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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2010-01204

Keyword: Crime

Subject: Crimes Where Suspect Was Aged 10 or Under

Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

Question 1

I request figures for each of the last 5 years for crimes investigated where the suspect was aged ten or under

Question 2

Please provide a breakdown of the type of crime the individuals in Question 1 were involved in. For example criminal damage, arson, sexual offences, burglary etc

Answer

Please find attached records.

Please note that the information provided is in different formats. For the years 2005/06 and 2006/07 the information has been extracted from databases maintained for the purpose of recording statistics in compliance with Home Office Counting Rules. This requirement ceased in 2007/08 in relation to this particular crime clearance type. The information provided for the years 2007/08 to 2009/10 inclusive have been extracted from databases maintained by the PSNI Community Safety Branch. These figures have been recorded for internal use only and should not be used as a comparison with any other police service.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible, or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by

emailing foi@psni.pnn.police.uk.

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

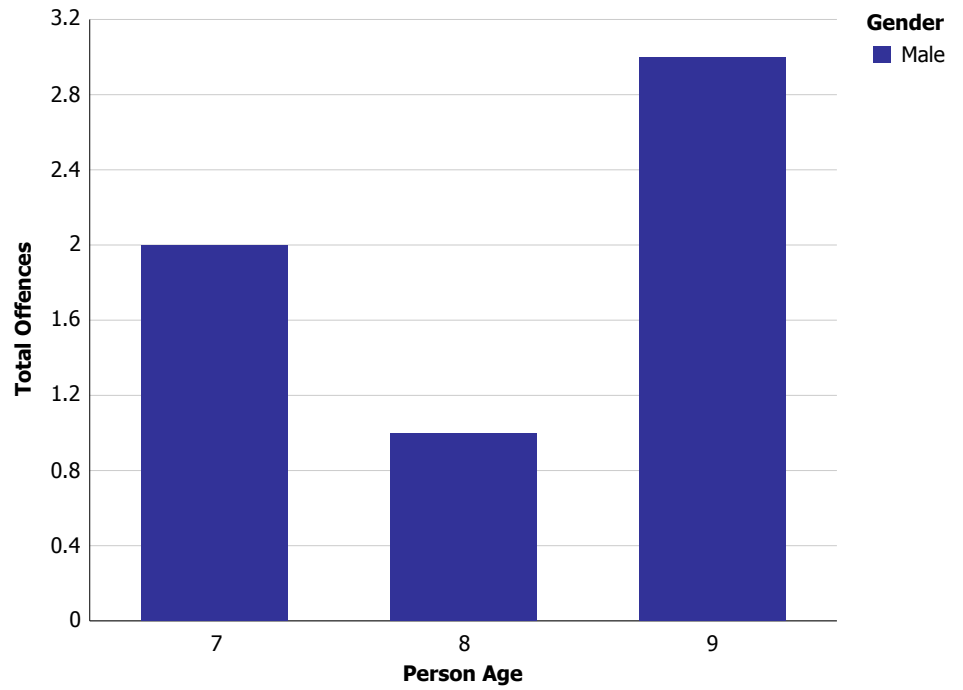
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Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.

Offences Committed by Children Under 10 in A District

Date Range : 1 April 2009
to 31 March 2010

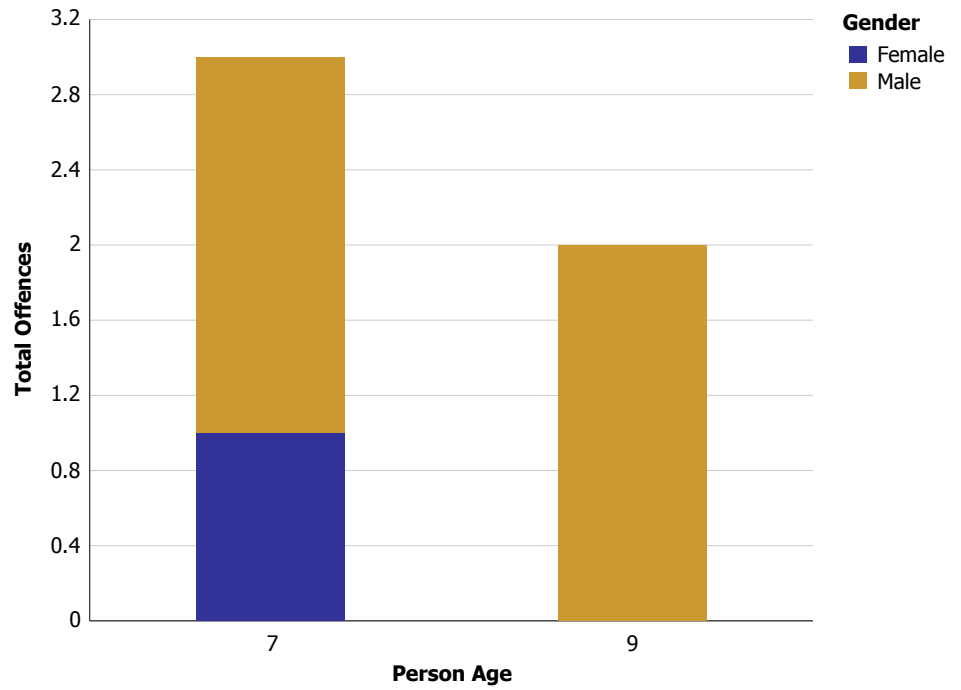
	Male
7 Criminal Damage	2
8 Criminal Damage	1
9 Criminal Damage	1
Firework Related Offences	2
Total	6



