

## 2 Extent and trends

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### 2.1 INTRODUCTION

This volume reports on the latest levels and trends in crime in England and Wales. These statistics inform public debate about crime and support the development and monitoring of Government policy (see Appendix 1). A full summary of findings can be found at the beginning of this bulletin and a companion volume is also published which provides explanatory notes on these statistics (Smith and Hoare, 2009).

This volume is based on two sets of crime statistics, the British Crime Survey (BCS) and police recorded crime data. Each source has different strengths and weaknesses but together they provide a more comprehensive picture of crime than could be obtained from either series alone.

#### British Crime Survey

The BCS is a face-to-face victimisation survey in which people resident in households in England and Wales are asked about their experiences of crime in the 12 months prior to interview. Respondents to the survey are also asked about their attitudes towards different crime-related issues such as the police and criminal justice system, and perceptions of crime and anti-social behaviour. Until recently the BCS did not cover crime against children, but, since January 2009, those aged 10 to 15 have been included in the survey. The first results for this age-group will be published in spring 2010. This report is based on adults aged 16 or over.

The key aim of the BCS is to provide robust trends for the crime types it covers; the survey does not aim to provide an absolute count of crime and has notable exclusions. The BCS excludes fraud (see below) and those crimes termed as victimless (e.g. possession of drugs). As a survey that asks people whether they have experienced victimisation, murders cannot be included. The BCS does not cover the population living in group residences (e.g. care homes or halls of residence) or other institutions. However, excluding the minority of the population that lives in such establishments is thought to have little effect on BCS estimates (see Pickering *et al.*, 2007). The BCS does not cover crime against commercial or public sector bodies but work is currently underway to scope a possible new survey of business crime.

For the crime types it covers, the BCS provides a better reflection of the true extent of household and personal crime than police recorded statistics because the survey includes crimes that are not reported to or recorded by the police. The primary purpose of the BCS is to provide national level analysis but some headline figures are available at regional and police force area level.

The BCS is also a better indicator of long-term trends than police recorded crime because it is unaffected by changes in levels of reporting to the police or police recording practices. The victimisation methodology and the crime types included in the main count of crime have remained comparable since the survey began in 1981. As a result, the BCS does not capture relatively new crimes, such as plastic card fraud. However, additional questions have been added to the survey to capture such issues and these are reported separately to the main BCS crime count, either in this bulletin or in supplementary publications.

BCS estimates for 2008/09 are based on face-to-face interviews with 46,286 respondents. The BCS has a high response rate (76%) and the survey is weighted to adjust for possible non-response bias and ensure the sample reflects the profile of the general population. Being

based on a sample survey, BCS estimates are subject to a margin of error. Any changes in BCS estimates over time are described as differences only when they are statistically significant (see Section 8 of Volume 2).

### Police recorded crime

Police recorded crime statistics are administrative data based on crimes that are reported to and recorded by the police in England and Wales. Police recording practice is governed by the National Crime Recording Standard (NCRS). The NCRS was introduced in all police forces in April 2002 to ensure greater consistency of crime recording between forces, together with a victim focus where crimes reported by the public are recorded unless there is credible evidence to the contrary.

Crime data are collected from police forces for each crime within the notifiable offence list and according to Home Office Counting Rules (published at [www.countingrules.homeoffice.gov.uk](http://www.countingrules.homeoffice.gov.uk) – see also Section 3 of Volume 2). Each force has a Force Crime Registrar who monitors closely the application of the Counting Rules and has a final arbiter role with respect to crime recording decisions.

The Audit Commission published an assessment of police data quality (Audit Commission, 2007) which commented that “The police have continued to make significant improvements in crime recording performance and now have better quality crime data than before”. However, since that assessment, inconsistencies in the way police were recording offences of grievous bodily harm have come to light (see Box 2.1). While the problems that were identified have not influenced the overall count of violence against the person, the issues that arose do underline the caveat, mentioned above, that police recorded crime is subject to changes in both public reporting and police recording practice.

#### **Box 2.1 Police recording of violence against the person**

In April 2008 a clarification in the Home Office Counting Rules for grievous bodily harm (GBH) with intent was issued as part of the annual update of Counting Rules. This followed discussions at the National Crime Recording Steering Group which had identified inconsistencies in the recording of this category of crime (which in 2008/09 accounts for 2% of all police recorded violence against the person and 5% of violence with injury). The principal aim of the clarification was to ensure that offences of GBH with intent were recorded on the basis of evidence of *clear* intent to commit serious injury, irrespective of the degree of injury sustained. It was recognised that the rules had not previously been clear enough and that some forces were recording on the basis of the injury inflicted rather than the intent. Thus the clarification had the effect that in some forces offences are now being classified as GBH with intent which would have been previously categorised as a less serious violent offence against the person. However, this clarification does not affect the overall count of police recorded violence against the person.

A great deal of work has been undertaken in forces to implement this clarification, leading to ongoing revisions of figures during 2008/09. Following advice in January 2009 from the National Statistician, a decision was made to not report the provisional figures available for GBH with intent, but instead to provide a full breakdown in this annual bulletin. Figures are shown in Table 2.04 and a fuller explanation given in Section 3 of Volume 2, including a breakdown at police force level of changes in the recording of GBH with intent and violence with injury overall. Feedback from forces has indicated that a large part of the overall increase in GBH with intent was due to forces’ implementation of the clarification and should not simply be interpreted as a rise in serious violent crime.

Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary is currently conducting a quality assurance exercise of all forces’ recording of offences of most serious violence (of which GBH with intent is a large component), with a report planned for publication later in the year. This may give rise to further revisions by forces, which will be published in subsequent bulletins.

Recorded crime figures are an important indicator of police workload, can be used for local crime pattern analysis and provide a good measure of trends in well-reported crimes (in particular, homicide, which is not covered by the BCS). However, there are also categories of crime (such as drug possession offences) whose numbers are heavily influenced by the extent to which police proactively investigate.

Police recorded crime figures should be seen as a product of an administrative system, where rules can be subject to different interpretation and for some categories of crime, can reflect police workload and activity rather than underlying levels of crime. Trends need to be interpreted in this light, and where appropriate this is commented on.

### Time periods covered

BCS figures are based on interviews between April 2008 and March 2009 (BCS year ending March 2009) and incidents experienced by survey respondents in the 12 months prior to their interview. The centre point of the period for reporting crime is March 2008, the only month to be included in all respondents' reference periods. Averaging over the moving reference period of the BCS generates estimates that are most closely comparable with police recorded crime figures for the 12 months to the end of September 2008 (about six months behind the latest recorded crime figures reported here).

The police recorded crime statistics relate to crimes recorded by the police in the financial year 2008/09; the figures presented in this volume are those as notified to the Home Office and that were contained on the database on 19 June 2009. As in previous years, recorded crime figures for the latest year remain subject to change as forces continue to submit further data (e.g. Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary is conducting a quality assurance exercise of all forces' recording of offences of most serious violence which may prompt further revisions).

## 2.2 EXTENT OF CRIME

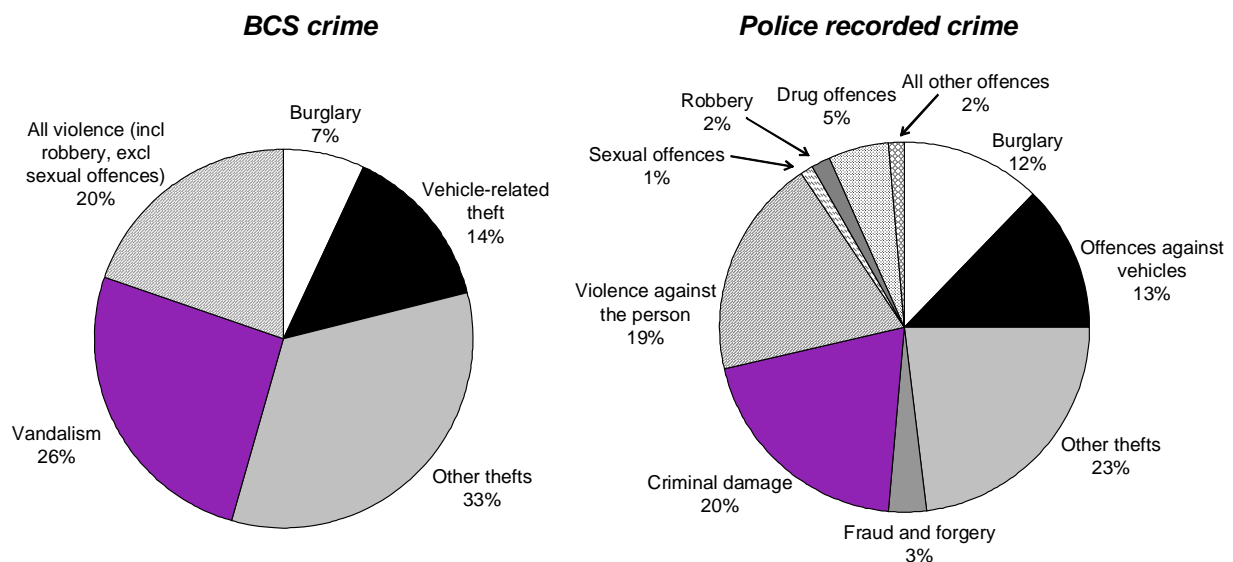
Latest figures show that overall crime, as measured by the BCS, has remained stable between 2007/08 and 2008/09 BCS interviews. Police recorded crime figures for 2008/09 have fallen by five per cent since the previous year.

The 2008/09 BCS estimates that in total there were approximately 10.7 million crimes<sup>1</sup> against adults resident in households in England and Wales. This compares with 10.2 million crimes measured by the 2007/08 survey, although the apparent five per cent increase was not statistically significant (Tables 2a and 2.01). There were around 4.7 million crimes recorded by the police in 2008/09, five per cent less than the 5.0 million in 2007/08 (Tables 2b and 2.04).

All household and all personal crime measured by the BCS remained stable between the 2007/08 and 2008/09 surveys (the apparent increases were not statistically significant). The 2008/09 BCS estimates 6.8 million household crimes and 3.9 million personal crimes.

Differences in the offence profiles of BCS and police recorded crime are shown below. These reflect the different coverage of the two series and variation in the levels of reporting and recording for different crime types (Figure 2.1).

Figure 2.1 BCS crime and police recorded crime by type of crime, 2008/09



The 2008/09 BCS is a face-to-face survey of adults aged 16 or over resident in households who are asked about their experiences of crime in the year prior to interview. As such the survey provides estimates of crimes against the **individual** and also **household property**.

Police recorded crime statistics are an administrative data source based on crimes reported to and recorded by the police in 2008/09 and cover crimes against **individuals** and both **domestic and commercial property**.

While the coverage differs, property crime<sup>2</sup> accounts for the majority of both BCS and recorded crime (80% and 71% respectively) with violence accounting for about a fifth (20% and 19% respectively).

<sup>1</sup> The estimate of the number of crimes is based on victimisation (incidence) rates calculated per 10,000 adults/households (see Table 2.02) and multiplied by the projected number of adults or households in England and Wales. See Section 2 of Volume 2 for more information.

<sup>2</sup> Property crime comprises burglary, vehicle-related theft, other thefts and vandalism for the BCS, and burglary, offences against vehicles, other thefts, fraud and forgery, and criminal damage for recorded crime.

## Changes between 2007/08 and 2008/09 in levels of crime by crime type

The BCS and police recorded crime have tended to track each other reasonably well in recent years (see Section 4 of Volume 2 for more information). However, as in previous years, there are some differences between results from the two sources (Figures 2.2 and 2.3 and Tables 2a and 2b, 2.01 and 2.04).

Based on the 2008/09 BCS, violent crime remained stable compared with the previous year (the apparent 4% fall was not statistically significant). For police recorded crime, violence against the person decreased by six per cent (comprising a 7% fall in violence with injury, and a 5% fall in violence without injury).

Compared with the previous survey year, the 2008/09 BCS shows no statistically significant change in the number of incidents of domestic burglary; police recorded domestic burglaries rose slightly by one per cent in 2008/09 compared with 2007/08.

There was no change in the number of incidents of vehicle-related theft or vandalism (the apparent 3% rise was not statistically significant) according to BCS interviews in 2008/09 compared with 2007/08. However, between 2007/08 and 2008/09 there were ten per cent falls in both police recorded offences against vehicles and criminal damage.

The most notable divergence in recent trends between the BCS and police recorded crime are for the offences of theft from the person and bicycle theft. The 2008/09 BCS shows increases in both theft from the person (25%) and bicycle theft (22%) compared with the 2007/08 survey (the apparent 11% increase in other household theft was not statistically significant). In contrast, other thefts recorded by the police fell by four per cent; within this thefts from the person fell by 12 per cent while there was no change in thefts of a pedal cycle. The BCS shows that the reporting rate for theft from the person offences fell compared with the previous year (see Section 2.5); however this does not fully account for the difference between police recorded crime and the BCS.

Due to the small number of sexual offences identified in the main BCS crime count, the figures are too unreliable to report. However, the BCS does provide an alternative measure of intimate violence collected via a self-completion questionnaire and the latest headline figures are reported in Chapter 3. Sexual offences recorded by the police decreased between 2007/08 and 2008/09 by four per cent.

As robbery is a rare crime, the number of victims interviewed in the BCS is small (around 200 in any one year) and thus estimates should be treated with caution. There was no change in the number of robberies estimated by the 2008/09 BCS compared with the 2007/08 survey (the 13% reduction was not statistically significant). Police recorded crime figures show a fall of five per cent in 2008/09 compared with 2007/08.

Police recorded drug offences rose by six per cent between 2007/08 and 2008/09 which shows a slowing of the increases seen in recent years associated with greater police use of powers to issue warnings for cannabis possession (two-thirds of drug offences are accounted for by these offences). As such, the increases seen may reflect changes in police activity rather than a real increase in drug offences. Separate evidence from the BCS on the prevalence of illicit drug use is published separately (Hoare, 2009, forthcoming).

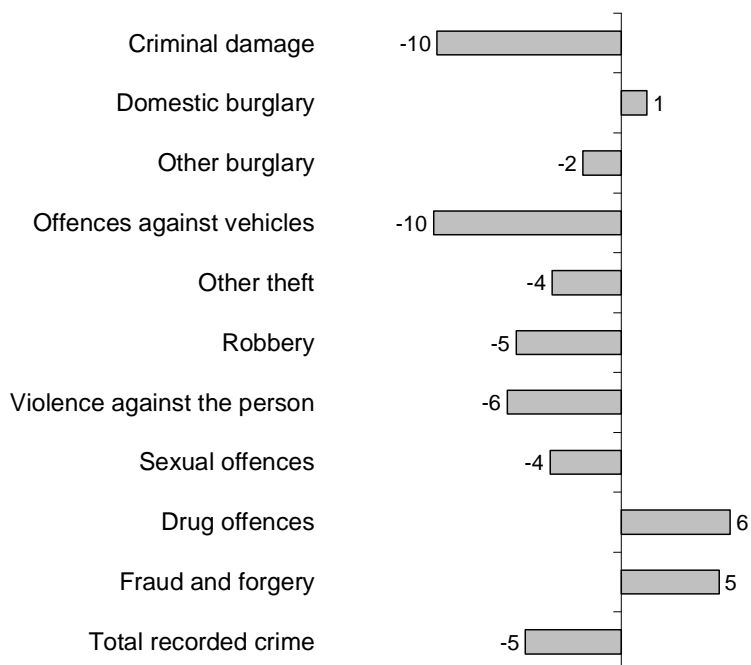
Fraud and forgery offences recorded by the police rose by five per cent. However, it is known that many fraud offences do not come to the attention of the police. Additional information on fraud, that also draws on finance industry data, can be found in Chapter 4.

**Figure 2.2 Percentage change in the main crime types; 2008/09 BCS compared with 2007/08 BCS**



1. Statistically significant changes at the 5% level (two tail tests) are indicated by a shaded bar. Changes in unshaded bars are not statistically significant at the 5% level (see Section 8 of Volume 2).
2. Statistical significance for change in all BCS crime cannot be calculated in the same way as for other BCS figures (a method based on an approximation has been developed). For more information see Section 8 of Volume 2.
3. See Section 5 of Volume 2 for information about the crime types included in this figure.

**Figure 2.3 Percentage change in the main types of police recorded crime; 2008/09 compared with 2007/08**



**Table 2a Number of crimes and risk of being a victim, 2007/08 and 2008/09 BCS**

| Numbers (000s) and percentage change                       | BCS           |               |   |
|--|---------------|---------------|---|
|  | 2007/08       | 2008/09       | Percentage change and significance <sup>1</sup> |
| <i>Number of incidents (000s)</i>                          |               |               |   |
| Vandalism  | 2,695         | 2,769         | 3   |
| Burglary   | 737           | 744           | 1   |
| Vehicle-related theft                                      | 1,508         | 1,514         | 0   |
| Bicycle theft  | 444           | 540           | 22 **   |
| Other household theft                                      | 1,066         | 1,184         | 11  |
| Household acquisitive crime                                | 3,756         | 3,982         | 6   |
| <b>All household crime</b>                                 | <b>6,451</b>  | <b>6,751</b>  | <b>5</b>  |
| Theft from the person                                      | 581           | 725           | 25 **   |
| Other theft of personal property                           | 987           | 1,096         | 11  |
| All violence   | 2,200         | 2,114         | -4  |
| <i>with injury</i>   | 1,063         | 1,116         | 5   |
| <i>without injury</i>                                      | 1,137         | 998           | -12   |
| Personal acquisitive crime                                 | 1,883         | 2,094         | 11  |
| <b>All personal crime</b>                                  | <b>3,768</b>  | <b>3,936</b>  | <b>4</b>  |
| <b>All BCS crime</b>                                       | <b>10,219</b> | <b>10,687</b> | <b>5</b>  |
| <b>Risk of being a victim of any BCS crime<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>22.2</b>   | <b>23.4</b>   | <b>**</b>                                       |

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2. Risk is defined as the proportion of the population being a victim of any BCS crime once or more (see Section 2 of Volume 2). See Table 2.03 for breakdown of risk by crime type.

3. See Section 5 of Volume 2 for more information about the crime types included in this table.

**Table 2b Number of crimes recorded by the police in 2007/08 and 2008/09**

| Numbers (000s) and percentage change                            | Recorded crime |                |                   |
|---|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
|   | 2007/08        | 2008/09        | Percentage change |
| <i>Number of offences<sup>1</sup> (000s)</i>                    |                |                |                   |
| Violence against the person                                     | 961.2          | 904.0          | -6                |
| <i>Violence against the person – with injury<sup>2</sup></i>    | 452.4          | 421.2          | -7                |
| <i>Violence against the person – without injury<sup>2</sup></i> | 508.8          | 482.8          | -5                |
| Sexual offences   | 53.5           | 51.5           | -4                |
| <i>Most serious sexual crime<sup>3</sup></i>                    | 41.4           | 40.8           | -2                |
| <i>Other sexual offences</i>                                    | 12.0           | 10.7           | -11               |
| Robbery   | 84.8           | 80.1           | -5                |
| Burglary  | 583.7          | 581.4          | 0                 |
| <i>Domestic burglary</i>  | 280.7          | 284.4          | 1                 |
| <i>Other burglary</i>   | 303.0          | 297.0          | -2                |
| Offences against vehicles                                       | 656.4          | 592.1          | -10               |
| Other theft offences  | 1,121.1        | 1,080.7        | -4                |
| <i>Theft from the person</i>                                    | 101.7          | 89.7           | -12               |
| Fraud and forgery   | 155.4          | 163.3          | 5                 |
| Criminal damage   | 1,036.2        | 936.7          | -10               |
| Drug offences   | 229.9          | 242.9          | 6                 |
| Miscellaneous other offences                                    | 69.4           | 71.1           | 3                 |
| <b>Total recorded crime</b>                                     | <b>4,951.5</b> | <b>4,703.8</b> | <b>-5</b>         |

1. Numbers given in this table are the latest available and may differ slightly from provisional figures published previously.

