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# **Truro Safe**

## **City Profile 2025**










# Introduction

This profile provides a **picture of crime and community safety issues** for this area. It compares the Truro 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”.

Truro Safe was originally established in 2013 and now facilitates and supports a **co-ordinated multi-agency approach to community safety** issues. The group aims to improve feelings of safety and provide public reassurance, whilst reducing the risk of harm to the community and protecting vulnerable groups. The multi-agency group involves local community members in the work of the partnership and encourage social inclusion and community participation through being part of the problem-solving process and having a sense of pride in Truro.

## Key statistics

 <p><b>People</b></p>	<p><b>Current population of Truro City area is 23,303</b></p>	<p><b>17% are aged under 16</b> 16% Cornwall / 19% England</p> <p><b>22% are aged over 65</b> 25% Cornwall / 18% England</p>
 <p><b>Vulnerable groups</b></p>	<p><b>12% live in the 20% most deprived neighbourhoods</b> in England</p>	<p> <b>14% of people have no qualifications</b></p> <p>18% in Cornwall 16% across England</p> <p><b>Education &amp; skills</b></p>
 <p><b>Housing</b></p>	<p><b>£346,579 average house price</b></p> <p>£341,635 across Cornwall £356,508 across England</p>	<p> <b>62% of people are in full-time jobs</b></p> <p>62% in Cornwall 69% across England</p> <p><b>Economy</b></p>
 <p><b>Health &amp; wellbeing</b></p>	<p><b>9% of people have a long-term illness</b> that limits activities <b>a lot</b></p> <p>9% in Cornwall 7% across England</p>	<p> <b>22% of households do not have a car</b></p> <p>15% in Cornwall 24% across England</p> <p><b>Access &amp; transport</b></p>

Except where stated this profile provides information for **the geographical area representing Truro 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

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

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

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

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 Truro area?

Along with other large towns in Cornwall, Truro area is a hotspot for crime, due to the concentration of people and activity there. It has a population of just over 23,000 although this number swells on a daily basis due to the number of people who work and visit there on a daily basis.

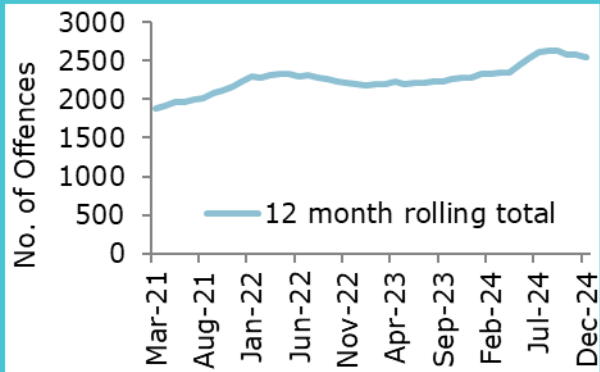
- The volume of **crime has increased by 11%** (260 offences) over the last 12 months, which is in line with the increase seen across Cornwall and the other Safer Towns.
- We have seen a **40% increase in the number of stalking and harassment offences** in the town. The increase is greater than the rise across Cornwall and can be linked to **improved recording of cyber related offences** by the police. Cyber offences now account for a third of all stalking and harassment offences.
- **Violence without injury has increased** in Truro by 11% which is in line with the Cornwall and Safer Town average. The rate of crime seen in Truro is greater than the average seen across other large towns in Cornwall. Further analysis shows that this is **related to low level assaults** flagged as domestic abuse;
- The number of victims aged **Under 18s** has increased by 15% (30 crimes) over the 12 months ending in December 2024.
- There has been a small increase in the number of **robberies** in the town, although the volume of offences is low. This means that percentage changes are volatile (+7 crimes or +70%).
- **Other sexual offences** increased by 30 crimes over these 12 months. These crimes tend not to be linked to domestic abuse but rather crimes that have been reported retrospectively which occurred more than 1 year before they were recorded.
- **Domestic abuse incidents have risen** by 20% (111 incidents), with the increase mainly in domestic abuse related crimes (+28%). This is higher than the increase seen across Cornwall and the other Safer Towns. The biggest increase can be attributed to the rise in stalking and harassment offences.
- **Shoplifting** and **criminal damage** have stayed the same when compared with the previous year whilst **vehicle offences** have increased by 58% (23 offences).

Crime / incident type	Trend	Rate per 1000	Year ending Dec 24	Year ending Dec 23	Annual Change	Urban areas	Urban areas trend
All crime	▲	101.3	2,549	2,289	11%	●	▲
Domestic Abuse (total incidents)	▲	26.6	669	558	20%	●	▶
Domestic Abuse Crimes	▲	16.9	424	332	28%	●	▲
Non-Crime Domestic	▲	9.7	245	226	8%	●	▶
Rape	▶	1.9	47	44	7%	●	▲
Other Sexual Offences	▲	4.0	100	70	43%	●	▲
Stalking and Harrassment	▲	11.1	279	200	40%	●	▲
Homicide	▶	0.0	0	0	0%	●	▶
Violence with Injury	▶	13.4	336	323	4%	●	▶
Violence without Injury	▲	18.5	465	418	11%	●	▲
Drug Offences	▼	2.7	67	72	-7%	●	▲
Possession of Weapons	▶	1.3	33	29	14%	●	▲
Burglary - Residential	▲	1.5	37	25	48%	●	▶
Burglary - Business and Community	▲	1.3	32	24	33%	●	▲
Robbery	▲	0.7	17	10	70%	●	▲
Vehicle Offences	▲	2.5	63	40	58%	●	▲
Shoplifting	▶	13.6	343	337	2%	●	▲
Other Theft	▲	6.6	166	154	8%	●	▶
Criminal Damage	▶	10.5	263	272	-3%	●	▲
Arson	▶	0.3	7	8	-13%	●	▼
Public Order Offences	▲	8.7	220	192	15%	●	▲
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	▶	1.4	35	34	3%	●	▲
Anti-social behaviour incidents	▲	29.3	736	699	5%	●	▲
Street Drinking/Begging/Drug Litter	▼	3.5	88	100	-12%	●	▲
Hate Crime	▲	1.9	48	40	20%	●	▶
Under 18 Victims of Crime	▲	9.2	231	201	15%	●	▲

