one quarter (24%) of these females were aged 18-24.
- Almost one third (315) of Fraud & Forgery offenders were female, with 34% of these offenders being aged 18-24.
- 86% of Drug offenders were male. 36% of these males were aged 18-24.



3.3 Ethnicity of Offenders

Offenders who had a home address in Newcastle during 2008/09:

- 24% of Sexual offenders were from a BME group. BME groups accounted for 10.7% of the population of Newcastle.
- White people accounted for 96% of Burglary Dwelling offenders, 99.7% of Burglary Non-dwelling offenders, 96% of Theft of Vehicles and 97% of Theft from Vehicle offenders. White people accounted for 89.3% of the population of people living in Newcastle.
- 9.5% of offenders of Fraud & Forgery were either Black or Black British ethnicity. People of Black or Black British ethnicity accounted for only 1.3% of the population of Newcastle.

Table 2: Offenders Living in Newcastle by Ethnicity, 2008/09

| Crime Category | Proportion of Offenders (%) | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| | Asian or Asian British (5.7%) | Black or Black British (1.3%) | Chinese / Mixed / Other (3.7%) | White (89.3%) |
| Violence Against the Person | 5.3 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 90.4 |
| Sexual Offences | 11.3 | 4.9 | 7.4 | 76.4 |
| Robbery | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.8 | 96.4 |
| Burglary Dwelling | 1.1 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 95.6 |
| Burglary Non-Dwelling | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 99.7 |
| Theft of Vehicles | 3.4 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 96.0 |
| Theft from Vehicles | 2.2 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 97.3 |
| Theft Other | 3.3 | 3.1 | 1.6 | 92.0 |
| Fraud & Forgery | 7.2 | 9.5 | 3.3 | 80.0 |
| Criminal Damage | 3.3 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 94.8 |
| Drug Offences | 4.6 | 1.1 | 2.3 | 91.9 |
| Other Offences | 5.9 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 90.3 |

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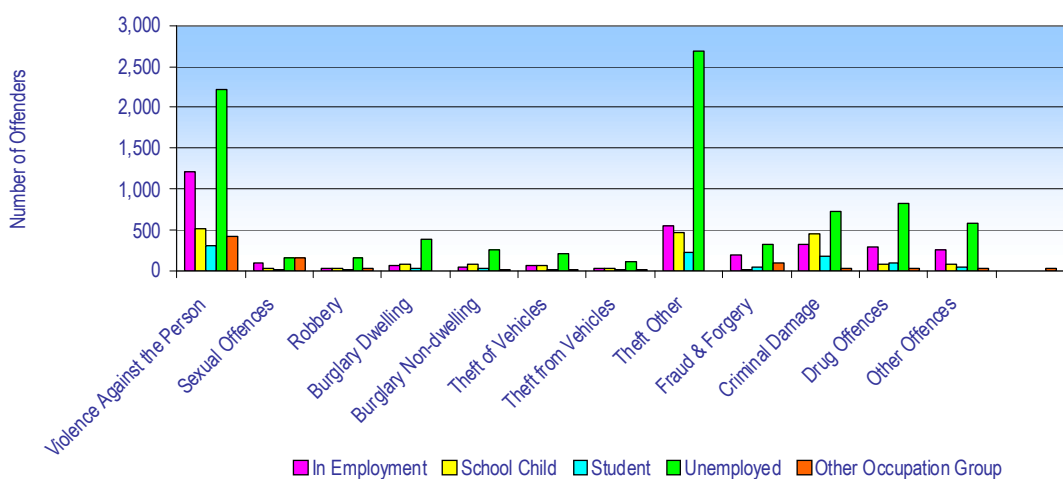
3.4 Occupation of Offenders

Offenders who had a home address in Newcastle during 2008/09:

- Over half of offenders were unemployed (58%). The proportion of unemployed offenders was high for Robbery (74%), Burglary Dwelling (71%), and Theft Other (67%).
- Just over one fifth (21%) of offenders were in employment. Employed offenders were highest for Fraud & Forgery (34%), Sexual Offences (32%) and Violence Against the Person (27%).
- School children accounted for 12% of offenders. 26% of Criminal Damage offenders were school children, whilst 18% of Burglary Non-dwelling offenders were also school children.
- Students accounted for 10% of offenders of Criminal Damage and Theft from Vehicles.

