

Source: Lancashire JSNA, Sept 19

Burnley Lower Super Output Area deprivation map. The darker the colour the more deprived the area.

BURNLEY 2025

STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT LOCAL PROFILE

Burnley is an authority in East Lancashire that contains 15 wards.

Burnley has twice the average number of people per square kilometre than the England average.

Health varies compared with the England average.

Burnley is ranked 11/317 in the **Index of Multiple Deprivation** against all local authorities in England and 5th across the North West region.

Approximately 38.3% (7,472) of children live in relative low-income families.

Life expectancy for both men and women are lower than the England average. There are also inequalities within the district between the most deprived areas and the least deprived – 10.6 years lower for males and 4.3 years lower for women.

Alcohol related hospital admissions have remained similar and are slightly worse than both the regional and England average.

Hospital admissions for **intentional self-harm** have remained similar in recent years and are above the national average. **Suicide rates** are also above the national average and regional average.

Hospital admissions for **violence** (including sexual violence) are the highest across the county when looking at rate per population and are above the regional and England averages.

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour headlines

There has been a 6.2% reduction in all crime from 2021 to 2024.

Burnley had the 2nd highest rate of all crime per 1000 population across the county in 2024.

There has been a reduction in burglary, but Burnley has the highest rate across the county.

Burnley also has high rates of robbery, vehicle crime, and violent crime compared to other areas of the county.

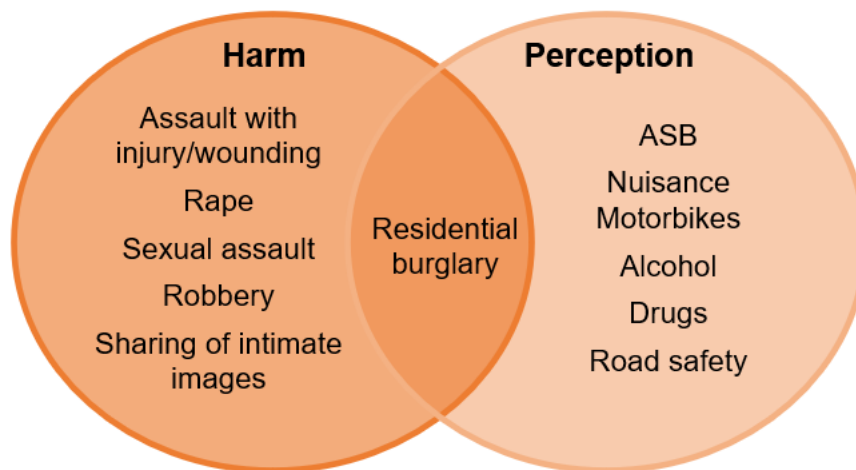
The reoffending rate for all crime is 28.6% and is above the national rate of 26.3%.

Anti-Social Behaviour incidents – Burnley ranked 5th by volume across Lancashire in 2024 and was highest by rate per 1000 population.

HARM AND PERCEPTION

Office for National Statistics crime severity tool was used to calculate the level of **harm** of crime in Burnley.

Lancashire Talking provided an indicator of the public's **perception** of the crime and community safety issues important to Burnley.



Residential burglary is of concern to the public and results in a high level of harm.

RISK AND THREATS

A threat assessment undertaken by Lancashire Constabulary using the Management of Risk in Law Enforcement methodology found these crime types and issues were the **highest risk** across Lancashire.

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- County Lines/violence related to drug supply
- Cyber crime
- Domestic abuse
- Exploitation of young people – child criminal exploitation
- Fraud
- Gang crime
- Homicide
- Knife Crime
- Modern Slavery/Human Trafficking
- Road Safety
- Violence Against Women and Girls

SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME



As part of Operation Genga (partnership approach to tackling organised crime) the following were highlighted as **key issues** of **Serious Organised Crime** for Burnley:

- Drug supply by local Organised Crime Groups (OCGs)
- Violence between rival groups.
- Cross border/County Line groups travelling into the area to supply drugs.
- Exploitation – child criminal exploitation (CCE) and cuckooing.

ROAD SAFETY

- The total number of collisions (all severities) have reduced from 2022 and are at their lowest since 2020.

