

Statistical Information Notes

Recorded Crime in 2019-2020



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Summary

In 2019-2020 in South Lanarkshire there were 28,301 police **Recorded Crime & Offences** - the highest number since 2015-2016 and the first increase since 2013-2014. The number of Offences at 13,580 was the highest since 2016-2017 and the first increase since 2013-2014. The numbers of Crimes at 14,721 was the highest since 2011-2012 and the third consecutive annual increase. Recently the numbers of Crimes increased significantly faster in South Lanarkshire than in Scotland as a whole - 6% compared to 0.01% - and over the longer term they have fallen by around half of the Scottish decline. In terms of Offences, recently they rose ten times faster here than in Scotland as a whole and over the longer term they fell around a tenth slower. Of Recorded Crimes in 2019-2020, 44.7% were Crimes of Dishonesty, with 26.7% related to Drugs & Other Crimes. The smallest numbers were Crimes of Non-sexual Violence - 499 or 3.4%. Recently all groups of Crimes have increased except for Crimes of Dishonesty. Recently and over the longer term the only increases have been in Crimes of Indecency - with the South Lanarkshire increase recently compared to a Scottish decline and its long term increase being significantly greater than those in Scotland as a whole - and Drugs & Other Crimes - with its increase recently being significantly greater than that in Scotland as a whole whilst its longer term rise compares with a fall in Scotland as a whole. The number of Crimes of Non-sexual Violence has now risen for four consecutive years to the highest number since 2010-2011. The numbers of Miscellaneous Offences in 2019-2020 was the highest recorded since 2017-2018 and the first increase since 2012-2013. The numbers of Motoring offences was the highest since 2015-2016. In 2019-2020, South Lanarkshire accounted for 5.69% of all Scottish Crimes & Offences, but it accounted for 14% of Covid-19 restriction offences. The **Crime rate per 10,000** in South Lanarkshire in 2019-2020 was 459.4 per 10,000 - the highest since 2012-2013 – and above the Scottish rate of 451.2 per 10,000. This is the first time ever since at least 1998-1999, that the South Lanarkshire rate has been higher than the Scottish rate. The rate for Violent Crime in 2019-2020 was the highest since 2010-2011 and shows the fourth consecutive annual increase but was still nearly a tenth below the Scottish rate. Apart from it, only the rate for Crimes of Indecency in South Lanarkshire was below the Scottish average. It was the highest ever recorded since at least 1998-1999 but was still over a tenth lower than the Scottish rate. The rate for Acts of Vandalism and Fire Raising was nearly a tenth greater than the Scottish rate. In 2019-2020 the **Clear up rate** in South Lanarkshire was 48.9% - equalling the highest since 2016-2017 but was below the Scottish average of 51.5%. Only in 2014-2015 has the South Lanarkshire Clear up rate been above the Scottish average. The lowest Clear up rate was for Acts of Vandalism & Fire raising - at 23.5% - and for Crimes of Dishonesty at 35.3%. The highest rate was for Drugs & Other Crimes at 87.4%. The Clear up rate for Crimes of Non-sexual violence was 69.7%, the highest since 2016-2017. In 2019-2020 the South Lanarkshire Clear up rate was above the Scottish rate only for Miscellaneous Offences - it was just under the Scottish rate for Crimes of Non-sexual Violence and Drugs & Other Crimes. Compared to Scotland as a whole, the largest difference in Clear up rates was for Acts of Vandalism & Fire raising. The Clear up rate for Crimes of Indecency in 2019-2020 was the highest since 2016-2017 for Acts of Vandalism & Fire raising, the Clear up rate was the highest since ever recorded since 2004-2005 - at 23.5%. The Clear up rate for Drugs & Other Crimes in 2019-2020 was the lowest ever recorded since 2004-2005 and the third consecutive annual decline.

South Lanarkshire Recorded Crimes & Offences - Background

In 2004-2005 a new Scottish Crime Recording System was introduced. Prior to this a Crime or Offence was only recorded if there was corroborative evidence that one had been committed. If it was only an individual's perception that a Crime or Offence had taken place – or if a victim, witness or alleged perpetrator refused to co-operate with the police – then a Crime report was not generated. This affected the recording of Crimes like vandalism, assaults, etc. in particular.

The new recording system has meant a step change in the recording of some Crimes and Offences. It is important to remember this when considering trends in Crime that include the period prior to 2004-2005. Also, in 2012-2013 new Offences related to Crimes of Indecency were introduced and again this needs to be remembered when considering both these Crimes and the total number of Crimes and Offences.

South Lanarkshire Recorded Crime & Offences

In 2019-2020 there were 14,721 **Crimes** recorded by the police in South Lanarkshire and 13,580 **Offences**, giving a total figure for All Crimes & Offences of 28,301.

At 14,721, the number of **Recorded Crimes** in South Lanarkshire in 2019-2020 was the highest since 2011-2012 and the third consecutive annual increase since the new recording system came into effect in 2004-2005.

In 2019-2020 South Lanarkshire accounted for 5.97% of all Recorded Crime in Scotland. This was its highest ever share of Scottish Recorded Crimes since at least 1998-1999 and the third consecutive increase in its share.

The total number of **Recorded Offences** in South Lanarkshire - at 13,580 in 2019-2020 - was the highest since 2016-2017 but the first increase since 2013-2014.

South Lanarkshire accounted for 5.42% of all Offences in Scotland in 2019-2020, the highest share since 2014-2015 and the third consecutive annual increase in its share.

At 28,301, the total number of **All Crimes & Offences** recorded in South Lanarkshire in 2019-2020 was the highest since 2015-2016 and the first increase since 2013-2014.

South Lanarkshire accounted for 5.69% of all Scottish Recorded Crimes & Offences in 2019-2020 - its highest share since 2013-2014 and the third consecutive annual increase in its share.

Table 1 shows the numbers of Recorded Crimes and Offences in South Lanarkshire from 2004-2005 onwards.

Between **2018-2019 and 2019-2020** the total number of **All Recorded Crimes & Offences** in South Lanarkshire increased by 2,298 or 8.8%. This was nearly 15 times greater than the increase experienced over this period in Scotland as a whole, of 0.6%.

The number of **Recorded Crimes** in South Lanarkshire increased over this period by 829 or 6%. This was 600 times greater than the Scottish increase of 0.01%.

The number of **Recorded Offences** increased over this period in South Lanarkshire by 1,469 or 12.1%. This was over 10 times the increase of 1.2% experienced over this period in Scotland as a whole.

Between **2009-2010 and 2019-2020** the total number of **All Recorded Crimes & Offences** in South Lanarkshire fell by 16,424 or 36.7%. This was nearly a fifth less than the fall in Scottish Recorded Crimes & Offences, of 44.7%

The number of **Recorded Crimes** in South Lanarkshire fell over this period by 2,466 or 14.3%. This was just over half of the decline experienced in Scotland as a whole, over this period, of 27.1%.

Over this period in South Lanarkshire, **Recorded Offences** fell by 13,958 or 50.7%. This was just under a tenth less than the fall experienced in Scotland as a whole, of 55.4%.

Table 1: Recorded Crimes & Offences in South Lanarkshire

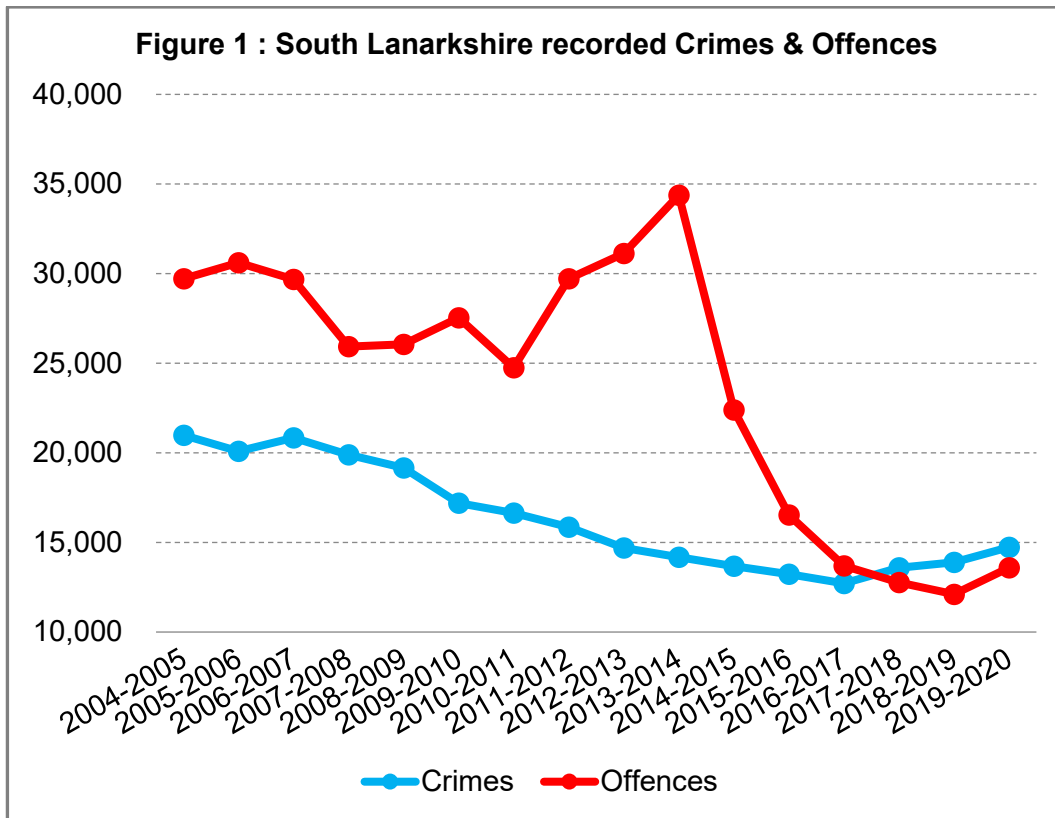
Year	Total Crimes	Total Offences	All Crimes & Offences
2004-2005	20,981	29,718	50,699
2005-2006	20,084	30,613	50,697
2006-2007	20,843	29,677	50,520
2007-2008	19,885	25,924	45,809
2008-2009	19,166	26,049	45,215
2009-2010	17,187	27,538	44,725
2010-2011	16,638	24,754	41,392
2011-2012	15,850	29,719	45,569
2012-2013	14,689	31,129	45,818
2013-2014	14,183	34,376	48,559
2014-2015	13,684	22,386	36,070
2015-2016	13,234	16,527	29,761
2016-2017	12,717	13,669	26,416
2017-2018	13,584	12,762	26,346
2018-2019	13,892	12,111	26,003
2019-2020	14,721	13,580	28,301

Figure 1 shows the number of All Police Recorded Crimes and Offences in South Lanarkshire since 2004-2005.

As this figure shows - until 2017-2018 there had always been more Offences than Crimes recorded in South Lanarkshire but in 2017-2018 this was not the case and 2019-2020, for the third consecutive year there have been more Crimes than Offences.

For **Recorded Crimes**, the levels have now risen for three consecutive years and in 2019-2020, the numbers were the highest since 2011-2012.

In 2013-2014 the number of **Recorded Offences** in South Lanarkshire was at its highest level since at least 2003-2004 but they have fallen dramatically since then. However, in 2019-2020, for the first time since 2013-2014 the numbers recorded increased in South Lanarkshire and were the highest since 2016-2017.



South Lanarkshire Recorded Crimes & Offences by type

In 2019-2020, of all **Recorded Crimes & Offences** in South Lanarkshire, the largest number was of Miscellaneous Offences - 7,839 or 27.7% - with the next largest category being Crimes of Dishonesty - 6,583 or 23.3%. Next came Motoring Offences, at 5,741 or 20.3%. Until 2016-2017, Motoring Offences had always accounted for the largest share of Crimes & Offences. The next largest number of Recorded Crimes & Offences was for Drug & Other Crimes - 3,937 or 13.9% - followed by 3,014 Acts of Vandalism or Fire raising - 10.6% of the total. There were 673 Crimes of Indecency - 2.4% of all Crimes & Offences and 499 Crimes of Non-sexual violence - 1.8% of all Crimes & Offences.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a number of specific offences were introduced through the Coronavirus Act 2020 and the Health Protections (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) regulations. In 2019-2020, a total of 15 **Covid-19 offences** were recorded - 0.1% of the South Lanarkshire total of recorded Crimes & Offences.