Fig. 13: Occupation of Offenders

Living in Newcastle, 2008/09

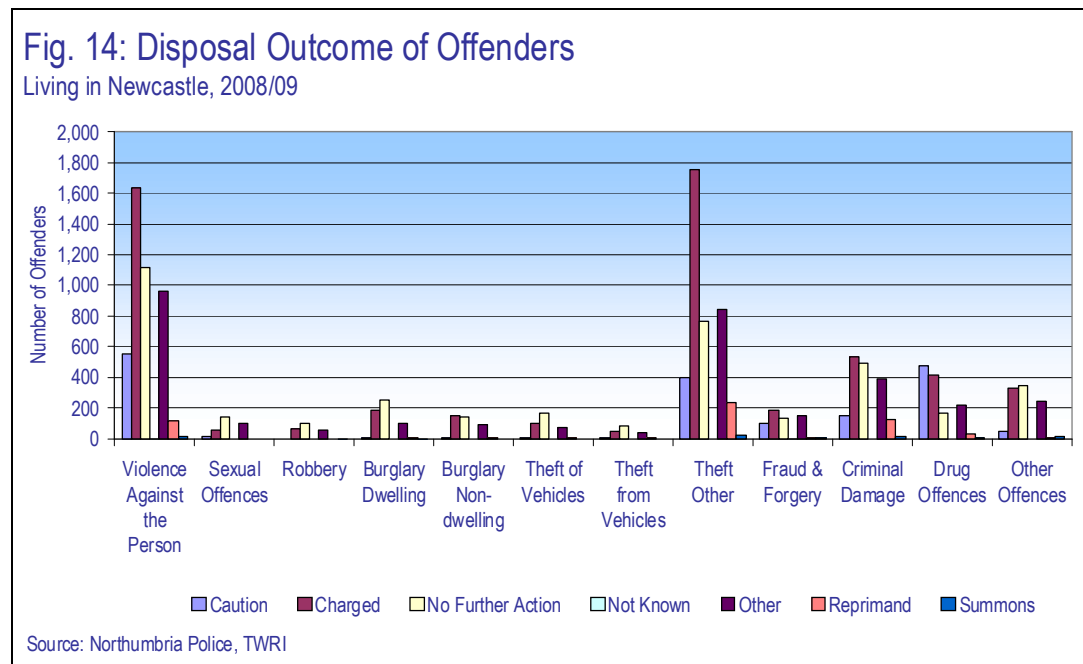


Source: Northumbria Police, TWRI

3.5 Disposal Group of Offenders

Offenders who had a home address in Newcastle during 2008/09:

- 36% of Drug offenders received a caution.
- The crimes for which the biggest proportion of offenders were charged were Theft Other (44%), Burglary Non-Dwelling (38%) and Violence against the Person (37%).
- No further action was taken against almost half of Theft of Vehicle offenders (48%), Theft from Vehicle offenders (47%) and Sexual Offenders (47%).
- Reprimands were given to 8% of offenders of Criminal Damage and 6% of Theft Other offenders.



4. Notifiable Offences - Profile of Repeat Offenders Living in Newcastle

Offenders who had a home address in Newcastle during 2008/09:

- There were 8,111 offenders.
- 2,853 offenders had allegedly committed more than one offence.
- 346 individuals had allegedly committed over 5 offences each.
- 74 individuals had allegedly committed over 10 offences each, accounting for 7.5% of all offences. Almost half (46%) of the offences allegedly committed by these 74 individuals were for Theft Other (519 out of 1,119 offences).
- One individual was responsible for 40 notifiable offences.

5. Non-notifiable Offences – Demographic Profile of Offenders Where crime was Committed in Newcastle.

Data within section 5 refers to the characteristics of offenders where the alleged crime was committed in Newcastle. The offence was not notifiable to the Home Office.

5.1 Age and Gender of Offenders

In 2008/09 there were 8,556 non-notifiable offences in Newcastle, committed by 6,637 individuals. Within this section each non-notifiable offence is considered separately. An analysis of repeat offenders can be found in section 6.

In Newcastle during 2008/09

- 83% of non-notifiable offenders were male.
- One third of all non-notifiable offenders were males aged 18-24 year old.
- 21% of female and 19% of male non-notifiable offenders were 30-39 years old.

Table 3: Non-notifiable Offenders by Age and Gender, Where the Offence was Committed in Newcastle, 2008/09

| | Age Range | | | | | | | | All Ages |
|---------------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|----------|
| | Under 10 | 10-17 | 18-24 | 25-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-59 | 60+ | |
| Male | 1 | 636 | 2,803 | 1,225 | 1,376 | 711 | 249 | 88 | 7,091 |
| Female | 0 | 212 | 479 | 235 | 306 | 169 | 56 | 7 | 1,464 |
| Total | 1 | 848 | 3,282 | 1,461 | 1,682 | 880 | 305 | 95 | 8,556 |

Source: Northumbria Police, TWRI

Note: Age and gender may not sum to total, as in some cases age and/or gender is not known.

5.2 Ethnicity of Offenders

In Newcastle during 2008/09:

- 8% of non-notifiable offenders were from a Black or Minority Ethnic (BME) group. BME groups accounted for 10.7% of the population of Newcastle.

Table 4: Non-notifiable Offenders by Ethnicity, where the Offence was Committed in Newcastle, 2008/09

