



Latest crime figures for the MPS

Statistics cover the period April 2008 to March 2009 compared to April 2007 to March 2008.

- ↓ Total crime has fallen by 18,621 offences or 2.2% - its lowest level since 1998-99
- ↓ Most serious violence and assault with injury has fallen by 1,761 offences or 2.4%
- ↓ The number of victims of youth violence has fallen by 2,209 or 9.8%
- ↓ Robberies have dropped by 4,521 offences or 12.2%
- ↓ Motor vehicle crime has fallen by 11,447 offences or 9.6%
- ↓ Gun crime has fallen by 753 offences or 25.8%
- ↓ Knife crime is down by 1,882 offences or 13.3%

View the latest crime figures for London at: www.met.police.uk/crimefigures

Annual crime figures show crime in London continues to fall

Annual figures reveal there were 18,621 fewer offences in London during 2008-09 compared with the previous year. Total notifiable offences for this period are at their lowest level for ten years. Serious acquisitive crime – including residential burglary, robbery and motor vehicle crime – is down by 7.7%, which equates to a reduction of 16,654 offences. Overall, the reduction in assault, robbery, burglary, gun and knife crime is a really positive achievement for the MPS this year.

Police Central e-Crime unit tackle criminal network

A European organised criminal network targeting the financial service industry with a computer virus was thwarted by the new Police Central e-crime Unit (PCeU). Over 50 officers from the PCeU (the MPS unit dedicated to tackling cyber crime), local boroughs and specialist teams targeted several addresses in the capital. Nine arrests were made for offences such as money laundering, computer misuse and conspiracy to defraud. Key partners in the financial industry assisted the operation by sharing intelligence specifically connected to the criminal activity.

Clubs and Vice operation smashes prostitution gang

A proactive operation by the Met's Clubs and Vice Unit to smash a criminal gang involved in running a network of brothels in London and the Home Counties led to 12 arrests. Arrests were made on suspicion of trafficking, controlling prostitution for gain, money laundering and possession of a prohibited weapon (a stun gun). The arrests follow a nine-month intelligence-led operation into an organised criminal network trafficking women for sexual exploitation.

Safer Transport Hub teams crack down on crime

The introduction of the Ealing Broadway Safer Transport Hub team in March is the latest in a roll-out which sees 32 teams of one sergeant, one PC and seven PCSOs deployed at transport interchanges in London. They tackle anti-social behaviour, reduce crime and provide reassurance on the transport system. The team in Ealing has achieved great results so far. Working with Revenue Protection Inspectors and Transport for London staff they have checked 180 buses, and over 4000 passengers. More than 180 prosecutions have begun and in excess of £1000 of revenue was recovered. Safer Transport Hub teams are a joint project between the MPS and Transport for London.

