



# SAFER CORNWALL

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## Town summary 2025



# Introduction

This profile provides a **picture of crime and community safety issues** for this area. It compares Saltash with the average for other large towns in Cornwall (towns with a population of 10,000 or more), described within this profile as “urban”. The profile also incorporates socio-economic, health<sup>1</sup> and community safety profiles that are available for this area.



Safer Saltash was established 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

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|                               | <b>Current population of Saltash town area is 16,296</b>                         | <b>17% are aged under 16</b><br>16% Cornwall / 19% England |
| <b>People</b>                 |  | <b>27% are aged over 65</b><br>26% Cornwall / 19% England  |
|                               | <b>0 people</b> live in the <b>20% most deprived neighbourhoods</b> in England   |  |
| <b>Vulnerable groups</b>      |  | <b>Education &amp; skills</b>                              |
|                               |  | <b>16% of people have no qualifications</b>                |
|                               |  | 16% in Cornwall<br>18% across England                      |
|                               | <b>£273,743 average house price</b>  |  |
| <b>Housing</b>                | £341,635 in Cornwall<br>£356,508 across England                                  | <b>Economy</b>   |
|                               |  | <b>60% of people are in full-time employment</b>           |
|                               |  | 62% in Cornwall<br>69% across England                      |
|                               | <b>9% of people have a long-term illness</b> that limits activities <b>a lot</b> |  |
| <b>Health &amp; wellbeing</b> | 9% in Cornwall<br>7% across England  | <b>Access &amp; transport</b>                              |
|                               |  | <b>16% of households do not have a car</b>                 |
|                               |  | 15% in Cornwall<br>24% across England                      |

Except where stated this profile provides information for **the geographical area representing Saltash Town as defined by Local Insight ([communityinsight.org](http://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 level 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 (ASB)** 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 is providing **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**. As this aims to increase public confidence to report, it can result in more incidents being reported, 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 Saltash town area?

Along with other large towns in Cornwall, the Saltash town area can have higher levels of crime due to the concentration of people living there. It has a population of just over 16,200..

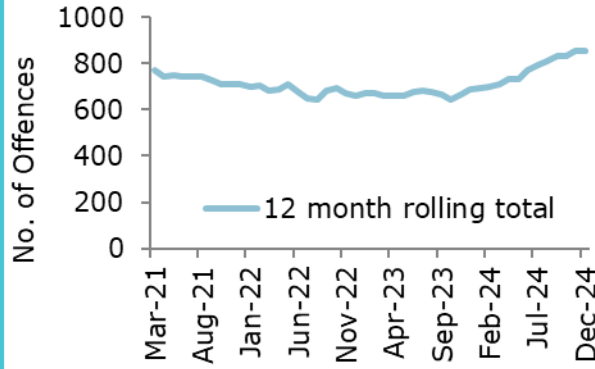
- Crime in Saltash has **increased by 25%** over the 12 month period ending December 2024. This is higher than the increase seen across Cornwall and the other Safer Towns.
- Although the level of recorded crime has increased in Saltash the **rates of crime across all offence types are generally lower** than the averages across the other Safer Towns.
- **Violent crime has increased** over the last year but the rate of these crimes are still lower than the rest of Cornwall and other Safer Towns. Violence with injury has increased by 27% (23 crimes) and violence without injury has increased by 34% (40 crimes). These increases can be attributed to a **rise in police recorded domestic abuse** over the same time period.
- **Domestic abuse** has increased by 41% (+55 crimes) and rates are now in line with the average across the Safer Towns.
- There has been an 8% increase in **under 18s as victims of crime** (+12 crimes), although rates are in line with the average we see across the other Safer Towns.
- **Public order offences** in Liskeard increased by 45% (+21 crimes) over this 12-month period. **Criminal damage has also increased** meaning that residents perceptions of crime may be negatively impacted. Both crime types, however, have lower rates than the average seen across the other urban areas.
- There has been an increase in reported **rape** offences (+9 crimes) over this 12-month period. The number of these offences remains low and rates of sexual offences are below the average seen across the safer towns.

