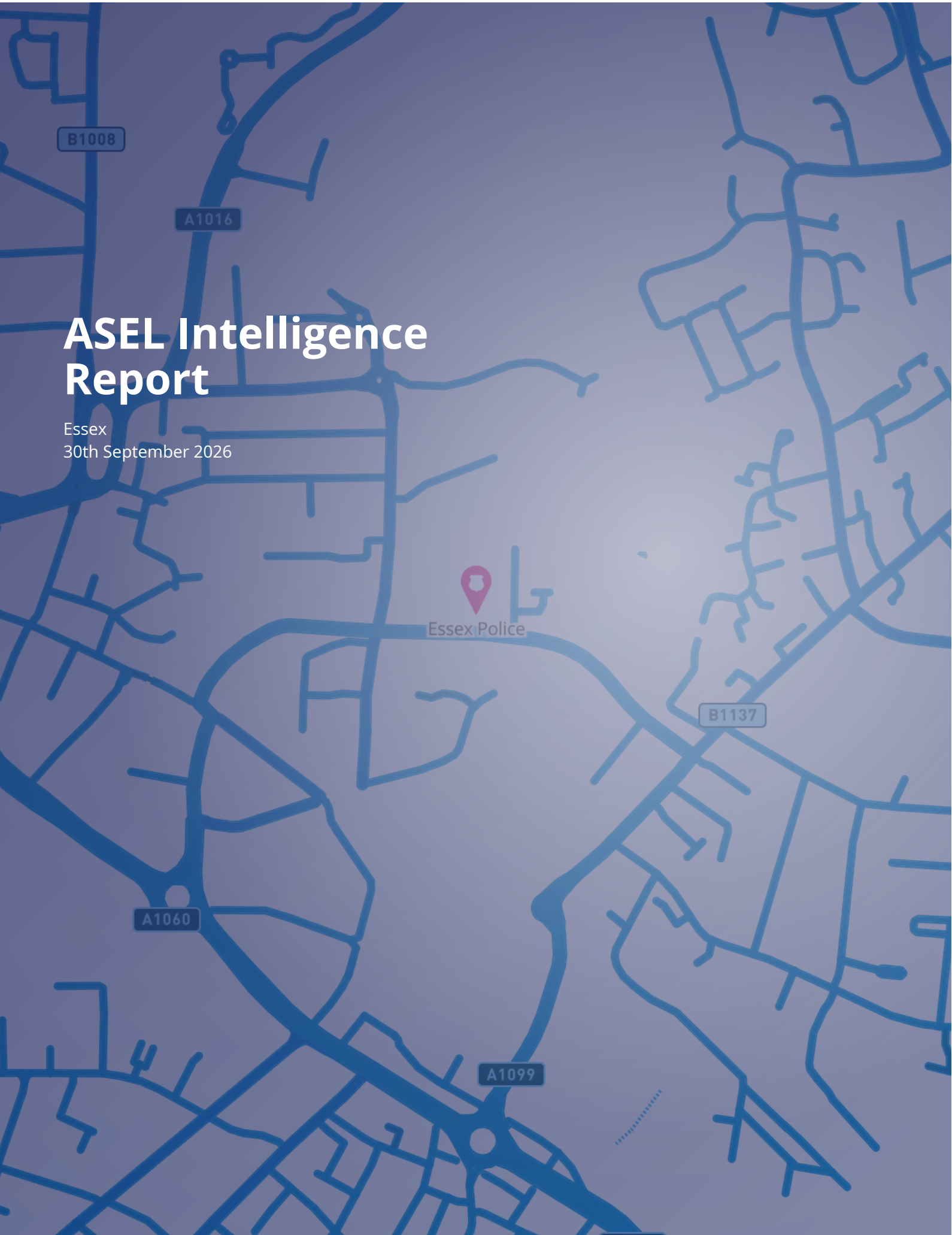
ASEL Intelligence Report

Essex
30th September 2026

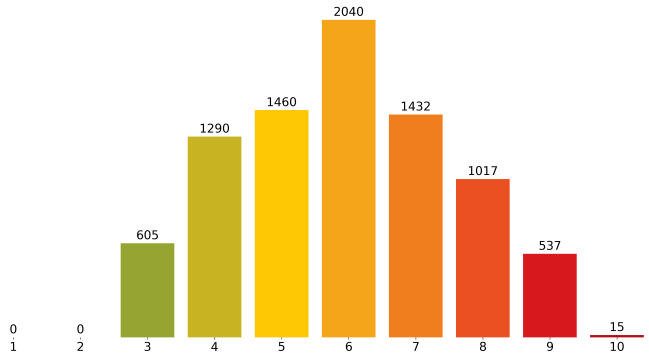


England & Wales Overview

HIGHEST RISK

FORCE	Metropolitan Police
WARD	Abbey (Metropolitan Police)

