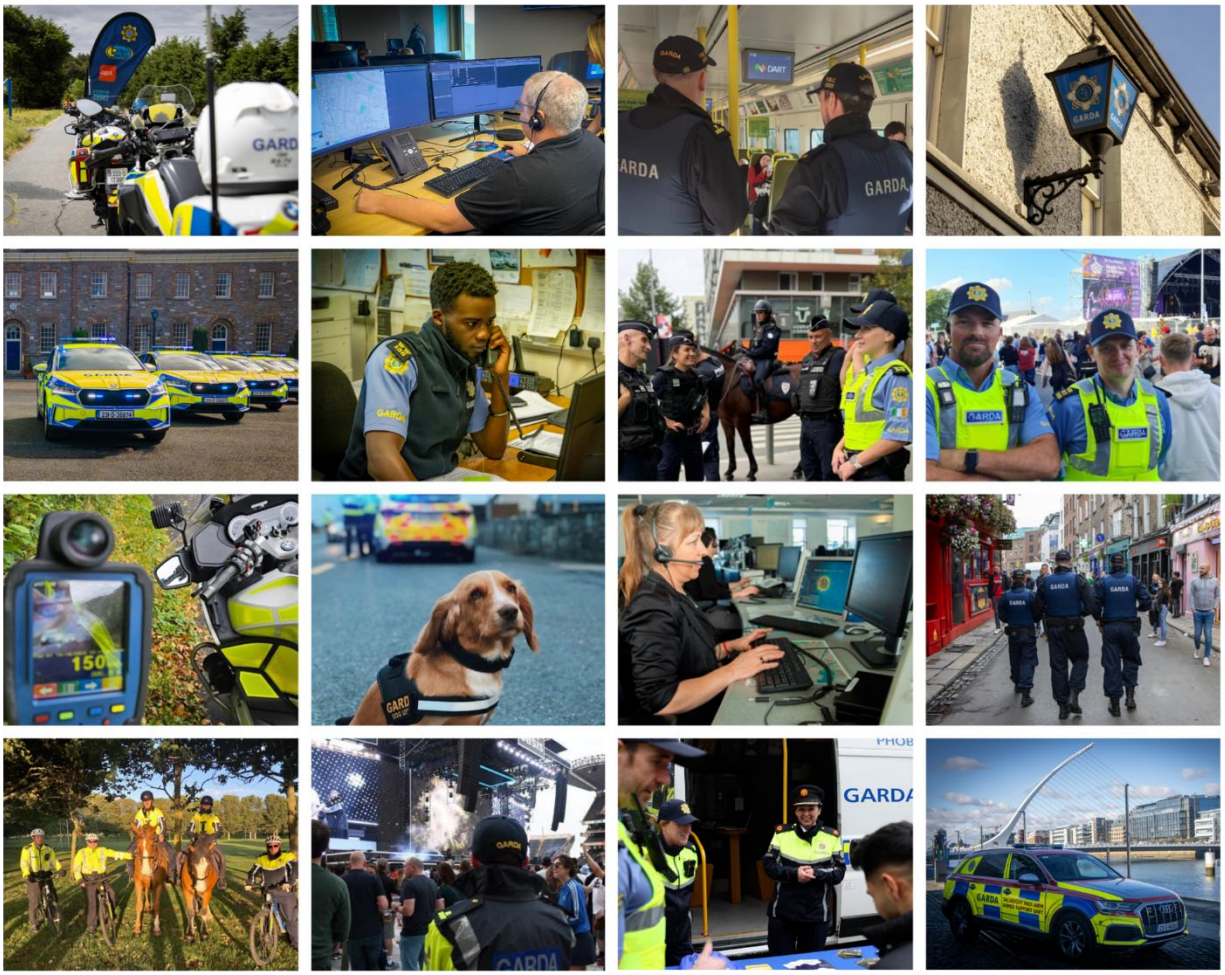


September 2026

An Garda Síochána
COMMISSIONER'S MONTHLY REPORT TO THE POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY AUTHORITY

An Garda Síochána

Monthly Report for September 2026 to the Policing and Community Safety Authority

In accordance with Section 133 (1) of the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act, 2024

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Ms. Helen Hall
Chief Executive
Policing and Community Safety Authority

RE: Commissioner's Monthly Report to the Policing and Community Safety Authority

Dear Helen,

I am pleased to provide the Commissioner's Monthly Report, outlining the key aspects of the administration and operation of An Garda Síochána for the month of September 2026, in accordance with Section 133(1) of the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act, 2024.

