

### Safe City Strategic Assessment: 2022/23 Summary of Findings – November 2023

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## Background



#### Background & Approach

- Statutory requirement for Community Safety Partnerships to undertake a 'Strategic Assessment' each year
- Three products delivered: an interactive dashboard, slide set and report
- Purpose is to assist the partnership in revising the Community Safety Strategy and as such it should include:
  - An analysis of the levels and patterns of crime and disorder and alcohol and drug misuse in the area
  - Identification of changes in those levels and why these have occurred
  - Views of people living and working in the area
  - Recommendations for matters which should be prioritised
- Takes approximately 2 months analytical time across Data, Intelligence and Insight team to complete the assessment





• Change in counting rules (2018) and more accurate reporting of Violence Against the Person offences (stalking and harassment)

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- Year on year percentage changes are calculated based on crime counts rather than rates
- A crime severity score has been calculated for each crime type to indicate its relative level of harm, as it's important to examine the severity as well as volume of crimes
  - Uses crime severity weights published by ONS, for each crime type with the following formula:
  - Sum{(Severity weight \* Number of offences) / (Area) mid-year population estimate}
- Devon and Cornwall Police were unable to provide crime data to the Home Office between October 2022 and March 2023, following the implementation of a new IT system. Furthermore, Devon and Cornwall crimes and population have been excluded from national rates presented in this assessment. Additionally, Plymouth has been excluded from benchmarking despite being an iQuanta comparator
- There are key police sites located in Freemantle and Shirley;
  - If a crime comes through these police sites and is against the state or the location is unknown, they may be assigned to the ward where the station sits
- This year the strategic assessment analyses Hampshire Isle of Wight Constabulary data by the date reported, whilst previous assessment used the date validated
  - This change was implemented to be in line with operational reporting. Overall, this has had a negligible impact on total crime, victim and offender counts

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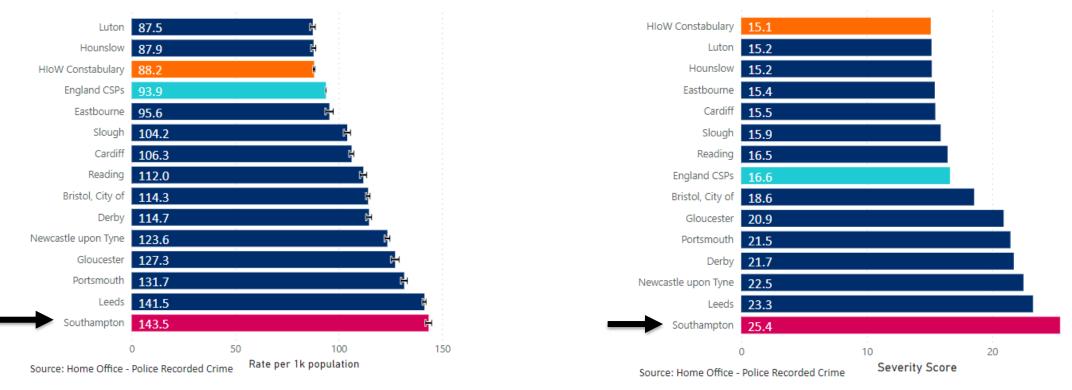


### **Overview of Crime**





Police Recorded Total Crime (rate per 1k population) Southampton and iQuanta Comparator Community Safety Partnerships: 2022/23 Police Recorded Total Crime (Severity Score) - Southampton and iQuanta Comparator Community Safety Partnerships: 2022/23



- In 2022/23, Southampton had an overall crime rate of **144 crimes per 1k population**
- Southampton accounted for 20% of total recorded crime across Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary in 2022/23
- Southampton has the highest total reported crime rate and highest crime severity amongst iQuanta comparators





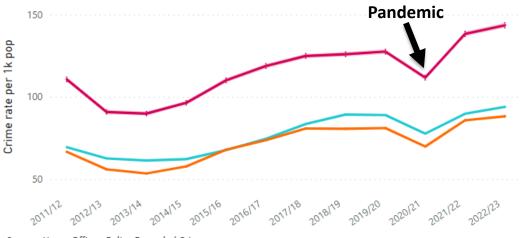
- Between 2021/22 and 2022/23 there was a +3.8% increase in total police recorded crime in Southampton
- **England** (+4.6%) and **Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary** (+2.8%) also **experienced increases** in total police recorded crime during the same period
- The increase in total recorded crime over recent years may not reflect a 'true' increase in crime. Recorded crime can be influenced by **improved awareness of key issues**, more people reporting crime and improvements in recording by the police
- Southampton experienced **a +3.3% increase** in the **crime** severity score of all crimes between 2021/22 and 2022/23, with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary (+2.0%) and **England** (+2.5%) also experiencing increases in severity
- Southampton remains highest among comparators and **higher** than the national average when considering the volume (rate) and severity of total recorded crime

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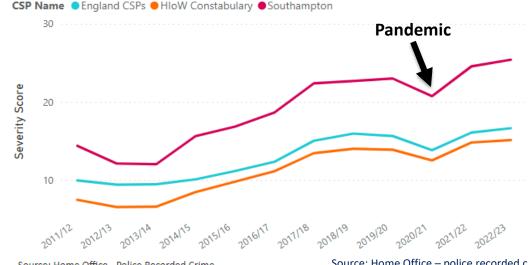
Police Recorded Total Crime (rate per 1k population) Southampton, England CSPs, HIoW Constabulary: 2011/12 to 2022/23

CSP Name England CSPs



Source: Home Office - Police Recorded Crim

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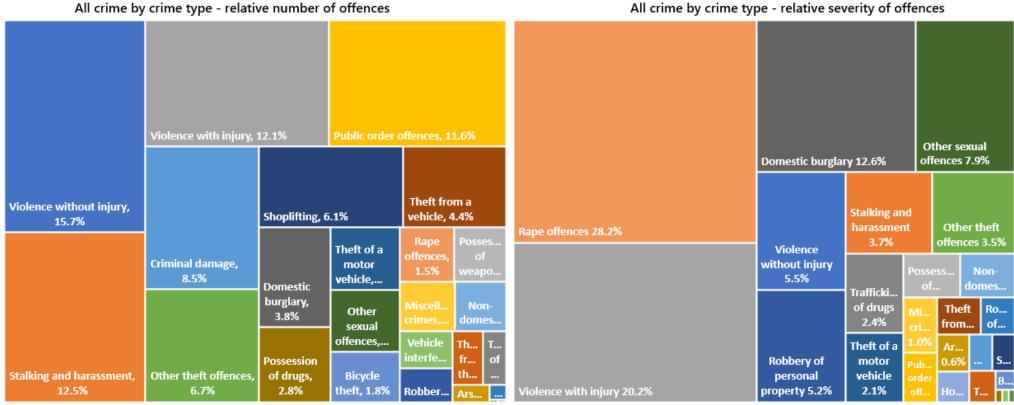


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- Alongside the number of offences (left chart) it is important to examine the relative severity or harm caused by a crime (right chart)
- When examining the mix of all crimes, some crimes are relatively **high volume**, but are **low harm** e.g. **public order offences**
- Rape is an example of a relatively low volume, but a high harm crime, as it accounts for 1.5% of the number of offences, but 28.2% in terms of relative severity (harm caused)



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Source: Home Office - police recorded crime

Public order offences 1.0%

Year on year increase
Year on year decrease

Indicator	2019/20 count	2021/22 count	2022/23 count	2021/22 crime severity score	2022/23 crime severity score	Percentage change 2019/20 to 2022/23 count	Percentage change 2021/22 to 2022/23 count	Percentage change 2021/22 to 2022/23 crime severity score	iQuanta CSP position *
Total crime*	32,193	34,189	35,485	24.56	25.42	10.2%	3.8%	3.5%	1
Violent crime*	11,827	14,555	14,276	7.64	7.61	20.7%	-1.9%	-0.4%	2
Violence with injury*	4,264	4,322	4,275	5.45	5.14	0.3%	-1.1%	-5.7%	1
Violence without injury*	4,964	5,815	5,555	1.28	1.40	11.9%	-4.5%	9.4%	2
Stalking and harassment*	2,589	4,456	4,440	0.90	0.94	71.5%	-0.4%	4.4%	3
Malicious communications*	1,394	1,926	1,850	0.15	0.14	32.7%	-3.9%	-6.7%	2
Most serious violence*	198	326	261	2.10	1.86	31.8%	-19.9%	-11.4%	5
Violent crime with public place flag**	4,216	4,675	4,719	2.87	2.96	11.9%	0.9%	3.1%	N/A
VAWG**	6,573	8,336	8,262	9.79	10.48	25.7%	-0.9%	7.0%	N/A
Sexual offences*	1,100	1,332	1,343	8.71	9.15	22.1%	0.8%	5.1%	1
Sexual offences - rape*	462	506	548	6.62	7.16	18.6%	8.3%	8.2%	1
Sexual offences - other*	638	826	795	2.10	2.00	24.6%	-3.8%	-4.8%	1
Crimes with domestic flag**	4,684	5,808	5,645	5.00	5.39	20.5%	-2.8%	7.8%	N/A
Domestic violent crime**	3,825	4,756	4,527	2.07	2.54	18.4%	-4.8%	22.7%	N/A
Theft offences*	10,449	8,494	9,996	5.10	5.44	-4.3%	17.7%	6.7%	2
Burglary residential*	1,644	1,349	1,334	3.18	3.20	-18.9%	-1.1%	0.6%	1
Burglary non-residential*	645	387	466	0.25	0.32	-27.8%	20.4%	28.0%	4
Vehicle offences*	2,317	2,126	2,719	0.67	0.76	17.4%	27.9%	13.4%	4
Robbery*	439	368	373	1.48	1.50	-15.0%	1.4%	1.4%	5
Possession of weapons offences*	361	445	521	0.31	0.33	44.3%	17.1%	6.5%	1
Possession of bladed implement*	183	210	257	0.06	0.07	40.4%	22.4%	16.7%	1
Firearms offences*	55	45	50	0.21	0.25	-9.1%	11.1%	19.0%	3
Crime involving a bladed implement**	646	644	789	1.36	1.45	22.1%	22.5%	6.6%	N/A
Serious knife crime**	253	273	322	0.91	0.95	27.3%	17.9%	4.4%	N/A
Modern slavery*	34	62	61	0.39	0.38	79.4%	-1.6%	-2.6%	2
Cruelty to children/young persons*	215	206	196	0.13	0.13	-8.8%	-4.9%	0.0%	4
Hate crime**	797	1,178	1,094	0.30	0.27	37.3%	-7.1%	-10.0%	N/A
Alcohol affected crime**	2,615	3,135	2,795	2.04	2.13	6.9%	-10.8%	4.4%	N/A
Drug offences*	934	1,027	1,222	0.59	0.63	30.8%	19.0%	6.8%	1
Drug affected crime**	849	1,138	1,224	0.73	0.95	44.2%	7.6%	30.1%	N/A
Anti-social behaviour***	7,258	5,217	3,633	N/A	N/A	-49.9%	-30.4%	N/A	N/A
Criminal damage and arson*	3,267	2,979	3,119	0.23	0.27	-4.5%	4.7%	-8.0%	3

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- Sources:

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Serious knife crime\*\* - Violence against the person where bladed implement was used Vehicle offences\* - includes theft from a vehicle, theft of a motor vehicle and vehicle interference VAWG\*\* - Violent crimes and sexual offences where the victim was female Firearms offences include possession of firearms and other firearms offences

- Southampton has seen an increase in the volume of 16 of the 32 offence types shown between 2021/22 and 2022/23
  - Notable increases in the last year include **sexual offences** (+0.8%), particularly **rape** (+8.3%), **theft offences** (+17.7%), especially **non-residential burglary** (+20.4%) and **vehicle offences** (+27.9%), **possession of weapons** (+17.1%), **possession of bladed implements** (+22.4%), **crimes involving a bladed implement** (+22.5%), **serious knife crime** (+17.9%), **drug offences** (+19.0%) and **drug affected crime** (+7.6%)
  - **Firearms offences (+11.1%)** also experienced an increase, but numbers for these offences are relatively small
  - There have been declines in **overall violent crime** (-1.9%), **domestic flagged crime** (-2.8%) and **domestic violence** (-4.8%), residential burglary (-1.1%), hate crime (-7.1%) and alcohol affected crime (-10.8%)
  - Also declines in **modern slavery** (-1.6%) and **cruelty to children/young persons** (-4.9%); however, the numbers for these offences are relatively small and percentage changes should therefore be interpreted with caution
- There has also been a decline in anti-social behaviour (-30.4%); however, this may not reflect a genuine decline due to perceived barriers to reporting



