AVON & SOMERSET POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

Performance Report

Quarter ending September 2025 (Q2 2025/26)

National Police and Crime Measures (Priorities for Policing)

Contribution of Avon and Somerset Police

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Glossary

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

Action Fraud – is the UK's national reporting centre for fraud and cybercrime where victims should report fraud if they have been scammed, defrauded or experienced cyber crime in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

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.

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.

CPS – Crown Prosecution Service.

Cyber dependent crime – these are offences that can only be committed using a computer, computer networks or other form of information communications technology.

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.

MSG – Most similar groups. These are groups of police forces that have been found to be the most similar to each other based on an analysis of demographic, social and economic characteristics which relate to crime. They are designated by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary Fire & Rescue Service (HMICFRS). The forces 'most similar' to Avon & Somerset are Derbyshire, Essex, Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Staffordshire and Sussex.

Multi-agency risk assessment conference (MARAC) – meetings where organisations work together, sharing information on the highest risk domestic abuse cases, to create a coordinated plan to safeguard the victim.

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 profile – research and analysis of established and emerging crimes or incidents, priority locations or other identified high-risk issues. Should be based on a range of information sources, including information from partner organisations, and contain recommendations for making decisions and options for action.

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.

SARA – scanning, analysis, response, assessment – a model of problem solving.

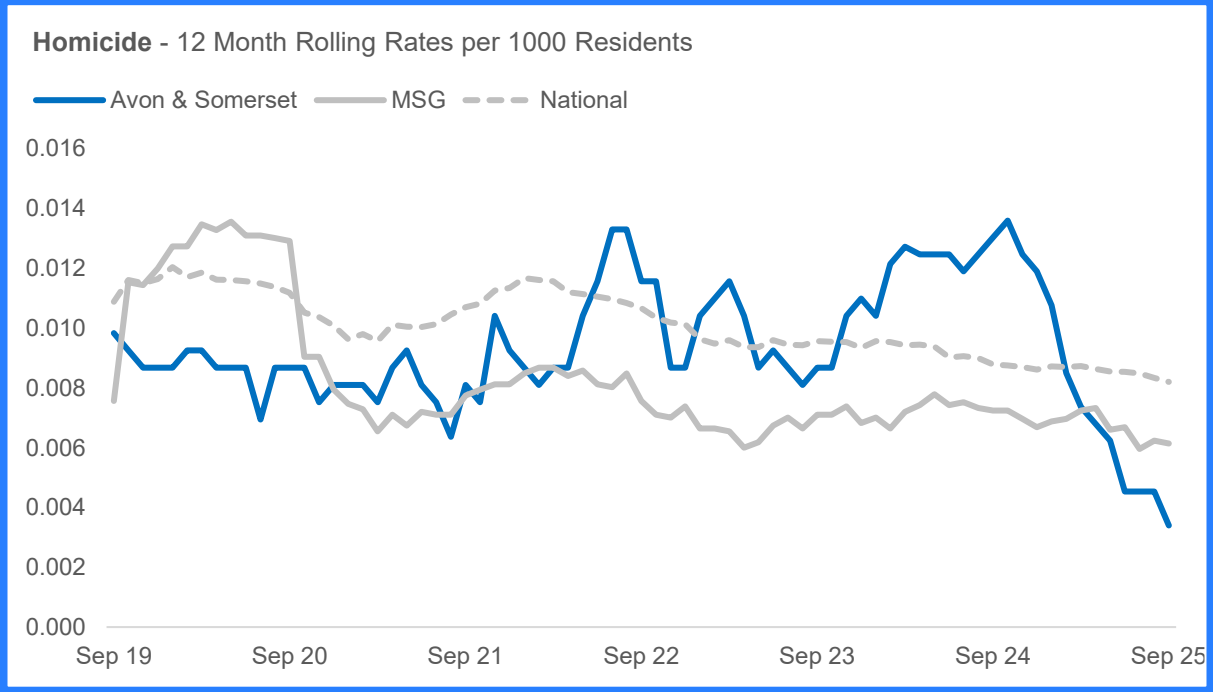
Serious violence – defined nationally these are offences that result in the death of a person, "endanger life" or "wounding offences".