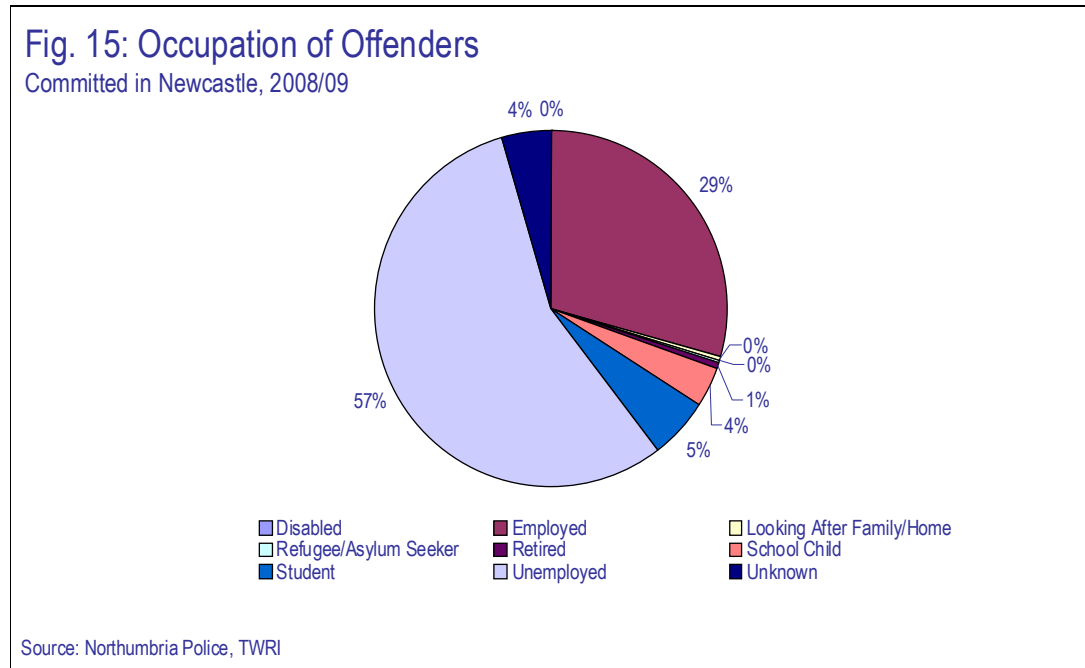
| Ethnic Group | Number of Offenders | % of Offenders | % of Population |
|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Asian or Asian British | 294 | 3.4 | 5.7 |
| Black or Black British | 175 | 2.0 | 1.3 |
| Chinese, Mixed or Other | 186 | 2.2 | 3.7 |
| White | 7,901 | 92.3 | 89.3 |
| Total | 8,556 | | |

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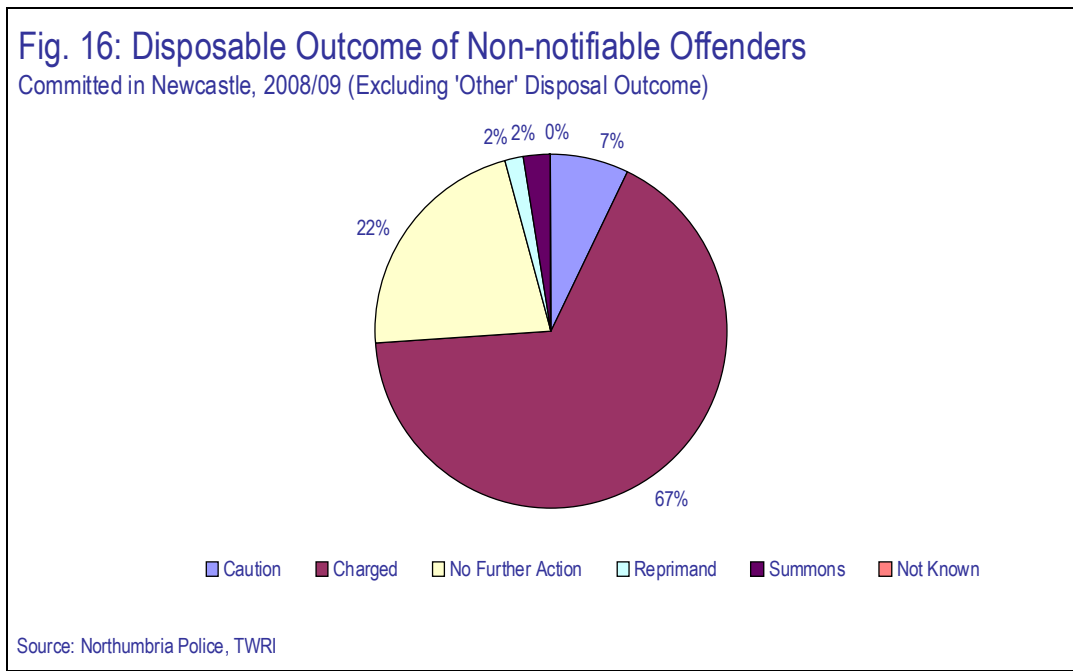
- Almost three fifths (57%) of non-notifiable offenders were unemployed, whilst almost one third (29%) were in employment.
- 9% of non-notifiable offenders were a school child or student.



5.4 Disposal Group of Offenders

In Newcastle during 2008/09:

- 54% of non-notifiable offenders had 'Other' listed for their disposal outcome. This category includes such things as Offender Deceased, Escorted to Court and Warnings.
- Excluding the Other disposal group, No Further Action was taken in 22% of cases, whilst 7% were cautioned. Charges were brought against 67% of offenders.



6. Non-Notifiable Offences - Profile of Repeat Offenders Where the Crime was Committed in Newcastle

During 2008/09 in Newcastle:

- There were 6,637 non-notifiable offenders.
- 1,109 offenders had allegedly committed more than one offence.
- 56 individuals had allegedly committed over 5 offences each.

7. Non-Notifiable Offences – Demographic Profile of Offenders Living in Newcastle.

Data within section 7 refers to the characteristics of offenders where the home address was given as being in Newcastle. The alleged crime would not have been notifiable to the Home Office. The alleged crime will have been committed within the Northumbria Police Force area, although not necessarily within Newcastle.

