

# SMALLER BUT TOUGHER

CENTRE FOR CRIME  
AND JUSTICE STUDIES

THE NUMBER OF YOUNG ADULTS IN COURT  
FOR MORE SERIOUS OFFENCES HAS FALLEN  
BY 65% SINCE 2010.



BUT THOSE WHO DO APPEAR IN COURT ARE NOW MORE LIKELY TO BE HELD ON REMAND, LESS LIKELY TO GET A COMMUNITY SENTENCE, AND MORE LIKELY TO BE SENT TO PRISON - AND FOR LONGER...

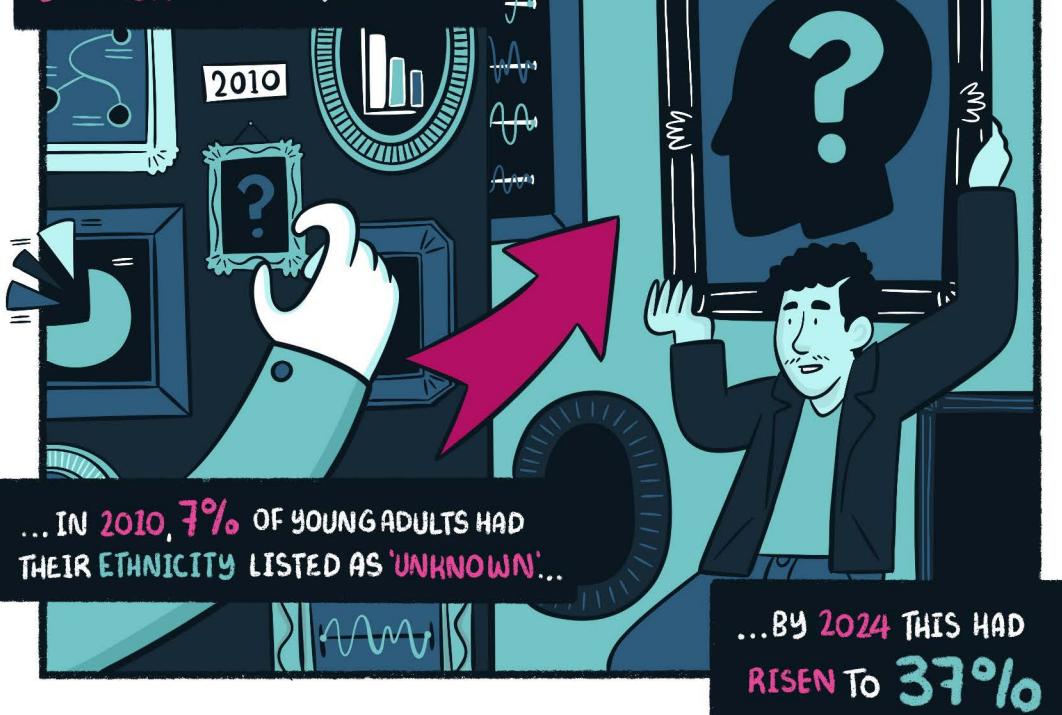
YOUNG ADULT MEN ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE HELD ON REMAND AND SENT TO PRISON...



...WHILE YOUNG ADULT WOMEN ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE REMANDED FOR OFFENCES THAT DO NOT RESULT IN A PRISON SENTENCE

IT LOOKS LIKE  
ETHNIC INEQUALITIES  
**HAVE GROWN**  
BECAUSE PROSECUTIONS OF  
WHITE YOUNG ADULTS HAVE  
FALLEN FASTER THAN  
OTHER GROUPS

BUT THERE'S A REAL PROBLEM WITH  
THE ACCURACY OF ETHNICITY DATA,  
WHICH HAS BECOME LESS AND  
LESS RELIABLE OVER TIME...



**BIG DIFFERENCES**  
APPEAR WHEN YOU LOOK AT  
ETHNICITY & GENDER  
TOGETHER

IN OTHER WORDS, THE JUSTICE SYSTEM HAS BECOME  
SMALLER, BUT TOUGHER, FOR YOUNG ADULTS...



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