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Statistical Bulletin:
Recorded Crime in
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The main findings are provided below. Please also note the additional information relating to the **companion documents** which is provided below.

The number of crimes recorded by the police in Scotland decreased by 1%, with 270,397 crimes recorded in 2013-14, compared to the 273,053 crimes recorded in 2012-13. Recorded crime is now at the lowest level since 1974.

The clear up rate for all recorded crimes increased by one percentage point, to 52%. This is the highest clear up rate recorded since 1976, the first year for which comparable clear up rates are available.

The number of Non-sexual crimes of violence recorded by the police decreased by 10% from 7,530 in 2012-13 to a total of 6,785 in 2013-14.

Sexual crimes have increased by 12%, from 7,693 in

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2012-13 to 8,604 in 2013-14. The clear up rate for this group increased by 8 percentage points to stand at 76%. Sexual crimes have been on an upwards trend since 2008-09, however this increase is likely due to an increase in reporting, including reporting of historic crimes, as victims find the courage to come forward and report such crimes to the police.

The number of Crimes of dishonesty increased by 1% from 135,899 in 2012-13 to stand at 137,324 crimes in 2013-14. The number of Crimes of dishonesty peaked in 1991 and has been on a downwards trend ever since.

Recorded crimes of Fire-raising, vandalism etc. decreased by 9% from 59,479 in 2012-13 to 54,418 in 2013-14. These crimes peaked in 2006-07 and have been decreasing sharply since then.

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Other recorded crimes, including Drug crimes and Crimes against public justice, increased by 1% between 2012-13 and 2013-14 from 62,452 to 63,266.

Companion Documents

In addition to the publication of the Recorded Crime in Scotland, 2013-14 statistical bulletin, the Scottish Government has produced a [User Guide to Recorded Crime Statistics in Scotland](#) as part of a suite of documents, alongside the [Framework of Assurance](#) and the [Recorded Crime: Comparability of Police Scotland and Legacy Force Data](#) report. These accompanying documents are intended to support and inform users about police recorded crime statistics in Scotland.

The Scottish Government also published today an analytical paper, [Bringing Together Scotland's Crime](#)

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[Statistics - SCJS and Police Recorded Crime](#), that brings together the two sources of crime statistics in Scotland, police recorded crime and the Scottish Crime and Justice Survey (SCJS).

The bulletin is available via the following link:
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