AVON & SOMERSET POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

Performance Report

Quarter ending June 2026 (Q1 2026/27)

National Police and Crime Measures (Priorities for Policing)

Contribution of Avon and Somerset Police

Glossary

4P – prepare, prevent, protect, pursue – a nationally recognised policing strategy for dealing with crime.

Action Fraud now Report Fraud – is the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime where victims should report fraud. They also provide the Report Fraud Victim Service which offers dedicated, and specialist help to victims of cyber crime and fraud. The service is run by the City of London Police.

ASP – Avon and Somerset Police

Charge – the formal accusation of an offence, put to a suspect after an initial investigation; this is the start of the prosecution and they will then have to appear at court. The police can make the decision to charge in less serious offences where the case would be dealt with at Magistrates Court.

Clear Hold Build – a framework for bringing the tackling of serious and organised crime threats into neighbourhood policing. It also involves partners and the community in delivering and sustaining reductions in serious organised crime and related crime. It combines enforcement activity ("Clear"), sustained visible policing and partnership presence ("Hold"), and long-term community resilience and problem solving ("Build").

County lines – is a term used when drug gangs from big cities expand their operations to smaller towns, often using violence to drive out local dealers and exploiting children and vulnerable people to sell drugs. These dealers will use dedicated mobile phone lines, known as 'deal lines', to take orders from drug users.

Domestic abuse – is where a person is abusive towards another, they are personally connected and are 16 years of age or older.

Drug trafficking – these are drug offences, other than simple possession offences, such as drug supply.

MSF – Most Similar Forces. These are groups of police forces that have been found to be the most similar to each other based on Home Office analysis of demographic, social and economic characteristics which relate to crime. The forces 'most similar' to Avon & Somerset are Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Sussex, Warwickshire and Wiltshire. The group was update in June 2026. The data used in this report shows the new MSF from July 2025, data prior to this is the old MSF, which explains a sudden change at that point in time in the below graphs.

NFIB – National Fraud Intelligence Bureau

Neighbourhood Crime – defined in the national Beating Crime Plan 2021 as vehicle-related theft, domestic burglary, theft from the person and robbery of personal property.

Operation Soteria Bluestone – transforming the response to, and investigation of, Rape and Serious Sexual Offences to be victim-centred, suspect-focused and context-led.

Problem-Solving Plan – an approach which assumes that identifying and understanding the root causes of a problem – or conditions that allow it to continue – leads to an effective solution.

RASSO – rape and serious sexual offences.

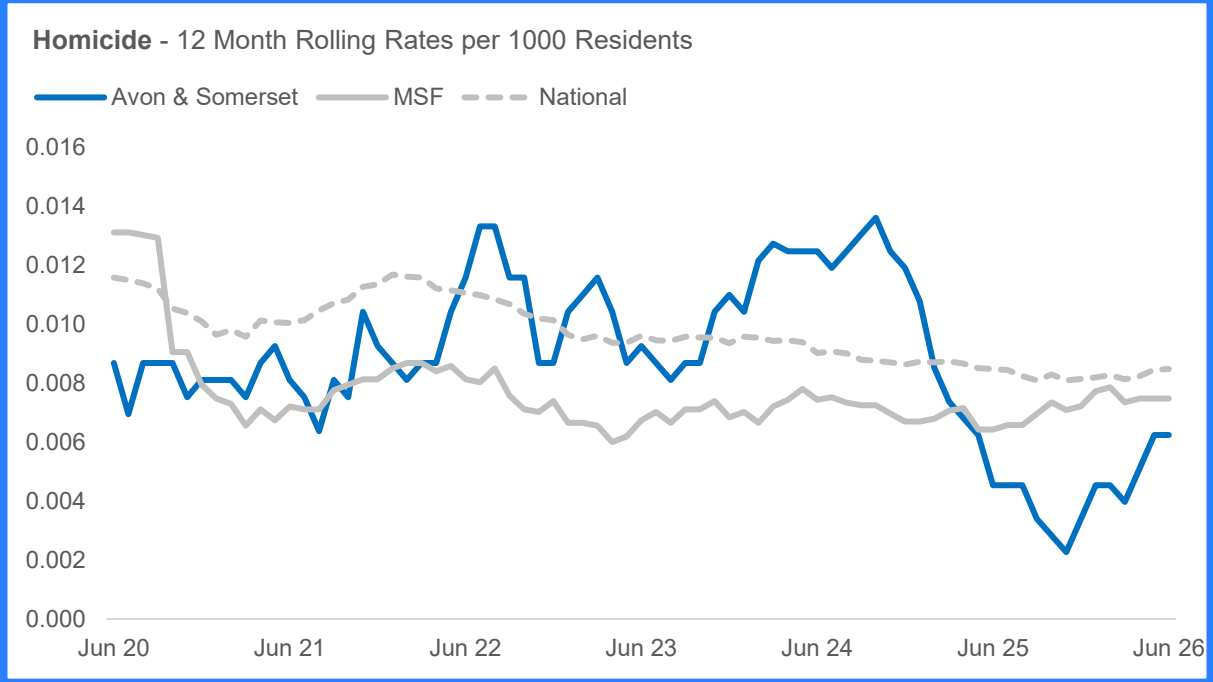
Serious violence – defined nationally these are offences that result in the death of a person, "endanger life" or "wounding offences".