South Lanarkshire accounted for 14.02% of all such recorded Crimes & Offences compared to its 5.69% of all recorded Crimes & Offences in Scotland.

Figure 1 shows the breakdown of **Recorded Crimes & Offences** in South Lanarkshire and Scotland by type in 2019-2020.

As this figure shows, in 2019-2020 Motoring Offences accounted for more of all Crimes & Offences in Scotland than in South Lanarkshire - 24.5% against 20.3% - but Miscellaneous Offences accounted for more - 27.7% compared to 25.9%. Crimes of Dishonesty accounted for 23.3% of recorded Crimes & Offences in South Lanarkshire compared to 22.4% in Scotland as a whole.

In 2019-2020, South Lanarkshire had relatively more of its Crimes & Offences related to Drugs & Other Crimes - 13.9% compared to 13% - and Vandalism & Fire raising - 10.6% compared to 9.6% - than in Scotland as a whole. It had slightly less of its Crimes & Offences related to Crimes of Indecency - 2.4% compared to 2.7% - and Crimes of Non-sexual Violence - 1.8% compared to 1.9%.

In 2019-2020 South Lanarkshire accounted for 5.69% of **all Crimes & Offences** in Scotland but it accounted for 6.31% of all Scottish Crimes of Acts of Vandalism or Fire raising, 6.1% of all Scottish Drugs & Other Crimes and 6.09% of all Scottish Miscellaneous Crimes.

South Lanarkshire accounted for only 4.71% of all Scottish Motoring Offences, 5.04% of all Scottish Recorded Crimes of Indecency, and 5.36% of all Scottish Crimes of Non-sexual violence.

Figure 2 shows the breakdown of Recorded Crimes by type in South Lanarkshire and Scotland in 2019-2020.

As this figure shows, in terms of **Recorded Crimes** in 2019-2020 in South Lanarkshire, 44.7% were Crimes of Dishonesty, 26.7% were Drug & Other Crimes and 20.5% were Acts of Vandalism & Fire raising. A total of 4.6% were Crimes of Indecency and 3.4% were Crimes of Non-sexual violence.

Compared to Scotland as a whole, in 2019-2020 relatively more Crimes in South Lanarkshire were Acts of Vandalism & Fire raising - 20.5% compared to 19.4% - and Drugs & Other Crimes - 26.7%, compared to 26.2% in Scotland as a whole. Relatively fewer were Crimes of Indecency - 4.6% in South Lanarkshire compared to 5.4% in Scotland as a whole.

There were 499 Crimes of Non-sexual Violence in South Lanarkshire in 2019-2020 - the largest number since 2010-2011 and the fourth consecutive annual increase.

In 2019-2020 there were 673 Crimes of Indecency (sexual crimes) in South Lanarkshire. This was the largest number ever recorded since at least 2004-2005 and the fourth consecutive annual increase.

The number of Crimes of Dishonesty in South Lanarkshire in 2019-2020 - at 6,583 - was the second highest since 2012-2013 but the first fall since 2016-2017.

At 3,014 the number of Acts of Vandalism & Fire raising in South Lanarkshire in 2019-2020 was the second lowest ever recorded since at least 2004-2005 but the first increase since 2017-2018.

In respect of Drug & Other Crimes, the 2019-2020 figure of 3,937 was the highest since 2013-2014 and the third consecutive annual increase.

The numbers of Miscellaneous Offences in South Lanarkshire in 2019-2020 - at 7,839 was the 2nd lowest number ever recorded since at least 2004-2005 but the first increase since 2012-2013.

In South Lanarkshire in 2019-2020, the numbers of Motoring Offences recorded - at 5,741 was the largest since 2015-2016. This is the first increase recorded since 2013-2014.

Table 1 shows the numbers of police Recorded Crimes & Offences since 2004-2005 by type.

Table 1: South Lanarkshire Recorded Crimes & Offences

Year	Non-sexual Violent Crime	Indecency	Dishonesty	Vandalism, etc.	Drug & Other Crimes	Misc. Offences	Motor Offences
2004-2005	1,442	224	8,126	7,408	3,781	14,190	15,528
2005-2006	1,354	177	7,696	6,802	4,055	15,085	15,528
2006-2007	1,306	194	8,193	7,227	3,923	14,149	15,528
2007-2008	730	169	7,280	7,122	4,584	12,547	13,377
2008-2009	698	208	7,562	6,272	4,426	12,223	13,826
2009-2010	610	192	7,060	5,613	3,712	12,387	15,151
2010-2011	602	199	7,159	5,340	3,338	11,868	12,886
2011-2012	474	241	6,922	4,424	3,789	12,502	17,217
2012-2013	341	307	6,707	3,492	3,842	12,512	18,617
2013-2014	285	229	6,514	3,197	3,958	12,280	22,096
2014-2015	287	360	6,036	3,117	3,884	10,504	11,882
2015-2016	279	350	5,807	3,043	3,755	9,803	6,724
2016-2017	352	393	5,756	3,067	3,149	8,544	5,157
2017-2018	374	545	6,330	3,074	3,261	8,131	4,631
2018-2019	428	655	6,670	2,862	3,277	7,480	4,631
2019-2020	499	673	6,583	3,014	3,937	7,839	5,741

Over the **2018-2019 to 2019-2020** period the number of **All Recorded Crimes and Offences** in South Lanarkshire rose by 2,298 or 8.8%. This was 15 times greater than the increase recorded in Scotland as a whole, of 0.6%.

The overall number of **Recorded Crimes** in South Lanarkshire rose over this period by 829 or 6%. This was over 408 times greater than the increase experienced over this period in Scotland as a whole, of 0.01%.

The number of police **Recorded Offences** in South Lanarkshire fell over this period by 1,469 or 12.1%. This was over ten times greater than the Scottish increase of 1.2% over this period.

The numbers of Recorded Crimes rose over this period in South Lanarkshire for all Crime groups except for Crimes of Dishonesty. These crimes fell by 87 or 1.3% over this period in South Lanarkshire - just under half of the decline experienced over this period in Scotland as a whole, of 2.7%.

In absolute terms the largest increases were of 660 for Drugs & Other Crimes, 152 in Acts of Vandalism & Fire raising, of 71 in Crimes of Non-sexual Violence and of 18 in Crimes of Indecency.

In percentage terms the largest increase was of 20.1% in Drugs & Other Crimes, followed by an increase of 16.6% in Crimes of Non-sexual Violence, of 5.3% for Acts of Vandalism & Fire raising, and of 2.7% for Crimes of Indecency.

Compared to Scotland as a whole, over this period, for two crime groups where there was an increase experienced in South Lanarkshire, there was a decline in Scotland as a whole. In the case of Acts of Vandalism & Fire raising, the South Lanarkshire increase of 5.3% compares to a fall of 0.6% in Scotland as a whole and for Crimes of Indecency, the South Lanarkshire increase of 2.7% compares to a fall of 1.4% in Scotland as a whole.

In respect of Drugs & Other Crimes, the increase in South Lanarkshire over this period of 20.1% was nearly six times greater than the 3.5% increase experienced over this period in Scotland as a whole.

The increase in the number of Crimes of Non-sexual violence in South Lanarkshire over this period was slightly greater than that experienced in Scotland as a whole - 16.6% compared to 16.3%.

In respect of Miscellaneous Offences, they increased by 359 or 4.8% over this period in South Lanarkshire whereas they fell by 1.5% in Scotland as a whole.

For Motoring Offences, they rose by 1,110 or 24% over this period in South Lanarkshire, nearly six times the increase of 4.1% over this period in Scotland as a whole.

Between **2009-2010 and 2019-2020** the number of **All Recorded Crimes and Offences** in South Lanarkshire fell by 16,414 or 36.7%. This was nearly a fifth less than the decline recorded in Scotland as a whole, of 44.7%.

The overall number of **Recorded Crimes** in South Lanarkshire fell over this period by 2,466 or 14.3%. This was just under half of the decline experienced over this period in Scotland as a whole, of 27.1%.

The number of police **Recorded Offences** in South Lanarkshire fell over this period by 13,958 or 50.7%. This was nearly a tenth lower than the decline of 55.4% experienced over this period in Scotland as a whole.

Over this period in South Lanarkshire there was an increase in the number of Crimes of Indecency - up by 481 or 250.5%. This was nearly two-and-a-half times greater than the increase experienced over this period in Scotland as a whole, of 104.7%.

The only other increase experienced in recorded crimes over this period in South Lanarkshire was of 225 or 6.1% in Drugs & Other Crimes, whereas in Scotland as a whole, the numbers recorded fell over this period by 12.3%.

Of Recorded Crimes in South Lanarkshire, the largest absolute falls over this period were of 2,599 in Acts of Vandalism & Fire raising, followed by a decline of 447 in Crimes of Dishonesty and of 111 in Crimes of Non-sexual Violence.

In percentage terms the largest declines were of 46.3% in Acts of Vandalism & Fire raising, of 18.2% in Crimes of Non-sexual Violence and of 6.8% in Crimes of Dishonesty.

Compared to Scotland as a whole, only for Crimes of Non-sexual Violence was the decline in South Lanarkshire greater than that experienced in Scotland as a whole - nearly a tenth higher - 18.2% compared to 16.8%.

The decline in Crimes of Dishonesty experienced in South Lanarkshire was just a quarter of that experienced in Scotland as a whole - 6.8% compared to 27.3%. For Acts of Vandalism & Fire raising, the South Lanarkshire decline was just below the Scottish decline - 46.3% compared to 48.9%.

The number of Motoring Offences in South Lanarkshire fell over this period by 9,410 or 62.1% - just below the Scottish decline over this period, of 63.1%.

The number of Miscellaneous Offences fell by 4,548 or 36.7% in South Lanarkshire, which was nearly a fifth lower than the Scottish decline over this period of 44.3%.

Figure 3 shows the shares of **all Recorded Crimes** in South Lanarkshire accounted for by the individual Crime groups since 2004-2005.

As this figure shows, the proportion accounted for by **Crimes of Dishonesty** has always been the largest and from 2007-2008 their share rose to reach 45.9% in 2013-2014, after which their share fell back, and from 2015-2016, their share increased and in 2018-2019 it reached 48% - its highest ever recorded share - but in 2019-2020, its share fell to 44.7%, the lowest share since 2015-2016.

From 2004-2005 to 2011-2012, **Acts of Vandalism & Fire raising** had accounted for the next largest share of Recorded Crimes in South Lanarkshire and since 2013-2014 their share had been rising but in 2017-2018 it fell for the first time since 2013-2014 and it has continued to decline with its 2019-2020 share being the lowest ever recorded.

The share of all Recorded Crimes accounted for by **Drug & Other Crimes** had been rising in South Lanarkshire since 2010-2011 and since 2012-2013 they have accounted for the second largest numbers of Recorded Crimes, but from 2015-2016 their share had been falling but in 2019-2020 it increased to 26.7%, its highest share since 2015-2016.

From 2004-2005 to 2014-2015 there were always more **Crimes of Non-sexual Violence** than **Crimes of Indecency** in South Lanarkshire but since then the opposite has been the case.

Since 2013-2014, for both of these Crime types, the shares they accounted for have been rising and in 2019-2020, their share was the highest for **Crimes of Non-sexual violence** since 2006-2007.

For **Crimes of Indecency** their share has been increasing since 2013-2014 and in 2018-2019 was its highest ever share, but in 2019-2020 the share fell slightly but was still the 2nd highest ever recorded.

Figure 4 shows the numbers of recorded **Crimes of Indecency** in South Lanarkshire index on its 2004-2005 level being set at 100%.

As this figure shows, Crimes of Indecency in South Lanarkshire in 2019-2020 were three times greater than their 2004-2005 level - with a significant increase occurring from 2015-2016.

Figure 5 shows the numbers of **Recorded Crimes** in South Lanarkshire on an indexed basis, with their 2004-2005 levels set at 100%.