Yours sincerely,

AIDAN MCCARTHY
CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

October 2026

Commissioner's Message

Chairperson,

I am pleased to present you with An Garda Síochána's monthly report capturing key updates for September 2026.

September 2026 was another significant month for An Garda Síochána in supporting Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union. Eight EU Ministerial meetings took place during the month, across Dublin, Wicklow and Kildare, covering areas including Foreign Affairs, European Affairs, Agriculture, Cohesion Policy, Economic and Financial Affairs, Transport, Energy and Health.

These events required significant planning and co-ordination across An Garda Síochána, working closely with Government Departments, partner agencies and our international policing and security partners, while ensuring that day-to-day policing services continued to be delivered to communities across the country. The scale of operational activity was particularly evident during a very busy period in September 2026, which also saw An Garda Síochána police a number of major national and international events.

On 12 and 13 September 2026, An Garda Síochána conducted Operation Far Sunrise, a major policing and security operation for the visit to Ireland of the 47th President of the United States of America, Mr. Donald J. Trump. The visit included engagements in Co. Dublin and Co. Clare and coincided with the Amgen Irish Open at Trump International Golf Links & Hotel, Doonbeg. This was one of the largest policing and security operations undertaken by An Garda Síochána. An Extraordinary Event was declared and a National Roster arrangement implemented to provide the necessary resources while ensuring there was no reduction in day-to-day policing services across the country. Over the course of the operation, Garda personnel performed more than 10,000 12-hour tours of duty.

The operation involved personnel from across An Garda Síochána and a wide range of specialist capabilities. I want to acknowledge the professionalism and commitment of everyone involved in ensuring the safe and successful delivery of this significant operation and thank local communities and businesses for their co-operation throughout.

From 15 to 17 September 2026, An Garda Síochána also maintained a significant presence at the National Ploughing Championships in Screggan, Co. Offaly. Alongside the policing and traffic management operation required for one of the country's largest annual events, Garda personnel engaged directly with those attending, providing safety and fraud prevention advice and demonstrating some of the work and capabilities of An Garda Síochána. Events such as the National

Ploughing Championships provide an important opportunity for Gardaí to engage positively with communities from across the country.

Road safety and the management of Garda pursuits remained an important focus during September 2026. Assistant Commissioner Denis Ferry and Chief Superintendent Brian Sugrue appeared before the Oireachtas Committees on Justice and Transport during the month. These appearances focused on Garda pursuits, training and resources, as well as recent serious incidents on the motorway network. During the two committee meetings An Garda Síochána outlined the measures available to Gardaí in responding to these incidents and the work underway to further strengthen our training and operational response.

I also discussed these issues with the Policing and Community Safety Authority at our meeting on 24 September 2026. I emphasised keeping people safe on our roads remains a key priority for An Garda Síochána, that pursuit training is an important part of our response, but it is not the only one. Our preferred approach is, wherever possible, to prevent a pursuit from developing or to bring an incident to a safe conclusion through the range of tactics and resources available to us. Our motorway network remains very safe. We continue to work closely with our road safety partners, including Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the Road Safety Authority, as we strengthen our collective response and work to keep people safe on our roads.

International policing co-operation was also an important focus towards the end of the month. On 29 and 30 September 2026, I jointly hosted the annual European Police Chiefs Convention with the Acting Executive Director of Europol, Mr Jürgen Ebner, at Europol Headquarters in The Hague. The Convention provides a unique opportunity for Police Chiefs to meet through bilateral engagements and plenary sessions to discuss matters of mutual law enforcement interest. This year's programme included two plenary sessions on the criminal misuse of artificial intelligence and the prevention of radicalisation, together with a panel discussion on the use of disinformation in public disorder.

I also hosted and moderated a discussion on the Future of Europol, bringing together heads of delegation from EU Member States, Schengen Associated Countries and the United Kingdom. The threats facing policing increasingly transcend national borders. Maintaining strong relationships with our European and international partners, sharing expertise and developing common approaches to emerging threats are therefore essential to our mission of keeping people safe.



Justin Kelly
Garda Commissioner

USE OF FORCE



The following table sets out the statistics for use of force for August 2026. It also illustrates the variances between July 2026 and August 2026.