SOC – Serious and Organised Crime

Reduce Murder and Other Homicide

Measures Summary

Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
Police recorded homicide offences	Stable	1st/8 MSG (below MSG 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. The Major Crime Investigation Team (MCIT) is being supported by the Outreach Team to building trust and foster positive relationships with diverse communities. By working with community leaders and organisations targeted sessions are delivered that raise awareness of homicide investigations, clarify MCIT's role, and highlight the support available to affected individuals and families.
3. Proactive policing includes Operation Haven hotspot patrols, and the management of 192 high risk offenders.
4. Protecting those at risk of homicide though investment in new personal alarms, better use of risk assessment tools, and targeted community reassurance though greater use of Community Impact Assessment approaches.
5. Preparing for homicide through training and exercising, contingency planning and learning from near misses though regular Homicide Prevention Reviews.

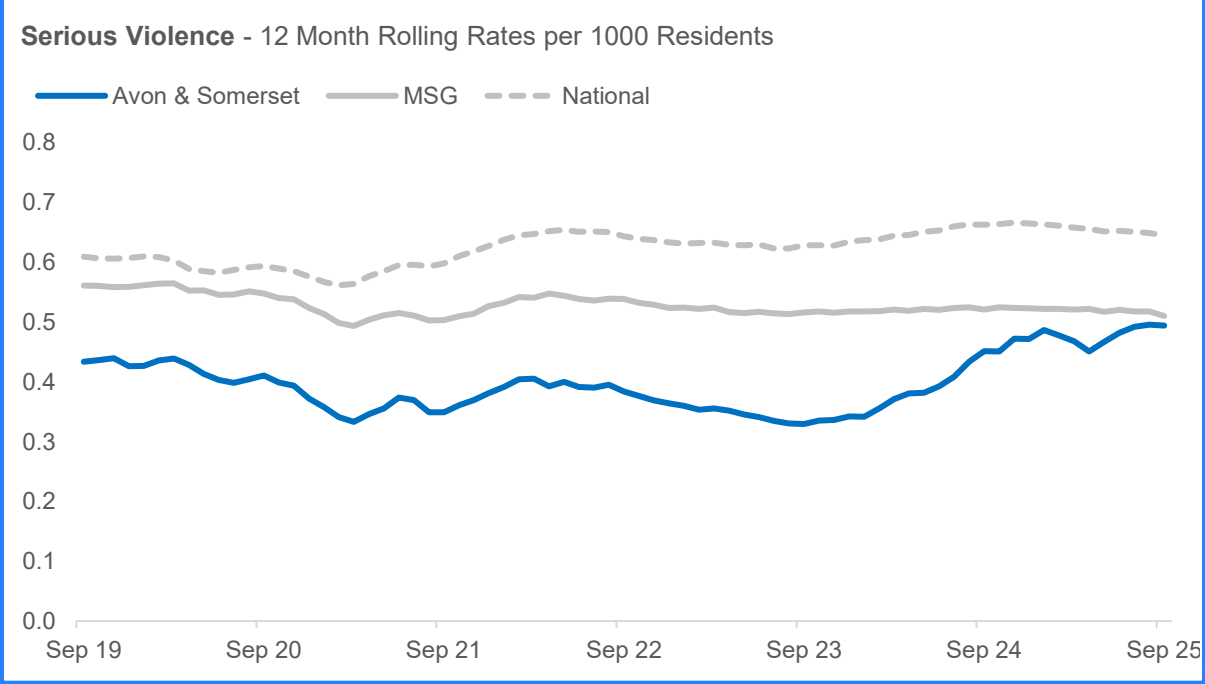
Comments

1. In the year ending September 2025 there were 6 homicides in Avon and Somerset. This is the lowest level of homicides in over 10 years.

Reduce Serious Violence

Measures Summary

Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
Police recorded serious violence offences	Stable	4th/8 MSG (similar to MSG average rates)



Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. Multi Agency Child Exploitation (MACE) meetings will continue across Bristol, after both tactical and strategic meetings were rolled out. This includes collaboration with intelligence and partners to provide a tactical and strategic intelligence document for contextual safeguarding for groups of children likely to experience criminal exploitation and exposure to serious violence outside the home. Work to continue, with B&NES and Somerset, for wider roll out of MACE meetings.
2. The first *Risk Outside the Home* tactical group for South Gloucestershire with collaboration between Early Intervention Team and the intelligence department. North Somerset have now also implemented a prevent and *Risk Outside the Home* strategy.
3. EIT to develop their KPIs which will measure the number of children who have had intervention in place and risk scores both before and after entering the cohort so highlight an evidence basis of what works well at reducing risk and diversion.

