

# Crime in England and Wales 2005/06: London Region

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## CRIME BY REGION

### Levels of crime by region (Tables 1 to 4)

#### Police recorded crime

- At 134 offences per 1,000 population the London region has the highest rate of recorded crime of all the English regions and Wales. Total recorded crime fell by three per cent compared to 2004/05. With the exception of criminal damage, all offence groups recorded rates above the England and Wales rate. Violent crime and theft and handling of stolen goods remained much higher than the England and Wales rate at 34 and 55 offences per 1,000 population respectively.
- The London region was the only region to have an increase in burglary from 2004/05 to 2005/06 (2%). However, levels of criminal damage in the London region decreased by 10% between 2004/05 to 2005/06: this was the highest percentage decrease for this crime type in comparison with the other regions. The levels of total violent crime in the London region remained stable during this period.

#### British Crime Survey (see 'Understanding BCS data' text box on page 4)

- BCS rates of burglary and violent crime in London were not significantly different from the England and Wales average in 2005/06, while the rate of vehicle crime, at 946 vehicle thefts per 10,000 households was higher than the national average. The rates for burglary, vehicle crime and violent crime in London remained stable from 2004/05 to 2005/06.
- The risk of victimisation (the proportion of the population who had been victimised at least once) for household crime in London was not significantly different from the England and Wales average. The risk of being a victim of personal crime was higher in London compared with the national average. Between 2004/05 and 2005/06 the risks of being a victim of both household and personal crime remained stable in London.
- In 2005/06, the rates of household and personal crime in London were similar to the England and Wales average, and there was no significant change between 2004/05 and 2005/06.

Table 1: Recorded crime by region and Wales, 2005/06<sup>1</sup>

	Total recorded crime (No.) <sup>2</sup>	Recorded crime rates per 1,000 population					Recorded crime	
		Total recorded crime (rates)	Total violent crime <sup>3</sup>	Burglary	Theft and handling stolen goods <sup>4</sup>	Theft of and from vehicles	Criminal damage	
North East Region	257,053	101	20	12	33	12	28	
North West Region	783,638	115	24	14	38	15	29	
Yorkshire & the Humber Region	596,905	118	24	16	41	16	28	
East Midlands Region	436,812	102	21	13	37	13	23	
West Midlands Region	521,179	98	23	13	32	12	21	
Eastern Region	471,681	86	17	10	32	11	20	
<b>London Region</b>	<b>992,557</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	
South East Region	728,618	90	19	10	33	11	20	
South West Region	433,376	86	19	10	31	10	19	
Wales	258,309	87	19	9	31	13	22	
<b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b>	<b>5,480,128</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>22</b>	

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**Table 2: Percentage change in recorded crime by region and Wales, 2004/05 to 2005/06<sup>1</sup>**

	Recorded crime					
	% change 04/05 to 05/06					
	Total recorded crime <sup>2</sup>	Total violent crime <sup>3</sup>	Burglary	Theft and handling stolen goods <sup>4</sup>	Theft of and from vehicles	Criminal damage
North East Region	0	10	-9	-3	-3	-2
North West Region	0	1	-6	-1	0	2
Yorkshire & the Humber Region	1	9	-5	0	-6	-1
East Midlands Region	-4	0	-14	-5	-6	1
West Midlands Region	-2	0	-5	-4	-7	0
Eastern Region	-2	-5	-3	0	-1	-2
<b>London Region</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-10</b>
South East Region	0	5	-2	-1	-2	0
South West Region	-3	-1	-11	-4	-8	1
Wales	-3	-1	-10	-5	-3	0
<b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-1</b>

**Table 3: BCS incidents of crime by region and Wales<sup>5, 6, 7, 8</sup>**

	2005/06 BCS								
	Burglary			All vehicle thefts			Violent crime		
	No. of incidents ('000s)	Rate per 10,000 households	Change (rates) 04/05 to 05/06	No. of incidents ('000s)	Rate per 10,000 households	Change (rates) 04/05 to 05/06	No. of incidents ('000s)	Rate per 10,000 adults	Change (rates) 04/05 to 05/06
North East Region	38	346		67	618		106	515	
North West Region	105	365		225	786	*↓	316	578	
Yorkshire & the Humber Region	74	348		170	803	**↓	250	617	
East Midlands Region	62	347		131	740		200	578	
West Midlands Region	74	336		162	741		263	617	
Eastern Region	62	271		150	654		231	523	
<b>London Region</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>411</b>		<b>306</b>	<b>946</b>	*↓	<b>298</b>	<b>498</b>	
South East Region	77	226		242	714		440	673	
South West Region	57	267		139	649		187	456	
Wales	32	261		86	711		106	446	*↓
<b>ENGLAND AND WALES<sup>9</sup></b>	<b>733</b>	<b>317</b>		<b>1,731</b>	<b>749</b>	**↓	<b>2,420</b>	<b>561</b>	