7.1 Age and Gender of Offenders

In 2008/09 there were 6,648 non-notifiable offences in Newcastle, committed by 4,709 individuals, whose home address was in Newcastle. Within this section each non-notifiable offence is considered separately. An analysis of repeat offenders can be found in section 8.

Offenders living in Newcastle during 2008/09:

- 82% of non-notifiable offenders were male.
- 29% of all non-notifiable offenders were males aged 18-24 year old.
- 21% of male and 23% of female non-notifiable offenders were 30-39 years old.

| | Age Range | | | | | | | | All Ages |
|---------------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|----------|
| | Under 10 | 10-17 | 18-24 | 25-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-59 | 60+ | |
| Male | 1 | 558 | 1,927 | 947 | 1,134 | 619 | 205 | 72 | 5,465 |
| Female | 0 | 188 | 345 | 186 | 271 | 147 | 41 | 4 | 1,182 |
| Total | 1 | 746 | 2,272 | 1,134 | 1,405 | 766 | 246 | 76 | 6,648 |

Source: Northumbria Police, TWRI

Note: Age and gender may not sum to total, as in some cases age and/or gender is not known.

7.2 Ethnicity of Offenders

Offenders living in Newcastle during 2008/09:

- 9% of non-notifiable offenders were from a Black or Minority Ethnic (BME) group. BME groups accounted for 10.7% of the population of Newcastle.

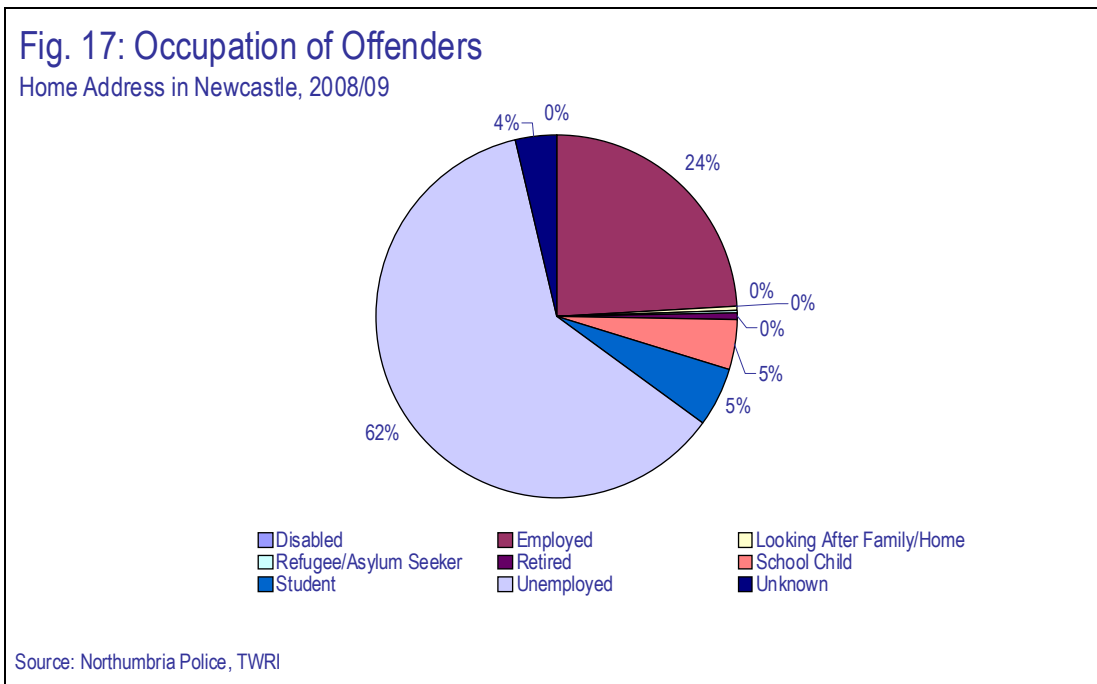
| Ethnic Group | Number of Offenders | % of Offenders | % of Population |
|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Asian or Asian British | 300 | 4.5 | 5.7 |
| Black or Black British | 140 | 2.1 | 1.3 |
| Chinese, Mixed or Other | 156 | 2.3 | 3.7 |
| White | 6,052 | 91.0 | 89.3 |
| Total | 6,648 | | |