#### **Overview of Crime – Prioritisation Scoring**

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Year on year increase

Year on year decrease

Indicator	2021/22 count	2022/23 count	2021/22 crime severity score	2022/23 crime severity score	Formal action taken %**	Percentage change 2021/22 to 2022/23 count	Percentage change 2021/22 to 2022/23 crime severity score	iQuanta CSP position *	Overall priority rank
Total crime*	34,189	35,485	24.56	25.42	10.6%	3.8%	3.5%	1	
Violent crime*	14,555	14,276	7.64	7.61	9.6%	-1.9%	-0.4%	2	6
Violence with injury*	4,322	4,275	5.45	5.14	12.5%	-1.1%	-5.7%	1	9
Violence without injury*	<mark>5,81</mark> 5	5,555	1.28	1.40	8.3%	-4.5%	9.4%	2	15
Stalking and harassment*	4,456	4,440	0.90	0.94	4.7%	-0.4%	4.4%	3	12
Malicious communications*	1,926	1,850	0.15	0.14	4.9%	-3.9%	-6.7%	2	22
Most serious violence*	326	261	2.10	1.86	32.2%	-19.9%	-11.4%	5	30
Violent crime with public place flag**	4,675	4,719	2.87	2.96	15.5%	0.9%	3.1%	N/A	10
VAWG**	<mark>8,33</mark> 6	8,262	9.79	10.48	7.3%	-0.9%	7.0%	N/A	4
Sexual offences*	1,332	1,343	8.71	9.15	4.2%	0.8%	5.1%	1	2
Sexual offences - rape*	506	548	6.62	7.16	2.1%	8.3%	8.2%	1	3
Sexual offences - other*	826	795	2.10	2.00	5.6%	-3.8%	-4.8%	1	13
Crimes with domestic flag**	<mark>5,80</mark> 8	5,645	5.00	5.39	7.5%	-2.8%	7.8%	N/A	8
Domestic violent crime**	4,756	4,527	2.07	2.54	6.7%	-4.8%	22.7%	N/A	11
Theft offences*	8,494	9,996	5.10	5.44	4.9%	17.7%	6.7%	2	1
Burglary residential*	1,349	1,334	3.18	3.20	3.6%	-1.1%	0.6%	1	5
Burglary non-residential*	387	466	0.25	0.32	9.0%	20.4%	28.0%	4	25
Vehicle offences*	2,126	2,719	0.67	0.76	1.2%	27.9%	13.4%	4	7
Robbery*	368	373	1.48	1.50	5.4%	1.4%	1.4%	5	21
Possession of weapons offences*	445	521	0.31	0.33	29.4%	17.1%	6.5%	1	19
Possession of bladed implement*	210	257	0.06	0.07	32.1%	22.4%	16.7%	1	27
Firearms offences*	45	50	0.21	0.25	29.8%	11.1%	19.0%	3	29
Crime involving a bladed implement**	644	789	1.36	1.45	18.1%	22.5%	6.6%	N/A	14
Serious knife crime**	273	322	0.91	0.95	10.2%	17.9%	4.4%	N/A	17
Modern slavery*	62	61	0.39	0.38	0.0%	-1.6%	-2.6%	2	22
Cruelty to children/young persons*	206	196	0.13	0.13	19.6%	-4.9%	0.0%	4	31
Hate crime**	1,178	1,094	0.30	0.27	14.3%	-7.1%	-10.0%	N/A	28
Alcohol affected crime**	3,135	2,795	2.04	2.13	25.2%	-10.8%	4.4%	N/A	26
Drug offences*	1,027	1,222	0.59	0.63	70.8%	19.0%	6.8%	1	16
Drug affected crime**	1,138	1,224	0.73	0.95	43.5%	7.6%	30.1%	N/A	24
Anti-social behaviour***	5,217	3,633	N/A	N/A	N/A	-30.4%	N/A	N/A	20
Criminal damage and arson*	2,979	3,119	0.23	0.27	9.6%	4.7%	-8.0%	3	18

- A simple score was calculated to inform crime priority setting based on ranks of:
  - Crime **frequency**
  - Crime severity score
  - Proportion of crimes with formal action taken
  - Year on year percentage **increase** in crime
  - **Relative position** of Southampton among its comparator group of Community Safety **Partnerships**
- Based on overall rank the **top 4 crime priorities** for the **Partnership** are:
  - **Theft offences**, including residential burglary •
  - Sexual offences
  - Violent crime (all forms)
  - **Domestic offences**, including domestic violence
- Theft offences emerged as the top priority in 2022/23 given increases in volume and severity in the last year, possibly linked to the cost of living crisis
- Violent crime, domestic crimes and sexual offences have consistently featured among the **top priority areas** for the last five years

Sources: \* The Home Office. Police recorded crime - previous year figures have been revised



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## **Crime Distribution**



### Distribution of Crime

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- At ward level, Bargate ward had the highest overall crime rate (295 per 1k population)
- Bevois, Banister & Polygon, Freemantle and Thornhill wards also had significantly higher overall crime rates compared to the city average
- The map of overall crime rate by LSOA gives a more nuanced picture, with hotspots identified in the majority of Southampton wards
- The link between crime and deprivation remains strong. The overall crime rate is 2.6 times higher in the 20% most deprived neighbourhoods in the city, compared to the 20% least deprived;
   Banister & Polygon Bevois 187.0 294.7
   Bargate 294.7
   Source: Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulat

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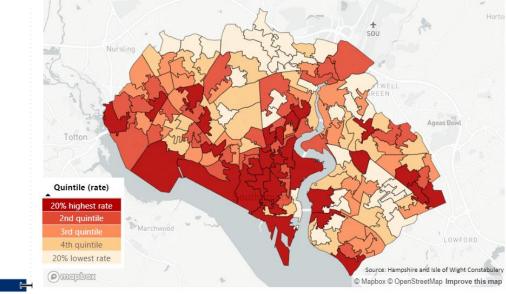
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- Although, this gap appears to be narrowing having been 3.7 times higher in 2019/20 and 3.0 times higher in 2020/21;
- However, this does appear to be influenced by higher crime rates in the 20% least deprived neighbourhoods (+33.8% from 2019/20), rather than lower crime rates in the 20% most deprived (-3.8% from 2019/20)

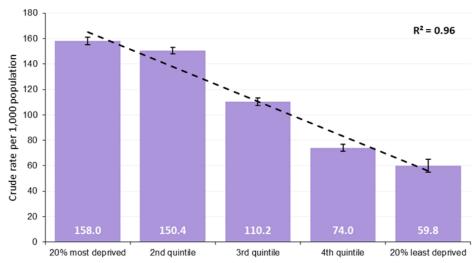


All Crime (rate per 1k population) - Southampton wards 2022/23

All Crime, crude rate per 1,000 population, Southampton LSOAs grouped into quintiles: April 2022 to March 2023



Total police recorded crime, crude rate per 1,000 population by national deprivation quintiles, Southampton: 2022/23



Source: Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary

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Key: Difference to the Southampton average

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Community Safety - Total Offences (Southampton analysis)	All Crime	Domestic Flagged Crime	Domestic Violence	Hate Crime	Crime Involving a Bladed Implement	Alcohol Affected Crime	Drug Offences	Drug Affected Crime	Violence Against the Person	Violence Against Women & Girls	Sexual Offences	Rape	Other Sexual Offences	Robbery	Theft Offences	Burglary Residential	Criminal Damage and Arson	•
Southampton	133.5	21.4	17.2	4.1	3.0	10.6	4.6	4.6	53.6	31.6	5.0	2.0	3.0	1.4	37.9	5.0	11.8	
Banister & Polygon	166.2	16.8	13.5	5.1	4.8	18.8	8.9	7.4	60.8	34.6	5.9	2.1	3.8	2.3	51.8	9.5	12.0	
Bargate	294.7	23.7	19.3	8.1	7.0	27.4	13.4	11.5	88.1	44.8	9.8	4.0	5.8	4.8	122.2	4.9	16.1	
Bassett	64.5	7.4	5.4	2.5	0.9	2.8	1.4	0.8	24.3	12.0	2.9	1.1	1.8	*	21.6	4.8	5.9	
Bevois	187.0	26.4	21.5	6.7	4.4	11.7	9.4	6.4	75.2	42.8	6.8	3.1	3.7	2.0	50.1	8.4	16.5	
Bitterne Park	85.5	19.4	15.8	2.5	1.9	7.2	2.3	3.4	38.5	21.3	2.8	1.0	1.8	0.7	21.6	3.7	7.7	
Coxford	81.6	16.8	13.4	2.7	1.1	4.8	1.7	2.1	36.7	25.5	3.0	0.8	2.2	0.9	17.2	3.2	11.0	
Freemantle	158.1	25.0	20.8	6.7	2.3	17.9	9.3	9.0	62.7	30.9	4.3	2.3	2.0	1.3	40.1	6.4	15.5	
Harefield	127.4	19.4	15.8	4.8	2.3	7.5	1.9	3.4	49.0	29.7	3.1	0.8	2.3	1.3	39.0	4.2	13.9	
Millbrook	127.5	25.4	19.6	3.1	2.5	7.2	1.9	2.6	50.5	39.9	6.1	2.0	4.1	0.9	38.6	4.5	13.3	•
Peartree	100.0	20.6	16.2	2.6	3.2	7.6	2.3	2.8	45.8	28.0	3.5	1.8	1.8	0.6	22.8	3.4	10.2	
Portswood	120.0	15.5	12.6	2.9	2.3	9.0	4.5	4.6	41.8	20.7	3.6	1.4	2.3	0.8	43.3	6.9	8.8	
Redbridge	130.9	29.6	24.0	2.6	2.5	7.8	1.9	2.1	60.0	39.0	5.4	2.3	3.1	1.0	30.7	6.0	13.6	
Shirley	133.5	16.5	12.8	6.1	3.2	9.0	2.7	5.4	52.6	34.4	4.6	1.1	3.6	1.9	33.9	4.1	14.0	
Sholing	69.0	17.9	15.0	1.1	0.9	5.7	1.1	1.8	35.1	19.9	2.5	0.9	1.6	*	14.3	2.2	5.7	
Swaythling	86.8	14.9	12.2	3.1	3.0	6.1	2.4	2.3	36.1	23.8	3.0	1.7	1.3	0.5	22.4	4.6	8.8	
Thornhill	141.6	36.7	28.6	3.6	3.1	11.5	3.2	4.3	70.1	42.2	4.6	1.1	3.4	1.4	25.5	4.6	16.4	
Woolston	107.6	26.5	21.1	3.6	2.1	7.9	2.1	3.8	53.9	33.9	4.8	2.1	2.6	0.8	22.1	3.2	8.7	

Source: Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary



\*Note that values have been suppressed due to small numbers

- The 'tartan rug' shows crime distribution by type and Ward
- Rates are coloured based on difference to the city average
- **Bargate** ward has the **highest total crime rate** (295 crimes per 1k population)
- Bevois, Banister & Polygon, Freemantle and Thornhill wards also have a significantly higher total crime rate than the city average
- **Bevois** ward was **worse** than the city average for **all crime types shown** in the 'tartan rug'
- Southampton electoral wards were
  reviewed as part of the May 2023 local
  elections. As a result of this review,
  Banister & Polygon was introduced as a
  new ward, Bitterne ward was renamed
  Thornhill and several wards underwent
  boundary changes

It is not advisable to compare the distribution of crime by wards to that published in previous assessments



- The tartan rug shows the change from 2021/22 to 2022/23 in the number and percentage of crimes
- Percentage changes should be interpreted alongside counts, especially when the number of crimes is low
- Overall crime increased in 10 out of 17 wards
  - Largest increase in total crime was in Harefield ward (+22.3%), followed by Thornhill (+17.9%) and Bargate (+10.3%) wards
- Theft offences increased in all but three wards
  - Driven by increases in vehicle offences, which increased in all but Freemantle (-6.4%)
- Sexual offences saw relatively small increases across 10 wards
- Violent crime decreased in 9 wards
- Domestic flagged crimes decreased in 10 wards
- Anti-social behaviour declined across all wards

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Source: Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary





## Victims and offenders





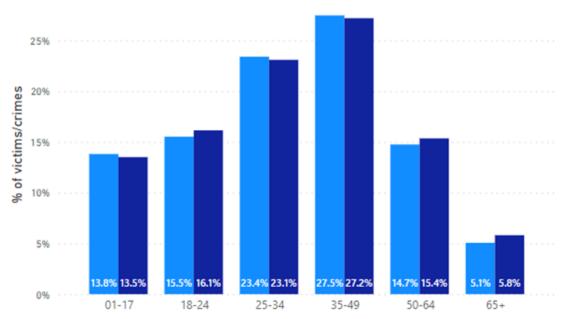


- 18,347\* unique victims (excluding business and the state) who were involved in 74.4% of crimes in the city
- 22.8% of victims experienced multiple crimes in 2022/23, compared to 23.3% in 2021/22;
- Repeat victims accounted for 46.4% of crimes in 2022/23
- The most common age groups for victims were those aged 35 to 49 (27.2%), followed by the 25 to 34 (23.1%), 18 to 24 (16.1%) and 50 to 64 (15.4%) age groups; with these groups also top in previous years
- 52.1% of victims were male and 47.9% female, however, females continue to be more likely to be repeat victims of crime than males
- 52.1% of victims were white, 9.2% were ethnic minorities and 38.7% unknown ethnicity

No. of crimes experienced	No. of all crime offences	% of all crime offences	No. of all crime victims	% of all crime victims
1	14,162	53.6	14,162	77.2
2	5,112	19.4	2,556	13.9
3	2,484	9.4	828	4.5
4	1,392	5.3	348	1.9
5 or more	3,256	12.3	453	2.5







