

Crime in Croydon

Sources and Notes about Data

ONS. Crime in England and Wales: Published April 2022. [LINK TO DATA](#)

London Datastore. Recorded Crime: Geographic Breakdown. Published April 2022. [LINK TO DATA](#)

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

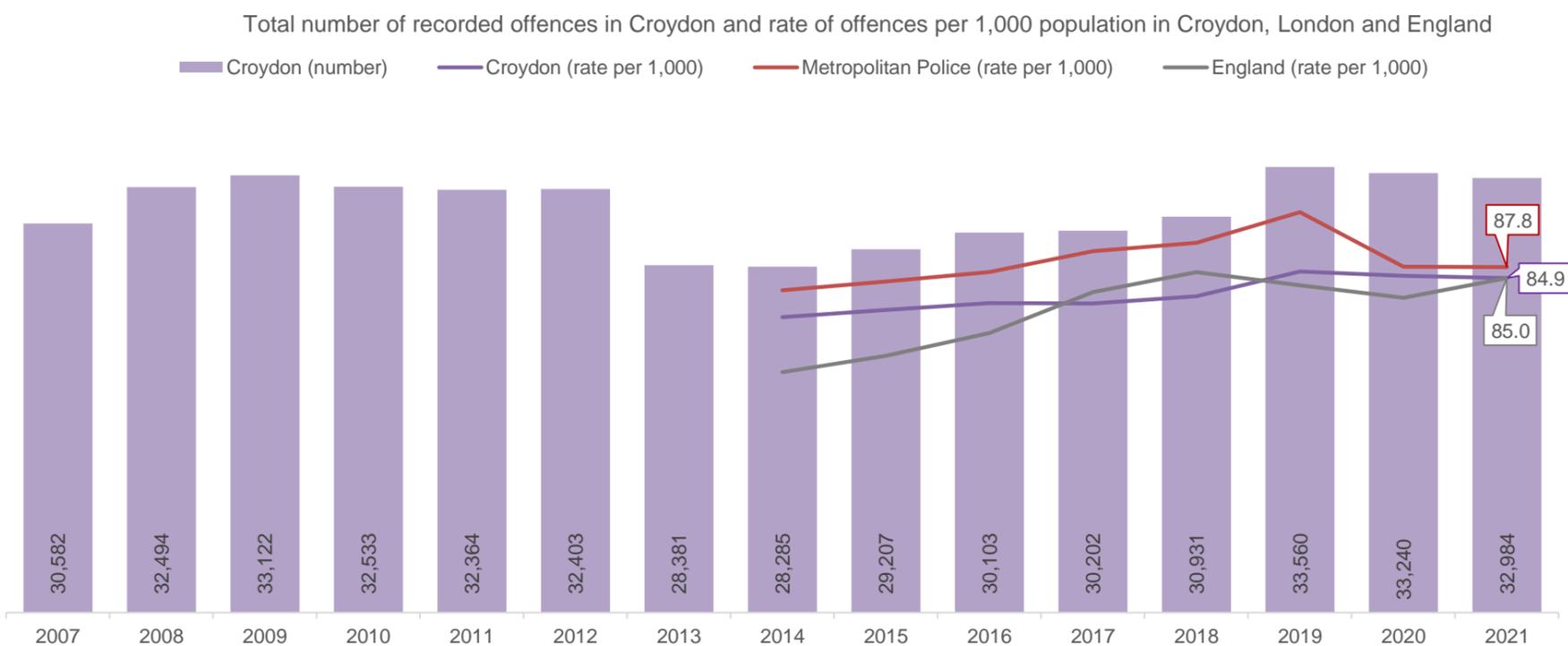
Crimes that have not been reported to the police or incidents that the police decide not to record are not included in this information. **Improvements to recording processes and practices by the police, expansions of the recorded crime collection to include new offences, variations in police activity, more victims reporting crime, and genuine increases in some types of crime, have each made substantial contributions to rises in recorded crime over recent years. This effect has been more pronounced for some crime types. For some types of offence these figures do not provide reliable trends in crime.**

