

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 February 2023 – February 2024.
2. The bulk of the statistics utilised for this report have been obtained from Cleveland Police crime statistic databases, the figures are correct at the time of data extraction as provided by Cleveland Police on 19/03/2024. 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 116.9 for February 2023 – February 2024.

Between February 2023 – February 2024, there were 19,407 publicly reported offences, which is a decrease of -691 crimes (or -3.4%) 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 -540 crimes in comparison with the previous period, giving total police generated crime figure of 3628 offences, down -13.0% on the same period the previous year. Overall, there was a total of 23035 crimes, equal to 1231 (5.1%) less crimes compared with the same period last year.

Comparing the number of crimes recorded in the period February 2023 vs February 2024, there was an increase in the following crime types recorded in the Borough:

- Burglary – Residential
- Death or injury due to driving
- Homicide
- Misc. crimes against society
- Other Theft
- Possession/Use of drugs
- Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)

Comparing the number of crimes recorded in the period February 2023 vs February 2024, there were fewer of the following crime types recorded in the Borough:

- Bicycle Theft
- Other Sexual offences
- Burglary - Business & Com.
- Police Generated Crime
- Public Order Offences
- Trafficking of drugs
- Possession of Weapons
- Publicly Reported Crime
- Stalking and Harassment
- Rape
- Theft from the person
- Shoplifting
- Criminal damage and Arson
- Total Crime
- Violence with injury
- Violence without injury

Compared with February 2022 – February 2023, the largest reduction in Police recorded offences in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to 'Theft from the person' at (-41.6%).

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

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

As at data provided on 19/03/2024, reports of ASB to Cleveland Police show that across the Borough in the last 12 months, there was 4,850 ASB incidents, compared to 4,384 in the previous 12 months, an increase of 10.6%.

Between 19/03/2023 & 19/03/2024, 4,680 Service Requests were recorded by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Civic Enforcement team as ASB. This is equal to a decrease of 154 incidents (-3.2%) on the previous year.

Crime: February 2022- February 2023 versus February 2023 – February 2024

Table 1 below shows the number of crimes that have been recorded in Stockton-on-Tees between in the above titled period and Table 2 provides a one-month snapshot of the same for the last available month (February 2024). 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 February 2023 – February 2024:

- Between February 2023 – February 2024, there were 19,407 publicly reported offences, which is a decrease of -691 crimes (or -3.4%) on the same period in the previous year. The largest reduction (-41.6) in Police recorded offences in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to Theft from the person.
- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons has decreased by -540 crimes in comparison with the previous period, giving total police generated crime figure of 3628 offences, down -13.0% on the same period the previous year.
- Overall, there was a total of 23,035 crimes in the current period, equal to -1231 (-5.1%) less 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 116.9 for February 2023 to February 2024.

Table 1. Cleveland Police Crime Statistics for Stockton-on-Tees: February 2023 vs February 2024

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

| Crime Type | Feb-24 | Feb-23 | Difference (No. and %) | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Violence against the person | 8353 | 9114 | -761 | -8.3% |
| <i>Homicide</i> | 4 | 3 | 1 | 33.3% |
| <i>Death or injury due to driving</i> | 11 | 5 | 6 | 120.0% |
| <i>Violence with injury</i> | 2068 | 2108 | -40 | -1.9% |
| <i>Violence without injury</i> | 2978 | 3244 | -266 | -8.2% |
| <i>Stalking and Harassment</i> | 3292 | 3754 | -462 | -12.3% |
| Sexual offences | 756 | 886 | -130 | -14.7% |
| <i>Rape</i> | 251 | 337 | -86 | -25.5% |
| <i>Other Sexual offences</i> | 505 | 549 | -44 | -8.0% |
| Robbery | 257 | 171 | 86 | 50.3% |
| Theft | 7303 | 7021 | 282 | 4.0% |
| <i>Burglary - Residential</i> | 1210 | 1021 | 189 | 18.5% |
| <i>Burglary - Business & Com.</i> | 304 | 334 | -30 | -9.0% |
| <i>Bicycle Theft</i> | 209 | 253 | -44 | -17.4% |
| <i>Theft from the person</i> | 87 | 149 | -62 | -41.6% |
| <i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i> | 1453 | 1174 | 279 | 23.8% |
| <i>Shoplifting</i> | 2266 | 2378 | -112 | -4.7% |
| <i>Other Theft</i> | 1774 | 1712 | 62 | 3.6% |
| Criminal damage and Arson | 2738 | 2906 | -168 | -5.8% |
| Publicly Reported Crime | 19407 | 20098 | -691 | -3.4% |
| Public Order Offences | 2146 | 2642 | -496 | -18.8% |
| Drug offences | 648 | 691 | -43 | -6.2% |
| <i>Trafficking of drugs</i> | 172 | 233 | -61 | -26.2% |
| <i>Possession/Use of drugs</i> | 476 | 458 | 18 | 3.9% |
| Possession of Weapons | 229 | 244 | -15 | -6.1% |
| Misc. crimes against society | 605 | 591 | 14 | 2.4% |
| Police Generated Crime | 3628 | 4168 | -540 | -13.0% |
| Total Crime | 23035 | 24266 | -1231 | -5.1% |