Ward Count by Risk Score



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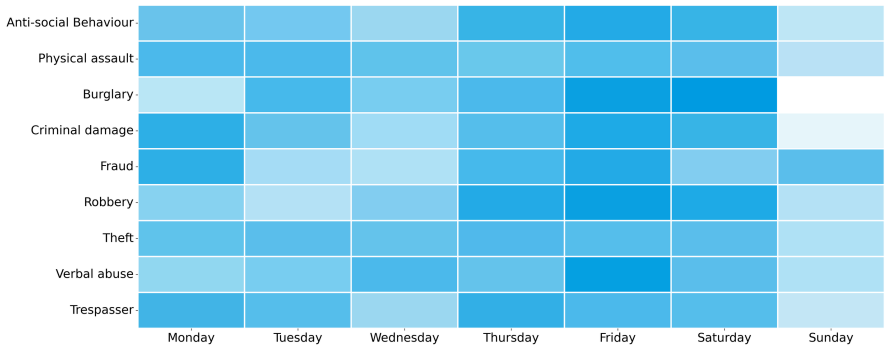

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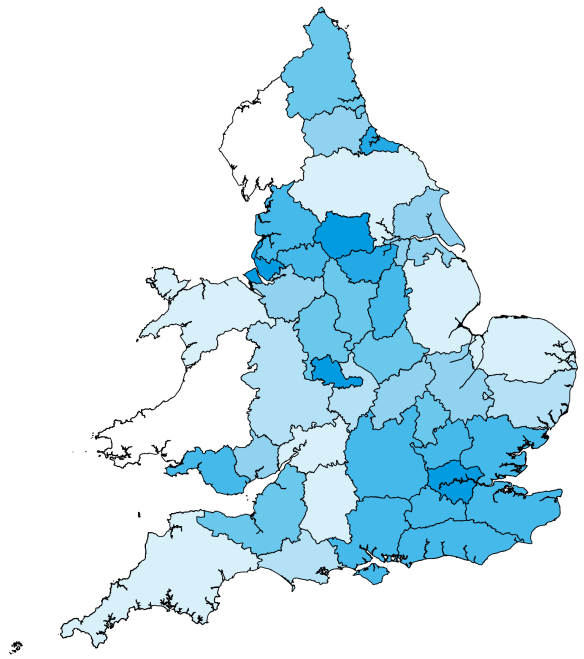

RANK	FORCE	HIGHEST RISK WARD
1	Metropolitan Police	Abbey
2	West Midlands	Abbey
3	West Yorkshire	Town
4	Merseyside	Park
5	South Yorkshire	Central
6	Cleveland	Central
7	Essex	Trinity
8	Kent	Park
9	Hampshire	Nelson
10	Nottinghamshire	Abbey
11	Hertfordshire	Park
12	South Wales	Castle
13	Lancashire	Trinity
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

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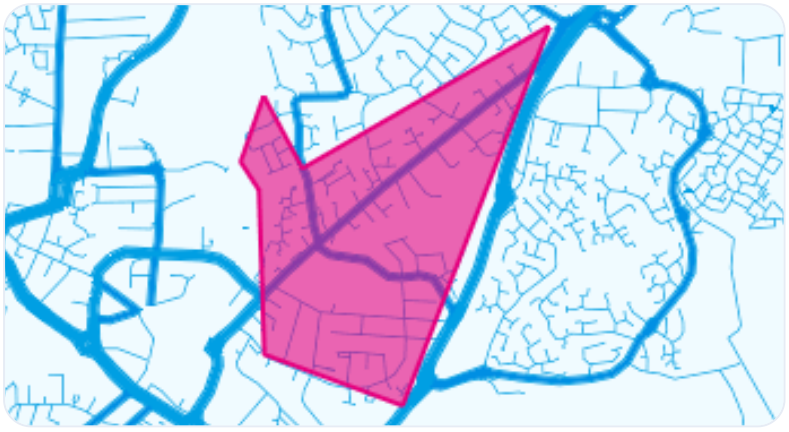
HIGHEST RISK LOCATION