Use of Force Comparison – Jul 2026 / Aug 2026				
Category	**Jul-26**	**Aug-26**	**Increase/ Decrease**	**% Change**
Total UOF for Month	1,456	1,484	28	2%
Civilians Injured	29	27	-2	-7%
Garda Members Injured	19	21	2	11%
Pepper Spray Deployed	175	156	-19	-11%
Batons	39	36	-3	-8%
Handcuffs	1,285	1,319	34	3%
Anti-spit guard	0	1	1	-
Unarmed Restraint	208	194	-14	-7%
Taser	4	9	5	125%
Taser Pilot Group	1	2	1	100%
Non-Pilot	3	7	4	133%
Less Lethal Firearm	1	0	-1	-100%
Firearm	0	0	0	-
Gender Subject to Force - Male	1,038	1,046	8	1%
Gender Subject to Force - Female	175	195	20	11%
Drugs Involved	387	411	24	6%
Alcohol Involved	756	860	104	14%
Division with highest level UOF: DMR South Central	206	233	27	13%
Percentage of UOF Deployments occurring Friday, Saturday & Sunday	42.00%	48.70%	6.70%	

This is operational information which may be subject to change.

FINANCE

Financial figures as at 31 August 2026

An Garda Síochána has a gross expenditure budget of €2,741.17m for 2026. An additional €17.31m is available by way of capital carryover giving an adjusted gross allocation of €2,758.48m.

At the end of August the total gross expenditure is €1,761m (64% of allocation) and receipts are €106.19m (87% of allocation).

- Current expenditure (Including EU Presidency) to date is €1,677.06m which is 2.73m under budget profile of €1,679.79m, principally driven by EU Presidency and salaries.
- Capital expenditure of €84.52m, is €30.31m under budget, driven by an underspend of €23.90m in the Capital Building Programme, €6.37m in fleet, €6.00m in aircraft, while there is an overspend in ICT and communications of €5.96m.
- Deferred capital to date is €17.31m. The Deferred Capital carry over has now been fully depleted.
- Appropriations in Aid is €106.19m, €23.65m over budget. This is driven by pay related receipts over budget by €11.15m, and non-pay of €12.51m.

Estate Management

- Bailieborough Garda Station: Substantial Completion took place on Thursday, 23 July 2026 and the station is now occupied/operational.
- Newcastle West Garda Station: This project is on course for delivery. OPW is citing a slight delay, with substantial completion now set for 20 November 2026.
- Clonmel Garda Station: This project continues to progress well on site. At present, the substantial completion date is anticipated to be February 2028.
- Macroom Garda Station: The project continues to progress well on site. At present, the substantial completion date is anticipated to be May 2028.

	2026 Allocation €'000	Expenditure/Receipts end August 2026 €'000	Remaining Sep-Dec 2026 €'000	Remaining
Gross Total	2,741,171	1,761,576	979,595	36%
Appropriation in Aid (receipts)	-121,750	-106,190	-15,560	13%
Deferred Capital	17,310	17,310	0	0%

PEOPLE AND DEVELOPMENT

The Strength of Garda Personnel

As at 31 August 2026, the Garda Member strength stood at 14,683 and the Garda Staff strength stood at 3,774. A full breakdown by rank, grade and gender is outlined below.

Garda Member Strengths as of 31 August 2026

Rank	As of 31 August 2026	Male	%	Female	%	WTE
Commissioner	1	1	100	0	0	1
Deputy Commissioner	2	1	50	1	50	2
Assistant Commissioner	8	3	37.5	5	62.5	8
Chief Superintendent	48	41	85	7	15	48
Superintendent	162	129	80	33	20	162
Inspector	477	377	79	100	21	477
Sergeant	2,200	1,653	75	547	25	2,198.5
Garda	11,785	8,221	70	3,564	30	11,753.5
Total	**14,683**	**10,426**	**71**	**4,257**	**29**	**14,650**

Of which	As of 31 August 2026	Male	%	Female	%
Career Breaks (incl. ICB)	28	16	57.1	12	42.9
Work-sharing	33	1.5	4.5	31.5	95.5
Secondments (Overseas etc.)	48	34	71	14	29
Maternity Leave	32	0	0	32	100
Unpaid Maternity Leave	32	0	0	32	100
Paternity Leave	13	13	100	0	0
Available Strength	**14,497**	**10,361.5**	**71.5**	**4,135.5**	**28.5**

Garda Reserves Strength 31 August 2026	Total	Male	%	Female	%
	303	230	76	73	24

Compulsory Retirements from An Garda Síochána to 2035

The number of retirements exits below the rank of Commissioner will increase over the next 10 years, with the exception of 2027 and 2028. This reflects historical recruitment patterns and shows that there will be up to 1,579 exits based on service in the coming years irrespective of any other factors.

