

## Crime in Croydon

### Sources and Notes about Data

ONS. Crime in England and Wales: Published April 2020. [LINK TO DATA](#)

London Datastore. Recorded Crime: Geographic Breakdown. Published August 2020. [LINK TO DATA](#)

England figures exclude crimes recorded by the British Transport Police and, in 2019 only, also exclude figures from Greater Manchester 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.

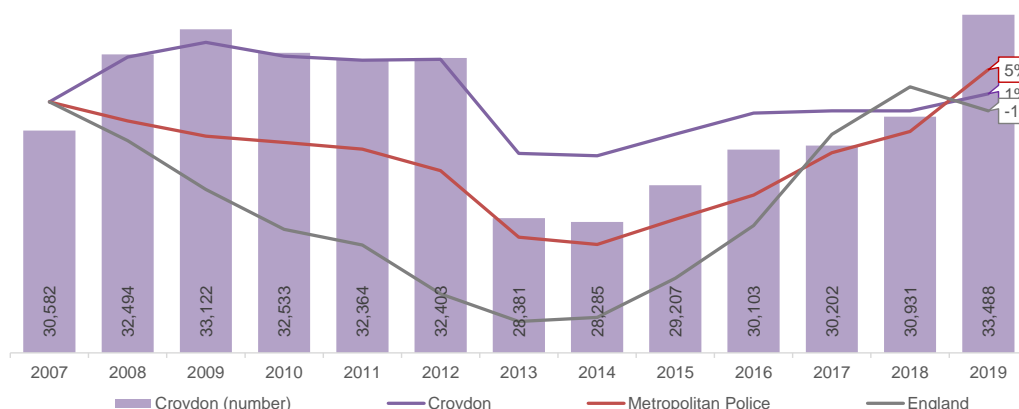
### Overall Crime

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

> 2019 saw the highest number of recorded offences in Croydon since 2007, a 1% increase from 2007 numbers.

> This is an increase of 8% compared to last year, similar to the 9% increase seen in London.

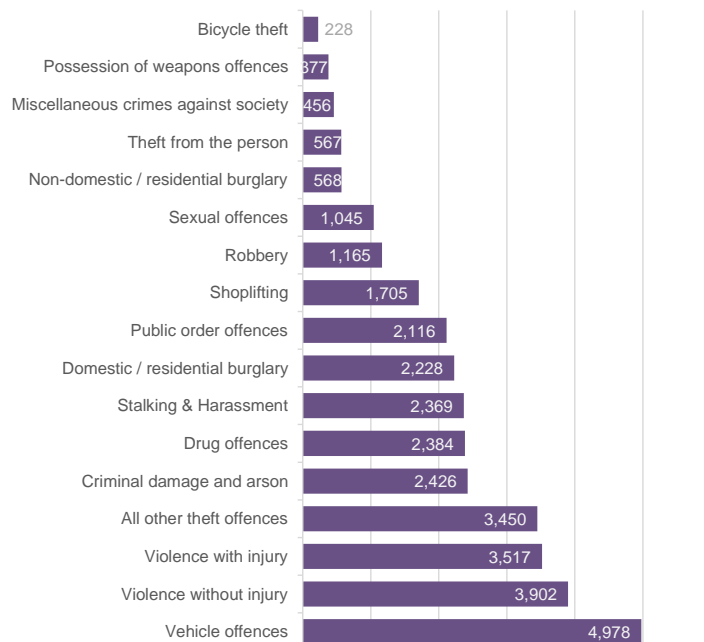
Total number of recorded offences in Croydon and percentage change in offences since 2007



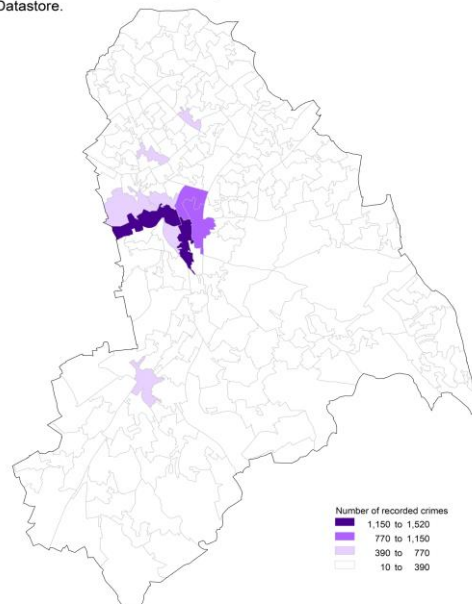
During 2019, the most recorded crimes in Croydon were of vehicle offences, other theft offences and violent crimes.

