



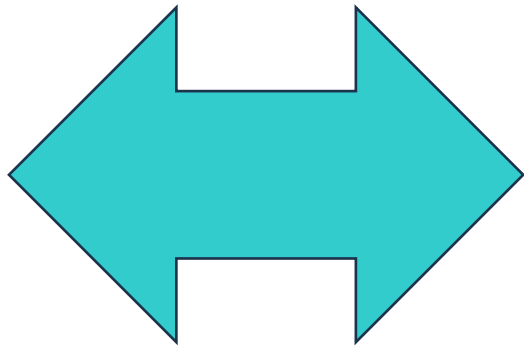
Portsmouth Partnership Strategic Assessment of Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour, Re-offending & Substance Misuse: 2022/23 Update



Overall Crime Levels in Portsmouth

Police recorded crime had been increasing since 2013/14 but reduced by 2% since 2022/23.

BUT



- Not all crime is reported to the police
- The way that police record crime changes over time
- New offences are added (e.g. stalking / coercive control)
- Victims may become more (or less) confident to report some types of crime over time e.g. domestic abuse, sexual offences & hate crime

Consideration of other data sources is important and suggests that **overall levels of crime have been fairly stable over the last decade (e.g. local Community Safety Survey).**

Key findings from the update

- Most types of violent crime have reduced or remained broadly stable since 2021/22.
- Possession of a weapon offences increased by 9% - impacted by police activity.
- Domestic abuse continues to be the largest known driver of violence (40% of assaults)
- Domestic abuse reported to the police appears to be stabilising, but there is still work to be done to challenge, support and hold domestic abuse perpetrators to account.
- Children at risk of criminal exploitation has increased since 2021/22.
- Increase in vehicle crime and a likely increase in shoplifting since 2021/22.

Serious Violence Strategic Needs Assessment

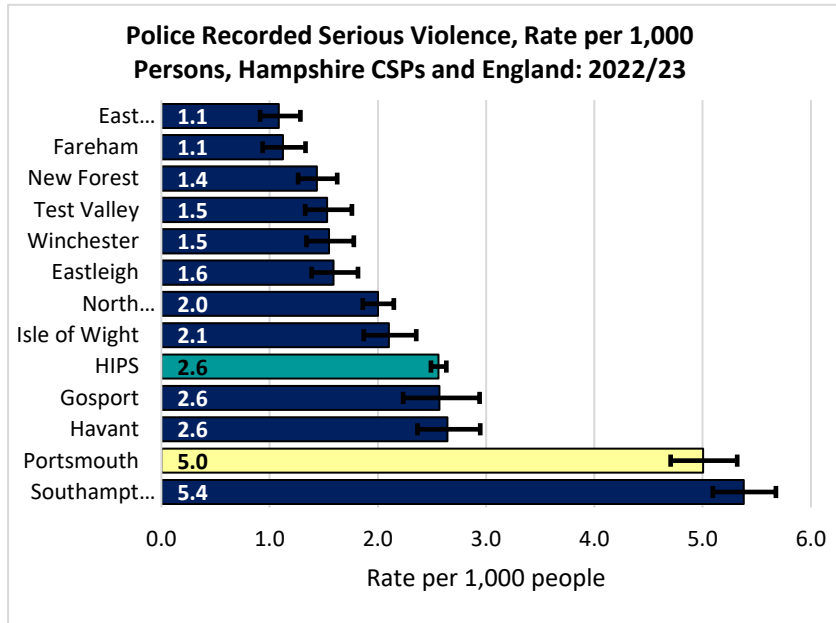


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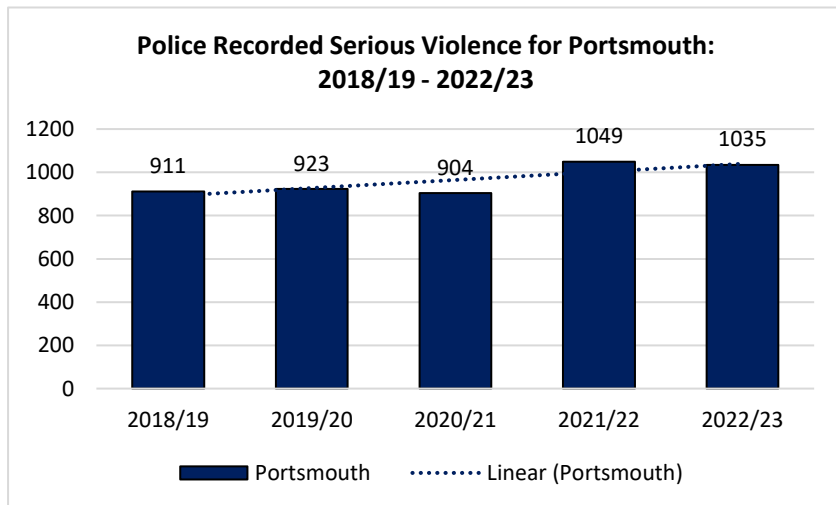


- Serious Violence duty for responsible authorities to work together to prevent and reduce serious violence, produce a strategic needs assessment (SNA) and a strategy.
- Collaborative bottom-up approach to the SNA: Analysts from Portsmouth, Southampton, IOW & Hampshire, VRU analyst and OPCC.
- Portsmouth's SNA is situated in the Partnership Strategic Assessment Update.