2. See Table 2.04 for the full list of offences included in violence against the person with/without injury.

3. Most serious sexual crime comprises rape, sexual assault, and sexual activity with children.

### Risk of crime

According to the 2008/09 BCS, the risk of being a victim of crime was 23 per cent, a statistically significant increase compared with the 2007/08 BCS (22%). This follows overall falls from 40 per cent in 1995 and the risk of victimisation in 2007/08 being the lowest ever since the survey began (Tables 2a and 2.03).

Looking at risk by individual crime type shows that bicycle theft was the only BCS crime type showing a significant increase between the 2007/08 and 2008/09 BCS, overall (from 1.6% to 1.9%), and for owners (from 3.7% to 4.4%). Risk of being a victim of any crime varies considerably by area and demographic factors (see Chapters 3 and 4 for detailed analyses).

Any discrepancies between trends in number of BCS incidents and prevalence rates (the proportion of the population victimised once or more) is due to the level of repeat victimisation within crime types (see Section 2.4).

### 2.3 LONGER-TERM TRENDS IN CRIME

Trends in the crimes measured by the BCS on a consistent basis now extend for more than 25 years.

Recorded crime statistics have been collated since 1857<sup>3</sup>; data are presented in this volume for each decade between 1950 and 1980, then for each calendar year up to 1997, and then by financial year (with break points in the series indicated for the changes to Home Office Counting Rules in 1998 and the introduction of the National Crime Recording Standard in 2002). There were also some changes in offence coverage prior to 1998 and recording was not historically closely-regulated. In this bulletin only statistics back to 1981 are commented on to enable comparisons to be made with the BCS.

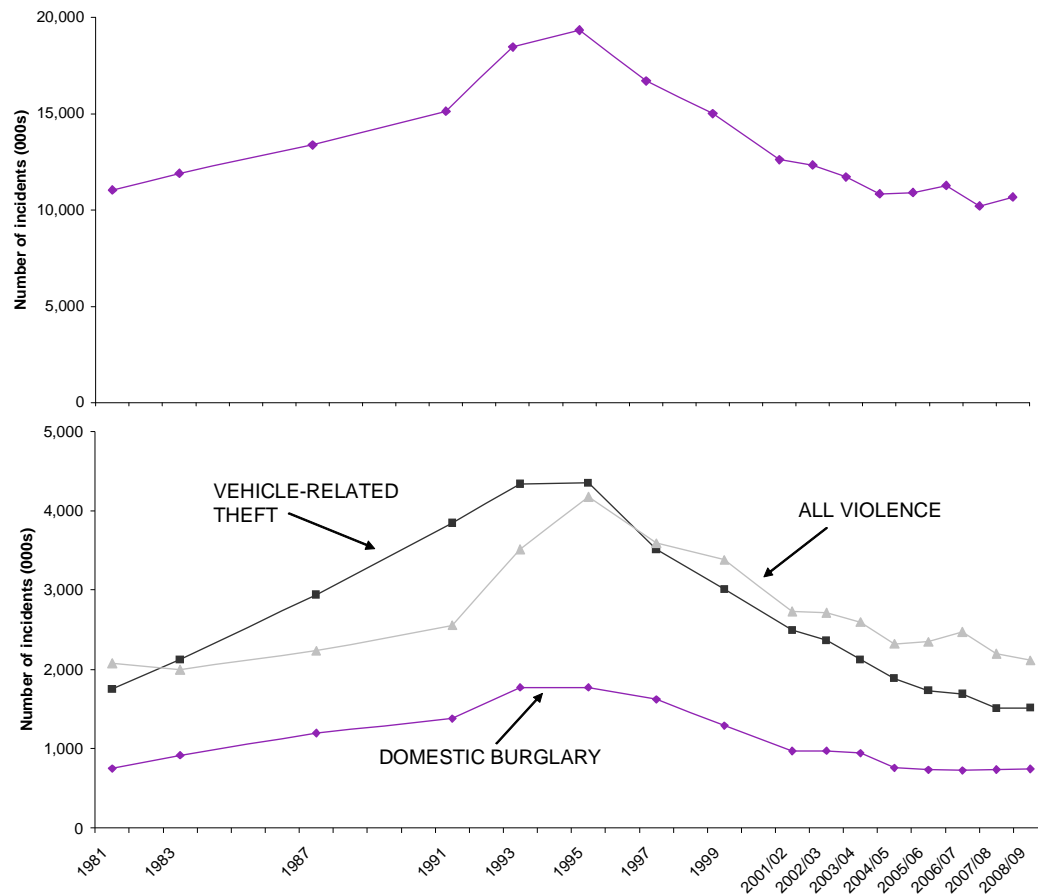
#### BCS trends since 1981

BCS crime rose steadily in the decade from 1981 and continued to rise during the early 1990s, peaking in 1995. Subsequently, BCS crime fell between 1995 and the 2004/05 BCS, and, with the exception of a further fall between the 2006/07 and 2007/08 surveys, has remained stable since then. Trends in BCS violence, vehicle-related theft and burglary have been broadly similar to trends in all BCS crime between 1981 and 2008/09 (Figure 2.4 and Table 2.01, see also Chapters 3 and 4).

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<sup>3</sup> Recorded crime statistics from 1898-2008/09 are available online at <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs07/recorded-crime-1898-2002.xls> and <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs08/recorded-crime-2002-2009.xls>.

Figure 2.4 Trends in crime, 1981 to 2008/09 BCS



1. For an explanation of year-labels see 'Conventions used in figures and tables' at the start of this volume.

### BCS trends since 1995

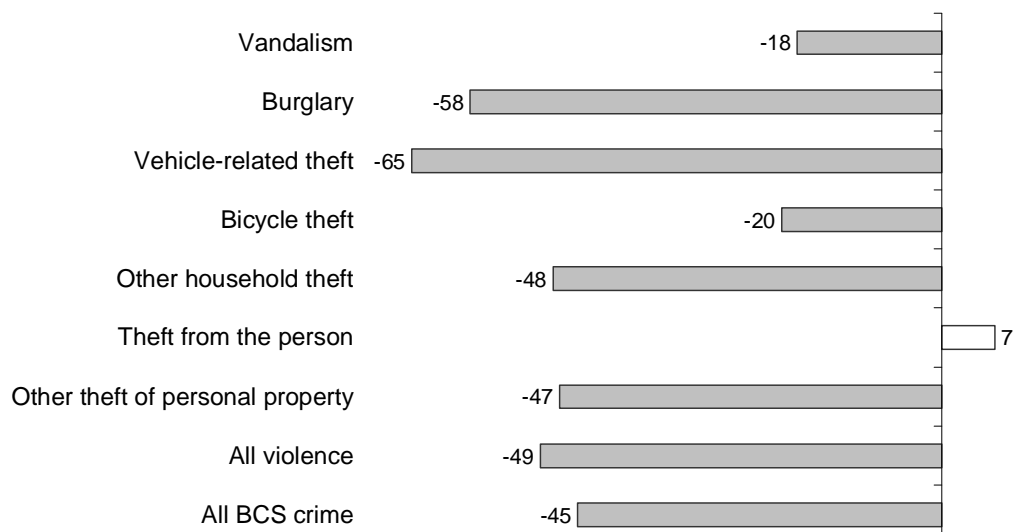
This section focuses on trends in BCS crime since 1995 when the number of crimes peaked; this became a significant turning point since the first BCS results for 1981.

Based on interviews in 2008/09, BCS crime was estimated to be 45 per cent lower than the peak in 1995, representing nearly nine million fewer crimes. The risk of becoming a victim of BCS crime has also fallen from 40 per cent in 1995 to 23 per cent in 2008/09, representing almost six million fewer victims (Figure 2.5 and Tables 2.01 and 2.03).

The majority of property crimes remain at significantly lower levels since the high point in 1995. Vandalism (18%), burglary (58%), vehicle-related theft (65%), other household theft (48%) and bicycle theft (20%) all show statistically significant falls. Other theft of personal property has fallen by nearly a half (47%) whilst theft from the person remains stable over the period as a whole (the apparent 7% cent rise was not statistically significant).

The 2008/09 BCS shows overall violent crime has fallen by a half (49%) since 1995: violence with injury by 54 per cent and violence without injury by 44 per cent.

Figure 2.5 Percentage change in the main crime types; 2008/09 BCS compared with 1995

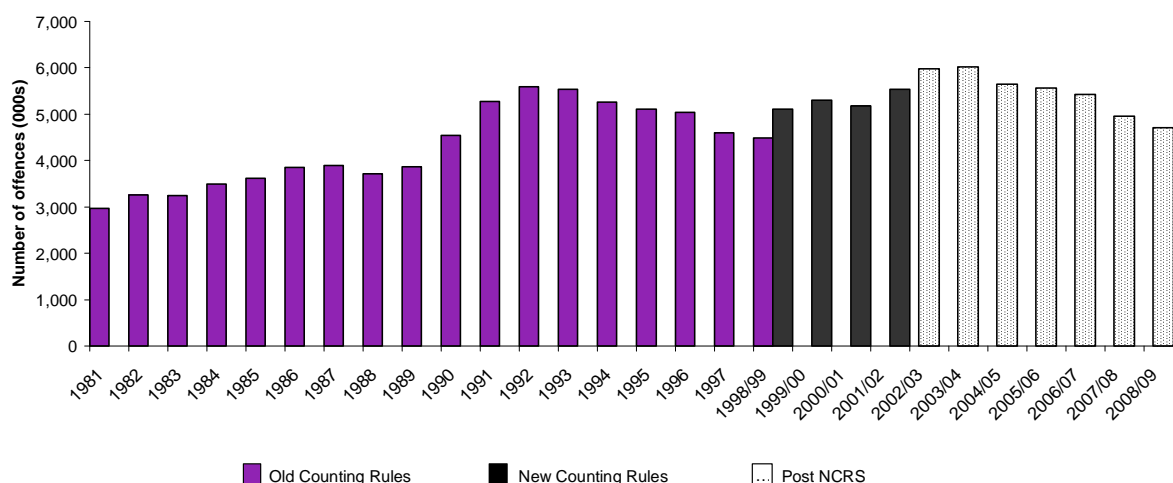


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### Recorded crime trends since 1981

Recorded crime increased during most of the 1980s, reaching a peak in 1992, and then fell each year until 1998/99 when the changes in the Counting Rules resulted in an increase in recorded offences (see Section 3 of Volume 2). This was followed by the introduction of the National Crime Recording Standard (NCRS) in April 2002 which led to a rise in recording in 2002/03 and 2003/04, as the rules bedded-in within forces. The level of police recorded crime has since fallen from 5.6 million in 2004/05 to 4.7 million offences in 2008/09 (Figure 2.6 and Tables 2.04 and 2.05).

Figure 2.6 Trends in recorded crime, 1981 to 2008/09



## Recorded crime trends since 2002/03

Comparisons of more detailed breakdowns of police recorded crime are restricted to the years after the introduction of the NCRS in April 2002 when the underlying basis for crime recording substantially changed. The following changes can be seen since 2002/03 (Figure 2.6 and Tables 2.04 and 2.05).

- The number of domestic burglaries and offences against vehicles recorded by the police fell between 2002/03 and 2008/09 by 35 per cent and 45 per cent respectively, while the number of offences of criminal damage fell by 16 per cent over the same period.
- Recorded violence against the person increased initially between 2002/03 and 2005/06 (to 1.06 million offences) which partly reflects the time taken for the new rules to be adopted across police forces for some of these offences<sup>4</sup>. Since then the number of violence against the person offences recorded by the police has decreased by 15 per cent, to just below one million offences in 2008/09.
- Although robbery recorded by the police increased in 2005/06 and 2006/07, the level of robbery offences recorded in 2008/09 is 27 per cent below that for 2002/03.
- After taking into account particular events such as the Shipman murders (reflected in the 2002/03 figures) and the London bombings (in 2005/06), homicides recorded by the police have fluctuated between 700 and 900 per year since 2002/03. However, the latest figures for 2008/09 are down to a low of 648, a fall of 26 per cent since 2002/03 (excluding the Shipman cases recorded in 2002/03 but committed in previous years).

## 2.4 REPEAT VICTIMISATION

The BCS is a rich source of information for understanding the importance of repeat victimisation. The survey has been influential in highlighting the need to target crimes that are prone to repeat victimisation such as domestic violence and vandalism (Gottfredson, 1984; Walby and Allen, 2004; Jansson *et al.*, 2007; Povey *et al.*, 2008, 2009).

Repeat victimisation is defined here as being a victim of the same type of crime more than once in the last year.<sup>5</sup> Levels of repeat victimisation account for differences between BCS estimates of incidence rates (see Table 2.02) and prevalence rates (see Table 2.03). For instance, high levels of repeat victimisation will be demonstrated by lower prevalence rates when compared with corresponding incidence rates.

### Extent of repeat victimisation

BCS figures have consistently shown that levels of repeat victimisation vary by offence type. Although levels have changed since 1995, no statistically significant changes were noted between the 2007/08 and 2008/09 surveys in the proportion of victims who were victimised more than once (Tables 2.06 and 2.07).

As in other years, BCS interviews in 2008/09 show that victims of domestic violence were most likely to experience repeat victimisation. Repeat victimisation accounts for two-thirds (66%) of all incidents of domestic violence as measured by the BCS. Thirty-eight per cent were victimised more than once and around one in five (21%) were victimised three or more times (Figure 2.7 and Tables 2.06 to 2.08).

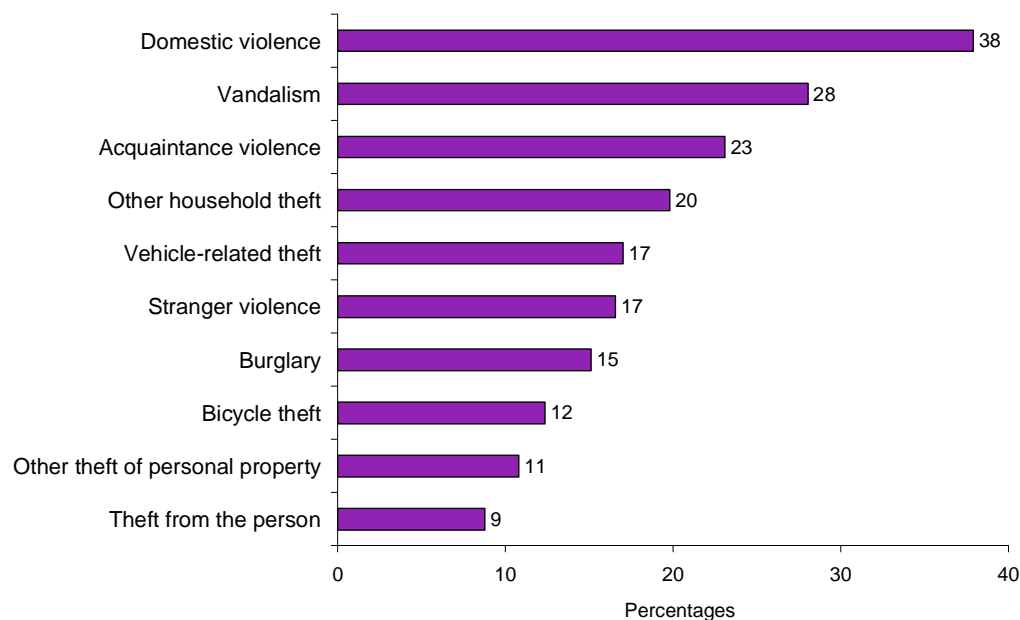
Similar to previous findings, vandalism also had high repeat victimisation rates compared with other crime types; 28 per cent of vandalism victims had experienced repeat victimisation in the 12 months prior to interview. Repeat vandalism victimisation accounts for around half (53%) of all BCS vandalism incidents.

<sup>4</sup> As evidenced by BCS trends and local audit work.

<sup>5</sup> Where incidents of a similar nature which are probably carried out by the same perpetrator(s) have occurred, BCS estimates only include the first five incidents in this 'series' of victimisations. See Volume 2 for more details.

Theft from the person victims had the lowest repeat victimisation rates, with nine per cent being victimised more than once in the 12-month period before interview. This represents around one in five (19%) of all incidents.

**Figure 2.7 Proportion of victims who were victimised more than once in the past year by offence, 2008/09 BCS**



1. See Chapter 3 for more information about BCS estimates of domestic violence.

### Trends in repeat victimisation

Repeat victimisation for the main crime types remains at around the lowest level since first BCS results for 1981. Since BCS crime peaked in 1995, the proportion of victims who were victimised more than once has fallen for some crime types, notably vehicle-related theft (from 28% to 17%) and violence (from 38% to 23%). Although generally stable in the long term, the proportion of victims of theft from the person who were victimised more than once was higher in 2008/09 (9%) compared with 1995 (4%) (Table 2.07).

In general, the proportion of incidents accounted for by repeat victims has also fallen compared with 1995 when BCS crime peaked (with the exception of theft from the person which has risen). For example, in 2008/09 49 per cent of violent incidents and 33 per cent of burglaries were experienced by repeat victims compared with 68 and 38 per cent respectively in 1995 (Table 2.08).

More recently, between the 2007/08 and 2008/09 BCS, there has been a reduction in the proportion of incidents of robbery and mugging that were experienced by repeat victims (for example, 34% of mugging incidents were experienced by repeat victims, compared with 22% in 2007/08). Conversely, for incidents of theft from the person, there has been a rise in the proportion of incidents accounted for by repeat victims (from 12% to 19%). This is consistent with the fact that there was no rise in victimisation risk despite the rise in the number of incidents.

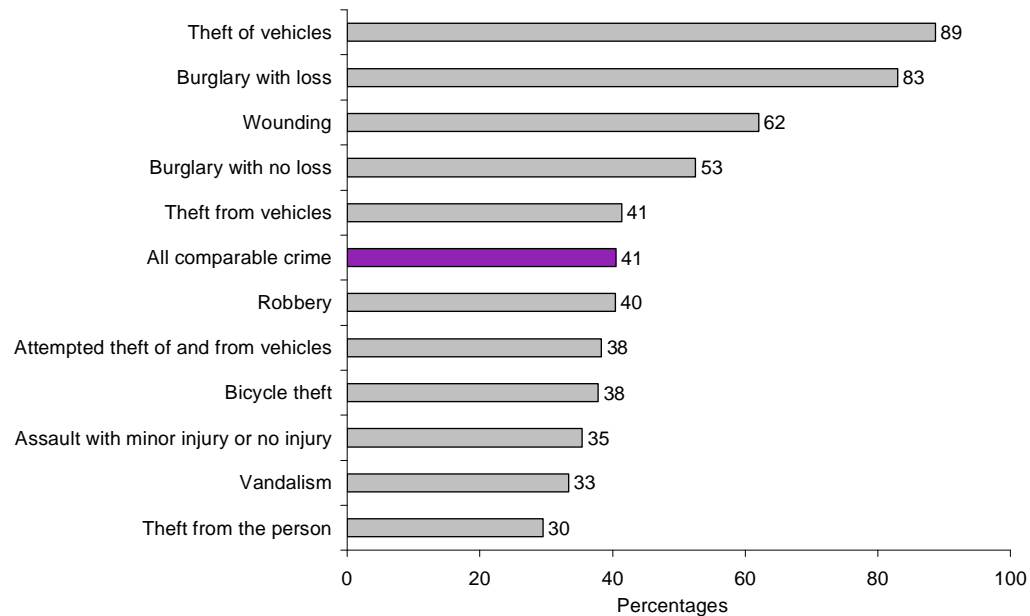
## 2.5 REPORTING CRIME

The BCS asks people who experienced crimes in the past year whether the police came to know about the incident, that is, whether they reported it or the police came to know about it in another way. This 'reporting rate' is calculated by dividing the number of incidents that the police came to know about by the total number of BCS incidents. These rates partly explain why the estimated number of BCS crimes is higher than the figure recorded by the police, and

also demonstrates that the BCS provides a more complete picture for the crime types it covers.