Overall Crime

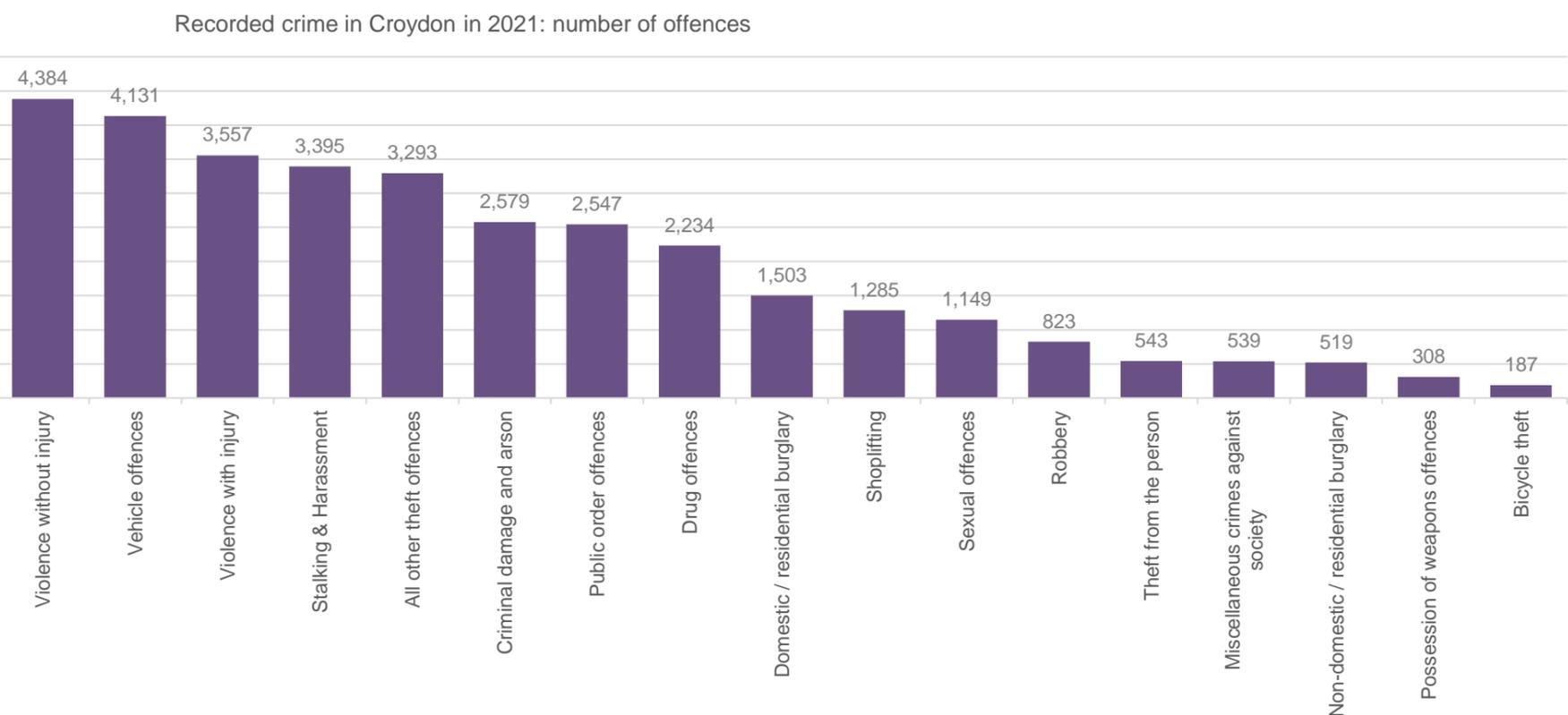
In the past year, the total number of recorded offences in Croydon fell by 1% compared to 2020. In comparison, the Metropolitan Police the number stayed the same and across England they increased by 6%.

Croydon now has a rate of crime similar to both London and England.

It is worth setting this in context of the covid-19 pandemic. During periods of national lockdown, the number of recorded offences in both the Metropolitan Police and England fell while as a whole Croydon did not see the same effect. This is of course differs depending on the type of offence. The main reason for this difference is that Croydon did not see the same fall in the number of vehicle offences during 2020.



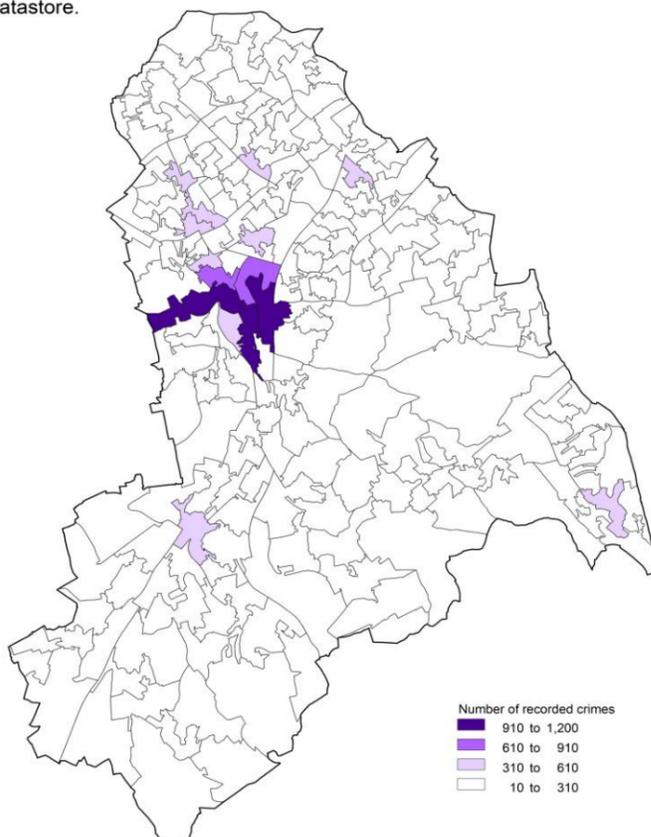
During 2021, the most recorded crimes in Croydon were of vehicle offences and violent crimes.



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

Police Recorded Crime in Croydon
January - December 2021. Metropolitan Police Data from London
Datastore.