Comments

1. In the year ending September 2025 there were 872 serious violence crimes recorded in Avon & Somerset.
2. ASP benchmark well against the national average per 1,000 residents.
3. While the six-year trend is stable, when looking at the last two years there has been an increasing trend.

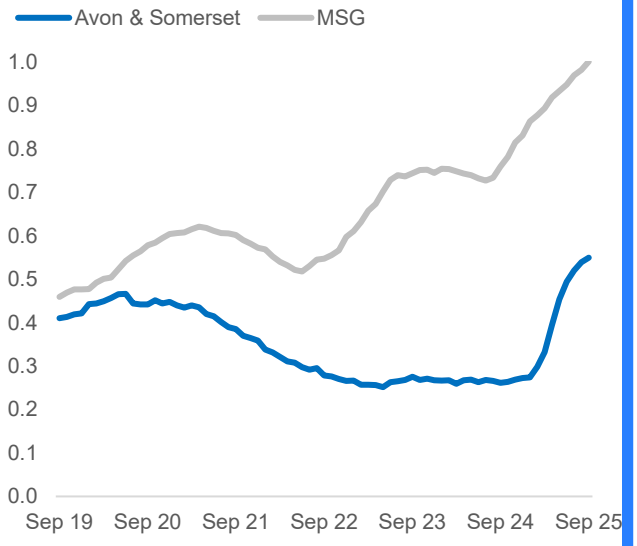
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Disrupt Drugs Supply and County Lines

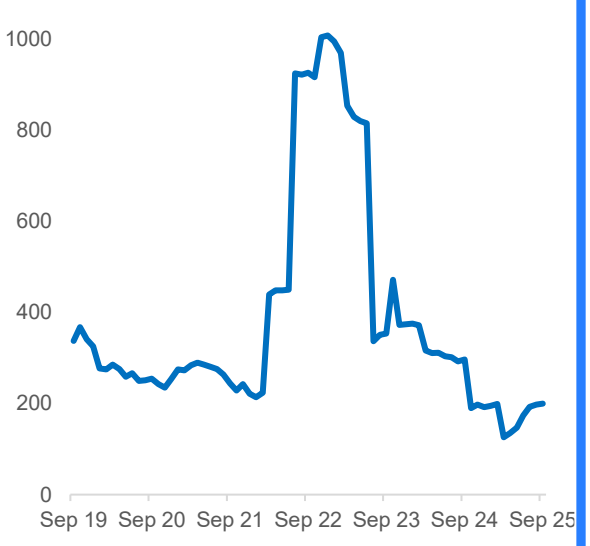
Measures Summary

Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
Number of drug trafficking offences	Stable	7th/8 MSG (below MSG 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. The Clear Hold Build programme in Stapleton Road, Bristol is now in the operational phase of enforcement disruptions, targeting those involved in drugs supply.

2. Operation Restless is a dedicated partnership approach focused on tackling the exploitation of children in Bath through persistent targeting of drugs supply and associated criminal activities whilst maximising opportunities for disruption through diversion and safeguarding.

3. A drug problem profile has identified a new Organised Crime Group (OCG) within B&NES. This OCG is involved in drug supply and the suspected criminal exploitation of children. This group will be disrupted through a partnership approach and with the support of our Neighbourhood Tasking Team.

Comments

1. In the year ending September 2025, ASP recorded 970 drug trafficking offences. ASP have identified and corrected a crime recording issue which explains the large increase in the most recent data.

2. In the year ending September 2025, ASP recorded 200 drug disruptions. The recording of disruptions is inconsistent across ASP as there is no dedicated resource to do this. A new system is being used to record disruptions and ASP are using the opportunity to provide training and promote the importance of accurate recording.

