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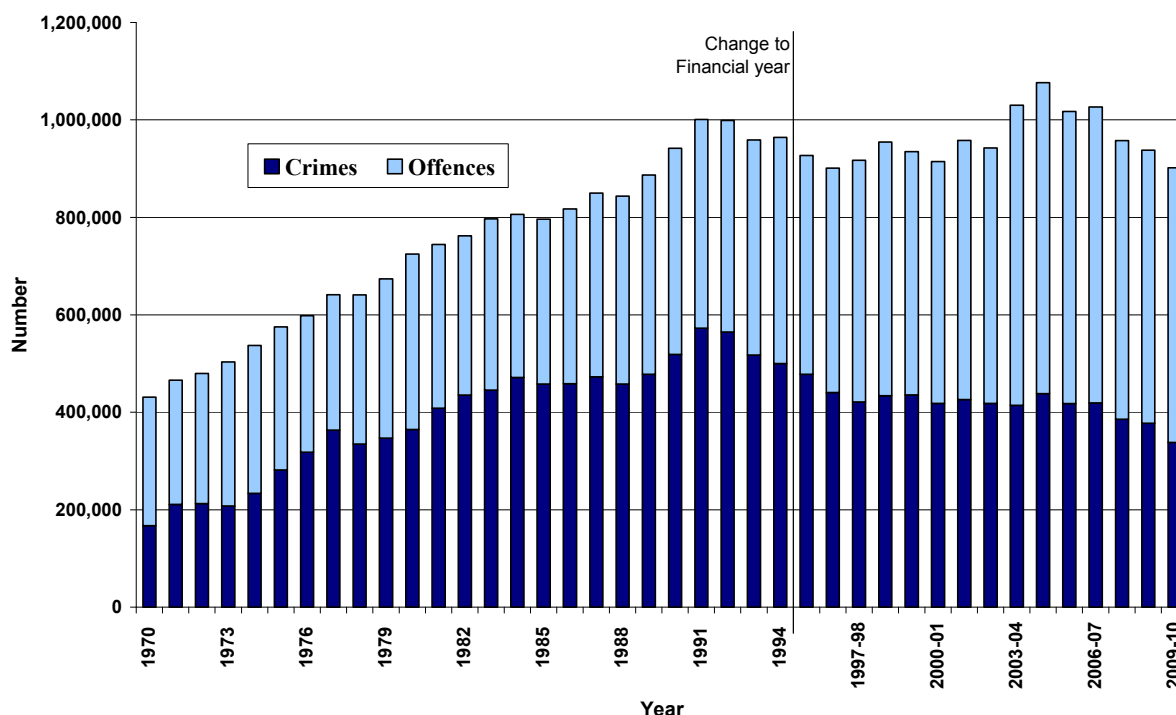
### 1. Introduction

1.1 This bulletin presents statistics on crimes and offences recorded and cleared up by the eight Scottish police forces in 2009-10. It forms part of the Scottish Government series of statistical bulletins on the criminal justice system. Statistics on crimes and offences recorded by the police provide a measure of the volume of crime with which the police are faced.

1.2 Crimes recorded by the police in Scotland decreased from 377,433 in 2008-09 to 338,028 in 2009-10, a decrease of *10 per cent*. The number of offences increased slightly (*1 per cent*), from 560,291 in 2008-09 to 563,735 in 2009-10 ([Table 1](#)).

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.

**Chart 1 Crimes and offences recorded by the police, 1970 to 1994 then 1995-96 to 2009-10**



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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 only *crimes of indecency* increasing between 2008-09 and 2009-10, by 2 per cent (see [table 1](#)).
- The number of *non-sexual crimes of violence* recorded by the police decreased by 11 per cent between 2008-09 and 2009-10, to a total of 11,201 (see [table 1](#)).
- The number of *crimes of indecency* increased from 6,331 in 2008-09 to 6,458 in 2009-10, with recorded cases of rape and attempted rape increasing by 3 per cent to 996 (see [table 1](#)).
- The number of *crimes of dishonesty* decreased by 9 per cent to stand at 153,256 cases in 2009-10 (see [table 1](#)).
- Recorded crimes of *vandalism* (including fire-raising and malicious mischief) decreased by 15 per cent to total 93,443 in 2009-10 (see [table 1](#)).
- In 2009-10, the police recorded 563,735 offences, an increase of 1 per cent from the number in 2008-09. This was largely due to a substantial increase in the number of other miscellaneous offences recorded (see [table 2](#)), in particular consumption of alcohol in designated places (see [section 8](#)).
- The clear-up rate for all recorded crimes in 2009-10 was 49 per cent. This was the same as the corresponding figure for 2008-09 (see [table 3](#)).
- The clear-up rate in 2009-10 for *non-sexual crimes of violence* is higher than in 2008-09, increasing from 64 per cent to 67 per cent. The rate for *crimes of indecency* has decreased by 2 percentage points to 66 per cent, the rate for *crimes of dishonesty* has decreased by 1 percentage point and the rates for *fire-raising and vandalism* and for *miscellaneous offences* have increased by 1 percentage point each. The rate for the *other crimes* group remains unchanged from the previous year (see [table 3](#)).
- All eight police forces showed a reduction in the number of crimes recorded in 2009-10 compared to 2008-09. The scale of reduction ranged from a fall of 8 per cent in Dumfries & Galloway and in Lothian & Borders, to a 13 per cent decrease in Central and in Tayside. (see [table 5](#)).
- Although there was only a relatively small increase (2 per cent) in the total number of *crimes of indecency* recorded in Scotland in 2009-10, there were substantial differences between police forces. Fife (35 per cent), Central (21 per cent) and Lothian & Borders (8 per cent) all recorded increases. Notable decreases were recorded in Dumfries & Galloway (31 per cent), Northern (25 per cent) and Grampian (5 per cent) (see [table 5](#)).

### **3. Commentary: Introduction**

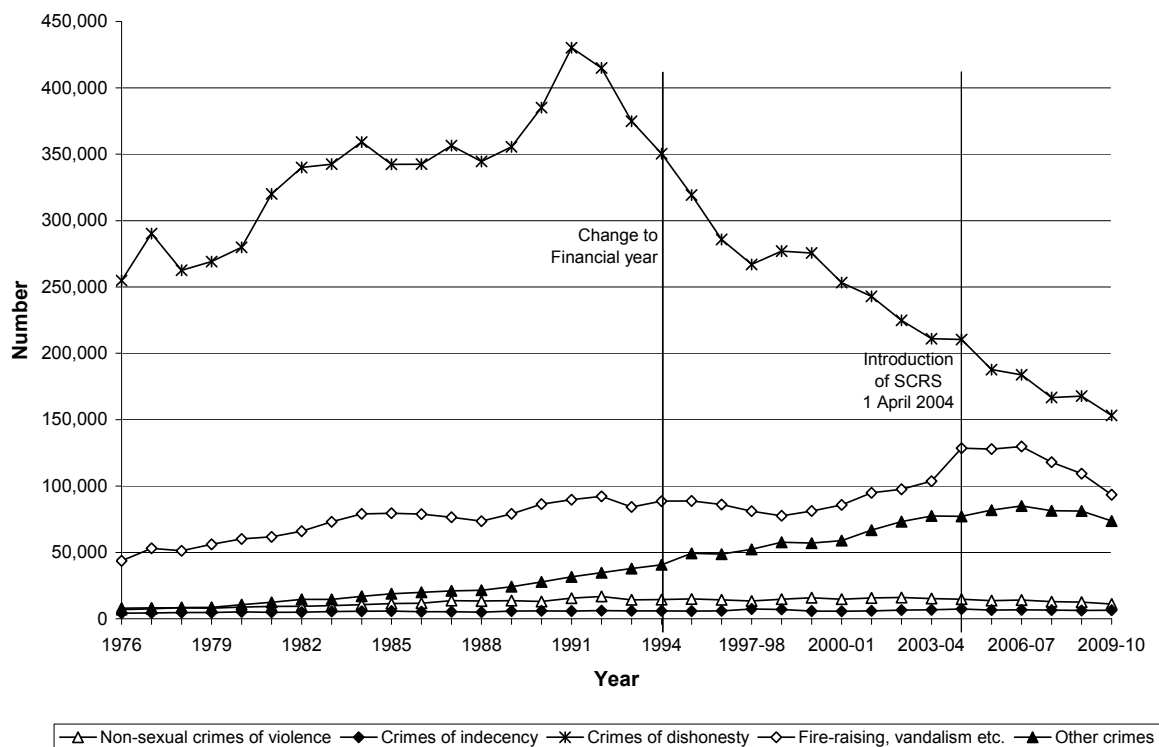
- 3.1 The introduction of the Scottish Crime Recording Standard (SCRS) in 2004-05 has helped maintain a consistent approach to recording crime figures. As anticipated this has increased the numbers of minor crimes recorded by the police, such as minor crimes of vandalism and minor thefts. However, it 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.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 The Scottish Crime and Justice Survey (SCJS) 2008/09 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 peoples perception of crime. It also provides estimates of progress for two of the 45 national indicators in the Scottish Government's National performance framework.

The Scottish Crime and Justice Survey can also provide an estimate of the proportion of crimes not reported. In 2008-09, it was estimated that 38 per cent of crimes were reported to the police ([see section 6](#)).

#### 4. Commentary: Recorded crime in Scotland

4.1 The total number of crimes recorded by the police in 2009-10 was 338,028, 10 per cent lower than in 2008-09 (see [chart 1](#) and [table 1](#)). The total remains well below the 2004-05 figure of 438,122 and is the lowest number recorded since 1980.

