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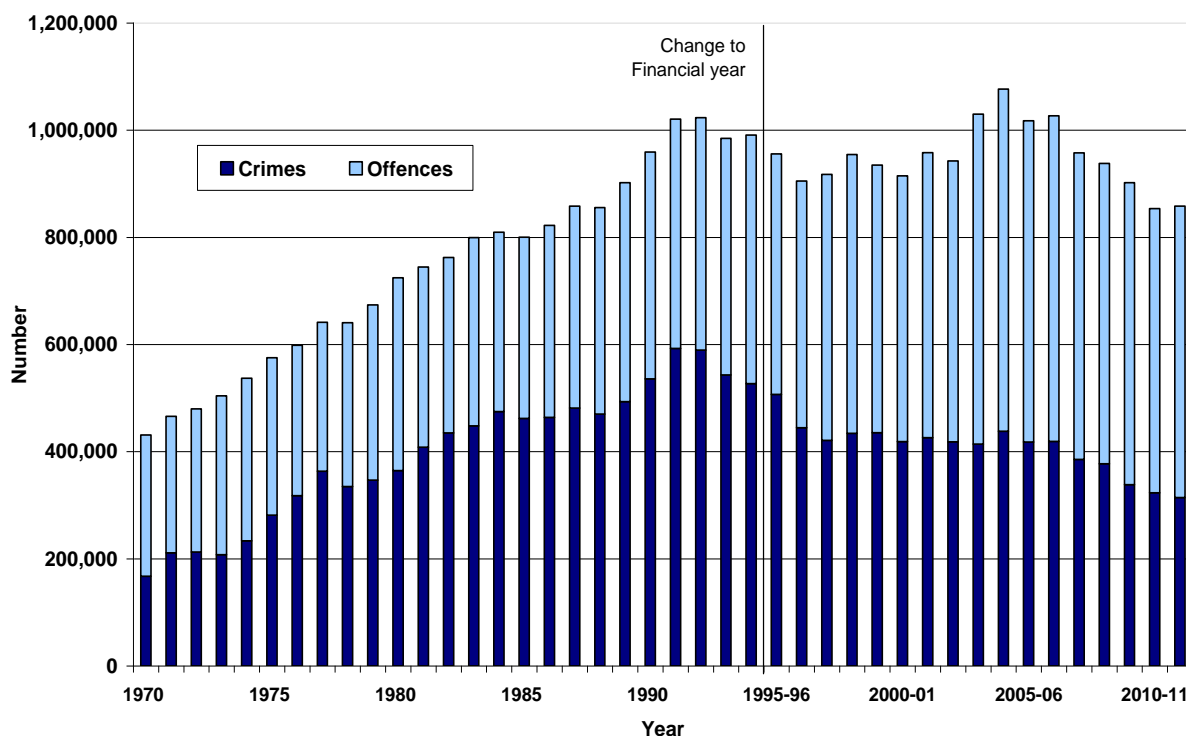
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This bulletin presents statistics on crimes and offences recorded and cleared up by the eight Scottish police forces in 2011-12. 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 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.
- 1.3 Crimes recorded by the police in Scotland decreased from 323,247 in 2010-11 to 314,186 in 2011-12, a decrease of 3%. The number of offences increased by 3%, from 530,249 in 2010-11 to 544,033 in 2011-12.

Chart 1: Crimes and offences recorded by the police, 1970 to 1994 then 1995-96 to 2011-12



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2. Main points

- There has been a decrease in the number of crimes recorded in three of the five crime groups, with Non-sexual crimes of violence, Crimes of dishonesty and Vandalism (including Fire-raising and Malicious mischief) decreasing between 2010-11 and 2011-12 ([Table 1](#)).
- The number of Non-sexual crimes of violence recorded by the police decreased by 17% between 2010-11 and 2011-12, to a total of 9,533 ([Table 1](#)).
- The number of Sexual offences increased by 10% from 6,696 in 2010-11 to 7,359 in 2011-12 ([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 1% to stand at 154,337 crimes in 2011-12 ([Table 1](#)).
- Recorded crimes of Vandalism (including Fire-raising and Malicious mischief) decreased by 8% to total 75,201 in 2011-12 ([Table 1](#)).
- In 2011-12, the police recorded 544,033 offences, an increase of 3% from the number of offences recorded in 2010-11. The increase in the number of offences was largely due to a substantial increase in the number of recorded Speeding offences ([Table 2](#)).
- The clear-up rate for all recorded crimes in 2011-12 was 49%. This figure has remained constant since 2008-09 ([Table 3](#)).
- The clear-up rate in 2011-12 for Non-sexual crimes of violence was higher than in 2010-11, increasing from 72% to 75%. The clear up rates for Sexual offences (67%) and for Miscellaneous offences (84%) increased by 1 percentage point each in 2011-12. The clear up rates for Crimes of dishonesty (37%), Vandalism (including Fire-raising and Malicious mischief) (25%) and Other crimes (98%) remained unchanged from 2010-11 ([Table 3](#)).
- Seven of the eight police forces showed a reduction in the number of crimes recorded in 2011-12 compared to 2010-11, the exception being Strathclyde Police where there was an increase of 1%. For Northern Constabulary the number of crimes recorded remained broadly the same as in 2010-11, the reduction being less than 1%. Among the other six police forces, the scale of reduction ranged from 4% for both Central Scotland Police and Lothian and Borders Police, to 16% for Tayside Police ([Table 5](#)).
- Although there was a 10% increase in the total number of Sexual offences recorded in Scotland in 2011-12, there were substantial differences between police forces. Increases ranged from 7% for Tayside to 52% for Dumfries and Galloway. But the actual numbers of Sexual offences recorded by Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary are relatively small with the increase being from 99 in 2010-11 to 150 in 2011-12. Decreases were recorded for Fife (12%) and

Northern (14%). The figures for Grampian remained broadly the same in 2011-12 compared to 2010-11 ([Table 5](#)).

3. Commentary: Introduction

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 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](#)).

- 3.5 There have been no major legislative changes throughout 2011-12 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 introduces 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.

There were a number of legislative changes throughout 2010-11 which have affected the comparability of some crime groups with past years.

On 6 October 2010, section 38 of the **Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010** was implemented. This introduced a new statutory offence of Threatening or abusive behaviour. Unlike the common law offence of Breach of the peace, where case law has decreed that it is necessary to show

a 'public element' to the conduct, there is no requirement in the new legislation to demonstrate the offending behaviour was in a public place.

Section 39 of the 2010 Act introduced the new offence of "Stalking". Formerly conduct which constitutes this new offence would also have been recorded under the common law offence of Breach of the peace.

The offences of Stalking and Threatening and abusive behaviour are included in the Breach of the peace etc. category throughout the bulletin. Caution should therefore be taken when comparing this category with previous years. For further information please see [Note 7.15](#).

The **Sexual Offences (Scotland) Act 2009** came into force on 1 December 2010. The Act was passed following widespread media and academic criticism of the previous law in Scotland surrounding rape and other sexual offences, particularly the gender specific nature of the common law offence of rape.

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.

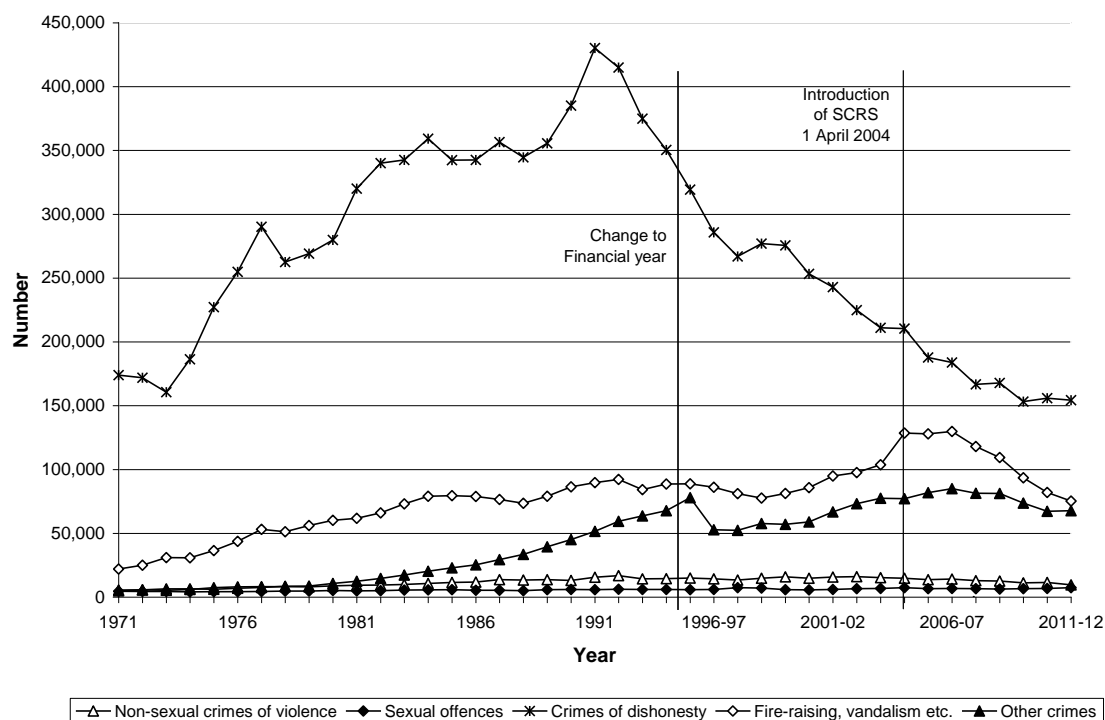
The introduction of the new legislation resulted in some crimes that would previously have been classified as either Breach of the peace etc. or Other miscellaneous offences being classified as Sexual offences. Most of these are now classed as Other sexual offences. However, it is not possible to quantify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

4.1 The total number of crimes recorded by the police in 2011-12 was 314,186, 3% lower than in 2010-11 (Chart 1 and Table 1). The total remains well below the 2004-05 figure of 438,123 and is the lowest number recorded since 1975.