Source: Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary

Only includes known victims/crimes with valid age & gender



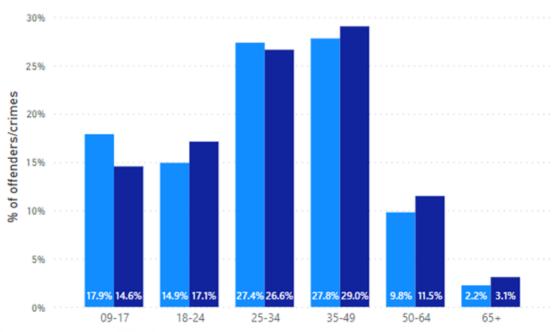
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- 9,656\* individual suspects or offenders were identified in 2022/23, who were responsible for 58.3% of the crimes committed in Southampton; similar to the 9,911 identified during 2021/22
- The majority (61.4%) of offenders identified committed just 1 crime in the year, which is similar to the proportion in 2021/22 (60.9%);
  - 38.6% of offenders committed more than 1 offence, yet were responsible for the majority (71.3%) of recorded crime with a suspect or offender identified in 2022/23
- 70.3% of offenders were male;
  - Males continue to be much more likely to commit multiple offences in the year than females, with 75.6% of the most prolific (5+ offences) offenders being males
- Those aged 35 to 49 years (29.0%) continue to commit the most crimes, followed by 25 to 34 (26.6%) and the 18 to 24 age group (17.1%)
  - The proportion of under 18 offenders (14.6%) has risen above the pre-pandemic baseline (13.2% in 2019/20), having fallen below in the previous two financial years
- The majority of offenders were white (69.5%), 14.0% ethnic minorities and 16.5% unknown ethnicity

No. of crimes committed	No. of all crime offences	% of all crime offences	No. of all crime offenders	% of all crime offenders
1	5,929	28.7	5,929	61.4
2	3,572	17.3	1,786	18.5
3	2,238	10.8	746	7.7
4	1,600	7.7	400	4.1
5 or more	7,338	35.5	795	8.2

Age Profile of Offenders - All Crime- Southampton: April 2022 to March 2023

Crimes Offenders



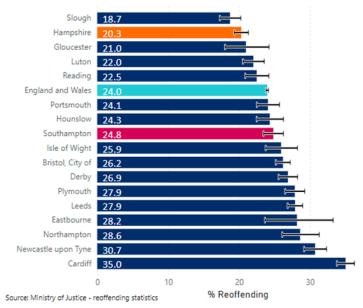
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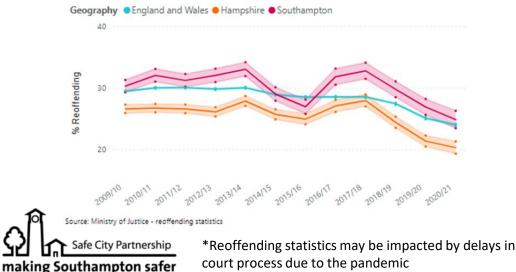




Proven percentage of adult offenders who reoffend - Southampton and iQuanta comparators: 2020/21 cohort



Proven percentage of adult offenders who reoffend - England and Wales. Hampshire and Southampton: 2009/10 to 2020/21 cohorts



- The majority of offenders (61.4%) commit a single offence. However, those who commit multiple offences are responsible for the majority of crime (71.3%) in the city – therefore reducing reoffending is key to reducing crime in Southampton
- **24.8%** of adult offenders in Southampton **reoffended** (2020/21 cohort), which is higher but not significantly than the England and Wales average (24.0%)
- Southampton adult reoffenders will on average commit 3.5 reoffences, which is similar to the England and Wales average of 3.6 reoffences
- Change in data source and methodology means that it is not possible to examine long-term trends beyond the past five years
- Southampton experienced an overall increase in the adult reoffending rate between 2016/17 and 2017/18
- However, the reoffending rate has been on the decline since, falling by 2.1 percentage points in 2020/21;
- Whilst declines have not been statistically significant year-on-year, the 2020/21 cohort has a significantly lower proportion of adult reoffenders than the 2017/18 cohort





## Youth Offending



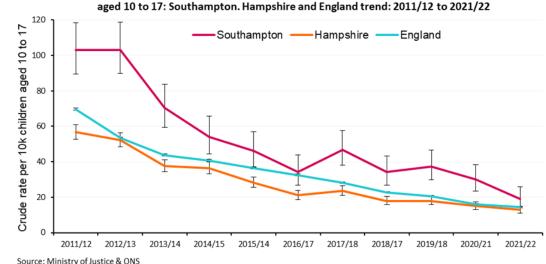


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#### First Time Entrants (FTE) and Youth Reoffending

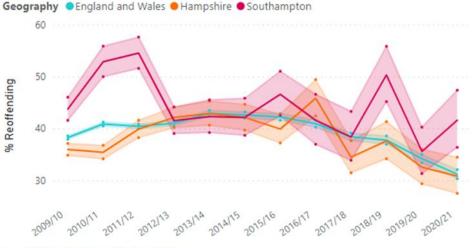
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- In 2021/22, Southampton had a juvenile First Time Entrant (FTE) rate of 18.9 per 10,000 children aged 10 to 17 years;
- Higher but not significantly than the national average (14.4 per 10,000 children)
- Since 2012/13, the juvenile FTE rate has been on a downward trend in Southampton and nationally
- The Southampton FTE rate in 2021/22 is no longer significantly higher than the national average, for the first time since 2016/17
- The percentage of youth offenders who reoffend in Southampton is 41.6% (2020/21), which is significantly higher than the England and Wales average (31.2%)
- The youth reoffending rate has fluctuated over the last five cohorts;
- Over the last year there has been a **+6.0 percentage point increase** in the youth offending rate from **35.6%** in 2019/20 to **41.6%** in 2020/21
- However, important to note that this change is not statistically significant due to the small cohort of youth offenders (548) and reoffenders (228)



Juvenile First Time Entrants to the Criminal Justice System - crude rate per 10k children

Proven percentage of juvenile offenders who reoffend - England and Wales, Hampshire and Southampton: 2009/10 to 2020/21 cohorts



Source: Ministry of Justice - reoffending statistics

\*Youth offending statistics may be impacted by delays in court process due to the pandemic

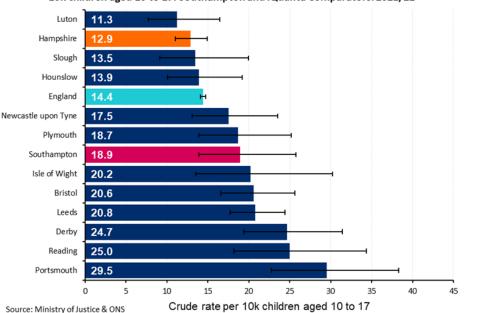
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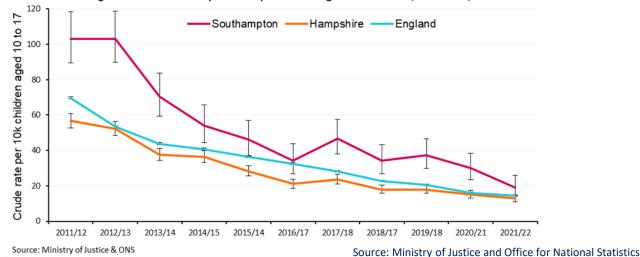


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Juvenile First Time Entrants to the Criminal Justice System- crude rate per 10k children aged 10 to 17: Southampton and iQuanta Comparators: 2021/22

Juvenile First Time Entrants to the Criminal Justice System - crude rate per 10k children aged 10 to 17: Southampton. Hampshire and England trend: 2011/12 to 2021/22



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### **Significant Community Safety Issues**



Theft Offences

- +17.7% increase in the volume of theft offences in Southampton between 2021/22 and 2022/23
  - Increases also seen across Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary (+11.8%) and England (+14.5%) over the same period
- Increase in theft offences is likely to reflect a genuine increase, as theft offences are relatively well reported to and recorded by the police
- Observed increases in acquisitive crimes in the last year are likely linked to the cost of living crisis and recent economic uncertainty
- Looking at subgroups of theft offences, vehicle offences\* (+27.9%), shoplifting (+20.3%), theft from the person (+31.3%) and other theft offences (+22.0%) saw significant increases:
  - Non-domestic burglary (+20.4%) increased but not significantly
  - Residential burglary (-1.1%) and bicycle theft (-3.2%) experienced small declines and therefore rates remained similar to 2021/22
- However, the overall rate of theft offences in 2022/23 (40.4) remains lower, albeit not significantly than the pre-pandemic rate (41.4 in 2019/20)
- In fact, **only vehicle offences**\* saw a statistically **significant increase** above the prepandemic rate in 2022/23 (+17.4%)
  - Theft from the person and other theft offences also increased, but not significantly
- Moreover, vehicle offences\*; particularly theft from a vehicle, has had the greatest
   contribution to the increase in overall theft offences recorded in the last year

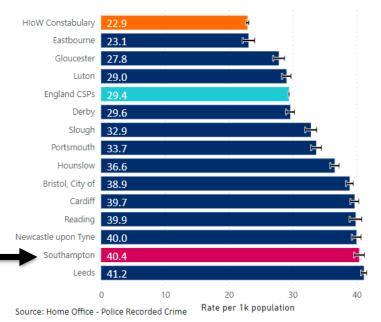
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\*Vehicle offences include theft from a vehicle, theft of a motor vehicle and vehicle interference

Police Recorded Theft offences (rate per 1k population) Southampton and iQuanta Comparator Community Safety Partnerships: 2022/23

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Police Recorded Theft offences (rate per 1k population) Southampton, England CSPs, HIoW Constabulary: 2011/12 to 2022/23

CSP Name 
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HIoW Constabulary 

Southampton





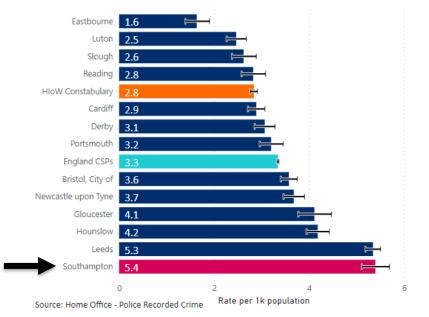
- -18.3% reduction in residential burglary offences in Southampton between 2019/20 and 2022/23
- Despite the cost of living crisis and recent economic uncertainty, residential burglaries have continued to decline, whereas the volume of other theft offences increased
- Declines in recent years have been attributed to continued increases in hybrid working continuing beyond the pandemic and improved residential security technology acting as a deterrent to offenders
- However, Southampton continues to have the highest rate of residential burglary among comparator CSPs and remains the most affected area across Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary
- Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary and all other police forces have committed to having an officer attend every report of a domestic dwelling burglary, with this implemented in October 2022
  - This policy appears to have increased the formal action taken with residential burglaries; rising from 2.2% in 2019/20 to 3.6% in 2022/23
  - Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary note that planned training for attending officers aims to improve the rate of formal action taken going

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**Residential Burglary** 



Police Recorded Domestic burglary (rate per 1k population) Southampton and iQuanta Comparator Community Safety Partnerships: 2022/23



Police Recorded Domestic burglary (rate per 1k population) Southampton, England CSPs, HIoW Constabulary: 2011/12 to 2022/23



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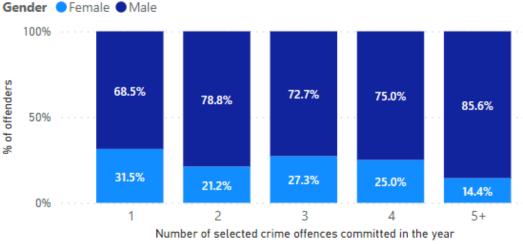
Source: Home Office – police recorded crime



- **5,843 victims** of theft offences identified in 2022/23, a **+6.1% increase** compared to 2021/22 (5,506)
- **Repeat victimisation remains lows** for theft offences
- The majority of victims were male in 2022/23 (62.4%) and those aged 35 to 39 years (28.5%), 25 to 34 (24.9%) and 50 to 64 (18.2%) were the three most common age groups for victims of theft offences in 2022/23;
- However, due to the opportunistic nature of certain theft offences, anyone could be a victim of theft
- On the other hand, there were **1,190 unique theft offenders** identified in 2022/23, **similar** to the 1,117 identified last year
- Repeat offending increased from 24.9% in 2021/22 to 26.6% in 2022/23; those who committed 5 or more thefts committed 41.8% of theft offences, despite only making up 8.2% of theft offenders
- Half of theft offenders (50.5%) also committed offences of another type in 2022/23
- The majority of theft offenders were male (71.4%), the proportion of which increases for more severe theft offences (86.8% for residential burglary) and the most prolific offenders (85.6% who committed 5+ thefts)

No. of crimes committed	No. of all crime offences	% of all crime offences	No. of all crime offenders	% of all crime offenders
1	874	35.6	874	73.4
2	264	10.7	132	11.1
3	165	6.7	55	4.6
4	128	5.2	32	2.7
5 or more	1,027	41.8	97	8.2

Gender Profile of Offenders by number of offences committed - Theft Offences- Southampton: April 2022 to March 2023