| Crime / incident type                | Trend | Rate per 1000 | Year ending Dec 24 | Year ending Dec 23 | Annual Change | Urban areas | Urban areas trend |
|--------------------------------------|-------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------|
| All crime                            | ▲     | 51.0          | 857                | 686                | 25%           | ●           | ▲                 |
| Domestic Abuse (total incidents)     | ▲     | 19.4          | 326                | 241                | 35%           | ●           | ▶                 |
| Domestic Abuse Crimes                | ▲     | 11.3          | 189                | 134                | 41%           | ●           | ▲                 |
| Non-Crime Domestic                   | ▲     | 8.2           | 137                | 107                | 28%           | ●           | ▶                 |
| Rape                                 | ▲     | 1.3           | 21                 | 12                 | 75%           | ●           | ▲                 |
| Other Sexual Offences                | ▶     | 1.9           | 32                 | 33                 | -3%           | ●           | ▲                 |
| Stalking and Harrassment             | ▲     | 6.0           | 101                | 77                 | 31%           | ●           | ▲                 |
| Homicide                             | ▶     | 0.0           | 0                  | 0                  | 0%            | ●           | ▶                 |
| Violence with Injury                 | ▲     | 6.4           | 107                | 84                 | 27%           | ●           | ▶                 |
| Violence without Injury              | ▲     | 9.4           | 157                | 117                | 34%           | ●           | ▲                 |
| Drug Offences                        | ▲     | 1.7           | 28                 | 21                 | 33%           | ●           | ▲                 |
| Possession of Weapons                | ▶     | 0.7           | 12                 | 11                 | 9%            | ●           | ▲                 |
| Burglary - Residential               | ▶     | 0.7           | 12                 | 8                  | 50%           | ●           | ▶                 |
| Burglary - Business and Community    | ▶     | 0.5           | 9                  | 11                 | -18%          | ●           | ▲                 |
| Robbery                              | ▶     | 0.4           | 6                  | 4                  | 50%           | ●           | ▲                 |
| Vehicle Offences                     | ▼     | 0.8           | 13                 | 23                 | -43%          | ●           | ▲                 |
| Shoplifting                          | ▲     | 2.4           | 41                 | 28                 | 46%           | ●           | ▲                 |
| Other Theft                          | ▶     | 4.4           | 74                 | 72                 | 3%            | ●           | ▶                 |
| Criminal Damage                      | ▲     | 7.6           | 127                | 89                 | 43%           | ●           | ▲                 |
| Arson                                | ▼     | 0.1           | 2                  | 9                  | -78%          | ●           | ▼                 |
| Public Order Offences                | ▲     | 4.0           | 68                 | 47                 | 45%           | ●           | ▲                 |
| Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society | ▲     | 2.1           | 35                 | 29                 | 21%           | ●           | ▲                 |
| Anti-social behaviour incidents      | ▲     | 12.3          | 207                | 160                | 29%           | ●           | ▲                 |
| Street Drinking/Begging/Drug Litter  | ▼     | 0.4           | 7                  | 13                 | -46%          | ●           | ▲                 |
| Hate Crime                           | ▶     | 0.8           | 14                 | 16                 | -13%          | ●           | ▶                 |
| Under 18 Victims of Crime            | ▲     | 9.3           | 156                | 144                | 8%            | ●           | ▲                 |

- Crime rate lower than urban areas
- Crime rate higher than urban areas

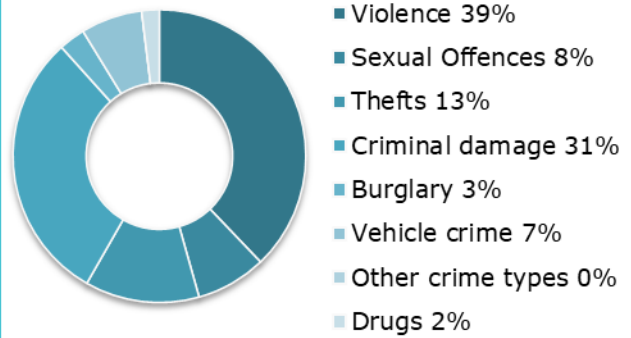
**Note that caution should be taken when interpreting percentage change relating to small numbers (where there are less than 20 crimes per annum), due to the volatility of small numbers. The above table includes reported crime and incidents meaning that non crime domestic and Anti-Social behaviour are not included in the total number of offences in the "All Crime" total.**

### Trend



Overall crime increased by 25% in the 12 months ending December 2024.

