

RECORDED CRIME & ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Introduction

1. This report provides an overview on recorded crime, anti-social behaviour incidents and domestic abuse in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees for the 12-month period of December 2020 to the end of November 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 (02/12/2021). 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 references to rates per 1,000 population are based on the ONS UK Mid-year population estimates for 2020.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Crime

The rate per 1,000 population (all ages)¹ for publicly reported crime in Stockton-on-Tees was 81.4 for December 2020 – November 2021.

Between December 2020 and November 2021, there was 16,061 publicly reported offences, which is an increase of 568 crimes (or an increase of 3.7%) on the same period in the previous year. Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons has increased by 397 crimes in comparison with the previous period, giving a total police generated crime figure of 3,807 offences, up 11.6% on the same period the previous year. Overall, there was a total of 19,868 crimes, equal to 965 (5.1%) more crimes in the same period last year.

Comparing the number of crimes recorded in the period December 2020 and November 2021 versus December 2019 – November 2020, there was more of the following crime types recorded in the Borough: violence against the person (particularly in relation to violence with injury and stalking and harassment); public disorder; sexual offences; and shoplifting.

Comparing the number of crimes recorded in the period December 2020 and November 2021 versus December 2019 – November 2020, there was fewer of the following crime types recorded in the Borough: theft (primarily burglary – residential and theft from a person); drug offences; possession of weapons; and robbery.

Compared with December 2019 – November 2020, between December 2020 and November 2021, the largest reduction (-27.9%) in Police recorded offences in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to possession/use of drugs.

Regarding domestic crime, compared with December 2019 – November 2020, between December 2020 and November 21 overall total domestic crime increased by 7.0% or 253 incidents. Across the same period, the largest percentage improvement (-31.6%) in domestic crime in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to miscellaneous crimes against society.

Regarding hate crime, compared with December 2019 – November 2020, between December 2020 and November 21 overall total hate crime increased by 16.2% or 50 incidents. Across the same period, the largest percentage improvement (-66.7%) in hate crime in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to miscellaneous crimes against society.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

As at 02/12/21, reports of ASB to Cleveland Police shows that across the Borough in the last 12 months, there was 6,718 ASB incidents which is a -34.3% reduction on the previous 12 months

Between December 2020 - November 2021, 4,176 Service Requests were recorded by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Civic Enforcement team as ASB (including noise and alcohol issues). This is equal to an overall increase of 1019 incidents (+32.28%) in the last year. In the same comparative period, the number of begging incidents was 761, equal to +199; and the number of rowdy/nuisance behaviour incidents was 883, equal to +202.

¹ SOURCE: [Mid-Year Population Estimates, UK, June 2020](#)

Crime: December 2020 – November 2021 versus December 2019 – November 2020

Table 1 below shows the number of crimes that have been recorded in Stockton-on-Tees between December 2020 and November 2021 and Table 2 provides a one-month snapshot of the same for the last available month (November 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.

Key to note in Table 1 below, between December 2020 and November 2021:

- There were 16,061 publicly reported offences, which is an increase of 568 crimes (or an increase of 3.7%) on the same period in the previous year. The largest reduction is in relation to robbery and the largest increase was in relation to sexual offences.
- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons has increased by a further 397 crimes, giving a total police generated crime figure of 3,807 offences, up 11.6% on the same period the previous year. The largest reduction is in relation to drug offences and the largest increase was in relation to public disorder.
- Overall, there was a total of 19,868 crimes in the current period, equal to 965 (5.1%) more crimes in the same period last year.
- The rate per 1,000 population (all ages)² for publicly reported crime in Stockton-on-Tees was 81.4 for December 2020 – November 2021.

Key to note in Table 2 below:

- In November 2021, 1,534 publicly reported offences were recorded in the Borough, which is an increase of 242 (or 18.7%) in November 2020. The largest increase was in relation to sexual offences.
- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons was 327 in November 2021, up by 51 (18.5%) versus November 2020. The largest reduction was in relation to drug offences and the largest increase was in relation to public disorder.
- Overall, there was a total of 1,861 crimes in the current period, equal to 293 (18.7%) more crimes in November 2021 versus November 2020.