**Chart 2 Crimes recorded by the police by crime group, 1976 to 1994 then 1995-96 to 2009-10**

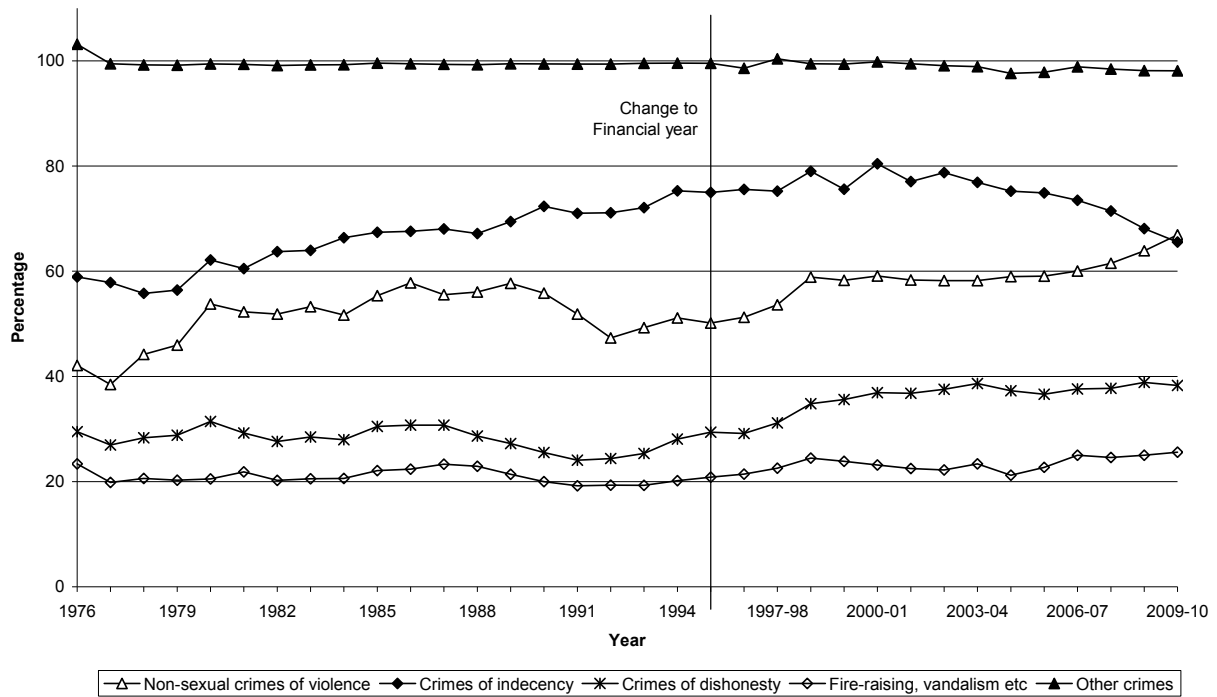


4.2 The number of *non-sexual crimes of violence* recorded by the police decreased by 11 per cent between 2008-09 and 2009-10 to total 11,201. This is the lowest figure recorded in this category since the change to a financial year basis in 1995-96 and is the lowest recorded since 1986 (see [chart 2](#) and [table 1](#)). Within this category, the number of serious assaults (which includes crimes of murder and attempted murder) recorded decreased by 14 per cent to 5,700 and recorded robberies decreased by 16 per cent to total 2,496. Crime figures for both of these sub-categories have been falling since 2006-07. Other non-sexual crimes of violence decreased by 1 per cent from 3,043 to 3,005.

4.3 The number of crimes in the *indecency* group increased by 2 per cent from 6,331 in 2008-09 to 6,458 in 2009-10 (see [chart 2](#) and [table 1](#)). Within this group, recorded cases of rape and attempted rape increased by 3 per cent, totalling 996. Crimes of indecent assault rose by 3 per cent to 1,685 in 2009-10, with the number of crimes of lewd and indecent behaviour also increasing (by 2 per cent) to 2,444 in 2009-10. The number of crimes recorded in the other crimes sub-group increased by 1 per cent to total 1,333 in 2009-10.

- 4.4 The number of *crimes of dishonesty* decreased by 9 per cent, to stand at 153,256 crimes in 2009-10 (see [chart 2](#) and [table 1](#)). This decrease can be attributed to three categories of *crimes of dishonesty*. Theft by opening a lockfast place (OLP) decreased by 27 per cent to 5,074, theft from a motor vehicle by OLP decreased by 25 per cent to 10,173 and theft of a motor vehicle decreased by 19 per cent to 9,304.
- 4.5 Recorded cases of *vandalism* (including fire-raising and malicious mischief) decreased by 15 per cent to total 93,443 in 2009-10 (see [chart 2](#) and [table 1](#)). Within this category the number of crimes recorded within the fire-raising sub group, decreased by 9 per cent to stand at 4,244 in 2009-10. The number of crimes in the vandalism sub-group decreased by 15 per cent from 104,779 in 2008-09 to 89,199 in 2009-10.
- 4.6 Within the *other crimes* group, there was a 9 per cent decrease in crimes against public justice (see [chart 2](#) and [table 1](#)). There was a notable decrease in the number of crimes of handling an offensive weapon, which fell by 22 per cent to stand at 7,042 in 2009-10. Recorded drugs crimes decreased by 7 per cent from 42,509 in 2008-09 to 39,408 in 2009-10. However, the illegal cultivation of drugs increased by 24 per cent compared with 2008-09 (see [table A5](#)).
- 4.7 There was a decrease of 10 per cent in the number of crimes cleared up by the police from 184,719 in 2008-09 to 166,606 in 2009-10 (see [table A1](#)). However, the clear up rate of crimes (see [table 3](#)), has remained constant at 49 per cent in both 2008-09 and 2009-10.
- 4.8 The clear up rate in 2009-10 for *non-sexual crimes of violence* is higher than in 2008-09, increasing from 64 per cent to 67 per cent (see [table 3](#)). The rate for *crimes of indecency* has decreased by 2 percentage points to 66 per cent, with the clear up rate for rape and attempted rape falling by 4 percentage points between 2008-09 and 2009-10. The rate for *crimes of dishonesty* has decreased by 1 percentage point, while for *fire-raising and vandalism* and for *miscellaneous offences*, the clear up rate has increased by 1 percentage point each. The other crime group remains unchanged from the previous year.

**Chart 3 Clear up rates for crimes recorded by the police by crime group, 1976 to 1994 then 1995-96 to 2009-10**



4.10 The number of offences recorded increased by 1 per cent from 560,291 in 2008-09 to 563,735 in 2009-10. There were decreases in a number of sub-categories of offences (see chart 1 and table 2), particularly drunk driving (-13 per cent). There were increases in the following three sub-categories, other miscellaneous offences (22 per cent) (in particular consumption of alcohol in designated places), other motor vehicle offences (in particular seat belt and mobile phone offences) (9 per cent) and vehicle defect offences (4 per cent).

## 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 population in 2009-10 by police force area**

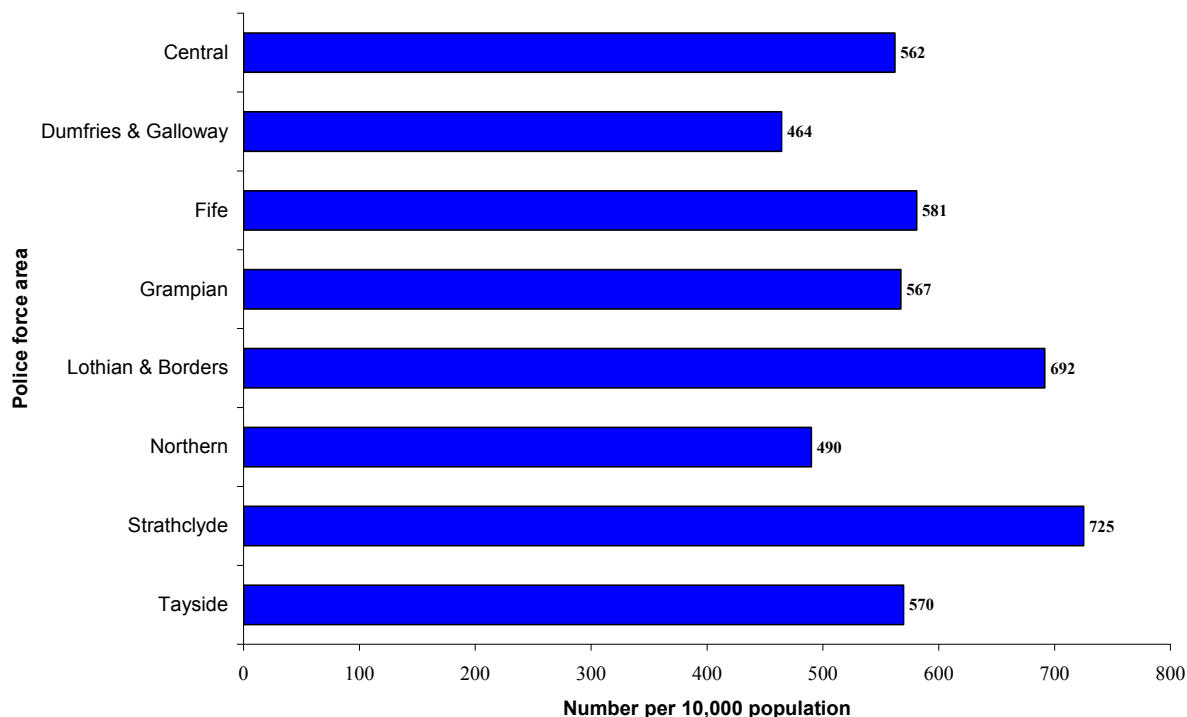


Chart 4 shows that the number of crimes recorded per 10,000 population is higher in police forces which contain large cities, such as Strathclyde and Lothian & Borders, and lower in primarily rural police force areas such as Dumfries & Galloway and Northern. The levels of crime recorded in the other forces are broadly similar, at around 570 crimes per 10,000 population.

### 5.1 Central

The total number of crimes recorded by Central Scotland Police decreased by *13 per cent* between 2008-09 and 2009-10 to 16,402. This is the third consecutive year that this total has fallen. There were decreases in the number of crimes and offences recorded in all but one group (*crimes of indecency*), with the most considerable fall being in the *non-sexual crimes of violence* group (*24 per cent*).

