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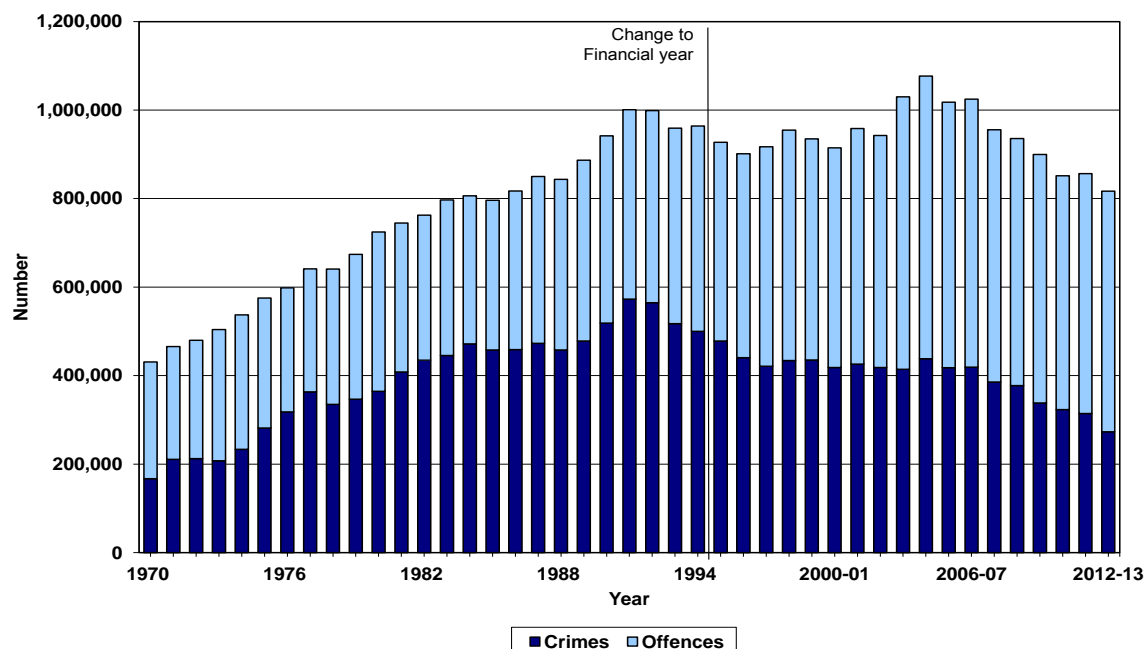
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This bulletin presents statistics on crimes and offences recorded and cleared up by the eight Scottish police forces in 2012-13. Statistics on crimes and offences recorded by the police provide a measure of the volume of criminal activity with which the police are faced.
- 1.2 The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 changed the policing landscape in Scotland, replacing the previous eight police forces, the Scottish Police Services Authority and the Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency from 1 April 2013. The Police Service of Scotland is now responsible for operational policing in Scotland and will be held to account by the Scottish Police Authority. The statistics set out in this bulletin cover the year immediately preceding the establishment of the Police Service of Scotland.
- 1.3 Crimes recorded by the police in Scotland decreased from 314,188 in 2011-12 to 273,053 in 2012-13, a decrease of 13%. The number of offences increased by less than 1%, from 542,315 in 2011-12 to 543,768 in 2012-13.

Chart 1: Crimes and offences recorded by the police, 1970 to 1994 then 1995-96 to 2012-13



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2. Main points

- There has been a decrease in the number of crimes recorded in four of the five crime groups, with Non-sexual crimes of violence, Crimes of dishonesty, Fire-raising, vandalism etc. and Other crimes decreasing between 2011-12 and 2012-13. There has been an increase in the number of Sexual Offences between 2011-12 and 2012-13 ([Table 1](#)).
- The number of Non-sexual crimes of violence recorded by the police decreased by 21% between 2011-12 and 2012-13, to a total of 7,530 ([Table 1](#)).
- The number of Sexual offences increased by 5% from 7,361 in 2011-12 to 7,693 in 2012-13 ([Table 1](#)). The implementation of the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 on 1 December 2010, resulted in a redistribution of Group 2 crimes among the subcategories. Comparisons over time should therefore be treated with caution.
- The number of Crimes of dishonesty decreased by 12% to stand at 135,899 crimes in 2012-13 ([Table 1](#)).
- Recorded crimes of Fire-raising, vandalism etc. decreased by 21% to total 59,479 in 2012-13 ([Table 1](#)).
- The number of Other crimes decreased by 8% between 2011-12 and 2012-13 to total 62,452. ([Table 1](#)).
- In 2012-13, the police recorded 543,768 offences, an increase of less than 1% from the number of offences recorded in 2011-12. There was a 3% decrease in the number of Miscellaneous offences, largely due to a substantial decrease in the number of recorded common assaults. This decrease was offset by a 3% increase in the number of motor vehicle offences. ([Table 2](#)).
- The clear up rate for all recorded crimes in 2012-13 was 51%, 2 percentage points higher than in each of the preceding years from 2008-09 to 2011-12, where the clear up rate remained constant at 49% ([Table 3](#)).
- Clear up rates for all crime groups increased in 2012-13 with the exception of Other crimes where the clear up remained at 98%. The clear up rate for Non-sexual crimes of violence increased by 4 percentage points from 75% in 2011-12 to 79% in 2012-13. The clear up rate for Fire-raising, vandalism etc. (27%) increased by 2 percentage points and the clear up rates for Sexual offences (68%) and Crimes of dishonesty (38%) each increased by 1 percentage point ([Table 3](#)).
- All eight police forces showed a decrease in the number of crimes recorded in 2012-13 compared to 2011-12. The scale of the decrease ranged from 6% for Tayside, to 16% for Northern ([Table 5](#)).
- Although there was a 5% increase in the total number of Sexual offences recorded in Scotland in 2012-13, there were substantial differences between police forces. Increases ranged from 7% for Tayside to 33% for Northern. Decreases ranged from 2% in Lothian and Borders, to 20% in Central. The figures for Fife remained broadly the same in 2012-13 as in 2011-12 ([Table 5](#)).

3. Commentary: Introduction

- 3.1 The statistics on crimes and offences are used to inform National Outcome 9 – ‘we live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger’. The statistics are also used by a wide variety of users and stakeholders to monitor trends, for policy research and development, and for research purposes.
- 3.2 The term “crime” is *generally* used for the more serious criminal acts; the less serious are termed “offences”. The distinction is made only for statistical reporting purposes and the “seriousness” of the offence is *generally* related to the maximum sentence that can be imposed. This distinction has been consistently used since the publication of these statistics began.
- 3.3 Crimes relate to Groups 1 to 5; Non-sexual crimes of violence, Sexual offences, Crimes of dishonesty, Fire-raising, vandalism etc. and Other crimes. Note that crimes within Group 2 are termed Sexual offences as this corresponds to the name of the legislation covering these crimes. Offences relate to Groups 6 and 7, namely, Miscellaneous offences and Motor vehicle offences. For further information on crime and offence groups, see [Section 8](#).
- 3.4 The introduction of the Scottish Crime Recording Standard (SCRS) in 2004-05 has helped maintain a consistent approach to recording crime. As anticipated this has increased the numbers of minor crimes recorded by the police, such as minor crimes of Vandalism and minor thefts. However, it was not anticipated that the SCRS would have a notable impact on the figures for more serious crimes such as Serious assault, Sexual assault, Robbery or Housebreaking.
- 3.5 Unfortunately it was not possible to estimate the exact impact of the new recording standard on the recorded crime figures because around the time that the new standard was implemented, police also introduced centralised call centres which encouraged the reporting of incidents to the police.
- 3.6 The Scottish Crime and Justice Survey (SCJS) 2010-11 provides a complementary measure of crime compared with police recorded crime statistics. The survey provides information on the criminal justice system, on people’s experience of civil justice problems and people’s perception of crime. It also provides estimates of progress for two of the 50 national indicators in the Scottish Government’s National Performance Framework: Improve people’s perceptions about the crime rate in their area and Reduce crime victimisation rates. Further information on the National Performance Framework can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/About/scotPerforms>

The Scottish Crime and Justice Survey can also provide an estimate of the proportion of crimes not reported to the police. In 2010-11, it was estimated that 39% of crimes, as defined by the SCJS, were reported to the police ([Section 6](#)).

Results from the Scottish Crime and Justice Survey 2012-13 are due to be available in November 2013.

- 3.7 There have been no major legislative changes throughout 2012-13 which impact on the comparability of the statistics.

On 1 March 2012, the **Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications Act 2012** was implemented. The Act introduced two new offences, Offensive behaviour at football and Threatening communications. These two offences are included in the Breach of the peace etc. category throughout the bulletin.

The **Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009** came into force on 1 December 2010. The Act replaces a number of common law crimes including Rape, Clandestine injury to women and Sodomy with new statutory sexual offences. The Act provides a statutory description of consent, which is defined as free agreement and provides a non-exhaustive list of factual circumstances during which consent will be deemed to be absent.

The Act created a number of new 'protective' offences, which criminalise sexual activity with children and mentally disordered persons. There are separate offences concerning young children (under 13 years) and older children (13-15 years).

The new legislation will only apply to offences committed from 1 December 2010. Any offences committed prior to this date will be recorded using the previous legislation.

The new legislation resulted in some increases in Sexual offences. However, it is likely that the effect will be to change the distribution of these crimes among the subcategories. For example, some crimes previously categorised as Lewd and libidinous practices will now be classified as Sexual assault.

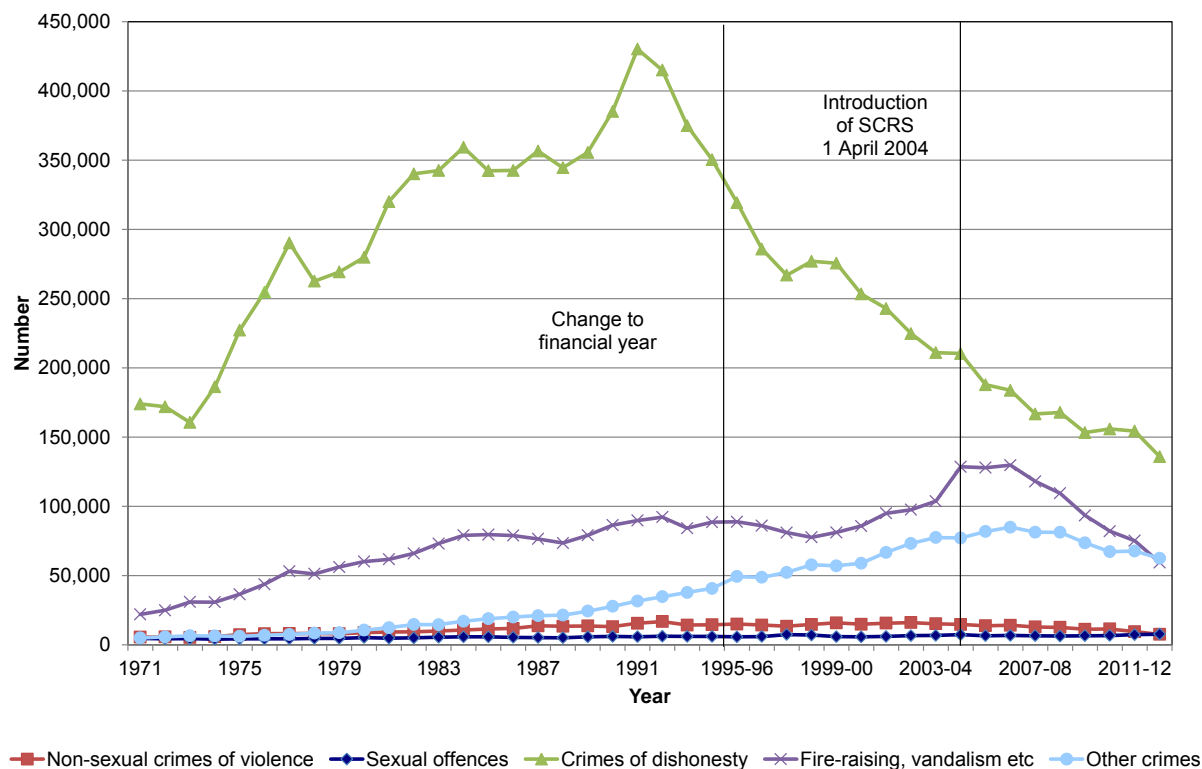
The introduction of the new legislation resulted in some crimes that would previously have been classified as either Breach of the peace etc. or Other miscellaneous offences being classified as Sexual offences. Most of these are now classed as Other sexual offences. However, it is not possible to quantify the number of crimes that this change affects.

