

Crime in England and Wales

July 2023 Release

Data for twelve months ending March 2023

Source: Home Office Police Recorded Crime Open Data Tables (to Q4 2022/23)



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NOTES

The ONS Report states -

"Police recorded crime levels in England and Wales during 2020 and 2021 were substantially affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and restrictions on social contact. Comparisons with the year ending March 2022 show patterns in crime since the easing of social restrictions earlier that year."

Improvements to recording processes and practices by the police, expansions of the recorded crime collection to include new offences, variations in police activity, more victims reporting crime, and genuine increases in some types of crime, have each made substantial contributions to changes in recorded crime over recent years. This effect has been more pronounced for some crime types. For some types of offence these figures do not provide reliable trends in crime:

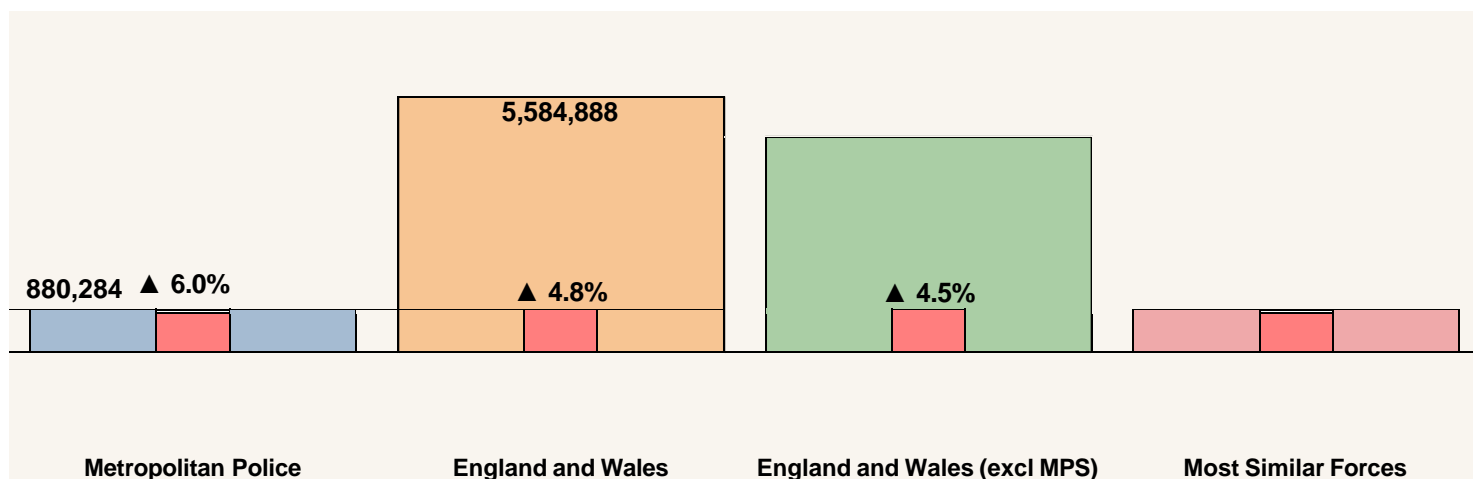
Police recorded violence should be interpreted with caution as increases may reflect improvements made by police forces in identifying and recording offences, as well as an increase in victims reporting incidents. Police recorded violence does not provide reliable trends in crime but are a better indicator of police activity.

Sexual offences recorded by the police do not provide a reliable measure of trends in these types of crime. Improvements in police recording practices and increased reporting by victims have contributed to increases in recent years. The figures do, however, provide a good measure of the crime-related demand on the police.

Please note Devon and Cornwall are excluded from national comparisons. As stated by the ONS report, "following the implementation of a new IT system in November 2022, Devon and Cornwall Police have been unable to supply for the period, October 2022 to March 2023 for the following offences: knife or sharp instruments, firearms, those flagged as domestic abuse-related and those recorded by Action Fraud." It is due to this reason Devon and Cornwall police force has been excluded from national Knife and Firearm statistics listed in this report.

