

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 March 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 14/05/2024. 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 115.5 for March 2023 – March 2024.

Between March 2023 – March 2024, there were 19,198 publicly reported offences, which is a decrease of 1738 crimes (or –8.3%) 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 602 crimes in comparison with the previous period, giving total police generated crime figure of 3578, which is a decrease of 14.4 on the same period the previous year. Overall, there was a total of 22776 crimes, equal to 2340 (9.3%) less crimes compared with the same period last year.

Comparing the number of crimes recorded in the period March 2022 – March 2023 versus March 2023 – March 2024, there were more of 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

Comparing the number of crimes recorded in the period March 2022 – March 2023 versus March 2023 – March 2024, there were fewer of the following crime types recorded in the Borough:

- Arson
- Bicycle Theft
- Burglary - Business & Com.
- Criminal damage
- Other sexual offences
- Possession of Weapons
- Rape
- Shoplifting
- Stalking and Harassment
- Theft from the person
- Trafficking of drugs
- Violence with injury
- Violence without injury

Compared with March 2022 – March 2023 versus March 2023 – March 2024, the largest reduction (-48.4%) in Police recorded offences in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to 'Theft from the person'.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

As at 31/03/24, reports of ASB to Cleveland Police show that across the Borough in the last 12 months, there was 4,794 ASB incidents, which is 8.5% increase on the previous 12 months.

Between March 2023 – March 2024, 5116 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 decrease of 128 incidents (-2.4%) in the last year (Reference: 5244 incidents for March 2022 – March 2023).

In the same comparative period, the number of begging incidents was 552, equal to -514; and the number of rowdy/nuisance behaviour incidents was 1087, equal to -127.

Crime: March 2023 – March 2024 versus March 2022 – March 2023

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

- There were 19,198 publicly reported offences, which is a decrease of 1,738 crimes (or a decrease of 8.3%) on the same period in the previous year. The largest reduction was in relation to 'Theft from the person' and the largest increase was in relation to 'Death or injury due to driving'.
- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons has decreased by 602 crimes, giving total police generated crime figure of 3,578 offences, down 14.4% on the period.
- Overall, there was a total of 22,776 crimes over the period, equal to 2340 (-9.3%) less crimes in the period.
- The rate per 1,000 population (all ages)¹ for publicly reported crime in Stockton-on-Tees was 115.5 for March 2023 – March 2024. This has decreased from a rate of 127.4 in the same period last year.

Table 1. Cleveland Police Crime Statistics for Stockton-on-Tees: March 2023 – March 2024

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

Crime Type	Mar-24	Mar-23	Difference	% Difference
Violence against the person	8220	9206	-986	-10.7%
<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>	2059	2136	-77	-3.6%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	2967	3236	-269	-8.3%
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	3179	3826	-647	-16.9%
Sexual offences	981	1202	-221	-18.4%
<i>Rape</i>	242	345	-103	-29.9%
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	739	857	-118	-13.8%
Robbery	221	277	-56	-20.2%
Theft	7132	7284	-152	-2.1%
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	1143	1069	74	6.9%
<i>Burglary - Business & Com.</i>	300	343	-43	-12.5%
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	195	264	-69	-26.1%
<i>Theft from the person</i>	80	155	-75	-48.4%
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	1449	1250	199	15.9%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	2202	2464	-262	-10.6%
<i>Other Theft</i>	1763	1739	24	1.4%
Criminal damage and Arson	2644	2967	-323	-10.9%
<i>Criminal damage</i>	2514	2809	-295	-10.5%
<i>Arson</i>	130	158	-28	-17.7%
Publicly Reported Crime	19198	20936	-1738	-8.3%
Public Disorder	2085	2682	-597	-22.3%
Drug offences	644	661	-17	-2.6%
<i>Trafficking of drugs</i>	179	198	-19	-9.6%
<i>Possession/Use of drugs</i>	465	463	2	0.4%
Possession of Weapons	232	247	-15	-6.1%
Misc. crimes against society	617	590	27	4.6%
Police Generated Crime	3578	4180	-602	-14.4%
Total Crime	22776	25116	-2340	-9.3%

Key to note in Table 2 below:

- In March 2024, 1,457 publicly reported offences were recorded in the Borough, which is a decrease of 407 (or -21.8%) against March 2023. In relation to publicly reported offences, all types decreased comparing March 2024 against March 2023.
- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons was 300 in March 2024, down by 43 (-12.5%) versus March 2023. The largest increase was in relation to 'Trafficking of drugs'.
- Overall, there was a total of 1,757 crimes in the current period, equal to 450 (20.4%) less crimes in March 2023 - March 2024.

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

Crime Type	Current Period	Previous Period	Difference (No. and %)	
Violence against the person	625	761	-136	-17.9%
<i>Homicide</i>	0	0	0	-
<i>Death or injury due to driving</i>	0	0	0	-
<i>Violence with injury</i>	152	164	-12	-7.3%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	246	259	-13	-5.0%
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	227	338	-111	-32.8%
Sexual offences	61	75	-14	-18.7%
<i>Rape</i>	18	27	-9	-33.3%
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	43	48	-5	-10.4%
Robbery	23	24	-1	-4.2%
Theft	556	723	-167	-23.1%
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	54	121	-67	-55.4%
<i>Burglary - Business & Com.</i>	21	25	-4	-16.0%
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	14	28	-14	-50.0%
<i>Theft from the person</i>	8	15	-7	-46.7%
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	133	136	-3	-2.2%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	190	254	-64	-25.2%
<i>Other Theft</i>	136	144	-8	-5.6%
Criminal damage and Arson	192	281	-89	-31.7%
<i>Criminal damage</i>	180	265	-85	-32.1%
<i>Arson</i>	12	16	-4	-25.0%
Publicly Reported Crime	1457	1864	-407	-21.8%
Public Disorder	156	216	-60	-27.8%
Drug offences	53	55	-2	-3.6%
<i>Trafficking of drugs</i>	21	13	8	61.5%
<i>Possession/Use of drugs</i>	32	42	-10	-23.8%
Possession of Weapons	22	18	4	22.2%
Misc. crimes against society	69	54	15	27.8%
Police Generated Crime	300	343	-43	-12.5%
Total Crime	1757	2207	-450	-20.4%

Performance Highlights: March 2022 – March 2023 versus March 2023 – March 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: March 2022 – March 2023 versus March 2023 – March 2024

Offence Type	Numeric Reduction	Percentage Reduction
<i>Arson</i>	-28	-17.7%
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	-69	-26.1%
<i>Burglary - Business & Com.</i>	-43	-12.5%
<i>Criminal damage</i>	-295	-10.5%
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	-118	-13.8%
<i>Possession of Weapons</i>	-15	-6.1%
<i>Rape</i>	-103	-29.9%
<i>Robbery</i>	-56	-20.2%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	-262	-10.6%
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	-647	-16.9%
<i>Theft from the person</i>	-75	-48.4%
<i>Trafficking of drugs</i>	-19	-9.6%
<i>Violence with injury</i>	-77	-3.6%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	-269	-8.3%

Key to note in Table 3:

- Comparing March 2022 – March 2023 and March 2023 – March 2024, overall, the largest percentage reduction (-48.4%) in recorded offences in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to 'Theft from the person'.

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