Any Sexual offence which occurred prior to 1 December 2010 will be recorded in line with the appropriate legislation in place at that time. If the conduct occurred both prior to and after 1 December 2010 the appropriate offences under the old and new legislation are recorded. Caution should therefore be taken when comparing Sexual offences with previous years.

4. Commentary: Recorded crimes and offences in Scotland

4.1 The total number of crimes recorded by the police in 2012-13 was 273,053, 13% lower than in 2011-12 (Chart 1 and Table 1). The total remains well below the 2004-05 figure of 438,123 and is the lowest number recorded since 1974.

Chart 2: Crimes recorded by the police by crime group, 1971¹ to 1994 then 1995-96 to 2012-13



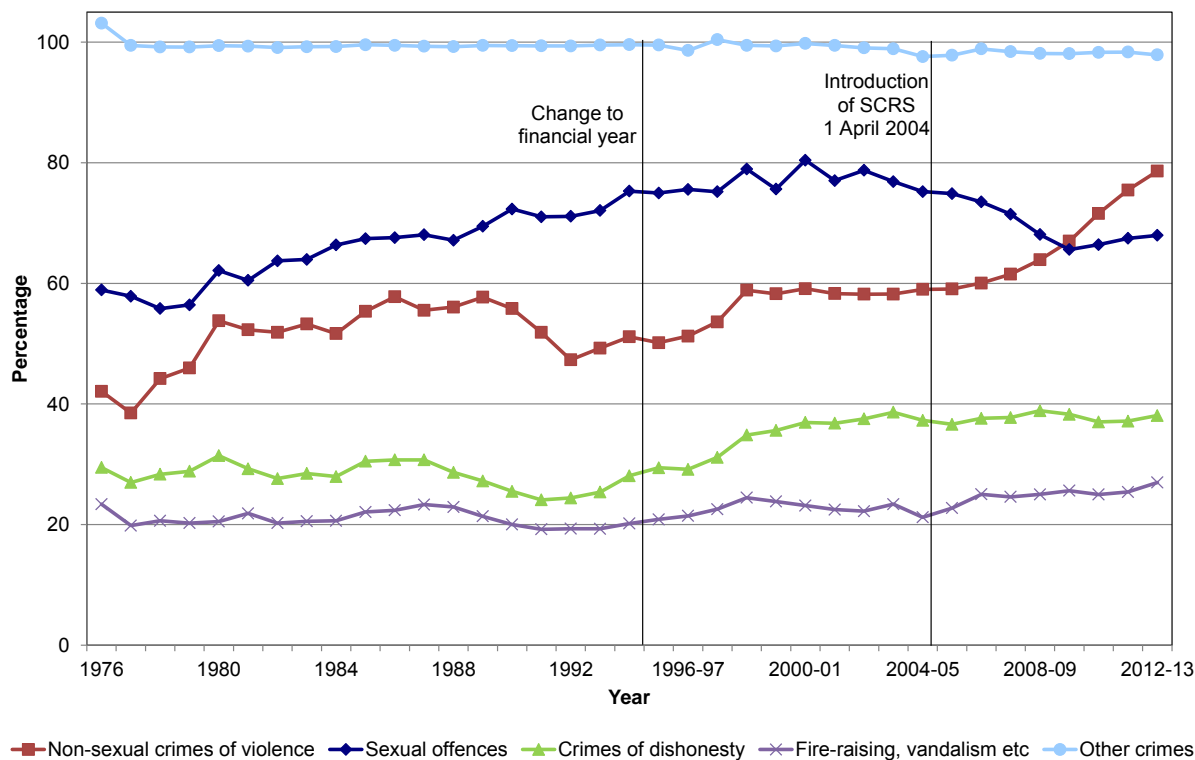
1. Crimes recorded for the present crime groups are not available prior to 1971.

4.2 The number of Non-sexual crimes of violence recorded by the police decreased by 21% between 2011-12 and 2012-13, to total 7,530. (Chart 2 and Table 1). Within this category, the number of crimes of Homicide recorded (which includes Murder, and Culpable homicide, which includes Causing death by dangerous driving, Causing death by careless driving while under the influence of drink or drugs, Causing death by careless driving, Illegal driver involved in fatal accident and Corporate homicide), decreased by 25% to 91. Recorded Attempted murder and serious assault decreased by 22% to 3,643 and recorded Robberies decreased by 18% to total 1,832. Other Non-sexual crimes of violence decreased by 21% from 2,475 to 1,964, mainly driven by a decrease in the number of crimes of Threats and extortion, and Child cruelty.

4.3 The number of crimes in the Sexual offences group increased by 5% from 7,361 in 2011-12 to 7,693 in 2012-13 (Chart 2 and Table 1). Crimes of Rape and attempted rape increased by 15% and crimes of Sexual assault and Other sexual offences each increased by 3%. Offences associated with prostitution decreased by 6%. The implementation of the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 on 1 December 2010, resulted in a redistribution of Group 2 crimes among the subcategories. Comparisons over time of the breakdown of Sexual offences should therefore be treated with caution.

- 4.4 The number of Crimes of dishonesty decreased by 12%, to stand at 135,899 crimes in 2012-13 ([Chart 2](#) and [Table 1](#)). All subcategories of Crimes of dishonesty decreased with the exception of Fraud and of Other crimes of dishonesty which both remained broadly the same as in 2011-12. Theft from a motor vehicle by opening a lockfast place (OLP) decreased by 31% to 6,159, Theft of a motor vehicle decreased by 19% to 5,731, Other theft decreased by 12% to stand at 58,704. Housebreaking and shoplifting each decreased by 11% to stand at 21,515 and 26,449 respectively and Theft by opening a lockfast place (OLP) decreased by 8% to 3,239.
- 4.5 Recorded cases of Fire-raising, vandalism etc. decreased by 21% to total 59,479 in 2012-13 ([Chart 2](#) and [Table 1](#)). Within this category, the number of crimes recorded within the Fire-raising subcategory decreased by 18% to stand at 3,066 in 2012-13. The number of crimes in the Vandalism etc. subcategory decreased by 21% from 71,446 in 2011-12 to 56,413 in 2012-13.
- 4.6 There was a decrease of 8% in the Other crimes group ([Chart 2](#) and [Table 1](#)). In recent years, there has been a notable decrease in the number of crimes of Handling an offensive weapon, which fell by 29% to stand at 4,015 in 2012-13. Recorded Drug crimes decreased by 1% from 35,157 in 2011-12 to 34,688 in 2012-13. This decrease was driven by a 29% decrease in the crimes of Possession of drugs with intent to supply. There was an increase of 3% in the crimes of possession of drugs recorded, from 28,326 in 2011-12 to 29,150 in 2012-13. ([Table A7](#)).
- 4.7 In 2012-13, the number of crimes of Domestic housebreaking recorded per 10,000 population was highest in Glasgow City (50), Edinburgh City (47), Dundee City (41) and Aberdeen City (40). Rural areas recorded much lower levels with Orkney Islands (2), Eilean Siar (1) and Shetland Islands (1) recording the lowest level of Domestic housebreaking per 10,000 population in 2012-13 ([Chart 5](#) and [Table 8](#)).
- 4.8 There was a decrease of 10% in the number of crimes cleared up by the police from 155,264 in 2011-12 to 140,083 in 2012-13 ([Table A1](#)). However, the clear up rate of crimes ([Table 3](#)), has increased by 2 percentage points to 51%. This follows a four year period where the crime clear up rate remained at 49%.
- 4.9 In 2012-13, the clear up rate for Non-sexual crimes of violence was higher than in 2011-12, increasing from 75% to 79% ([Table 3](#)). The rate for Fire-raising, vandalism etc. and for miscellaneous offences each increased by 2 percentage points to 27% and 86% respectively. The rate for Sexual offences and Crimes of dishonesty each increased by 1 percentage point between 2011-12 and 2012-13 to 68% and 38% respectively. The clear up rate for Other crimes remained constant at 98%. This has remained at the same level since 2007-08.

Chart 3: Clear up rates for crimes recorded by the police by crime group, 1976¹ to 1994 then 1995-96 to 2012-13



1. Clear up rates for the present crime groups are not available prior to 1976.

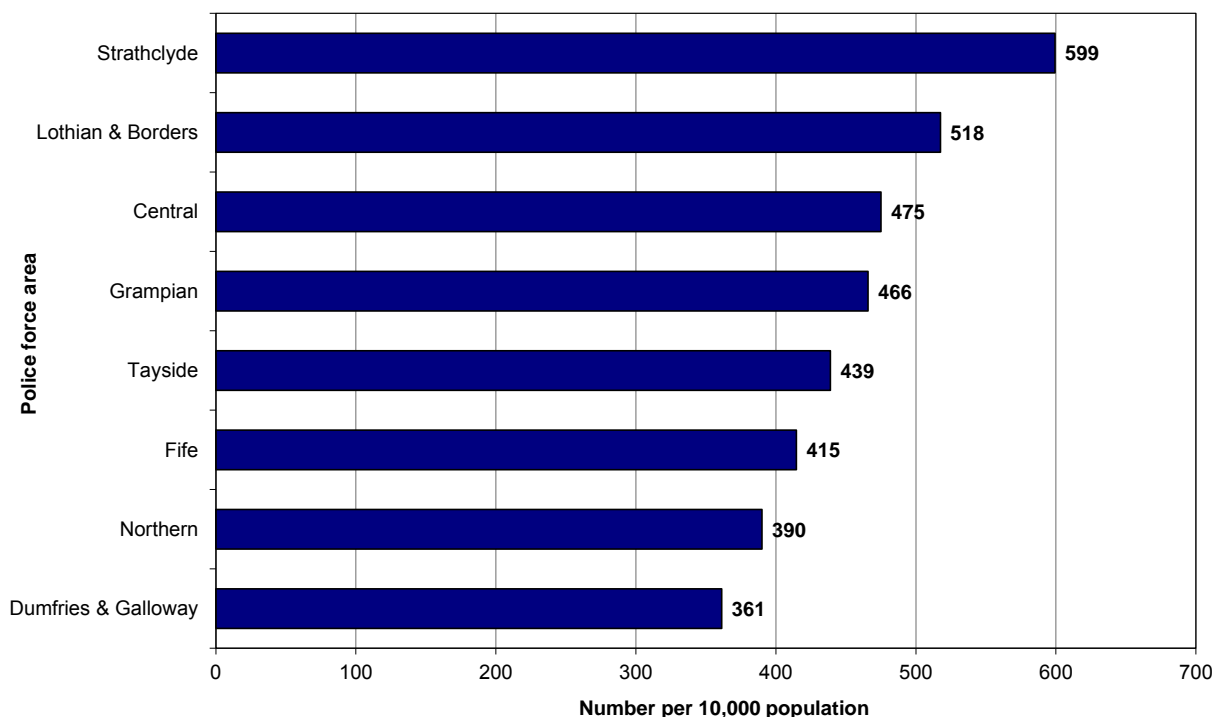
4.10 The number of offences recorded increased by less than 1%, from 542,315 in 2011-12 to 543,768 in 2012-13 (Chart 1 and Table 2). The number of Miscellaneous offences recorded decreased by 3% in 2012-13 compared to 2011-12, driven largely by a 12% decrease in Common assault. The number of Drunkenness offences decreased by 2% and Breach of the peace offences (which includes offences of Threatening or abusive behaviour, Offence of stalking, Offensive behaviour at football and Threatening communications (Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications Act 2012)) decreased by 1%.

4.11 The number of Motor vehicle offences increased by 3% between 2011-12 and 2012-13. The increase was driven by an increase in Speeding offences. Speeding offences increased from 125,221 in 2011-12 to 128,936 in 2012-13, an increase of 3%. There was also a 7% increase in Dangerous and careless driving offences which increased from 9,853 in 2011-12 to 10,530 in 2012-13.

