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State of Dorset Crime

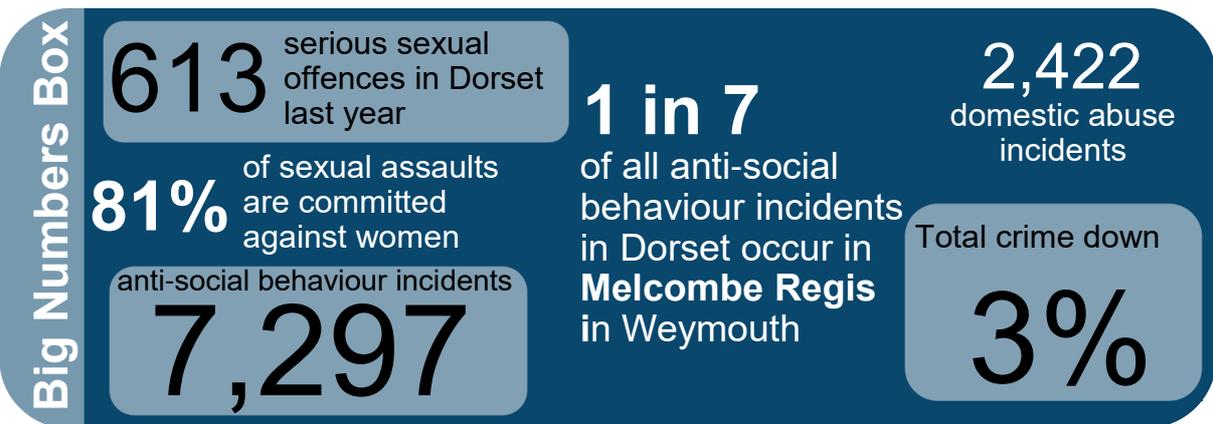


In this bulletin all data relates to statistics that pre-date Covid unless stated otherwise

In a national context, crime in the Dorset Council area is consistently very low, well below the average in England.

Data relates to the fiscal year 2019/20 unless stated otherwise.

Total recorded crime has fallen by 3% in this fiscal year compared to last year², anti-social behaviour incidents are also down from last year. The number of domestic abuse incidents have increased since 2018/19 however.



Box 1: Dorset Community Safety Partnership Priorities¹

- Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
- County Lines
- Serious Sexual Offences
- Domestic Abuse
- Rural Crime
- Fraud
- Public Place Violence
- Anti-Social Behaviour

- In 2019-20 there were 7,297 incidents of **anti-social behaviour** in the Dorset Council area.

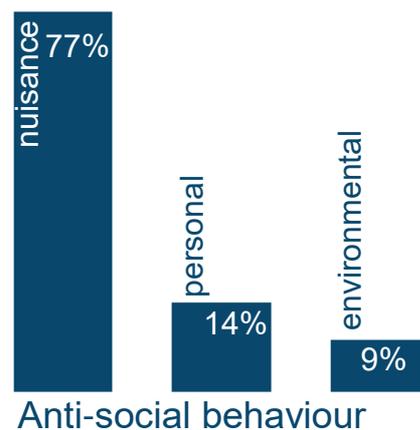
- 77% of these were classified as nuisance, 14% personal and 9% environmental.

- Weymouth has the highest rate of anti-social behaviour across the Dorset Council area.

- The Melcombe Regis area accounts for 14% of all **anti-social behaviour** incidents in the Dorset Council area.

- There were 613 serious **sexual offences** in the Dorset Council area last year.

- There were 2,422 **domestic abuse** incidents in the Dorset Council area last year.



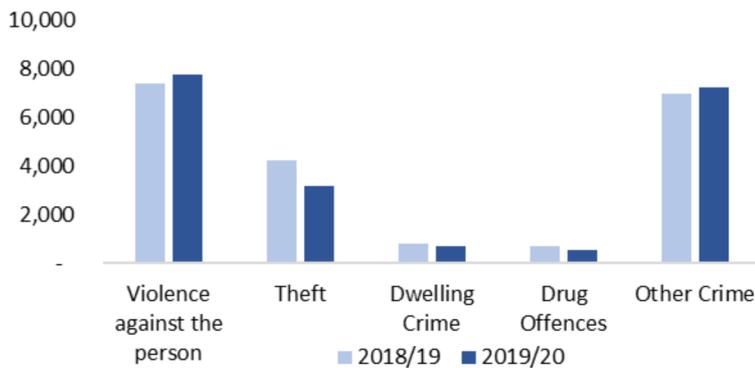
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1 Dorset Police statistics for the Dorset Council area

2 Comparing 2018/19 to 2019/20

Box 2: Other Crime

Crimes in the Dorset Council Area



- Total crimes were slightly lower this year than in the previous year.
- East Dorset is the former district with the lowest crime rate in Dorset...and Weymouth and Portland has the highest.
- The summer usually sees the most crime each year.¹ This could be because of the better weather over summer, the holidays and the longer daylight hours.
- In 2018 84% of residents surveyed across Dorset said that they felt safe walking alone after dark.
- **In the last year²:**
 - Violent crime rose by 5%
 - Theft fell by 26%
 - Dwelling crime fell by 18%
 - Drug offences fell by 17%
- Compared to other areas, crime in the Dorset Council area is consistently low. Last year, Dorset had a lower crime rate than most council areas.

What are we doing about it?

The Dorset Community Safety Partnership (CSP) brings together local authorities, the police and other key partners to tackle crime and community safety issues. The CSP aims to reduce crime and the fear of crime; address risk, threat and harm to victims and local communities; and facilitate the strengthening of Dorset's communities in the delivery of local initiatives.

Crime and the fear of crime have a huge impact on the health and wellbeing of residents. The CSP undertakes annual assessments of local community safety issues and puts in place plans to address them.

Sources

² Comparing Fiscal year 2018/19 to 2019/20