Chart 2: Crimes recorded by the police by crime group, 1971¹ to 1994 then 1995-96 to 2011-12



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

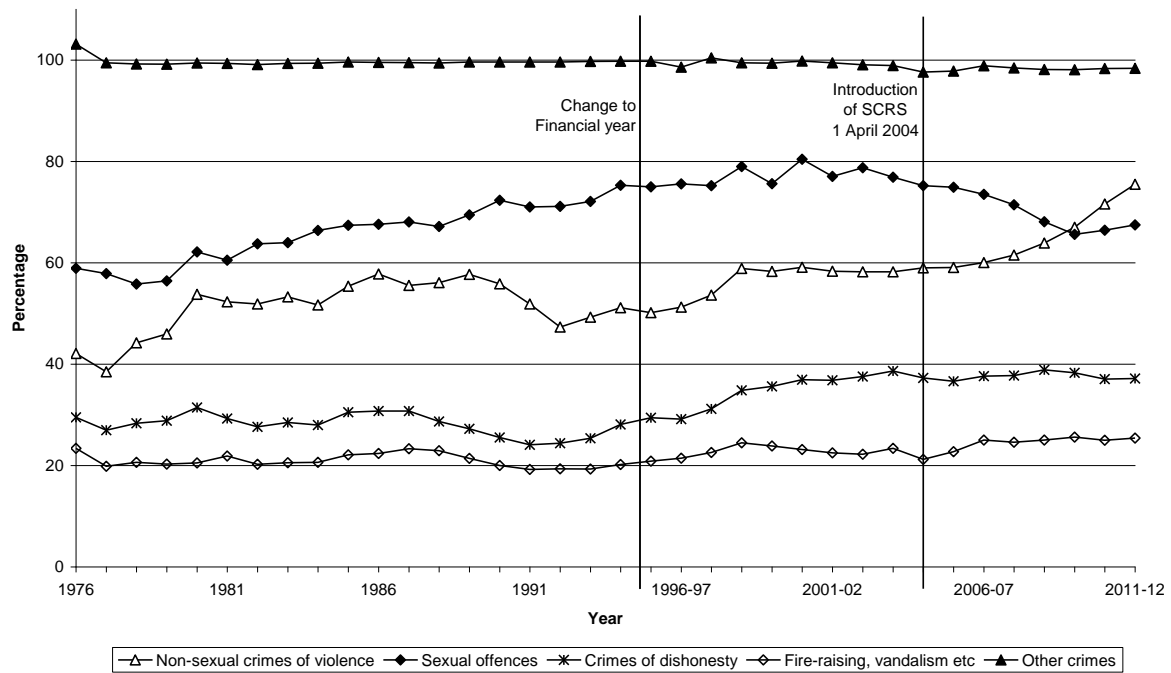
4.2 The number of Non-sexual crimes of violence recorded by the police decreased by 17% between 2010-11 and 2011-12 to total 9,533. (Chart 2 and Table 1). Within this category, the number of crimes of Attempted murder and serious assault recorded decreased by 15% to 4,693 and recorded Robberies decreased by 12% to total 2,244. Other non-sexual crimes of violence decreased by 24% from 3,266 to 2,475, mainly driven by a decrease in the number of crimes of Threats and extortion, and Child cruelty. The number of Homicides recorded by the police (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 and Corporate homicide) fell by 1 between 2010-11 and 2011-12 to 121.

4.3 The number of crimes in the Sexual offences group increased by 10% from 6,696 in 2010-11 to 7,359 in 2011-12 (Chart 2 and Table 1). Crimes of Rape and attempted rape and Other sexual offences increased by 13% and 48% respectively, while crimes of Sexual assault and Offences associated with prostitution decreased by 10% and 2% respectively. 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 1%, to stand at 154,337 crimes in 2011-12 ([Chart 2](#) and [Table 1](#)). The decrease can be largely attributed to four subcategories of Crimes of dishonesty. Housebreaking decreased by 3% to stand at 24,222, Theft by opening a lockfast place (OLP) decreased by 13% to stand at 3,529, Theft from a motor vehicle by OLP decreased by 5% to 8,988 and Theft of a motor vehicle decreased by 19% to 7,060. These decreases were offset by an increase in the number of crimes of Other theft recorded, where there was an increase of 3% from 64,680 in 2010-11 to 66,681 in 2011-12.
- 4.5 Recorded cases of Vandalism (including Fire-raising and Malicious mischief) decreased by 8% to total 75,201 in 2011-12 ([Chart 2](#) and [Table 1](#)). Within this category, the number of crimes recorded within the Fire-raising subcategory decreased by 5% to stand at 3,755 in 2011-12. The number of crimes in the Vandalism etc. subcategory decreased by 8% from 78,054 in 2010-11 to 71,446 in 2011-12.
- 4.6 There was an increase of 1% in the Other crimes group ([Chart 2](#) and [Table 1](#)). Recorded Drug crimes increased by 2% from 34,347 in 2010-11 to 35,157 in 2011-12. This increase was driven by a 5% increase in the crimes of Possession of drugs. In 2011-12 there were 28,326 crimes of Possession of drugs recorded compared to 26,960 in 2010-11 ([Table A6](#)). For the third year in a row there was a notable decrease in the number of crimes of Handling an offensive weapon, which fell by 10% to stand at 5,631 in 2011-12.
- 4.7 The number of crimes of Domestic housebreaking recorded per 10,000 population was highest in North Ayrshire (56), Glasgow City (53), Inverclyde (52) and Renfrewshire (51) in 2011-12. Rural areas recorded much lower levels with Orkney Islands (1), Eilean Siar (5) and Shetland Islands (8) recording the lowest level of Domestic housebreaking per 10,000 population in 2011-12 ([Chart 5](#) and [Table 8](#)).
- 4.8 There was a decrease of 1% in the number of crimes cleared up by the police from 156,943 in 2010-11 to 155,264 in 2011-12 ([Table A1](#)). However, the clear up rate of crimes ([Table 3](#)), has remained at 49% for the fourth year in a row.
- 4.9 The clear-up rate in 2011-12 for Non-sexual crimes of violence was higher than in 2010-11, increasing from 72% to 75% ([Table 3](#)). The rate for Sexual offences increased by 1 percentage point between 2010-11 and 2011-12 to 67%. The clear up rate for Miscellaneous offences also increased by 1 percentage point to 84% in 2011-12 compared to 2010-11. The clear up rates for Crimes of dishonesty, Vandalism (including Fire-raising and Malicious mischief) and for Other crimes all remained at the same level in 2011-12 as in 2010-11.

Chart 3: Clear up rates for crimes recorded by the police by crime group, 1976¹ to 1994 then 1995-96 to 2011-12

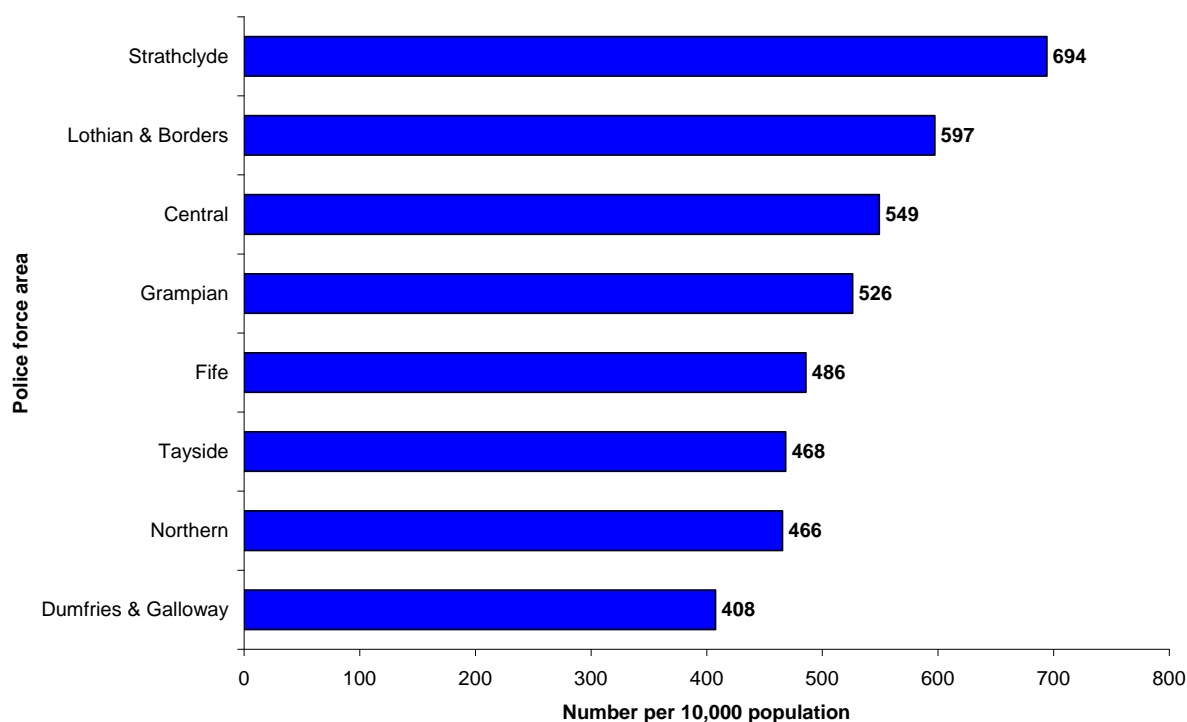


1. Clear up rates for the present crime groups are not available prior to 1976.
- 4.10 The number of offences recorded increased by 3% from 530,249 in 2010-11 to 544,033 in 2011-12 (Chart 1 and Table 2). The number of Miscellaneous offences recorded increased marginally in 2011-12 compared to 2010-11, the increase was less than 1%. Within Miscellaneous offences the number of Common assault offences and Other miscellaneous offences decreased by 2% and 1% respectively. The number of 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)) increased by 4%. The number of Motor vehicle offences increased by 4% between 2010-11 and 2011-12. The increase was driven by an increase in Speeding offences and Vehicle defect offences. Speeding offences increased from 114,129 in 2010-11 to 125,221 in 2011-12, an increase of 10%. The increase in Vehicle defect offences was also 10% where the number of offences increased from 21,921 in 2010-11 to 24,094 in 2011-12.

