

Transport for London

2010/2011 Crime statistics bulletin

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## **I. Introduction**

This annual summary bulletin brings together crime statistics from the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) and British Transport Police (BTP) and Transport for London (TfL) to provide a summary of recorded crime upon TfL services during Financial Year (FY) 2010/11 (April 2010 – March 2011). This annual bulletin focuses on the London Bus network and London Underground (LU) / Docklands Light Railway (DLR). Additional information on other services is included within the quarterly crime and antisocial behaviour bulletins available at <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/corporate/about-tfl/14692.aspx>.

The figures reported in this bulletin for the bus network are based on official MPS figures for bus-related crime unless otherwise stated. There is no distinct category of 'bus crime' in the MPS crime recording system. Recorded crime data is extracted from the MPS system using a complex query that searches all MPS crime for transport venue codes and those that have the word bus, bus stop, bus station and transport related words somewhere in the electronic case file. For this reason, some crimes that did not occur on the bus network will be included in the figures. This is different from the BTP as all crimes dealt with by the BTP and included on their crime recording system relate directly to the rail network.

Recorded crime figures relate to crime recorded by the MPS and BTP during FY 2010/11 and is consistent with Home Office counting rules. The figures do not include crimes that have not been reported to the police or those that the police decide not to record.

Crime on public transport in London continues to fall and the system is a safe and low crime environment. Currently, over ten million passengers travel on TfL's public transport services each day with very few of them ever experiencing or witnessing crime.

The levels of bus-related crime in 2010/11 were 4.0% lower than in 2009/10 and the rate of crime for the bus network has fallen to 10.5 crimes per million passenger journeys (from 11.1 in 2009/10). Crime on LU/DLR has also fallen during 2010/11 being 7.3% lower than in 2009/10 with the rate of crime also falling to 11.4 crimes per million passenger journeys (from 12.8 in 2009/10).

These reductions in crime have been driven by a range of initiatives undertaken by TfL in partnership with the police forces in London. TfL's significant investment in transport policing and commitment to improving safety and security has ensured the system remains a low crime environment. The Right Direction, the Mayor's strategy to improve transport safety and security in London, was launched in February 2011 and provides more information on how TfL and partners will continue to enhance safety and security across the transport system -

<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/assets/downloads/corporate/the-right-direction.pdf>

## 2. Bus-related Crime 2007/8–2010/11

Table 1 shows the break-down of MPS bus-related<sup>1</sup> crime by the major crime categories used by the MPS for 2007/8, 2008/9, 2009/10 and 2010/11 and includes the rate of crime<sup>2</sup> for each of these categories with the exception of burglary<sup>3</sup>. In 2010/11, there were 10.5 crimes for every million passenger journeys made on the bus network.

Information on offences included in the MPS major crime categories can be found at <http://maps.met.police.uk/tables.htm>

Table 1

Crime Type	2007/8		2008/9		2009/10		2010/11	
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate
Burglary	104	N/A	86	N/A	63	N/A	82	N/A
Criminal Damage	5,846	2.7	3,723	1.7	2,350	1.0	2,060	Less than 1
Drugs	683	Less than 1	779	Less than 1	693	Less than 1	887	Less than 1
Fraud / Forgery	414	Less than 1	387	Less than 1	325	Less than 1	316	Less than 1
Other Notifiable Offences	233	Less than 1	234	Less than 1	276	Less than 1	253	Less than 1
Robbery	4,266	2.0	2,761	1.2	2,564	1.1	2,665	1.2
Sexual Offences	480	Less than 1	535	Less than 1	550	Less than 1	514	Less than 1
Theft and Handling	12,699	5.8	10,948	4.9	11,265	5.0	10,621	4.6
Violence against the Person	8,400	3.9	7,609	3.4	6,890	3.1	6,576	2.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,125</b>	<b>15.2*</b>	<b>27,062</b>	<b>12.1*</b>	<b>24,976</b>	<b>11.1*</b>	<b>23,974</b>	<b>10.5*</b>

<sup>1</sup> The crime figures published in this bulletin are based on figures produced by the Metropolitan Police Performance Information Bureau at the end of each financial year. These figures are not updated retrospectively.

<sup>2</sup> Rate of crime per million passenger journeys is calculated by the dividing the number of crimes by the number of passenger journeys multiplied by one million.

<sup>3</sup> Most burglaries take place in buildings and therefore it is not appropriate to calculate crime rates for burglary based on the number of passenger journeys made on the bus network.

\* Bus-related crime rates for 2007/8, 2008/9, 2009/10 and 2010/11 are based on annual passenger journey figure of 2.176 billion, 2.247b, 2.257b and 2.289b respectively.

