



SAFER CORNWALL

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Bodmin

Town summary 2025










Introduction

This profile provides a **picture of crime and community safety issues** for this area. It compares the Bodmin town area with the average for other large towns in Cornwall (towns with a population of 10,000 or more), described within this profile as “urban”.

Safer Bodmin was established in 2016 to facilitate and support a **co-ordinated multi-agency approach to community safety** issues to improve feelings of safety and public reassurance, reduce the risk of harm to residents and protect vulnerable groups. The multi-agency group involves local community and voluntary sector agencies in the work of the partnership and encourages social inclusion and participation through inviting all partners to actively be involved in the problem-solving process and sharing a sense of pride in their town.

Key statistics

	Current population of Bodmin town area is 17,244	20% are aged under 16 16% Cornwall / 19% England
People		20% are aged over 65 26% Cornwall / 19% England
	32% live in the 20% most deprived neighbourhoods in England	20% of people have no qualifications
Vulnerable groups		16% in Cornwall 18% across England
		
	£237,063 average house price	67% of people are in full-time employment
Housing	£341,635 across Cornwall £356,508 across England	62% in Cornwall 69% across England
		
	10% of people have a long-term illness that limits activities a lot	19% of households do not have a car
Health & wellbeing	9% in Cornwall 7% across England	15% in Cornwall 24% across England
		
	Access & transport	

Except where stated this profile provides information for **the geographical area representing the Bodmin town area as defined by [Local Insight \(communityinsight.org\)](https://communityinsight.org)**; comparisons are drawn with the average for other large towns in Cornwall (with a population of 10k or more, also described as “urban”) and Cornwall as a whole.

Cornwall overview

Over the last 12 months we have seen crime rates rise across Cornwall. There were 33,425 crimes reported in the 12-month period ending December 2024. This is an **increase of 11%** and can mostly be accounted for by increases in **stalking** and **harassment** offences, **assaults without injury**, **shoplifting**, **criminal damage** and **public order offences**.

Shoplifting has increased across the country and is at its highest levels for the last 20 years. In Cornwall, we have seen a rise of 23% compared with last year. Responses to this type of crime include Shopwatch radios and bespoke crime prevention training in our larger towns.

Criminal damage makes up 12% of all recorded crime and is a highly visible sign of disorder in communities, which can negatively affect public perceptions of crime and feelings of safety.

Violence makes up a third of all recorded crime and has **increased by 10%** overall, with the majority of the rise coming from **violence without injury** offences. Violence with injury has seen a smaller rise overall and has reduced in some larger towns where there have been targeted initiatives. Reporting of domestic abuse is a key factor. Cornwall sees a greater proportion of crime recorded as **domestic abuse** (36%) and the number of these crimes is still **increasing**, whereas nationally police recorded domestic abuse crimes have started to fall for the first time in a decade.

Safer Cornwall is focusing on **prevention approaches** through local delivery of the Serious Violence Prevention Programme and five-year strategies to tackle **domestic abuse** and **sexual violence** and **violence against women and girls**. These form part of our Strategic Framework to prevent serious violence in Cornwall.

There were 7,844 incidents of **anti-social behaviour** reported to the police in the last 12 months. After a long period of reduction, we are now seeing trends begin to rise again. Across our larger towns, we are starting to see the benefits of targeted initiatives such as **Safer Streets** and **Hotspot Patrols** with some towns seeing lower than average rises.

Understanding crime increases

It is estimated that improvements in crime recording have **increased recorded crime by 8%** providing more opportunities to support victims and keep communities safe.

Devon and Cornwall Police are focused on keeping communities safe and delivering justice for victims through:

- **Improved access for victims** via increased front offices and improvements in 101 call wait times
- Effective **hotspot policing** initiatives
- **Improving response times** to incidents
- **Pro-active operations** focused on serious and organised criminals
- **Securing more positive outcomes** for victims through improved investigation quality

Safer Cornwall continues to provide opportunities for local people to talk to services about the issues that matter and find out what help is available, through community events and drop-in sessions. This aims to increase **confidence to report** and therefore we expect to see an increase in reported incidents as a result, particularly in areas with more persistent issues.

A new [Partnership Plan for 2025-2028](#) was launched in April 2025 setting out plans for the next three years. Safer Cornwall's priorities include ensuring our **public spaces** are safe for everyone, tackling **domestic abuse and sexual violence** and reducing the harms of **drugs and alcohol**. As well as providing an effective response to what is happening now, the Plan aims to prevent issues in the future by addressing the **underlying causes of harm**.

What are the key trends for the Bodmin town area?

Along with other large towns in Cornwall, Bodmin town area is a hotspot for crime, due to the concentration of people and activity there. It has a population of just over 17,200 and the rate of crime is higher than the average across the other Safer Town areas.

