

Crime in Croydon

Sources of Data

ONS. Crime in England and Wales: Published April 2019.

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London Datastore. Recorded Crime: Geographic Breakdown. Published August 2019.

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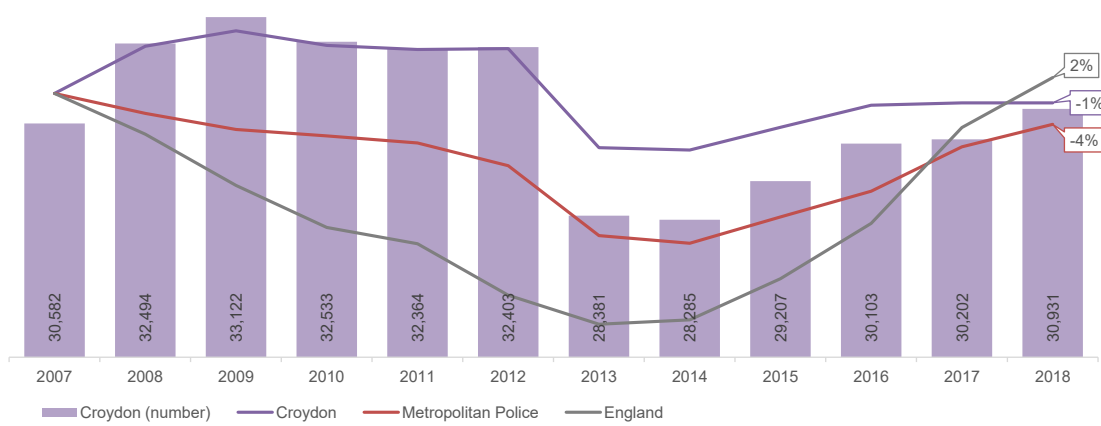
England figures exclude crimes recorded by the British Transport Police.

Crimes that have not been reported to the police or incidents that the police decide not to record are not included in this information. Action taken by police forces to improve their compliance with the National Crime Recording Standard (NCRS) is likely to have resulted in the increase in the number of offences recorded. Rises in recorded offences may be due to process improvements rather than a genuine rise in crime. This is particularly relevant for violent crime offences.

Overall Crime

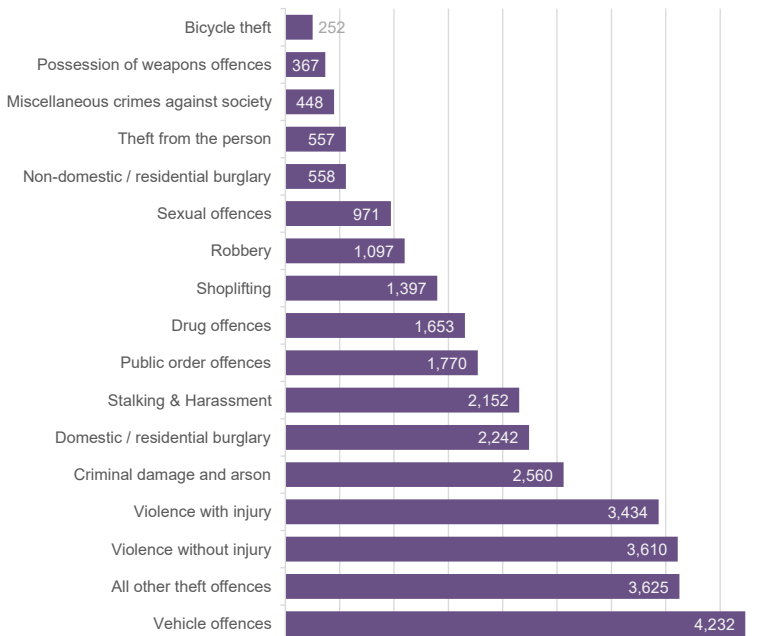
Total recorded crime in Croydon dropped dramatically in 2013 and has started to slowly increase since 2014.

