

Southampton Strategic Assessment (JSNA)

**Young offenders
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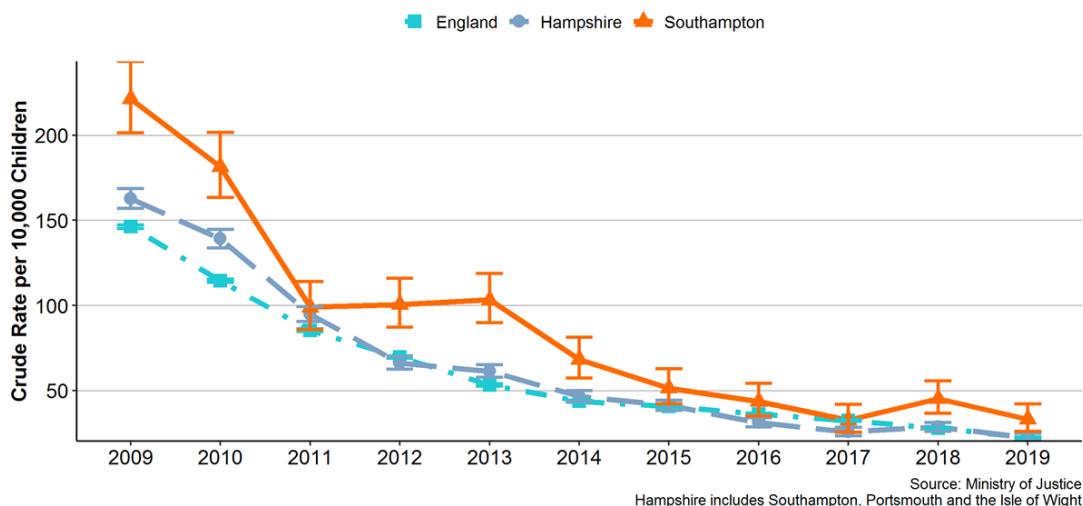
1. Young Offenders

Southampton has a relatively young age profile, with 55,561 young people aged 0-18 years, which is predicted to grow 6.9% by 2025. There is evidence to suggest that young people can be at high risk of becoming involved in crime, either as a victim or an offender. The likelihood of a young person becoming involved in crime increases with negative risk factors such as family conflict, poor attendance and exclusion from school.

The rate of first-time entrants to the youth justice system in Southampton has fallen since 2018 and is similar to the recent historical low of 2017, with the England first-time entrant rate also falling over the same period.

First Time Juvenile Entrants to the Justice System trend, per 10,000 children aged 10-17

Southampton Community Safety Partnership, Hampshire and England 2009-2019



Across England and Wales, reoffending among young offenders remains high, with over a third of children reoffending within 12 months of release from secure institutions. Similar patterns are seen in Southampton, with 39.3% of young offenders reoffending.

2,009 crimes were committed by suspects or offenders aged 9-17 in Southampton during 2018/19, with Redbridge, Bargate and Bitterne wards having the highest rates of crimes committed by identified suspects or offenders aged 9-17.

The full report, summary slide set and a data compendium are available below. For more information on crime in Southampton, see the [Safe City Strategic Assessment](#) page.

2. Resources

The Southampton Safe City Strategic Assessment provides an overview of current and future crime, disorder and community safety issues affecting Southampton and makes recommendations to

enable the Partnership to focus the Safe City Strategy and local delivery plans. The 2018/19 Strategic Assessment will provide the evidence base to inform the new Safe City Strategy which will run from March 2020. The full report, summary slide set and the data compendiums that informed the assessment are available below to download. Individual chapters associated with this topic are also available to download below.

[Southampton Safe City Strategic Assessment 2018/19](#)

[Chapter 4.7 Young people risk of youth offending](#)

[Safe City Strategic Assessment presentation 2018/19](#)

[Community Safety Crime data compendium - 2018/19](#)

[Community Safety Offenders and Victims data compendium - 2018/19](#)

[Community Safety Perceptions of Crime data compendium - 2018/19](#)