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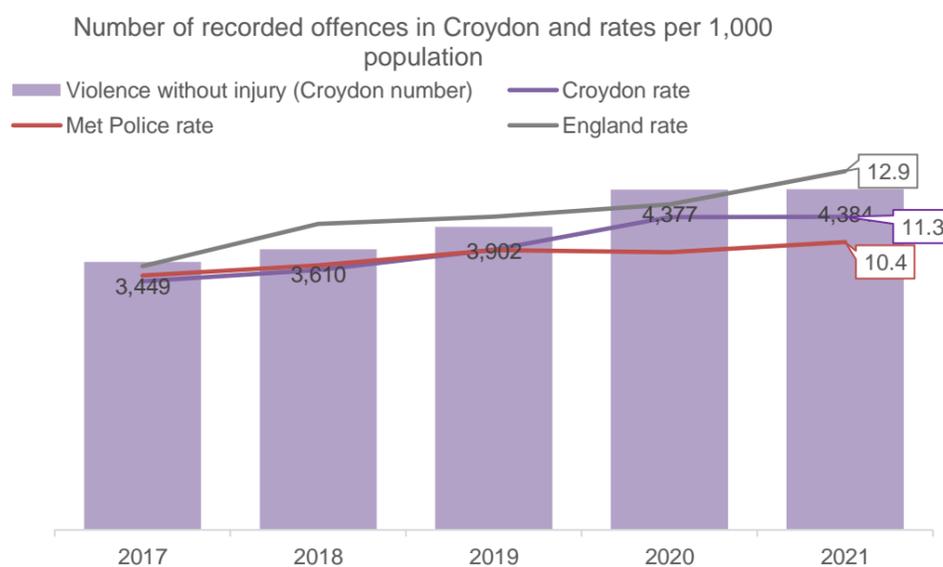
The remaining sections focus on recorded crime by offence type in the past five years. Crimes are listed in order of the largest volume in 2021

Violence without injury

13% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2021 were violence without injury offences. Similar to the Met Police (12%) and slightly lower than England (15%).

Croydon has a higher rate of offences of this type than the Met Police and a lower rate than England.

In the past year, the number of offences of this type has not increased in Croydon. In the Met Police they increased by 4% and across England they increased by 10%.

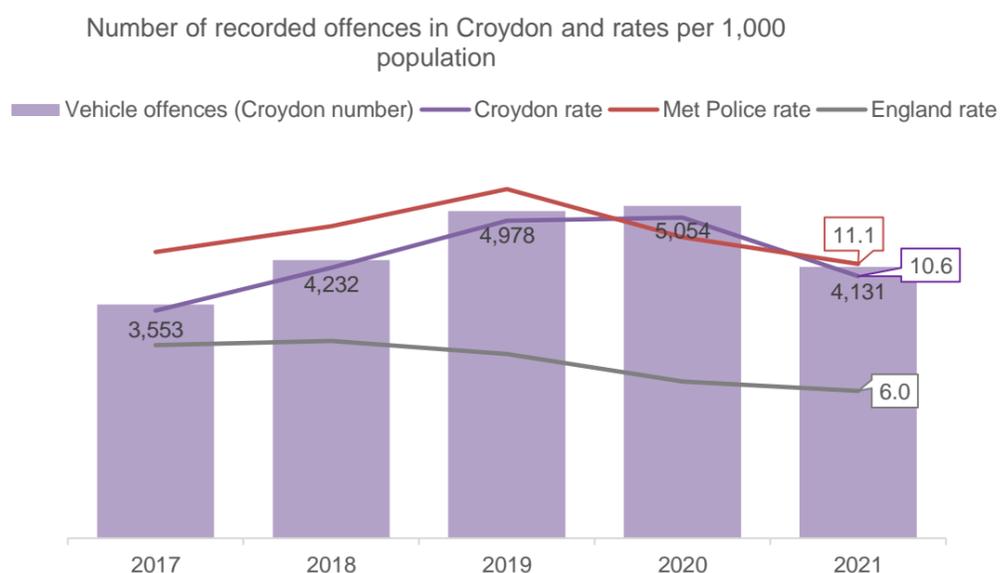


Vehicle offences

13% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2021 were vehicle offences. Similar to the Met Police (13%) and lower than higher than England (7%).

Croydon has a higher rate of offences of this type than England and a similar rate to the Met Police.

In the past year, the number of offences of this type has fallen by 18% in Croydon. In the Met Police they fell by 9% and across England they fell by 6%.



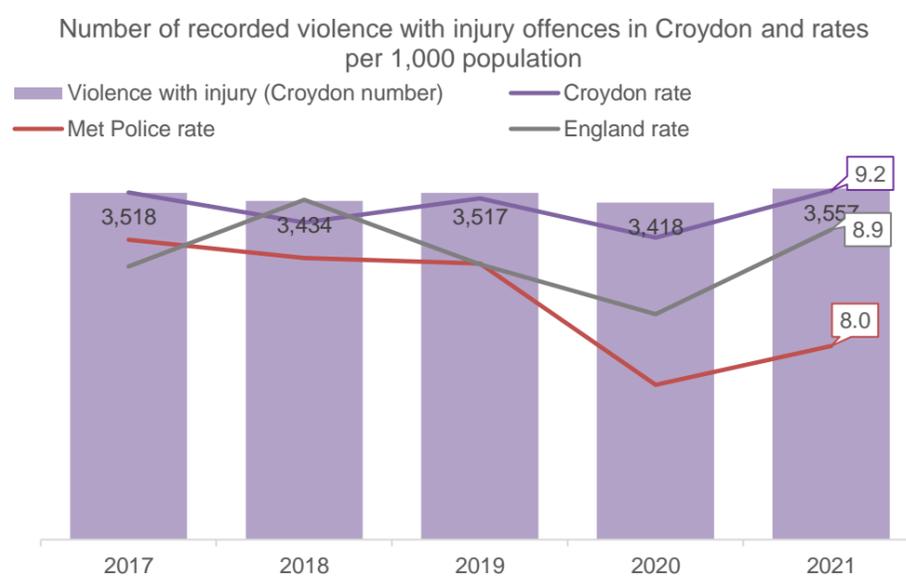
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Violence with injury

11% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2021 were violence with injury offences. Similar to the Met Police (9%) and England (10%).

Croydon has a higher rate of offences of this type than England and the Met Police.