Total number of recorded offences in Croydon and percentage change in offences since 2007



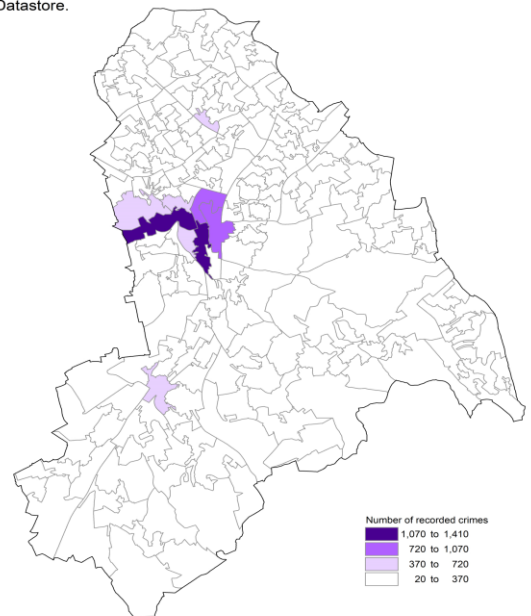
During 2018, the most recorded crimes in Croydon were of vehicle offences, other theft offences and violent crimes. The small areas with the largest numbers of total recorded crime were around the town centre.

Recorded crime in Croydon in 2018: number of offences



Police Recorded Crime in Croydon

January - December 2018. Metropolitan Police Data from London Datastore.



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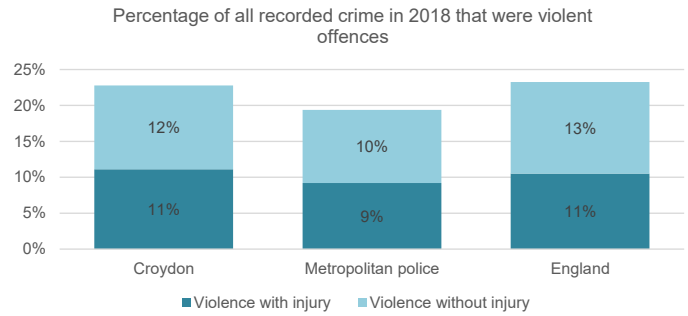
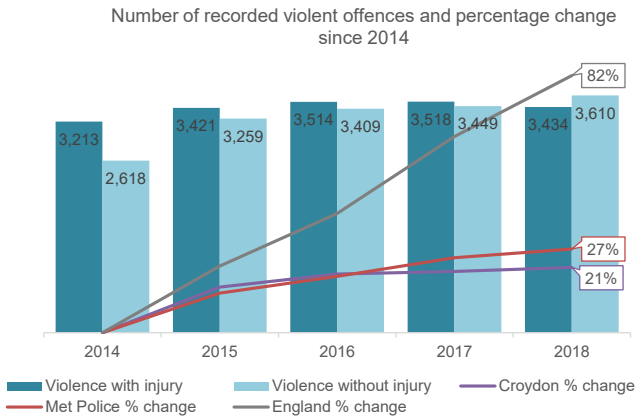
Source: ONS local authority recorded crime data

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The remaining sections focus on recorded crime by offence type since 2014 when the total offences started rising in Croydon.

Violent Offences

23% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2018 were violent offences, slightly higher than the 19% of all recorded crimes seen by the Metropolitan Police.