The number of *crimes of indecency* recorded has increased by *21 per cent* in 2009-10. This can be attributed to two large scale inquiries and a number of historic cases that were reported in the period. Operation Defender, which targeted individuals who had been engaged in sexual conduct with young people and children via the internet, resulted in a larger number of reported cases of online grooming.



A decrease in the *Other Crimes* group (14 per cent) between 2008-09 and 2009-10, has been driven by a 30 per cent decrease in the crimes of handling an offensive weapon.

Despite the total number of offences per 10,000 population recorded by Central Scotland Police (1,250) being the second highest across all forces, this number has fallen for the third consecutive year.

During 2009-10, Central Scotland Police recorded the highest clear up rate of *non-sexual crimes of violence* (96 per cent) for the seventh year in succession. This is 29 percentage points higher than the Scottish average of 67 per cent. The 78 per cent clear up rate of *crimes of indecency* is the lowest detection rate Central has recorded for this particular crime group in the past ten years.

## 5.2 Dumfries & Galloway

Crimes recorded by Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary decreased for the fifth year in succession and overall by 8 per cent since 2008-09 to total 6,897. There were decreases in the number of crimes and offences in all crime groups, with *crimes of indecency* showing the most substantial decrease (31 per cent). There were also notable reductions in the *non-sexual crimes of violence* (25 per cent), *motor vehicle offences* (19 per cent) and *fire-raising/vandalism* (14 per cent) categories.

There was also a reduction in the *crimes of dishonesty* (6 per cent) category, with all sub-categories showing a reduction apart from shoplifting and housebreaking which showed increases of 20 per cent and 7 per cent, respectively.

The 464 total crimes per 10,000 population in Dumfries and Galloway was the lowest number recorded by any force in 2009-10. Despite the total number of offences per 10,000 population in Dumfries and Galloway falling for the third consecutive year, this was still the highest number (1,346) recorded across all forces in 2009-10; a trend which has stayed consistent since 2003-04. This is largely driven by the number of motor vehicle offences which, at 1,048 per 10,000 population, is almost double the Scottish average (641 per 10,000 population).

The clear up rate of *fire-raising/vandalism* crimes (66 per cent) is the highest rate recorded by Dumfries and Galloway in the past ten years.

## 5.3 Fife

The number of crimes recorded by Fife Constabulary decreased for the fifth consecutive year and overall by 12 per cent between 2008-09 and 2009-10 to total 21,120. There were increases in the *crimes of indecency* group (35 per cent) and *Motor vehicle offences* group (7 per cent). The increase in the *crimes of indecency* group was largely due to increases in the reporting of historic crime (those taking place more than two years ago), which make up more than half of the crimes recorded. The Force Family Protection Unit has undertaken pro-active work to encourage the reporting of these types of offences.

The increase in *Motor vehicle offences* was largely due to the increase in the number of recorded crimes of speeding (*42 per cent*). This may be related to efforts by Fife Constabulary and the Fife Safety Camera Partnership to target safety camera locations more effectively.

The remaining crime and offence groups showed decreases with *non-sexual crimes of violence* accounting for the most substantial decrease (*33 per cent*).

The *fire-raising and vandalism* category showed a decrease of *17 per cent*, with similar decreases in both sub-categories.

The *miscellaneous offences* category showed a reduction of *11 per cent* with three of the four sub-categories, including breach of the peace and minor assaults, showing decreases.

The total number of offences remained broadly the same in 2009-10 after a *9 per cent* decrease in 2008-09 from 2007-08. The number of offences per 10,000 population was similar to the figure for the previous year. The group clear up rates are broadly similar to last year's apart from *crimes of indecency* (*65 per cent*) which has fallen for the third consecutive year and is the second lowest clear up rate of all forces for this particular crime group. The clear up rate for crimes of dishonesty has also fallen (*46 per cent*) but is still 8 percentage points above the Scottish average.

#### **5.4 Grampian**

The number of recorded crimes in the Grampian Police force area decreased for the fourth consecutive year and overall by *12 per cent* between 2008-09 and 2009-10 to total 30,920 crimes. There were decreases in all of the crime groups, with the *fire-raising/vandalism* crime group witnessing the most notable decrease (*20 per cent*).

The total number of offences recorded by Grampian Police has continued to fall since 2006-07 to total 48,386 offences. The biggest decrease occurred in the *motor vehicle offences* group, where a *17 per cent* drop on last year's figure was recorded.

The overall crime clear up rate has decreased by 2 percentage points between 2008-09 and 2009-10. Despite this, the clear up rate for *non-sexual crimes of violence* has increased by 9 percentage points. This is 17 percentage points above the Scotland average for this particular crime group.

#### **5.5 Lothian & Borders**

Recorded crime in the Lothian and Borders Police force area decreased by *8 per cent* to total 64,943 in 2009-10. The total number of crimes recorded per 10,000 population (692) was the second highest among forces, 41 above the Scotland figure.

There were decreases in five of the seven crime and offence groups, with the main decrease being in the *fire raising/vandalism* group (*11 per cent*). This is

the third year in succession that Lothian and Borders has recorded a fall in numbers for this particular crime group.

*Non-sexual crimes of violence* decreased by 9 per cent in 2009-10 with serious assault in particular showing a decrease of 12 per cent. The biggest increase occurred in the *crimes of indecency* group (8 per cent). This is the second year in succession that there has been an increase in crimes in this group, with a 6 per cent increase reported in the previous year. However, the clear up rate for *crimes of indecency* has increased by 4 percentage points to 68 per cent, the highest clear up rate for this group since 2004-05.

Lothian and Borders also reported the highest number of *crimes of dishonesty* per 10,000 population (360) out of all eight forces in 2009-10.

*Motor vehicle offences* increased by 4 per cent in 2009-10.

## **5.6 Northern**

The number of crimes recorded by Northern Constabulary decreased by 12 per cent between 2008-09 and 2009-10 to total 14,152. There were decreases in all of the crime and offence groups, with the main decrease in the *crimes of indecency* group (25 per cent). This decrease comes on the back of a 12 per cent increase for this particular crime group in the previous year. Reported crime in this group can fluctuate due to the reporting of historic crimes and it is thought likely that this decrease is due to a reduction in the reporting of historic cases.

*Miscellaneous offences* decreased by 17 per cent in 2009-10 with drunkenness offences in particular decreasing by 29 per cent.

Northern Constabulary recorded the second lowest total number (490) of crimes per 10,000 population amongst forces in 2009-10. The total number of offences decreased by 8 per cent compared with 2008-09.

Although the overall total crime clear up rate in the Northern Constabulary area has decreased by 1 percentage point (62 per cent), the rate for *crimes of indecency* (84 per cent) has remained at its highest level since 2004-05.

## **5.7 Strathclyde**

The number of recorded crimes in Strathclyde Police Force area decreased for the third consecutive year and overall by 10 per cent between 2008-09 and 2009-10 to total 160,835.

All of the main crime groups decreased this year with the exception of *crimes of indecency* which remained the same. The most notable decrease was in the *fire-raising/vandalism* group which fell by 15 per cent.

*Non-sexual crimes of violence* decreased by 9 per cent in 2009-10. There was a decrease of 8 per cent in the number of crimes recorded in the *Other crimes* group with the number of crimes of handling an offensive weapon down by 21 per cent. Strathclyde police have identified this area of crime as a key priority

and have introduced and have introduced Operation Rose, which primarily targets individuals who carry knives and other dangerous weapons in public.

Strathclyde police once again recorded the highest number of crimes per 10,000 population (725). This is a trend that has developed since 2005-06. The total number of offences (269,928) in the Strathclyde Police Force has increased for the third year in a row and overall by *10 per cent* between 2008-09 and 2009-10.

The group clear up rates recorded by Strathclyde Police in 2009-10 are very similar to the previous year, although an increase of 7 percentage points for *non-sexual crimes of violence* means this rate (*61 per cent*) is at it's highest since 2004-05

## **5.8 Tayside**

The number of recorded crimes in the Tayside Police Force area decreased for the fifth consecutive year and overall by *13 per cent* in 2009-10 to total 22,759. There were decreases in four of the five major crime groups in 2009-10 with the *crimes of indecency* group increasing by *1 per cent*.