Offences Committed by Children Under 10 in C District

Date Range : 1 April 2009
to 31 March 2010

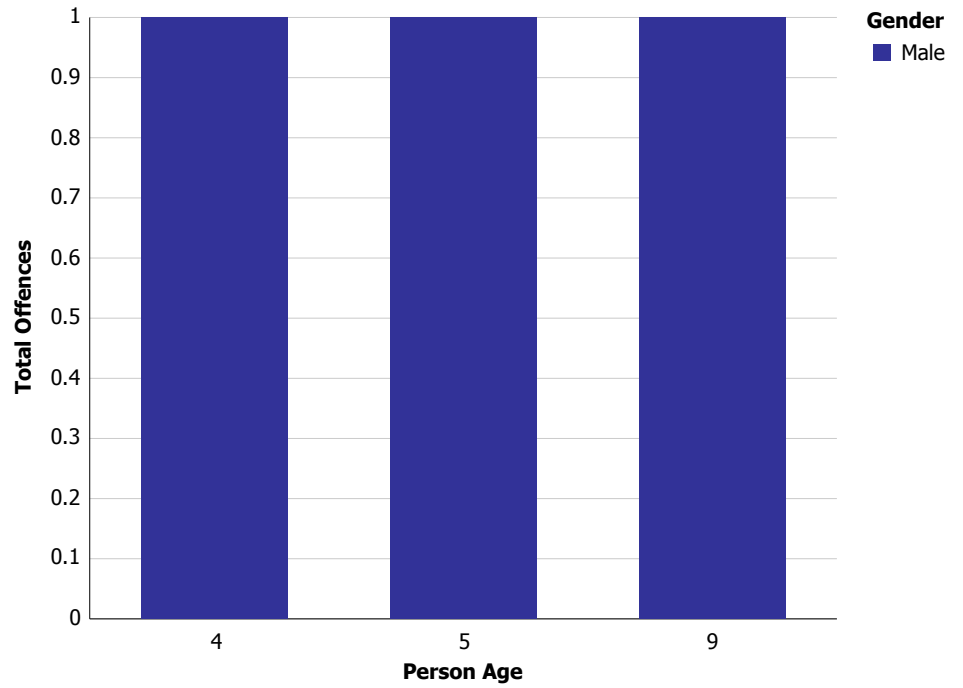
		Female	Male
7	Common Assault	1	1
	AOABH	0	1
9	Common Assault	0	1
	Criminal Damage	0	1
Total		1	4



Offences Committed by Children Under 10 in D District

Date Range : 1 April 2009
to 31 March 2010

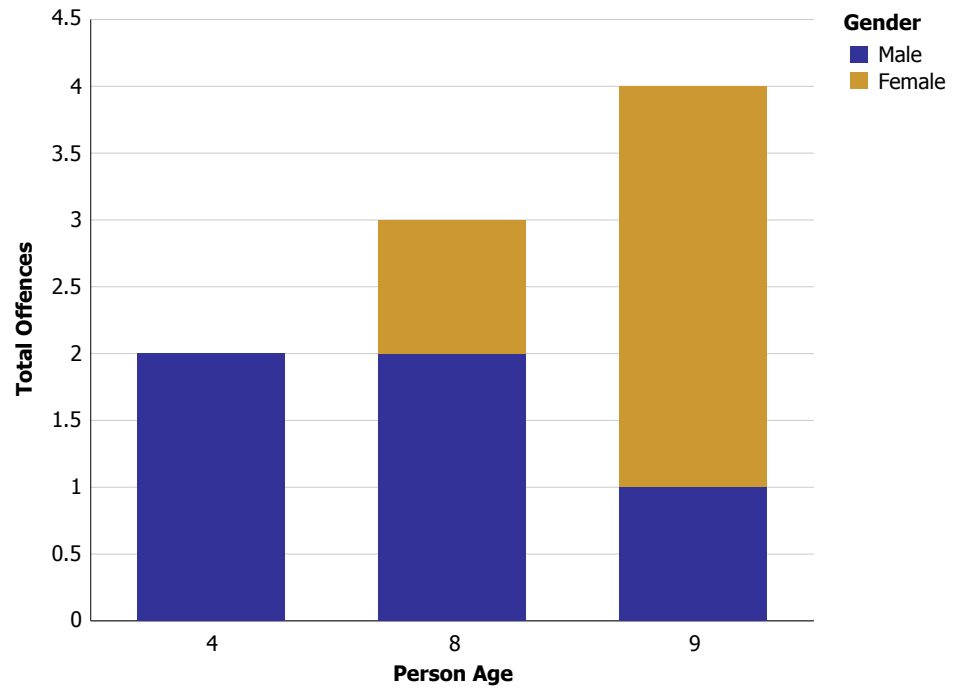
		Male
4	Criminal Damage	1
5	Criminal Damage	1
9	Alcohol Related	1
Total		3



Offences Committed by Children Under 10 in E District

Date Range : 1 April 2009
to 31 March 2010

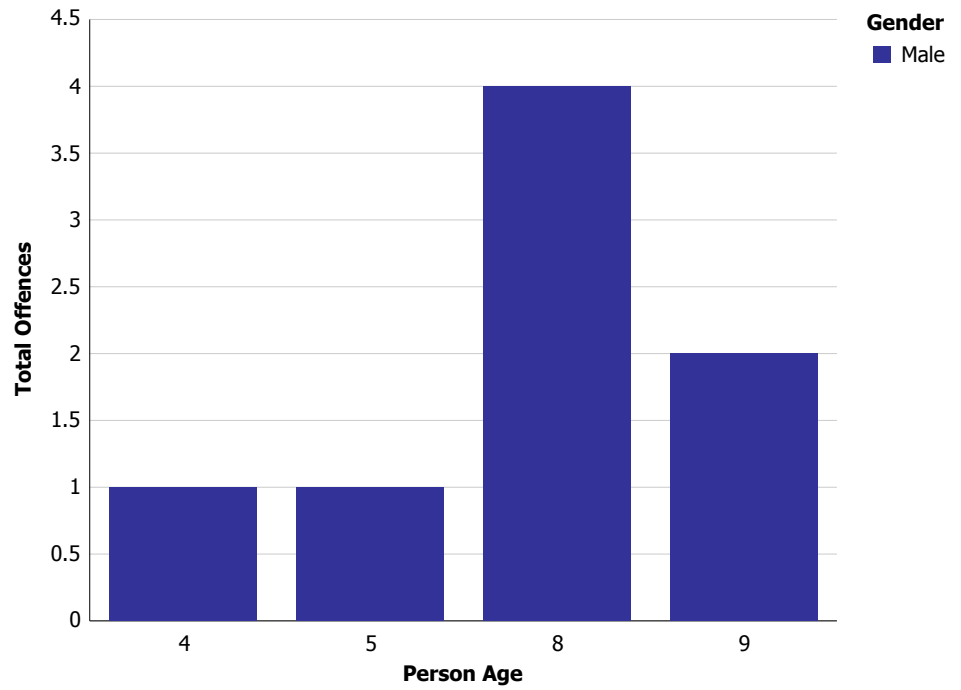
		Female	Male
8	Theft	1	1
	Criminal Damage	0	1
9	Criminal Damage	2	1
	Theft	1	0
4	Criminal Damage	0	2
Total		4	5