The small areas with the largest numbers of total recorded crime were around the town centre.

Recorded crime in Croydon in 2019: number of offences



Police Recorded Crime in Croydon  
January - December 2019. Metropolitan Police Data from London Datastore.



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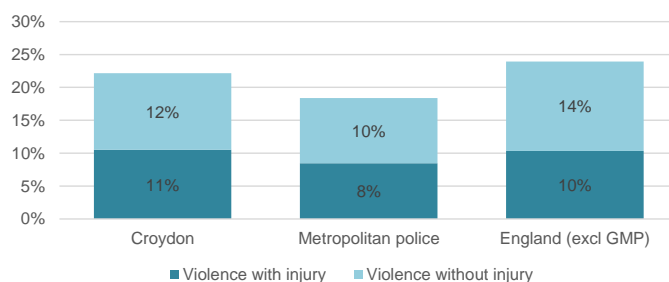
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The remaining sections focus on recorded crime by offence type since 2014 when the total offences started rising in Croydon.

### Violent Offences

23% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2019 were violent offences, slightly higher than the 18% of all recorded crimes seen by the Metropolitan Police.

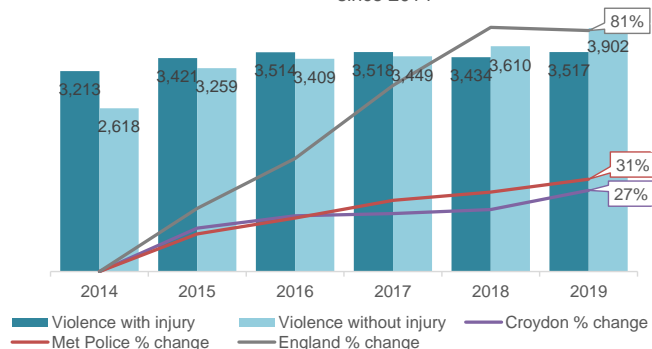
Percentage of all recorded crime in 2019 that were violent offences



Since 2014, violent offences have increased by 27% (a 9% increase in crimes with injury and a 49% 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.

Number of recorded violent offences and percentage change since 2014

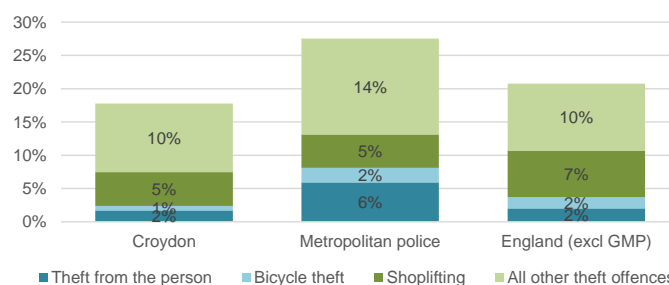


### Theft

18% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2019 were theft offences, lower than the 28% of all recorded crimes seen by the Metropolitan Police.

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

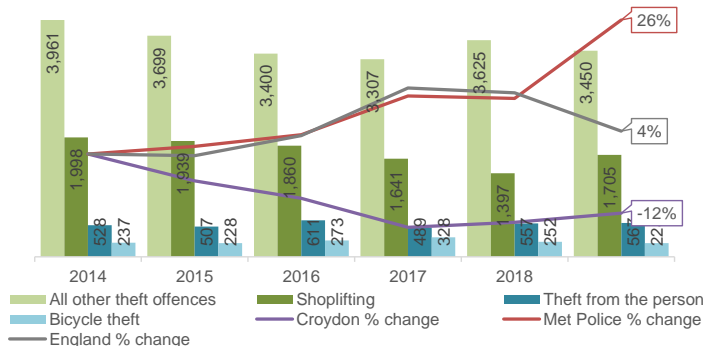
Percentage of all recorded crime in 2019 that were theft offences



