**Crime**

Police recorded crime[[1]](#footnote-1) (excluding fraud) in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough was 10,110 in 2023/24 which was a decrease of 1.0% on 2022/23. In Northern Ireland, recorded crime (excluding fraud) fell between 2022/23 (111,411) and 2023/24 (104,344) by 6.3%. When compared with 2013/14, recorded crime (excluding fraud) is now almost 9% higher in the borough and more than 3% higher in Northern Ireland in 2023/24.

|   | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Northern Ireland |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 2010/11 | 9,497 | 103,676 |
| 2011/12 | 9,695 | 102,009 |
| 2012/13 | 9,023 | 98,558 |
| 2013/14 | 9,287 | 100,917 |
| 2014/15 | 9,877 | 103,178 |
| 2015/16 | 10,057 | 104,932 |
| 2016/17 | 9,373 | 98,033 |
| 2017/18 | 9,680 | 98,123 |
| 2018/19 | 9,451 | 100,853 |
| 2019/20 | 10,570 | 106,492 |
| 2020/21 | 9,585 | 94,231 |
| 2021/22 | 10,787 | 106,390 |
| 2022/23 | 10,207 | 111,411 |
| 2023/24 | 10,110 | 104,344 |

*Table 1: Recorded crime in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland 2010/11 to 2023/24. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

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Anti-social behaviour incidents[[2]](#footnote-2) in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough totalled 4,813 in 2023/24. This was decrease of 8% from the previous financial year (5,233) and a 10.8% decrease on 2013/14 figures (5,393). In 2023/24, the number of anti-social behaviour incidents in Northern Ireland had also fallen from 47,301 in 2022/23 to 45,358 in 2023/24. Between 2013/14 and 2023/24, the number of anti-social behaviour incidents in Northern Ireland has fallen by over 25%. This is the third consecutive year of decline in both the borough and Northern Ireland overall.

|   | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Northern Ireland |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 2010/11 | 6,318 | 76,947 |
| 2011/12 | 5,317 | 64,184 |
| 2012/13 | 5,606 | 65,357 |
| 2013/14 | 5,393 | 60,706 |
| 2014/15 | 5,789 | 60,982 |
| 2015/16 | 5,614 | 59,502 |
| 2016/17 | 6,108 | 59,703 |
| 2017/18 | 6,382 | 61,207 |
| 2018/19 | 6,109 | 56,503 |
| 2019/20 | 5,730 | 55,031 |
| 2020/21 | 7,979 | 76,063 |
| 2021/22 | 6,290 | 57,732 |
| 2022/23 | 5,233 | 47,301 |
| 2023/24 | 4,813 | 45,358 |

*Table 2: Anti-social behaviour incidents in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland 2010/11 to 2023/24. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

*Figure 2: Anti-social behaviour incidents in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2010/11 to 2023/24. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

Domestic abuse incidents[[3]](#footnote-3) totalled 3,664 in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough during 2023/24. This was an increase of 3.5% on domestic abuse incidents in 2022/23 in the borough and an increase of 12.7% on 2013/14 figures. In Northern Ireland, domestic abuse incidents decreased by 0.3% between 2022/23 and 2023/24. In the ten-year period since 2013/14 domestic abuse incidents in Northern Ireland overall have increased by approximately 18.6%.

|   | Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon | Northern Ireland |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 2010/11 | 2,070 | 22,685 |
| 2011/12 | 2,558 | 25,196 |
| 2012/13 | 3,057 | 27,190 |
| 2013/14 | 3,250 | 27,628 |
| 2014/15 | 3,155 | 28,288 |
| 2015/16 | 3,001 | 28,392 |
| 2016/17 | 2,915 | 29,166 |
| 2017/18 | 2,871 | 29,913 |
| 2018/19 | 3,131 | 31,682 |
| 2019/20 | 3,248 | 31,817 |
| 2020/21 | 3,442 | 31,196 |
| 2021/22 | 3,756 | 33,186 |
| 2022/23 | 3,541 | 32,876 |
| 2023/24 | 3,664 | 32,763 |

*Table 3: Domestic abuse incidents in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland 2010/11 to 2023/24. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

*Figure 3: Domestic abuse incidents in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2010/11 to 2023/24. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

Hate motivated incidents[[4]](#footnote-4) with a racist motivation stood at 95 in 2022/23 in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough which was a decrease of almost 35% on 2021/22. Homophobic motivated incidents in the borough have also decreased by more than 30% since 2021/22. Sectarian motivated incidents have increased by almost 30% between 2021/22 and 2022/23. Sectarian motivated incidents are currently the highest of all the years presented and 56% higher than they were in 2012/13.

