

Police Service of Northern Ireland

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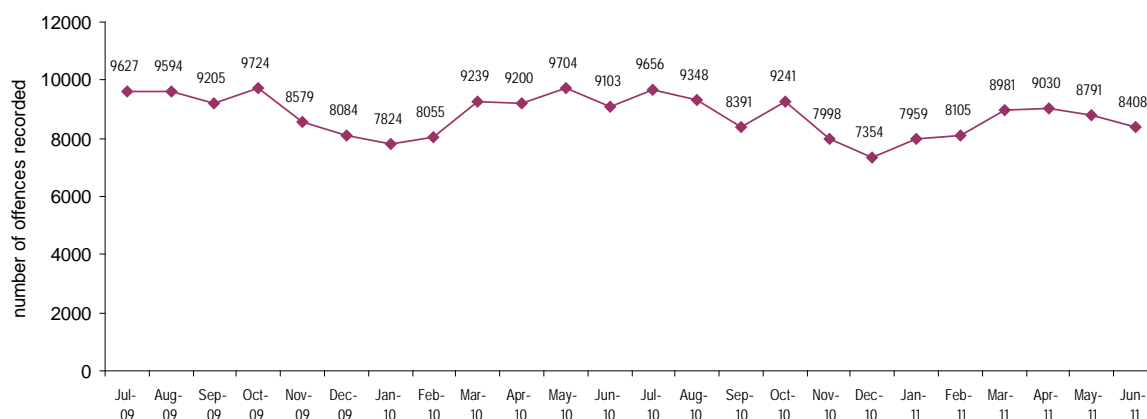
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This monthly bulletin presents the most recent police recorded crime statistics, relating to crimes recorded by the police to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011. Figures were compiled on 26 July 2011, they are provisional and subject to change.

## MAIN POINTS

- Overall crime fell by 4.3% in the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011 compared with a year earlier.
- There was a general upward trend in overall crime between December 2010 (when 7,354 offences were recorded) and April 2011 (9,030 offences recorded). However crime has been falling since April 2011. The current crime figure for June 2011 is 4.4 per cent lower than for May 2011 and 6.9 per cent lower than for April 2011.

**Figure 1 Total number of crimes each month July 2009 to June 2011**



## Comparison of the latest 12 months with the previous year: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011 vs. 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010

- Decreases were experienced across most of the main crime types. However increases seen were in Drug offences (8.0%), Most serious sexual crime (2.1%) and Other theft offences (1.7%).
- **Violence against the person, sexual offences and robbery:** Overall violence against the person fell by 3.0 per cent, violence against the person with injury fell by 2.9 per cent and violence against the person without injury fell by 3.1 per cent. While sexual offences fell by 2.3 per cent overall, this was mostly due to a fall of 19.8 per cent in the other sexual offences classification as most serious sexual crime showed an increase of 2.1 per cent. Robbery of business property and robbery of personal property showed decreases of 8.0 per cent and 9.0 per cent respectively.
- **Property crime:** There were some large decreases in property crime when comparing the current twelve months with the previous year and this crime type showed an overall reduction of 6.0 per cent. Burglary in a dwelling fell by 3.4 per cent and burglary in a building other than a dwelling fell by 11.9 per cent. While offences against vehicles fell by 19.7 per cent, other theft offences showed an increase of 1.7 per cent. There were also decreases in fraud and forgery of 6.5 per cent and in criminal damage of 6.5 per cent.
- **Drug offences and other miscellaneous offences:** There was an increase of 8.0 per cent in the number of drug offences recorded. Other miscellaneous offences showed a fall of 14.2 per cent.
- **Sanction detection rate:** The sanction detection rate in the year ending June 2011 was 27.1%, 1.2 percentage points higher than for the same period in the previous year. The sanction detection rate rose in each of the crime types listed in Table 1, except for other theft offences which fell by 3.9 percentage points (of which shoplifting fell by 6.7 percentage points) and drug trafficking offences which fell by 1.6 percentage points.

**Table 1 Number of recorded crimes and sanction detection rates in the year to June 2011 compared with the previous year**