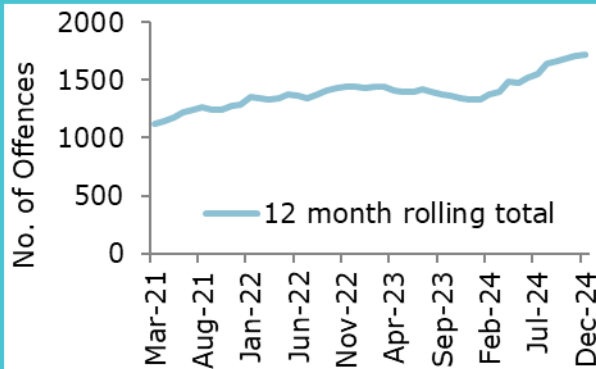
- The **volume of crime has increased by 29%** over the last 12 months, which is higher than the increase seen across Cornwall (+11%). This equates to 384 additional crimes being reported, part of which can be attributed to by increases in less serious violence, criminal damage and public order offences.
- **Violence without injury** has increased by 39% in Bodmin, which can mainly be attributed to an increase in domestic abuse, as well as crimes where the victim is aged under 18.
- Violence with injury has reduced by 5% over the same time period. This reducing trend opposes the increasing trend we have seen across Cornwall and the other Safer Towns.
- Stalking and harassment offences have increased by 34% in the town. The increase is greater than the rise across Cornwall. Increases in these crimes are linked to **improved recording of cyber related offences** by the police, which now account for a third of all stalking and harassment offences.
- There has been an increase in **other sexual offences** (+36 crimes). The rate of offences is higher than that of the urban area average and the number of **rape offences has remained stable** when compared with the previous year. Further analysis shows that the increase is not linked to offences reported retrospectively.
- There has been a notable **increase in drug offences** in Bodmin (+61 crimes). Police reported drug offences tend to reflect the level of proactive police action locally, rather than the level of drug use.
- **Public order offences has increased** by 45% or 35 crimes compared with the previous year. **Criminal damage** offences have also increased by 40%, which is higher than the Cornwall average. Both of these crime types are highly visible in nature so are more likely to negatively impact residents perceptions of crime.
- **Shoplifting offences have decreased** in the town which is against the trend for Cornwall and other urban areas.

Crime / incident type	Trend	Rate per 1000	Year ending Dec 24	Year ending Dec 23	Annual Change	Urban areas	Urban areas trend
All crime	▲	99.7	1,720	1,336	29%	●	▲
Domestic Abuse (total incidents)	▲	35.4	610	502	22%	●	▶
Domestic Abuse Crimes	▲	20.7	357	297	20%	●	▲
Non-Crime Domestic	▲	14.7	253	205	23%	●	▶
Rape	▶	1.7	29	26	12%	●	▲
Other Sexual Offences	▲	4.3	75	39	92%	●	▲
Stalking and Harrassment	▲	11.5	199	148	34%	●	▲
Homicide	▶	0.0	0	1	0%	●	▶
Violence with Injury	▶	16.4	283	270	5%	●	▶
Violence without Injury	▲	18.9	326	235	39%	●	▲
Drug Offences	▲	5.5	94	33	185%	●	▲
Possession of Weapons	▶	1.5	26	23	13%	●	▲
Burglary - Residential	▲	1.8	31	17	82%	●	▶
Burglary - Business and Community	▲	0.8	13	7	86%	●	▲
Robbery	▶	0.4	7	9	-22%	●	▲
Vehicle Offences	▲	2.3	40	33	21%	●	▲
Shoplifting	▼	4.7	81	95	-15%	●	▲
Other Theft	▲	7.4	128	113	13%	●	▶
Criminal Damage	▲	12.6	218	156	40%	●	▲
Arson	▶	0.2	4	7	-43%	●	▼
Public Order Offences	▲	6.5	112	77	45%	●	▲
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	▲	2.4	41	33	24%	●	▲
Anti-social behaviour incidents	▲	24.1	416	363	15%	●	▲
Street Drinking/Begging/Drug Litter	▶	1.6	27	29	-7%	●	▲
Hate Crime	▶	1.6	28	30	-7%	●	▶
Under 18 Victims of Crime	▲	13.3	230	181	27%	●	▲

● Crime rate lower than urban areas

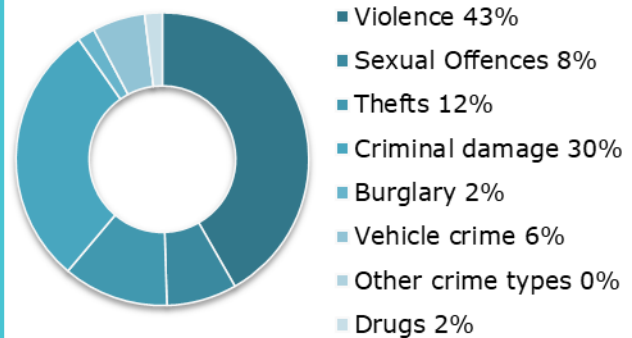
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Trend



The overall rate of crime increased by 29% in Bodmin over the 12 months ending in December 2024.