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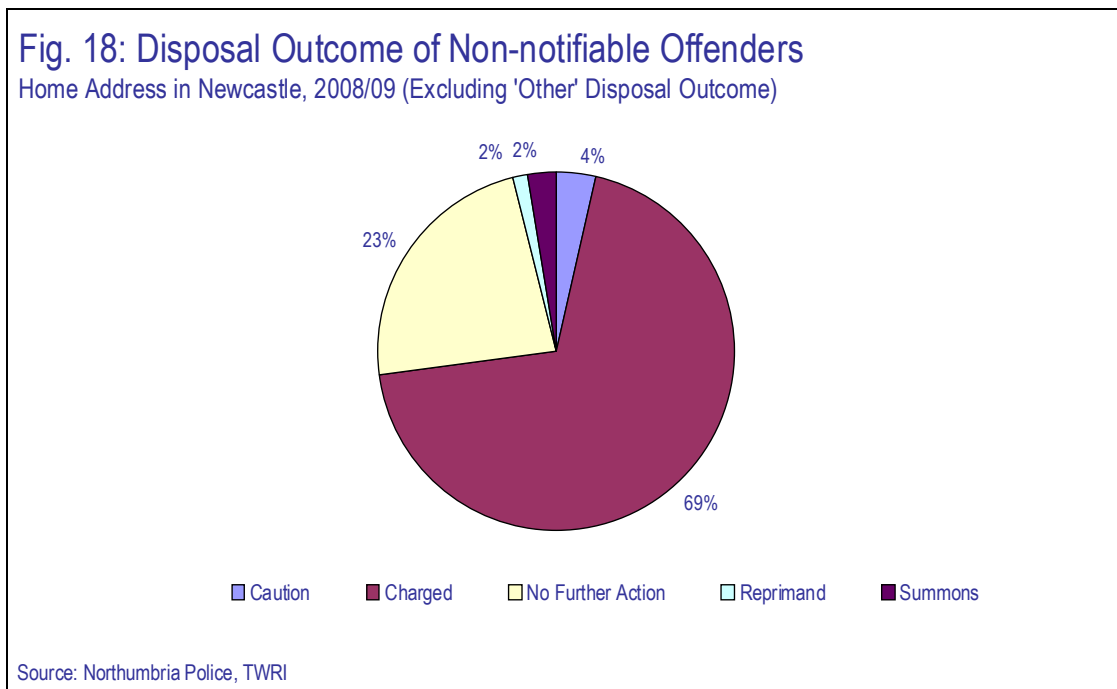
- Over three fifth (62%) of non-notifiable offenders were unemployed, whilst 24% were in employment.
- 10% of non-notifiable offenders were a school child or student.



7.4 Disposal Group of Offenders

Offenders living in Newcastle during 2008/09:

- 47% of non-notifiable offenders had 'Other' listed for their disposal outcome. This category includes such things as Offender Deceased, Escorted to Court and Warnings.
- Excluding the Other disposal group, No Further Action was taken in 23% of cases, whilst 4% were cautioned. Charges were brought against 69% of offenders.



8. Non-Notifiable Offences - Profile of Repeat Offenders Living in Newcastle

Offenders living in Newcastle during 2008/09:

- There were 4,709 non-notifiable offenders.
- 1,082 offenders had allegedly committed more than one offence.
- 59 individuals had allegedly committed over 5 offences each.

9. Location Profile of Notifiable Offenders in Newcastle

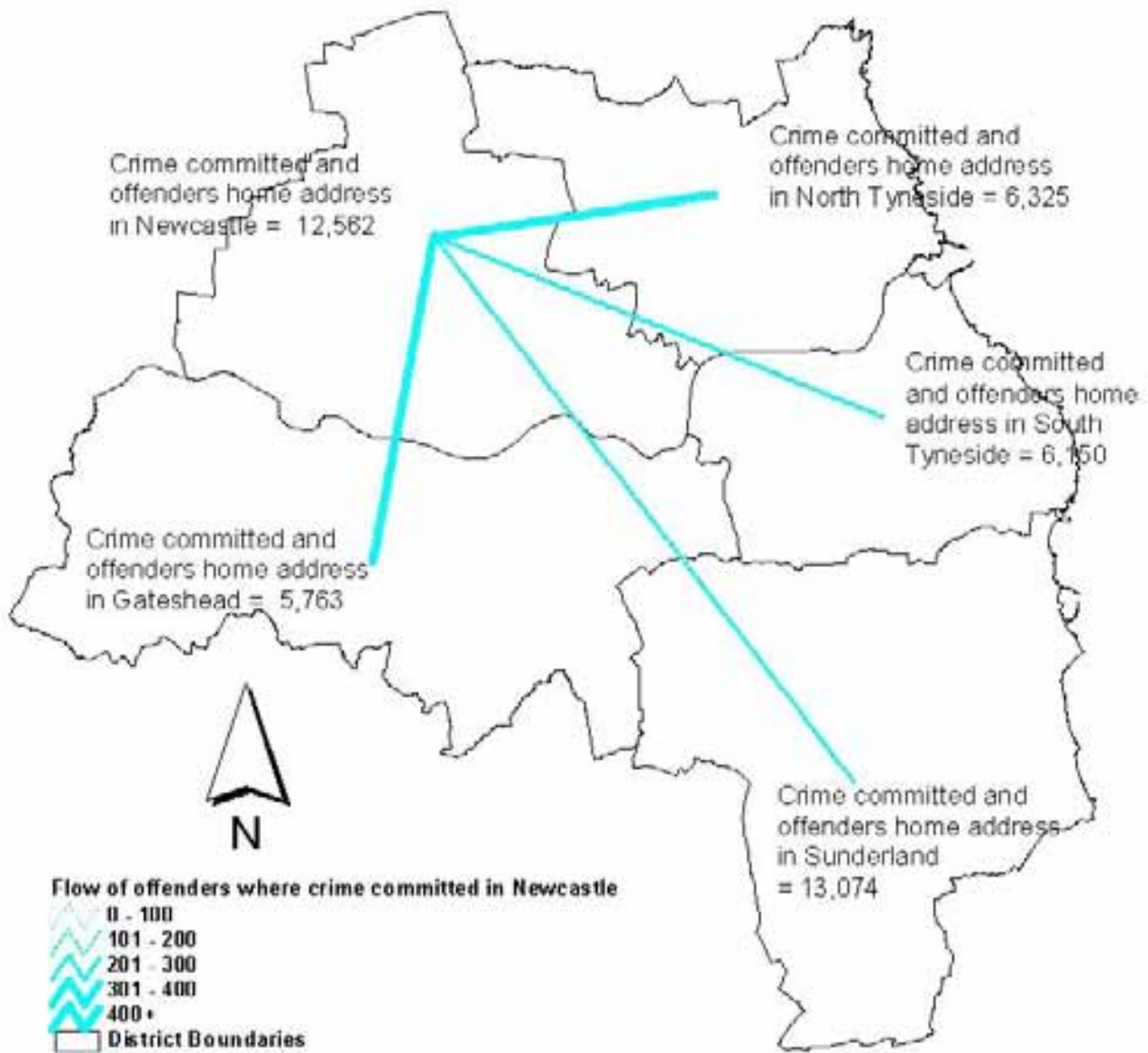
In 2008/09 there were 17,268 notifiable offences committed in Newcastle. 12,562 of these offences were committed by 7,098 individuals living in Newcastle.

