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Standard Caveats:

The data in the following report includes police Niche Crime records plus police incident data from Saab Safe that have 'Cheshire Constabulary' recorded as the owning agency.

The data in the following report was run on **03/02/2025** and will therefore be subject to change in line with updates made to the two primary source recording systems.

Recorded crime date period(s) referenced throughout this report is based on the date the occurrence was entered onto Niche (Cheshire Constabulary's crime record management system).

All data has been run with an ACL (Access Control Level) of 0, therefore any Niche records with a higher ACL applied to them will not appear in this data.

The data in the following report does not include Restricted SAAB Incidents.

There are a number of other caveats specific to this data set. These have been referenced throughout the report where appropriate and should be taken into consideration when reviewing the information presented.

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Executive Summary

In 2025, Cheshire West and Chester (CWAC) experienced a mixed performance across crime and incident categories, with several encouraging reductions offset by areas of rising demand. Overall crime fell slightly by 1%, reaching its lowest level in five years; a change which was the smallest across the Force. While total incidents increased by 4% which was the largest rise across the Force.

The rate per 1,000 population in CWAC (66.6) for all crime was the second smallest when compared across the Force (Halton; 85.1, Warrington; 68.5, & Cheshire East; 59.4).

Notable reductions across CWAC were recorded in offences related to Malicious Communications (-24%), Personal Robbery (-14%), Theft of a Motor Vehicle (-29%), Vehicle Interference (-13%), All Other Theft (-14%), Knife Crime (-15%), Possession of Weapons (-4%), and Drug-related Anti-Social Behaviour (-23%).

In contrast, notable increases were recorded in Controlling or Coercive Behaviour (+15%), Shoplifting (+7%), Hate Crime (+7%), and Drug-related Incidents (+19%). A large increase was also recorded to volumes of Business Robbery (+135%), however the actual volume increase must be taken into consideration (+23 offences), alongside recent crime recording changes. These growth areas highlight rising vulnerability-related demand, increasing pressure from retail crime, and a significant uplift in Drug-related activity—much of which is likely influenced by enforcement, community reporting, and shifts in demand in urban centres.

Of note, Violence Against Women and Girls offences recorded no change (0%), with a reduction recorded to Domestic Abuse offences (-4%) and a opposite increase recorded to Domestic Incidents (+11%)

These changes must be viewed within the context of wider organisational and legislative influences, including process changes and targeted operational activity—most notably the April 2025 change to Business Robbery recording criteria, which redirected some violent Shoplifting incidents into the Robbery category, as such increased volumes are expected.

Introduction

To summarise the below report, for CWAC in 2025, reductions of note were recorded in:

- Malicious Communications (-109 offences/-24%)
- Personal Robbery (-16 offences/-14%)
- Theft of a Motor Vehicle (-61 offences/-29%)
- Vehicle interference (-12 offences/-13%)
- All other Theft (-241 offences/-14%)
- Knife Crime (-30 offences/-15%)
- Possession of Weapons (-10 offences/-4%)
- Drug related ASB (-19 incidents/-23%)

In contrast, notable increases were recorded in the following areas:

- Business Robbery (+23 offences/+135%)
- Controlling or Coercive behaviour (+69 offences/+15%)
- Shoplifting (+129 offences/+7%)
- Hate Crime (+53 offences/+7%)
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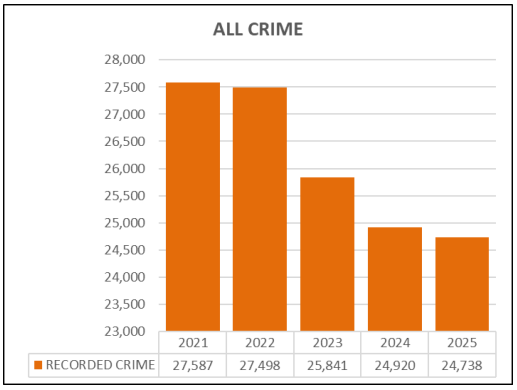
- Drug related incidents (+327 incidents/+19%)

It should be noted that crime and incident volumes can be impacted by factors not exclusive to but including process changes, legislative changes & Force operations. One example of this is the recent change to Business Robbery offences in April 2025; a Shoplifting offence where a use or threat of violence takes place to a shop worker/security guard/any other person occurs then the crime is now recorded as Business Robbery, rather than Shoplifting, as such increased volumes are expected.

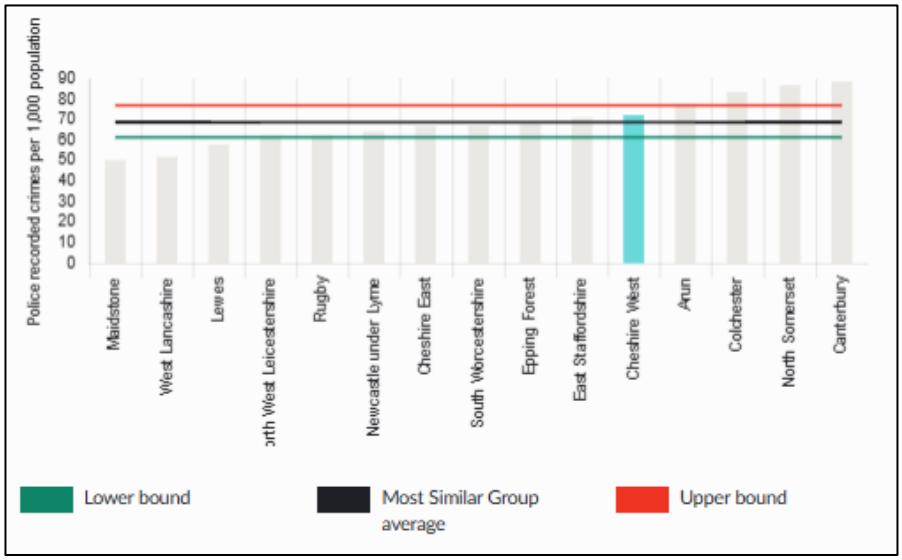
All Crime

All crime across the Cheshire West and Chester (CWAC) area reduced by a small amount of 1% in 2025 (-182 offences, 24,738 total offences), this resulted in the lowest volume over the 5 year period and was the smallest reduction across the Force. The crime rate per 1,000 population in CWAC for 2025 was 66.6, this slightly reduced from 2024 (-0.5pp) and was the 2nd smallest across the Force.

Local Authority	All Crime change 2 years				Rate per 1,000 pop	
	2024	2025	Change	% Change	24 rate	25 rate
Warrington	15494	14763	-731	-5%	71.9	68.5
Halton	12486	11191	-1295	-10%	94.9	85.1
Cheshire West and Chester	**24920**	**24738**	**-182**	**-1%**	**67.1**	**66.6**
Cheshire East	25993	25028	-965	-4%	61.7	59.4
Force	**79535**	**76313**	-3222	-4%	**69.8**	**66.9**



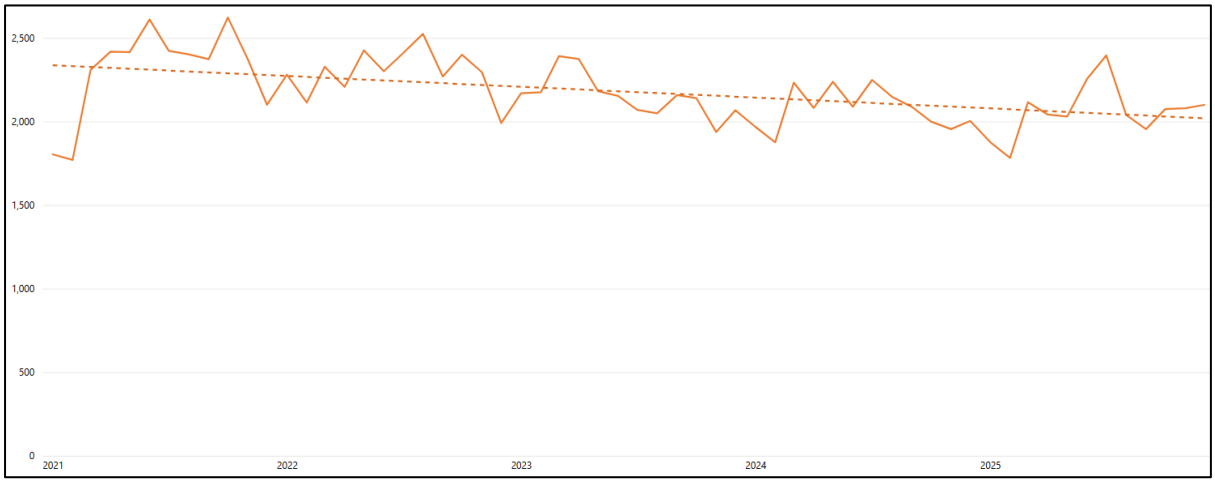
In the year ending June 2025, CWAC sat in the 5th highest position for all crime when compared to its MSGs, this has increased from the 7th highest position (out of 15) in the 12 months ending September 2024. The rate for CWAC is higher than the MSG average (72.35 vs 68.88) but lower than the Force average (73.16) and is the 2nd highest rate when compared across Cheshire's LAs (highest was Halton; 94.06).



Source: www.police.uk

It is important to consider these figures with the understanding that 546 crimes in 2025 across the Force area have not been able to be linked to specific Local Authority (LA) geographies, as such the volumes in CWAC could be higher than what is recorded[1].

The below graph shows the trend of crime in CWAC CSP since January 2021 and shows an overall downward trend, the average number of crimes per month has reduced from 2,301 in 2021 to 2,062 in 2025. Comparison across the CSPs shows the reduction in CWAC was the smallest (-10% vs Warrington; -17%, Halton; -17%, Cheshire East; 12%).



Monthly analysis of volumes in CWAC were highest in July, as they were in the previous year, this is confirmed in rate per day analysis (July; 77 crimes per day). The next highest demand month was June (75 crimes per day) followed by November (69 crimes per day) then December, March and April (all 68 crimes per day). Monthly demand by LPU and BTC can be seen below, the peak months mostly align with that seen for the whole LA.

[1] 'No Location' figures are included in overall Force figures; this is not a sum of the 4 Local Authorities.

Beat Team Cluster	CRIME VOLUMES													
	2025-01	2025-02	2025-03	2025-04	2025-05	2025-06	2025-07	2025-08	2025-09	2025-10	2025-11	2025-12	Recorded Crime 2025	%
Chester	**829**	**899**	**986**	**923**	**942**	**1029**	**1136**	**993**	**908**	**908**	**912**	**1040**	**11505**	**47%**
Chester City	269	330	366	317	331	376	406	366	313	315	344	355	4088	**17%**
Chester North	197	231	247	234	226	264	312	247	223	235	250	246	2912	**12%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	176	157	167	187	202	171	215	174	177	201	176	222	2225	**9%**
Chester South	187	181	206	185	183	218	203	206	195	157	142	217	2280	**9%**
Ellesmere Port	**504**	**427**	**557**	**500**	**516**	**610**	**592**	**508**	**539**	**579**	**576**	**551**	**6459**	**26%**
Ellesmere Port East	270	225	311	280	249	305	299	297	270	314	346	342	3508	**14%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	234	202	246	220	267	305	293	211	269	265	230	209	2951	**12%**
Northwich	**544**	**456**	**572**	**618**	**571**	**615**	**667**	**538**	**507**	**587**	**591**	**508**	**6774**	**27%**
Northwich North	206	167	205	216	185	243	235	192	174	200	211	181	2415	**10%**
Northwich South	131	102	152	164	157	147	168	130	114	135	135	108	1643	**7%**
Winsford	207	187	215	238	229	225	264	216	219	252	245	219	2716	**11%**
Grand Total	**1877**	**1782**	**2115**	**2041**	**2029**	**2254**	**2395**	**2039**	**1954**	**2074**	**2079**	**2099**	**24738**	**100%**
Percentage	**8%**	**7%**	**9%**	**8%**	**8%**	**9%**	**10%**	**8%**	**8%**	**8%**	**8%**	**8%**	**100%**	

Changes between 2024 and 2025 volumes show the largest reduction was recorded in Northwich LPU (-547 offences, -7%), opposite to this, Chester LPU recorded the only increase (+499 offences, +5%). Cluster changes again reflect both increases and decreases with the largest reduction recorded in Winsford (-525 offences, -16%), demand in this cluster moved from 3rd to 5th highest in 2025 as a result. A large increase of 8% (+226 offences) in Chester North however halved the impact of the reduction in Winsford.

Local Authority	All Crime change 2 years			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**11006**	**11505**	**499**	**5%**
Chester City	3921	4088	**167**	**4%**
Chester North	2686	2912	**226**	**8%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	2150	2225	**75**	**3%**
Chester South	2249	2280	**31**	**1%**
Ellesmere Port	**6593**	**6459**	**-134**	**-2%**
Ellesmere Port East	3527	3508	**-19**	**-1%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	3066	2951	**-115**	**-4%**
Northwich	**7321**	**6774**	**-547**	**-7%**
Northwich North	2491	2415	**-76**	**-3%**
Northwich South	1589	1643	**54**	**3%**
Winsford	3241	2716	**-525**	**-16%**
Total	**24920**	**24738**	**-182**	**-1%**

Demographic information for offenders of All Crime is as follows[2]:

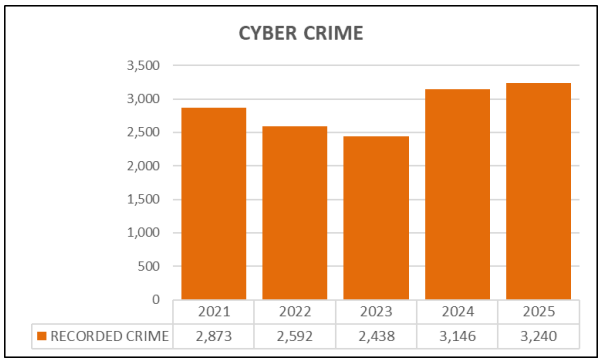
- 74% Male, 30% Female
- 14% aged 17 years old or Under (69% Male, 33% Female)
- 27% of offenders were aged between 35 to 44 years old (73% Male, 30% Female)

[2] See appendix for caveats regarding use of Demographic Information

Cyber Crime

Cyber Crime in CWAC recorded a small increase of 3% (+94 offences, 3,240 total offences) in 2025, this was the 2nd consecutive yearly increase leading to the highest volumes over the 5 year period, this was also the largest increase across the Force. As a result of the increase, the rate per 1,000 population figure has slightly risen to 8.7, this is still below the Force rate of 9.0.

Local Authority	Cyber Crime			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	1969	1868	-101	-5%
Halton	1609	1611	2	0%
Cheshire West and Chester	**3146**	**3240**	**94**	**3%**
Cheshire East	3293	3366	73	2%
Force	**10193**	**10285**	92	1%



Demand for Cyber Crimes in CWAC was highest in June, this was the only month to record over 300 offences (301 offences), the months of July and March were however close (296 offences each). A trend in the summer months was seen in 2024 and a peak in March is present in Force volumes.

A crime can be classed as a Cyber Crime at any point by adding a flag, this flag can be added to any type of crime and as such there is a mixed profile. In 2025, the top 3 most recorded Cyber Crimes in CWAC remain the same as they were in 2024 and are 'Harassment' (34.3%, 1,112 offences, +6%), 'Stalking' (20.7%, 672 offences, +5%) & 'Malicious Communications' (9.0%, 292 offences); this is despite a small reduction to Malicious Communication offences (-2%).

Of the Cyber Crimes recorded, 34% (1,113 offences) also had a Domestic Abuse flag and 10% (321 offences) had a Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) flag; these are in line with Force proportions.

A large proportion of Cyber Crimes were also of a sexual nature, the largest offence types were 'Obscene publications' (6.2%, 200 offences, -7%), 'Sexual Activity' (2.9%, 93 offences), 'Other miscellaneous sexual offences' (1.7%, 56 offences, +8%). Notable changes were recorded to 'Exposure and Voyeurism' offences (-22 offences, -51%) and Sexual Activity offences (+15 offences, +19%).

In line with the overall increase, both Northwich (+95 offences, +9%) and Ellesmere Port (+14 offences, +2%) LPU increased, the reduction in Chester (-15 offences, -1%) however minimised the impact of these increases. Clusters within Northwich LPU recorded the largest changes across the area, Northwich North volumes increased by 27% (+74 offences) in 2025, resulting in this cluster recording the 4th highest demand (vs 3rd lowest in 2024). The Winsford cluster recorded the largest volume reduction in 2025 (-40 offences, -7%), despite this Winsford recorded the highest demand in 2025.

Beat Team Cluster	Cyber Crime			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**1227**	**1212**	**-15**	**-1%**
Chester City	268	232	**-36**	**-13%**
Chester North	336	320	**-16**	**-5%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	313	332	**19**	**6%**
Chester South	310	328	**18**	**6%**
Ellesmere Port	**841**	**855**	**14**	**2%**
Ellesmere Port East	387	421	**34**	**9%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	454	434	**-20**	**-4%**
Northwich	**1078**	**1173**	**95**	**9%**
Northwich North	270	344	**74**	**27%**
Northwich South	263	324	**61**	**23%**
Winsford	545	505	**-40**	**-7%**
Total	**3146**	**3240**	**94**	**3%**

Demographic information for offenders of Cyber Crime is as follows[3]:

- 68% Male, 35% Female
- 17% aged 17 years old or Under (58% Male, 46% Female)
- 26% of offenders were aged between 35 to 44 years old (67% Male, 33% Female)

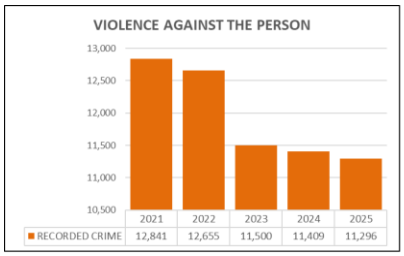
Violent Crime

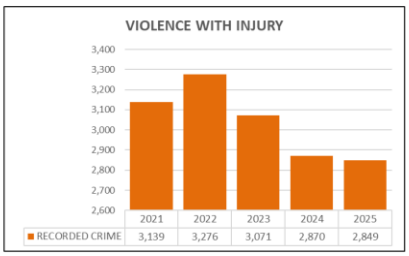
A small reduction of 1% (-113 offences, 11,296 total offences) was recorded in Violence Against the Person offences in 2025, this follows a 1% reduction also recorded in the previous year and resulted in the lowest volumes over the 5 year period. A reduction was also recorded in the subcategory of 'Violence with Injury' offences (-21 offences, -1%/2,849 total offences), however for 'Violence without Injury' offences there was no change (+10 offences, +/-0%/4,196 total offences).

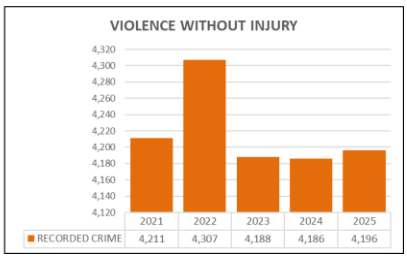
Compared across the Force the changes in CWAC were the smallest for the Violence Against the Person, Violence with Injury offences (Warrington; -2%, Halton; -11%, Cheshire East; -3% & Force; -3%) and Violence without Injury offences (Warrington; -1%, Halton; -9%, Cheshire East; -3% & Force; -2%).

Local Authority	Violence Against the Person			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	6879	6630	-249	-4%
Halton	5618	5164	-454	-8%
Cheshire West and Chester	**11409**	**11296**	**-113**	**-1%**
Cheshire East	11559	11147	-412	-4%
Force	**35718**	**34524**	-1194	-3%

Compared over the 5 year period, Violence Against the Person and Violence with Injury volumes are the lowest. For Violence without Injury offences however, the slight volume increase in 2025 was the first since 2022.



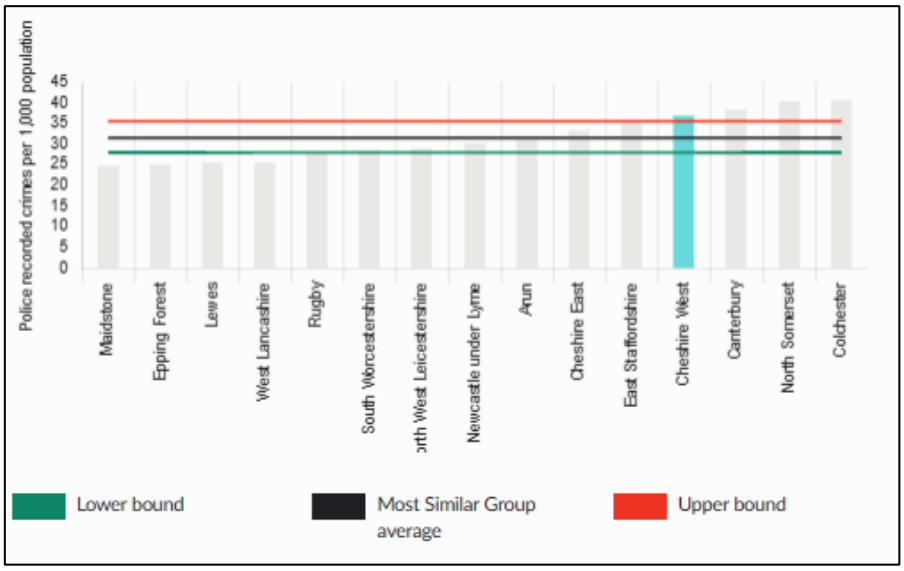




[3] See appendix for caveats regarding use of Demographic Information

Compared across the Force, rates per 1,000 population for all 3 offence types are slightly larger in CWAC; Violence Against the Person group offences; 30.4 vs 30.3 Force, Violence with Injury offences; 7.7 vs 7.6 Force & Violence without Injury offences; 11.3 vs 10.9 Force.

CWAC in the year ending June 2025 were in the 4th highest position (out of 15) when compared across its MSGs (36.94 vs MSG average 31.56) for Violence (& Sexual) offences, this has increased from 6th highest in the year ending September 2024. CWACs rate was 2nd highest across Cheshire's LAs (Halton was highest; 47.67), it was however slightly lower than the Force rate (37.02).



Source: www.police.uk

When reviewing monthly volumes, July presents as a peak month for the Violence against the Person group and both Violence with Injury and Violence without Injury offences. July was also the highest demand month in 2024 and in volumes at Force level.

Throughout the CWAC area Chester LPU recorded the only increase (+367 offences, +8%), the effect of this was reversed by a large reduction in Northwich (-342 offences, -9%). Due to the Winsford cluster recording the largest reduction across the area (-268 offences, -16%), this cluster recorded the 3rd largest volumes in 2025 whereas in 2024 it recorded the highest. The highest demand cluster in 2025 was Chester City, this moved up from 3rd highest in 2024. Chester North recorded the largest increase (+165 offences, +14%), despite this, demand in this cluster was 5th highest in both years.

