**Crime**

Police recorded crime[[1]](#footnote-1) (excluding fraud) in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough was 10,224 in 2022/23 which was a decrease of 5.2% on 2021/22. In Northern Ireland, recorded crime (excluding fraud) increased between 2021/22 (106,390) and 2022/23 (111,571) by almost 5%. Recorded crime (excluding fraud) is more than 13% higher in both the borough and Northern Ireland in 2022/23 compared to 2012/13.

|  | 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 | 10,224 | 111,571 |

*Table 1: Recorded crime in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland 2010/11 to 2022/23. 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 5,533 in 2022/23. This was decrease of almost 17% from the previous financial year (6,290) and a 6.7% decrease on 2012/13 figures (5,606). In 2022/23, the number of anti-social behaviour incidents in Northern Ireland had also fallen significantly from 57,732 in 2021/22 to 47,301 in 2022/23. Between 2012/13 and 2022/23, the number of anti-social behaviour incidents in Northern Ireland has fallen by almost 28%. 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 |

*Table 2: Anti-social behaviour incidents in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland 2010/11 to 2022/23. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

*Figure 2: Anti-social behaviour incidents in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2010/11 to 2022/23. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

Domestic abuse incidents[[3]](#footnote-3) totalled 3,541 in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough during 2021/22. This was a decrease of 5.7% on domestic abuse incidents in 2021/22 in the borough but an increase of 15.8% on 2012/13 figures. In Northern Ireland, domestic abuse incidents also decreased between 2021/22 although the percentage decrease was much smaller at just 0.9%. Since 2012/13 domestic abuse incidents in Northern Ireland overall have increased by almost 21%.

|  | 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 | 32,875 |

*Table 3: Domestic abuse incidents in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland 2010/11 to 2022/23. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

*Figure 3: Domestic abuse incidents in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2010/11 to 2022/23. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

Hate motivated incidents[[4]](#footnote-4) with a racist motivation stood at 95 in 2022/23 in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough which was a decrease of almost 35% on 2021/22. Homophobic motivated incidents in the borough have also decreased by more than 30% since 2021/22. Sectarian motivated incidents have increased by almost 30% between 2021/22 and 2022/23. Sectarian motivated incidents are currently the highest of all the years presented and 56% higher than they were in 2012/13.

In 2021/22, there were 8 disability motivated incidents, 3 less than the previous year. Transphobic and Faith/Religion motivated incidents both increased significantly between 2020/21 and 2021/22 although these incidents still account for lower proportions of the total hate motivated incidents.

|  | Racist | Sectarian | Homophobic | Disability | Transphobic | 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 | - | - | - |

*Table 4: Hate motivated incidents by type of motivation in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2010/11 to 2022/23. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics. Note: Incidents with a disability, transphobic or faith/religion motivation will be updated in December 2023.*

*Figure 4: Racist, sectarian and homophobic motivated incidents in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2010/11 to 2022/23. 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 2021/22. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Racist** | **Sectarian** | **Homophobic** |
| **2021/22- 2022/23** | 34.5% | 29% | 30.4% |
| **2012/13 - 2022/23** | 39.7% | 55.8% | 254.5% |

*Table 5: Hate motivated incidents by type of motivation in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2010/11 to 2022/23. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Racist** | **Sectarian** | **Homophobic** |
| **2021/22- 2022/23** | 8.5% | 16% | 5.8% |
| **2012/13 - 2022/23** | 63.2% | 9.8% | 76.8% |

*Table 6: Hate motivated incidents by type of motivation in Northern Ireland 2010/11 to 2022/23. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

Between 2021/22 and 2022/23, hate motivated incidents with a racist motivation decreased by almost 35% in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough compared with a 8.5% decrease in Northern Ireland overall. Sectarian motivated incidents have increased in the borough by almost 56% between 2012/13 and 2022/23 while they have decreased by almost 10% in the same period in Northern Ireland. Homophobic motived incidents have increased significantly in the period from 2012/13 to 2022/23 in both Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland although the increase has been much greater in the borough.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Disability** | **Transphobic** | **Faith / Religion** |
| **2020/21 - 2021/22** | 27.3% | 266.7% | 300.0% |
| **2010/11 - 2021/22** | 11.1% | 1000.0% | 100.0% |

*Table 5: Hate motivated incidents by type of motivation in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 2010/11 to 2021/22. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Disability** | **Transphobic** | **Faith / Religion** |
| **2020/21 - 2021/22** | 36.7% | 8.4% | 74.4% |
| **2010/11 - 2021/22** | 223.7% | 195.4% | 183.3% |

*Table 6: Hate motivated incidents by type of motivation in Northern Ireland 2010/11 to 2021/22. Source: Police Service of Northern Ireland Statistics.*

Between 2020/21 and 2021/22, hate motivated incidents with a disability motivation fell by 27.3% in Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough compared with a 36.7% increase in Northern Ireland overall. Transphobic motivated incidents have increased significantly in the borough and Northern Ireland between 2010/11 and 2021/22 although they have decreased by approximately 8% in Northern Ireland in the last year. Faith / religion motived incidents have increased significantly in the period from 2010/11 to 2020/21 in both Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough and Northern Ireland.

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)