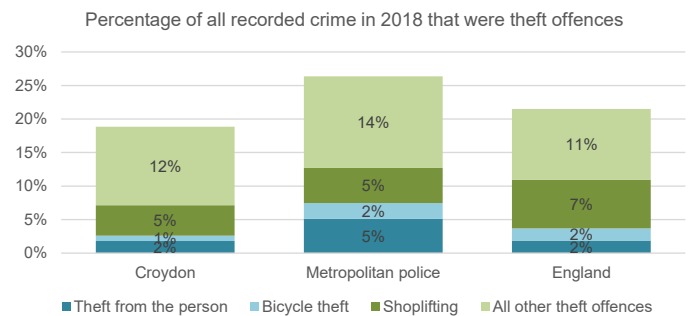
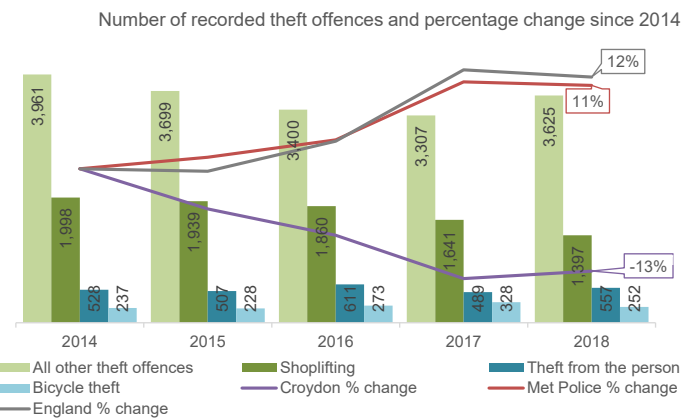
Since 2014, violent offences have increased by 21% (a 7% increase in crimes with injury and a 38% increase in crimes without injury).

Croydon shows a much smaller increase of recorded violent crimes than seen across England and a slightly smaller increase seen across the Metropolitan Police.

Theft

19% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2018 were theft offences, lower than the 26% of all recorded crimes seen by the Metropolitan Police.

The majority of theft offences are all other offences and shoplifting.

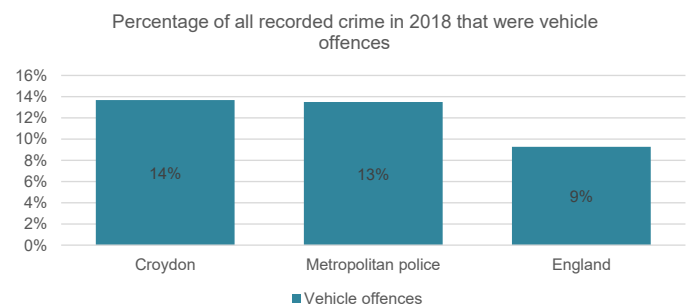
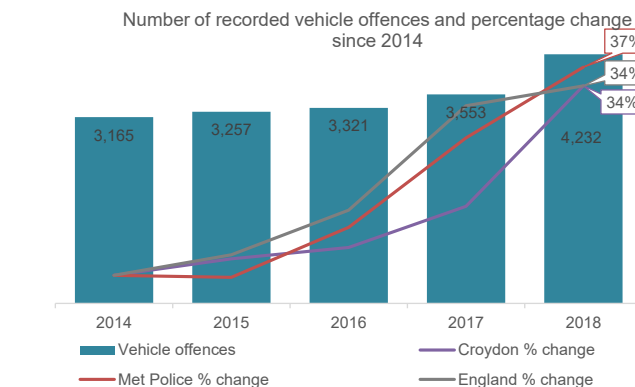


Since 2014, theft offences in Croydon have decreased by 13%.

This is in contrast to England and the Metropolitan Police who show an increase in recorded theft offences.

Vehicle Offences

14% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2018 were vehicle offences.



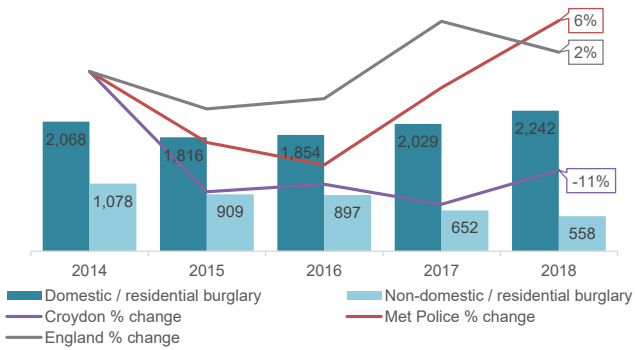
Since 2014, vehicle offences have increased by 34% in Croydon.