5. Commentary: Recorded crimes and offences by police force

This section provides commentary on the published figures by police force area.

Chart 4: Total number of crimes recorded per 10,000 population¹ in 2012-13 by police force area



1. Population estimates are as at mid-year 2011 from the National Records of Scotland. The mid-year 2012 population estimates, as well as revised mid-year 2011 population estimates, are scheduled for publication in August 2013. (<http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/theme/population/estimates/mid-year/index.html>)

Chart 4 shows that the number of crimes recorded per 10,000 population is higher in police forces which contain large cities, such as Strathclyde and Lothian and Borders, and lower in police force areas which are primarily rural such as Dumfries and Galloway, and Northern.

5.1 Central Scotland Police

The total number of crimes recorded by Central Scotland Police decreased by 14% between 2011-12 and 2012-13 to 14,056. Decreases were recorded in all of the five crime groups, ranging from a 1% decrease in other crimes, to a 22% decrease in Fire-raising, vandalism etc.

The number of offences recorded in Central increased by 13% between 2011-12 and 2012-13. The increase in offences was driven by a 57% increase in speeding offences. Central Scotland Police has the second highest rate of offences in Scotland at 1,400 per 10,000 population. This was driven by the high number of Motor vehicle offences, 1,065 per 10,000 population.

Clear up rates for all crime groups were above or the same as the corresponding figure for Scotland. For four of the five crime groups, the clear up rate recorded by Central Scotland Police increased between 2011-12 and 2012-13, with the exception of Other crimes, where the clear up rate remained

the same as 2011-12 at 98%. The largest increase was 4 percentage points reported for Non-sexual crimes of violence.

5.2 Dumfries & Galloway Constabulary

Crimes recorded by Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary decreased for the eighth year in succession and overall by 11% since 2011-12 to total 5,350. There were decreases in all crime and offence groups ranging from a 6% decrease in Other crimes to a 23% decrease in Fire-raising, vandalism etc. It should be noted that as Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary is the smallest police force, the actual number of crimes recorded is small in comparison to larger forces such as Strathclyde Police or Lothian and Borders Police.

There was a decrease of 7% in offences recorded by Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary. The decrease in the number of Miscellaneous offences was driven by a 16% decrease in common assault while the decrease in motor vehicle offences was recorded was driven by a 12% decrease in Speeding offences.

The overall clear up rate for crimes in Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary was 72%, 21 percentage points higher than the Scotland total and the highest rate of all eight police forces. The clear up rates for Crimes of dishonesty (58%) and Fire-raising, vandalism etc. (57%) were the highest rates recorded across all forces in 2012-13, with for Sexual offences joint highest with Fife, at 80%.

5.3 Fife Constabulary

The number of crimes recorded by Fife Constabulary decreased for the eighth consecutive year and overall by 15% between 2011-12 and 2012-13 to total 15,230. There were decreases across all crime groups with the exception of Sexual Offences, which decreased by only 2 crimes.

There was a decrease of 11% in the number of offences recorded by Fife Constabulary. Within offences there was a decrease of 8% in the number of Miscellaneous offences recorded and a decrease of 12% in the number of Motor vehicle offences. The decrease in Miscellaneous offences was largely a result of a 13% decrease in Common assault, while the decrease in Motor vehicle offences was driven by a 12% decrease in Speeding offences.

The overall clear up rate for crime in Fife Constabulary was 65%. The clear up rates increased in two of the five crime groups; Crimes of dishonesty increased by 6 percentage points (57%) and Fire-raising, vandalism etc., increased by 4 percentage points (48%), between 2011-12 and 2012-13. The biggest decrease in the clear up rates in Fife Constabulary was for Non-sexual crimes of violence, which decreased by 8 percentage points to 89%.

5.4 Grampian Police

The number of recorded crimes in the Grampian Police force area decreased by 12% between 2011-12 and 2012-13, to total 25,866 crimes. Decreases were recorded in all five crime groups between 2011-12 and 2012-13, with the Non-sexual crimes of violence group decreasing by 20%. The smallest decrease

was in Sexual offences, with the number of crimes decreasing by 6% between 2011-12 and 2012-13.

The total number of offences recorded by Grampian Police decreased by 8%, from 52,381 in 2011-12 to 48,211 in 2012-13. The decrease was driven by an 11% decrease in Motor vehicle offences.

The overall crime clear up rate for Grampian Police decreased by 3 percentage points between 2011-12 and 2012-13, giving Grampian the second lowest clear up rate in Scotland, at 45%. The clear up rates for all crime groups decreased. The biggest decrease was in Non-sexual crimes of violence (7 percentage points), followed by Crimes of dishonesty (5 percentage points). Sexual offences and Other crimes, each decreased by 1 percentage point, while Fire-raising, vandalism etc. remained the same as in 2011-12, at 30%,

5.5 Lothian & Borders Police

Recorded crime in the Lothian and Borders Police force area decreased by 13% in 2012-13. The number of crimes decreased from 57,471 in 2011-12 to 49,789 in 2012-13. Decreases were reported in all of the five crime groups. The largest decreases were seen in Fire-raising, vandalism etc. where the decrease was 24%, and in Non-sexual crimes of violence where the decrease was 20%

The number of offences recorded by Lothian and Borders Police decreased by 10% between 2011-12 and 2012-13. Within the two offence groups, Miscellaneous offences decreased by 4% while Motor vehicle offences decreased by 13%. There was an increase in Breach of the peace etc. of 4% but this was more than offset by a decrease of 9% in the number of Common assaults which decreased from 10,787 in 2011-12 to 9,862 in 2012-13.

The overall clear up rate for crimes for Lothian and Borders Police was 44% in 2012-13, the same as in 2011-12 and 7 percentage points lower than the Scotland figure. This is the lowest clear up rate among any of the forces in Scotland. The clear up rate increased for Non-sexual offences of violence by 2 percentage points to stand at 70%. However, this is the lowest clear up rate in Scotland for this crime group. The clear up rate for Sexual offences decreased by 4 percentage points to 62% and Fire-raising, vandalism etc. and other crimes each decreased by 2 percentage points.

5.6 Northern Constabulary

The number of crimes recorded by Northern Constabulary decreased by 16%, from 13,556 in 2011-12 to 11,355 in 2012-13. Northern Constabulary reported decreases in four of the five crime groups, the largest being a 21% decrease in Fire-raising, vandalism etc. There was a 33% increase in the number of Sexual offences recorded, from 355 in 2011-12 to 471 in 2012-13.

There was a 4% increase in the number of offences recorded by Northern Constabulary in 2012-13 compared to 2011-12. Miscellaneous offences decreased by 6% while Motor vehicle offences increased by 9%. Within Miscellaneous offences, there was a decrease of 9% in the Common assaults and a 7% decrease in Other miscellaneous offences. The increase in Motor vehicle offences was driven by a 16% increase in Speeding offences.

The overall clear up rate for crimes in Northern Constabulary was 68%, 17 percentage points higher than Scotland and the second highest of the eight police forces. The clear up rates increased for three of the five crime groups in 2012-13 compared to 2011-12. The clear up rate for Non-sexual crimes of violence, Crimes of dishonesty and Fire-raising, vandalism etc. each increased by 1 percentage point. The clear up rate for Other crimes decreased by 1 percentage point to stand at 99%. The clear up rate for Sexual offences decreased by 5 percentage points to 76%. However, this still stands 8 percentage points higher than the Scotland total.

5.7 **Strathclyde Police**

The number of crimes recorded by Strathclyde Police Force decreased by 14% between 2011-12 and 2012-13, to total 133,601. There were decreases in four of the five crime groups; Non-sexual crimes of violence decreased by 24%, Fire-raising, vandalism etc. decreased by 23% and Crimes of dishonesty decreased by 14%. The number of Sexual offences increased by 13% between 2011-12 and 2012-13.

The total number of offences recorded by Strathclyde Police increased from 270,176 in 2011-12 to 283,636 in 2012-13, an increase of 5%. Miscellaneous offences decreased by 2% while Motor vehicle offences increased by 11%. The 11% increase was driven by an 11% increase in Speeding offences and a 14% increase in Other motor vehicle offences.

The clear up rates for three of the five crimes groups are lower for Strathclyde Police than the Scotland figure, except for Sexual offences (68%) and Other crimes (98%) where they are the same as the Scotland total. In 2012-13, the clear up rates for four of the five groups increased while the rate for Other crimes remained the same as in 2011-12. The clear up rates for Non-sexual crimes of violence increased by 6 percentage points, Sexual offences and Fire-raising, vandalism etc. both increased by 3 percentage points and Crimes of dishonesty increased by 2 percentage points. The clear up rate for Non-sexual crimes of violence was 77%, which is the highest rate in over a decade.

In addition, the clear up rate for Miscellaneous offences also increased by 3 percentage points in 2012-13 compared to 2011-12.

5.8 **Tayside Police**

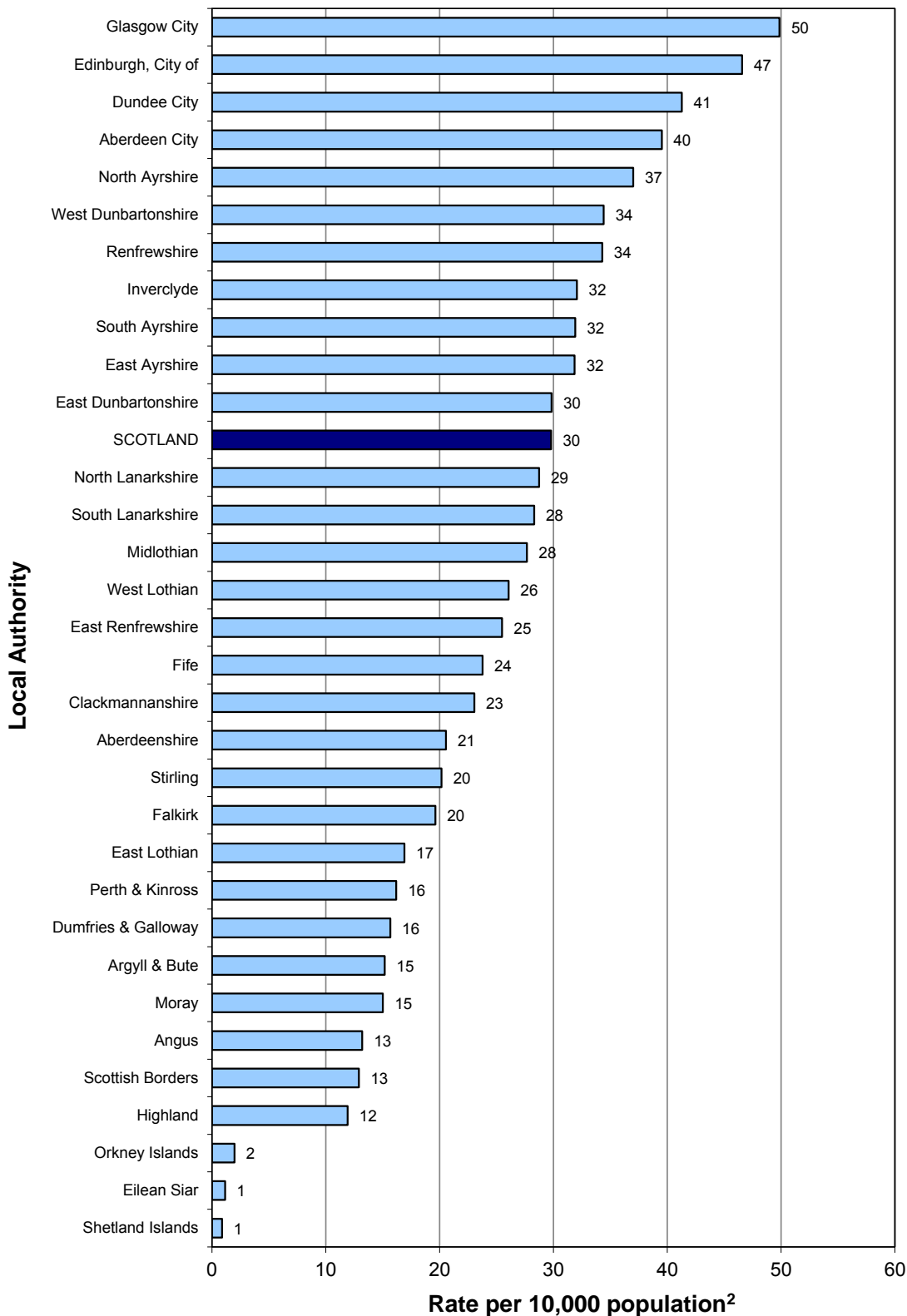
The number of crimes recorded by Tayside Police Force decreased for the eighth consecutive year and overall by 6% between 2011-12 and 2012-13 to total 17,806. The 6% decrease was the smallest reported among the eight police forces. There were decreases in four of the five crime groups in 2012-13. Non-sexual crimes of violence decreased by 19%, Other crimes decreased by 16%, Fire-raising, vandalism etc. decreased by 8% and Crimes of dishonesty decreased by 1%. The only crime group to report an increase was Sexual offences, where the increase was 7%.

