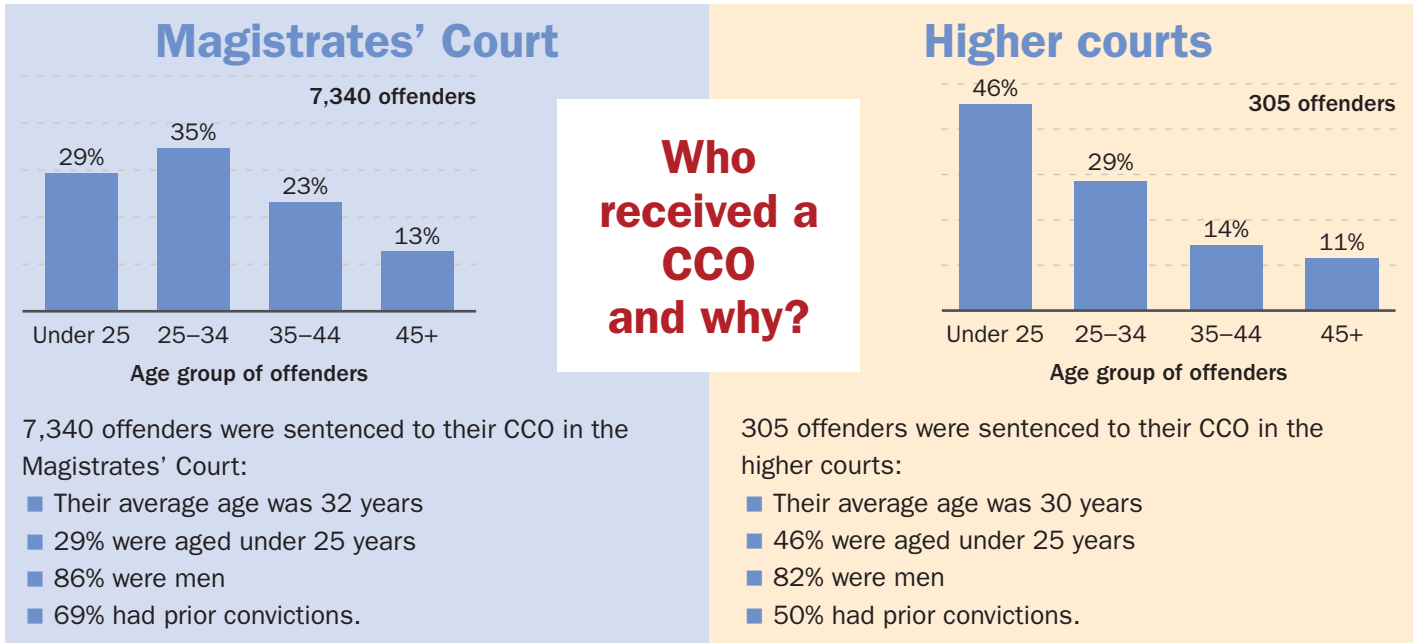
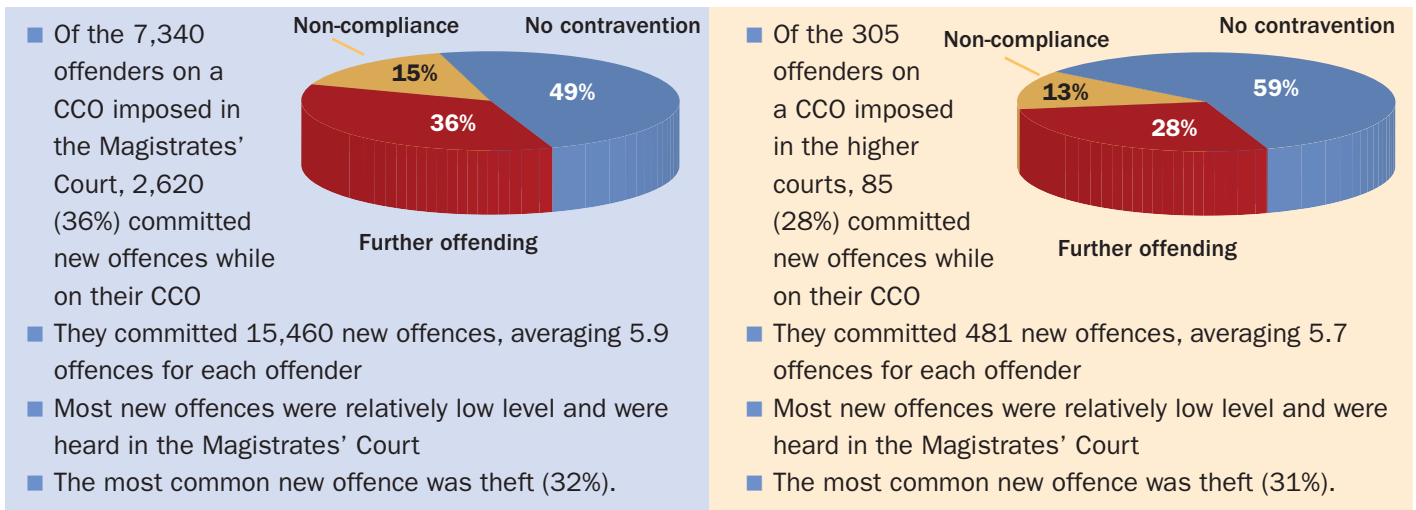


Contravention of community correction orders (CCOs)

The Sentencing Advisory Council studied **7,645 offenders** sentenced to a CCO between July 2012 and June 2013. Offenders were tracked until their CCO was finished or until 30 June 2016, whichever came first.



