

RECORDED CRIME & ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Introduction

1. This report provides an overview on recorded crime, anti-social behaviour incidents, domestic abuse and hate crime in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees for the 12-month period of August 2020 to the end of July 2021.
2. The bulk of the statistics utilised for this report have been obtained from Cleveland Police crime statistic databases with the figures correct at the time of data extraction (09/08/2021). The data is extracted from 'live' systems and therefore remains the subject of on-going operational activity, audit and scrutiny, and therefore may result in slight amendments to some of the statistical information in future publications.
3. This report will not provide any detailed analysis unless there are any substantial changes to patterns or trends.
4. A comparison against other similar Community Safety Partnerships utilising iQuanta is noted within a separate report (This report is a RESTRICTED document due to the statistical information only made available as an intelligence tool until released by the Home Office).
5. Any reference to Population rates per 1,000 have been used in conjunction with the ONS UK Mid-year population estimates for 2020, which is the latest version provided by the ONS.¹

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<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationestimates/datasets/populationestimatesforukenglandandwalescotlandandnorthernireland>

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – AUGUST 2020 – JULY 2021

CRIME

- There have been 15,393 publicly reported offences, a decrease of 735 crimes against the same period the previous year, a 4.6% decrease.
- There have been a total of 19,041 crimes in all (publicly reported and police generated crimes combined), a decrease of 281 crimes against the same period the previous year, a 1.5% decrease.
- Stalking and Harassment offences have increased by 417 crimes against the same period the previous year, a 14.6% increase.
- Violence against the person offences have increased by 635 crimes against the same period the previous year, an 8.8% increase – The majority of this increase being caused by the increase in Stalking and Harassment offences.
- Sexual offences have increased by 126 crimes against the same period the previous year, a 21.7% increase.
- Robbery offences have decreased by 11 crimes against the same period the previous year, a 6.3% decrease.
- Theft offences have decreased by 1,207 crimes against the same period the previous year, a 22.4% decrease.
- Criminal Damage and Arson offences have decreased by 278 crimes against the same period the previous year, a 10.0% decrease.
- There were three Homicides recorded between August 2020 – July 2021, there were six in the same period the previous year.
- There were eight Deaths or Injuries due to Dangerous Driving recorded between August 2020 – July 2021, there were two in the same period the previous year.
- The rate per 1,000 population for publicly reported crime in Stockton-on-Tees is 77.8 for August 2020 – July 2021

ASB

- When factoring in Covid-19 ASB related incidents Stockton-on-Tees has the lowest ASB rate per 1,000 population at 40.6 incidents per 1,000 population for August 2020 – July 2021.
- With Covid-19 ASB incidents removed Stockton-on-Tees has the lowest ASB rate per 1,000 population at 34.6 incidents per 1,000 population for August 2020 – July 2021.
- With Covid-19 incidents included there have been 8,019 Police recorded ASB incidents in Stockton-on-Tees, a decrease of 1,466 incidents against the same period the previous year, an 15.5% decrease.
- With Covid-19 incidents removed there have been 6,827 Police recorded ASB incidents in Stockton-on-Tees, a decrease of 198 incidents against the same period the previous year, a 2.8% decrease.
- There have been 3,793 ASB Service requests recorded by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Civic Enforcement team (including noise and alcohol issues) an increase of 731 incidents, a 23.7% increase against the same period the previous year.
- Incidences of Begging have decreased by 12.5% against the same period the previous year.
- Incidences of Rowdy and Nuisance Behaviour have increased by 13.5% against the same period the previous year.
- Thirteen Group received 668 reports of ASB an increase of 22 against the same period the previous year, a 3.4% increase.

DOMESTIC ABUSE

- There have been 3,765 domestic abuse related crimes an increase of 219 crimes against the same period the previous year, a 6.2% increase.
- Of the 3,765 domestic abuse related crimes, there have been 2,823 crimes of domestic related violence, an increase of 248 against the same period the previous year, a 9.6% increase.
- Between August 2020 – July 2021 22.2% of all publicly recorded crimes in Stockton-on-Tees related to domestic abuse
- The rate per 1,000 population for domestic abuse crimes in Stockton-on-Tees is 19.1 for August 2020 – July 2021

HATE CRIME

- There have been 339 hate crime related crimes an increase of 45 crimes against the same period the previous year, a 15.3% increase.
- Of the 339 hate crime related crimes, there have been 120 crimes of violence, an increase of 14 against the same period the previous year, a 13.2% increase.
- The rate per 1,000 population for hate crime related crimes in Stockton-on-Tees is 1.7 for August 2020 – July 2021