The number of offences recorded by Tayside Police decreased by 6% compared with 2011-12. The number of Miscellaneous offences decreased by 8% and there was a 5% decrease in the number of Motor vehicle offences. The

decrease in Miscellaneous offences was due to a 15% decrease in Breach of the peace etc. offences.

In 2012-13, Tayside Police recorded increases in the clear up rates for two of the five crime groups compared with 2011-12. The clear up rate for Non-sexual crimes of violence and Sexual offences each increased by 3 percentage points. The clear up rate for Fire-raising, vandalism etc. decreased by 5 percentage points, while the rate for Other crimes decreased by 1 percentage point. The clear up rate for Crimes of dishonesty remained the same as in 2011-12. Clear up rates for all crime groups were above or the same as the corresponding Scotland figure, with the overall crime clear up rate 4 percentage points higher than the Scotland figure.

Chart 5: Number of domestic housebreaking¹ crimes recorded by the police per 10,000 population² in 2012-13



1. Includes dwellings and non-dwellings only.

2. Population estimates are as at mid-year 2011 from the National Records of Scotland. The mid-year 2012 population estimates, as well as revised mid-year 2011 population estimates, are scheduled for publication in August 2013. (<http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/theme/population/estimates/mid-year/index.html>)

6. Scottish Crime and Justice Survey

- 6.1 The preceding sections of this bulletin describe the volume and types of crime recorded and cleared up by the eight police forces in Scotland during 2012-13. The recorded crime bulletin series is generally a useful indicator of trends in recorded crime. However, not all crimes are reported to the police and the propensity of the public to report crime to the police also changes over time.
- 6.2 Crime surveys can be a useful source of information by providing a fuller picture of both the extent of, and the trends in, most types of household and personal victimisation. The information provided by such surveys complements the information compiled by the police forces, as well as exploring other issues such as the impact of crime on victims, public anxieties and reactions to crime and attitudes towards the police and other parts of the criminal justice system.
- 6.3 Findings from the 2010-11 Scottish Crime and Justice Survey (SCJS), which asked about crimes and offences experienced between the beginning of April 2010 and the end of March 2011 are available at:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2011/10/28142346/0>

- Estimates derived from the 2010-11 SCJS suggest that around 874,000 crimes were **committed** against individuals and private households in Scotland between 1 April 2010 and 31 March 2011¹. This is 16% lower than estimated in 2008-09. The estimate for 2010-11 suggests that nearly one in five adults (18%) had been the victim of at least one household or personal crime.
- According to the survey, 75% of crimes experienced in 2010-11 were against property with property vandalism accounting for one in three (32%) of all crimes recorded. 25% of crimes were committed against individuals, with 24% involving assaults and 1% involving robbery.
- The 2010-11 survey estimates that 39% of crimes captured by the survey came to the attention of the police. This is higher than the rate of 37% estimated in 2009-10. Where the incident had not been reported to the police, the main reasons given were that the incident was too trivial (40% of unreported incidents), police could not have done anything about it (29%), and police would not be interested (13%).
- Results from the Scottish Crime and Justice Survey 2012-13 are due to be available in November 2013. The results will be representative at national level and at the level of the eight police forces in Scotland. The findings from the survey will be used by policy makers across the public sector in Scotland to help understand the nature of crime in Scotland, target resources and monitor the impact of initiatives to target crime.
- For more information about the Scottish Crime and Justice Survey, please contact Nic Krzyzanowski : telephone 0131 244 0824 or e-mail scjs@scotland.gsi.gov.uk.

¹ This figure is calculated by simply adding 'all household crime' and 'all personal crime' together. However, it should be noted that that this is only an approximation as the different weights for each of these measures do not allow for this to be calculated precisely.

Table 1: Crimes recorded by the police, Scotland, 2003-04 to 2012-13

Crime group	Number & Percentage										
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	% change 11-12 to 12-13
Total Crimes	414,214	438,123	417,785	419,257	385,509	377,433	338,124	323,247	314,188	273,053	-13
Non-sexual crimes of violence	15,187	14,728	13,726	14,099	12,874	12,612	11,228	11,438	9,533	7,530	-21
Homicide ¹	149	165	121	159	142	134	106	122	121	91	-25
Attempted murder & serious assault ²	7,365	7,603	7,030	7,345	6,711	6,472	5,621	5,493	4,693	3,643	-22
Robbery	4,161	3,736	3,553	3,578	3,064	2,963	2,496	2,557	2,244	1,832	-18
Other	3,512	3,224	3,022	3,017	2,957	3,043	3,005	3,266	2,475	1,964	-21
Sexual offences^{3,4}	6,785	7,325	6,558	6,726	6,552	6,331	6,527	6,696	7,361	7,693	5
Rape & attempted rape	1,037	1,109	1,161	1,123	1,053	963	996	1,131	1,274	1,462	15
Sexual assault ⁴	3,257	3,470	3,392	3,452	3,502	3,297	3,412	3,220	2,908	3,008	3
Offences associated with prostitution	1,249	1,458	730	779	682	765	661	576	567	534	-6
Other	1,242	1,288	1,275	1,372	1,315	1,306	1,458	1,769	2,612	2,689	3
Crimes of dishonesty	211,004	210,365	187,798	183,760	166,718	167,812	153,256	155,870	154,337	135,899	-12
Housebreaking ⁵	36,432	34,959	31,319	30,580	25,443	25,496	23,774	25,017	24,222	21,515	-11
Theft by opening a lockfast place (OLP)	7,405	7,849	8,263	7,422	6,378	6,952	5,074	4,059	3,529	3,239	-8
Theft from a motor vehicle by OLP	26,839	20,403	16,453	16,060	15,217	13,649	10,173	9,495	8,988	6,159	-31
Theft of a motor vehicle	17,604	15,633	14,041	15,000	12,105	11,551	9,304	8,716	7,060	5,731	-19
Shoplifting	27,948	28,534	28,247	28,750	29,186	32,048	30,332	29,660	29,758	26,449	-11
Other theft	72,488	77,586	72,128	70,241	64,645	64,384	61,008	64,680	66,681	58,704	-12
Fraud	15,277	18,307	11,074	9,332	8,409	8,316	8,283	8,983	8,892	8,898	0
Other	7,011	7,094	6,273	6,375	5,335	5,416	5,308	5,260	5,207	5,204	0
Fire-raising, vandalism etc.	103,732	128,566	127,889	129,734	118,025	109,430	93,443	82,020	75,201	59,479	-21
Fire-raising	4,163	4,698	4,856	4,976	4,635	4,651	4,244	3,966	3,755	3,066	-18
Vandalism etc.	99,569	123,868	123,033	124,758	113,390	104,779	89,199	78,054	71,446	56,413	-21
Other crimes	77,506	77,139	81,814	84,938	81,340	81,248	73,670	67,223	67,756	62,452	-8
Crimes against public justice	25,756	25,616	27,668	32,052	31,353	29,493	26,885	26,294	26,635	23,401	-12
Handling an offensive weapon	9,278	9,545	9,628	10,110	8,989	8,980	7,042	6,283	5,631	4,015	-29
Drugs	42,275	41,823	44,247	42,422	40,746	42,509	39,408	34,347	35,157	34,688	-1
Other	197	155	271	354	252	266	335	299	333	348	5

Notes:

1. Includes Murder, and Culpable homicide, which includes Causing death by dangerous driving, Causing death by careless driving while under the influence of drink or drugs, Causing death by careless driving, Illegal driver involved in fatal accident and Corporate homicide.
2. For the definition of Serious assault please see [Note 7.9](#).
3. Implementation of Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act will have an effect on comparability of breakdown of Sexual offences over time. For further information please see [Note 3.7](#).
4. The totals of these categories for 2011-12 have been revised following the submission of amended data from Grampian Police.
5. Includes dwellings, non-dwellings and other premises.

Table 2: Offences recorded by the police, Scotland, 2003-04 to 2012-13

Offence group	Number & Percentage										
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	% change 11-12 to 12-13
Total offences¹	615,836	638,538	599,858	605,467	570,171	558,122	561,709	528,335	542,315	543,768	0
Miscellaneous offences	180,963	214,302	219,491	232,373	224,256	226,821	230,971	209,967	210,401	203,421	-3
Common assault ²	57,355	73,711	72,281	78,167	73,523	74,130	72,212	70,786	69,253	60,955	-12
Breach of the peace etc. ³	77,883	89,920	89,615	93,387	90,301	91,198	85,239	68,555	71,058	70,075	-1
Drunkenness	7,534	7,234	6,984	6,664	6,702	6,045	5,722	5,765	5,744	5,618	-2
Other	38,191	43,437	50,611	54,155	53,730	55,448	67,798	64,861	64,346	66,773	4
Motor vehicle offences¹	434,873	424,236	380,367	373,094	345,915	331,301	330,738	318,368	331,914	340,347	3
Dangerous and careless driving	12,036	13,062	12,956	13,601	12,964	11,519	11,073	9,839	9,853	10,530	7
Driving under the influence	11,571	11,061	11,257	11,704	10,697	9,800	8,504	7,563	7,445	6,433	-14
Speeding	199,213	210,120	167,724	162,929	137,206	117,256	113,523	114,129	125,221	128,936	3
Unlawful use of vehicle	99,526	76,676	75,120	73,058	73,655	68,554	63,259	53,769	53,877	53,142	-1
Vehicle defect offences	37,194	27,022	23,932	21,170	22,328	25,603	26,666	21,921	24,094	24,289	1
Other ¹	75,333	86,295	89,378	90,632	89,065	98,569	107,713	111,147	111,424	117,017	5

Notes:

1. The total figure within this category, for each of the years 2003-04 to 2011-12, have been revised following the submission of amended data from Grampian Police. For further information, please see [Note 7.5](#)
2. For the distinction between Serious assault and Common assault please see [Note 7.9](#).
3. Includes Breach of the peace, Threatening or abusive behaviour, Offence of stalking, Offensive behaviour at football and Threatening communications (Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications Act 2012).

