

# Crime in England and Wales 2004/2005: West Midlands Region

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## CRIME BY REGION

Table 1: Recorded crime by region, 2004/05

	All recorded crime (No.)	Recorded crime rates per 1,000 population							
		All recorded crime (rates)	Violence against the person <sup>1</sup>	Robbery	Burglary	Theft and handling stolen goods	Theft of and from vehicles <sup>2</sup>	Criminal damage <sup>3</sup>	Drug offences <sup>4</sup>
North East Region	258,204	102	16	1	13	34	12	29	4
North West Region	780,105	115	21	2	15	39	15	28	4
Yorkshire & Humber Region	589,874	118	20	1	17	42	17	28	4
East Midlands Region	456,419	107	19	1	16	39	14	23	3
<b>West Midlands Region</b>	<b>533,243</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4</b>
East of England Region	481,963	88	16	1	10	33	11	20	3
London Region	1,023,806	139	27	5	14	56	18	18	6
South East Region	725,813	90	16	1	10	33	11	20	3
South West Region	445,622	89	17	1	11	33	11	19	3
Wales	267,642	91	18	<1	10	32	13	22	4
<b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b>	<b>5,562,691</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4</b>

Table 2: Percentage change in recorded crime rates by region, 2003/04 to 2004/05

	All recorded crime (No.)	% change in rates per 1,000 population							
		All recorded crime (rates)	Violence against the person <sup>1</sup>	Robbery	Burglary	Theft and handling stolen goods	Theft of and from vehicles <sup>2</sup>	Criminal damage <sup>3</sup>	Drug offences <sup>4</sup>
North East Region	-8	-9	1	-22	-19	-13	-17	-2	-14
North West Region	-5	-5	12	-17	-21	-9	-13	-1	-4
Yorkshire & Humber Region	-13	-14	8	-34	-28	-20	-26	-2	-7
East Midlands Region	-7	-8	7	-21	-19	-14	-21	<1	-4
<b>West Midlands Region</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>-22</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-10</b>
East of England Region	-5	-5	8	4	-16	-9	-16	-2	-2
London Region	-4	-5	8	-4	-4	-9	-15	-8	-1
South East Region	-1	-2	17	-12	-12	-7	-14	1	-4
South West Region	-3	-4	12	-22	-12	-9	-16	<1	-3
Wales	-7	-8	<1	-16	-16	-12	-16	-4	-5
<b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-5</b>

<sup>1</sup> Recorded violence against the person is made up of Home Office offence classes 1 to 8, 11 to 15, 37/1,104 and 105.

<sup>2</sup> Theft of and from vehicles is included within the more general category of theft and handling stolen goods.

<sup>3</sup> Criminal damage is made up of Home Office offence classes 56, 58A to 58H, and 59.

<sup>4</sup> Recorded drug offences include trafficking in controlled drugs (Home Office offence code 92A); possession of controlled drugs (92B); and other drug offences (92C).

**Table 3: Incidents and rates of crime by region, 2004/05 BCS**

	Burglary			All vehicle theft <sup>5</sup>			Violent crime <sup>6</sup>		
	No. of crimes ('000s)	Rate per 10,000	Change from 03/04 (rates)	No. of crimes ('000s)	Rate per 10,000	Change from 03/04 (rates)	No. of crimes ('000s)	Rate per 10,000	Change from 03/04 (rates)
North East Region	35	317		69	628		94	474	
North West Region	116	404		269	936		325	613	
Yorkshire & Humber Region	85	404	*↓	208	983		200	507	
East Midlands Region	59	332		128	723		178	531	
<b>West Midlands Region</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>336</b>		<b>177</b>	<b>810</b>		<b>273</b>	<b>655</b>	
East of England Region	52	227		154	668		203	471	*↓
London Region	138	426		370	1,144		321	556	*↓
South East Region	96	283	*↓	240	707	**↓	391	611	
South West Region	59	278		156	728		223	559	
Wales	29	239		87	713		139	599	
<b>ENGLAND AND WALES<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>756</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>**↓</b>	<b>1,886</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>**↓</b>	<b>2,412</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>*↓</b>

1. This table shows statistically significant differences between 2003/04 and 2004/05. For statistically significant differences from the England and Wales average, see the 'Patterns of Crime' chapter in the main publication (referenced on p.7).
2. Rates for burglary; vehicle thefts; and all household crime are calculated per 10,000 households. BCS violent crime rates and all personal crime rates are calculated per 10,000 population.