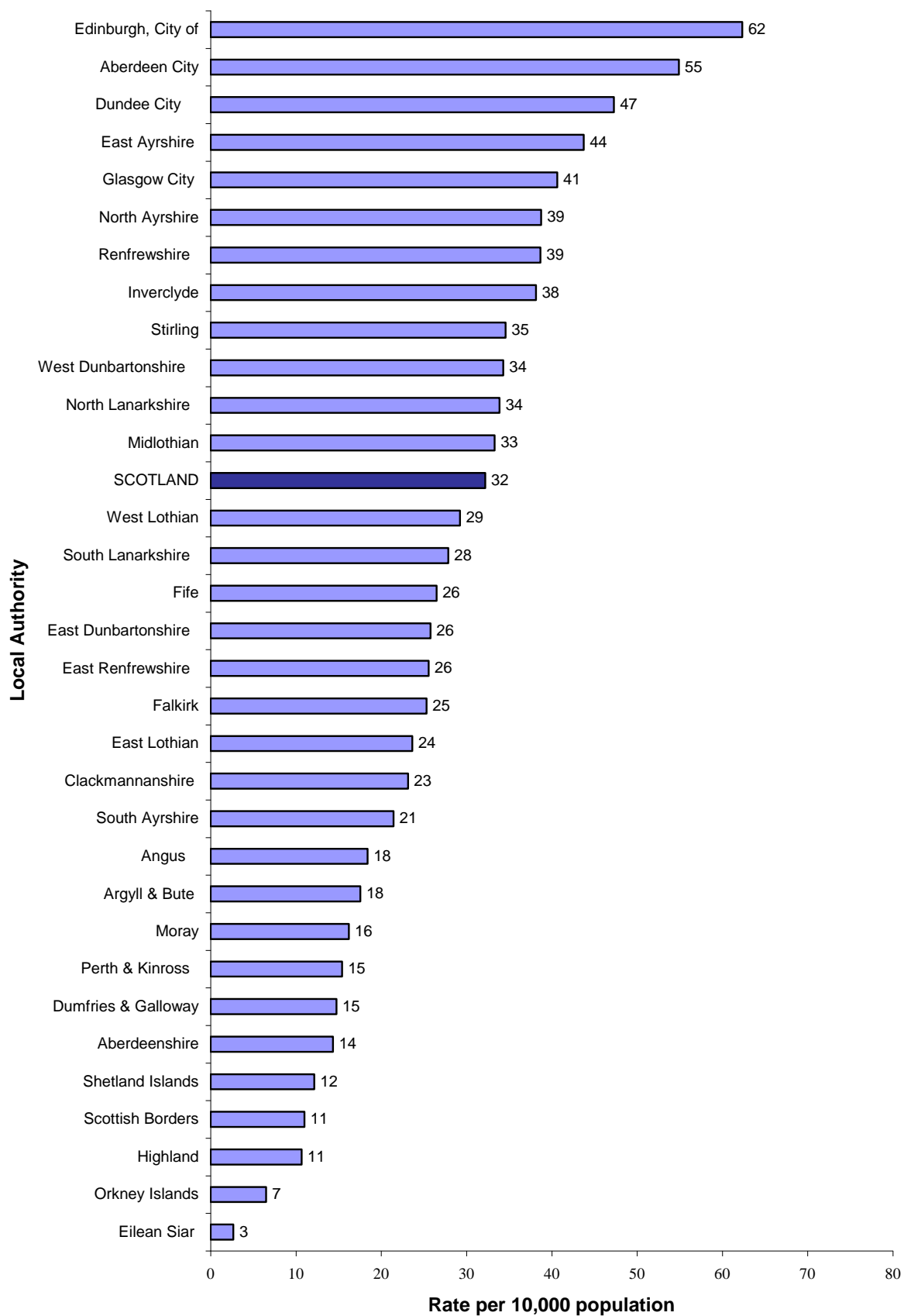
There was a notable decrease in the number of crimes in the *non-sexual crimes of violence* group, which fell by *17 per cent* compared with the previous year. This follows a *14 per cent* increase in 2008-09 for this particular crime group..

In 2009-10, the number the number of recorded crimes of vandalism fell by *13 per cent*, the fifth consecutive year that there has been a decrease in this particular crime group.

The number of offences recorded by Tayside Police decrease by *13 per cent* compared with 2008-09. This is the third consecutive year that the number of recorded offences has fallen. The largest of these decreases occurred in the *motor vehicle offences* group (*15 per cent*). The number of offences recorded by Tayside Police for this particular category has continued to fall since 2004-05. This trend has been attributed to national road safety campaigns and specialist road safety officers who have provided education and training for vulnerable road users.

In 2009-10, Tayside experienced decreases in the clear-up rates for three of the five main crime categories compared with last year.

**Chart 5 Number of domestic housebreaking<sup>1</sup> crimes recorded by the police per 10,000 population in 2009-10**



1. Includes dwellings and non-dwellings only

## 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 2009-10. 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 2008-09 Scottish Crime and Justice Survey (SCJS), which asked about crimes and offences experienced between the beginning of April 2008 and the end of March 2009 are available at:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/12/14120636/0>

- Estimates derived from the 2008-09 SCJS suggest that around 1.04 million crimes were **committed** against individuals and private households in Scotland between 1 April 2008 and 31 March 2009<sup>1</sup>. This is broadly the same as estimated in 2006. The estimate for 2008-09 suggests that around one in five people (*20 per cent*) had been the victim of at least one household or personal crime.
- According to the survey, *70 per cent* of crimes experienced in 2008-09 were against property. Motor vehicle and property vandalism accounted for one in four (*25 per cent*) of all crimes recorded. The remaining *30 per cent* of crimes were committed against individuals, with *26 per cent* involving petty assaults, *two per cent* involving serious assaults and the remaining *two per cent* involving robbery.
- Overall, *38 per cent* of crimes captured by the survey came to the attention of the police. According to survey estimates<sup>2</sup>, the proportion of crimes reported to the police reached its peak in 1999 at *43 per cent* and has been falling ever since. In 2005-06 it reached the lowest proportion ever recorded by the survey. Where the incident had not been reported to the police, the main reasons given were that the incident was too trivial (*41 per cent* of unreported incidents), the police would not have been able to do anything (*29 per cent*), the police would not have been interested (*16 per cent*) or the victim(s) dealt with the matter themselves (*10 per cent*).

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

2 In 1982 and 1988 a crime survey was carried out in central and southern Scotland as part of the British Crime Survey (BCS). The BCS ceased to cover Scotland when the first independent Scottish Crime Survey (SCS) launched in 1993. This survey used the same survey design as the BCS and a sample size of 5,000 to cover the whole of Scotland. Further sweeps of the SCS were conducted in 1996, 2000 and 2003. There were two further sweeps of Scottish crime surveys in 2004 and 2006, when the survey was titled the Scottish Crime and Victimisation Survey (SCVS).

- Results from the [Scottish Crime and Justice Survey](#) 2009-10 are due to be available in November 2010. 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 Stuart King: telephone 0131 244 6934 or e-mail [Stuart.king2@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Stuart.king2@scotland.gsi.gov.uk).

**Table 1 Crimes recorded by the police, Scotland, 2000-01 to 2009-10**

Crime group	Number & Percentage										
	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	% change 08-09 to 09-10
<b>Total crimes</b>	<b>418,494</b>	<b>426,188</b>	<b>418,281</b>	<b>414,215</b>	<b>438,122</b>	<b>417,785</b>	<b>419,257</b>	<b>385,509</b>	<b>377,433</b>	<b>338,028</b>	<b>-10</b>
<b>Non-sexual crimes of violence</b>	<b>14,812</b>	<b>15,653</b>	<b>16,074</b>	<b>15,187</b>	<b>14,728</b>	<b>13,726</b>	<b>14,099</b>	<b>12,874</b>	<b>12,612</b>	<b>11,201</b>	<b>-11</b>
Serious assault etc <sup>1</sup>	6,892	7,546	7,593	7,514	7,768	7,151	7,504	6,853	6,606	5,700	-14
Robbery	4,293	4,592	4,636	4,161	3,736	3,553	3,578	3,064	2,963	2,496	-16
Other	3,627	3,515	3,845	3,512	3,224	3,022	3,017	2,957	3,043	3,005	-1
<b>Crimes of indecency</b>	<b>5,727</b>	<b>5,994</b>	<b>6,623</b>	<b>6,786</b>	<b>7,324</b>	<b>6,558</b>	<b>6,726</b>	<b>6,552</b>	<b>6,331</b>	<b>6,458</b>	<b>2</b>
Rape & Attempted Rape	690	788	924	1,037	1,109	1,161	1,123	1,053	963	996	3
Indecent Assault	1,034	1,249	1,354	1,436	1,497	1,508	1,664	1,666	1,640	1,685	3
Lewd and indecent behaviour	2,356	2,404	2,770	2,593	2,786	2,651	2,555	2,567	2,402	2,444	2
Other	1,647	1,553	1,575	1,720	1,932	1,238	1,384	1,266	1,326	1,333	1
<b>Crimes of dishonesty</b>	<b>253,295</b>	<b>242,878</b>	<b>224,785</b>	<b>211,004</b>	<b>210,365</b>	<b>187,798</b>	<b>183,760</b>	<b>166,718</b>	<b>167,812</b>	<b>153,256</b>	<b>-9</b>
Housebreaking <sup>2</sup>	47,729	45,515	40,586	36,432	34,959	31,319	30,580	25,443	25,496	23,774	-7
Theft by opening a lockfast place (OLP)	10,606	8,200	7,766	7,405	7,849	8,263	7,422	6,378	6,952	5,074	-27
Theft from a motor vehicle by (OLP)	32,001	32,659	30,361	26,839	20,403	16,453	16,060	15,217	13,649	10,173	-25
Theft of a motor vehicle	25,555	23,146	20,881	17,604	15,633	14,041	15,000	12,105	11,551	9,304	-19
Shoplifting	32,264	31,570	28,299	27,948	28,534	28,247	28,750	29,186	32,048	30,332	-5
Other theft	76,649	75,951	73,214	72,488	77,586	72,128	70,241	64,645	64,384	61,008	-5
Fraud	20,043	17,395	15,828	15,277	18,307	11,074	9,332	8,409	8,316	8,283	0
Other	8,448	8,442	7,850	7,011	7,094	6,273	6,375	5,335	5,416	5,308	-2
<b>Fire-raising, vandalism etc</b>	<b>85,781</b>	<b>94,944</b>	<b>97,598</b>	<b>103,732</b>	<b>128,566</b>	<b>127,889</b>	<b>129,734</b>	<b>118,025</b>	<b>109,430</b>	<b>93,443</b>	<b>-15</b>
Fire-raising	2,403	2,910	3,767	4,163	4,698	4,856	4,976	4,635	4,651	4,244	-9
Vandalism etc	83,378	92,034	93,831	99,569	123,868	123,033	124,758	113,390	104,779	89,199	-15
<b>Other crimes</b>	<b>58,879</b>	<b>66,719</b>	<b>73,201</b>	<b>77,506</b>	<b>77,139</b>	<b>81,814</b>	<b>84,938</b>	<b>81,340</b>	<b>81,248</b>	<b>73,670</b>	<b>-9</b>
Crimes against public justice	18,637	20,820	22,744	25,756	25,616	27,668	32,052	31,353	29,493	26,885	-9
Handling an offensive weapon	8,070	9,039	9,362	9,278	9,545	9,628	10,110	8,989	8,980	7,042	-22
Drugs	32,081	36,750	40,938	42,275	41,823	44,247	42,422	40,746	42,509	39,408	-7
Other	91	110	157	197	155	271	354	252	266	335	26

