

BURY ST EDMUNDS POLICE REPORTING AREA – 4 YEAR 2019 TO 2022 RECORDED CRIMES COMPARISON

CRIME	DEFINITION (incl. minor crimes)	2019 No. (rounded % of year total)	2020 No. (rounded % of year total)	2021 No. (rounded % of year total)	2022 No. (rounded % of year total)	COMMENT
Anti-Social Behaviour	Anti-social behaviour is defined as someone acting in a manner that causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more people not living in the same household as the perpetrator.	945 (17%)	971 (17%)	899 (16%)	742 (13%)	A 17% reduction cf. 2021.
Bicycle Theft	Covered by: Theft from a person, motor vehicle, bikes, residential or non-residential property and more. Plus, the storage, transport or attempted resale of property after a theft has occurred.	130 (2%)	66 (1%)	55 (1%)	70 (1%)	First increase (27% cf. 2021) in 3 years. Cost of living impact?
Burglary	Burglary is the theft, or attempted theft, from a premises where access is not authorised. Damage to a premises that appears to have been caused by a person attempting to enter to commit a burglary, is also counted a burglary.	236 (4%)	228 (4%)	184 (3%)	167 (3%)	A year-on-year reduction for the last 3 years.
Criminal Damage & Arson	Where property is intentionally destroyed or damaged, not necessarily to gain entry to premises or a vehicle.	554 (10%)	524 (9%)	491 (9%)	515 (9%)	Small (5%) increase.
Drugs	Possession, consumption, supply of or the intent to supply illegal drugs.	226 (4%)	162 (3%)	163 (3%)	157 (3%)	From the PCC's 2020/2021 Annual Report:

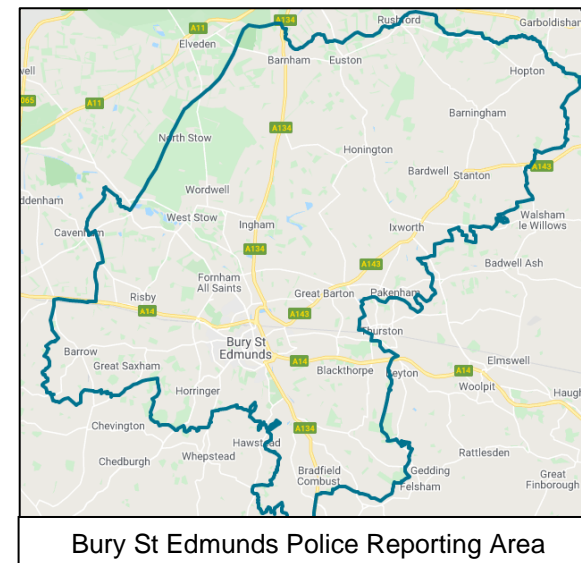
						'New policing initiatives will continue to pay dividends this year – in particular, the benefits from the Sentinel and Kestrel Teams, building on the excellent results so far in combatting organised crime, county lines drug dealing and high harm individuals.'
Other Theft	Covered by: Theft from a person, motor vehicle, bikes, residential or non-residential property and more. Plus, the storage, transport or attempted resale of property after a theft has occurred.	305 (5%)	304 (5%)	266 (5%)	348 (6%)	A 31% increase cf. 2021. Cost of living impact?
Possession of Weapons	Covered by: This is a broad category of types not covered in other categories. They range from weapon-related crimes to hate crimes and robbery.	53 (1%)	56 (1%)	54 (1%)	66 (1%)	Increase of 22%.
Public Order	Assumed to be covered by: This is a broad category containing offences that are notifiable to the Home Office.	516 (9%)	627 (11%)	611 (11%)	661 (11%)	8% increase cf. 2021.
Robbery	Theft with the use of force or a threat of force. Both personal and commercial robbery are included. Snatch theft is not included.	31 (<1%)	34 (<1%)	26 (<1%)	22 (<1%)	Lowest in three years.
Shoplifting	Considered minor covered by: Theft from a person, motor vehicle, bikes, residential or non-residential property and more. Plus, the storage, transport or attempted	338 (6%)	301 (5%)	240 (4%)	391 (7%)	A 25% increase cf. 2021. Cost of living impact?