Beat Team Cluster	Violence Against the Person			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**4696**	**5063**	**367**	**8%**
Chester City	1539	1619	**80**	**5%**
Chester North	1215	1380	**165**	**14%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	964	999	**35**	**4%**
Chester South	978	1065	**87**	**9%**
Ellesmere Port	**3052**	**2914**	**-138**	**-5%**
Ellesmere Port East	1503	1499	**-4**	**0%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	1549	1415	**-134**	**-9%**
Northwich	**3661**	**3319**	**-342**	**-9%**
Northwich North	1117	1051	**-66**	**-6%**
Northwich South	827	819	**-8**	**-1%**
Winsford	1717	1449	**-268**	**-16%**
Total	**11409**	**11296**	**-113**	**-1%**

Of the flags applied to crimes, 39% (4,434 offences) of Violence Against the Person offences also had a Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) flag, a figure which is matched at Force level.

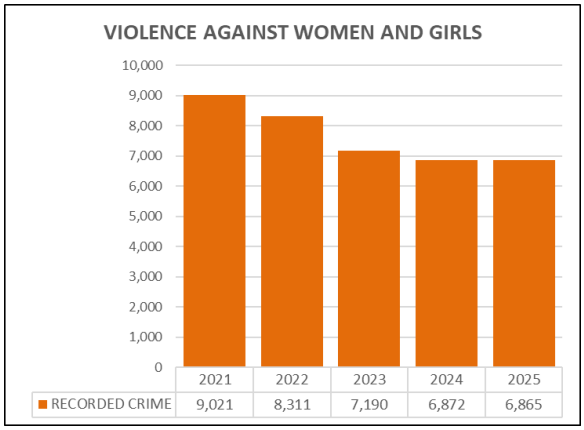
Demographic information for offenders of Violence Against the Person offences is as follows[4]:

- 69% Male, 35% Female
- 14% aged 17 years old or Under (64% Male, 38% Female)
- 26% of offenders were aged between 35 to 44 years old (68% Male, 34% Female)

Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)

VAWG offence volumes recorded little change from 2024 (+/-0%, -7 offences/6,865 total offences), this was the smallest change across the Force however resulted in the lowest volumes over the 5 year period. The rate per 1,000 population for VAWG offences in CWAC and the Force was 18.5 in 2025.

Local Authority	Violence Against Women and Girls			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	4112	3878	-234	-6%
Halton	3368	3332	-36	-1%
Cheshire West and Chester	**6872**	**6865**	**-7**	**0%**
Cheshire East	6925	6802	-123	-2%
Force	**21480**	**21116**	-364	-2%



Volumes of VAWG offences were highest in the May-July period in 2025, this peak period aligns with that at Force level and in 2024.

The little change overall was due to conflicting changes in Chester (+159 offences, +6%) and Northwich LPU (-155 offences -7%). Across the clusters Winsford recorded the largest reduction (-138 offences, -13%), resulting in demand here reducing from 1st to 3rd highest in 2025. A large increase in Ellesmere Port East (+60 offences, +7%) resulted in this cluster recording the highest demand in 2025 (vs 3rd highest in 2024). Chester North however recorded a larger increase (+68 offences, +9%), despite this, demand here was 4th highest in both years.

Beat Team Cluster	Violence Against Women and Girls			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**2782**	**2941**	**159**	**6%**
Chester City	704	741	**37**	**5%**
Chester North	767	835	**68**	**9%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	664	698	**34**	**5%**
Chester South	647	667	**20**	**3%**
Ellesmere Port	**1885**	**1874**	**-11**	**-1%**
Ellesmere Port East	903	963	**60**	**7%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	982	911	**-71**	**-7%**
Northwich	**2205**	**2050**	**-155**	**-7%**
Northwich North	646	631	**-15**	**-2%**
Northwich South	517	515	**-2**	**0%**
Winsford	1042	904	**-138**	**-13%**
Total	**6872**	**6865**	**-7**	**0%**

Demographic information for offenders of VAWG is as follows[5]:

- 75% Male, 28% Female
- 11% aged 17 years old or Under (61% Male, 41% Female)

[4] See appendix for caveats regarding use of Demographic Information

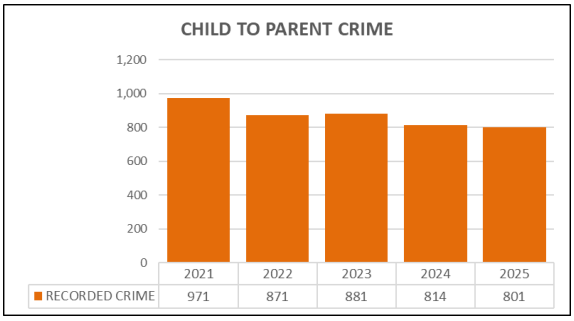
[5] See appendix for caveats regarding use of Demographic Information

- 26% of offenders were aged between 35 to 44 years old (79% Male, 22% Female)

Child to Parent crime[6]

CWAC recorded the smallest reduction across Cheshire in Child to Parent offences during 2025 (-2%, -13 offences/801 total offences); these are the lowest volumes over the 5 year period. The rate per 1,000 population figure for CWAC and the Force were similar (2.2 vs 2.1 Force) in 2025.

Local Authority	Child to Parent crime			
	2425	2407	Change	% Change
Warrington	510	464	-46	-9%
Halton	497	394	-103	-21%
Cheshire West and Chester	**814**	**801**	**-13**	**-2%**
Cheshire East	873	736	-137	-16%
Force	**2704**	**2400**	-304	-11%



In 2025 offence volumes were highest in Northwich LPU due to recording the smallest reduction (-4 offences, -1%); Northwich South within this LPU recorded the largest increase (+20 offences, +29%) resulting in demand here moving from 2nd lowest to 5th highest. The Ellesmere Port East cluster recorded the largest volumes in 2025 following a large increase (+19 offences, +16%), this is a movement from 3rd largest in 2024. Change in demand also occurred due to Winsford recording the largest volume reduction in 2025 (-26 offences, -17%), demand here reduced from 1st to 2nd highest; Chester City recorded a larger percentage reduction (-32%, -12 offences).

Beat Team Cluster	Child to Parent crime			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**283**	**267**	**-16**	**-6%**
Chester City	38	26	**-12**	**-32%**
Chester North	74	90	**16**	**22%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	93	79	**-14**	**-15%**
Chester South	78	72	**-6**	**-8%**
Ellesmere Port	**243**	**250**	**7**	**3%**
Ellesmere Port East	120	139	**19**	**16%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	123	111	**-12**	**-10%**
Northwich	**288**	**284**	**-4**	**-1%**
Northwich North	71	73	**2**	**3%**
Northwich South	68	88	**20**	**29%**
Winsford	149	123	**-26**	**-17%**
Total	**814**	**801**	**-13**	**-2%**

Child to Parent offence volumes were high at various points throughout the year, the highest were recorded in June (82 offences), followed by March, January, December and July, with volumes during these months ranging from 70 to 73. These high volume months follow the trend seen in 2024 and at Force level.

The most recorded crime types under the Child to Parent crime umbrella in 2025 were 'Assault without Injury' (42.2%, 338 offences/-4.8%, -17 offences), 'Assault with Injury' (16.9%, 135 offences/+9.8%, +12 offences) and 'Stalking and Harassment' offences (13.6%, 109 offences/+17.2%, +16 offences). Of note, a notable reduction was also recorded in 'Criminal Damage' offences (-14.4%, -15 offences).

Demographic information for offenders of Child to Parent crime is as follows:

- 72% Male, 31% Female
- 43% aged 17 years old or Under (68% Male, 32% Female)

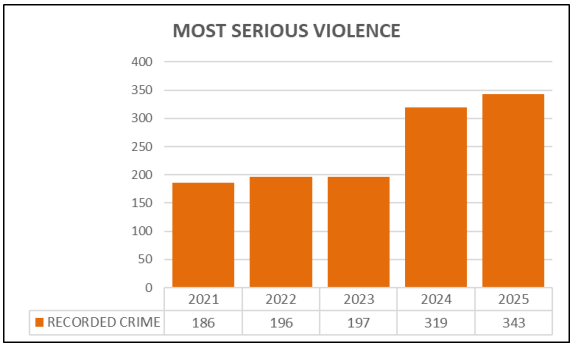
[6] Categorised through the Offender/Victim relationship added to occurrences; filtered using 'Son' & 'Daughter' relationships

- 21% of offenders were aged between 18 to 24 years old (76% Male, 26% Female)

Most Serious Violence (MSV)[7]

Most Serious Violence offence volumes across CWAC recorded the 5th consecutive yearly increase in 2025 (+8%, +24 offences/343 total offences); this was in line with increases recorded across the rest of the Force. The rate per 1,000 population in CWAC is slightly below the Force (0.9 vs 1.0 Force).

Local Authority	Most Serious Violence			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	175	200	25	14%
Halton	160	219	59	37%
Cheshire West and Chester	**319**	**343**	**24**	**8%**
Cheshire East	342	353	11	3%
Force	**1001**	**1119**	118	12%



Volumes of MSV offences across the two years were highest in August-25 (41 offences) and lowest in February-25 (14 offences), volumes in the remaining months of 2025 ranged between 21 and 36. Force volumes also show a peak in August, in addition to March.

In line with the overall increase, each LPU also recorded higher volumes in 2025, Northwich and Ellesmere Port recorded a similar percentage increase (+11% & +10%), although the volume increase in Northwich was larger (+12 offences vs +8 offences). Across the clusters, Ellesmere Port East recorded the largest volume increase (+16 offences, +44%), demand here moved from 3rd to 1st highest in 2025. Northwich North recorded a larger percentage increase (+62%, +8 offences).

Beat Team Cluster	Most Serious Violence			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**131**	**135**	**4**	**3%**
Chester City	47	48	**1**	**2%**
Chester North	29	37	**8**	**28%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	28	22	**-6**	**-21%**
Chester South	27	28	**1**	**4%**
Ellesmere Port	**83**	**91**	**8**	**10%**
Ellesmere Port East	36	52	**16**	**44%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	47	39	**-8**	**-17%**
Northwich	**105**	**117**	**12**	**11%**
Northwich North	33	46	**13**	**39%**
Northwich South	13	21	**8**	**62%**
Winsford	59	50	**-9**	**-15%**
Total	**319**	**343**	**24**	**8%**

Offence type breakdown highlights that most offences were recorded as 'Assault with Intent to Cause Serious Harm' in 2025 (69.7%, 239 offences), as they also were in 2024 (77.7%) with volumes holding steady (241 offences in 2024). The increase to MSV was mostly recorded to 'Endangering life' offences with a 63% increase recorded (+37 offences).

Demographic information for offenders of MSV offences is as follows[8]:

- 77% Male, 31% Female
- 15% aged 17 years old or Under (72% Male, 34% Female)

[7] Most Serious Violence offences include Assault with Intent to cause Serious Harm, Attempted Murder, Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking, Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving, Causing death by dangerous driving, Causing or allowing the death of a child of vulnerable person, Corporate manslaughter, Endangering life, Infanticide, Intentional destruction of a viable unborn child & Manslaughter.

[8] See appendix for caveats regarding use of Demographic Information

- 29% of offenders were aged between 25 to 34 years old (88% Male, 15% Female)

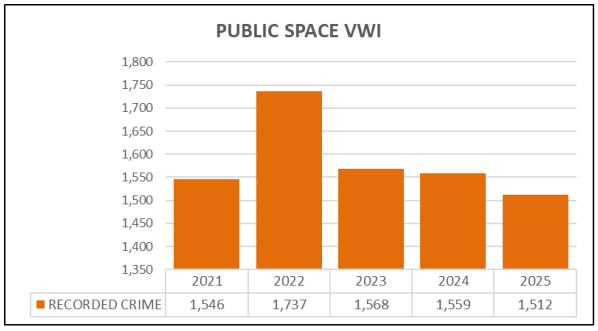
Public Space & Licensed Premise Violence with Injury

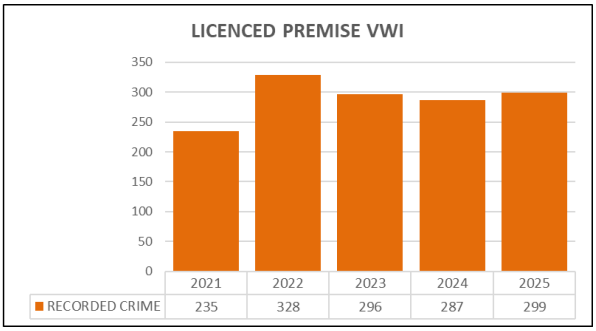
Of the flags that can be applied to crimes, 53.1% (1,512 offences) of Violence with Injury offences also had a Public Space flag and 10.5% (299 offences) also had a Licensed Premise flag, these were similar to Force proportions (Public Space; 52.0% & Licenced Premise; 8.8%). Compared to 2024, Public Space VWI offences reduced by 3% (-47 offences) and Licensed Premise VWI offences increased by 4% (+12 offences). Rate per 1,000 population figures for CWAC and the Force were similar in 2025 (Public Space VWI; 4.1 vs 4.0 Force & Licensed Premise VWI; 0.8 vs 0.7 Force).

Comparison over the 5 year period and to the remaining LAs across Cheshire can be seen below.

Local Authority	Public Space Violence with Injury			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	899	888	-11	-1%
Halton	648	606	-42	-6%
Cheshire West and Chester	**1559**	**1512**	**-47**	**-3%**
Cheshire East	1494	1501	7	0%
Force	**4627**	**4530**	-97	-2%

Local Authority	Licensed Premise Violence with Injury			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	124	119	-5	-4%
Halton	68	70	2	3%
Cheshire West and Chester	**287**	**299**	**12**	**4%**
Cheshire East	289	300	11	4%
Force	**774**	**768**	-6	-1%





Peak months for Licensed premise VWI offences were November & December, with exceptionally high volumes recorded during these months when compared over the 2 year period. For Public Space VWI offences however volumes peaked during the summer in July & August. The peak months in 2025 follow the trend recorded in 2024.

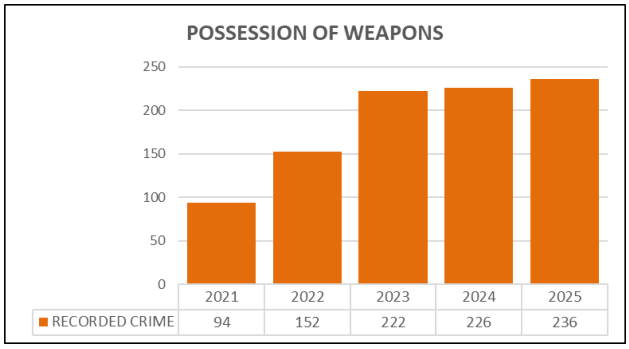
Volumes of Public Space VWI offences recorded the largest volume reduction in Northwich (-54 offences, -12%), Chester LPU however recorded an increase (+56 offences, +7%) reducing the impact; Ellesmere Port LPU also recorded a reduction (-48 offences, -14%). Across the clusters the largest reduction was recorded in Winsford (-36 offences, -17%), opposite to this, the largest increase was recorded in Chester South (+11 offences, +12%).

For Licensed premise VWI offences it was Chester LPU which recorded the largest increase (+39 offences, +24%) with a reduction recorded in Ellesmere Port (-24 offences, -48%); Northwich LPU recorded similar volumes in both years (73 offences in 2024 vs 71 offences in 2025). Across the clusters the largest increase was recorded in Chester City (+38 offences, +30%) and the largest reduction was recorded in Ellesmere Port East (-13 offences, -48%).

Possession of Weapons

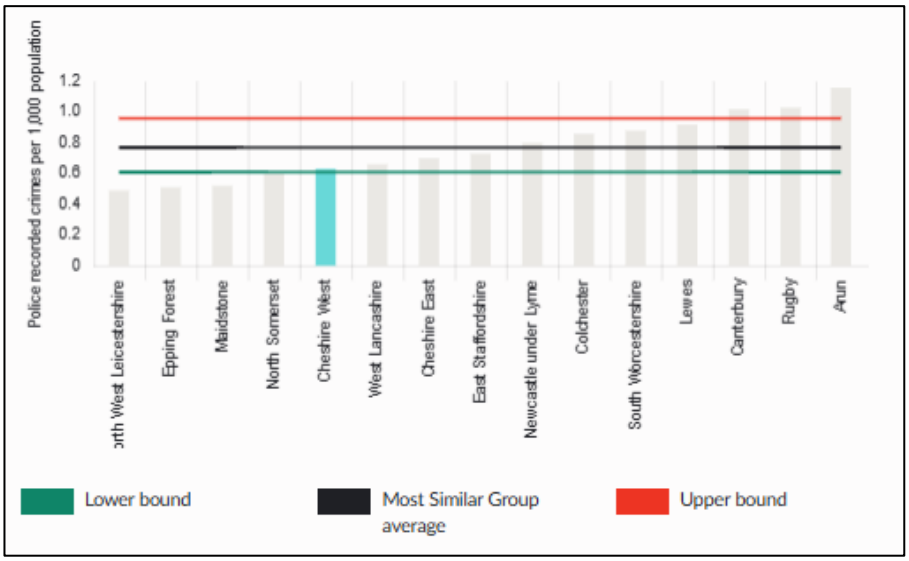
CWAC recorded a slight increase in Possession of Weapon offences in 2025 (+4%, +10 offences/236 total offences), this was the 4th consecutive increase across the 5 years. Compared across the Force the increase in CWAC was the smallest with the increase at Force level being 3 times larger resulting in the rate per 1,000 population being higher than CWAC (0.6 vs 0.7 Force).

Local Authority	Possession of Weapons			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	126	162	36	29%
Halton	125	120	-5	-4%
Cheshire West and Chester	**226**	**236**	**10**	**4%**
Cheshire East	251	294	43	17%
Force	**733**	**823**	90	12%



It is important to consider that changes to these offences could be influenced by Force operations and increased proactivity, such as Op Sceptre and Stop Searches.

The crime rate for Possession of Weapon offences in CWAC for the year ending June 2025 was in the 5th lowest position (out of 15) with a rate of 0.63. This was lower than both the MSG average (0.77) and the Force average (0.71) and was the lowest rate when compared across Cheshire's LAs.



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Possession of Weapon offences were highest in December and July during 2025, this corresponds with Force Operations, such as Operation Jingle around Christmas time, which increases Police presence and Stop Searches in the City and is reflected in Force volumes.

A small increase was reflected in each LPU across CWAC with Ellesmere Port recording the largest (+7 offences, +11%). It was the Ellesmere Port West & Neston (+29%) and Chester Rural & Frodsham (+50%) clusters which recorded the largest increases of 8 additional offences; as a result, the Ellesmere Port cluster recorded the largest volumes in 2025 (vs 4th highest in 2024). Small reductions however reduced the impact of increases, most notably Chester South reduced by 21% (-4 offences).

Beat Team Cluster	Possession of Weapons			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**99**	**101**	**2**	**2%**
Chester City	34	34	**0**	**0%**
Chester North	30	28	**-2**	**-7%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	16	24	**8**	**50%**
Chester South	19	15	**-4**	**-21%**
Ellesmere Port	**61**	**68**	**7**	**11%**
Ellesmere Port East	33	32	**-1**	**-3%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	28	36	**8**	**29%**
Northwich	**66**	**67**	**1**	**2%**
Northwich North	28	27	**-1**	**-4%**
Northwich South	14	12	**-2**	**-14%**
Winsford	24	28	**4**	**17%**
Total	**226**	**236**	**10**	**4%**

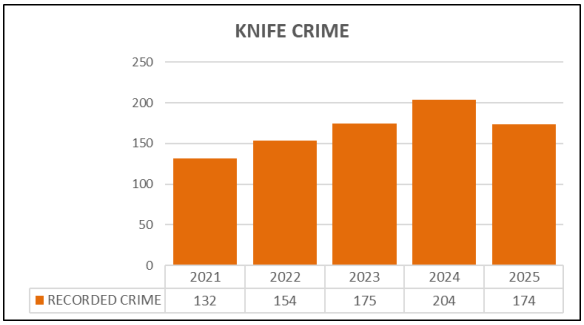
Demographic information for offenders of Possession of Weapons is as follows[9]:

- 89% Male, 12% Female
- 16% aged 17 years old or Under (75% Male, 25% Female)
- 41% of offenders were aged between 25 to 44 years old (89% Male, 12% Female)

Knife Crime

The volume of Knife Crime offences[10] in 2025 across CWAC reduced by 15% (-30 offences, 174 total offences) which follows 3 consecutive yearly increases. The rate per 1,000 population in CWAC is the same as the Force (0.5). The reduction in CWAC is reflected in most LAs.

Local Authority	Knife Crime			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	99	132	33	33%
Halton	122	107	-15	-12%
Cheshire West and Chester	**204**	**174**	**-30**	**-15%**
Cheshire East	226	189	-37	-16%
Force	**658**	**595**	-63	-10%



Volumes of Knife Crimes peaked in July (21 offences), the next highest number of offences recorded in a month was 17, this was the volume for March, August, November and December. The increase at the end of the year follows the trend recorded in 2024 and at Force level and can be linked to increased proactivity and Force operations.

On review of volumes across the area, Northwich LPU contributed to the overall reduction the most (-23 offences, -35%). Due to this, Ellesmere Port LPU replaced Northwich as recording the largest volumes in 2025, with both clusters within recording the largest volumes. Northwich North recorded the largest reduction across the clusters (-18 offences, -64%) resulting in the lowest demand (vs 4th lowest in 2024).

[9] See appendix for caveats regarding use of Demographic Information

[10] See appendix for definition

Beat Team Cluster	Knife Crime			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**75**	**77**	**2**	**3%**
Chester City	26	22	**-4**	**-15%**
Chester North	20	24	**4**	**20%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	9	13	**4**	**44%**
Chester South	20	18	**-2**	**-10%**
Ellesmere Port	**63**	**54**	**-9**	**-14%**
Ellesmere Port East	31	28	**-3**	**-10%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	32	26	**-6**	**-19%**
Northwich	**66**	**43**	**-23**	**-35%**
Northwich North	28	10	**-18**	**-64%**
Northwich South	9	11	**2**	**22%**
Winsford	29	22	**-7**	**-24%**
Total	**204**	**174**	**-30**	**-15%**

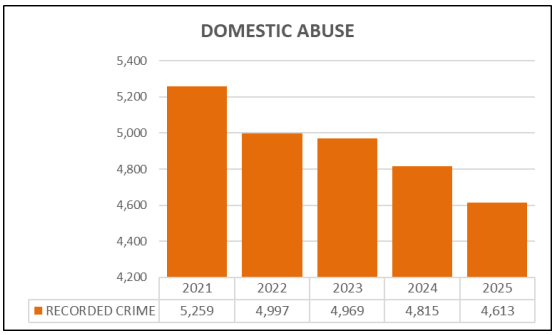
Demographic information for offenders of Knife Crimes is as follows[11]:

- 78% Male, 25% Female
- 20% aged 17 years old or Under (79% Male, 21% Female)
- 26% of offenders were aged between 25 to 44 years old (92% Male, 8% Female)

Domestic Abuse[12]

Domestic Abuse offences across CWAC reduced for the 5th consecutive year in 2025 (-202 offences, -4%/4,613 total offences) resulting in the lowest volumes over the 5 year period and a reduced average number of crimes per month (385 from 401 in 2024). The rate per 1,000 population in CWAC also reduced and remains below the Force rate (12.4 vs 12.6 Force).

