ASEL Intelligence Report

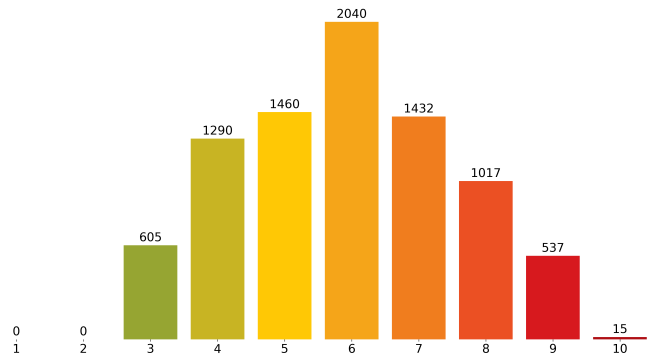
Merseyside
30th September 2026

England & Wales Overview

HIGHEST RISK

FORCE	Metropolitan Police
WARD	Abbey (Metropolitan Police)

Ward Count by Risk Score



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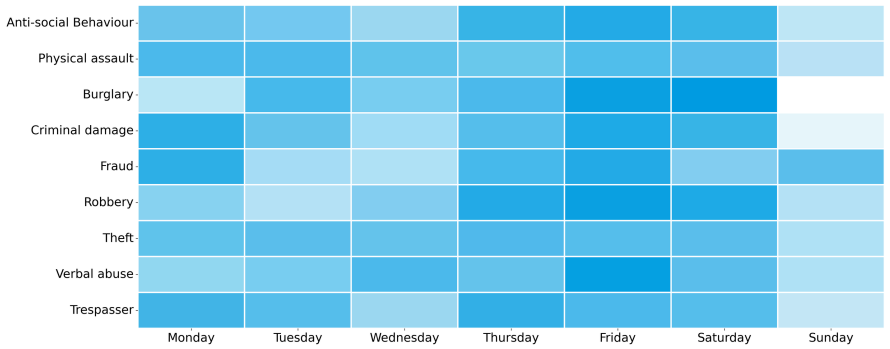

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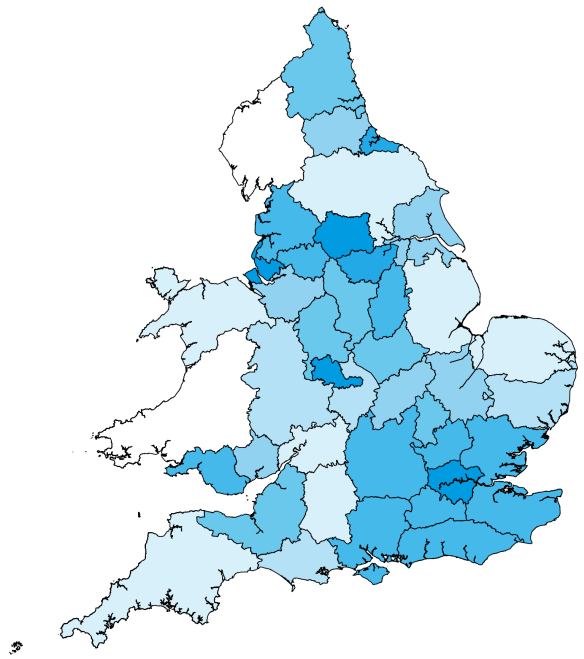

RANK	FORCE	HIGHEST RISK WARD
1	Metropolitan Police	Abbey
2	West Midlands	Abbey
3	West Yorkshire	Town
4	Merseyside	Park
5	South Yorkshire	Central
6	Cleveland	Central
7	Essex	Trinity
8	Kent	Park
9	Hampshire	Nelson
10	Nottinghamshire	Abbey
11	Hertfordshire	Park
12	South Wales	Castle
13	Lancashire	Trinity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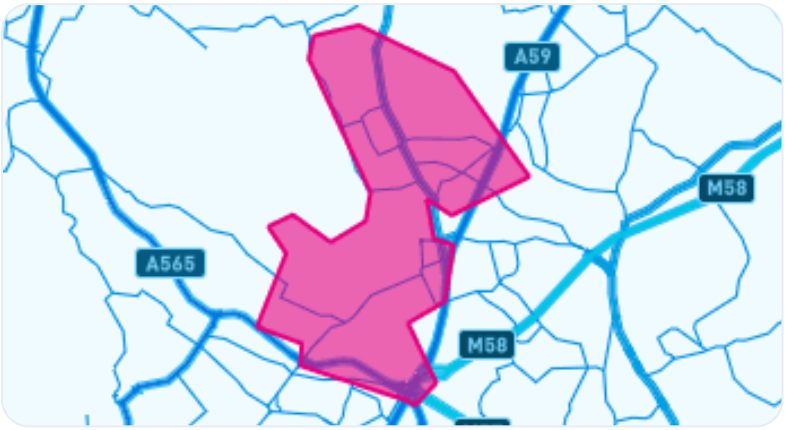
HIGHEST RISK LOCATION