How many offenders obeyed their CCO? How many committed new offences?



When did offenders commit their first new offence?

Of the offenders who committed a new offence while on a CCO:

- 4% reoffended in the first week
- 18% reoffended in the first month
- 44% reoffended in the first three months
- 68% reoffended in the first six months.

'The findings show that early intervention is critical. To be effective, support services and programs need to start as soon as possible after offenders receive their CCO, because reoffending is most likely to start within the first few months.'

Arie Freiberg, Chair, Sentencing Advisory Council

Magistrates' Court

Higher courts

Prior convictions

During the study period, offenders with prior convictions were nearly three times more likely to contravene their CCO by further offending than offenders without prior convictions.

Age

Offenders aged under 25 years were nearly twice as likely to contravene their CCO by further offending than older offenders.

Other factors

Offenders were more likely to contravene their CCO if it was:

- longer than 12 months
- combined with a sentenced of imprisonment.

What factors make an offender more likely to commit an offence on their CCO?

Prior convictions

During the study period, offenders with prior convictions were five times more likely to contravene their CCO by further offending than offenders without prior convictions.

Age

Offenders aged under 25 years were nearly twice as likely to contravene by further offending than older offenders.

Other factors

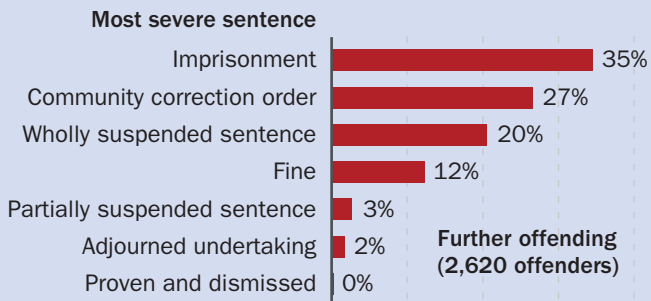
Offenders were more likely to contravene their CCO if it:

- had conditions other than community work (e.g. supervision and treatment) or
- was longer than 2 years.

How many offenders who committed new offences went to prison?

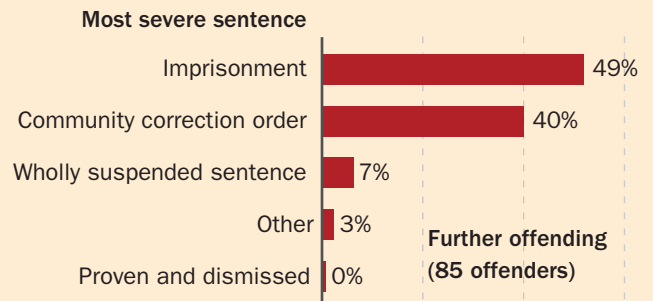
Of the 2,620 offenders who contravened by further offending on a CCO imposed in the Magistrates' Court:

- 35% went to prison
- 27% stayed on a CCO, either as it was or with changes (e.g. stricter conditions).



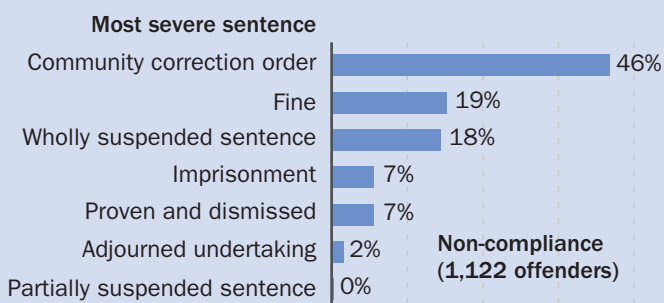
Of the 85 offenders who contravened by further offending on a CCO imposed in the higher courts:

- 49% went to prison
- 40% stayed on a CCO, either as it was or with changes (e.g. stricter conditions).



What happened to offenders who contravened their CCO by non-compliance?

Of the 1,122 offenders who contravened a CCO imposed in the Magistrates' Court by non-compliance with another condition (e.g. unpaid community work or reporting) 46% stayed on a CCO, either as it was or with changes (e.g. stricter conditions).



Of the 39 offenders who contravened a CCO imposed in the higher courts by non-compliance with another condition (e.g. unpaid community work or reporting) 63% stayed on a CCO, either as it was or with changes (e.g. stricter conditions).

