**Crime**

Police recorded crime[[1]](#footnote-1) (excluding fraud) in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough was 9,463 in 2018/19. This was a decrease of 2.3% on 2017/18. In Northern Ireland recorded crime (excluding fraud) increased between 2017/18 (98,120) and 2018/19 (100,995) by 2.9%. Recorded crime (excluding fraud) is lower in both the borough and in Northern Ireland in 2018/19 compared to 2008/09, decreasing by 7.3% and 7.2% respectively.

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|  | **Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon** | **Northern Ireland** |
| **2008/09** | 10,207 | 108,870 |
| **2009/10** | 10,106 | 107,951 |
| **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** | 9,878 | 103,177 |
| **2015/16** | 10,056 | 104,925 |
| **2016/17** | 9,368 | 98,006 |
| **2017/18** | 9,681 | 98,120 |
| **2018/19** | 9,463 | 100,995 |

*Table 1: Recorded crime in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland 2008/09 to 2018/19. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

*Figure 1: Recorded crime in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2008/09 to 2018/19. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

Anti-social behaviour incidents[[2]](#footnote-2) in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough totalled 6,109 in 2018/19. This was a 4.3% decrease on the previous financial year (6,382) and a 21.7% reduction on 2008/09 figures (7,805). The number of anti-social behaviour incidents in Northern Ireland are at their lowest level in 2018/19 with 56,503. The number of anti-social behaviour incidents in Northern Ireland have declined by 7.7% over the last financial year and by 33.7% since 2008/09.

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|  | **Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon** | **Northern Ireland** |
| **2008/09** | 7,805 | 85,171 |
| **2009/10** | 6,808 | 80,183 |
| **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 |

*Table 2: Anti-social behaviour incidents in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland 2008/09 to 2018/19. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

*Figure 2: Anti-social behaviour incidents in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2008/09 to 2018/19. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

Domestic abuse incidents[[3]](#footnote-3) totalled 3,131 in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough during 2018/19. This was an increase of 9.1% on domestic abuse incidents in 2017/18 in the borough and an increase of 30.9% on 2008/09 figures. In Northern Ireland domestic abuse incidents also increased between 2017/18 (29,913) and 2018/19 (31,682) by 5.9%. Since 2008/09 domestic abuse incidents in Northern Ireland have increased by 34.3%.

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|  | **Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon** | **Northern Ireland** |
| **2008/09** | 2,391 | 23,591 |
| **2009/10** | 2,447 | 24,482 |
| **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 |

*Table 3: Domestic abuse incidents in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland 2008/09 to 2018/19. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

*Figure 3: Domestic abuse incidents in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2008/09 to 2018/19. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

Hate motivated incidents[[4]](#footnote-4) with a racist motivation reached 126 in 2018/19 in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough followed by sectarian motivated incidents (77) and homophobic motivated incidents (34). There were six disability motivated incidents and three faith / religion motivated incidents in the borough in 2018/19. There were four transphobic motivated incidents in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough in 2018/19, compared to none the previous year.

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|  | **Racist** | **Sectarian** | **Homophobic** | **Disability** | **Transphobic** | **Faith / Religion** |
| **2008/09** | 76 | 82 | 11 | \* | \* | \* |
| **2009/10** | 72 | 94 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| **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 |

*Table 4: Hate motivated incidents by type of motivation in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2008/09 to 2018/19. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.* \*In 2009/10 improvements were made to the data quality assurance process for incidents with a disability, transphobic or faith / religion motivation. Data for these motivations prior to 2009/10 should be regarded with caution and therefore have not been included.

*Figure 4: Racist, sectarian and homophobic motivated incidents in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2008/09 to 2018/19. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

*Figure 5: Disability, transphobic and faith / religion motivated incidents in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2008/09 to 2018/19. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

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)