Local Authority	Domestic Abuse			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	2781	2443	-338	-12%
Halton	2475	2393	-82	-3%
Cheshire West and Chester	**4815**	**4613**	**-202**	**-4%**
Cheshire East	4819	4729	-90	-2%
Force	**15001**	**14351**	-650	-4%



The profile of Domestic Abuse offences shows most were recorded as 'Assault without Injury' (23.1%, 1,067 total offences) 'Stalking' (17.7%, 817 total offences) and 'Assault with Injury' (15.5%, 713 total offences); all offence types reduced in 2025 (-4%, -3% & -9% respectively).

Notable changes were seen to Domestic Abuse offences recorded as Criminal Damage and Arson (-37 offences, -17%) and Controlling or Coercive behaviour (+70 offences, +15%).

17% (783 offences) of Domestic Abuse offences had a 'Violence with Injury' flag, this proportion is in line with that at Force level; these offences recorded a 9% reduction (-79 offences) from 2024. The proportion of offences with a 'Violence without Injury' flag was the same in both years (24%).

Volumes of Domestic Abuse offences surpassed 400 in 4 months across the year, these were January (428 offences), June (425 offences), July (442 offences) and December (414 offences). Comparison to

[11] See appendix for caveats regarding use of Demographic Information

[12] See appendix for definition

2024 shows January is a new high demand month and comparison to the Force reflects a peak during the summer months.

Reductions were reflected in each LPU across CWAC with Northwich recording the largest (-136 offences, -9%). Volume changes across the clusters resulted in Ellesmere Port East (+42 offences, +6%) replacing Winsford (-141 offences, -18%) as recording the largest volume of offences in 2025, an increase from 3rd largest in 2024; these changes were the largest of their type.

Beat Team Cluster	Domestic Abuse			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**1818**	**1783**	**-35**	**-2%**
Chester City	391	371	**-20**	**-5%**
Chester North	503	499	**-4**	**-1%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	450	412	**-38**	**-8%**
Chester South	474	501	**27**	**6%**
Ellesmere Port	**1403**	**1372**	**-31**	**-2%**
Ellesmere Port East	668	710	**42**	**6%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	735	662	**-73**	**-10%**
Northwich	**1594**	**1458**	**-136**	**-9%**
Northwich North	431	452	**21**	**5%**
Northwich South	382	366	**-16**	**-4%**
Winsford	781	640	**-141**	**-18%**
Total	**4815**	**4613**	**-202**	**-4%**

Demographic information for offenders of Domestic Abuse offences is as follows[13]:

- 75% Male, 27% Female
- 4% aged 17 years old or Under (70% Male, 30% Female)
- 30% of offenders were aged between 35 to 44 years old (76% Male, 25% Female)

Stalking and Harassment

A small reduction of 2% (-92 offences, 4,241 total offences) was recorded to Stalking and Harassment[14] offences across CWAC in 2025. Most offences within this group also recorded reductions; 'Stalking'; -3%, -32 offences/937 total offences, 'Harassment'; -1%, -18 offences/2,411 total offences & 'Malicious Communications'; -24%, -109 offences/347 total offences, with the exception of 'Controlling or Coercive Behaviour' (+14%, +69 offences/546 total offences).

Compared across the Force, changes in CWAC to the Stalking and Harassment group were the smallest across the LAs, this also applied to changes to Stalking (Warrington; -11%, Halton; +4%, Cheshire East; -5% & Force; -4%), Harassment (Warrington; -1%, Halton; -5%, Cheshire East; -1% & Force; -2%) and Malicious Communication offences (Warrington; -29%, Halton; -33%, Cheshire East; -29% & Force; -28%). However, for Controlling or Coercive behaviour offences, the increase in CWAC was the largest across the LAs (Warrington; -9%, Halton; +4%, Cheshire East; +2% & Force; +5%).

Local Authority	Stalking and Harassment			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	2674	2478	-196	-7%
Halton	2271	2145	-126	-6%
Cheshire West and Chester	**4333**	**4241**	**-92**	**-2%**
Cheshire East	4568	4366	-202	-4%
Force	**14005**	**13412**	-593	-4%

[13] See appendix for caveats regarding use of Demographic Information

[14] The Stalking and Harassment group includes the following offences: Controlling or Coercive behaviour, Malicious Communications, Harassment, Racially or Religiously aggravated Harassment and Stalking.

The reduction recorded during 2025 to the overall group and to Stalking and Harassment offences is opposite to the increase recorded in the previous year. Changes to Malicious Communication and Controlling or Coercive behaviour offences continue the trend seen in previous years resulting in the smallest and largest volumes recorded.

Rate per 1,000 population figures in 2025 across CWAC were either lower than, or the same as, the rate for the Force: Stalking and Harassment group (11.4 vs 11.8 Force), Harassment (6.5 vs 6.7 Force), Stalking (2.5 vs 2.7 Force), Malicious Communications (0.9 vs 0.9 Force) and Controlling or Coercive behaviour (1.5 vs 1.5 Force).

Stalking and Harassment offence volumes recorded an upwards trend from May to peaking in July (413 offences), a large drop is however recorded in the following month (August; 327 offences). Increased volumes during the summer are reflected at Force level, however in 2024 volumes in CWAC were highest in January, March and July.

Across CWAC reductions were also mirrored in 2 of the 3 LPUs, most notably in Northwich (-74 offences, -5%), Chester LPU however recorded an increase (+6 offences, +/-0%), this made little impact to the reductions recorded. BTC changes also reflect a mix of directional changes with Winsford recording the largest volume reduction (-91 offences, -13%), this cluster recorded the 3rd largest volumes in 2025 (vs largest in 2024). Of note, Chester City also recorded a 13% reduction (-46 offences) resulting in the lowest demand in 2025. Due to an increase in Ellesmere Port East (+27 offences, +5%), this cluster recorded the largest volumes in 2025 (vs 3rd largest in 2024); both Chester Rural & Frodsham (+28 offences, +7%) and Northwich South (+24 offences, +7%) however recorded larger percentage changes.

By offence type, Northwich LPU mostly contributed to the reduction of Harassment offences (-5%, -41 offences), whilst Chester recorded an increase (+49 offences, +5%); Northwich also recorded the largest reduction of Stalking offences (-6%, -20 offences). For Malicious Communication offences, Chester LPU recorded the largest reduction (-33%, -60 offences) while the increase in Controlling or Coercive behaviour offences was mostly recorded in Ellesmere Port LPU (+31%, +40 offences)

Beat Team Cluster	Stalking & Harassment offences			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**1644**	**1650**	**6**	**0%**
Chester City	368	322	**-46**	**-13%**
Chester North	449	460	**11**	**2%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	405	433	**28**	**7%**
Chester South	422	435	**13**	**3%**
Ellesmere Port	**1229**	**1205**	**-24**	**-2%**
Ellesmere Port East	576	603	**27**	**5%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	653	602	**-51**	**-8%**
Northwich	**1460**	**1386**	**-74**	**-5%**
Northwich North	417	410	**-7**	**-2%**
Northwich South	351	375	**24**	**7%**
Winsford	692	601	**-91**	**-13%**
Total	**4333**	**4241**	**-92**	**-2%**

Of the flags that can be applied to crimes, 41% (1,750 offences) also had a Domestic Abuse flag and 60% (2,464 offences) had a VAWG flag; these are similar to Force proportions (DA; 41% & VAWG; 61%).

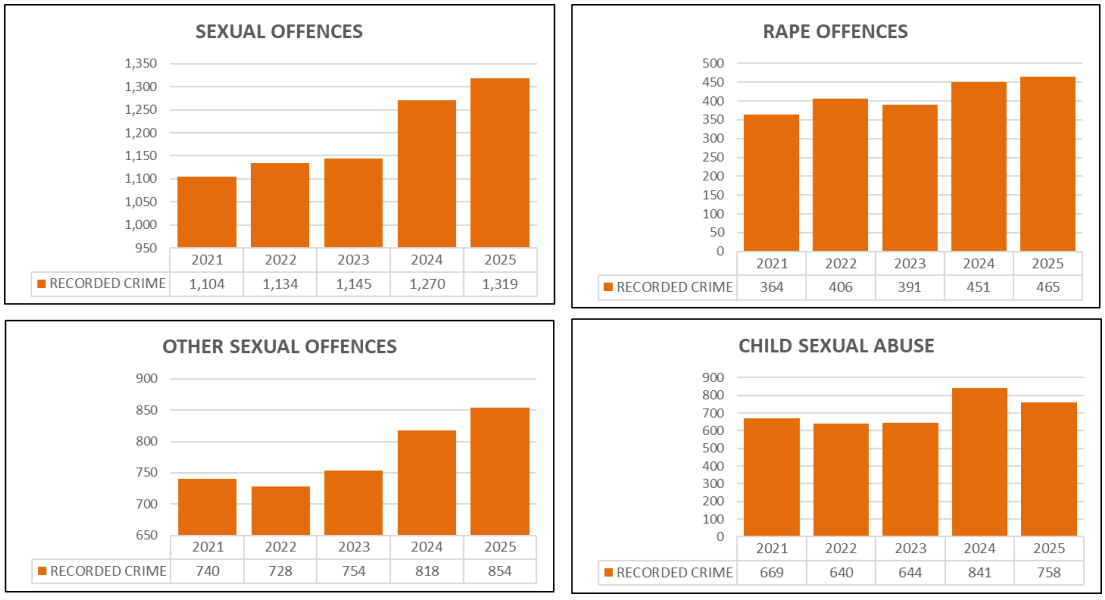
Demographic information for offenders of Stalking & Harassment offences is as follows[15]:

- 69% Male, 35% Female
- 11% aged 17 years old or Under (63% Male, 43% Female)
- 26% of offenders were aged between 35 to 44 years old (68% Male, 33% Female)

Sexual Offences

In 2025, volumes of Sexual Offences across CWAC increased by 49 offences (+4%, 1,319 total offences), an increase was also recorded for the offences within this group; 'Rape' offences (+3%, +14 offences/465 total offences) and 'Other Sexual Offences'[16] (+4%, +36 offences/854 total offences). For 'Child Sexual Abuse' offences however, there was a reduction (-10%, -83 offences/758 total offences).

Volumes in the HO group and the offences within were the highest over the 5 year period. Comparison over 5 years for CSA offences however shows this reduction begins to reverse the increase recorded in 2024.



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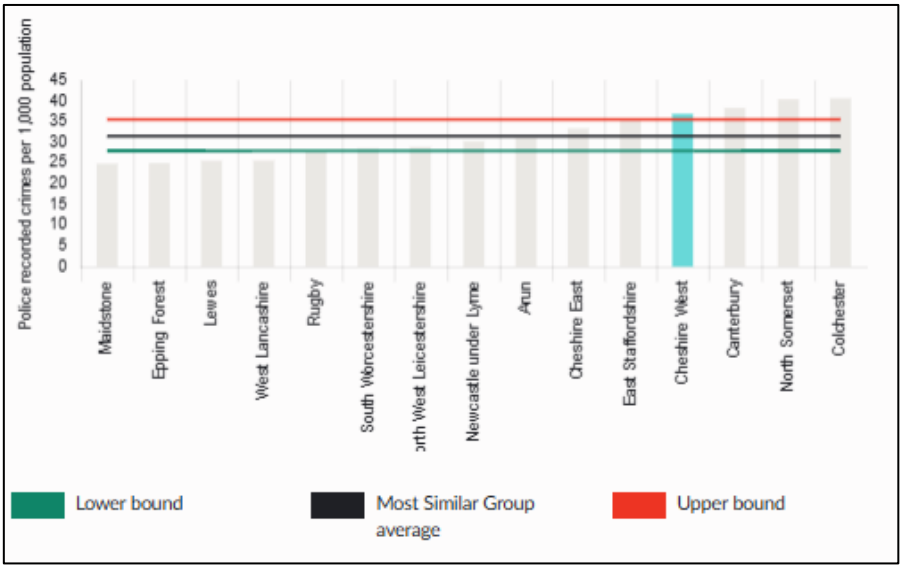
[16] Other Sexual Offences is all other offences within the Sexual Offences Home Office group, excluding Rape offences.

The increase to Sexual Offences in CWAC was the smallest across the CSPs, this is also true for Rape offences (Warrington; -12%, Halton; +24%, Cheshire East; -6% & Force; +1%). For Other Sexual offences the increase in CWAC was on par with Halton as the largest (Warrington; -3%, Halton; +4%, Cheshire East; +1% & Force; +2%). Lastly for CSA offences, the reduction in CWAC was the 2nd largest (Warrington; -19%, Halton; -2%, Cheshire East; -3% & Force; -9%).

Local Authority	Sexual Offences			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	830	779	-51	-6%
Halton	532	591	59	11%
Cheshire West and Chester	**1270**	**1319**	**49**	**4%**
Cheshire East	1320	1300	-20	-2%
Force	**4056**	**4101**	45	1%

Rates per 1,000 population in CWAC were smaller than, or the same as, rates for the Force in 2025, as they also were in 2024; Sexual Offences HO group (3.5 vs 3.6 Force), Rape offences (1.3 vs 1.3 Force), Other Sexual Offences (2.3 vs 2.3 Force) & Child Sexual Abuse offences (2.0 vs 2.2 Force).

CWAC in the year ending June 2025 were in the 4th highest position (out of 15) when compared across its MSGs (36.94 vs MSG average 31.56) for Sexual (& Violence) offences. CWACs rate was 2nd highest across Cheshire's LAs (Halton was highest; 47.67) and slightly lower than the Force rate (37.02).



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Throughout the year the highest volumes were recorded in June (128 offences) and December (119 offences), volumes remained steady between these months with the exception of October which recorded a reduction (94 offences). The peak month of June was also present in 2024 and at Force level. It is important to consider the impact of external factors in the reporting of offences, for example high profile celebrity cases in the media could impact trends in reporting.

The increase in CWAC was due to a large increase in Chester LPU (+54 offences, +10%). An increase was also seen in Ellesmere Port (+13 offences, +4%), the impact of this was however lost by a reduction in Northwich (-18 offences, -4%); all were mostly due to volume changes in Other Sexual offences (+44 offences, +12%/+24 offences, +13% & -30 offences, -11% respectively). BTC changes show the largest increase was recorded in Chester City (+53 offences, +32%) which as a result recorded the largest volumes in 2025 (vs 2nd largest in 2024).

Changes to Rape offences were mostly due to Northwich LPU (+12 offences, +8%), for Other Sexual offences this was Chester (aforementioned volumes) and for Child Sexual Abuse offences Northwich LPU (-48 offences, -14%) recorded the largest reduction.

Beat Team Cluster	Sexual offences			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**545**	**599**	**54**	**10%**
Chester City	167	220	**53**	**32%**
Chester North	159	138	**-21**	**-13%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	110	133	**23**	**21%**
Chester South	109	108	**-1**	**-1%**
Ellesmere Port	**300**	**313**	**13**	**4%**
Ellesmere Port East	139	161	**22**	**16%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	161	152	**-9**	**-6%**
Northwich	**425**	**407**	**-18**	**-4%**
Northwich North	125	105	**-20**	**-16%**
Northwich South	117	121	**4**	**3%**
Winsford	183	181	**-2**	**-1%**
Total	**1270**	**1319**	**49**	**4%**

Of the flags that can be applied, 20% (263 offences) also had a Domestic Abuse flag and 67% (889 offences) had a VAWG flag; these are similar to Force proportions (DA; 20% & VAWG; 65%).

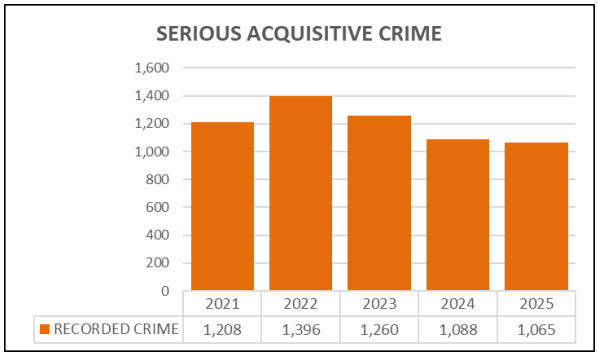
Demographic information for offenders of Sexual Offences is as follows[17]:

- 90% Male, 11% Female
- 25% aged 17 years old or Under (84% Male, 16% Female)
- 30% of offenders were aged between 35 to 44 years old (76% Male, 25% Female)

Serious Acquisitive Crimes

Serious Acquisitive Crime (SAC)[18] offences reduced by 2% (-23 offences, 1,065 total offences) across CWAC in 2025, this resulted in an unchanged rate per 1,000 population figure (2.9) which is below the Force rate (3.5), and the lowest volumes over the 5 years. The reduction of SAC offences in CWAC was the smallest across the Force.

Local Authority	Serious Acquisitive Crime			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	837	861	24	3%
Halton	793	661	-132	-17%
Cheshire West and Chester	**1088**	**1065**	**-23**	**-2%**
Cheshire East	1630	1428	-202	-12%
Force	**4372**	**4031**	-341	-8%



Of the offence types within the SAC group, 'Burglary' offences accounted for 49%, 'Vehicle' offences accounted for 39% and lastly 'Robbery' offences accounted for the smallest amount of 12%.

[17] See appendix for caveats regarding use of Demographic Information

[18] Serious Acquisitive Crime is not a Home Office offence group, it was created to function as an umbrella category for selected Burglary, Robbery and Vehicle offences. SAC Serious Acquisitive Crime consists of the following offences: Residential Burglary, Robbery of Business Property, Robbery of Personal Property, Aggravated Vehicle taking, Theft from a Vehicle and Theft or unauthorised taking of a Motor Vehicle.

Monthly volumes of SAC offences were highest in July (126 offences) with volumes increasing each month from April. July was also the peak month for the Force and was classed as an exceptionally high volume month when compared across the 2 years. The month of December also recorded large volumes (101 offences), this having changed from being the lowest volume month in 2024; December was 1 of 3 months that recorded over 100 offences (June; 111 offences).

A review of volumes across CWAC show that despite the overall reduction, Ellesmere Port LPU recorded an increase (+29 offences, +10%), this however made little difference due to the large reduction in Northwich (-39 offences, -12%). Across the clusters the largest reduction was recorded in Winsford (-54 offences, -38%), this cluster recorded the 2nd smallest volumes in 2025 (vs 4th highest in 2024). The largest increase was recorded in Ellesmere Port West & Neston (+38 offences, +26%), this cluster replaced Ellesmere Port East as recording the largest volumes in 2025.

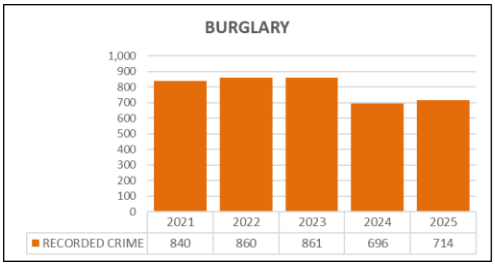
Beat Team Cluster	Serious Acquisitive crime			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**468**	**455**	**-13**	**-3%**
Chester City	103	94	**-9**	**-9%**
Chester North	98	116	**18**	**18%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	145	147	**2**	**1%**
Chester South	122	98	**-24**	**-20%**
Ellesmere Port	**295**	**324**	**29**	**10%**
Ellesmere Port East	149	140	**-9**	**-6%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	146	184	**38**	**26%**
Northwich	**325**	**286**	**-39**	**-12%**
Northwich North	101	121	**20**	**20%**
Northwich South	80	75	**-5**	**-6%**
Winsford	144	90	**-54**	**-38%**
Total	**1088**	**1065**	**-23**	**-2%**

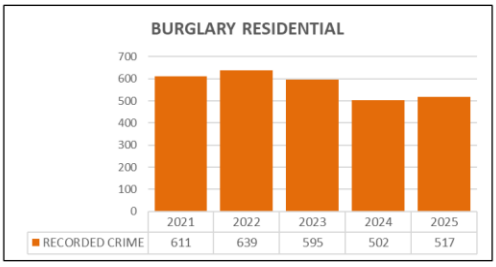
Demographic information for offenders of SAC Offences is as follows[19]:

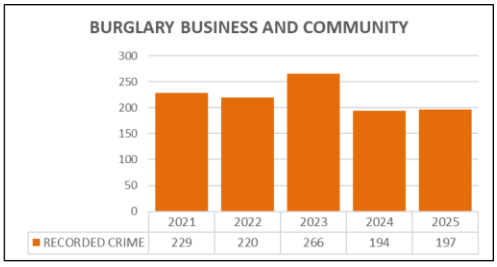
- 92% Male, 14% Female
- 8% aged 17 years old or Under (96% Male, 11% Female)
- 32% of offenders were aged between 35 to 44 years old (89% Male, 13% Female)

Burglary

Burglary offences recorded a slight increase across CWAC in 2025 (+18 offences, +3%/714 total offences), this follows a reduction in the previous year. The same trend was also observed in both types of Burglary, 'Residential Burglary' (+3%, +15 offences/517 total offences) and 'Business & Community Burglary' (+2%, +3 offences/197 total offences). The rates per 1,000 household in CWAC are smaller than the rate for the Force for all Burglary (4.6 vs 5.2), Residential Burglary (3.3 vs 4.8) and Business & Community Burglary (1.3 vs 1.4).







CWAC was the only LA to record an increase in Burglary offences in 2025 which is also opposite to the trend recorded at Force level. This was also true for Residential Burglary (Warrington; -7%, Halton; -

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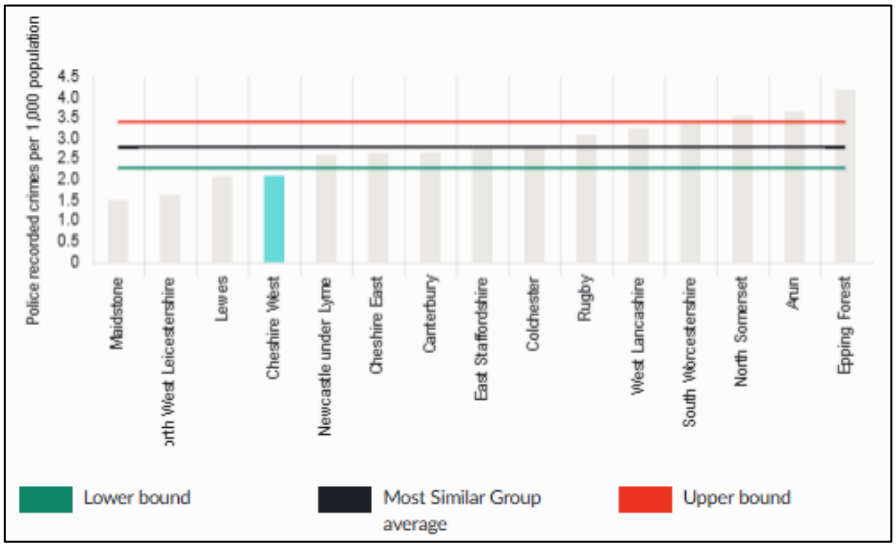
22%, Cheshire East; -10% & Force; -8%) and Business & Community Burglary (Warrington; -3%, Halton; -27%, Cheshire East; -9% & Force; -9%).