Offences Committed by Children Under 10 in G District

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to 31 March 2010

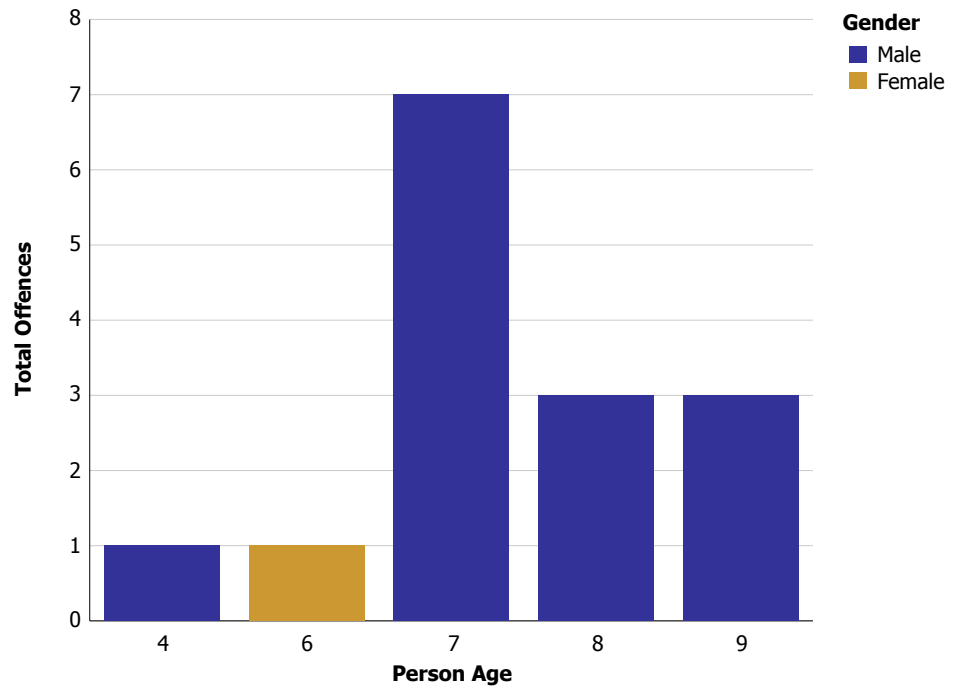
		Male
4	Cruelty	1
5	Criminal Damage	1
8	Common Assault	3
	Criminal Damage	1
9	Common Assault	1
	Criminal Damage	1
Total		8



Offences Committed by Children Under 10 in H District

Date Range : 1 April 2009
to 31 March 2010

Total Offences		Female	Male
6	Motoring	1	0
4	Common Assault	0	1
7	Arson	0	2
	Criminal Damage	0	3
	Offensive Weapon	0	2
8	Common Assault	0	1
	Criminal Damage	0	1
	Firework Related Offences	0	1
9	Common Assault	0	1
	Criminal Damage	0	1
	Offensive Weapon	0	1
Total		1	14

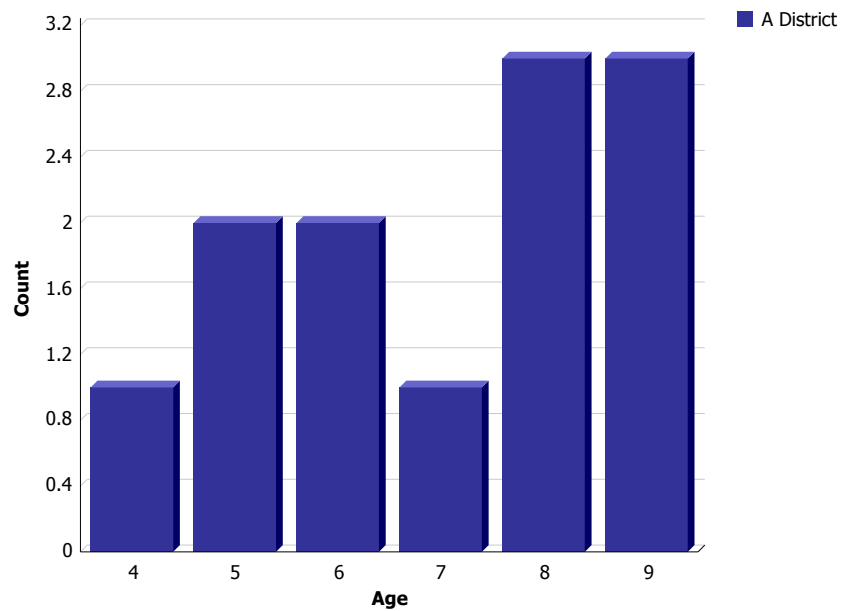


Of the 15 Incidents Recorded in H district. 5 were carried out by the same individual