Rank	31-Dec-26	31-Dec-27	31-Dec-28	31-Dec-29	31-Dec-30	31-Dec-31	31-Dec-32	31-Dec-33	31-Dec-34	31-Dec-35
AC, DC, & CR	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	1	3	2
CS	4	1	1	3	0	3	8	3	5	5
SU	5	1	3	3	7	10	12	10	16	8
IN	5	9	6	6	7	12	15	25	32	28
SG	6	13	18	18	29	36	53	61	78	88
GD	20	13	26	35	43	88	111	142	194	238
Grand Total	**40**	**37**	**56**	**65**	**86**	**151**	**200**	**242**	**328**	**369**

Please note that the data above captures actual compulsory retirements for members that will reach compulsory retirement age (62 years of age) during the respective years. This figure may change if a member applies and is granted an extension under the provisions of An Garda Síochána (Retirement) (No.2) Regulations 1951, (S.I. No. 335/1951), to extend service to An Garda Síochána.

Suspended Members

As of 1 September 2026, the total number of suspended Garda Members is: 100, 9 female members and 91 male members. The following tables categorise the lists by rank and the causes for suspension.

CURRENT MEMBERS ON SUSPENSION BY RANK	
Region	**All**
Suspension (Ended / Ongoing)	**Ongoing**
Rank	**Total**
Inspector Rank and above	3
Sergeant	13
Garda	72
Probationer Garda	11
Reserve Garda	1
Grand Total	**100**

CURRENT SUSPENSIONS & CORE ISSUES INVESTIGATED BY AGS & GSOC	
Suspension (Ended / Ongoing)	**Ongoing**
Main Reason	**Total**
Driving under Influence of Intoxicant	23
Other	11
Corruption/Criminal Association	7
Assault/Assault Causing Harm	8
Domestic Violence/Coercive Control	7
Theft/Forgery/Fraud/Dishonesty	12
Sexual Assault/Sexual Misconduct	18
Drugs/Drug Related	3
Disclosure of Information/Data Protection/Abuse of PULSE	11
Grand Total	**100**

Suspensions					
Year	**New Suspensions**	**Lifted**	**Ended (Resignation /Retirement)**	**Dismissal**	**Total (Lifted/ Ended/ Dismissal)**
2019	26	4	5	10	**19**
2020	41	6	9	0	**15**
2021	44	13	8	1	**22**
2022	44	11	7	1	**19**
2023	27	19	13	0	**32**
2024	18	21	13*	1**	**35**
2025	42	13	15	1	**29**
2026	25	17	10*	4	**31**
***Figure includes one death in service**					
**** Section 17(4)B Criminal Justice (Corruption Offences) Act 2018 – Court Ordered**					

The following tables outline Garda Staff strengths by gender as of 31 August 2026.

Grade	Total	WTE	Male	%	Female	%
CCO	1	1	0	0	1	100
Executive Director	6	6	3	50	3	50
Director	4	4	2	50	2	50
PO	29	29	15	51.7	14	48.3
AP	125	125	60	48	65	52
HEO	264	262.1	107	40.5	157	59.5
AO	28	28	12	42.9	16	57.1
EO	967	958.9	351	36.3	616	63.7
CO	2,003	1,938.2	538	26.9	1,465	73.1
Total	**3,427**	**3,352.2**	**1,088**	**31.5**	**2,339**	**68.3**
	Total	**WTE***	**Male**	**%**	**Female**	**%**
Professional/Technical	69	69	33	47.8	36	52.2
Administrative * **	3,427	3,352.2	1,088	31.7	2,339	68.3
Industrial/Non Industrial	278	194.5	90	32.4	188	67.6
Total	**3,774**	**3,615.7**	**1,211**	**32.1**	**2,563**	**67.9**
Of which	**Total**	**WTE***	**Male**	**%**	**Female**	**%**
Maternity Leave	21	21	0	0	21	100
Unpaid Maternity Leave	15	15	0	0	15	100
Paternity Leave	0	0	0	0	0	0
Available Total	**3,738**	**3,579.7**	**1,211**	**32.4**	**2,527**	**67.6**

**** WTE = Whole time equivalent – Garda Staff work on several different work-sharing patterns.***
***** Garda Staff Headcount is exclusive of Temporary Clerical Officers.***
****** Civil Service grades and other administrative posts.***

Work Sharing	Total	WTE	Male	%	Female	%
	208	74.8	21	10	187	90

****** Work-sharing figure excludes industrial/non-industrial staff. Many posts are part-time.***

Career Breaks****	Total	WTE	Male	%	Female	%
	25	25	8	32	17	68

******* Staff on career breaks are not included in total Garda strengths above.***

As of 31 August 2026, the total number of suspended Garda Staff is nine. Due to the small proportion of Suspended Staff, the table categorises the lists by causes for suspension only. This table does not categorise by gender or grade, as this would make the staff easily identifiable.