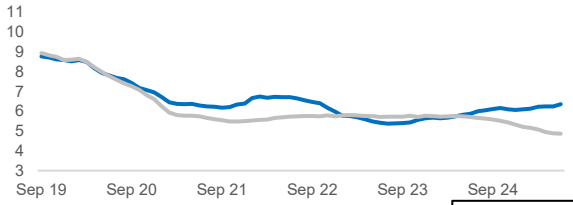
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Reduce Neighbourhood Crime

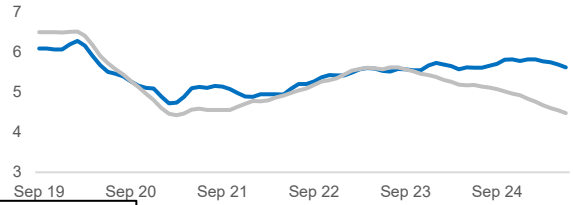
Measures Summary

Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
Police recorded residential burglary offences	Reducing	7th/8 MSG (above MSG average rate)
Police recorded vehicle crime offences	Stable	7th/8 MSG (above MSG average rate)
Police recorded personal robbery offences	Stable	8th/8 MSG (above MSG average rate)
Police recorded theft from the person offences	Reducing	2nd/8 MSG (below MSG average rate)

Residential Burglary - 12 Month Rolling Rates per 1000 Households

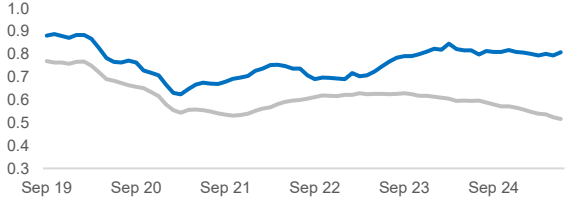


Vehicle Offences - 12 Month Rolling Rates per 1000 Residents

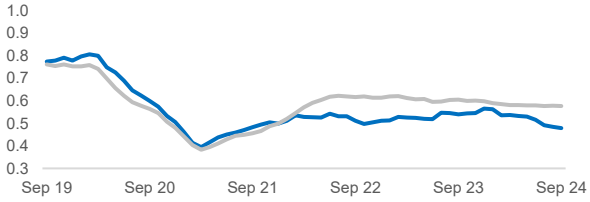


Avon & Somerset — MSG

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. Continue to embed and strengthen Neighbourhood Tasking Teams (NTTs) to provide a proactive capability in Neighbourhood Policing. NTTs particularly focusing on the most prolific offenders of business crime including intensification weeks and new ways of working supporting NTT with developed arrest packages.
2. Developing an ASB Action Plan as part of the Home Office Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee.
3. Develop Plan for the Home Office Winter of Action – Town Centres'.
4. Continued focus on robbery hotspot area of Bristol City Centre with a focus in and around Castle Park and the beginning of a Home Office led pilot project working with McDonalds in The Horsefair.

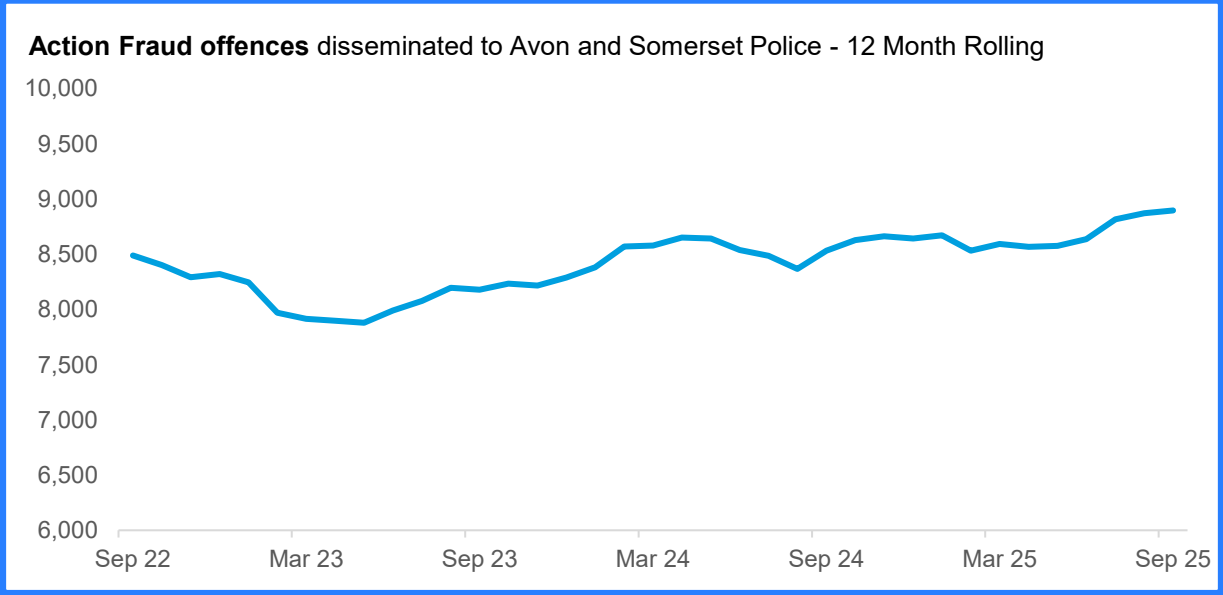
Comments

1. In the year ending June 2025, the number of crimes recorded in Avon & Somerset were:
   - Residential burglary – 4,479
   - Vehicle offences – 9,299*
   - Personal robbery – 1,430
   - Theft from the person – 587
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.

