

Crime in England and Wales 2004/2005: London Region

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CRIME BY REGION

Table 1: Recorded crime by region, 2004/05

	All recorded crime (No.)	Recorded crime rates per 1,000 population							
		All recorded crime (rates)	Violence against the person ¹	Robbery	Burglary	Theft and handling stolen goods	Theft of and from vehicles ²	Criminal damage ³	Drug offences ⁴
North East Region	258,204	102	16	1	13	34	12	29	4
North West Region	780,105	115	21	2	15	39	15	28	4
Yorkshire & Humber Region	589,874	118	20	1	17	42	17	28	4
East Midlands Region	456,419	107	19	1	16	39	14	23	3
West Midlands Region	533,243	100	19	2	13	34	13	21	4
East of England Region	481,963	88	16	1	10	33	11	20	3
London Region	1,023,806	139	27	5	14	56	18	18	6
South East Region	725,813	90	16	1	10	33	11	20	3
South West Region	445,622	89	17	1	11	33	11	19	3
Wales	267,642	91	18	<1	10	32	13	22	4
ENGLAND AND WALES	5,562,691	105	20	2	13	38	14	22	4

Table 2: Percentage change in recorded crime rates by region, 2003/04 to 2004/05

	All recorded crime (No.)	% change in rates per 1,000 population							
		All recorded crime (rates)	Violence against the person ¹	Robbery	Burglary	Theft and handling stolen goods	Theft of and from vehicles ²	Criminal damage ³	Drug offences ⁴
North East Region	-8	-9	1	-22	-19	-13	-17	-2	-14
North West Region	-5	-5	12	-17	-21	-9	-13	-1	-4
Yorkshire & Humber Region	-13	-14	8	-34	-28	-20	-26	-2	-7
East Midlands Region	-7	-8	7	-21	-19	-14	-21	<1	-4
West Midlands Region	-11	-12	-4	-15	-22	-15	-21	-5	-10
East of England Region	-5	-5	8	4	-16	-9	-16	-2	-2
London Region	-4	-5	8	-4	-4	-9	-15	-8	-1
South East Region	-1	-2	17	-12	-12	-7	-14	1	-4
South West Region	-3	-4	12	-22	-12	-9	-16	<1	-3
Wales	-7	-8	<1	-16	-16	-12	-16	-4	-5
ENGLAND AND WALES	-6	-7	8	-13	-17	-11	-17	-2	-5

¹ Recorded violence against the person is made up of Home Office offence classes 1 to 8, 11 to 15, 37/1,104 and 105.

² Theft of and from vehicles is included within the more general category of theft and handling stolen goods.

³ Criminal damage is made up of Home Office offence classes 56, 58A to 58H, and 59.

⁴ Recorded drug offences include trafficking in controlled drugs (Home Office offence code 92A); possession of controlled drugs (92B); and other drug offences (92C).

Table 3: Incidents and rates of crime by region, 2004/05 BCS

	Burglary			All vehicle theft ⁵			Violent crime ⁶		
	No. of crimes ('000s)	Rate per 10,000	Change from 03/04 (rates)	No. of crimes ('000s)	Rate per 10,000	Change from 03/04 (rates)	No. of crimes ('000s)	Rate per 10,000	Change from 03/04 (rates)
North East Region	35	317		69	628		94	474	
North West Region	116	404		269	936		325	613	
Yorkshire & Humber Region	85	404	*↓	208	983		200	507	
East Midlands Region	59	332		128	723		178	531	
West Midlands Region	74	336		177	810		273	655	
East of England Region	52	227		154	668		203	471	*↓
London Region	138	426		370	1,144		321	556	*↓
South East Region	96	283	*↓	240	707	**↓	391	611	
South West Region	59	278		156	728		223	559	
Wales	29	239		87	713		139	599	
ENGLAND AND WALES⁷	756	331	**↓	1,886	827	**↓	2,412	565	*↓

1. This table shows statistically significant differences between 2003/04 and 2004/05. For statistically significant differences from the England and Wales average, see the 'Patterns of Crime' chapter in the main publication (referenced on p.7).
2. Rates for burglary; vehicle thefts; and all household crime are calculated per 10,000 households. BCS violent crime rates and all personal crime rates are calculated per 10,000 population.

