

# Crime and Community Safety Strategic Assessment for Eden District

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## 1 Local Context

### 1.1 ACORN profile

- Eden has the greatest proportion of residents living in ACORN Category 3 postcodes (Comfortable Communities); 58.5% compared to 35.5% for Cumbria and 26.7% nationally (GB).
- The proportion of residents in Eden living in postcodes belonging to ACORN Category 5 (Urban Adversity) is 4.1% - a third of the county average (12.7%).

### 1.2 Geography

- Eden is Cumbria's largest district, covering 2,142 square km.
- Average population density of 25 people per square km
- Most sparsely populated district in the county and much more sparsely populated than the national average (Cumbria 74 people per square km, England and Wales 380 people per square km).
- 71% of the district's residents live in rural areas (54% across Cumbria and 18% across England and Wales)

### 1.3 Demography including Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) groups and migration

- Resident population of Eden was estimated to be 52,600 persons as at mid-2014; an increase of 1,200 persons (+2.4%) since mid-2004.
- The greatest proportional decrease was seen in Crosby Ravensworth ward (-7.3%) while the greatest proportional increase was seen in Hartside ward (+15.6%).
- Compared to England and Wales, Eden has an older age profile; with lower proportions of residents in each of the three younger age groups and higher proportions of residents in the oldest four age groups. Eden's age profile is also older than the county average.
- Age profiles vary across the wards. Kirkby Thore ward has the greatest proportion of residents aged 0-15 (Kirkby Thore 18.5%, Eden 15.8%, Cumbria 16.5%, England and Wales 18.9%). Inversely, Appleby ward has the greatest proportion of residents aged 65+ (Appleby 32.5%, Eden 23.8%, Cumbria 22.2%, England and Wales 17.4%).
- 1,555 (3%) of are from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) groups (Cumbria 3.5%, England and Wales 19.5%). Across the district's wards, the proportion of residents from BME groups ranged from 0.5% in Hartside ward to 6.7% in Ullswater ward.
- Between mid-2004 and mid-2014, internal migration (to and from other parts of the UK) and other changes (i.e. changes in prisoners, armed forces personnel etc.) accounted for a net increase of 1,600 persons in Eden, while international migration (to and from overseas) accounted for a net increase of 400 persons.
- 1,797 residents in Eden were born outside of the UK (3.4%).

### 1.4 Housing

- The median house price in Eden was £179,000 in 2015. This was higher than the county average of £139,900 and the national (GB) average of £175,100.
- House prices varied considerably across the district's wards; Penrith West ward had the lowest median house price (£119,400), while Ullswater ward had the highest (£325,700).
- The median house price in Eden was 6.7 times the median annual household income in 2015. This ratio was higher (less affordable) than the median affordability ratios for the county and nationally (GB); where median house prices were 5.5 and 6.1 times the median annual household income respectively.
- Penrith West ward had the lowest median affordability ratio (5.1).
- Ullswater ward had the highest median affordability ratio (10.9).

## 1.5 Labour market and economy

- The median household income for Eden was £26,800 in 2015. This was higher than the county average (£25,300) but lower than the national average (£28,700).
- The median household income varied from £18,300 in Penrith Pategill ward to £37,800 in Kirkoswald ward.
- 12.5% of households in Eden had an annual income of less than £10k in 2015 (Cumbria 13.8%, GB 12.2%).
- Penrith Pategill ward had the greatest proportion of households with annual incomes of less than £10k (21.7%) while Kirkoswald ward had the smallest proportion (6.4%).
- During 2013, a total of 23,400 people were in employment in Eden.
- Main employment sector is accommodation and food services with 4,200 employees, 17.9% of the district's workforce.
- 2,600 people work in the health sector (11.1%), 2,200 in manufacturing (9.4%) and 2,200 in education (9.4%).
- In the quarter to July there were 599 job postings in Eden, 8.7% of the county's total.
- In August 2015 there were 197 people claiming either Jobseeker's Allowance or Universal Credit (those not in employment) in Eden. The claimant rate is 0.6%, the lowest (with South Lakeland) of all the districts, and 1.3 percentage points lower than the national (GB) rate of 1.9%.

## 1.6 Poverty and deprivation

- 21 communities across Eden rank amongst the 10% most deprived in England in relation to geographical barriers to services; with 16 of these communities falling within the 3% most deprived in the country for this measure (these communities are located in the Skelton, Greystoke, Ullswater, Hesketh, Brough, Hartside, Crosby Ravensworth, Warcop, Morland, Orton with Tebay, Kirkoswald, Askham, Long Marton, Penrith North and Langwathby wards).
- 7.9% of children (0-19 years) living in Eden are living in poverty, below national levels of 18.6% for England. This increases to 14.3% for children living in the ward of Alston Moor.
- 13.0% of households in Eden are in fuel poverty, above national levels of 10.4% for England. This increases to 20.7% in some communities across the district.

