

Recorded Crime Outcomes in West Yorkshire

The Home Office published the latest recorded crime outcome data on the 26th of January 2023 which related to crime outcomes up to September 2022. The published data allows for comparisons across Forces as to how crimes are finalised.

The table below reports the number and proportion of outcomes achieved in West Yorkshire and England & Wales during the 12 months to September 2022. During the 12-month period 305,569 recorded crimes in West Yorkshire were finalised with a recorded crime outcome of 1-22.

The recorded crime outcome percentages in West Yorkshire are shown to be relatively consistent with those reported nationally however, the table does highlight some differences in use of the outcome framework.

Outcome Type	Outcome Description	England & Wales		West Yorkshire	
		Outcomes in 12 months to Sept 2022	% ⁽²⁾	Outcomes in 12 months to Sept 2022	% ⁽²⁾
1	Charged/Summoned	387207	7.3%	20390	6.7%
2	Caution – youths	7727	0.1%	379	0.1%
3	Caution – adults	49902	0.9%	2349	0.8%
4	Taken into consideration	2724	0.1%	80	0.0%
5	Offender died	2005	0.0%	65	0.0%
6	Penalty Notices for Disorder	8464	0.2%	3	0.0%
7	Cannabis/Khat Warning	5332	0.1%	9	0.0%
8	Community Resolution	142849	2.7%	6318	2.1%
9	Not in public interest (CPS)	3090	0.1%	119	0.0%
10	Not in public interest (Police)	32052	0.6%	748	0.2%
11	Prosecution prevented: suspect under age	9303	0.2%	665	0.2%
12	Prosecution prevented: suspect too ill	18072	0.3%	894	0.3%
13	Prosecution prevented: victim/key witness dead/too ill	2586	0.0%	99	0.0%
14	Evidential difficulties: suspect not identified; victim does not support further action	326317	6.1%	2016	0.7%
15	Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim supports action	792016	14.9%	59606	19.5%
16	Evidential difficulties: suspect identified; victim does not support further action	1223542	22.9%	75569	24.7%
17	Prosecution time limit expired	21748	0.4%	817	0.3%
18	Investigation complete – no suspect identified	2136930	40.1%	129018	42.2%
20	Responsibility for further investigation transferred to another body	72484	1.4%	2946	1.0%
21	Further investigation to support formal action not in the public interest – police decision	54206	1.0%	2214	0.7%
22	Diversions, educational or intervention activity, resulting from the crime report, has been undertaken and it is not in the public interest to take any further action.	34243	0.6%	1265	0.4%
Total		5332799	100.0%	305569	100.0%

Notes:

(1) Source/s

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1092650/prc-outcomes-open-data-mar2022-tables-210722-v2.ods

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(2) Outcomes as a proportion of total recorded outcomes in the period.

Most notable is the variation in relation to the use of outcome 15 which can be used when a suspect has been identified but evidential difficulties prevent further action being taken.

The outcome 15 disparity is largely explained by the variation in the way a suspect is defined by different forces. Many have created a second category, variously called “Named”, “Mentioned” or “person of interest”, where a possible suspect is linked to the crime report without declaring them a suspect. In West Yorkshire, we have no such second category, and nominals identified as possible suspects are often linked using the “suspect” label, attracting an outcome 15 if the offence is not proven, where in other forces another outcome, possibly outcome 14 or 18, would be used. This variation is currently the subject of discussion at the national “Minerva” group, whose principal purpose is to drive the convergence of working practices across NICHE using forces.

The charts below report the actual number of Charge/Summons achieved by each Force nationally and in the context of the local population. West Yorkshire are reported as achieving high numbers of charge/summons for a range of offences when compared to other Metropolitan Forces and all Forces Nationally.