The proportion of offenders living in Newcastle approximately mirrored the proportional share of the population of Tyne & Wear within the District. Newcastle and Sunderland had the highest percentage share of offenders, whilst also having the highest proportional share of the total population of Tyne & Wear.

| Crime District | Offenders Home Address District | | | | |
|----------------|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| | Gateshead | Newcastle | North Tyneside | South Tyneside | Sunderland |
| Gateshead | 5,763 | 866 | 137 | 173 | 248 |
| Newcastle | 1,096 | 12,562 | 1,240 | 258 | 295 |
| North Tyneside | 143 | 861 | 6,325 | 75 | 91 |
| South Tyneside | 248 | 193 | 89 | 6,150 | 442 |
| Sunderland | 210 | 186 | 62 | 315 | 13,074 |
| Tyne & Wear | 7,460 | 14,668 | 7,853 | 6,971 | 14,150 |

Source: Northumbria Police, TWRI.

Map 1: The Location of Offenders Home Addresses in Relation to Where the Notifiable Crime was Committed, Newcastle, 2008/09



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10. Location Profile of Non-notifiable Offenders in Newcastle

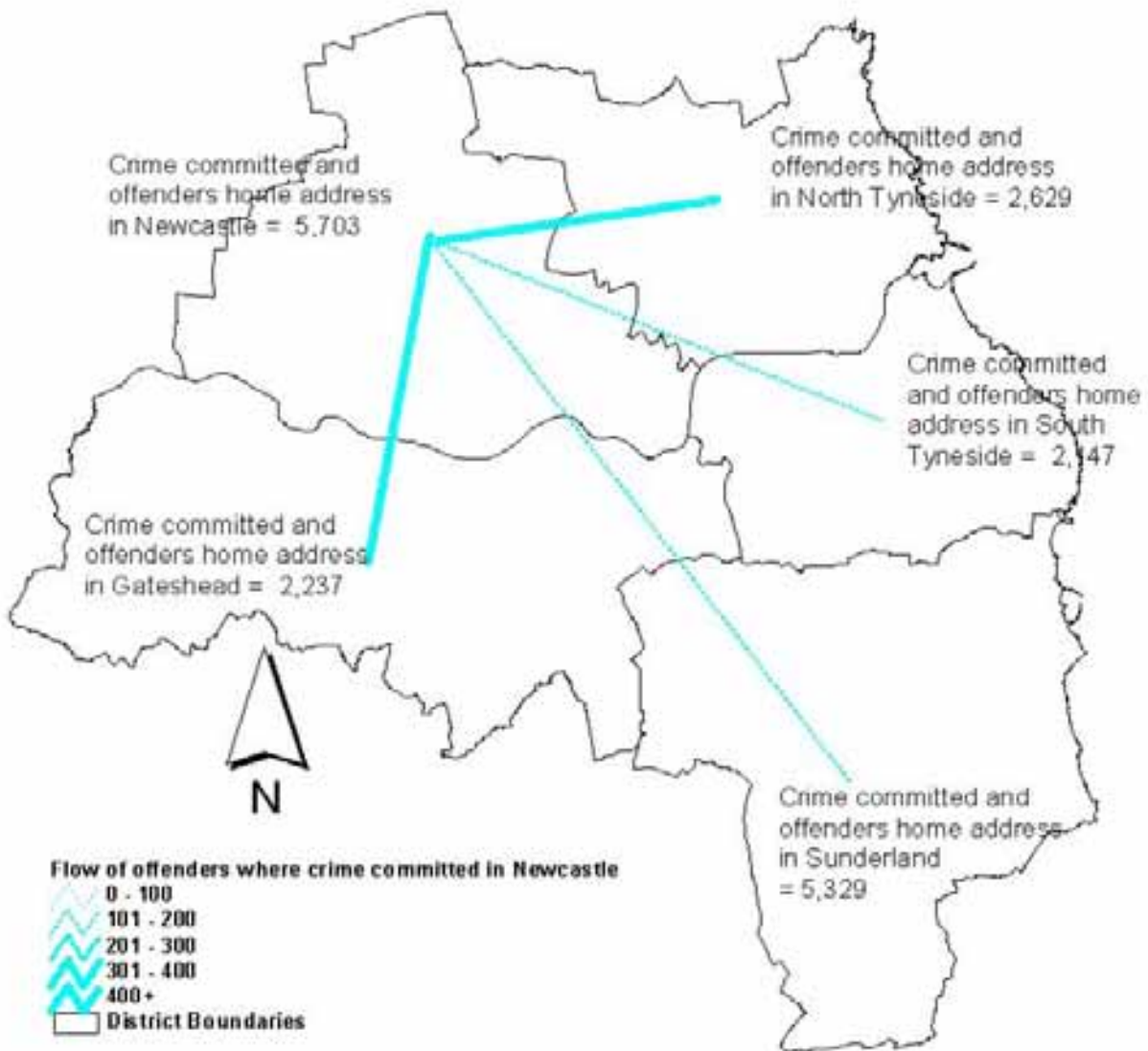
In 2008/09 there were 8,556 non-notifiable offences committed in Newcastle. 5,703 of these offences were committed by 4,153 individuals living in Newcastle.

