

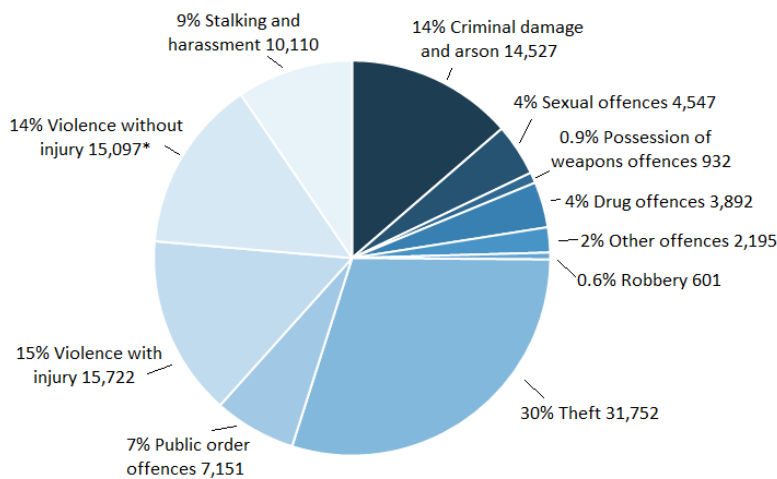
Recorded crime in Devon and Cornwall

For the 12 months to 31st December 2018 compared to the year prior

Overview

- 106,616 recorded crimes, equivalent to 61.0 per 1000 resident population, compared to 87.7 across England and Wales.
- 6th lowest rate of crime in England and Wales (out of 42 forces).
- 2nd lowest rate of theft offences in England and Wales.
- Total recorded crime increased by 6% in Devon and Cornwall compared to 7% nationally over the year period.
- The increase in recorded crime is largely due to improvement in crime recording of stalking and harassment offences, however there may have been some genuine changes in other crime types.

Crime Types



Percentage of total crime and volume by Crime type, Office of National Statistics data.
*Violence without injury excluding stalking and harassment.

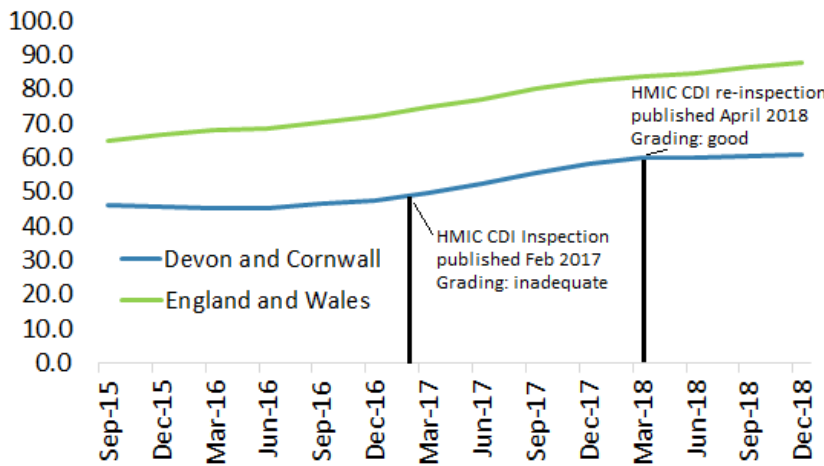
In total there were 106,616 recorded crime in Devon and Cornwall. This section shows those recorded crimes broken down into specific crime types.

In all categories the Devon and Cornwall crime rate per 1,000 population is lower than the national rate (see detail overleaf).

Of the crimes:

- 18% domestic abuse
- 14% alcohol related
- 1.5% hate crime

Trends

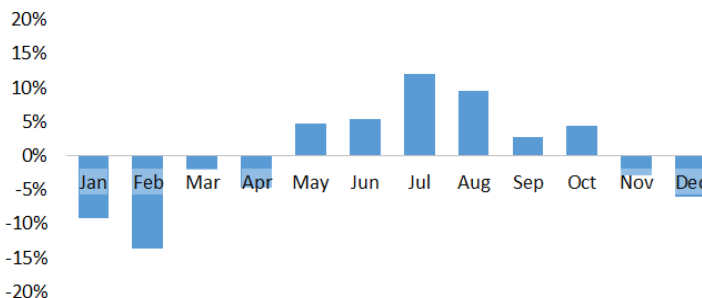


Crime rate per 1000 resident population 12 month rolling average, Office of National Statistics.

