ASEL Intelligence Report

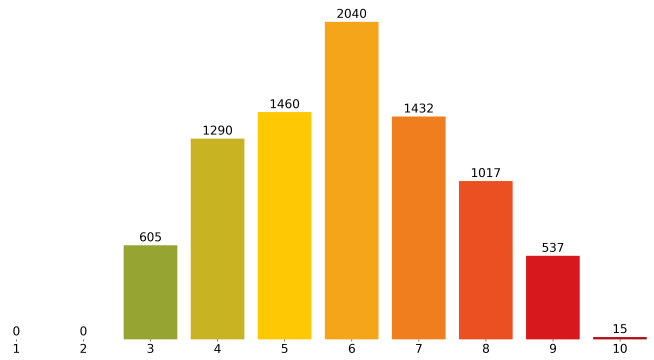
West Mercia
30th September 2026

England & Wales Overview

HIGHEST RISK

FORCE	Metropolitan Police
WARD	Abbey (Metropolitan Police)

Ward Count by Risk Score



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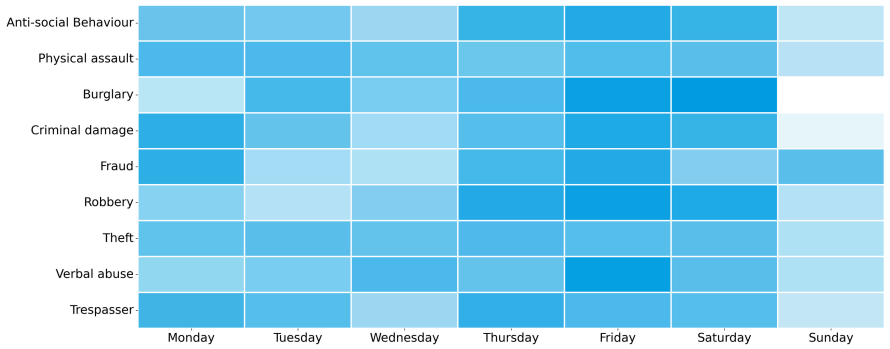

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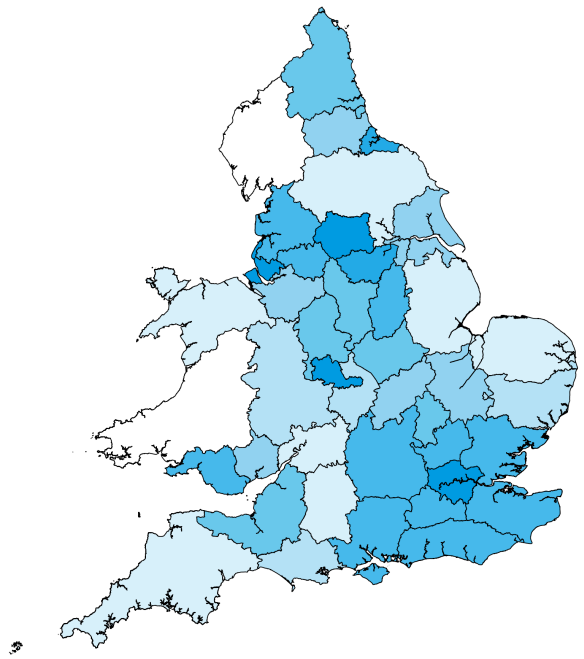

RANK	FORCE	HIGHEST RISK WARD
1	Metropolitan Police	Abbey
2	West Midlands	Abbey
3	West Yorkshire	Town
4	Merseyside	Park
5	South Yorkshire	Central
6	Cleveland	Central
7	Essex	Trinity
8	Kent	Park
9	Hampshire	Nelson
10	Nottinghamshire	Abbey
11	Hertfordshire	Park
12	South Wales	Castle
13	Lancashire	Trinity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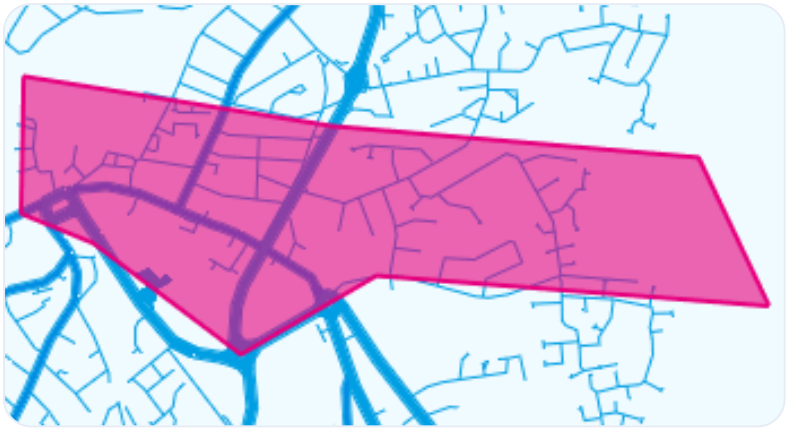
HIGHEST RISK LOCATION