CRIME – AUGUST 2020 –JULY 2021**Table 1 – Cleveland Police Crime statistics for Stockton-on-Tees August 2020 – July 2021 (as of 09/08/2021)²**

| Crime Type | Current Period | Previous Period | Difference (No. and %) | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Violence against the person | 7835 | 7200 | 635 | 8.8% |
| <i>Homicide</i> | 3 | 6 | -3 | -50.0% |
| <i>Death or injury due to driving</i> | 8 | 2 | 6 | 300.0% |
| <i>Violence with injury</i> | 1,645 | 1,588 | 57 | 3.6% |
| <i>Violence without injury</i> | ,2897 | 2,739 | 158 | 5.8% |
| <i>Stalking and Harassment</i> | 3,282 | 2,865 | 417 | 14.6% |
| Sexual offences | 707 | 581 | 126 | 21.7% |
| <i>Rape</i> | 236 | 209 | 27 | 12.9% |
| <i>Other Sexual offences</i> | 471 | 372 | 99 | 26.6% |
| Robbery | 165 | 176 | -11 | -6.3% |
| Theft | 4,182 | 5,389 | -1,207 | -22.4% |
| <i>Burglary - Residential</i> | 685 | 985 | -300 | -30.5% |
| <i>Burglary - Business & Com.</i> | 205 | 244 | -39 | -16.0% |
| <i>Bicycle Theft</i> | 142 | 162 | -20 | -12.3% |
| <i>Theft from the person</i> | 94 | 114 | -20 | -17.5% |
| <i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i> | 604 | 853 | -249 | -29.2% |
| <i>Shoplifting</i> | 1,190 | 1,512 | -322 | -21.3% |
| <i>Other Theft</i> | 1,262 | 1,519 | -257 | -16.9% |
| Criminal Damage and Arson | 2,504 | 2,782 | -278 | -10.0% |
| Publicly Reported Crime | 15,393 | 16,128 | -735 | -4.6% |
| Public Disorder | 2,197 | 1,811 | 386 | 21.3% |
| Drug Offences | 657 | 621 | 36 | 5.8% |
| <i>Trafficking of drugs</i> | 185 | 157 | 28 | 17.8% |
| <i>Possession/Use of drugs</i> | 472 | 464 | 8 | 1.7% |
| Possession of Weapons | 193 | 197 | -4 | -2.0% |
| Misc. crimes against society | 601 | 565 | 36 | 6.4% |
| Police Generated Crime | 3,648 | 3,194 | 454 | 14.2% |
| Total Crime | 19,041 | 19,322 | -281 | -1.5% |

² Cleveland Police monthly crime statistics database

Table 2 – Cleveland Police Crime statistics for Stockton-on-Tees July 2021 vs July 2020 (as of 09/08/2021)³

| Crime Type | May-21 | May-20 | Difference (No. and %) | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Violence against the person | 706 | 650 | 56 | 8.6% |
| <i>Homicide</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| <i>Death or injury due to driving</i> | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0.0% |
| <i>Violence with injury</i> | 152 | 118 | 34 | 28.8% |
| <i>Violence without injury</i> | 280 | 240 | 40 | 16.7% |
| <i>Stalking and Harassment</i> | 273 | 291 | -18 | -6.2% |
| Sexual offences | 69 | 62 | 7 | 11.3% |
| <i>Rape</i> | 21 | 15 | 6 | 40.0% |
| <i>Other Sexual offences</i> | 48 | 47 | 1 | 2.1% |
| Robbery | 17 | 14 | 3 | 21.4% |
| Theft | 433 | 344 | 89 | 25.9% |
| <i>Burglary - Residential</i> | 75 | 62 | 13 | 21.0% |
| <i>Burglary - Business & Com.</i> | 22 | 13 | 9 | 69.2% |
| <i>Bicycle Theft</i> | 22 | 18 | 4 | 22.2% |
| <i>Theft from the person</i> | 8 | 16 | -8 | -50.0% |
| <i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i> | 48 | 33 | 15 | 45.5% |
| <i>Shoplifting</i> | 138 | 81 | 57 | 70.4% |
| <i>Other Theft</i> | 120 | 121 | -1 | -0.8% |
| Criminal Damage and Arson | 212 | 216 | -4 | -1.9% |
| Publicly Reported Crime | 1,437 | 1,286 | 151 | 11.7% |
| Public Disorder | 215 | 171 | 44 | 25.7% |
| Drug Offences | 42 | 62 | -20 | -32.3% |
| <i>Trafficking of drugs</i> | 10 | 19 | -9 | -47.4% |
| <i>Possession/Use of drugs</i> | 32 | 43 | -11 | -25.6% |
| Possession of Weapons | 21 | 18 | 3 | 16.7% |
| Misc. crimes against society | 59 | 54 | 5 | 9.3% |
| Police Generated Crime | 337 | 305 | 32 | 10.5% |
| Total Crime | 1,774 | 1,591 | 183 | 11.5% |

