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Trial and conviction statistics

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Request

1. What percentage of arrests ends up in trials?
2. What percentage of trials ends up in convictions?
3. it's only a dim memory but the truth of many trials is that the make-up of a jury can determine the outcome of a case (I believe it was studied in a branch jurisprudence called 'Critical Legal Studies'). Why is jury selection not allowed in the UK as in the US?
4. Why is jury trial not allowed in civil cases in the UK as afforded to the US citizen in the Bill of Rights of their constitution?
5. If rights are not protected in civil law given 'problems with employers and employees be they private sector (contributing to the tax base) or public sector (paid for by the tax base) how many end up in the criminal system...first port of call in England being the Magistrates Court.
6. What is the demographic in the magistrate's court...i.e. what is their professional background?

Response

1. We are able to provide some data in response to your request. Although your request is not clear about the period requested or whether these are trials in the magistrates' or Crown Courts. Therefore I have supplied the latest yearly figures (2010) and split our separate figures for magistrate's courts, the Crown Court and a total of both. Total prosecutions figures are provided to provide context to the contested figures.

I have provided in the table attached, the data showing the total number of prosecutions (by defendant) and have no bearing on the number of arrests. Arrests are a matter for the police and you should submit a request to the relevant police FOIA Unit. However, I trust that the information now provided will be of some assistance.

2. The data provided in the table for CPS Defendant prosecutions for 2010 shows the percentage of convictions after trial in both the Magistrates and Crown Courts.

3. The CPS does not hold information on the make-up of juries, however at each Crown Court there is an official who is responsible for summoning enough jurors to try the pending cases that will be heard and to arrange for names to be selected at random from the electoral registers. This is done through a computer selection at a central office. Further information on this jury selection process may be available from HM Courts Service (HMCS) www.hmcourts-service.gov.uk .

4 & 5. The CPS does not hold any information on civil cases. This is a Freedom of Information Act request only for recorded information held by the department.

6. For further information on The Ministry of Justice and the role of a magistrate is available from: www.directgov-Crime and Justice UK

It is possible, however that the MOJ may hold more detailed information on the practice and procedures of the Court Service.

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