Key to note in Table 2 below:

- In February 2024, 1345 publicly reported offences were recorded in the Borough, which is a decrease of -360 (or -21.1%) on February 2023. The largest increase was in relation to Possession of Weapons.
- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons was 272 in February 2024, down by (-9.9%) versus February 2023. The largest decrease was in relation to Homicide & Theft from the Person.
- Overall, there was a total of 1617 crimes in the current period, equal to -390 (-19.4%) less crimes in February 2023 versus February 2024.

Table 2. Cleveland Police Crime Statistics for Stockton-on-Tees: Current Period Review

| Crime Type | Current Period | Previous Period | Difference | % Difference |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|
| Violence against the person | 584 | 719 | -135 | -18.8% |
| <i>Homicide</i> | 1 | 0 | 1 | -100.0% |
| <i>Death or injury due to driving</i> | 1 | 0 | 1 | - |
| <i>Violence with injury</i> | 166 | 160 | 6 | 3.8% |
| <i>Violence without injury</i> | 199 | 237 | -38 | -16.0% |
| <i>Stalking and Harassment</i> | 217 | 322 | -105 | -32.6% |
| Sexual offences | 49 | 72 | -23 | -31.9% |
| <i>Rape</i> | 18 | 27 | -9 | -33.3% |
| <i>Other Sexual offences</i> | 31 | 45 | -14 | -31.1% |
| Robbery | 18 | 20 | -2 | -10.0% |
| Theft | 493 | 667 | -174 | -26.1% |
| <i>Burglary - Residential</i> | 70 | 106 | -36 | -34.0% |
| <i>Burglary - Business & Com.</i> | 18 | 21 | -3 | -14.3% |
| <i>Bicycle Theft</i> | 10 | 23 | -13 | -56.5% |
| <i>Theft from the person</i> | 5 | 14 | -9 | -64.3% |
| <i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i> | 90 | 130 | -40 | -30.8% |
| <i>Shoplifting</i> | 178 | 243 | -65 | -26.7% |
| <i>Other Theft</i> | 122 | 130 | -8 | -6.2% |
| Criminal damage and Arson | 201 | 227 | -26 | -11.5% |
| Publicly Reported Crime | 1345 | 1705 | -360 | -21.1% |
| Public Order Offences | 156 | 186 | -30 | -16.1% |
| Drug offences | 52 | 55 | -3 | -5.5% |
| <i>Trafficking of drugs</i> | 11 | 14 | -3 | -21.4% |
| <i>Possession/Use of drugs</i> | 41 | 41 | 0 | 0.0% |
| Possession of Weapons | 18 | 17 | 1 | 5.9% |
| Misc. crimes against society | 46 | 44 | 2 | 4.5% |
| Police Generated Crime | 272 | 302 | -30 | -9.9% |
| Total Crime | 1617 | 2007 | -390 | -19.4% |

Performance Highlights: February 2022- February 2023 versus February 2023 – February 2024

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: February 2022- February 2023 versus February 2023 – February 2024

| Offence Type | Numeric Reduction | % Percentage Reduction |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>Bicycle Theft</i> | -44 | -17.4 |
| <i>Burglary - Business & Com.</i> | -30 | -9.0 |
| <i>Criminal damage and Arson</i> | -168 | -5.8 |
| <i>Other Sexual offences</i> | -44 | -8.0 |
| <i>Police Generated Crime</i> | -540 | -13.0 |
| <i>Possession of Weapons</i> | -15 | -6.1 |
| <i>Public Order Offences</i> | -496 | -18.8 |
| <i>Publicly Reported Crime</i> | -691 | -3.4 |
| <i>Rape</i> | -86 | -25.5 |
| <i>Shoplifting</i> | -112 | -4.7 |
| <i>Stalking and Harassment</i> | -462 | -12.3 |
| <i>Theft from the person</i> | -62 | -41.6 |
| <i>Total Crime</i> | -1231 | -5.1 |
| <i>Trafficking of drugs</i> | -61 | -26.2 |
| <i>Violence with injury</i> | -40 | -1.9 |
| <i>Violence without injury</i> | -266 | -8.2 |

Key to note in Table 3:

- Compared with February 2022 - February 2023 versus February 2023 – February 2024 overall the largest percentage reduction (-41.6%) in recorded offences in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to 'Theft from the person'.

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