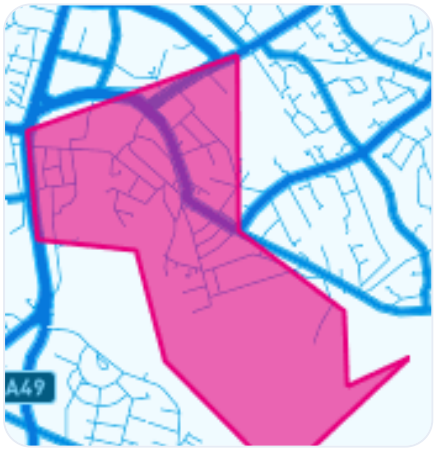
Abbey | 7 | Moderate

Abbey ranks 1st in West Mercia for risk. The area faces a very high risk of 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Criminal damage and arson', 'Public order', 'Shoplifting', and 'Anti-social behaviour' with scores at the maximum level 10. Risks of drug-related offences, bustling nighttime economy, and retail parks are also very likely, demanding vigilant policing and community safety efforts.

OTHER HIGH RISK LOCATIONS

Central

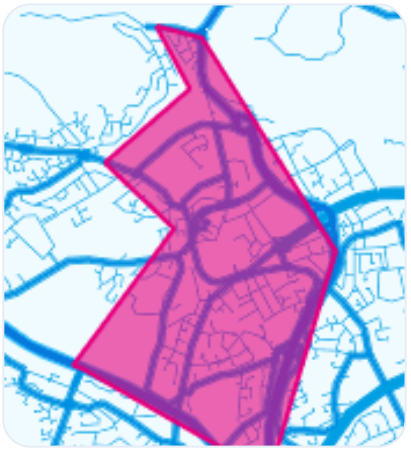
7 | Moderate



Central in West Mercia stands 2nd in regional risk. It has a maximum score 10 risk across multiple factors including 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Criminal damage and arson', 'Public order', 'Shoplifting' and 'Anti-social behaviour'. With numerous retail centres and significant nighttime economy, the likelihood of firearm and weapon possession is high. Continuous Policing focus is needed due to diverse risk exposures.

Central

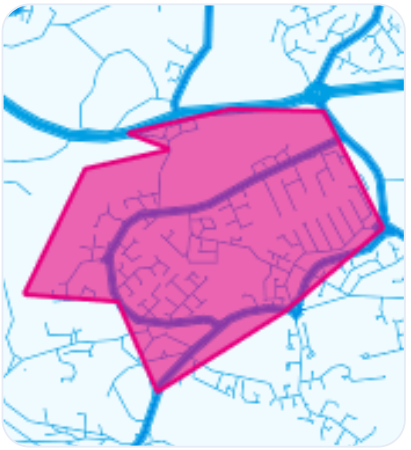
7 | Moderate



Central ward is ranked 3rd in West Mercia for risk level. It bears moderately high risk in 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Criminal damage and arson', 'Public order', and 'Shoplifting' all scoring 10, with a notable nightlife and retail presence. Risks linked to drugs and burglary are very likely requiring sustained Policing vigilance and interventions amid a dense urban setting.

Woodside

7 | Moderate



Woodside holds 4th risk rank in West Mercia. Though smaller, it still shows a maximal risk score of 10 in most categories such as 'Violence and sexual offences', 'Public order', and 'Shoplifting'. Lesser retail and night economy density compared to others but risk of 'Burglary' and 'Vehicle crime' remain relevant. Policing must maintain robust preventive measures in this moderate-risk scenario.