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 2011-12 by police force area



1. Population estimates as at mid year 2011 from National Records of Scotland (<http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/theme/population/estimates/mid-year/2011/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 primarily rural police force areas such as Dumfries and Galloway, and Northern.

5.1 Central

The total number of crimes recorded by Central Scotland Police decreased by 4% between 2010-11 and 2011-12 to 16,257. Following an increase last year, the number of crimes recorded is now below the level recorded in 2009-10, where 16,402 crimes were recorded. Decreases were recorded in four of the five crime groups, the exception being Sexual offences where there was an increase of 20%.

The increase in the Sexual offences group between 2010-11 and 2011-12 was driven by a 85% increase in Other sexual offences.

The number of offences recorded in Central increased by 6% between 2010-11 and 2011-12. The increase in offences was driven by an 14% increase in Breach of the peace etc. and a 14% increase in Vehicle defect offences. Clear up rates for all crime groups were above or the same as the Scotland figure, the clear up rate for Other crimes was the same at 98%. But among all five crime groups the clear up rate recorded by Central Scotland Police

decreased between 2010-11 and 2011-12. The largest decrease was 4 percentage points reported for both Non-sexual crimes of violence and crimes of Vandalism (including Fire-raising and Malicious mischief).

5.2 Dumfries & Galloway

Crimes recorded by Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary decreased for the seventh year in succession and overall by 11% since 2010-11 to total 6,036. Only Sexual offences increased in 2011-12 compared to 2010-11, where there was an increase of 52%. This increase was as a result of increase in crimes of Sexual assault and Other sexual offences. The largest decrease reported was 16% for both Crimes of dishonesty and Vandalism (including Fire-raising and Malicious mischief). 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 an increase of 2% in offences recorded by Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary. However there was a reduction in the miscellaneous offences category of 6%. The increase in the number of offences recorded was driven by a 4% increase in Motor vehicle offences.

The clear up rates for Sexual offences (85%), Crimes of dishonesty (60%) and Vandalism (including Fire-raising and Malicious mischief) (54%) were the highest rates recorded across all forces in 2011-12.

5.3 Fife

The number of crimes recorded by Fife Constabulary decreased for the seventh consecutive year and overall by 5% between 2010-11 and 2011-12 to total 17,848. There were decreases across all crime groups with the exception of Other crimes, which increased by 6%.

There was an increase of 1% in the number of offences recorded by Fife Constabulary. Within offences there was an increase of 6% in the number of Miscellaneous offences recorded and a decrease of 2% in the number of Motor vehicle offences. The increase in Miscellaneous offences was largely as a result of a 27% increase in Other miscellaneous offences, while the decrease in Motor vehicle offences was driven by a 9% decrease in Speeding offences.

The clear up rates increased across all crime and offence groups between 2010-11 and 2011-12, with the exception of Sexual offences and Other crimes which showed a 3 percentage point and 1 percentage point decrease respectively. The clear up rate for Non-sexual crimes of violence increased by 9 percentage points between 2010-11 and 2011-12 and is now the highest in Scotland, 22 percentage points above the Scotland figure.

5.4 Grampian

The number of recorded crimes in the Grampian Police force area decreased by 5% between 2010-11 and 2011-12 to total 29,226 crimes. Decreases were recorded in all five crime groups between 2010-11 and 2011-12, with the Non-sexual crimes of violence group decreasing by 21%. The decrease in Sexual offences was minimal with the number of crimes only decreasing by 4 between 2010-11 and 2011-12.

The total number of offences recorded by Grampian Police remained broadly the same in 2011-12 as in 2010-11. The number of offences decreased from 54,292 in 2010-11 to 54,099 in 2011-12, the decrease being less than 1%.

The overall crime clear up rate for Grampian Police decreased by 1 percentage point between 2010-11 and 2011-12, leaving the overall crime clear up rate 1 percentage point lower than the Scotland figure. The clear up rates for Crimes of dishonesty (1 percentage point), Vandalism (including Fire-raising and Malicious mischief) (3 percentage points) and Other crimes (1 percentage point) all decreased. The clear up rates for Non-sexual crimes of violence (3 percentage points) and Sexual offences (2 percentage points) both increased. The clear up rate for Other miscellaneous also increased by 2 percentage points between 2010-11 and 2011-12.

5.5 Lothian & Borders

Recorded crime in the Lothian and Borders Police force area decreased by 4% in 2011-12. The number of crimes decreased from 60,167 in 2010-11 to 57,471 in 2011-12. Decreases were reported in four of the five crime groups. The largest decreases were seen in Non-sexual crimes of violence, where the decrease was 10%, and Other crimes, where the decrease was 11%.

The crime group where there was an increase in the number of crimes was Sexual offences. The increase between 2010-11 and 2011-12 was 30%. Within Sexual offences each of the subcategories showed increases of at least 9%. Offences associated with prostitution increased by 50% and Other sexual offences increased by 78%.

The number of offences recorded by Lothian and Borders Police decreased by 4% between 2010-11 and 2011-12. Within the two offence groups Miscellaneous offences increased by 1% while Motor vehicle offences decreased by 6%. Speeding offences did increase by 9% but this was more than offset by a reduction of 18% in the number of Other motor vehicle offences which reduced from 19,312 in 2010-11 to 15,872 in 2011-12.

The overall clear up rate for crimes for Lothian and Borders Police was 44% in 2011-12, 5 percentage points lower than the Scotland figure. The clear up rates increased for Non-sexual offences of violence and Crimes of dishonesty both increasing by 1 percentage point while the clear up rate for Vandalism (including Fire-raising and Malicious mischief) increased by 2 percentage points. Despite the large increase in the number of Sexual offences the clear up rate remained at 66% in 2011-12, the same as in 2010-11.

5.6 Northern

The number of crimes recorded by Northern Constabulary remained broadly the same in 2011-12 as in 2010-11. There was a decrease of 28 crimes, which equates to a decrease of less than 1%. Northern Constabulary reported reductions in four of the five crime groups, the largest being the reduction of 14% for Sexual offences. These reductions were mainly offset by an 11% increase in Other crimes. This increase was driven by a 19% increase in the number of Drug crimes.

There was a 4% increase in the number of offences recorded by Northern Constabulary in 2011-12 compared to 2010-11. Miscellaneous offences increased by 3% and Motor vehicle offences increased by 5%. Within Miscellaneous offences there was an increase of 9% in the Breach of the peace etc. subcategory but also a 15% decrease in Drunkenness offences. The increase in Motor vehicle offences was driven by a 15% increase in Speeding offences.

The clear up rates for Northern Constabulary increased for all five crime groups as well as Miscellaneous offences in 2011-12 compared to 2010-11. The overall clear up rate for crimes was 67%, which is 18 percentage points higher than the Scotland figure. The clear up rate for Sexual offences increased by 8 percentage points to 81%. This follows a reduction in the clear up rate of 11 percentage points between 2009-10 and 2010-11. The clear up rate for Vandalism (including Fire-raising and Malicious mischief) increased by 7 percentage points and is now at the highest level since 2003-04 when it was also 48%.

5.7 Strathclyde

The number of crimes recorded by Strathclyde Police Force increased by 1% between 2010-11 and 2011-12 to total 154,787. This is the first increase in the total number of crimes since 2006-07 but is still below the level reported in 2009-10. There were reductions in Non-sexual crimes of violence and Vandalism (including Fire-raising and Malicious mischief), the larger decrease being 20% for Non-sexual crimes of violence. There were increases reported for the remaining three crime groups. The number of Sexual offences increased by 12% between 2010-11 and 2011-12.

The total number of offences recorded by Strathclyde Police increased from 255,428 in 2010-11 to 270,176 in 2011-12, an increase of 6%. Miscellaneous offences increased by only 1% whereas Motor vehicle offences increased by 10%. The 10% increase was driven by a 19% increase in Speeding offences and a 9% increase in Other motor vehicle offences.

The clear up rates for all the crime groups are lower for Strathclyde Police than the Scotland figure, except for Other crimes where they are both 98%. In 2011-12, the clear up rates for three of the five groups increased while the other two remained the same as in 2010-11. The clear up rates for Non-sexual crimes of violence and Sexual offences both increased by 5 percentage points. The clear up rate for Non-sexual crimes of violence was 71%, which is the highest rate in over a decade.

In addition the clear up rate for Miscellaneous offences also increased by 2 percentage points in 2011-12 compared to 2010-11.