² SOURCE: [Mid-Year Population Estimates, UK, June 2020](#)

Table 1. Cleveland Police Crime Statistics for Stockton-on-Tees: December 2020 – November 2021 versus December 2019 – November 2020³

Crime Type	December 2020 – November 2021	December 2019 – November 2020	Difference (No. and %)	
			No.	%
Violence against the person	8091	7349	742	10.1%
<i>Homicide</i>	3	5	-2	-40.0%
<i>Death or injury due to driving</i>	6	2	4	200.0%
<i>Violence with injury</i>	1764	1552	212	13.7%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	2943	2853	90	3.2%
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	3375	2937	438	14.9%
Sexual offences	760	588	172	29.3%
<i>Rape</i>	266	205	61	29.8%
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	494	383	111	29.0%
Robbery	158	177	-19	-10.7%
Theft	4594	4714	-120	-2.5%
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	672	913	-241	-26.4%
<i>Burglary - Business & Com.</i>	263	244	19	7.8%
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	147	157	-10	-6.4%
<i>Theft from the person</i>	84	108	-24	-22.2%
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	631	695	-64	-9.2%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	1515	1142	373	32.7%
<i>Other Theft</i>	1282	1455	-173	-11.9%
Criminal damage and Arson	2458	2665	-207	-7.8%
Publicly Reported Crime	16061	15493	568	3.7%
Public Disorder	2439	1901	538	28.3%
Drug offences	596	719	-123	-17.1%
<i>Trafficking of drugs</i>	166	187	-21	-11.2%
<i>Possession/Use of drugs</i>	430	532	-102	-19.2%
Possession of Weapons	192	209	-17	-8.1%
Misc. crimes against society	580	581	-1	-0.2%
Police Generated Crime	3807	3410	397	11.6%
Total Crime	19868	18903	965	5.1%

³ SOURCE: Cleveland Police monthly crime statistics database

Table 2. Cleveland Police Crime Statistics for Stockton-on-Tees: November 2021 versus November 2020⁴

Crime Type	Nov-21	Nov-20	Difference (No. and %)	
Violence against the person	705	600	105	17.5%
<i>Homicide</i>	0	0	0	-
<i>Death or injury due to driving</i>	0	0	0	-
<i>Violence with injury</i>	159	124	35	28.2%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	271	236	35	14.8%
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	275	240	35	14.6%
Sexual offences	82	52	30	57.7%
<i>Rape</i>	35	18	17	94.4%
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	47	34	13	38.2%
Robbery	17	15	2	13.3%
Theft	493	389	104	26.7%
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	61	76	-15	-19.7%
<i>Burglary - Business & Com.</i>	35	24	11	45.8%
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	14	13	1	7.7%
<i>Theft from the person</i>	8	5	3	60.0%
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	70	73	-3	-4.1%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	197	103	94	91.3%
<i>Other Theft</i>	108	95	13	13.7%
Criminal damage and Arson	237	236	1	0.4%
Publicly Reported Crime	1534	1292	242	18.7%
Public Disorder	221	148	73	49.3%
Drug offences	41	64	-23	-35.9%
<i>Trafficking of drugs</i>	15	18	-3	-16.7%
<i>Possession/Use of drugs</i>	26	46	-20	-43.5%
Possession of Weapons	15	17	-2	-11.8%
Misc. crimes against society	50	47	3	6.4%
Police Generated Crime	327	276	51	18.5%
Total Crime	1861	1568	293	18.7%

Performance Highlights: December 2020 – November 2021 versus December 2019 – November 2020

Table 3 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.

⁴ SOURCE: Cleveland Police monthly crime statistics database

Table 3. All Cleveland Police recorded offences which REDUCED against the previous year in Stockton-on-Tees: December 2020 – November 2021 versus December 2019 – November 2020⁵

Offence Type	Numeric Reduction	Percentage Reduction
Homicide	-2	-40.0%
Burglary - Residential	-241	-26.4%
Theft from the person	-24	-22.2%
Possession/Use of drugs	-102	-19.2%
Drug offences	-123	-17.1%
Other Theft	-173	-11.9%
Trafficking of drugs	-21	-11.2%
Robbery	-19	-10.7%
Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)	-64	-9.2%
Possession of Weapons	-17	-8.1%
Criminal damage and Arson	-207	-7.8%
Bicycle Theft	-10	-6.4%
Theft	-120	-2.5%
Misc. crimes against society	-1	-0.2%

Key to note in Table 3:

- Compared with December 2019 – November 2020, between December 2020 and November 21 overall the largest percentage reduction (-40%) in Police recorded offences in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to Homicide and the largest numeric reduction was in relation to burglary - residential (-241).