- The details in Table 1 relate to the number of crimes that have been recorded in Stockton-on-Tees between August 2020 and July 2021. Table 2 provides a one-month snapshot of the last available month (July 2021).
- This does not necessarily mean that the crime occurred during that month, but it is the date that the crime was reported to Cleveland Police.
- It is also worth noting that during some of this period Stockton-on-Tees was under lockdown measures to combat Covid-19 and therefore it is likely that some increases and decreases in crime patterns will be present due to these measures and actions being in place.
- There have been 15,393 publicly reported offences, a decrease of 735 crimes on the same period the previous year, a 4.6% decrease.

³ Cleveland Police monthly crime statistics database

- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons has increased by a further 454 crimes, giving a total police generated crime figure of 3,648 offences, up 14.2% on the same period the previous year.
- There has been a total of 19,041 crimes in all, a decrease of 281 crimes which represents a decrease of 1.5% against the same period the previous year.
- The rate per 1,000 population for publicly reported crime in Stockton-on-Tees is 77.8 for August 2020 – July 2021.

Performance Highlights (Publicly reported crime) – August 2020 – July 2021 vs August 2019 – July 2020

The table below highlights all areas where crime has reduced and has been ranked by the percentage reduction against the previous year, numeric reductions have also been provided for additional context, offence types in bold are combined offence types, whilst all others are individual offences.

Table 3 – All Cleveland Police recorded offences which reduced against the previous year in Stockton-on-Tees– August 2020 – July 2021

| Offence Type | Numeric Reduction | Percentage Reduction |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Homicide | -3 | -50.0% |
| Burglary - Residential | -300 | -30.5% |
| Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.) | -249 | -29.2% |
| Theft | -1207 | -22.4% |
| Shoplifting | -322 | -21.3% |
| Theft from the person | -20 | -17.5% |
| Other Theft | -257 | -16.9% |
| Burglary - Business & Com. | -39 | -16.0% |
| Bicycle Theft | -20 | -12.3% |
| Criminal damage and Arson | -278 | -10.0% |
| Robbery | -11 | -6.3% |
| Publicly Reported Crime | -735 | -4.6% |
| Total Crime | -281 | -1.5% |

Areas for Improvement

Violence against the person (+635 crimes/+8.8%)

Violence against the person offences account for 50.9% of all publicly reported crime and have increased by 8.8% when compared to August 2019 –July 2020

This rise is mostly due to the increase in **Stalking and Harassment** offences. (+417/+14.6% against August 2019 – July 2020). There was also an increase in crimes of **Violence without Injury** (+158/+5.8% against August 2019 – July 2020) and **Violence with Injury** (+57/+3.6% against August 2019 – July 2020). Furthermore, there were eight recorded **Death or Injury due to Driving** offences in the period of August 2020 – July 2021 against two in the same period the previous year (+300%).

Sexual Offences (+126 crimes/+21.7%)

Sexual offences have increased by +21.7%, crimes of **Rape** have increased by 12.9% (+27 crimes). Crimes of **Other Sexual Offences** have also increased when compared with August 2019 – July 2020 (+99/+26.6%).

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – AUGUST 2020 – JULY 2021

There were 8,019 reported incidents of ASB recorded by Cleveland Police in Stockton-on-Tees between August 2020 – July 2021. The volume of ASB incidents has decreased compared against August 2019 – July 2020, decreasing by over 15%, (-15.5%/-1,466 incidents). Some of this has been due to the increased restrictions and measures in place to combat Covid-19.

With Covid-19 flags removed there were 6,827 reported incidents of ASB recorded by Cleveland Police in Stockton on-Tees between August 2020 – July 2021. The volume of ASB incidents has also decreased compared against August 2019 – July 2020, (-2.8%/-198 incidents).