	resale of property after a theft has occurred.					
Theft from a Person	Covered by: Theft from a person, motor vehicle, bikes, residential or non-residential property and more. Plus, the storage, transport or attempted resale of property after a theft has occurred.	63 (1%)	54 (1%)	46 (1%)	61 (1%)	A 33% increase cf. 2021. Cost of living impact?
Vehicle Crime	Covered by Criminal Damage and Theft definitions.	162 (3%)	209 (4%)	209 (4%)	186 (3%)	No significant trend.
Violence & Sexual (including domestic violence)	Includes a range of offences from minor offences such as harassment and common assault, to serious offences such as murder, actual bodily harm and grievous bodily harm. A broad category of sexual offences, including Indecent Assault and Unlawful (under age) Sexual Intercourse.	1988 (35%)	2166 (37%)	2263 (40%)	2424 (41%)	This category includes reports of Domestic Violence which has been on the increase in recent years. From the PCC's 2021/2022 Annual Report: 'One of the saddest aspects of the pandemic from a crime perspective, was the significant rise in the reported cases of domestic abuse and violence.' 'Recorded crimes in relation to domestic abuse and sexual offences have continued to rise when considered against the 3-year (long term) average.'

Other Crime	This is a broad category containing offences that are notifiable to the Home Office.	73 (1%)	97 (2%)	98 (2%)	108 (2%)	No significant trend.
Annual Total	-	5620	5799	5605	5918	-

Notes:

- The Bury St Edmunds Police Reporting Area (see figure) consists of 53 parishes and 9 town wards.
- Data extracted from the Suffolk Constabulary website (<https://www.suffolk.police.uk>) which is embedded in the UK Police website (<https://www.police.uk/>).
- The crime categories are a National system ('owned' by the Home Office) used by all 44 police forces (incl. British Transport Police) across England and Wales.
- The figures include very minor to very serious offences.
- Not all crimes are reported to police.
- Observations:
 - A 6% increase in overall total in 2022.
 - Some 2022 category totals are similar to 2021 figures with no significant trends.
 - A year on year increase in Violence and Sexual (incl. Domestic Abuse) accounting for 41% of recorded crime in 2022.
 - A 17% decrease in Anti-Social Behaviour accounting for 13% of recorded crime in 2022.
 - Possession of weapons (a broad category) is up by 22%.
 - Increases in shoplifting (up 25%), theft from a person (up 33%), other theft (up 31%) and bicycle theft (up 27%) – is cost of living a factor?
 - Criminal Damage & Arson saw a small increase in 2022 but no significant trend.
 - Vehicle Crime showing no significant trend accounting for 3% of total crime in 2022.
 - Burglary – a slow downward trend for last 3 years accounting for 3% of recorded crime 2022.
 - Robbery – a downward trend over 3 years and continues to account for <1% of recorded crime.
- Incidents of fraud (e.g. SCAM phone calls, e-mails, texts etc) statistics not included as Action Fraud is responsible. Thanks to the public forwarding scam emails to **report@fishing.gov.uk**, as of 31st December 2022 the number of reports received stand at more than **16,500,000** with the removal of more than **110,000** scams across **200,000** URLs!



8. A graphical view of crime statistics can be found at: www.police.uk/pu/your-area/suffolk-constabulary/bury-st-edmunds/?tab=Statistics
9. Excluding fraud incidents, for the year ending June 2022, the Office for National Statistics ranks Suffolk as having the **7th lowest crime rate out of 44 Police Forces** (incl. British Transport) across England & Wales, and Suffolk is the lowest in the East of England 6 counties.
10. The PCC's latest (2020/2021) Annual Report is available here: <https://suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/PCC-annual-report-20-21.pdf>

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