Source: Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary

\* Only includes known offenders/crimes with valid age & gender



### **Sexual Offences**

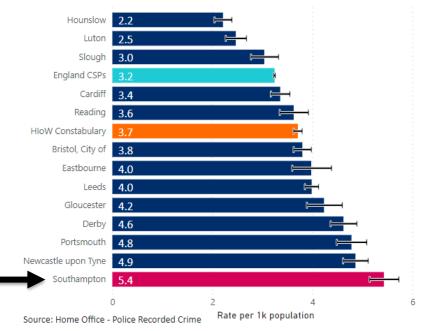
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- Southampton has the highest rate of sexual offences among comparator CSPs and 7<sup>th</sup> highest in England and Wales (296 with a valid sexual offences rate total)
- +0.8% increase in the number of sexual offences in Southampton between 2021/22 and 2022/23, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary (+3.4%) and England (+0.5%) also experienced an increase overall
  - +8.3% increase in rapes but a decline of -3.8% in other sexual offences in Southampton
- Sexual offence figures are likely influenced by a range of factors including increased reporting; such as through the 'Everyone's invited' website, greater awareness around VAWG, re-opening of the night-time economy and media focus on high-profile issues and cases, such as the rape and murder of Sarah Everard
- If awareness and reporting continue to increase, then there could be subsequent increases in the number of police recorded sexual

Police Recorded Sexual offences (rate per 1k population) Southampton and iQuanta Comparator Community Safety Partnerships: 2022/23

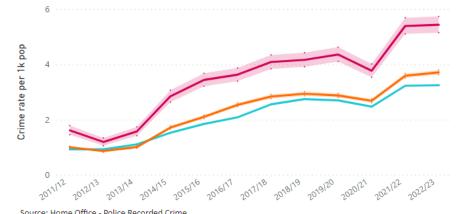
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Police Recorded Sexual offences (rate per 1k population) Southampton, England CSPs, HIoW Constabulary: 2011/12 to 2022/23

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Source: Home Office – police recorded crime

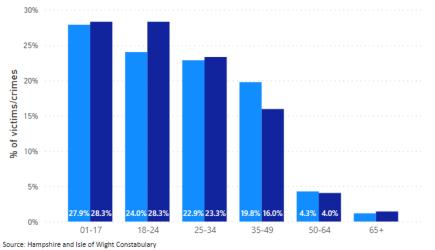


- **1,216** victims of sexual offences identified in 2022/23
- **10.6%** of sexual offence victims experienced **more than one** offence within the year
- **40.4%** of sexual offence victims experienced other offences in the year. Suggesting that victims are often vulnerable individuals
- Majority of sexual offence victims in 2022/23 were female (84.6%)
- Age profile for victims identified in 2022/23 is similar to previous years, although the proportion aged under 18 has increased:
  - Most common age groups for rape victims are those aged under 18 years (28.3%), 18 to 24 (28.3%) and 25 to 34 year olds (23.3%)
  - 47.6% of other sexual offence victims aged under 18, significantly higher than all other age groups
- Victim profiling continues to highlight that females aged under 25 are most at risk of being a victim of sexual offences, with those aged under 25 accounting for over half of rape victims and under 18s accounting for almost half of other sexual offence victims in 2022/23

Age Profile of Victims - Sexual Offences: Rape - Southampton: April 2022 to March 2023

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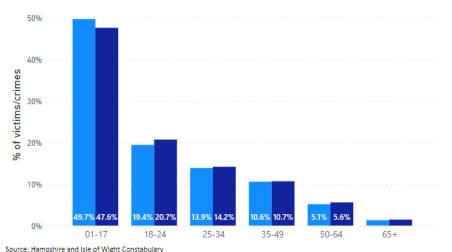
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\* Only includes known victims/crimes with valid age & gender

Age Profile of Victims - Sexual Offences: Other Sexual Offences- Southampton: April 2022 to March 2023

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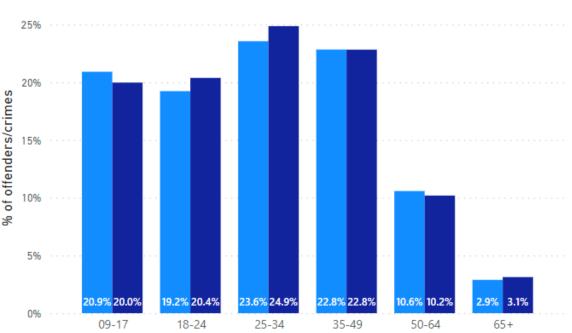
Source: Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary



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- **736** sexual offence offenders identified in 2022/23
- **10.1%** of sexual offence perpetrators committed **more than 1** crime in the year
- 42.0% of sexual offence offenders also committed other offence types in the year
- 93.6% of sexual offence offenders were male
- 25 to 34 years is most common age group for sexual offence offenders (24.9%), followed by 35 to 49 (22.8%), 18 to 24 year olds (20.4%) and 9 to 17 (20.0%)
- The proportion of under 18 offenders has increased (16.9% aged 9 to 17 in 2019/20), with 96.6% of sexual offences committed by 9 to 17 year olds against victims also aged under 18 in 2022/23
- This increase in offenders aged 9 to 17 is likely a result of increased reporting instigated by the national media attention

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Age Profile of Offenders - Sexual Offences- Southampton: April 2022 to March 2023

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### Violent Crime

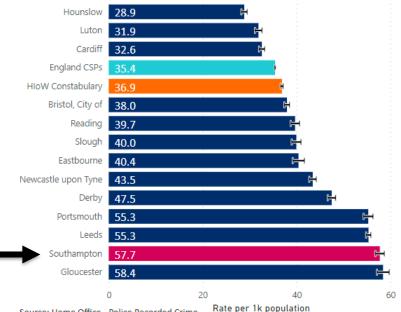
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- Southampton is ranked second highest for violent crime among comparator CSPs and 11<sup>th</sup> nationally placing Southampton in the worse 5% of CSPs nationally
- Southampton experienced a -1.9% decrease in the number of violent crimes over the last year. All three of the main violent crime subgroups also experienced declines in Southampton:
  - Violence with injury decreased by -1.1%
  - Violence without injury experienced a -3.8% decline
  - Stalking and harassment saw a small decline of -0.4%
- Increases in violent crime since 2019/20 also observed nationally and across Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary, have been attributed to greater awareness around VAWG and improvements in identification and recording of stalking and harassment;
  - Although rates of recorded stalking and harassment have levelled off in the last year
- Almost a third (32.0%) of violent crime in Southampton during 2022/23 were flagged as domestic

Violent crime group	2019/20 CSP	2020/21 CSP	2021/22 CSP rank	2022/23 CSP
	rank (out of 303)	rank (out of 300)	(out of 310)	rank (out of 296)
Overall violent crime	16 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>
Violence with injury	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Violence without injury	20 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>
Stalking & harassment	67 <sup>th</sup>	80 <sup>th</sup>	39 <sup>th</sup>	33 <sup>rd</sup>



Police Recorded Violence against the person (rate per 1k population) Southampton and iQuanta Comparator Community Safety Partnerships: 2022/23



Source: Home Office - Police Recorded Crime Rate per 1k popula

Police Recorded Violence against the person (rate per 1k population) Southampton, England CSPs, HIoW Constabulary: 2011/12 to 2022/23

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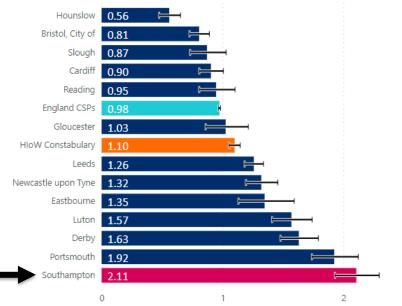
- Southampton (2.1 offences per 1k) is ranked highest among comparators for the rate of possession of weapons offences and significantly higher than the England average (1.0 per 1k)
- **789** recorded crimes involving use of a **bladed implement** in **Southampton** during 2022/23, higher compared to 2021/22 (644)
- Southampton accounted for 27.3% of knife enabled crime across Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary between April 2022 and March 2023; a significantly higher proportion than all other districts
- The increases in knife-enabled crime both locally and nationally, are likely influenced by changes in knife crime recording methodology locally and across several force areas
- Victims and perpetrators of knife enabled crime appear to be increasingly skewed towards younger age groups and males; highlighting the importance of early intervention
- There were **50 firearms offences** in **Southampton** during 2022/23, +5 more than were recorded in 2021/22
- Despite the number of firearms offences being relatively small in Southampton, firearms can cause significant harm and are often linked to organised crime

\*Firearms offences include possession of firearms and other firearms offences

Source: Interact and Home Office – police recorded crime

Police Recorded Possession of weapons offences (rate per 1k population) Southampton and iQuanta Comparator Community Safety Partnerships: 2022/23

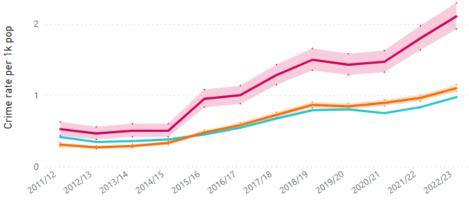
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Source: Home Office - Police Recorded Crime Rate per 1k population

Police Recorded Possession of weapons offences (rate per 1k population) Southampton, England CSPs, HIoW Constabulary: 2011/12 to 2022/23

CSP Name 
England CSPs



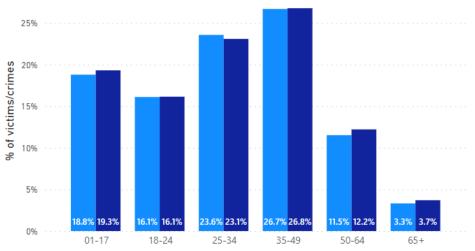
Source: Home Office - Police Recorded Crime



- 9,186 unique victims of violent crime identified in 2022/23
- **25.1%** of violent crime victims experienced **more than 1 violent crime**, which remains higher than 21.3% in 2019/20;
- Repeat victims accounted for 47.8% of violent crimes (where a victim was recorded)
  - 22.0% of violent victims also experienced other crime types
  - Victims experiencing multiple violent crimes are also more likely to be a victim of other crimes
- Those **aged under 25 continue to be most at risk** of being a victim of violence, with over a third of violent crime victims aged under 25 years (35.4%):
  - 19.3% of victims were aged under 18, now exceeding the prepandemic baseline (18.8% in 2019/20)
- 51.0% of victims were female and 49.0% male; with females also accounting for a higher proportion of violent crimes than males
- Females appear to be increasingly more likely to be repeat victims of violent crimes than males

Age Profile of Victims - Violence Against the Person- Southampton: April 2022 to March 2023

● Crimes ● Victims

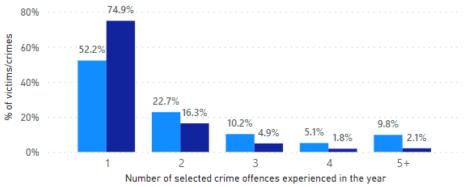


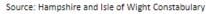
Source: Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary

\* Only includes known victims/crimes with valid age & gender

Victims and crimes by number of offences experienced - Violence Against the Person- Southampton: April 2022 to March 2023

#### Crimes Victims





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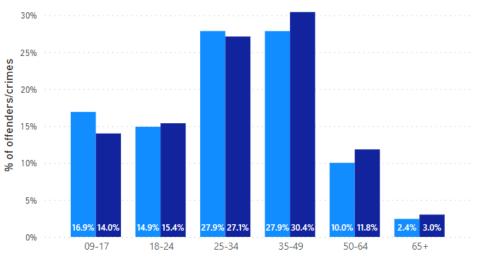
Source: Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary



- Violent Crime Offender Profiling
- 6,493 violent crime offenders/suspects identified in 2022/23
- **36.0%** committed **more than one violent crime** in the year, with repeat offenders accounting for 64.1% of violent crimes
  - The most prolific offenders account for 5.0% of offenders, but 21.0% of violent crimes
- 28.1% of violent crime offenders committed other offences in the year, with prolific violent crime offenders more likely to commit other offences
- Under 25s also account for over a quarter (29.4%) of violent crime offenders:
  - 14.0% of offenders were aged under 18
  - 15.4% were aged 18 to 24
- Two-thirds (66.7%) of violent crime offenders were male

Age Profile of Offenders - Violence Against the Person- Southampton: April 2022 to March 2023

#### Crimes Offenders



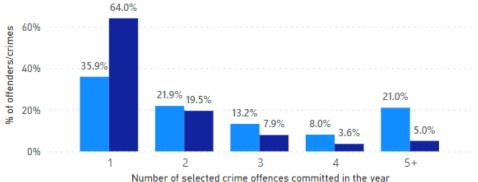
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Offenders and crimes by number of offences committed - Violence Against the Person- Southampton: April 2022 to March 2023

#### Crimes Offenders

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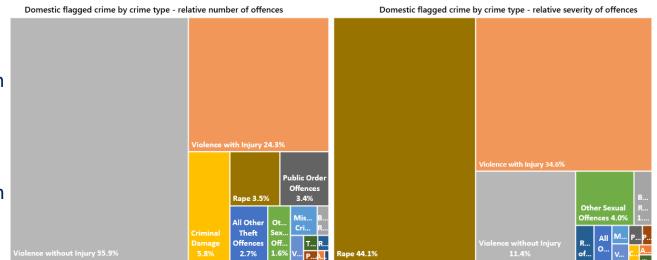