Table 4: Incidents of personal and household crime by region, 2004/05 BCS

	BCS household crime ⁸			BCS personal crime ⁹		
	No. of crimes ('000s)	Rate per 10,000	Change from 03/04 (rates)	No. of crimes ('000s)	Rate per 10,000	Change from 03/04 (rates)
North East Region	279	2,560		142	714	
North West Region	998	3,481		518	978	
Yorkshire & Humber Region	660	3,120	**↓	292	743	
East Midlands Region	509	2,863		325	968	
West Midlands Region	651	2,971		397	954	
East of England Region	581	2,527		339	784	**↓
London Region	1,031	3,184		611	1,058	**↓
South East Region	1,024	3,015		748	1,169	
South West Region	605	2,830		372	933	
Wales	316	2,608		204	879	
ENGLAND AND WALES⁷	6,792	2,978	**↓	4,058	951	**↓

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Table 5: Risk of personal and household crime by region, 2004/05 BCS

	BCS household crime ⁸		BCS personal crime ⁹	
	% victimised once or more	Unweighted base	% victimised once or more	Unweighted base
North East Region	17 *	2,897	5 *	2,899
North West Region	21 **	5,433	7	5,439
Yorkshire & Humber Region	20 **	4,097	5 **	4,100
East Midlands Region	17 *	4,726	6	4,735
West Midlands Region	18	4,463	6	4,468
East of England Region	15 **	6,084	5 **	6,095
London Region	20 *	3,329	8 **	3,353
South East Region	19	5,270	8 **	5,286
South West Region	17	5,047	7	5,057
Wales	16 **	3,627	5 *	3,637
ENGLAND AND WALES	18	44,973	6	45,069

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⁵ Vehicle-related theft consists of theft or unauthorised taking of a vehicle; theft from a vehicle; and attempts.

⁶ BCS violence consists of common assault; wounding; robbery; and snatch theft.

⁷ Numbers of incidents at a regional level will not sum to the total for England and Wales. This is due to rounding and differences in the population estimates used to calculate the numbers of crimes.

⁸ BCS household crime includes bicycle theft; burglary; theft in a dwelling; other household theft; thefts of and from vehicles; and vandalism to household property and vehicles.

⁹ BCS personal crime includes assault; robbery; theft from the person; and other personal theft.

Crime in the London region

Police recorded crime

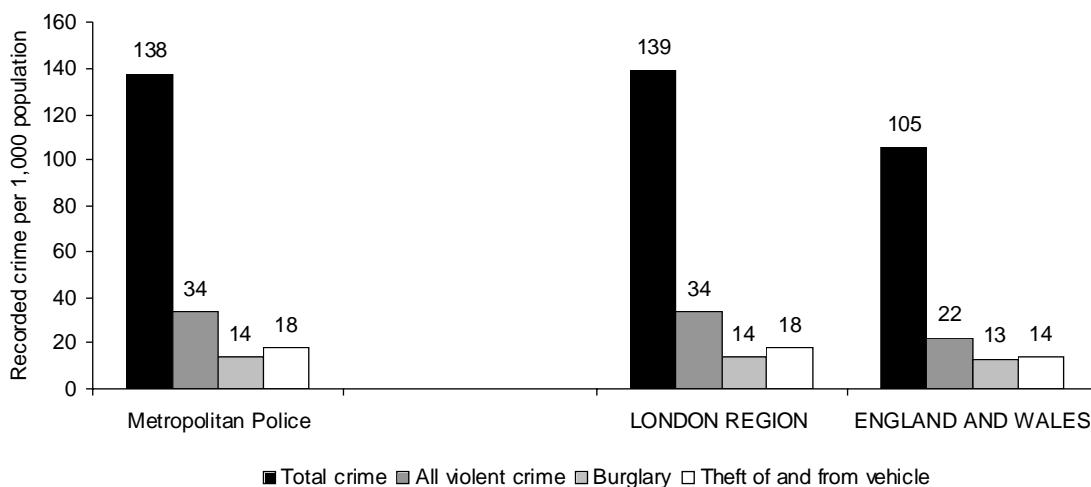
- The London region had the highest rates of total recorded crime, at 139 offences per 1,000 population in 2004/05.
- In comparison with other regions London had the highest rates of violence against the person, robbery, theft and handling of stolen goods, theft of and from vehicles, and drug offences, while the region had the lowest rate of criminal damage recorded by the police.
- Apart from violent crime, there were decreases in the rates of all recorded crime types in London between 2003/04 and 2004/05. There was an increase of eight per cent in the rate of violence against the person offences in the region over this period.
- The crime rates are based on resident population and do not reflect the very large number of people who travel in to London for work or leisure.