CURRENT GARDA SUSPENSION & CORE ISSUES INVESTIGATED BY AGS	
Main Reason	**Total**
Driving under Influence of Intoxicant	1
Criminal charges	2
Misconduct in role	3
Disclosure of Information/Data Protection/Abuse of PULSE/breach of ICT policy	3
Grand Total	**9**

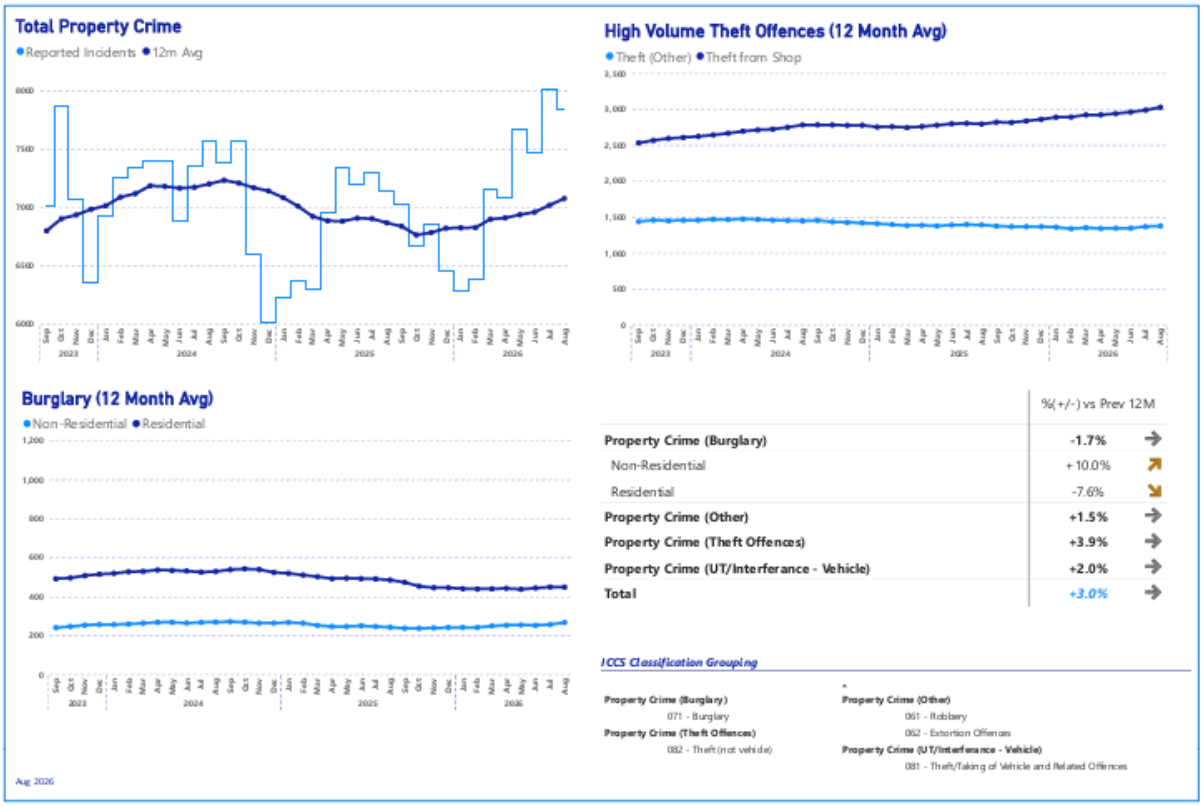
Garda Member Attestations as at 31 August 2026

Date of Attestation	Total No. of Garda Members
06/02/2026	167
01/05/2026	193
24/07/2026	206

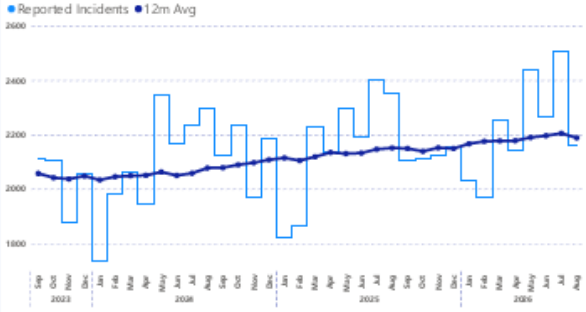
Crime Trends (August 2026)

The Garda Síochána Analysis Service closely monitors crime trends and disseminates analysis on a national, regional and divisional basis. This feeds directly into planning operational activities aimed at reducing and preventing crime at various levels.