Tackle Cybercrime

Measures Summary

Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
Investigate 100% of all cyber dependant crime disseminated to forces	Stable (100%)	Not available
Provide 100% of all cyber dependant crime victims with specialist advice	Stable (100%)	Not available
Action Fraud Offences	Increasing	Not available



Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. Söze Programme pilot which will support improving investigative standards and overall victim satisfaction. This has now been authorised for submission of a business case to consider permanent implementation.
2. Introduction of *ToEx (Tackling Organised Exploitation) Capabilities Environment* to over 1000 members of staff to enhance the digital capability of investigators across the force.
3. Cyber Team to review the Digital Forensics Unit Submission Backlog and identify where there are issues and how the issues can be overcome, with the primary objective of preventing unnecessary demand being submitted in future.
4. New Digital Media Advisors being trained before being embedded in Core CID Teams.

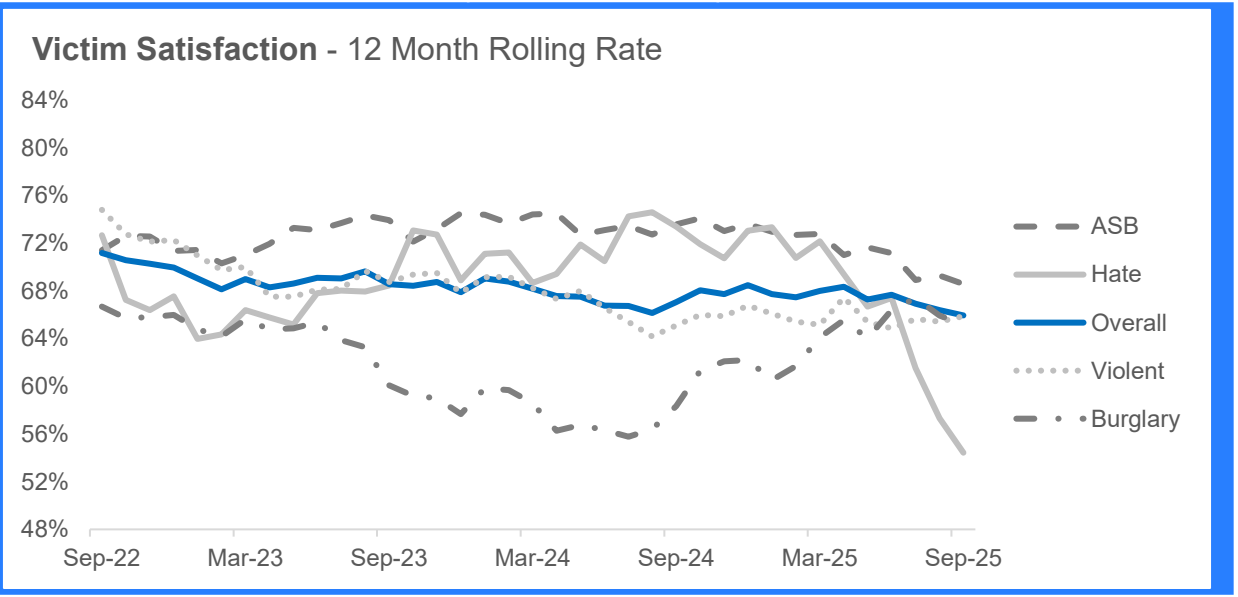
Comments

1. In the year ending September 2025 there were 8,897 Action Fraud offences disseminated to ASP.
2. There is no local measures for the national focus on ‘Confidence in the law enforcement response to cyber crime’ and ‘the percentage of businesses experiencing a cyber breach or attack’.