British Crime Survey (BCS)

- Rates of vehicle theft were significantly higher in London than the England and Wales average. There were no significant falls in rates of burglary, vehicle theft and violence between 2003/04 and 2004/05. (The BCS measures crime in the area where the victim lives and so does not necessarily reflect where incidents take place.)
- The rates of household and personal crime in London were not significantly higher than the national average. Between 2003/04 and 2004/05 there were no significant changes in the rates of household and personal crime.
- The 2004/05 BCS shows that the risk of victimisation (the proportion of the population who have been victimised at least once) of personal crime in the London region was above the England and Wales average. The risk of being a victim of personal crime in London fell between 2003/04 and 2004/05.

CRIME BY POLICE FORCE AREA, LONDON REGION

Figure 1: Recorded crime by police force area, 2004/05¹⁰



¹⁰ Data for the London region includes the City of London.

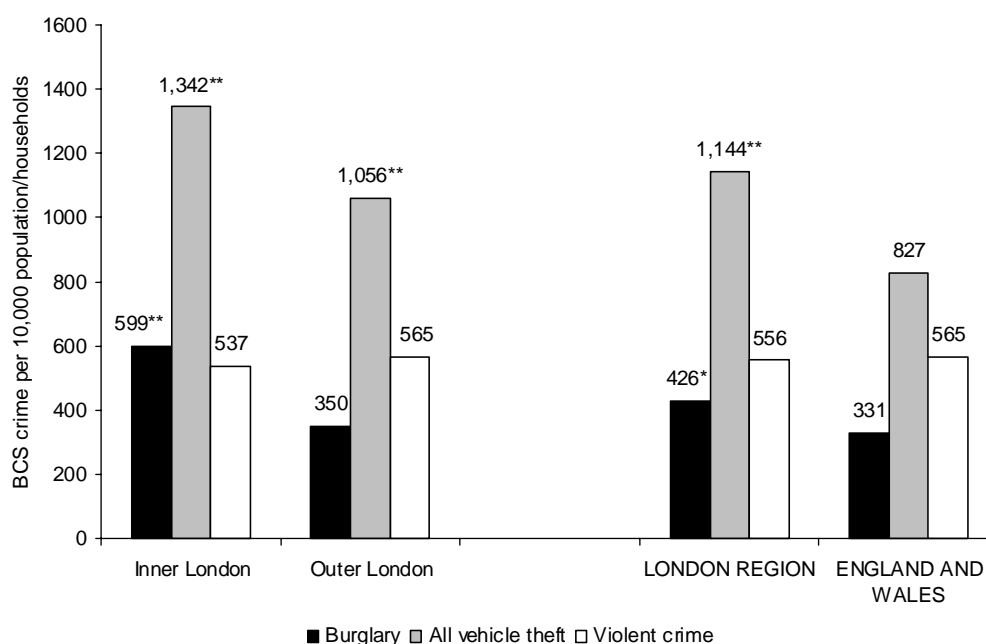
Table 6: Percentage change in recorded crime by police force area, 2003/04 to 2004/05