5.8 Tayside

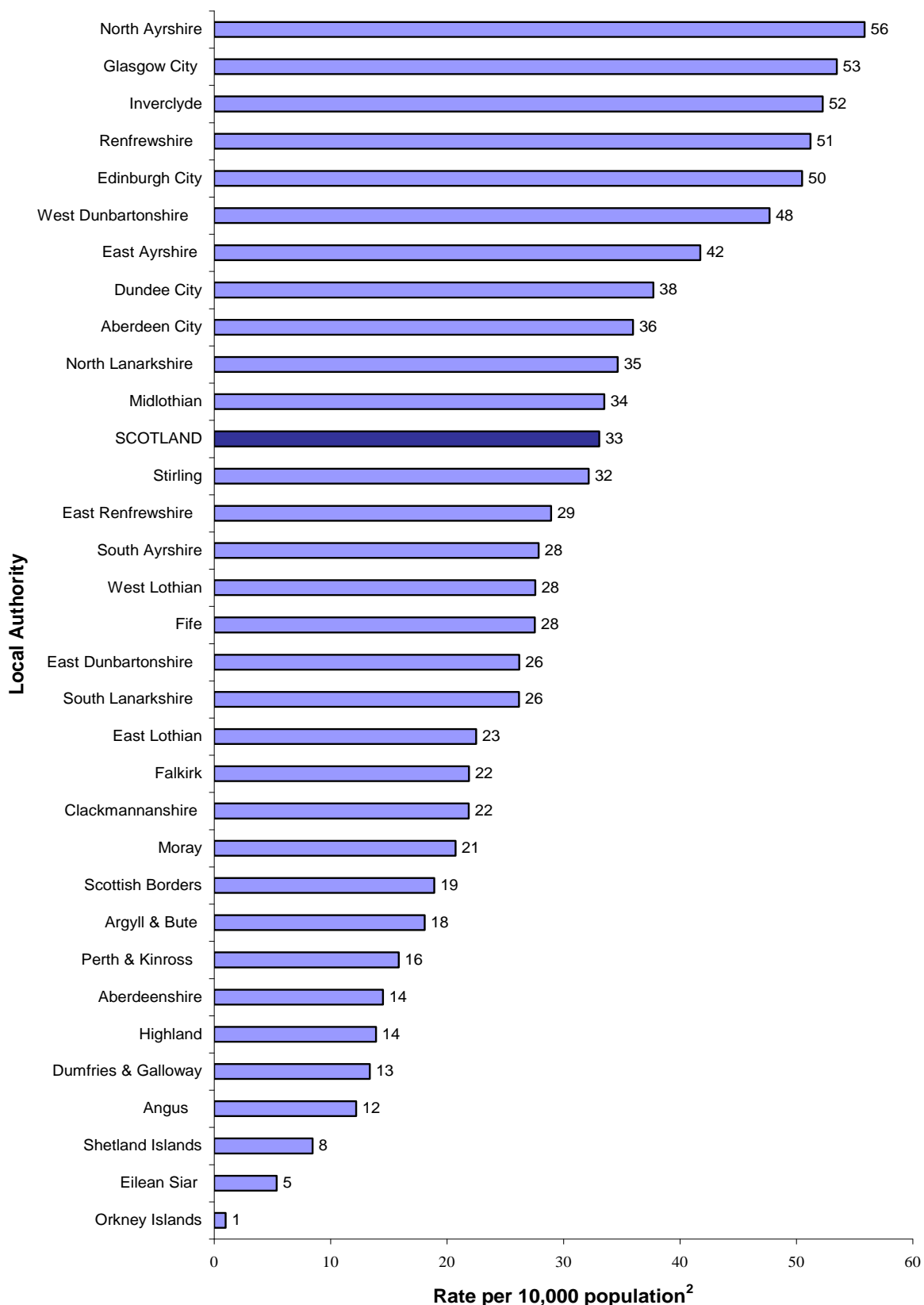
The number of crimes recorded by Tayside Police Force decreased for the seventh consecutive year and overall by 16% between 2010-11 and 2011-12 to total 19,005. The 16% decrease was the largest reported among the eight police forces. There were decreases in four of the five crime groups in 2011-12. Non-sexual crimes of violence decreased by 10%, Crimes of dishonesty decreased by 17%, Vandalism (including Fire-raising and Malicious mischief) decreased by 24% and Other crimes decreased by 3%. The only crime group to report an increase was Sexual offences, where the increase was 7%.

For each subcategory within Crimes of dishonesty there was at least an 11% reduction in the number of crimes in 2011-12 compared to 2010-11. The 24% reduction for Vandalism (including Fire-raising and Malicious mischief) was driven by a 25% decrease for Vandalism etc.

The number of offences recorded by Tayside Police decreased by 5% compared with 2010-11. The decrease in the number of offences was driven by a 17% reduction in the number of Miscellaneous offences as there was a 1% increase in the number of Motor vehicle offences. The majority of the decrease in Miscellaneous offences was due to a 27% reduction in Breach of the peace etc. offences.

In 2011-12, Tayside Police reported reductions in the clear-up rates for three of the five crime groups compared with 2010-11. The clear up rate for Sexual offences decreased by 14 percentage points, the lowest clear up rate in over a decade. The clear up rate for Crimes of dishonesty increased by 1 percentage point and the clear up rate for Other crimes remained the same as in 2010-11. With the exception of Sexual offences, following the decrease of 14 percentage points, the clear up rate for the other four crime groups were higher than the Scotland figure in 2011-12. The clear up rate for Miscellaneous remained at the same level as in 2010-11 at 87%, 3 percentage points higher than the Scotland figure.

Chart 5: Number of domestic housebreaking¹ crimes recorded by the police per 10,000 population² in 2011-12



1. Includes dwellings and non-dwellings only.

2. Population estimates as at mid year 2011 from National Records of Scotland (<http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/theme/population/estimates/mid-year/2011/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 2011-12. 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.

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.

- For more information about the Scottish Crime and Justice Survey, please contact Wojciech Hupert: telephone 0131 244 2053 or e-mail wojciech.hupert@scotland.gsi.gov.uk.

Table 1: Crimes¹ recorded by the police, Scotland, 2002-03 to 2011-12

Crime group	Number & Percentage										
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	% change 10-11 to 11-12
Total Crimes¹	418,281	414,214	438,123	417,785	419,257	385,509	377,433	338,124	323,247	314,186	-3
Non-sexual crimes of violence²	16,074	15,187	14,728	13,726	14,099	12,874	12,612	11,228	11,438	9,533	-17
Homicide ³	179	149	165	121	159	142	134	106	122	121	-1
Attempted murder & serious assault ^{2,4}	7,414	7,365	7,603	7,030	7,345	6,711	6,472	5,621	5,493	4,693	-15
Robbery	4,636	4,161	3,736	3,553	3,578	3,064	2,963	2,496	2,557	2,244	-12
Other	3,845	3,512	3,224	3,022	3,017	2,957	3,043	3,005	3,266	2,475	-24
Sexual offences^{1,5}	6,623	6,785	7,325	6,558	6,726	6,552	6,331	6,527	6,696	7,359	10
Rape & attempted rape	924	1,037	1,109	1,161	1,123	1,053	963	996	1,131	1,274	13
Sexual assault ⁶	3,347	3,257	3,470	3,392	3,452	3,502	3,297	3,412	3,220	2,906	-10
Offences associated with prostitution ⁷	1,130	1,249	1,458	730	779	682	765	661	576	567	-2
Other ^{1,6,7}	1,222	1,242	1,288	1,275	1,372	1,315	1,306	1,458	1,769	2,612	48
Crimes of dishonesty	224,785	211,004	210,365	187,798	183,760	166,718	167,812	153,256	155,870	154,337	-1
Housebreaking ⁸	40,586	36,432	34,959	31,319	30,580	25,443	25,496	23,774	25,017	24,222	-3
Theft by opening a lockfast place (OLP)	7,766	7,405	7,849	8,263	7,422	6,378	6,952	5,074	4,059	3,529	-13
Theft from a motor vehicle by OLP	30,361	26,839	20,403	16,453	16,060	15,217	13,649	10,173	9,495	8,988	-5
Theft of a motor vehicle	20,881	17,604	15,633	14,041	15,000	12,105	11,551	9,304	8,716	7,060	-19
Shoplifting	28,299	27,948	28,534	28,247	28,750	29,186	32,048	30,332	29,660	29,758	0
Other theft	73,214	72,488	77,586	72,128	70,241	64,645	64,384	61,008	64,680	66,681	3
Fraud	15,828	15,277	18,307	11,074	9,332	8,409	8,316	8,283	8,983	8,892	-1
Other	7,850	7,011	7,094	6,273	6,375	5,335	5,416	5,308	5,260	5,207	-1
Fire-raising, vandalism etc.	97,598	103,732	128,566	127,889	129,734	118,025	109,430	93,443	82,020	75,201	-8
Fire-raising	3,767	4,163	4,698	4,856	4,976	4,635	4,651	4,244	3,966	3,755	-5
Vandalism etc.	93,831	99,569	123,868	123,033	124,758	113,390	104,779	89,199	78,054	71,446	-8
Other crimes	73,201	77,506	77,139	81,814	84,938	81,340	81,248	73,670	67,223	67,756	1
Crimes against public justice	22,744	25,756	25,616	27,668	32,052	31,353	29,493	26,885	26,294	26,635	1
Handling an offensive weapon	9,362	9,278	9,545	9,628	10,110	8,989	8,980	7,042	6,283	5,631	-10
Drugs	40,938	42,275	41,823	44,247	42,422	40,746	42,509	39,408	34,347	35,157	2
Other	157	197	155	271	354	252	266	335	299	333	11

Notes:

1. Overall totals of Crimes and Offences for 2009-10 and 2010-11 have been affected by changes to the categories of Other sexual offences and Other miscellaneous offences. From 2011-12 onwards, the offence of Taking, distribution, possession etc. of indecent photos of children has been reclassified as a Sexual offence.
2. The totals of these categories for 2009-10 have been revised following the submission of amended data from Central Scotland Police.
3. 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 and Corporate homicide.
4. For the definition of Serious assault please see [Note 7.6](#).
5. 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 3.5](#).
6. The totals of these categories for 2009-10 have been revised following the submission of amended data from Fife Constabulary.
7. These categories have been restructured to provide a more coherent picture of Sexual offences. Offences associated with prostitution includes: Offences relating to prostitution, Soliciting services of person engaged in prostitution, Brothel keeping, Immoral traffic and Procurement. Other sexual offences 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 and Sexual exposure.
8. Includes dwellings, non-dwellings and other premises.