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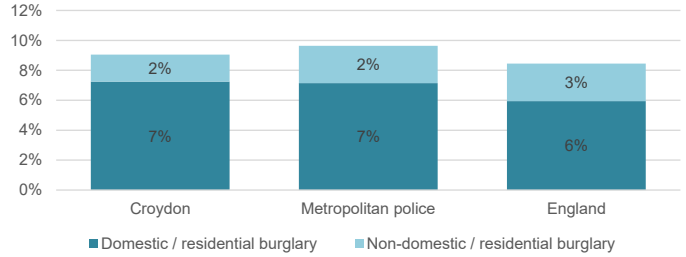
Burglary

9% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2018 were burglary offences, with domestic / residential burglary making up the majority of all burglary offences.

Number of recorded burglary offences and percentage change since 2014



Percentage of all recorded crime in 2018 that were burglary offences



Since 2014, burglary offences have decreased by 11% in Croydon.

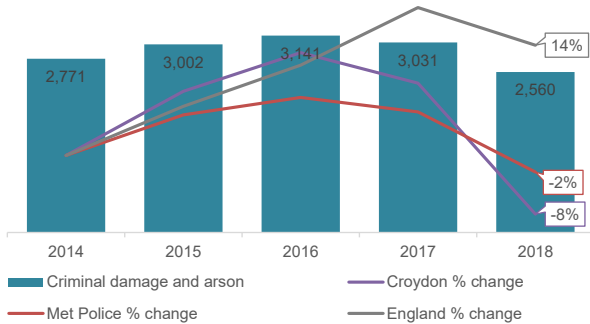
Non-domestic burglary has been steadily decreasing.

Domestic burglary has been increasing since 2015 and in 2018 there were 8% more recorded domestic burglary offences than in 2014.

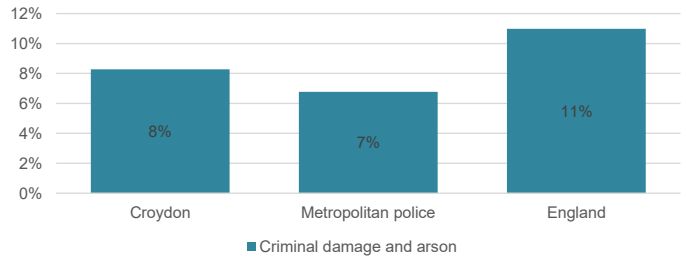
Criminal Damage & Arson

8% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2018 were of criminal damage and arson, slightly higher than the Metropolitan police force and slightly lower than England as a whole.

Number of recorded criminal damage and arson offences and percentage change since 2014



Percentage of all recorded crime in 2018 that were of criminal damage and arson



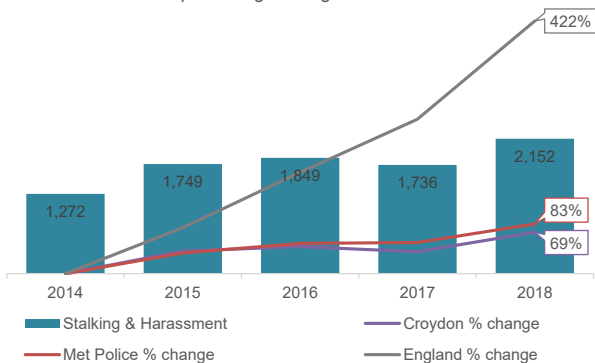
Since 2014, criminal damage and arson offences have decreased by 8% in Croydon.

This is a considerable drop since two years ago and a larger decrease than seen across the Met Police and England.

