

Serious and Violent Crime - Medway



KENT CONTROL STRATEGY 2025

SERIOUS VIOLENCE AND HARM

Violence Against Women and Girls



- Sexual Predatory Behaviour
- Rape

Domestic abuse



Knife crime



EXPLOITATION

Child exploitation



- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)
- Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)

Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking



ORGANISED AND ACQUISITIVE CRIME

Serious Acquisitive Crime



Drug Supply



CHILD CENTRED POLICING



ENABLERS



Organised
Crime
Groups



Money
laundering &
illicit finance



Technology
& online
crime

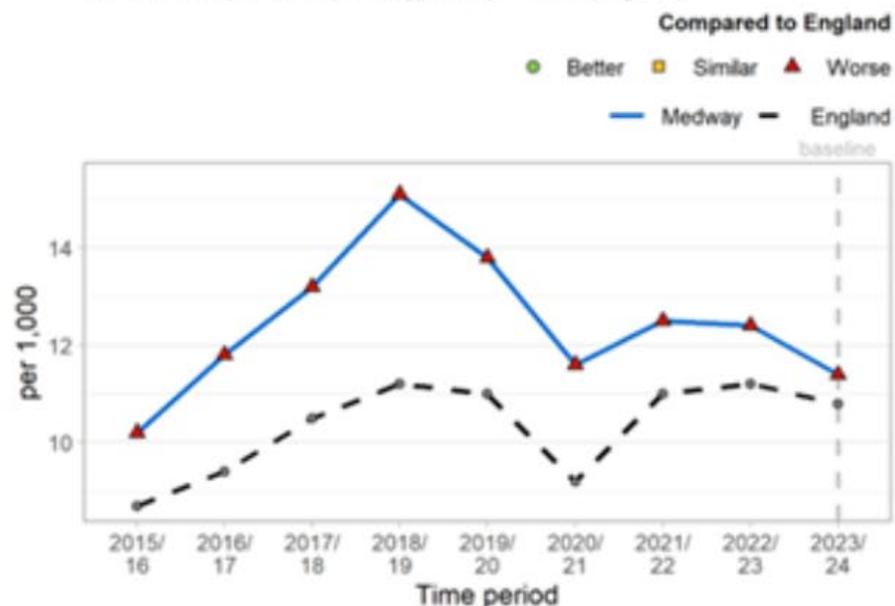


Stolen
property
market

3.4.1 Rate of serious violence

The latest value for Medway is worse compared to England

2023/24: 11.4 per 1,000 (Medway), 10.8 per 1,000 (England)



Rate of police recorded offences of homicide, violence with injury and robbery of personal property.

Confidence interval method: Byar's method.

Benchmarking method: Confidence intervals overlapping.

Source: Home Office.

Peer group: Experian Mosaic Group.

Ladder plot to be added.

Indicator wording:

By 2027/28, the rate of serious violence will be lower or similar compared to the national average.

Values:

The latest time period is the baseline.

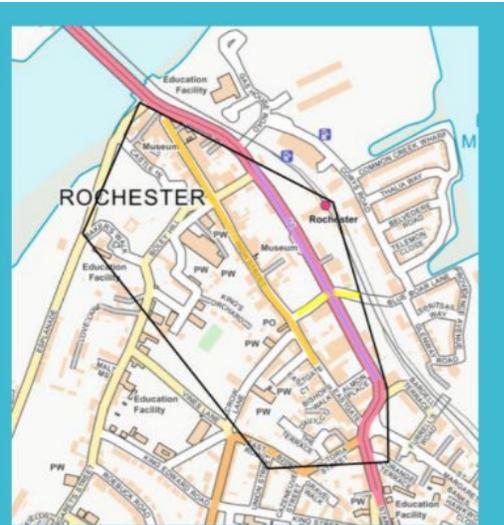
The baseline value for Medway was 11.4 per 1,000 in 2023/24 which is worse compared to England.

What do the figures show? – Recorded Crime

	Rolling Year			
	July 24 to June 25			
	This Year	Last Year	% change	No change
Violent Crime	13323	14045	-5.1%	-722
- Violence Against The Person	11785	12682	-7.1%	-897
- Homicide	1	5	-80.0%	-4
- Death or Serious Injury - Unlawful Driving	5	19	-73.7%	-14
- Violence with injury	2603	2930	-11.2%	-327
- Violence without injury	5642	6080	-7.2%	-438
- Stalking and Harassment	3534	3648	-3.1%	-114
- Most Serious Violence	174	234	-25.6%	-60
- Robbery	253	252	0.4%	1
Drug Offences	1097	790	38.9%	307
- Trafficking	586	408	43.6%	178
- Possession of drugs	511	382	33.8%	129
Possession of weapons	330	303	8.9%	27

Serious violence is going down across the board for Medway

Drugs and Weapon offences show as increasing however this is likely due to higher detection rates (more proactive policing)



Rochester

Locations of Note

High Street

- City Wall Wine Bar
- Licensed Premises

Blue Boar Lane

- Casino Rooms

Corporation Street

- Railway Station

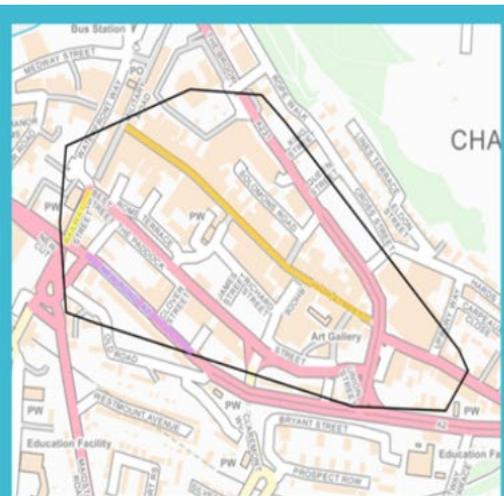
Size (m2) – 246,811.923
Size Rank – 2 (out of 15)