Key to note in Table 4 below:

- Compared with December 2019 – November 2020, between December 2020 and November 21 overall total domestic crime increased by 7.0% or 253 incidents.
- Across the same period, the largest percentage improvement (-31.6%) in domestic crime in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to miscellaneous crimes against society and the largest numeric improvement was in relation to the same (-36).
- Also, across the same period, the largest percentage increase (+75.0%) in domestic crime in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to possession of weapons and the largest numeric increase was in relation to violence against the person (+250).

⁵ SOURCE: Cleveland Police monthly crime statistics database

Table 4. All Cleveland Police recorded Domestic Crimes in Stockton-on-Tees: December 2020 – November 2021 versus December 2019 – November 2020⁶

Domestic Crime Type	Last 12 Months Ending November 2021			
	Current Period	Previous Period	Difference (No.)	Difference (%)
Violence against the person	2913	2663	250	9.4%
Criminal Damage & Arson	293	313	-20	-6.4%
Theft Offences	184	173	11	6.4%
Sexual Offences	133	113	20	17.7%
Robbery	10	12	-2	-16.7%
Public Order Offences	254	223	31	13.9%
Misc. Crimes Against Society	78	114	-36	-31.6%
Drug Offences	12	16	-4	-25.0%
Possession of Weapons	7	4	3	75.0%
Total Crime	3884	3631	253	7.0%

Table 5. All Cleveland Police recorded Hate Crimes in Stockton-on-Tees: December 2020 – November 2021 versus December 2019 – November 2020⁷

Hate Crime Type	Last 12 Months Ending November 2021			
	Current Period	Previous Period	Difference (No.)	Difference (%)
Violence against the person	124	109	15	13.8%
Criminal Damage & Arson	16	20	-4	-20.0%
Theft Offences	3	6	-3	-50.0%
Sexual Offences	3	2	1	50.0%
Robbery	1	1	0	0.0%
Public Order Offences	209	164	45	27.4%
Misc. Crimes Against Society	2	6	-4	-66.7%
Drug Offences		0		-
Possession of Weapons		0		-
Total Crime	358	308	50	16.2%

⁶ SOURCE: Cleveland Police monthly crime statistics database⁷ SOURCE: Cleveland Police monthly crime statistics database

Key to note in Table 5:

- Compared with December 2019 – November 2020, between December 2020 and November 21 overall total hate crime increased by 16.2% or 50 incidents.
- Across the same period, the largest percentage improvement (-66.7%) in hate crime in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to miscellaneous crimes against society and the largest numeric improvement was in relation to miscellaneous crimes against society and criminal damage and arson (-4).
- Also, across the same period, the largest percentage increase (+50%) in hate crime in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to sexual offences and the largest numeric increase was in relation to public order offences (+45).

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB): December 2020 – November 2021 versus December 2019 – November 2020

Cleveland Police no longer provide ASB information to us about other Local Authority areas in the Tees Valley. Instead, they share information that helps identify how the number of ASB incidents in the Borough changes over time. As at 02/12/21, reports of ASB to Cleveland Police shows that across the Borough:

- In November, there was 526 ASB incidents which is equal to -29.3% on the same month last year
- In the last 3 months, there was 1,643 ASB incidents which is equal to -3.1% on the previous 3 months
- In the last 12 months, there was 6718 ASB incidents which is equal to -34.3% on the previous 12 months

Between December 2020 – November 2021 and December 2019 – November 2020:

- 4,176 Service Requests were recorded by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Civic Enforcement team as ASB (including noise and alcohol issues). This is equal to an overall increase of 1019 incidents (+32.3%) in the last year. The largest increase in all such Service Requests was in relation to ASB per sé (+667), then noise/animal (+279) and then alcohol (+73).
- The number of begging incidents was 761, equal to +199 on 2019-2020
- The number of rowdy/nuisance behaviour incidents was 883, equal to +202 on 2019-2020

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