In the past year, the number of offences of this type has increased by 4% in Croydon. In the Met Police they also increased by 4% and across England they increased by 8%.

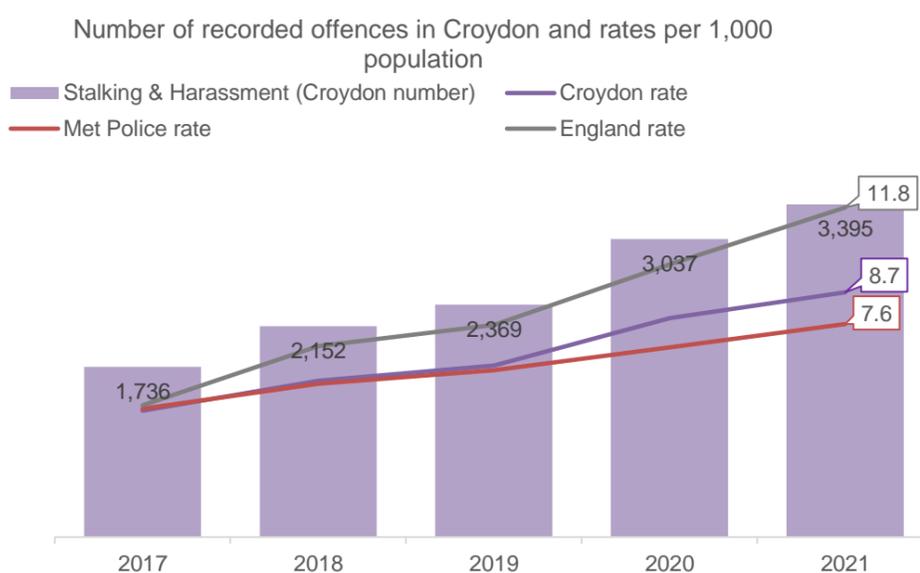


Stalking and harassment

10% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2021 were stalking and harassment offences. Similar to the Met Police (9%) and slightly lower than England (14%).

Croydon has a slightly higher rate of offences of this type than the Met Police and a lower rate than England.

In the past year, the number of offences of this type has increased by 12% in Croydon. In the Met Police they also increased by 12% and across England they increased by 21%.

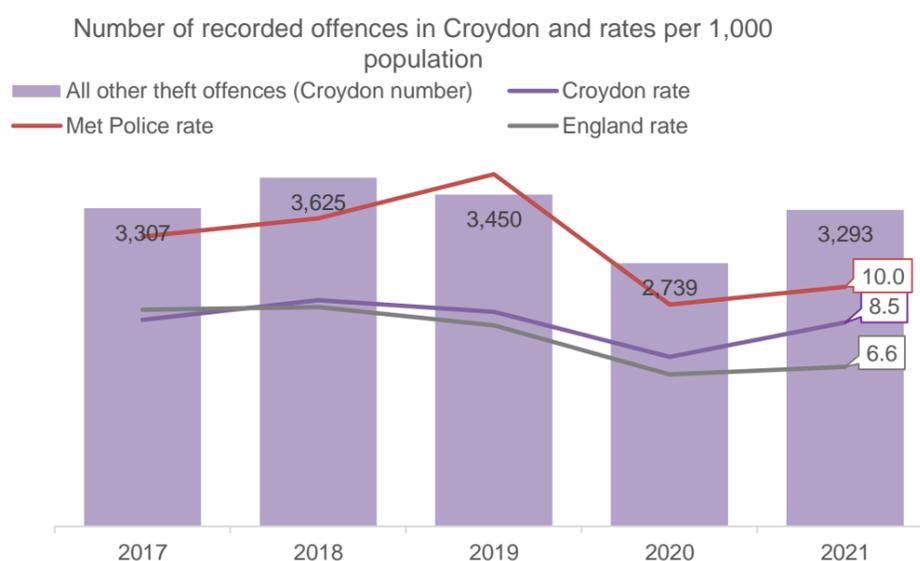


All other theft offences

10% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2021 were all other theft offences. Similar to the Met Police (11%) and slightly higher than England (8%).

Croydon has a slightly lower rate of offences of this type than the Met Police and a higher rate than England.

In the past year, the number of offences of this type has increased by 20% in Croydon. In the Met Police they increased by 8% and across England they increased by 5%.

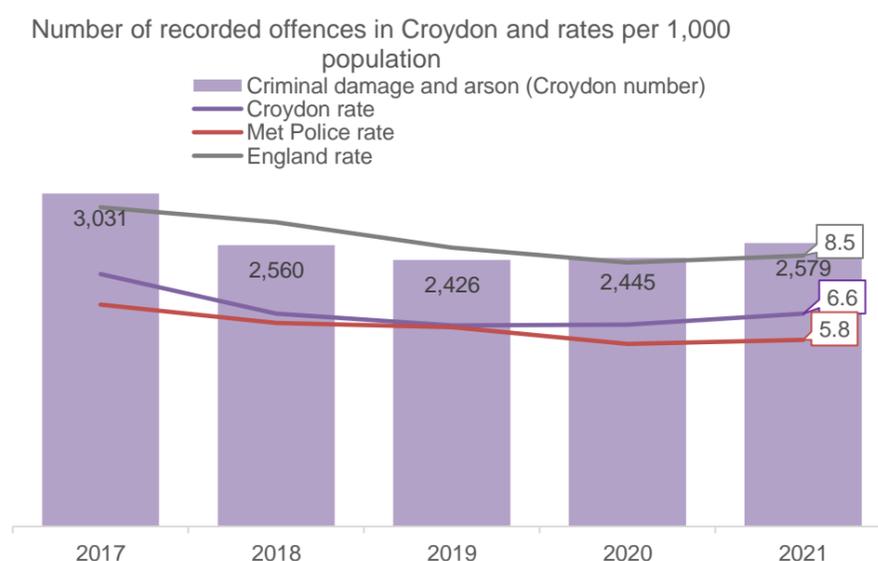


Criminal damage and arson

8% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2021 were criminal damage and arson offences. Similar to the Met Police (7%) and slightly lower than England (10%).

