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2013/2014 Crime statistics bulletin

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1. 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) 2013/14 (1 April 2013 – 31 March 2014). This annual bulletin focuses on the London Bus network, London Underground (LU) / Docklands Light Railway (DLR)[1], London Tramlink and London Overground (LO) service.

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 2013/14 and are 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.

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

Despite low levels of crime of the network, increases were seen in some crime types on some modes compared with the previous year. These increases are largely attributable to an increase in. TfL and its police partners are redoubling their efforts and have put measures in place to deal with those issues.

The headline figures include:
- The levels of pan-modal transport crime[2] in 2013/14 were 11.3% lower (3,866 fewer offences) than in 2012/13 and the rate of crime has decreased to 7.7 crimes per million passenger journeys (from 8.9 in 2012/13), as can be seen in chart 1 and table 1.
- Levels of bus-related crime in 2013/14 were 9.9% lower (1,982 fewer offences) than in 2012/13 and the rate of crime for the bus network has fallen to 7.5 crimes per million passenger journeys (from 8.6 in 2012/13).
- Crime on LU/DLR decreased during 2013/14 by 14.4% (1,846 fewer offences) than in 2012/13 with the rate of crime falling to 8.0 crimes per million passenger journeys.
- Crime on London Overground (LO) has increased during 2013/14 by 0.1% (1 additional offence) compared with the previous year, despite a significant increase in passenger journeys of around 11 million. Crime on LO remains at a very low level and is one of safest modes of travel in London. The rate of crime fell to 6.2 from 6.7 in 2012/13.
- Crime on London Tramlink has fallen by 10.8% during 2013/14 (39 fewer offences) compared with 2012/13 with the rate of crime falling to 10.3 crimes per million passenger journeys (from 12.0 in 2012/13).

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[1] Crime figures for LU and DLR are reported together as these networks are policed by the same division of the BTP.
2 The pan-modal transport crime figure and rate is based on the aggregate crime and passenger journey figures for the bus, LU/DLR, Tramlink and LO networks.
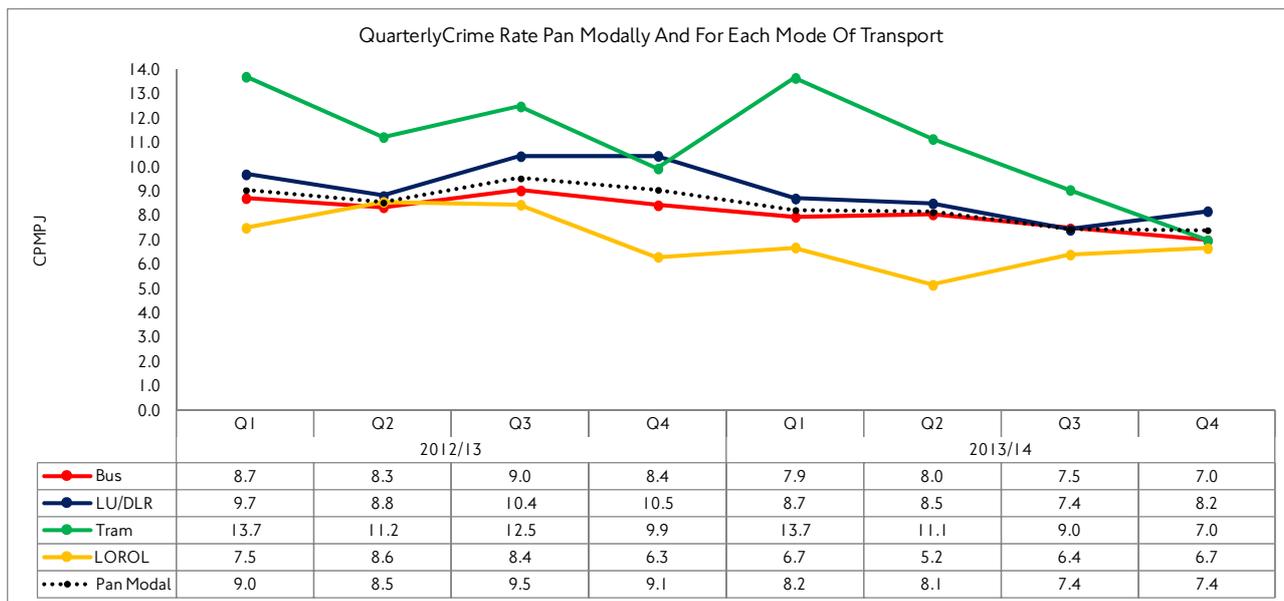
Chart 1