Table 2: Offences¹ recorded by the police, Scotland, 2002-03 to 2011-12

Offence group	Number & Percentage										
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	% change 10-11 to 11-12
Total Offences¹	524,122	615,876	638,564	599,888	607,406	572,094	560,291	563,666	530,249	544,033	3
Miscellaneous offences¹	169,563	180,963	214,302	219,491	232,373	224,256	226,821	230,971	209,967	210,401	0
Common assault ²	54,956	57,355	73,711	72,281	78,167	73,523	74,130	72,212	70,786	69,253	-2
Breach of the peace etc. ³	74,690	77,883	89,920	89,615	93,387	90,301	91,198	85,239	68,555	71,058	4
Drunkenness	7,279	7,534	7,234	6,984	6,664	6,702	6,045	5,722	5,765	5,744	0
Other ¹	32,638	38,191	43,437	50,611	54,155	53,730	55,448	67,798	64,861	64,346	-1
Motor vehicle offences⁴	354,559	434,913	424,262	380,397	375,033	347,838	333,470	332,695	320,282	333,632	4
Dangerous and careless driving	12,680	12,036	13,062	12,956	13,601	12,964	11,519	11,073	9,839	9,853	0
Driving under the influence	11,838	11,571	11,061	11,257	11,704	10,697	9,800	8,504	7,563	7,445	-2
Speeding	117,167	199,213	210,120	167,724	162,929	137,206	117,256	113,523	114,129	125,221	10
Unlawful use of vehicle	99,518	99,526	76,676	75,120	73,058	73,655	68,554	63,259	53,769	53,877	0
Vehicle defect offences	46,466	37,194	27,022	23,932	21,170	22,328	25,603	26,666	21,921	24,094	10
Other ⁴	66,890	75,373	86,321	89,408	92,571	90,988	100,738	109,670	113,061	113,142	0

Notes:

1. Overall totals of Crimes and Offences for 2009-10 and 2010-11 have been affected by changes to the categories of Other sexual offences and Other miscellaneous offences. From 2011-12 onwards, the offence of Taking, distribution, possession etc. of indecent photos of children has been reclassified as a Sexual offence.
2. For the distinction between Serious assault and Common assault please see [Note 7.6](#).
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).
4. The totals of these categories for 2007-08 have been revised following the submission of amended data from Fife Constabulary.

Table 3: Crimes and offences¹ cleared up by the police, as a percentage of those recorded, Scotland, 2002-03 to 2011-12

	Percentage									
Crime / Offence group	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Total Crimes¹	46	47	45	46	47	48	49	49	49	49
Non-sexual crimes of violence²	58	58	59	59	60	62	64	67	72	75
Homicide ³	97	99	99	99	100	99	100	106	99	97
Attempted murder & serious assault ^{2,4}	59	59	60	60	60	61	62	66	70	74
Robbery	36	39	39	37	39	40	46	46	55	62
Other	81	79	79	81	83	84	84	85	87	90
Sexual offences^{1,5}	79	77	75	75	74	71	68	66	66	67
Rape & attempted rape	78	75	69	72	67	70	61	57	55	57
Sexual assault ⁶	76	74	73	74	71	68	65	61	64	62
Offences associated with prostitution ⁷	100	100	99	99	98	98	99	97	97	96
Other ^{1,6,7}	67	64	60	65	70	68	63	67	69	72
Crimes of dishonesty	38	39	37	37	38	38	39	38	37	37
Housebreaking ⁸	27	27	25	26	26	26	24	25	25	24
Theft by opening a lockfast place (OLP)	36	35	30	37	37	32	38	31	23	22
Theft from a motor vehicle by OLP	19	20	18	15	17	15	17	17	17	17
Theft of a motor vehicle	36	38	37	37	41	44	43	44	43	45
Shoplifting	78	79	77	77	78	77	78	79	78	79
Other theft	21	22	20	21	21	21	21	21	20	21
Fraud	81	83	80	76	75	74	75	57	57	55
Other	91	85	79	79	78	82	79	73	74	74
Fire-raising, vandalism etc.	22	23	21	23	25	25	25	26	25	25
Fire-raising	24	25	22	26	26	25	24	24	22	24
Vandalism etc.	22	23	21	23	25	25	25	26	25	25
Other crimes	99	99	98	98	99	98	98	98	98	98
Crimes against public justice	99	99	98	98	98	98	98	97	98	98
Handling an offensive weapon	99	98	97	97	97	96	96	96	96	97
Drugs	99	99	97	98	100	99	99	99	99	99
Other	78	74	73	85	85	89	89	90	89	89
Miscellaneous offences¹	89	90	83	84	84	84	83	84	83	84
Common assault ⁹	76	78	69	70	71	71	70	70	70	71
Breach of the peace etc. ¹⁰	95	94	88	90	90	90	89	88	87	87
Drunkenness	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	99
Other ¹	96	96	94	93	92	92	91	92	91	93

Notes:

1. Overall totals of Crimes and Offences for 2009-10 and 2010-11 have been affected by changes to the categories of Other sexual offences and Other miscellaneous offences. From 2011-12 onwards, the offence of Taking, distribution, possession etc. of indecent photos of children has been reclassified as a Sexual offence.
2. The totals of these categories for 2009-10 have been revised following the submission of amended data from Central Scotland Police.
3. 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 and Corporate homicide.
4. For the definition of Serious assault please see [Note 7.6](#).
5. 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 3.5](#).
6. The totals of these categories for 2009-10 have been revised following the submission of amended data from Fife Constabulary.
7. These categories have been restructured to provide a more coherent picture of Sexual offences. Offences associated with prostitution includes: Offences relating to prostitution, Soliciting services of person engaged in prostitution, Brothel keeping, Immoral traffic and Procurement. Other sexual offences 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 and Sexual exposure.
8. Includes dwellings, non-dwellings and other premises.
9. For the distinction between Serious assault and Common assault please see [Note 7.6](#).
10. 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 offences¹ recorded by police force area, 2011-12

Crime / Offence group	Number								
	Central	Dumfries & Galloway	Fife	Grampian	Lothian & Borders	Northern	Strathclyde	Tayside	SCOTLAND
Total Crimes¹	16,257	6,036	17,848	29,226	57,471	13,556	154,787	19,005	314,186
Non-sexual crimes of violence²	396	127	348	622	1,824	482	5,222	512	9,533
Homicide ³	5	2	10	8	17	8	61	10	121
Attempted murder & serious assault ^{2,4}	226	74	204	277	651	249	2,739	273	4,693
Robbery	56	17	67	138	559	37	1,246	124	2,244
Other	109	34	67	199	597	188	1,176	105	2,475
Sexual Offences^{1,5}	492	150	583	1,019	1,358	355	2,942	460	7,359
Rape & attempted rape	85	17	106	187	254	68	474	83	1,274
Sexual assault ⁵	217	67	284	381	577	137	1,039	204	2,906
Offences associated with prostitution ⁷	3	0	0	64	126	3	330	41	567
Other ^{1,6,7}	187	66	193	387	401	147	1,099	132	2,612
Crimes of dishonesty	7,695	2,296	9,145	15,425	31,474	5,219	73,715	9,368	154,337
Housebreaking ⁸	962	295	1,397	1,951	4,972	559	12,814	1,272	24,222
Theft by opening a lockfast place (OLP)	207	39	229	394	752	190	1,539	179	3,529
Theft from a motor vehicle by OLP	221	56	353	845	1,955	54	5,113	391	8,988
Theft of a motor vehicle	289	131	397	798	1,633	267	3,250	295	7,060
Shoplifting	1,387	481	1,814	2,710	5,288	941	14,448	2,689	29,758
Other theft	3,630	1,025	4,158	6,937	13,961	2,508	30,848	3,614	66,681
Fraud	653	201	447	1,167	1,726	456	3,713	529	8,892
Other	346	68	350	623	1,187	244	1,990	399	5,207
Fire-raising, vandalism etc.	4,353	1,649	4,406	6,855	13,679	3,562	36,280	4,417	75,201
Fire-raising	214	64	198	442	669	144	1,845	179	3,755
Vandalism etc.	4,139	1,585	4,208	6,413	13,010	3,418	34,435	4,238	71,446
Other crimes	3,321	1,814	3,366	5,305	9,136	3,938	36,628	4,248	67,756
Crimes against public justice	1,558	773	1,674	2,096	3,931	1,330	13,815	1,458	26,635
Handling an offensive weapon	330	88	267	394	893	307	3,054	298	5,631
Drugs	1,409	924	1,393	2,811	4,280	2,297	19,556	2,487	35,157
Other	24	29	32	4	32	4	203	5	333
Total Offences¹	36,589	22,526	25,627	54,099	72,838	26,757	270,176	35,421	544,033
Miscellaneous offences¹	10,422	3,962	10,725	18,663	23,665	9,417	123,068	10,479	210,401
Common assault ⁹	4,300	1,473	4,757	7,799	10,787	3,457	32,287	4,393	69,253
Breach of the peace etc. ¹⁰	4,007	1,661	3,209	6,973	8,517	3,796	39,371	3,524	71,058
Drunkenness	85	87	201	476	450	749	3,350	346	5,744
Other ¹	2,030	741	2,558	3,415	3,911	1,415	48,060	2,216	64,346
Motor vehicle offences	26,167	18,564	14,902	35,436	49,173	17,340	147,108	24,942	333,632
Dangerous and careless driving	609	679	437	1,681	652	759	4,652	384	9,853
Driving under the influence	434	199	515	882	1,163	559	3,170	523	7,445
Speeding	10,224	10,486	6,147	16,509	18,660	8,963	37,905	16,327	125,221
Unlawful use of vehicle	3,170	1,483	2,840	6,400	11,420	1,993	23,744	2,827	53,877
Vehicle defect offences	6,891	1,702	887	2,256	1,406	2,434	7,313	1,205	24,094
Other	4,839	4,015	4,076	7,708	15,872	2,632	70,324	3,676	113,142
Total Crimes and Offences¹	52,846	28,562	43,475	83,325	130,309	40,313	424,963	54,426	858,219

Notes:

1. Overall totals of Crimes and Offences for 2009-10 and 2010-11 have been affected by changes to the categories of Other sexual offences and Other miscellaneous offences. From 2011-12 onwards, the offence of Taking, distribution, possession etc. of indecent photos of children has been reclassified as a Sexual offence.
2. The totals of these categories for 2009-10 have been revised following the submission of amended data from Central Scotland Police.
3. 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 and Corporate homicide.
4. For the definition of Serious assault please see [Note 7.6](#).
5. 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 3.5](#).
6. The totals of these categories for 2009-10 have been revised following the submission of amended data from Fife Constabulary.
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8. Includes dwellings, non-dwellings and other premises.
9. For the distinction between Serious assault and Common assault please see [Note 7.6](#).
10. 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 offences¹ recorded by police force area per 10,000 population, 2011-12

Crime / Offence group	Number								
	Central	Dumfries & Galloway	Fife	Grampian	Lothian & Borders	Northern	Strathclyde	Tayside	SCOTLAND
Total Crimes¹	549	408	486	526	597	466	694	468	598
Non-sexual crimes of violence²	13	9	9	11	19	17	23	13	18
Homicide ³	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Attempted murder & serious assault ^{2,4}	8	5	6	5	7	9	12	7	9
Robbery	2	1	2	2	6	1	6	3	4
Other	4	2	2	4	6	6	5	3	5
Sexual Offences^{1,5}	17	10	16	18	14	12	13	11	14
Rape & attempted rape	3	1	3	3	3	2	2	2	2
Sexual assault ⁶	7	5	8	7	6	5	5	5	6
Offences associated with prostitution ⁷	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1
Other ^{1,6,7}	6	4	5	7	4	5	5	3	5
Crimes of dishonesty	260	155	249	278	327	179	331	231	294
Housebreaking ⁸	33	20	38	35	52	19	57	31	46
Theft by opening a lockfast place (OLP)	7	3	6	7	8	7	7	4	7
Theft from a motor vehicle by OLP	7	4	10	15	20	2	23	10	17
Theft of a motor vehicle	10	9	11	14	17	9	15	7	13
Shoplifting	47	32	49	49	55	32	65	66	57
Other theft	123	69	113	125	145	86	138	89	127
Fraud	22	14	12	21	18	16	17	13	17
Other	12	5	10	11	12	8	9	10	10
Fire-raising, vandalism etc.	147	111	120	123	142	122	163	109	143
Fire-raising	7	4	5	8	7	5	8	4	7
Vandalism etc.	140	107	115	115	135	117	154	104	136
Other crimes	112	123	92	96	95	135	164	105	129
Crimes against public justice	53	52	46	38	41	46	62	36	51
Handling an offensive weapon	11	6	7	7	9	11	14	7	11
Drugs	48	62	38	51	44	79	88	61	67
Other	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total Offences¹	1,236	1,521	698	974	757	919	1,212	873	1,035
Miscellaneous offences¹	352	268	292	336	246	323	552	258	400
Common assault ⁹	145	99	129	140	112	119	145	108	132
Breach of the peace etc. ¹⁰	135	112	87	126	89	130	177	87	135
Drunkenness	3	6	5	9	5	26	15	9	11
Other ¹	69	50	70	62	41	49	216	55	122
Motor vehicle offences	884	1,254	406	638	511	596	660	615	635
Dangerous and careless driving	21	46	12	30	7	26	21	9	19
Driving under the influence	15	13	14	16	12	19	14	13	14
Speeding	345	708	167	297	194	308	170	402	238
Unlawful use of vehicle	107	100	77	115	119	68	107	70	103
Vehicle defect offences	233	115	24	41	15	84	33	30	46
Other	164	271	111	139	165	90	315	91	215
Total Crimes and Offences¹	1,786	1,929	1,183	1,501	1,355	1,385	1,906	1,341	1,633

Notes:

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8. Includes dwellings, non-dwellings and other premises.
9. For the distinction between Serious assault and Common assault please see [Note 7.6](#).
10. 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 offences¹ recorded per 10,000 population, percentage change in total number recorded and percentage cleared up by police force area, 2011-12

	Number & Percentage								
	Central	Dumfries & Galloway	Fife	Grampian	Lothian & Borders	Northern	Strathclyde	Tayside	SCOTLAND
Total Crimes¹	16,257	6,036	17,848	29,226	57,471	13,556	154,787	19,005	314,186
Total Offences¹	36,589	22,526	25,627	54,099	72,838	26,757	270,176	35,421	544,033
Total Crimes and Offences¹	52,846	28,562	43,475	83,325	130,309	40,313	424,963	54,426	858,219
Crimes and offences per 10,000 population									
Total Crimes¹	549	408	486	526	597	466	694	468	598
Non-sexual crimes of violence	13	9	9	11	19	17	23	13	18
Sexual offences ¹	17	10	16	18	14	12	13	11	14
Crimes of dishonesty	260	155	249	278	327	179	331	231	294
Fire-raising, vandalism etc.	147	111	120	123	142	122	163	109	143
Other crimes	112	123	92	96	95	135	164	105	129
Total Offences¹	1,236	1,521	698	974	757	919	1,212	873	1,035
Miscellaneous offences ¹	352	268	292	336	246	323	552	258	400
Motor vehicle offences	884	1,254	406	638	511	596	660	615	635
Total Crimes and Offences¹	1,786	1,929	1,183	1,501	1,355	1,385	1,906	1,341	1,633
Percentage change in total number recorded, 2010-11 to 2011-12									
Total Crimes¹	-4	-11	-5	-5	-4	0	1	-16	-3
Non-sexual crimes of violence	-5	-1	-25	-21	-10	-1	-20	-10	-17
Sexual offences ¹	20	52	-12	0	30	-14	12	7	10
Crimes of dishonesty	-2	-16	-1	-5	-3	-4	4	-17	-1
Fire-raising, vandalism etc.	-4	-16	-15	-8	-5	-4	-7	-24	-8
Other crimes	-8	-2	6	-3	-11	11	5	-3	1
Total Offences¹	6	2	1	0	-4	4	6	-5	3
Miscellaneous offences ¹	12	-6	6	-1	1	3	1	-17	0
Motor vehicle offences	3	4	-2	0	-6	5	10	1	4
Total Crimes and Offences¹	3	-1	-1	-2	-4	3	4	-9	1
Percentage cleared up									
Total Crimes¹	56	72	60	48	44	67	46	58	49
Non-sexual crimes of violence	92	95	97	84	68	94	71	85	75
Sexual offences ¹	73	85	81	61	66	81	65	65	67
Crimes of dishonesty	47	60	51	37	35	52	32	51	37
Fire-raising, vandalism etc.	34	54	44	30	24	48	17	32	25
Other crimes	98	100	99	98	98	100	98	99	98
Miscellaneous offences ¹	93	98	96	89	92	97	93	96	93

Notes:

1. Overall totals of Crimes and Offences for 2009-10 and 2010-11 have been affected by changes to the categories of Other sexual offences and Other miscellaneous offences. From 2011-12 onwards, the offence of Taking, distribution, possession etc. of indecent photos of children has been reclassified as a Sexual offence.

Table 6: Number of crimes¹ recorded by the police, and percentage cleared up, by council area, 2011-12
Number & Percentage

Council area	Non - sexual crimes of violence	Sexual offences¹	Crimes of dishonesty	Fire - raising, vandalism, etc.	Other crimes	Total crimes¹	Percentage of crimes cleared up
Aberdeen City	386	540	9,917	3,682	3,352	17,877	50
Aberdeenshire	158	321	3,628	2,168	1,238	7,513	44
Angus	96	123	1,721	1,173	752	3,865	57
Argyll & Bute	104	115	1,460	930	1,212	3,821	55
Clackmannanshire	69	81	1,205	1,018	613	2,986	55
Dumfries & Galloway	127	150	2,296	1,649	1,814	6,036	72
Dundee City	276	232	4,920	2,184	2,208	9,820	58
East Ayrshire	211	130	3,478	2,031	1,606	7,456	45
East Dunbartonshire	106	67	2,128	1,016	596	3,913	41
East Lothian	98	95	1,940	1,057	666	3,856	46
East Renfrewshire	93	45	1,468	817	528	2,951	38
Edinburgh, City of	1,232	829	21,132	7,634	5,379	36,206	43
Eilean Siar	26	64	299	192	197	778	72
Falkirk	183	253	3,771	2,110	1,717	8,034	58
Fife	348	583	9,145	4,406	3,366	17,848	60
Glasgow City	2,322	1,385	29,900	11,604	15,791	61,002	49
Highland	407	257	4,530	3,042	3,448	11,684	66
Inverclyde	173	52	2,281	1,497	1,501	5,504	48
Midlothian	122	102	2,244	1,232	846	4,546	47
Moray	78	158	1,880	1,005	715	3,836	49
North Ayrshire	290	148	4,537	2,634	1,769	9,378	42
North Lanarkshire	659	380	9,530	5,511	4,649	20,729	46
Orkney Islands	17	4	150	145	104	420	66
Perth & Kinross	140	105	2,727	1,060	1,288	5,320	61
Renfrewshire	416	132	6,084	2,606	2,253	11,491	40
Scottish Borders	125	127	1,654	1,096	842	3,844	55
Shetland Islands	32	30	240	183	189	674	75
South Ayrshire	155	138	2,731	1,438	1,052	5,514	46
South Lanarkshire	474	241	6,922	4,424	3,789	15,850	44
Stirling	144	158	2,719	1,225	991	5,237	53
West Dunbartonshire	219	109	3,196	1,772	1,882	7,178	49
West Lothian	247	205	4,504	2,660	1,403	9,019	42
SCOTLAND	9,533	7,359	154,337	75,201	67,756	314,186	49

Notes:

1. Overall total of Crime for 2009-10 and 2010-11 have been affected by changes to the categories of Other sexual offences and Other miscellaneous offences. From 2011-12 onwards, the offence of Taking, distribution, possession etc. of indecent photos of children has been reclassified as a Sexual offence.