Source: July 2023, ONS Crime in England and Wales: year ending March 2023 Report. Available from:
<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/crimeandjustice/bulletins/crimeinenglandandwales/yearendingmarch2023>

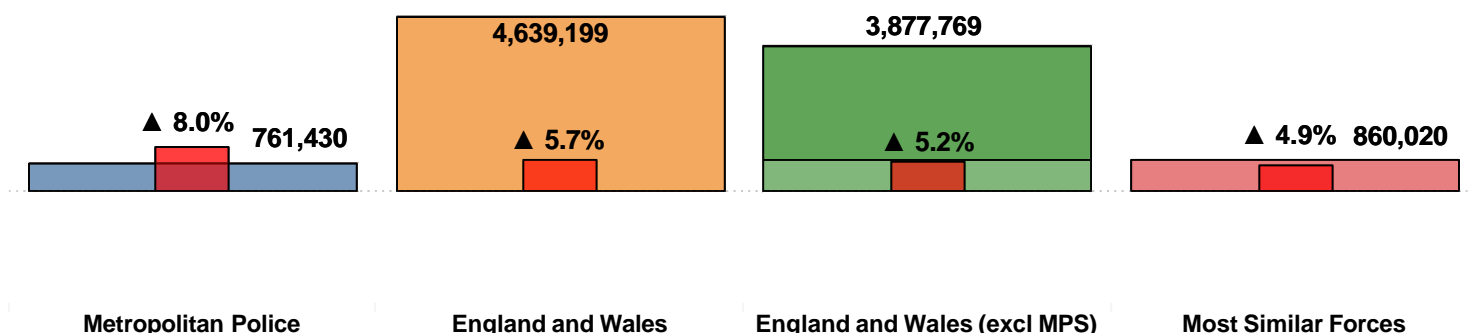
ONS Quarterly Release - Summary Report



In the 12 months to March 2023, the MPS recorded a 6% increase in Total Recorded Crime compared to the previous 12 months. Following the same trend, Total Recorded Crime increased in England and Wales and Most Similar Forces by 5% over the same timeframe.

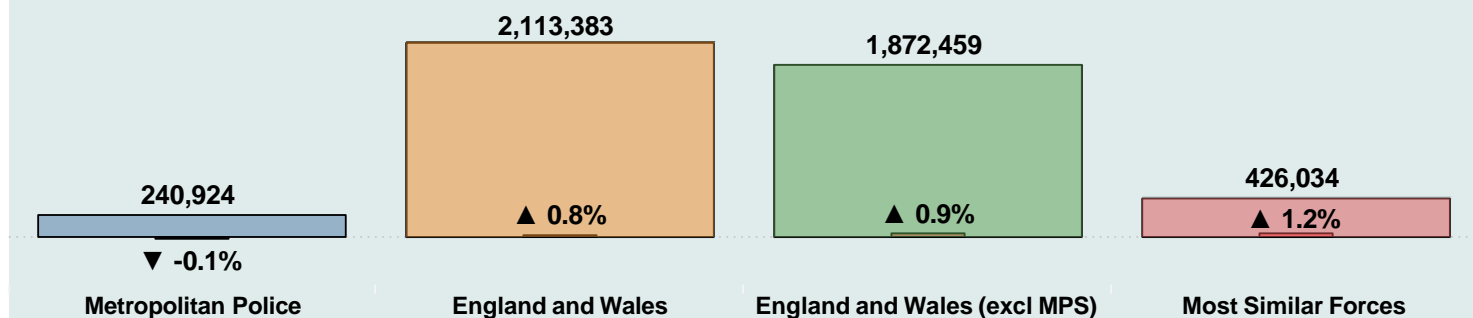
The MPS had the 10th highest rate of offending in England and Wales for total recorded crime (excluding fraud) at 100.2 offences per 1,000 population (weighted by mid-year 2021 population).