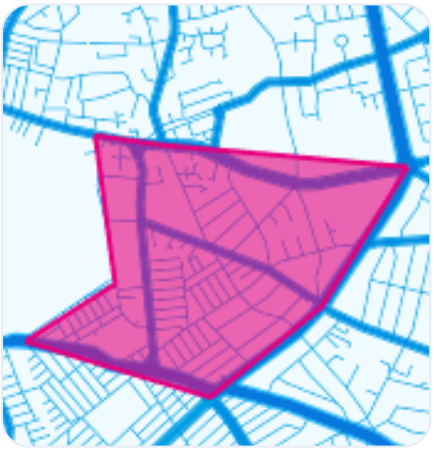


Park | 9 | High

This top-ranked Merseyside ward carries a 'High' risk score of 9.0. The likelihood of 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Criminal damage and arson', 'Public order', and 'Anti-social behaviour' remain very high (score 10). It also has significant 'homelessness' risk (score 9), highest 'population density', and 'unemployment'. Risks include elevated 'drug offences' and weapon possessions, demanding robust policing focus.

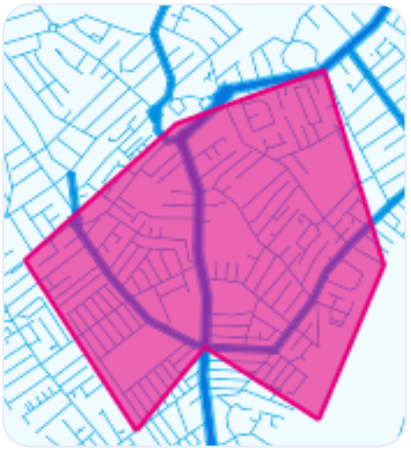
OTHER HIGH RISK LOCATIONS

Church
9 | High



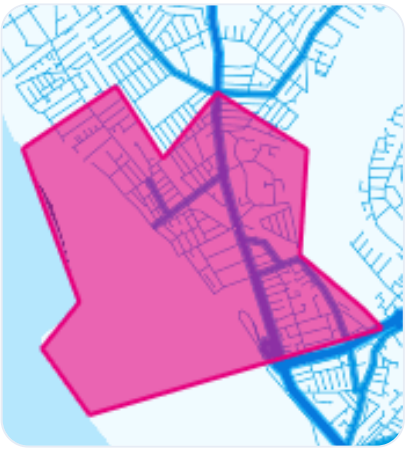
Ranked 2nd within Merseyside, this ward holds a 'High' risk score of 9. Key risks rated '10' include 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Criminal damage and arson', and 'Public order'. The ward faces pronounced vulnerabilities in 'homelessness' and 'population density' (scores 9), alongside strong risks in 'unemployment' and 'drug-related offences'. Policing strategies should consider these elevated multiple risk factors.

Victoria
9 | High



This Merseyside ward, 3rd in rank, faces 'High' risk levels of 9.0. The risk of 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Criminal damage and arson', 'Public order', and 'Anti-social behaviour' is very high (score 10). 'Homelessness' risk is elevated (score 9), paired with a dense population and high unemployment scores, highlighting pressing demands for focused policing and community support measures.

Church
9 | High



Church ranks 4th highest by risk in Merseyside. Expect a high risk of 'violence and sexual offences', 'criminal damage', 'drug offences', 'public order' issues, plus 'anti-social behaviour' and 'shoplifting'. Risks linked to significant 'nighttime economy', 'homelessness', and dense population. Schools presence contributes to 'violence' risk. Policing challenges from multiple high-risk categories require focused resources.

