ASEL Intelligence Report

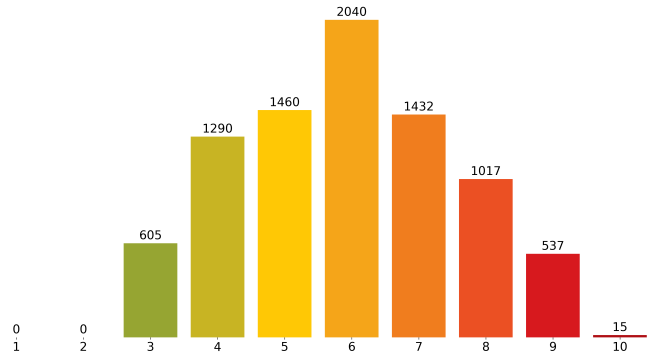
South Wales
30th September 2026

England & Wales Overview

HIGHEST RISK

FORCE	Metropolitan Police
WARD	Abbey (Metropolitan Police)

Ward Count by Risk Score



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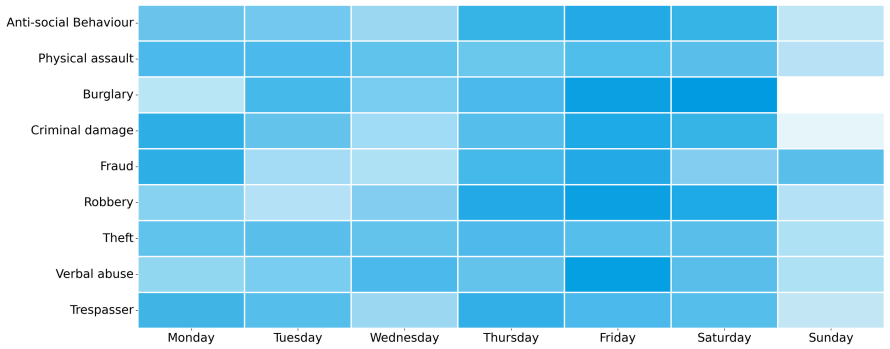

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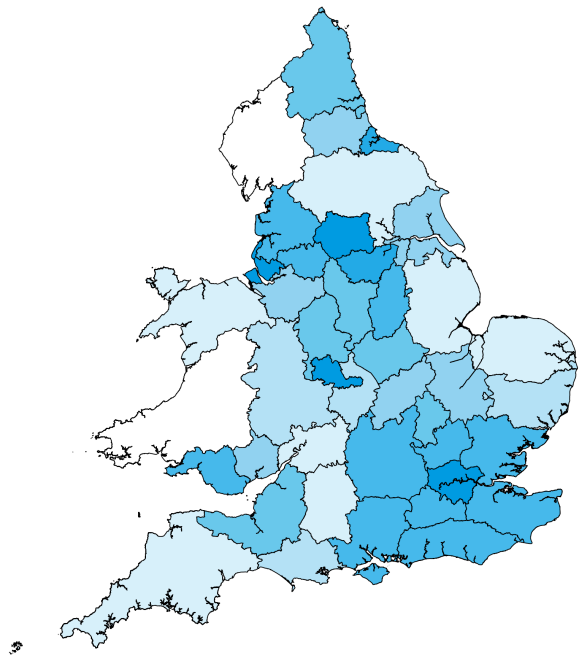

RANK	FORCE	HIGHEST RISK WARD
1	Metropolitan Police	Abbey
2	West Midlands	Abbey
3	West Yorkshire	Town
4	Merseyside	Park
5	South Yorkshire	Central
6	Cleveland	Central
7	Essex	Trinity
8	Kent	Park
9	Hampshire	Nelson
10	Nottinghamshire	Abbey
11	Hertfordshire	Park
12	South Wales	Castle
13	Lancashire	Trinity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

Castle | 8 | Moderate

Castle ranks 1st in South Wales with mostly extremely likely (10) risks, including 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Criminal damage and arson', 'Shoplifting', 'Public order', 'Anti-social behaviour', and 'Drug offences'. High risks also noted for 'Homelessness' (9) and 'Student population' (9). Population density is higher here. The Police must prioritise multifaceted risk factors associated with urban density and disorder.

OTHER HIGH RISK LOCATIONS

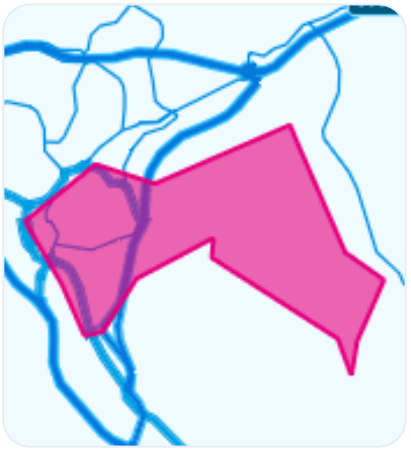
Park

8 | Moderate

Ranked 2nd in South Wales, Park ward shows a 'Moderate' risk score with extremely likely 'violence and sexual offences', 'criminal damage and arson', and 'public order'. High risks span 'anti-social behaviour' and 'shoplifting'. Presence of retail parks and a strong night economy add to risk factors. Policing efforts should focus on these critical areas for effective risk mitigation.