Victim Based Crime

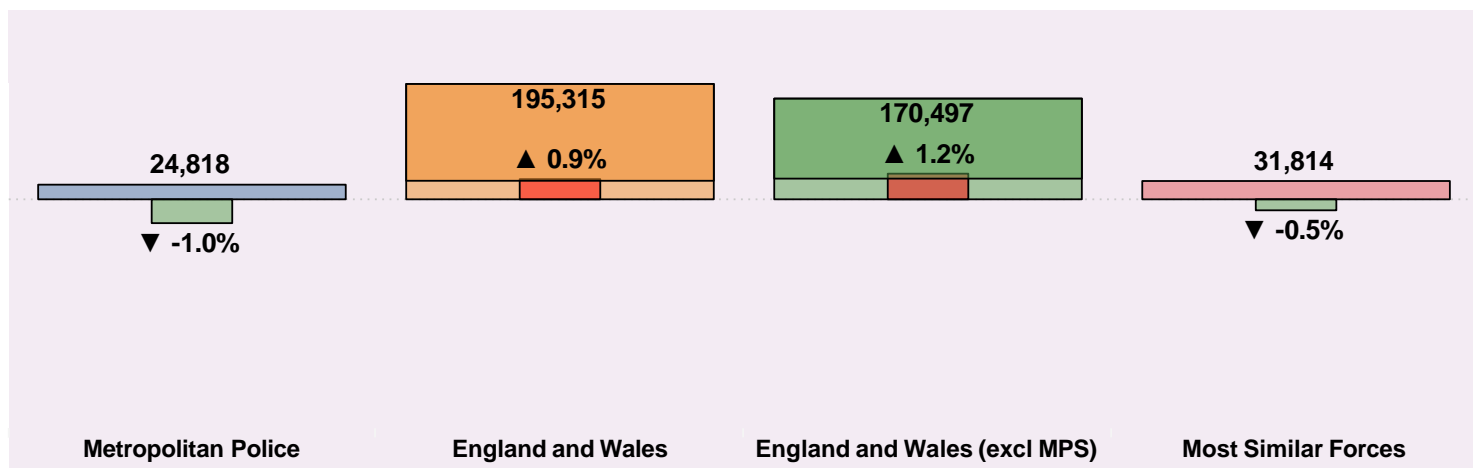


Over the 12 month period to March 2023, Victim Based Crime increased by 8% across the MPS. There was an increase of 6% across England and Wales and 5% across Most Similar Forces.

Violence Against the Person

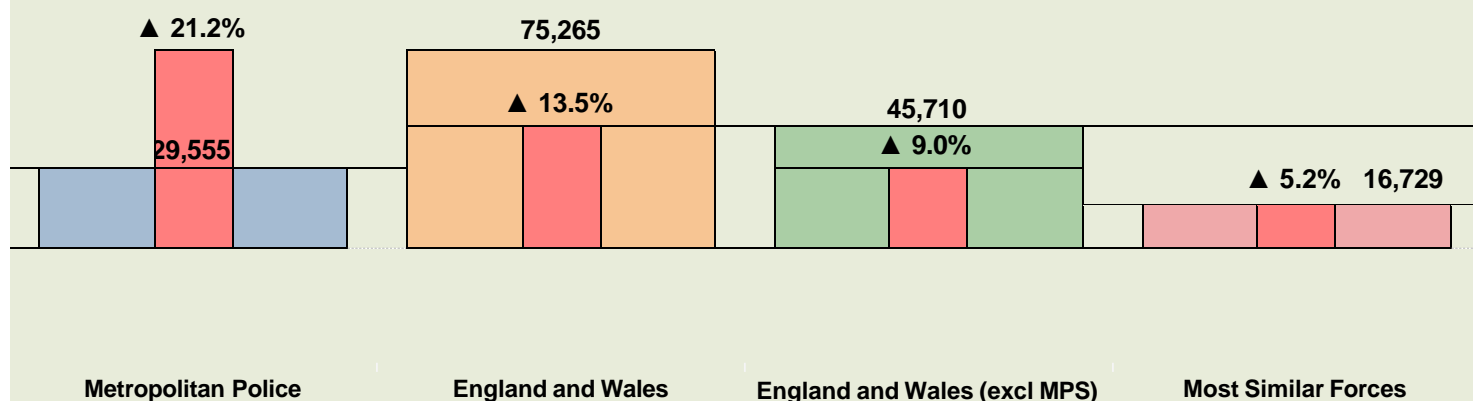


Over the 12 month period to March 2023, Violence Against the Person offences recorded by the MPS has remained stable (-0.1%), following the same trend as England and Wales and Most Similar Forces (+1%).