	% change in rates per 1,000 population 2003/04 to 2004/05			
	Total crime	All violent crime ¹¹	Burglary	Theft of and from a vehicle
Metropolitan Police	-5	6	-4	-15
London	-5	6	-4	-15
ENGLAND AND WALES	-7	6	-17	-17

Statistical significance of BCS results

- Statistically significant differences from the England and Wales average are shown in Table 5 and in Figures 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, and statistically significant changes between 2003/04 and 2004/05 are shown in Tables 3 and 4. In both cases, a single asterisk indicates significant differences at the ten per cent level and a double asterisk indicates significant differences at the five per cent level.
- Only BCS results that are statistically significant at the five per cent level are highlighted in the text within this fact sheet.

Figure 2: Rates of crime per 10,000 by police force area, 2004/05 BCS



¹¹ In police recorded crime all violent crime consists of violence against the person, sexual offences and robbery.

Figure 3: Risk of personal and household crime by police force area, 2004/05 BCS

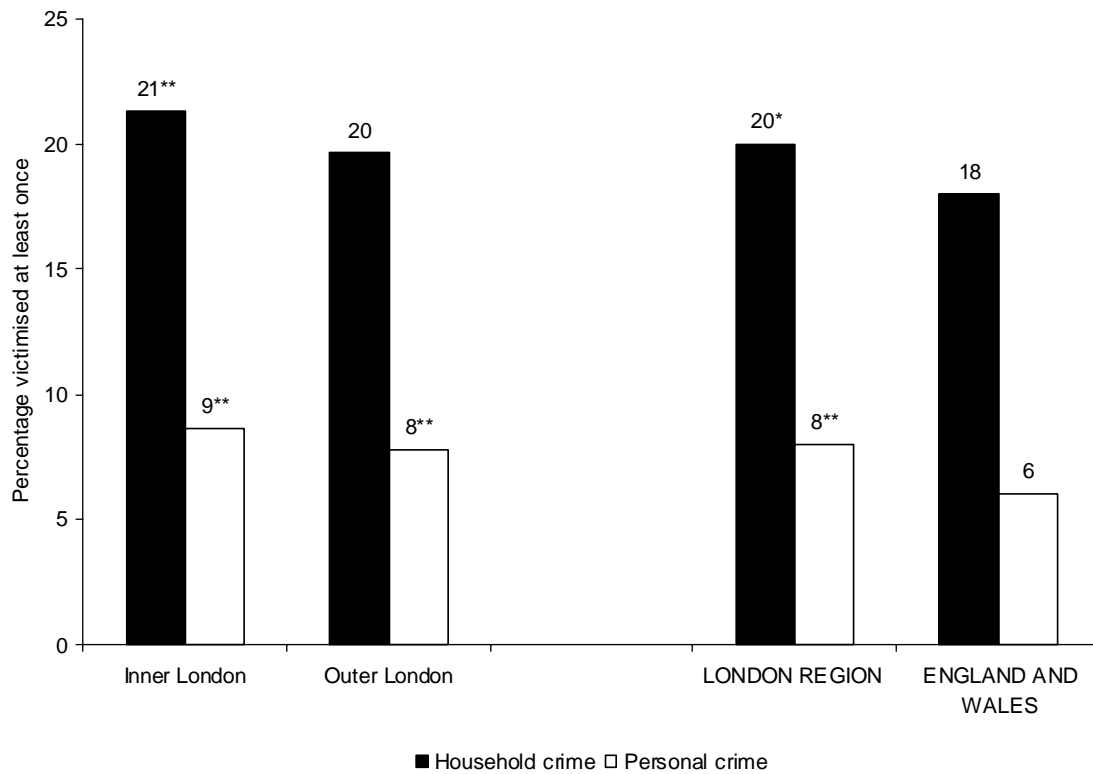


Figure 4: Worry about burglary, car crime and violent crime by police force area, 2004/05 BCS