QuarterlyCrime Rate Pan Modally And For Each Mode Of Transport

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	2012/13				2013/14			
Bus	8.7	8.3	9.0	8.4	7.9	8.0	7.5	7.0
LU/DLR	9.7	8.8	10.4	10.5	8.7	8.5	7.4	8.2
Tram	13.7	11.2	12.5	9.9	13.7	11.1	9.0	7.0
LOROL	7.5	8.6	8.4	6.3	6.7	5.2	6.4	6.7
Pan Modal	9.0	8.5	9.5	9.1	8.2	8.1	7.4	7.4

Table 1

Network	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14	
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate
Bus	23,974	10.5	21,724	9.3	20,120	8.6	18,138	7.5
London Underground /Docklands Light Railway	13,472	11.4	12,115	9.6	12,804	9.6	10,958	8.0
London Overground	612	N/A	711	6.9	841	6.7	842	6.2
London Tramlink	361	13.0	378	13.2	361	12.0	322	10.3
Pan-Modal	38,419	11.0	34,928	9.4	34,126	8.9	30,260	7.7

2. Bus-related Crime 2010/11–2013/14

Table 2 shows the break-down of MPS bus-related[3] crime by the major crime categories used by the MPS for 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14 and includes the rate of crime[4] for each of these categories with the exception of burglary[5]. In 2013/14, there were 7.5 crimes for every million passenger journeys made on the bus network. Borough bus-related crime figures are shown in table 3.

Table 2

Crime Type	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14	
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate
Burglary	82	N/A	66	N/A	60	N/A	53	N/A
Criminal Damage	2,060	Less than 1	1,775	Less than 1	1,501	Less than 1	1,208	Less than 1
Drugs	887	Less than 1	724	Less than 1	806	Less than 1	709	Less than 1
Fraud / Forgery	316	Less than 1	294	Less than 1	213	Less than 1	6	Less than 1
Other Notifiable Offences	253	Less than 1	228	Less than 1	195	Less than 1	230	Less than 1
Robbery	2,665	1.2	2,783	1.2	2,285	1.0	1,670	Less than 1
Sexual Offences	514	Less than 1	495	Less than 1	483	Less than 1	513	Less than 1
Theft and Handling	10,621	4.6	9,708	4.1	9,583	4.1	8,856	3.7
Violence against the Person	6,576	2.9	5,651	2.4	4,994	2.1	4,893	2.0
Total	23,974	10.5*	21,724	9.3*	20,120	8.6*	18,138	7.5*