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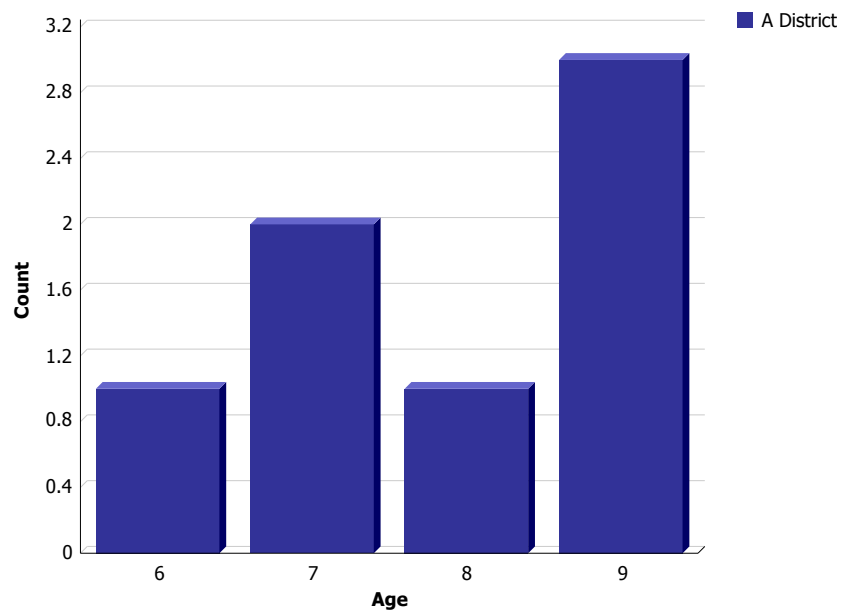
Date Range : 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008

Age	4	5	6	7	8	9
Alcohol Related	0	2	2	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hoax Calls	0	0	0	1	0	0
Offensive Weapon	0	0	0	0	1	0
Theft	0	0	0	0	2	2
Threats to Kill	1	0	0	0	0	0



Date Range : 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009

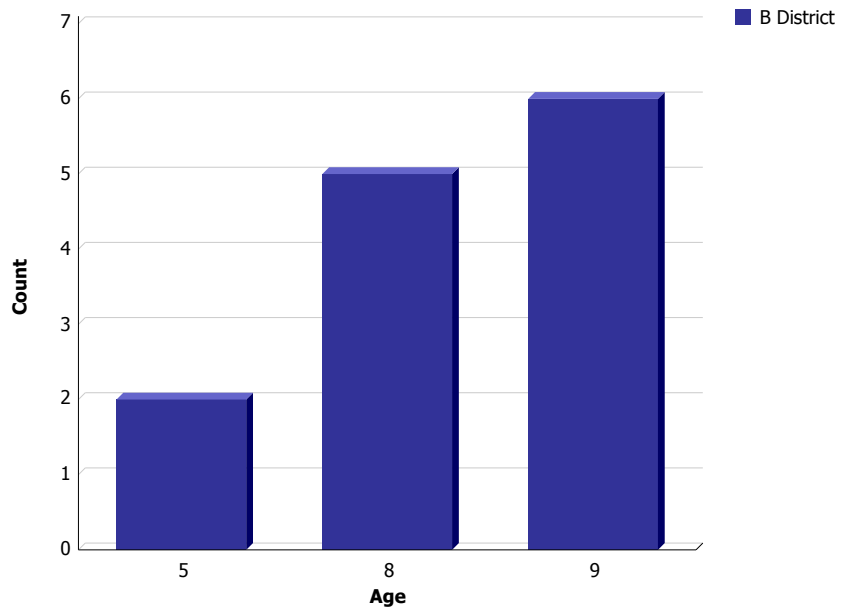
Age	6	7	8	9
Common Assault	0	0	0	1
Criminal Damage	0	0	1	1
Motoring	0	1	0	0
Theft	1	1	0	1



Offences Committed by Children Under 10 in B District

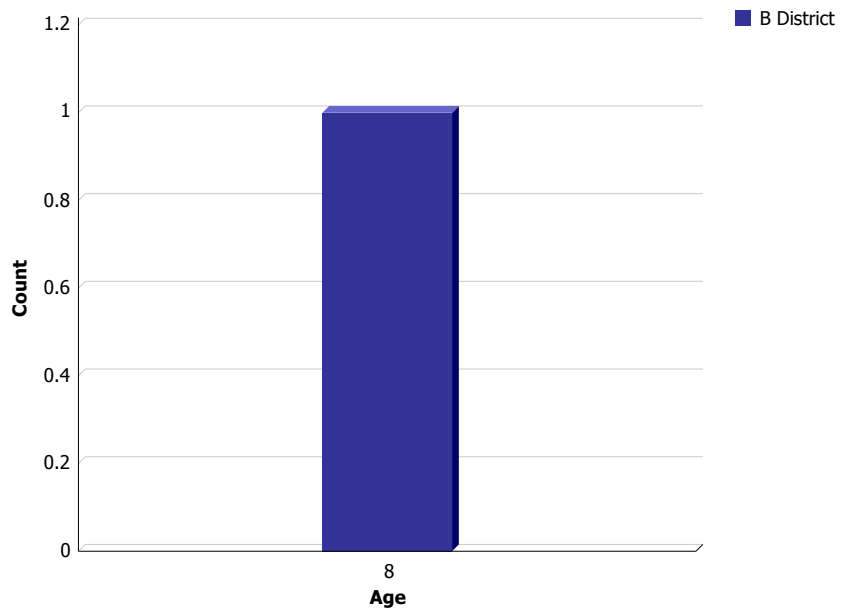
Date Range : 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008

Age	5	8	9
Arson	0	1	0
Criminal Damage	2	1	0
Public Order Related	0	0	2
Theft	0	3	4