Between September 2016 and March 2018 there has been a large increase of recorded crime in Devon and Cornwall, mainly due to improvements in crime recording following HMIC's Crime Data Integrity (CDI) inspections of Devon and Cornwall Police.

This has resulted in an increase of violent crime, public order offences, sexual offences, and Domestic Abuse related crime being recorded. From March 2018 onwards the recording practices became more stable resulting in crime levels settling at a higher rate.

Seasonality



3 Year trend adjusted average of seasonality: month average compared to the yearly average. Note that the methodology of the seasonality measure has been improved, therefore the figure will alter compared with previous releases.

The amount of crimes reported in summer (June, July, and August) is 21% higher than the amount reported in winter (December, January, and February).

Seasonal factors include weather, lighter nights, and the large influx of tourists that visit during the holiday periods.



Crime trends In Devon and Cornwall

	National rate ¹	D&C rate ¹	D&C trend	Extra Information
Violence with Injury	9.2	9.0	↑ 12%	Violence with injury has increased over the past year, despite crime recording practices becoming more stable. Knife crime increased to 440 (a 14% increase), however this is a rare crime type and Devon and Cornwall has one of the lowest rates nationally.
Violence without Injury	11.2	8.6	↑ 9%	There may have been genuine increases in violence without injury over the past year.
Stalking and harassment	7.0	5.8	↑ 45%	Although stalking and harassment comes under the category of violence without injury, it has been separated out into its own category. Stalking and harassment increased nationally due to a change in the home office counting rules on stalking and harassment.
Sexual offences	2.7	2.6	↑ 5%	There have been continued improvements to Devon and Cornwall Police's crime recording for sexual offences.
Thefts	34.1	18.2	↓ -2%	Burglary decreased by 7%, vehicle offences increased by 4%, shoplifting decreased by 4%, and a 1% decrease in other theft offences. Burglary, vehicle offences, and robbery are generally reported and are well recorded by the police, so changes to these crimes types are likely to be genuine.
Robbery	1.4	0.3	↑ 15%	The 0.3 robberies per 1000 population in Devon and Cornwall is significantly lower than 1.4 nationally.
Criminal damage and arson	9.7	8.3	↓ -4%	There were 8.3 criminal damage and arson offences per 1000 population in Devon and Cornwall compared to 9.7 nationally. There has been an increase in criminal damage related to Domestic Abuse despite the decrease overall.
Public order offences	7.5	4.1	↑ 10%	More ASB incidents are being recorded as crimes nationally due to improvements and changes to recording practices. Many of which will now fall under public order offences.
Anti-social behaviour incidents ²	24.2	23.0	↓ -9%	This decrease doesn't necessarily reflect a decrease in the levels of ASB across Devon and Cornwall due to recording practice changes, as highlighted above. The latest Crime Survey for England and Wales data indicates that there has been an increase in the proportion of people that have experienced or witnessed ASB compared to the previous year in Devon and Cornwall. This means there may have been a genuine increase in ASB.
Possession of weapons offences	0.8	0.5	↑ 16%	Rates of possession offences can change based on the amount of proactive policing in this area. However some of this increase may relate to an increase possession and use of knives.
Drug offences	2.5	2.3	↑ 8%	This increase is partially reflective of a proactive effort to counter county lines drug trafficking.
Other offences	1.7	1.3	↑ 8%	This category includes offences such as obscene publications, dangerous driving, possession with intent to commit criminal damage, and perverting the course of justice.

¹Crime rate per 1000 resident population for England and Wales (includes British Transport Police) compared to Devon and Cornwall. ²Cases of ASB are categorised as incidents, not as crimes. George Crosland, April 2019