

Southampton Strategic Assessment (JSNA)

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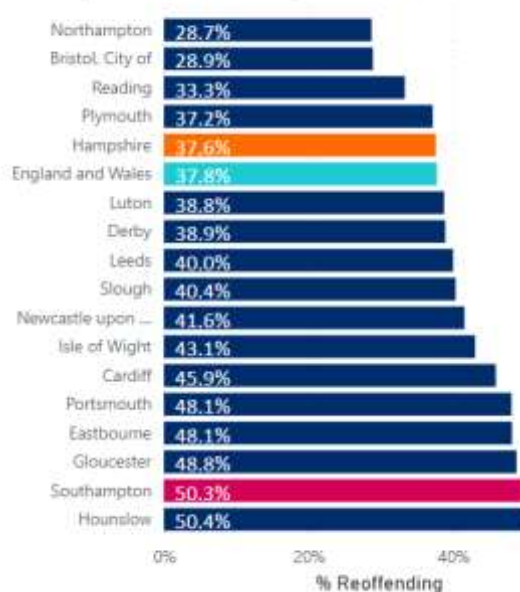
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1. Young Offenders

Southampton has a relatively young age profile, with the 0-18 population predicted to grow 4.3% by 2027. There is evidence to suggest that young people can be at higher 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, but not limited to experiencing adverse childhood experiences, family conflict, poor attendance and exclusion from school. The above factors highlight the importance of early intervention to prevent young people from becoming involved in crime in the first place.

12.1% of victims and suspects or offenders identified in Southampton during 2020/21 were aged under 18 years. The risk of young people becoming involved in crime also varies across crime groups, with certain crimes skewed towards younger age profiles, for example violent crime.

Proven percentage of Juvenile offenders who reoffend - Southampton and iQuanta comparators: 2018/19



Source: Ministry of Justice - Reoffending Statistics

Across England and Wales, reoffending among young offenders remains high, with over a third of young people reoffending within 12 months. Similar patterns are seen in Southampton, with 50.3% of youth offenders reoffending (2018/19 cohort). Although these figures may seem high, it is important to note that figures for Southampton are based on a small cohort of offenders (175 offenders and 88 reoffenders in 2018/19).

A summary report and slide set produced as part of the 2020/21 Strategic Assessment are available to download below. For more information on crime in Southampton, see the [Safe City Strategic Assessment](#) page.

2. Resources

2020/21 Safe City Strategic Assessment

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 slide set and report that informed the assessment are available below to download.

[Safe City Strategic Assessment Report \(2020/21\)](#)

[Safe City Strategic Assessment Presentation \(2020/21\)](#)

2019/20 Safe City Strategic Assessment

[Safe City Strategic Assessment \(2019/20\)](#)

Archived assessments

This section contains archived reports from previous Safe City Strategic Assessments. For the latest report and data on crime and community safety in the city, see the Safe City Strategic Assessment above.

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

[Safe City Strategic Assessment \(2017/18\)](#)

[Safe City Strategic Assessment \(2016/17\)](#)

[Safe City Strategic Assessment \(2015/16\)](#)

[Safe City Strategic Assessment \(2014/15\)](#)