#### **Domestic Crimes**

- The majority (80.2%) of domestic flagged crimes in Southampton during 2022/23 were violent crimes
- Domestic rape continues to cause significant harm in the city, with rape accounting for 44.1% of the harm (severity) caused by domestic flagged crime, yet only 3.5% of the number of domestic flagged offences
- Domestic flagged crime accounted for 16% of all recorded crime in Southampton during 2022/23, a significantly higher proportion compared to 2019/20 (14.5%) but similar to 2021/22 (16.9%)
- Number of domestic flagged crimes decreased by -2.8% over the last year but remains +20.5% higher than the pre-pandemic baseline
- Domestic violent crimes declined by -4.8% over the last year
- The number of domestic violent crimes has decreased for the first time in a decade, having increased consecutively for the past nine years
- The impact of domestic abuse on children in the city continues to be significant:
  - **60%** of Southampton **HRDA referrals** have children and young people in the household (2022/23)
  - 44% of child assessments undertaken in 2022/23 had domestic violence recorded as an assessment factor\*

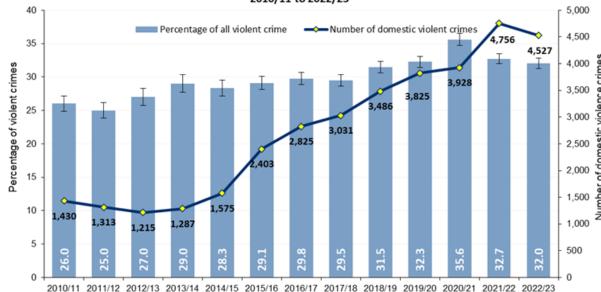
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\*Domestic Violence is the terminology used in the coding framework set out by the Department for Education



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Number of domestic violent crimes, as a percentage of all violent crime: Southampton trend: 2010/11 to 2022/23



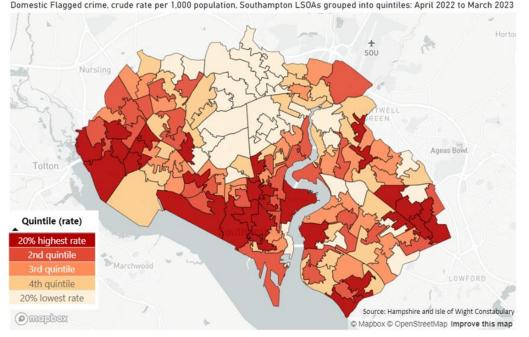
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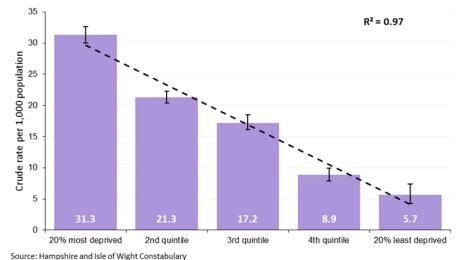
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- Sub city patterns of domestic flagged crime are similar to previous years;
- Rates of domestic flagged crime are significantly higher than the city average in Thornhill, Redbridge, Woolston, Bevois, Millbrook and Freemantle wards, with notable hotspots in neighbourhoods across these wards
- These wards are also where some of the most deprived neighbourhoods in the city are located
- Domestic flagged crime continues to have strong links to deprivation, with rates approximately 5.5 times higher in the most deprived neighbourhoods compared to the least deprived in Southampton



Domestic flagged crime, crude rate per 1,000 population by national deprivation quintiles, Southampton: 2022/23



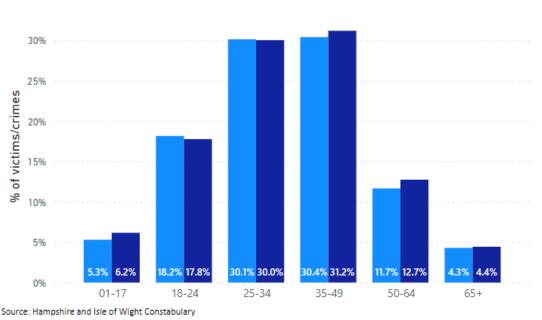




- 3,538 victims of domestic flagged crime identified
- 30.3% of domestic crime victims experienced more than 1 crime in the year, with repeat victims accounting for 54.9% of domestic crimes
  - This is a fourth consecutive increase in the proportion of repeat domestic crime victims since 2019/20 (26.9%)
- 24.7% of domestic crime victims also experienced other offences in the year, with victims experiencing multiple domestic crimes continuing to be more likely a victim of other offence types
- 31.2% of victims were aged 35 to 49, 30.0% aged 25 to 34 and 17.8% aged 18 to 24
- Significantly higher proportion of victims are female (68.1%)

Age Profile of Victims - Domestic Flagged crime- Southampton: April 2022 to March 2023

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\* Only includes known victims/crimes with valid age & gender

Crimes Victims

No. Domestic flagged crimes experienced	No. Domestic flagged crimes	% of domestic flagged crimes	No. Domestic flagged victims	% of domestic flagged victims
1	2,465	45.1	2,465	69.7
2	1,320	24.1	660	18.7
3	732	13.4	244	6.9
4	284	5.2	71	2.0
5 or more	677	12.2	98	2.8

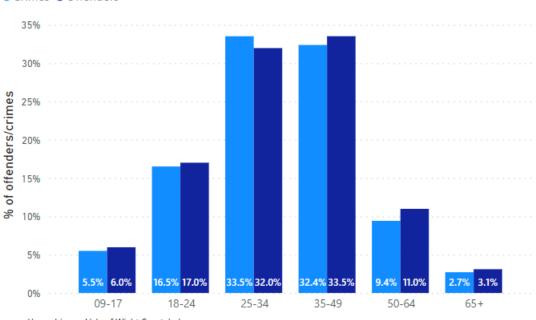






- 3,288 domestic flagged crime offenders identified
- 34.2% of offenders committed more than one domestic crime – accounting for 60.1% of domestic crimes
- 31.2% of domestic crime offenders also committed other offences in the year
  - Offenders committing multiple domestic crimes are more likely to commit other offences
- Most common age group for domestic crime offenders continues to be those aged 35 to 49 years (33.5%), followed by 25 to 34 (32.0%) and the 18 to 24 (17.0%) age groups
  - 6.0% domestic crime offenders are aged under 18
- 70.3% of domestic crime offenders are male

Age Profile of Offenders - Domestic Flagged crime - Southampton: April 2022 to March 2023



Source: Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary

Crimes
 Offenders

Only includes known offenders/crimes with valid age & gender

No. Domestic flagged crimes committed	No. Domestic flagged crimes	% of domestic flagged crimes	No. Domestic flagged offenders	% of domestic flagged offenders
1	2,165	39.9	2,165	65.8
2	1,334	24.6	667	20.3
3	726	13.4	242	7.4
4	400	7.4	100	3.0
5 or more	803	14.8	114	3.5

Source: Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary



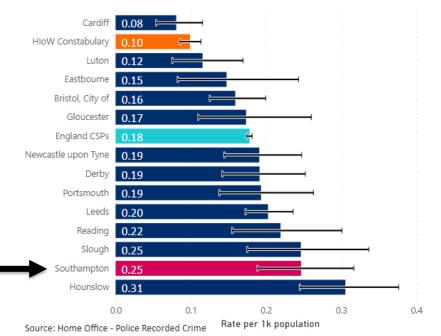
### **Modern Slavery**

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- **61 modern slavery** offences recorded in Southampton during 2022/23, one fewer compared to the previous year
- Modern slavery offences across Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary declined by -8.3% (-18 crimes) over the same period, whilst England saw an increase (+5.6%, +515 crimes)
- Whilst several local operations continue, changes to the Modern Slavery Act 2015 may result in fewer referrals and victims coming forward for fear of not meeting the evidence threshold required
- However, police recorded crime only provides a partial picture as many cases of modern slavery remain hidden and not reported or may be recorded as other offences
- Despite the numbers of this offence type being relatively small, the physical and psychological harm caused to victims can have long lasting effects
- Modern slavery is also particularly linked to organised crime, highlighting the threat that modern slavery and other forms of exploitation pose

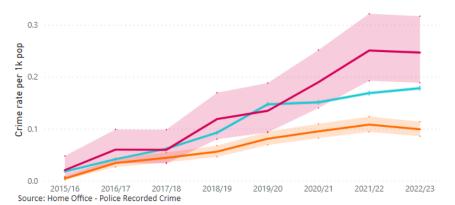
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Office for National Statistics – Child victims of modern slavery in the UK: March 2023. Available via: <u>https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/crimeandjustice/bulletins/childvictimsofmodernslaveryintheuk/march2023</u> Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary Force Strategic Assessment 2023 - 2024 Police Recorded Modern Slavery (rate per 1k population) Southampton and iQuanta Comparator Community Safety Partnerships: 2022/23



Police Recorded Modern Slavery (rate per 1k population) HIoW Constabulary, England CSPs, Southampton: 2015/16 to 2022/23

**CSP Name** ● England CSPs ● HIoW Constabulary ● Southampton



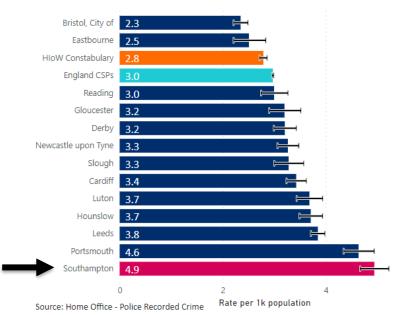
Source: Home Office – police recorded crime



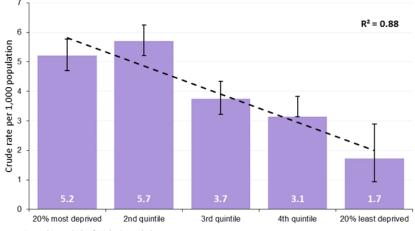
- Southampton ranked **highest** among comparator CSPs and significantly **higher** than the England average for the rate of drug offences
- **1,222 drug offences** were recorded in 2022/23 (includes possession and trafficking offences), a **+19.0% increase** compared to the previous year
- **1,224 drug affected crimes** (where drugs are flagged as a factor) were recorded in 2022/23, **+7.6% higher** than the previous year
- The number of drug offences recorded by the police is heavily dependent on police activities and priorities
- However, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary note that **Southampton** is the **most** impacted district of organised crime groups. For example, almost half of all cannabis farms identified by the force in 2022 were in Southampton
- The link between drug offences and **deprivation** is less clear than in previous years. In 2022/23 the drug offence rate was 3 times higher in the 20% most deprived neighbourhoods compared to the 20% least deprived (4.9 times higher in 2021/22)
- The highest rate of drug offences was also recorded across neighbourhoods in the second deprivation quintile



Police Recorded Drug offences (rate per 1k population) Southampton and iQuanta Comparator Community Safety Partnerships: 2022/23



Total police recorded crime, crude rate per 1,000 population by national deprivation guintiles, Southampton: 2022/23



Source: Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary

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#### **Alcohol Affected Crime**

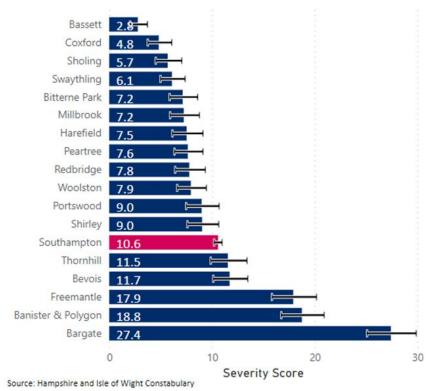
- There were 2,795 alcohol affected crimes in 2022/23, a -10.8% decrease in volume compared to 2021/22 but +6.9% higher than 2019/20
- A return to normality following the reopening of the night-time economy in 2021/22
- Increases from the pre-pandemic baseline are likely a result of improved reporting, rather than a real change in incidence
- The majority of alcohol affected crimes continue to be violent crimes (68.4%)
- Bargate ward continues to have the highest rate of alcohol affected crime, whilst Banister & Polygon and Freemantle also show significantly higher rates than the city average
- Peak times for alcohol affected crimes continue to be late at night and during the early hours on weekends
- Sub city and temporal patterns in the occurrence of alcohol affected crime continues to highlight the link between alcohol affected crime and the **night time economy**

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All Crime (Alcohol Affected) (rate per 1k population) - Southampton wards 2022/23

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 Alcohol Affected crime by day and time of occurrence: April 2022 to March 2023