In the case of Crimes of Non-sexual Violence, their 2019-2020 level was just over a third of their 2004-2005 level and this is the fourth consecutive rise and is the closest it has been to its 2004-2005 level since 2010-2011.

In 2019-2020, Acts of Vandalism & Fire Raising in South Lanarkshire were just over two-fifths of their 2004-2005 level. It has remained at roughly this level since 2015-2016.

For Crimes of Dishonesty, their 2019-2020 level was just under a fifth below their 2004-2005 level but the closest to its 2004-2005 level since 2012-2013.

In respect to Drugs & Other Crimes, the level of recorded crimes has always been close to its 2004-2005 level - from 2011-2012 to 2014-2015 it was slightly higher but since 2016-2017 it has been lower until 2019-2020 when it was above its 2004-2005 level for the first time since 2014-2015.

Figure 6 shows the numbers of **Miscellaneous Offences** and **Motoring Offences** recorded in South Lanarkshire since 2004-2005.

As this figure shows, **Recorded Motoring Offences** in South Lanarkshire were on a general upward trend from 2007-2008 to 2013-2014 but since then they have fallen back significantly and in 2019-2020, they increased for the first time since 2013-2014 to their highest level since 2015-2016.

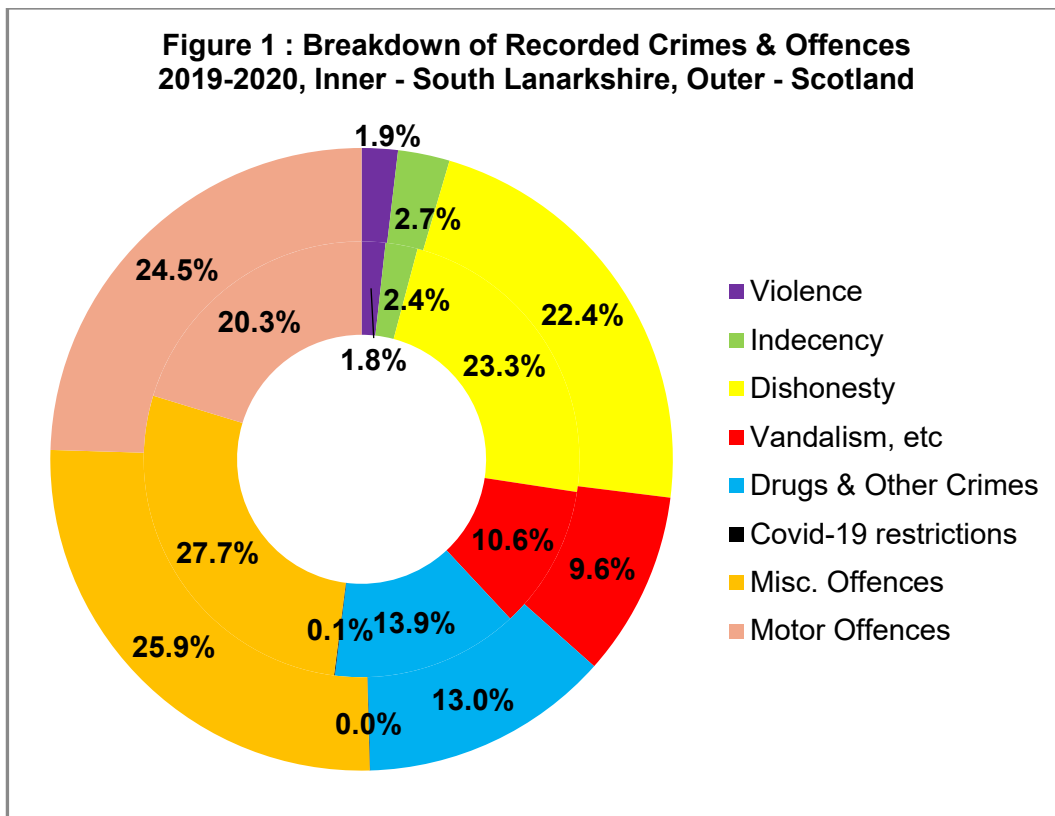
In the case of **Miscellaneous Offences**, the number in 2019-2020 was the second lowest ever recorded since at least 2004-2005 but the first increase since 2012-2013.

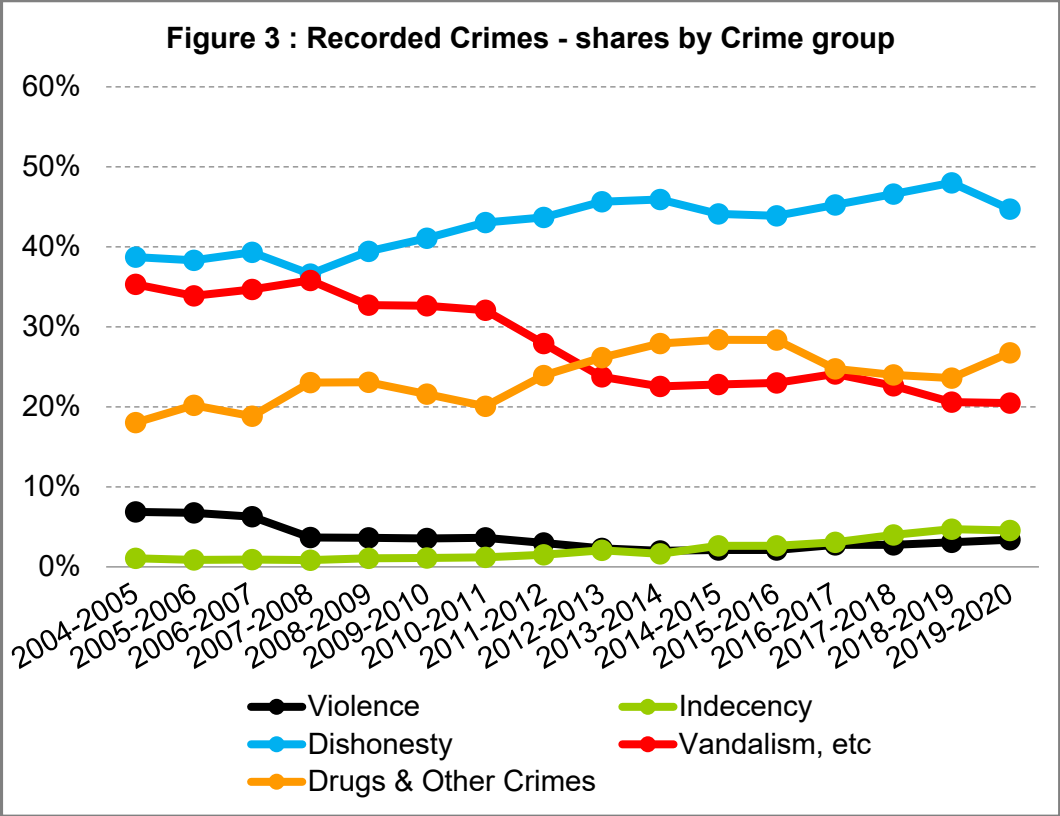
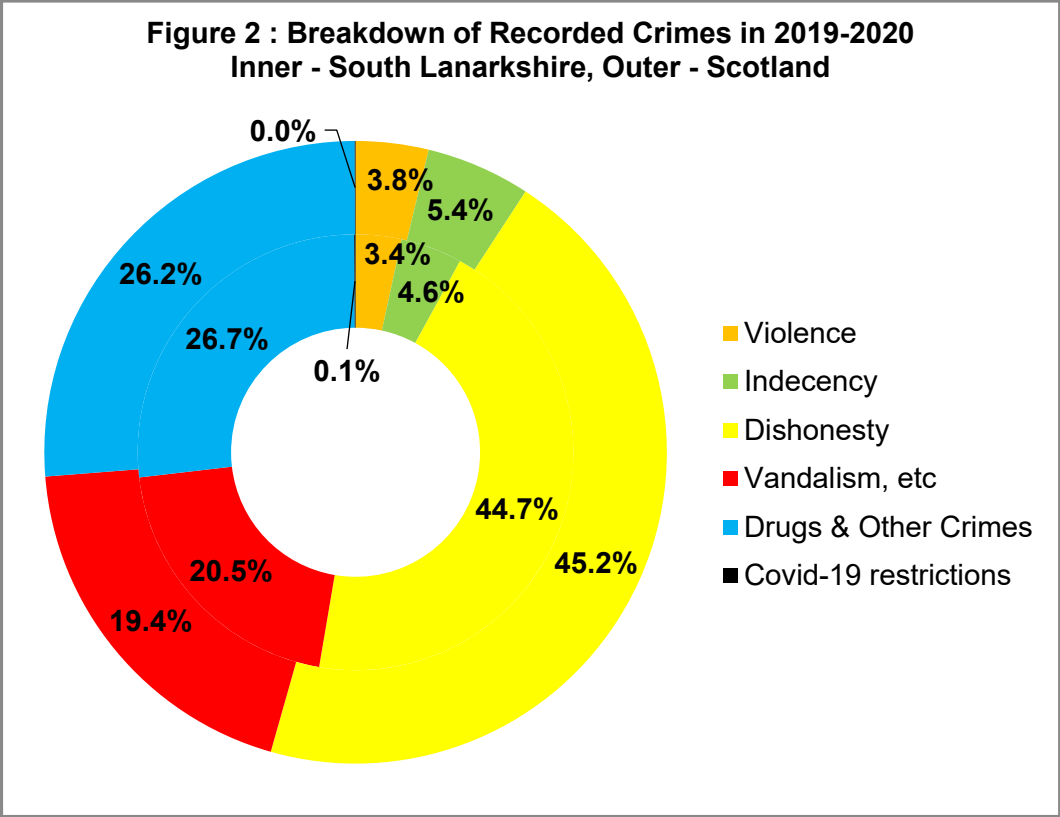
Until 2014-2015 the number of Motoring Offences had always been less than the number of Miscellaneous Offences but since then the opposite has been the case.