Based on the 2008/09 BCS, the police came to know about 41 per cent of incidents of BCS comparable crime.<sup>6</sup> Conversely, around three-fifths of incidents of comparable crime (59%) did not come to the attention of the police (Figure 2.8 and Table 2.09).

**Figure 2.8 Reporting rates for comparable subset of crimes, 2008/09 BCS**



The BCS has consistently shown that the likelihood of reporting crime varies considerably by type of offence. The 2008/09 BCS shows that thefts of vehicles are most likely to be reported; the police came to know about these incidents in nine out of ten occurrences (89%). Incidents of burglary were also well reported; around eight in ten burglaries where something was stolen (83%) and three-quarters of burglary with entry were reported (76%).

Reporting rates are relatively low for crimes such as vandalism, assault without injury and theft from the person where only about a third of incidents are reported to the police (33%, 33% and 30% respectively).

Generally reporting rates have been stable in recent years, but according to the 2008/09 BCS there are some statistically significant changes since the 2007/08 BCS in the proportions of incidents reported to the police.

- The 2008/09 BCS showed increases in the reporting rate for burglaries in which something was stolen, other theft of personal property and wounding (83%, 33% and 62% respectively) compared with the 2007/08 BCS (76%, 30% and 59% respectively).
- The 2008/09 BCS shows there were decreases in reporting rates for theft from the person (from 32% to 30%), assault (with minor injury or no injury) down from 37 per cent to 35 per cent and robbery (from 43% to 40%), and a slightly larger decrease for acquaintance violence (48% to 39%) compared with the previous year.
- The apparent fall in the reporting rate for bicycle theft (from 41% to 38%) was not statistically significant.

<sup>6</sup> The BCS provides a measure of the level of crime committed against the population resident in households in England and Wales, whereas recorded crime is a measure of crimes against individuals and both domestic and commercial property which are reported to the police and recorded by them. However, by using a subset of crimes, better comparisons can be made between the BCS and recorded crime; the comparable crime subset includes vandalism, burglary, vehicle-related theft, bicycle theft, theft from the person, wounding, robbery, assault with minor injury and assault without injury (see Section 4 of Volume 2).

Discrepancies between the trends in BCS and police recorded crime may reflect trends in reporting rates and police recording practice as well as variation within the BCS sample.

Victims of crime were asked why they did not report incidents to the police. As in previous years, the most frequently mentioned reason for not reporting incidents was that victims perceived them to be too trivial, there was no loss, or they believed that the police would or could not do much about them (76% of comparable crimes) (Table 2.10).

Table 2.01 Trends in BCS incidents of crime from 1981 to 2008/09<sup>1</sup>, with percentage change and statistical significance of change between 1995, 1997, 2001/02, 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09

| Numbers <sup>2</sup> (000s) and percentage changes |                                    |                    |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | BCS   |                 |                    |                    |                    |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|  | 1981                               | 1991               | 1995          | 1997          | 2001/02       | 2002/03       | 2004/05       | 2005/06       | 2006/07       | 2007/08       | 2008/09       | 1995 to 2008/09                                       | 1997 to 2008/09 | 2001/02 to 2008/09 | 2006/07 to 2008/09 | 2007/08 to 2008/09 |
|  | <i>Number of incidents (000s):</i> |                    |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <i>Percentage change<sup>3</sup> and significance</i> |                 |                    |                    |                    |
| <b>PROPERTY CRIME</b>                              |                                    |                    |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |   |                 |                    |                    |                    |
| <b>Vandalism</b>                                   | <b>2,713</b>                       | <b>2,759</b>       | <b>3,366</b>  | <b>2,866</b>  | <b>2,603</b>  | <b>2,535</b>  | <b>2,564</b>  | <b>2,731</b>  | <b>2,993</b>  | <b>2,695</b>  | <b>2,769</b>  | <b>-18 **</b>   | <b>-3 **</b>    | <b>6</b>           | <b>-7 **</b>       | <b>3</b>           |
| Vehicle vandalism                                  | 1,558                              | 1,685              | 1,826         | 1,609         | 1,511         | 1,517         | 1,564         | 1,697         | 1,895         | 1,739         | 1,843         | 1 **  | 15              | 22 **              | -3                 | 6                  |
| Other vandalism                                    | 1,155                              | 1,073              | 1,540         | 1,256         | 1,093         | 1,018         | 1,001         | 1,034         | 1,098         | 956           | 926           | -40 **  | -26 **          | -15 **             | -16 **             | -3                 |
| <b>Burglary</b>                                    | <b>749</b>                         | <b>1,380</b>       | <b>1,770</b>  | <b>1,621</b>  | <b>969</b>    | <b>973</b>    | <b>756</b>    | <b>733</b>    | <b>726</b>    | <b>737</b>    | <b>744</b>    | <b>-58 **</b>   | <b>-54 **</b>   | <b>-23 **</b>      | <b>2</b>           | <b>1</b>           |
| With entry   | 474                                | 869                | 998           | 852           | 552           | 561           | 469           | 440           | 425           | 438           | 452           | -55 **  | -47 **          | -18 **             | 6                  | 3                  |
| Attempts   | 276                                | 511                | 772           | 768           | 416           | 412           | 287           | 293           | 301           | 299           | 292           | -62 **  | -62 **          | -30 **             | -3                 | -2                 |
| With loss  | 373                                | 712                | 791           | 651           | 396           | 407           | 327           | 315           | 310           | 322           | 316           | -60 **  | -51 **          | -20 **             | 2                  | -2                 |
| No loss (including attempts)                       | 376                                | 668                | 979           | 970           | 573           | 566           | 429           | 418           | 417           | 415           | 428           | -56 **  | -56 **          | -25 **             | 3                  | 3                  |
| <b>Vehicle-related theft</b>                       | <b>1,751</b>                       | <b>3,845</b>       | <b>4,350</b>  | <b>3,511</b>  | <b>2,494</b>  | <b>2,365</b>  | <b>1,886</b>  | <b>1,731</b>  | <b>1,689</b>  | <b>1,508</b>  | <b>1,514</b>  | <b>-65 **</b>   | <b>-57 **</b>   | <b>-39 **</b>      | <b>-10 **</b>      | <b>0</b>           |
| Theft from vehicles                                | 1,286                              | 2,424              | 2,544         | 2,200         | 1,496         | 1,425         | 1,210         | 1,121         | 1,129         | 1,002         | 1,059         | -58 **  | -52 **          | -29 **             | -6                 | 6                  |
| Theft of vehicles                                  | 285                                | 522                | 510           | 378           | 316           | 278           | 214           | 185           | 176           | 162           | 150           | -71 **  | -60 **          | -53 **             | -15                | -8                 |
| Attempts of and from                               | 179                                | 899                | 1,297         | 933           | 683           | 662           | 462           | 425           | 384           | 344           | 305           | -76 **  | -67 **          | -55 **             | -21 **             | -11                |
| <b>Bicycle theft</b>                               | <b>216</b>                         | <b>569</b>         | <b>673</b>    | <b>541</b>    | <b>368</b>    | <b>359</b>    | <b>403</b>    | <b>439</b>    | <b>482</b>    | <b>444</b>    | <b>540</b>    | <b>-20 **</b>   | <b>0</b>        | <b>47 **</b>       | <b>12</b>          | <b>22 **</b>       |
| <b>Other household theft</b>                       | <b>1,518</b>                       | <b>1,857</b>       | <b>2,267</b>  | <b>2,024</b>  | <b>1,445</b>  | <b>1,360</b>  | <b>1,183</b>  | <b>1,158</b>  | <b>1,210</b>  | <b>1,066</b>  | <b>1,184</b>  | <b>-48 **</b>   | <b>-41 **</b>   | <b>-18 **</b>      | <b>-2</b>          | <b>11</b>          |
| <i>Unweighted base – household crime</i>           | <i>10,905</i>                      | <i>10,059</i>      | <i>16,310</i> | <i>14,900</i> | <i>32,720</i> | <i>36,395</i> | <i>44,973</i> | <i>47,610</i> | <i>47,027</i> | <i>46,765</i> | <i>46,252</i> |   |                 |                    |                    |                    |
| <b>Theft from the person</b>                       | <b>434</b>                         | <b>438</b>         | <b>680</b>    | <b>621</b>    | <b>604</b>    | <b>690</b>    | <b>584</b>    | <b>576</b>    | <b>574</b>    | <b>581</b>    | <b>725</b>    | <b>7</b>  | <b>17</b>       | <b>20</b>          | <b>26 **</b>       | <b>25 **</b>       |
| Snatch theft from person                           | 86                                 | 79                 | 80            | 83            | 74            | 88            | 92            | 71            | 72            | 80            | 103           | 29  | 24              | 39                 | 43                 | 29                 |
| Stealth theft from person                          | 348                                | 359                | 600           | 538           | 529           | 602           | 492           | 504           | 502           | 501           | 622           | 4   | 16              | 18                 | 24                 | 24 **              |
| <b>Other theft of personal property</b>            | <b>1,586</b>                       | <b>1,739</b>       | <b>2,069</b>  | <b>1,935</b>  | <b>1,407</b>  | <b>1,344</b>  | <b>1,154</b>  | <b>1,196</b>  | <b>1,141</b>  | <b>987</b>    | <b>1,096</b>  | <b>-47 **</b>   | <b>-43 **</b>   | <b>-22 **</b>      | <b>-4</b>          | <b>11</b>          |
| <b>All violence</b>                                | <b>2,074</b>                       | <b>2,556</b>       | <b>4,176</b>  | <b>3,593</b>  | <b>2,728</b>  | <b>2,714</b>  | <b>2,320</b>  | <b>2,349</b>  | <b>2,471</b>  | <b>2,200</b>  | <b>2,114</b>  | <b>-49 **</b>   | <b>-41 **</b>   | <b>-23 **</b>      | <b>-14 **</b>      | <b>-4</b>          |
| Wounding   | 508                                | 624                | 914           | 804           | 648           | 709           | 577           | 547           | 578           | 477           | 466           | -49 **  | -42 **          | -28 **             | -19 **             | -2                 |
| Assault with minor injury                          | 609                                | 784                | 1,356         | 1,198         | 709           | 623           | 572           | 571           | 492           | 533           | 533           | -61 **  | -56 **          | -25                | -7                 | 8                  |
| Assault without injury                             | 793                                | 966                | 1,567         | 1,257         | 1,015         | 1,079         | 860           | 918           | 1,002         | 917           | 844           | -46 **  | -33 **          | -17                | -16 **             | -8                 |
| Robbery  | 164                                | 182                | 339           | 334           | 356           | 303           | 255           | 311           | 320           | 315           | 272           | -20   | -19             | -24                | -15                | -13                |
| Violence with injury                               | 1,194                              | 1,441              | 2,408         | 2,184         | 1,497         | 1,441         | 1,300         | 1,227         | 1,270         | 1,063         | 1,116         | -54 **  | -49 **          | -25 **             | -12                | 5                  |
| Violence without injury                            | 881                                | 1,115              | 1,768         | 1,409         | 1,231         | 1,273         | 1,020         | 1,121         | 1,201         | 1,137         | 998           | -44 **  | -29 **          | -19 **             | -17 **             | -12                |
| Domestic violence                                  | 292                                | 534 <sup>4</sup>   | 989           | 814           | 626           | 506           | 401           | 357           | 407           | 343           | 293           | -70 **  | -64 **          | -53 **             | -28 **             | -15                |
| Acquaintance                                       | 774                                | 1,043 <sup>4</sup> | 1,816         | 1,642         | 862           | 949           | 828           | 817           | 845           | 776           | 691           | -62 **  | -58 **          | -20 **             | -18 **             | -11                |
| Stranger   | 844                                | 797 <sup>4</sup>   | 1,004         | 784           | 883           | 956           | 836           | 863           | 894           | 766           | 852           | -15   | 9               | -4                 | -5                 | 11                 |
| Mugging (robbery + snatch theft)                   | 250                                | 259 <sup>4</sup>   | 419           | 417           | 430           | 391           | 347           | 382           | 392           | 394           | 375           | -10   | -10             | -13                | -4                 | -5                 |
| <i>Unweighted base – personal crime</i>            | <i>10,905</i>                      | <i>10,059</i>      | <i>16,337</i> | <i>14,937</i> | <i>32,787</i> | <i>36,450</i> | <i>45,069</i> | <i>47,729</i> | <i>47,138</i> | <i>46,903</i> | <i>46,220</i> |   |                 |                    |                    |                    |
| Household acquisitive crime                        | 4,234                              | 7,651              | 9,060         | 7,697         | 5,275         | 5,057         | 4,227         | 4,060         | 4,108         | 3,756         | 3,982         | -56 **  | -48 **          | -25 **             | -3                 | 6                  |
| Personal acquisitive crime                         | 2,184                              | 2,358              | 3,088         | 2,891         | 2,367         | 2,337         | 1,993         | 2,082         | 2,035         | 1,883         | 2,094         | -32 **  | -28 **          | -12 **             | 3                  | 11                 |
| <b>ALL HOUSEHOLD CRIME</b>                         | <b>6,947</b>                       | <b>10,410</b>      | <b>12,426</b> | <b>10,562</b> | <b>7,879</b>  | <b>7,592</b>  | <b>6,792</b>  | <b>6,792</b>  | <b>7,101</b>  | <b>6,451</b>  | <b>6,751</b>  | <b>-46 **</b>   | <b>-36 **</b>   | <b>-14 **</b>      | <b>-5 **</b>       | <b>5</b>           |
| <b>ALL PERSONAL CRIME</b>                          | <b>4,094</b>                       | <b>4,733</b>       | <b>6,925</b>  | <b>6,149</b>  | <b>4,739</b>  | <b>4,748</b>  | <b>4,058</b>  | <b>4,120</b>  | <b>4,186</b>  | <b>3,768</b>  | <b>3,936</b>  | <b>-43 **</b>   | <b>-36 **</b>   | <b>-17 **</b>      | <b>-6</b>          | <b>4</b>           |
| <b>ALL BCS CRIME<sup>5</sup></b>                   | <b>11,041</b>                      | <b>15,142</b>      | <b>19,351</b> | <b>16,712</b> | <b>12,618</b> | <b>12,341</b> | <b>10,850</b> | <b>10,912</b> | <b>11,287</b> | <b>10,219</b> | <b>10,687</b> | <b>-45 **</b>   | <b>-36 **</b>   | <b>-15 **</b>      | <b>-5 **</b>       | <b>5</b>           |
| <i>Unweighted base – personal crime</i>            | <i>10,905</i>                      | <i>10,059</i>      | <i>16,337</i> | <i>14,937</i> | <i>32,787</i> | <i>36,450</i> | <i>45,069</i> | <i>47,729</i> | <i>47,138</i> | <i>46,903</i> | <i>46,220</i> |   |                 |                    |                    |                    |

1. For an explanation of year-labels see 'Conventions used in figures and tables' at the start of this volume.

2. The numbers are derived by multiplying incidence rates by the population estimates for England and Wales, that is: for household crimes, by 23,848,680 households and for personal crimes, by 44,265,687 adults. For more information see Section 2 of Volume 2.

3. Percentage changes for crimes such as snatch theft, robbery and domestic violence should be treated with caution because the number of victims interviewed is low (around 200 in 2008/09).

4. The 1991 estimates for domestic, acquaintance and stranger violence and mugging were calculated based on the estimate for all violence. Estimates for these individual categories could not be calculated using their individual incidence rates because the data used for calculating these rates were not collected for that year.

5. Statistical significance for change in all BCS crime cannot be calculated in the same way as for other BCS figures (a method based on an approximation has been developed). For more information see Section 8 of Volume 2.

6. See Section 5 of Volume 2 for more information about the crime types included in this table.

7. Figures for BCS years not presented in this table are included in an extended version of the table, available online at <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/crimeew0809.html>

Table 2.02 Trends in BCS incidence rates from 1981 to 2008/09<sup>1</sup>, with percentage change and statistical significance of change between 1995, 1997, 2001/02, 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09