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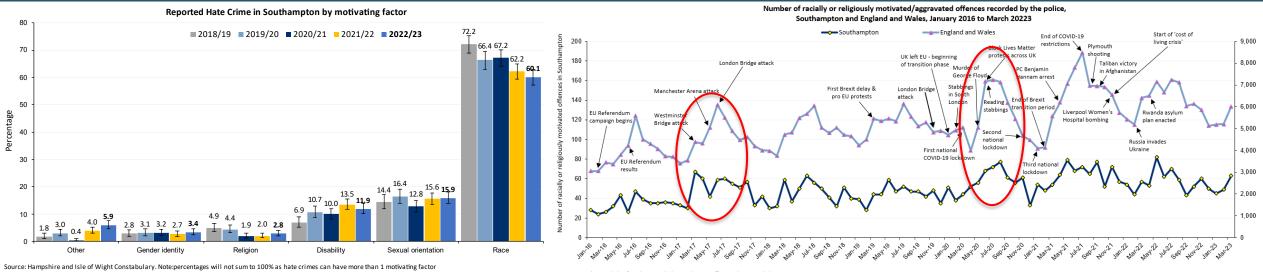
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- Race continues to be the largest motivating factor of hate crime in Southampton, followed by sexual orientation and disability
- There were 1,094 recorded hate crime offences in Southampton during 2022/23, a -10.0% decline from 2021/22 but +37.3% higher than 2019/20. This is in keeping with the national picture, with England and Wales experiencing a -5% decrease in police recorded hate crimes between 2021/22 and 2022/23
- National decline in the last year has been linked with the publication of interim guidance on the recording of non-crime hate incidents (NCHIs) by the College of Policing in 2022. It is possible that the interim guidance may have led to greater scrutiny of what constitutes a hate crime. A new statutory Code of Practice for NCHIs has been published since in June 2023
- The main drivers for increases in hate crime in the last decade, are thought to be greater public confidence to report hate crime and improvements in police recording
- However, there is evidence to suggest that there have been short-term genuine rises in hate crime following certain trigger events, such as terrorist attacks and political events, for example in 2017 and summer 2020
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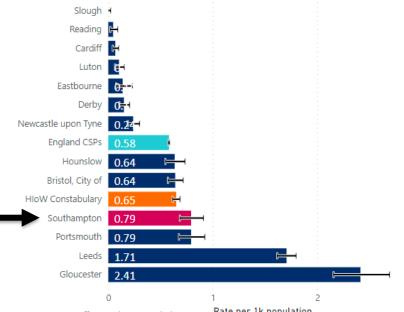
#### **Cruelty to Children and Young Persons**

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- Children's early experiences have a significant impact on their development, educational attainment and future life chances
- It is estimated that one in five adults aged 18-74 years experienced at least one form of child abuse before the age of 16 (8.5 million people) (ONS, 2020)
- Southampton ranked fourth highest among comparators for the rate of cruelty to children offences in 2022/23
- 196 cruelty to children offences recorded in 2022/23, a -4.9% decline (-10 offences) compared to the previous year, whereas Hampshire (+10.3%) and England (+10.3%) experienced increases during the same period
- Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary believe that improved local training and policies are improving child abuse recognition. Whilst this is not necessarily evident in Southampton, the changes in cruelty to children offences in recent year are not significant

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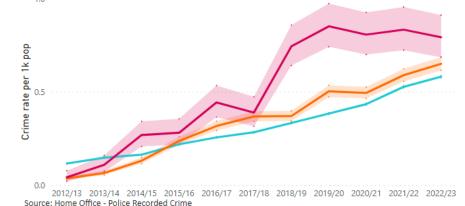
Office for National Statistics – Child abuse in England and Wales (March 2020), Online available at: https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/crimeandjustice/bulletins/childabuseinenglandandwales/march2020 Police Recorded Cruelty to children/young persons (rate per 1k population) Southampton and iQuanta Comparator Community Safety Partnerships: 2022/23



Source: Home Office - Police Recorded Crime

Police Recorded Cruelty to children/young persons (rate per 1k population) HIoW Constabulary, England CSPs, Southampton: 2012/13 to 2022/23

**CSP Name** • England CSPs • HIoW Constabulary • Southampton



Source: Home Office – police recorded crime





### **Resident Views on Community Safety**



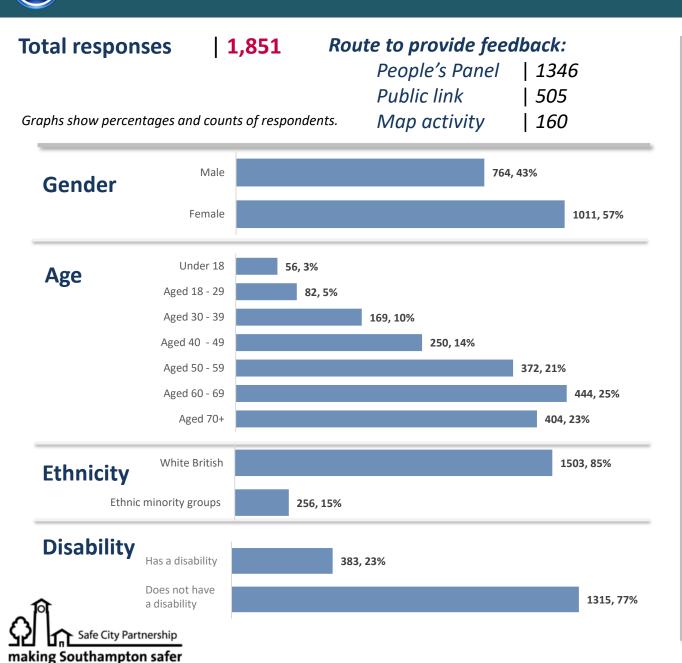


- Regulations state that strategic assessments must take into account views of people living and working in the city
- Southampton Community Safety Survey ran from Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- The total number of valid responses for the survey was 1,851
- Survey promoted by Southampton City Council and Southampton People's Panel survey was predominately online
- Due to the self-selecting nature of an online survey participants may have more interest in community safety issues than the general population, and possibly different views
- Results presented are based on unweighted data to enable comparisons with previous years
- Due to methodological and demographic differences between surveys; especially in age of respondents, any differences should be interpreted with caution

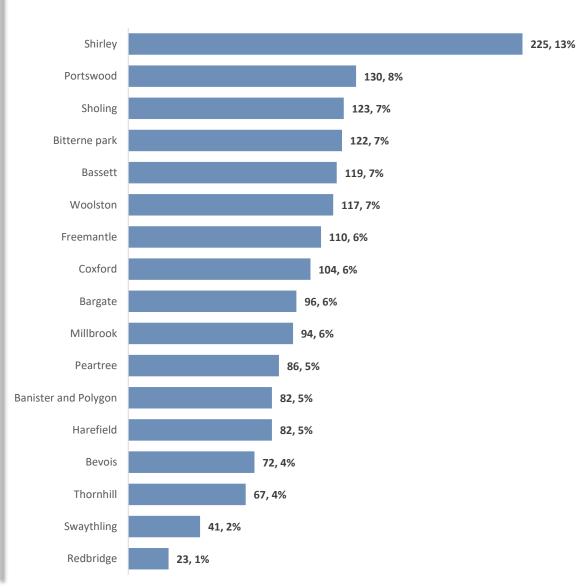
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#### Who were the respondents?





#### Ward



#### **Community cohesion**

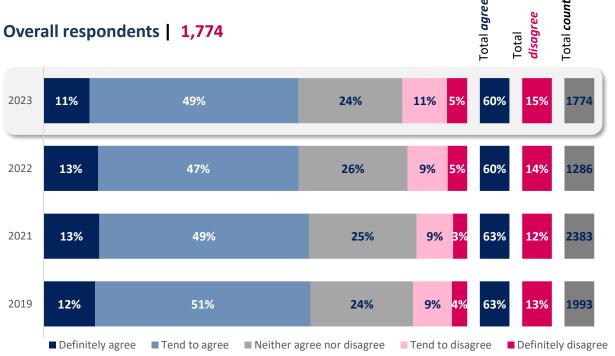
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Question: To what extent do you agree or disagree that your local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together?

Overall respondents | 1,774

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- Majority (60%) agree that people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area
- This has remained consistent since 2019
- Portswood ward reported the highest level of agreement (80%)

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Female	9% 49%	26%	10% 5%	59%	15%	963
Male	12% 50%	22%	<b>10%</b> 4%	63%	15%	745
Has a disability	9% 44%	27%	14% 7%	52%	21%	370
Under 18**	15% 39%	28%	<b>13%</b> 4%	54%	17%	46
Aged 18 - 29*	17% 43%	22%	12% 6%	60%	18%	77
Aged 30 - 39	4% 52%	26%	16% 3%	55%	19%	166
Aged 40 - 49	11% 40%	28%	14% 7%	51%	21%	239
Aged 50 - 59	11% 53%	23%	8% 7%	63%	14%	359
Aged 60 - 69	12% 48%	25%	10% 4%	60%	15%	433
Aged 70+	12% 575	% <b>21</b> 9	<mark>% 8% 2</mark> 9	69%	10%	391
White British	10% 51%	25%	<b>11%</b> 4%	60%	15%	1448
Ethnic minority groups	17% 469	<b>6 24%</b>	<mark>9% 4%</mark>	63%	13%	249
Banister and Polygon*	14% 44%	31%	<mark>8% 4%</mark>	58%	11%	80
Bargate*	12% 52%	17%	15% <mark>5%</mark>	63%	20%	95
Bassett	17% 5	1% 22%	<mark>6 8% 3%</mark>	68%	10%	119
Bevois*	<b>17%</b> 46%	<b>6 20%</b>	7% 10%	63%	17%	70
Bitterne park	16% 5	2% 21%	<mark>/ 8% 3</mark> %	68%	10%	117
Coxford*	9% 52%	22%	13% <mark>4%</mark>	61%	17%	96
Freemantle	10% 47%	23%	13% 6%	57%	19%	108
Harefield*	8% 38%	36%	13% <mark>5%</mark>	45%	18%	77
Millbrook*	49%	29%	15% <mark>4%</mark>	51%	20%	92
Peartree*	9% 56%	26%	6% <mark>3%</mark>	65%	9%	86
Portswood	16%	63%	13% 6%	80%	7%	128
Redbridge**	19%	52%	24% 0 <mark>5%</mark>	71%	5%	21
Shirley	11% 51%	22%	11% <mark>5%</mark>	62%	16%	218
Sholing	<u>6%</u> 53%	25%	12% <mark>4%</mark>	58%	16%	118
Swaythling**	<b>12%</b> 51%	27%	<b>7% 2%</b>	63%	10%	41
Thornhill*	7% 28%	33% 20%	<b>12%</b>	35%	32%	60
Woolston	6% 52%	26%	12% <mark>5%</mark>	58%	17%	109

**Breakdowns** 

Tend to agree Neither agree nor disagree Tend to disagree Definitely agree



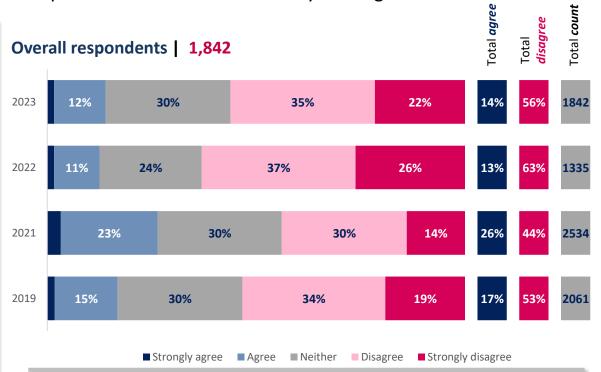
Question: To what extent would you agree or disagree that the police and other public services are successfully dealing with crime and anti-social behaviour in your local area?

- Just 14% of respondents agreed that the Partnership were successfully dealing with crime and anti-social behaviour in their local areas
- This is similar to the 2019 and 2022 surveys, but a -12 percentage point decline compared to the 2021 survey
- The majority (56%) of respondents continue to disagree with this statement; a -7 percentage point decline compared to the 2022 survey
- Overall, confidence levels appear to have returned to similar levels recorded before the pandemic, but remain lower than that recorded during the pandemic
- However, it is important to note that **public perceptions** of how the Partnership are dealing with crime and ASB can be **influenced by**:
  - High profile national events, particularly around VAWG

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- The **visibility of officers**, for example being higher during the coronavirus pandemic
- Social media and the digital presence of the police, council and other public services

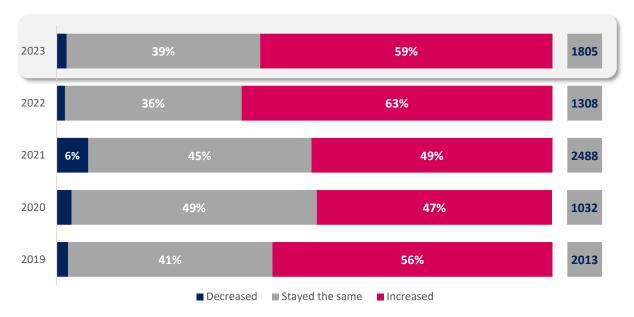


 Levels of agreement and disagreement were fairly consistent between different demographic groups and wards

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Question: Do you think the level of crime in your local area has increased, decreased, or stayed the same in the last 12 months? **Overall respondents** | 1,805



Total *count* 

- **59% of respondents felt crime had increased in their local area**; lower than that recorded in 2022 (63%) but greater than pre-pandemic (56% in 2019)
- A higher percentages of females (63%) said that crime increased in their local area compared to males (54%)
- Thornhill had the largest response for increased level of crime (75%), followed by Harefield (72%) and Freemantle (72%) wards

Breakdowns			Total <i>count</i>
Female	36%	63%	989
Male	44%	54%	749
Has a disability	33%	65%	378
Under 18*	17% 40%	42%	52
Aged 18 - 29*	33%	60%	78
Aged 30 - 39	36%	62%	163
Aged 40 - 49	39%	60%	247
Aged 50 - 59	36%	64%	365
Aged 60 - 69	39%	59%	437
Aged 70+	46%	52%	396
White British	40%	58%	1481
Ethnic minority groups	5% 37%	59%	241
Banister and Polygon*	29%	69%	78
Bargate*	44%	55%	91
Bassett	58%	39%	118
Bevois*	30%	67%	70
Bitterne park	45%	52%	120
Coxford*	34%	66%	103
Freemantle	26%	72%	109
Harefield*	26%	72%	81
Millbrook*	39%	61%	94
Peartree*	5% 44%	51%	84
Portswood	53%	45%	129
Redbridge**	39%	61%	23
Shirley	35%	63%	217
Sholing	31%	68%	121
Swaythling**	40%	58%	40
Thornhill*	25%	75%	64
Woolston	51%	49%	115

■ Decreased ■ Stayed the same ■ Increased

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**Question:** How safe do you feel during the day and after dark in the following settings?