1. Includes murder, attempted murder, culpable homicide and serious assault. See note 7.5.

2. Includes dwellings, non-dwellings and other premises.



**Table 2 Offences recorded by the police, Scotland, 2000-01 to 2009-10**

Offence group	Number & Percentage										
	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	% change 08-09 to 09-10
<b>Total offences</b>	<b>496,071</b>	<b>531,956</b>	<b>524,122</b>	<b>615,876</b>	<b>638,564</b>	<b>599,888</b>	<b>607,406</b>	<b>572,068</b>	<b>560,291</b>	<b>563,735</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Miscellaneous offences</b>	<b>154,856</b>	<b>163,497</b>	<b>169,563</b>	<b>180,963</b>	<b>214,302</b>	<b>219,491</b>	<b>232,373</b>	<b>224,256</b>	<b>226,821</b>	<b>231,040</b>	<b>2</b>
Minor Assault <sup>1</sup>	54,057	55,392	54,956	57,355	73,711	72,281	78,167	73,523	74,130	72,212	-3
Breach of the peace	70,197	72,734	74,690	77,883	89,920	89,615	93,387	90,301	91,198	85,239	-7
Drunkness	7,789	7,764	7,279	7,534	7,234	6,984	6,664	6,702	6,045	5,722	-5
Other	22,813	27,607	32,638	38,191	43,437	50,611	54,155	53,730	55,448	67,867	22
<b>Motor vehicle offences</b>	<b>341,215</b>	<b>368,459</b>	<b>354,559</b>	<b>434,913</b>	<b>424,262</b>	<b>380,397</b>	<b>375,033</b>	<b>347,812</b>	<b>333,470</b>	<b>332,695</b>	<b>0</b>
Dangerous and careless driving	12,019	12,183	12,680	12,036	13,062	12,956	13,601	12,964	11,519	11,073	-4
Drunk driving	10,758	11,476	11,838	11,571	11,061	11,257	11,704	10,697	9,800	8,504	-13
Speeding	113,904	126,760	117,167	199,213	210,120	167,724	162,929	137,206	117,256	113,523	-3
Unlawful use of vehicle	84,351	94,587	99,518	99,526	76,676	75,120	73,058	73,655	68,554	63,259	-8
Vehicle defect offences	46,845	45,512	46,466	37,194	27,022	23,932	21,170	22,328	25,603	26,666	4
Other	73,338	77,941	66,890	75,373	86,321	89,408	92,571	90,962	100,738	109,670	9

1. See note 7.5.

**Table 3 Crimes and offences cleared up by the police, as a percentage of those recorded, Scotland, 2000-01 to 2009-10**

	Percentage									
Crime / Offence group	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
<b>Total crimes</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Non-sexual crimes of violence</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>67</b>
Serious assault etc <sup>1</sup>	63	62	60	59	61	61	61	62	62	66
Robbery	39	37	36	39	39	37	39	40	46	46
Other	76	78	81	79	79	81	83	84	84	85
<b>Crimes of indecency</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>66</b>
Rape & Attempted Rape	80	78	78	75	69	72	67	70	61	57
Indecent Assault	63	62	63	62	61	62	59	58	55	55
Lewd and indecent behaviour	76	72	77	73	73	76	77	71	68	66
Other	98	96	96	95	93	90	89	90	89	84
<b>Crimes of dishonesty</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>38</b>
Housebreaking	25	24	27	27	25	26	26	26	24	25
Theft by opening a lockfast place (OLP)	31	35	36	35	30	37	37	32	38	31
Theft from a motor vehicle by OLP	18	17	19	20	18	15	17	15	17	17
Theft of a motor vehicle	30	32	36	38	37	37	41	44	43	44
Shoplifting	78	79	78	79	77	77	78	77	78	79
Other theft	21	21	21	22	20	21	21	21	21	21
Fraud	79	81	81	83	80	76	75	74	75	57
Other	93	91	91	85	79	79	78	82	79	73
<b>Fire-raising, vandalism etc</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
Fire-raising	25	26	24	25	22	26	26	25	24	24
Vandalism etc	23	22	22	23	21	23	25	25	25	26
<b>Other crimes</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>98</b>
Crimes against public justice	100	99	99	99	98	98	98	98	98	97
Handling an offensive weapon	99	99	99	98	97	97	97	96	96	96
Drugs	100	100	99	99	97	98	100	99	99	99
Other	77	73	78	74	73	85	85	89	89	90
<b>Miscellaneous offences</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>84</b>
Minor Assault	78	77	76	78	69	70	71	71	70	70
Breach of the peace	94	94	95	94	88	90	90	90	89	88
Drunkenness	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Other	97	97	96	96	94	93	92	92	91	92

1. Includes murder, attempted murder, culpable homicide and serious assault. See note 7.5.

2. Includes dwellings, non-dwellings and other premises.

**Table 4a Crimes and offences recorded by police force area, 2009-10**
**Number**

Crime / Offence group	Dumfries & Galloway		Fife	Grampian	Lothian & Borders		Northern	Strathclyde	Tayside	SCOTLAND
	Central									
<b>Total crimes</b>	<b>16,402</b>	<b>6,897</b>	<b>21,120</b>	<b>30,920</b>	<b>64,943</b>	<b>14,152</b>	<b>160,835</b>	<b>22,759</b>	<b>338,028</b>	
<b>Non-sexual crimes of violence</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>1,776</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>6,813</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>11,201</b>	
Serious assault etc <sup>1</sup>	227	73	194	365	648	257	3,677	259	5,700	
Robbery	41	18	85	135	492	34	1,556	135	2,496	
Other	62	21	72	282	636	168	1,580	184	3,005	
<b>Crimes of indecency</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>1,202</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>2,502</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>6,458</b>	
Rape & Attempted Rape	53	19	98	131	196	59	397	43	996	
Indecent Assault	93	19	119	159	330	86	740	139	1,685	
Lewd and indecent behaviour	173	26	324	325	460	105	905	126	2,444	
Other	64	13	77	310	216	71	460	122	1,333	
<b>Crimes of dishonesty</b>	<b>7,267</b>	<b>2,609</b>	<b>9,476</b>	<b>16,002</b>	<b>33,801</b>	<b>5,411</b>	<b>67,417</b>	<b>11,273</b>	<b>153,256</b>	
Housebreaking <sup>2</sup>	1,096	346	1,311	2,273	5,557	518	11,229	1,444	23,774	
Theft by opening a lockfast place (OLP)	336	65	403	639	1,036	247	1,949	399	5,074	
Theft from a motor vehicle by OLP	283	58	475	888	2,476	57	5,466	470	10,173	
Theft of a motor vehicle	373	137	482	1,114	2,261	331	4,155	451	9,304	
Shoplifting	1,478	592	1,656	3,070	5,666	981	13,675	3,214	30,332	
Other theft	2,982	1,146	4,201	6,273	13,955	2,512	25,601	4,338	61,008	
Fraud	385	179	552	1,109	1,691	557	3,281	529	8,283	
Other	334	86	396	636	1,159	208	2,061	428	5,308	
<b>Fire-raising, vandalism etc</b>	<b>4,765</b>	<b>2,223</b>	<b>6,488</b>	<b>7,656</b>	<b>17,743</b>	<b>4,414</b>	<b>44,438</b>	<b>5,716</b>	<b>93,443</b>	
Fire-raising	212	69	279	334	891	156	2,105	198	4,244	
Vandalism etc	4,553	2,154	6,209	7,322	16,852	4,258	42,333	5,518	89,199	
<b>Other crimes</b>	<b>3,657</b>	<b>1,876</b>	<b>4,187</b>	<b>5,555</b>	<b>10,421</b>	<b>3,547</b>	<b>39,665</b>	<b>4,762</b>	<b>73,670</b>	
Crimes against public justice	1,427	753	1,678	2,227	3,747	1,302	14,124	1,627	26,885	
Handling an offensive weapon	297	122	287	413	987	311	4,326	299	7,042	
Drugs	1,918	974	2,187	2,903	5,651	1,932	21,014	2,829	39,408	
Other	15	27	35	12	36	2	201	7	335	
<b>Total offences</b>	<b>36,463</b>	<b>19,996</b>	<b>34,908</b>	<b>48,386</b>	<b>89,345</b>	<b>28,107</b>	<b>269,928</b>	<b>36,602</b>	<b>563,735</b>	
<b>Miscellaneous offences</b>	<b>9,721</b>	<b>4,425</b>	<b>11,810</b>	<b>19,410</b>	<b>26,995</b>	<b>10,005</b>	<b>136,358</b>	<b>12,316</b>	<b>231,040</b>	
Minor Assault	3,747	1,598	4,953	7,319	11,715	3,434	34,779	4,667	72,212	
Breach of the peace	3,987	1,945	4,162	7,916	10,266	4,736	47,107	5,120	85,239	
Drunkenness	95	76	298	479	429	649	3,094	602	5,722	
Other	1,892	806	2,397	3,696	4,585	1,186	51,378	1,927	67,867	
<b>Motor vehicle offences</b>	<b>26,742</b>	<b>15,571</b>	<b>23,098</b>	<b>28,976</b>	<b>62,350</b>	<b>18,102</b>	<b>133,570</b>	<b>24,286</b>	<b>332,695</b>	
Dangerous and careless driving	469	819	559	2,276	677	835	4,869	569	11,073	
Drunk driving	440	256	567	927	1,274	637	3,752	651	8,504	
Speeding	10,315	8,316	11,710	9,916	19,907	8,888	30,883	13,588	113,523	
Unlawful use of vehicle	3,558	1,694	3,704	6,353	14,115	2,368	27,272	4,195	63,259	
Vehicle defect offences	5,953	807	864	1,206	6,239	2,238	8,096	1,263	26,666	
Other	6,007	3,679	5,694	8,298	20,138	3,136	58,698	4,020	109,670	
<b>Total crimes and offences</b>	<b>52,865</b>	<b>26,893</b>	<b>56,028</b>	<b>79,306</b>	<b>154,288</b>	<b>42,259</b>	<b>430,763</b>	<b>59,361</b>	<b>901,763</b>	