Top and Trending Risks

RISK	SCORE	TREND
Asset Crime - Theft of Vehicle	6	
Theft - Fuel Drive Off (Bilking)	5	
Asset Crime - Vehicle Damage	5	
Theft - From Service Desk	5	
Theft - Theft by Employee	5	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Assault	5	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Harassment	5	
Fraud - Voucher Fraud	5	
Violence & Abuse - Hate Crime	5	
Violence & Abuse - Physical Assault	4	

Observations

The risk landscape for West Mercia is characterised by a high likelihood of asset crime, particularly relating to vehicles. The top risk, 'Asset Crime - Theft of Vehicle', holds the highest risk score of 6.0 out of 10, indicating a significant probability of occurrence. This is followed closely by 'Theft - Fuel Drive Off (Bilking)' and 'Asset Crime - Vehicle Damage', both scoring 5.0. These scores reflect an objective assessment based on demographic and environmental factors rather than incident frequency, highlighting the ongoing vulnerability of vehicle-related assets in the region. The stability in risk scores from the previous month, especially for the top two risks, suggests a persistent challenge rather than an emerging spike.~~Violence and abuse risks, including 'Sexual Assault', 'Sexual Harassment', 'Hate Crime', and 'Physical Assault', consistently score 4.0 to 5.0, placing them in the mid to lower range of the top 10 risks. Their steady risk scores and rankings indicate a stable but notable threat level. While these risks do not currently show an upward trend, their presence underscores the importance of ongoing vigilance given the potential threat to life and community safety. Fraud-related risks, such as 'Voucher Fraud', also maintain a moderate risk score of 5.0, reflecting a consistent but less immediate threat compared to asset crime and violence.~~The only downward trend noted is in 'Asset Crime - Vehicle Damage', which has decreased slightly from a risk score of 5.0 to 4.0, suggesting some improvement or reduced likelihood in this area. However, the overall risk profile remains dominated by vehicle-related theft and damage, likely influenced by West Mercia's rural and semi-urban geography where vehicle use is high and opportunities for such crimes are more prevalent. This persistent risk pattern highlights the need for continued awareness of asset protection, while the stable violence and fraud risks indicate ongoing challenges that require sustained monitoring.

Police Reported Incidents

CRIME TYPE	PREVIOUS	CURRENT	TREND
Anti social behaviour	1377	1577	
Criminal damage and arson	614	802	
Vehicle crime	331	352	
Violence and sexual offences	3497	3870	
Other theft	543	594	
Public order	535	575	
Bicycle theft	63	55	
Burglary	368	392	
Drugs	149	209	
Shoplifting	764	805	
Other crime	168	182	
Robbery	92	96	
Theft from the person	37	56	
Possession of weapons	85	101	

In West Mercia, the most significant increases are seen in 'Criminal damage and arson' and 'Drugs', both showing notable rises in reported incidents, which may indicate escalating risks to public safety and property. 'Violence and sexual offences' and 'Anti-social behaviour' also show marked increases, raising concerns given their direct impact on personal safety. 'Shoplifting' and 'Other theft' have risen moderately, reflecting ongoing retail security challenges. Conversely, 'Bicycle theft' has decreased, suggesting some improvement in this area. Other crime types such as 'Robbery', 'Burglary', 'Vehicle crime', and 'Possession of weapons' remain relatively stable with minor fluctuations. The overall pattern highlights a general upward trend in crimes affecting community safety, particularly those involving violence and property damage, underscoring the importance of vigilance in retail and public environments.

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	4	4	
Violence & Abuse - Verbal Abuse	4	4	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Assault	5	5	
Violence & Abuse - Sexual Harassment	5	5	
Violence & Abuse - Hate Crime	5	5	
Burglary & Robbery - Unarmed Robbery	4	4	
Burglary & Robbery - Armed Robbery	4	4	
Burglary & Robbery - Ram Raid	4	4	
Burglary & Robbery - ATM Rip Out	4	4	
Burglary & Robbery - Burglary	4	4	
Burglary & Robbery - Walk in Burglary	4	4	
Theft - Steaming Attacks	4	4	
Theft - Trolley Pushout	4	4	
Theft - From Service Desk	5	5	
Theft - Concealment	4	4	
Theft - Self Service Theft	4	4	
Theft - Fuel Drive Off (Bilking)	5	5	
Theft - By Employee	5	5	
Asset Crime - Arson	3	4	
Asset Crime - Criminal Damage	4	4	
Asset Crime - Vehicle Damage	4	5	
Asset Crime - Theft of Vehicle	6	6	
Public Order - Riot	4	4	
Public Order - Protest	4	4	
Public Order - Antisocial Behaviour	4	4	
Public Order - Drug Usage	3	3	
Public Order - Rough Sleepers	4	4	
Trespassing - Out of Hours	4	4	
Trespassing - Encampment	4	4	
Trespassing - In Hours	4	4	
Trespassing - Squatting	4	4	
Fraud - Voucher Fraud	5	5	
Fraud - Returns Fraud	4	4	

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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