Offence group	Recorded crime			Number and percentage changes		
	12 months to Jun 2010	12 months to Jun 2011	% change between years	12 months to Jun 2010	12 months to Jun 2011	% point change
Violence against the person offences	30,044	29,146	-3.0	37.0	39.2	2.2
<i>Violence against the person – with injury</i>	15,273	14,827	-2.9	34.9	36.3	1.4
<i>Violence against the person – without injury</i>	14,771	14,319	-3.1	39.2	42.2	3.0
Sexual offences	1,837	1,794	-2.3	20.9	23.1	2.2
<i>Most serious sexual crime</i>	1,463	1,494	2.1	18.6	20.0	1.4
<i>Other sexual offences</i>	374	300	-19.8	29.9	38.7	8.7
Robbery offences	1,355	1,238	-8.6	18.4	21.2	2.9
<i>Robbery of business property</i>	488	449	-8.0	23.2	27.4	4.2
<i>Robbery of personal property</i>	867	789	-9.0	15.7	17.7	2.1
Burglary offences	12,437	11,575	-6.9	10.3	11.4	1.1
<i>Burglary in a dwelling</i>	7,287	7,036	-3.4	9.0	10.2	1.2
<i>Burglary in a building other than a dwelling</i>	5,150	4,539	-11.9	12.0	13.1	1.1
Offences against vehicles	8,121	6,518	-19.7	13.2	15.6	2.4
<i>Theft from a vehicle</i>	3,934	3,268	-16.9	3.5	3.9	0.5
<i>Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle</i>	3,072	2,444	-20.4	27.0	33.1	15.6
<i>Interfering with a motor vehicle</i>	1,115	806	-27.7	9.7	10.0	0.4
Other theft offences	18,266	18,583	1.7	26.9	23.0	-3.9
<i>Of which: shoplifting</i>	6,566	6,237	-5.0	57.9	51.2	-6.7
Fraud and forgery offences	3,224	3,016	-6.5	25.1	31.7	6.7
Criminal damage offences	25,780	24,095	-6.5	12.4	12.9	0.4
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY CRIME</b>	<b>67,828</b>	<b>63,787</b>	<b>-6.0</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Drug offences	3,209	3,465	8.0	81.6	82.4	0.8
<i>Drug trafficking</i>	685	766	11.8	78.4	76.8	-1.6
<i>Drug non-trafficking</i>	2,524	2,699	6.9	82.4	84.0	1.6
Other miscellaneous offences	3,665	3,145	-14.2	64.3	68.8	4.4
<b>TOTAL RECORDED CRIME – ALL OFFENCES</b>	<b>107,938</b>	<b>103,262</b>	<b>-4.3</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>

## NOTES

Unlike the Northern Ireland Crime Survey (NICS), police recorded crime figures do not include crimes that have not been reported to the police or those that the police decide not to record, but they do cover crimes against those aged under 16, organisations such as businesses, and crimes 'against the state' i.e. with no immediate victim (e.g. possession of drugs).

Like any administrative data, police recorded crime statistics are affected by the rules governing the recording of data, systems in place and operational decisions in respect of the allocation of resources. More proactive policing in a given area could lead to an increase in crimes recorded without any real change in underlying crime trends. These issues need to be taken into account when using these data.

### Data Accuracy

Figures within the current year to date are provisional and will be subject to change until finalised figures for the full financial year are published in May 2012. Within year, crime figures are subject to a validation and quality assurance process. The overall crime figures at Northern Ireland, District and Area level cover all records identified as crimes, including those that have not yet completed the validation process. However figures for each crime type do not include records which are under process and so these figures will not add to the overall total. The percentage of crimes complete and under process is shown in Table 2 below.

**Table 2 Percentage of crime records that have completed the validation process, April 2011 to June 2011**

	Percentages	
	% crime records complete	% crime records under process
Year to date: Apr 2011 to Jun 2011	97.5%	2.5%
Latest complete month: June 2011	94.8%	5.2%

### Additional data

This bulletin shows a Northern Ireland level summary of police recorded crime for the 12 months to June 2011. Additional figures to accompany this bulletin are published in a spreadsheet: [http://www.psni.police.uk/monthly\\_crime\\_update\\_apr-jun\\_11\\_12.xls](http://www.psni.police.uk/monthly_crime_update_apr-jun_11_12.xls). This spreadsheet contains a pivot table providing statistics on recorded crime, sanction detections (numbers) and sanction detection rates (%). Each of these data measures is available:

- at Northern Ireland level as well as for each policing district and policing area;
- for a range of crime types; and
- for a range of time periods (previous and current rolling 12 months, previous and current financial years to date and each of the last 24 months).

The pivot table allows the user to manipulate the data, select the data they are most interested in and carry out calculations on the data.

The data records displayed in the pivot table are also available in this spreadsheet.

### Further information

Annual crime figures from 1998/99 to 2010/11 are available in the publication Police Recorded Crime in Northern Ireland 1998/99 to 2010/11, available at:

[http://www.psni.police.uk/police\\_recorded\\_crime\\_in\\_northern\\_ireland\\_1998-99\\_to\\_2010-11.pdf](http://www.psni.police.uk/police_recorded_crime_in_northern_ireland_1998-99_to_2010-11.pdf)

Further details on Police Recorded Crime statistics are available in the [User Guide to Police Recorded Crime Statistics in Northern Ireland](#). This is a reference guide with explanatory notes regarding the issues and classifications which are key to the production and presentation of police recorded crime statistics.

Copies of other PSNI publications are available from the PSNI Internet site:

[http://www.psni.police.uk/index/updates/updates\\_statistics.htm](http://www.psni.police.uk/index/updates/updates_statistics.htm)

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