1. Includes murder, attempted murder, culpable homicide and serious assault. See note 7.5.

2. Includes dwellings, non-dwellings and other premises.

**Table 4b Crimes and offences recorded by police force area per 10,000 population, 2009-10**

**Number**

Crime / Offence group	Dumfries & Galloway		Fife	Grampian	Lothian & Borders		Northern	Strathclyde	Tayside	SCOTLAND
	Central									
<b>Total crimes</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>651</b>	
<b>Non-sexual crimes of violence</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>22</b>	
Serious assault etc <sup>1</sup>	8	5	5	7	7	9	17	6	11	
Robbery	1	1	2	2	5	1	7	3	5	
Other	2	1	2	5	7	6	7	5	6	
<b>Crimes of indecency</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	
Rape & Attempted Rape	2	1	3	2	2	2	2	1	2	
Indecent Assault	3	1	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	
Lewd and indecent behaviour	6	2	9	6	5	4	4	3	5	
Other	2	1	2	6	2	2	2	3	3	
<b>Crimes of dishonesty</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>295</b>	
Housebreaking <sup>2</sup>	38	23	36	42	59	18	51	36	46	
Theft by opening a lockfast place (OLP)	12	4	11	12	11	9	9	10	10	
Theft from a motor vehicle by OLP	10	4	13	16	26	2	25	12	20	
Theft of a motor vehicle	13	9	13	20	24	11	19	11	18	
Shoplifting	51	40	46	56	60	34	62	80	58	
Other theft	102	77	116	115	149	87	115	109	117	
Fraud	13	12	15	20	18	19	15	13	16	
Other	11	6	11	12	12	7	9	11	10	
<b>Fire-raising, vandalism etc</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>180</b>	
Fire-raising	7	5	8	6	9	5	9	5	8	
Vandalism etc	156	145	171	134	179	147	191	138	172	
<b>Other crimes</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>142</b>	
Crimes against public justice	49	51	46	41	40	45	64	41	52	
Handling an offensive weapon	10	8	8	8	11	11	20	7	14	
Drugs	66	66	60	53	60	67	95	71	76	
Other	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	
<b>Total offences</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>1,346</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>1,217</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>1,085</b>	
<b>Miscellaneous offences</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>445</b>	
Minor Assault	128	108	136	134	125	119	157	117	139	
Breach of the peace	137	131	115	145	109	164	212	128	164	
Drunkenness	3	5	8	9	5	22	14	15	11	
Other	65	54	66	68	49	41	232	48	131	
<b>Motor vehicle offences</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>1,048</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>641</b>	
Dangerous and careless driving	16	55	15	42	7	29	22	14	21	
Drunk driving	15	17	16	17	14	22	17	16	16	
Speeding	354	560	322	182	212	308	139	340	219	
Unlawful use of vehicle	122	114	102	117	150	82	123	105	122	
Vehicle defect offences	204	54	24	22	66	77	37	32	51	
Other	206	248	157	152	214	109	265	101	211	
<b>Total crimes and offences</b>	<b>1,812</b>	<b>1,811</b>	<b>1,542</b>	<b>1,455</b>	<b>1,643</b>	<b>1,463</b>	<b>1,942</b>	<b>1,486</b>	<b>1,736</b>	

1. Includes murder, attempted murder, culpable homicide and serious assault. See note 7.5.

2. Includes dwellings, non-dwellings and other premises.

**Table 5 Crimes and offences recorded per 10,000 population, percentage change in total number recorded and percentage cleared up by police force area, 2009-10**

	Number & Percentage								
	Central	Dumfries & Galloway	Fife	Grampian	Lothian & Borders	Northern	Strathclyde	Tayside	SCOTLAND
<b>Total crimes</b>	<b>16,402</b>	<b>6,897</b>	<b>21,120</b>	<b>30,920</b>	<b>64,943</b>	<b>14,152</b>	<b>160,835</b>	<b>22,759</b>	<b>338,028</b>
<b>Total offences</b>	<b>36,463</b>	<b>19,996</b>	<b>34,908</b>	<b>48,386</b>	<b>89,345</b>	<b>28,107</b>	<b>269,928</b>	<b>36,602</b>	<b>563,735</b>
<b>Total crimes and offences</b>	<b>52,865</b>	<b>26,893</b>	<b>56,028</b>	<b>79,306</b>	<b>154,288</b>	<b>42,259</b>	<b>430,763</b>	<b>59,361</b>	<b>901,763</b>
<i>Crimes and offences per 10,000 population</i>									
<b>Total crimes</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>692</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>651</b>
Non-sexual crimes of violence	11	8	10	14	19	16	31	14	22
Crimes of indecency	13	5	17	17	13	11	11	11	12
Crimes of dishonesty	249	176	261	294	360	187	304	282	295
Fire-raising, vandalism etc	163	150	179	140	189	153	200	143	180
Other crimes	125	126	115	102	111	123	179	119	142
<b>Total offences</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>1,346</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>1,217</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>1,085</b>
Miscellaneous offences	333	298	325	356	287	346	615	308	445
Motor vehicle offences	917	1,048	636	532	664	627	602	608	641
<b>Total crimes and offences</b>	<b>1,812</b>	<b>1,811</b>	<b>1,542</b>	<b>1,455</b>	<b>1,643</b>	<b>1,463</b>	<b>1,942</b>	<b>1,486</b>	<b>1,736</b>
<i>Percentage change in total number recorded, 2008-09 to 2009-10</i>									
<b>Total crimes</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>-10</b>
Non-sexual crimes of violence	-24	-25	-33	-10	-9	-10	-9	-17	-11
Crimes of indecency	21	-31	35	-5	8	-25	0	1	2
Crimes of dishonesty	-10	-6	-10	-6	-7	-9	-9	-12	-9
Fire-raising, vandalism etc	-19	-14	-17	-20	-11	-12	-15	-13	-15
Other crimes	-14	-1	-12	-15	-7	-15	-8	-13	-9
<b>Total offences</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>1</b>
Miscellaneous offences	-9	-11	-11	-5	-5	-17	10	-8	2
Motor vehicle offences	-8	-19	7	-17	4	-3	10	-15	0
<b>Total crimes and offences</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>-4</b>
<i>Percentage cleared up</i>									
<b>Total crimes</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>49</b>
Non-sexual crimes of violence	96	88	84	84	61	92	61	86	67
Crimes of indecency	78	68	65	70	68	84	57	75	66
Crimes of dishonesty	51	55	46	38	34	51	34	51	38
Fire-raising, vandalism etc	37	66	35	30	25	41	18	33	26
Other crimes	101	99	99	94	99	99	98	98	98
Miscellaneous offences	90	91	87	75	78	92	84	91	84

**Table 6 Number of crimes recorded by the police, and percentage cleared up, by council area, 2009-10**

**Number & Percentage**

<b>Council area</b>	<b>Non - sexual crimes of violence</b>	<b>Crimes of indecency</b>	<b>Crimes of dishonesty</b>	<b>Fire - raising, vandalism, etc.</b>	<b>Other crimes</b>	<b>Total crimes</b>	<b>Percentage of crimes cleared up</b>
Aberdeen City	436	501	10,314	3,912	3,566	<b>18,729</b>	<b>50</b>
Aberdeenshire	230	296	3,778	2,498	1,286	<b>8,088</b>	<b>44</b>
Angus	134	97	2,109	1,514	1,018	<b>4,872</b>	<b>56</b>
Argyll & Bute	121	99	1,413	1,342	1,158	<b>4,133</b>	<b>48</b>
Clackmannanshire	61	125	1,175	1,075	837	<b>3,273</b>	<b>62</b>
Dumfries & Galloway	112	77	2,609	2,223	1,876	<b>6,897</b>	<b>71</b>
Dundee City	276	228	6,252	2,844	2,324	<b>11,924</b>	<b>57</b>
East Ayrshire	257	119	3,516	2,469	1,606	<b>7,967</b>	<b>45</b>
East Dunbartonshire	147	63	1,792	1,237	808	<b>4,047</b>	<b>41</b>
East Lothian	84	82	2,310	1,489	678	<b>4,643</b>	<b>44</b>
East Renfrewshire	129	46	1,365	989	591	<b>3,120</b>	<b>36</b>
Edinburgh, City of	1,206	673	22,887	9,638	5,463	<b>39,867</b>	<b>40</b>
Eilean Siar	36	20	202	244	140	<b>642</b>	<b>71</b>
Falkirk	174	186	3,610	2,308	1,768	<b>8,046</b>	<b>61</b>
Fife	351	618	9,476	6,488	4,187	<b>21,120</b>	<b>55</b>
Glasgow City	3,069	1,099	26,071	13,692	17,234	<b>61,165</b>	<b>51</b>
Highland	380	248	4,620	3,703	3,169	<b>12,120</b>	<b>61</b>
Inverclyde	207	49	2,014	1,635	1,616	<b>5,521</b>	<b>49</b>
Midlothian	134	78	2,451	1,634	949	<b>5,246</b>	<b>46</b>
Moray	116	128	1,910	1,246	703	<b>4,103</b>	<b>46</b>
North Ayrshire	360	145	3,690	3,377	1,741	<b>9,313</b>	<b>44</b>
North Lanarkshire	884	356	9,879	7,245	5,058	<b>23,422</b>	<b>42</b>
Orkney Islands	25	18	219	197	84	<b>543</b>	<b>66</b>
Perth & Kinross	168	105	2,912	1,358	1,420	<b>5,963</b>	<b>60</b>
Renfrewshire	509	144	5,468	2,845	2,637	<b>11,603</b>	<b>46</b>
Scottish Borders	107	105	1,508	1,303	1,042	<b>4,065</b>	<b>64</b>
Shetland Islands	18	35	370	270	154	<b>847</b>	<b>67</b>
South Ayrshire	220	122	2,463	1,660	1,223	<b>5,688</b>	<b>49</b>
South Lanarkshire	616	193	7,077	5,633	3,752	<b>17,271</b>	<b>42</b>
Stirling	95	72	2,482	1,382	1,052	<b>5,083</b>	<b>57</b>
West Dunbartonshire	294	67	2,669	2,314	2,241	<b>7,585</b>	<b>52</b>
West Lothian	245	264	4,645	3,679	2,289	<b>11,122</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>SCOTLAND</b>	<b>11,201</b>	<b>6,458</b>	<b>153,256</b>	<b>93,443</b>	<b>73,670</b>	<b>338,028</b>	<b>49</b>