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

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

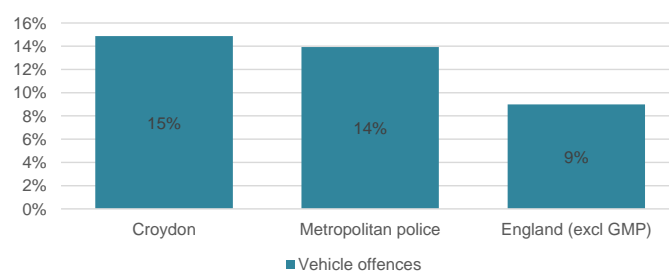
Number of recorded theft offences and percentage change since 2014



### Vehicle Offences

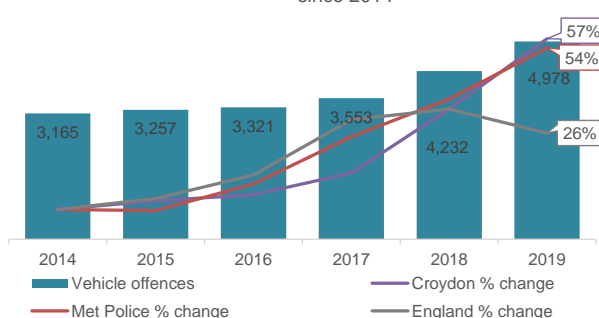
15% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2018 were vehicle offences.

Percentage of all recorded crime in 2019 that were vehicle offences



Since 2014, vehicle offences have increased by 57% in Croydon.

Number of recorded vehicle offences and percentage change since 2014

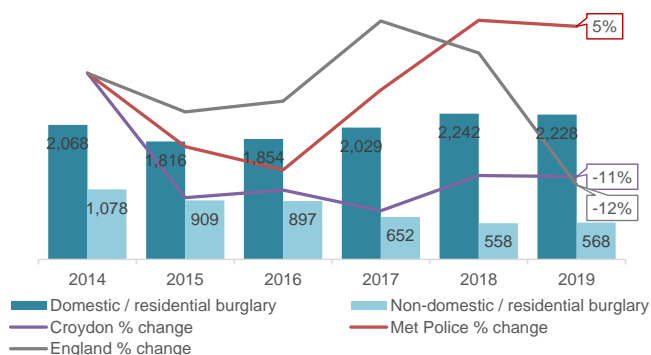


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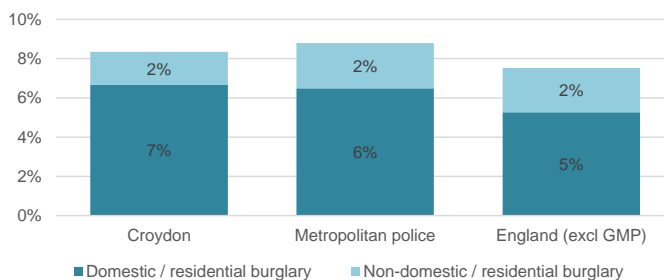
### Burglary

9% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2019 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 2019 that were burglary offences



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

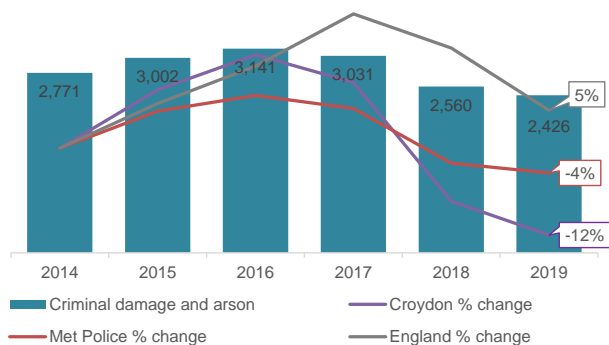
Non-domestic burglary has been steadily decreasing.

Domestic burglary has been increasing since 2015 and in 2019 there were 8% more recorded domestic burglary offences than in 2014.