Date Range : 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009

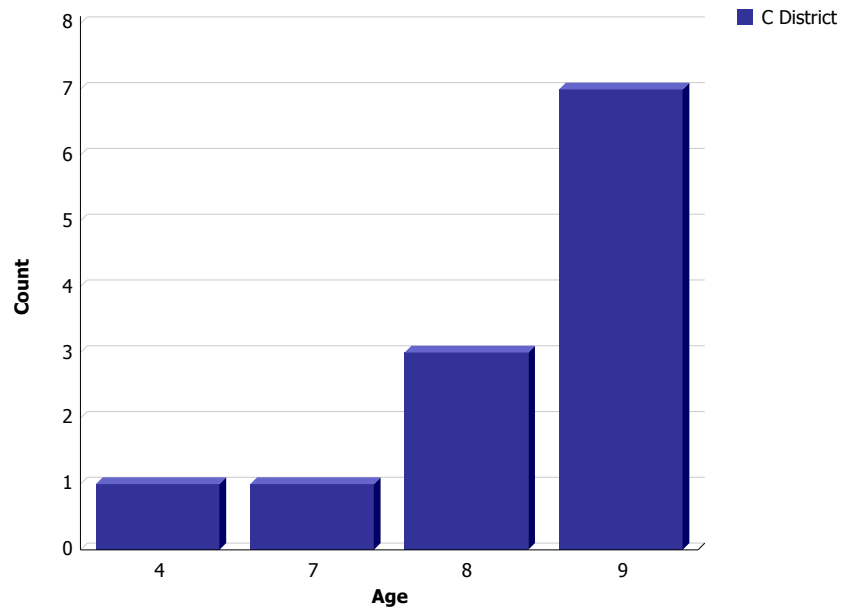
Age	8
Criminal Damage	1



Offences Committed by Children Under 10 in C District

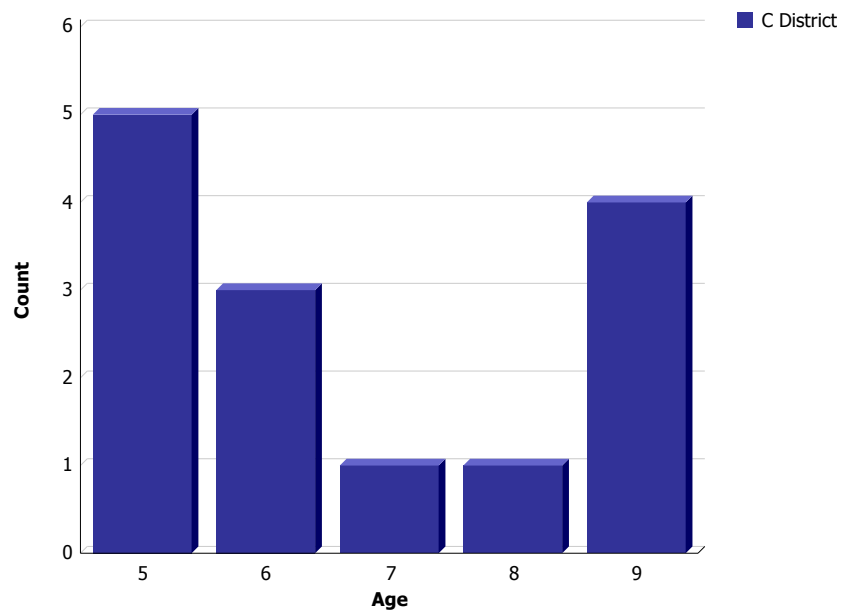
Date Range : 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008

Age	4	7	8	9
Common Assault	0	1	2	1
Criminal Damage	1	0	1	5
Theft	0	0	0	1



Date Range : 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009

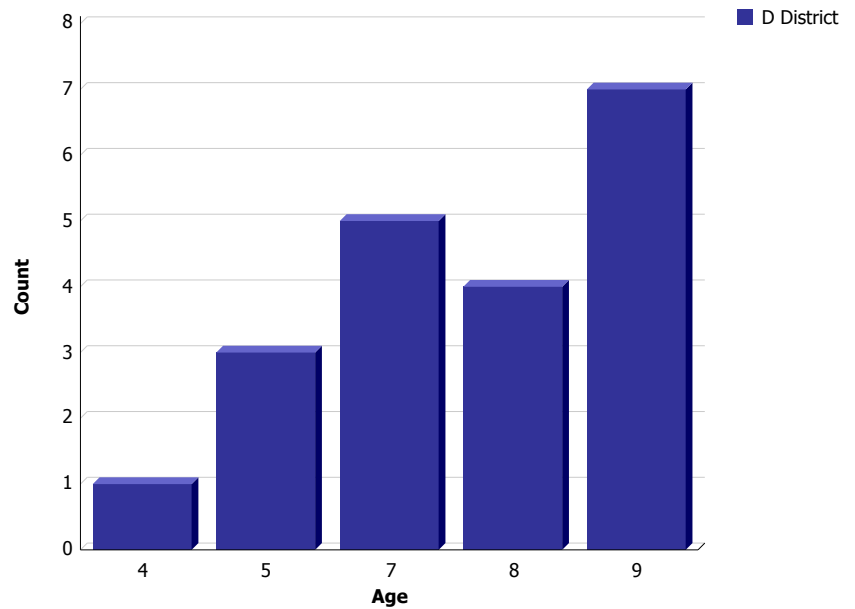
Age	5	6	7	8	9
Alcohol Related	0	0	0	0	1
Criminal Damage	2	2	1	0	2
Hoax Calls	3	1	0	0	1
Theft	0	0	0	1	0



Offences Committed by Children Under 10 in D District

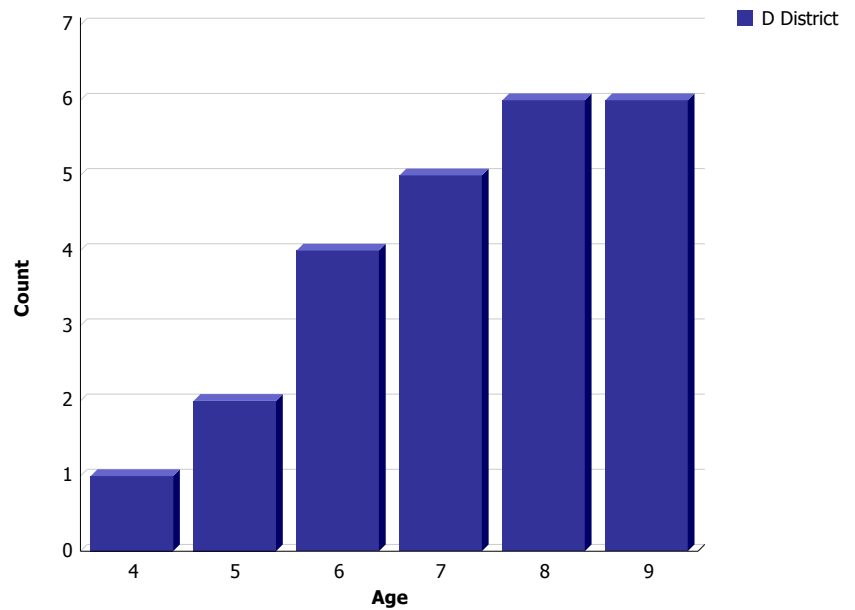
Date Range : 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008