| Rates <sup>2</sup> per 10,000 adults/households and percentage changes |  |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | BCS   |                 |                    |                    |                    |
|--|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|  | 1981                                       | 1991          | 1995          | 1997          | 2001/02       | 2002/03       | 2004/05       | 2005/06       | 2006/07       | 2007/08       | 2008/09       | 1995 to 2008/09                                       | 1997 to 2008/09 | 2001/02 to 2008/09 | 2006/07 to 2008/09 | 2007/08 to 2008/09 |
| <b>PROPERTY CRIME</b>  |  |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |   |                 |                    |                    |                    |
|  | <i>Rates per 10,000 adults/households:</i> |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <i>Percentage change<sup>3</sup> and significance</i> |                 |                    |                    |                    |
| <b>Vandalism</b>   | <b>1,481</b>                               | <b>1,356</b>  | <b>1,588</b>  | <b>1,330</b>  | <b>1,185</b>  | <b>1,145</b>  | <b>1,125</b>  | <b>1,182</b>  | <b>1,281</b>  | <b>1,141</b>  | <b>1,161</b>  | <b>-27 **</b>   | <b>-13 **</b>   | <b>-2</b>          | <b>-9 **</b>       | <b>2</b>           |
| Vehicle vandalism  | 850  | 829           | 862           | 747           | 687           | 685           | 686           | 735           | 811           | 737           | 773           | -10 **  | 3               | 12 **              | -5                 | 5                  |
| Other vandalism  | 630  | 528           | 727           | 583           | 497           | 459           | 439           | 448           | 470           | 405           | 388           | -47 **  | -33 **          | -22 **             | -17 **             | -4                 |
| <b>Burglary</b>  | <b>409</b>                                 | <b>678</b>    | <b>835</b>    | <b>752</b>    | <b>441</b>    | <b>439</b>    | <b>331</b>    | <b>317</b>    | <b>311</b>    | <b>312</b>    | <b>312</b>    | <b>-63 **</b>   | <b>-59 **</b>   | <b>-29 **</b>      | <b>0</b>           | <b>0</b>           |
| With entry   | 258  | 427           | 471           | 396           | 251           | 253           | 205           | 190           | 182           | 186           | 190           | -60 **  | -52 **          | -25 **             | 4                  | 2                  |
| Attempts   | 150  | 251           | 364           | 357           | 189           | 186           | 126           | 127           | 129           | 127           | 122           | -66 **  | -66 **          | -35 **             | -5                 | -3                 |
| With loss  | 204  | 350           | 373           | 302           | 180           | 184           | 143           | 136           | 132           | 137           | 133           | -64 **  | -56 **          | -26 **             | 0                  | -3                 |
| No loss (including attempts)   | 205  | 328           | 462           | 450           | 261           | 256           | 188           | 181           | 178           | 176           | 179           | -61 **  | -60 **          | -31 **             | 1                  | 2                  |
| <b>Vehicle-related theft</b>   | <b>955</b>                                 | <b>1,890</b>  | <b>2,052</b>  | <b>1,630</b>  | <b>1,135</b>  | <b>1,068</b>  | <b>827</b>    | <b>749</b>    | <b>723</b>    | <b>639</b>    | <b>635</b>    | <b>-69 **</b>   | <b>-61 **</b>   | <b>-44 **</b>      | <b>-12 **</b>      | <b>-1</b>          |
| Theft from vehicles  | 702  | 1,192         | 1,200         | 1,021         | 681           | 643           | 531           | 485           | 483           | 424           | 444           | -63 **  | -57 **          | -35 **             | -8                 | 5                  |
| Theft of vehicles  | 156  | 257           | 241           | 175           | 144           | 126           | 94            | 80            | 75            | 69            | 63            | -74 **  | -64 **          | -56 **             | -17                | -9                 |
| Attempts of and from   | 98   | 442           | 612           | 433           | 311           | 299           | 202           | 184           | 164           | 146           | 128           | -79 **  | -70 **          | -59 **             | -22 **             | -12                |
| <b>Bicycle theft</b>   | <b>118</b>                                 | <b>280</b>    | <b>317</b>    | <b>251</b>    | <b>167</b>    | <b>162</b>    | <b>177</b>    | <b>190</b>    | <b>206</b>    | <b>188</b>    | <b>227</b>    | <b>-29 **</b>   | <b>-10</b>      | <b>35 **</b>       | <b>10</b>          | <b>21 **</b>       |
| <b>Other household theft</b>   | <b>828</b>                                 | <b>913</b>    | <b>1,070</b>  | <b>940</b>    | <b>658</b>    | <b>614</b>    | <b>519</b>    | <b>501</b>    | <b>518</b>    | <b>452</b>    | <b>497</b>    | <b>-54 **</b>   | <b>-47 **</b>   | <b>-24 **</b>      | <b>-4</b>          | <b>10</b>          |
| <i>Unweighted base – household crime</i>                               | <i>10,905</i>                              | <i>10,059</i> | <i>16,310</i> | <i>14,900</i> | <i>32,720</i> | <i>36,395</i> | <i>44,973</i> | <i>47,610</i> | <i>47,027</i> | <i>46,765</i> | <i>46,252</i> |   |                 |                    |                    |                    |
| <b>Theft from the person</b>   | <b>112</b>                                 | <b>108</b>    | <b>167</b>    | <b>152</b>    | <b>144</b>    | <b>164</b>    | <b>137</b>    | <b>134</b>    | <b>132</b>    | <b>132</b>    | <b>164</b>    | <b>-2</b>   | <b>8</b>        | <b>14</b>          | <b>24 **</b>       | <b>24 **</b>       |
| Snatch theft from person   | 22   | 19            | 20            | 20            | 18            | 21            | 21            | 17            | 17            | 18            | 23            | 18  | 15              | 31                 | 40                 | 28                 |
| Stealth theft from person  | 90   | 89            | 148           | 131           | 126           | 143           | 115           | 117           | 115           | 114           | 141           | -5  | 7               | 11                 | 22                 | 23 **              |
| <b>Other theft of personal property</b>                                | <b>410</b>                                 | <b>429</b>    | <b>508</b>    | <b>472</b>    | <b>336</b>    | <b>319</b>    | <b>270</b>    | <b>277</b>    | <b>263</b>    | <b>225</b>    | <b>248</b>    | <b>-51 **</b>   | <b>-48 **</b>   | <b>-26 **</b>      | <b>-6</b>          | <b>10</b>          |
| <b>All violence</b>  | <b>536</b>                                 | <b>631</b>    | <b>1,026</b>  | <b>877</b>    | <b>652</b>    | <b>644</b>    | <b>544</b>    | <b>545</b>    | <b>569</b>    | <b>502</b>    | <b>478</b>    | <b>-53 **</b>   | <b>-46 **</b>   | <b>-27 **</b>      | <b>-16 **</b>      | <b>-5</b>          |
| Wounding   | 131  | 154           | 225           | 196           | 155           | 168           | 135           | 127           | 133           | 109           | 105           | -53 **  | -46 **          | -32 **             | -21 **             | -3                 |
| Assault with minor injury  | 157  | 194           | 333           | 292           | 169           | 148           | 147           | 133           | 131           | 112           | 120           | -64 **  | -59 **          | -29                | -8                 | 7                  |
| Assault without injury   | 205  | 239           | 385           | 307           | 242           | 256           | 201           | 213           | 231           | 209           | 191           | -51 **  | -38 **          | -21                | -17 **             | -9                 |
| Robbery  | 42   | 45            | 83            | 82            | 85            | 72            | 60            | 72            | 74            | 72            | 61            | -26   | -25             | -28                | -16                | -14                |
| Violence with injury   | 308  | 356           | 592           | 533           | 358           | 342           | 305           | 285           | 292           | 242           | 252           | -57 **  | -53 **          | -29 **             | -14                | 4                  |
| Violence without injury  | 227  | 275           | 434           | 344           | 294           | 302           | 239           | 260           | 276           | 259           | 225           | -48 **  | -34 **          | -23 **             | -18 **             | -13                |
| Domestic violence  | 75   | -             | 243           | 199           | 150           | 120           | 94            | 83            | 94            | 78            | 66            | -73 **  | -67 **          | -56 **             | -29 **             | -15                |
| Acquaintance   | 200  | -             | 446           | 401           | 206           | 225           | 194           | 190           | 194           | 177           | 156           | -65 **  | -61 **          | -24 **             | -20 **             | -12                |
| Stranger   | 218  | -             | 247           | 191           | 211           | 227           | 196           | 200           | 206           | 175           | 192           | -22   | 1               | -9                 | -6                 | 10                 |
| Mugging (robbery + snatch theft)                                       | 65   | 64            | 103           | 102           | 103           | 93            | 81            | 89            | 90            | 90            | 85            | -18   | -17             | -18                | -6                 | -6                 |
| <i>Unweighted base – personal crime</i>                                | <i>10,905</i>                              | <i>10,059</i> | <i>16,337</i> | <i>14,937</i> | <i>32,787</i> | <i>36,450</i> | <i>45,069</i> | <i>47,729</i> | <i>47,138</i> | <i>46,903</i> | <i>46,220</i> |   |                 |                    |                    |                    |
| Household acquisitive crime  | 2,311                                      | 3,761         | 4,275         | 3,573         | 2,401         | 2,283         | 1,854         | 1,757         | 1,758         | 1,591         | 1,670         | -61 **  | -53 **          | -30 **             | -5                 | 5                  |
| Personal acquisitive crime   | 564  | 582           | 759           | 706           | 565           | 555           | 467           | 483           | 468           | 429           | 473           | -38 **  | -33 **          | -16 **             | 1                  | 10                 |
| <b>ALL HOUSEHOLD CRIME</b>   | <b>3,791</b>                               | <b>5,118</b>  | <b>5,863</b>  | <b>4,903</b>  | <b>3,586</b>  | <b>3,428</b>  | <b>2,978</b>  | <b>2,939</b>  | <b>3,038</b>  | <b>2,732</b>  | <b>2,831</b>  | <b>-52 **</b>   | <b>-42 **</b>   | <b>-21 **</b>      | <b>-7 **</b>       | <b>4</b>           |
| <b>ALL PERSONAL CRIME</b>  | <b>1,057</b>                               | <b>1,169</b>  | <b>1,702</b>  | <b>1,501</b>  | <b>1,132</b>  | <b>1,127</b>  | <b>951</b>    | <b>956</b>    | <b>963</b>    | <b>859</b>    | <b>889</b>    | <b>-48 **</b>   | <b>-41 **</b>   | <b>-21 **</b>      | <b>-8</b>          | <b>3</b>           |

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2. Rates for vandalism, burglary, vehicle-related theft, bicycle theft and other household theft are quoted per 10,000 households. Rates for violence, theft from the person, and other theft of personal property are quoted per 10,000 adults.

3. Percentage changes for crimes such as snatch theft, robbery and domestic violence should be treated with caution because the number of victims interviewed is low (around 200 in 2008/09).

4. It is not possible to construct a rate for all BCS crime because rates for household offences are based on rates per household, and those for personal offences on rates per adult, and the two cannot be combined.

5. See Section 5 of Volume 2 for more information about the crime types included in this table.

Table 2.03 Trends in percentage of households/adults who were victims once or more (prevalence risk), from 1981 to 2008/09<sup>1</sup>, and statistical significance of change between 2007/08 and 2008/09

| Percentages <sup>2</sup>  |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | BCS  |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--|
|   | 1981          | 1991          | 1995          | 1997          | 2001/02       | 2002/03       | 2004/05       | 2005/06       | 2006/07       | 2007/08       | 2008/09       | Statistically significant<br>change<br>2007/08 to<br>2008/09 |
| <b>PROPERTY CRIME</b>   |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |  |
| <i>Percentage of households, victims once or more:</i>                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |  |
| <b>Vandalism</b>  | <b>9.2</b>    | <b>8.6</b>    | <b>10.1</b>   | <b>8.2</b>    | <b>7.3</b>    | <b>7.3</b>    | <b>7.1</b>    | <b>7.6</b>    | <b>7.9</b>    | <b>7.3</b>    | <b>7.6</b>    |  |
| Vehicle vandalism   | 5.7           | 5.7           | 6.2           | 5.1           | 4.7           | 4.8           | 4.8           | 5.2           | 5.5           | 5.1           | 5.4           |  |
| Other vandalism   | 3.9           | 3.4           | 4.3           | 3.4           | 2.9           | 2.8           | 2.7           | 2.8           | 2.8           | 2.5           | 2.5           |  |
| <b>Burglary</b>   | <b>3.4</b>    | <b>5.3</b>    | <b>6.4</b>    | <b>5.6</b>    | <b>3.4</b>    | <b>3.4</b>    | <b>2.7</b>    | <b>2.4</b>    | <b>2.5</b>    | <b>2.4</b>    | <b>2.5</b>    |  |
| With entry  | 2.2           | 3.5           | 3.7           | 3.2           | 2.0           | 2.0           | 1.7           | 1.5           | 1.5           | 1.4           | 1.5           |  |
| Attempts  | 1.4           | 2.1           | 2.9           | 2.7           | 1.5           | 1.5           | 1.0           | 1.0           | 1.1           | 1.0           | 1.0           |  |
| With loss   | 1.8           | 2.9           | 3.1           | 2.5           | 1.5           | 1.6           | 1.2           | 1.2           | 1.2           | 1.1           | 1.2           |  |
| No loss (including attempts)  | 1.9           | 2.7           | 3.6           | 3.3           | 2.0           | 1.9           | 1.5           | 1.4           | 1.4           | 1.4           | 1.4           |  |
| <b>Vehicle-related theft</b>  | <b>7.3</b>    | <b>13.5</b>   | <b>14.5</b>   | <b>12.0</b>   | <b>8.5</b>    | <b>8.2</b>    | <b>6.4</b>    | <b>5.8</b>    | <b>5.8</b>    | <b>5.1</b>    | <b>5.1</b>    |  |
| Theft from vehicles   | 5.6           | 8.8           | 9.1           | 7.9           | 5.3           | 5.2           | 4.1           | 3.8           | 3.9           | 3.5           | 3.6           |  |
| Theft of vehicles   | 1.4           | 2.4           | 2.1           | 1.6           | 1.3           | 1.2           | 0.9           | 0.7           | 0.7           | 0.6           | 0.6           |  |
| Attempts of and from  | 0.8           | 3.6           | 4.8           | 3.6           | 2.5           | 2.5           | 1.7           | 1.5           | 1.4           | 1.2           | 1.1           |  |
| <b>Bicycle theft</b>  | <b>1.1</b>    | <b>2.4</b>    | <b>2.7</b>    | <b>2.2</b>    | <b>1.5</b>    | <b>1.4</b>    | <b>1.5</b>    | <b>1.6</b>    | <b>1.8</b>    | <b>1.6</b>    | <b>1.9</b>    | **↑  |
| <b>Other household theft</b>  | <b>5.4</b>    | <b>6.4</b>    | <b>7.6</b>    | <b>6.6</b>    | <b>4.8</b>    | <b>4.7</b>    | <b>3.9</b>    | <b>3.7</b>    | <b>4.0</b>    | <b>3.5</b>    | <b>3.7</b>    |  |
| <i>Unweighted base – household crime</i>                              | <i>10,905</i> | <i>10,059</i> | <i>16,310</i> | <i>14,900</i> | <i>32,720</i> | <i>36,395</i> | <i>44,973</i> | <i>47,610</i> | <i>47,027</i> | <i>46,765</i> | <i>46,252</i> |  |
| <i>Percentage of vehicle-owning households, victims once or more:</i> |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |  |
| <b>Vehicle-related theft</b>  | <b>10.8</b>   | <b>18.2</b>   | <b>19.7</b>   | <b>16.0</b>   | <b>11.3</b>   | <b>10.8</b>   | <b>8.2</b>    | <b>7.5</b>    | <b>7.5</b>    | <b>6.5</b>    | <b>6.4</b>    |  |
| Theft from vehicle  | 8.2           | 11.8          | 12.3          | 10.5          | 7.0           | 6.8           | 5.4           | 4.9           | 5.1           | 4.4           | 4.6           |  |
| Theft of vehicles   | 2.1           | 3.2           | 2.9           | 2.2           | 1.7           | 1.5           | 1.1           | 0.9           | 0.9           | 0.8           | 0.7           |  |
| Attempts of and from  | 1.1           | 4.8           | 6.5           | 4.9           | 3.3           | 3.3           | 2.2           | 1.9           | 1.8           | 1.6           | 1.4           |  |
| <b>Vehicle vandalism</b>  | <b>8.5</b>    | <b>7.6</b>    | <b>8.5</b>    | <b>6.8</b>    | <b>6.4</b>    | <b>6.3</b>    | <b>6.2</b>    | <b>6.6</b>    | <b>7.0</b>    | <b>6.5</b>    | <b>7.0</b>    |  |
| <i>Unweighted base – vehicle owners</i>                               | <i>7,714</i>  | <i>7,386</i>  | <i>11,721</i> | <i>10,930</i> | <i>25,022</i> | <i>28,106</i> | <i>35,378</i> | <i>38,016</i> | <i>37,526</i> | <i>37,487</i> | <i>36,909</i> |  |
| <i>Percentage of bicycle-owning households, victims once or more:</i> |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |  |
| <b>Bicycle theft</b>  | <b>2.7</b>    | <b>5.5</b>    | <b>6.1</b>    | <b>4.8</b>    | <b>3.7</b>    | <b>3.4</b>    | <b>3.6</b>    | <b>3.8</b>    | <b>4.0</b>    | <b>3.7</b>    | <b>4.4</b>    | **↑  |
| <i>Unweighted base – bicycle owners</i>                               | <i>4,766</i>  | <i>4,093</i>  | <i>6,882</i>  | <i>6,380</i>  | <i>13,501</i> | <i>15,567</i> | <i>19,344</i> | <i>20,861</i> | <i>21,054</i> | <i>20,779</i> | <i>20,653</i> |  |
| <i>Percentage of adults (16+), victims once or more:</i>              |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |  |
| <b>Theft from the person</b>  | <b>1.0</b>    | <b>1.0</b>    | <b>1.6</b>    | <b>1.4</b>    | <b>1.3</b>    | <b>1.5</b>    | <b>1.2</b>    | <b>1.2</b>    | <b>1.2</b>    | <b>1.2</b>    | <b>1.5</b>    |  |
| Snatch theft from person  | 0.1           | 0.2           | 0.2           | 0.2           | 0.2           | 0.2           | 0.2           | 0.2           | 0.2           | 0.2           | 0.2           |  |
| Stealth theft from person   | 0.9           | 0.8           | 1.4           | 1.2           | 1.1           | 1.3           | 1.0           | 1.1           | 1.1           | 1.1           | 1.3           |  |
| <b>Other theft of personal property</b>                               | <b>3.3</b>    | <b>3.3</b>    | <b>4.1</b>    | <b>3.8</b>    | <b>2.8</b>    | <b>2.8</b>    | <b>2.3</b>    | <b>2.4</b>    | <b>2.2</b>    | <b>2.0</b>    | <b>2.1</b>    |  |
| <b>All violence</b>   |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |  |
| Wounding  | 1.0           | 1.0           | 1.2           | 1.2           | 1.0           | 1.1           | 1.0           | 0.8           | 0.9           | 0.8           | 0.8           |  |
| Assault with minor injury   | 1.0           | 1.2           | 1.9           | 1.7           | 1.0           | 0.9           | 0.9           | 0.8           | 0.9           | 0.8           | 0.8           |  |
| Assault without injury  | 1.1           | 1.2           | 2.1           | 1.9           | 1.5           | 1.6           | 1.3           | 1.3           | 1.4           | 1.4           | 1.3           |  |
| Robbery   | 0.3           | 0.4           | 0.7           | 0.7           | 0.6           | 0.6           | 0.5           | 0.6           | 0.5           | 0.5           | 0.5           |  |
| Violence with injury  | 2.0           | 2.2           | 3.2           | 3.1           | 2.2           | 2.2           | 2.0           | 1.8           | 2.0           | 1.7           | 1.8           |  |
| Violence without injury   | 1.3           | 1.5           | 2.5           | 2.2           | 1.9           | 2.0           | 1.6           | 1.6           | 1.8           | 1.7           | 1.6           |  |
| Domestic violence   | 0.3           | 0.6           | 1.0           | 0.9           | 0.6           | 0.6           | 0.5           | 0.4           | 0.5           | 0.4           | 0.4           |  |
| Acquaintance  | 1.2           | 1.4           | 2.3           | 2.3           | 1.3           | 1.4           | 1.2           | 1.1           | 1.3           | 1.1           | 1.0           |  |
| Stranger  | 1.5           | 1.2           | 1.7           | 1.5           | 1.5           | 1.6           | 1.4           | 1.4           | 1.5           | 1.4           | 1.4           |  |
| Mugging (robbery + snatch theft)                                      | 0.4           | 0.5           | 0.9           | 0.9           | 0.8           | 0.8           | 0.7           | 0.7           | 0.7           | 0.7           | 0.7           |  |
| <i>Percentage victims once or more:</i>                               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |  |
| Household acquisitive crime   | 15.4          | 23.7          | 26.3          | 22.7          | 16.3          | 15.8          | 13.0          | 12.3          | 12.8          | 11.5          | 12.0          |  |
| Personal acquisitive crime  | 4.5           | 4.5           | 6.2           | 5.7           | 4.6           | 4.6           | 3.9           | 4.0           | 3.9           | 3.6           | 4.0           |  |
| <b>ALL HOUSEHOLD CRIME</b>  | <b>22.2</b>   | <b>29.0</b>   | <b>32.5</b>   | <b>27.8</b>   | <b>21.6</b>   | <b>21.0</b>   | <b>18.4</b>   | <b>18.1</b>   | <b>18.9</b>   | <b>17.1</b>   | <b>17.8</b>   |  |
| <b>ALL PERSONAL CRIME</b>   | <b>6.9</b>    | <b>7.3</b>    | <b>10.4</b>   | <b>9.5</b>    | <b>7.3</b>    | <b>7.5</b>    | <b>6.5</b>    | <b>6.4</b>    | <b>6.6</b>    | <b>6.1</b>    | <b>6.3</b>    |  |
| <b>All BCS CRIME<sup>3</sup></b>                                      |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |  |
| <i>Unweighted base – personal crime</i>                               | <i>10,905</i> | <i>10,059</i> | <i>16,337</i> | <i>14,937</i> | <i>32,787</i> | <i>36,450</i> | <i>45,069</i> | <i>47,729</i> | <i>47,138</i> | <i>46,903</i> | <i>46,220</i> | **↑  |

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2. Percentages for all violence, theft from the person and other theft of personal property are based on adults. Percentages for vandalism, burglary, vehicle-related theft, bicycle theft and other household theft are based on households.

3. This percentage is calculated treating a household crime as a personal crime. It is the estimated percentage of adults who have been a victim of at least one personal crime or have been resident in a household that was a victim of at least one household crime.