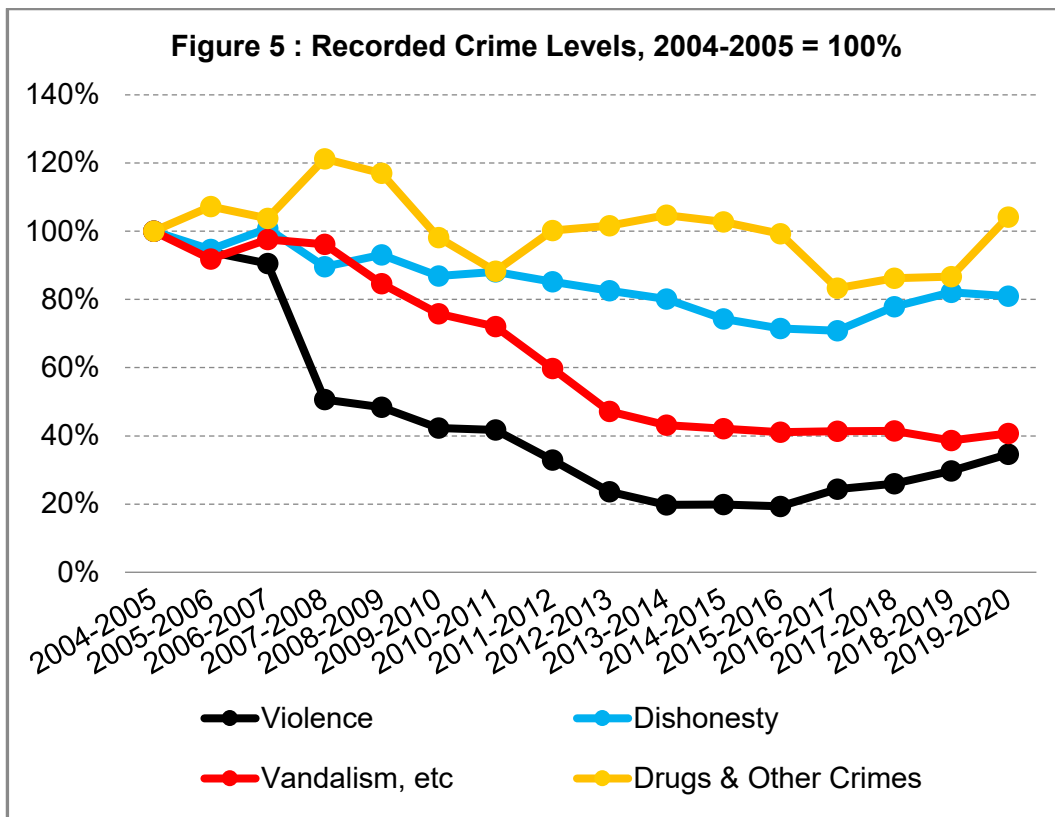
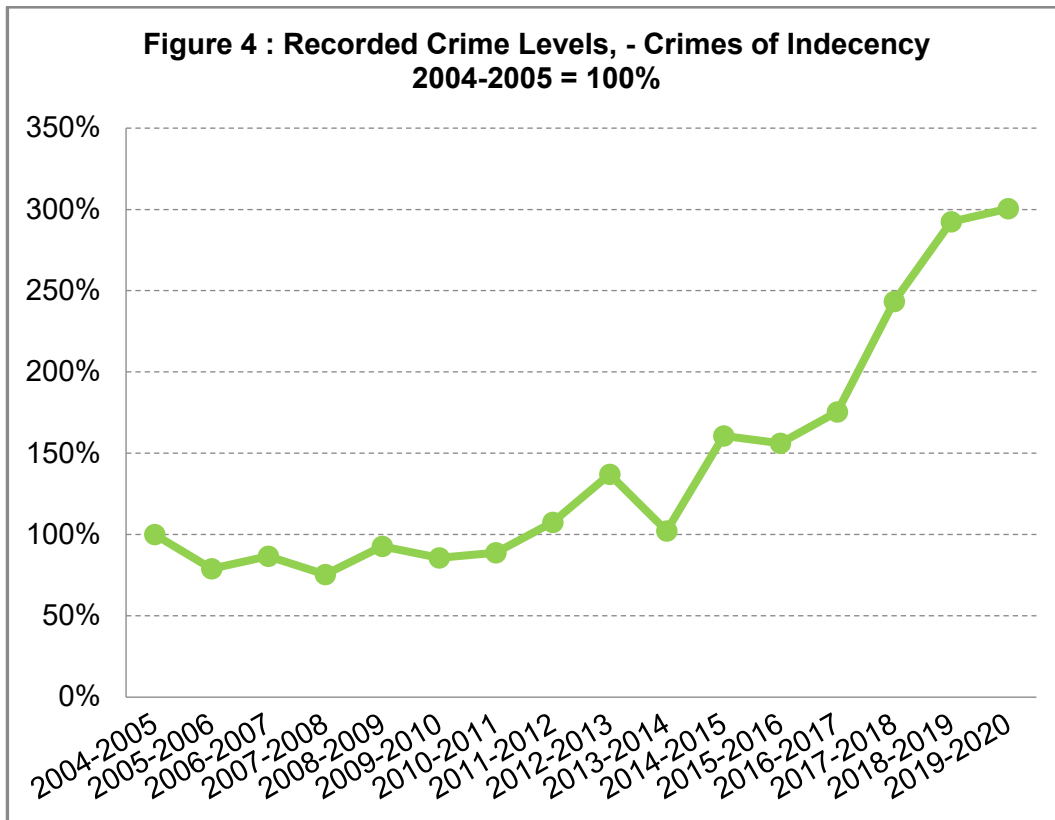
Figure 7 shows the trends for **Miscellaneous Offences** and **Motoring Offences** in South Lanarkshire, indexed on their 2004-2005 levels, which have been set at 100%.

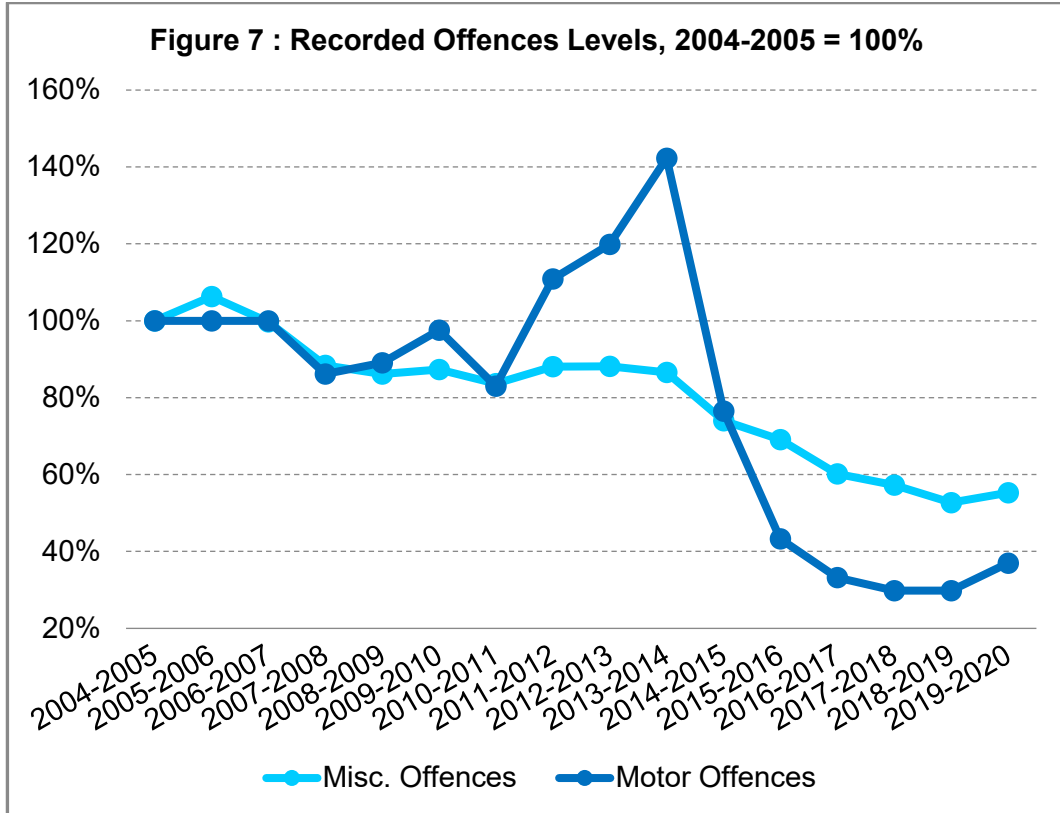
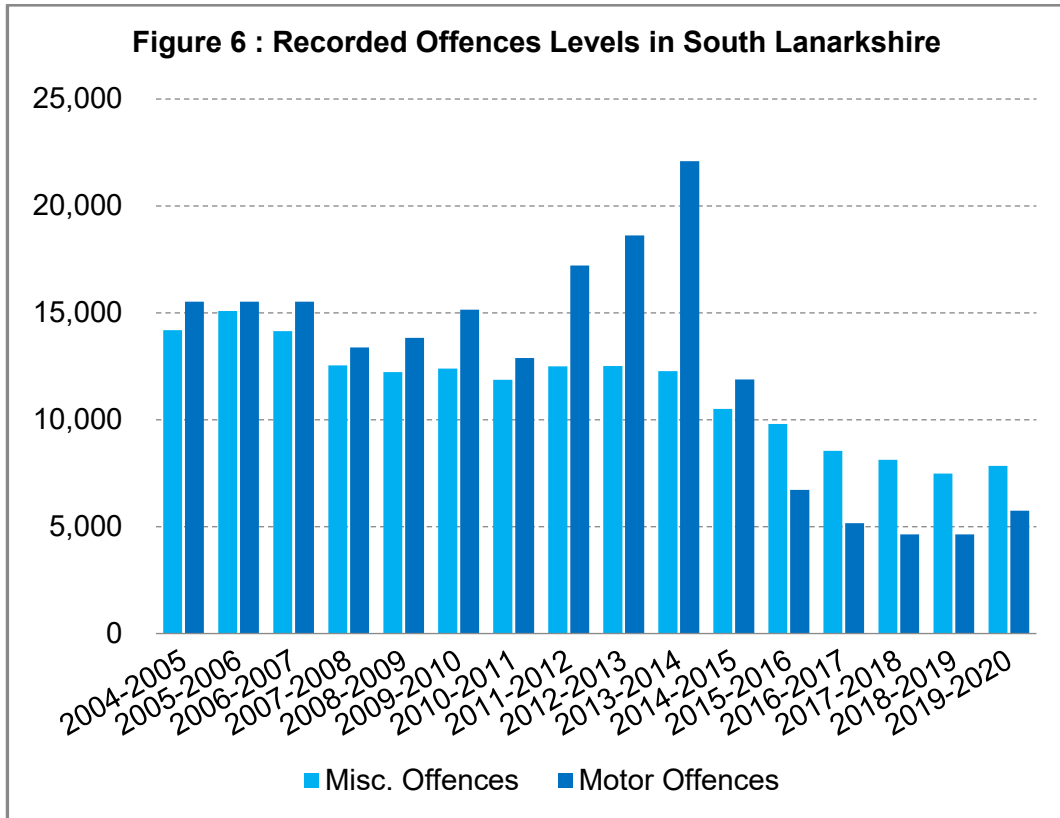
As this figure shows, since 2006-2007 Miscellaneous Offences have been below their 2004-2005 level and in 2019-2020, they were just over half of their 2004-2005 level.

In the case of Motoring Offences, over the 2011-2012 to 2013-2014 period the numbers were greater than in the 2004-2005 period and in 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 the number of Motoring Offences had fallen to less than a third of their 2004-2005 level, but in 2019-2020 they rose to being the closest to their 2004-2005 level since 2015-2016.









Recorded Crime – Clear Up rates

In South Lanarkshire under half of all Recorded Crimes - 48.9% - were **Detected or Cleared up** in 2019-2020. This equals the highest figure recorded since 2016-2017 and is the second consecutive annual increase.

The Scottish Clear up rate was 51.5% - the highest recorded since 2015-2016 and the second consecutive annual increase.

Since 2004-2005, only in 2014-2015 was the South Lanarkshire Clear up rate higher than the Scottish rate and the gap has widened since then, but the difference between the rates in 2019-2020 being the smallest recorded since 2016-2017.

It must be borne in mind that this figure will be influenced by the types of Crime that occur, as some Crimes have higher Clear up rates than others. To an extent the overall Clear up rate reflects the types of Crimes being carried out, as some Crimes, such as Acts of Vandalism & Fire raising, tend to have low Clear up rates, so the fact that South Lanarkshire's Crime profile has more Acts of Vandalism & Fire raising than Scotland as a whole, will tend to result in a lower overall Clear up rate.

Table 1 shows the overall Clear up rates for South Lanarkshire and Scotland since 2004-2005, along with the relative rate. It should be noted that Clear up rates can sometimes be greater than 100% as Crimes committed in any given year can be Cleared up in later years.

Figure 1 shows the **Recorded Crime clear up rates** for South Lanarkshire and Scotland since 2004-2005.

As this figure shows, only in 2014-2015 was the South Lanarkshire rate higher than the Scottish rate and from 2010-2011 to 2014-2015 the Clear up rate increased significantly in South Lanarkshire and in 2019-2020 it equalled the highest since 2016-2017.

Table 1: Recorded Crime & Offences Clear up rates.

Year	South Lanarkshire	Scotland	Relative
2004-2005	42.3%	45.0%	94.0%
2005-2006	43.6%	46.0%	94.8%
2006-2007	41.1%	47.0%	87.4%
2007-2008	43.0%	48.0%	89.6%
2008-2009	43.2%	49.0%	88.3%
2009-2010	42.5%	49.0%	86.7%
2010-2011	40.7%	48.6%	83.9%
2011-2012	43.7%	49.4%	88.3%
2012-2013	47.4%	51.3%	92.4%
2013-2014	50.2%	51.5%	97.5%
2014-2015	51.6%	50.4%	102.4%
2015-2016	51.4%	51.6%	99.6%
2016-2017	48.9%	50.0%	97.8%
2017-2018	46.8%	49.5%	94.5%
2018-2019	47.6%	51.0%	93.3%
2019-2020	48.9%	51.5%	95.0%

In 2019-2020 the **Clear up rates** in South Lanarkshire varied from 87.4% for Drug & Other Crimes, through 69.7% for Crimes of Non-sexual Violence, to 54.2% for Crimes of Indecency, 35.3% for Crimes of Dishonesty, and 23.5% for Acts of Vandalism & Fire raising.