Age	4	5	7	8	9
Common Assault	0	1	2	1	4
Criminal Damage	0	2	2	2	0
Sexual Offences	1	0	0	1	0
Theft	0	0	1	0	3



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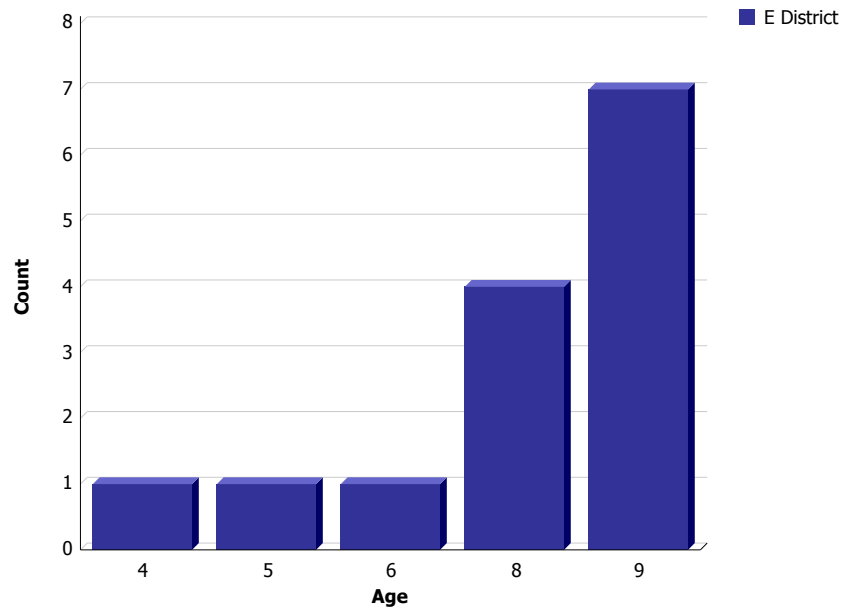
Age	4	5	6	7	8	9
Common Assault	0	0	1	0	3	2
Criminal Damage	0	1	1	1	1	3
Public Order Related	0	0	0	0	1	0
Sexual Offences	0	0	1	0	0	0
Theft	1	1	1	4	1	1



Offences Committed by Children Under 10 in E District

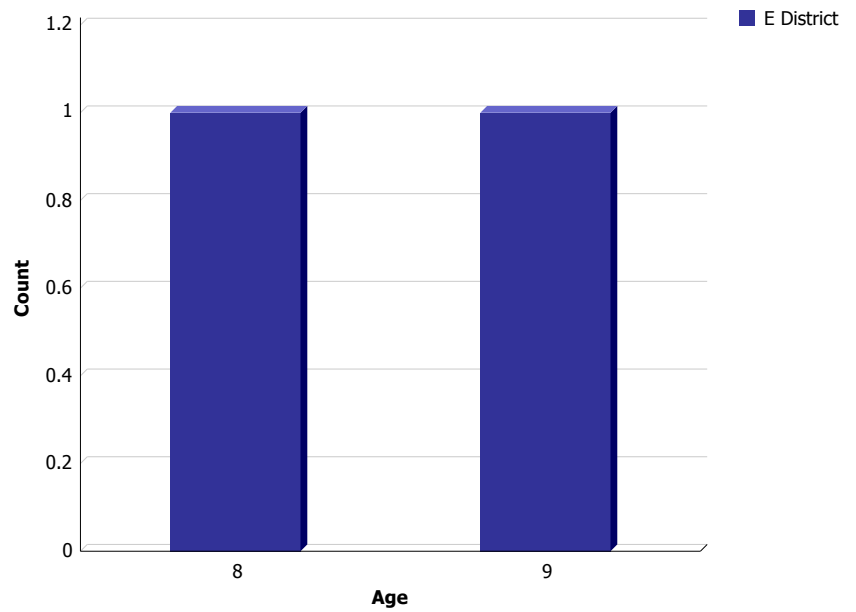
Date Range : 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008

Age	4	5	6	8	9
Common Assault	0	0	0	0	2
Criminal Damage	1	1	0	2	2
Public Order Related	0	0	0	0	2
Theft	0	0	1	2	1



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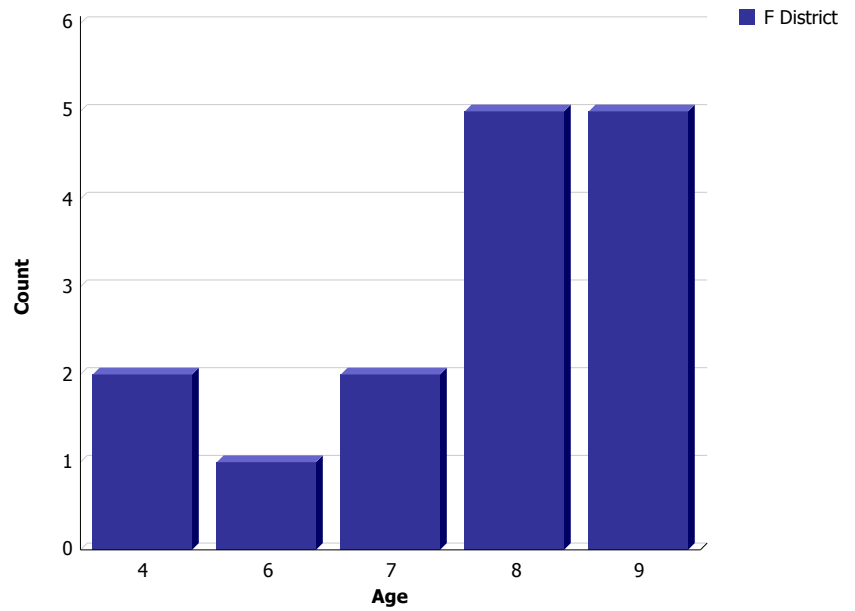
Age	8	9
Criminal Damage	1	0
Sexual Offences	0	1