Crime incident figures and the associated trends are based on provisional data and are subject to change following review. The CSO publications represent the official crime statistics. These are carried in the CSO's quarterly publications of crime trends and in their annual reports.



Total Crimes Against the Person



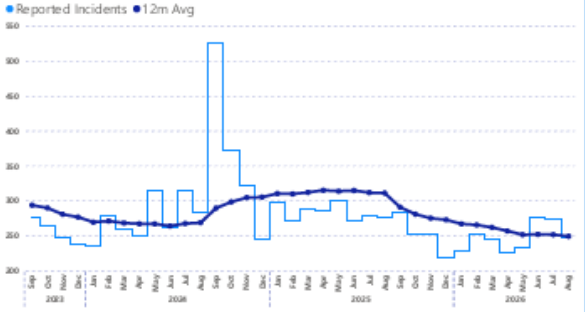
	%(+/-) vs Prev 12m
Crimes Against the Person (Assault)	**+2.2%**
Non-Residential	-0.4%
Residential	+8.1%
Crimes Against the Person (Other)	**-0.2%**
Total	**+1.7%**

ICCS Classification Grouping

Crimes Against the Person (Assault)
- 032 - Assaults

Crimes Against the Person (Other)
- 011 - Murder/Manslaughter/Infanticide
- 031 - Attempts/Threats to Murder
- 033 - Harassment and Related Offences
- 042 - Other Dangerous or Negligent Acts
- 051 - False Imprisonment, Abduction
- 063 - Hijacking Offences

Sexual Offences & Child Pornography



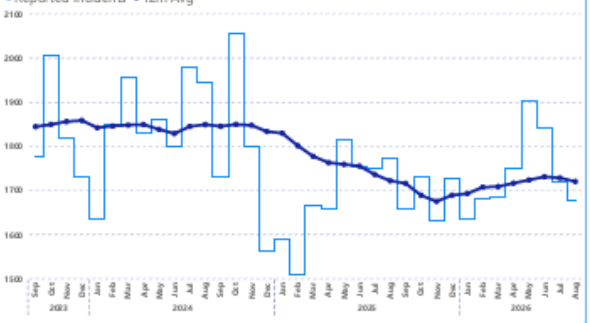
	%(+/-) vs Prev 12m
Sexual Offences (Child Pornography Offences)	**-37.2%**
Sexual Offences (Rape/Sexual Assault)	**-18.8%**
Total	**-19.9%**

ICCS Classification Grouping

Sexual Offences (Child Pornography Offences)
- 0222 - Child pornography offences
- 0223 - Child pornography - obstruction of warrant

Sexual Offences (Rape/Sexual Assault)
- 021 - Rape and Sexual Assault
- 022 - Other Sexual Offences (excl Child Pornography)

Criminal Damage

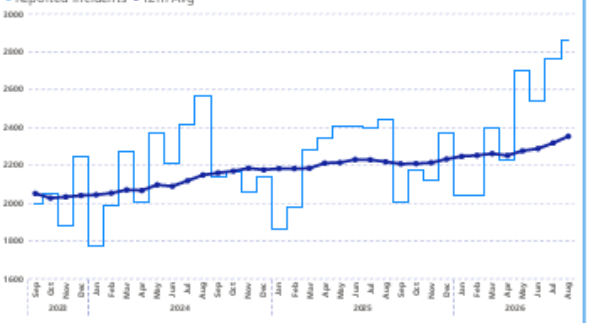


	%(+/-) vs Prev 12m
Criminal Damage	**-0.1%**
Non-Residential	+0.1%
Residential	-0.3%
Total	**-0.1%**

ICCS Classification Grouping

Criminal Damage
- 1211 - Arson
- 1212 - Criminal damage (not arson)

Total Public Order



	%(+/-) vs Prev 12m
Public Order (Drunkenness)	**+9.7%**
Public Order (Public Order Offences)	**+4.1%**
Total	**+6.1%**

ICCS Classification Grouping

Public Order (Drunkenness)
- 1313 - Drunkenness offences

Public Order (Public Order Offences)
- 1312 - Public order offences