In 2022/23, there were 11 disability motivated incidents, 3 more than the previous year. Incidents with a transgender identity motivation doubled between 2021/22 and 2022/23 and at 22 incidents accounted for almost 31% of the total incidents recorded in Northern Ireland overall. Faith/Religion motivated incidents decreased between 2021/22 and 2022/23 and remained the lowest cause of hate motivated incidents in the borough.

|   | Racist | Sectarian | Homophobic | Disability | Transgender Identity | Faith / Religion |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 2010/11 | 57 | 70 | 10 | 9 | 1 | 2 |
| 2011/12 | 53 | 71 | 15 | 6 | 0 | 2 |
| 2012/13 | 68 | 77 | 11 | 11 | 1 | 1 |
| 2013/14 | 79 | 84 | 26 | 7 | 0 | 1 |
| 2014/15 | 133 | 92 | 36 | 10 | 2 | 1 |
| 2015/16 | 117 | 92 | 43 | 15 | 3 | 3 |
| 2016/17 | 118 | 67 | 21 | 8 | 2 | 3 |
| 2017/18 | 106 | 89 | 27 | 6 | 0 | 5 |
| 2018/19 | 126 | 77 | 34 | 6 | 4 | 3 |
| 2019/20 | 84 | 89 | 33 | 11 | 8 | 6 |
| 2020/21 | 103 | 86 | 36 | 11 | 3 | 1 |
| 2021/22 | 145 | 93 | 56 | 8 | 11 | 4 |
| 2022/23 | 95 | 120 | 39 | 11 | 22 | 2 |

*Table 4: Hate motivated incidents by type of motivation in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2010/11 to 2022/23. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

*Figure 4: Racist, sectarian and homophobic motivated incidents in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2010/11 to 2022/23. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

*Figure 5: Transphobic, Faith/Religion and Disability motivated incidents in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2010/11 to 2022/23. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | **Racist** | **Sectarian** | **Homophobic** |
| **2021/22- 2022/23** | 34.5% | 29% | 30.4% |
| **2012/13 - 2022/23** | 39.7% | 55.8% | 254.5% |

*Table 5: Hate motivated incidents by type of motivation in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2012/13 to 2022/23. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | **Racist** | **Sectarian** | **Homophobic** |
| **2021/22- 2022/23** | 8.5% | 16% | 5.8% |
| **2012/13 - 2022/23** | 63.2% | 9.8% | 76.8% |

*Table 6: Hate motivated incidents by type of motivation in Northern Ireland 2012/13 to 2022/23. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

Between 2021/22 and 2022/23, hate motivated incidents with a racist motivation decreased by almost 35% in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough compared with a 8.5% decrease in Northern Ireland overall. Sectarian motivated incidents have increased in the borough by almost 56% between 2012/13 and 2022/23 while they have decreased by almost 10% in the same period in Northern Ireland. Homophobic motived incidents have increased significantly in the period from 2012/13 to 2022/23 in both Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland although the increase has been much greater in the borough.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | **Disability** | **Transgender Identity** | **Faith / Religion** |
| **2021/22 - 2022/23** | 37.5% | 100.0% | -50.0% |
| **2012/13 - 2022/23** | 0.0% | 2100.0% | 100.0% |

*Table 5: Hate motivated incidents by type of motivation in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2012/13 to 2022/23. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | **Disability** | **Transgender Identity** | **Faith / Religion** |
| **2021/22 - 2022/23** | 13.0% | 10.8% | -32.4% |
| **2012/13 - 2022/23** | 87.8% | 380.0% | 64.3% |

*Table 6: Hate motivated incidents by type of motivation in Northern Ireland 2012/13 to 2022/23. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

Between 2021/22 and 2022/23, hate motivated incidents with a disability motivation increased by 37.5% in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough compared with a 13% increase in Northern Ireland overall. Transgender identity motivated incidents have increased significantly in the borough and Northern Ireland between 2012/13 and 2022/23 and in the last year in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon borough, the number of incidents with a transgender identity motivation doubled. Faith / religion motived incidents have also increased in the period from 2012/13 to 2022/23 in both Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland although they have fallen in the last year in both the borough and Northern Ireland overall.

Further information on crime can be found via the following links:

<https://www.psni.police.uk/inside-psni/Statistics/police-recorded-crime-statistics/>

<https://www.psni.police.uk/inside-psni/Statistics/anti-social-behaviour-statistics/>

<https://www.psni.police.uk/inside-psni/Statistics/domestic-abuse-statistics/>

<https://www.psni.police.uk/inside-psni/Statistics/hate-motivation-statistics/>

1. <https://www.psni.police.uk/globalassets/inside-the-psni/our-statistics/police-recorded-crime-statistics/documents/crime-user-guide.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. <https://www.psni.police.uk/globalassets/inside-the-psni/our-statistics/anti-social-behaviour-statistics/documents/asb-definition.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. <https://www.psni.police.uk/globalassets/inside-the-psni/our-statistics/domestic-abuse-statistics/documents/domestic_abuse_definition.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. <https://www.psni.police.uk/globalassets/inside-the-psni/our-statistics/hate-motivation-statistics/documents/hate-motivations-definitions.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-4)