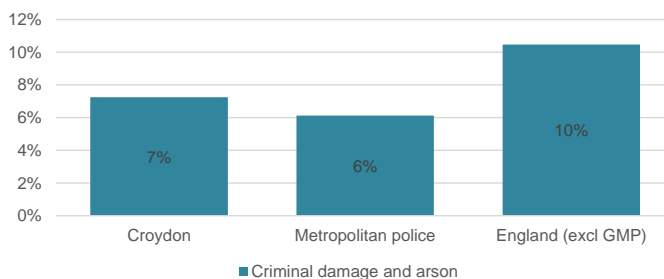
### Criminal Damage & Arson

7% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2019 were of criminal damage and arson, similar to 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 2019 that were of criminal damage and arson



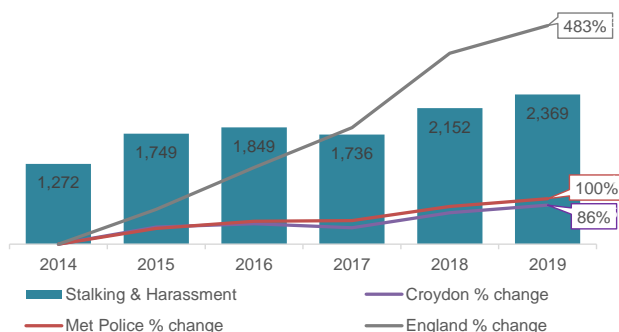
Since 2014, criminal damage and arson offences have decreased by 12% in Croydon.

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

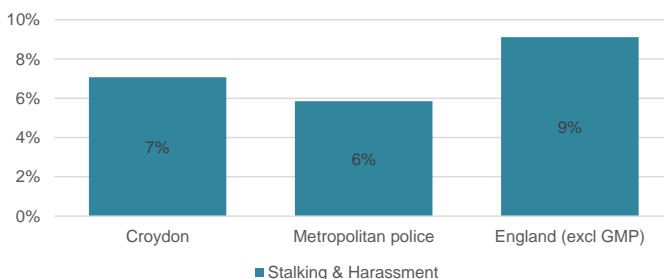
### Stalking & Harassment

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 2019 that were of stalking & harassment



Since 2014, stalking & harassment offences have increased by 86%.

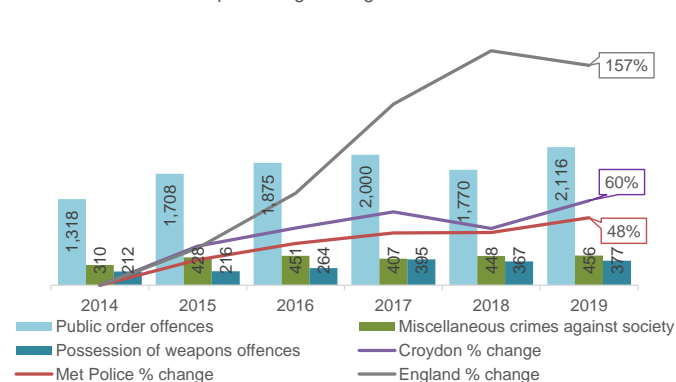
This is a smaller increase than seen across England and slightly smaller than the Metropolitan Police.

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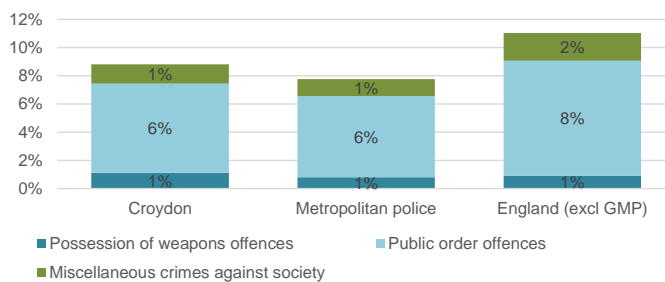
### Other Crimes Against Society

8% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2019 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 2019 that were other crimes against society



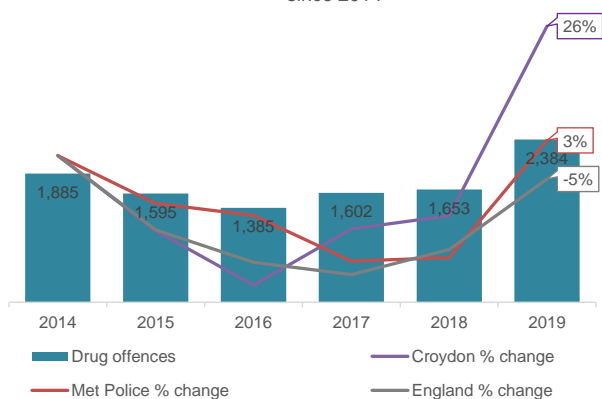
Since 2014, other crimes against society offences have increased by 60% in Croydon.

This is a larger increase than seen across the Metropolitan police, particularly in the latest year.