The tables below show the number of ASB incidents across the whole force for both ASB totals with and without a Covid-19 flag. In the case of ASB with Covid-19 flags the whole force has seen a decrease in ASB incidents, however there has been a marginal increase when removing Covid-19 flags (+20/0.1%) with Stockton-on-Tees demonstrating the lowest ASB rate per 1,000 population with or without Covid-19 flags.⁴

Stockton-on-Tees accounts for 29.6% of all Cleveland Police Forcwide ASB Incidents with Covid flags included and 29.5% with Covid flags excluded, however it is worth noting that differing population sizes should be considered when looking at these proportions.

Table 4 – All Cleveland Police Recorded ASB Incidents by Borough– August 2020 – July 2021

| Borough | No. of Incidents | Difference Against April 2019 – March 2020 | % Difference | Rate per 1,000 Population |
|-------------------------|------------------|--|--------------|---------------------------|
| Stockton-on-Tees | 8,019 | -1,466 | -15.5% | 40.6 |
| Hartlepool | 4,474 | -597 | -11.8% | 47.7 |
| Redcar & Cleveland | 5,999 | -633 | -9.5% | 43.7 |
| Middlesbrough | 8,467 | -1,035 | -10.9% | 59.9 |
| Force Wide ⁵ | 27,057 | -3736 | -12.1% | 47.5 |

Table 5 – All Cleveland Police Recorded ASB Incidents by Borough (excluding those with a Covid-19 flag) – August 2020 – July 2021

| Borough | No. of Incidents | Difference Against April 2019 – March 2020 | % Difference | Rate per 1,000 Population |
|-------------------------|------------------|--|--------------|---------------------------|
| Stockton-on-Tees | 6,827 | -198 | -2.8% | 34.6 |
| Hartlepool | 3,907 | -82 | -2.1% | 41.6 |
| Redcar & Cleveland | 5,252 | -86 | -1.6% | 38.3 |
| Middlesbrough | 7,319 | -233 | -3.1% | 51.8 |
| Force Wide ⁶ | 23,170 | +20 | +0.1% | 40.7 |

⁴ Please note that if an incident containing a Covid-19 flag did not have a valid address then it was not possible to be added as a Covid-19 flag so the number of Covid-19 flags may possibly be higher and this information should be used as an indication only.

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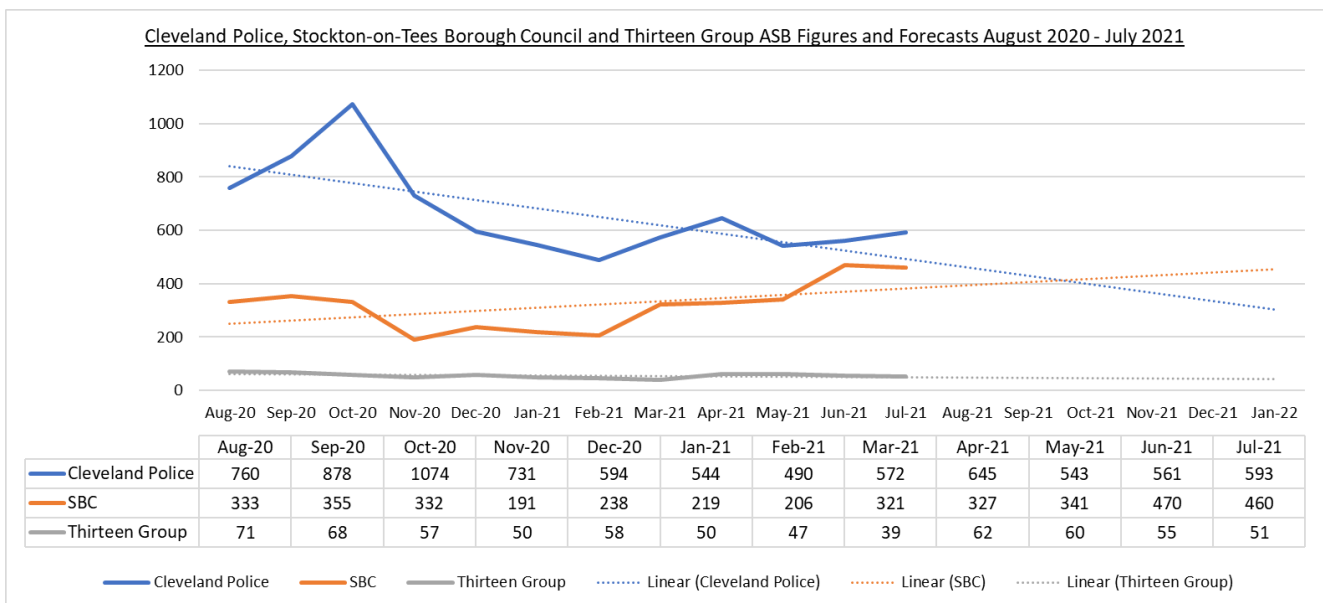
SBC ASB Incidents – August 2020 – July 2021