Local Authority	Burglary Offences			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	493	466	-27	-5%
Halton	466	357	-109	-23%
Cheshire West and Chester	**696**	**714**	**18**	**3%**
Cheshire East	1061	956	-105	-10%
Force	**2726**	**2496**	-230	-8%

In the year ending June 2025, CWAC sat in the 4th lowest position (out of 15) when compared to its MSGs for Burglary offences (2.11 vs MSG average 2.81), this has increased from the lowest position in the year ending September 2024. CWAC had the lowest rate across Cheshire's LAs, one which was also lower than the Force average (2.45).



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Burglary offences across the year were highest in March (77 offences) with the next highest volumes recorded in December (67 offences). Of note, December also recorded high volumes at Force level, and high volumes in March is a trend continuing from 2024.

The overall increase in Burglary was nearly all recorded in Ellesmere Port LPU (+19%, +31 offences) and was mostly due to increased volumes of Residential Burglary (+27 offences, +22%); both clusters within also reflected an increase. Chester LPU recorded little change (+1 offences, +/-0%), the Chester Rural & Frodsham cluster however recorded the largest increase across CWAC (+31 offences, +33%) due to similar increases in each Burglary type (Residential; +16 offences/+23% and Business; +15 offences, +65%); as a result, demand remained largest here. Northwich LPU recorded a reduction (-14 offences, -7%) which was most notable in the Winsford cluster (-27 offences, -34%), this was the largest cluster reduction and resulted in the lowest demand (vs 4th highest in 2024).

Looking at changes to the subtypes of Burglary by LPU shows that for Residential Burglary the increase was recorded mostly in Ellesmere Port (+27 offences, +22%) whilst Northwich recorded a reduction (-24 offences, -14%). For Business & Community Burglary Northwich LPU recorded the largest increase (+9 offences, +20%), whilst Chester recorded a decrease (-11 offences, -10%).

Beat Team Cluster	Burglary offences			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**320**	**321**	**1**	**0%**
Chester City	81	71	**-10**	**-12%**
Chester North	71	65	**-6**	**-8%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	95	126	**31**	**33%**
Chester South	73	59	**-14**	**-19%**
Ellesmere Port	**166**	**197**	**31**	**19%**
Ellesmere Port East	83	90	**7**	**8%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	83	107	**24**	**29%**
Northwich	**210**	**196**	**-14**	**-7%**
Northwich North	73	86	**13**	**18%**
Northwich South	58	58	**0**	**0%**
Winsford	79	52	**-27**	**-34%**
Total	**696**	**714**	**18**	**3%**

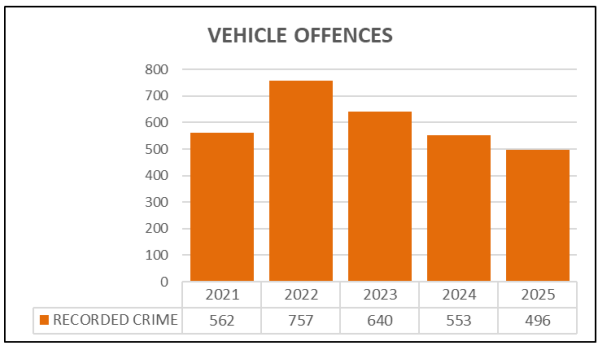
Demographic information for offenders of Burglary Offences is as follows[20]:

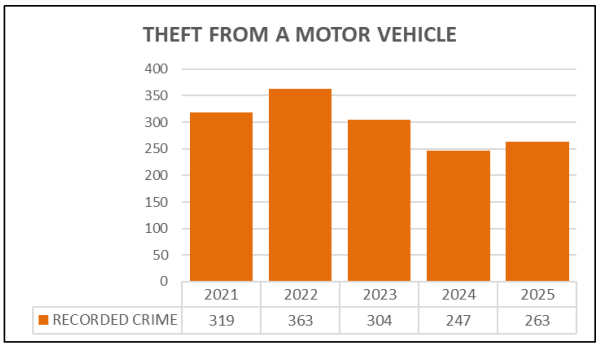
- 91% Male, 15% Female
- 5% aged 17 years old or Under (82% Male, 25% Female)
- 35% of offenders were aged between 35 to 44 years old (91% Male, 11% Female)

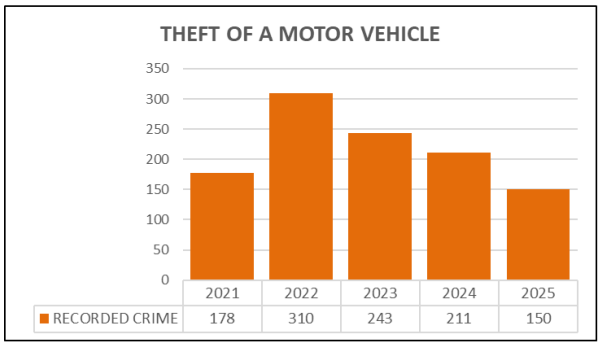
Vehicle

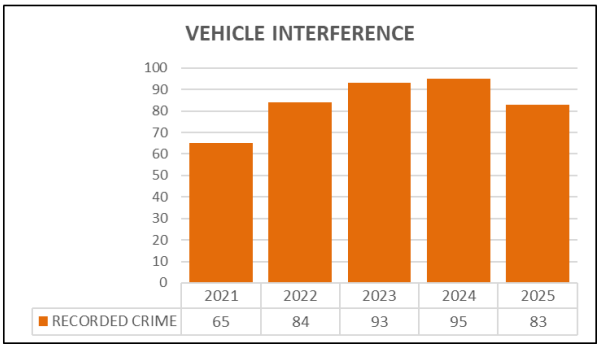
Vehicle offences across CWAC decreased by 10% in 2025 (-57 offences, 496 total offences), this was the 3rd consecutive yearly reduction resulting in the lowest volumes over the 5 year period. Of the offences within this group, a reduction was also recorded in 'Theft of a Motor Vehicle' (-29%, -61 offences/150 total offences) and 'Vehicle Interference' offences (-13%, -12 offences/83 total offences) however for 'Theft from a Motor Vehicle' offences there was a slight increase (+7%, +16 offences/263 total offences).

Compared over the 5 years, Theft From MV offences recorded the first increase since 2022, Theft of MV offences continued the reducing trend since 2023, and Vehicle interference offences recorded the first reduction following 3 previous years of increases.









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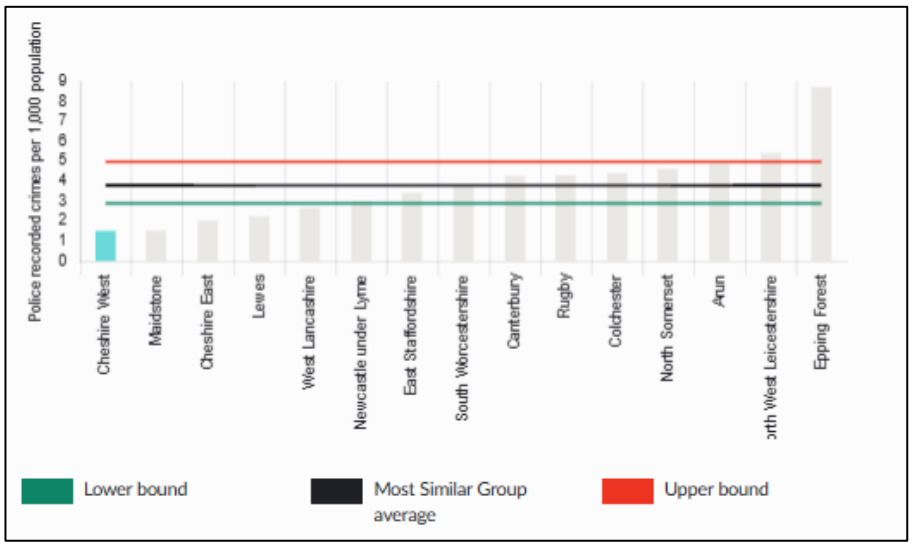
Comparison shows the reduction in CWAC was larger than that seen at Force level, this was also true for Theft of MV offences (Warrington; -19%, Halton; -4%, Cheshire East; -3% & Force; -13%). For Theft from MV offences, the increase in CWAC was opposite to that recorded at Force level and across most CSPs (Warrington; +24%, Halton; -34%, Cheshire East; -24% & Force; -8%). Lastly for Vehicle Interference offences CWAC recorded the only reduction (Warrington; +37%, Halton; +/-0%, Cheshire East; +25% & Force; +9%).

Local Authority	Vehicle Offences			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	514	558	44	9%
Halton	406	348	-58	-14%
Cheshire West and Chester	**553**	**496**	**-57**	**-10%**
Cheshire East	826	738	-88	-11%
Force	**2316**	**2149**	-167	-7%

Rate per 1,000 population figures are lower in CWAC than at Force level for the Vehicle offences group (1.3 vs 1.9 Force) and for all subcategories; Theft from MV (0.7 vs 0.8 Force), Theft of MV (0.4 vs 0.7 Force) and Vehicle Interference (0.2 vs 0.4 Force).

CWAC sits in the lowest position (out of 15) for Burglary offences when compared to its MSGs and across Cheshire's LAs. The rate for CWAC of 1.51 is also lower than both the MSG average (3.79) and the Force average (2.03).



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Throughout the year volumes of Vehicle offences peak in October (62 offences) with a large increase from September (37 offences), volumes in October were exceptionally high when compared across the 2 year period. An upwards trend is also seen from April (30 offences) to July (60 offences) where volumes then drop in August (26 offences); June and July volumes were also exceptionally high. Of note, Force volumes also peak in July and October (October was also a peak month in 2024).

The reduction recorded for the whole of CWAC was reflected in each LPU, most notably in Chester (-44 offences, -18%) occurring due to reductions to each offence type, the largest in Theft of MV offences (-16 offences, -21%). Within this LPU Chester South (-29 offences, -36%) and Chester City (-24 offences, -56%) recording the largest reductions across the clusters; volumes in Chester South reduced from 2nd highest to 3rd lowest in 2025 with reductions due to Theft of MV offences in Chester South (-15 offences, -37%), however for Chester City equal reductions were recorded in Theft from MV (-9 offences, -39%) and Theft of MV offences (-9 offences, -64%). Chester North however recorded

the largest increase of the clusters (+15 offences, +32%) which was due to increases in Theft from MV offences (+14 offences, +64%). Of note, the Winsford cluster also recorded a reduction of 24 offences (-32%) which was due to a large reduction in Theft of MV offences (-16 offences, -43%).

Beat Team Cluster	Vehicle offences			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**244**	**200**	**-44**	**-18%**
Chester City	43	19	**-24**	**-56%**
Chester North	47	62	**15**	**32%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	73	67	**-6**	**-8%**
Chester South	81	52	**-29**	**-36%**
Ellesmere Port	**162**	**161**	**-1**	**-1%**
Ellesmere Port East	80	73	**-7**	**-9%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	82	88	**6**	**7%**
Northwich	**147**	**135**	**-12**	**-8%**
Northwich North	49	55	**6**	**12%**
Northwich South	22	28	**6**	**27%**
Winsford	76	52	**-24**	**-32%**
Total	**553**	**496**	**-57**	**-10%**

The increase recorded in Theft from MV offences was a result of increases in both Ellesmere Port (+18 offences, +27%) and Northwich (+12 offences, +22%), whilst Chester LPU recorded a reduction (-14 offence, -11%). The reduction to Theft of MV offences was recorded in each LPU across CWAC with similar volume reductions in Ellesmere Port (-24 offences, -35%) and Northwich (-21 offences, -32%). Lastly, Vehicle Interference offences reduced mostly in Chester LPU (-14 offences, -34%) whilst Ellesmere Port recorded a slight increase (+5 offences, +19%).

Demographic information for offenders of Vehicle Offences is as follows[21]:

- 98% Male, 4% Female
- 8% aged 17 years old or Under (100% Male, 1% Female)
- Similar proportions of offenders were aged between 25 to 34 (31%) and 35 to 44 years old (32%) (Gender split for combined age groups; 98% Male, 5% Female)

Robbery

Across CWAC there was a 5% increase (+7 offences, 135 total offences) in Robbery offences in 2025, an increase was also recorded in Business Robbery offences (+135%, +23 offences/40 total offences), however Personal Robbery offences recorded a reduction (-14%, -16 offences/95 total offences).

It is important to consider the impact of the crime recording change to Business Robbery offences that occurred in April 2025, a Shoplifting offence where a use or threat of violence takes place to a shop worker/security guard/any other person occurs then the crime is now recorded as Business Robbery, rather than Shoplifting, as such increased volumes are expected.

The changes recorded in CWAC followed the trend seen at Force level for all Robbery, Personal Robbery (Force; -16%, Warrington; +19%, Halton; -19% & Cheshire East; -33%) and Business Robbery (Force; +188%, Warrington; +383%, Halton; +154% & Cheshire East; +208%).

Local Authority	Robbery Offences			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	64	98	34	53%
Halton	103	106	3	3%
Cheshire West and Chester	**128**	**135**	**7**	**5%**
Cheshire East	140	124	-16	-11%
Force	**441**	**469**	28	6%

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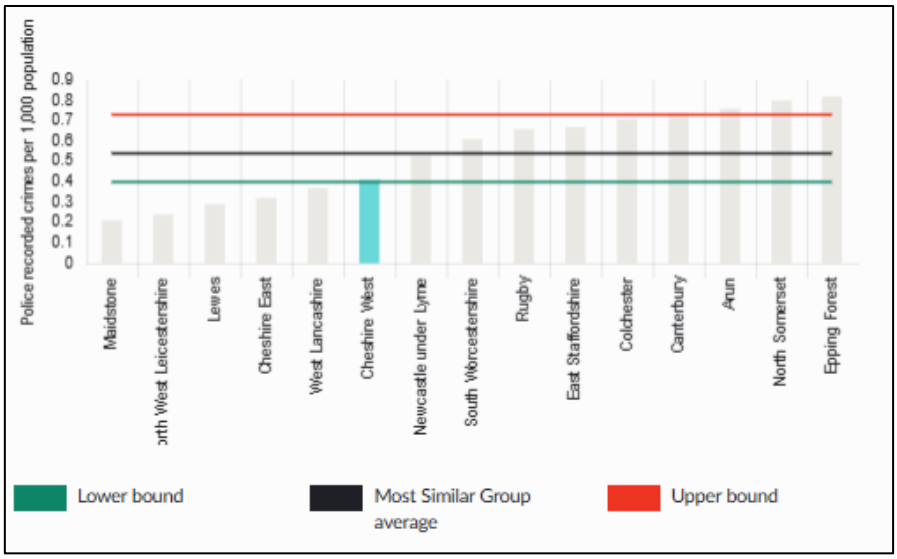
Volumes in 2025 for all Robbery and Business Robbery were the highest over the 5 year period, for Personal Robbery however volumes have reduced for the first time in 2 years.

Rate per 1,000 population figures in CWAC were the same as those for the Force for all Robbery (0.4), Personal Robbery (0.3) and Business Robbery (0.1).

MSG comparison for Robbery offences shows that for the year ending June 2025, CWAC sits in the 6th lowest position (out of 15) when compared to its MSGs, a position that increased from 4th lowest in the year ending September 2024. The rate for CWAC (0.41) is lower than both the MSG average (0.54) and the Force average (0.44) and is the lowest across Cheshire's LAs.



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Robbery offence volumes were highest in 2025 in June, July and December recording a total of 58 offences which is nearly half (43%) of the total volumes across 3 of 12 months. Of note, December was also a high volume month in 2024, and Force volumes were also highest in June. These peak months are reflected in both Robbery types, with the addition of April for Business Robbery.

The small increase to Robbery offences across CWAC in 2025 was due to a reduction in Northwich LPU (-7 offences, -18%) reducing the impact of increases in the remaining LPUs, most notably in Ellesmere Port (+8 offences, +22%). Across the clusters it was Ellesmere Port West & Neston which recorded the largest increase of 10 offences (+67%), this however made no impact to overall volumes due to the same volume reduction in Winsford (-10 offences, -67%).

The reduction to Personal Robbery offences was mostly recorded in Northwich LPU (-15 offences, -43%). For Business Robbery offences, an increase was recorded in each LPU the largest in Chester (+10 offences, +167%).

Beat Team Cluster	Robbery offences			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**52**	**58**	**6**	**12%**
Chester City	29	36	**7**	**24%**
Chester North	7	13	**6**	**86%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	7	5	**-2**	**-29%**
Chester South	9	4	**-5**	**-56%**
Ellesmere Port	**37**	**45**	**8**	**22%**
Ellesmere Port East	22	20	**-2**	**-9%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	15	25	**10**	**67%**
Northwich	**39**	**32**	**-7**	**-18%**
Northwich North	14	18	**4**	**29%**
Northwich South	10	9	**-1**	**-10%**
Winsford	15	5	**-10**	**-67%**
Total	**128**	**135**	**7**	**5%**

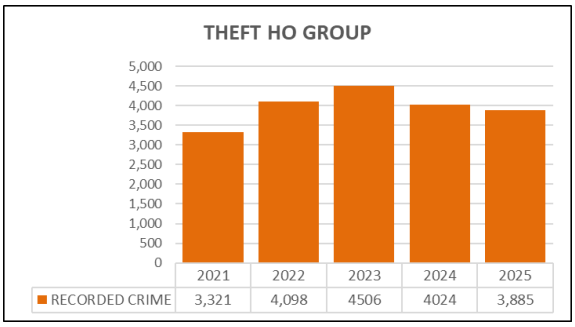
Demographic information for offenders of Robbery Offences is as follows[22]:

- 93% Male, 20% Female
- 16% aged 17 years old or Under (100% Male, 8% Female)
- 32% of offenders were aged between 25 to 34 years old (85% Male, 27% Female)

Theft Offences

Theft offences across CWAC in 2025 recorded a small reduction of 3% (-139 offences, 3,885 total offences), this was the smallest reduction when compared across the Force and the 2nd consecutive reduction following a peak of volumes in 2023. Due to the reduction, the rate per 1,000 population figure has reduced to 10.5, this is now above the Force rate (9.7) whereas in 2024 it was lower (10.8 vs 11.4 Force).

Local Authority	Theft/Stolen Goods			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	2474	2115	-359	-15%
Halton	1838	1284	-554	-30%
Cheshire West and Chester	**4024**	**3885**	**-139**	**-3%**
Cheshire East	4516	3716	-800	-18%
Force	**12977**	**11069**	-1908	-15%



Theft offences peak and trough at different points throughout the year with increased volumes in March (347 offences), followed by a trough in May (293 offences). Another peak was recorded in July (357 offences) followed by another drop in September (305 offences) with the last peak in November (354 offences). Of note, Force volumes also show a peak in March and July, comparison to 2024 however shows a change to the peak months (April-July).

A reduction was recorded in each of the LPUs across CWAC with the largest being in Ellesmere Port (-79 offences, -7%), the Ellesmere Port East cluster within this LPU recorded the largest volume reduction (-77 offences, -9%). Both Chester Rural & Frodsham (-17%, -49 offences) and Winsford (-13%, -39 offences) however recorded a larger percentage reduction. Some increases were also recorded with Chester City recording the largest volume increase across the clusters (+101 offences,

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+13%), replacing Ellesmere Port East as recording the largest volumes in 2025; Northwich South however recorded a larger percentage increase (+17%, +24 offences).

Beat Team Cluster	Theft Offences			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**1950**	**1940**	**-10**	**-1%**
Chester City	784	885	**101**	**13%**
Chester North	492	447	**-45**	**-9%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	288	239	**-49**	**-17%**
Chester South	386	369	**-17**	**-4%**
Ellesmere Port	**1200**	**1121**	**-79**	**-7%**
Ellesmere Port East	834	757	**-77**	**-9%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	366	364	**-2**	**-1%**
Northwich	**874**	**824**	**-50**	**-6%**
Northwich North	435	400	**-35**	**-8%**
Northwich South	143	167	**24**	**17%**
Winsford	296	257	**-39**	**-13%**
Total	**4024**	**3885**	**-139**	**-3%**

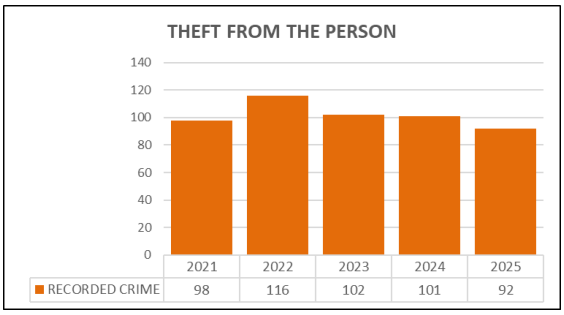
Demographic information for offenders of Theft Offences is as follows[23]:

- 74% Male, 34% Female
- 8% aged 17 years old or Under (58% Male, 48% Female)
- 38% of offenders were aged between 35 to 44 years old (67% Male, 38% Female)

Theft from the Person

Across CWAC a small reduction of 9% (-9 offences, 92 total offences) was recorded in Theft from the Person offences in 2025, this resulted in a reduced rate per 1,000 population which is now lower than the Force (0.2 vs 0.3 Force). The reduction was similar to that recorded at Force level.

Local Authority	Theft from the Person			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	59	70	11	19%
Halton	75	57	-18	-24%
Cheshire West and Chester	**101**	**92**	**-9**	**-9%**
Cheshire East	75	69	-6	-8%
Force	**320**	**293**	-27	-8%



When compared to its MSGs, CWAC had a rate of 0.27 which is below both the MSG average (0.35) and the Force average (0.28), it however is the 2nd highest rate when compared across Cheshire's LAs (Halton had the highest; 0.55).

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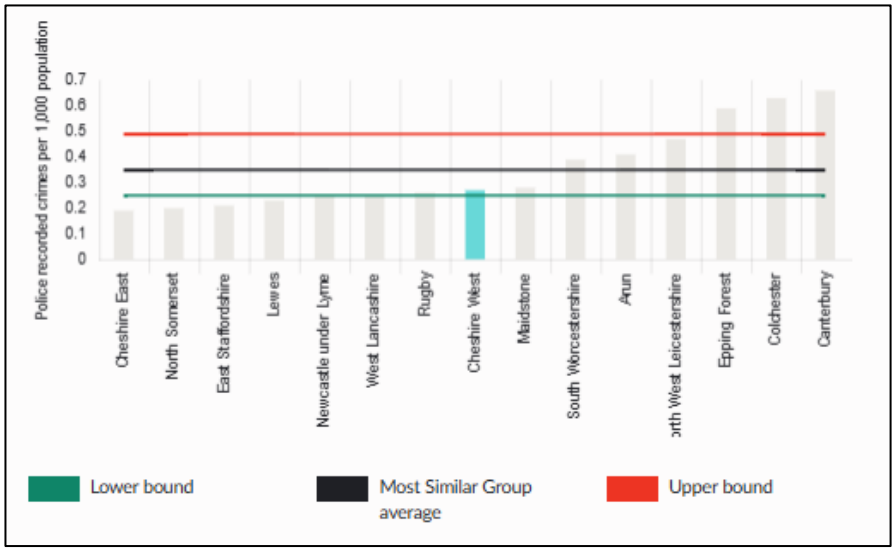

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The start (January; 11 offences), end (December; 14 offences) and middle (May to July; 31 offences) of the calendar year recorded the largest volumes of Theft from the Person offences across CWAC in 2025. These high volume months are similar to those in 2024 however differ to the peak month for the Force (August).