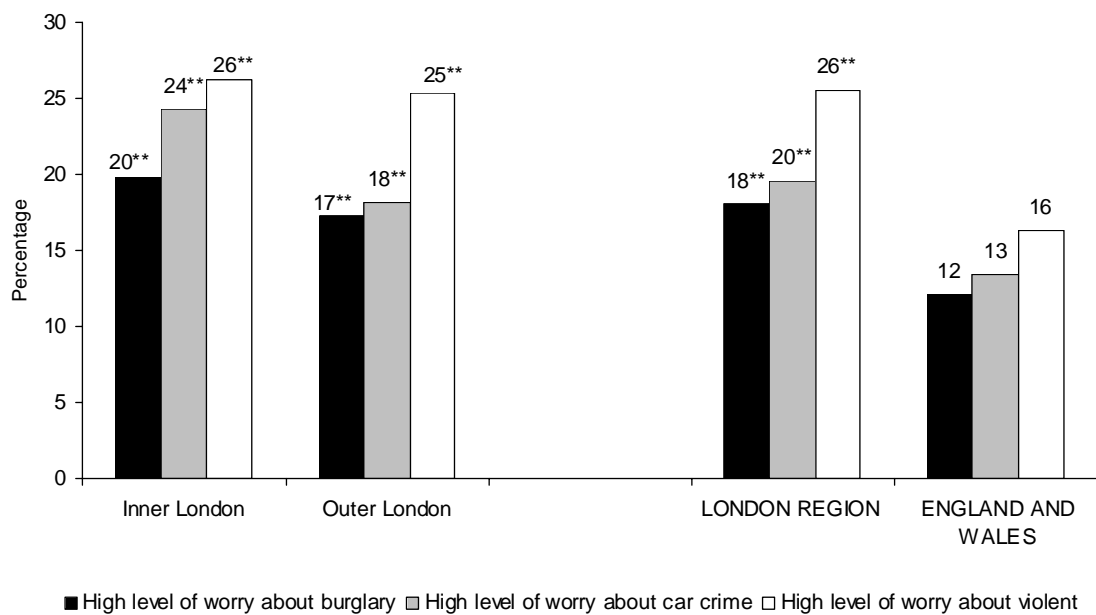
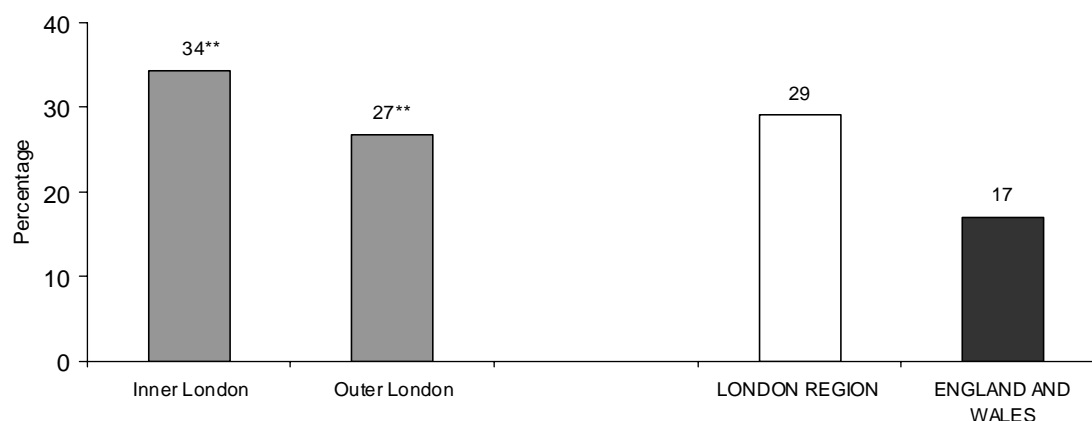


Figure 5: Percentage of people with high levels of perceived anti-social behaviour¹² in the local area by police force area, 2004/05 BCS



Crime, fear of crime and perceptions of anti-social behaviour in police force areas, London region

Police recorded crime

- The Metropolitan Police force had higher than average rates of recorded total crime, total violent crime, burglary and theft of and from vehicles.
- Between 2003/04 and 2004/5 the rates of total recorded crime, burglary and theft of and from a vehicle within the Metropolitan Police force area decreased while the rate of total violent crime in the area increased.