At 87.4%, the Clear up rate for **Drug & Other Crimes** in South Lanarkshire in 2019-2020 was the lowest ever recorded 2004-2005 and the third consecutive annual decline.

The South Lanarkshire Clear up rate for **Crimes of Non-sexual Violence** in 2019-2020 was 69.7% - the highest since 2016-2017 and the second consecutive annual increase.

The Clear up rate for **Crimes of Indecency** in 2019-2020 in South Lanarkshire, at 54.2%, was the highest since 2016-2017 and the second consecutive annual increase. It is important to note that in recent years there has been an increase in reporting of historic sexual Crimes, which are included in the figures for the year in which they are recorded, which may be later than the year in which they occurred.

For **Crimes of Dishonesty** in South Lanarkshire, the Clear up rate in 2019-2020, of 35.3%, was the lowest recorded since 2016-2017 and the first decline since 2010-2011.

At 23.5% for **Acts of Vandalism & Fire Raising**, the 2019-2020 South Lanarkshire Clear up rate was the highest since at least 2004-2005 and the third consecutive annual increase.

Table 2 shows the Clear up rates in South Lanarkshire by type of Crime since 2004-2005.

Table 2: South Lanarkshire Clear up rates by Crime type.

Year	Non-sexual Violent Crime	Indecency	Dishonesty	Vandalism, etc.	Drug & Other Crimes	All Crimes
2004-2005	52.6%	68.8%	34.5%	15.4%	99.4%	42.9%
2005-2006	54.9%	64.4%	34.1%	15.2%	98.9%	43.8%
2006-2007	55.1%	70.1%	31.7%	13.9%	98.7%	41.3%
2007-2008	55.8%	55.0%	31.3%	17.2%	98.6%	43.0%
2008-2009	60.6%	54.9%	31.0%	16.9%	97.3%	43.2%
2009-2010	61.4%	50.8%	31.9%	16.8%	97.5%	42.5%
2010-2011	67.1%	54.8%	31.2%	15.0%	96.7%	40.7%
2011-2012	68.1%	52.7%	29.7%	15.5%	98.5%	43.7%
2012-2013	73.3%	59.9%	31.7%	17.9%	98.4%	47.4%
2013-2014	85.6%	74.7%	33.4%	20.1%	98.3%	50.2%
2014-2015	82.6%	70.0%	34.2%	22.2%	98.1%	51.6%
2015-2016	80.3%	77.7%	34.2%	21.7%	97.4%	51.4%
2016-2017	73.0%	61.6%	34.8%	20.8%	97.6%	48.9%
2017-2018	67.9%	46.4%	35.7%	21.4%	89.9%	46.8%
2018-2019	68.0%	50.8%	36.5%	22.6%	88.5%	47.6%
2019-2020	69.7%	54.2%	35.3%	23.5%	87.4%	48.9%

Figure 2 shows the Clear up rates in South Lanarkshire relative to the Scottish rates.

As this figure shows, generally the **Clear up rates** in South Lanarkshire are lower than the Scottish averages.

In 2019-2020 the Clear up rates for all Crime groups in South Lanarkshire was below that in Scotland as a whole.

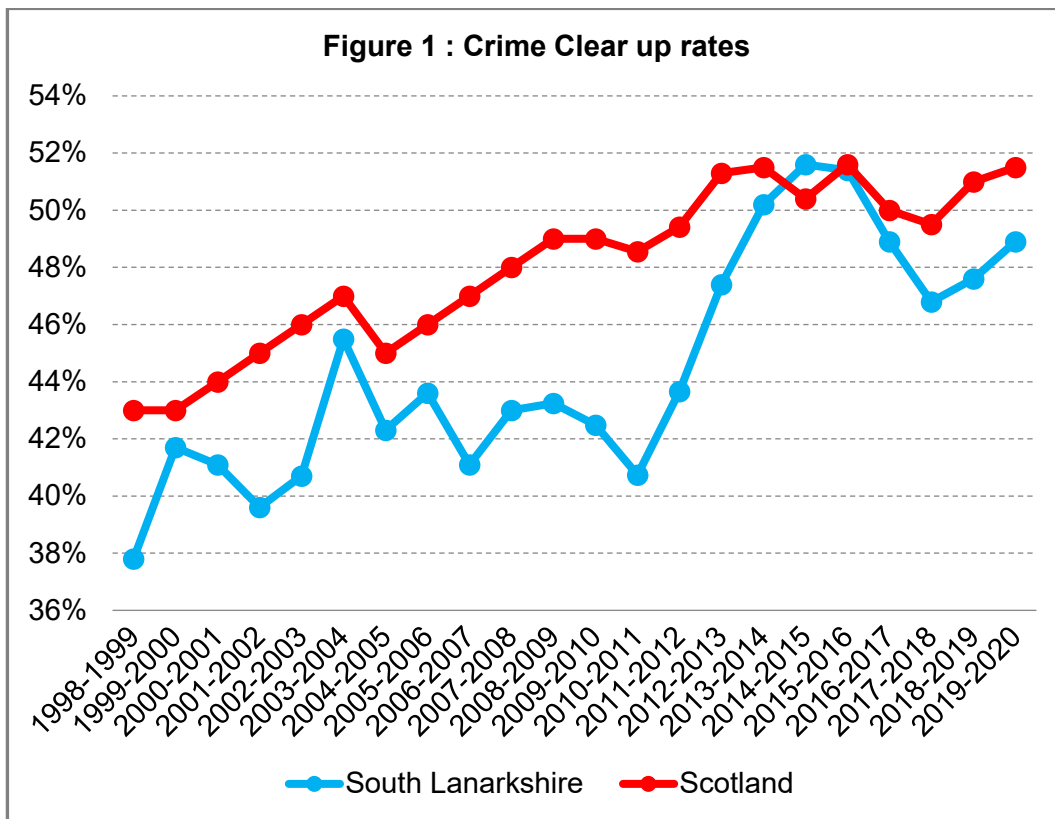
In the case of **Drug & Other Crimes** in South Lanarkshire the rate in 2019-2020 was just below the Scottish rate - 87.4%, compared to 90.9% in Scotland as a whole. For Drug & Other Crimes, since 2010-2011 the South Lanarkshire Clear up rate has generally been above the Scottish rate, but this is the second consecutive year that it has been below it - with the largest difference ever recorded.

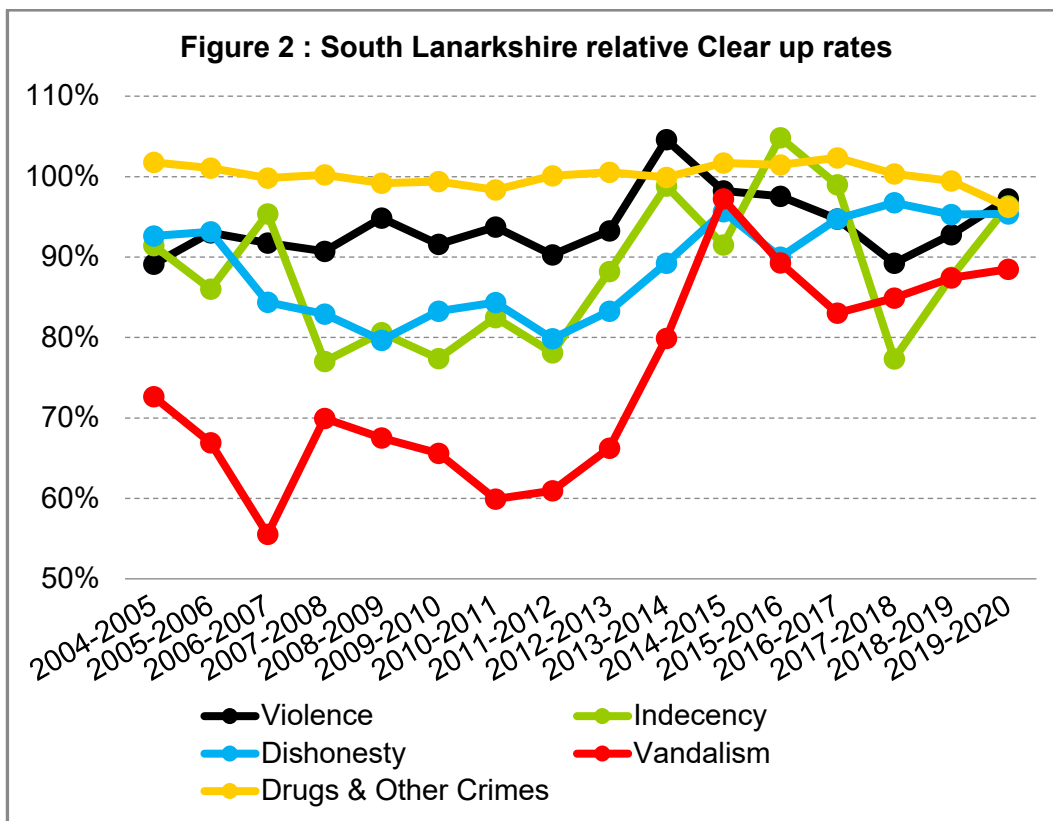
In relation to **Crimes of Indecency**, in 2019-2020 the South Lanarkshire Clear up rate was just below the Scottish rate. Only in 2015-2016 was the South Lanarkshire Clear up rate higher than the Scottish rate but the difference in 2019-2020 was the smallest since 2016-2017.

For **Crimes of Non-sexual Violence**, only in 2013-2014 was the Clear up rate in South Lanarkshire greater than the Scottish rate. Since then, the gap has been increasing but since 2018-2019 the difference has been narrowing and in 2019-2020, the South Lanarkshire Clear up rate was just below the Scottish rate.

In respect of **Crimes of Dishonesty**, the South Lanarkshire Clear up rate has always been below the Scottish rate, but the difference has been narrowing over time.

For **Acts of Vandalism & Fire raising** the South Lanarkshire Clear up rate has always been below the Scottish rate but the gap in 2019-2020 was the smallest since 2015-2016.





Recorded Crime rates by type of Crime

In 2019-2020 the overall Crime rate in South Lanarkshire was 459.3 per 10,000 residents. This was the 2nd highest rate recorded since 2012-2013 and the first increase since 2017-2018.

The South Lanarkshire rate in 2019-2020 of 459.3 per 10,000 was above the Scottish rate of 451.2 per 10,000. This is the first time ever since at least 2004-2005 that the South Lanarkshire Crime rate has greater than the Scottish rate.

Figure 1 shows the South Lanarkshire and Scottish Crime rates per 10,000 for All Recorded Crimes since 2004-2005.

In 2019-2020 the South Lanarkshire Crime rates varied from 15.6 per 10,000 for Non-sexual Violent Crime to 21 per 10,000 for Crimes of Indecency, 94 per 10,000 for Acts of Vandalism, 122.8 per 10,000 for Drug & Other Crimes, and 205.4 per 10,000 for Crimes of Dishonesty.

Table 1 shows the **Recorded Crime rates** for South Lanarkshire from 2004-2005 onwards by Crime as well as the South Lanarkshire and Scottish Crimes average.

The rate for **Crimes of Non-sexual Violence** in 2019-2020, at 15.6 per 10,000, was the highest recorded since 2010-2011 and the fourth consecutive annual increase.

For **Crimes of Indecency** the 2019-2020 Crime rate was 21 per 10,000 - the highest rate ever recorded since at least 2004-2005 and the fourth consecutive annual increase.

The Crime rate per 10,000 for **Acts of Vandalism & Fire Raising** was 94 per 10,000 in 2019-2020 - the second lowest rate ever recorded since at least 2004-2005 but the first increase since 2016-2017.

The Crime rate per 10,000 for **Drug & Other Crimes** in 2019-2020 in South Lanarkshire was 122.8 per 100,000. This was the highest since 2014-2015.

The South Lanarkshire rate for **Crimes of Dishonesty**, at 205.4 per 10,000 in 2019-2020, was the second highest recorded since 2013-2014 and the first decline since 2016-2017.