Despite a reduction recorded overall, when reviewing LPU changes, Chester recorded a slight increase (+9 offences, +16%), this however had little effect due to a 42% reduction in Ellesmere Port (-14 offences). Chester City (+10 offences, +24%) and Ellesmere Port East (-10 offences, -40%) within the above LPUs recorded the largest changes across the clusters, these cancelled out the effect of one another due to equal volume changes.

Beat Team Cluster	Theft from the Person			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**56**	**65**	**9**	**16%**
Chester City	41	51	**10**	**24%**
Chester North	8	10	**2**	**25%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	2	2	**0**	**0%**
Chester South	5	2	**-3**	**-60%**
Ellesmere Port	**33**	**19**	**-14**	**-42%**
Ellesmere Port East	25	15	**-10**	**-40%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	8	4	**-4**	**-50%**
Northwich	**12**	**8**	**-4**	**-33%**
Northwich North	8	5	**-3**	**-38%**
Northwich South	1	1	**0**	**0%**
Winsford	3	2	**-1**	**-33%**
Total	**101**	**92**	**-9**	**-9%**

Demographic information for offenders of Theft from the Person Offences is as follows[24]:

- 100% Male, 5% Female
- 19% aged 17 years old or Under (100% Male, 0% Female)
- 33% of offenders were aged between 35 to 44 years old (100% Male, 0% Female)

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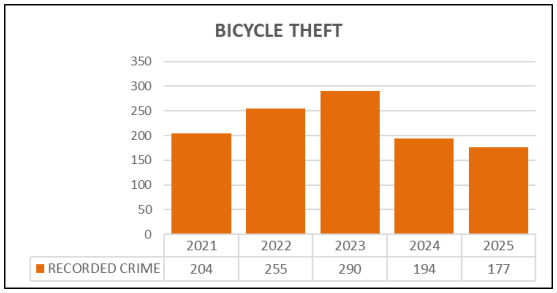
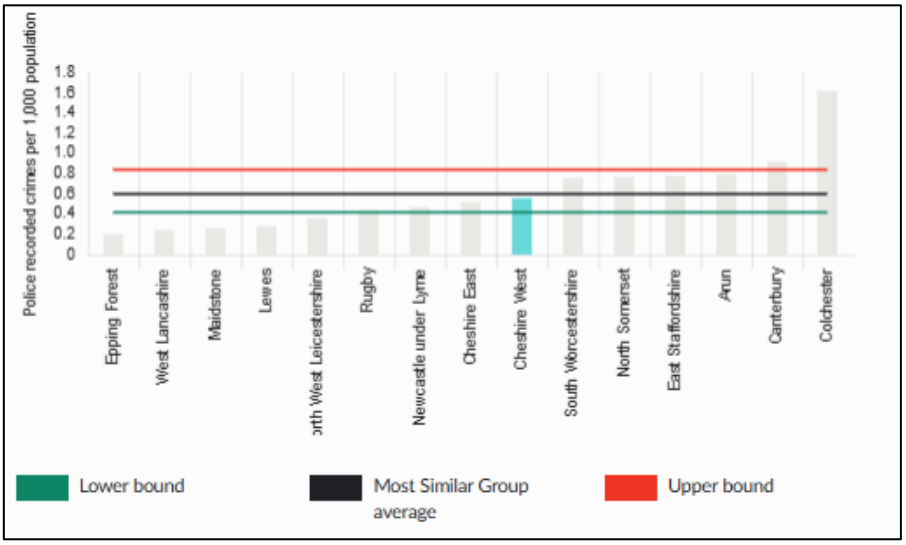
Bicycle Theft

In CWAC, Bicycle theft offences reduced for the 2nd year following its peak in 2023, a 9% reduction (-17 offences, 177 total offences) was recorded which was the smallest reduction across the Force. Rate per 1,000 population figures in CWAC remain unchanged from 2024 and are lower than the Force (0.5 vs 0.6 Force)

Local Authority	Theft of a Pedal Cycle			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	206	218	12	6%
Halton	129	80	-49	-38%
Cheshire West and Chester	**194**	**177**	**-17**	**-9%**
Cheshire East	228	167	-61	-27%
Force	**761**	**647**	-114	-15%



MSG comparison of Bicycle thefts shows CWAC to be in the 7th highest position (out of 15) with a rate of 0.56, this rate is lower than both the MSG average (0.60) and the Force average (0.66).



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The month of June was the only month to record over 20 offences (21 offences) with the next highest volume months being May (19 offences), April & July (18 offences each); the remaining months recorded between 10-17 offences. Force volumes show the largest peak was in August & April.

Lower area volume analysis shows that Chester LPU was the only area to record a slight increase (+2 offences, +2%) due to a reduction in Chester City (-8 offences, -17%) being cancelled out by increases in Chester North (+4 offences, +29%) and Chester South (+6 offences, +32%); the increase in Chester South was the largest of the clusters. Similar volume reductions were however recorded in Ellesmere Port (-9 offences, -17%) and Northwich (-10 offences, -20%) LPU resulting in the overall decrease, the Ellesmere Port East cluster in particular recorded the largest reduction of al clusters (-10 offences, -31%).

Beat Team Cluster	Theft of Pedal Cycle			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**90**	**92**	**2**	**2%**
Chester City	47	39	**-8**	**-17%**
Chester North	14	18	**4**	**29%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	10	10	**0**	**0%**
Chester South	19	25	**6**	**32%**
Ellesmere Port	**54**	**45**	**-9**	**-17%**
Ellesmere Port East	32	22	**-10**	**-31%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	22	23	**1**	**5%**
Northwich	**50**	**40**	**-10**	**-20%**
Northwich North	19	15	**-4**	**-21%**
Northwich South	13	11	**-2**	**-15%**
Winsford	18	14	**-4**	**-22%**
Total	**194**	**177**	**-17**	**-9%**

Demographic information for offenders of Bicycle theft Offences is as follows[25]:

- 92% Male, 7% Female
- 210% aged 17 years old or Under (100% Male, 0% Female)
- 27% of offenders were aged between 45 to 54 years old (100% Male, 0% Female)

Shoplifting

Opposite to the reduction recorded for all Theft offences, Shoplifting offences recorded a slight increase in 2025 (+7%, +129 offences/2,109 total offences) which follows a reduction in the previous year and brings volumes similar to the peak in 2023. The average number of crimes per month has also increased to 176 in 2025 (165 in 2024). The rate per 1,000 population has increased as a result (5.7) meaning it is no longer below the Force rate (4.7) as it was in 2024 (5.3 vs 5.6 Force). CWAC was the only LA across the Force to record an increase in Shoplifting offences in 2025.

Local Authority	Shoplifting Offences			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	1096	871	-225	-21%
Halton	881	517	-364	-41%
Cheshire West and Chester	**1980**	**2109**	**129**	**7%**
Cheshire East	2338	1837	-501	-21%
Force	**6368**	**5360**	-1008	-16%

When compared to its MSGs for Shoplifting offences, CWAC sit in the 7th lowest position (out of 15) with a rate of 5.71 which is lower than the MSG average (7.04), however higher than the Force average (5.41). The rate in CWAC is 2nd highest when compared across Cheshire's LAs (Halton had the highest; 6.04).

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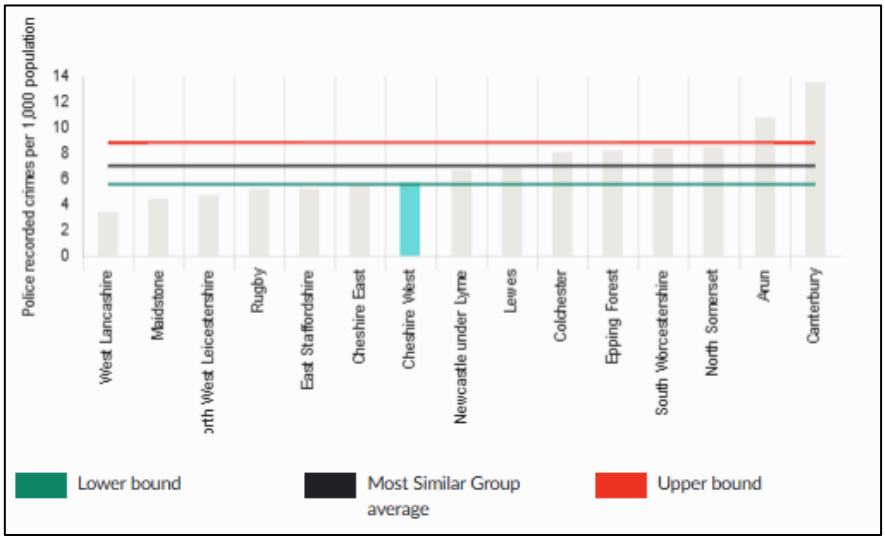

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Across the comparative years volumes of Shoplifting offences were exceptionally high in November-25, 230 offences were recorded during this month with the next highest demand month being March (189 offences). Of note, Force volumes also peak in March however comparison to 2024 shows a shift (May – July).

In line with the overall increase, each LPU also increased, Ellesmere Port (+52 offences) and Northwich (+51 offences) recorded similar volume increases however the impact of this was larger in Northwich (+15% vs +8%). Most clusters also increased, Chester City recorded the largest volume increase (+75 offences, +17%), however Northwich South recorded a larger percentage increase (+23 offences, +64%). Some reductions were however also recorded, most notably in Chester Rural & Frodsham (-37 offences, -45%), volumes in this cluster are now the lowest across CWAC whereas in 2024 they were 3rd lowest.

Beat Team Cluster	Shoplifting offences			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**976**	**1002**	**26**	**3%**
Chester City	436	511	**75**	**17%**
Chester North	272	249	**-23**	**-8%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	83	46	**-37**	**-45%**
Chester South	185	196	**11**	**6%**
Ellesmere Port	**660**	**712**	**52**	**8%**
Ellesmere Port East	530	528	**-2**	**0%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	130	184	**54**	**42%**
Northwich	**344**	**395**	**51**	**15%**
Northwich North	231	248	**17**	**7%**
Northwich South	36	59	**23**	**64%**
Winsford	77	88	**11**	**14%**
Total	**1980**	**2109**	**129**	**7%**

Analysis of high demand locations across CWAC revealed that 11.5% (243 offences) of Shoplifting offences occurred at a 'Tesco' Store, the largest issue stores were on Frodsham Street (45 offences), Delamere Street (37 offences) and The Cross, Neston (36 offences); these locations were the 5th, 6th and 7th highest demand locations for Shoplifting across CWAC in 2025. Another high demand supermarket chain was Co-Operative stores which accounted for 6.7% of Shoplifting offences (141 offences), the store located on Hoole Road (71 offences) in particular had the 3rd largest demand in 2025. In addition, the ASDA on Wellington Road recorded the 4th highest volume of Shoplifting offences (47 offences) and ASDA on Greyhound Park Road recorded the 10th highest (33 offences).

Another high demand location was Foregate Street (232 offences), the highest demand shops on this road were Boots (99 offences) and M&S (32 offences), these were the 1st and 11th highest demand locations across CWAC.

There were 211 offences with a location of Cheshire Oaks, the highest problem shops here were The Cosmetics Company (34 offences) and Nike (29 offences), these were the 9th and 12th highest demand locations in 2025; of note the 8th highest demand location was a Cheshire Oaks address linked to no specific shop (35 offences). Across the road, M&S on Stanney Woods Avenue recorded 80 offences, this was the 2nd highest demand location in 2025.

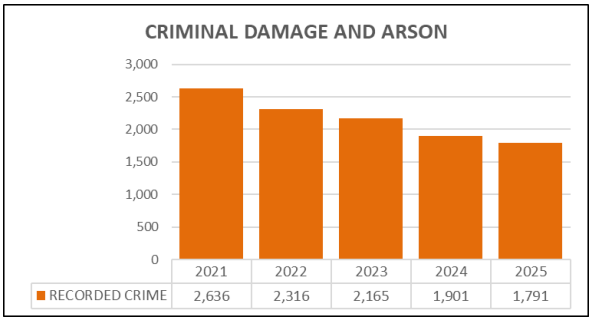
Demographic information for offenders of Shoplifting Offences is as follows[26]:

- 76% Male, 34% Female
- 7% aged 17 years old or Under (56% Male, 52% Female)
- 40% of offenders were aged between 35 to 44 years old (71% Male, 36% Female)

Criminal Damage and Arson

Volumes of Criminal Damage and Arson offences in CWAC reduced for the 4th consecutive year resulting in the lowest volumes over the 5 year period (-110 offences, -6%/1,791 total offences), this resulted in a reduced average number of crimes in 2025 (149 vs 158 in 2024). The rate per 1,000 population reduced to 4.8 in CWAC in 2025, this is the same as the Force rate (4.8) whereas in 2024 the rate was smaller (5.1 vs 5.3 Force). Comparison across the LAs shows the reduction in CWAC follows the trend seen across Cheshire, with the reduction recorded being the smallest.

Local Authority	Criminal Damage and Arson			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	1168	1009	-159	-14%
Halton	1014	845	-169	-17%
Cheshire West and Chester	**1901**	**1791**	**-110**	**-6%**
Cheshire East	1954	1832	-122	-6%
Force	**6059**	**5490**	-569	-9%



For Criminal Damage and Arson offences in the year ending June 2025, CWAC had a rate of 5.43 which was lower than the MSG average (6.13) but higher than the Force average (5.36). CWAC sat in the 5th lowest (out of 15) position when compared to its MSGs however was 2nd highest when compared across Cheshire's LAs (Halton being highest with 6.83).

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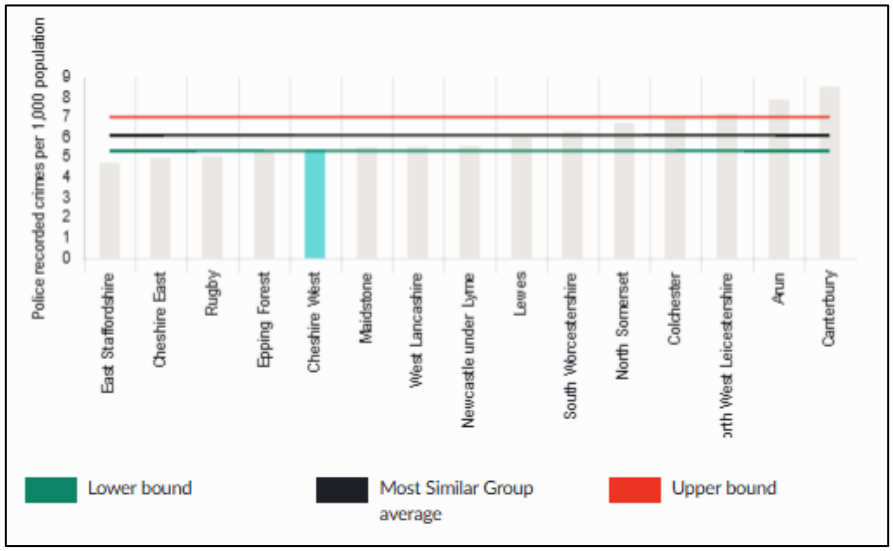

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Volumes of offences were largest in 2025 in June; this is similar to 2024 where volumes peaked in May and matches the peak month at Force level.

In line with the overall reduction, all LPUs also reduced with the largest being in Northwich (-61 offences, -11%). Winsford within this LPU recorded the largest reduction across the clusters (-65 offences, -25%) resulting in a move from 1st largest volumes in 2024 to 5th largest in 2025. The largest volume increase across the clusters was in Chester North (+36 offences, +20%) and as a result recorded the 4th largest volumes in 2025, an increase from 2nd lowest in 2024. Northwich South however recorded a larger percentage increase (+28%, +26 offences).

Beat Team Cluster	Criminal Damage & Arson			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**846**	**805**	**-41**	**-5%**
Chester City	254	223	**-31**	**-12%**
Chester North	182	218	**36**	**20%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	213	192	**-21**	**-10%**
Chester South	197	172	**-25**	**-13%**
Ellesmere Port	**496**	**488**	**-8**	**-2%**
Ellesmere Port East	238	234	**-4**	**-2%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	258	254	**-4**	**-2%**
Northwich	**559**	**498**	**-61**	**-11%**
Northwich North	208	186	**-22**	**-11%**
Northwich South	92	118	**26**	**28%**
Winsford	259	194	**-65**	**-25%**
Total	**1901**	**1791**	**-110**	**-6%**

The profile of offences shows that 'Other Criminal Damage' (30.0%, 538 offences) and 'Criminal Damage to a Vehicle' (28.4%, 508 offences) were the largest recorded offence types in 2025, as they also were in 2024. Of note, both these offence types recorded a reduction from the previous year (-40 offences, -8% & -77 offences, -13% respectively).

Only a small proportion of offences were recorded as 'Arson' (4.0%) despite a slight increase from 2024 (+13 offences, +22%). Of note, there were only 5 offences (0.4%) recorded as 'Racially or Religiously aggravated Criminal Damage', the proportion of Criminal Damage and Arson offences with a Hate Crime flag attached was however slightly larger (0.9%, 17 offences).

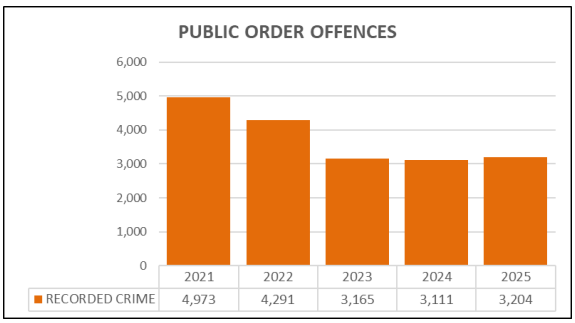
Demographic information for offenders of Criminal Damage and Arson Offences is as follows[27]:

- 74% Male, 28% Female
- 20% aged 17 years old or Under (75% Male, 26% Female)
- Similar proportions of offenders were aged between 25 to 34 (22%) and 35 to 44 (23%) years old (Gender split for age groups combined; 77% Male, 25% Female)

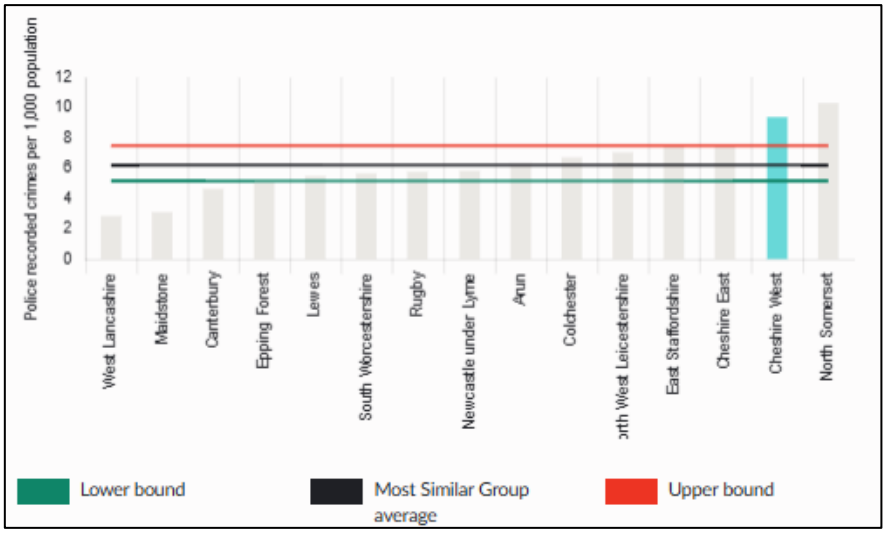
Public Order Offences and Incidents

Public Order offences across CWAC increased for the first time since 2021 in 2025 (+3%, +93 offences/3,204 total offences). This increase was reflected in each CSP across Cheshire and at Force level. The rate per 1,000 population in CWAC increased slightly to 8.6 and remains above the Force rate (8.1).

Local Authority	Public Order Offences			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	1610	1658	48	3%
Halton	1302	1347	45	3%
Cheshire West and Chester	**3111**	**3204**	**93**	**3%**
Cheshire East	2819	2960	141	5%
Force	**8893**	**9206**	313	4%



In the year ending June 2025, Public Order offences in CWAC were 2nd highest (out of 15) when compared across its MSGs, the rate of 9.40 was higher than both the MSG average (6.23) and the Force average (8.57).



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Volumes throughout the year were highest in the summer months of June and July; this trend was also observed in 2024 and in Force volumes.

Most offences within this group were recorded as 'Public fear, alarm or distress' (76.6%, 2,448 offences), with a slight increase in 2025 (+47 offences, +2.0%). 10.1% (324 offences) of offences were

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also recorded as 'Racially or Religiously aggravated Public Order', again with an increase recorded (+62 offences, +23.7%).

Looking at volume changes across the LA shows most of the increase was recorded in Chester LPU (+144 offences, +10%), the impact of such was however reduced by a reduction in Northwich (-56 offences, -6%). There were some changes to the order of demand across the clusters, Winsford recorded the 4th lowest volumes in 2025, a reduction from 2nd highest in 2024 due to a large reduction (-81 offences, -20%). Chester North in 2025 recorded the 3rd highest demand whereas in 2024 they recorded the 5th highest, again as a result of a large change (+70 offences, +22%). Both these cluster changes were the largest of their type.

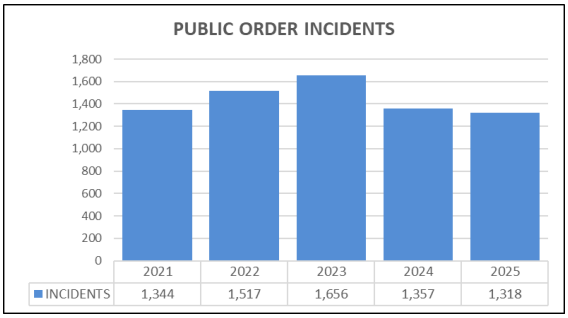
Beat Team Cluster	Public Order offences			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**1440**	**1584**	**144**	**10%**
Chester City	543	586	**43**	**8%**
Chester North	323	393	**70**	**22%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	283	317	**34**	**12%**
Chester South	291	288	**-3**	**-1%**
Ellesmere Port	**763**	**768**	**5**	**1%**
Ellesmere Port East	396	404	**8**	**2%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	367	364	**-3**	**-1%**
Northwich	**908**	**852**	**-56**	**-6%**
Northwich North	309	336	**27**	**9%**
Northwich South	200	198	**-2**	**-1%**
Winsford	399	318	**-81**	**-20%**
Total	**3111**	**3204**	**93**	**3%**

Demographic information for offenders of Public Order Offences is as follows[28]:

- 76% Male, 27% Female
- 9% aged 17 years old or Under (70% Male, 35% Female)
- 27% of offenders were aged between 35 to 44 years old (76% Male, 25% Female)

Opposite to the increase recorded for offences, Public Order incidents reduced in 2025 (-3%, -39 incidents/1,318 total incidents), this was the 2nd consecutive reduction following a peak in 2023 and follows the trend recorded across the remaining CSPs and at Force level. The rate per 1,000 population in CWAC (3.5) remains lower than the Force (3.8).

