ASEL Intelligence Report

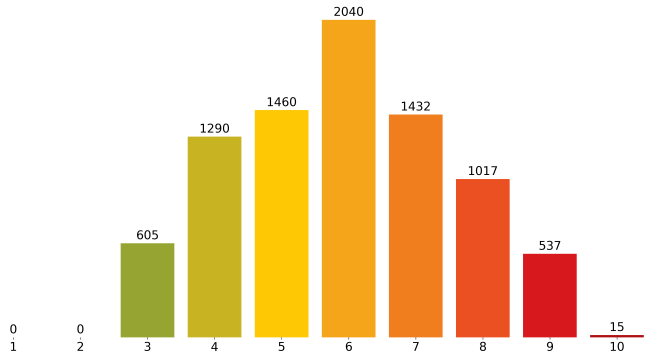
Avon and Somerset
30th September 2026

England & Wales Overview

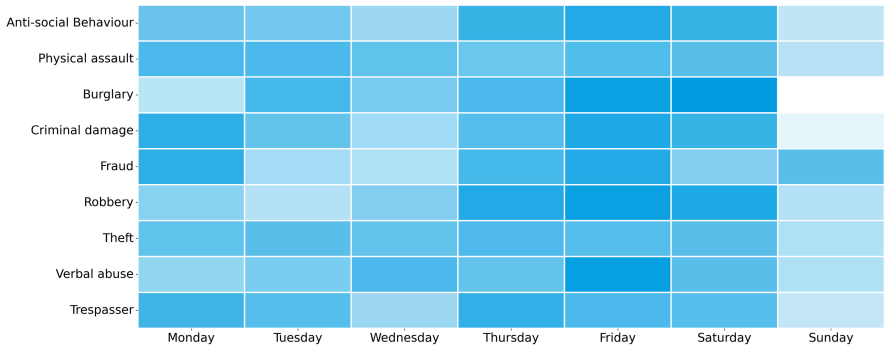
HIGHEST RISK

FORCE	Metropolitan Police
WARD	Abbey (Metropolitan Police)

Ward Count by Risk Score

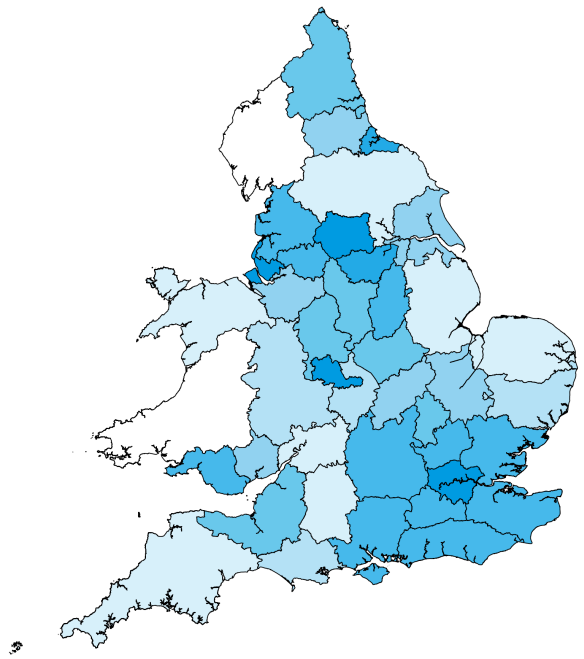


Risk by Day of the Week



England & Wales Overview

HIGHEST RISK



RANK	FORCE	HIGHEST RISK WARD
1	Metropolitan Police	Abbey
2	West Midlands	Abbey
3	West Yorkshire	Town
4	Merseyside	Park
5	South Yorkshire	Central
6	Cleveland	Central
7	Essex	Trinity
8	Kent	Park
9	Hampshire	Nelson
10	Nottinghamshire	Abbey
11	Hertfordshire	Park
12	South Wales	Castle
13	Lancashire	Trinity
14	Sussex	Castle
15	Thames Valley	Abbey
16	Greater Manchester	St Mary's
17	Surrey	Castle
18	Staffordshire	Castle
19	Northumbria	Castle
20	Avon and Somerset	Central
21	Leicestershire	Abbey
22	Bedfordshire	Central
23	Derbyshire	Abbey
24	London, City of	Bridge
25	Cheshire	Highfield
26	Humberside	Park
27	Gwent	Park
28	Cambridgeshire	Central
29	Durham	Northgate
30	Northamptonshire	Castle
31	West Mercia	Abbey
32	Dorset	Bournemouth Central
33	Warwickshire	St Mary's
34	Suffolk	St Peter's
35	Norfolk	Nelson
36	North Wales	Abbey
37	Devon & Cornwall	Stoke
38	Lincolnshire	Castle
39	Wiltshire	Central
40	North Yorkshire	Castle
41	Gloucestershire	Abbey
42	Cumbria	Castle
43	Dyfed-Powys	Tyisha