Top and Trending Risks

RISK	SCORE	TREND
Trespassing - Encampment	10	
Theft - Self Service Theft	9	
Theft - Trolley Pushout	9	
Theft - Concealment	9	
Violence & Abuse - Hate Crime	9	
Theft - From Service Desk	9	
Asset Crime - Criminal Damage	9	
Theft - Steaming Attacks	9	
Trespassing - In Hours	9	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Harassment	9	

Observations

The risk landscape in Merseyside is characterised by a consistently high likelihood of trespassing-related incidents, particularly 'Trespassing - Encampment', which holds the highest risk score of 10.0. This indicates an extremely likely occurrence of encampment trespassing, reflecting ongoing challenges in managing unauthorised occupation of land. The objective risk ratings, derived from demographic and environmental factors, place this risk at the top of the list, underscoring its prominence in the region's security profile.~~Following closely are several theft-related risks, including 'Theft - Self Service Theft', 'Theft - Trolley Pushout', 'Theft - Concealment', and 'Theft - From Service Desk', each scoring 9.0. These risks collectively occupy ranks two through six, illustrating a broad vulnerability to various theft methods within retail and service environments. Additionally, 'Asset Crime - Criminal Damage' and 'Theft - Steaming Attacks' also score 9.0, highlighting concerns over property damage and aggressive theft tactics. The presence of 'Trespassing - In Hours' and 'Violence & Abuse - Sexual Harassment' within the top ten risks further emphasises the multifaceted nature of security challenges in Merseyside.~~Notably, the risk trend for all top ten categories has remained stable since the previous month, with no increase or decrease indicated. This stability suggests that while these risks are significant, there have been no recent shifts in their likelihood. The high risk scores across diverse categories, particularly those involving trespassing and theft, may be influenced by Merseyside's urban environment, socioeconomic factors, and public space usage patterns. The consistent risk of 'Violence & Abuse - Hate Crime' and 'Sexual Harassment' also points to ongoing social tensions that require attention from policing strategies focused on community safety and cohesion.

Police Reported Incidents

CRIME TYPE	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	TREND
Anti social behaviour	1484	1777	
Criminal damage and arson	996	997	
Vehicle crime	406	403	
Violence and sexual offences	5485	5819	
Other theft	738	758	
Public order	1245	1344	
Bicycle theft	113	107	
Burglary	329	300	
Drugs	1016	941	
Shoplifting	959	990	
Other crime	354	347	
Robbery	123	149	
Theft from the person	64	82	
Possession of weapons	162	140	

In Merseyside, the most significant increases are seen in 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Public order', 'Anti-social behaviour', 'Robbery', 'Shoplifting', 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 notable absolute and percentage growth, raising concerns for personal safety. 'Robbery' and 'Shoplifting' increases highlight heightened risks to retail security. Conversely, 'Burglary', 'Vehicle crime', 'Drugs', 'Bicycle theft', and 'Possession of weapons' have decreased or remained stable, suggesting some improvement in these areas. 'Other crime' and 'Criminal damage and arson' remain relatively stable, showing little change month-to-month. The upward trend in violent and acquisitive crimes, particularly those affecting retail settings, is concerning from a safety perspective and warrants close monitoring.

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	8	8	
Violence & Abuse - Verbal Abuse	9	9	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Assault	9	9	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Harassment	9	9	
Violence & Abuse - Hate Crime	9	9	
Burglary & Robbery - Unarmed Robbery	9	9	
Burglary & Robbery - Armed Robbery	9	9	
Burglary & Robbery - Ram Raid	8	8	
Burglary & Robbery - ATM Rip Out	9	9	
Burglary & Robbery - Burglary	8	8	
Burglary & Robbery - Walk in Burglary	8	8	
Theft - Steaming Attacks	9	9	
Theft - Trolley Pushout	9	9	
Theft - From Service Desk	9	9	
Theft - Concealment	9	9	
Theft - Self Service Theft	9	9	
Theft - Fuel Drive Off (Bilking)	9	9	
Theft - By Employee	9	9	
Asset Crime - Arson	9	9	
Asset Crime - Criminal Damage	9	9	
Asset Crime - Vehicle Damage	8	8	
Asset Crime - Theft of Vehicle	6	6	
Public Order - Riot	9	9	
Public Order - Protest	9	9	
Public Order - Antisocial Behaviour	9	9	
Public Order - Drug Usage	9	9	
Public Order - Rough Sleepers	9	9	
Trespassing - Out of Hours	8	8	
Trespassing - Encampment	10	10	
Trespassing - In Hours	9	9	
Trespassing - Squatting	9	9	
Fraud - Voucher Fraud	9	9	
Fraud - Returns Fraud	8	8	

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
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