Offences Committed by Children Under 10 in F District

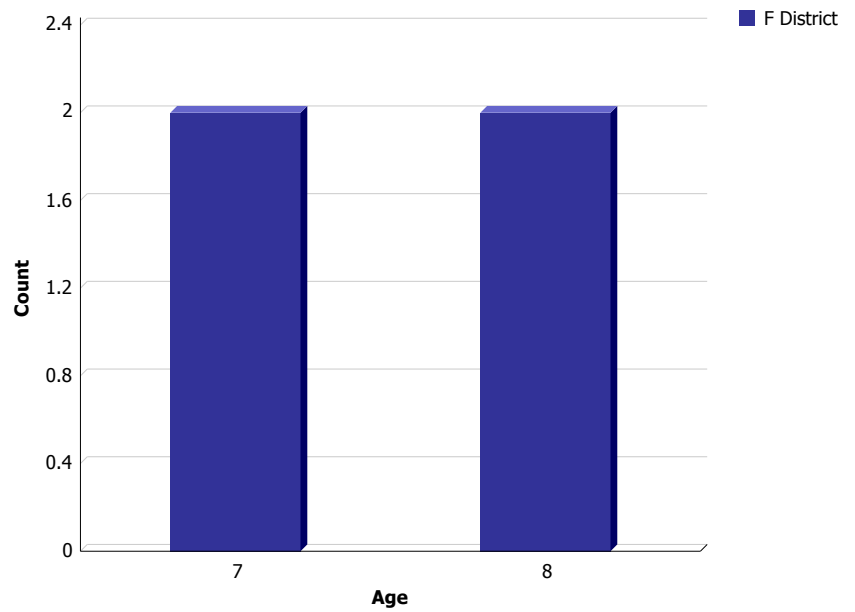
Date Range : 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008

Age	4	6	7	8	9
AOABH	0	0	0	1	0
Arson	0	0	0	2	0
Common Assault	0	1	2	0	4
Criminal Damage	1	0	0	0	0
Sexual Offences	1	0	0	0	0
Theft	0	0	0	2	1



Date Range : 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009

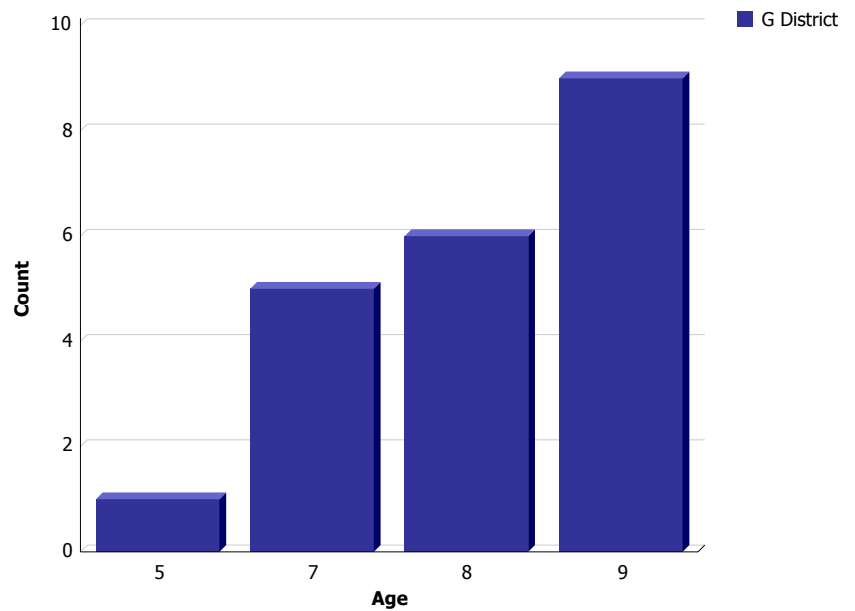
Age	7	8
Common Assault	2	0
Disorderly Behaviour	0	1
GBH	0	1



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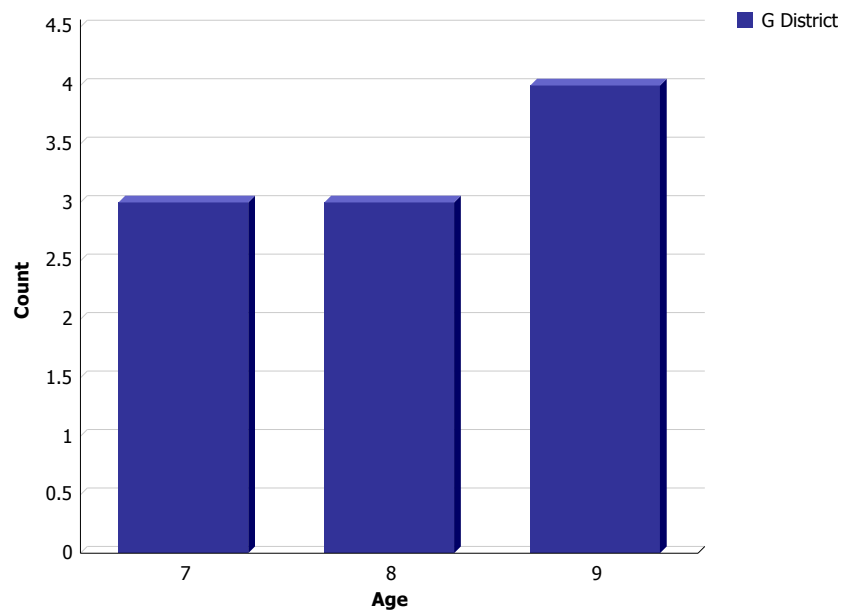
Date Range : 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008