Figure 2 shows the Crime rate for **Crimes of Indecency** in South Lanarkshire indexed on its 2004-2005 level being set at 100%. As this figure shows, since 2013-2014 the Crime rate in South Lanarkshire for Crimes of Indecency has increased significantly and in 2019-2020 was nearly three times its 2004-2005 level.

Figure 3 shows the Crime rates for all other Crime Groups indexed on their 2004-2005 levels, which have been set at 100%.

As this figure shows, the Crime rate for **Crimes of Non-sexual Violence** had fallen every year from 2004-2005 to 2013-2014. From 2013-2014 to 2015-2016 it was less than a fifth of its 2004-2005 level but since 2015-2016 the rate has increased and in 2019-2020 the rate was a third of its 2004-2005 level - the closest it has been to its 2004-2005 level since 2010-2011.

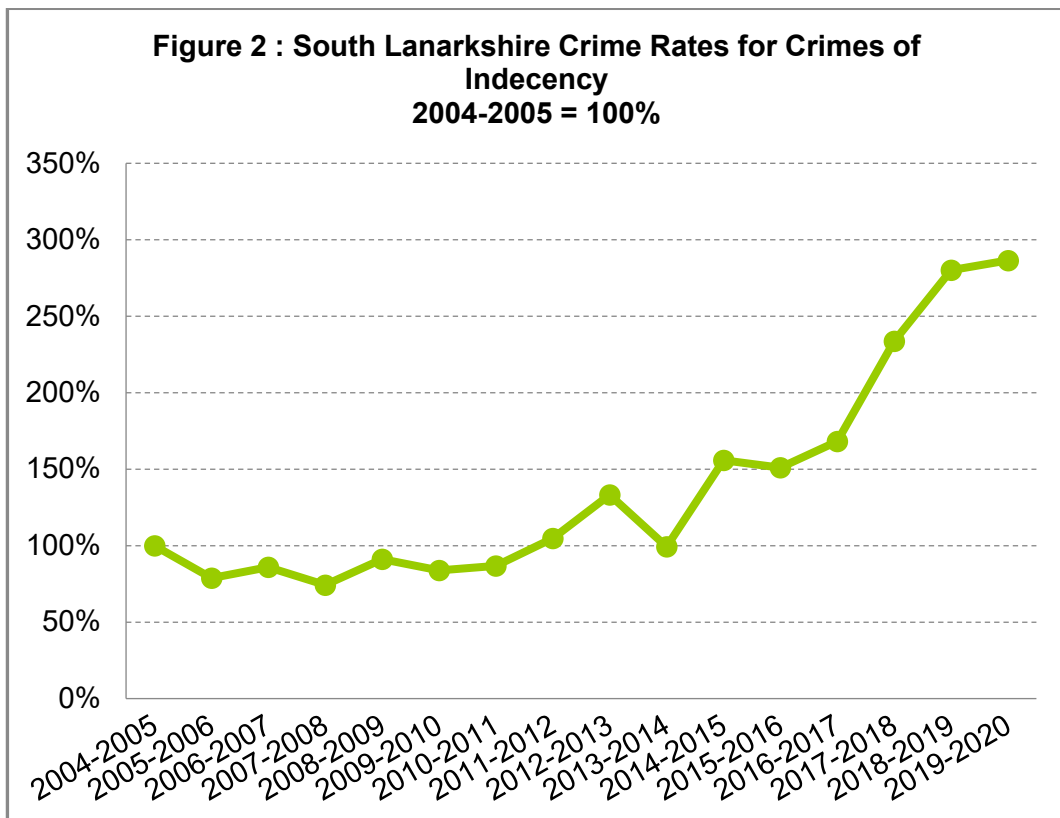
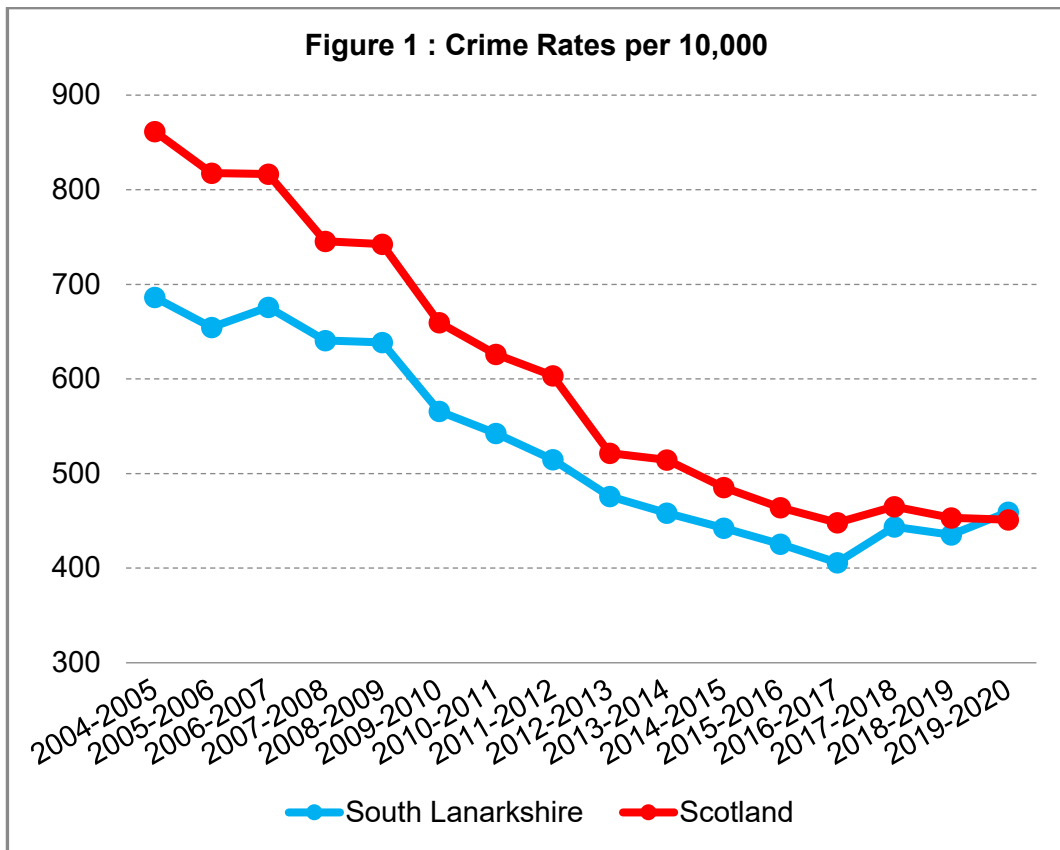
The Crime rate for **Acts of Vandalism & Fire raising** had fallen almost continuously since 2007-2008 and in 2019-2020 it was less than two-fifths of its 2004-2005 level.

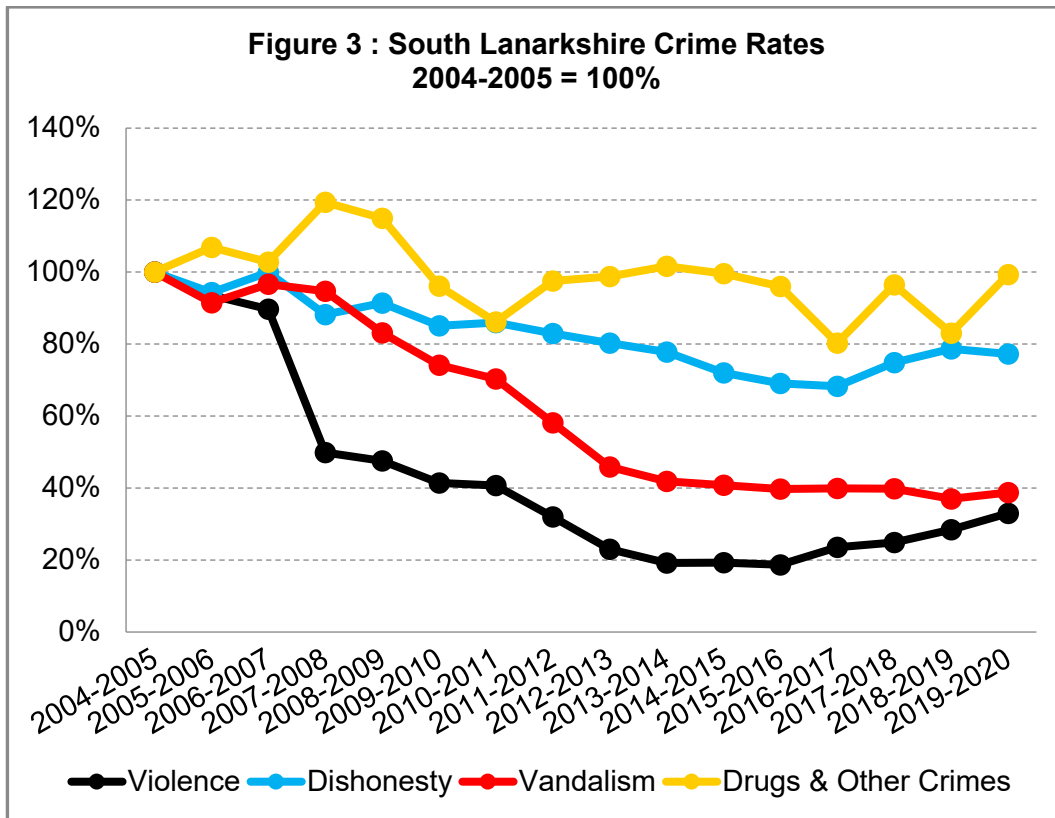
The Crime rate for **Crimes of Dishonesty** has never been greater than its 2004-2005 level and had gradually fallen and in 2016-2017 it was just over two-thirds of its 2004-2005 level but since then the gap has narrowed and in 2019-2020, it was over three-quarters of its 2004-2005 level.

The Crime rate for **Drug & Other Crimes** was above its 2004-2005 level until 2009-2010 and then was lower, but from 2012-2013 to 2014-2015 it hovered around its 2004-2005 level before falling in 2016-2017. In 2017-2018, however, it rose again to less than a tenth below its 2004-2005 level but in 2019-2020 it was just below its 2004-2005 level, the closest it has been since 2014-2015.

Table 1: Recorded Crime rates for South Lanarkshire – per 10,000 residents

Year	Non-sexual Violent Crime	Indecency	Dishonesty	Vandalism etc.	Drug & Other Crimes	All Crimes	Scottish All Crimes rate
2004-2005	47.2	7.3	266.1	242.6	123.8	686.4	861.7
2005-2006	44.2	5.8	251.3	222.1	132.4	654.5	817.6
2006-2007	42.4	6.3	266.3	234.9	127.5	675.7	816.8
2007-2008	23.6	5.5	235.2	230.1	148.1	640.7	745.7
2008-2009	22.5	6.7	243.9	202.3	142.7	638.8	742.7
2009-2010	19.6	6.2	227.1	180.5	119.4	565.9	659.7
2010-2011	19.0	6.0	230.0	171.0	107.0	542.4	626.2
2011-2012	15.1	7.7	220.5	140.9	120.7	514.9	603.4
2012-2013	10.8	9.8	213.4	111.1	122.2	476.0	521.4
2013-2014	9.1	7.3	206.9	101.5	125.7	458.4	514.7
2014-2015	9.1	11.4	191.4	98.8	123.2	442.3	485.5
2015-2016	8.8	11.1	183.6	96.2	118.7	425.5	464.1
2016-2017	11.1	12.3	181.5	96.7	99.3	405.9	448.1
2017-2018	11.8	17.1	199.0	96.6	119.3	443.8	465.0
2018-2019	13.4	20.5	209.1	89.7	102.7	435.5	453.2
2019-2020	15.6	21.0	205.4	94.0	122.8	459.3	451.2





Recorded Crime – South Lanarkshire’s share of Scotland

In 2019-2020 South Lanarkshire accounted for 5.97% of **All Crimes** recorded by the police in Scotland. This represented the highest ever share that South Lanarkshire had accounted for of Recorded Crimes in Scotland since at least 1998-1999 - and from 2004-2005 - and is the third consecutive annual increase.

Due to the **Covid-19 pandemic** a number of specific offences were introduced through the Coronavirus Act 2020 and the Health Protections (Coronavirus) (Restrictions) regulations. South Lanarkshire accounted for 14.02% of all such recorded Crimes & Offences compared to its 5.69% of all recorded Crimes & Offences in Scotland.