Table 3: Crimes and offences cleared up by the police, as a percentage of those recorded, Scotland, 2003-04 to 2012-13
Percentage

Crime / Offence group	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Total crimes	47	45	46	47	48	49	49	49	49	51
Non-sexual crimes of violence	58	59	59	60	62	64	67	72	75	79
Homicide ¹	99	99	99	100	99	100	106	99	97	104
Serious assault ² & attempted murder	59	60	60	60	61	62	66	70	74	78
Robbery	39	39	37	39	40	46	46	55	62	66
Other	79	79	81	83	84	84	85	87	90	91
Sexual offences³	77	75	75	74	71	68	66	66	67	68
Rape & attempted rape	75	69	72	67	70	61	57	55	57	62
Sexual assault	74	73	74	71	68	65	61	64	62	62
Offences associated with prostitution	100	99	99	98	98	99	97	97	96	96
Other	64	60	65	70	68	63	67	69	72	73
Crimes of dishonesty	39	37	37	38	38	39	38	37	37	38
Housebreaking ⁴	27	25	26	26	26	24	25	25	24	25
Theft by opening a lockfast place (OLP)	35	30	37	37	32	38	31	23	22	19
Theft from a motor vehicle by OLP	20	18	15	17	15	17	17	17	17	20
Theft of a motor vehicle	38	37	37	41	44	43	44	43	45	48
Shoplifting	79	77	77	78	77	78	79	78	79	80
Other theft	22	20	21	21	21	21	21	20	21	21
Fraud	83	80	76	75	74	75	57	57	55	52
Other	85	79	79	78	82	79	73	74	74	72
Fire-raising, vandalism etc.	23	21	23	25	25	25	26	25	25	27
Fire-raising	25	22	26	26	25	24	24	22	24	26
Vandalism etc.	23	21	23	25	25	25	26	25	25	27
Other crimes	99	98	98	99	98	98	98	98	98	98
Crimes against public justice	99	98	98	98	98	98	97	98	98	98
Handling an offensive weapon	98	97	97	97	96	96	96	96	97	97
Drugs	99	97	98	100	99	99	99	99	99	98
Other	74	73	85	85	89	89	90	89	89	94
Miscellaneous offences	90	83	84	84	84	83	84	83	84	86
Common assault ⁵	78	69	70	71	71	70	70	70	71	73
Breach of the peace etc. ⁶	94	88	90	90	90	89	88	87	87	88
Drunkenness	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	99	100
Other	96	94	93	92	92	91	92	91	93	94

Notes:

1. Includes Murder, and Culpable homicide, which includes Causing death by dangerous driving, Causing death by careless driving while under the influence of drink or drugs, Causing death by careless driving, Illegal driver involved in fatal accident and Corporate homicide.
2. For the definition of Serious assault please see [Note 7.9](#).
3. Implementation of Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act will have an effect on comparability of breakdown of Sexual offences over time. For further information please see [Note 3.7](#).
4. Includes dwellings, non-dwellings and other premises.
5. For the distinction between Serious assault and Common assault please see [Note 7.9](#).
6. Includes Breach of the peace, Threatening or abusive behaviour, Offence of stalking, Offensive behaviour at football and Threatening communications (Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications Act 2012).

Table 4a: Crimes and offences recorded by police force area, 2012-13

Crime / Offence group	Number								
	Central	Dumfries & Galloway	Fife	Grampian	Lothian & Borders	Northern	Strathclyde	Tayside	SCOTLAND
Total crimes	14,056	5,350	15,230	25,866	49,789	11,355	133,601	17,806	273,053
Non-sexual crimes of violence	347	109	327	496	1,464	406	3,966	415	7,530
Homicide ¹	6	2	2	8	10	10	45	8	91
Serious assault ² & attempted murder	174	60	180	244	577	214	2,013	181	3,643
Robbery	56	10	87	134	470	27	930	118	1,832
Other	111	37	58	110	407	155	978	108	1,964
Sexual Offences³	392	133	581	956	1,331	471	3,337	492	7,693
Rape & attempted rape	59	17	113	155	280	123	616	99	1,462
Sexual assault	162	44	236	352	540	220	1,251	203	3,008
Offences associated with prostitution	1	0	1	42	104	0	347	39	534
Other	170	72	231	407	407	128	1,123	151	2,689
Crimes of dishonesty	6,656	2,124	7,854	13,932	28,389	4,337	63,352	9,255	135,899
Housebreaking ⁴	805	295	1,178	2,062	4,361	457	11,044	1,313	21,515
Theft by opening a lockfast place (OLP)	167	35	175	382	711	117	1,421	231	3,239
Theft from a motor vehicle by OLP	172	62	257	597	1,463	30	3,102	476	6,159
Theft of a motor vehicle	237	88	280	723	1,263	194	2,675	271	5,731
Shoplifting	1,269	437	1,878	2,308	4,926	852	12,440	2,339	26,449
Other theft	3,162	923	3,286	6,378	12,748	2,072	26,553	3,582	58,704
Fraud	545	221	453	934	1,811	407	3,917	610	8,898
Other	299	63	347	548	1,106	208	2,200	433	5,204
Fire-raising, vandalism etc.	3,383	1,277	3,445	6,012	10,411	2,809	28,078	4,064	59,479
Fire-raising	198	46	161	390	469	73	1,566	163	3,066
Vandalism etc.	3,185	1,231	3,284	5,622	9,942	2,736	26,512	3,901	56,413
Other crimes	3,278	1,707	3,023	4,470	8,194	3,332	34,868	3,580	62,452
Crimes against public justice	1,548	656	1,455	1,739	3,549	1,348	11,922	1,184	23,401
Handling an offensive weapon	226	62	165	260	685	199	2,182	236	4,015
Drugs	1,486	945	1,375	2,461	3,931	1,782	20,554	2,154	34,688
Other	18	44	28	10	29	3	210	6	348
Total offences	41,422	21,014	22,931	48,211	65,544	27,740	283,636	33,270	543,768
Miscellaneous offences	9,917	3,701	9,824	18,061	22,695	8,871	120,721	9,631	203,421
Common assault ⁵	3,621	1,232	4,138	7,367	9,862	3,141	27,067	4,527	60,955
Breach of the peace etc. ⁶	3,998	1,631	2,993	6,868	8,837	3,731	39,026	2,991	70,075
Drunkenness	86	47	184	519	451	688	3,395	248	5,618
Other	2,212	791	2,509	3,307	3,545	1,311	51,233	1,865	66,773
Motor vehicle offences	31,505	17,313	13,107	30,150	42,849	18,869	162,915	23,639	340,347
Dangerous and careless driving	690	644	437	1,457	722	735	5,465	380	10,530
Driving under the influence	380	179	420	751	951	530	2,762	460	6,433
Speeding	16,078	9,202	5,416	15,273	15,043	10,367	42,060	15,497	128,936
Unlawful use of vehicle	3,056	1,409	2,563	5,871	10,281	2,012	25,619	2,331	53,142
Vehicle defect offences	7,565	1,882	768	1,827	1,326	2,596	7,001	1,324	24,289
Other	3,736	3,997	3,503	4,971	14,526	2,629	80,008	3,647	117,017
Total crimes and offences	55,478	26,364	38,161	74,077	115,333	39,095	417,237	51,076	816,821

Notes:

1. Includes Murder, and Culpable homicide, which includes Causing death by dangerous driving, Causing death by careless driving while under the influence of drink or drugs, Causing death by careless driving, Illegal driver involved in fatal accident and Corporate homicide.
2. For the definition of Serious assault please see [Note 7.9](#).
3. Implementation of Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act will have an effect on comparability of breakdown of Sexual offences over time. For further information please see [Note 3.7](#).
4. Includes dwellings, non-dwellings and other premises.
5. For the distinction between Serious assault and Common assault please see [Note 7.9](#).
6. Includes Breach of the peace, Threatening or abusive behaviour, Offence of stalking, Offensive behaviour at football and Threatening communications (Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications Act 2012).

Table 4b: Crimes and offences recorded by police force area per 10,000 population¹, 2012-13

Number

Crime / Offence group	Central	Dumfries & Galloway	Fife	Grampian	Lothian & Borders	Northern	Strathclyde	Tayside	SCOTLAND
Total crimes	475	361	415	466	518	390	599	439	520
Non-sexual crimes of violence	12	7	9	9	15	14	18	10	14
Homicide ²	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Serious assault ³ & attempted murder	6	4	5	4	6	7	9	4	7
Robbery	2	1	2	2	5	1	4	3	3
Other	4	2	2	2	4	5	4	3	4
Sexual Offences⁴	13	9	16	17	14	16	15	12	15
Rape & attempted rape	2	1	3	3	3	4	3	2	3
Sexual assault	5	3	6	6	6	8	6	5	6
Offences associated with prostitution	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	1
Other	6	5	6	7	4	4	5	4	5
Crimes of dishonesty	225	143	214	251	295	149	284	228	259
Housebreaking ⁵	27	20	32	37	45	16	50	32	41
Theft by opening a lockfast place (OLP)	6	2	5	7	7	4	6	6	6
Theft from a motor vehicle by OLP	6	4	7	11	15	1	14	12	12
Theft of a motor vehicle	8	6	8	13	13	7	12	7	11
Shoplifting	43	30	51	42	51	29	56	58	50
Other theft	107	62	89	115	133	71	119	88	112
Fraud	18	15	12	17	19	14	18	15	17
Other	10	4	9	10	11	7	10	11	10
Fire-raising, vandalism etc.	114	86	94	108	108	96	126	100	113
Fire-raising	7	3	4	7	5	3	7	4	6
Vandalism etc.	108	83	89	101	103	94	119	96	107
Other crimes	111	115	82	80	85	114	156	88	119
Crimes against public justice	52	44	40	31	37	46	53	29	45
Handling an offensive weapon	8	4	4	5	7	7	10	6	8
Drugs	50	64	37	44	41	61	92	53	66
Other	1	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total offences	1,400	1,419	624	868	681	953	1,272	820	1,035
Miscellaneous offences	335	250	267	325	236	305	542	237	387
Common assault ⁶	122	83	113	133	103	108	121	112	116
Breach of the peace etc. ⁷	135	110	81	124	92	128	175	74	133
Drunkenness	3	3	5	9	5	24	15	6	11
Other	75	53	68	60	37	45	230	46	127
Motor vehicle offences	1,065	1,169	357	543	445	648	731	583	648
Dangerous and careless driving	23	43	12	26	8	25	25	9	20
Driving under the influence	13	12	11	14	10	18	12	11	12
Speeding	543	622	147	275	156	356	189	382	245
Unlawful use of vehicle	103	95	70	106	107	69	115	57	101
Vehicle defect offences	256	127	21	33	14	89	31	33	46
Other	126	270	95	90	151	90	359	90	223
Total crimes and offences	1,875	1,781	1,039	1,334	1,199	1,343	1,872	1,259	1,554

Notes:

1. Population estimates are as at mid-year 2011 from the National Records of Scotland. The mid-year 2012 population estimates, as well as revised mid-year 2011 population estimates, are scheduled for publication in August 2013. (<http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/theme/population/estimates/mid-year/index.html>)
2. Includes Murder, and Culpable homicide, which includes Causing death by dangerous driving, Causing death by careless driving while under the influence of drink or drugs, Causing death by careless driving, Illegal driver involved in fatal accident and Corporate homicide.
3. For the definition of Serious assault please see [Note 7.9](#).
4. Implementation of Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act will have an effect on comparability of breakdown of Sexual offences over time. For further information please see [Note 3.7](#).
5. Includes dwellings, non-dwellings and other premises.
6. For the distinction between Serious assault and Common assault please see [Note 7.9](#).
7. Includes Breach of the peace, Threatening or abusive behaviour, Offence of stalking, Offensive behaviour at football and Threatening communications (Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications Act 2012).