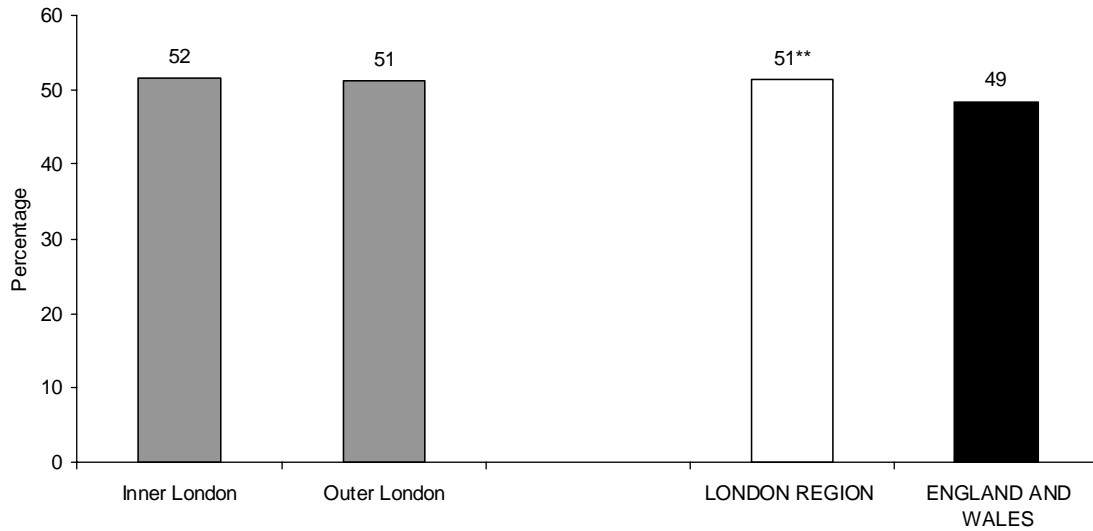
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- The rates of vehicle theft and burglary in Inner London were significantly higher than the rate for England and Wales. The rate of vehicle theft in Outer London was significantly higher than the national average.
- Between 2003/04 and 2004/05, there were no significant changes in the rates of burglary, violent crime and vehicle theft¹³.
- The risk of personal crime was significantly higher than average in both Inner and Outer London and the risk of household crime was significantly higher than average in Inner London.
- Levels of worry about burglary, vehicle crime and violent crime in Inner and Outer London were significantly higher than the England and Wales average.
- The proportions of people perceiving high levels of anti-social behaviour were significantly higher in Inner and Outer London than the average for England and Wales. Between 2003/04 and 2004/05, the proportion of people perceiving high levels of anti-social behaviour in Outer London area increased significantly¹³.

¹² This is measured using the 7-strand measure of anti-social behaviour. The 5-strand measure was used in the 2003/04 regional fact sheets. See Glossary for the definition of the 5- and 7-strand measure of anti-social behaviour. For 2004/05 data on the 5-strand measure, see the 'Patterns of crime' chapter in the main publication (referenced on p.7).

¹³ No table is shown for change over time at police force area level.

Figure 6: Percentage of people rating local police performance as 'excellent' or 'good', 2004/05 BCS



Public confidence in the local police in the London region

- *BCS respondents were asked how well the police in their area performed. Across the whole of England and Wales, 49 per cent felt that their local police performed an excellent or good job.*
- *Levels of confidence in the local police in Inner and Outer London were not significantly different from the rate for England and Wales.*

References and further reading

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