**Table 7 Number of crimes recorded by the police per 10,000 population and crime index, by council area, 2009-10**

Council area							Number & Index	
	Non - sexual crimes of violence	Crimes of indecency	Crimes of dishonesty	Fire - raising, vandalism, etc.	Other crimes	Total crimes	Index (Scotland = 100)	
Aberdeen City	20	23	482	183	167	876	135	
Aberdeenshire	9	12	155	103	53	332	51	
Angus	12	9	191	137	92	442	68	
Argyll & Bute	13	11	157	149	129	459	71	
Clackmannanshire	12	25	232	213	166	648	100	
Dumfries & Galloway	8	5	176	150	126	464	71	
Dundee City	19	16	436	198	162	832	128	
East Ayrshire	21	10	292	205	134	663	102	
East Dunbartonshire	14	6	171	118	77	387	59	
East Lothian	9	8	239	154	70	480	74	
East Renfrewshire	14	5	153	111	66	350	54	
Edinburgh, City of	25	14	479	202	114	835	128	
Eilean Siar	14	8	77	93	53	245	38	
Falkirk	11	12	237	151	116	528	81	
Fife	10	17	261	179	115	581	89	
Glasgow City	52	19	443	233	293	1,039	160	
Highland	17	11	210	168	144	550	84	
Inverclyde	26	6	251	204	201	688	106	
Midlothian	17	10	303	202	117	649	100	
Moray	13	15	218	142	80	468	72	
North Ayrshire	27	11	272	249	128	687	106	
North Lanarkshire	27	11	303	222	155	718	110	
Orkney Islands	13	9	110	99	42	272	42	
Perth & Kinross	12	7	200	93	97	409	63	
Renfrewshire	30	8	322	167	155	683	105	
Scottish Borders	9	9	134	116	92	361	55	
Shetland Islands	8	16	167	122	69	381	59	
South Ayrshire	20	11	221	149	110	510	78	
South Lanarkshire	20	6	228	181	121	555	85	
Stirling	11	8	280	156	119	573	88	
West Dunbartonshire	32	7	294	255	246	834	128	
West Lothian	14	15	272	215	134	650	100	
<b>SCOTLAND</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>100</b>	

**Table 8 Number of crimes recorded by the police, rate per 10,000 population and index of rate for selected crimes, by council area, 2009-10**

Council area	Number					Rate per 10,000 population					Index of rate per 10,000 population				
	Serious assault <sup>1</sup>	Offensive weapons	Domestic housebreaking <sup>2</sup>	Vandalism <sup>3</sup>	All crimes	Serious assault <sup>1</sup>	Offensive weapons	Domestic housebreaking <sup>2</sup>	Vandalism <sup>3</sup>	All crimes	Serious assault <sup>1</sup>	Offensive weapons	Domestic housebreaking <sup>2</sup>	Vandalism <sup>3</sup>	All crimes
Aberdeen City	198	231	1,174	3,546	18,729	9	11	55	166	876	96	80	170	101	135
Aberdeenshire	84	108	349	2,265	8,088	3	4	14	93	332	36	33	45	56	51
Angus	45	79	203	1,413	4,872	4	7	18	128	442	42	53	57	78	68
Argyll & Bute	62	92	158	1,258	4,133	7	10	18	140	459	71	75	54	85	71
Clackmannanshire	37	79	117	1,011	3,273	7	16	23	200	648	76	115	72	121	100
Dumfries & Galloway	59	122	219	2,072	6,897	4	8	15	140	464	41	61	46	85	71
Dundee City	99	155	678	2,586	11,924	7	11	47	180	832	71	80	147	109	128
East Ayrshire	133	168	526	2,284	7,967	11	14	44	190	663	114	103	136	115	102
East Dunbartonshire	78	91	270	1,143	4,047	7	9	26	109	387	77	64	80	66	59
East Lothian	42	75	229	1,381	4,643	4	8	24	143	480	45	57	73	87	74
East Renfrewshire	40	73	228	923	3,120	4	8	26	103	350	46	60	79	63	54
Edinburgh, City of	337	542	2,977	8,769	39,867	7	11	62	184	835	73	84	194	111	128
Eilean Siar	22	11	7	227	642	8	4	3	87	245	87	31	8	53	38
Falkirk	90	126	386	2,117	8,046	6	8	25	139	528	61	61	79	84	81
Fife	157	287	963	5,895	21,120	4	8	26	162	581	45	58	82	98	89
Glasgow City	1,416	2,085	2,391	12,457	61,165	24	35	41	212	1,039	248	261	126	128	160
Highland	172	275	235	3,552	12,120	8	12	11	161	550	80	92	33	98	84
Inverclyde	138	182	306	1,510	5,521	17	23	38	188	688	178	167	118	114	106
Midlothian	40	90	269	1,462	5,246	5	11	33	181	649	51	82	103	110	100
Moray	38	74	142	1,128	4,103	4	8	16	129	468	45	62	50	78	72
North Ayrshire	181	191	525	3,164	9,313	13	14	39	233	687	138	104	120	142	106
North Lanarkshire	476	467	1,105	6,493	23,422	15	14	34	199	718	151	106	105	121	110
Orkney Islands	21	10	13	188	543	11	5	7	94	272	109	37	20	57	42
Perth & Kinross	57	65	225	1,265	5,963	4	4	15	87	409	40	33	48	53	63
Renfrewshire	242	256	657	2,642	11,603	14	15	39	155	683	147	111	120	94	105
Scottish Borders	43	75	124	1,215	4,065	4	7	11	108	361	39	49	34	65	55
Shetland Islands	11	15	27	254	847	5	7	12	114	381	51	50	38	69	59
South Ayrshire	94	89	239	1,541	5,688	8	8	21	138	510	87	59	67	84	78
South Lanarkshire	308	395	866	5,211	17,271	10	13	28	168	555	102	94	86	102	85
Stirling	45	92	307	1,286	5,083	5	10	35	145	573	52	76	107	88	88
West Dunbartonshire	165	237	312	2,018	7,585	18	26	34	222	834	187	192	107	135	128
West Lothian	104	205	500	3,300	11,122	6	12	29	193	650	63	88	91	117	100
<b>SCOTLAND</b>	<b>5,034</b>	<b>7,042</b>	<b>16,727</b>	<b>85,576</b>	<b>338,028</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

1. Includes serious assaults only

2. Includes dwellings and non-dwellings only

3. Includes vandalism, malicious damage and malicious mischief only



Table A1 Crimes and offences recorded and cleared up by the police, 2005-06 to 2009-10

	<b>Number</b>				
	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2006-07</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>
<b>Police strength at end financial year (whole-time equivalent - WTE)</b>	16,221	16,234	16,221	17,048	17,409
<b>Number of crimes recorded</b>	417,785	419,257	385,509	377,433	338,028
<i>Crimes recorded per 1,000 population</i>	82	82	75	73	65
<i>Crimes recorded per WTE police officer</i>	26	26	24	22	19
<b>Number of crimes cleared up</b>	190,918	198,985	184,631	184,719	166,606
<i>Crimes cleared up per WTE police officer</i>	12	12	11	11	10
<b>Number of offences recorded</b>	599,888	607,406	572,068	560,291	563,735
<i>Offences recorded per 1,000 population</i>	118	119	111	108	109
<i>Offences recorded per WTE police officer</i>	37	37	35	33	32
<b>Number of offences cleared up</b>	558,333	565,829	534,007	518,629	522,944
<i>Offences cleared up per WTE police officer</i>	34	35	33	30	30

**Table A2 Crimes of indecency recorded by the police, 2000-01 to 2009-10**

Crimes of indecency	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	Percentage
											% change 08-09 to 09-10
<i>Sexual assault :</i>											
Rape	549	631	743	845	900	975	922	908	821	884	<b>8</b>
Assault with intent to rape	141	157	181	192	209	186	201	145	142	112	<b>-21</b>
Indecent assault	1,034	1,249	1,354	1,436	1,497	1,508	1,664	1,666	1,640	1,685	<b>3</b>
<i>Lewd and indecent behaviour :</i>											
Lewd and libidinous practices	1,589	1,584	1,970	1,790	1,928	1,835	1,738	1,781	1,616	1,678	<b>4</b>
Indecent exposure	767	820	800	803	858	816	817	786	786	766	<b>-3</b>
<i>Other :</i>											
Incest	48	43	36	36	27	29	19	18	19	49	<b>158</b>
Illegal homosexual acts	141	108	130	152	117	98	84	87	97	74	<b>-24</b>
Sexual intercourse with girl under 16	167	169	269	277	321	365	486	449	411	497	<b>21</b>
Offences relating to prostitution	1,269	1,184	1,092	1,216	1,391	684	718	525	533	418	<b>-22</b>
Other crimes of indecency <sup>1</sup>	22	49	48	39	76	62	77	187	266	295	<b>11</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,727</b>	<b>5,994</b>	<b>6,623</b>	<b>6,786</b>	<b>7,324</b>	<b>6,558</b>	<b>6,726</b>	<b>6,552</b>	<b>6,331</b>	<b>6,458</b>	<b>-3</b>