South Lanarkshire accounted for 6.31% of all Scottish Acts of **Vandalism & Fire raising** in 2019-2020 - the highest share for any Crime group and its highest ever share since at least 2004-2005.

Amongst Recorded Crimes, South Lanarkshire accounted for 6.1% of **Drug & Other Crimes** in 2019-2020 - its highest share since 2015-2016 and the first increase since 2015-2016.

South Lanarkshire’s share of Scotland’s **Crimes of Dishonesty**, at 5.91% in 2019-2020, was the highest ever recorded share since at least 2004-2005 and the sixth consecutive annual increase. In 2004-2005 it accounted for 3.86%.

South Lanarkshire’s share of Scottish **Non-sexual Violent Crime** was 5.36% in 2019-2020 - its highest share since 2009-2010 and the fourth consecutive annual increase. In 2004-2005 South Lanarkshire accounted for 9.79% of Non-sexual Violent Crime in Scotland.

For **Crimes of Indecency**, South Lanarkshire's share of the Scottish total in 2019-2020 was 5.04%. It was the smallest proportion of any Scottish crime group that took place in South Lanarkshire, but this was the highest share it has recorded of the Scottish total since 2004-2005 and the fourth consecutive annual increase. In 2004-2005 South Lanarkshire accounted for 3.06% of the Scottish total.

Table 1 shows South Lanarkshire's percentage share of Scottish Recorded Crime by category for each year since 2004-2005.

South Lanarkshire's share of **All Scottish Recorded Offences** in 2019-2020 was 5.42% – its highest share since 2014-2015 and the third consecutive annual increase.

In relation to **Miscellaneous Offences**, South Lanarkshire's share of the Scottish total was 6.09% in 2019-2020, its highest share since 2012-2013.

South Lanarkshire in 2019-2020 accounted for 4.71% of all Scottish **Motoring Offences** - its highest share since 2014-2015 and the second consecutive annual increase.

Figure 1 shows South Lanarkshire's share of all police **Recorded Crimes and Offences** in Scotland since 2004-2005.

As this figure shows, South Lanarkshire's share of **Recorded Crimes** had remained roughly static between 2007-2008 and 2011-2012, after which its share then rose. It remained roughly static again over the 2013-2014 to 2016-2017 period, but it has now increased for three consecutive years with the 2019-2020 figure being the highest ever recorded since at least 2004-2005.

Its share of all **Recorded Offences** in Scotland had been on an upward trend from 2007-2008 to 2013-2014 but since then its share had been falling but since 2015-2016 it has increased each year with its 2019-2020 figure being the highest since 2014-2015.

Figure 2 shows the proportions of **All Crimes & Offences** in South Lanarkshire and Scotland from 2004-2005 which were **Crimes**.

As this figure shows, in 2019-2020 - for the third consecutive year - over half of all **Recorded Crimes & Offences** in South Lanarkshire were **Crimes** - though in 2019-2020 their share fell for the first time since 2013-2014 and in 2019-2020 they accounted for 52% of all Crimes & Offences. In Scotland as a whole, the comparable proportion was 49.6%.

This is the fifth consecutive year that Crimes have accounted for more of **All Crimes & Offences** in South Lanarkshire than in Scotland as a whole.



Table 1: South Lanarkshire share of Scottish Recorded Crimes

Year	Violent Crime	Indecency	Dishonesty	Vandalism, etc.	Drug & Other Crimes	All Crimes	All Offences
2004-2005	9.79%	3.06%	3.86%	5.76%	4.90%	4.79%	4.65%
2005-2006	9.86%	2.70%	4.10%	5.32%	4.96%	4.81%	5.10%
2006-2007	9.26%	2.88%	4.46%	5.57%	4.62%	4.97%	4.90%
2007-2008	5.67%	2.58%	4.37%	6.03%	5.64%	5.16%	4.55%
2008-2009	5.53%	3.29%	4.51%	5.73%	5.45%	5.08%	4.67%
2009-2010	5.45%	2.94%	4.61%	6.01%	5.04%	5.08%	4.90%
2010-2011	5.26%	2.97%	4.59%	6.51%	4.97%	5.15%	4.69%
2011-2012	4.97%	3.27%	4.48%	5.88%	5.59%	5.04%	5.48%
2012-2013	4.53%	3.99%	4.94%	5.87%	6.15%	5.38%	5.72%
2013-2014	4.20%	2.66%	4.74%	5.87%	6.26%	5.25%	6.86%
2014-2015	4.51%	3.77%	4.76%	5.98%	6.32%	5.34%	5.90%
2015-2016	4.12%	3.41%	5.02%	5.61%	6.35%	5.37%	4.87%
2016-2017	4.91%	3.54%	5.08%	5.84%	5.73%	5.32%	4.74%
2017-2018	5.16%	4.36%	5.53%	5.99%	5.53%	5.56%	4.83%
2018-2019	5.34%	4.84%	5.83%	5.96%	5.25%	5.64%	4.89%
2019-2020	5.36%	5.04%	5.91%	6.31%	6.10%	5.97%	5.42%

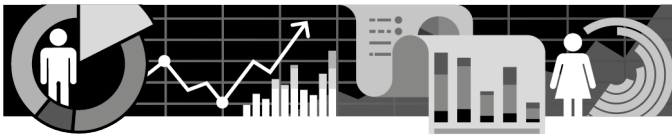
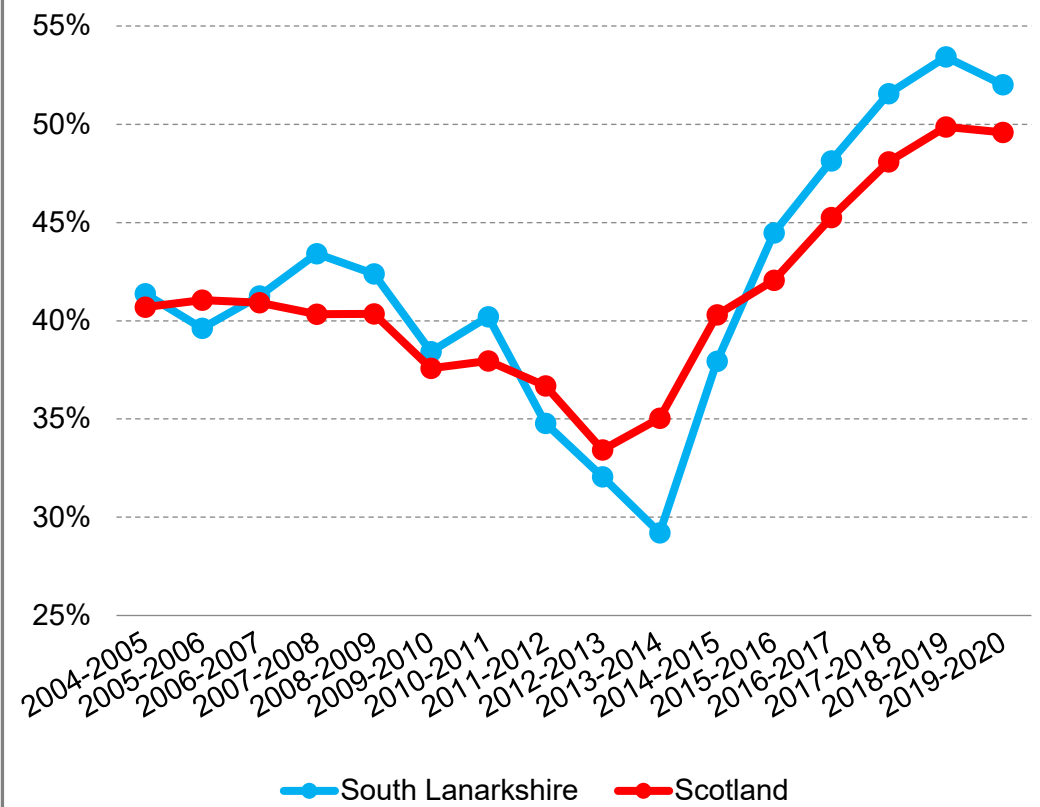


Figure 1 : South Lanarkshire shares of all Scottish recorded Crimes & Offences



Figure 2 : % of Crimes & Offences which were Crimes



Relative Recorded Crime rates

In 2019-2020 the Recorded Crime rate for South Lanarkshire, at 459.3 per 10,000, was - for the first time ever recorded - above the Scottish average of 451.2 per 10,000.

In the case of **Acts of Vandalism & Fire raising**, the South Lanarkshire rate in 2019-2020 was nearly a tenth higher than the Scottish rate - 94 per 10,000, compared to 87.4 per 10,000 in Scotland as a whole.

In the case of **Drug & Other Crimes** - at 122.8 per 10,000 in 2019-2020 - the South Lanarkshire rate was above the Scottish rate of 118.2 per 10,000.

For **Crimes of Dishonesty**, the South Lanarkshire rate was just above the Scottish rate in 2019-2020 - 205.4 per 10,000, compared to 203.9 per 10,000.

In the case of **Crimes of Non-sexual Violence**, in 2019-2020 the South Lanarkshire rate was under a tenth lower than the Scottish average (15.6 per 10,000, compared to 17.1 per 10,000 for Scotland).

For **Crimes of Indecency** in 2019-2020 the rate in South Lanarkshire was over a tenth below the Scottish average - 21 per 10,000, compared to 24.5 per 10,000 in Scotland as a whole.

Table 1 shows the Recorded Crime rates per 10,000 residents in 2019-2020 for South Lanarkshire and Scotland.

Table 1: Crime rates per 10,000 residents in 2019-2020

Crime Type	South Lanarkshire	Scotland	Relative rate
Non-sexual Violence	15.6	17.1	91.3%
Indecency	21.0	24.5	85.8%
Dishonesty	205.4	203.9	100.7%
Vandalism & Fire Raising	94.0	87.4	107.6%
Drug & Other Crimes	122.8	118.2	103.9%
All Crimes	459.3	451.2	101.8%

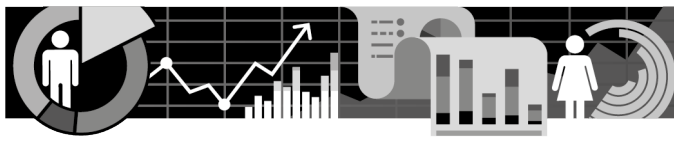
Table 2 shows the **Recorded Crime rates per 10,000** for South Lanarkshire since 2004-2005 relative to the Scottish averages.

The **Non-sexual Violent Crime rate** was higher in South Lanarkshire than in Scotland as a whole, from 2004-2005 to 2006-2007 but since then the South Lanarkshire rate has been below the Scottish rate and the difference had been tending to widen over time. In 2015-2016 the South Lanarkshire rate was less than three-quarters of the Scottish rate but by 2019-2020 the gap had narrowed to being just under a tenth below the Scottish average - the closest it has been since 2009-2010.

The **Crimes of Indecency** rate has always been below the Scottish average since 2004-2005. Over the 2005-2006 to 2009-2010 period, it was generally under half the Scottish rate but in recent years the difference has narrowed and in 2019-2020 it was less than a fifth below the Scottish rate - the smallest difference recorded since at least 2004-2005.

In 2019-2020, for the first time ever since at least 2004-2005, the **Dishonesty Crime rate** in South Lanarkshire was greater than in Scotland as a whole.

For **Acts of Vandalism etc.**, in 2019-2020 the South Lanarkshire rate was nearly a tenth above the Scottish rate and the difference was the greatest ever recorded. This is the third consecutive year that the South Lanarkshire rate has been above the Scottish rate.



Until 2012-2013 the **Drug & Other Crimes** rate in South Lanarkshire had always been below the Scottish average, but from 2012-2013 to 2015-2016 the South Lanarkshire rate was greater than the Scottish average. In 2019-2020 - for the first time since 2015-2016 the South Lanarkshire rate was above the Scottish average.