## 1.7 Health and wellbeing

- Average life expectancy for men is 80.6 years, significantly better than the average for England (79.4 years)
- Average life expectancy for women is 84.6 years, significantly better than the average for England (83.1 years)
- 18.6% of Year 6 children and 24.0% of adults are classified as obese (rates for England are 19.1% and 23.0% respectively)
- 6.4% of people on GP surgery lists 2013/14 have diabetes, higher than the England average (6.2%)
- Alcohol specific mortality rates 2011/13 (all ages, directly standardised rate per 100,000 population) for men (9.5) and women (6.8) are lower than the rates for England (16.6 for men; 7.5 for women)
- Alcohol specific hospital admission rate 2013/14 (all persons, all ages, directly standardised rate per 100,000 population) for Eden (227.9) is lower than the rate for England (373.8).

## 2 Crime and Community Safety Information for Eden District

Different aspects of crime and community safety are explored in the following sections to provide an overview of issues that affect Eden. An overview is provided for the following: all crime; acquisitive crime; violent crime; other crime; offending and reoffending; drug and alcohol misuse; road safety; and a summary of crime rate statistics. Unless stated otherwise, crime data has been provided by Cumbria Constabulary via the *Crime and Disorder Dashboard* to 31 March 2015.

### 2.1 All crime

Data regarding total crime levels indicate an upward trend in the Eden district. There has been an increase of +10.0% (+173) compared to the previous year, and +14.2% (+237) over three years. Only 7.7% (1,910) of the county's crimes were recorded in the district, the lowest of all Cumbria's districts and the rate per 1,000 population is the second lowest in the county (36.3 per 1,000).

Details regarding other categories of crime in the Eden district are provided in the following sections.

### 2.2 Acquisitive crime

Acquisitive crimes are those in which an offender acquires or takes items from another person, and it therefore covers a number of different offence types. The following sections look at theft from a motor vehicle, theft of a motor vehicle, domestic burglary and other burglary.

#### 2.2.1 Theft from a motor vehicle

Eden district saw the greatest percentage increase in thefts from motor vehicles in 2014/15 (+26.0%, +25 reported instances). The district had the highest rate per 1,000 population of all the districts (2.3 per 1,000). Figures over three years indicate an upward trend.

#### 2.2.2 Theft of a motor vehicle

Vehicle thefts totalled 45 in Eden in 2014/15, representing an increase of +15.4% (+6) over the last year and +7.1% (+3) over a 3 year period.

#### 2.2.3 Burglary (dwelling)

Domestic burglary crimes rose in Eden district by +17.1% (+7) in 2014/15 compared with the previous year. Although the numbers involved are relatively small, this also represents an increase over a three year period. However, in terms of rates per 1,000 population, Eden along with South Lakeland, has the lowest domestic burglary crime rate of all districts at 0.9 per 1,000 population.

#### 2.2.4 Burglary (other)

Whilst burglary (other) reported crimes fell slightly in 2014/15 compared to the previous year (-4.9%, -8 instances), there was an increase over a three year period (+15.8%, +21). However, the numbers involved are relatively small, and not considered to be significant.

### 2.3 Violent Crime

Violent crime is a crime in which an offender uses or threatens force upon a victim. The following sections look at various aspects of violent crime: violence against the person; alcohol related offences; domestic abuse; and sexual offences.

### **2.3.1 Violence against the person**

Eden district has the lowest crime rate per 1,000 population in 2014/15 (7.1 per 1,000) and the lowest number of reported “violence against the person” crimes of all the county’s districts. However, the district showed the largest percentage increase (+35.0%, +98) in the number of reported crimes compared to the previous year.

Increases are thought to reflect changes in police recording practices rather than an actual rise in violent crime (*Office for National Statistics, 2015a*).

### **2.3.2 Alcohol related offences**

During 2014/15, there were 175 recorded instances of alcohol-related crimes in Eden district. The crime rate is 3.3 per 1,000 population, the lowest of all the county’s districts. The number of recorded alcohol related crimes represents 9.2% (175) of all recorded crimes in the district, the smallest proportion of all the districts, and makes up 29.6% (112) of violence against the person offences, and 8.2% (4) of sexual offences. Although alcohol-related recorded crimes have increased slightly by +2.3% (+4) compared to the previous year, the numbers involved are relatively small.

### **2.3.3 Domestic abuse**

Eden district had the lowest number of recorded domestic abuse crimes of all the county’s districts in 2014/15, and the lowest crime rate per 1,000 population. However, Eden district saw the largest percentage increase in the number of recorded crimes.