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In the past year, the number of offences of this type has increased by 5% in Croydon. In the Met Police they increased by 2% and across England they increased by 3%.



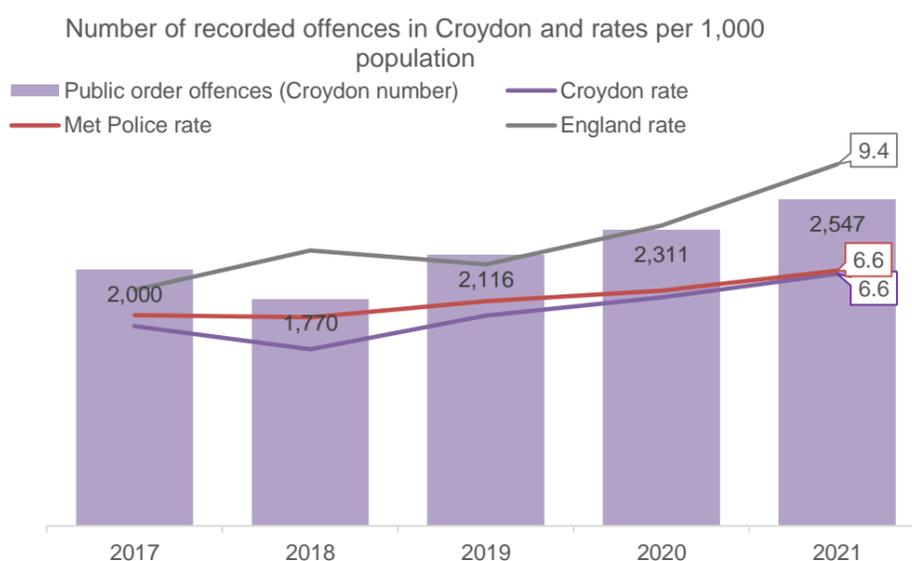
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Public order offences

8% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2021 were public order offences. The same as the Met Police (8%) and slightly lower than England (11%).

Croydon has a slightly higher rate of offences of this type than the Met Police and a lower rate than England.

In the past year, the number of offences of this type has increased by 10% in Croydon. In the Met Police they increased by 9% and across England they increased by 20%.

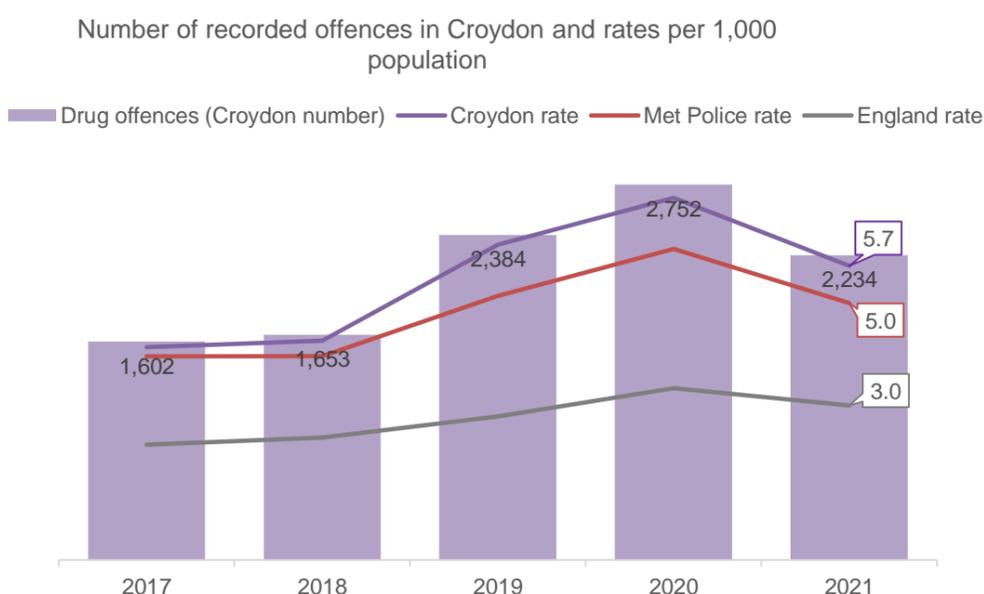


Drug offences

7% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2021 were public order offences. Similar to the Met Police (7%) and slightly higher than England (4%).

Croydon has a slightly higher rate of offences of this type than the Met Police and England.

In the past year, the number of offences of this type has fallen by 19% in Croydon. In the Met Police they fell by 17% and across England they fell by 10%.

