

COUNTY COURT ANNUAL REPORT 2002/2003

This table shows the performance of all County Courts in England and Wales against the following three key performance measures:

KP1 2 Percentage of civil cases heard within target from allocation to hearing

The waiting time is measured in weeks from allocation to track to hearing and includes waiting times for small claim, fast track and multi track cases. Last year this measure consisted of small claim cases only. Each of the secondary measures for these cases have separate waiting times to determine their respective percentage in target figure and the overall in target figure. Small claims are to be heard within 10 weeks, fast track hearings within 30 weeks and multi track within 50 weeks of setting down. The performance figure across England and Wales was 60% against a target of 75%. In the course of the year it became clear that the data used to set the small claims target was inaccurate and that the 10 week target was unrealistic, not least because it distorted the performance for other categories of case. With the agreement of Ministers the target has been revised to 15 weeks for this component, which is the standard to which we will work this year. Performance to the revised target currently stands at 84%.

KP1 3 Percentage of value recovered of enforceable warrants in the County Court (pence in the pound)

The data is based on final warrant return codes for correctly directed warrants. For the pence in the pound indicator, there are totals for the value of warrants recovered and also for warrants issued. The value recovered is divided by the number of warrants issued and multiplied by 100 to show the pence in pound figure for each court. 86.4% performance was achieved against the target of 76% for 2002/2003. Local changes to working arrangements, and the sharing of best practice across the circuits, have been instrumental in driving up performance and should lead to further improvements in the years to come. We plan to review this measure with a view to introducing one which will take account of ineffective warrants which will give our customers greater confidence.

The Percentage of Administrative work dealt with within 5 days

At 93.6% performance fell only just short of the target of 94%.

Designated Civil Judges and Court Managers at all Court centres are asked by the Senior Presiding Judge and the Chief Executive of the Court Service to comment on the figures for their courts. The responses received demonstrate that court staff and judiciary are working together to good effect in improving areas of performance.

The report should not be regarded as a “league table”. The performance of individual courts is influenced by many factors including geographical location; type of cases dealt with, size of court and organisation of work between court centres across groups.

COURT	KPI3	KPI2	% ADMIN
Aberdare	83.9%	82.9%	99.8%
Aberystwyth	77.1%	67.2%	99.9%
Accrington	86.1%	71.4%	95.3%
Aldershot & Farnham	84.5%	53.0%	92.7%
Altrincham	87.1%	91.8%	96.4%
Ashford	48.3%	93.8%	98.7%
Aylesbury	77.8%	99.4%	99.9%
Banbury	80.4%	93.5%	100.0%
Barnet	85.5%	83.8%	96.6%
Barnsley	77.8%	96.8%	92.5%
Barnstaple	77.9%	94.3%	99.5%
Barrow-in-Furness	86.9%	100.0%	92.0%
Basildon	74.9%	98.0%	97.5%
Basingstoke	85.7%	91.7%	98.5%
Bath	85.3%	98.1%	86.7%
Bedford	71.5%	93.7%	95.5%
Birkenhead	93.4%	89.1%	88.8%
Birmingham	78.6%	59.1%	93.7%
Bishop Auckland	92.9%	96.8%	99.7%
Blackburn	87.4%	68.0%	92.1%
Blackpool	99.4%	66.8%	89.4%
Blackwood	62.8%	83.3%	86.6%
Bodmin	76.2%	92.6%	90.7%
Bolton	82.3%	92.4%	97.0%
Boston	93.9%	92.8%	99.1%
Bournemouth	84.0%	48.6%	91.6%
Bow	105.3%	44.1%	95.6%
Bradford	90.5%	97.2%	79.3%
Brecknock	97.7%	72.4%	98.2%
Brentford	75.5%	79.2%	81.8%
Bridgend	98.2%	90.2%	98.2%
Brighton	95.4%	91.9%	94.6%
Bristol	77.6%	95.9%	95.4%
Bromley	81.2%	72.6%	88.3%
Burnley	87.3%	77.1%	87.6%
Burton-on-Trent	97.5%	90.7%	99.4%
Bury	92.9%	87.0%	93.8%
Bury St.Edmunds	98.4%	91.8%	97.3%
Buxton	89.1%	85.9%	99.6%
Caernarfon	100.8%	84.3%	99.3%
Cambridge	93.7%	95.2%	91.3%
Canterbury	90.5%	92.3%	98.5%
Cardiff	88.1%	23.8%	95.6%
Carlisle	84.8%	83.1%	90.0%
Carmarthen	79.6%	100.0%	99.4%
Central London	82.1%	66.3%	90.9%
Chelmsford	95.2%	90.5%	94.8%
Cheltenham	81.9%	94.2%	93.7%
Chester	70.9%	96.3%	100.0%
Chesterfield	79.8%	92.2%	98.1%
Chichester	88.3%	95.7%	99.1%
Chorley	105.3%	80.6%	89.6%
Clerkenwell	98.8%	65.5%	92.5%
Colchester	73.9%	95.9%	88.5%
Consett	94.0%	100.0%	97.1%