43%

2019

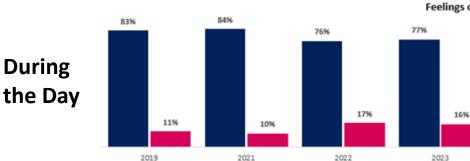
Source: Southampton Community Safety Survey (2023)

 The majority of respondents felt safe during the day in both their local area (77%) and in the city centre (65%)

Feelings of safety (1)

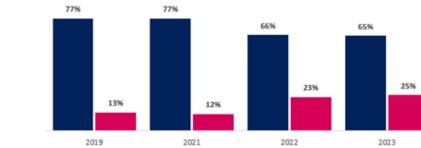
- However, feelings of safety continue to be lower after dark;
- 41% of respondents felt safe after dark in their local area After and 28% in the city centre Dark
- Feelings of safety are similar to the previous survey, but remain a substantial issue in Southampton





#### Local Area

Feelings of safety during the day, 2019 to 2023



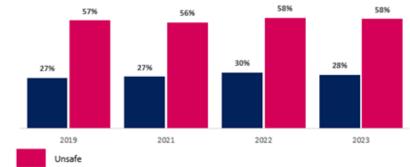
**City Centre** 

In your local area

2022

2023

Feelings of safety after dark, 2019 to 2023

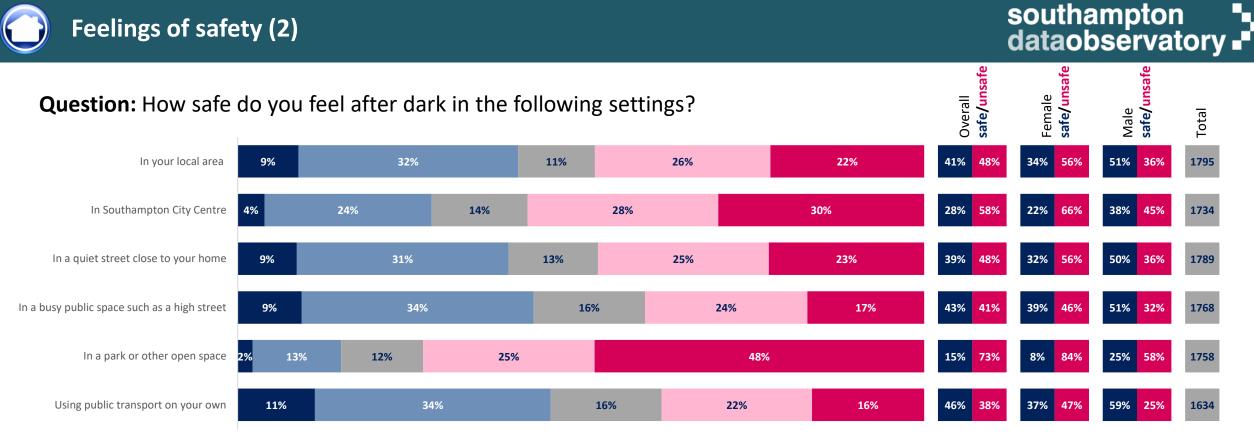


 67% of respondents who felt unsafe (in any setting) had altered their behaviour in the last month as a result of feeling unsafe

41%

2021

In Southampton City Centre





- Female respondents felt significantly less safe across all settings after dark compared to males
- Approximately a third (34%) of females felt safe in their local area after dark compared to over half of males (51%)
- Less than a quarter of females (22%) felt safe in the city centre after dark compared to almost two-fifths (38%) of males
- Respondents with a disability also felt significantly less safe across all settings in comparison to the total respondent average
- Respondents felt the most unsafe in parks and open spaces after dark, with just 15% of respondents feeling safe in this setting; 8% of
- females felt safe compared to 25% of males

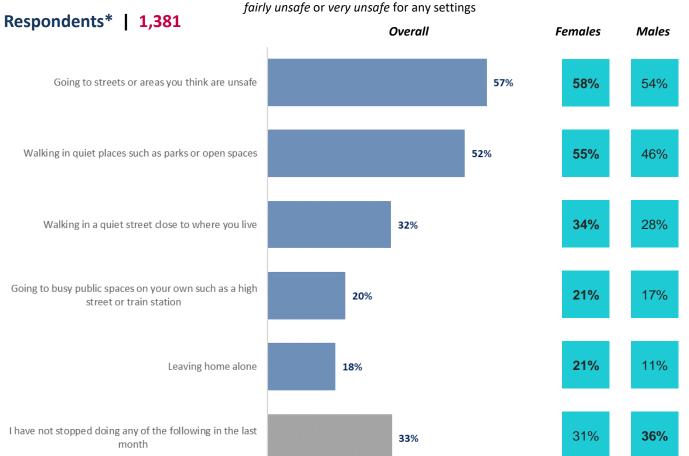
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### Feelings of safety and changes in behaviour

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**Question:** If you feel unsafe, have you stopped doing any of the following activities in the last month? \*This question was asked only of those that responded either





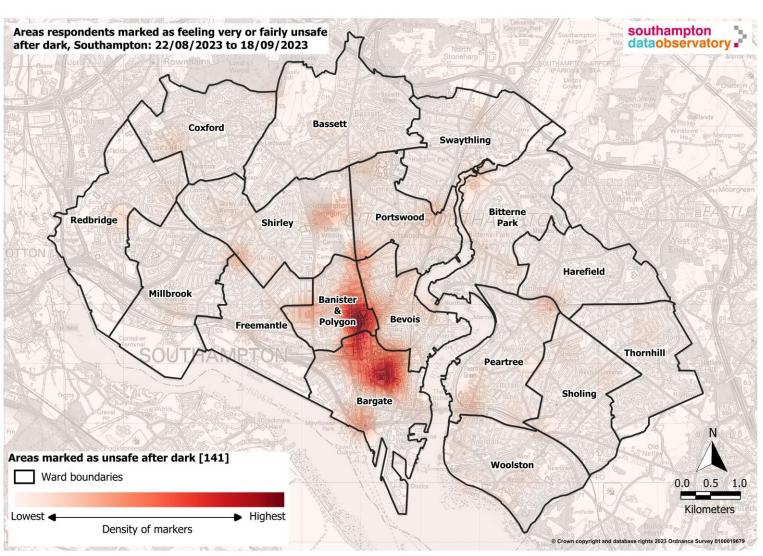
- Respondents who indicated that they had felt unsafe in any of the settings were then asked if they had changed their behaviour;
- Of those respondents that felt unsafe 67% said that they had changed their behaviour in the last month as a result of feeling unsafe
- The most common behaviour change was that respondents stopped going to streets or areas they feel are unsafe (57%) and stopped walking in quiet places such as parks or open spaces (52%)
- As a result of feeling unsafe, female respondents changed their behaviour to a greater extent compared to males
- **76%** of respondents **with a disability** said that they had **changed their behaviour**, significantly higher than the total respondent average

### Feelings of safety – mapping

- A map engagement activity was conducted alongside the survey. Whereby people could mark areas in Southampton where they felt safe and/or unsafe
- 158 markers were placed overall, the majority of which (141) were areas marked as unsafe after dark
- Largest hotspots were across the city centre; namely around Bedford Place, in greenspaces such as Hoglands Park and East Park and areas surrounding St Marys Street, with most concerns raised around drug use and anti-social behaviour from homeless people and young people
- Similar concerns were raised around Hill Lane and Shirley and Portswood highstreets, as well as comments on road safety in these areas
- Smaller hotspots also appear in greenspaces across the city, such as Southampton Common, Mansel Park, Peartree Green and Riverside Park
- There were frequent comments that increased police presence and better lighting would make residents feel safer across Southampton

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#### Perceptions of community safety issues

Source: Southampton Community Safety Survey (2023)

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## **Question:** Thinking of your local area, how much of an issue do you think each of the following are?

Arson		27%		32%			27%	9% 4%	13%	2%	
Stalking & harassment	119	6 24	%		37%		1	.8% 10%	28%	-2%	
Domestic abuse	4%	12%		54%			179	% 12%	30%	-2%	
Sexual assault	7%	20%		4	1%		20%	13%	33%	-4%	
Fraud	5%	13%		49%			20%	13%	33%	0%	
Hate crime	8%	20%		3	39%		21%	12%	33%	-2%	
Cyber crime or computer misuse	6%	12%		49%			20%	13%	33%	0%	
Violence against women & girls	5%	15%		42%			24%	15%	39%	-5%	
Serious violent crime	9%	19%		29%			25%	18%	43%	-7%	
Begging in the streets		19%	30%	6	2%	24%		24%	48%	-5%	
Alcohol-related crime	5%	18%	26	5%		31%		20%	51%	1%	
Youth crime	4%	16%	21%		31	%		27%	59%	1%	
Burglary, robbery or theft	<b>3%</b>	20%	17%		3	37%		23%	60%	1%	
People using or dealing drugs	6%	16%	15%		30%			34%	63%	0%	
Vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate	5%	27%	4%		40%			25%	65%	-3%	
Antisocial behaviour	4%	28%	2%		41%			25%	67%	1%	
	■ No	ot an issue at all	Not a very	big issue	■ Don't kno	ow A	fairly big issue	A very big issue			

 The biggest perceived community safety issues were anti-social behaviour (67%), vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage (65%), people using or dealing drugs (63%), burglary, robbery or theft (60%) and youth crime (59%)

Change *issue* from 2022

Fotal *issue* 

- It is important to highlight that people's perceptions of issues are likely influenced by the visibility of crime, personal experiences and the media
- Compared to the 2022 survey, serious violent crime (-7), VAWG (-5), sexual assault (-4), domestic abuse (-3), stalking and harassment (-2) and hate crime (-2) have all seen percentage point decreases in the proportion of residents reporting these key areas as issues
- Large proportions of respondents answered 'don't know' when asked about the key and priority issues; for example 54% 'don't know' for domestic abuse
- This highlights an **opportunity to increase awareness** of these issues, which could lead to **improvements in reporting**

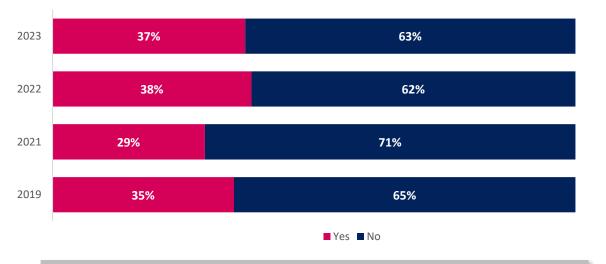


**Question:** Have you been a victim of crime or anti-social behaviour in Southampton in the last 12 months?

#### Overall respondents | 1,749

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- The majority of respondents (63%) had not been a victim of crime or ASB in the last 12 months, similar to both the 2019 and 2022 surveys, therefore suggesting a continuation of pre-pandemic trends
- Respondents aged **18 to 59 years** were **more likely** to be a victim of crime or ASB, which is **in keeping with <u>victim age profiling</u>**
- Respondents from Bevois (51%), Bargate (50%) and Banister & Polygon (48%) were more likely to have experienced crime or ASB in the last 12 months, this is in line with the <u>distribution of crime</u> in Southampton

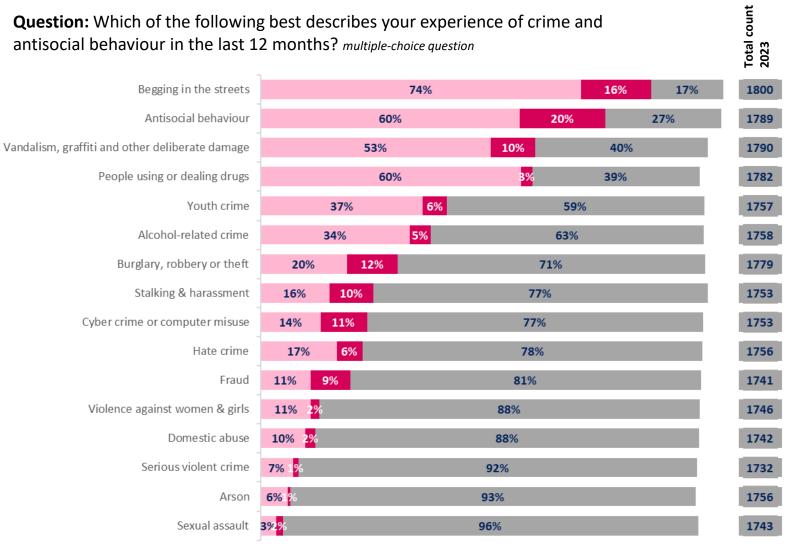
Breakdowns			Total <i>count</i>
Female	35%	65%	949
Male	38%	62%	724
Has a disability	49%	51%	356
Under 18*	12%	88%	50
Aged 18 - 29*	49%	51%	79
Aged 30 - 39	44%	56%	160
Aged 40 - 49	49%	51%	236
Aged 50 - 59	45%	55%	346
Aged 60 - 69	31%	69%	420
Aged 70+	24%	76%	384
White British	36%	64%	1417
Ethnic minority groups	39%	61%	242
Banister and Polygon*	48%	52%	77
Bargate*	50%	50%	92
Bassett	30%	70%	115
Bevois*	51%	49%	71
Bitterne park	28%	72%	114
Coxford*	41%	59%	95
Freemantle	41%	59%	102
Harefield*	38%	62%	78
Millbrook*	43%	57%	86
Peartree*	37%	63%	83
Portswood	35%	65%	125
Redbridge**	30%	70%	20
Shirley	35%	65%	210
Sholing	24%	76%	115
Swaythling**	48%	53%	40
Thornhill*	45%	55%	64
Woolston	40%	60%	110

#### ■Yes ■No

Source: Southampton Community Safety Survey (2023)

\*Fewer than 100 respondents. \*\*Fewer than 50 respondents.