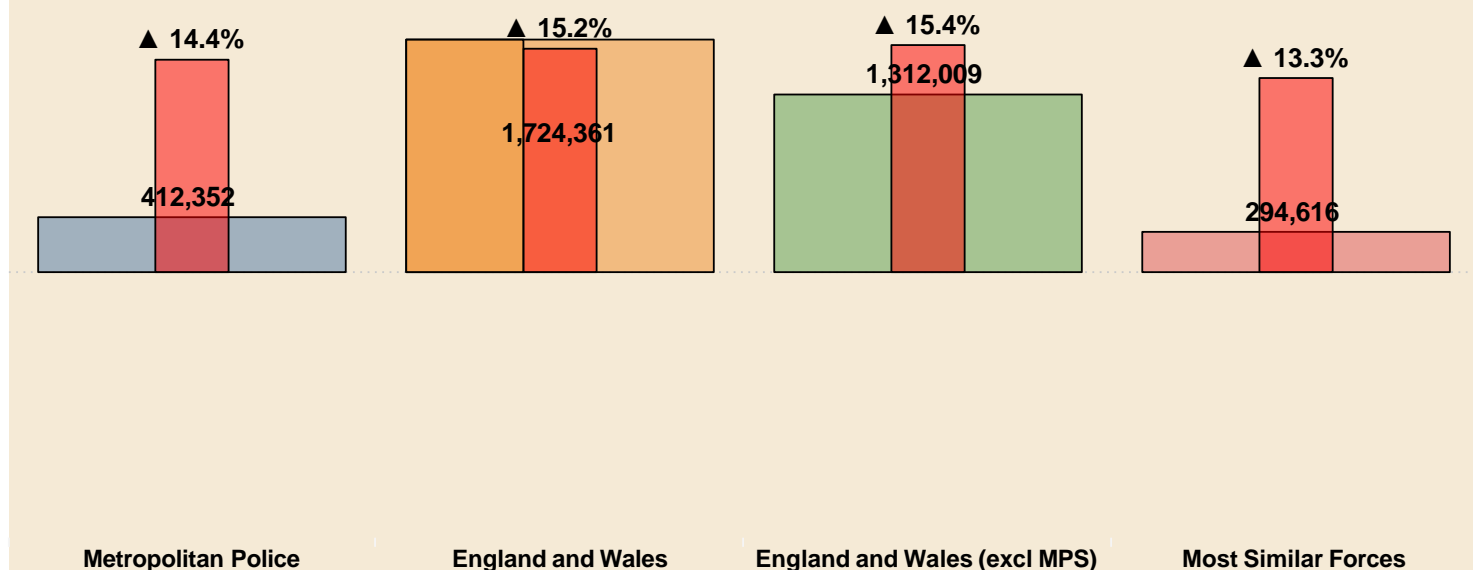
In the 12 months to March 2023, Sexual Offences recorded by the MPS have remained stable (-1%), following the same trend as England and Wales (+1%) and Most Similar Forces (-1%).

Robbery Offences



In the 12 months to March 2023, Robbery has increased by 21% across the MPS. This is larger than the increase recorded by England and Wales (+13%) and Most Similar Forces (+5%).

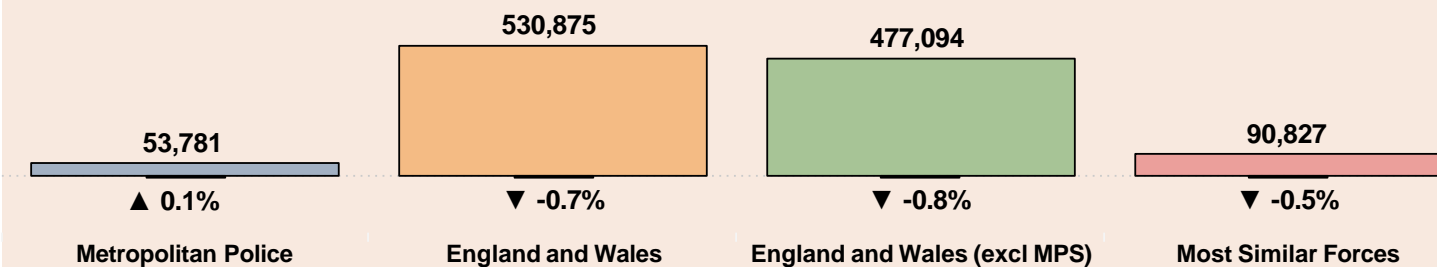
Theft Offences



Theft Offences have increased by 14% in the MPS compared to the previous 12 months (12 months to March 2022).