Town

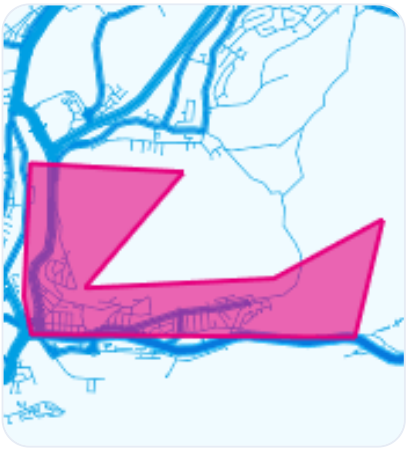
8 | Moderate



Town ward, 3rd ranked in South Wales, holds a 'Moderate' risk level. There is extremely likely 'violence and sexual offences', 'criminal damage and arson', and 'public order'. 'Anti-social behaviour', 'shoplifting', and 'drug' risks are also highly likely. High retail and night economy activity further impact risk. Policing should prioritise these prevalent risks to reduce impact.

St Thomas

8 | Moderate



St Thomas ranks 4th in South Wales with a 'Moderate' risk rating. Extremely high risks include 'violence and sexual offences', 'criminal damage and arson', and 'public order'. Other notable high risks are 'shoplifting' and 'burglary'. The area has multiple schools and a moderate night economy, influencing safety dynamics. Focused policing is essential on high-risk public safety issues.

Top and Trending Risks

RISK	SCORE	TREND
Theft - Theft by Employee	9	
Public Order - Protest	8	
Asset Crime - Criminal Damage	8	
Asset Crime - Theft of Vehicle	8	
Asset Crime - Arson	8	
Theft - Self Service Theft	8	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Harassment	8	
Violence & Abuse - Verbal Abuse	7	
Asset Crime - Vehicle Damage	7	
Public Order - Drug Usage	7	

Observations

The risk landscape in South Wales is characterised by a high likelihood of 'Theft - Theft by Employee', which holds the top position with a risk score of 9.0 out of 10, indicating a very strong probability of occurrence. This risk has remained stable since last month, suggesting persistent vulnerabilities within organisational environments. Following closely are several 'Asset Crime' risks including 'Criminal Damage', 'Theft of Vehicle', and 'Arson', each scoring 8.0, reflecting significant concerns around property-related offences. These risks also show no change in trend, highlighting ongoing challenges in safeguarding assets across the region.~Public order-related risks such as 'Protest' and 'Drug Usage' maintain moderate to high risk scores of 8.0 and 7.0 respectively, with no upward or downward movement noted. This stability may reflect consistent community tensions or enforcement approaches in South Wales. Additionally, 'Violence & Abuse' risks, particularly 'Sexual Harassment' and 'Verbal Abuse', are rated between 7.0 and 8.0, indicating a notable likelihood of these incidents, though their risk levels have not escalated recently.~Overall, the risk profile suggests that while threats to life remain a critical focus, the predominant concerns centre on property-related offences and employee-related theft. The absence of increasing trends across most risks implies a steady state rather than emerging spikes. Factors such as economic pressures, urban environments, and social dynamics in South Wales likely contribute to this risk distribution. Continuous monitoring is essential to detect any shifts that could impact public safety or asset security.

Police Reported Incidents

CRIME TYPE	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	TREND
Anti social behaviour	1393	1956	
Criminal damage and arson	780	917	
Vehicle crime	550	473	
Violence and sexual offences	4312	4725	
Other theft	554	634	
Public order	1501	1808	
Bicycle theft	75	109	
Burglary	258	325	
Drugs	289	271	
Shoplifting	1094	1141	
Other crime	262	280	
Robbery	88	115	
Theft from the person	86	80	
Possession of weapons	107	107	

In South Wales, there has been a marked increase in 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Public order' and 'Anti-social behaviour', signalling a concerning rise in incidents that directly impact public safety. 'Violence and sexual offences' notably surged, reflecting a significant threat to human life and wellbeing. 'Anti-social behaviour' also saw a sharp rise, which can contribute to community distress. 'Burglary', 'Criminal damage and arson', and 'Other theft' have increased, indicating heightened property-related crime risks. Conversely, 'Vehicle crime', 'Drugs', and 'Theft from the person' have decreased, suggesting some improvement in these areas. 'Possession of weapons' remained stable, which is notable given its potential for serious harm. 'Shoplifting' and 'Robbery' showed moderate increases, which could impact retail security. Overall, the data highlights rising violence and disorder, emphasising the need for vigilance in protecting public safety.

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	7	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Assault	7	7	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Harassment	8	8	
Violence & Abuse - Hate Crime	5	5	
Burglary & Robbery - Unarmed Robbery	7	7	
Burglary & Robbery - Armed Robbery	7	7	
Burglary & Robbery - Ram Raid	7	7	
Burglary & Robbery - ATM Rip Out	7	7	
Burglary & Robbery - Burglary	7	7	
Burglary & Robbery - Walk in Burglary	7	7	
Theft - Steaming Attacks	7	7	
Theft - Trolley Pushout	7	7	
Theft - From Service Desk	7	7	
Theft - Concealment	7	7	
Theft - Self Service Theft	7	8	
Theft - Fuel Drive Off (Bilking)	7	7	
Theft - By Employee	9	9	
Asset Crime - Arson	8	8	
Asset Crime - Criminal Damage	8	8	
Asset Crime - Vehicle Damage	7	7	
Asset Crime - Theft of Vehicle	8	8	
Public Order - Riot	7	7	
Public Order - Protest	8	8	
Public Order - Antisocial Behaviour	7	7	
Public Order - Drug Usage	7	7	
Public Order - Rough Sleepers	5	5	
Trespassing - Out of Hours	7	7	
Trespassing - Encampment	6	6	
Trespassing - In Hours	7	7	
Trespassing - Squatting	7	7	
Fraud - Voucher Fraud	7	7	
Fraud - Returns Fraud	7	7	

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
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