Table 7: Number of crimes¹ recorded by the police per 10,000 population and crime index, by council area, 2011-12
Number & Index

Council area	Non - sexual crimes of violence	Sexual offences¹	Crimes of dishonesty	Fire - raising, vandalism, etc.	Other crimes	Total crimes¹	Index (Scotland = 100)
Aberdeen City	18	24	450	167	152	811	136
Aberdeenshire	6	13	147	88	50	303	51
Angus	9	11	156	106	68	349	58
Argyll & Bute	12	13	163	104	135	426	71
Clackmannanshire	14	16	237	201	121	588	98
Dumfries & Galloway	9	10	155	111	123	408	68
Dundee City	19	16	338	150	152	675	113
East Ayrshire	18	11	289	169	134	620	104
East Dunbartonshire	10	6	204	97	57	374	63
East Lothian	10	10	198	108	68	393	66
East Renfrewshire	10	5	163	91	59	328	55
Edinburgh, City of	25	17	427	154	109	731	122
Eilean Siar	10	25	115	74	76	298	50
Falkirk	12	16	244	137	111	520	87
Fife	9	16	249	120	92	486	81
Glasgow City	39	23	499	194	264	1,019	170
Highland	18	12	204	137	155	525	88
Inverclyde	22	7	288	189	189	695	116
Midlothian	15	12	272	150	103	552	92
Moray	9	18	215	115	82	440	74
North Ayrshire	21	11	336	195	131	694	116
North Lanarkshire	20	12	292	169	142	635	106
Orkney Islands	8	2	74	72	52	208	35
Perth & Kinross	9	7	182	71	86	356	60
Renfrewshire	24	8	357	153	132	673	113
Scottish Borders	11	11	146	97	74	340	57
Shetland Islands	14	13	107	81	84	300	50
South Ayrshire	14	12	245	129	94	494	83
South Lanarkshire	15	8	221	141	121	507	85
Stirling	16	17	300	135	109	577	96
West Dunbartonshire	24	12	354	196	208	794	133
West Lothian	14	12	260	154	81	521	87
SCOTLAND	18	14	294	143	129	598	100

Notes:

1. Overall total of Crimes for 2009-10 and 2010-11 have been affected by changes to the categories of Other sexual offences and Other miscellaneous offences. From 2011-12 onwards, the offence of Taking, distribution, possession etc. of indecent photos of children has been reclassified as a Sexual offence.

Table 8: Number of crimes¹ recorded by the police, rate per 10,000 population and index of rate for selected crimes, by council area, 2011-12

Council area	Number					Rate per 10,000 population					Index of rate per 10,000 population				
	Serious assault ²	Offensive weapons	Domestic housebreaking ³	Vandalism ⁴	All crimes ¹	Serious assault ²	Offensive weapons	Domestic housebreaking ³	Vandalism ⁴	All crimes ¹	Serious assault ²	Offensive weapons	Domestic housebreaking ³	Vandalism ⁴	All crimes ¹
Aberdeen City	137	253	793	3,197	17,877	6	11	36	145	811	78	107	109	112	136
Aberdeenshire	68	107	359	1,933	7,513	3	4	14	78	303	34	40	44	60	51
Angus	45	47	135	1,111	3,865	4	4	12	100	349	51	40	37	78	58
Argyll & Bute	57	66	162	848	3,821	6	7	18	95	426	80	69	55	73	71
Clackmannanshire	40	70	111	962	2,986	8	14	22	189	588	99	129	66	146	98
Dumfries & Galloway	68	88	198	1,518	6,036	5	6	13	103	408	58	55	40	79	68
Dundee City	115	175	549	2,020	9,820	8	12	38	139	675	99	112	114	107	113
East Ayrshire	104	111	502	1,883	7,456	9	9	42	157	620	109	86	126	121	104
East Dunbartonshire	48	45	274	927	3,913	5	4	26	89	374	58	40	79	69	63
East Lothian	43	65	221	963	3,856	4	7	23	98	393	55	62	68	76	66
East Renfrewshire	43	40	260	760	2,951	5	4	29	85	328	60	42	88	65	55
Edinburgh, City of	350	492	2,501	6,897	36,206	7	10	50	139	731	89	93	153	108	122
Eilean Siar	13	9	14	175	778	5	3	5	67	298	63	32	16	52	50
Falkirk	70	165	338	1,891	8,034	5	11	22	122	520	57	100	66	95	87
Fife	158	267	1,012	4,045	17,848	4	7	28	110	486	54	68	83	85	81
Glasgow City	1,054	1,447	3,203	10,283	61,002	18	24	53	172	1,019	221	225	162	133	170
Highland	193	279	309	2,802	11,684	9	13	14	126	525	109	117	42	97	88
Inverclyde	98	100	414	1,351	5,504	12	13	52	171	695	155	118	158	132	116
Midlothian	47	76	276	1,113	4,546	6	9	34	135	552	72	86	101	104	92
Moray	38	34	181	887	3,836	4	4	21	102	440	55	36	63	79	74
North Ayrshire	149	157	755	2,402	9,378	11	12	56	178	694	138	108	169	137	116
North Lanarkshire	322	316	1,132	4,960	20,729	10	10	35	152	635	124	90	105	117	106
Orkney Islands	11	7	2	132	420	5	3	1	65	208	68	32	3	51	35
Perth & Kinross	38	76	237	961	5,320	3	5	16	64	356	32	47	48	50	60
Renfrewshire	213	222	874	2,386	11,491	12	13	51	140	673	157	121	155	108	113
Scottish Borders	57	91	214	1,036	3,844	5	8	19	92	340	63	75	57	71	57
Shetland Islands	15	12	19	176	674	7	5	8	78	300	84	50	26	60	50
South Ayrshire	87	64	311	1,327	5,514	8	6	28	119	494	98	54	84	92	83
South Lanarkshire	245	312	819	4,063	15,850	8	10	26	130	507	98	93	79	100	85
Stirling	55	95	292	1,130	5,237	6	10	32	124	577	76	98	97	96	96
West Dunbartonshire	110	174	431	1,510	7,178	12	19	48	167	794	153	180	144	129	133
West Lothian	99	169	477	2,335	9,019	6	10	28	135	521	72	91	83	104	87
SCOTLAND	4,190	5,631	17,375	67,984	314,186	8	11	33	129	598	100	100	100	100	100

Notes:

1. Overall total of Crimes for 2009-10 and 2010-11 have been affected by changes to the categories of Other sexual offences and Other miscellaneous offences. From 2011-12 onwards, the offence of Taking, distribution, possession etc. of indecent photos of children has been reclassified as a Sexual offence.
2. For the definition of Serious assault please see [Note 7.6](#).
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, 2007-08 to 2011-12

	Number				
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Police strength at end financial year (full-time equivalent - FTE)	16,222	17,048	17,409	17,263	17,436
Number of crimes recorded^{1,2}	385,509	377,433	338,124	323,247	314,186
Crimes recorded per 1,000 population	75	73	65	62	60
Crimes recorded per FTE police officer	24	22	19	19	18
Number of crimes cleared up^{1,2}	184,631	184,719	166,680	156,943	155,264
Crimes cleared up per FTE police officer	11	11	10	9	9
Number of offences recorded^{1,3}	572,094	560,291	563,666	530,249	544,033
Offences recorded per 1,000 population	111	108	109	102	104
Offences recorded per FTE police officer	35	33	32	31	31
Number of offences cleared up^{1,3}	534,031	518,629	522,896	490,680	507,818
Offences cleared up per FTE police officer	33	30	30	28	29

Notes:

1. Overall totals of Crimes and Offences for 2009-10 and 2010-11 have been affected by changes to the categories of Other sexual offences and Other miscellaneous offences. From 2011-12 onwards, the offence of Taking, distribution, possession etc. of indecent photos of children has been reclassified as a Sexual offence.
2. Overall total of Crimes for 2009-10 have been revised following the submission of amended data from Central Scotland Police.
3. Overall total of Offences for 2007-08 have been revised following the submission of amended data from Fife Constabulary.

Table A2: Sexual offences¹ recorded by the police, 2002-03 to 2011-12

Sexual offences	Number & Percentage										
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	% change 10-11 to 11-12
Rape & attempted rape	924	1,037	1,109	1,161	1,123	1,053	963	996	1,131	1,274	13
Rape	743	845	900	975	922	908	821	884	997	1,183	19
Attempted rape	181	192	209	186	201	145	142	112	134	91	-32
Sexual assault³	3,347	3,257	3,470	3,392	3,452	3,502	3,297	3,412	3,220	2,906	-10
Sexual assault including against children	1,377	1,467	1,542	1,557	1,714	1,721	1,681	1,737	1,774	2,056	16
Lewd and libidinous practices ³	1,970	1,790	1,928	1,835	1,738	1,781	1,616	1,675	1,446	850	-41
Offences associated with prostitution⁴	1,130	1,249	1,458	730	779	682	765	661	576	567	-2
Offences relating to prostitution	1,092	1,216	1,391	684	718	525	533	418	353	344	-3
Soliciting services of person engaged in prostitution	-	-	-	-	-	101	172	162	154	149	-3
Brothel keeping	2	12	11	11	18	27	24	34	21	36	71
Immoral traffic	24	14	47	27	17	16	21	36	33	26	-21
Procuration	12	7	9	8	26	13	15	11	15	12	-20
Other^{3,4}	1,222	1,242	1,288	1,275	1,372	1,315	1,306	1,458	1,769	2,612	48
Other sexually coercive conduct	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	155	660	326
Other sexual offences involving 13-15 year old children ⁵	246	245	277	316	436	394	370	445	441	516	17
Taking, distribution, possession etc. of indecent photos of children ⁵	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	69	225	375	67
Incest	36	36	27	29	19	18	19	49	17	18	6
Illegal homosexual acts	130	152	117	98	84	87	97	74	118	46	-61
Indecent exposure	800	803	858	816	817	786	786	766	742	894	20
Other sexual offences ³	10	6	9	16	16	30	34	55	71	103	45
Total Sexual offences^{1,2}	6,623	6,785	7,325	6,558	6,726	6,552	6,331	6,527	6,696	7,359	10