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Reduce Murder and Other Homicide

Measures Summary

Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
Police recorded homicide offences	Stable	4th/8 MSF (similar to MSF average rates)



Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. Refreshed Homicide Reduction Plan in place based on the 4Ps. This contains 18 areas of activity including below.
2. Serious Violence Strategic Meeting provides governance and direction of this work.
3. Homicide Prevention Reviews continue to be undertaken for all homicides (unless there is some other statutory review) and 'near-miss' cases, identify learning and making recommendations.
4. Other activity undertaken by ASP are vital in homicide reduction such as reducing domestic abuse, knife crime, organised crime, and through more effective management of offenders and mental illness.
5. Work undertaken to prevent serious violence (see below) should also support prevention of homicide as these are not distinct and isolated issues.

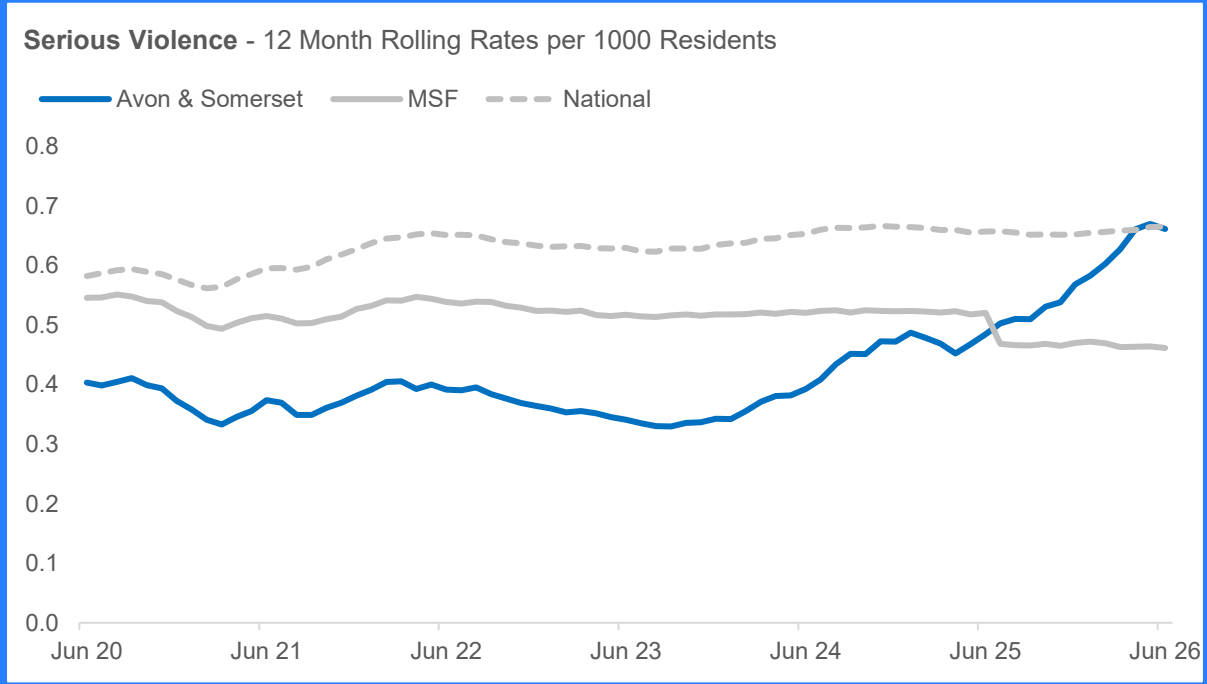
Comments

1. In the year ending June 2026 there were 11 homicides in Avon and Somerset.

Reduce Serious Violence

Measures Summary

Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
Police recorded serious violence offences	Increasing	7th/8 MSF (above MSF average rates)



Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. ASP SOC Forum introduced to:
   - ensure accurate threat/risk oversight through governance. It will support evidence-based resource prioritisation and multi-agency coordination.
   - Strengthen accountability for Lead Responsible Officers' 7 4P plans.
   - Improve cross-department coordination across all SOC-related functions.
   - Provide a dedicated space for scrutiny, learning and best practice beyond BCU Tasking capacity.
2. Enhance management of gang nominals leaving prison with cross-directorate risk planning.
3. Progress Clear, Hold, Build in Stapleton Road with independent evaluation planned.
4. Multi agency child protection pilots continue in South Gloucestershire and Somerset East.
5. Continue developing Serious Organised Crime Investigation Teams capability and tactics identifying and developing best practice to support SOC investigations.

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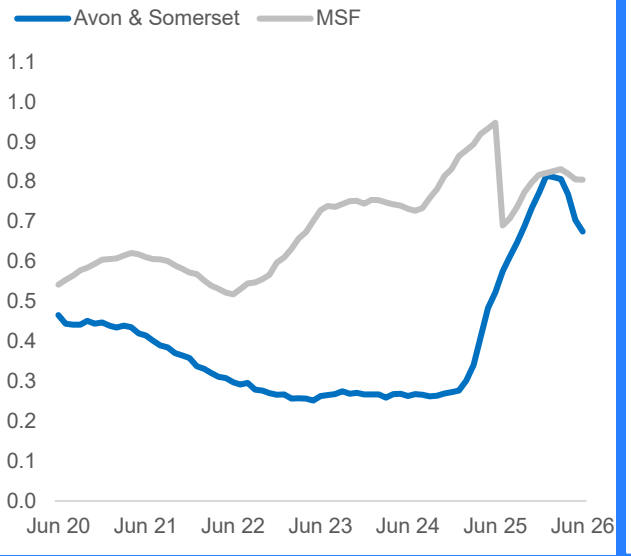
1. In the year ending June 2026 there were 1,167 serious violence crimes recorded in Avon & Somerset.
2. The last two years have seen a significant increase: this is believed to be due to improved crime recording. An audit of wounding/GBH offences is taking place to understand this better.

Disrupt Drugs Supply and County Lines

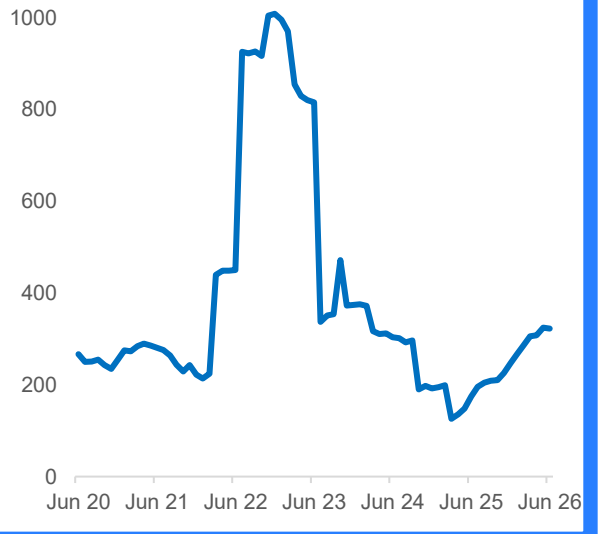
Measures Summary

Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
Number of drug trafficking offences	Stable	4th/8 MSF (below MSF average rates)
Number of drugs disruptions	Stable	Not available