This rise may well reflect increased confidence in victims of domestic abuse in coming forward to report crime (*Cumbria Police & Crime Commissioner, 2015*).

Repeat victims account for 25.4% of all recorded domestic abuse incidents in Eden in 2014/15, a decrease of -2.0 percentage points compared to the previous year.

### **2.3.4 Sexual offences**

Reporting of sexual offences increased by +88.5% (+23) in the Eden district in 2014/15 compared with the previous year. However, Eden district continues to have the lowest crime rate for sexual offences per 1,000 population of all the county’s districts (0.9 per 1,000 in 2014/15). Alcohol-related sexual offences accounted for 8.2% (4) of the total, lower than the average for the county.

The increase in reported crimes is generally attributed to the increased willingness of victims to come forward, in addition to improved recording of crimes (*Office for National Statistics, 2015a*).

## **2.4 Other crime**

The following sections look at other areas of crime not captured in other sections. The following aspects are covered: business crime; anti-social behaviour; criminal damage; deliberate fires; and hate crime.

### 2.4.1 Business crime

Business crime has increased in Eden by +7.4% (+22) in 2014/15 compared to the previous year, and by +8.5% over a three year period. Theft offences make up 26.3% (84) of the total business crime in Eden district. Shoplifting and criminal damage make up 24.1% (77) and 23.4% (75) respectively. Eden has the lowest business crime rate per 1,000 population of all the districts.

### 2.4.2 Anti-social behaviour

Recorded anti-social behaviour incidents decreased by -9.3% (-150) in 2014/15 compared to the previous year. Youth anti-social behaviour incidents also decreased by nearly a quarter (-22.7%, -69). Crime rates for anti-social behaviour and youth anti-social behaviour in Eden district are lower than the average for the county.

### 2.4.3 Criminal damage

Recorded criminal damage (including arson) crimes increased slightly in 2014/15 compared to the previous year (+4.6, +14). However, as the numbers involved are very small, the general trend appears to be static. Criminal damage (including arson) crime rate for Eden district is the lowest of all the districts at 6.0 per 1,000 population. Arson crimes accounted for 3.5% (11) of the total, the highest percentage of all the districts.

### 2.4.4 Deliberate fires

The number of deliberate fires in the Eden district in 2014/15 remains comparable to the previous year. Eden continues to have the lowest rate for deliberate fires of all the districts (0.3 per 1,000 population), and accounts for just 2.7% (15) of the county's total. The number of all fires has decreased by -7.3% (-12) over the same period (*Cumbria County Council, 2015b*).

### 2.4.5 Hate crime

Eden saw no increase in the number of hate crimes reported in 2014/15. Reported crimes rose by +41.7% (+5) over a three year period. However, as the numbers involved are relatively small, this is not considered to be a significant change. Eden district had the lowest crime rate in the county (0.3 per 1,000) along with South Lakeland district. Over half of hate crimes were racially motivated (52.9%; 9) with a further 29.4% (5) motivated by disability.

## 2.5 Reoffending

Ministry of Justice proven Reoffending data (2012/13) shows that the Eden district has the lowest proportion in the county of offenders who went on to reoffend, 17.1% (50), a slight decrease of -0.8 percentage points compared to the previous year. The average number of re-offences per reoffender is 3.0, an increase of +20.0%. The average number of re-offences per offender is 0.5, representing an increase of +14.4% (*Ministry of Justice, 2015*).

## 2.6 Drug and alcohol misuse

The consequences of drug and alcohol misuse across the district are serious and wide ranging. The following sections explore trends relating to: drug possession and supply; alcohol specific mortality; and rates of alcohol specific hospital admissions, including admissions for under 18 year olds.

### 2.6.1 Drug possession and supply

Eden is the only district to see an increase in reported drug crimes in 2014/15 compared to the previous year (+14.7%; +20), continuing an upward trend over a three year period. Possession of drugs increased by +16.1% (+19).

### 2.6.2 Substance misuse

During 2014/15, 234 service users in Eden came into contact with Unity (the provider of statutory drug and alcohol services in Cumbria), no change compared to the previous year. The majority of clients (53.4%; 125) use the service for alcohol related issues; 46.6% (109) for drug related issues. Heroin is the primary drug for 31.2% of drug users in Eden. Men account for 59.4% of all service users; almost half (47.0%) of all service users are aged from 30 to 44; and 19.2% of all service users have children living with them (*Unity, 2015*).

### 2.6.3 Alcohol specific mortality

The alcohol specific mortality rate for males in Eden district for 2011-13 (9.5 per 100,000 population, directly standardised rate) is better than the regional average (23.3 per 100,000) and not significantly different to the average for England (16.6 per 100,000).

