

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 May 2021 to the end of April 2022.
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 (25/05/2022). 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 88.8 for May 2021 – April 2022.

Between May 2021 and April 2022, there were 17,528 publicly reported offences, which is an increase of 2,665 crimes (or + 17.9%) 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 241 crimes in comparison with the previous period, giving a total police generated crime figure of 3,835 offences, up 6.7% on the same period the previous year. Overall, there was a total of 21,363 crimes, equal to 2,906 (15.7%) more crimes compared with the same period last year.

Comparing the number of crimes recorded in the period May 2021 and April 2022 versus May 2020 and April 2021, there were more of the following crime types recorded in the Borough: violence against the person (particularly in relation to violence with injury); public disorder; sexual offences; possession of weapons; robbery; and theft (particularly in relation to shoplifting, bicycle theft and burglary – business & community).

Comparing the number of crimes recorded in the period May 2021 and April 2022 versus May 2020 and April 2021, there were fewer of the following crime types recorded in the Borough: drug offences; and theft from the person.

Compared with May 2020 - April 2021, between May 2021 - April 2022, the largest reduction (- 31.2%) in Police recorded offences in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to possession/use of drugs.

Regarding domestic crime, compared with May 2020 - April 2021, between May 2021 - April 2022, overall total domestic crime increased by 4.6% or 170 incidents. Across the same period, the largest percentage improvement (-70.6%) in domestic crime in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to drug offences.

Regarding hate crime, compared with May 2020 - April 2021, between May 2021 - April 2022, overall total hate crime increased by 24.1% or 76 incidents. Across the same period, the largest percentage improvement (-40.0%) in hate crime in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to criminal damage & arson.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

As at 25/05/22, reports of ASB to Cleveland Police show that across the Borough in the last 12 months, there was 5,785 ASB incidents, which is -38.8% on the previous 12 months

Between May 2021 - April 2022, 4,548 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 1,330 incidents (+41.3%) in the last year. In the same comparative period, the number of begging incidents was 884, equal to +452; and the number of rowdy/nuisance behaviour incidents was 1082, equal to +404.

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

Crime: May 2021 and April 2022 versus May 2020 and April 2021

Table 1 below shows the number of crimes that have been recorded in Stockton-on-Tees between May 2021 and April 2022 and Table 2 provides a one-month snapshot of the same for the last available month (April 2022). Please note, 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 May 2021 and April 2022:

- There were 17,528 publicly reported offences, which is an increase of 2,665 crimes (or an increase of 17.9%) on the same period in the previous year. The largest reduction is in relation to theft from the person and the largest increases were in relation to shoplifting.
- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons has increased by a further 241 crimes, giving a total police generated crime figure of 3,835 offences, up 6.7% 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 21,363 crimes in the current period, equal to 2,906 (+15.7%) 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 88.8 for May 2021 - April 2022. This has increased from a rate of 75.3 in the same period last year.

Key to note in Table 2 below:

- In April 2022, 1,513 publicly reported offences were recorded in the Borough, which is an increase of 328 (or +27.7%) on April 2021. The largest increase was in relation to bicycle theft.
- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons was 284 in April 2022, down by 32 (-10.1%) versus April 2021. The largest reduction was in relation to drug offences.
- Overall, there was a total of 1,797 crimes in the current period, equal to 296 (+19.7%) more crimes in April 2022 versus April 2021.

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

Table 1. Cleveland Police Crime Statistics for Stockton-on-Tees: May 2021 and April 2022 versus May 2020 and April 2021³

Crime Type	May 2021 - April 2022	May 2020 - April 2021	Difference (No. and %)	
Violence against the person	8389	7532	857	11.4%
<i>Homicide</i>	2	3	-1	-33.3%
<i>Death or injury due to driving</i>	3	6	-3	-50.0%
<i>Violence with injury</i>	1892	1512	380	25.1%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	3089	2767	322	11.6%
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	3403	3244	159	4.9%
Sexual offences	832	667	165	24.7%
<i>Rape</i>	277	230	47	20.4%
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	555	437	118	27.0%
Robbery	178	165	13	7.9%
Theft	5498	4012	1486	37.0%
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	798	706	92	13.0%
<i>Burglary - Business & Com.</i>	314	193	121	62.7%
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	204	144	60	41.7%
<i>Theft from the person</i>	87	104	-17	-16.3%
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	768	608	160	26.3%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	1869	997	872	87.5%
<i>Other Theft</i>	1458	1260	198	15.7%
Criminal damage and Arson	2631	2487	144	5.8%
Publicly Reported Crime	17528	14863	2665	17.9%
Public Disorder	2485	2057	428	20.8%
Drug offences	555	732	-177	-24.2%
<i>Trafficking of drugs</i>	159	202	-43	-21.3%
<i>Possession/Use of drugs</i>	396	530	-134	-25.3%
Possession of Weapons	226	190	36	18.9%
Misc. crimes against society	569	615	-46	-7.5%
Police Generated Crime	3835	3594	241	6.7%
Total Crime	21363	18457	2906	15.7%

³ SOURCE: Cleveland Police monthly crime statistics database

Table 2. Cleveland Police Crime Statistics for Stockton-on-Tees: April 2022 versus April 2021⁴

