**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 102 in 2023/24 in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough which was an increase of approximately 7% on 2022/23. Homophobic motivated incidents in the borough decreased for the second consecutive year by almost 36% since 2022/23. Following two years of increases, sectarian motivated incidents have decreased by more than 13% between 2022/23 and 2023/24. Sectarian motivated incidents still account for the highest number of hate motivated incidents in the Borough.

In 2023/24, there were 8 disability motivated incidents, 3 less than the previous year. Incidents with a transgender identity motivation fell from 22 in 2022/23 to 13 in 2023/24 however still account for almost 20% of the total incidents of this type recorded in Northern Ireland overall. Faith/Religion motivated incidents stayed the same between 2022/23 and 2023/24 and have 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 |
| 2023/24 | 102 | 104 | 25 | 8 | 13 | 2 |

*Table 4: Hate motivated incidents by type of motivation in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2010/11 to 2023/24. 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 2023/24. 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 2023/24. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | **Racist** | **Sectarian** | **Homophobic** |
| **2022/23- 2023/24** | 7.4% | 13.3% | 35.9% |
| **2013/14 - 2023/24** | 29.1% | 23.8% | 3.8% |

*Table 5: Hate motivated incidents by type of motivation in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2013/14 to 2023/24. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | **Racist** | **Sectarian** | **Homophobic** |
| **2022/23- 2023/24** | 10.8% | 11.9% | 11.7% |
| **2013/14 - 2023/24** | 38.6% | 15.0% | 37.1% |

*Table 6: Hate motivated incidents by type of motivation in Northern Ireland 2013/14 to 2023/24. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

Between 2022/23 and 2023/24, hate motivated incidents with a racist motivation increased by more than 7% in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough compared to an increase of almost 11% in Northern Ireland overall. In the ten-year period since 2013/14, Sectarian motivated incidents have increased in the borough by almost 24% while they have decreased by 15% in the same period in Northern Ireland. In 2023/24, homophobic motived incidents were much the same as they were in 2022/23 in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough while in Northern Ireland overall in the same period, they increased by more than 37%.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | **Disability** | **Transgender Identity** | **Faith / Religion** |
| **2022/23- 2023/24** | 27.3% | 40.9% | 0% |
| **2013/14 - 2023/24** | 14.3% | 1300.0% | 100.0% |

*Table 5: Hate motivated incidents by type of motivation in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2013/14 to 2023/24. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|   | **Disability** | **Transgender Identity** | **Faith / Religion** |
| **2022/23- 2023/24** | 30.2% | 5.6% | 67.4% |
| **2013/14 - 2023/24** | 9.3% | 195.7% | 133.3% |

*Table 6: Hate motivated incidents by type of motivation in Northern Ireland 2013/14 to 2023/24. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

Between 2022/23 and 2023/24, hate motivated incidents with a disability motivation fell by more than 27% in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough compared to a fall of more than 30% in Northern Ireland overall. Despite a fall of almost 40% in the last year, transgender identity motivated incidents have increased significantly in the borough between 2013/14 and 2023/24. In Northern Ireland overall, transgender identity motivated incidents have increased by almost 200% since 2013/14. Faith / religion motived incidents have also increased in the period from 2013/14 to 2023/24 in both Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland although they have remained the same in the last year in the borough.

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)