4. See Section 5 of Volume 2 for more information about the crime types included in this table.

**Table 2.04 Recorded crime by offence, 1997 to 2008/09 and percentage change between 2007/08 and 2008/09**

Categories shown in grey are those currently being reviewed by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary as part of a quality assurance inspection - see Box 2.1 for further details.

| Numbers and percentage changes   |                   |                      |                |                |                |                        |                |                  |                  |                  |                |                | Recorded crime                    |  |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Offence  | 1997 <sup>1</sup> | 1998/99 <sup>2</sup> | 1999/00        | 2000/01        | 2001/02        | 2002/03 <sup>3,4</sup> | 2003/04        | 2004/05          | 2005/06          | 2006/07          | 2007/08        | 2008/09        | % change<br>2007/08 to<br>2008/09 |  |
| 1 Murder   |                   |                      |                |                |                |                        |                |                  |                  |                  |                |                |                                   |  |
| 4.1 Manslaughter   | 739               | 750                  | 766            | 850            | 891            | 1,047                  | 904            | 868              | 766              | 759              | 784            | 648            | -17                               |  |
| 4.2 Infanticide  |                   |                      |                |                |                |                        |                |                  |                  |                  |                |                |                                   |  |
| 2 Attempted murder <sup>5</sup>  | 652               | 676                  | 750            | 708            | 856            | 822                    | 888            | 740              | 920              | 633              | 621            | 575            | -7                                |  |
| 4.3 Intentional destruction of viable unborn child                                 | 5                 | 9                    | 1              | 2              |                | 2                      | 8              | 4                | 5                | 5                | 4              | 8              | -                                 |  |
| 4.4 Causing death by dangerous driving   |                   |                      |                |                |                |                        |                |                  |                  |                  |                | 366            |                                   |  |
| 4.6 Causing death by careless driving when under the influence of drink or drugs   | 291               | 349                  | 317            | 335            | 370            | 414                    | 445            | 441              | 432              | 459              | 419            | 30             | 2                                 |  |
| 4.8 Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving                             |                   |                      |                |                |                |                        |                |                  |                  |                  |                | 31             |                                   |  |
| 5 More serious wounding or other act endangering life <sup>6</sup>                 | 12,531            | 14,006               | 15,135         | 15,662         | 16,547         | 18,016                 | 19,528         | 19,612           | 18,825           | 17,276           | 15,122         | ..             | ..                                |  |
| 5A Inflicting grievous bodily harm (GBH) with intent <sup>6</sup>                  | ..                | ..                   | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..                     | ..             | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..             | 22,187         | ..                                |  |
| 5B Use of substance or object to endanger life <sup>6</sup>                        | ..                | ..                   | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..                     | ..             | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..             | 460            | ..                                |  |
| 5C Possession of items to endanger life <sup>6</sup>                               | ..                | ..                   | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..                     | ..             | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..             | 268            | ..                                |  |
| 8F Inflicting grievous bodily harm (GBH) without intent <sup>7</sup>               | ..                | ..                   | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..                     | ..             | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..             | 16,855         | ..                                |  |
| 8H Racially or religiously aggravated inflicting GBH without intent <sup>7,8</sup> | ..                | ..                   | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..                     | ..             | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..             | 378            | ..                                |  |
| 37.1 Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking                                    | 12                | 30                   | 37             | 35             | 35             | 55                     | 63             | 40               | 24               | 18               | 18             | 15             | -                                 |  |
| 4.7 Causing or allowing death of a child or vulnerable person                      | ..                | ..                   | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..                     | ..             | ..               | 5                | 3                | 3              | 8              | -                                 |  |
| 4.9 Causing death by driving: unlicensed drivers etc.                              | ..                | ..                   | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..                     | ..             | ..               | ..               | ..               | 1              | 6              | -                                 |  |
| 4.10 Corporate manslaughter  | ..                | ..                   | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..                     | ..             | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..             | 2              | ..                                |  |
| 8A Less serious wounding <sup>7,9</sup>  | 226,795           | 196,737              | 201,290        | 195,925        | 208,542        | 347,353                | 431,056        | 488,135          | 516,523          | 481,822          | 430,566        | ..             | ..                                |  |
| 8G Actual bodily harm (ABH) and other injury <sup>7</sup>                          | ..                | ..                   | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..                     | ..             | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..             | 375,225        | ..                                |  |
| 8D Racially or religiously aggravated less serious wounding <sup>7,9</sup>         | ..                | ..                   | 2,687          | 3,176          | 3,463          | 4,415                  | 4,930          | 5,426            | 6,107            | 5,620            | 4,826          | ..             | ..                                |  |
| 8J Racially or religiously aggravated ABH or other injury <sup>7,9</sup>           | ..                | ..                   | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..                     | ..             | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..             | 3,936          | ..                                |  |
| 8K Poisoning or female genital mutilation <sup>7</sup>                             | ..                | ..                   | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..                     | ..             | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..             | 159            | ..                                |  |
| <b>Violence against the person - with injury</b>                                   | <b>241,025</b>    | <b>212,557</b>       | <b>220,983</b> | <b>216,693</b> | <b>230,704</b> | <b>372,124</b>         | <b>457,822</b> | <b>515,266</b>   | <b>543,607</b>   | <b>506,595</b>   | <b>452,364</b> | <b>421,157</b> | <b>-7</b>                         |  |
| 3 Threat or conspiracy to murder <sup>10</sup>                                     | 9,340             | 11,212               | 13,434         | 14,064         | 13,651         | 18,132                 | 22,299         | 23,758           | 18,683           | 12,822           | 9,963          | ..             |                                   |  |
| 3A Conspiracy to murder <sup>10</sup>  | ..                | ..                   | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..                     | ..             | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..             | 55             |                                   |  |
| 3B Threats to kill <sup>10</sup>   | ..                | ..                   | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..                     | ..             | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..             | 9,504          |                                   |  |
| 6 Endangering railway passengers   | 11                | 15                   | 7              | 10             | 16             | 1,164                  | 811            | 718              | 646              | 484              | 402            | 319            | -21                               |  |
| 7 Endangering life at sea  | ..                | ..                   | 1              | ..             | 4              | 2                      | 2              | 3                | 13               | 5                | 10             | 8              | -                                 |  |
| 8B Possession of weapons <sup>11,12,13</sup>                                       | ..                | 23,635               | 23,792         | 24,552         | 28,787         | 32,816                 | 35,669         | 36,374           | 35,590           | 34,689           | 32,501         | ..             |                                   |  |
| 10A Possession of firearms with intent <sup>13</sup>                               | ..                | ..                   | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..                     | ..             | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..             | 1,971          |                                   |  |
| 10C Possession of other weapons <sup>13</sup>                                      | ..                | ..                   | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..                     | ..             | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..             | 14,956         |                                   |  |
| 10D Possession of article with blade or point <sup>13</sup>                        | ..                | ..                   | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..                     | ..             | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..             | 13,968         |                                   |  |
| 8C Harassment/Public fear, alarm or distress <sup>8,14</sup>                       | ..                | 79,534               | 88,625         | 93,832         | 96,784         | 122,810                | 155,000        | 197,616          | 218,705          | 228,645          | 210,043        | ..             |                                   |  |
| 8L Harassment <sup>14</sup>  | ..                | ..                   | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..                     | ..             | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..             | 48,436         |                                   |  |
| 9A Public fear, alarm or distress <sup>14</sup>                                    | ..                | ..                   | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..                     | ..             | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..             | 142,304        |                                   |  |
| 8E Racially or religiously aggravated harassment/public fear etc. <sup>15</sup>    | ..                | ..                   | 10,758         | 12,468         | 14,975         | 16,910                 | 20,975         | 23,363           | 26,605           | 28,485           | 26,494         | ..             |                                   |  |
| 8M Racially or religiously aggravated harassment <sup>15</sup>                     | ..                | ..                   | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..                     | ..             | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..             | 2,390          |                                   |  |
| 9B Racially or religiously aggravated public fear, alarm or distress <sup>15</sup> | ..                | ..                   | ..             | ..             | ..             | ..                     | ..             | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..             | 23,365         |                                   |  |
| 11 Cruelty to and neglect of children <sup>16</sup>                                | ..                | 2,300                | 2,631          | 2,558          | 3,068          | 4,109                  | 6,083          | 5,724            | 5,045            | 4,917            | 5,284          | 6,218          | 18                                |  |
| 12 Abandoning a child under the age of two years                                   | 56                | 42                   | 51             | 48             | 48             | 59                     | 49             | 49               | 49               | 23               | 19             | 23             | -                                 |  |
| 13 Child abduction   | 390               | 502                  | 577            | 546            | 584            | 846                    | 930            | 1,035            | 919              | 696              | 594            | 571            | -4                                |  |
| 14 Procuring illegal abortion  | ..                | 2                    | 2              | 4              | 6              | 7                      | 9              | 7                | 6                | 6                | 6              | 5              | -                                 |  |
| 104 Assault without injury on a constable <sup>9,16</sup>                          | ..                | 21,510               | 26,115         | 28,000         | 30,095         | 33,948                 | 22,189         | 23,604           | 22,217           | 21,749           | 20,457         | 17,391         | -15                               |  |
| 105A Assault without injury <sup>9,16</sup>  | ..                | 151,469              | 189,783        | 203,427        | 226,440        | 237,549                | 241,229        | 216,712          | 183,555          | 202,701          | 198,715        | 197,172        | -1                                |  |
| 105B Racially or religiously aggravated assault without injury <sup>8,9</sup>      | ..                | ..                   | 4,275          | 4,711          | 5,164          | 4,602                  | 4,161          | 3,866            | 3,945            | 4,351            | 4,323          | 4,180          | -3                                |  |
| <b>Violence against the person - without injury</b>                                | <b>9,797</b>      | <b>290,221</b>       | <b>360,051</b> | <b>384,220</b> | <b>419,622</b> | <b>472,954</b>         | <b>509,406</b> | <b>532,829</b>   | <b>515,978</b>   | <b>539,573</b>   | <b>508,811</b> | <b>482,836</b> | <b>-5</b>                         |  |
| <b>TOTAL VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON OFFENCES</b>                                  | <b>250,822</b>    | <b>502,778</b>       | <b>581,034</b> | <b>600,913</b> | <b>650,326</b> | <b>845,078</b>         | <b>967,228</b> | <b>1,048,095</b> | <b>1,059,585</b> | <b>1,046,168</b> | <b>961,175</b> | <b>903,993</b> | <b>-6</b>                         |  |

Table 2.04 (contd) Recorded crime by offence, 1997 to 2008/09 and percentage change between 2007/08 and 2008/09

| Numbers and percentage changes   |               | Recorded crime       |               |               |                |                        |                |               |               |                |               |               |                                   |
|--|---------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| Offence  | 1997          | 1998/99 <sup>2</sup> | 1999/00       | 2000/01       | 2001/02        | 2002/03 <sup>3,4</sup> | 2003/04        | 2004/05       | 2005/06       | 2006/07        | 2007/08       | 2008/09       | % change<br>2007/08 to<br>2008/09 |
| 17 Indecent assault on a male <sup>17,18</sup>                             | 3,503         | 3,683                | 3,614         | 3,530         | 3,611          | 4,132                  | 4,110          | 1,003         | 347           | 76             | 209           | 158           | -12                               |
| 17A Sexual assault on a male aged 13 and over <sup>17</sup>                | ..            | ..                   | ..            | ..            | ..             | ..                     | ..             | 1,316         | 1,428         | 1,450          | 1,324         | 1,164         |                                   |
| 17B Sexual assault on a male child under 13 <sup>17</sup>                  | ..            | ..                   | ..            | ..            | ..             | ..                     | ..             | 1,227         | 1,394         | 1,237          | 1,114         | 1,001         |                                   |
| 19A Rape of a female <sup>17,18</sup>                                      | 6,281         | 7,132                | 7,809         | 7,929         | 9,002          | 11,445                 | 12,378         | 693           | 61            | 25             | 145           | 216           | 5                                 |
| 19C Rape of a female aged 16 and over <sup>17</sup>                        | ..            | ..                   | ..            | ..            | ..             | ..                     | ..             | 8,192         | 8,725         | 8,222          | 7,588         | 7,778         |                                   |
| 19D Rape of a female child under 16 <sup>17</sup>                          | ..            | ..                   | ..            | ..            | ..             | ..                     | ..             | 3,014         | 3,153         | 2,853          | 2,413         | 2,524         |                                   |
| 19E Rape of a female child under 13 <sup>17</sup>                          | ..            | ..                   | ..            | ..            | ..             | ..                     | ..             | 970           | 1,388         | 1,524          | 1,485         | 1,647         |                                   |
| <b>Rape of a female</b>  | <b>6,281</b>  | <b>7,132</b>         | <b>7,809</b>  | <b>7,929</b>  | <b>9,002</b>   | <b>11,445</b>          | <b>12,378</b>  | <b>12,869</b> | <b>13,327</b> | <b>12,624</b>  | <b>11,631</b> | <b>12,165</b> | <b>5</b>                          |
| 19B Rape of a male <sup>17,18</sup>  | 347           | 504                  | 600           | 664           | 732            | 850                    | 894            | 81            | 22            | 18             | 10            | 27            | -4                                |
| 19F Rape of a male aged 16 and over <sup>17</sup>                          | ..            | ..                   | ..            | ..            | ..             | ..                     | ..             | 444           | 438           | 413            | 333           | 316           |                                   |
| 19G Rape of a male child under 16 <sup>17</sup>                            | ..            | ..                   | ..            | ..            | ..             | ..                     | ..             | 322           | 292           | 261            | 237           | 217           |                                   |
| 19H Rape of a male child under 13 <sup>17</sup>                            | ..            | ..                   | ..            | ..            | ..             | ..                     | ..             | 297           | 364           | 458            | 428           | 408           |                                   |
| <b>Rape of a male</b>  | <b>347</b>    | <b>504</b>           | <b>600</b>    | <b>664</b>    | <b>732</b>     | <b>850</b>             | <b>894</b>     | <b>1,144</b>  | <b>1,116</b>  | <b>1,150</b>   | <b>1,008</b>  | <b>968</b>    |                                   |
| 20 Indecent assault on a female <sup>17,18</sup>                           | 18,674        | 19,524               | 20,664        | 20,301        | 21,789         | 25,275                 | 27,240         | 5,152         | 1,215         | 267            | 768           | 575           | -4                                |
| 20A Sexual assault on a female aged 13 and over <sup>17</sup>              | ..            | ..                   | ..            | ..            | ..             | ..                     | ..             | 15,087        | 17,158        | 16,883         | 15,779        | 15,510        |                                   |
| 20B Sexual assault on a female child under 13 <sup>17</sup>                | ..            | ..                   | ..            | ..            | ..             | ..                     | ..             | 4,391         | 4,647         | 4,245          | 3,972         | 3,655         |                                   |
| 21 Unlawful sexual intercourse with a girl under 13 <sup>17</sup>          | 148           | 153                  | 181           | 155           | 169            | 183                    | 212            | ..            | ..            | ..             | ..            | ..            | -10                               |
| 21 Sexual activity involving a child under 13 <sup>17</sup>                | ..            | ..                   | ..            | ..            | ..             | ..                     | ..             | 1,510         | 1,950         | 1,936          | 1,836         | 1,649         |                                   |
| 22 Unlawful sexual intercourse with a girl under 16 <sup>17,18</sup>       | 1,112         | 1,135                | 1,270         | 1,237         | 1,328          | 1,515                  | 1,911          | 436           | 138           | 67             | 33            | 53            | 7                                 |
| 22B Sexual activity involving a child under 16 <sup>17</sup>               | ..            | ..                   | ..            | ..            | ..             | ..                     | ..             | 2,546         | 3,283         | 3,208          | 3,104         | 3,317         |                                   |
| 22A Causing sexual activity without consent <sup>17,19</sup>               | ..            | ..                   | ..            | ..            | ..             | ..                     | ..             | 239           | 744           | 224            | 217           | 152           | -30                               |
| 70 Sexual activity etc. with a person with a mental disorder <sup>17</sup> | ..            | ..                   | ..            | ..            | ..             | ..                     | ..             | 104           | 139           | 163            | 127           | 128           |                                   |
| 71 Abuse of children through prostitution and pornography <sup>17</sup>    | ..            | ..                   | ..            | ..            | ..             | ..                     | ..             | 99            | 124           | 101            | 111           | 116           | 5                                 |
| 72 Trafficking for sexual exploitation <sup>17</sup>                       | ..            | ..                   | ..            | ..            | ..             | ..                     | ..             | 21            | 33            | 43             | 57            | 54            | -5                                |
| 74 Gross indecency with a child <sup>17,18</sup>                           | 1,269         | 1,293                | 1,365         | 1,336         | 1,654          | 1,917                  | 1,987          | 398           | 120           | 64             | 150           | 122           | -19                               |
| <b>Most serious sexual crime<sup>17</sup></b>                              | <b>31,334</b> | <b>33,424</b>        | <b>35,503</b> | <b>35,152</b> | <b>38,285</b>  | <b>45,317</b>          | <b>48,732</b>  | <b>47,542</b> | <b>47,163</b> | <b>43,738</b>  | <b>41,440</b> | <b>40,787</b> | <b>-2</b>                         |
| 16 Buggery <sup>17,18</sup>  | 645           | 566                  | 437           | 401           | 355            | 287                    | 247            | 73            | 39            | 35             | 49            | 36            | -                                 |
| 18 Gross indecency between males <sup>17,18</sup>                          | 520           | 354                  | 286           | 167           | 163            | 245                    | 260            | 49            | 20            | 12             | 17            | 15            | -                                 |
| 23 Incest or familial sexual offences <sup>17</sup>                        | 183           | 139                  | 121           | 80            | 92             | 99                     | 105            | 713           | 966           | 1,344          | 1,124         | 1,045         | -7                                |
| 24 Exploitation of prostitution <sup>17</sup>                              | 131           | 215                  | 138           | 129           | 129            | 127                    | 186            | 117           | 153           | 190            | 184           | 175           | -5                                |
| 25 Abduction of female <sup>17,18</sup>                                    | 277           | 240                  | 251           | 262           | 262            | 291                    | 403            | 86            | 36            | 21             | 4             | 4             | -                                 |
| 27 Soliciting for the purpose of prostitution <sup>17</sup>                | ..            | 1,107                | 973           | 1,028         | 1,655          | 2,111                  | 1,944          | 1,821         | 1,640         | 1,290          | 1,215         | 1,071         | -12                               |
| 73 Abuse of position of trust of a sexual nature <sup>17,18</sup>          | ..            | ..                   | ..            | 12            | 417            | 678                    | 792            | 682           | 463           | 361            | 326           | 197           | -40                               |
| 88A Sexual grooming <sup>17</sup>  | ..            | ..                   | ..            | ..            | ..             | ..                     | ..             | 186           | 237           | 322            | 272           | 315           | 16                                |
| 88B Other miscellaneous sexual offences <sup>17,20</sup>                   | ..            | 10,327               | 9,476         | 8,647         | 8,223          | 9,735                  | 9,873          | 11,593        | 11,363        | 10,209         | 8,846         | ..            | ..                                |
| 88C Other miscellaneous sexual offences <sup>17,20</sup>                   | ..            | ..                   | ..            | ..            | ..             | ..                     | ..             | ..            | ..            | ..             | ..            | 297           | ..                                |
| 88D Unnatural sexual offences <sup>17,20</sup>                             | ..            | ..                   | ..            | ..            | ..             | ..                     | ..             | ..            | ..            | ..             | ..            | 5             | ..                                |
| 88E Exposure and voyeurism <sup>17,20</sup>                                | ..            | ..                   | ..            | ..            | ..             | ..                     | ..             | ..            | ..            | ..             | ..            | 7,541         | ..                                |
| <b>Other sexual offences</b>   | <b>1,756</b>  | <b>12,948</b>        | <b>11,682</b> | <b>10,726</b> | <b>11,296</b>  | <b>13,573</b>          | <b>13,810</b>  | <b>15,320</b> | <b>14,917</b> | <b>13,784</b>  | <b>12,037</b> | <b>10,701</b> | <b>-11</b>                        |
| <b>TOTAL SEXUAL OFFENCES</b>   | <b>33,090</b> | <b>46,372</b>        | <b>47,185</b> | <b>45,878</b> | <b>49,581</b>  | <b>58,890</b>          | <b>62,542</b>  | <b>62,862</b> | <b>62,080</b> | <b>57,522</b>  | <b>53,477</b> | <b>51,488</b> | <b>-4</b>                         |
| 34A Robbery of business property   | 63,072        | 10,481               | 12,148        | 12,394        | 13,186         | 11,066                 | 10,110         | 7,934         | 8,760         | 9,454          | 9,173         | 9,344         | 2                                 |
| 34B Robbery of personal property   |               | 56,354               | 72,129        | 82,760        | 108,173        | 99,205                 | 93,626         | 83,076        | 89,438        | 91,922         | 75,578        | 70,760        | -6                                |
| <b>TOTAL ROBBERY OFFENCES</b>  | <b>63,072</b> | <b>66,835</b>        | <b>84,277</b> | <b>95,154</b> | <b>121,359</b> | <b>110,271</b>         | <b>103,736</b> | <b>91,010</b> | <b>98,198</b> | <b>101,376</b> | <b>84,751</b> | <b>80,104</b> | <b>-5</b>                         |