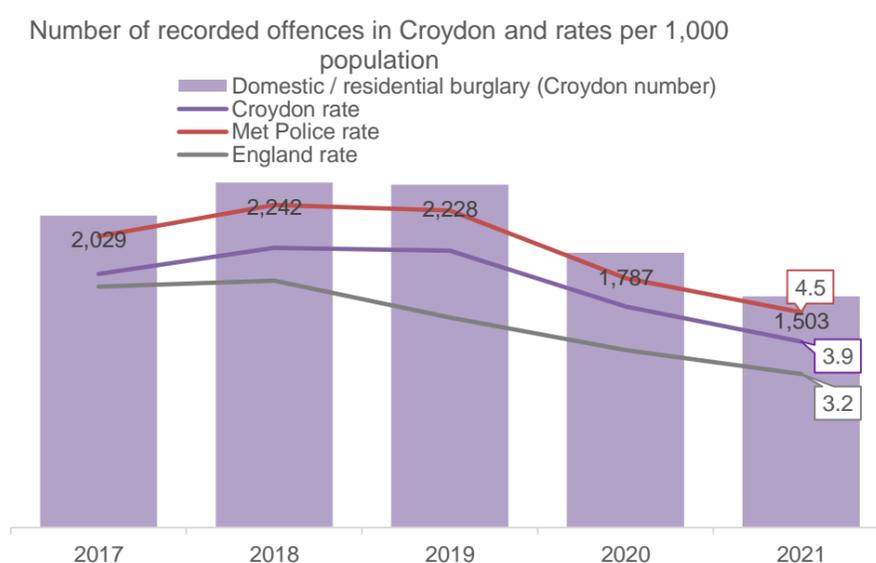


Residential burglary

5% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2021 were residential / domestic burglary offences. The same as the Met Police (5%) and similar to England (4%).

Croydon has a slightly lower rate of offences of this type than the Met Police and a slightly higher rate than England.

In the past year, the number of offences of this type has fallen by 16% in Croydon. In both the Met Police and England they fell by 14%.

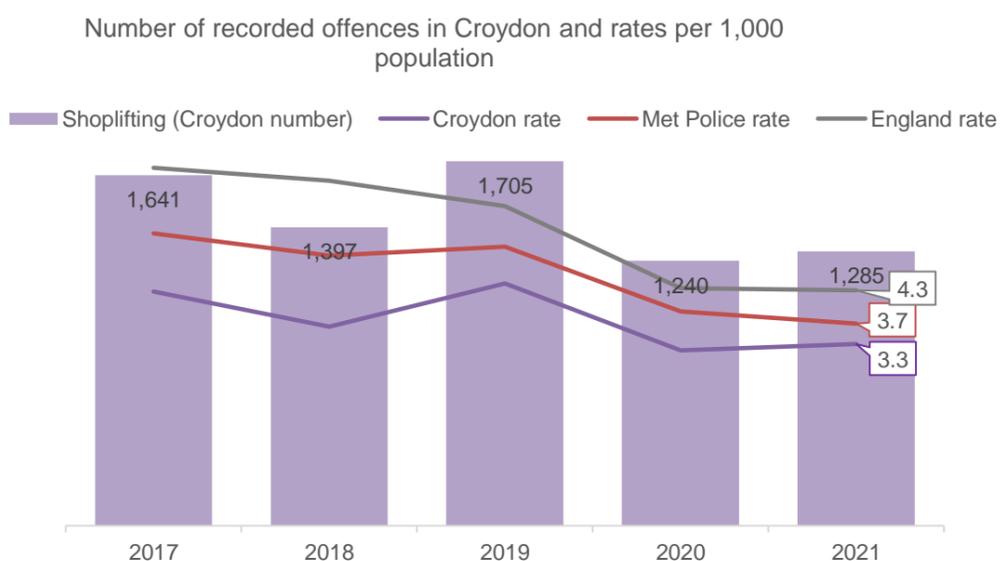


Shoplifting

4% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2021 were shoplifting offences. The same as the Met Police (4%) and similar to England (5%).

Croydon has a slightly lower rate of offences of this type than the Met Police and England.

In the past year, the number of offences of this type has increased by 4% in Croydon. In the Met Police the number fell by 6% and in England they fell by 1%.



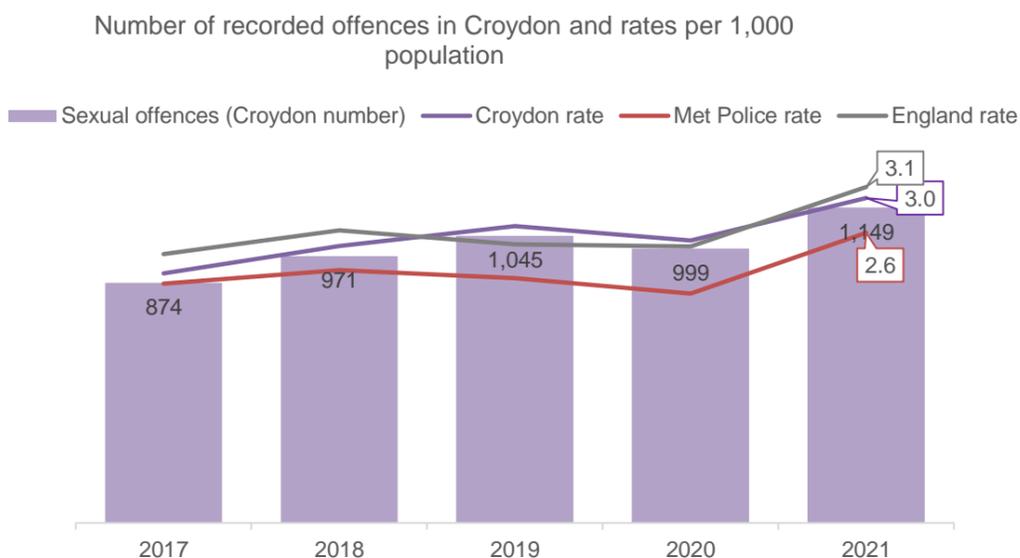
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Sexual offences

3% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2021 were sexual offences. The same as the Met Police (3%) and similar to England (4%).

