

CPS Prosecutions on behalf of DWP (Department for Work and Pensions)

	2018	2019	2 Year Total
Prosecution Dropped: Disclosure: undermining unused material	10	16	26
Prosecution Dropped: Evidential	116	66	182
Prosecution Dropped: Other	10	1	11
Prosecution Dropped: Public Interest	132	65	197
Prosecution Dropped: Victims and Witnesses	1	5	6
Total Prosecutions Dropped	269	153	422
<b>Total Prosecuted</b>	<b>3,454</b>	<b>2,334</b>	<b>5,788</b>

The following caveats apply to the above data:

- The data in the attached table is derived from the combination of a unique numerical identifier and the police unit code.
- The counting unit for CPS records is the defendant in a case, as opposed to the number of offences, or the number of cases. Thus, if a single set of proceedings involves more than one defendant, then each defendant is counted, and the outcome is recorded for each defendant.
- Prosecutions dropped are those proceedings where the CPS has discontinued, withdrawn, offered no evidence or the prosecution or indictment has been stayed and where all charges lie on file.
- A reason explaining why the case failed is allocated to all cases resulting in an outcome other than a conviction. If more than one reason applies the principal reason is selected.
- Total prosecution outcomes comprise convictions (guilty pleas, convictions after trial and cases proved in the absence of the defendant) and unsuccessful outcomes (prosecutions dropped by the CPS, discharges, acquittals after trial and administrative finalisations).

Plus:

1. CPS data are available through its Case Management System (CMS) and associated Management Information System (MIS). The CPS collects data to assist in the effective management of its prosecution functions. The CPS does not collect data that constitutes official statistics as defined in the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007.
2. These data have been drawn from the CPS's administrative IT system, which (as with any large scale recording system) is subject to possible errors with data entry and processing. The figures are provisional and subject to change as more information is recorded by the CPS. We are committed to improving the quality of our data and from mid-June 2015 introduced a new data assurance regime which may explain some unexpected variance in some future data sets.
3. The official statistics relating to crime and policing are maintained by the Home Office (HO) and the official statistics relating to sentencing, criminal court proceedings, offenders brought to justice, the courts and the judiciary are maintained by the Ministry of Justice (MOJ).