**Table 4: BCS incidents of household and personal crime by region and Wales<sup>5, 6, 7, 8</sup>**

	Household crime				Personal crime			
	% victim at least once	No. of incidents ('000s)	Rate per 10,000 households	Change (rates) 04/05 to 05/06	% victim at least once	No. of incidents ('000s)	Rate per 10,000 adults	Change (rates) 04/05 to 05/06
North East Region	19	351	3,221	*↑	6	168	814	
North West Region	19	875	3,053	**↓	6	506	924	
Yorkshire & the Humber Region	20	685	3,241		6	394	973	
East Midlands Region	19	566	3,186		6	310	897	
West Midlands Region	18	655	2,992		7	435	1,021	
Eastern Region	16	615	2,675		6	363	823	
<b>London Region</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>3,023</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>1,116</b>	
South East Region	17	918	2,702	*↓	7	736	1,128	
South West Region	16	594	2,776		5	325	790	
Wales	16	330	2,713		5	177	743	
<b>ENGLAND AND WALES<sup>9</sup></b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6,792</b>	<b>2,939</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>4,120</b>	<b>956</b>	

**Worry about crime by region (Table 5)**

- Levels of worry about burglary, car crime and violent crime in London were higher than the England and Wales average and remained stable since 2004/05.

**Table 5: BCS worry about crime by region and Wales<sup>5</sup>**

	2005/06 BCS					
	High level of worry about burglary <sup>10</sup>		High level of worry about car crime <sup>11</sup>		High level of worry about violent crime <sup>12</sup>	
	%	Change 04/05 to 05/06	%	Change 04/05 to 05/06	%	Change 04/05 to 05/06
North East Region	12	*↑	14		16	
North West Region	15		15		20	
Yorkshire & the Humber Region	13		15		14	
East Midlands Region	14		15		17	
West Midlands Region	16	**↑	17		20	**↑
Eastern Region	10		11		14	
<b>London Region</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>18</b>		<b>27</b>	
South East Region	9		10		13	
South West Region	9		11		12	
Wales	9		12		11	
<b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b>	<b>13</b>	*↑	<b>14</b>		<b>17</b>	*↑

**Perceptions of anti-social behaviour, drug use or dealing and confidence in the criminal justice system (CJS) by region (Table 6)**

- The proportions of people perceiving high levels of anti-social behaviour and drug use or dealing were higher in London than the England and Wales average. There was a reduction in the perceived levels of anti-social behaviour between 2004/05 and 2005/06 but the perceived levels of drug use or dealing in this region remained stable.
- Forty-eight per cent of people in London felt very or fairly confident that the CJS was effective in bringing people who commit crimes to justice: this was a higher proportion than the national average (44%). There were no significant changes in levels of confidence in the CJS in this region between 2004/05 and 2005/06.
- Levels of confidence in the local police in London at 54 per cent were higher than the average for England and Wales (50%) and remained stable between 2004/05 and 2005/06.

**Table 6: BCS perceptions of anti-social behaviour, drug use or dealing and confidence in the criminal justice system (CJS) by region and Wales<sup>5</sup>**

	2005/06 BCS							
	High level of perceived anti-social behaviour <sup>13</sup>		High level of perceived drug use or dealing <sup>14</sup>		CJS effective in bringing people to justice <sup>15</sup>		Confidence in local police <sup>16</sup>	
	%	Change 04/05 to 05/06	%	Change 04/05 to 05/06	%	Change 04/05 to 05/06	%	Change 04/05 to 05/06
North East Region	19		31		41		53	
North West Region	18		27		43		48	
Yorkshire & the Humber Region	17	*↑	30		42	**↑	49	*↑
East Midlands Region	15		27		42		47	
West Midlands Region	19		28		44		49	**↑
Eastern Region	14	*↑	22	*↑	45		51	**↑
<b>London Region</b>	<b>25</b>	**↓	<b>31</b>	*↑	<b>48</b>	*↑	<b>54</b>	*↑
South East Region	16		23		46		51	
South West Region	13		22		45		53	
Wales	15		29		42		47	
<b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>27</b>	*↑	<b>44</b>	**↑	<b>50</b>	**↑

## CRIME BY POLICE FORCE AREA, LONDON REGION<sup>17</sup>

### **Levels of crime by police force area (Table 7)**

#### **Police recorded crime**

- Unlike other regions, there is one police force in London (the Metropolitan Police) that covers the majority of this region (with the exception of the City of London). This means that figures for the Metropolitan police reflect those for London overall. The City of London police force is the smallest in England and Wales and has a low resident population. Thus the rate for total recorded crime for the Metropolitan police force area (133 offences per 1,000 population) is similar to the rate for the London region (134 offences per 1,000 population).
- In 2005/06 there were 570,884 recorded crime BCS comparator offences in the Metropolitan Police area. Between 2004/05 and 2005/06 the number of recorded crime BCS comparator offences in the Metropolitan Police force area reduced by 1%.

