

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 2023.
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 (02/01/2024). The data is extracted from 'live' systems and therefore remains the subject of on-going operational activity, audit and scrutiny.
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 2021.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Crime

The rate per 1,000 population (all ages)¹ for publicly reported crime in Stockton-on-Tees was 120.2 for November 2022- December 2023.

Between November 2022- December 2023, there were 19,968 publicly reported offences, which is a decrease of -304 crimes (or -18%) 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 decreased by -364 crimes in comparison with the previous period, giving total police generated crime figure of 3715 offences, down -8.9% on the same period the previous year. Overall, there was a total of 23683 crimes, equal to 156 (0.7%) more crimes compared with the same period last year.

Comparing the number of crimes recorded in the period November 2021- December 2022 versus November 2022- December 2023, there were more of the following crime types recorded in the Borough: Death or injury due to driving, Violence with injury, Other Sexual offences, Burglary – Residential, Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.), Shoplifting, Other Theft, Possession/Use of drugs and Misc. crimes against society.

Comparing the number of crimes recorded in the period November 2021- December 2022 versus November 2022- December 2023, there were fewer of the following crime types recorded in the Borough: Homicide, Violence without injury, Stalking and Harassment, Rape, Burglary - Business & Com., Bicycle Theft, Theft from the person, Criminal damage and Arson, Trafficking of drugs and Possession of Weapons.

Compared with November 2021- December 2022 versus November 2022- December 2023, the largest reduction (-25%) in Police recorded offences in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to Homicide.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

As at 03/01/2024, reports of ASB to Cleveland Police show that across the Borough in the last 12 months, there was 5039 ASB incidents, which is -13.5% on the previous 12 months.

Between November 2022- December 2023, 4,084 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 114 incidents (+2.9%) in the last year. In the same comparative period, the number of begging incidents was 704, equal to -361; and the number of rowdy/nuisance behaviour incidents was 1177, equal to -147.

¹ SOURCE: [Mid-Year Population Estimates, UK, 2021](#)

Crime: November 2021- December 2022 versus November 2022- December 2023

Table 1 below shows the number of crimes that have been recorded in Stockton-on-Tees between November 2022- December 2023 and Table 2 provides a one-month snapshot of the same for the last available month (December 2023). 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 November 2022- December 2023:

- Between November 2022- December 2023, there were 19,968 publicly reported offences, which is a decrease of -304 crimes (or -18%) on the same period in the previous year. The largest reduction (-25%) in Police recorded offences in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to Homicide.
- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons has decreased by -364 crimes in comparison with the previous period, giving total police generated crime figure of 3715 offences, down -8.9% on the same period the previous year.
- Overall, there was a total of 23,683 crimes in the current period, equal to 156 (+0.7%) 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 120.2 for November 2022- December 2023. This has increased from a rate of 119.4 in the same period last year.

Key to note in Table 2 below:

- In December 2023, 1383 publicly reported offences were recorded in the Borough, which is a decrease of -304 (or -18.0%) on December 2022. The largest increase was in relation to Other Sexual offences.
- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons was 227 in December 2023, down by (-37.8%) versus December 2022. The largest decrease was in relation to trafficking of drugs.
- Overall, there was a total of 1610 crimes in the current period, equal to -442 (-21.5%) less crimes in December 2023 versus December 2022.