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

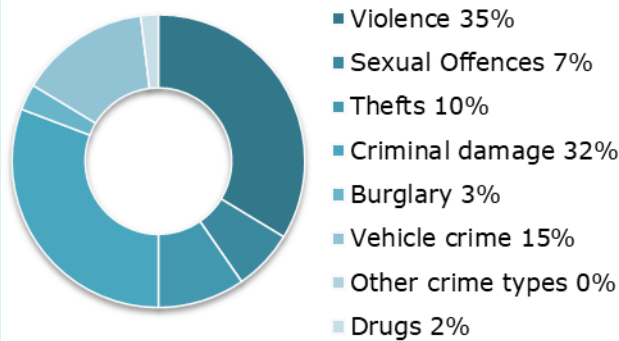
Note that caution should be taken when interpreting percentage change relating to small numbers (where there are less than 20 crimes per annum), due to the volatility of small numbers. The above table includes reported crime and incidents meaning that non crime domestic and Anti-Social behaviour are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

Trend



Crime in Truro increased by 11% over the 12-month period ending December 2024.

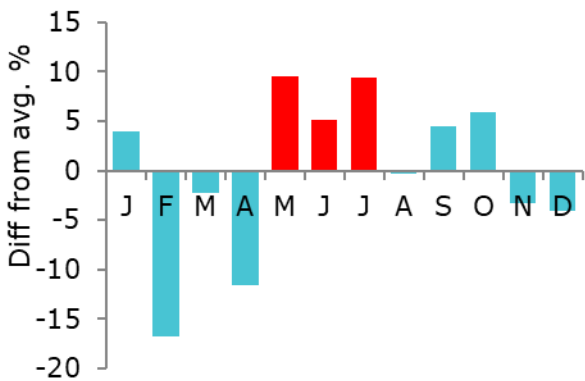
Offences



There are a higher proportion of violent offences in Truro. Sexual offences are also slightly higher. Vehicle crime and criminal damage are substantially higher in Truro

Seasonality

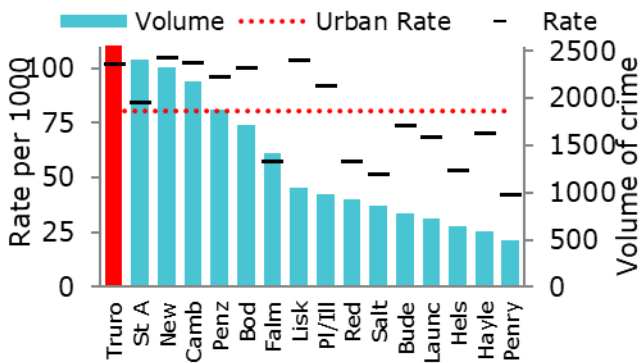
(based on a 3 year average)



Crime follows a seasonal pattern with more crimes in the spring/ summer months of May, June and July.

Comparison

(based on combined rate and volume)

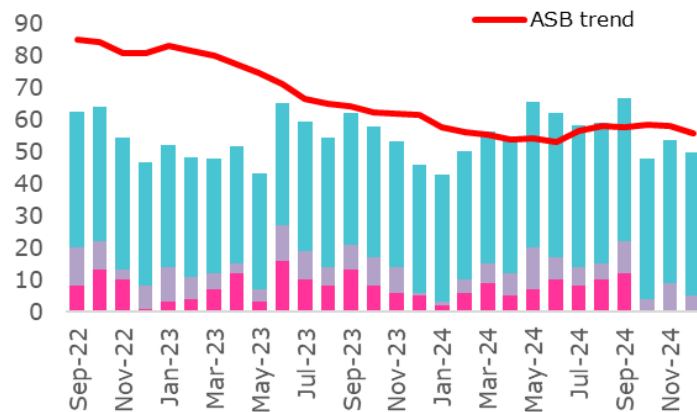


Truro has the highest volume of crime of all the Safer Towns in Cornwall and a higher-than-average rate of crime.

## Anti-social behaviour

Anti-social behaviour increased by 5% in Truro in the 12 months ending December 2024. This is largely due to an increase in rowdy/ inconsiderate behaviour.

There has been a reduction in reported street drinking/ begging and drug litter in Truro (reduced by 12% and 12 incidents) over this year. This is contrast to an increase seen across Cornwall and the other Safer Towns.



## 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.
- 28% of respondents in Cornwall **feel very unsafe** after dark in their local area and 24% fairly unsafe which shows a deterioration in feelings of safety from the 2023 survey.
- 129 people living in Truro responded to the survey. Of these, 59% **felt safe** in their local area during the day which is **lower than the average** for Cornwall (63%). 64% said they **felt unsafe** after dark which is **worse than the average** for Cornwall (52%). These are, however, small numbers so it's hard to draw firm conclusions from them.

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