

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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Agency: Attorney-General's Department

Subject: Number of guilty pleas before trial from October to June across 2023-2025

QUESTION:

How many people have pled guilty before trial for each month from October until now, and can you confirm those statistics across the same months in 2023-2024?

ANSWER:

'Pled guilty before trial' includes situations where people with criminal matters in the Supreme Court enter a guilty plea on a date before the first date of any scheduled trial or enter a guilty plea prior to a trial being scheduled (as all cases in the Supreme Court will go to trial if no guilty plea is entered).

A person may plead guilty to some offences in a matter and not others, in which case a trial would still be required for the remaining offences. Hence, this includes only occasions where a guilty plea is entered prior to trial for all offences being heard in the Supreme Court.

A person may change their plea, so only finalised cases are included, by the date of sentencing. The table counts each sentencing occasion in which a person pled guilty to all offences being sentenced prior to trial.

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2024-25	35	21	21	15	24	39	31	32	19*
2023-24	44	39	40	16	29	47	38	46	26

*Data for June 2025 are as of 15 June 2025. The month refers to the date of sentencing.