Table 2: Recorded Crime rates in South Lanarkshire per 10,000 relative to Scotland

Year	Non-sexual Violent Crime	Indecency	Dishonesty	Vandalism, etc	Drug & Other Crimes	All Crimes
2004-2005	162.9%	50.9%	64.3%	95.8%	81.5%	79.7%
2005-2006	164.3%	44.9%	68.2%	88.6%	82.5%	80.1%
2006-2007	154.2%	48.0%	74.2%	92.7%	76.9%	82.7%
2007-2008	94.5%	43.0%	72.7%	100.5%	93.9%	85.9%
2008-2009	92.5%	54.9%	75.3%	95.8%	91.0%	86.0%
2009-2010	91.3%	49.8%	77.2%	100.7%	84.4%	85.8%
2010-2011	88.4%	51.4%	77.2%	109.4%	83.4%	86.6%
2011-2012	84.0%	55.3%	75.7%	99.3%	94.4%	85.3%
2012-2013	76.5%	67.5%	83.4%	99.2%	104.0%	91.3%
2013-2014	71.1%	45.0%	80.3%	99.4%	105.9%	89.1%
2014-2015	76.6%	63.9%	80.7%	101.5%	107.1%	91.1%
2015-2016	70.0%	57.9%	85.2%	95.3%	107.8%	91.7%
2016-2017	83.7%	61.6%	86.7%	99.5%	97.7%	90.6%
2017-2018	87.9%	74.4%	94.3%	102.1%	97.0%	95.4%
2018-2019	91.1%	82.4%	99.3%	101.6%	89.5%	96.1%
2019-2020	91.3%	85.8%	100.7%	107.6%	103.9%	101.8%

Selected Crimes in South Lanarkshire & Scotland

The Scottish Government’s report on Recorded Crimes focuses on four particular Crimes - Attempted Murder & Serious Assault, Housebreaking, Vandalism, and Handling Offensive Weapons in a public space.

In relation to **Attempted Murder & Serious Assault**, there were 265 such Crimes in South Lanarkshire in 2019-2020 - the highest number recorded since 2011-2012 and the fourth consecutive annual increase. South Lanarkshire accounted for 6.47% of all such Crimes in Scotland in 2019-2020, its highest share since 2005-2006.

Between **2018-2019 and 2019-2020** the number of such Crimes recorded in South Lanarkshire increased by 21 or 8.6% whereas there was a fall of 6% in such crimes over this period in Scotland as a whole.

Over the **2009-2010 to 2019-2020** period the number of Attempted Murders & Serious Assaults in South Lanarkshire has fallen by 70 or 20.9%. This was just over three-quarters of the Scottish decline over this period, of 27.1%.

In 2019-2020 a total of 641 instances of **Handling Offensive weapons** were recorded in South Lanarkshire. South Lanarkshire accounted for 6.65% of such Crimes in Scotland in 2019-2020. This was up from a 6.38% share in 2018-2019.

Changes were made in April 2017 in the way the police recorded these crimes, and this means that no comparisons can be made before 2017-2018.

The number of such crimes in South Lanarkshire increased by 73 or 12.9% between **2018-2019 and 2019-2020**, which was over 50% higher than the increase experienced over this period in Scotland as a whole, of 8.4%.

Due to the change in the way these crimes were recorded it is not possible to track any changes prior to 2017-2018.

There were 720 **Housebreakings** recorded by the police in South Lanarkshire in 2019-2020 - the smallest number recorded since at least 2004-2005 and the second consecutive annual decline. South Lanarkshire accounted for 5.58% of all Housebreakings in Scotland in 2019-2020 - its third largest share since 2012-2013.

Between **2018-2019 and 2019-2020** in South Lanarkshire the number of Housebreakings fell by 23 or 3.1%. This was less than two-thirds of the decline experienced in Scotland as a whole, over this period, of 6.3%.

In South Lanarkshire between **2009-2010 and 2019-2020**, the number of Housebreakings declined by 582 or 44.7%. This was just below the 45.7% decline over this period in Scotland as a whole.

In terms of **Acts of Vandalism**, there were 2,836 recorded by the police in South Lanarkshire in 2019-2020 - the second lowest number ever recorded since 2004-2005 but the first annual increase since 2016-2017. South Lanarkshire accounted for 6.29% of Scottish recorded Acts of Vandalism in 2019-2020 - its highest share since 2010-2011.

Between **2018-2019 and 2019-2020** the number of such Crimes in South Lanarkshire increased by 116 or 4.3% whereas they fell by 1% over this period in Scotland as a whole.

Over the **2009-2010 to 2019-2020** period the number of Acts of Vandalism recorded by the police fell in South Lanarkshire by 2,553 or 47.4%. This was just below the decline in Scotland as a whole, of 49.5%.

Table 1 shows the numbers for selected **Recorded Crimes** for South Lanarkshire since 2004-2005.

In 2019-2020 the Crime rate per 10,000 for **Attempted Murder & Serious Assault** in South Lanarkshire was 8.3 per 10,000 - the highest rate since 2011-2012 and the fourth consecutive annual increase.

The South Lanarkshire rate in 2019-2020 was a tenth higher than the Scottish average of 7.5 per 10,000. This is the first time since 2007-2008 that the South Lanarkshire rate has been greater than the Scottish rate.

In relation to **Handling Offensive Weapons**, the South Lanarkshire Crime rate in 2019-2020 was 20 per 10,000. These rates only became available in 2017-2018 and this is the highest rate recorded since then and the second consecutive annual increase.

Compared to Scotland, the South Lanarkshire rate in 2019-2020 was over a tenth higher than the Scottish rate of 17.7 per 10,000.

In 2017-2018 the South Lanarkshire rate was 16.8 per 10,000 and nearly a fifth greater than the Scottish rate of 14.3 per 10,000. The South Lanarkshire rate has always been higher than the Scottish rate.

The Crime rate per 10,000 in South Lanarkshire in relation to **Housebreaking** in 2019-2020 was 22.5 per 10,000 - the lowest ever recorded since at least 2004-2005 and the second consecutive annual decline.

Compared to Scotland, the South Lanarkshire rate in 2019-2020 was just below the Scottish rate of 23.6 per 10,000. Only in 2012-2013 and in 2017-2018 has the South Lanarkshire rate been above the Scottish rate.

In 2019-2020 the Crime rate for **Acts of Vandalism** in South Lanarkshire was 88.5 per 10,000 - the second lowest recorded since 2004-2005 but the first increase since 2016-2017.

The rate was just under a tenth higher than the comparable Scottish rate of 82.5 per 10,000 in 2019-2020. This is the third consecutive year that the South Lanarkshire rate has been higher than the Scottish rate and is the largest recorded difference.

Table 2 shows the **Crime rates per 10,000** in South Lanarkshire for these Crimes from 2004-2005.

Figure 1 shows the **Crime rates per 10,000** for these selected Crimes in South Lanarkshire since 2004-2005 relative to the comparable Scottish rates.

As this figure shows, since 2004-2005 only in 2012-2013 and in 2017-2018 - has the South Lanarkshire Crime rate for **Housebreaking** been above the Scottish rate. In 2019-2020 it was just under the Scottish rate.

The South Lanarkshire rate for **Attempted Murder & Serious Assault** was above the Scottish average until 2008-2009, when it went below it, and it has remained lower, with the gap generally increasing over time until 2015-2016 but since then the difference has narrowed each year and in 2019-2020, for the first time since 2007-2008 the South Lanarkshire rate was greater than the Scottish rate.

For **Handling Offensive weapons**, the South Lanarkshire rate has always been higher than the comparable Scottish rates since these rates became available in 2017-2018.

For **Acts of Vandalism** the rate in South Lanarkshire had been just below the Scottish average from 2011-2012 to 2013-2014 but in 2014-2015 it was marginally higher. In 2015-2016 it went below the Scottish figure and since 2017-2018 it has been above the Scottish average and the gap in 2019-2020 is the largest ever.



Table 1: Selected Crimes in South Lanarkshire

Year	Attempted Murder & Serious Assault	Offensive Weapons	Housebreaking	Vandalism
2004-2005	479		1,659	6,933
2005-2006	471		1,598	6,569
2006-2007	443		1,680	6,995
2007-2008	420		1,389	6,848
2008-2009	386		1,468	6,016
2009-2010	335		1,302	5,389
2010-2011	281		1,325	5,065
2011-2012	269		1,236	4,213
2012-2013	170		1,283	3,299
2013-2014	181		1,204	3,047
2014-2015	167		1,089	2,936
2015-2016	163		993	2,858
2016-2017	203		836	2,879
2017-2018	210	535	897	2,868
2018-2019	244	568	743	2,720
2019-2020	265	641	720	2,836

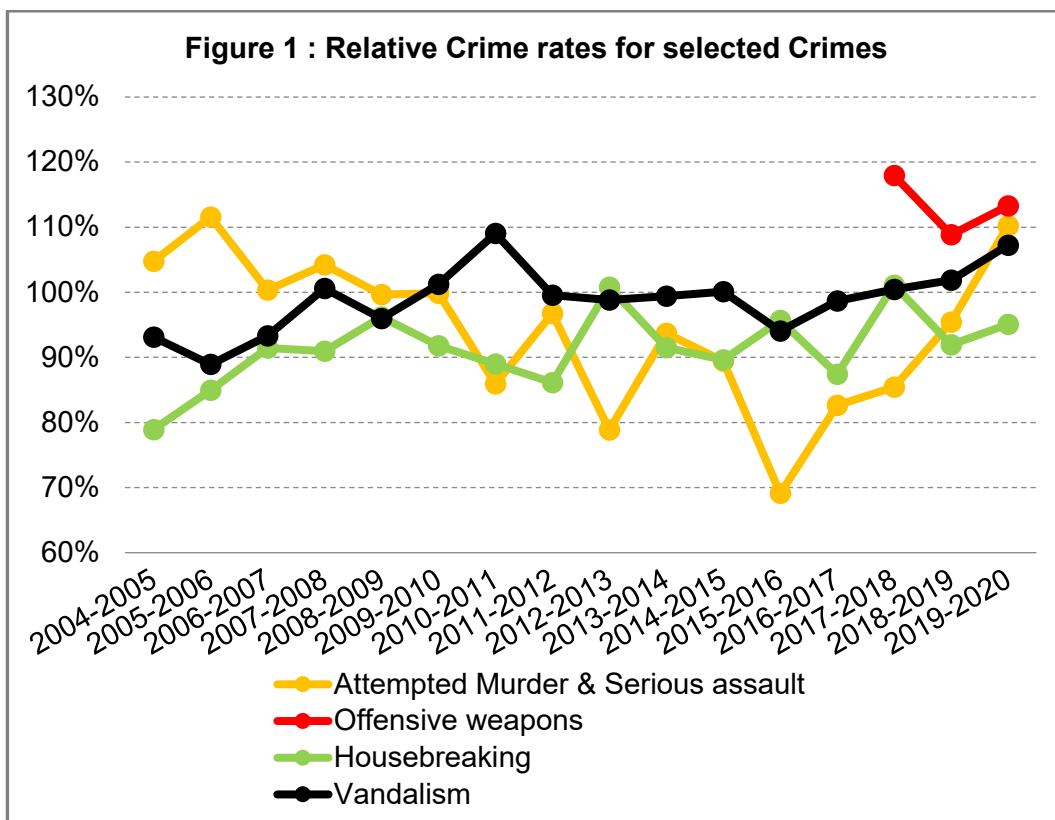


Table 2: Selected Crimes in South Lanarkshire – rate per 10,000

Year	Attempted Murder & Serious assault	Offensive weapons	Housebreaking	Vandalism
2004-2005	15.7		54.3	226.8
2005-2006	15.3		52.1	214.1
2006-2007	14.4		54.5	226.8
2007-2008	13.5		44.8	220.6
2008-2009	12.4		47.2	193.2
2009-2010	10.7		41.7	172.6
2010-2011	9.0		42.3	161.7
2011-2012	8.6		39.4	134.2
2012-2013	5.4		40.8	104.9
2013-2014	5.7		38.2	96.8
2014-2015	5.6		34.6	93.1
2015-2016	5.2		31.4	90.4
2016-2017	6.4		26.4	90.8
2017-2018	6.6	16.8	28.2	90.1
2018-2019	7.6	17.8	23.3	85.3
2019-2020	8.3	20.0	22.5	88.5