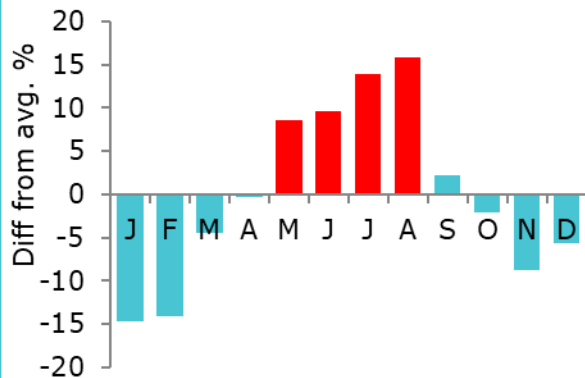
Offences



43% of all crimes in Bodmin are violence, which is higher than the Cornwall average rate. There are higher levels of criminal damage and sexual offences but lower thefts and drug offences.

Seasonality

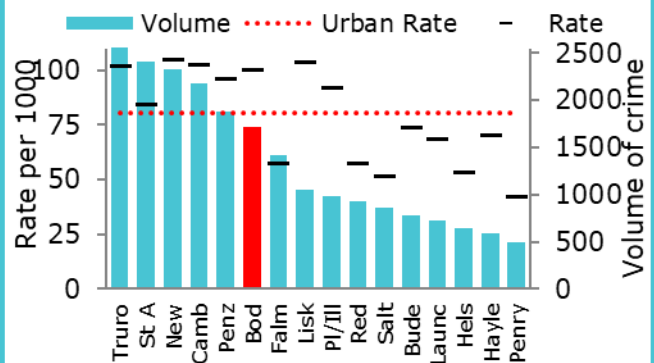
(based on a 3 year average)



Crime in Bodmin is higher than average between May to August. The seasonal pattern is similar to Cornwall as a whole.

Comparison

(based on combined rate and volume)

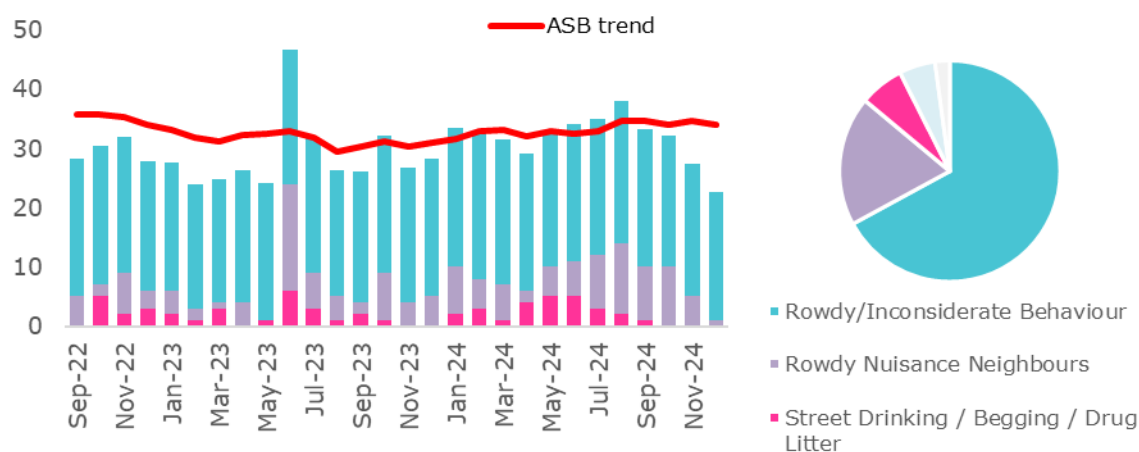


Bodmin has a higher rate of crime than the Cornwall and urban average.

It has the 6th highest volume of crime amongst our larger town areas.

Anti-social behaviour

Anti-social behaviour in Bodmin increased by 15% over the 12 months up until December 2024. This is a higher increase than seen across the rest of Cornwall or the average for other urban areas.



The increase is due mainly to a rise in '**rowdy nuisance neighbours**' and '**rowdy inconsiderate behaviour**' while street drinking, begging and drug litter offences have stayed the same.

What residents think

As part of the update of our new Partnership Plan, we invited local people to "Have Your Say" about the **community safety issues that matter** on a day-to-day basis in the local area and what could be done to improve things.

Our **on-line survey** was available via Cornwall Council's [Let's Talk Cornwall](#) in July and August 2024. We also held some **face-to-face engagement events** in the summer.

Across Cornwall, 63% of people said they **felt safe** during the day in their local area. 52% of respondents in Cornwall **felt very unsafe or fairly unsafe** after dark in their local area, which indicated a deterioration in feelings of safety from the 2023 survey (41%).

- 31 people living in Bodmin responded to the survey. Of these, 49% **felt safe** in their local area during the day which is lower than the average for Cornwall (63%) and 65% said they **felt unsafe** after dark which is higher than the 52% for Cornwall.

Please note that the number of respondents in Bodmin is fairly low meaning that its hard to draw any firm conclusions from this data.

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