**Table 7: Recorded crime BCS comparator by police force area<sup>18</sup>**

	Recorded crime BCS comparator			Recorded crime	
	No. of crimes 2003/04	No. of crimes 2004/05	No. of crimes 2005/06	Change 03/04 to 05/06 (%)	Change 04/05 to 05/06 (%)
Metropolitan Police	614,782	575,933	570,884	-7	-1
<b>London Region</b>	<b>616,876</b>	<b>577,688</b>	<b>572,598</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>-1</b>
<b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b>	<b>3,612,887</b>	<b>3,357,106</b>	<b>3,304,036</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>-2</b>

### **Understanding BCS data**

- As BCS estimates are subject to sampling error, differences between estimates from successive years of the survey or between population subgroups may occur by chance. Tests of statistical significance are used to identify which differences are unlikely to have occurred by chance. Small sample sizes mean that apparently large changes between years may not be statistically significant, therefore the actual percentage changes are not shown.
- Statistically significant changes between 2004/05 and 2005/06 are shown in Tables 3 to 6. A single asterisk indicates significant differences at the ten per cent level and a double asterisk indicates significant differences at the five per cent level. The arrows presented indicate the direction of the change.
- Only BCS results that are statistically significant at the five per cent level are highlighted in the text within this fact sheet. This includes those results where the statistical significance is not shown in the tables here, but can be found in the main publication (referenced below) – see Chapter 7 appendix tables.
- Statistically significant differences from the England and Wales average can be found in the ‘Geographic patterns of crime’ chapter in the main publication (referenced below).
- For unweighted bases, please see the ‘Geographic patterns of crime’ chapter in the main publication (referenced below).

### **References and further reading**

**Walker, A., Kershaw, C. and Nicholas, S. (2006) *Crime in England and Wales 2005/06*. Home Office Statistical Bulletin 12/06. London: Home Office.**

*For further detailed information, please see the 'Geographic patterns of crime' chapter in the main report.*

*Additional tables reporting statistics for individual Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships and Basic Command Units are available at:*

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/crimeew0506.html>

### **Further information**

#### **Recorded crime**

<sup>1</sup> The listed recorded crime offences are main offence groups. For more detail on what offences are contained under these groupings, see the Recorded Crime List (Appendix 2) in the main publication (referenced above).

<sup>2</sup> Total recorded crime offences include: violent crime, burglary, theft and handling stolen goods, theft of and from vehicles, criminal damage, drug and other offences.

<sup>3</sup> Total violent crime includes offences recorded in violence against the person, sexual offences and robbery.

<sup>4</sup> Theft of and from vehicles is included within the more general category of theft and handling stolen goods.

#### **BCS**

<sup>5</sup> Statistically significant differences from the England and Wales average can be found in the 'Geographic patterns of crime' chapter in the main publication (referenced above).

<sup>6</sup> Rates for household crime (including burglary and vehicle crime) are calculated per 10,000 households. Rates for personal crime (including violent crime) are calculated per 10,000 adults.

<sup>7</sup> 'All vehicle theft', 'Violent crime', and 'BCS household crime' and 'BCS personal crime' are main BCS offence groups. For more detail on the offences contained in these groupings, see the Glossary in the main publication (referenced above).

<sup>8</sup> BCS incidents are geographically located in the area where the respondent lives rather than at the precise location of the incident. For further information please see the 'Geographic patterns of crime' chapter in the main publication (referenced above).

<sup>9</sup> Numbers of incidents at a regional level will not sum to the total for England and Wales. This is due to differences in the population and household estimates used to calculate the numbers of crimes. The latest available estimates were used: regional population estimates are mid-2004 based; national population estimates are mid-2004 based projections; regional household estimates are mid-2003 based; national household estimates are mid-2003 based projections.

<sup>10</sup> The measure for worry about burglary is the percentage of respondents who say they are 'very worried' about having their home broken into and something stolen. See the Glossary in the main publication (referenced above) for more information.

<sup>11</sup> The measure for worry about car crime is based on two questions on worry about 'having your car stolen' and 'having things stolen from your car'. See the Glossary in the main publication (referenced above) for more information.

<sup>12</sup> The measure for worry about violent crime is based on a scale constructed from questions on worry about mugging, rape, physical attack by a stranger and racially motivated assault. See the Glossary in the main publication (referenced above) for more information.

<sup>13</sup> Measured using the seven strand measure of anti-social behaviour. See the Glossary in the main publication (referenced above) for a definition.

<sup>14</sup> The percentage of people who perceived there to be a very/fairly big problem with drug use or dealing in their local area.

<sup>15</sup> The percentage of people who are very/fairly confident that the CJS was effective in bringing people who commit crimes to justice.

<sup>16</sup> The percentage of people saying their local police did a good/excellent job.

<sup>17</sup> Data for the London region includes the City of London.

#### **Recorded crime BCS comparator**

<sup>18</sup> The recorded crime BCS comparator is made up of 10 recorded crime offences which can be compared to crime categories within the BCS. Part of the Home Office's crime reduction target (PSA1) is measured using the recorded crime BCS comparator. Further information on the recorded crime BCS comparator is provided in the main volume (referenced above).