Trinity | 9 | High

Trinity ward ranks highest (1st) in Essex policing region with a high risk score. It faces extremely likely risks in 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Criminal damage and arson', 'Shoplifting', and 'Public order'. Additional high threats exist in 'Nighttime economy' and 'Fast food outlets', demanding robust policing efforts. Though 'Homelessness' and 'Student population' convey lower risks, vigilance remains essential.

OTHER HIGH RISK LOCATIONS

Castle

9 | High

Castle ranks 2nd in Essex policing risk with a high risk assessment. The ward is prone to extremely likely risks involving 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Public order', 'Shoplifting', and 'Anti-social behaviour'. High risks extend to 'Nighttime economy', 'Fast food outlets', and 'Schools'. Moderate risks lie in 'Population density' and 'Unemployment', calling for integrated policing and community strategies.

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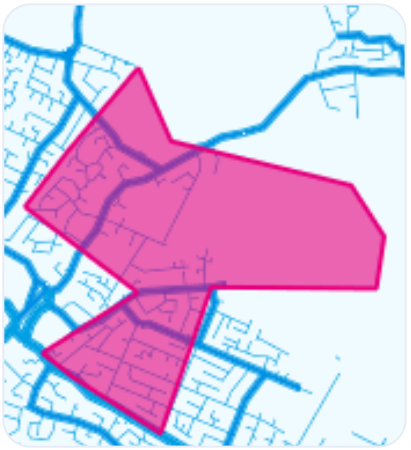

Ranked 3rd within Essex, Trinity ward shows very high risk of 'Violence and sexual offences' and 'Criminal damage and arson', with most factors rated 10, including 'Public order' and 'Shoplifting'. Moderate risk of 'Homelessness' and 'Wellbeing' reflect challenges. The Police should prioritise high-risk categories to mitigate harm in this compact urban area.

Westborough

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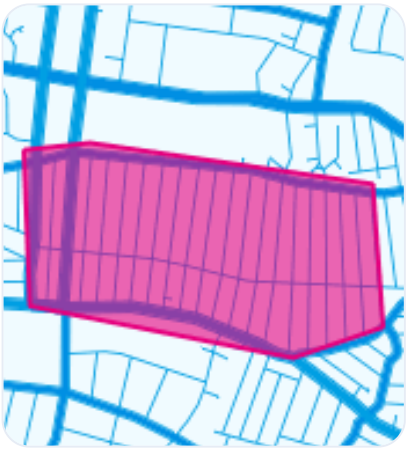

Westborough ranks 4th in Essex with consistent high likelihood (mostly 10) of 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Public order', and 'Shoplifting'. Other risks like 'Burglary' and 'Possession of weapons' are also elevated. Moderate scores in 'Homelessness' and 'Wellbeing' suggest societal pressures. Policing efforts should emphasise disorder and aggressive offences.

Top and Trending Risks

RISK	SCORE	TREND
Asset Crime - Theft of Vehicle	9	
Theft - Fuel Drive Off (Bilking)	8	
Theft - Self Service Theft	8	
Asset Crime - Vehicle Damage	8	
Burglary & Robbery - ATM Rip Out	8	
Trespassing - Encampment	8	
Theft - Steaming Attacks	8	
Theft - From Service Desk	8	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Assault	8	
Violence & Abuse - Hate Crime	8	

Essex Faces Elevated Risk of Vehicle-Related Asset Crime Amid Stable Trends Across Other Key Risks