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[3] 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.
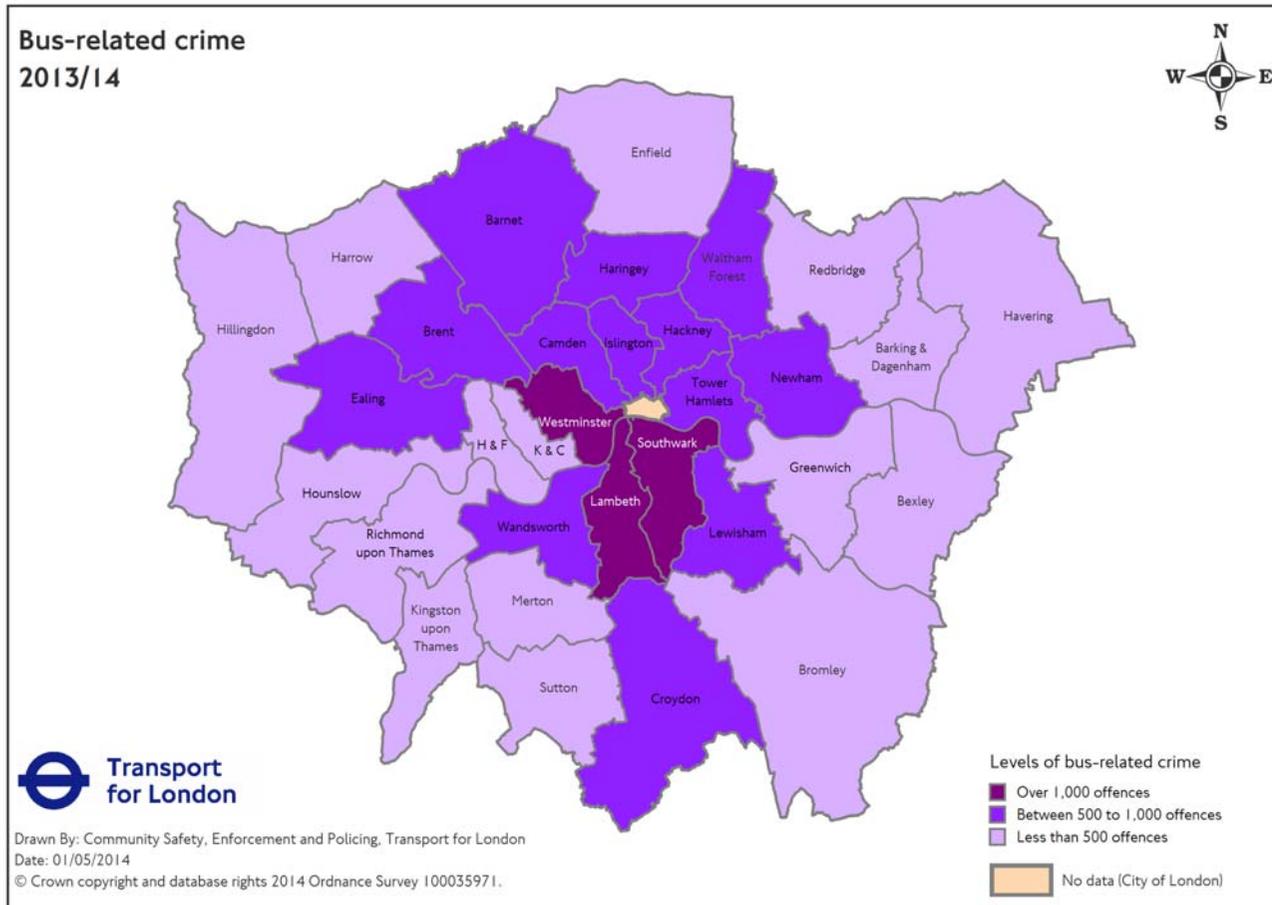
[4] Rate of crime per million passenger journeys is calculated by dividing the number of crimes by the number of passenger journeys multiplied by one million.

[6] 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 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14 are based on annual passenger journey figures of 2.289b, 2.344b, 2.335b and 2.405b respectively.
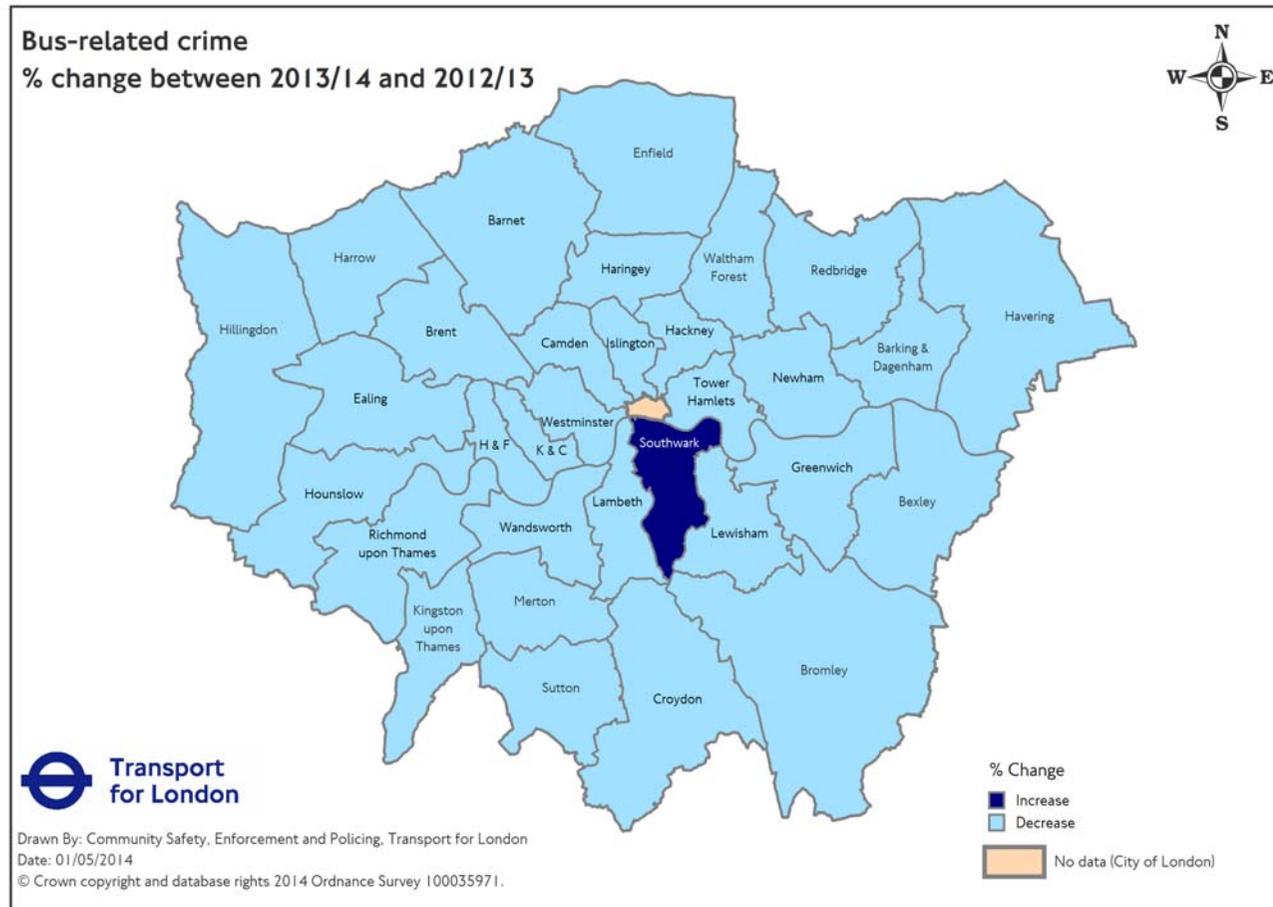
Map 1 – Bus-related crime volume by borough