Serious Violence in Portsmouth



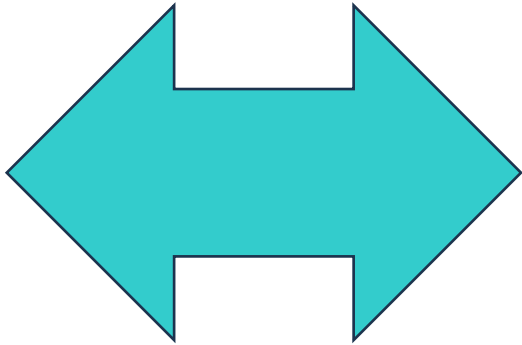
- There were 1,035 serious violence offences in 2022/23, giving a rate of 5 per 1,000.
- 40% possession of a weapon, 30% violence with injury and 26% were robbery of personal property.
- Similar level as 2021/22, but higher than pre-covid levels.
- Increases since 2018/19 have been driven by increases in robbery and possession of a weapon offences.



What do we know about serious violence?

- Serious violence is concentrated in the City Centre and surrounding neighbourhoods.
- Higher levels from Friday night to Sunday and in the evenings, 60% known to be in public places - NTE as a main driver
- Where relationship between the victim and suspect were recorded: 37% strangers, 29% were victimless, 18% acquaintances, 15% ex-partners/partners/family.
- Young males aged between 18 and 34 years were most affected by serious violence, both as victims and suspects.
- There has also been an increase from 2021/22 in young victims and suspects aged between 10 and 17 years.
- Portsmouth also compares poorly with the Hampshire and England averages for many of the measures associated with an increased likelihood of violence

Anti-social Behaviour



Substantial and sustained reduction in ASB reported to the police.

Other agencies have seen an increase in ASB reports, but still a large shortfall in reported ASB.

BUT

Data from the Community Safety Survey says levels are fairly stable.

Where do People Feel Unsafe or Avoid?

Rank	2001	2004	2007	2009	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
1	Somerstown	Somerstown	Somerstown	Somerstown	Somerstown	Somerstown	Somerstown	Somerstown	Somerstown	Somerstown
2	Buckland	Buckland	Buckland	Buckland	Fratton	Buckland	Buckland	Buckland	Buckland	Buckland
3	Portsea	Paulsgrove	Paulsgrove	Paulsgrove	Guildhall	Guildhall	Fratton	Commercial Rd	Fratton	Commercial Rd
4	Paulsgrove	Portsea	Guildhall	Guildhall	Buckland	Fratton	Commercial Rd	Fratton	Commercial Rd	Fratton
5	Commercial Rd	Landport	Portsea	Landport	Paulsgrove	Paulsgrove	Southsea	Guildhall	Guildhall	Southsea
6	Southsea	Guildhall	Landport	Portsea	Portsea	Portsea	Guildhall	Southsea	Southsea	Guildhall
7	Guildhall	Southsea	Commercial Rd	Southsea	Landport	Landport	Paulsgrove	Portsea	Northend	Northend
8	Landport	Commercial Rd	Fratton	Fratton	Commercial Rd	Southsea	Portsea	Paulsgrove	Portsea	Paulsgrove
9	Fratton	Fratton	Southsea	Commercial Rd	Southsea	Commercial Rd	Northend	Northend	Paulsgrove	Portsea
10	Cosham	Cosham	Cosham	Stamshaw	Cosham		Landport	Landport	Landport	Landport

Recommended Community Safety Priorities

- Tackling violent crime, focussing on violence against women and girls, domestic abuse, knife-enabled violence, and sexual violence
- Tackling drug-related harm, with a focus on increasing access to treatment and closer working across physical and mental healthcare.
- Early identification of and interventions with children and young people at risk of exploitation or abuse, of misusing substances and of offending
- Improve accessibility and capacity of mental health provision for children, young people and adults.
- Increase the awareness of cyber-related harm



Questions?

If you would like to ask for anymore information please email our shared inbox:

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Previous versions of the Strategic Assessment can be found at:

[Strategic Assessments - Safer Portsmouth](#)

The Portsmouth Community Safety Survey report can be found at:

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