Drug Trafficking Crime -
12 Month Rolling Rates per 1000 Residents



Drugs Disruptions -
12 Month Rolling



Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. Avon & Somerset Constabulary employ a 4P, intelligence led approach, working through local and regional tasking processes including:
2. Continued development of investigative approaches to address the growing use of secure online drug marketplaces and cryptocurrency-enabled criminal activity.
3. Enhanced intelligence and evidence-gathering strategies to maximise investigative opportunities within online drug supply networks.
4. Whilst specific operations can't be referenced, ASP have utilised a suite of tactics to gather best evidence and expedite the ability to disrupt the supply / lines.

Comments

1. In the year ending June 2026, ASP recorded 1,191 drug trafficking offences. ASP have identified and corrected a crime recording issue which explains the large increase in the last year.
2. In the year ending March 2026, ASP recorded 323 drug disruptions.

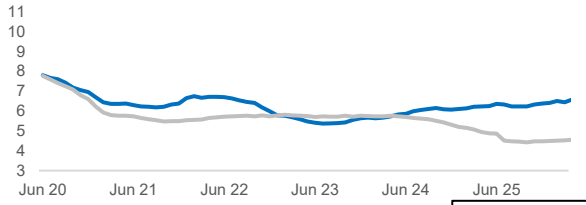
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Reduce Neighbourhood Crime

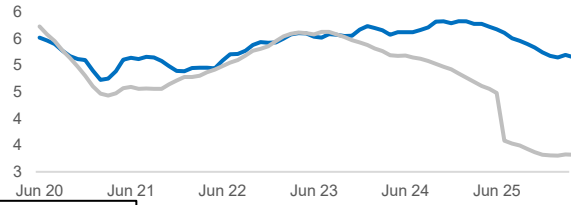
Measures Summary

Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
Police recorded residential burglary offences	Stable	8th/8 MSF (above MSF average rate)
Police recorded vehicle crime offences	Stable	7th/8 MSF (above MSF average rate)
Police recorded personal robbery offences	Increasing	8th/8 MSF (above MSF average rate)
Police recorded theft from the person offences	Stable	5th/8 MSF (similar to MSF average rate)

Residential Burglary - 12 Month Rolling Rates per 1000 Households

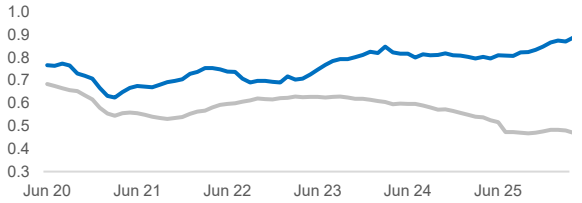


Vehicle Offences - 12 Month Rolling Rates per 1000 Residents

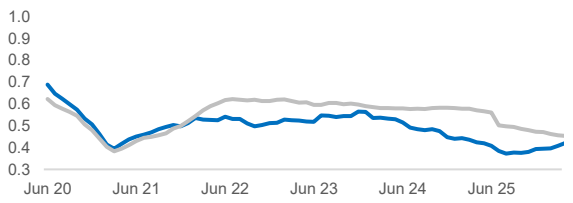


Avon & Somerset — MSF

Personal Robbery - 12 Month Rolling Rates per 1000 Residents



Theft from the person - 12 Month Rolling Rates per 1000 Residents



Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. Neighbourhood Tasking Teams (NTTs) providing a proactive capability in Neighbourhood Policing.
2. Operation Hunted launched as a force-wide response to car-key burglaries, bringing together activity across multiple departments and BCUs.
3. Enhanced intelligence development and offender management to identify, disrupt and prosecute organised crime groups, repeat offenders and prolific acquisitive criminals.
4. Use of the Burglary Problem Profile and intelligence-led problem solving to target hotspots, emerging trends and repeat offending.
5. Planned prevention and awareness activity, including a summer campaign to improve crime prevention, reporting and public confidence.

