Data Guide

Police Recorded Crime in Northern Ireland

File formats, variable descriptions and other background information are provided in this data guide for the following datasets:

The User Guide to Police Recorded Crime Statistics in Northern Ireland provides details on how crimes are recorded by police and on process or guidance changes impacting on the data series. A data series by detailed crime type is available in the Police Recorded Crime in Northern Ireland Annual Trends publication, along with explanatory footnotes https://www.psni.police.uk/inside-psni/Statistics/police-recorded-crime-statistics/.

Police Recorded Crime Monthly Data

File format: CSV (comma separated)

Time period covered: from April 2001 (2001/02 financial year)

Data file updated on a quarterly basis with updates occurring by end:
- July (data to 30th June),
- October (data to 30th September),
- January (data to 31st December) and
- May (data to 31st March, completed financial year)

Revisions
Provisional in-year: changes to previously uploaded *Count* totals in the current financial year will occur each time the data is uploaded during that financial year.
Annual revisions may be made to completed financial years from 2015/16.

Variable	Description	Values
Calendar_Year	The calendar year in which the month falls; the earliest complete calendar year is 2002	2001 2002 2003 etc
Month	Month in which the crime was reported to police	Apr May Jun Jul etc
Policing_District	Policing District in which the crime occurred For complete financial years Policing Districts will sum to *Northern Ireland*. Within the current financial year the Policing Districts may sum to less than the *Northern Ireland* total as there may be some individual crime records yet be allocated to a policing district.	Northern Ireland Belfast City Lisburn & Castlereagh City Ards & North Down Newry Mourne & Down Armagh City Banbridge & Craigavon Mid Ulster Fermanagh & Omagh Derry City & Strabane Causeway Coast & Glens Mid & East Antrim Antrim & Newtownabbey

Variable	Description	Values
Crime_Type	Based on Home Office Crime classifications For complete financial years individual crime classifications will sum to *Total police recorded crime*. Within the current financial year the individual crime classifications may sum to less than *Total police recorded crime* as there may be some individual records yet be allocated to a crime classification. **Burglary:** From 1st April 2017 the classifications within burglary changed from domestic burglary and non-domestic burglary to burglary–residential and burglary–business & community. This reflects a revised approach within the Home Office Counting Rules. What constitutes a burglary does not change; however burglary-residential and burglary-business & community represent a new data series. The individual series for domestic burglary and burglary-residential cannot be added together to create an overall figure. The same applies to non-domestic burglary and burglary-business & community.	Violence with injury (including homicide & death/serious injury by unlawful driving) Violence without injury (including harassment) Sexual offences Robbery Theft - burglary residential Theft - burglary business & community Theft - domestic burglary Theft - non-domestic burglary Theft from the person Theft - vehicle offences Bicycle theft Theft – shoplifting All other theft offences Criminal damage Trafficking of drugs Possession of drugs Possession of weapons offences Public order offences Miscellaneous crimes against society Total police recorded crime
Data_Measure	Police Recorded Crime refers to the number of crimes recorded by the police Police Recorded Crime Outcomes – includes sanction detection methods of charge/summons, cautions (adult and juvenile), community resolutions (formerly known as discretionary disposals), penalty notices for disorder, offences taken into consideration and indictable only offences where no action was taken against the offender (died before proceedings or PPS did not prosecute). Further information on these outcomes can be found in the Police Recorded Crime User Guide Police Recorded Crime Outcomes (rate %) Calculated as crime outcomes administered during time period as a percentage of crimes recorded during the same time period.	Police Recorded Crime Police Recorded Crime Outcomes (number) Police Recorded Crime Outcomes (rate %)
Count	Aggregate count of the number of police recorded crimes and outcomes recorded each month, for each Policing District and for each crime type. Outcome rate for each month, Policing District and Crime Type	/0 indicates that an outcome rate could not be calculated. This is distinct from a cell showing 0 where no crime or crime outcome has been recorded or where the outcome rate has been calculated as 0. There should be no blank cells.

Police Recorded Crime Victim Age

File format: CSV (comma separated)

Time period covered: from April 2007 (2007/08 financial year)

Geographic coverage: Northern Ireland level

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Variable	Description	Values / Format		
Time_period	The time period represented in the data row, financial year, calendar year and the latest current/previous 12 months. The earliest complete financial year is 2007/08. The earliest complete calendar year is 2008.	Financial year values: 2007/08 2008/09 2009/10 Etc	Calendar year values: 2008 2009 20010 Etc	Current/previous 12 months values: 12 months: mmm'yy to mmm'yy
Victim_Age	Age of the victim at the time the crime occurred. Figures relate to those crimes where there was a person victim. State-based crimes, crimes where there was a non-person victim (eg business, council, organisation) and crimes where the victim was a police officer on duty are not included	<18, 18-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65+, age unknown, all ages		
Crime_Type	Based on Home Office Crime classifications For complete financial years individual crime classifications will sum to *Total police recorded crime*. Within the current financial year the individual crime classifications may sum to less than *Total police recorded crime* as there may be some individual records yet be allocated to a crime classification.	Violence with injury (including homicide & death/serious injury by unlawful driving) Violence without injury (including harassment) Sexual offences Robbery Theft - burglary Theft - vehicle offences All other theft offences Criminal damage Other crimes against society Total police recorded crime		

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	Police Recorded Crime Outcomes (rate %) Calculated as crime outcomes administered during time period as a percentage of crimes recorded during the same time period.	Police Recorded Crime Outcomes (rate %)
	Police Recorded Crime Population Rate (per 1000 population) – crime rate per 1000 of the population for the specified age.	Police Recorded Crime Population Rate (per 1000 population)
Count	Aggregate count of the number of police recorded crimes and outcomes recorded each month, for each Policing District and for each crime type. Outcome rate / Population rate for each time period, age band and Crime Type.	/0 indicates that an outcome rate could not be calculated. This is distinct from a cell showing 0 where no crime or crime outcome has been recorded or where the outcome rate or population rate has been calculated as 0. Blank cells exist for age unknown (population rate cannot be provided).

Police Recorded Crime Victim Gender

File format: CSV (comma separated)

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Geographic coverage: Northern Ireland level

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Victim_Gender	Gender of the victim; gender unknown may include persons who have not identified as either male or female. Figures relate to those crimes where there was a person victim. State-based crimes, crimes where there was a non-person victim (eg business, council, organisation) and crimes where the victim was a police officer on duty are not included	female male gender unknown total		
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	Police Recorded Crime Population Rate (per 1000 population) – crime rate per 1000 of the population for the specified gender.	Police Recorded Crime Population Rate (per 1000 population)
Count	Aggregate count of the number of police recorded crimes and outcomes recorded each month, for each Policing District and for each crime type. Outcome rate / Population rate for each time period, gender and Crime Type.	/0 indicates that an outcome rate could not be calculated. This is distinct from a cell showing 0 where no crime or crime outcome has been recorded or where the outcome rate or population rate has been calculated as 0. Blank cells exist for gender unknown (population rate cannot be provided).