

1. The number of crimes recorded where the offender was under 10 years old in 2015/16 and 2016/17 to date (please specify the date from which you draw the figures in your response).

Please would you provide for each offence:

a) The crime

Offence Type	Year		Grand Total
	2015/16	2016/17*	
Arson and Criminal Damage	28	21	49
Burglary	2	2	4
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	3	2	5
Possession of Weapons	2	2	4
Public Order Offences	7	17	24
Robbery	1		1
Sexual Offences	60	59	119
Theft	14	13	27
Violence Against The Person	43	46	89
Grand Total	160	162	322

b) The age of the offender

Age	Year		Grand Total
	2015/16	2016/17*	
1	2	0	2
2	1	0	1
3	2	4	6
4	7	6	13
5	6	7	13
6	17	10	27
7	33	30	63
8	30	38	68
9	62	67	129
Grand Total	160	162	322

c) The gender of the offender

Gender	Year		Grand Total
	2015/16	2016/17*	
Female	27	28	55
Male	131	133	264
Unknown	2	1	3
Grand Total	160	162	322

d) The community safety partnership/division in which it took place

Neighbourhood Policing Unit	Year		Grand Total
	2015/16	2016/17*	
Birmingham East	44	24	68
Birmingham West	35	26	61
Coventry	20	27	47
Dudley	12	24	36
Solihull	7	4	11
Sandwell	8	14	22
Walsall	17	12	29
Wolverhampton	17	31	48
Grand Total	160	162	322

e) The financial year in which it took place

Year	Total
2015/16	160
2016/17*	162
Grand Total	322

*Partial Year - 01 April 2016 to 12 January 2017

It is important to note that offender age is calculated from the date of birth as recorded on our crime system. We are however aware of data quality issues with regard to the recording of dates of birth and therefore the figures presented may not be accurate.

Please also note, children under the age of 10 are not considered to have reached an age where they can be held responsible for their crimes. Because they are under the age of 'criminal responsibility' they cannot be charged with any criminal offence. No child under the age of ten shall be guilty of a crime, however they can still commit an offence which will be recorded. The Home Office Counting Rules state 'All reports of crimes made where the offender (if age known or otherwise) is under the age of 10 years should be recorded as a crime'.