3,793 Service requests have been recorded by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Civic Enforcement team as ASB (including noise and alcohol issues) and these have increased by 727 incidents (+23.7%). Incidences of Begging have decreased by 12.5% against the same period the previous year. However, it is worth noting that with shops closed and reduced footfall there would have been fewer people around to report begging and fewer locations for those begging to frequent. Rowdy and nuisance behaviour has increased by 13.5%.

When we compare the data between Cleveland Police and Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, we can see that Cleveland Police had seen a decrease in reported ASB during this period both with or without including Covid flags whilst Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council had seen an increase.

Thirteen ASB Incidents – August 2020 – July 2021

Chart 1 – ASB Incidents by Enforcement Sector and Month – August 2020 – July 2021



Thirteen Group recorded 668 incidents of ASB between August 2020 – July 2021, which was a difference of 22 incidents, a 3.4% increase against the same period the previous year. Above is a chart of Cleveland Police, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council and Thirteen Group reported incidents of ASB over the last rolling 12-month period along with a trend forecast for each enforcement sector.

DOMESTIC ABUSE – AUGUST 2020 – JULY 2021

There were 3,765 domestic abuse crimes reported between August 2020 – July 2021 in Stockton-on-Tees which was an increase of 6.2% against the same time the previous year (3,546 crimes, +219 crimes). The table below shows a breakdown of the number of domestic abuse crimes reported by crime type. The majority of domestic abuse crimes are Violence against the person, and these have increased by 9.6%. The rate per 1,000 population for domestic abuse crimes in Stockton-on-Tees is 19.1 for August 2020 – July 2021.

Table 6 – Cleveland Police Recorded Domestic Abuse Crimes by Crime Type – August 2020 – July 2021

| Domestic Crime Type | August 2020 - July 2021 | August 2019 - July 2020 | Difference (No. and %) | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Violence against the person | 2823 | 2575 | 248 | 9.6% |
| Criminal Damage & Arson | 299 | 328 | -29 | -8.8% |
| Theft Offences | 183 | 152 | 31 | 20.4% |
| Sexual Offences | 110 | 116 | -6 | -5.2% |
| Robbery | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Public Order Offences | 234 | 228 | 6 | 2.6% |
| Misc. Crimes Against Society | 90 | 119 | -29 | -24.4% |
| Drug Offences | 15 | 14 | 1 | 7.1% |
| Possession of Weapons | 3 | 6 | -3 | -50.0% |
| Total Crime | 3765 | 3546 | 219 | 6.2% |

HATE CRIME – AUGUST 2020 – JULY 2021

There were 339 hate crimes reported between August 2020 – July 2021 in Stockton-on-Tees which was an increase of 15.3% against the same time the previous year (294 crimes, +45 crimes). The table below shows a breakdown of the number of hate crimes reported by crime type. The majority of hate crimes were Violence against the person, and these have increased by 13.2%. The rate per 1,000 population for hate crimes in Stockton-on-Tees is 1.7 for August 2020 – July 2021.

Table 7 – Cleveland Police Recorded Hate Crime Related by Crime Type – August 2020 – July 2021

| Hate Crime Type | August 2020 - July 2021 | August 2019 - July 2020 | Difference (No. and %) | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Violence against the person | 120 | 106 | 14 | 13.2% |
| Criminal Damage & Arson | 16 | 20 | -4 | -20.0% |
| Theft Offences | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Sexual Offences | 0 | 2 | -2 | -100.0% |
| Robbery | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Public Order Offences | 194 | 154 | 40 | 26.0% |
| Misc. Crimes Against Society | 3 | 6 | -3 | -50.0% |
| Drug Offences | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Possession of Weapons | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Total Crime | 339 | 294 | 45 | 15.3% |

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