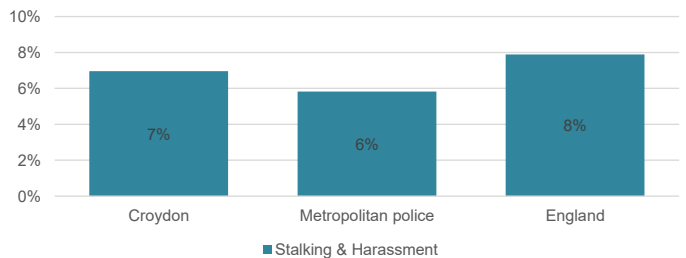
Stalking & Harassment

7% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2018 were of stalking and harassment.

Number of recorded stalking & harassment offences and percentage change since 2014



Percentage of all recorded crime in 2018 that were of stalking & harassment



Since 2014, stalking & harassment offences have increased by 69%.

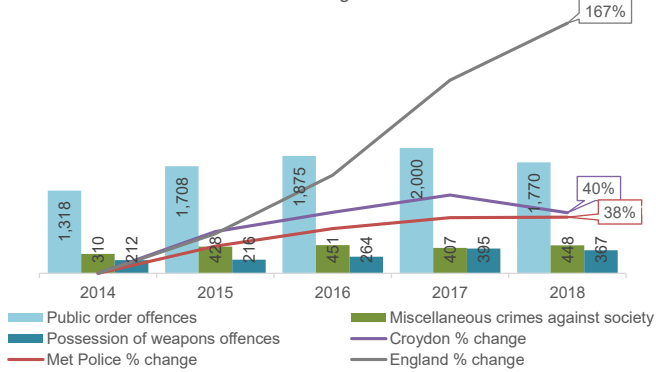
This is a smaller increase than seen across England and slightly smaller than the Metropolitan Police.

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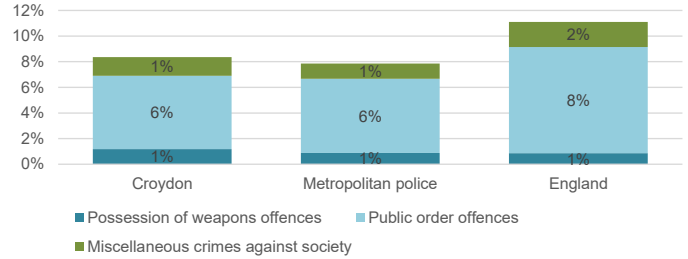
Other Crimes Against Society

8% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2018 were other crimes against society. The majority of these were Public Order offences.

Number of recorded other crimes against society and percentage change since 2014



Percentage of all recorded crime in 2018 that were other crimes against society



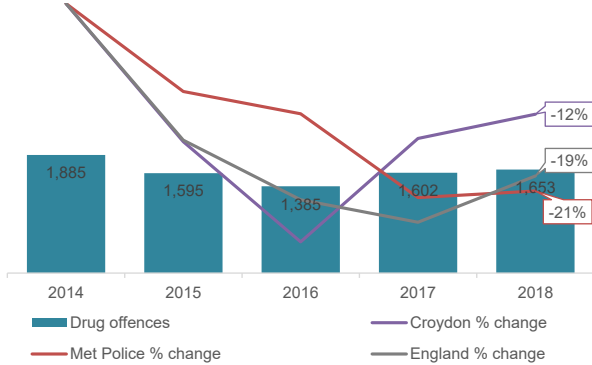
Since 2014, other crimes against society offences have increased by 38% in Croydon.

This is a smaller increase than seen across England and slightly smaller than the Metropolitan Police.

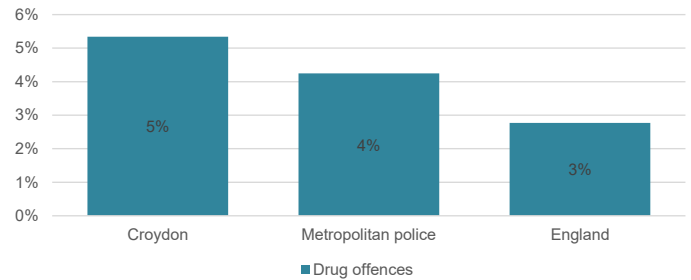
Drug Offences

5% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2018 were drug offences.