Observations

The risk landscape in Essex is characterised by a high likelihood of asset-related crimes, particularly those involving vehicles. The risk of 'Asset Crime - Theft of Vehicle' holds the highest score at 9.0 out of 10, indicating a very strong likelihood of occurrence. This risk is followed closely by several other vehicle and theft-related risks, such as 'Theft - Fuel Drive Off (Bilking)', 'Theft - Self Service Theft', and 'Asset Crime - Vehicle Damage', all scoring 8.0. These ratings are derived from a combination of demographic, environmental, and historical data inputs, providing an objective measure of the potential for these risks to manifest rather than direct crime rates. The prominence of vehicle-related risks may reflect Essex's extensive road networks and commuter population, which can present opportunities for such offences.~~Within the top 10 risks, the presence of 'Burglary & Robbery - ATM Rip Out' and 'Trespassing - Encampment' at mid-level rankings (5th and 6th respectively) suggests ongoing concerns related to property and public space security. Meanwhile, risks associated with personal safety, including 'Violence & Abuse - Sexual Assault' and 'Violence & Abuse - Hate Crime', are ranked 9th and 10th, both with risk scores of 8.0. Although these scores are slightly lower than the highest asset crime risks, they remain significant and warrant attention due to their potential threat to life and community well-being.~~Notably, the risk scores for all top 10 categories have remained stable since last month, with no upward or downward trends reported. This stability indicates a consistent risk environment without emerging spikes or reductions in likelihood. The steady risk levels may reflect ongoing socio-economic and environmental factors in Essex, such as urban development patterns and community demographics, which sustain these risk profiles. Overall, while the threat to life remains paramount, the data highlights a pressing need to monitor vehicle-related asset crime risks alongside persistent personal safety concerns.

Police Reported Incidents

CRIME TYPE	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	TREND
Anti social behaviour	2191	2567	
Criminal damage and arson	1138	1239	
Vehicle crime	928	873	
Violence and sexual offences	6219	6772	
Other theft	1017	1125	
Public order	1083	1081	
Bicycle theft	109	106	
Burglary	402	400	
Drugs	429	518	
Shoplifting	1087	1083	
Other crime	288	324	
Robbery	124	163	
Theft from the person	75	94	
Possession of weapons	168	192	

In Essex, notable increases are seen in 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Anti-social behaviour', 'Criminal damage and arson', 'Other theft', 'Robbery', 'Drugs', 'Possession of weapons', and 'Theft from the person', indicating a rise in crimes that directly impact public safety and retail environments. 'Violence and sexual offences' and 'Anti-social behaviour' show significant growth, raising concerns for personal safety. Conversely, 'Public order', 'Burglary', 'Shoplifting', 'Vehicle crime', and 'Bicycle theft' remain relatively stable or have slightly decreased, suggesting consistent patterns in these areas. The rise in 'Robbery' and 'Possession of weapons' is particularly concerning from a retail security perspective, as these crimes pose immediate threats to staff and customers. Overall, the data points to an uptick in violent and theft-related crimes, emphasising the need for vigilance in retail settings to protect human life and property.

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.

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Appendix A: Full Risk Catalogue

CRIME TYPE	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	TREND
Violence & Abuse - Physical Assault	7	7	
Violence & Abuse - Verbal Abuse	7	8	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Assault	8	8	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Harassment	8	8	
Violence & Abuse - Hate Crime	8	8	
Burglary & Robbery - Unarmed Robbery	7	7	
Burglary & Robbery - Armed Robbery	7	8	
Burglary & Robbery - Ram Raid	7	7	
Burglary & Robbery - ATM Rip Out	8	8	
Burglary & Robbery - Burglary	7	7	
Burglary & Robbery - Walk in Burglary	7	7	
Theft - Steaming Attacks	8	8	
Theft - Trolley Pushout	8	8	
Theft - From Service Desk	8	8	
Theft - Concealment	7	7	
Theft - Self Service Theft	8	8	
Theft - Fuel Drive Off (Bilking)	8	8	
Theft - By Employee	8	7	
Asset Crime - Arson	7	7	
Asset Crime - Criminal Damage	7	7	
Asset Crime - Vehicle Damage	8	8	
Asset Crime - Theft of Vehicle	9	9	
Public Order - Riot	7	7	
Public Order - Protest	7	7	
Public Order - Antisocial Behaviour	7	7	
Public Order - Drug Usage	7	8	
Public Order - Rough Sleepers	7	7	
Trespassing - Out of Hours	7	7	
Trespassing - Encampment	8	8	
Trespassing - In Hours	7	7	
Trespassing - Squatting	7	7	
Fraud - Voucher Fraud	7	7	
Fraud - Returns Fraud	7	6	

Credits

- Crime data sourced from Police.uk
- Demographic information obtained from the UK Census
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