Table 5: Crimes and offences recorded per 10,000 population¹, percentage change in total number recorded and percentage cleared up by police force area, 2012-13

	Number & Percentage								
	Central	Dumfries & Galloway	Fife	Grampian	Lothian & Borders	Northern	Strathclyde	Tayside	SCOTLAND
Total crimes	14,056	5,350	15,230	25,866	49,789	11,355	133,601	17,806	273,053
Total offences	41,422	21,014	22,931	48,211	65,544	27,740	283,636	33,270	543,768
Total crimes and offences	55,478	26,364	38,161	74,077	115,333	39,095	417,237	51,076	816,821
<i>Crimes and offences per 10,000 population</i>									
Total crimes	475	361	415	466	518	390	599	439	520
Non-sexual crimes of violence	12	7	9	9	15	14	18	10	14
Sexual offences	13	9	16	17	14	16	15	12	15
Crimes of dishonesty	225	143	214	251	295	149	284	228	259
Fire-raising, vandalism etc.	114	86	94	108	108	96	126	100	113
Other crimes	111	115	82	80	85	114	156	88	119
Total offences	1,400	1,419	624	868	681	953	1,272	820	1,035
Miscellaneous offences	335	250	267	325	236	305	542	237	387
Motor vehicle offences	1,065	1,169	357	543	445	648	731	583	648
Total crimes and offences	1,875	1,781	1,039	1,334	1,199	1,343	1,872	1,259	1,554
<i>Percentage change in total number recorded, 2011-12 to 2012-13</i>									
Total crimes	-14	-11	-15	-12	-13	-16	-14	-6	-13
Non-sexual crimes of violence	-12	-14	-6	-20	-20	-16	-24	-19	-21
Sexual offences	-20	-11	0	-6	-2	33	13	7	5
Crimes of dishonesty	-14	-7	-14	-10	-10	-17	-14	-1	-12
Fire-raising, vandalism etc.	-22	-23	-22	-12	-24	-21	-23	-8	-21
Other crimes	-1	-6	-10	-16	-10	-15	-5	-16	-8
Total offences	13	-7	-11	-8	-10	4	5	-6	0
Miscellaneous offences	-5	-7	-8	-3	-4	-6	-2	-8	-3
Motor vehicle offences	20	-7	-12	-11	-13	9	11	-5	3
Total crimes and offences	5	-8	-12	-9	-11	-3	-2	-6	-5
<i>Percentage cleared up</i>									
Total crimes	59	72	65	45	44	68	50	55	51
Non-sexual crimes of violence	96	94	89	77	70	95	77	88	79
Sexual offences	76	80	80	60	62	76	68	68	68
Crimes of dishonesty	49	58	57	32	35	53	34	46	38
Fire-raising, vandalism etc.	36	57	48	30	22	49	20	32	27
Other crimes	98	99	99	97	96	99	98	98	98
Miscellaneous offences	87	91	93	73	76	91	88	84	86

Notes:

1. Population estimates are as at mid-year 2011 from the National Records of Scotland. The mid-year 2012 population estimates, as well as revised mid-year 2011 population estimates, are scheduled for publication in August 2013. (<http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/theme/population/estimates/mid-year/index.html>)

Table 6: Number of crimes recorded by the police, and percentage cleared up, by council area, 2012-13

Number & Percentage

Council area	Non-sexual crimes of violence	Sexual offences	Crimes of dishonesty	Fire-raising, vandalism, etc.	Other crimes	Total crimes	Percentage of crimes cleared up
Aberdeen City	321	468	8,759	3,317	2,770	15,635	46
Aberdeenshire	110	329	3,737	1,816	1,080	7,072	40
Angus	91	106	1,778	1,196	660	3,831	53
Argyll & Bute	78	144	1,181	734	984	3,121	58
Clackmannanshire	89	64	1,044	756	617	2,570	60
Dumfries & Galloway	109	133	2,124	1,277	1,707	5,350	72
Dundee City	183	217	4,862	1,888	1,812	8,962	55
East Ayrshire	159	150	2,919	1,636	1,284	6,148	48
East Dunbartonshire	86	98	1,842	724	716	3,466	44
East Lothian	84	97	1,662	843	653	3,339	48
East Renfrewshire	43	71	1,355	616	454	2,539	37
Edinburgh, City of	995	774	19,262	5,537	4,742	31,310	42
Eilean Siar	28	66	228	179	181	682	76
Falkirk	156	231	3,502	1,672	1,738	7,299	61
Fife	327	581	7,854	3,445	3,023	15,230	65
Glasgow City	1,763	1,452	26,011	8,882	15,104	53,212	52
Highland	344	317	3,817	2,362	2,867	9,707	67
Inverclyde	138	65	1,620	1,057	1,321	4,201	52
Midlothian	104	107	2,040	1,052	712	4,015	47
Moray	65	159	1,436	879	620	3,159	47
North Ayrshire	219	166	3,858	2,064	1,400	7,707	43
North Lanarkshire	478	341	8,223	4,332	4,603	17,977	51
Orkney Islands	14	49	155	110	108	436	69
Perth & Kinross	141	169	2,615	980	1,108	5,013	56
Renfrewshire	298	227	4,454	1,949	2,293	9,221	46
Scottish Borders	79	97	1,357	935	711	3,179	57
Shetland Islands	20	39	137	158	176	530	77
South Ayrshire	144	184	2,687	1,189	1,017	5,221	50
South Lanarkshire	341	307	6,707	3,492	3,842	14,689	47
Stirling	102	97	2,110	955	923	4,187	56
West Dunbartonshire	219	132	2,495	1,403	1,850	6,099	57
West Lothian	202	256	4,068	2,044	1,376	7,946	45
SCOTLAND	7,530	7,693	135,899	59,479	62,452	273,053	51

Table 7: Number of crimes recorded by the police per 10,000 population¹ and crime index, by council area, 2012-13

Number & Index

Council area	Non-sexual crimes of violence	Sexual offences	Crimes of dishonesty	Fire-raising, vandalism, etc.	Other crimes	Total crimes	Index (Scotland = 100)
Aberdeen City	15	21	397	150	126	709	137
Aberdeenshire	4	13	151	73	44	286	55
Angus	8	10	161	108	60	346	67
Argyll & Bute	9	16	132	82	110	348	67
Clackmannanshire	18	13	206	149	122	506	97
Dumfries & Galloway	7	9	143	86	115	361	70
Dundee City	13	15	334	130	124	616	118
East Ayrshire	13	12	243	136	107	511	98
East Dunbartonshire	8	9	176	69	68	331	64
East Lothian	9	10	169	86	67	340	65
East Renfrewshire	5	8	151	69	51	283	54
Edinburgh, City of	20	16	389	112	96	632	122
Eilean Siar	11	25	87	69	69	262	50
Falkirk	10	15	227	108	113	473	91
Fife	9	16	214	94	82	415	80
Glasgow City	29	24	434	148	252	889	171
Highland	15	14	172	106	129	437	84
Inverclyde	17	8	204	133	167	530	102
Midlothian	13	13	248	128	86	487	94
Moray	7	18	165	101	71	362	70
North Ayrshire	16	12	286	153	104	570	110
North Lanarkshire	15	10	252	133	141	550	106
Orkney Islands	7	24	77	55	54	216	42
Perth & Kinross	9	11	175	66	74	335	65
Renfrewshire	17	13	261	114	134	540	104
Scottish Borders	7	9	120	83	63	281	54
Shetland Islands	9	17	61	70	78	236	45
South Ayrshire	13	16	241	107	91	468	90
South Lanarkshire	11	10	215	112	123	470	90
Stirling	11	11	232	105	102	461	89
West Dunbartonshire	24	15	276	155	205	675	130
West Lothian	12	15	235	118	80	459	88
SCOTLAND	14	15	259	113	119	520	100

Notes:

1. Population estimates are as at mid-year 2011 from the National Records of Scotland. The mid-year 2012 population estimates, as well as revised mid-year 2011 population estimates, are scheduled for publication in August 2013. (<http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/theme/population/estimates/mid-year/index.html>)

Table 8: Number of crimes recorded by the police, rate per 10,000 population and index of rate for selected crimes, by council area, 2012-13

Council area	Number					Rate per 10,000 population ¹					Index of rate per 10,000 population ¹				
	Serious assault ²	Offensive weapons	Domestic housebreaking ³	Vandalism ⁴	All crimes	Serious assault ²	Offensive weapons	Domestic housebreaking ³	Vandalism ⁴	All crimes	Serious assault ²	Offensive weapons	Domestic housebreaking ³	Vandalism ⁴	All crimes
Aberdeen City	131	130	871	2,874	15,635	6	6	40	130	709	95	77	133	128	137
Aberdeenshire	54	94	509	1,629	7,072	2	4	21	66	286	35	50	69	64	55
Angus	32	43	146	1,113	3,831	3	4	13	101	346	46	51	44	98	67
Argyll & Bute	34	54	136	656	3,121	4	6	15	73	348	61	79	51	72	67
Clackmannanshire	28	59	117	711	2,570	6	12	23	140	506	88	152	77	137	97
Dumfries & Galloway	47	62	232	1,162	5,350	3	4	16	78	361	51	55	53	77	70
Dundee City	63	128	601	1,715	8,962	4	9	41	118	616	69	115	139	115	118
East Ayrshire	75	71	383	1,501	6,148	6	6	32	125	511	100	77	107	122	98
East Dunbartonshire	58	59	312	651	3,466	6	6	30	62	331	89	74	100	61	64
East Lothian	45	66	166	769	3,339	5	7	17	78	340	73	88	57	77	65
East Renfrewshire	10	22	229	560	2,539	1	2	25	62	283	18	32	86	61	54
Edinburgh, City of	313	340	2,307	5,046	31,310	6	7	47	102	632	101	90	156	100	122
Eilean Siar	16	8	3	161	682	6	3	1	62	262	98	40	4	60	50
Falkirk	60	96	303	1,485	7,299	4	6	20	96	473	62	81	66	94	91
Fife	160	165	873	3,153	15,230	4	4	24	86	415	70	59	80	84	80
Glasgow City	787	985	2,986	7,840	53,212	13	16	50	131	889	210	215	167	128	171
Highland	163	167	265	2,233	9,707	7	8	12	100	437	117	98	40	98	84
Inverclyde	89	70	254	978	4,201	11	9	32	123	530	179	116	108	121	102
Midlothian	45	60	228	960	4,015	5	7	28	117	487	87	95	93	114	94
Moray	27	36	131	796	3,159	3	4	15	91	362	49	54	50	89	70
North Ayrshire	100	67	500	1,909	7,707	7	5	37	141	570	118	65	124	138	110
North Lanarkshire	263	251	939	3,870	17,977	8	8	29	118	550	129	101	96	116	106
Orkney Islands	6	9	4	107	436	3	4	2	53	216	48	58	7	52	42
Perth & Kinross	46	65	242	896	5,013	3	4	16	60	335	49	57	54	59	65
Renfrewshire	139	146	585	1,774	9,221	8	9	34	104	540	130	112	115	102	104
Scottish Borders	37	59	146	885	3,179	3	5	13	78	281	52	68	43	77	54
Shetland Islands	8	15	2	153	530	4	7	1	68	236	57	87	3	67	45
South Ayrshire	81	55	356	1,098	5,221	7	5	32	98	468	116	65	107	96	90
South Lanarkshire	158	276	885	3,171	14,689	5	9	28	101	470	81	116	95	99	90
Stirling	39	71	183	860	4,187	4	8	20	95	461	69	102	68	93	89
West Dunbartonshire	84	126	311	1,157	6,099	9	14	34	128	675	149	183	116	125	130
West Lothian	91	160	451	1,826	7,946	5	9	26	106	459	84	121	88	103	88
SCOTLAND	3,289	4,015	15,656	53,699	273,053	6	8	30	102	520	100	100	100	100	100

Notes:

1. Population estimates are as at mid-year 2011 from the National Records of Scotland. The mid-year 2012 population estimates, as well as revised mid-year 2011 population estimates, are scheduled for publication in August 2013. (<http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/theme/population/estimates/mid-year/index.html>).
2. For the definition of Serious assault please see Note 7.9.
3. Includes dwellings and non-dwellings only.
4. Includes Vandalism, Malicious damage and Malicious mischief only.

Table A1: Crimes and offences¹ recorded and cleared up by the police, 2008-09 to 2012-13

	Number				
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Police strength at end financial year (full-time equivalent - FTE)	17,048	17,409	17,263	17,436	17,496
Number of crimes recorded¹	377,433	338,124	323,247	314,188	273,053
Crimes recorded per 1,000 population ²	73	65	62	60	52
Crimes recorded per FTE police officer	22	19	19	18	16
Number of crimes cleared up	184,719	166,680	156,943	155,264	140,083
Crimes cleared up per FTE police officer	11	10	9	9	8
Number of offences recorded³	558,122	561,709	528,335	542,315	543,768
Offences recorded per 1,000 population ²	108	108	101	103	103
Offences recorded per FTE police officer	33	32	31	31	31
Number of offences cleared up³	518,629	522,896	490,680	507,818	509,786
Offences cleared up per FTE police officer	30	30	28	29	29

Notes:

1. The total of this category for 2011-12 has been revised following the submission of amended data from Grampian Police.
2. Population estimates are as at mid-year 2011 from the National Records of Scotland. The mid-year 2012 population estimates, as well as revised mid-year 2011 population estimates, are scheduled for publication in August 2013. (<http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/theme/population/estimates/mid-year/index.html>).
3. The total figure within this category, for each of the years 2008-09 to 2011-12, have been revised following the submission of amended data from Grampian Police. For further information, please see [Note 7.5](#).