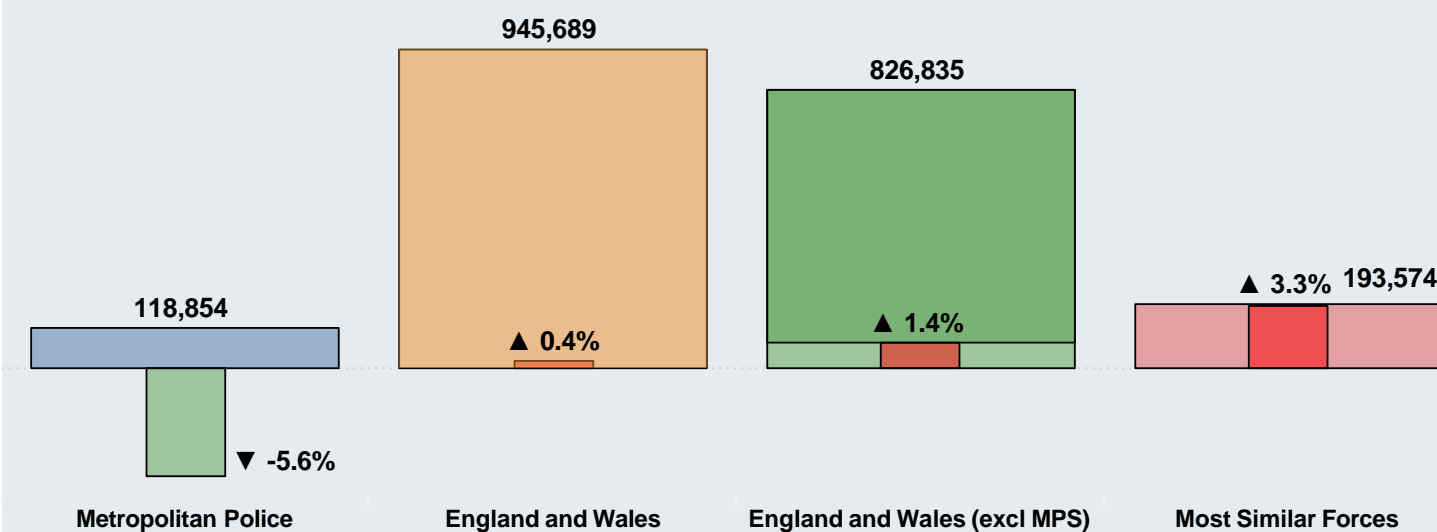
In the same timeframe, England and Wales (+15%) and Most Similar Forces (+13%) have seen similar increases.

Criminal Damage and Arson



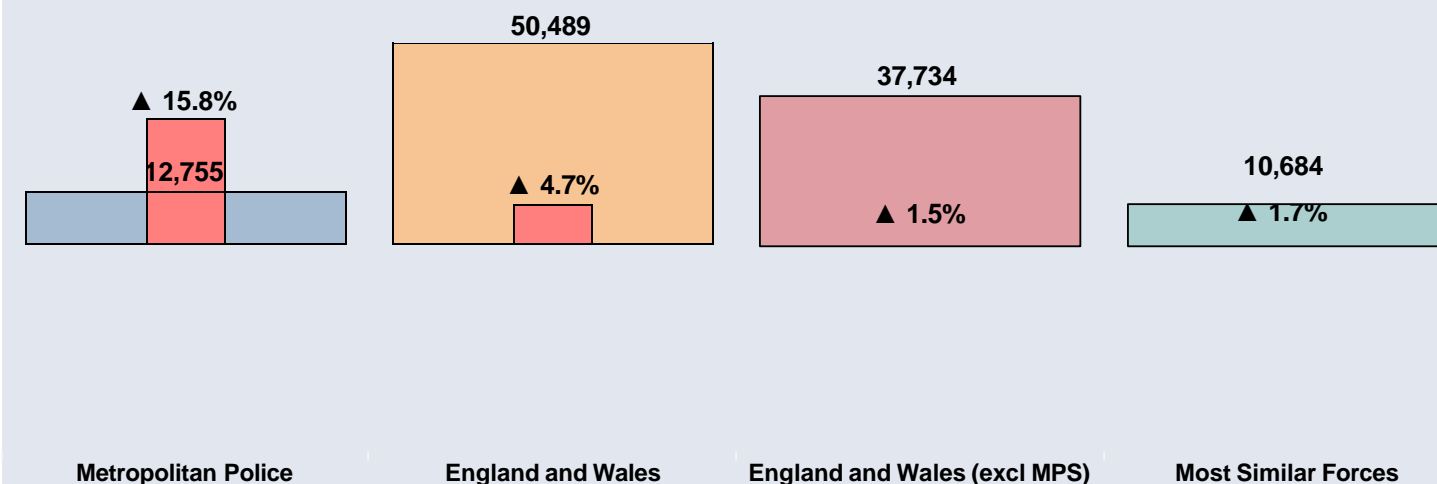
Over the last 12 months, Criminal Damage and Arson has remained stable in the MPS (0%), following the same trend as England and Wales (-1%) and Most Similar Forces (-1%).