- =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. The overall total for Sexual offences for 2009-10 and 2010-11 have been affected by changes to the categories of Other sexual offences. From 2011-12 onwards, the offence of Taking, distribution, possession etc. of indecent photos of children has been reclassified as a Sexual offence.
2. 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 3.5](#).
3. The totals of these categories for 2009-10 have been revised following the submission of amended data from Fife Constabulary.
4. These categories have been restructured to provide a more coherent picture of Sexual offences. Offences associated with prostitution includes: Offences relating to prostitution, Soliciting services of person engaged in prostitution, Brothel keeping, Immoral traffic and Procuration. Other sexual offences 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 and Sexual exposure.
5. The data for these categories have been amended since publication on 26 June 2012 due to an error. The figures for these categories in Table A3 were 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 2011-12

Sexual offences	Number			
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	% change 10-11 to 11-12
Rape & attempted rape	996	1,131	1,274	13
Rape	884	997	1,183	19
Attempted rape	112	134	91	-32
Sexual assault³	3,412	3,220	2,906	-10
Sexual assault committed prior to 1 December 2010	1,685	1,275	288	-77
Sexual assault against an adult 16+	~	321	1,139	255
Sexual assault against a child aged 13-15	~	67	245	266
Sexual assault against a child under 13	52	111	384	246
Lewd and libidinous practices ³	1,675	1,446	850	-41
Offences associated with prostitution⁴	661	576	567	-2
Offences relating to prostitution	418	353	344	-3
Soliciting services of person engaged in prostitution	162	154	149	-3
Brothel keeping	34	21	36	71
Immoral traffic	36	33	26	-21
Procuration	11	15	12	-20
Other^{3,4}	1,458	1,769	2,612	48
Other sexually coercive conduct against an adult 16+	~	53	247	366
Other sexually coercive conduct against a child aged 13-15	~	48	181	277
Other sexually coercive conduct against a child under 13	~	54	232	330
Other sexual offences involving 13-15 year old children	445	441	516	17
Taking, distribution, possession etc. of indecent photos of children	69	225	375	67
Incest	49	17	18	6
Illegal homosexual acts	74	118	46	-61
Indecent exposure	766	742	894	20
Other sexual offences ³	55	71	103	45
Total Sexual offences^{1,2}	6,527	6,696	7,359	10

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

Notes:

1. The overall total for Sexual offences for 2009-10 and 2010-11 have been affected by changes to the categories of Other sexual offences. From 2011-12 onwards, the offence of Taking, distribution, possession etc. of indecent photos of children has been reclassified as a Sexual offence.
2. 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 3.5](#).
3. The totals of these categories for 2009-10 have been revised following the submission of amended data from Fife Constabulary.
4. These categories have been restructured to provide a more coherent picture of Sexual offences. Offences associated with prostitution includes: Offences relating to prostitution, Soliciting services of person engaged in prostitution, Brothel keeping, Immoral traffic and Procurement. Other sexual offences 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 and Sexual exposure.

Table A4: Theft by housebreaking (including attempts and housebreaking 'with intent'), 2002-03 to 2011-12

Crime category	Number & Percentage										
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	% change 10-11 to 11-12
Domestic :	27,341	24,646	23,613	21,232	20,429	17,465	17,223	16,727	17,657	17,375	-2
Dwelling	20,196	18,231	17,368	15,135	14,523	12,437	12,133	11,790	12,633	12,198	-3
Non-dwelling	7,145	6,415	6,245	6,097	5,906	5,028	5,090	4,937	5,024	5,177	3
Other	13,245	11,786	11,346	10,087	10,151	7,978	8,273	7,047	7,360	6,847	-7
Total Housebreaking	40,586	36,432	34,959	31,319	30,580	25,443	25,496	23,774	25,017	24,222	-3
Percentage Domestic	67%	68%	68%	68%	67%	69%	68%	70%	71%	72%	

Table A5: Theft of, and from, motor vehicles recorded by the police, 2002-03 to 2011-12

Crime category	Number & Percentage										
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	% change 10-11 to 11-12
Theft from motor vehicle of which :	38,525	34,474	27,921	23,569	22,858	21,944	20,825	17,075	16,531	16,906	2
Theft by opening a lockfast place (OLP)	22,536	20,287	15,012	12,162	11,519	11,181	9,847	7,400	6,795	6,386	-6
OLP with intent to steal	5,293	4,424	3,367	2,634	2,882	2,695	2,613	1,812	1,793	1,792	0
Attempted theft OLP	2,532	2,128	2,024	1,657	1,659	1,341	1,189	961	907	810	-11
Other theft	8,164	7,635	7,518	7,116	6,798	6,727	7,176	6,902	7,036	7,918	13
Theft of motor vehicle	16,486	14,011	12,339	11,317	11,820	9,864	9,407	7,706	7,325	6,087	-17
Attempted theft of motor vehicle	4,395	3,593	3,294	2,724	3,180	2,241	2,144	1,598	1,391	973	-30
Total Motor vehicle theft	59,406	52,078	43,554	37,610	37,858	34,049	32,376	26,379	25,247	23,966	-5

Table A6: Drug crimes recorded by the police, 2002-03 to 2011-12

Crime category	Number & Percentage										% change 10-11 to 11-12
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	
Illegal importation of drugs	3	4	1	23	9	9	9	17	30	19	-37
Illegal cultivation of drugs	205	249	254	297	437	490	609	753	964	1,242	29
Possession of drugs with intent to supply	9,940	9,284	9,078	9,293	10,444	9,328	9,697	9,131	6,144	5,423	-12
Possession of drugs	30,510	32,463	32,268	34,440	31,329	30,559	31,805	29,179	26,960	28,326	5
Drugs, other offences, money laundering	280	275	222	194	203	360	389	328	249	147	-41
Total Drug crimes	40,938	42,275	41,823	44,247	42,422	40,746	42,509	39,408	34,347	35,157	2

Table A7: Racially aggravated offences by police force area, 2007-08 to 2011-12

Police force area	2007-08			2008-09			2009-10			2010-11			2011-12		
	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	336	339	3	351	354	2	218	220	2	248	250	2	239	241
Dumfries & Galloway	2	18	20	1	17	18	1	24	25	1	31	32	0	24	24
Fife	1	199	200	0	193	193	0	190	190	0	185	185	0	188	188
Grampian	12	394	406	9	545	554	16	523	539	12	495	507	10	371	381
Lothian & Borders	129	1,009	1,138	150	896	1,046	81	1,056	1,137	44	880	924	25	811	836
Northern	3	68	71	1	93	94	4	82	86	5	73	78	7	85	92
Strathclyde	284	1,806	2,090	258	1,772	2,030	207	1,885	2,092	188	1,856	2,044	124	1,452	1,576
Tayside	18	261	279	3	272	275	2	222	224	5	148	153	3	145	148
Scotland	452	4,091	4,543	425	4,139	4,564	313	4,200	4,513	257	3,916	4,173	171	3,315	3,486

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, 1,891 crimes and 3,252 offences recorded by the British Transport Police, Ministry of Defence Police and Civil Nuclear Constabulary in 2011-12. The crime clear-up rate was 30% and the offences clear-up rate was 45%.
- 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. 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.
- 7.4 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: **£2,300**.

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

www.Scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Crime-Justice/costcalculation

Recording issues

- 7.5 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. 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.

- 7.6 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
- Loss of consciousness
- Lacerations requiring sutures which may lead to impairment or disfigurement
- Any other injury which may lead to impairment or disfigurement.”

Please note that slight changes to the definition of serious assault were made in April 2011. Loss of consciousness is no longer included in the definition of what constitutes a serious assault.

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

Reporting practices

- 7.8 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%).
- 7.9 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

- 7.10 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.

- 7.11 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.
- 7.12 Clear-up rates in excess of 100% can arise where offences recorded in one year are cleared up during the following year.

Classification

- 7.13 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.
- 7.14 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](#).

- 7.15 For 2011-12 there have been a number of changes to the standard breakdowns included in the bulletin tables. Group 2 offences, previously called Crimes of indecency, are now referred to as Sexual offences. The crime category Minor assault has been renamed Common assault. In turn the crime codes Minor assault and Minor assault of an emergency worker have similarly been renamed. The crime category Drunk driving has been renamed Driving under the influence to reflect the fact that this category includes driving while under the influence of drugs as well as drink driving.

The crime category Serious assault etc. has been split into two new categories: Homicide and Attempted murder and serious assault. The crime category Prostitution has been replaced by a new category called Offences associated with prostitution. This includes the crimes in the old Prostitution category as well as the following crimes that were previously included in Other sexual offences: Soliciting services of person engaged in prostitution, Brothel keeping, Immoral traffic, Procuration.

The crime category Breach of the peace had been changed to Breach of the peace etc. The category has been renamed as it now includes the following offences in addition to 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). Threatening or abusive behaviour and the Offence of stalking were classified in the Other miscellaneous offences category in 2010-11. Offensive behaviour at football and Threatening communications (Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications Act 2012) are new offences introduced on 1 March 2012 when the Offensive Behaviour at Football and Threatening Communications Act 2012 was implemented.

Overall totals of Crimes and Offences for 2009-10 and 2010-11 have been affected by changes to the categories of Other sexual offences and Other miscellaneous offences. From 2011-12 onwards, the offence of Taking, distribution, possession etc. of indecent photos of children has been reclassified as a Sexual offence. This may result in some minor deviations from the figures reported in police forces' annual reports.

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 will not be 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.

- 7.16 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 Neil Henderson on 0131 244 2635 or e-mail JusticeAnalysts@scotland.gsi.gov.uk.

7.17 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.

UK Statistics Authority – Assessment Report

7.18 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>.

8. Classification of Crimes and Offences

Group

CRIMES

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
 - 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

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

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

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:

- Possession of an offensive weapon
- Restriction of offensive weapons
- Having in a public place an article 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

OFFENCES

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 involving animals/plants
- 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"

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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