**Question:** Which of the following best describes your experience of crime and antisocial behaviour in the last 12 months? *multiple-choice question* 



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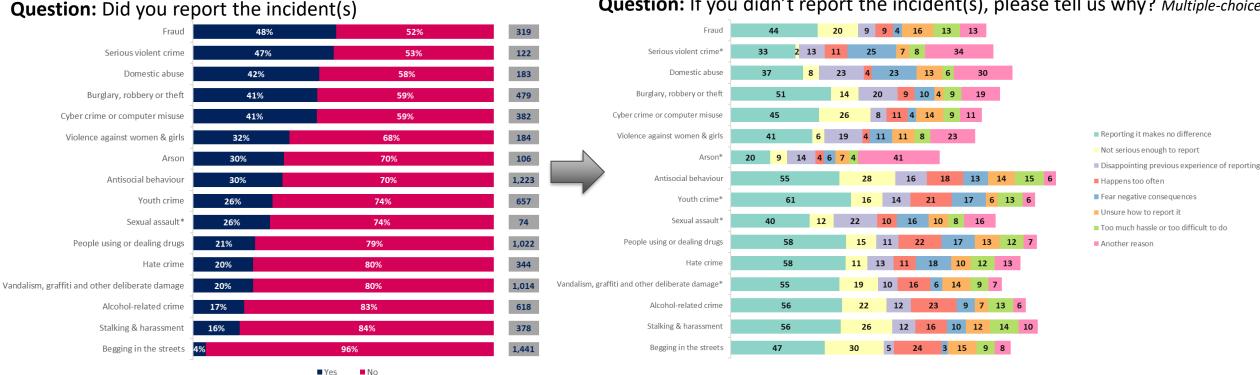
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I have witnessed this I have been a victim of this I have not witnessed or been a victim of this

- Begging in the streets, anti-social behaviour, people using or dealing drugs and vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage continue to be the **most commonly witnessed and/or experienced** by respondents
- This is in line with police recorded crime, with high volume but lower harm offences most common (e.g. vandalism/graffiti and ASB). These offences are some of the most visible
- Low volume but high harm offences were less commonly witnessed or experienced by respondents (e.g. sexual assault and serious violent crime)
- Important to note that the survey is selfselecting and certain offence types are more 'hidden' than others e.g. domestic abuse compared with vandalism/graffiti

### **Crime reporting**

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#### **Question:** If you didn't report the incident(s), please tell us why? *Multiple-choice*

- For all crime types, over half of respondents did not report the incident. This is particularly concerning for high harm and priority offence groups such as hate crime (80%), sexual assault (74%), VAWG (68%), domestic abuse (58%) and serious violent crime (53%)
- In comparison to the previous survey, reporting of some of the higher harm and priority offence groups has increased. For example, reporting of domestic abuse increased by +10 percentage points, VAWG +6 and serious violence +4, however, number of respondents are low
- *Reporting it makes no difference* was the most frequently cited reason for not reporting crimes across all crime types. Although *not* serious enough to report, disappointing previous experience of reporting, fear of negative consequences and happens too often were other common reasons for not reporting crimes Safe City Partnership





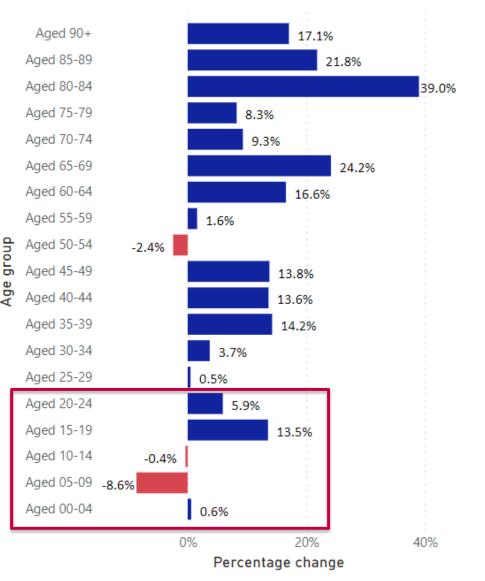
## Wider determinants of crime





- Young people are at a disproportionally higher risk of becoming involved in crime, either as a victim or offender
- Population aged 10 to 24 years forecast to grow by +7.0% in Southampton by 2029:
  - 10-14 year old population forecast to decrease by -0.4%
  - 15-19 population forecast to increase by +13.5%
  - 20-24 year old population forecast to increase by +5.9%
- Moreover, a younger population may lead to an increase in offending and/or victimisation
- However, early interventions has capacity to offset some of this expected increase, by preventing young people becoming involved in crime

Percentage change in population between 2022 and 2029 Southampton

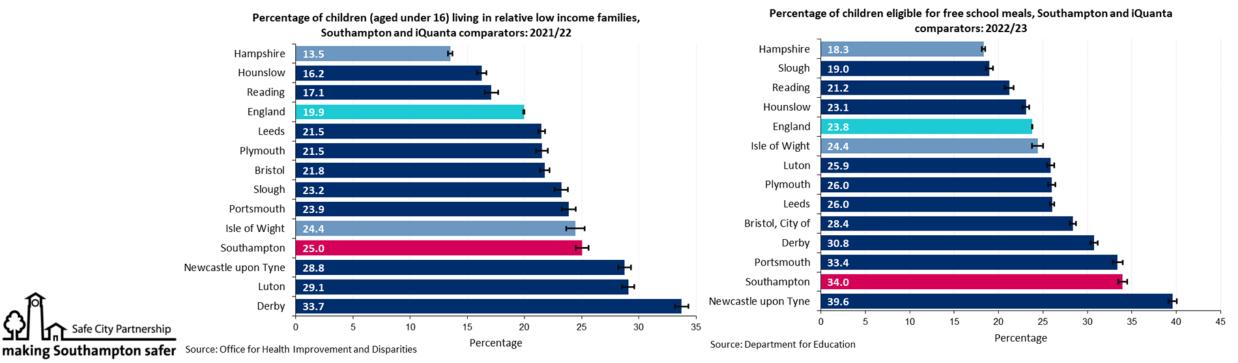




Source: Hampshire County Council – Small Area Population Forecasts (2022-based)



- Children who live in poverty are at greater risk of becoming involved in crime, either as victim or perpetrator
- **11,128 (25.0%)** of children in Southampton were **living in relative low income families** in 2021/22
- 11,528 (34.0%) of Southampton pupils in state funded schools are known to be eligible for free school meals, significantly higher than the England average of 23.8% in 2022/23
- The proportion of children eligible for free school meals in Southampton has continued to increase; having been 24.7% • in 2019/20, 30.4% in 2020/21, and 33.0% in 2021/22
- However, some of this increase will in part be due to 'protected' status of eligible pupils, as a result of increased universal credit rollout during the coronavirus pandemic





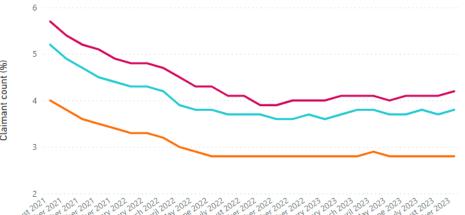
- Locally and nationally the number of adults claiming out of work benefits has significantly decreased over the last two years
- As of September 2023, 4.2% (7,025) of the working age population were claiming out of work benefits in Southampton
- The claimant count has declined since 2021, but remains above pre-pandemic levels (less than 3.5% locally)
- The claimant count has also slowly increased in recent months, which is possibly linked to the cost-of-living crisis
- Additionally, impact across the city has not been evenly distributed, with those living in the most deprived neighbourhoods impacted the most
- The chart to the right shows the trend in claimant count from August 2021 to September 2023
- The map to the right show the claimant count across Southampton neighbourhoods (LSOAs) for September 2022 (4.2% total)



Source: Department for Work and Pensions via Nomis

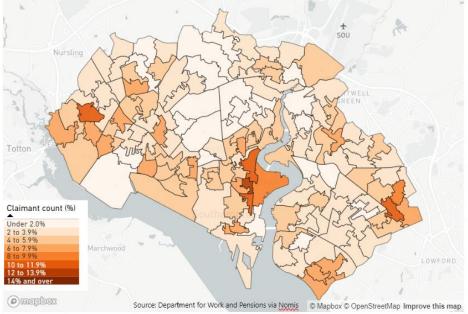
Claimants as a proportion of residents aged 16-64 (Total) - Southampton, England, South East: August-2021 to September-2023





Source: Department for Work and Pensions via Nomis

Claimant count (total) as a percentage of the working age population by LSOA: September-2023

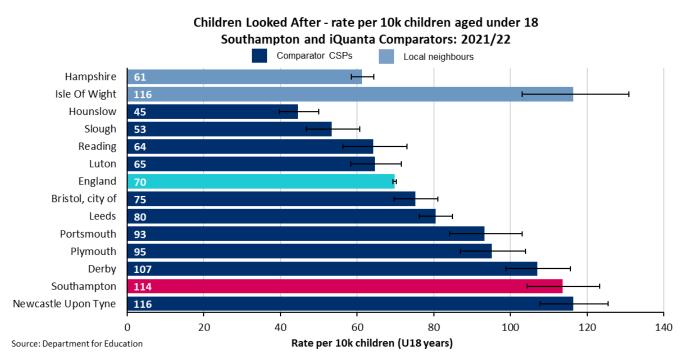




 Children experiencing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are at higher risk of poorer outcomes.
 Particularly those relating to crime, education and health

#### **Examples of ACEs:**

- Emotional, physical and sexual abuse
- Emotional or physical neglect
- Violence against household members, in particular domestic violence
- Parental abandonment through separation or divorce
- Living with household members who were substance abusers, mentally ill, suicidal or imprisoned
- Household member in prison
- Bullying or exposure to community or collective violence





Bellis et al. Adverse childhood experiences and sources of childhood resilience: a retrospective study of their combined relationships with child health and educational attendance, BMC Public Health (2018), 1:18





## Summary





- Southampton remains the most affected CSP among iQuanta comparators for both the volume and severity of total crime. In 2023/23, Southampton experienced a +3.8% increase in total recorded crime compared to the previous year.
- The increase in total recorded crime over recent years may not reflect a 'true' increase in crime. Recorded crime can be influenced by improved awareness of key issues, more people reporting crime and improvements in recording by the police
- The following areas were highlighted as **priority areas** for the Partnership: **theft offences**, **sexual offences**, **violent crimes** and **domestic crimes**. Theft offences ranks highest given the increases in both volume and severity in the last year; likely influenced by the cost of living crisis and financial pressures
- **Repeat victimisation** and **repeat offending** remain issues and are potential **growing issues** in Southampton. Whilst the proportion of repeat victims declined over the last year, it remains above the pre-pandemic proportion. Whereas repeat offending has continued to increase
- Findings from the **2023 Southampton community safety survey** shows that **confidence in the Partnership remains low**. Just 14% of respondents agreed that *the police and other local services are successfully dealing with crime and anti-social behaviour*, with the majority (56%) disagreeing
- **Feelings of safety** after dark remains a substantial issue in Southampton:
  - Female respondents felt significantly less safe than male respondents after dark across all settings;
  - **Respondents with a disability felt significantly less safe** than the total respondent average
  - 67% of respondents who felt unsafe had changed their behaviour in the last month; females and respondents with a disability to a greater extent
- The majority of respondents did not report crimes they had either witnessed or been a victim of in the last 12 months. This is especially concerning for higher harm and priority offence groups; namely hate crime, sexual assault, VAWG, domestic abuse and serious violent crime. Although barriers for not reporting vary between crime types, reporting it makes no difference was the most common reason for not reporting crimes
- It is also important to consider the wider determinants of crime, because if these worsen we may see subsequent increases in crime. There is evidence that some wider determinants worsened in recent years, likely as a result of the pandemic and could potentially worsen further due to recent financial pressures and economic uncertainty







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