Other Crimes Against Society



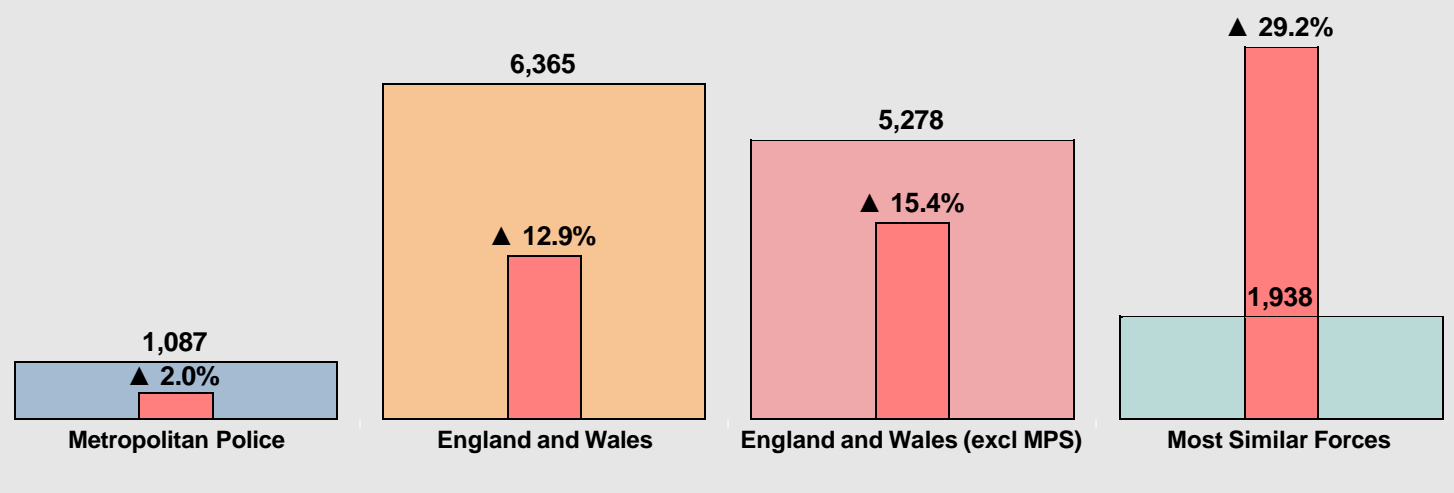
Over the last 12 months, Other Crimes Against Society has decreased by 6% in the MPS. Trends have remained stable across England and Wales (0%) and Most Similar Forces (+3%).

Knife Crime



Knife crime has increased by 16% in the year ending to March 2023 as compared to the previous year (March 2022). This is a larger increase than that recorded across England and Wales (excluding Devon and Cornwall) (+5%). In the same timeframe, Knife crime offences across Most Similar Forces have remained stable (+2%).

Firearms Offences



Firearm offences in the 12 months to March 2023 have remained stable across the MPS (+2%). In the same timeframe, England and Wales (excluding Devon and Cornwall) has seen an increase of 13% and Most Similar Forces have seen an increase of 29%.

