

5 Law enforcement

5.1 Recorded crime statistics England and Wales

Thousands

	Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Burglary	Robbery	Offences against vehicles	Other theft offences	Fraud and forgery ⁴	Drug offences	Criminal damage	Other offences	Total offences
2002/03 ¹	845.1	58.9	890.1	110.3	1 074.7	1 336.9	331.1	143.3	1 120.6	64.0	5 975.0
2003/04 ²	967.2	62.5	820.0	103.7	985.0	1 327.9	319.6	143.5	1 218.5	65.7	6 013.8
2004/05 ³	1 048.1	62.9	680.4	91.0	820.1	1 247.6	280.1	145.8	1 197.5	64.0	5 637.5
2005/06	1 059.6	62.1	645.1	98.2	792.8	1 226.2	232.8	178.5	1 184.3	75.6	5 555.2
2006/07 ⁴	1 046.2	57.5	622.0	101.4	765.0	1 180.8	199.7	194.2	1 185.0	75.7	5 427.6
2007/08	961.2	53.5	583.7	84.7	656.5	1 121.1	155.4	229.0	1 036.2	69.3	4 950.7
2004 Q4	BEAB 261.2	BEAC 14.6	BEAD 167.9	BEAE 23.3	HGW2 204.7	HGW3 307.3	BEAG 70.4	LQMO 38.7	BEAH 300.7	BEAI 15.4	BEAA 1 404.2
2005 Q1	250.7	14.7	165.0	22.6	198.6	285.2	64.2	38.1	304.3	15.4	1 358.9
Q2	277.6	16.7	162.0	24.2	195.7	320.5	63.1	41.5	302.1	19.2	1 422.5
Q3	278.2	16.6	160.7	24.0	194.1	320.4	60.9	42.0	277.7	19.8	1 394.5
Q4	262.4	15.0	164.1	24.6	200.4	303.0	55.7	46.7	305.2	18.8	1 395.9
2006 Q1	241.4	13.8	158.3	25.4	202.6	282.3	53.0	48.2	299.4	17.8	1 342.2
Q2	277.3	15.7	154.3	25.4	193.9	302.2	54.4	48.3	301.2	21.0	1 393.8
Q3	276.1	15.8	152.4	24.2	185.3	305.3	53.0	46.2	281.3	19.5	1 359.1
Q4	257.1	13.2	157.9	26.6	196.0	293.9	48.1	48.5	309.7	18.1	1 369.2
2007 Q1	235.8	12.7	157.4	25.2	189.8	279.3	44.1	51.3	292.8	17.1	1 305.6
Q2	255.3	14.1	148.0	23.2	170.1	302.1	40.1	55.6	271.1	18.1	1 297.5
Q3	252.9	14.4	139.8	20.0	163.6	288.0	37.8	56.3	250.0	18.0	1 240.7
Q4	231.0	12.1	145.1	21.0	159.3	271.7	36.8	58.7	256.7	16.3	1 208.5
2008 Q1	222.0	13.0	150.8	20.5	163.5	259.3	40.7	58.4	258.6	17.0	1 204.0
Q2	236.8	14.2	139.0	19.4	152.2	287.2	44.2	60.9	243.3	18.9	1 216.2
Q3	236.8	13.3	144.5	19.5	153.7	285.5	43.8	62.2	231.0	18.6	1 209.0
Q4	217.9	11.9	150.8	20.6	148.3	261.4	37.9	62.1	232.5	16.8	1 160.2

1 The National Crime Recording Standard (NCRS) was introduced across all police forces from April 2002, therefore figures before and after that date are not directly comparable. The introduction of the NCRS has increased the recorded crime figures significantly. For 2002/03 it has been estimated that the implementation of the Standard has inflated the total number of recorded crimes by 10%, although the impact differs for each offence group. Violence against the person was particularly affected.

2 Much of the increase in violence against the person in 2003/04 is likely to be due to the continuing impact of changes in recording.

3 The Sexual Offences Act 2003, introduced in May 2004, re-defined many sexual offences. This change in legislation could, in itself, account for much of the increase in recorded sexual offences and means figures for 2004/05 are not comparable with earlier years.

4 The Fraud Act 2006 commenced on 15 January 2007, altering the definition and coverage of fraud and forgery offences. At that time, the counting of cheque and credit card fraud changed to a 'per account' basis rather than a 'per transaction' basis.

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5.2 Crimes and offences recorded by the police^{1,2} Scotland

Thousands

	Non-sexual crimes of violence	Crimes of indecency	Crimes of dishonesty	Fire raising, vandalism etc	Other crimes	Motor vehicle offences	Miscellaneous offences	Total crimes and offences
	BEBC	BEBD	BEBE	BEBF	BEBG	BEBI	BEBH	BEBC
2003	15.2	6.6	210.8	100.1	74.3	417.8	176.7	1 001.3
2004	15.2	7.4	214.4	124.8	78.6	434.4	209.4	1 084.1
2005	13.6	6.7	191.8	128.3	79.4	387.5	216.9	1 024.2
2006	14.4	6.9	184.0	130.1	84.8	376.7	231.0	1 027.5
2007	13.3	6.4	171.7	121.4	83.7	351.2	225.2	973.0
2004 Q3	3.8	1.8	56.0	32.0	19.6	111.2	56.2	280.6
Q4	3.4	1.8	50.9	30.3	18.5	104.2	49.9	259.0
2005 Q1	3.3	1.7	48.1	33.3	18.9	99.5	50.7	255.5
Q2	3.4	1.6	48.5	32.5	20.3	99.4	56.8	262.4
Q3	3.6	1.7	48.0	29.7	19.2	90.8	53.8	246.7
Q4	3.3	1.7	47.2	32.8	21.0	97.8	55.6	259.6
2006 Q1	3.5	1.6	44.1	32.9	21.4	92.5	53.3	249.0
Q2	3.7	1.8	46.2	33.4	21.9	98.0	59.2	264.2
Q3	3.6	1.9	47.2	31.6	21.0	96.9	62.9	265.1
Q4	3.6	1.6	46.5	32.2	20.5	89.3	55.6	249.2
2007 Q1	3.2	1.5	43.8	32.5	21.5	90.9	54.7	248.1
Q2	3.6	1.8	45.2	31.2	21.5	92.0	60.7	255.9
Q3	3.4	1.8	42.5	28.8	21.3	86.6	58.7	243.1
Q4	3.1	1.4	40.2	28.8	19.4	81.8	51.2	225.9
2008 Q1	2.8	1.6	38.8	29.2	19.1	87.3	53.7	232.5

1 Components may not add to totals due to separate rounding.

2 The introduction of the Scottish Crime Recording Standard on 1 April 2004 has increased the number of minor crimes recorded, such as minor crimes of vandalism and petty thefts.

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