Conway	83.6%	77.4%	98.8%
Coventry	105.6%	97.1%	93.7%
Crewe	74.5%	92.3%	84.3%
Croydon	89.8%	71.1%	98.6%
Darlington	96.8%	93.9%	94.5%
Dartford	82.4%	90.4%	95.2%
Derby	79.0%	84.3%	96.4%
Dewsbury	76.1%	94.6%	75.1%
Doncaster	96.8%	90.8%	86.7%
Dudley	94.9%	62.9%	97.6%
Durham	83.7%	78.3%	92.5%
Eastbourne	98.4%	93.4%	92.5%
Edmonton	89.0%	83.5%	97.1%
Epsom	62.7%	82.7%	95.8%
Evesham	33.9%	97.0%	98.5%
Exeter	73.3%	86.3%	92.4%
Gateshead	83.5%	96.1%	93.5%
Gloucester	95.0%	88.2%	94.7%
Grantham	83.5%	90.3%	99.9%
Gravesend	89.9%	74.2%	96.5%
Great Grimsby	78.4%	91.6%	93.1%
Guildford	96.9%	87.5%	89.6%
Halifax	91.4%	97.1%	88.1%
Harlow	102.6%	96.4%	92.7%
Harrogate	104.4%	95.2%	91.0%
Hartlepool	90.3%	100.0%	96.1%
Hastings	82.7%	82.4%	97.3%
Haverfordwest	100.9%	96.3%	99.1%
Haywards Heath	115.5%	90.8%	99.6%
Hereford	97.2%	96.5%	93.8%
Hertford	90.1%	90.2%	87.7%
High Wycombe	88.8%	85.5%	99.4%
Hitchin	71.8%	96.3%	96.9%
Horsham	85.4%	83.0%	96.6%
Huddersfield	80.1%	86.1%	79.8%
Huntingdon	74.5%	98.2%	98.5%
Ilford	92.6%	19.9%	97.5%
Ipswich	93.3%	97.6%	83.1%
Keighley	89.2%	99.1%	92.3%
Kendal	96.4%	93.9%	99.0%
Kettering	83.4%	98.1%	99.6%
Kidderminster	103.2%	91.6%	97.8%
Kings Lynn	54.3%	94.0%	95.6%
Kingston-upon-Hull	82.7%	87.9%	89.5%
Kingston-upon-Thames	92.5%	91.6%	98.7%
Lambeth	99.0%	78.3%	93.5%
Lancaster	93.5%	93.4%	90.9%
Leeds	90.5%	94.0%	90.2%
Leicester	103.0%	80.9%	93.5%
Leigh	102.9%	91.2%	99.3%
Lewes	78.3%	96.2%	98.2%
Lincoln	90.1%	86.7%	96.6%
Liverpool	84.7%	93.4%	89.8%
Llanelli	78.3%	77.3%	98.5%
Llangefni	92.9%	97.6%	99.3%
Lowestoft	97.0%	99.3%	99.9%