**Table 4: Incidents of personal and household crime by region, 2004/05 BCS**

	BCS household crime <sup>8</sup>			BCS personal crime <sup>9</sup>		
	No. of crimes ('000s)	Rate per 10,000	Change from 03/04 (rates)	No. of crimes ('000s)	Rate per 10,000	Change from 03/04 (rates)
North East Region	279	2,560		142	714	
North West Region	998	3,481		518	978	
Yorkshire & Humber Region	660	3,120	**↓	292	743	
East Midlands Region	509	2,863		325	968	
<b>West Midlands Region</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>2,971</b>		<b>397</b>	<b>954</b>	
East of England Region	581	2,527		339	784	**↓
London Region	1,031	3,184		611	1,058	**↓
South East Region	1,024	3,015		748	1,169	
South West Region	605	2,830		372	933	
Wales	316	2,608		204	879	
<b>ENGLAND AND WALES<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>6,792</b>	<b>2,978</b>	<b>**↓</b>	<b>4,058</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>**↓</b>

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**Table 5: Risk of personal and household crime by region, 2004/05 BCS**

	BCS household crime <sup>8</sup>		BCS personal crime <sup>9</sup>	
	% victimised once or more	Unweighted base	% victimised once or more	Unweighted base
North East Region	17 *	2,897	5 *	2,899
North West Region	21 **	5,433	7	5,439
Yorkshire & Humber Region	20 **	4,097	5 **	4,100
East Midlands Region	17 *	4,726	6	4,735
<b>West Midlands Region</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4,463</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4,468</b>
East of England Region	15 **	6,084	5 **	6,095
London Region	20 *	3,329	8 **	3,353
South East Region	19	5,270	8 **	5,286
South West Region	17	5,047	7	5,057
Wales	16 **	3,627	5 *	3,637
<b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>44,973</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>45,069</b>

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<sup>5</sup> Vehicle-related theft consists of theft or unauthorised taking of a vehicle; theft from a vehicle; and attempts.

<sup>6</sup> BCS violence consists of common assault; wounding; robbery; and snatch theft.

<sup>7</sup> Numbers of incidents at a regional level will not sum to the total for England and Wales. This is due to rounding and differences in the population estimates used to calculate the numbers of crimes.

<sup>8</sup> BCS household crime includes bicycle theft; burglary; theft in a dwelling; other household theft; thefts of and from vehicles; and vandalism to household property and vehicles.

<sup>9</sup> BCS personal crime includes assault; robbery; theft from the person; and other personal theft.