The proportion of offenders living in Newcastle approximately mirrored the proportional share of the population of Tyne & Wear within the District. However, Newcastle had the highest percentage share of offenders, whilst Sunderland had the highest proportional share of the total population of Tyne & Wear.

| Crime District | Offenders Home Address District | | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Gateshead | Newcastle | North Tyneside | South Tyneside | Sunderland |
| Gateshead | 2,237 | 306 | 54 | 67 | 107 |
| Newcastle | 646 | 5,703 | 600 | 164 | 162 |
| North Tyneside | 70 | 356 | 2,629 | 38 | 41 |
| South Tyneside | 83 | 78 | 38 | 2,147 | 158 |
| Sunderland | 82 | 78 | 18 | 137 | 5,329 |
| Tyne & Wear | 3,118 | 6,521 | 3,339 | 2,553 | 5,797 |

Source: Northumbria Police, TWRI.

Map 2: The Location of Offenders Home Addresses in Relation to Where the Non-Notifiable Crime was Committed, Newcastle, 2008/09



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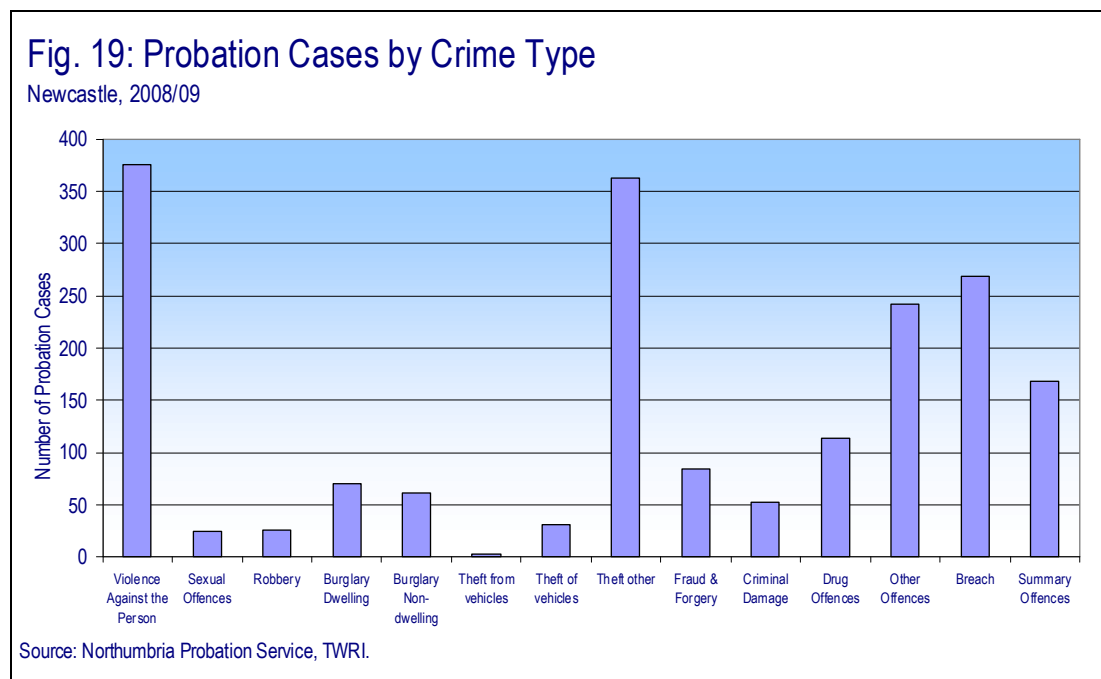
11. Probation Cases in Newcastle

Probation is a sentence imposed by a court in lieu of incarceration. A criminal who is "on probation" has been convicted of a crime but has served only part of the sentence in jail, or has not served time at all.

11.1 Probation Cases by Types of Crime

During 2008/09 in Newcastle:

- There were 1,882 Probation cases.
- 77% of Probation cases were for notifiable offences.
- 20% of Probation cases were Violence Against the Person, 19% Theft Other and 13% Other Offences.