Local Authority	Public Order incidents			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	815	791	-24	-3%
Halton	606	565	-41	-7%
Cheshire West and Chester	**1357**	**1318**	**-39**	**-3%**
Cheshire East	1525	1289	-236	-15%
Force	**4730**	**4372**	-358	-8%



A review of the closing types for Public Order incidents indicated most offences were recorded as 'Bail Breaches/Wanted Persons/Breach of Court Order' (80.4%, 1,060 incidents), with little change recorded from 2024 (78.5%, 1065 incidents).

Volumes throughout the year were highest in March and November, this has changed from April and July in 2024. Force volumes however peak a similar time in October & November.

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Across CWAC Ellesmere Port was the only LPU to record a reduction (-123 incidents, -28%), both clusters within reduced, Ellesmere Port West & Neston in particular recorded the largest (-80 incidents, -44%). The reduction in Ellesmere Port East (-43 incidents, -17%) moved demand for this cluster from 1st highest in 2024 to 3rd highest in 2025.

A large increase in Chester LPU (+78 incidents, +13%) resulted in a smaller overall reduction, with increases in both Chester North (+33 incidents, +16%) and Chester City (+33 incidents, +17%); these clusters recorded the highest (vs 2nd highest in 2024) and 2nd highest (vs 3rd highest in 2024) demand in 2025.

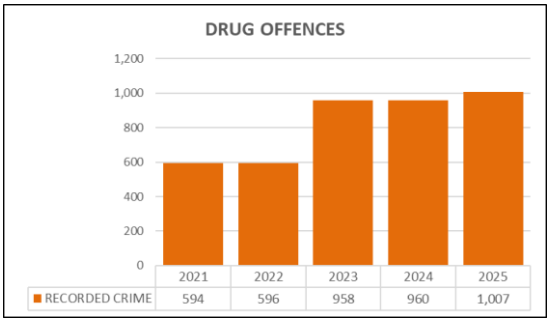
Beat Team Cluster	Public Order incidents			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**582**	**660**	**78**	**13%**
Chester City	191	224	**33**	**17%**
Chester North	203	236	**33**	**16%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	78	103	**25**	**32%**
Chester South	110	97	**-13**	**-12%**
Ellesmere Port	**432**	**309**	**-123**	**-28%**
Ellesmere Port East	250	207	**-43**	**-17%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	182	102	**-80**	**-44%**
Northwich	**343**	**349**	**6**	**2%**
Northwich North	118	129	**11**	**9%**
Northwich South	61	58	**-3**	**-5%**
Winsford	164	162	**-2**	**-1%**
Total	**1357**	**1318**	**-39**	**-3%**

Substance Misuse

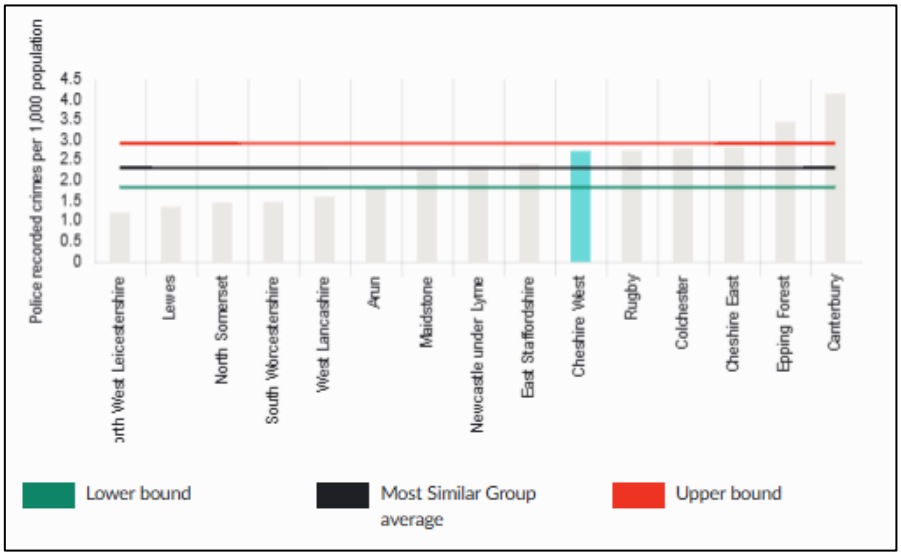
Drug offences

There was a 5% increase recorded to Drug offences in CWAC during 2025 (+47 offences, 1,007 total offences), this was the 4th consecutive increase resulting in the largest volumes over the 5 year period. The rate per 1,000 population in CWAC has increased slightly to 2.7 in 2025, it however remains below the Force rate (3.4). Compared across the Force the increase recorded in CWAC was much smaller than that at Force level with a variety of changes throughout the LAs.

Local Authority	Drug Offences			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	881	893	12	1%
Halton	731	696	-35	-5%
Cheshire West and Chester	**960**	**1007**	**47**	**5%**
Cheshire East	840	1266	426	51%
Force	**3432**	**3874**	442	13%



The MSG positioning for Drug offences in CWAC in the year ending June 2025 has improved from 5th highest in the previous year to currently sitting at 6th highest (out of 15). CWACs rate (2.74) is still higher than the MSG average (2.32), it is however lower than the Force average (3.46) and the lowest across Cheshire's LAs (Halton highest; 5.61).



Source: www.police.uk

Of note, 88.7% (884 offences) of Drug offences were recorded as 'Possession of Controlled drugs', only a small amount was recorded as 'Trafficking in Controlled drugs' (13.0%/130 offences), both offence types recorded an increase from the previous year (+41 offences, +4.8% & +12 offences, +10.2% respectively).

The peak month in both 2024 and 2025 for Drug offences was December, this differs to Force volumes where volumes peaked in August, most likely due to Creamfields festival. Of note, Drug offences can be impacted by proactive measures, such as increased Stop Searches.

In 2025 Ellesmere Port LPU recorded the 2nd largest volumes (vs lowest in 2024) following recording the largest increase (+53 offences, +32%). Of the clusters, Ellesmere Port East recorded the largest increase (+52 offences, +52%) whilst large reductions were recorded in both Chester City (-40 offences, -10%) and Winsford (-20 offences, -24%); demand in Winsford moved from 4th highest in 2024 to 3rd lowest in 2025.

Beat Team Cluster	Drug offences			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**597**	**590**	**-7**	**-1%**
Chester City	385	345	**-40**	**-10%**
Chester North	92	108	**16**	**17%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	58	49	**-9**	**-16%**
Chester South	62	88	**26**	**42%**
Ellesmere Port	**166**	**219**	**53**	**32%**
Ellesmere Port East	100	152	**52**	**52%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	66	67	**1**	**2%**
Northwich	**198**	**198**	**0**	**0%**
Northwich North	75	80	**5**	**7%**
Northwich South	41	56	**15**	**37%**
Winsford	82	62	**-20**	**-24%**
Total	**961**	**1007**	**46**	**5%**

Demographic information for offenders of Drug Offences is as follows[29]:

- 88% Male, 13% Female
- 10% aged 17 years old or Under (88% Male, 12% Female)

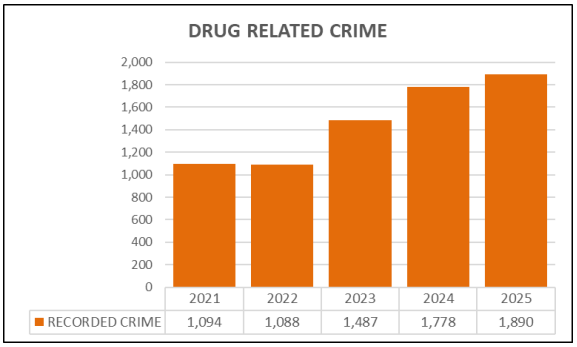
[29] See appendix for caveats regarding use of Demographic Information

- Similar proportions of offenders were aged between 18 to 24 (31%) and 25 to 34 (29%) years old (Gender split for age groups combined; 89% Male, 12% Female)

Drug related

A similar increase was recorded in Drug-related crime[30] (+6%, +112 offences/1,890 total offences) resulting in the largest volumes over the 5 year period and the average number of offences per month increasing to 158 (vs 148 in 2024). The rate per 1,000 population in CWAC increased as a result (5.1) it however remains lower than the Force rate (5.8). Comparison across the Force shows the same increased rate at Force level whilst comparison to the LAs however shows this was the smallest increase recorded.

Local Authority	Drug Related Crime			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	1473	1428	-45	-3%
Halton	1151	1131	-20	-2%
Cheshire West and Chester	**1778**	**1890**	**112**	**6%**
Cheshire East	1749	2109	360	21%
Force	**6211**	**6600**	389	6%



Of note, over half (53.7%, 1,014 offences) of offences were recorded under the Drug offences HO group, this resulted in the peak month matching that for Drug offences (December).

Increases were recorded in each LPU across CWAC, most notably in Ellesmere Port (+16%, +66 offences); this LPU also recorded the largest increase in the previous year. The largest cluster increase was recorded in Ellesmere Port East (+69 offences, +31%), as it also was for Drug offences. Despite the overall increase, one cluster in each LPU recorded a reduction, the largest was in Winsford (-28 offences, -15%).

Beat Team Cluster	Drug related Crimes			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**935**	**965**	**30**	**3%**
Chester City	516	496	**-20**	**-4%**
Chester North	176	197	**21**	**12%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	103	112	**9**	**9%**
Chester South	140	160	**20**	**14%**
Ellesmere Port	**425**	**491**	**66**	**16%**
Ellesmere Port East	226	295	**69**	**31%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	199	196	**-3**	**-2%**
Northwich	**418**	**434**	**16**	**4%**
Northwich North	144	155	**11**	**8%**
Northwich South	90	123	**33**	**37%**
Winsford	184	156	**-28**	**-15%**
Total	**1778**	**1890**	**112**	**6%**

Demographic information for offenders of Drug related Offences is as follows[31]:

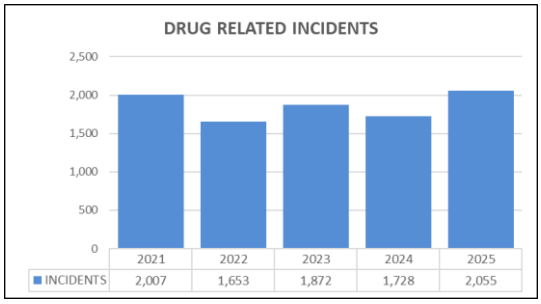
- 85% Male, 18% Female
- 8% aged 17 years old or Under (84% Male, 16% Female)
- 31% of offenders were aged between 25 to 34 years old (84% Male, 18% Female)

[30] This flag relies on the presence of a "Drugs" qualifier or "Affected by Drugs" or "Affected by alcohol and drugs" or "Affected by drugs and solvents" being selected in the crime on Niche.

[31] See appendix for caveats regarding use of Demographic Information

Drug-related incidents[32] across CWAC also increased in 2025, however at a much larger rate (+19%, +327 incidents/2,055 total incidents) resulting in the largest volumes over the 5 year period. The rate per 1,000 population has also increased (+0.9) resulting in a rate only slightly lower than the Force (5.5 vs 5.6 Force), whereas in 2024 it was much lower (4.6 vs 5.0 Force). The increase in CWAC was the largest volume change across the LAs and 2nd largest percentage change.

Local Authority	Drug Related incidents			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	1133	1304	171	15%
Halton	830	1023	193	23%
Cheshire West and Chester	**1728**	**2055**	**327**	**19%**
Cheshire East	1612	1850	238	15%
Force	**5661**	**6381**	720	13%



Over the 2 year period, Drug related incidents in CWAC were exceptionally high in July-25 (235 incidents), this differs to Force volumes (August) and to 2024 trends (March).

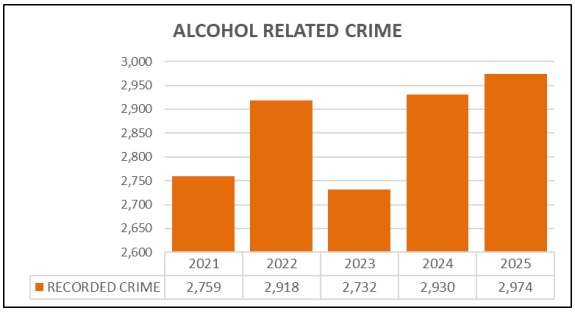
A review of lower geographical areas shows the overall increase was refleced in each LPU, the largest was recorded in Chester (+189 incidents, +22%) which was driven by large cluster increases in both Chester South (+81 incidents, +62%) and Chester North (+78 incidents, +40%). Of note, Chester North recorded the 2nd largest demand in 2025 (vs 3rd largest in 2024) and Chester South recorded the 4th largest, a increase from 2nd lowest in 2024.

Beat Team Cluster	Drug related incidents			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**847**	**1036**	**189**	**22%**
Chester City	380	381	**1**	**0%**
Chester North	197	275	**78**	**40%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	139	168	**29**	**21%**
Chester South	131	212	**81**	**62%**
Ellesmere Port	**405**	**451**	**46**	**11%**
Ellesmere Port East	214	246	**32**	**15%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	191	205	**14**	**7%**
Northwich	**476**	**568**	**92**	**19%**
Northwich North	175	210	**35**	**20%**
Northwich South	127	158	**31**	**24%**
Winsford	174	200	**26**	**15%**
Total	**1728**	**2055**	**327**	**19%**

Alcohol related

Alcohol related crime volumes in CWAC recorded the only increase across the LAs in 2025, despite the change being small (+2%, +44 offences/2,974 total offences), 2025 volumes were the largest over the 5 year period. The rate in CWAC remains higher than the Force (8.0 vs 7.1 per 1,000 population).

Local Authority	Alcohol Related Crime			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	1511	1409	-102	-7%
Halton	1099	1060	-39	-4%
Cheshire West and Chester	**2930**	**2974**	**44**	**2%**
Cheshire East	2886	2639	-247	-9%
Force	**8473**	**8117**	-356	-4%



[32] This relies on the call taker adding the "QDR: DRUGS - LEGAL OR ILLEGAL OR SUSPECTED" qualifier to the incident. True numbers could be higher or lower than what is recorded.

The majority of Alcohol related offences were recorded as 'Assault without Injury' (24.2%, 719 offences) and 'Assault with Injury' (18.0%, 536 offences), with little change from the previous year (745 offences & 584 offences respectively). 14.7% (436 offences) were also recorded under the Public Order HO group, these offences recorded an increase in 2025 (+11%/+42 offences).

Alcohol related crime in CWAC recorded an increasing trend from March where volumes peaked in August. The month of December recorded the largest increase in volumes, jumping from 220 offences in November to 285 offences in December; the same trend is seen at Force level. Review of 2024 volumes however show a peak in May.

The little change overall was due to conflicting changes across the LPUs, Chester recorded a increase of 217 offences (+15%) whilst large reductions were recorded in both Ellesmere Port (-96 offences, -13%) and Northwich (-77 offences, -10%). Due to a large increase in Chester South (+72 offences, +33%), this cluster recorded the 4th highest volumes in 2025 which has changed from 2nd lowest in 2024; this was the largest percentage increase across CWAC.

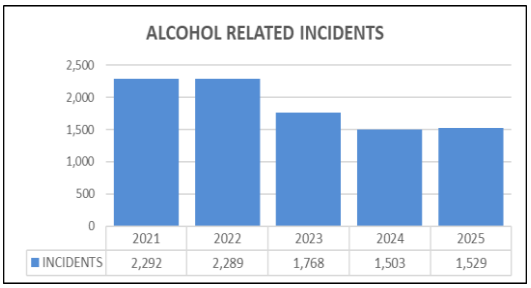
Beat Team Cluster	Alcohol related Crimes			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**1416**	**1633**	**217**	**15%**
Chester City	748	849	**101**	**14%**
Chester North	224	271	**47**	**21%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	226	223	**-3**	**-1%**
Chester South	218	290	**72**	**33%**
Ellesmere Port	**737**	**641**	**-96**	**-13%**
Ellesmere Port East	379	314	**-65**	**-17%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	358	327	**-31**	**-9%**
Northwich	**777**	**700**	**-77**	**-10%**
Northwich North	260	265	**5**	**2%**
Northwich South	206	152	**-54**	**-26%**
Winsford	311	283	**-28**	**-9%**
Total	**2930**	**2974**	**44**	**2%**

Demographic information for offenders of Alcohol related Offences is as follows[33]:

- 75% Male, 28% Female
- 2% aged 17 years old or Under (78% Male, 23% Female)
- 34% of offenders were aged between 35 to 44 years old (72% Male, 31% Female)

Alcohol related incidents[34] also increased in 2025 at a rate of 2% (+26 incidents, 1,529 total incidents), this was the first increase following 4 consecutive reductions and was the only increase recorded when compared across the Force. The rate per 1,000 population slightly increased as a result meaning the rate in CWAC is now higher the Force (4.1 vs 3.8 Force), whereas in 2024 it was lower (4.0 vs 4.1 Force).

Local Authority	Alcohol Related incidents			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	973	836	-137	-14%
Halton	537	524	-13	-2%
Cheshire West and Chester	**1503**	**1529**	**26**	**2%**
Cheshire East	1462	1284	-178	-12%
Force	**4730**	**4380**	-350	-7%



[33] See appendix for caveats regarding use of Demographic Information

[34] This relies on the call taker adding the "QAL: ALCOHOL - WHERE CONSUMPTION HAS HAD AN IMPACT" qualifier to the incident. True umbers could be higher or lower than what is recorded.

Of the incidents recorded, the majority were closed as 'Violence/Harassment' (26%, 397 incidents), 'Road Related Traffic Offence' (16.5%, 252 incidents) and 'Domestic Incident – Between Adults' (16.0%, 244 incidents) groups; these closing groups also recorded the highest proportions in 2024.

Across the 2 years, August shows as a peak volume month, this month, in addition to April and May, recorded exceptionally high volumes in 2025.

The increase recorded in CWAC was due to a increase in Chester LPU only (+77 incidents, +10%), the increase recorded here was offset by a large reduction in Ellesmere Port (-43 incidents, -14%). Clusters within these LPUs recorded the largest volume increases (Chester City; +54 incidents, +14%) and decreases (Ellesmere Port West & Neston; -26 incidents, -16%) across the area; Northwich South however recorded a larger percentage reduction (-18%, -19 incidents). An increase in Winsford (+26 incidents, +19%) resulted in this cluster recording the 2nd largest demand in 2025, whereas in 2024 they recorded the 4th lowest.

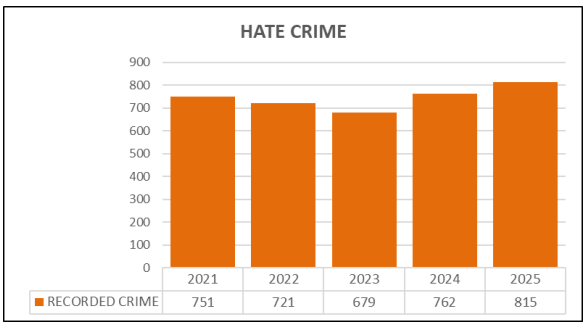
Beat Team Cluster	Alcohol related incidents			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**799**	**876**	**77**	**10%**
Chester City	381	435	**54**	**14%**
Chester North	133	140	**7**	**5%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	148	160	**12**	**8%**
Chester South	137	141	**4**	**3%**
Ellesmere Port	**302**	**259**	**-43**	**-14%**
Ellesmere Port East	143	126	**-17**	**-12%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	159	133	**-26**	**-16%**
Northwich	**402**	**394**	**-8**	**-2%**
Northwich North	157	142	**-15**	**-10%**
Northwich South	106	87	**-19**	**-18%**
Winsford	139	165	**26**	**19%**
Total	**1503**	**1529**	**26**	**2%**

Hate Crime and Hate Incidents

Hate Crime

In 2025, Hate Crimes across CWAC recorded a 7% increase (+53 offences, 815 total offences), this increase was similar to that recorded at Force level and was the 2nd consecutive increase following a dip in 2023. The rate per 1,000 population for CWAC remained stable at 2.2 (vs Force rate; 2.1).

Local Authority	Hate Crime			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	460	522	62	13%
Halton	313	330	17	5%
Cheshire West and Chester	**762**	**815**	**53**	**7%**
Cheshire East	743	747	4	1%
Force	**2289**	**2429**	140	6%



Volumes of Hate Crimes in CWAC increased each month from January leading to a peak in July, this was followed by reducing volumes each month. The peak month for CWAC is the same as the Force and is similar to 2024 where volumes peaked in August.

The top two most recorded offence types for Hate Crimes were 'Public fear, alarm of distress' (inclusive or racially or religiously aggravated) (55.7%, 454 offences) and 'Harassment' (inclusive or

racially or religiously aggravated) (18.7%, 152 offences). Of note, 'Public Order' offences recorded an increase from the previous year (+24%, +87 offences).

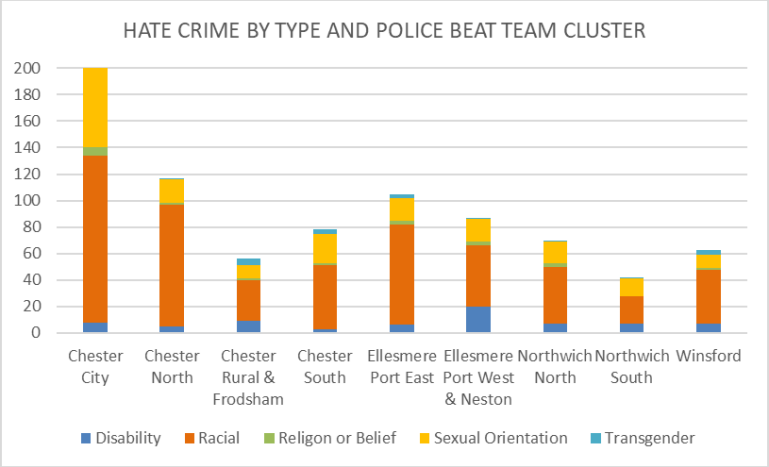
Comparison of the profile[35] of Hate Crimes in CWAC and the Force shows they are mostly the same. The proportions when compared to 2024 however have changed with a reduction recorded in the Disability Hate Crimes (13% in 2024) and an increase in Racial Hate Crimes (59% in 2024) (2024 proportions; Religion or Belief; 6%, Sexual orientation; 19% & Transgender; 3%).

Hate Crime Type	Cheshire West and Chester	Force
Disability	9%	10%
Racial	63%	63%
Religon or Belief	2%	3%
Sexual Orientation	22%	20%
Transgender	4%	3%

The peak month for Racial, Sexual Orientation and Transgender Hate Crimes aligned with all Hate Crime (July), however for Disability and Religion or belief offences the peak month was September.

The overall profile also applies when looking at the flags by LPU, when compared to each LPUs overall volumes, Ellesmere Port recorded the largest proportion of Disability (14%) and Religion or Belief (3%) offences and alongside Chester LPU had 64% of offences recorded as the Racial type. Lastly Chester LPU recorded the largest proportion of Sexual Orientation (24%) and Transgender (4%) offences.