**Crime in the West Midlands region**

**Police recorded crime**

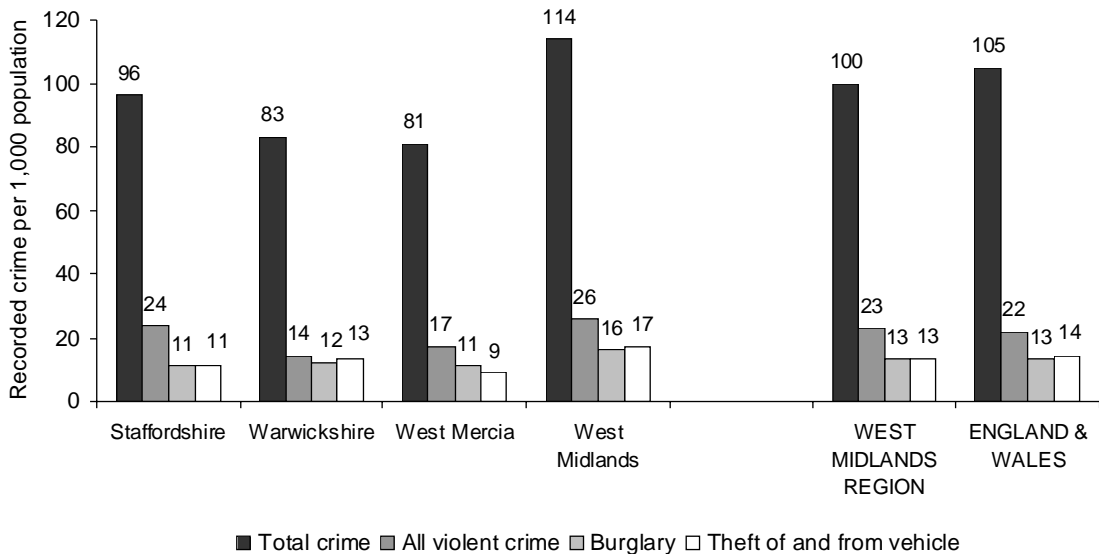
- With 100 offences per 1,000 population the rate of total crime in the West Midlands region was lower than the England and Wales average.
- For most of the crime types, the West Midlands recorded crime rates that were lower than, or the same as, the national average.
- Total recorded crime rates in the West Midlands reduced by 12 per cent between 2003/04 and 2004/05. The largest reductions were seen for burglary (22%), and theft of and from vehicles (21%). There were no increases in crime rates in the West Midlands region over this period.

**British Crime Survey (BCS)**

- According to the BCS, the West Midlands region appeared to have the highest rate of violent crime when compared with the other regions; however it was not significantly higher than the England and Wales average rate. There were no significant changes in any of the crime rates in the West Midlands between 2003/04 and 2004/05. (The BCS measures crime in the area where the victim lives and so does not necessarily reflect where incidents take place.)
- Household and personal crime rates in the West Midlands region were not significantly different to the England and Wales average, and there were no significant changes in the rates between 2003/04 and 2004/05.
- The BCS indicates that the risk of victimisation (the proportion of the population who have been victimised at least once) for household and personal crime in the West Midlands region was not significantly different from the England and Wales average. There were also no significant changes in household and personal victimisation rates between 2003/04 and 2004/05.

**CRIME BY POLICE FORCE AREA, WEST MIDLANDS REGION**

Figure 1: Recorded crime by police force area, 2004/05



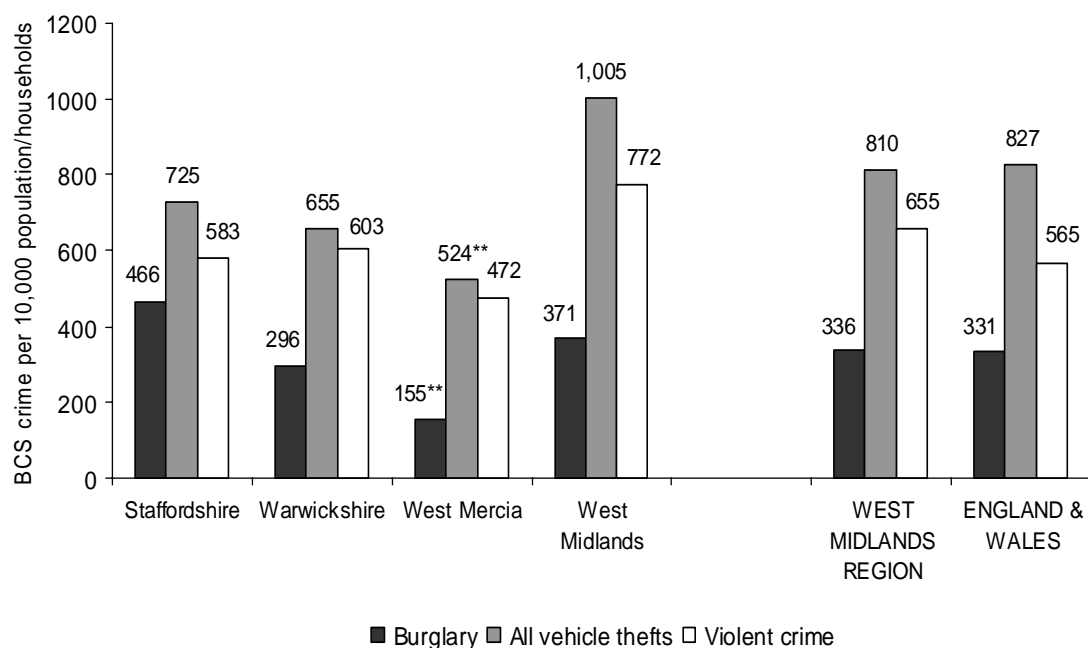
**Table 6: Percentage change in recorded crime by police force area, 2003/04 to 2004/05**