1. From 2007-08 this crime category includes a new crime code brought into existence by the creation of a new offence under the Prostitution (Public Places) (Scotland) Act 2007

**Table A3 Theft by housebreaking (including attempts and housebreaking 'with intent'), 2000-01 to 2009-10**

	Number & Percentage										
	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	% change 08-09 to 09-10
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,729</b>	<b>45,515</b>	<b>40,586</b>	<b>36,432</b>	<b>34,959</b>	<b>31,319</b>	<b>30,580</b>	<b>25,443</b>	<b>25,496</b>	<b>23,774</b>	<b>-7</b>
Domestic :	32,172	30,593	27,341	24,646	23,613	21,232	20,429	17,465	17,223	16,727	-3
<i>Dwelling</i>	24,307	22,742	20,196	18,231	17,368	15,135	14,523	12,437	12,133	11,790	-3
<i>Non-dwelling</i>	7,865	7,851	7,145	6,415	6,245	6,097	5,906	5,028	5,090	4,937	-3
Other	15,557	14,922	13,245	11,786	11,346	10,087	10,151	7,978	8,273	7,047	-15
<i>Percentage domestic</i>	67%	67%	67%	68%	68%	68%	67%	69%	68%	70%	

**Table A4 Theft of and from motor vehicles recorded by the police, 2000-01 to 2009-10**

Crime category	Number & Percentage											
	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	% change 08-09 to 09-10	
Theft from motor vehicle of which :	40,942	41,348	38,525	34,474	27,921	23,569	22,858	21,944	20,825	17,075	-18	
Theft by opening a lockfast place (OLP)	23,565	23,628	22,536	20,287	15,012	12,162	11,519	11,181	9,847	7,400	-25	
OLP with intent to steal	5,667	6,201	5,293	4,424	3,367	2,634	2,882	2,695	2,613	1,812	-31	
Attempted theft OLP	2,769	2,830	2,532	2,128	2,024	1,657	1,659	1,341	1,189	961	-19	
Other theft	8,941	8,689	8,164	7,635	7,518	7,116	6,798	6,727	7,176	6,902	-4	
Theft of motor vehicle	19,883	18,215	16,486	14,011	12,339	11,317	11,820	9,864	9,407	7,706	-18	
Attempted theft of motor vehicle	5,672	4,931	4,395	3,593	3,294	2,724	3,180	2,241	2,144	1,598	-25	
<b>Total motor vehicle theft</b>	<b>66,497</b>	<b>64,494</b>	<b>59,406</b>	<b>52,078</b>	<b>43,554</b>	<b>37,610</b>	<b>37,858</b>	<b>34,049</b>	<b>32,376</b>	<b>26,379</b>	<b>-19</b>	

**Table A5 Drug crimes recorded by the police, 2000-01 to 2009-10**

Crime category	Number & Percentage										
	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	% change 08-09 to 09-10
Illegal importation of drugs	1	4	3	4	1	23	9	9	9	17	<b>89</b>
Illegal cultivation of drugs	131	144	205	249	254	297	437	490	609	753	<b>24</b>
Possession of drugs with intent to supply	9,024	10,130	9,940	9,284	9,078	9,293	10,444	9,328	9,697	9,131	<b>-6</b>
Possession of drugs	22,470	26,188	30,510	32,463	32,268	34,440	31,329	30,559	31,805	29,179	<b>-8</b>
Drugs, other offences, money laundering	455	284	280	275	222	194	203	360	389	328	<b>-16</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,081</b>	<b>36,750</b>	<b>40,938</b>	<b>42,275</b>	<b>41,823</b>	<b>44,247</b>	<b>42,422</b>	<b>40,746</b>	<b>42,509</b>	<b>39,408</b>	<b>-7</b>

**Table A6 Racially aggravated offences by police force area, 2005-06 to 2009-10**

Police force area	Number & Percentage														
	2005-06			2006-07			2007-08			2008-09			2009-10		
	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	6	344	<b>350</b>	8	342	<b>350</b>	3	336	<b>339</b>	3	351	<b>354</b>	2	218	<b>220</b>
Dumfries & Galloway	2	57	<b>59</b>	0	29	<b>29</b>	2	18	<b>20</b>	1	17	<b>18</b>	1	24	<b>25</b>
Fife	3	205	<b>208</b>	1	213	<b>214</b>	1	199	<b>200</b>	0	193	<b>193</b>	0	190	<b>190</b>
Grampian	13	384	<b>397</b>	5	440	<b>445</b>	12	394	<b>406</b>	9	545	<b>554</b>	16	523	<b>539</b>
Lothian & Borders	100	784	<b>884</b>	94	1,038	<b>1,132</b>	129	1,009	<b>1,138</b>	150	896	<b>1,046</b>	81	1,056	<b>1,137</b>
Northern	9	80	<b>89</b>	2	58	<b>60</b>	3	68	<b>71</b>	1	93	<b>94</b>	4	82	<b>86</b>
Strathclyde	357	1,616	<b>1,973</b>	341	1,629	<b>1,970</b>	284	1,806	<b>2,090</b>	258	1,772	<b>2,030</b>	207	1,885	<b>2,092</b>
Tayside	13	321	<b>334</b>	12	262	<b>274</b>	18	261	<b>279</b>	3	272	<b>275</b>	2	222	<b>224</b>
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>3,791</b>	<b>4,294</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>4,011</b>	<b>4,474</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>4,091</b>	<b>4,543</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>4,139</b>	<b>4,564</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>4,200</b>	<b>4,513</b>

## 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 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, 2,093 crimes and 3,544 offences recorded by the British Transport Police, Ministry of Defence Police and Civil Nuclear Constabulary (previously known as the UK Atomic Energy Authority) in 2009-10. The crime clear-up rate was *29 per cent* and the offences clear-up rate was *52 per cent*.
- 7.3 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 (some 94,239 offences, mostly parking and waiting offences, or failure to display a valid excise licence, in 2008-09). 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.

### *Recording issues*

- 7.4 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 multiple offence incidents, all the offences are 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. 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.

- 7.5 In Scotland, assault is a common law offence. In order to distinguish between serious and minor 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
- Loss of consciousness
- Lacerations requiring sutures which may lead to impairment or disfigurement
- Any other injury which may lead to impairment or disfigurement.”

For the purposes of this statistical bulletin, the category of serious assault includes murder, attempted murder, culpable homicide and serious assaults.

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

#### *Reporting practices*

- 7.7 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 2008-09 estimated that *38 per cent* of crimes 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 (*41 per cent*) or that the police could not have taken any action in any case (*29 per cent*).

- 7.8 Many 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 offences recorded.

#### *Crimes and offences cleared up*

- 7.9 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. motoring 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.

- 7.10 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 group are not included in the bulletin.
- 7.11 Clear-up rates in excess of *100 per cent* can arise where offences recorded in one year are cleared up during the following year.

#### *Classification*

- 7.12 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.
- 7.13 The detailed classification of crimes and offences used by The Scottish Government to collect criminal statistics contains about 360 codes. These are grouped in the bulletin as shown in [section 8](#).
- 7.14 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 8322 or e-mail [JusticeStatistics@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:JusticeStatistics@scotland.gsi.gov.uk).

## *UK Statistics Authority – Assessment Report*

- 7.15 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-reports/assessment-report-2---recorded-crime-in-scotland--24-february-2009.pdf>.

### *User review of bulletin content 2009*

- 7.16 In December 2009, Justice Analytical Services carried out a survey of users of the *Recorded Crime in Scotland* statistical bulletin series. A copy of the report and recommendations can be viewed online via the following link:

[www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Crime-Justice/scotstatcrime/StakeCon/RecCrimeConsultation](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Crime-Justice/scotstatcrime/StakeCon/RecCrimeConsultation)

- 7.17 The need for additional tables at local authority and police force area level was highlighted from the review. As a result we will be making available a variety of time series tables at local authority and/or police force area level. These will be published in the datasets section of the Crime and Justice statistics on the Scottish Government web page via the following link:

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

Notification of the availability of these additional tables will be posted via the ScotStat mailing list. If you wish to register your interest on ScotStat, you can do so via the following web link: [www.scotland.gov.uk/scotstat](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/scotstat)



## 8. Classification of Crimes and Offences

### Group

#### **CRIMES**

#### **Non-Sexual Crimes Of Violence**

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

Serious assault etc. -

Includes:

- Murder
- Attempted 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
  - Corporate homicide
- 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 was detained in hospital: fractures, internal injuries, severe concussion, loss of consciousness, 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
- Chemical weapons offences

## **Crimes of Indecency**

Rape & Attempted Rape -

Includes:

- Rape
- Assault with intent to rape

Indecent Assault -

Indecent assault

Lewd and indecent behaviour -  
(Previously titled "Lewd and libidinous practices")

Includes:

- Lewd and libidinous practices and indecent exposure
- Public indecency.

Other -

Includes:

- Incest
- Unnatural Crimes
- Prostitution
- Procurement and other sexual offences

## **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
- Reset
- Embezzlement
- Corruption

## **Fire-Raising, Vandalism Etc**

(Also referred to as **Vandalism**)

Fire-raising –

Includes:

- Fire-raising
- Muirburn

Vandalism, etc. -

Includes:

- Malicious mischief
- Vandalism
- Reckless conduct with firearms

## **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:

- Carrying offensive weapons
- Restriction of offensive weapons
- Having in a public place an instrument with a blade or point

Drugs -

Includes:

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

Other -

Includes:

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

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## ***OFFENCES***

### **Miscellaneous Offences**

Minor Assault -

Includes:

- Minor Assault
- Minor Assault on an emergency worker

Breach of the peace -

Breach of the peace

Drunkenness -

Includes:

- 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 involving animals/plants
- Drunkenness offences
- Offences against liquor licensing laws
- Labour laws
- Naval military and air force laws
- Offences against environmental legislation
- Consumer protection acts

### **Motor Vehicle Offences**

Dangerous and careless driving -

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

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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