Home Office Specification for sizes of Hotspots
Minimum - 22,500 SqM
Maximum - 250,000 SqM



Rank Per 10,000 SqM
(Out of 15 Hotspots)

SV/KC		ASB
Volume	Harm	Volume
10	9	15



Chatham Town

Locations of Note

High Street

- McDonalds
- White Lion Hotel

Railway Street

- Tap n Tin
- Thomas Waghorn

New Road

- No specific venues

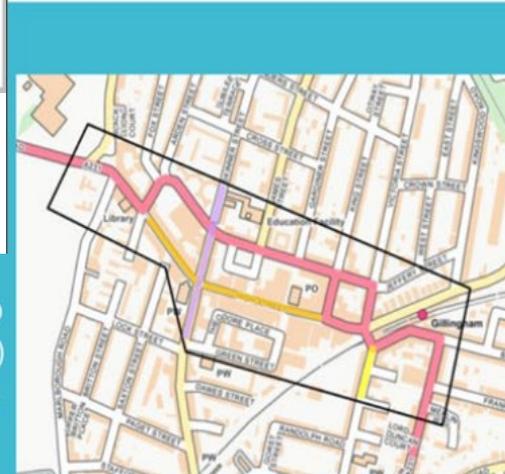
Size (m2) – 231,156.500
Size Rank – 7 (out of 15)

Home Office Specification for sizes of Hotspots
Minimum - 22,500 SqM
Maximum - 250,000 SqM



Rank Per 10,000 SqM
(Out of 15 Hotspots)

SV/KC		ASB
Volume	Harm	Volume
4	3	7



Gillingham Town

Locations of Note

High Street

- Various locations

Balmoral Road

- No specific venues

Skinner Street

- Oasis Academy
- Tintagel Manor

Size (m2) – 201,651.626
Size Rank – 11 (out of 15)

Home Office Specification for sizes of Hotspots
Minimum - 22,500 SqM
Maximum - 250,000 SqM



Rank Per 10,000 SqM
(Out of 15 Hotspots)

SV/KC		ASB
Volume	Harm	Volume
9	11	11

What are we doing?

- The key role of the CSP
- Tasking Process
- The role of the Community Safety Unit and our Proactive Investigation Team (CLG)
- Daily Review of Crime/SVC along with harm scores
- National Intelligence Model – Local and Force Level Tasking arrangements
- Plans for Priority Nominals
- VRU Reporting



What are we doing?

- Targeted Activity
- Hot spot areas for focus
- Op checker in partnership with Youth Offending Team, Schools and Social Services (to divert young persons away from SVC)
- Vulnerability Panel
- Problem Management Plans
- Targeting of County Lines





7th July, officers responded to a call concerning a male in Chatham High Street with a knife. Officers located and arrested the male however he had discarded everything on him. Thorough enquiries identified the above CCTV showing the male concealing the knife.



Also on 7th July, officers on patrol in Chatham High Street sighted a male acting suspiciously around known drug users. Following a foot chase, the male discarded a bag into the river however was caught and arrested. The bag was retrieved and had in it cash and the above knife

Op Cascade

At the end of June/start of July, officers worked under 'Op Cascade'. During this time across North Kent there were:

- 11 warrants conducted
- 18 recorded disruptions to county lines
- 20 arrests which involved 40 charges and 12 suspects remanded

Drug seizures including:

- 155 wraps and a further 62g of Crack Cocaine and Heroin
- 20 prepared bags and a further 251g of Cocaine
- 106 deal bags and a further 215g of cannabis
- 2 ounces of amphetamine

Weapon seizures including:

- 2 Imitation Firearms
- 4 Machetes
- 1 Flick Knife
- A curved sword
- Several rounds of ammunition
- Extendable asp baton



The Safer Knife Replacement Scheme – Police and partner agencies provide packs of rounded kitchen knives to replace household knives alongside offering safety advice and guidance to families where young persons have been involved in carrying a weapon.

On 8th June, officers conducted patrols of the Night Time Economy on Rochester High Street. This resulted in 8 stop searches, 3 vehicle stops/searches and an arrest for drugs possession and dangerous driving of an e-bike with the vehicle seized. A knife arch and drugs dog were also deployed.

On 28th June, officers on patrol in Gillingham High Street located a male who was wanted for Recall to Prison. Whilst then engaging with members of the public in the area, it was identified that a short time earlier the male had been in possession of a knife. Officers searched, located this nearby and the male further arrested for the offence.

On 13th July, neighbourhood officers on patrol in Chatham High Street when a male made off on foot. Whilst searching for this person, a separate female was spotted attempting to avoid patrols. During a chase, she threw a white package over the railings of a bridge, which was subsequently recovered and found to contain 27 shots of class A drugs. The female was arrested for possession with intent to supply class A.

On 18th July, neighbourhood officers were on patrol on Chatham High Street when they sighted two males in a group of drug users. The males immediately made off and after a foot pursuit they were detained. One had discarded a bag on top of a nearby building which was subsequently recovered and found to contain class B drugs. One male admitted to being involved in the running of a county drug line and the other was a high risk missing person from another Force. Both were arrested.