	% change in rates per 1,000 population			
	Total crime	All violent crime <sup>10</sup>	Burglary	Theft of and from a vehicle
Staffordshire	-8	4	-22	-18
Warwickshire	-7	-6	-17	-10
West Mercia	-11	-16	-18	-10
West Midlands	-13	-3	-24	-25
<b>West Midlands Region</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-22</b>	<b>-21</b>
<b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>-17</b>

**Statistical significance of BCS results**

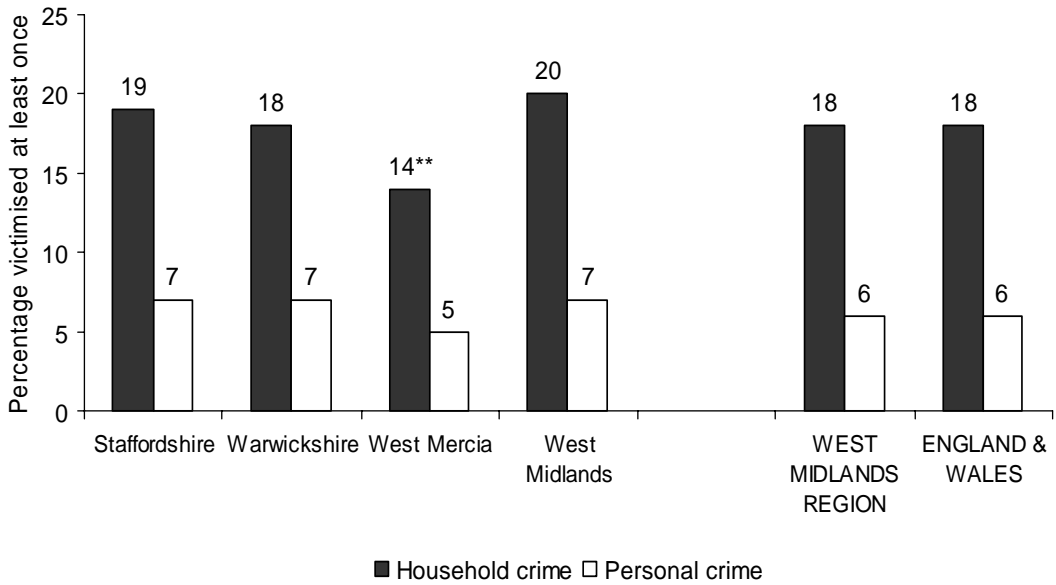
- Statistically significant differences from the England and Wales average are shown in Table 5 and in Figures 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, and statistically significant changes between 2003/04 and 2004/05 are shown in Tables 3 and 4. In both cases, a single asterisk indicates significant differences at the ten per cent level and a double asterisk indicates significant differences at the five per cent level.
- Only BCS results that are statistically significant at the five per cent level are highlighted in the text within this fact sheet.