For females, the rate (6.8 per 100,000) is also better than the regional average (11.4 per 100,000) and not significantly different to the average for England (7.5 per 100,000).

The male mortality rate has not changed significantly compared to the previous period (2010-12), whilst female mortality rates have decreased by -13.2%. Eden has the lowest male alcohol specific mortality rate of all the districts. In total, 9 males and 6 females lost their lives from alcohol specific causes in 2011-13 (*Public Health England, 2015b*).

### 2.6.4 Hospital admissions – alcohol specific (all)

The rate of alcohol specific hospital admissions in Eden district in 2013/14 for all persons and all age groups (227.9 per 100,000 population, directly standardised rate) is the lowest of all the districts. It is better than the regional average (559.4 per 100,000) and the average for England (373.8 per 100,000). The rate has not increased significantly compared to the previous year (*Public Health England, 2015b*).

### 2.6.5 Hospital admissions – alcohol specific (under 18 year olds)

Data relating to alcohol specific admissions for young people aged under 18 years old in Eden district has been suppressed for disclosure control due to the small count (*Public Health England, 2015b*). Rates for Eden have not historically been significantly higher than the rate for England.

## 2.7 Road Safety: Killed and Seriously Injured (KSI) statistics

Eden has the second highest number of people killed or seriously injured on its roads. A total of 43 people were killed or seriously injured in 2014. This is eight less than in 2013, a decrease of -15.7% (*Cumbria Road Safety Partnership, 2015*). The Public Consultation Survey carried out in 2013 by Cumbria Constabulary highlighted the main concern of Eden's residents as speeding vehicles followed by dangerous driving.

## 2.8 References

A full list of references is provided in the *Crime and Community Safety Strategic Assessment for Cumbria*.

### 3 Appendices

#### 3.1 Appendix: Crime rate statistical summary for Eden district with county comparison

Indicator	Eden			Cumbria		
	Number	Rate	Trend (change over 12 months)	Number	Rate	Trend (change over 12 months)
<b>Total crime</b> (rate per 1,000 population) 2014/15	1,910	36.3	Up	24,803	49.8	Up
<b>Acquisitive crime</b> (rates per 1,000 population) 2014/15						
Theft from a motor vehicle	121	2.3	Up	737	1.5	Down
Theft of a motor vehicle	45	0.9	Up	293	0.6	Down
Burglary (dwelling)	48	0.9	Up	717	1.4	Up
Burglary (other)	154	2.9	No change	1,226	2.5	Down
<b>Violent crime</b> (rates per 1,000 population) 2014/15						
Violence against the person	378	7.2	Up	6,558	13.2	Up
Alcohol related offences	175	3.3	No change	2,212	4.4	Up
Domestic abuse	315	6.0	Up	7,046	14.2	Up
Sexual offences	49	0.9	Up	701	1.4	Up
<b>Other crime</b> (rates per 1,000 population) 2014/15						
Business crime	320	6.1	Up	4,533	9.1	No change
Anti-social behaviour	1,456	27.7	Down	20,201	40.6	Down
Anti-social behaviour involving young people	235	4.5	Down	3,792	7.6	Down
Criminal damage (including arson)	318	6.0	No change	4,948	9.9	Down
Deliberate fires	15	0.3	No change	565	1.1	Down
Hate crime	17	0.3	No change	338	0.7	Up
<b>Reoffending</b> (re-offences / rate per reoffender) 2012/13	150	3.00	Up	4,146	3.1	Up

Indicator	Eden			Cumbria		
	Number	Rate	Trend (change over 12 months)	Number	Rate	Trend (change over 12 months)
<b>Drug and alcohol misuse</b>						
Drug possession and supply (per 1,000 population, 2014/15)	156	3.0	Up	1,383	2.8	Down
Alcohol specific mortality: males (all ages, DSR, per 100,000 population 2011-13)	9	9.5	No change	119	15.4	No change
Alcohol specific mortality: females (all ages, DSR per 100,000 population 2011-13)	6	6.8	Down	62	7.7	No change
Alcohol specific hospital admissions: all persons (all ages, DSR per 100,000 population 2013/14)	120	227.9	No change	2,100	425.0	Up
Alcohol specific hospital admissions: under 18 year olds (crude rate per 100,000 population 2011/12-2013/14)	<i>Not available; suppressed by Public Health England</i>			195	68.0	195
<b>Road Safety: Killed and Seriously Injured (KSI) statistics</b> (rate per 1,000 population) 2014	43	0.8	Down	226	0.5	Down

(DSR: directly standardised rate)