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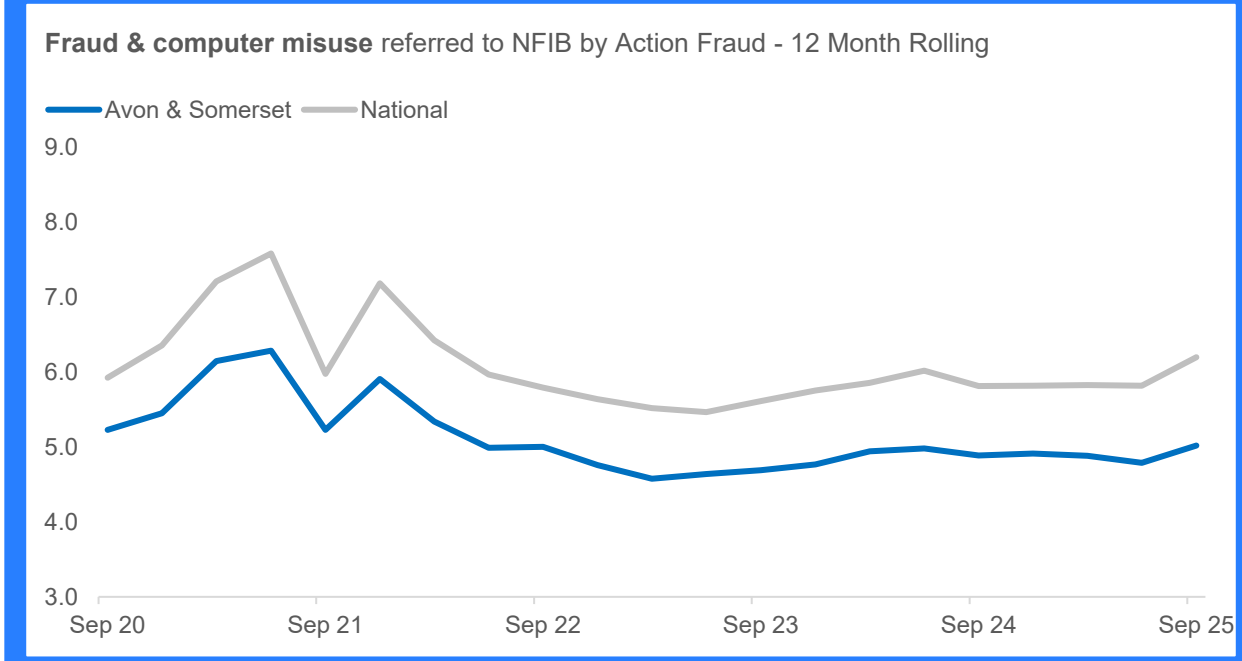
1. In the year ending June 2026, the number of crimes recorded in Avon & Somerset were:
   - Residential burglary – 4,836
   - Vehicle offences – 9,097*
   - Personal robbery – 1,585
   - Theft from the person – 753
2. Recorded neighbourhood crimes saw reductions during the COVID-19 lockdown period but have started to increase again since then.
3. *A crime recording issue in the most recent year is likely to have made the number of vehicle offences appear lower than it should be.

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Tackle Cybercrime

Measures Summary

Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
Action Fraud Offences	Decreasing	Below national rates



Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. Operational Leads are working with IT to transition Söze into business as usual. Training for 1000 officers across the force is planned for completion by the end of autumn.
2. All Digital Media Advisors (DMAs) have now been embedded into their respective CID teams. Line managers have been informed of the responsibilities and core functions of the DMA role; Cyber Supervisors will maintain monthly check-ins with DMA and line managers to identify any improvements that could be made in the process.
3. Increased training and capability of Cyber team in specialist functions where demand is increasing.
4. The Cyber Team has established a Digital Hub on SharePoint, offering a centralised platform for digital advice and enquiries across the force. The hub supports improved understanding of digital evidence while also enabling demand tracking through its request for service functionality.
5. Work across force digital capability remains ongoing as part of the Mosaic Programme.