**Figure 2: Rates of crime per 10,000 by police force area, 2004/05 BCS**

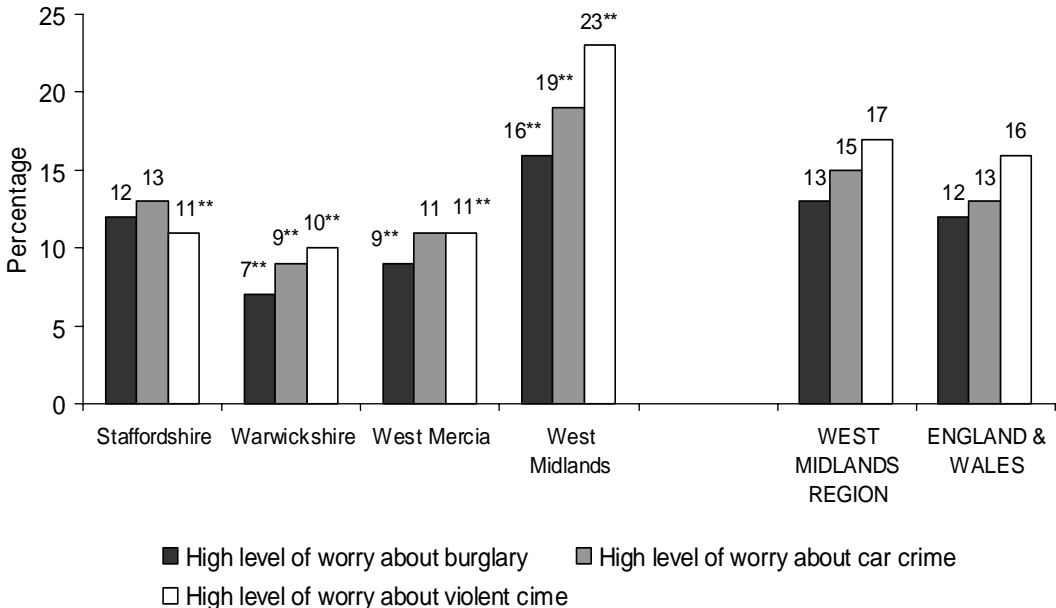


<sup>10</sup> In police recorded crime all violent crime consists of violence against the person, sexual offences and robbery.

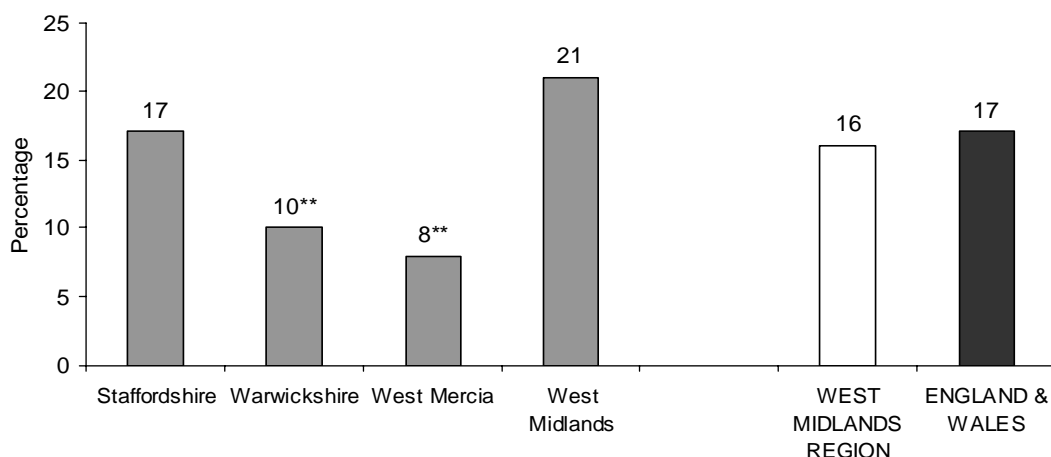
**Figure 3: Risk of personal and household crime by police force area, 2004/05 BCS**



**Figure 4: Worry about burglary, car crime and violent crime by police force area, 2004/05 BCS**



**Figure 5: Percentage of people with high levels of perceived anti-social behaviour<sup>11</sup> in the local area by police force area, 2004/05 BCS**



**Crime, worry about crime and perceptions of anti-social behaviour in police force areas, West Midlands region**

**Police recorded crime**

- The West Midlands police force recorded the highest rates of total crime, violent crime, burglary and theft of and from vehicles within the West Midlands region, while West Mercia had the lowest rates of total crime and theft of and from vehicles.
- Rates of total crime, burglary, and theft of and from a vehicle recorded by the police reduced in all the region's police force areas between 2003/04 and 2004/05. However, there was an increase in the rate of violent crime recorded in Staffordshire (4%).