When looking at Hate Crime flags by BTC (see below chart), the same profile is also present.



The overall profile across the clusters has not changed from 2024, there has however been some proportional changes mostly recorded in Chester North (Disability; -14pp, 4% vs 18%, -13 offences & Racial; +25pp, 79% vs 54%, +37 offences), Northwich North (Sexual Orientation; +10pp, 23% vs 13%, +7 offences) and Northwich South (Racial; 50% vs 27%, +11 offences).

Volumes broken down by LPU shows most of the increase was recorded in Ellesmere Port (+33 offences, +21%), Ellesmere Port East within this LPU recorded the largest cluster increase (+27 offences, +35%) resulting in recording the 3rd largest volumes in 2025 (vs 5th largest in 2024). Despite the overall increase, Northwich LPU recorded a reduction (-9 offences, -5%), with Winsford recording

[35] A Hate Crime can fall into more than one Hate Crime category, which accounts for some of the difference in the total numbers by type of Hate Crime. Hate Crime is subcategorised as Racial, Disability, Religion or Belief, Sexual Orientation and Transgender.

the largest cluster reduction (-18 offences, -22%) resulting in recording the 3rd lowest volumes in 2025 (vs 3rd highest in 2024).

Beat Team Cluster	Hate Crimes			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**424**	**453**	**29**	**7%**
Chester City	186	204	**18**	**10%**
Chester North	100	119	**19**	**19%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	65	55	**-10**	**-15%**
Chester South	73	75	**2**	**3%**
Ellesmere Port	**155**	**188**	**33**	**21%**
Ellesmere Port East	77	104	**27**	**35%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	78	84	**6**	**8%**
Northwich	**183**	**174**	**-9**	**-5%**
Northwich North	66	68	**2**	**3%**
Northwich South	35	42	**7**	**20%**
Winsford	82	64	**-18**	**-22%**
Total	**762**	**815**	**53**	**7%**

Of the relationship types associated with Hate crimes across CWAC, most had 'Stranger' relationships (52.5%), followed by 'Acquaintance' relationships (27.4%). This was also true for most Hate Crime types, with the exception of 'Disability' Hate crimes where the proportion of 'Acquaintance' relationships were higher.

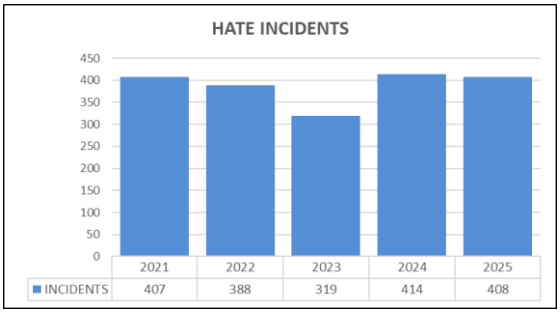
Demographic information for offenders of Hate Crime is as follows[36]:

- 73% Male, 29% Female
- 17% aged 17 years old or Under (71% Male, 34% Female)
- Similar proportions of offenders were aged between 25 to 34 (20%) and 35 to 44 (23%) years old (Gender split for combined age groups; 75% Male, 26% Female)

Hate incidents

Hate incidents across CWAC reduced in 2025 at a small rate of 1% (-6 incidents, 408 total incidents), 2025 volumes are still however the 2nd largest across the 5 years. This was the only reduction when compared across the Force, albeit the change was minimal. The rate per 1,000 population in CWAC has remained at 1.1 which is slightly below the Force rate of 1.2.

Local Authority	Hate incidents			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	245	284	39	16%
Halton	172	206	34	20%
Cheshire West and Chester	**414**	**408**	**-6**	**-1%**
Cheshire East	389	408	19	5%
Force	**1236**	**1324**	88	7%



Volumes of Hate incidents were highest in August, July & March, this trend continuing from the previous year. Force volumes also peak during the July to September period.

The below table shows that Ellesmere Port was the only LPU to record an increase (+7 incidents, +9%), Ellesmere Port East recorded the largest increase across the clusters (+13 incidents, +32%) resulting in recording the 2nd largest volumes in 2025 (vs 5th largest in 2024). Northwich LPU recorded the largest

[36] See appendix for caveats regarding use of Demographic Information

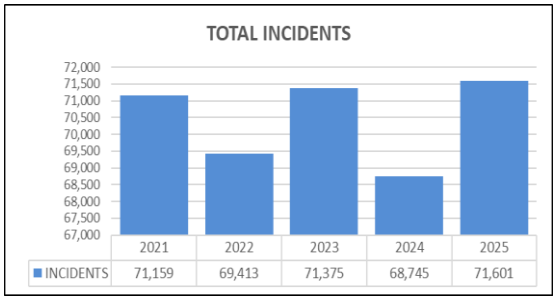
reduction (-8 incidents, -7%) with the Northwich South and Winsford clusters reducing by 7 incidents each, the percentage reduction in Northwich South was however larger (-33% vs -13%).

Beat Team Cluster	Hate incidents			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**227**	**222**	**-5**	**-2%**
Chester City	102	100	**-2**	**-2%**
Chester North	49	50	**1**	**2%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	30	31	**1**	**3%**
Chester South	46	41	**-5**	**-11%**
Ellesmere Port	**80**	**87**	**7**	**9%**
Ellesmere Port East	41	54	**13**	**32%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	39	33	**-6**	**-15%**
Northwich	**107**	**99**	**-8**	**-7%**
Northwich North	34	40	**6**	**18%**
Northwich South	21	14	**-7**	**-33%**
Winsford	52	45	**-7**	**-13%**
Total	**414**	**408**	**-6**	**-1%**

All Incidents

In 2025 there was a 4% increase (+2,856 incidents, 71,601 total incidents) in all incidents recorded across CWAC, this was the largest increase when compared across the Force. The rate per 1,000 population figure for all incidents is smaller in CWAC (192.7) than the Force (207.4). Compared over the 5 year period, volumes in 2025 were the highest.

Local Authority	All incidents			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	43455	42934	-521	-1%
Halton	29680	28509	-1171	-4%
Cheshire West and Chester	**68745**	**71601**	**2856**	**4%**
Cheshire East	74565	75526	961	1%
Force	**256807**	**236451**	-20356	-8%



Looking at the type of incidents[37] recorded in CWAC in 2025 highlighted the following;

- 12% (8,547) were 'Traffic' incidents (+2.8%/+231 incidents)
- 11% (7,637) were 'Concern for safety' incidents (+13.9%/+934 incidents)
- 10% (7,440) were 'Domestic' incidents (+11%/+707 incidents)
- 4% (3,104) were 'ASB' incidents (-7%/-231 incidents)
- 4% (2,749) were 'RTC' incidents (+1%/+26 incidents)
- 3% (2,487) were 'Misper' incidents (+0.4%/+11 incidents)
- 2% (1,508) were 'Mental Health' incidents (-5%/-76 incidents)
- 2% (1,318) were 'Public Order' incidents (-3%/-39 incidents)

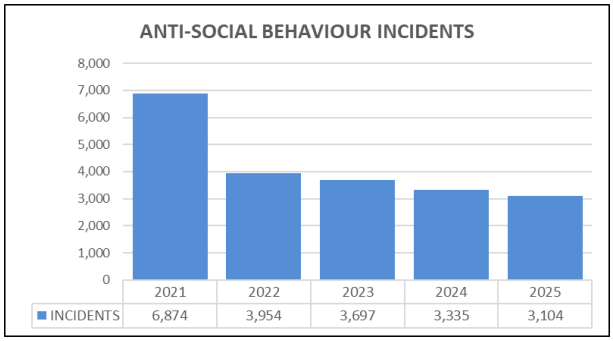
Incident volumes increased in each LPU across CWAC, mostly in Chester (+7%, +2,341 incidents) and the Chester North cluster (+16%, +1,195 incidents). Increases were recorded across most of the remaining clusters, the exceptions being Winsford (-2%, -161 incidents), Ellesmere Port West & Neston (-1%, -61 incidents) and Northwich North (-0.4%, -22 incidents).

[37] Categorised through closing group.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Incidents

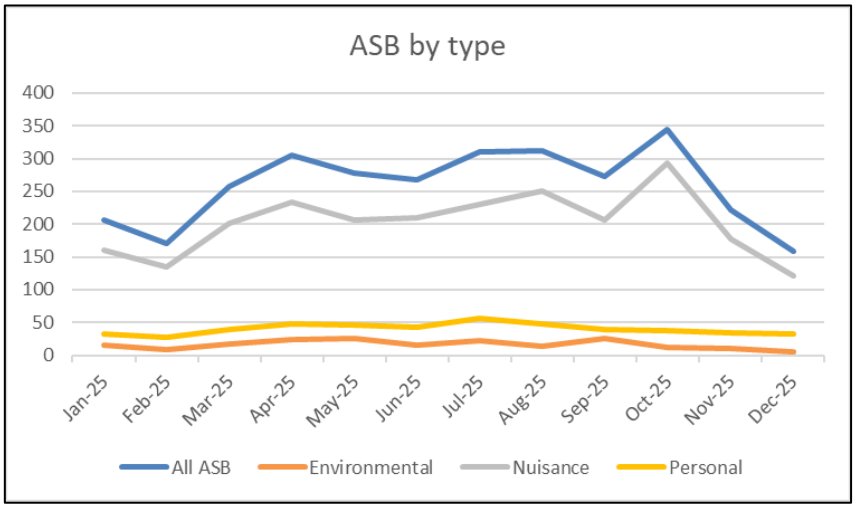
Volumes of ASB incidents across CWAC reduced for the 5th consecutive year in 2025 (-7%, -231 incidents/3,104 total incidents), this was the smallest reduction across the Force. Rate per 1,000 population figures also reduced in 2025 (8.4), they are however now higher than the Force rate (8.1) whereas in 2024 they were slightly lower (9.0 vs 9.1 Force).

Local Authority	ASB incidents			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	1796	1599	-197	-11%
Halton	1773	1528	-245	-14%
Cheshire West and Chester	**3335**	**3104**	**-231**	**-7%**
Cheshire East	3429	2954	-475	-14%
Force	**10422**	**9290**	-1132	-11%



Of the subcategories of ASB, a reduction was also recorded in 'Nuisance ASB' (-7%, -196 incidents) and 'Personal ASB' (-10%, -52 incidents) however a slight increase was recorded in 'Environmental ASB' (+9%, +17 incidents); demand was highest for Nuisance ASB (78%, 2,423 incidents vs 16%, 484 incidents for Personal ASB & 6%, 197 incidents for Environmental ASB).

Volumes of ASB throughout 2025 were highest in October, July and August, this trend was also seen in the previous year and at Force level. The month of October in particular is addressed by Force operations, such as Op Treacle, which was created to tackle the increased demand around Halloween/'Mischief night'. Rate per day analysis confirms these peak months, with the highest in October (11) (August; 10 & July; 10), April is also highlighted as a peak month with a similar rate per day (10). Similar trends are present in each of the ASB subtypes and can be seen below.



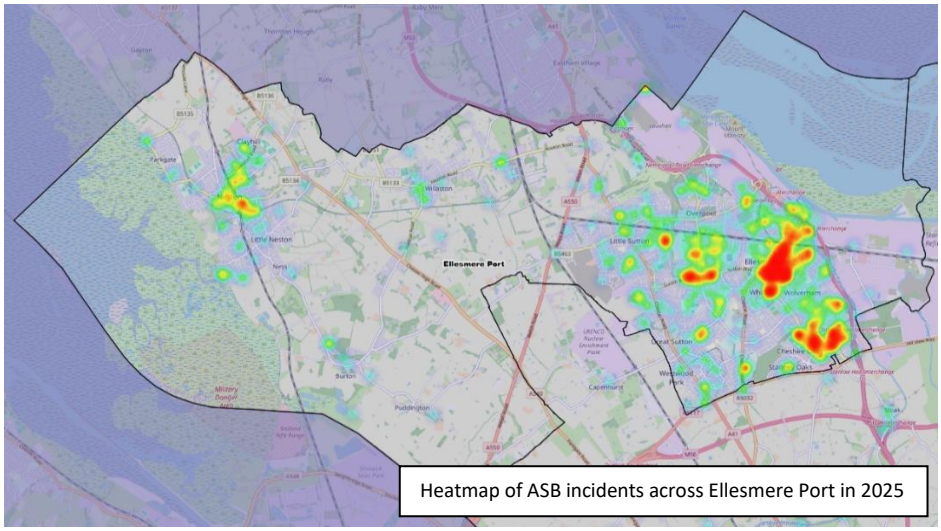
Monthly demand of all ASB incidents throughout the year by LPU and BTC can be seen below, the peak demand months mostly align with that seen for the whole CSP.

Beat Team Cluster	INCIDENT VOLUMES													
	2025-01	2025-02	2025-03	2025-04	2025-05	2025-06	2025-07	2025-08	2025-09	2025-10	2025-11	2025-12	Incident total	%
	78	**86**	**102**	**138**	**146**	**137**	**152**	**147**	**109**	**108**	**93**	**74**	**1370**	**44%**
Chester City	37	38	45	35	52	56	49	73	35	38	29	33	**520**	**17%**
Chester North	12	13	17	39	35	20	38	27	16	23	18	12	**270**	**9%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	13	18	24	36	33	30	30	24	26	22	25	14	**295**	**10%**
Chester South	16	17	16	28	26	31	35	23	32	25	21	15	**285**	**9%**
	61	**41**	**69**	**68**	**51**	**54**	**52**	**67**	**61**	**96**	**38**	**39**	**697**	**22%**
Ellesmere Port East	39	27	43	27	20	24	28	44	31	63	22	21	**389**	**13%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	22	14	26	41	31	30	24	23	30	33	16	18	**308**	**10%**
	68	**43**	**86**	**99**	**81**	**76**	**106**	**98**	**103**	**140**	**91**	**46**	**1037**	**33%**
Northwich North	23	9	25	33	23	26	34	48	38	38	33	17	**347**	**11%**
Northwich South	18	12	30	21	23	29	33	17	20	25	17	7	**252**	**8%**
Winsford	27	22	31	45	35	21	39	33	45	77	41	22	**438**	**14%**
Grand Total	**207**	**170**	**257**	**305**	**278**	**267**	**310**	**312**	**273**	**344**	**222**	**159**	**3104**	**100%**

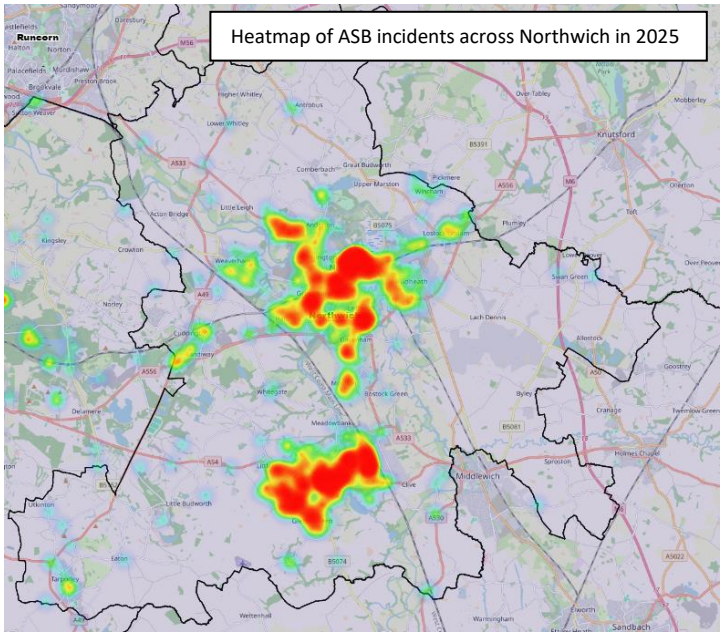
Throughout CWAC a reduction was recorded in each LPU, most notably Ellesmere Port recorded a reduction of 11% (-89 incidents), Chester LPU however recorded a larger volume reduction (-110 incidents, -7%). Most clusters also recorded a reduction in 2025, the largest volume change was in Chester City (-77 incidents, -13%) with the largest percentage change being in Ellesmere Port East (-72 incidents, -16%). Three clusters recorded an increase with Northwich South recording the largest (+25 incidents, +11%), smaller increases were seen in Chester South (+7 incidents, +3%) and Chester North (+2 incidents, +1%).

Beat Team Cluster	All ASB incidents			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**1480**	**1370**	**-110**	**-7%**
Chester City	597	520	**-77**	**-13%**
Chester North	268	270	**2**	**1%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	337	295	**-42**	**-12%**
Chester South	278	285	**7**	**3%**
Ellesmere Port	**786**	**697**	**-89**	**-11%**
Ellesmere Port East	461	389	**-72**	**-16%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	325	308	**-17**	**-5%**
Northwich	**1069**	**1037**	**-32**	**-3%**
Northwich North	370	347	**-23**	**-6%**
Northwich South	227	252	**25**	**11%**
Winsford	472	438	**-34**	**-7%**
Total	**3335**	**3104**	**-231**	**-7%**

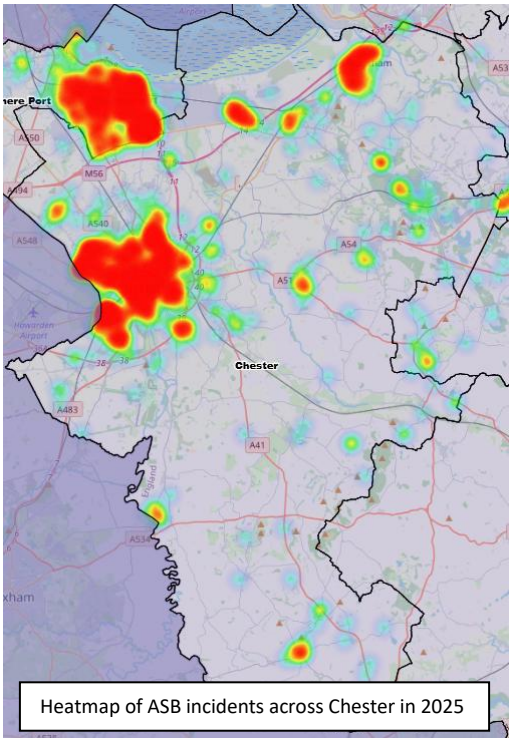
Below shows a heat map of ASB incidents in CWAC, split by LPU across 2025, red indicates higher volumes whereas light green indicates lower volumes.



Heatmap of ASB incidents across Ellesmere Port in 2025



Heatmap of ASB incidents across Northwich in 2025



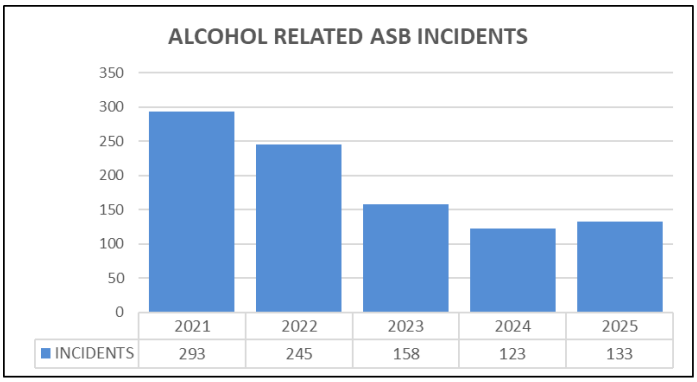
Heatmap of ASB incidents across Chester in 2025

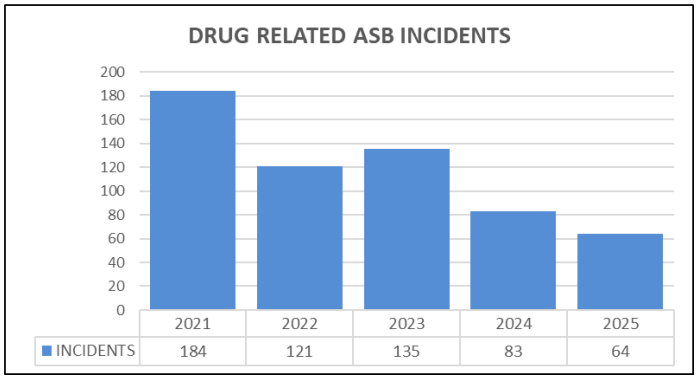
Alcohol & Drug related Anti-social Behaviour

Of the qualifiers that can be added to ASB incidents, 4.3% (133 incidents) were Alcohol-related[38] and 2.1% (64 incidents) were Drug-related[39] across CWAC in 2025. An increase in 2025 was recorded to Alcohol related ASB (+10 incidents, +8%), however for Drug related ASB there was a reduction (-19 incidents, -23%). Rate per 1,000 population figures in CWAC were the same as Force figures for Drug related ASB (0.2) however for Alcohol related ASB they were slightly larger (0.4 vs 0.3 Force). When compared across the Force CWAC was the only CSP to record an increase in Alcohol related ASB, for Drug related ASB there was a reduction recorded across all.

Local Authority	Alcohol related ASB incidents			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	77	55	-22	-29%
Halton	29	20	-9	-31%
Cheshire West and Chester	**123**	**133**	**10**	**8%**
Cheshire East	117	89	-28	-24%
Force	**349**	**299**	-50	-14%

Local Authority	Drug related ASB incidents			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	37	22	-15	-41%
Halton	37	31	-6	-16%
Cheshire West and Chester	**83**	**64**	**-19**	**-23%**
Cheshire East	78	57	-21	-27%
Force	**236**	**176**	-60	-25%





Throughout the year, Alcohol related ASB peaks in August in both CWAC and the Force, whereas for Drug related ASB the peak month for both was July.

For Alcohol related ASB the largest increase was recorded in Chester LPU (+15 incidents, +20%), specifically in the Chester North BTC (+10 incidents, +250%). Little change was recorded in Ellesmere Port LPU (+1 incident, +6%) and Northwich recorded a reduction (-6 incidents, -20%), the largest was in Northwich North (-7 incidents, -37%). For Drug related ASB all LPUs recorded a reduction with Northwich recording the largest (-11 incidents, -46%), BTC changes show a reduction in all but Chester South (+3 incidents, +38%) and Ellesmere Port West & Neston (+/-0 incidents, +/-0%).

Youth related Anti-social Behaviour

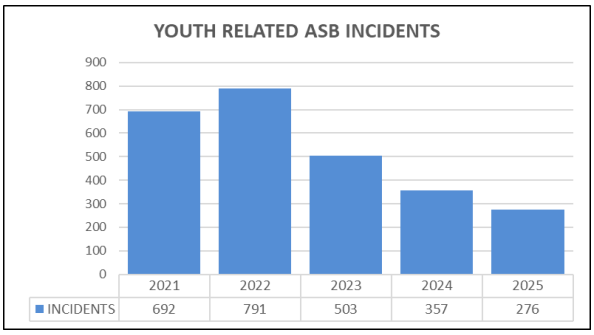
8.9% (276 incidents) of ASB incidents were also Youth related[40], these incidents recorded a 23% reduction (-81 incidents) in 2025 which was the largest volume reduction across Cheshire's CSPs and resulted in the lowest volumes over the 5 year period. The rate per 1,000 population figure in CWAC (0.7) is similar to the Force (0.8).