Force: Avon and Somerset

HIGHEST RISK LOCATION

Central | 9 | High

Ranked 1st in Avon and Somerset, Central faces extremely high risks in 'violence and sexual offences', 'criminal damage and arson', 'anti-social behaviour', 'shoplifting' and related categories, all rated 10. The ward also shows high risks for 'student population' and 'population density'. Policing strategies must prioritise managing the pervasive risks alongside concentrated nighttime economy challenges.

OTHER HIGH RISK LOCATIONS

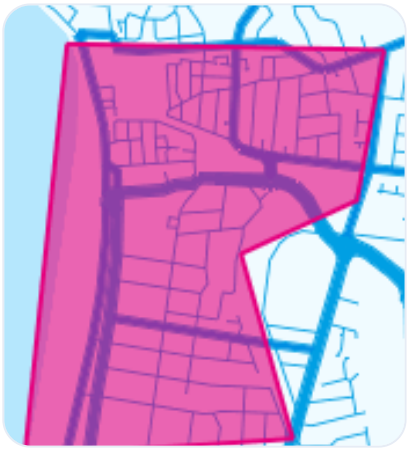
Knowle

8 | Moderate

Knowle is 2nd ranked in Avon and Somerset, with high risks indicated by scores of 9 and 10 in 'criminal damage and arson', 'burglary', 'public order', and 'other theft'. Moderate risks appear in 'drugs' and 'possessing weapons'. The area faces significant risk related to major junctions and retail parks, demanding tactical policing to reduce vulnerabilities and maintain safety.

Weston-super-Mare Central

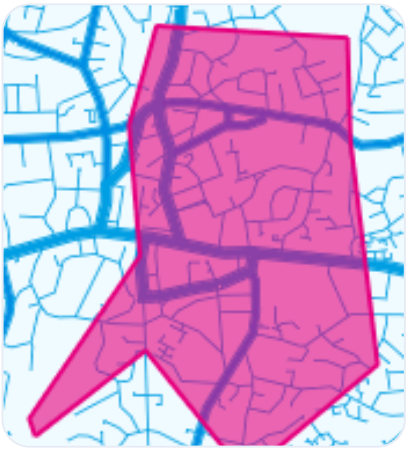
8 | Moderate



Weston-super-Mare Central holds 3rd rank within Avon and Somerset. Risks are extremely likely in 'violence and sexual offences', 'criminal damage and arson', 'public order', 'shoplifting', and 'drugs' with scores of 10. School density and night-time economy pose considerable risks. Policing should focus on controlling risks tied to these key factors to improve public safety.

Kingswood

8 | Moderate



Kingswood, ranked 4th in Avon and Somerset, shows extremely likely risks (score 10) across 'violence and sexual offences', 'criminal damage and arson', 'anti-social behaviour', 'shoplifting', and 'public order'. 'Possession of weapons' also presents a high risk. Policing efforts must address these systemic risks while considering the area's retail and school density.

Top and Trending Risks

RISK	SCORE	TREND
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Harassment	7	
Asset Crime - Vehicle Damage	7	
Public Order - Rough Sleepers	7	
Asset Crime - Theft of Vehicle	7	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Assault	7	
Burglary & Robbery - Burglary	7	
Burglary & Robbery - Walk in Burglary	7	
Theft - Fuel Drive Off (Bilking)	7	
Trespassing - Encampment	7	
Theft - Theft by Employee	7	

Observations

The risk landscape for Avon and Somerset is characterised by a consistent likelihood across the top 10 identified risks, all rated at a risk score of 7.0. These scores reflect an objective assessment based on demographic, environmental, and other relevant factors rather than direct crime rates, providing a measure of the probability or threat level associated with each risk. The uniformity in scores suggests a stable risk environment with no significant fluctuations in the likelihood of these risks occurring since the previous month.~~Sexual harassment within the category of Violence & Abuse holds the highest rank, indicating a notable concern in terms of personal safety and public protection. This is closely followed by asset crime risks, particularly vehicle damage and theft, which occupy the second and fourth ranks respectively. The prominence of vehicle-related risks may be influenced by the region's urban and rural mix, where vehicle use is high and opportunities for such crimes exist. Public order risks related to rough sleepers and trespassing through encampments also feature in the top 10, reflecting ongoing social challenges in the area.~~Other risks such as sexual assault, burglary (including walk-in burglary), fuel drive-offs, and theft by employees complete the list, all maintaining steady risk scores. The absence of upward or downward trends across all risks suggests that the factors influencing these risks have remained constant over the recent period. Given the threat to life is paramount, the sustained high ranking of sexual harassment and assault risks underscores the need for continued awareness of personal safety concerns within the community. Overall, Avon and Somerset's risk profile is stable but highlights persistent vulnerabilities in personal safety and property-related offences.