Table 2.04 (contd) Recorded crime by offence, 1997 to 2008/09 and percentage change between 2007/08 and 2008/09

| Numbers and percentage changes  |                  | Recorded crime       |                  |                  |                  |                        |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                                   |
|---|------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Offence   | 1997             | 1998/99 <sup>2</sup> | 1999/00          | 2000/01          | 2001/02          | 2002/03 <sup>3,4</sup> | 2003/04          | 2004/05          | 2005/06          | 2006/07          | 2007/08          | 2008/09          | % change<br>2007/08 to<br>2008/09 |
| 28 Burglary in a dwelling   | 516,346          | 470,465              | 439,609          | 399,927          | 426,859          | 434,098                | 398,945          | 318,969          | 298,355          | 290,454          | 279,134          | 282,989          | 1                                 |
| 29 Aggravated burglary in a dwelling  | 2,919            | 2,884                | 2,993            | 3,057            | 3,488            | 3,485                  | 3,400            | 2,538            | 2,162            | 1,806            | 1,574            | 1,456            | -7                                |
| <b>Total burglary in a dwelling</b>   | <b>519,265</b>   | <b>473,349</b>       | <b>442,602</b>   | <b>402,984</b>   | <b>430,347</b>   | <b>437,583</b>         | <b>402,345</b>   | <b>321,507</b>   | <b>300,517</b>   | <b>292,260</b>   | <b>280,708</b>   | <b>284,445</b>   | <b>1</b>                          |
| of which: distraction burglary <sup>21</sup>  | ..               | ..                   | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..                     | 15,716           | 13,258           | 11,552           | 12,750           | 10,058           | 9,092            | -10                               |
| 30 Burglary in a building other than a dwelling   | 495,396          | 479,425              | 463,372          | 432,540          | 447,552          | 451,904                | 417,133          | 358,398          | 344,195          | 329,473          | 302,792          | 296,769          | -2                                |
| 31 Aggravated burglary in a building other than a dwelling  | 414              | 410                  | 494              | 503              | 610              | 612                    | 535              | 453              | 356              | 279              | 214              | 183              | -14                               |
| <b>Total burglary in a building other than a dwelling</b>   | <b>495,810</b>   | <b>479,835</b>       | <b>463,866</b>   | <b>433,043</b>   | <b>448,162</b>   | <b>452,516</b>         | <b>417,668</b>   | <b>358,851</b>   | <b>344,551</b>   | <b>329,752</b>   | <b>303,006</b>   | <b>296,952</b>   | <b>-2</b>                         |
| <b>TOTAL BURGLARY OFFENCES</b>  | <b>1,015,075</b> | <b>953,184</b>       | <b>906,468</b>   | <b>836,027</b>   | <b>878,509</b>   | <b>890,099</b>         | <b>820,013</b>   | <b>680,358</b>   | <b>645,068</b>   | <b>622,012</b>   | <b>583,714</b>   | <b>581,397</b>   | <b>0</b>                          |
| 37.2 Aggravated vehicle taking  | 8,031            | 10,098               | 10,416           | 10,759           | 11,794           | 11,560                 | 11,570           | 11,409           | 10,943           | 10,920           | 10,332           | 9,721            | -6                                |
| 45 Theft from a vehicle   | 710,333          | 685,919              | 669,232          | 629,651          | 655,161          | 663,679                | 603,256          | 500,360          | 507,239          | 502,651          | 432,387          | 396,990          | -8                                |
| 48 Theft or unauthorised taking of motor vehicle  | 399,208          | 381,709              | 364,270          | 328,037          | 316,321          | 306,947                | 280,288          | 231,323          | 203,239          | 182,464          | 159,684          | 137,749          | -14                               |
| 126 Interfering with a motor vehicle <sup>16, 22</sup>  | ..               | 48,011               | 56,521           | 62,696           | 80,755           | 92,473                 | 89,892           | 77,004           | 71,400           | 68,980           | 53,993           | 47,657           | -12                               |
| <b>TOTAL OFFENCES AGAINST VEHICLES</b>  | <b>1,117,572</b> | <b>1,125,737</b>     | <b>1,100,439</b> | <b>1,031,143</b> | <b>1,064,031</b> | <b>1,074,659</b>       | <b>985,006</b>   | <b>820,096</b>   | <b>792,821</b>   | <b>765,015</b>   | <b>656,396</b>   | <b>592,117</b>   | <b>-10</b>                        |
| 38 Profiting from or concealing knowledge of the proceeds of crime <sup>23</sup>                  | ..               | ..                   | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..                     | 69               | 438              | 1,548            | 1,961            | 2,382            | 2,488            | 4                                 |
| 39 Theft from the person  | 57,767           | 63,118               | 76,254           | 87,332           | 114,848          | 148,488                | 137,154          | 122,081          | 123,867          | 114,852          | 101,652          | 89,731           | -12                               |
| 40 Theft in a dwelling other than from automatic machine or meter                                 | 38,301           | 44,375               | 44,764           | 43,045           | 46,859           | 56,444                 | 61,099           | 57,713           | 54,757           | 54,471           | 51,320           | 51,259           | 0                                 |
| 41 Theft by an employee   | 17,156           | 17,900               | 17,468           | 17,487           | 17,120           | 17,530                 | 17,700           | 17,251           | 17,048           | 16,323           | 15,853           | 15,485           | -2                                |
| 42 Theft of mail  | 3,638            | 4,931                | 5,856            | 6,890            | 9,665            | 13,458                 | 20,537           | 22,509           | 9,351            | 4,740            | 3,045            | 3,729            | 22                                |
| 43 Dishonest use of electricity   | 3,325            | 2,454                | 2,157            | 1,451            | 1,338            | 1,413                  | 1,309            | 1,296            | 1,299            | 1,497            | 2,026            | 1,779            | -12                               |
| 44 Theft or unauthorised taking of a pedal cycle  | 139,092          | 128,557              | 131,240          | 108,509          | 102,713          | 97,755                 | 105,467          | 105,953          | 113,192          | 110,526          | 103,998          | 104,239          | 0                                 |
| 46 Shoplifting  | 274,015          | 281,972              | 292,494          | 293,080          | 306,596          | 310,881                | 303,235          | 281,127          | 295,999          | 294,282          | 290,624          | 320,846          | 10                                |
| 47 Theft from automatic machine or meter <sup>24</sup>  | 13,595           | 15,343               | 19,077           | 18,619           | 19,544           | 24,311                 | 29,515           | 35,918           | 42,049           | 33,721           | 11,930           | 7,659            | -36                               |
| 49 Other theft or unauthorised taking   | 466,917          | 479,306              | 510,573          | 518,573          | 565,475          | 647,827                | 634,491          | 589,189          | 554,368          | 536,603          | 526,951          | 472,720          | -10                               |
| 54 Handling stolen goods  | 33,574           | 27,746               | 23,298           | 19,243           | 18,775           | 18,817                 | 17,308           | 14,157           | 12,714           | 11,826           | 11,296           | 10,720           | -5                                |
| <b>OTHER THEFT OFFENCES</b>   | <b>1,047,380</b> | <b>1,065,702</b>     | <b>1,123,181</b> | <b>1,114,229</b> | <b>1,202,933</b> | <b>1,336,924</b>       | <b>1,327,884</b> | <b>1,247,632</b> | <b>1,226,192</b> | <b>1,180,802</b> | <b>1,121,077</b> | <b>1,080,655</b> | <b>-4</b>                         |
| 51 Fraud by company director <sup>25</sup>  | 15               | 159                  | 165              | 152              | 106              | 27                     | 80               | 51               | 626              | 101              | 198              | 818              | 313                               |
| 52 False accounting   | 1,820            | 1,304                | 1,103            | 1,043            | 1,033            | 880                    | 721              | 541              | 487              | 462              | 249              | 145              | -42                               |
| 53A Cheque and credit card fraud (pre Fraud Act 2006) <sup>26,27</sup>                            | ..               | 141,948              | 173,857          | 148,252          | 153,646          | 142,249                | 131,022          | 121,376          | 87,860           | 59,011           | ..               | ..               | ..                                |
| 53B Preserved other fraud and repeated fraud offences (pre Fraud Act 2006) <sup>26,27,28,29</sup> | 124,389          | 122,437              | 145,448          | 155,647          | 144,436          | 169,639                | 171,002          | 141,667          | 128,182          | 127,854          | ..               | ..               | ..                                |
| 53C Fraud by false representation: cheque, plastic card and online bank accounts <sup>26,27</sup> | ..               | ..                   | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..                     | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..               | 23,289           | 26,613           | 14                                |
| 53D Fraud by false representation: other frauds <sup>26,29</sup>                                  | ..               | ..                   | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..                     | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..               | 118,400          | 122,569          | 4                                 |
| 53E Fraud by failing to disclose information <sup>26</sup>  | ..               | ..                   | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..                     | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..               | 265              | 305              | 15                                |
| 53F Fraud by abuse of position <sup>26</sup>  | ..               | ..                   | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..                     | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..               | 672              | 917              | 36                                |
| 53G Obtaining services dishonestly <sup>26</sup>  | ..               | ..                   | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..                     | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..               | 1,882            | 1,156            | -39                               |
| 53H Making or supplying articles for use in fraud <sup>26</sup>                                   | ..               | ..                   | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..                     | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..               | 183              | 600              | 228                               |
| 53J Possession of articles for use in fraud <sup>26</sup>   | ..               | ..                   | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..                     | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..               | 1,109            | 1,456            | 31                                |
| 55 Bankruptcy and insolvency offences <sup>16</sup>   | ..               | 23                   | 82               | 10               | 15               | 11                     | 9                | 11               | 93               | 14               | 31               | 15               | -                                 |
| 60 Forgery or use of false drug prescription  | 941              | 842                  | 871              | 821              | 762              | 881                    | 805              | 747              | 693              | 593              | 439              | 448              | 2                                 |
| 61 Other forgery  | 7,233            | 6,762                | 6,173            | 6,225            | 6,835            | 8,793                  | 7,992            | 10,249           | 10,627           | 8,479            | 4,200            | 4,243            | 1                                 |
| 61A Possession of false documents   | ..               | ..                   | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..                     | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..               | 2,301            | 2,621            | 14                                |
| 814 Vehicle/driver document fraud <sup>16</sup>   | ..               | 6,028                | 7,074            | 7,174            | 8,026            | 8,618                  | 8,016            | 5,420            | 4,206            | 3,138            | 2,160            | 1,377            | -36                               |
| <b>TOTAL FRAUD AND FORGERY OFFENCES<sup>26,30</sup></b>   | <b>134,398</b>   | <b>279,503</b>       | <b>334,773</b>   | <b>319,324</b>   | <b>314,859</b>   | <b>331,098</b>         | <b>319,647</b>   | <b>280,062</b>   | <b>232,774</b>   | <b>199,652</b>   | <b>155,378</b>   | <b>163,283</b>   | <b>5</b>                          |

Table 2.04 (contd) Recorded crime by offence, 1997 to 2008/09 and percentage change between 2007/08 and 2008/09

| Numbers and percentage changes  |                  |                      |                  |                  |                  |                        |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | Recorded crime                    |  |
|---|------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Offence   | 1997             | 1998/99 <sup>2</sup> | 1999/00          | 2000/01          | 2001/02          | 2002/03 <sup>3,4</sup> | 2003/04          | 2004/05          | 2005/06          | 2006/07          | 2007/08          | 2008/09          | % change<br>2007/08 to<br>2008/09 |  |
| 56 Arson <sup>31</sup>  | 31,516           | 47,273               | 53,794           | 52,818           | 60,456           | 53,552                 | 57,546           | 48,368           | 45,731           | 43,100           | 39,319           | ..               | } -11                             |  |
| 56A Arson endangering life <sup>31</sup>  | ..               | ..                   | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..                     | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..               | 3,629            |                                   |  |
| 56B Arson not endangering life <sup>31</sup>  | ..               | ..                   | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..                     | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..               | 31,212           |                                   |  |
| 57 Criminal damage endangering life   | 372              | ..                   | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..                     | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..                                |  |
| 58 Other criminal damage <sup>32</sup>  | 842,415          | ..                   | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..                     | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..                                |  |
| 58 Other criminal damage <sup>33</sup>  | 704,717          | ..                   | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..                     | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..                                |  |
| 58A Criminal damage to a dwelling <sup>16</sup>   | ..               | 216,590              | 234,575          | 238,896          | 269,456          | 291,999                | 321,613          | 308,973          | 297,579          | 288,285          | 256,763          | 235,501          | -8                                |  |
| 58B Criminal damage to a building other than a dwelling <sup>16</sup>                                   | ..               | 159,461              | 166,770          | 166,960          | 178,288          | 176,702                | 186,784          | 174,489          | 161,436          | 160,207          | 131,133          | 109,466          | -17                               |  |
| 58C Criminal damage to a vehicle <sup>16</sup>  | ..               | 357,152              | 374,218          | 378,903          | 419,403          | 434,270                | 457,950          | 461,346          | 468,143          | 483,237          | 425,617          | 389,859          | -8                                |  |
| 58D Other criminal damage <sup>16</sup>   | ..               | 95,777               | 108,318          | 113,628          | 126,076          | 152,440                | 180,411          | 188,842          | 195,069          | 197,036          | 173,083          | 157,225          | -9                                |  |
| 58E Racially or religiously aggravated criminal damage to a dwelling <sup>8</sup>                       | ..               | ..                   | 1,452            | 1,765            | 2,228            | 2,044                  | 1,982            | 1,845            | 1,742            | 1,543            | 1,150            | 997              | -13                               |  |
| 58F Racially or religiously aggravated criminal damage to a building other than a dwelling <sup>8</sup> | ..               | ..                   | 756              | 985              | 1,547            | 1,160                  | 1,185            | 1,137            | 1,274            | 1,079            | 834              | 779              | -7                                |  |
| 58G Racially or religiously aggravated criminal damage to a vehicle <sup>8</sup>                        | ..               | ..                   | 1,232            | 1,399            | 1,885            | 1,525                  | 1,603            | 1,640            | 1,899            | 1,711            | 1,339            | 1,303            | -3                                |  |
| 58H Racially or religiously aggravated other criminal damage <sup>8</sup>                               | ..               | ..                   | 590              | 612              | 822              | 780                    | 838              | 837              | 975              | 953              | 681              | 726              | 7                                 |  |
| 59 Threat etc. to commit criminal damage  | 2,739            | 3,333                | 3,977            | 4,121            | 4,334            | 6,138                  | 8,612            | 10,066           | 10,501           | 7,889            | 6,317            | 6,032            | -5                                |  |
| <b>TOTAL CRIMINAL DAMAGE OFFENCES</b>   | <b>877,042</b>   | <b>879,586</b>       | <b>945,682</b>   | <b>960,087</b>   | <b>1,064,495</b> | <b>1,120,610</b>       | <b>1,218,524</b> | <b>1,197,543</b> | <b>1,184,349</b> | <b>1,185,040</b> | <b>1,036,236</b> | <b>936,729</b>   | <b>-10</b>                        |  |
| <b>TOTAL PROPERTY CRIME<sup>34</sup></b>  | <b>4,191,467</b> | <b>4,303,712</b>     | <b>4,410,543</b> | <b>4,260,810</b> | <b>4,524,827</b> | <b>4,753,390</b>       | <b>4,671,074</b> | <b>4,225,691</b> | <b>4,081,204</b> | <b>3,952,521</b> | <b>3,552,801</b> | <b>3,354,181</b> | <b>-6</b>                         |  |
| 92A Trafficking in controlled drugs   | 23,153           | 21,788               | 19,956           | 19,820           | 19,686           | 22,435                 | 24,628           | 24,190           | 25,276           | 26,550           | 28,346           | 29,644           | 5                                 |  |
| 92B Possession of controlled drugs <sup>16</sup>  | ..               | 112,576              | 100,598          | 92,716           | 100,905          | 119,896                | 118,006          | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..                                |  |
| 92C Other drug offences <sup>16</sup>   | ..               | 1,581                | 1,312            | 922              | 802              | 989                    | 877              | 781              | 601              | 680              | 816              | 1,113            | 36                                |  |
| 92D Possession of controlled drugs (excluding cannabis) <sup>35</sup>                                   | ..               | ..                   | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..                     | ..               | 32,603           | 32,685           | 36,608           | 42,511           | 44,310           | 4                                 |  |
| 92E Possession of controlled drugs (cannabis) <sup>35</sup>   | ..               | ..                   | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..                     | ..               | 88,263           | 119,917          | 130,395          | 158,230          | 167,840          | 6                                 |  |
| <b>TOTAL DRUG OFFENCES</b>  | <b>23,153</b>    | <b>135,945</b>       | <b>121,866</b>   | <b>113,458</b>   | <b>121,393</b>   | <b>143,320</b>         | <b>143,511</b>   | <b>145,837</b>   | <b>178,479</b>   | <b>194,233</b>   | <b>229,903</b>   | <b>242,907</b>   | <b>6</b>                          |  |
| 10B Possession of firearms offences <sup>36</sup>   | ..               | ..                   | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..                     | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..               | 4,425            | } 3                               |  |
| 81 Other firearms offences <sup>16,37</sup>   | ..               | 3,325                | 3,143            | 3,531            | 3,199            | 3,522                  | 3,322            | 4,210            | 4,106            | 4,239            | 4,561            | 292              |                                   |  |
| 15 Concealing an infant death close to birth  | 5                | 10                   | 4                | 9                | 4                | 7                      | 6                | 6                | 8                | 4                | 8                | 8                | -                                 |  |
| 26 Bigamy   | 75               | 129                  | 83               | 80               | 74               | 88                     | 71               | 104              | 101              | 61               | 74               | 65               | -12                               |  |
| 33 Going equipped for stealing, etc.  | 6,132            | 5,866                | 5,208            | 4,634            | 5,081            | 5,792                  | 5,706            | 4,567            | 4,382            | 4,253            | 3,768            | 3,806            | 1                                 |  |
| 35 Blackmail <sup>38</sup>  | 877              | 1,038                | 1,137            | 1,086            | 1,072            | 1,331                  | 1,497            | 1,465            | 1,645            | 2,481            | 1,198            | 1,366            | 14                                |  |
| 36 Kidnapping   | 1,559            | 2,049                | 2,339            | 2,404            | 2,786            | 3,198                  | 3,141            | 2,814            | 2,799            | 2,367            | 1,993            | 2,034            | 2                                 |  |
| 62 Treason  | ..               | ..                   | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..                     | 1                | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..               | ..                                |  |
| 64 Riot   | 6                | 2                    | 6                | 2                | 12               | 8                      | 8                | 4                | 7                | 4                | 2                | 3                | -                                 |  |
| 65 Violent disorder   | 2,060            | 2,500                | 2,804            | 2,753            | 2,602            | 2,856                  | 2,790            | 2,636            | 2,457            | 1,742            | 1,181            | 1,020            | -14                               |  |
| 66 Other offences against the State and public order  | 16,240           | 18,638               | 19,600           | 17,834           | 18,872           | 19,935                 | 19,926           | 20,370           | 31,999           | 35,935           | 35,057           | 37,757           | 8                                 |  |
| 67 Perjury  | 309              | 329                  | 217              | 183              | 143              | 186                    | 206              | 265              | 245              | 197              | 192              | 179              | -7                                |  |
| 68 Libel  | 5                | 3                    | 4                | 2                | 3                | 2                      | ..               | ..               | 1                | 1                | 1                | 0                | -                                 |  |
| 75 Betting, gaming and lotteries <sup>16</sup>  | ..               | 48                   | 23               | 27               | 17               | 5                      | 1                | 12               | 6                | 13               | 11               | 22               | -                                 |  |
| 76 Aiding suicide   | 14               | 8                    | 6                | 10               | 4                | 8                      | 11               | 6                | 11               | 13               | 9                | 7                | -                                 |  |
| 78 Immigration offences <sup>16</sup>   | ..               | 505                  | 427              | 262              | 329              | 433                    | 451              | 550              | 935              | 792              | 661              | 570              | -14                               |  |
| 79 Perverting the course of justice   | 6,779            | 9,265                | 9,637            | 9,763            | 10,282           | 11,346                 | 11,894           | 11,567           | 12,712           | 11,114           | 9,120            | 8,402            | -8                                |  |
| 80 Absconding from lawful custody   | 1,379            | 1,301                | 1,559            | 1,389            | 1,357            | 1,553                  | 1,721            | 1,362            | 1,272            | 979              | 830              | 649              | -22                               |  |
| 82 Customs and Revenue offences <sup>16</sup>   | ..               | 119                  | 96               | 116              | 124              | 117                    | 49               | 30               | 49               | 27               | 11               | 12               | -                                 |  |
| 83 Bail offences <sup>16</sup>  | ..               | 66                   | 143              | 107              | 133              | 252                    | 212              | 202              | 177              | 83               | 25               | 6                | -                                 |  |
| 84 Trade descriptions, etc. <sup>16</sup>   | ..               | 263                  | 245              | 192              | 173              | 195                    | 513              | 1,344            | 1,360            | 1,353            | 1,323            | 1,139            | -14                               |  |
| 85 Health and Safety offences <sup>16</sup>   | ..               | 7                    | 3                | 5                | 5                | 3                      | 4                | 15               | 8                | 9                | 8                | 16               | -                                 |  |