[38] This relies on the call taker adding the "QAL: ALCOHOL - WHERE CONSUMPTION HAS HAD AN IMPACT" qualifier to the incident. True numbers could be higher or lower than what is recorded.

[39] This relies on the call taker adding the "QDR: DRUGS - LEGAL OR ILLEGAL OR SUSPECTED" qualifier to the incident. True numbers could be higher or lower than what is recorded.

[40] Youth related Anti-Social Behaviour relies on a 'Youth related' flag being added to the incident by the call taker and can be subjective, true numbers could be smaller or larger than what is reported.

Local Authority	Youth related ASB incidents			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	204	145	-59	-29%
Halton	247	200	-47	-19%
Cheshire West and Chester	**357**	**276**	**-81**	**-23%**
Cheshire East	313	282	-31	-10%
Force	**1128**	**908**	-220	-20%



Peak demand months of Youth related ASB match those for all ASB and were October, July & August, this matches peaks at for Force level.

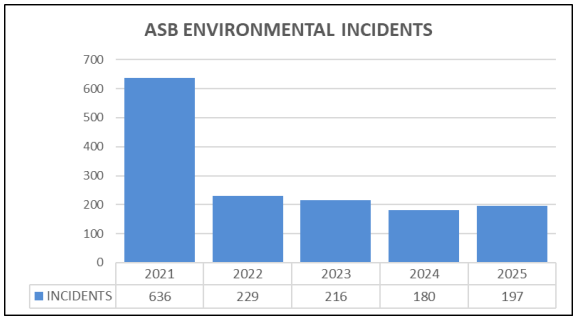
A reduction was recorded in each LPU across CWAC, Chester LPU (-57 incidents, -38%) recorded the largest which resulted in Northwich LPU recording the highest volumes in 2025. Reductions were also recorded across most clusters, most notably in Chester City (-30 incidents, -57%). Two small increases were recorded in Ellesmere Port West & Neston (+4 incidents, +33%) and Northwich South (+3 incidents, +11%).

Beat Team Cluster	Youth related ASB incidents			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**150**	**93**	**-57**	**-38%**
Chester City	53	23	**-30**	**-57%**
Chester North	42	32	**-10**	**-24%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	34	22	**-12**	**-35%**
Chester South	21	16	**-5**	**-24%**
Ellesmere Port	**68**	**61**	**-7**	**-10%**
Ellesmere Port East	56	45	**-11**	**-20%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	12	16	**4**	**33%**
Northwich	**139**	**122**	**-17**	**-12%**
Northwich North	50	31	**-19**	**-38%**
Northwich South	27	30	**3**	**11%**
Winsford	62	61	**-1**	**-2%**
Total	**357**	**276**	**-81**	**-23%**

Environmental (Police) ASB incidents

Opposite to the trend recorded for all ASB, Environmental ASB recorded an increase in 2025 (+9%, +17 incidents/197 total incidents) which was the first increase following 4 consecutive reductions. The rate per 1,000 population figure in CWAC has not changed despite the volume increase and is slightly lower than the Force rate (0.5 vs 0.6 Force). The increase in CWAC follows the trend recorded at Force level.

Local Authority	Environmental ASB incidents			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	139	145	6	4%
Halton	83	104	21	25%
Cheshire West and Chester	**180**	**197**	**17**	**9%**
Cheshire East	198	193	-5	-3%
Force	**606**	**647**	41	7%



Volumes of Environmental ASB across CWAC and the Force peak in April & May, with September being an additional high volume month in CWAC; all 3 LPUs reflect increased volumes during these months.

Monthly demand of Environmental ASB broken down by LPU and BTC can be seen below, peak demand months mostly align with those for the whole CSP.

Beat Team Cluster	INCIDENT VOLUMES													
	2025-01	2025-02	2025-03	2025-04	2025-05	2025-06	2025-07	2025-08	2025-09	2025-10	2025-11	2025-12	Incident total	%
Chester	**8**	**3**	**8**	**10**	**16**	**7**	**13**	**11**	**9**	**4**	**2**	**5**	**96**	**49%**
Chester City	3	1		3	5	2	3	6	3	2		3	**31**	**16%**
Chester North	1	1	4	3	4		6	1	1		1	1	**23**	**12%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham			4	3	3	4	2	2	3		1		**22**	**11%**
Chester South	4	1		1	4	1	2	2	2	2		1	**20**	**10%**
Ellesmere Port	**3**	**5**	**5**	**6**	**5**	**4**	**3**	**3**	**10**	**4**	**1**	**0**	**49**	**25%**
Ellesmere Port East	1	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	4	1		**24**	**12%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	2	2	2	3	2	2	1	2	9				**25**	**13%**
Northwich	**4**	**0**	**4**	**8**	**5**	**5**	**7**	**0**	**7**	**4**	**7**	**1**	**52**	**26%**
Northwich North	2		1	2	4		1		2	2	1	1	**16**	**8%**
Northwich South	1		2	4	1	1	3		3	1			**16**	**8%**
Winsford	1		1	2		4	3		2	1	6		**20**	**10%**
Grand Total	**15**	**8**	**17**	**24**	**26**	**16**	**23**	**14**	**26**	**12**	**10**	**6**	**197**	**100%**

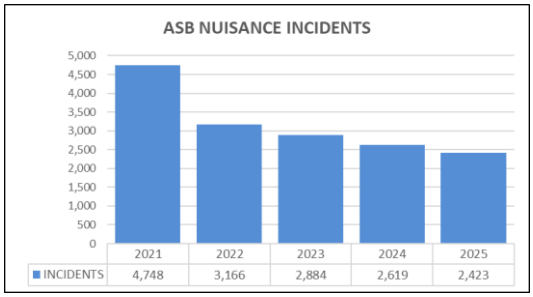
Despite an increase recorded for CWAC as a whole, a slight reduction was recorded in Northwich (-9 incidents, -15%), specifically the Winsford BTC (-13 incidents, -39%) recorded the largest reduction and the 2nd smallest volumes in 2025, a reduction from highest in 2024. These reductions reversed the increase recorded in Chester LPU (+16 offences, +20%) and the Chester City cluster (+13 incidents, +72%), this cluster recorded the highest volumes in 2025, an increase from 3rd lowest in 2024.

Beat Team Cluster	Environmental ASB			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**80**	**96**	**16**	**20%**
Chester City	18	31	**13**	**72%**
Chester North	18	23	**5**	**28%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	26	22	**-4**	**-15%**
Chester South	18	20	**2**	**11%**
Ellesmere Port	**39**	**49**	**10**	**26%**
Ellesmere Port East	15	24	**9**	**60%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	24	25	**1**	**4%**
Northwich	**61**	**52**	**-9**	**-15%**
Northwich North	18	16	**-2**	**-11%**
Northwich South	10	16	**6**	**60%**
Winsford	33	20	**-13**	**-39%**
Total	**180**	**197**	**17**	**9%**

Nuisance (Police) ASB incidents

A reduction to volumes of Nuisance ASB incidents was recorded across CWAC in 2025 resulting in the lowest volumes over the 5 year period (-7%, -196 incidents/2,423 total incidents). A reduction in the rate per 1,000 population also recorded (-0.5), it was still higher than the rate for the Force (6.5 vs 6.2 Force). When compared across the LAs, CWAC recorded the smallest percentage reduction.

Local Authority	Nuisance ASB incidents			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	1269	1134	-135	-11%
Halton	1381	1196	-185	-13%
Cheshire West and Chester	**2619**	**2423**	**-196**	**-7%**
Cheshire East	2508	2250	-258	-10%
Force	**7843**	**7078**	-765	-10%



The highest demand months for Nuisance ASB match those for all ASB and those at Force level, these were October, August & July, with the addition to April in CWAC.

Monthly demand of Personal ASB incidents broken down by LPU and BTC can be seen below, peak demand months mostly align with those for the whole CSP.

Beat Team Cluster	INCIDENT VOLUMES													
	2025-01	2025-02	2025-03	2025-04	2025-05	2025-06	2025-07	2025-08	2025-09	2025-10	2025-11	2025-12	Incident total	%
Chester	**55**	**69**	**79**	**105**	**110**	**110**	**108**	**110**	**84**	**88**	**79**	**56**	**1053**	**43%**
Chester City	28	29	40	29	40	47	39	59	27	31	28	25	**422**	**17%**
Chester North	10	10	11	30	28	14	23	20	11	19	14	9	**199**	**8%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	8	17	16	25	23	23	22	15	18	19	21	11	**218**	**9%**
Chester South	9	13	12	21	19	26	24	16	28	19	16	11	**214**	**9%**
Ellesmere Port	**53**	**33**	**52**	**56**	**29**	**38**	**41**	**53**	**40**	**82**	**31**	**29**	**537**	**22%**
Ellesmere Port East	36	22	34	21	11	20	22	38	21	55	17	16	**313**	**13%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	17	11	18	35	18	18	19	15	19	27	14	13	**224**	**9%**
Northwich	**52**	**32**	**70**	**72**	**67**	**61**	**81**	**87**	**83**	**124**	**68**	**36**	**833**	**34%**
Northwich North	16	6	20	24	17	22	29	44	30	33	25	12	**278**	**11%**
Northwich South	13	11	25	12	18	25	22	13	15	23	14	5	**196**	**8%**
Winsford	23	15	25	36	32	14	30	30	38	68	29	19	**359**	**15%**
Grand Total	**160**	**134**	**201**	**233**	**206**	**209**	**230**	**250**	**207**	**294**	**178**	**121**	**2423**	**100%**

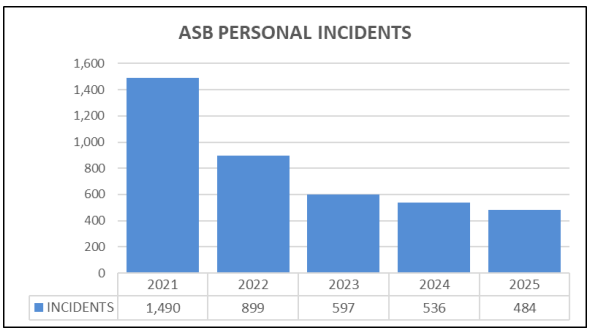
Looking at changes throughout the smaller areas shows that Ellesmere Port LPU recorded the largest percentage reduction (-84 incidents, -14%), Chester LPU however recorded a larger volume reduction (-112 incidents, -10%). Northwich LPU recorded no change in 2025 due to conflicting changes in Northwich North (-10%) and Northwich South (+17%). Of the BTCs, Chester City (-78 incidents) and Ellesmere Port East (-59 incidents) both recorded the largest reductions of 16%.

Beat Team Cluster	Nuisance ASB			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**1165**	**1053**	**-112**	**-10%**
Chester City	500	422	**-78**	**-16%**
Chester North	203	199	**-4**	**-2%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	253	218	**-35**	**-14%**
Chester South	209	214	**5**	**2%**
Ellesmere Port	**621**	**537**	**-84**	**-14%**
Ellesmere Port East	372	313	**-59**	**-16%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	249	224	**-25**	**-10%**
Northwich	**833**	**833**	**0**	**0%**
Northwich North	309	278	**-31**	**-10%**
Northwich South	168	196	**28**	**17%**
Winsford	356	359	**3**	**1%**
Total	**2619**	**2423**	**-196**	**-7%**

Personal (Police) ASB incidents

Personal ASB volumes continued to reduce in 2025 (-10%, -52 incidents/484 total incidents), compared over the 5 year period these were the lowest volumes recorded. The rate per 1,000 population for Personal ASB in CWAC and the Force were similar (1.3 vs 1.4 Force). The reduction in CWAC was the smallest across the CSPs and half that recorded at Force level.

Local Authority	Personal ASB incidents			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Warrington	388	320	-68	-18%
Halton	309	228	-81	-26%
Cheshire West and Chester	**536**	**484**	**-52**	**-10%**
Cheshire East	723	511	-212	-29%
Force	**1973**	**1565**	-408	-21%



Demand for Personal ASB was highest in July, August & April, this matches the peak months for all ASB and is reflected in Force volumes.

Monthly demand of Personal ASB incidents broken down by LPU and BTC can be seen below, peak demand months mostly align with those for the whole CSP.

Beat Team Cluster	INCIDENT VOLUMES													
	2025-01	2025-02	2025-03	2025-04	2025-05	2025-06	2025-07	2025-08	2025-09	2025-10	2025-11	2025-12	Incident total	%
Chester	**15**	**14**	**15**	**23**	**20**	**20**	**31**	**26**	**16**	**16**	**12**	**13**	**221**	**46%**
Chester City	6	8	5	3	7	7	7	8	5	5	1	5	**67**	**14%**
Chester North	1	2	2	6	3	6	9	6	4	4	3	2	**48**	**10%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	5	1	4	8	7	3	6	7	5	3	3	3	**55**	**11%**
Chester South	3	3	4	6	3	4	9	5	2	4	5	3	**51**	**11%**
Ellesmere Port	**5**	**3**	**12**	**6**	**17**	**12**	**8**	**11**	**11**	**10**	**6**	**10**	**111**	**23%**
Ellesmere Port East	2	2	6	3	6	2	4	5	9	4	4	5	**52**	**11%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	3	1	6	3	11	10	4	6	2	6	2	5	**59**	**12%**
Northwich	**12**	**11**	**12**	**19**	**9**	**10**	**18**	**11**	**13**	**12**	**16**	**9**	**152**	**31%**
Northwich North	5	3	4	7	2	4	4	4	6	3	7	4	**53**	**11%**
Northwich South	4	1	3	5	4	3	8	4	2	1	3	2	**40**	**8%**
Winsford	3	7	5	7	3	3	6	3	5	8	6	3	**59**	**12%**
Grand Total	**32**	**28**	**39**	**48**	**46**	**42**	**57**	**48**	**40**	**38**	**34**	**32**	**484**	**100%**

The reduction in CWAC was reflected in each LPU, Northwich recorded the largest (-23 incidents, -13%) with the Winsford BTC within recording the largest cluster level reduction (-24 incidents, -29%) and Northwich North recording the largest cluster increase (+10 incidents, +23%).

Beat Team Cluster	Personal ASB			
	2024	2025	Change	% Change
Chester	**235**	**221**	**-14**	**-6%**
Chester City	79	67	**-12**	**-15%**
Chester North	47	48	**1**	**2%**
Chester Rural & Frodsham	58	55	**-3**	**-5%**
Chester South	51	51	**0**	**0%**
Ellesmere Port	**126**	**111**	**-15**	**-12%**
Ellesmere Port East	74	52	**-22**	**-30%**
Ellesmere Port West & Neston	52	59	**7**	**13%**
Northwich	**175**	**152**	**-23**	**-13%**
Northwich North	43	53	**10**	**23%**
Northwich South	49	40	**-9**	**-18%**
Winsford	83	59	**-24**	**-29%**
Total	**536**	**484**	**-52**	**-10%**

Appendix/Definitions

Demographic Information data caveats:

- Age is based on age at time of occurrence
- Proportions may not match due to multiple offenders per occurrence in some instances, all offenders will be counted individually however proportions are against count of occurrence (e.g. 10 occurrences however there were 8 Male (80%) and 4 Female (40%) offenders linked)
- Proportions are based on when information (gender & age) has been provided, where no gender or age is present these volumes are not counted

Cyber-crime definition:

There are four areas of cyber related criminality, the College of Policing has developed the 'Cyber Spectrum' to assist in the understanding of these relatively new terms. More serious offences are weighted towards National or Regional units, however with the ever-increasing number of crimes, there is a likelihood that more will be dealt with at the local level. The four areas are defined as:

1. Cyber Dependent Crime – crimes that can only be committed using ICT devices, where the devices are both the tool for committing the crime and the target of the crime.
2. Cyber Enabled Crime – crimes that may be committed without ICT devices, such as financial fraud, but are changed significantly by use of ICT in terms of scale and reach.
3. Internet Facilitated Crime – traditional crimes where the internet and digital devices are a component in the facilitation of the crime.
4. Crime with a Digital Footprint – the trial of data left behind by users of digital services through device signature and online

Domestic Abuse definition:

Domestic Abuse is identified as following on Cheshire Constabulary systems:

- Domestic related offences – a NICL qualifier flag has been added to say the offence is domestic related. This flag can be applied to any Home Office offence or where the victim / offender relationship has been identified by the officer as 'domestic related'. Both parties must be over the age of 16 years old.
- Domestic related Violence with Injury – a NICL qualifier flag has been added to any offence within the Violence with Injury group as identified by the Home Office (see list below) or where the victim / offender relationship has been identified by the officer as 'domestic related':
    - Attempted murder
    - Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking
    - Intentional destruction of a viable unborn child
    - Causing death by dangerous driving
    - Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs
    - Causing or allowing the death of a child or vulnerable person
    - Causing death or serious injury by driving unlicensed, disqualified or uninsured
    - Assault with intent to cause serious harm
    - Endangering life
    - Assault with injury
    - Racially or Religiously aggravated assault with injury

Knife Crime definition:

Knife Crime includes offences with 'Sharp instrument' and 'Bladed implement' selected as used during the crime for any of the following offence types;

- 1 - Murder
- 2 - Attempted murder
- 3B – Threats to kill.
- 4/1 - Manslaughter
- 4/2 - Infanticide
- 4/10 - Corporate manslaughter
- 5D - Assault with Intent to cause Serious Harm
- 8N - Assault with Injury
- 8P - Racially or Religiously Aggravated Assault with injury
- 8S - Assault with Injury on a Constable
- 10C - Possession of other weapons
- 10D - Possession of article with blade or point
- 17A - Sexual assault on a male aged 13 and over
- 17B - Sexual assault on a male child under 13
- 19C - Rape of a female aged 16 and over
- 19D - Rape of a female child under 16
- 19E - Rape of a female child under 13
- 19F - Rape of a male aged 16 and over
- 19G - Rape of a male child under 16
- 19H - Rape of a male child under 13
- 20A- Sexual assault on a female aged 13 or over
- 20B - Sexual assault on a female child under 13
- 34A - Robbery of business property
- 34B - Robbery of personal property

Personal Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents definition:

'Personal' is designed to identify ASB incidents that the caller, call-handler or anyone else perceives as either deliberately targeted at an individual or group or having an impact on an individual or group rather than the community at large. It includes incidents that cause concern, stress, disquiet and/or irritation through to incidents which have a serious adverse impact on people's quality of life. At one extreme of the spectrum it includes minor annoyance; at the other end it could result in risk of harm, deterioration of health and disruption of mental or emotional well-being, resulting in an inability to carry out normal day to day activities through fear and intimidation.

Nuisance Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents definition:

'Nuisance' captures those incidents where an act, condition, thing or person causes trouble, annoyance, inconvenience, offence or suffering to the local community in general rather than to individual victims. It includes incidents where behaviour goes beyond the conventional bounds of acceptability and interferes with public interests including health, safety and quality of life. Just as individuals will have differing expectations and levels of tolerance so will communities have different ideas about what goes beyond tolerable or acceptable behaviour.

Environmental Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents definition:

'Environmental' deals with the interface between people and places. It includes incidents where individuals and groups have an impact on their surroundings including natural, built and social

environments. This category is about encouraging reasonable behaviour whilst managing and protecting the various environments so that people can enjoy their own private spaces as well as shared or public spaces. People's physical settings and surroundings are known to impact positively or negatively on mood and sense of well-being and a perception that nobody cares about the quality of a particular environment can cause those effected by that environment to feel undervalued or ignored. Public spaces change over time as a result of physical effects caused, for example, by building but the environment can also change as a result of the people using or misusing that space.

Crime -Table of Comparative Change 2024/25

The following table illustrates the percentage change in recorded crime compared to 2023 and whether or not this change is higher (green colour) or lower (red colour) than the change seen at Force level. Orange indicates the change in CWAC is opposite to that recorded at Force level and White indicated the change is equal.

RECORDED OFFENCES	CWaC Percentage change in 2025	FORCE Percentage change in 2025
Total Crime	-1%	-5%
Victim Based Crime	-2%	-6%
Violence Against Women & Girls	0%	-2%
Violence Against the Person	-1%	-3%
- Violence With Injury	-1%	-3%
- Violence Without Injury	0%	-2%
Stalking & Harassment HO group	-2%	-4%
- Stalking	-3%	-4%
- Harassment	-1%	-2%
- Controlling or Coercive behaviour	14%	5%
- Malicious Communications	-24%	-28%
Sexual Offences	4%	1%
- Rape	3%	0%
- Other Sexual Offences	4%	2%
- Child Sexual Abuse	-10%	-9%
Drug Offences	5%	13%
Possession of Weapons	4%	12%
Knife Crime	-15%	-10%
Alcohol Related Offences	2%	-4%
Drug related Offences	6%	6%
Domestic Abuse	-4%	-4%
Cyber Crime	3%	1%
Hate Crime	7%	6%
Serious Aqcuisitive crime	-2%	-8%
Robbery	5%	6%
- Personal Robbery	-14%	-16%
- Business Robbery	135%	188%
Burglary Offences	3%	-8%
- Residential Burglary	3%	-8%
- Business & Community Burglary	2%	-9%
Vehicle Crime	-10%	-7%
- Theft from a Motor Vehicle	6%	-8%
- Theft of a Motor Vehicle	-29%	-13%
- Vehicle interference	-13%	9%
Theft/Stolen goods HO group	-3%	-15%
- Shoplifting	7%	-16%
- Theft from the Person	-9%	-8%
- Bicycle Theft	-9%	-15%
- Other theft offences	-14%	-14%
Criminal Damage & Arson	-6%	-9%
Most Serious Violence	8%	12%
Public Order	3%	-8%
Public Space VWI	-3%	-2%
Licenced Premise VWI	4%	-1%

Incident -Table of Comparative Change 2024/25

The following table illustrates the percentage change in recorded crime compared to 2023 and whether or not this change is higher (green colour) or lower (red colour) than the change seen at Force level. Orange indicates the change in CWAC is opposite to that recorded at Force level and White indicated the change is equal.

INCIDENTS	CWaC Percentage change in 2025	FORCE Percentage change in 2025
Total Incidents	4%	-8%
Alcohol related incidents	2%	-7%
Drug related incidents	19%	13%
Domestic incidents	11%	13%
Anti-Social Behaviour	-7%	-11%
- Environmental ASB	9%	7%
- Personal ASB	-10%	-21%
- Nuisance ASB	-7%	-10%
- Youth related ASB	-23%	-20%
- Alcohol related ASB	8%	-14%
- Drug related ASB	-23%	-25%
Begging incidents	-75%	-63%
Hate incidents	-1%	7%
Mental Health incidents	-5%	-16%
Missing Persons incidents	0%	-9%
Public Order incidents	-3%	-8%

Roads -Table of Comparative Change 2024/25

The following table illustrates the percentage change in recorded crime compared to 2023 and whether or not this change is higher (green colour) or lower (red colour) than the change seen at Force level. Orange indicates the change in CWAC is opposite to that recorded at Force level and White indicated the change is equal.

ROAD TRAFFIC	CWaC Percentage change in 2025	FORCE Percentage change in 2025
- KSI Collisions	5%	15%
- KSI Casualties	1%	11%