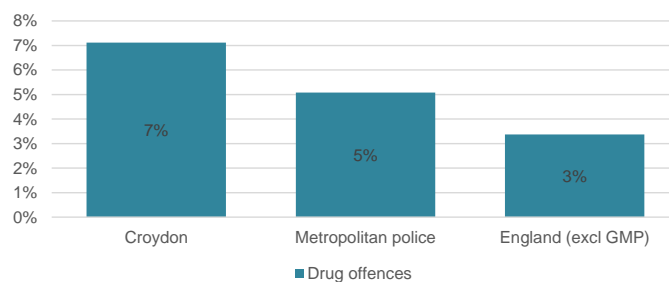
### Drug Offences

7% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2019 were drug offences.

Number of recorded drug offences and percentage change since 2014



Percentage of all recorded crime in 2019 that were drug offences



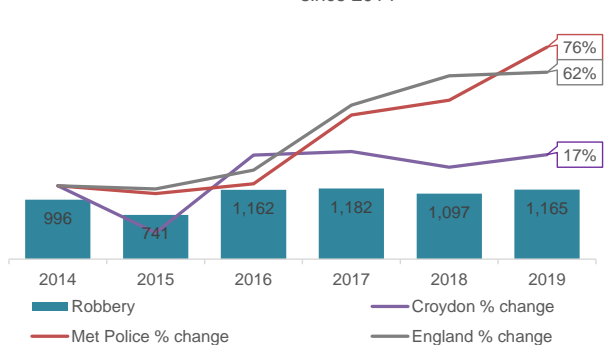
Since 2014, drug offences have increased by 26% in Croydon.

This is a much larger increase than comparator areas.

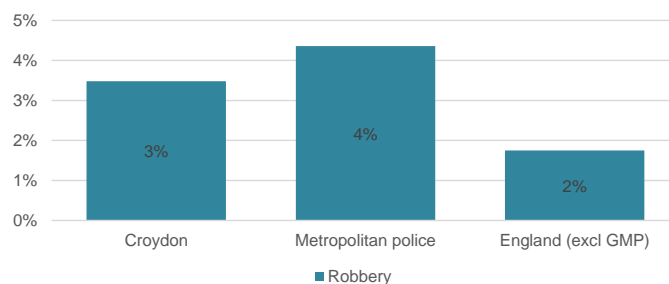
### Robbery

3% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2019 were of robbery.

Number of recorded robbery offences and percentage change since 2014



Percentage of all recorded crime in 2019 that were robbery



Since 2014, robbery offences have increased by 17% in Croydon.

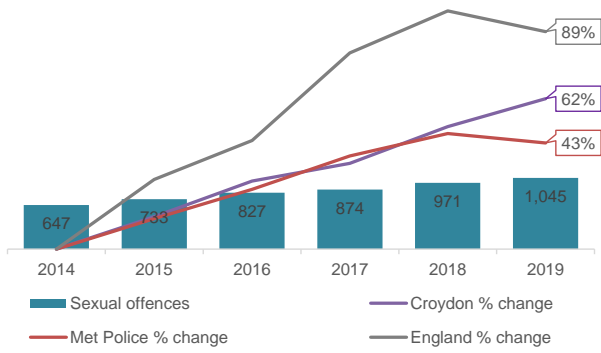
A smaller increase than seen across England and the Met Police.

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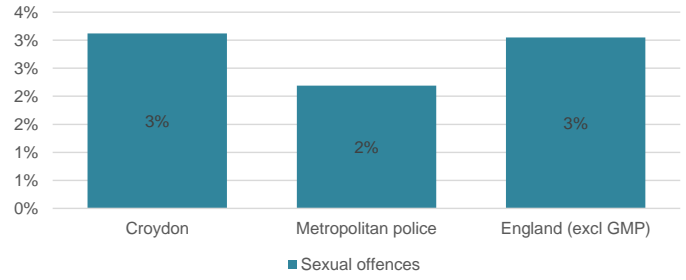
### Sexual Offences

3% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2019 were sexual offences.

Number of recorded sexual offences and percentage change since 2014



Percentage of all recorded crime in 2019 that were sexual offences



Since 2014, sexual offences have increased by 62% in Croydon.

The number of sexual offences in Croydon increased in the most recent year unlike across the Metropolitan Police and England who have both seen a decrease in this kind of offence.