Table 2.04 (contd) Recorded crime by offence, 1997 to 2008/09 and percentage change between 2007/08 and 2008/09

| Numbers and percentage changes  |                  |                      |                  |                  |                  |                        |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | Recorded crime   |                                   |
|---|------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Offence   | 1997             | 1998/99 <sup>2</sup> | 1999/00          | 2000/01          | 2001/02          | 2002/03 <sup>3,4</sup> | 2003/04          | 2004/05          | 2005/06          | 2006/07          | 2007/08          | 2008/09          | % change<br>2007/08 to<br>2008/09 |
| 86 Obscene publications, etc. and protected sexual material <sup>16</sup>     |                  | 603                  | 643              | 665              | 852              | 2,106                  | 2,881            | 2,861            | 2,592            | 2,378            | 2,655            | 2,734            | 3                                 |
| 87 Protection from eviction <sup>16</sup>                                     |                  | 68                   | 66               | 71               | 56               | 63                     | 75               | 70               | 75               | 69               | 81               | 71               | -12                               |
| 89 Adulteration of food <sup>16</sup>   |                  | 69                   | 46               | 94               | 117              | 80                     | 34               | 29               | 45               | 32               | 44               | 14               | -                                 |
| 90 Other knives offences <sup>16</sup>  |                  | 99                   | 66               | 51               | 59               | 41                     | 30               | 21               | 15               | 9                | 6                | 7                | -                                 |
| 91 Public health offences <sup>16</sup>                                       |                  | 9                    | 12               | 10               | 17               | 20                     | 86               | 112              | 128              | 50               | 44               | 115              | -                                 |
| 94 Planning laws <sup>16</sup>  |                  | 2                    | 1                | 5                | 3                | 1                      | 3                | 4                | 5                | 0                | 0                | 1                | -                                 |
| 95 Disclosure, obstruction, false or misleading statements etc. <sup>39</sup> |                  | ..                   | ..               | ..               | ..               | 16                     | 22               | 144              | 368              | 266              | 423              | 510              | 21                                |
| 99 Other indictable or triable-either-way offences                            | 1,283            | 2,537                | 3,559            | 4,058            | 4,034            | 3,223                  | 3,440            | 2,577            | 2,197            | 1,915            | 1,391            | 1,679            | 21                                |
| 802 Dangerous driving <sup>16</sup>   |                  | 4,589                | 5,205            | 5,287            | 6,126            | 7,624                  | 7,567            | 6,669            | 5,923            | 5,353            | 4,720            | 4,232            | -10                               |
| <b>TOTAL OTHER MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES</b>                                     | <b>38,720</b>    | <b>50,122</b>        | <b>53,139</b>    | <b>51,099</b>    | <b>54,339</b>    | <b>64,011</b>          | <b>65,668</b>    | <b>64,016</b>    | <b>75,628</b>    | <b>75,739</b>    | <b>69,397</b>    | <b>71,141</b>    | <b>3</b>                          |
| <b>TOTAL RECORDED CRIME – ALL OFFENCES</b>                                    | <b>4,600,324</b> | <b>5,105,764</b>     | <b>5,298,044</b> | <b>5,167,312</b> | <b>5,521,825</b> | <b>5,974,960</b>       | <b>6,013,759</b> | <b>5,637,511</b> | <b>5,555,174</b> | <b>5,427,559</b> | <b>4,951,504</b> | <b>4,703,814</b> | <b>-5</b>                         |

PLEASE NOTE:

As in previous years, police figures for the latest year in this table and elsewhere remain subject to change as forces continue to submit further data (e.g. Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary is conducting a quality assurance exercise of all forces' recording of most serious violence offences which may prompt further revisions).

Detailed notes to accompany this table are available on the following page.

## NOTES TO ACCOMPANY TABLE 2.04

1. The number of crimes recorded in that calendar year using the coverage and rules in use until 31 March 1998.
2. The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the expanded offence coverage and revised Counting Rules which came into effect on 1 April 1998.
3. The National Crime Recording Standard was introduced in April 2002. Figures before and after that date are not directly comparable.
4. Includes the British Transport Police from 2002/03 onwards.
5. The homicide figure for 2002/03 includes 173 murders committed by Harold Shipman in previous years but coming to light in the official inquiry in 2002. The homicide figure in 2005/06 of 766 includes 52 homicide victims of the 7 July London bombings, which also accounted for approximately one-quarter of the total of 920 attempted murders.
6. Offence classifications 5A, 5B and 5C were introduced from 1 April 2008 and replace classification 5. Classification 5A was influenced by a clarification in recording rules that had the effect of significantly increasing levels of recording in some forces (see Volume 2 for details). Figures for 2008/09 for classification 5A should be viewed as provisional as a current inspection by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary may give rise to further revisions from forces. Classification 5A also includes some other offences of endangering life as well as GBH with intent, though GBH with intent is the major part of this category.
7. Offence classifications 8F, 8G, 8H, 8J and 8K were introduced from 1 April 2008 and had previously been recorded as part of classifications 8A or 8D. Classifications 8F and 8H have been moved up in the table to be close to other offences which involve GBH.
8. These offences were added to the series from 1 April 1999; prior to that they would have been included in the original classifications. Religiously aggravated offences were added to the series from April 2002.
9. The change in definition relating to resultant injury in common assaults and less serious woundings, which applied from 1 April 2002, is described in Chapter 5 of Crime in England and Wales 2005/06. Offences of 'assault without injury' include some assaults with injury prior to April 2002.
10. Offence classifications 3A and 3B were introduced from 1 April 2008 and had previously been recorded as classification 3.
11. Included within 'less serious wounding' prior to April 1998.
12. Possession of weapons offences can also be included in other offence classifications.
13. Offence classifications 10A, 10C and 10D were introduced from 1 April 2008 and had previously been recorded as classification 8B.
14. Offence classifications 8L and 9A were introduced from 1 April 2008 and had previously been recorded as classification 8C.
15. Offence classifications 8M and 9B were introduced from 1 April 2008 and had previously been recorded as classification 8E.
16. These offences were added to the series from 1 April 1998.
17. The Sexual Offences Act 2003 introduced in May 2004 altered the definition and coverage of sexual offences.
18. A small number of offences continue to be recorded relating to offences repealed by the Sexual Offences Act 2003; while these may continue to be legitimately recorded for offences committed prior to May 2004 it is also possible that some may have been recorded in these old categories in error, so recent changes based on small numbers should be interpreted with caution.
19. The increase in 2005/06 was accounted for by a large number of offences that were dealt with by the Norfolk Constabulary.
20. This offence consists solely of the former offence of Indecent Exposure for years prior to 2004/05. This became the offence of Exposure and is included within 'Other miscellaneous sexual offences' from May 2004. Offence classification 88B was split into 88C-E with effect from 2008/9.
21. Excludes Cumbria, Durham, Nottinghamshire, South Wales and Sussex for 2003/04.
22. Includes tampering with a motor vehicle.
23. These offences were added to the series from 1 April 2003.
24. Following a change in the implementation of the Fraud Act 2006, offences involving theft from an automatic machine using a plastic card are now regarded as false representation and recorded under classification 53C.
25. The large increase in this offence in 2005/06 was due to one large-scale fraud recorded by the Cambridgeshire Constabulary and the large rise in 2007/08 was due to a fraud recorded by the North Yorkshire Police. The large increases in 2008/09 were due to large-scale frauds recorded by Gwent Police, Leicestershire Constabulary and the Metropolitan Police.
26. New offences were introduced under the Fraud Act 2006 which came into force on 15 January 2007. Offences under the new classifications 53C to 53J were recorded under these classifications from 1 April 2007. Between 15 January and 31 March 2007 these offences were recorded under classification 53B. For classifications 53A and 53C counting changed from a per fraudulent transaction to a per account basis from 15 January 2007. From 1 April 2007 these offences were reported to a single point of contact within each police force by financial institutions.
27. Classification 53C in 2007/08 and 2008/09 includes some offences recorded under code 53A as the offences are very similar in nature.
28. Offence classification 53B includes cheque and credit card fraud in 1997.
29. Classification 53D in 2007/08 and 2008/09 includes some offences recorded under code 53B as the offences are very similar in nature.
30. This section includes the fraud offences used prior to the commencement of the Fraud Act 2006 on 15 January 2007.
31. Offence classifications 56A and 56B were introduced from 1 April 2008 and had previously been recorded as classification 56.
32. Including offences of 'other criminal damage' of value £20 and under.
33. Excluding offences of 'other criminal damage' of value £20 and under.
34. Includes offences of burglary, offences against vehicles, other theft offences, fraud and forgery and criminal damage.
35. Possession of controlled drugs offences were split with effect from April 2004 into possession of cannabis and possession of drugs other than cannabis.
36. Offence classification 10B was introduced from 1 April 2008. Possession of firearms offences are those offences where the weapon has not been used during the commission of another offence.
37. These are offences under the Firearms Act 1968 and other Firearms Acts connected with licensing and certification of firearms. Such offences are not included in the firearms offences statistics which are discussed in Chapter 3 of Crime in England and Wales 2006/07.
38. The large increase in 2006/07 was due to the recording of threats made against shareholders of GlaxoSmithKline by animal rights activists.
39. These offences were added to the series from 1 April 2002.
40. Some forces have revised their data and totals may not therefore agree with those previously published.

**Table 2.05 Recorded crime and number per 100,000 population for violence against the person, property crime and offences against vehicles**

| Numbers (000s) and numbers per 100,000 population |   |   |                                      |  |  |  |                                | Recorded crime                            |  |
|---|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--------------------------------|---|--|
| Year  | Total recorded violence against the person (000s) | Number of violence against the person offences per 100,000 population | Total recorded property crime (000s) | Number of property crime offences per 100,000 population | Total recorded offences against vehicles <sup>1</sup> (000s) | Number of offences against vehicles per 100,000 population | Total recorded offences (000s) | Number of offences per 100,000 population |  |
| 1950  | 6   | 14  | 435                                  | 993  | 39   | 90   | 461                            | 1,053                                     |  |
| 1960  | 16  | 34  | 699                                  | 1,513  | 110  | 237  | 744                            | 1,610                                     |  |
| 1970  | 41  | 84  | 1,471                                | 2,994  | 323  | 657  | 1,556                          | 3,166                                     |  |
| 1980  | 97  | 196   | 2,547                                | 5,134  | 619  | 1,249  | 2,688                          | 5,420                                     |  |
| 1981  | 100   | 202   | 2,815                                | 5,671  | 712  | 1,435  | 2,964                          | 5,971                                     |  |
| 1982  | 109   | 219   | 3,102                                | 6,254  | 800  | 1,613  | 3,262                          | 6,577                                     |  |
| 1983  | 111   | 224   | 3,079                                | 6,208  | 750  | 1,512  | 3,247                          | 6,546                                     |  |
| 1984  | 114   | 230   | 3,325                                | 6,696  | 800  | 1,611  | 3,499                          | 7,047                                     |  |
| 1985  | 122   | 245   | 3,424                                | 6,882  | 846  | 1,701  | 3,612                          | 7,258                                     |  |
| 1986  | 125   | 251   | 3,653                                | 7,316  | 988  | 1,980  | 3,847                          | 7,707                                     |  |
| 1987  | 141   | 282   | 3,674                                | 7,337  | 1,048  | 2,093  | 3,892                          | 7,773                                     |  |
| 1988  | 158   | 315   | 3,477                                | 6,920  | 987  | 1,965  | 3,716                          | 7,396                                     |  |
| 1989  | 177   | 351   | 3,603                                | 7,150  | 1,022  | 2,029  | 3,871                          | 7,681                                     |  |
| 1990  | 185   | 365   | 4,263                                | 8,430  | 1,267  | 2,506  | 4,544                          | 8,986                                     |  |
| 1991  | 190   | 375   | 4,976                                | 9,812  | 1,495  | 2,948  | 5,276                          | 10,403                                    |  |
| 1992  | 202   | 395   | 5,268                                | 10,309   | 1,549  | 3,032  | 5,592                          | 10,943                                    |  |
| 1993  | 205   | 400   | 5,191                                | 10,124   | 1,523  | 2,971  | 5,526                          | 10,777                                    |  |
| 1994  | 218   | 424   | 4,895                                | 9,516  | 1,384  | 2,691  | 5,253                          | 10,212                                    |  |
| 1995  | 213   | 412   | 4,739                                | 9,180  | 1,322  | 2,560  | 5,100                          | 9,880                                     |  |
| 1996  | 239   | 462   | 4,636                                | 8,946  | 1,293  | 2,495  | 5,037                          | 9,719                                     |  |
| 1997  | 251   | 482   | 4,191                                | 8,059  | 1,118  | 2,149  | 4,598                          | 8,841                                     |  |
| 1997/98 <sup>2,3</sup>                            | 256   | 492   | 4,131                                | 7,944  | 1,096  | 2,107  | 4,545                          | 8,739                                     |  |
| 1998/99 <sup>3</sup>                              | 231   | 442   | 4,087                                | 7,827  | 1,072  | 2,053  | 4,482                          | 8,584                                     |  |
| 1998/99 <sup>4</sup>                              | 503   | 963   | 4,304                                | 8,243  | 1,126  | 2,156  | 5,109                          | 9,785                                     |  |
| 1999/00   | 581   | 1,108   | 4,411                                | 8,413  | 1,100  | 2,099  | 5,301                          | 10,111                                    |  |
| 2000/01   | 601   | 1,140   | 4,261                                | 8,087  | 1,031  | 1,957  | 5,171                          | 9,814                                     |  |
| 2001/02   | 650   | 1,228   | 4,525                                | 8,547  | 1,064  | 2,010  | 5,525                          | 10,436                                    |  |
| 2002/03 <sup>5,6</sup>                            | 845   | 1,603   | 4,753                                | 9,010  | 1,075  | 2,050  | 5,975                          | 11,323                                    |  |
| 2003/04   | 967   | 1,821   | 4,671                                | 8,785  | 985  | 1,865  | 6,014                          | 11,308                                    |  |
| 2004/05   | 1,048   | 1,960   | 4,226                                | 7,896  | 820  | 1,543  | 5,638                          | 10,531                                    |  |
| 2005/06   | 1,060   | 1,970   | 4,081                                | 7,591  | 793  | 1,485  | 5,555                          | 10,328                                    |  |
| 2006/07   | 1,046   | 1,929   | 3,953                                | 7,304  | 765  | 1,424  | 5,428                          | 10,023                                    |  |
| 2007/08 <sup>7</sup>                              | 961   | 1,760   | 3,553                                | 6,528  | 656  | 1,215  | 4,952                          | 9,089                                     |  |
| 2008/09   | 904   | 1,643   | 3,354                                | 6,127  | 592  | 1,089  | 4,704                          | 8,579                                     |  |

1. Offences against vehicles includes aggravated vehicle taking, theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle, theft from a vehicle and, from 1998/99 onwards, interfering with a vehicle.

2. Change from calendar year to financial year.

3. The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the coverage and rules in use until 31 March 1998.

4. The number of crimes recorded in that financial year using the expanded offence coverage and revised Counting Rules which came into effect on 1 April 1998.

5. Numbers of recorded crimes will be affected by changes in reporting and recording. For further information see Chapter 3 in *Crime in England and Wales 2002/03*. The national impact of recording changes in 2002/03 was estimated to be an increase of ten per cent for total recorded crime. This impact will vary for different types of offences.

6. From 2002/03, the number of offences recorded by the British Transport Police (BTP) were added to the England and Wales figures. The rates per 100,000 population do not include figures from the BTP.