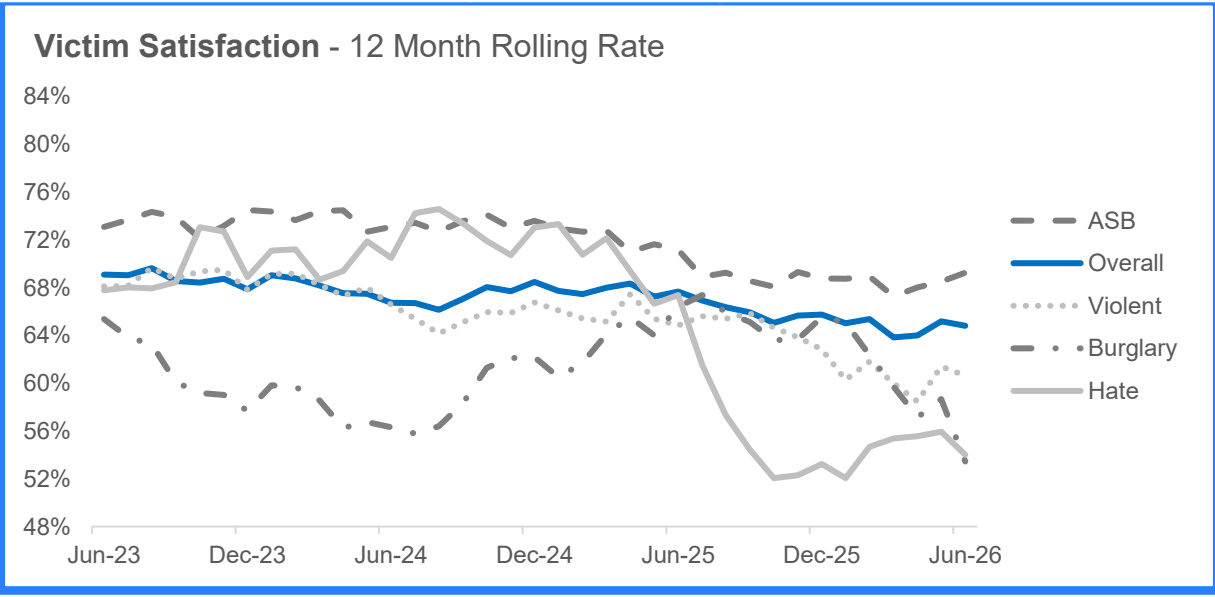
Comments

1. A new national fraud and cybercrime reporting system, Report Fraud, was launched in December 2025 to replace Action Fraud and the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB). During the transition period recorded cybercrime and fraud data is not being provided.

Improve Victim Satisfaction, with a Focus on Victims of Domestic Abuse

Measures Summary

Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
ASB victim satisfaction rate	Reducing	Not available
Hate crime victim satisfaction rate	Reducing	Not available
Overall victim satisfaction rate	Reducing	Not available
Violent crime victim satisfaction rate	Reducing	Not available
Burglary victim satisfaction rate	Stable	Not available



Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. Further develop the DA SPOC network across each BCU, and a supporting performance framework.
2. Embed the use of the filmmaker's video across force communications to support improved Clare's Law uptake rates, monitor impact, and build on positive feedback received following force-wide release.
3. Trial changes to the DA 'No Further Action' decision-making process, prioritising capability over rank and evaluating its impact on decision quality, consistency and outcomes.
4. Continue Crime Management Unit pilot to improve allocation decision-making, ensuring victims are directed to the most appropriate service and investigations are managed within the correct area of responsibility.
5. Daily hate-crime scanning under Operation Wintercress to support early intervention and identify emerging tensions.