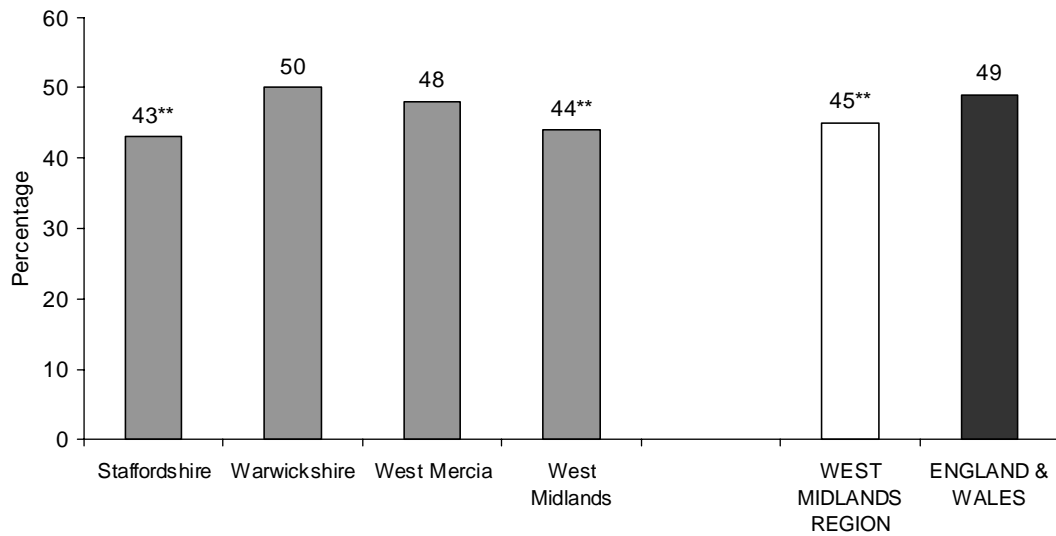
**British Crime Survey (BCS)**

- The BCS indicates that West Mercia had significantly lower than average rates of burglary and vehicle thefts. Between 2003/04 and 2004/05 the rate of burglary in the West Midlands police force area fell significantly<sup>12</sup>.
- West Mercia had a significantly lower risk of victimisation of household crime than the England and Wales average. There were no significant differences in the risk of household crime in the other police force areas compared to the national average, nor were there any significant differences in the risk of personal crime in any of the police force areas.
- The West Midlands police force area had a significantly higher percentage of people who were worried about burglary, car and violent crime compared with the national average, while Warwickshire had a significantly lower than average percentage of people who were worried about these three types of crime. West Mercia had a significantly lower than average level of worry about burglary and both West Mercia and Staffordshire had significantly lower than average levels of worry about violent crime. Levels of worry about car crime and burglary fell significantly between 2003/04 and 2004/05 in Warwickshire<sup>12</sup>.
- The proportion of people perceiving high levels of anti-social behaviour was significantly lower in Warwickshire and West Mercia than the national average. There were no significant changes in the percentage of people perceiving high levels of anti-social behaviour in any of the police force areas between 2003/04 and 2004/05<sup>12</sup>.

<sup>11</sup> This is measured using the 7-strand measure of anti-social behaviour. The 5-strand measure was used in the 2003/04 regional fact sheets. For 2004/05 data on the 5-strand measure, see the 'Patterns of crime' chapter in the main publication. See Glossary in the main report for the definition of the 5- and 7-strand measure of anti-social behaviour (referenced on p.7).

<sup>12</sup> No table is shown for change over time at police force area level.

**Figure 6: Percentage of people rating local police performance as 'excellent' or 'good', 2004/05 BCS**



***Public confidence in the local police in the West Midlands region***

- *BCS respondents were asked how well the police in their area performed. A significantly lower proportion of people in Staffordshire and West Midlands police force areas felt that police did a good or excellent job compared with the England and Wales average.*
- *Between 2003/04 and 2004/05, the percentage of people who were confident in the local police in Warwickshire increased significantly<sup>12</sup>.*

***References and further reading***

***Nicholas, S., Povey, D., Walker, A. and Kershaw, C. (2005) Crime in England and Wales 2004/2005. Home Office Statistical Bulletin 11/05. London: Home Office.***