Table A2: Sexual offences¹ recorded by the police, 2003-04 to 2012-13

Sexual offences	Number & Percentage										
	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	% change 11-12 to 12-13
Rape & attempted rape	1,037	1,109	1,161	1,123	1,053	963	996	1,131	1,274	1,462	15
Rape	845	900	975	922	908	821	884	997	1,183	1,372	16
Attempted rape	192	209	186	201	145	142	112	134	91	90	-1
Sexual assault²	3,257	3,470	3,392	3,452	3,502	3,297	3,412	3,220	2,908	3,008	3
Sexual assault including against children	1,467	1,542	1,557	1,714	1,721	1,681	1,737	1,774	2,056	2,166	5
Lewd and libidinous practices ²	1,790	1,928	1,835	1,738	1,781	1,616	1,675	1,446	852	842	-1
Offences associated with prostitution³	1,249	1,458	730	779	682	765	661	576	567	534	-6
Offences relating to prostitution	1,216	1,391	684	718	525	533	418	353	344	348	1
Soliciting services of person engaged in prostitution ³	-	-	-	-	101	172	162	154	149	133	-11
Brothel keeping	12	11	11	18	27	24	34	21	36	28	-22
Immoral traffic	14	47	27	17	16	21	36	33	26	14	-46
Procuration	7	9	8	26	13	15	11	15	12	11	-8
Other^{4,5}	1,242	1,288	1,275	1,372	1,315	1,306	1,458	1,769	2,612	2,689	3
Other sexually coercive conduct ⁴	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	155	660	823	25
Other sexual offences involving 13-15 year old children	245	277	316	436	394	370	445	441	516	429	-17
Taking, distribution, possession etc. of indecent photos of children ⁵	*	*	*	*	*	*	69	225	375	595	59
Incest	36	27	29	19	18	19	49	17	18	16	-11
Illegal homosexual acts	152	117	98	84	87	97	74	118	46	45	-2
Indecent exposure	803	858	816	817	786	786	766	742	894	680	-24
Other sexual offences	6	9	16	16	30	34	55	71	103	101	-2
Total Sexual offences^{1,2,3,4,5}	6,785	7,325	6,558	6,726	6,552	6,331	6,527	6,696	7,361	7,693	5

- =The relevant legislation for this category was implemented in 2007-08.

~ =The relevant legislation for this category was implemented in 2010-11.

* = Crimes within this category were not separately identifiable before 2009-10.

Notes:

1. Implementation of Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act will have an effect on comparability of breakdown of sexual offences over time. For further information please see [Note 3.7](#).

2. The totals of these categories for 2011-12 have been revised following the submission of amended data from Grampian Police.

3. Figures for 2007-08 have been amended since publication on 18 June due to an error.

4. Figures for 2010-11 have been amended since publication on 18 June due to an error. The figures for these categories in Table A3 are unaffected by this error.

5. Figures for 2009-10 have been amended since publication on 18 June due to an error. The figures for these categories in Table A3 are unaffected by this error.

Changes to Sexual offences from 1 December 2010

The implementation of the Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009 on 1 December 2010 has had an effect on the breakdown of Sexual offences. Comparison over time of the statistics in Table A2 should therefore be treated with caution. A number of notable changes took place. Please note however that as the legislation came into place part way through the 2010-11 financial year the data for 2010-11 contains only 4 months of data using the new breakdowns.

- From 1 December 2010 onwards, Sexual assault can be broken down into a number of more specific offences. A further breakdown of Sexual assault is provided in the Table A3 below.
- Lewd and libidinous practices can also now be broken down into more specific offences, relating to children. Over time, we should see this category decrease and disappear altogether.
- Historically, Rape related only to female victims, but the new legislation allows for the recording of male rape as Rape rather than Sexual assault.
- Sexual intercourse with a girl under 16 is another category which in time will become obsolete as more specific Sexual assault categories will be used to record these crimes.
- Indecent exposure now also includes crimes of Sexual exposure

Table A3: Further breakdown of Sexual offences¹ recorded by the police, 2009-10 to 2012-13

Sexual offences	Number				% change 11-12 to 12-13
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	
Rape & attempted rape	996	1,131	1,274	1,462	15
Rape	884	997	1,183	1,372	16
Attempted rape	112	134	91	90	-1
Sexual assault²	3,412	3,220	2,908	3,008	3
Sexual assault committed prior to 1 December 2010	1,685	1,275	288	316	10
Sexual assault against an adult 16+	~	321	1,139	1,149	1
Sexual assault against a child aged 13-15	~	67	245	312	27
Sexual assault against a child under 13	52	111	384	389	1
Lewd and libidinous practices ²	1,675	1,446	852	842	-1
Offences associated with prostitution	661	576	567	534	-6
Offences relating to prostitution	418	353	344	348	1
Soliciting services of person engaged in prostitution	162	154	149	133	-11
Brothel keeping	34	21	36	28	-22
Immoral traffic	36	33	26	14	-46
Procuration	11	15	12	11	-8
Other	1,458	1,769	2,612	2,689	3
Other sexually coercive conduct against an adult 16+	~	53	247	339	37
Other sexually coercive conduct against a child aged 13-15	~	48	181	256	41
Other sexually coercive conduct against a child under 13	~	54	232	228	-2
Other sexual offences involving 13-15 year old children	445	441	516	429	-17
Taking, distribution, possession etc. of indecent photos of children	69	225	375	595	59
Incest	49	17	18	16	-11
Illegal homosexual acts	74	118	46	45	-2
Indecent exposure	766	742	894	680	-24
Other sexual offences ²	55	71	103	101	-2
Total Sexual offences¹	6,527	6,696	7,361	7,693	5

~ =The relevant legislation for this category was implemented in 2010-11.

Notes:

1. Implementation of Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act will have an effect on comparability of breakdown of sexual offences over time. For further information please see [Note 3.7](#).
2. The totals of these categories for 2011-12 have been revised following the submission of amended data from Grampian Police.

Table A4: Theft by housebreaking (including attempts and housebreaking 'with intent'), 2003-04 to 2012-13
Number & Percentage

Crime category	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	% change 11-12
											to 12-13
Domestic:	24,646	23,613	21,232	20,429	17,465	17,223	16,727	17,657	17,375	15,656	-10
Dwelling	18,231	17,368	15,135	14,523	12,437	12,133	11,790	12,633	12,198	10,767	-12
Non-dwelling	6,415	6,245	6,097	5,906	5,028	5,090	4,937	5,024	5,177	4,889	-6
Other	11,786	11,346	10,087	10,151	7,978	8,273	7,047	7,360	6,847	5,859	-14
Total Housebreaking	36,432	34,959	31,319	30,580	25,443	25,496	23,774	25,017	24,222	21,515	-11
Percentage Domestic	68%	68%	68%	67%	69%	68%	70%	71%	72%	73%	

Table A5: Theft of, and from, motor vehicles recorded by the police, 2003-04 to 2012-13

Crime category	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	Number & Percentage
											% change 11-12 to 12-13
Theft from motor vehicle of which:	34,474	27,921	23,569	22,858	21,944	20,825	17,075	16,531	16,906	13,323	-21
Theft by opening a lockfast place (OLP)	20,287	15,012	12,162	11,519	11,181	9,847	7,400	6,795	6,386	4,404	-31
OLP with intent to steal	4,424	3,367	2,634	2,882	2,695	2,613	1,812	1,793	1,792	1,198	-33
Attempted theft OLP	2,128	2,024	1,657	1,659	1,341	1,189	961	907	810	557	-31
Other theft	7,635	7,518	7,116	6,798	6,727	7,176	6,902	7,036	7,918	7,164	-10
Theft of motor vehicle	14,011	12,339	11,317	11,820	9,864	9,407	7,706	7,325	6,087	5,149	-15
Attempted theft of motor vehicle	3,593	3,294	2,724	3,180	2,241	2,144	1,598	1,391	973	582	-40
Total Motor vehicle theft	52,078	43,554	37,610	37,858	34,049	32,376	26,379	25,247	23,966	19,054	-20

Table A6: Crimes of Handling an offensive weapon recorded by the police, 2003-04 to 2012-13

Number & Percentage

Crime category	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	% change 11-12
											to 12-13
Possession of an offensive weapon	5,469	5,794	5,982	6,189	5,398	4,892	3,839	3,248	2,820	1,863	-34
Restriction of an offensive weapon	4	2	3	1	3	8	9	20	19	17	-11
Having in a public place an article with a blade or point	3,805	3,749	3,643	3,920	3,588	4,080	3,194	3,015	2,792	2,135	-24
Total Handling an offensive weapon	9,278	9,545	9,628	10,110	8,989	8,980	7,042	6,283	5,631	4,015	-29

Table A7: Drug crimes recorded by the police, 2003-04 to 2012-13

Number & Percentage

Crime category	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	% change 11-12
											to 12-13
Illegal importation of drugs	4	1	23	9	9	9	17	30	19	24	26
Illegal cultivation of drugs	249	254	297	437	490	609	753	964	1,242	1,251	1
Possession of drugs with intent to supply	9,284	9,078	9,293	10,444	9,328	9,697	9,131	6,144	5,423	3,861	-29
Possession of drugs	32,463	32,268	34,440	31,329	30,559	31,805	29,179	26,960	28,326	29,150	3
Drugs, other offences, money laundering	275	222	194	203	360	389	328	249	147	402	173
Total Drug crimes	42,275	41,823	44,247	42,422	40,746	42,509	39,408	34,347	35,157	34,688	-1

Table A8: Racially aggravated offences by police force area, 2008-09 to 2012-13

Number & Percentage

Police force area	2008-09			2009-10			2010-11			2011-12			2012-13		
	Racially aggravated harassment	Racially aggravated conduct	Total	Racially aggravated harassment	Racially aggravated conduct	Total	Racially aggravated harassment	Racially aggravated conduct	Total	Racially aggravated harassment	Racially aggravated conduct	Total	Racially aggravated harassment	Racially aggravated conduct	Total
Central	3	351	354	2	218	220	2	248	250	2	239	241	5	228	233
Dumfries & Galloway	1	17	18	1	24	25	1	31	32	0	24	24	0	28	28
Fife	0	193	193	0	190	190	0	185	185	0	188	188	0	166	166
Grampian	9	545	554	16	523	539	12	495	507	10	371	381	3	322	325
Lothian & Borders	150	896	1,046	81	1,056	1,137	44	880	924	25	811	836	17	658	675
Northern	1	93	94	4	82	86	5	73	78	7	85	92	6	73	79
Strathclyde	258	1,772	2,030	207	1,885	2,092	188	1,856	2,044	124	1,452	1,576	119	1,153	1,272
Tayside	3	272	275	2	222	224	5	148	153	3	145	148	5	120	125
Scotland	425	4,139	4,564	313	4,200	4,513	257	3,916	4,173	171	3,315	3,486	155	2,748	2,903

7. Notes on statistics used in this bulletin

Returns

- 7.1 The statistical return from which most of the figures in this bulletin are taken is a simple count of the numbers of crimes and offences recorded and cleared up by the police. Only returns from the eight Scottish home forces are included in this bulletin. One return is made for each council in Scotland and these are aggregated to give a national total. Amendments (such as the deletion of incidents found on investigation not to be criminal) which arise after the end of the financial year are not generally incorporated.
- 7.2 On 1 April 2013, the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 brought together the existing eight police forces into a single Police Service of Scotland. While data will no longer be returned by eight police forces, 2013-14 data will still be collected for the single Police Service of Scotland. As a result, the geographical levels at which data are presented in future statistical bulletins will be reviewed.
- 7.3 In 1993, information was collected for the first time from other police forces, such as the British Transport Police. This practice has been continued, but these figures have **not** been included in the main body of this bulletin. Thus, in addition to those crimes and offences referred to throughout this bulletin there were in total, 1,454 crimes and 3,756 offences recorded by the British Transport Police, Ministry of Defence Police and Civil Nuclear Constabulary in 2012-13. The crime clear up rate was 31% and the offence clear up rate was 51%.
- 7.4 The figures included in the Motor vehicle offences group do not include *stationary* motor vehicle offences dealt with by the issue of a fixed penalty ticket. However, offences dealt with under the vehicle defect rectification scheme and offences for which the procurator fiscal offers a fixed penalty are included in the figures. In addition to this, *moving* traffic offences which are the subject of a police conditional offer of a fixed penalty are also included, e.g. speeding, traffic directions offences.
- 7.5 During work on this publication, it was found that the number of parking offences from Grampian police was unusually high for previous years. It was discovered that the data return had included stationary parking offences which should have been excluded from the data return. Data for 2003-04 to 2011-12, have now been revised and this has reduced the number of Other motor vehicle offences, Total motor vehicle offences and Total offences for the affected years.
- 7.6 Under the Code of Practice for Official Statistics, the estimated costs of responding to statistical surveys and data collection are to be published.