### Offences

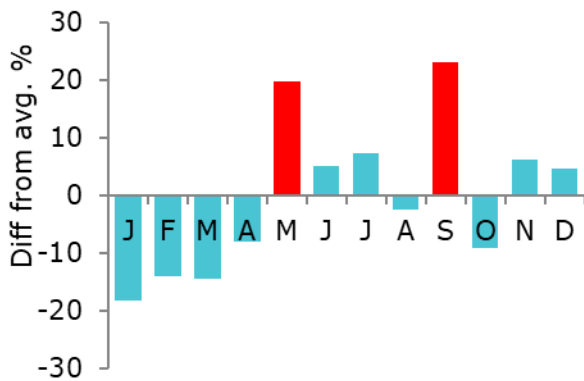


Violent crime makes up a higher proportion of offences in Saltash than the rest of Cornwall. Sexual offences and criminal damage are also higher.

Drug offences and thefts are lower.

### Seasonality

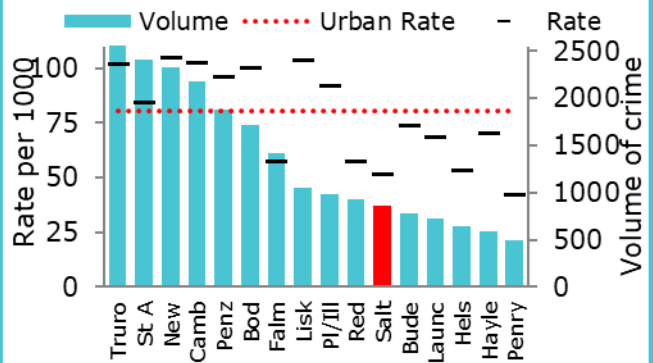
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Crime is highest in Saltash during the months of may and September.

### Comparison

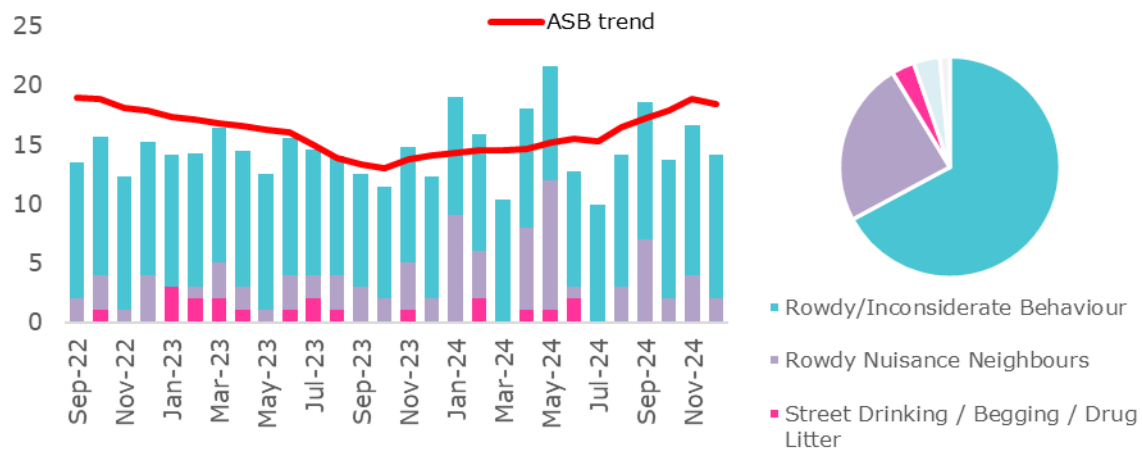
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The rate of crime in Saltash is lower than the urban average for Cornwall.

## Anti-social behaviour

Anti-social behaviour in Saltash has risen by 29% which is higher than the increase seen across the rest of Cornwall.



- The main increase has been in rowdy/ inconsiderate behaviour and rowdy nuisance neighbours, which make up 67% and 24% of all ASB incidents respectively.
- The volume of street drinking related ASB in the town is very low with only 7 incidents reported in the whole 2024 calendar year.

## 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%).

- 62 people living in Saltash responded to the survey. Of these, 89% **felt safe** in their local area during the day which is higher than the average for Cornwall (63%). 25% said they **felt unsafe** after dark which is better than the average for Cornwall (52%).

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