² SOURCE: [Mid-Year Population Estimates, UK, October 2021](#)

Table 1. Cleveland Police Crime Statistics for Stockton-on-Tees: November 2021- December 2022 versus November 2022- December 2023³

Crime Type	Dec-23	Dec-22	Difference (No. and %)	
Violence against the person	8638	8899	-199	-2.2%
<i>Homicide</i>	3	4	-1	-25.0%
<i>Death or injury due to driving</i>	10	5	5	100.0%
<i>Violence with injury</i>	2087	2074	13	0.6%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	3038	3199	-161	-5.0%
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	3500	3617	-117	-3.2%
Sexual offences	806	853	-47	-5.5%
<i>Rape</i>	267	326	-59	-18.1%
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	539	527	12	2.3%
Robbery	257	171	86	50.3%
Theft	7492	6707	785	11.7%
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	1277	972	305	31.4%
<i>Burglary - Business & Com.</i>	295	338	-43	-12.7%
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	231	248	-17	-6.9%
<i>Theft from the person</i>	100	141	-41	-29.1%
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	1467	1078	389	36.1%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	2335	2228	107	4.8%
<i>Other Theft</i>	1787	1702	85	5.0%
Criminal damage and Arson	2775	2880	-105	-3.6%
Publicly Reported Crime	19968	19448	520	2.7%
Public Order Offences	2237	2595	-358	-13.8%
Drug offences	646	653	-7	-1.1%
<i>Trafficking of drugs</i>	168	216	-48	-22.2%
<i>Possession/Use of drugs</i>	478	437	41	9.4%
Possession of Weapons	228	253	-25	-9.9%
Misc. crimes against society	604	578	26	4.5%
Police Generated Crime	3715	4079	-364	-8.9%
Total Crime	23683	23527	156	0.7%

³ SOURCE: Cleveland Police monthly crime statistics database

Table 2. Cleveland Police Crime Statistics for Stockton-on-Tees: November 2021- December 2022 versus November 2022- December 2023⁴

Crime Type	Current Period	Previous Period	Difference	% Difference
Violence against the person	603	697	-199	-28.6%
<i>Homicide</i>	0	3	-3	-100.0%
<i>Death or injury due to driving</i>	0	0	0	-
<i>Violence with injury</i>	138	152	-14	-9.2%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	218	251	-33	-13.1%
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	247	291	-44	-15.1%
Sexual offences	42	48	-6	-12.5%
<i>Rape</i>	15	26	-11	-42.3%
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	27	22	5	22.7%
Robbery	9	19	-10	-52.6%
Theft	534	558	-24	-4.3%
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	67	86	-19	-22.1%
<i>Burglary - Business & Com.</i>	24	21	3	14.3%
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	11	11	0	0.0%
<i>Theft from the person</i>	3	13	-10	-76.9%
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	105	108	-3	-2.8%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	178	175	3	1.7%
<i>Other Theft</i>	146	144	2	1.4%
Criminal damage and Arson	195	260	-65	-25.0%
Publicly Reported Crime	1383	1687	-304	-18.0%
Public Order Offences	119	230	-111	-48.3%
Drug offences	49	66	-17	-25.8%
<i>Trafficking of drugs</i>	12	19	-7	-36.8%
<i>Possession/Use of drugs</i>	37	47	-10	-21.3%
Possession of Weapons	15	21	-6	-28.6%
Misc. crimes against society	44	48	-4	-8.3%
Police Generated Crime	227	365	-138	-37.8%
Total Crime	1610	2052	-442	-21.5%

Performance Highlights: November 2021- December 2022 versus November 2022- December 2023

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 recorded offences which REDUCED against the previous year in Stockton-on-Tees: November 2021- December 2022 versus November 2022- December 2023⁵

Offence Type	Numeric Reduction	Percentage Reduction
Theft from the person	-41	-29.1%
Homicide	-1	-25.0%
Trafficking of drugs	-48	-22.2%
Rape	-59	-18.1%
Burglary - Business & Com.	-43	-12.7%
Possession of Weapons	-25	-9.9%
Bicycle Theft	-17	-6.9%
Violence without injury	-161	-5.0%
Stalking and Harassment	-117	-3.2%

Key to note in Table 3:

- Compared with November 2021- December 2022 versus November 2022- December 2023 overall the largest percentage reduction (-29.1%) in recorded offences in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to Theft from the person.

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⁵ SOURCE: Cleveland Police monthly crime statistics database