The estimated cost of compliance for supplying and validating the data for this bulletin is: **£2,500**.

Details of the calculation methodology are available on the Scottish Government Crime and Justice website at:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Crime-Justice/costcalculation>

Recording issues

7.7 In one criminal incident, several crimes or offences may occur - e.g. a house may be broken into and vandalised and the occupants assaulted. In this example, crimes of housebreaking (which would include the vandalism) and assaults would be recorded. In multiple offence incidents more than one offence may be counted rather than one for the incident as a whole; that is, the counting system is offence based rather than incident based. An offence may have more than one victim - for example in robberies - and be committed by more than one offender - e.g. some assaults and housebreakings (note that for murder, attempted murder and culpable homicide, the number of crimes recorded is equal to the number of the victims). Thus the statistics in this bulletin are not directly comparable with statistics on action taken against offenders, as one offence may lead to several persons being charged. Equally, an offender may be charged with several offences.

7.8 The statistics for recorded number of crimes given in this bulletin are also not directly comparable with statistics collected in England and Wales for the recorded number of notifiable offences. This is mainly due to differences in the counting rules; for notifiable offences the counting system is, wherever possible victim based rather than offence based. The Home Office introduced new counting rules for notifiable offences and expanded their coverage on 1 April 1998. [Crime Statistics](#) are published quarterly on the Office for National Statistics (ONS) website.

7.9 In Scotland, assault is a common law offence. In order to distinguish between serious and common assaults, police forces use a common definition of what a serious assault is.

“An assault or attack in which the victim sustains injury resulting in detention in hospital as an inpatient, for the treatment of that injury, or any of the following injuries whether or not detained in hospital;

- Fractures (the breaking or cracking of a bone. Note – nose is cartilage not bone, so a ‘broken nose’ should not be classified unless it meets one of the other criteria)
- Internal injuries
- Severe concussion
- Lacerations requiring sutures which may lead to impairment or disfigurement
- Any other injury which may lead to impairment or disfigurement.”

7.10 Attempts to commit an offence are included in the statistics, in general in the same group as the substantive offence.

Reporting practices

7.11 These statistics do not of course reveal the incidence of all crime committed. Not all incidents are reported to the police. The Scottish Crime and Justice Survey (SCJS) 2010-11 estimated that 39% of crimes, as defined by the SCJS, were reported to the police. The two reasons most commonly given by victims for not reporting to the

police were that the incident was considered by them to be too trivial (40%) or the police would not have been able to do anything (29%).

- 7.12 Some crimes and offences, for example, speeding or possession of drugs, have no victim other than perhaps the perpetrator and are discovered and recorded as a result of police activity rather than by being reported to the police by the public. Hence, the strength and deployment of the police forces mainly determine the numbers of such crimes and offences recorded.

Crimes and offences cleared up

- 7.13 The definition of "cleared up" is noted below. This definition came into force with effect from 1 April 1996.

A crime or offence is regarded as cleared up where there exists a sufficiency of evidence under Scots law, to justify consideration of criminal proceedings notwithstanding that a report is not submitted to the procurator fiscal because either

(i) by standing agreement with the procurator fiscal, the police warn the accused due to the minor nature of the offence, or

(ii) reporting is inappropriate due to the non-age of the accused, death of the accused or other similar circumstances.

For some types of crime or offence the case is cleared up immediately because the offender is "caught in the act", e.g. motor vehicle offences. In Scots law, the confession of an accused person to a crime would not in general be sufficient to allow a prosecution to be taken, as corroborative evidence is required. Thus, a case cannot be regarded as "cleared up" on the basis of a confession alone. In some cases there is sufficient evidence but a prosecution cannot be brought, for example, because the accused has left the country. In such cases, the offender is said to have been traced and the crime is regarded as cleared up. The other terms in the definition describe the various actions that must be taken by the police against offenders.

- 7.14 Certain motor vehicle offences are not always recorded in cases where police forces are unable to clear up the offence (e.g. speeding offences where the driver is untraceable). Clear up rates for motor vehicle offences in these circumstances are artificial. Thus, clear up rates for the Motor vehicle offences group are not included in the bulletin.
- 7.15 Clear up rates in excess of 100% can arise where crimes and offences recorded in one year are cleared up during the following year.

Classification

- 7.16 Contraventions of Scottish criminal law are divided for statistical purposes into crimes and offences. "Crime" is *generally* used for the more serious criminal acts; the less serious termed "offences", although the term "offence" may also be used in

relation to serious breaches of criminal law. The distinction is made only for working purposes and the "seriousness" of the offence is *generally* related to the maximum sentence that can be imposed.

7.17 The detailed classification of crimes and offences used by The Scottish Government to collect criminal statistics contains about 475 codes. These are grouped in the bulletin as shown in [Section 8](#).

7.18 For 2012-13 there have been a number of changes to the standard breakdowns included in the bulletin tables.

In April 2011 offences of Handling an offensive weapon and Drug crimes in prisons were reclassified from Other miscellaneous offences to offences of Handling an offensive weapon and Drug crimes respectively. For 2011-12 it was not possible to disaggregate either the offences of Handling an offensive weapon or Drug crimes that took place in prison. From April 2012 this disaggregation will be possible.

7.19 Clearly, only a limited selection of tables can be included in any statistical bulletin. Further analysis of recorded crime statistics can be supplied on request. This includes available information relating to time periods other than those covered in the bulletin. In certain cases a fee is charged. For details of what can be provided, please telephone Jan Young on 0131 244 2635 or e-mail JusticeAnalysts@scotland.gsi.gov.uk.

UK Statistics Authority – Assessment Report

7.20 The United Kingdom Statistics Authority has designated these statistics as National Statistics, in accordance with the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 and signifying compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.

Designation can be broadly interpreted to mean that the statistics:

- meet identified user needs;
- are well explained and readily accessible;
- are produced according to sound methods; and
- are managed impartially and objectively in the public interest.

Once statistics have been designated as National Statistics it is a statutory requirement that the Code of Practice shall continue to be observed.

The Assessment Report, which was published in June 2009, can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/assessment/assessment/assessment-reports/assessment-report-2---recorded-crime-in-scotland--24-february-2009.pdf>.

7.21 The following symbols are used throughout the tables in this bulletin:

- =The relevant legislation for this category was implemented in 2007-08.

~ =The relevant legislation for this category was implemented in 2010-11.

* = Crimes within this category were not separately identifiable before 2009-10.

8. Classification of Crimes and Offences

CRIMES

Group 1: Non-Sexual Crimes Of Violence

(Also referred to as **Crimes of Violence**)

Homicide -

Includes:

- Murder
- Culpable homicide
 - Causing death by dangerous driving
 - Causing death by careless driving while under the influence of drink or drugs
 - Causing death by careless driving
 - Illegal driver involved in fatal accident
 - Corporate homicide

Attempted murder and serious Assault -

Includes:

- Attempted murder
- Serious assault

An assault is classified as **serious** if the victim sustained an injury resulting in detention in hospital as an in-patient or any of the following injuries whether or not he/she was detained in hospital: fractures, internal injuries, severe concussion, lacerations requiring sutures which may lead to impairment or disfigurement or any other injury which may lead to impairment or disfigurement.

Robbery -

Robbery and assault with intent to rob

Other -

Includes:

- Threats and extortion
- Cruel and unnatural treatment of children.
- Abortion
- Concealment of pregnancy
- Possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life, commit crime etc.
- Abduction
- Ill treatment of mental patients
- Drugging

Group 2: Sexual Offences

Prior to 2011-12 this group was known as **Crimes of Indecency**

Rape & attempted rape -

Includes:

- Rape
- Attempted rape

Sexual assault -

Includes:

- Contact sexual assault (13-15 yr old or adult 16+)
- Sexually coercive conduct (13-15 yr old or adult 16+)
- Sexual offences against children under 13 years
- Lewd and libidinous practices

Offences associated with prostitution -

Includes:

- Offences relating to prostitution
- Soliciting services of person engaged in prostitution
- Brothel keeping
- Immoral traffic
- Procuration

Other -

Includes:

- Other sexually coercive conduct
- Other sexual offences involving 13-15 year old children
- Taking, distribution, possession etc. of indecent photos of children
- Incest
- Unnatural Crimes
- Public indecency
- Sexual exposure
- Other sexual offences

Group 3: Crimes Involving Dishonesty

(Also referred to as **Dishonesty**)

Housebreaking -

Includes commercial as well as domestic premises

Theft by opening a lockfast place (OLP) -

- Theft by opening lockfast places (excl. motor vehicle)
- OLP (excl. motor vehicle) with intent to steal
- Attempted OLP excl. motor vehicle with intent to steal

Theft from a motor vehicle by (OLP) - Includes :
• Theft by OLP from a motor vehicle
• OLP with intent to steal from a motor vehicle
• Attempted OLP with intent to steal from a motor vehicle

Theft of motor vehicle -
• Theft of a motor vehicle & contents
• Attempted theft of a motor vehicle

Shoplifting - Shoplifting

Other theft - Includes :
• Theft of pedal cycles
• Theft from a motor vehicle not elsewhere classified

Fraud - Including statutory fraud

Other - Includes:
• Forgery
• Resent
• Embezzlement
• Corruption

Group 4: Fire-Raising, Vandalism Etc.

Fire-raising - Includes:
• Fire-raising
• Muirburn

Vandalism, etc. - Includes:
• Malicious mischief
• Vandalism
• Reckless conduct with firearms

Group 5: Other Crimes

Crimes against public justice - Includes:
• Perjury
• Resisting arrest
• Bail offences (other than absconding or re-offending)
• Wasting police time

Handling offensive weapons -

Includes:

- Possession of an offensive weapon
- Restriction of offensive weapons
- Having in a public place an article with a blade or point
- Having in prison an article with a blade or point
- Possession of a firearm in a prison
- Possession of an offensive weapon (not elsewhere specified) in a prison

Drugs -

Includes:

- Importation of drugs
- Production, manufacture or cultivation of drugs
- Possession and supply of controlled drugs
- Related money laundering offences
- Bringing drugs into prison

Other -

Includes:

- Treason
- Conspiracy
- Explosives offences
- Wrecking, piracy and hijacking
- Crimes against public order

OFFENCES

Group 6: Miscellaneous Offences

Common assault -

Prior to 2011-12 this was known as "Minor assault"

Includes:

- Common assault
- Common assault on an emergency worker

Breach of the peace etc. -

Includes:

- Breach of the peace
- Threatening or abusive behaviour
- Offence of stalking
- Offensive behaviour at football
- Threatening communications (Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications Act 2012)

Drunkenness -

Includes:

- Drunk and disorderly
- Drunk and incapable
- Drunk in charge of a child
- Drunk and attempting to enter licensed premises
- Drunk or drinking in unlicensed premises
- Disorderly on licensed premises

- Drunk and attempting to enter a sports ground
- Refusing to quit licensed premises

Other -

Includes:

- False/Hoax calls
- Offences involving children
- Offences involving animals/plants
- Offences against local legislation
- Offences against liquor licensing laws
- Labour laws
- Naval military and air force laws
- Offences against environmental legislation
- Consumer protection acts

Group 7: Motor Vehicle Offences

Dangerous and careless driving -

Prior to 1992 this was known as "Reckless and careless driving"

Driving Under the Influence -

Prior to 2011-12 this was known as "Drunk driving"

Includes:

- Driving or in charge of motor vehicle while unfit through drink or drugs
- Blood alcohol content above limit
- Failing to provide breath, blood or urine specimens

Speeding -

Includes:

- Speeding in restricted areas
- Other speeding offences

Unlawful use of vehicle -

Includes:

- Driving while disqualified
- Driving without a licence
- Driving without insurance

- Driving without a test certificate
- Vehicle tax and registration and identification offences

Vehicle defect offences -

Includes:

- Construction and use regulations
- Lighting offences

Other

Includes:

- Mobile phone offences
- Seat belt offences
- Accident offences
- Parking offences

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