Crime Type	Feb-22	Feb-21	Difference (No. and %)	
Violence against the person	717	621	96	15.5%
<i>Homicide</i>	0	0	0	-
<i>Death or injury due to driving</i>	0	0	0	-
<i>Violence with injury</i>	159	131	28	21.4%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	275	236	39	16.5%
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	283	254	29	11.4%
Sexual offences	73	73	0	0.0%
<i>Rape</i>	24	34	-10	-29.4%
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	49	39	10	25.6%
Robbery	20	14	6	42.9%
Theft	509	294	215	73.1%
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	64	42	22	52.4%
<i>Burglary - Business & Com.</i>	25	8	17	212.5%
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	26	8	18	225.0%
<i>Theft from the person</i>	2	8	-6	-75.0%
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	72	32	40	125.0%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	183	105	78	74.3%
<i>Other Theft</i>	137	91	46	50.5%
Criminal damage and Arson	194	183	11	6.0%
Publicly Reported Crime	1513	1185	328	27.7%
Public Disorder	181	199	-18	-9.0%
Drug offences	29	44	-15	-34.1%
<i>Trafficking of drugs</i>	7	16	-9	-56.3%
<i>Possession/Use of drugs</i>	22	28	-6	-21.4%
Possession of Weapons	19	20	-1	-5.0%
Misc. crimes against society	55	53	2	3.8%
Police Generated Crime	284	316	-32	-10.1%
Total Crime	1797	1501	296	19.7%

⁴ SOURCE: Cleveland Police Monthly Crime Statistics Database

Performance Highlights: May 2021 - April 2022 versus May 2020 - April 2021

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.

Table 3. All recorded offences which REDUCED against the previous year in Stockton-on-Tees: May 2021 - April 2022 versus May 2020 - April 2021⁵

Offence Type	Numeric Reduction	Percentage Reduction
Death or injury due to driving	-3	-50.0%
Homicide	-1	-33.3%
Possession/Use of drugs	-134	-25.3%
Drug offences	-177	-24.2%
Trafficking of drugs	-43	-21.3%
Theft from the person	-17	-16.3%
Misc. crimes against society	-46	-7.5%

Key to note in Table 3:

- Compared with May 2020 and April 2021, between May 2021 and April 2022 overall the largest percentage reduction (-50.0%) in recorded offences in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to death or injury due to driving and the largest numeric reduction was in relation to drug offences (-177).

Key to note in Table 4 below:

- Compared with May 2020 - April 2021, between May 2021 and April 2022 overall total domestic crime increased by 4.6% or 170 incidents.
- Across the same period, the largest percentage improvement (-70.6%) in domestic crime in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to drug offences and the largest numeric improvement was in miscellaneous crimes against society (-43).
- Also, across the same period, the largest percentage increase (+100.0%) 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 (+89).

⁵ SOURCE: Cleveland Police monthly crime statistics database

Table 4. All Cleveland Police recorded Domestic Crimes in Stockton-on-Tees: May 2021 - April 2022 versus May 2020 - April 2021⁶

Domestic Crime Type	Last 12 Months Ending April 2022			
	Current Period	Previous Period	Difference (No.)	Difference (%)
Violence against the person	2876	2787	89	3.2%
Criminal Damage & Arson	300	297	3	1.0%
Theft Offences	209	157	52	33.1%
Sexual Offences	146	113	33	29.2%
Robbery	13	12	1	8.3%
Public Order Offences	264	221	43	19.5%
Misc. Crimes Against Society	71	114	-43	-37.7%
Drug Offences	5	17	-12	-70.6%
Possession of Weapons	8	4	4	100.0%
Total Crime	3892	3722	170	4.6%

Table 5. All Cleveland Police recorded Hate Crimes in Stockton-on-Tees: May 2021 - April 2022 versus May 2020 - April 2021⁷

Hate Crime Type	Last 12 Months Ending April 2022			
	Current Period	Previous Period	Difference (No.)	Difference (%)
Violence against the person	137	115	22	19.1%
Criminal Damage & Arson	12	20	-8	-40.0%
Theft Offences	7	6	1	16.7%
Sexual Offences	5	1	4	400.0%
Robbery	3	0	3	-
Public Order Offences	224	170	54	31.8%
Misc. Crimes Against Society	3	3	0	0.0%
Drug Offences		0		-
Possession of Weapons		0		-
Total Crime	391	315	76	24.1%

⁶ SOURCE: Cleveland Police Monthly Crime Statistics Database⁷ SOURCE: Cleveland Police Monthly Crime Statistics Database

Key to note in Table 5:

- Compared with May 2020 - April 2021, between May 2021 - April 2022 overall total hate crime increased by 24.1% or 76 incidents.
- Across the same period, the largest percentage improvement (-40.0%) in hate crime in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to criminal damage and arson and the largest numeric improvement was also in relation to criminal damage and arson (-8).
- Also, across the same period, the largest percentage increase (+400%) in hate crime in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to 'sexual offences', whilst the largest numeric increase was in relation to 'public order offences' (+54).

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB): May 2021 - April 2022 versus May 2020 - April 2021

As at 25/05/22, reports of ASB to Cleveland Police shows that across the Borough:

- In April, there was 416 ASB incidents which is equal to -35.6% on the same month last year
- In the last 3 months, there was 1,159 ASB incidents which is equal to -8.1% on the previous 3 months
- In the last 12 months, there was 5,785 ASB incidents which is equal to -38.8% on the previous 12 months

Between May 2021 - April 2022 versus May 2020 - April 2021:

- 4,548 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 1,330 incidents (+41.3%) in the last year.
- The number of begging incidents was 884, equal to +452 on 2020-2021
- The number of rowdy/nuisance behaviour incidents was 1082, equal to +404 on 2020-2021

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