Comments

1. There is no existing domestic abuse victim satisfaction survey currently in place in Avon and Somerset.

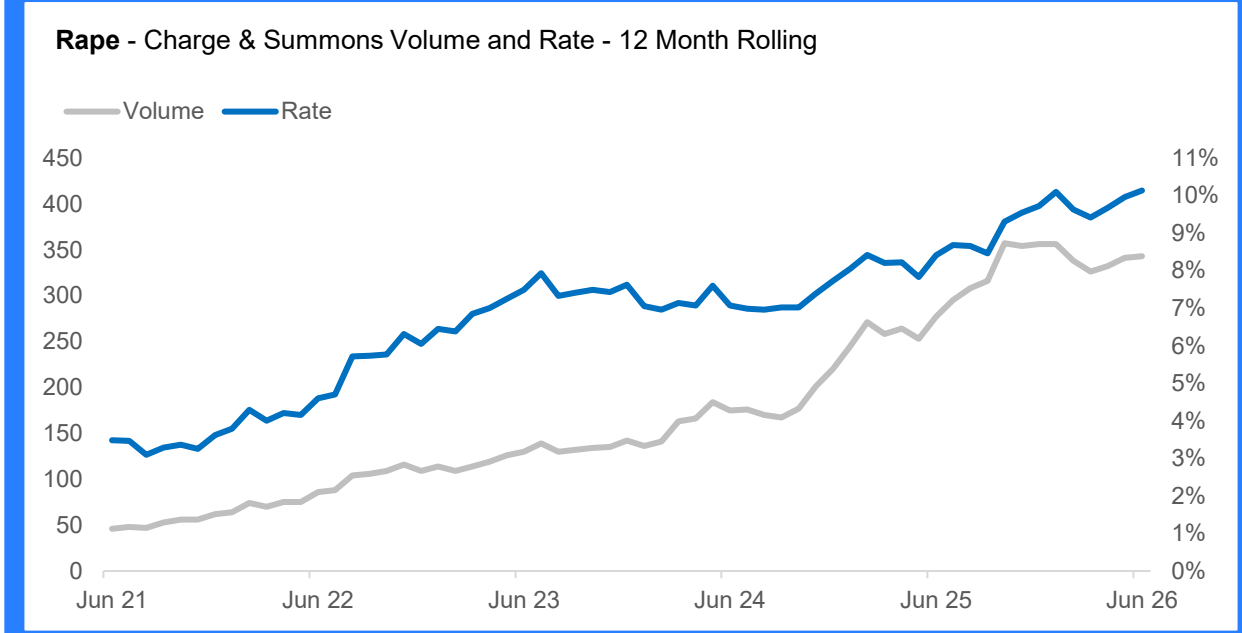
2. Victim satisfaction for year ending June 2026:
- ASB – 69.3%
- Overall – 64.8%
- Violent – 60.6%
- Burglary – 53.4%
- Hate – 54.0%

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Better Criminal Justice Outcomes for Rape Cases

Measures Summary

Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
Charge volumes for rape offences	Increasing	Not applicable
Charge rate for rape offences	Increasing	3rd/8 MSF (above MSF average rates)



Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. Workforce capability uplift: Long-term SSAIDP training programme to improve investigative quality and consistency.
2. Victim-centred service improvement: Expansion and evaluation of “Telling Not Reporting” to balance victim choice with capacity.
3. Quality of investigations: Increased use of CPS early advice and Whole Story approach to improve outcomes and file quality.
4. Process standardisation (Op Standard): Continued rollout, embedding, and compliance monitoring across CID teams.
5. Local implementation of the national Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy and Action Plan.

Comments

1. There has been a sustained improvement in charge and summons, since the end of 2021, because of Bluestone/Soteria.
2. Increases in the volume of rape offences recorded and finalised by ASP are attributable to changes in crime recording practices. In the year ending June 2026, 343 charges was a rate of 10.1%.
3. In the year ending March 2026 117 ASP rape cases appeared at Crown Court for trial, of which 49 (42%) resulted in conviction.