Police Reported Incidents

CRIME TYPE	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	TREND
Anti social behaviour	2454	2489	
Criminal damage and arson	1104	1297	
Vehicle crime	784	874	
Violence and sexual offences	5612	6116	
Other theft	1044	1104	
Public order	1069	903	
Bicycle theft	127	206	
Burglary	552	597	
Drugs	224	234	
Shoplifting	1767	1894	
Other crime	252	293	
Robbery	235	293	
Theft from the person	42	67	
Possession of weapons	107	132	

In Avon and Somerset, the most significant increases in reported crimes include 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Robbery', and 'Bicycle theft', all showing notable rises both in absolute numbers and percentage terms, which is concerning given the direct risk to personal safety. 'Criminal damage and arson' and 'Shoplifting' also saw marked increases, indicating heightened retail security challenges. Conversely, 'Public order' offences decreased, suggesting some improvement in community behaviour. Crimes such as 'Other theft', 'Drugs', and 'Theft from the person' remained relatively stable with minor fluctuations. The upward trends in violent and acquisitive crimes highlight ongoing risks to public safety and retail environments, emphasising the need for vigilance. The rise in 'Bicycle theft' is particularly notable, potentially reflecting changing patterns in transport use or security vulnerabilities. Overall, the data points to a concerning escalation in crimes that directly impact individuals and retail security.

ASEL Incidents

CRIME TYPE	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	TREND
Physical Assault	0	0	
Verbal Abuse	0	0	
Robbery	0	0	
Burglary	0	0	
Theft	0	0	
Antisocial Behaviour	0	0	
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	
Criminal Damage	0	0	
Trespass	0	0	
Fraud	0	0	

Across all incident categories, ASEL has recorded zero incidents within this Force area. This lack of reported activity suggests that ASEL does not have a sufficient operational presence or in the region to support reliable trend analysis or meaningful comparisons with other data sources. Accordingly, ASEL has been excluded from the overall risk likelihood scoring for this area, and its weighting has been redistributed across other available indicators, including crime statistics, demographic profiles, and environmental risk factors.

Force: Avon and Somerset

Appendix A: Full Risk Catalogue

CRIME TYPE	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	TREND
Violence & Abuse - Physical Assault	6	6	
Violence & Abuse - Verbal Abuse	7	7	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Assault	7	7	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Harassment	7	7	
Violence & Abuse - Hate Crime	7	7	
Burglary & Robbery - Unarmed Robbery	6	6	
Burglary & Robbery - Armed Robbery	6	6	
Burglary & Robbery - Ram Raid	6	6	
Burglary & Robbery - ATM Rip Out	5	5	
Burglary & Robbery - Burglary	7	7	
Burglary & Robbery - Walk in Burglary	7	7	
Theft - Steaming Attacks	6	6	
Theft - Trolley Pushout	6	6	
Theft - From Service Desk	6	6	
Theft - Concealment	6	6	
Theft - Self Service Theft	7	7	
Theft - Fuel Drive Off (Bilking)	7	7	
Theft - By Employee	7	7	
Asset Crime - Arson	6	6	
Asset Crime - Criminal Damage	7	7	
Asset Crime - Vehicle Damage	7	7	
Asset Crime - Theft of Vehicle	7	7	
Public Order - Riot	6	6	
Public Order - Protest	6	6	
Public Order - Antisocial Behaviour	6	6	
Public Order - Drug Usage	6	6	
Public Order - Rough Sleepers	7	7	
Trespassing - Out of Hours	6	6	
Trespassing - Encampment	7	7	
Trespassing - In Hours	6	6	
Trespassing - Squatting	6	6	
Fraud - Voucher Fraud	5	5	
Fraud - Returns Fraud	5	5	

Credits

- Crime data sourced from Police.uk
- Demographic information obtained from the UK Census
- Prints use map data from Mapbox and OpenStreetMap and their data sources
- To learn more, visit https://www.mapbox.com/about/maps and http://www.openstreetmap.org/copyright
- Images provided by Unsplash