Map 1 shows the breakdown of MPS bus-related crime by borough for 2013/14. The darker shades of purple show the boroughs with the highest number of recorded bus-related crimes. The map has not been adjusted for passenger or population numbers. Borough bus-related crime figures are shown in Table 3. Please note that the map below does not include data for the City of London; this is policed by the City of London Police (CoLP) which is a separate police force from the MPS.

Bus-related crime 2013/14

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Levels of bus-related crime
- Over 1,000 offences
- Between 500 to 1,000 offences
- Less than 500 offences
- No data (City of London)

Map 2 – Bus-related crime change between 2012/13 and 2013/14 by borough

Map 2 shows the percentage change in the levels of bus-related crime by borough[6] between 2012/13 and 2013/14. The lighter blue boroughs have seen reductions in crime. The boroughs shaded in the darkest blue have seen an increase in levels of crime. Borough bus-related crime figures are shown in Table 3.

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[6] It is not possible to create similar maps of BTP recorded crime. The exact location of crimes upon the rail network is unknown due to some victims identifying the offence at the end of their journey which was undertaken across more than one borough.

Table 3 – Borough breakdown of bus related crime for 2012/13 – 2013/14

	Financial Year 2013/14									2012/13 Total	2013/14 Total	% Change
	Burglary	Criminal Damage	Drugs	Fraud or Forgery	Other Notifiable Offences	Robbery	Sexual Offences	Theft and Handling	Violence Against the Person			
Barking & Dagenham	2	25	8	0	7	29	8	134	92	411	305	-25.8%
Barnet	2	39	28	0	11	43	18	260	164	604	565	-6.5%
Bexley	2	39	6	0	6	12	12	56	71	238	204	-14.3%
Brent	2	66	49	0	9	79	20	285	234	802	744	-7.2%
Bromley	0	31	4	0	3	43	20	125	138	389	364	-6.4%
Camden	3	22	11	0	6	50	14	454	177	807	737	-8.7%
Croydon	0	45	20	0	12	105	23	197	218	685	620	-9.5%
Ealing	5	50	18	1	9	51	23	301	217	760	675	-11.2%
Enfield	5	27	17	0	7	39	13	202	142	480	452	-5.8%
Greenwich	0	41	7	0	2	45	17	170	165	474	447	-5.7%
Hackney	2	44	9	0	12	47	16	523	178	917	831	-9.4%
Hammersmith & Fulham	0	13	14	0	7	25	14	246	148	577	467	-19.1%
Haringey	0	40	9	0	5	50	17	379	155	686	655	-4.5%
Harrow	0	18	10	0	8	18	10	109	83	300	256	-14.7%
Havering	0	35	7	0	6	30	14	79	126	321	297	-7.5%
Hillingdon	0	41	8	1	8	36	15	184	136	564	429	-23.9%
Hounslow	3	60	7	0	12	26	15	137	157	473	417	-11.8%
Islington	6	29	8	0	7	53	8	653	155	962	919	-4.5%
Kensington & Chelsea	0	25	2	0	5	18	8	180	66	356	304	-14.6%
Kingston upon Thames	0	16	4	0	3	16	12	90	67	240	208	-13.3%
Lambeth	2	79	42	0	13	164	26	562	288	1,204	1,176	-2.3%
Lewisham	2	47	10	0	13	87	19	290	217	748	685	-8.4%
Merton	0	24	2	0	3	23	21	129	70	295	272	-7.8%
Newham	2	56	39	0	12	129	21	491	179	1,092	929	-14.9%