In 2024:

- 60% of all casualties were involved in collisions on roads with speed limits of 30mph or less.
- 63% of all casualties were male, 37% female.
- The peak age groups (5-year range) for casualties were 15-19, and 40-44 years.
- 19% (n=13) of all killed or seriously injured (KSI) casualties in Burnley during 2024 were motorcyclists, which is above the Lancashire rate of 15%.
- 21% (n=15) of KSI casualties in Burnley were pedestrians.
- 56% (n=5) of child KSI casualties in 2024 were pedestrians.



VICTIM PROFILE

Where **gender** details were recorded 54% of all victims of crime were female and 46% are male.

80% of all victims were aged under 50 years old.

The most prevalent group of victims were **White British**, aged **25-39 years**.

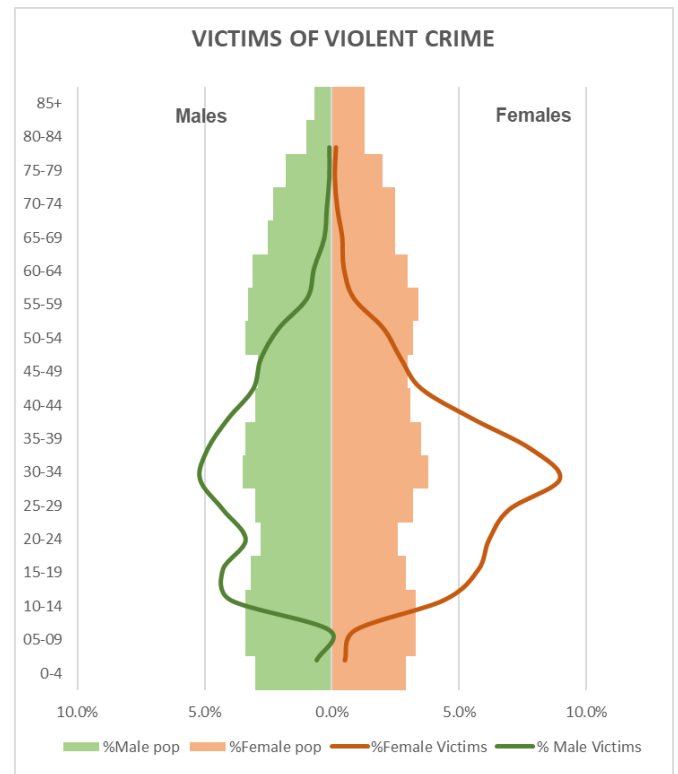
Domestic Abuse was a factor in 18% of all recorded crime.

Assault with injury and assault without injury were the most common recorded offence type for both males and females.

There is an overrepresentation of **male** victims of **violent crime** aged 15-44 compared to the overall male population breakdown for those age groups.

A greater disproportionality can be seen amongst **female** victims of **violent crime** aged 15-44 compared to the overall female population breakdown for those age groups.

The **elderly** are less likely to be victims of crime.



*The chart depicts the Burnley **population** breakdown by age and gender within the bar charts, whilst the line depicts the breakdown of **victims of violent crime** by age and gender.*

DOMESTIC ABUSE

- Females accounted for 75% of victims of domestic abuse (DA) and males 25%.
- The peak age group was 30-39 years.
- Victims were predominantly White British (86%), followed by Pakistani (5%).
- 22% of domestic abuse offences were alcohol related.
- Assault without injury, assault with injury, and stalking were the most reported DA crime types in Burnley.
- The highest number of offences were in the Trinity ward, followed by Danehouse with Stoneyholme, Bank Hall, and Rosehill with Burnley Wood wards.

In Burnley, 59% of all domestic abuse victims fell within the “Urban Adversity” category (ACORN, Jan22-Dec24), which key characteristics include:

- Age 25-34
- House – flat or terraced
- Children at home – 1+
- House tenure – social renting



This is disproportionate when compared to the Burnley district population, where 33% make up this category. Therefore, showing an over representation of DA victims within the Urban Adversity category compared to the district population.

REOFFENDING

The reoffending rate for Burnley is 28.6%, which is above the Lancashire rate of 28.1% and the national rate of 26.3%. (MoJ release Jan 25).

Previous research has shown that the **gender** split is 86% male, 14% female – this has remained similar in recent years. Males have a higher repeat rate than females.

The average number of reoffences per reoffender is greater for males than females.