11.2. Age, Gender and Ethnicity of Probationers

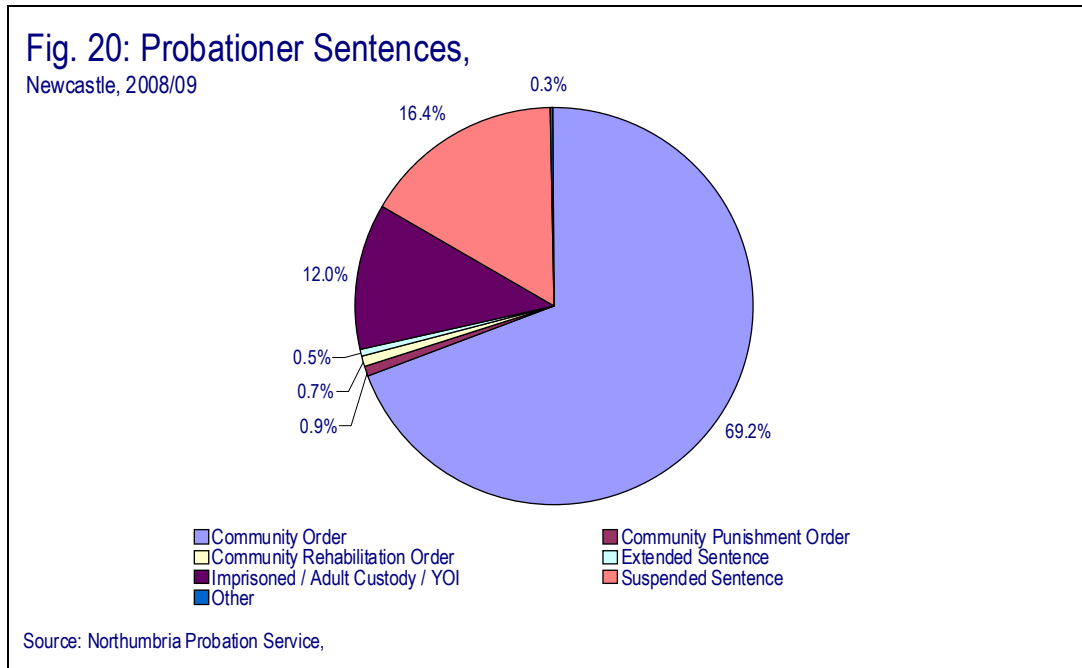
During 2008/09 in Newcastle of those on Probation:

- 85% were male.
- 42% were aged under 26 years old.
- 6% were of Black or Minority Ethnic origin.

11.3 Probationer Sentences

During 2008/09 in Newcastle of those on Probation:

- 69% were given a Community Order, whilst 16% were given a Suspended Sentence.
- 12% were given a custodial sentence.



11.4 Offender Assessment System (OASys) Needs Assessments

The Offender Assessment System (OASys) is a standardised process for the assessment of offenders. OASys assesses how likely an offender is to be reconvicted by identifying and classify offending-related needs including basic personality characteristics, thinking deficits and social issues. The system also assesses risk of harm to others and also to themselves and assists with the management of risk of harm.

An OASys assessment is carried out at the stage that the pre-sentence report (PSR) is produced, with further assessments conducted periodically throughout the sentence (whether in custody or in the community) and at the end of sentence. If there is no PSR, OASys is completed for the first time at commencement of the sentence.

During 2008/09 in Newcastle of those on Probation undergoing OASys assessments:

- 29% were considered to be at high risk of reconviction at the start of the Probation sentence.
- 10% were considered to be at high risk of reconviction at the end of the Probation sentence.

Table 9: Risk of Reconviction of Probationers in Newcastle, 2008/09

| | Start of Probation | End of Probation |
|----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| High | 478 | 66 |
| Medium | 714 | 291 |
| Low | 339 | 275 |
| Not calculated | 96 | 33 |
| Total | 1,627 | 665 |

Source: Northumbria Probation Service, TWRI

During 2008/09 in Newcastle:

- There were 1,669 OASys assessments undertaken at the start of Probation sentences.
- 72% of Probationers were identified as having an 'Education, Training and Employability' need.
- Drug misuse was a concern in 29% of cases, whilst alcohol misuse was a concern in 28% of cases.
- There were 685 OASys assessments undertaken at the end of Probation sentences.
- 56% of Probationers were identified as having an 'Education, Training and Employability' need at the end of probation sentences.
- Drug misuse was a concern in 12% of cases, whilst alcohol misuse was a concern in 15% of cases at the end of Probation.

Table 10: Probationers and 'Areas of Need' in Newcastle, 2008/09

| Area of Need | Number | % With | Number With | % With |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| | With Needs | Needs | Needs | Needs |
| | Start of | Start of | End of | End of |
| | Probation | Probation | Probation | Probation |
| Accommodation | 958 | 57.4 | 288 | 42.0 |
| Education, Training and Employability | 1,196 | 71.7 | 380 | 55.5 |
| Financial Management and Income | 963 | 57.7 | 250 | 36.5 |
| Relationships | 204 | 12.2 | 36 | 5.3 |
| Lifestyle and associates | 1,050 | 62.9 | 248 | 36.2 |
| Drug Misuse | 486 | 29.1 | 81 | 11.8 |
| Alcohol misuse | 460 | 27.6 | 105 | 15.3 |
| Emotional Wellbeing | 707 | 42.4 | 216 | 31.5 |
| Thinking and Behaviour | 993 | 59.5 | 207 | 30.2 |
| Attitudes | 880 | 52.7 | 202 | 29.5 |
| Number of OASys assessments | 1,669 | | 685 | |

Source: Northumbria Probation Service, TWRI