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	Burglary	Criminal Damage	Drugs	Fraud or Forgery	Other Notifiable Offences	Robbery	Sexual Offences	Theft and Handling	Violence Against the Person	2012/13 Total	2013/14 Total	% Change
Redbridge	3	20	6	0	3	38	4	149	90	420	313	-25.5%
Richmond upon Thames	3	30	7	0	5	14	5	64	72	223	200	-10.3%
Southwark	1	65	11	0	5	181	23	632	300	1,174	1,218	3.7%
Sutton	2	21	5	0	2	13	8	58	67	185	176	-4.9%
Tower Hamlets	0	51	8	0	5	34	12	263	135	521	508	-2.5%
Waltham Forest	1	23	19	0	3	47	23	306	155	620	577	-6.9%
Wandsworth	1	28	1	1	9	45	26	297	159	667	567	-15.0%
Westminster	4	58	313	3	12	80	28	851	272	1,925	1,621	-15.8%
2013/14 Total	53	1,208	709	6	230	1,670	513	8,856	4,893			
2012/13 Total	60	1,501	806	213	195	2,285	483	9,583	4,994			
% Change	-11.7%	-19.5%	-12.0%	-97.2%	17.9%	-26.9%	6.2%	-7.6%	-2.0%			

3. London Underground and Docklands Light Railway Crime 2010/11– 2013/14

Table 4 provides a breakdown of the major crime categories[7] used by the BTP for the LU and DLR networks in 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13and 2013/14[8]. There were 8.0 crimes for every million passenger journeys made on the LU and DLR networks in 2013/14.

Table 4

Crime Type	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14	
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate
Violence Against the Person	1,971	1.7	1,792	1.4	1,897	1.4	2,077	1.5
Sexual Offences	300	Less than 1	354	Less than 1	327	Less than 1	429	Less than 1
Criminal Damage	1,066	Less than 1	738	Less than 1	635	Less than 1	607	Less than 1
Line of Route	112	Less than 1	74	Less than 1	90	Less than 1	65	Less than 1
Theft of Passenger Property	6,520	5.5	6,021	4.8	7,282	5.5	5,102	3.7
Motor Vehicle/Cycle Offences	368	Less than 1	415	Less than 1	401	Less than 1	332	Less than 1
Robbery	161	Less than 1	112	Less than 1	101	Less than 1	83	Less than 1
Theft of Railway Property / Burglary	602	Less than 1	353	Less than 1	276	Less than 1	189	Less than 1
Serious Public Order	1,307	1.1	979	Less than 1	890	Less than 1	883	Less than 1
Serious Fraud	227	Less than 1	231	Less than 1	208	Less than 1	175	Less than 1
Drugs	727	Less than 1	960	Less than 1	591	Less than 1	913	Less than 1
Other Serious Offences	111	Less than 1	86	Less than 1	106	Less than 1	103	Less than 1
Total Notifiable Offences	13,472	11.4**	12,115	9.6**	12,804	9.6**	10,958	8.0**

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[7] The BTP categorise crime differently to the MPS. The BTP categories reflect the type of crime experienced on the rail network.

[8] 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 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14 are based on annual passenger journey figures of, 1.186b, 1.257b, 1.332b and 1.366b respectively.

4. London Overground Crime 2010/11 – 2013/14

Table 5 provides a breakdown of the major crime categories used by the BTP for the LO network in 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14[9]. There were 6.2 crimes for every million passenger journeys made on the LO network in 2013/14[10].