Age	5	7	8	9
Burglary	0	0	0	1
Common Assault	0	0	2	2
Criminal Damage	1	3	2	2
Offensive Weapon	0	0	0	1
Public Order Related	0	0	1	0
Sexual Offences	0	1	1	0
Theft	0	1	0	3



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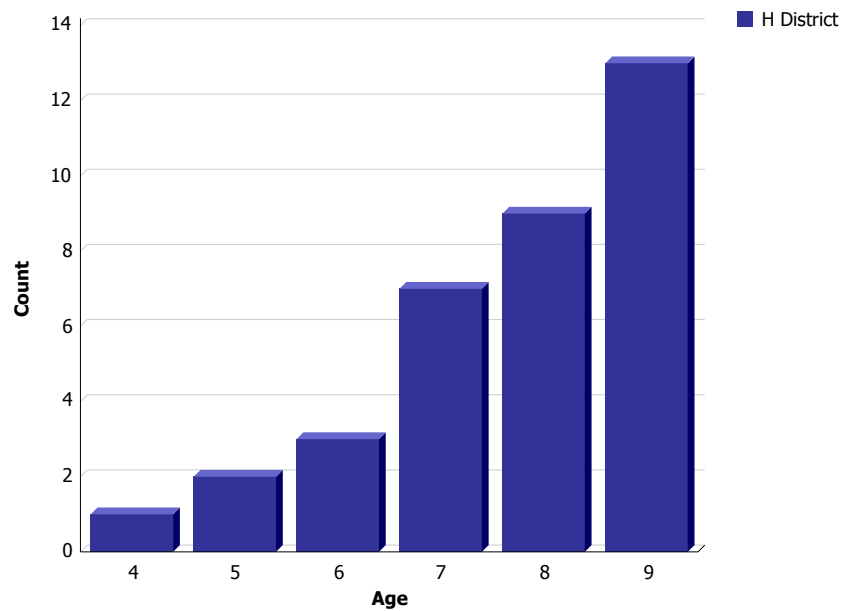
Age	7	8	9
Common Assault	0	0	1
Criminal Damage	0	1	0
Disorderly Behaviour	0	0	1
Hoax Calls	1	0	0
Motoring	0	0	1
Sexual Offences	1	1	0
Theft	1	1	1



Offences Committed by Children Under 10 in H District

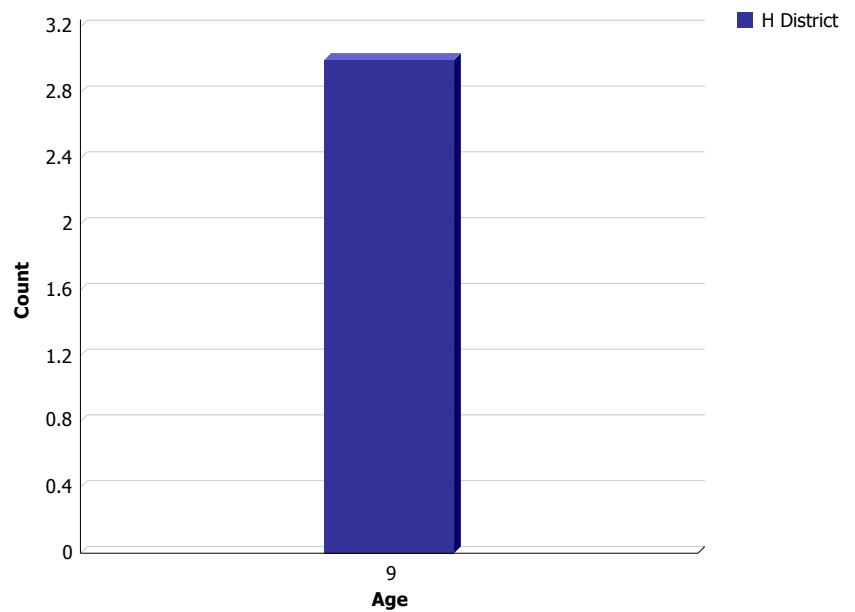
Date Range : 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008

Age	4	5	6	7	8	9
Common Assault	0	0	1	1	2	7
Criminal Damage	1	2	2	5	2	2
GBH	0	0	0	0	3	0
Sexual Offences	0	0	0	0	0	1
Theft	0	0	0	1	2	3



Date Range : 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009

Age	9
Alcohol Related	1
Common Assault	1
Criminal Damage	1



**Crimes Cleared by the Police* where the method of clearance is Offender under age
Northern Ireland**

	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
Offence type			
Offences against the person	62	77	42
Sexual offences	8	11	8
Burglary	11	6	7
Robbery	0	0	0
Theft	48	56	23
Fraud and forgery	2	0	0
Criminal damage	80	86	78
Offences against the state	0	0	1
Other notifiable offences	0	0	0
Total	211	236	159

Source: Central Statistics Unit, PSNI

* These figures relate to the number of crimes cleared during each financial year, regardless of when they have been recorded.

NOTE

Clearance Rates

In April 2006 PSNI adopted a higher evidential standard in respect of non sanction clearances (those where no further action is taken by the police, mainly due to the victim not wanting formal action taken by the police or due to no prosecution being directed). This change was introduced in order to bring these clearance types more closely into line with police services in England and Wales where they have been applying the Crown Prosecution Service evidential test since 2002. In Northern Ireland the equivalent standard only became relevant to PSNI clearances with the establishment of the Public Prosecution Service (PPS) in June 2005. While this has had the effect of reducing the overall clearance rate, sanction clearances (those where a formal sanction is taken against an offender by means of charge, summons, caution or where the offence is taken into consideration at court) remain unaffected.