Number of recorded drug offences and percentage change since 2014



Percentage of all recorded crime in 2018 that were drug offences



Since 2014, drug offences have decreased by 12% in Croydon.

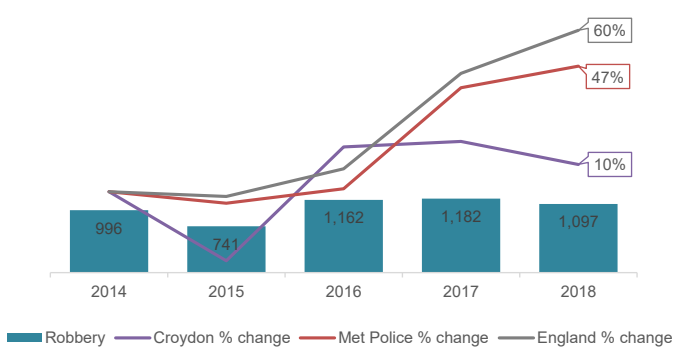
This is a smaller decrease than comparator areas.

Drug offences in Croydon have been slightly increasing over the past two years.

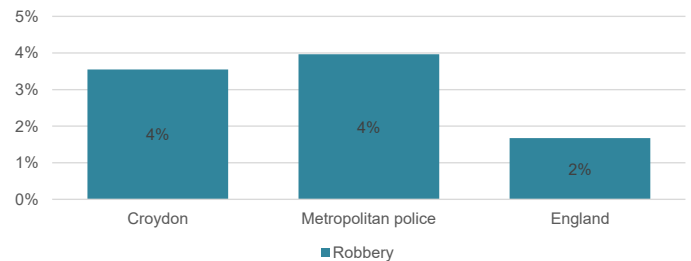
Robbery

4% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2018 were of robbery.

Number of recorded robbery offences and percentage change since 2014



Percentage of all recorded crime in 2018 that were robbery



Since 2014, robbery offences have increased by 10% in Croydon.

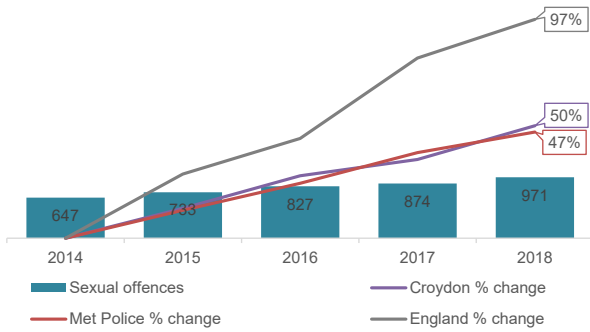
A smaller increase than seen across England the Met Police.

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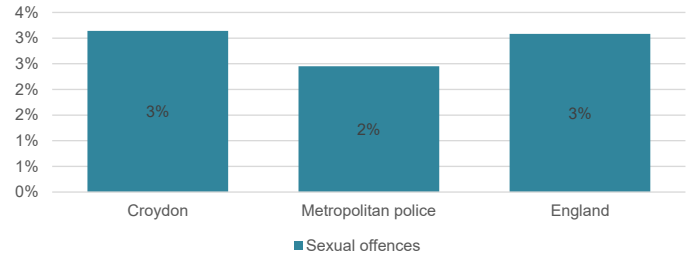
Sexual Offences

3% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2018 were sexual offences.

Number of recorded sexual offences and percentage change since 2014



Percentage of all recorded crime in 2018 that were sexual offences



Since 2014, sexual offences have increased by 50% in Croydon.

This is similar to the increase seen across the Metropolitan Police Force Area.