**Table 1a) – Borough breakdown of bus related crime for 2009/10 – 2010/11**

	Financial Year 2010/11									2010/11 Total	2009/10 Total	% Change
	Burglary	Criminal Damage	Drugs	Fraud or Forgery	Other Notifiable Offences	Robbery	Sexual Offences	Theft and Handling	Violence Against the Person			
Barking & Dagenham	4	76	7	3	7	60	6	176	143	482	409	17.8%
Barnet	7	68	24	12	7	136	19	370	237	880	966	-8.9%
Bexley	2	65	4	6	2	32	9	72	91	283	346	-18.2%
Brent	2	64	13	6	4	176	15	331	300	911	983	-7.3%
Bromley	1	68	5	2	1	52	16	118	151	414	548	-24.5%
Camden	1	56	26	17	9	72	13	627	261	1,082	1,093	-1.0%
Croydon	4	116	15	8	2	147	23	287	215	817	860	-5.0%
Ealing	2	112	33	12	9	135	29	456	322	1,110	1,196	-7.2%
Enfield	5	61	13	6	13	119	14	205	176	612	756	-19.0%
Greenwich	7	90	3	3	13	97	18	171	195	597	573	4.2%
Hackney	4	54	17	12	2	63	9	640	206	1,007	1,069	-5.8%
Hammersmith & Fulham	3	32	15	12	5	50	14	324	218	673	623	8.0%
Haringey	0	70	15	7	6	82	16	415	218	829	1,039	-20.2%
Harrow	2	43	25	24	4	32	9	182	146	467	461	1.3%
Havering	1	93	9	6	7	49	14	128	180	487	473	3.0%
Hillingdon	6	133	14	21	16	75	19	226	209	719	707	1.7%
Hounslow	1	66	6	6	6	40	19	162	215	521	580	-10.2%
Islington	1	53	25	7	12	75	19	587	256	1,035	1,009	2.6%
Kensington & Chelsea	1	25	3	2	3	20	7	215	82	358	399	-10.3%
Kingston upon Thames	0	28	6	2	5	20	5	92	104	262	269	-2.6%
Lambeth	5	78	51	19	19	201	27	554	354	1,308	1,327	-1.4%
Lewisham	1	82	20	6	22	171	17	367	263	949	976	-2.8%
Merton	3	39	11	5	2	41	15	129	128	373	341	9.4%
Newham	3	48	53	10	6	135	31	569	279	1,134	1,235	-8.2%

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	Burglary	Criminal Damage	Drugs	Fraud or Forgery	Other Notifiable Offences	Robbery	Sexual Offences	Theft and Handling	Violence Against the Person	2010/11 Total	2009/10 Total	% Change
Redbridge	2	47	18	2	1	57	6	177	182	492	619	-20.5%
Richmond upon Thames	1	26	7	4	2	18	12	73	127	270	270	0.0%
Southwark	2	89	36	8	22	203	25	697	317	1,399	1,330	5.2%
Sutton	1	47	10	4	2	13	6	85	74	242	256	-5.5%
Tower Hamlets	3	64	22	6	10	54	14	425	196	794	712	11.5%
Waltham Forest	4	35	30	7	7	73	11	319	153	639	688	-7.1%
Wandsworth	2	41	9	47	3	56	23	208	194	583	637	-8.5%
Westminster	1	91	342	24	24	111	34	1,234	384	2,245	2,226	0.9%
<b>2010/11 Total</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2,060</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>2,665</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>10,621</b>	<b>6,576</b>	<b>23,974</b>	<b>24,976</b>	<b>-4.0%</b>
<b>2009/10 Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>2,350</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>2,564</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>11,267</b>	<b>6,888</b>			
<b>% Change</b>	<b>30.2%</b>	<b>-12.3%</b>	<b>28.0%</b>	<b>-2.8%</b>	<b>-8.3%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>-6.5%</b>	<b>-5.7%</b>	<b>-4.5%</b>			

### 3. London Underground and Docklands Light Railway Crime 2007/8–2010/11

Table 2 provides a breakdown of the major crime categories<sup>4</sup> used by the BTP for the LU and DLR networks in 2007/8, 2008/9, 2009/10 and 2010/11<sup>5</sup>. There were 11.4 crimes for every million passenger journeys made on the LU and DLR networks in 2010/11.

Information on offences included in the BTP major crime categories can be found within [http://www.btp.police.uk/docs/Aboutus Performance FMI March 2010.xls](http://www.btp.police.uk/docs/Aboutus%20Performance%20FMI%20March%202010.xls)

Table 2

Crime Type	2007/8		2008/9		2009/10		2010/11	
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate
Violence Against the Person	2,215	1.9	2,158	1.9	1,997	1.8	1,971	1.7
Sexual Offences	332	Less than 1	338	Less than 1	328	Less than 1	300	Less than 1
Criminal Damage	1,921	1.7	1,615	1.4	1,337	1.2	1,066	Less than 1
Line of Route	142	Less than 1	118	Less than 1	112	Less than 1	112	Less than 1
Theft of Passenger Property	7,481	6.6	6,134	5.3	6,794	6.0	6,520	5.5
Motor Vehicle/Cycle Offences	342	Less than 1	359	Less than 1	346	Less than 1	368	Less than 1
Robbery	192	Less than 1	136	Less than 1	137	Less than 1	161	Less than 1
Theft of Railway Property / Burglary	592	Less than 1	381	Less than 1	407	Less than 1	602	Less than 1
Serious Public Order	1,981	1.7	1,892	1.6	1,462	1.3	1,307	1.1
Serious Fraud	264	Less than 1	230	Less than 1	206	Less than 1	227	Less than 1
Drugs	881	Less than 1	1,616	1.4	1,266	1.1	727	Less than 1
Other Serious Offences	102	Less than 1	132	Less than 1	144	Less than 1	111	Less than 1
<b>Total Notifiable Offences</b>	<b>16,445</b>	<b>14.4**</b>	<b>15,109</b>	<b>13.1**</b>	<b>14,536</b>	<b>12.8**</b>	<b>13,472</b>	<b>11.4**</b>

<sup>4</sup> The BTP categorise crime differently to the MPS. The BTP categories reflect the type of crime experienced on the rail network.

<sup>5</sup> The crime figures published in this bulletin are based on figures produced by the British Transport Police at the end of each financial year. These figures are not updated retrospectively.

\*\* BTP LU/DLR crime rates for 2007/08, 2008/9, 2009/10 and 2010/11 are based on annual passenger journey figures of 1.139b, 1.156b, 1.134b and 1.186 respectively.