Ludlow	N/A	95.3%	99.7%
Luton	82.5%	91.4%	95.0%
Macclesfield	86.8%	91.3%	89.3%
Maidstone	93.6%	73.5%	97.4%
Manchester	89.2%	85.7%	98.8%
Mansfield	76.8%	89.6%	99.1%
Mayors & City	100.8%	88.3%	90.5%
Medway	80.8%	95.2%	97.0%
Melton Mowbray	100.1%	100.0%	98.0%
Merthyr Tydfil	60.4%	81.3%	98.4%
Milton Keynes	75.6%	99.6%	99.4%
Middlesborough	96.5%	43.8%	92.7%
Mold	74.5%	82.5%	94.6%
Morpeth	84.0%	86.2%	91.0%
Neath	78.4%	92.3%	99.8%
Nelson	86.9%	90.3%	90.5%
Newark	113.6%	87.5%	98.7%
Newbury	96.3%	99.1%	96.7%
Newcastle-upon-Tyne	88.8%	88.4%	93.2%
Newport(I.O.W.)	93.9%	85.5%	93.8%
Newport (Gwent)	70.7%	41.2%	98.5%
Northampton	83.0%	93.5%	96.0%
North Shields	89.9%	94.3%	90.0%
Northwich	93.5%	91.0%	97.9%
Norwich	87.1%	92.4%	93.0%
Nottingham	88.3%	61.6%	94.8%
Nuneaton	96.8%	98.2%	98.5%
Oldham	92.1%	88.3%	94.9%
Oswestry	105.4%	83.3%	99.5%
Oxford	90.4%	94.2%	99.9%
Penrith	86.9%	81.1%	100.0%
Penzance	89.9%	82.5%	99.9%
Peterborough	80.9%	95.4%	99.7%
Plymouth	84.4%	85.0%	83.7%
Pontefract	88.6%	94.0%	96.3%
Pontypool	87.7%	64.9%	96.0%
Pontypridd	87.9%	95.7%	96.8%
Poole	79.6%	39.7%	96.3%
Portsmouth	109.1%	88.3%	85.1%
Preston	96.9%	85.5%	85.5%
Rawtenstall	100.2%	68.2%	97.1%
Reading	79.2%	74.4%	93.3%
Redditch	97.7%	99.3%	98.3%
Reigate	74.5%	95.3%	93.8%
Rhyl	83.0%	86.8%	93.5%
Romford	88.2%	41.3%	98.2%
Rotherham	88.5%	97.6%	98.7%
Rugby	92.0%	91.7%	97.3%
Runcorn	74.7%	79.3%	80.8%
Salford	86.3%	91.3%	93.1%
Salisbury	60.6%	93.3%	91.8%
Scarborough	106.2%	98.8%	93.2%
Scunthorpe	81.5%	92.2%	85.1%
Sheffield	71.6%	88.8%	93.3%
Shoreditch	105.9%	88.0%	87.2%
Shrewsbury	84.0%	86.0%	96.3%

Skegness	96.0%	100.0%	99.8%
Skipton	98.0%	96.6%	85.1%
Slough	84.7%	87.5%	98.2%
Southampton	101.5%	73.0%	90.4%
Southend-on-Sea	88.6%	90.8%	95.4%
Southport	92.1%	90.2%	96.9%
South Shields	81.7%	90.2%	87.8%
St. Albans	85.5%	96.3%	92.9%
St. Helens	80.5%	87.5%	91.8%
Stafford	78.3%	88.8%	97.8%
Staines	76.3%	82.0%	94.4%
Stockport	88.2%	93.6%	87.1%
Stoke-on-Trent	79.8%	92.2%	98.7%
Stourbridge	89.9%	92.5%	96.2%
Stratford	96.5%	98.5%	99.5%
Sunderland	87.0%	92.0%	93.0%
Swansea	78.9%	71.7%	92.5%
Swindon	88.5%	95.8%	89.3%
Tamworth	95.3%	94.5%	98.0%
Tamside	84.5%	86.5%	94.0%
Taunton	76.8%	94.8%	83.7%
Teeside	96.4%	74.5%	94.3%
Telford	86.2%	91.2%	97.2%
Thanet	87.4%	100.0%	89.2%
Torquay	82.0%	94.8%	95.2%
Trowbridge	75.6%	98.6%	98.3%
Truro	85.5%	89.3%	87.5%
Tunbridge Wells	72.3%	82.7%	97.3%
Uxbridge	80.6%	75.6%	99.0%
Wakefield	75.0%	92.5%	94.8%
Wallsall	82.0%	62.8%	93.9%
Wandsworth	99.7%	91.9%	90.9%
Warrington	80.1%	97.5%	93.8%
Warwick	N/A	94.6%	98.4%
Watford	92.0%	84.3%	96.9%
Wellingborough	89.7%	89.9%	100.0%
Welshpool & Newtown	61.1%	97.0%	99.9%
West London	88.4%	96.2%	95.5%
Weston-super-Mare	78.5%	100.0%	86.2%
Weymouth	81.4%	96.5%	99.1%
Whitehaven	83.8%	94.9%	93.0%
Wigan	104.6%	94.7%	95.0%
Willesden	87.2%	90.9%	86.4%
Winchester	86.6%	42.6%	94.8%
Wolverhampton	80.7%	90.9%	94.7%
Woolwich	109.5%	84.9%	92.5%
Worcester	98.0%	86.6%	94.7%
Worksop	83.9%	96.1%	100.0%
Worthing	94.2%	90.9%	100.0%
Wrexham	88.9%	92.0%	89.2%
Yeovil	80.3%	91.8%	95.6%
York	103.1%	96.4%	91.0%
England & Wales	86.40%	84.00%	93.60%