7. Some forces have revised their data and totals may not therefore agree with those previously published.

**Table 2.06 Number of times victims were victimised**

| Percentages                               | 2008/09 BCS |           |               |                                    |
|---|-------------|-----------|---------------|------------------------------------|
|   | Once        | Twice     | Three or more | <i>Unweighted base<sup>1</sup></i> |
| <b>PROPERTY CRIME</b>                     |             |           |               |                                    |
| Vandalism                                 | 72          | 16        | 12            | 3,423                              |
| Vehicle vandalism                         | 75          | 15        | 10            | 2,418                              |
| Other vandalism                           | 73          | 14        | 13            | 1,151                              |
| Burglary                                  | 85          | 10        | 5             | 1,048                              |
| Vehicle-related theft                     | 83          | 12        | 5             | 2,157                              |
| Bicycle theft                             | 88          | 9         | 3             | 818                                |
| Other household theft                     | 80          | 12        | 7             | 1,714                              |
| Theft from the person                     | 91          | 7         | 2             | 522                                |
| Other theft of personal property          | 89          | 7         | 3             | 847                                |
| <b>All violence</b>                       | <b>77</b>   | <b>12</b> | <b>11</b>     | <b>1,275</b>                       |
| Wounding                                  | 83          | 10        | 7             | 335                                |
| Assault with minor injury                 | 79          | 9         | 12            | 331                                |
| Assault without injury                    | 78          | 11        | 11            | 511                                |
| Robbery                                   | 89          | 10        | 2             | 183                                |
| Violence with injury                      | 79          | 11        | 10            | 721                                |
| Violence without injury                   | 79          | 12        | 10            | 611                                |
| Domestic violence                         | 62          | 17        | 21            | 206                                |
| Acquaintance                              | 77          | 10        | 13            | 433                                |
| Stranger                                  | 83          | 9         | 8             | 513                                |
| Mugging ( <i>robbery + snatch theft</i> ) | 89          | 10        | 1             | 250                                |

1. Base is victims of specified offences.

2. See Section 5 of Volume 2 for more information about the crime types included in this table.

**Table 2.07 Proportion of victims who were victimised more than once, 1981 to 2008/09 BCS<sup>1</sup>**

| Percentages                                |      |      |      |      |         |         |         |         |         |                      |         | BCS                                     |                          |                          |
|--|------|------|------|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------|---------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|  | 1981 | 1991 | 1995 | 1997 | 2001/02 | 2002/03 | 2004/05 | 2005/06 | 2006/07 | 2007/08 <sup>2</sup> | 2008/09 | 1995<br>to<br>2008/09                   | 2006/07<br>to<br>2008/09 | 2007/08<br>to<br>2008/09 |
| <i>Percentage victims more than once :</i> |      |      |      |      |         |         |         |         |         |                      |         | <i>Statistically significant change</i> |                          |                          |
| <b>PROPERTY CRIME</b>                      |      |      |      |      |         |         |         |         |         |                      |         |   |                          |                          |
| Vandalism                                  | 33   | 31   | 30   | 33   | 32      | 30      | 30      | 30      | 32      | 30                   | 28      |   | **↓                      |                          |
| Vehicle vandalism                          | 29   | 28   | 25   | 28   | 27      | 25      | 26      | 27      | 28      | 26                   | 25      |   |                          |                          |
| Other vandalism                            | 32   | 26   | 32   | 33   | 33      | 31      | 29      | 29      | 31      | 30                   | 27      |   |                          |                          |
| Burglary                                   | 13   | 16   | 19   | 19   | 15      | 18      | 14      | 16      | 13      | 15                   | 15      |   |                          |                          |
| Vehicle-related theft                      | 21   | 25   | 28   | 24   | 21      | 19      | 19      | 18      | 16      | 17                   | 17      | **↓                                     |                          |                          |
| Bicycle theft                              | 6    | 14   | 14   | 14   | 11      | 10      | 12      | 12      | 11      | 11                   | 12      |   |                          |                          |
| Other household theft                      | 28   | 25   | 23   | 25   | 19      | 19      | 20      | 21      | 17      | 18                   | 20      |   |                          |                          |
| Theft from the person                      | 4    | 9    | 4    | 11   | 8       | 8       | 6       | 8       | 7       | 6                    | 9       | **↑                                     |                          |                          |
| Other theft of personal property           | 18   | 18   | 14   | 15   | 13      | 10      | 11      | 12      | 11      | 10                   | 11      |   |                          |                          |
| <b>All violence</b>                        | 27   | 32   | 38   | 33   | 33      | 28      | 28      | 27      | 28      | 27                   | 23      | **↓                                     | **↓                      |                          |
| Wounding                                   | 14   | 20   | 24   | 26   | 25      | 25      | 19      | 21      | 18      | 17                   | 17      |   |                          |                          |
| Assault with minor injury                  | 30   | 28   | 33   | 31   | 30      | 29      | 29      | 26      | 24      | 23                   | 21      | **↓                                     |                          |                          |
| Assault without injury                     | 31   | 40   | 39   | 33   | 33      | 28      | 25      | 28      | 28      | 27                   | 22      | **↓                                     |                          |                          |
| Robbery                                    | 18   | 8    | 16   | 10   | 24      | 9       | 7       | 14      | 16      | 20                   | 11      |   |                          |                          |
| Violence with injury                       | 23   | 26   | 31   | 31   | 28      | 26      | 25      | 23      | 24      | 21                   | 21      | **↓                                     |                          |                          |
| Violence without injury                    | 29   | 36   | 36   | 29   | 32      | 25      | 24      | 26      | 25      | 26                   | 21      | **↓                                     |                          |                          |
| Domestic violence                          | 48   | 43   | 50   | 58   | 55      | 44      | 46      | 43      | 43      | 45                   | 38      | **↓                                     |                          |                          |
| Acquaintance                               | 26   | 28   | 37   | 30   | 29      | 28      | 30      | 28      | 23      | 28                   | 23      | **↓                                     |                          |                          |
| Stranger                                   | 20   | 28   | 24   | 16   | 20      | 21      | 18      | 19      | 20      | 17                   | 17      |   |                          |                          |
| Mugging ( <i>robbery + snatch theft</i> )  | 17   | 11   | 13   | 11   | 19      | 9       | 5       | 13      | 15      | 16                   | 11      |   |                          |                          |

1. For an explanation of year-labels see 'Conventions used in figures and tables' at the start of this volume.

2. Base is victims of specified offences; unweighted bases for 2008/09 figures are included in Table 2.06. Bases for figures since 2001/02 will be similar, but prior to that will be smaller.

3. See Section 5 of Volume 2 for more information about the crime types included in this table.

**Table 2.08 Proportion of incidents experienced by repeat victims, 1981 to 2008/09 BCS<sup>1</sup>**

| Percentages                               |   |      |      |      |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | BCS                                     |                    |
|---|---|------|------|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|--------------------|
|   | 1981  | 1991 | 1995 | 1997 | 2001/02 | 2002/03 | 2004/05 | 2005/06 | 2006/07 | 2007/08 | 2008/09 | 1995 to 2008/09                         | 2007/08 to 2008/09 |
| <b>PROPERTY CRIME</b>                     | <i>Percentage incidents experienced by repeat victims<sup>3</sup> :</i> |      |      |      |         |         |         |         |         |         |         | <i>Statistically significant change</i> |                    |
| Vandalism                                 | 59  | 56   | 56   | 59   | 58      | 55      | 56      | 55      | 58      | 55      | 53      |   |                    |
| Vehicle vandalism                         | 52  | 51   | 45   | 51   | 50      | 47      | 48      | 48      | 51      | 49      | 47      |   |                    |
| Other vandalism                           | 58  | 52   | 59   | 61   | 61      | 59      | 56      | 56      | 58      | 56      | 53      | **↓                                     |                    |
| Burglary                                  | 27  | 35   | 38   | 39   | 34      | 37      | 30      | 36      | 29      | 34      | 33      | **↓                                     |                    |
| Vehicle-related theft                     | 40  | 47   | 49   | 44   | 41      | 38      | 38      | 36      | 32      | 34      | 34      | **↓                                     |                    |
| Bicycle theft                             | 11  | 28   | 26   | 26   | 20      | 21      | 24      | 25      | 22      | 23      | 25      |   |                    |
| Other household theft                     | 53  | 47   | 46   | 47   | 40      | 38      | 40      | 41      | 36      | 37      | 40      | **↓                                     |                    |
| Theft from the person                     | 13  | 18   | 7    | 20   | 17      | 17      | 14      | 16      | 16      | 12      | 19      | **↑                                     | **↑                |
| Other theft of personal property          | 35  | 38   | 31   | 31   | 27      | 22      | 25      | 24      | 24      | 21      | 23      | **↓                                     |                    |
| All violence                              | 57  | 62   | 68   | 61   | 61      | 56      | 55      | 56      | 55      | 53      | 49      | **↓                                     |                    |
| Wounding                                  | 36  | 49   | 58   | 56   | 54      | 50      | 42      | 48      | 42      | 41      | 37      | **↓                                     |                    |
| Assault with minor injury                 | 57  | 56   | 63   | 59   | 57      | 56      | 57      | 53      | 47      | 45      | 47      | **↓                                     |                    |
| Assault without injury                    | 62  | 69   | 66   | 59   | 58      | 55      | 51      | 57      | 55      | 51      | 47      | **↓                                     |                    |
| Robbery                                   | 46  | 23   | 31   | 20   | 45      | 21      | 18      | 33      | 37      | 41      | 23      |   | **↓                |
| Violence with injury                      | 50  | 55   | 63   | 60   | 57      | 52      | 51      | 51      | 48      | 45      | 44      | **↓                                     |                    |
| Violence without injury                   | 60  | 65   | 63   | 54   | 57      | 51      | 49      | 54      | 52      | 51      | 45      | **↓                                     |                    |
| Domestic violence                         | 78  | n/a  | 79   | 81   | 82      | 73      | 74      | 72      | 70      | 73      | 66      | **↓                                     |                    |
| Acquaintance                              | 56  | n/a  | 68   | 59   | 55      | 56      | 59      | 59      | 50      | 55      | 49      | **↓                                     |                    |
| Stranger                                  | 45  | n/a  | 49   | 34   | 41      | 46      | 40      | 43      | 42      | 35      | 37      | **↓                                     |                    |
| Mugging ( <i>robbery + snatch theft</i> ) | 46  | n/a  | 26   | 22   | 38      | 20      | 14      | 31      | 34      | 34      | 22      |   | **↓                |

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2. Base is victims of specified offences; unweighted bases for 2008/09 figures are included in Table 2.06. Bases for figures since 2001/02 will be similar, but prior to that will be smaller.

3. See Section 5 of Volume 2 for more information about the crime types included in this table.

Table 2.09 Percentage of BCS incidents reported to the police<sup>1</sup>, 1981 to 2008/09 BCS<sup>2</sup>

| Percentages                                   |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           | BCS   |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|
|   | 1981      | 1991      | 1995      | 1997      | 2001/02   | 2002/03   | 2003/04   | 2004/05   | 2005/06   | 2006/07   | 2007/08   | 2008/09   | Statistically significant change 2007/08 to 2008/09 |
| <b>PROPERTY CRIME</b>                         |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |   |
| <b>Vandalism</b>                              | <b>22</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>32</b> | <b>31</b> | <b>31</b> | <b>32</b> | <b>31</b> | <b>32</b> | <b>35</b> | <b>33</b> |   |
| Vehicle vandalism                             | 10        | 25        | 26        | 23        | 26        | 27        | 26        | 28        | 26        | 28        | 32        | 30        |   |
| Other vandalism                               | 36        | 31        | 35        | 30        | 40        | 37        | 37        | 39        | 40        | 38        | 40        | 40        |   |
| <b>Burglary</b>                               | <b>66</b> | <b>73</b> | <b>66</b> | <b>64</b> | <b>61</b> | <b>65</b> | <b>62</b> | <b>61</b> | <b>65</b> | <b>66</b> | <b>64</b> | <b>65</b> |   |
| With entry                                    | 81        | 88        | 82        | 78        | 77        | 81        | 75        | 72        | 77        | 77        | 73        | 76        |   |
| Attempts                                      | 42        | 48        | 45        | 47        | 41        | 43        | 45        | 42        | 47        | 51        | 50        | 49        |   |
| With loss                                     | 85        | 92        | 84        | 85        | 85        | 87        | 78        | 77        | 81        | 81        | 76        | 83        | **↑   |
| No loss (including attempts)                  | 48        | 53        | 51        | 49        | 45        | 49        | 49        | 49        | 53        | 55        | 54        | 53        |   |
| <b>Vehicle-related theft</b>                  | <b>41</b> | <b>56</b> | <b>51</b> | <b>46</b> | <b>52</b> | <b>50</b> | <b>48</b> | <b>49</b> | <b>49</b> | <b>47</b> | <b>48</b> | <b>45</b> |   |
| Theft from vehicles                           | 30        | 53        | 50        | 42        | 48        | 47        | 45        | 45        | 45        | 43        | 44        | 41        |   |
| Theft of vehicles                             | 95        | 99        | 98        | 96        | 94        | 97        | 95        | 95        | 94        | 93        | 93        | 89        |   |
| Attempts of and from                          | 31        | 41        | 35        | 36        | 40        | 36        | 34        | 37        | 40        | 38        | 40        | 38        |   |
| <b>Bicycle theft</b>                          | <b>64</b> | <b>69</b> | <b>62</b> | <b>63</b> | <b>53</b> | <b>50</b> | <b>43</b> | <b>44</b> | <b>47</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>41</b> | <b>38</b> |   |
| <b>Other household theft</b>                  | <b>25</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>25</b> |   |
| <b>Theft from the person</b>                  | <b>31</b> | <b>35</b> | <b>41</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>34</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>38</b> | <b>32</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>35</b> | <b>32</b> | <b>30</b> | **↓   |
| Snatch theft from person                      | 24        | 38        | 75        | 50        | 54        | 40        | 50        | 54        | 41        | 47        | 56        | 44        |   |
| Stealth theft from person                     | 33        | 34        | 36        | 31        | 31        | 32        | 36        | 28        | 32        | 33        | 28        | 27        |   |
| <b>Other theft of personal property</b>       | <b>23</b> | <b>38</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>31</b> | <b>32</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>35</b> | <b>35</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>33</b> | **↑   |
| <b>ALL VIOLENCE (COMPARABLE)<sup>3</sup></b>  |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |   |
| <b>Assault with minor injury or no injury</b> | <b>-</b>  | <b>-</b>  | <b>-</b>  | <b>-</b>  | <b>35</b> | <b>41</b> | <b>41</b> | <b>45</b> | <b>45</b> | <b>43</b> | <b>42</b> | <b>42</b> | **↓   |
| Without injury                                | 25        | 26        | 34        | 30        | 26        | 34        | 33        | 39        | 39        | 37        | 37        | 35        | **↓   |
| Wounding                                      | -         | -         | -         | -         | -         | 35        | 30        | 34        | 35        | 36        | 33        | 33        |   |
| Robbery                                       | 40        | 48        | 40        | 46        | 56        | 51        | 57        | 60        | 61        | 58        | 59        | 62        | **↑   |
| Domestic violence                             | 47        | 47        | 55        | 57        | 45        | 53        | 53        | 49        | 49        | 47        | 43        | 40        | **↓   |
| Acquaintance                                  | 20        | 23        | 27        | 26        | 35        | 35        | 40        | 40        | 42        | 44        | 40        | 47        |   |
| Stranger                                      | 25        | 29        | 37        | 32        | 36        | 42        | 40        | 44        | 45        | 47        | 48        | 39        | **↓   |
| Mugging (robbery + snatch theft)              | 35        | 38        | 40        | 46        | 31        | 39        | 40        | 48        | 45        | 37        | 38        | 43        |   |
| Mugging (robbery + snatch theft)              | 38        | 47        | 59        | 55        | 46        | 50        | 52        | 50        | 47        | 47        | 46        | 41        |   |
| <b>OLD COMPARABLE CRIME<sup>4,5</sup></b>     | <b>36</b> | <b>49</b> | <b>47</b> | <b>44</b> | <b>45</b> | <b>44</b> | <b>44</b> | <b>43</b> | <b>43</b> | <b>42</b> | <b>43</b> | <b>41</b> |   |
| <b>COMPARABLE CRIME<sup>4,5</sup></b>         | <b>-</b>  | <b>-</b>  | <b>-</b>  | <b>-</b>  | <b>42</b> | <b>43</b> | <b>42</b> | <b>42</b> | <b>42</b> | <b>41</b> | <b>42</b> | <b>41</b> |   |
| <b>ALL BCS CRIME<sup>5</sup></b>              | <b>31</b> | <b>43</b> | <b>41</b> | <b>39</b> | <b>40</b> | <b>41</b> | <b>40</b> | <b>40</b> | <b>40</b> | <b>39</b> | <b>39</b> | <b>38</b> |   |

1. Incidents that were reported to the police also includes those incidents that the police came to know about in another way, e.g. they arrived at the scene.

2. For an explanation of year-labels see 'Conventions used in figures and tables' at the start of this volume.

3. All violence includes wounding, assault with minor injury, assault with no injury and robbery and is equivalent to comparable violence in previous publications. For more information see Volume 2.

4. Old comparable crime includes vandalism, burglary, vehicle-related theft, bicycle theft, theft from the person, wounding and robbery. Comparable crime also includes common assault (that is, assault with minor injury plus assault with no injury) which became a notifiable offence in 1998. From 2002 the recorded crime definition changed so only assaults involving no injury are now included – this is equivalent to BCS assault with no injury.

5. Statistical significance of change is not presented for old comparable crime, comparable crime and all BCS crime.

6. The proportion of reported incidents is calculated from the number of BCS incidents reported to the police divided by the number of BCS incidents. The numbers are derived by multiplying offence rates (incidence rates) by population estimates for England and Wales, that is: for household crimes, by 23,848,680 households and for personal crimes, by 44,265,687 adults. For more information see Section 2 of Volume 2.

7. See Section 5 of Volume 2 for more information about the crime types included in this table.

**Table 2.10 Reasons for not reporting crime to the police**

| Percentages   | 2008/09 BCS  |            |  |                       |                      |                           |                               |               |
|---|--------------|------------|--|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|
|   | Vandalism    | Burglary   | Thefts from vehicles & attempts <sup>1</sup> | Other household theft | Other personal theft | All violence <sup>2</sup> | Comparable crime <sup>3</sup> | All BCS crime |
| Trivial/no loss/police would not/could not do anything <sup>4</sup>             | 87           | 72         | 87   | 82                    | 73                   | 52                        | 76                            | 76            |
| Private/dealt with ourselves  | 8            | 18         | 7  | 10                    | 8                    | 34                        | 15                            | 14            |
| Inconvenient to report  | 4            | 4          | 7  | 5                     | 7                    | 5                         | 5                             | 5             |
| Reported to other authorities   | 1            | 3          | 2  | 1                     | 13                   | 6                         | 3                             | 4             |
| Common occurrence   | 2            | 4          | 1  | 1                     | 2                    | 5                         | 3                             | 2             |
| Fear of reprisal  | 2            | 2          | 1  | 1                     | 1                    | 6                         | 3                             | 2             |
| Dislike or fear of the police/previous bad experience with the police or courts | 1            | 0          | 1  | 1                     | 0                    | 3                         | 1                             | 1             |
| Other <sup>5</sup>  | 3            | 6          | 3  | 6                     | 6                    | 6                         | 4                             | 5             |
| <i>Unweighted base</i>  | <i>2,458</i> | <i>335</i> | <i>1,121</i>                                 | <i>1,308</i>          | <i>589</i>           | <i>804</i>                | <i>5,552</i>                  | <i>7,449</i>  |

1. Theft of vehicles not shown as very few incidents were not reported.

2. All violence includes wounding, assault with minor injury, assault without injury and robbery (and is equivalent to comparable violence in previous publications). For more information see Volume 2.

3. 'Comparable crime' includes vandalism, burglary, vehicle-related theft, bicycle theft, theft from the person, wounding, assault with minor injury, assault without injury and robbery.

4. Too trivial/no loss/would not have been interested/police could not do anything/attempt at offence was unsuccessful are merged due to the similarity in their definition, for example: a respondent who thinks the incident was too trivial may code the incident as 'too trivial, no loss' or 'the police would not be interested' as these two codes may be understood as meaning the same.

5. This category includes: something that happens as part of job; partly my/friend's/relative's fault; offender not responsible for actions; thought someone else had reported incident/similar incidents; tried to report but was not able to contact the police/police not interested; other.

6. Figures may add to more than 100 as more than one reason could be given.