ONS Quarterly Release - Percentage Change and Volume of Crime

Volume of Offences	Metropolitan Police Service	England and Wales	England and Wales (excl MPS)	Most Similar Forces
Total Recorded Crime (excl fraud)	▲ 6.0% - (880,284)	▲ 4.8% - (5,584,888)	▲ 4.5% - (4,704,604)	▲ 4.6% - (1,053,594)
VICTIM BASED CRIME	▲ 8.0% - (761,430)	▲ 5.7% - (4,639,199)	▲ 5.2% - (3,877,769)	▲ 4.9% - (860,020)
Violence Against the Person	- -	-	-	-
Homicide	▼ -10.5% - (111)	▼ -13.6% - (602)	▼ -14.3% - (491)	▼ -28.5% - (98)
Violence with injury	▲ 1.3% - (77,017)	▲ 1.2% - (573,791)	▲ 1.2% - (496,774)	▼ -0.3% - (99,508)
Violence without injury	▲ 4.9% - (102,170)	▲ 2.2% - (828,673)	▲ 1.9% - (726,503)	▲ 2.2% - (164,188)
Stalking and harassment	▼ -9.0% - (61,566)	▼ -1.3% - (709,388)	▼ -0.5% - (647,822)	▲ 1.2% - (162,047)
Death or serious injury caused by illegal driving	▲ 13.2% - (60)	▲ 9.4% - (929)	▲ 9.2% - (869)	▲ 3.8% - (193)
Sexual Offences	- -	-	-	- -
Robbery	-	-	-	-
All other theft offences	-	-	-	-
Bicycle theft	- -	- -	-	- -
Burglary	-	-	-	-
Shoplifting	-	-	-	-
Theft from the person	-	-	-	-
Vehicles offences	-	-	-	-
Criminal Damage and Arson	-	- -	- -	- -
Other Crimes Against Society	▼ -5.6% - (118,854)	▲ 0.4% - (945,689)	▲ 1.4% - (826,835)	▲ 3.3% - (193,574)
Drugs Offences	- -	- -	-	-
Miscellaneous crimes against society	-	-	-	-
Possession of weapons offences	- -	-	-	-
Public order offences	- -	- -	- -	- -

ONS Quarterly Release - Rate per 1,000 population and MPS Rank

Rate per 1,000 population		Metropolitan Police Service	England and Wales	England and Wales (excl MPS)	Most Similar Forces
Total Recorded Crime (excl fraud)	Rank = 10	100.17	93.64	92.51	129.52
VICTIM BASED CRIME	Rank 8	86.64	77.78	76.25	105.72
Violence Against the Person	Rank 33	27.42	35.43	36.82	52.37
Homicide	Rank = 12	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Violence with injury	Rank = 26	8.76	9.62	9.77	12.23
Violence without injury	Rank = 28	11.63	13.89	14.29	20.18
Stalking and harassment	Rank = 38	7.01	11.89	12.74	19.92
Death or serious injury caused by illegal driving	Rank = 31	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02
Sexual Offences	Rank = 35	2.82	3.27	3.35	3.91
Robbery	Rank = 1	3.36	1.26	0.90	2.06
All other theft offences	Rank = 1	14.56	8.56	7.53	9.82
Bicycle theft	Rank = 3	2.03	1.29	1.17	0.95
Burglary	Rank = 6	6.19	4.63	4.36	7.01
Shoplifting	Rank = 28	4.78	5.74	5.91	6.61
Theft from the person	Rank = 1	6.93	1.88	1.01	1.83
Vehicles offences	Rank = 2	12.43	6.81	5.83	10.00
Criminal Damage and Arson	Rank = 41	6.12	8.90	9.38	11.17
Other Crimes Against Society	Rank 24	13.52	15.86	16.26	23.80
Drugs Offences	Rank = 2	4.78	2.98	2.67	3.36
Miscellaneous crimes against society	Rank = 35	1.36	1.99	2.09	2.85
Possession of weapons offences	Rank = 28	0.70	0.96	1.01	1.84
Public order offences	Rank = 32	6.69	9.92	10.48	15.74