The ethnicity of 91% of repeat offenders is white. Their repeat rate is higher than other ethnic backgrounds.

Peak age groups are **21-24** and **30-39 years** – over half of all reoffenders are within these age ranges.

Peak crime types fall within the **theft** and **violence against the person** categories.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) features as one of the primary concerns for the people of Burnley in the Lancashire Talking Survey. Annual totals of reported ASB have been reducing in recent years.

In 2024, the wards with the highest volume of ASB reported were **Danehouse with Stoneyholme, Trinity, Gawthorpe, Bank Hall, and Rosehill with Burnley Wood** – these wards account for over 60% of ASB across the district.

- 17% of incidents were **noise nuisance**.
- 12% of incidents were **neighbour disputes**.
- 23% of incidents were **youth related**.
- 6% were **moto nuisance** related.

Peak locations were in and around the Bus Station, fast food restaurants, and supermarkets



SUBSTANCE MISUSE



For young people in Lancashire, **Cannabis** is the primary substance, followed by alcohol use, and nicotine.

The gender split for young people in treatment is 65% male and 35% female.

For adults in treatment the gender split is consistent with the England average – 66% male, 34% female.

In 2023/24 58% of adults in treatment were aged 30-49 years, with a further 30% aged 50+ years.

For adults, the main drugs of concern are **heroin/opiates** and alcohol. There are also significant levels of use of cocaine powder and crack cocaine, whilst cannabis is widely used as a secondary or tertiary drug. Legal and illicit use of **benzodiazepines** is also noted – commonly linked with mental health issues.

Of the adults that required substance misuse treatment following **release from prison**, 63% successfully engaged in community-based structured treatment, compared to the national average of 47%.

In 2023/24 49% of people in treatment showed substantial progress in their treatment – comparing favourably with the England average of 47%.

SOCIAL & DEMOGRAPHIC INEQUALITIES

Health and deprivation are determining and interlinking factors in community safety.

Burnley is the 11th **most deprived** district in England.

Life expectancy in Burnley is 3 years lower for females than the UK average and 4 years lower for males.

The **rate of employment** (76.3%) has remained similar over the last 5-year period and is higher than both the region (73.2%) and national rate (75.7%).

Burnley has the 3rd highest rate of **claimant count** (6.3%) across Lancashire and is higher than the North West (4.4%) and UK (4.1%). This count includes people on Universal Credit who are required to seek work and be available for work (2024).

Homelessness – households owed a duty under the Homelessness Reduction Act is higher than the region and national rate and is the 2nd highest across Lancashire (2023/24).



Burnley has the lowest rate of pupils achieving the **Key Stage 2** (aged 11 years) expected levels of **reading, writing** and **mathematics** across Lancashire.

Across all districts in Lancashire, Burnley has the second lowest **attainment 8** score (average grade across 8 core subjects, 15–16-year-olds) and is below the region and national rates.

Burnley has the same proportion of **NEET** (not in education, employment, or training) 16-17-year-olds as the Lancashire rate (3.1%), and ranks 8/14 across the county.

Burnley has the second highest rate of 16–20-year-olds with no qualifications across the county.

Burnley has the 3rd highest rate of **child obesity** (10–11-year-olds) across Lancashire and is above the region and national rate.

Overweight prevalence in adults (18+ years) is below the regional and national rate and ranks 11/14 across Lancashire.

Physically active adults (19+ years) are below the region and national rate and is the worst in Lancashire (2022/23).

21% of the population in Burnley are deemed **disabled under the Equality Act** – 4th highest in the county.

PROCESS

This profile forms part of the output of the 2022-25 Pan-Lancashire Strategic Assessment – it is accompanied by 13 other profiles covering the Lancashire district authorities and unitary authorities, along with a strategic overview at a pan-Lancashire level. Here you will find more detailed references.

Analysis in this profile is underpinned by the strategic threat matrix, developed on a Lancashire wide footprint, and highlighting some of the key threats at a local level. Existing Partnership Intelligence Assessments and local analytical products have been used to provide supporting evidence.

Consultation with local stakeholders has taken place through local area Consultation Workshops (June 2024).

The data parameters for analysis within this profile (unless otherwise stated) is within the last 3-year period.

Sources for this product include:

[Lancashire Insight - Lancashire County Council](#)

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