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

Measures Summary

Local Measures	Trend / Outlook	Benchmark
ASB victim satisfaction rate	Stable	Not available
Hate crime victim satisfaction rate	Stable	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. Operation Soteria Bluestone (see below slide) supports victims of domestic abuse-related RASSO.
2. Operation Bright Light will use the Soteria Bluestone methodology for Domestic Abuse. Complete process mapping and set-up of pillar leads and meetings.
3. Launch Victim Voice Survey with all enhanced victims being offered the link to the survey, via contact with Victim & Witness Contact Officers within the LSU, as the first phase of activity. Intention that all victims of crime will ultimately be provided with an automated link to the survey.
4. Force wide training continues on the use and supervision of BRAG and DASH risk assessments.

Comments

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

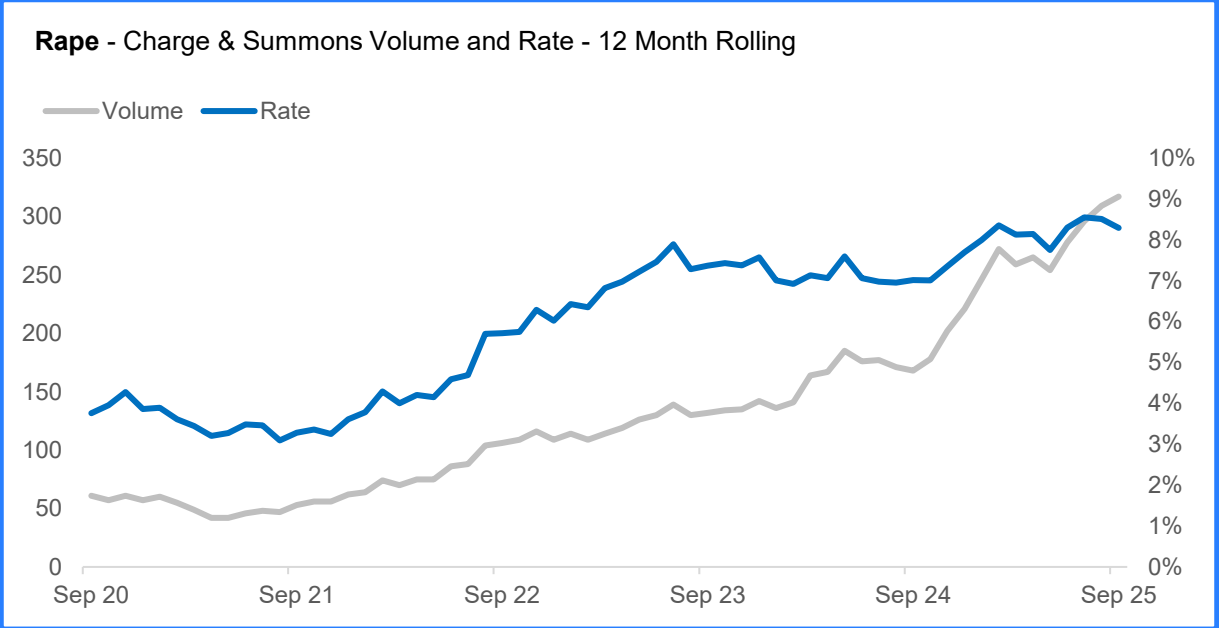
2. Victim satisfaction for year ending September 2025:
- ASB– 78.6%
- Hate – 54.4%
- Overall – 65.9%
- Violent – 65.9%
- Burglary – 65.1%

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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 MSG (above to MSG average rates)



Planned Action to Drive Performance

1. Continued delivery of the Serious Sexual Offences Investigative Skills Development Programme accreditation for Bluestone Investigators.
2. Deploy use of 'disruption notices' for RASSO suspects (mirroring those used in Threat to Life situations).
3. Pilot new approach to ABE (video) interviews with support of external expertise.
4. Bluestone engaged with all universities in Avon & Somerset over the Freshers period as well as the Norland College, attending events and giving consent inputs.
5. Implementation of AI-driven ABE transcription through the *ToEx Capabilities Environment* rolled out to all RASSO investigators to allow rapid transcribing and summary of interviews, to help address case timeliness.

Comments

1. There has been a sustained improvement in the number and volume of charge and summons since the end of 2021. This is directly attributable to Bluestone/Soteria.
2. Increases in the volume of rape offences recorded and finalised by ASP attributable to improved crime recording. This means that an increase in charges does not result in an equivalent increase in the rate. In the year ending September 2025 288 charges was a rate of 8.6%.