Croydon has a slightly higher rate of offences of this type than the Met Police and a similar rate to England.

In the past year, the number of offences of this type has increased by 15% in Croydon. In the Met Police the number increased by 27% and in England they increased by 22%.

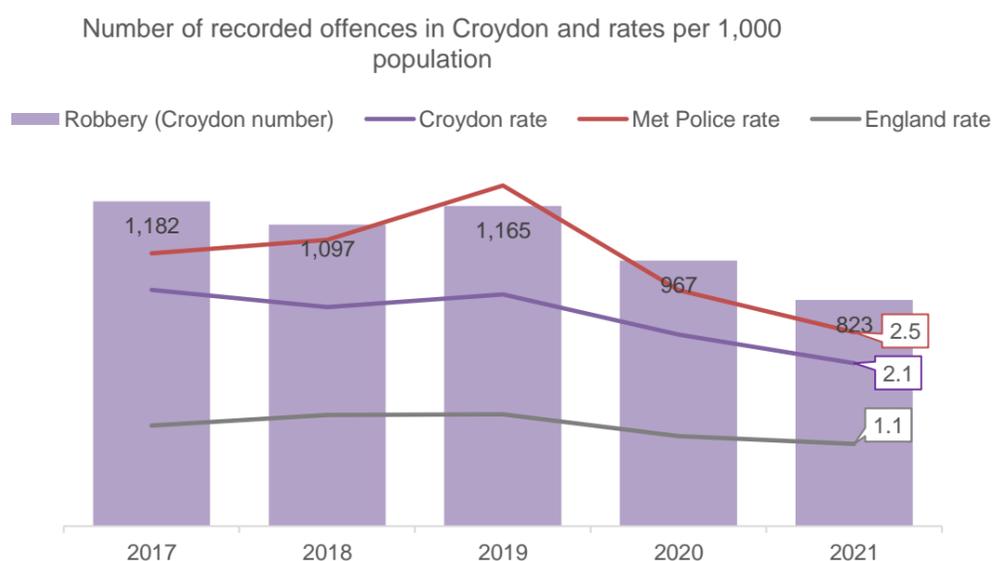


Robbery

2% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2021 were robbery offences. This is similar to the Met Police (3%) and similar to England (1%).

Croydon has a slightly higher rate of offences of this type than the England and a similar rate to the Met Police.

In the past year, the number of offences of this type has fallen by 15% in Croydon. In the Met Police they fell by 18% and across England they fell by 9%.

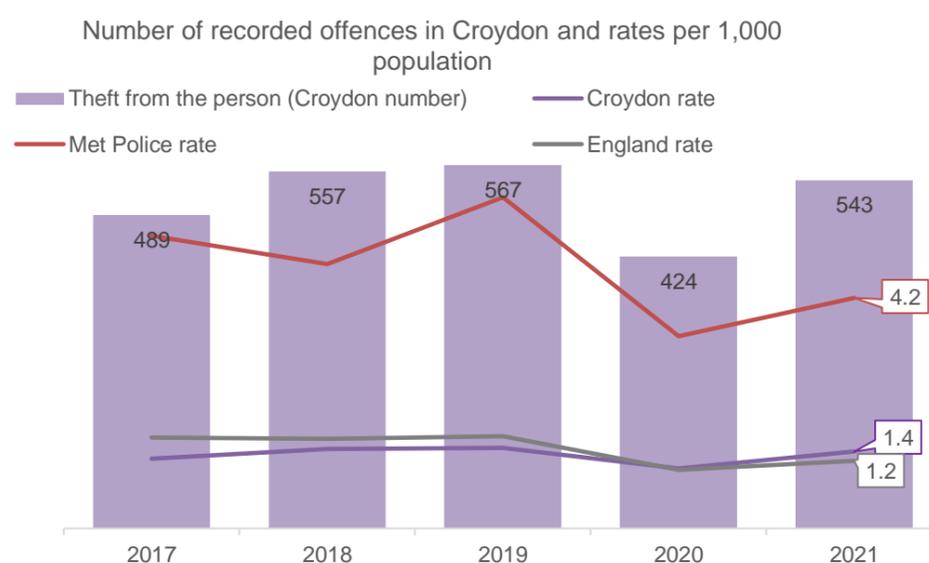


Theft from the person

2% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2021 were theft from the person offences. This is lower than the Met Police (5%) and similar to England (1%).

Croydon has a lower rate of offences of this type than the Met Police and a similar rate to England.

In the past year, the number of offences of this type has increased by 28% in Croydon. In the Met Police the number increased by 20% and in England they increased by 16%.