Table 5

Crime Type	2010/11	2011/12		2012/13		2013/14	
	Crimes	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate
Violence Against the Person	128	171	1.7	191	1.5	193	1.4
Sexual Offences	11	5	Less than 1	11	Less than 1	22	Less than 1
Criminal Damage	70	49	Less than 1	34	Less than 1	39	Less than 1
Line of Route	7	5	Less than 1	5	Less than 1	3	Less than 1
Theft of Passenger Property	121	156	1.5	240	1.9	232	1.7
Motor Vehicle/Cycle Offences	31	91	Less than 1	110	Less than 1	71	Less than 1
Robbery	24	13	Less than 1	13	Less than 1	11	Less than 1
Theft of Railway Property / Burglary	43	25	Less than 1	17	Less than 1	16	Less than 1
Serious Public Order	90	108	1.1	116	1.0	122	Less than 1
Serious Fraud	5	9	Less than 1	7	Less than 1	4	Less than 1
Drugs	72	73	Less than 1	88	Less than 1	118	Less than 1
Other Serious Offences	10	6	Less than 1	9	Less than 1	11	Less than 1
Total Notifiable Offences[11]	612	711	6.9**	841	6.7**	842	6.2**

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[9] 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 LO crime rates for 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14 are based on the annual passenger journey figures of 102.45m, 124.98m and 135.72m respectively.

[10] Passenger data is only available from November 2010, hence the absence of rate information before 2011/12.

[11] The LO crime data has been adjusted to account for a change in reporting practice whereby offences recorded at stations managed by other train operating companies but used by LO (e.g. Barking, Watford Junction) have been removed unless they have taken place on the LO services to avoid duplication as these are included in other BTP policing divisions statistics. All data from previous years has been adjusted accordingly.

5. London Tramlink Crime 2010/11 – 2013/14

Table 6 provides a breakdown of the major crime categories used by the BTP for the London Tramlink network in 2010/11, 2011/12 2012/13 and 2013/14[12]. There were 10.3 crimes for every million passenger journeys made on the London Tramlink network in 2013/14.

Table 6

Crime Type	2010/11		2011/12		2012/13		2013/14	
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Crimes	Rate	Rate	Crimes	Rate
Violence Against the Person	86	3.1	80	2.8	85	2.8	76	2.4
Sexual Offences	5	Less than 1	8	Less than 1	10	Less than 1	8	Less than 1
Criminal Damage	47	1.7	46	1.6	28	Less than 1	32	1.0
Line of Route	33	1.2	35	1.2	27	Less than 1	27	Less than 1
Theft of Passenger Property	57	2.0	39	1.4	72	2.4	55	1.8
Motor Vehicle/Cycle Offences	16	Less than 1	20	Less than 1	11	Less than 1	13	Less than 1
Robbery	15	Less than 1	40	1.4	29	1.0	24	Less than 1
Theft of Railway Property / Burglary	10	Less than 1	3	Less than 1	4	Less than 1	4	Less than 1
Serious Public Order	52	1.9	50	1.8	36	1.2	37	1.2
Serious Fraud	9	Less than 1	7	Less than 1	3	Less than 1	0	N/A
Drugs	29	1.0	46	1.6	54	1.8	40	1.3
Other Serious Offences	2	Less than 1	4	Less than 1	2	Less than 1	6	Less than 1
Total Notifiable Offences	361	13.0**	378	13.2**	361	12.0**	322	10.3**

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[12] 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 London Tramlink crime rates for 2010/11, 2011/12 , 2012/13 and 2013/14 are based on annual passenger journey figures of 27.86m, 28.54m, 30.03m and 31.22m respectively.

6. Useful links

Transport for London
- http://www.tfl.gov.uk

Metropolitan Police Service – http://www.met.police.uk
- Crime figures – http://www.met.police.uk/crimefigures/index.php
- Safer Transport Command – http://content.met.police.uk/Site/safertransport

British Transport Police http://www.btp.police.uk/
- Crime figures – http://www.btp.police.uk/stats/
- L Area (London Underground / Docklands Light Railway) Division – http://www.btp.police.uk/pdf/LUDLR-policing-plans-web-2013-14.pdf
- London Underground Division Neighbourhood Policing Teams – http://www.btp.police.uk/local_btp_teams/london_underground.aspx

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