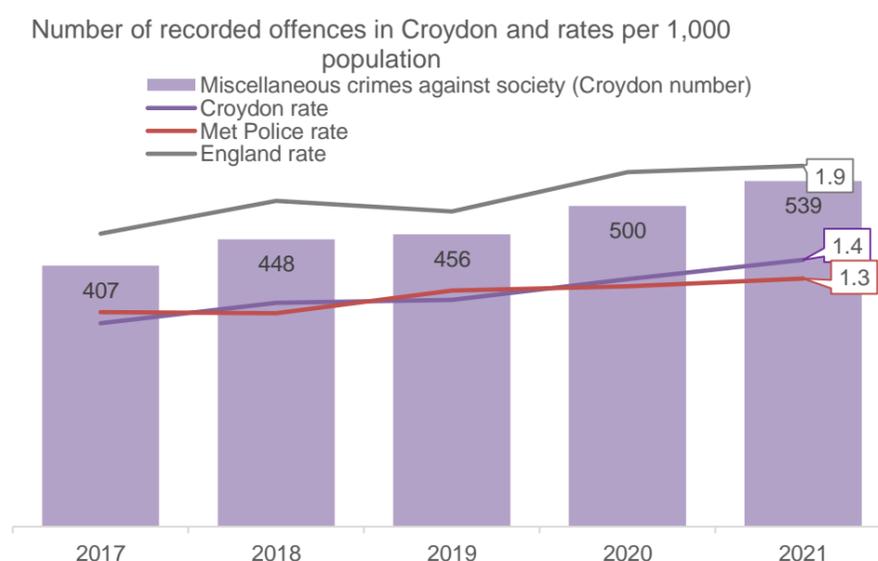


Miscellaneous crimes against society

2% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2021 were miscellaneous crimes against society offences. This is similar to the Met Police (1%) and the same as England (2%).

Croydon has a lower rate of offences of this type than England and a similar rate to the Met Police.

In the past year, the number of offences of this type has increased by 8% in Croydon. In the Met Police the number increased by 3% and in England they increased by 2%.



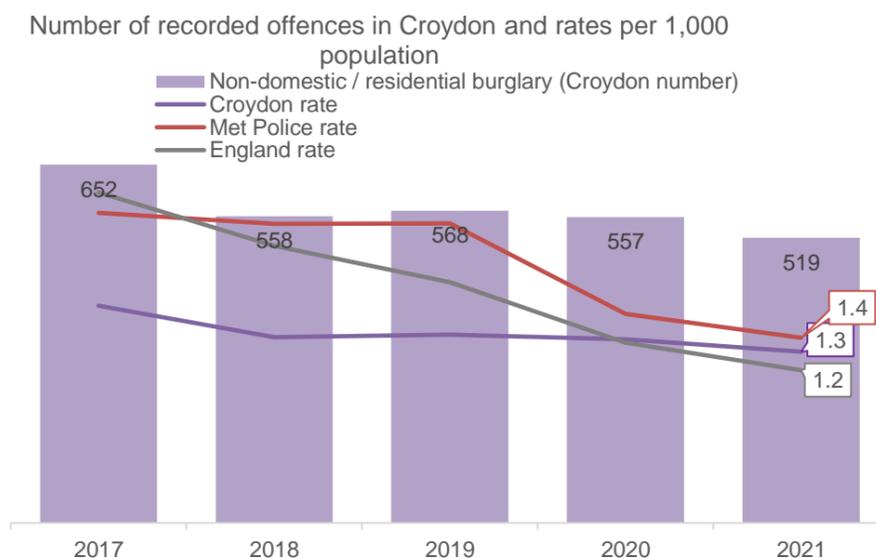
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Non-residential burglary

2% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2021 were non-residential burglary offences. This is the same as the Met Police (2%) and similar to England (1%).

Croydon has a similar rate of offences of this type to both the Met Police and England.

In the past year, the number of offences of this type has fallen by 7% in Croydon. In the Met Police they fell by 11% and across England they fell by 15%.

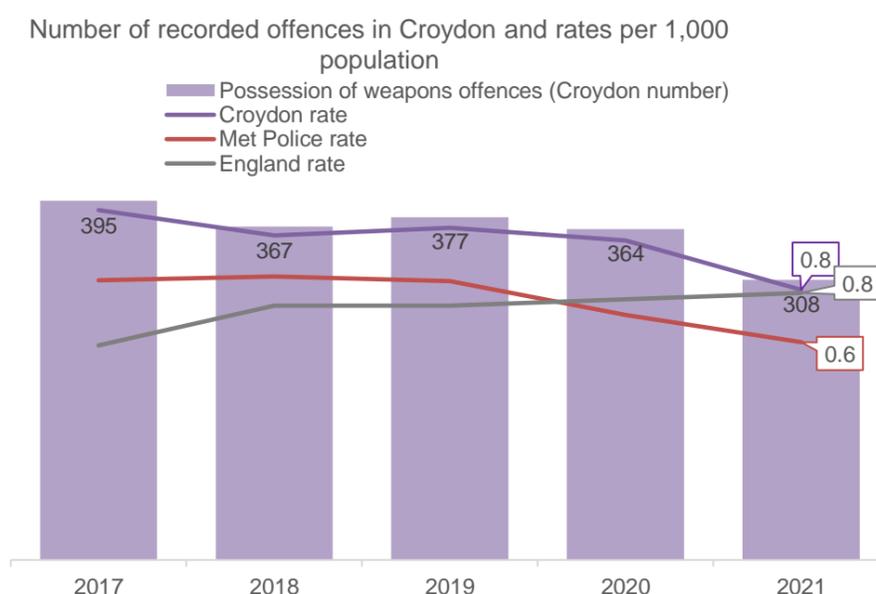


Possession of weapons

1% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2021 were possession of weapons offences. This is the same as the Met Police (1%) and England (1%).

Croydon has a similar rate of offences of this type to both the Met Police and England.

In the past year, the number of offences of this type has fallen by 15% in Croydon. In the Met Police they fell by 11% and across England they increased by 2%.



Bicycle theft

1% of all recorded crimes in Croydon in 2021 were bicycle theft offences. This is the same as England (1%) and lower than the Met Police (3%).

Croydon has a lower rate of offences of this type than both the Met Police and England.

In the past year, the number of offences of this type has fallen by 28% in Croydon. In the Met Police they fell by 12% and across England they fell by 9%.

