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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) 2011/12 (April 2011 – March 2012). This annual bulletin focuses on the London Bus network, London Underground (LU) / Docklands Light Railway (DLR), London Tramlink and London Overground 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 2011/12 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.

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 2011/12 were 9.4% lower than in 2010/11 and the rate of crime for the bus network has fallen to 9.3 crimes per million passenger journeys (from 10.5 in 2010/11). Crime on LU/DLR has also fallen during 2011/12 being 10.1% lower than in 2010/11 with the rate of crime also falling to 9.6 crimes per million passenger journeys (from 11.4 in 2010/11). Crime on London Tramlink has remained constant during 2011/12 being around the same as the levels in 2010/11 with the rate of crime falling to 12.9 crimes per million passenger journeys (from 13.2 in 2010/11). Crime on London Overground has increased during 2011/12 being 16.1% higher than in 2010/11. For the first time reliable passenger figures for this service are available yielding the rate of crime of 7.5 crimes per million passenger journeys; hence, despite the rise in recorded crime upon London Overground, the service has the lowest rate of crime of all TfL public transport services.

The reductions in bus-related and LU/DLR 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 2008/9–2011/12

Table 1 shows the break-down of MPS bus-related¹ crime by the major crime categories used by the MPS for 2008/9, 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 and includes the rate of crime² for each of these categories with the exception of burglary³. In 2011/12, there were 9.3 crimes for every million passenger journeys made on the bus network. Borough bus-related crime figures are shown in table 2.

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	2008/9		2009/10		2010/11		2011/12	
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate
Burglary	86	N/A	63	N/A	82	N/A	66	N/A
Criminal Damage	3,723	1.7	2,350	1.0	2,060	Less than 1	1,775	Less than 1
Drugs	779	Less than 1	693	Less than 1	887	Less than 1	724	Less than 1
Fraud / Forgery	387	Less than 1	325	Less than 1	316	Less than 1	294	Less than 1
Other Notifiable Offences	234	Less than 1	276	Less than 1	253	Less than 1	228	Less than 1
Robbery	2,761	1.2	2,564	1.1	2,665	1.2	2,783	1.2
Sexual Offences	535	Less than 1	550	Less than 1	514	Less than 1	495	Less than 1
Theft and Handling	10,948	4.9	11,265	5.0	10,621	4.6	9,708	4.1
Violence against the Person	7,609	3.4	6,890	3.1	6,576	2.9	5,651	2.4
Total	27,062	12.1*	24,976	11.1*	23,974	10.5*	21,724	9.3*

¹ 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.

² 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.

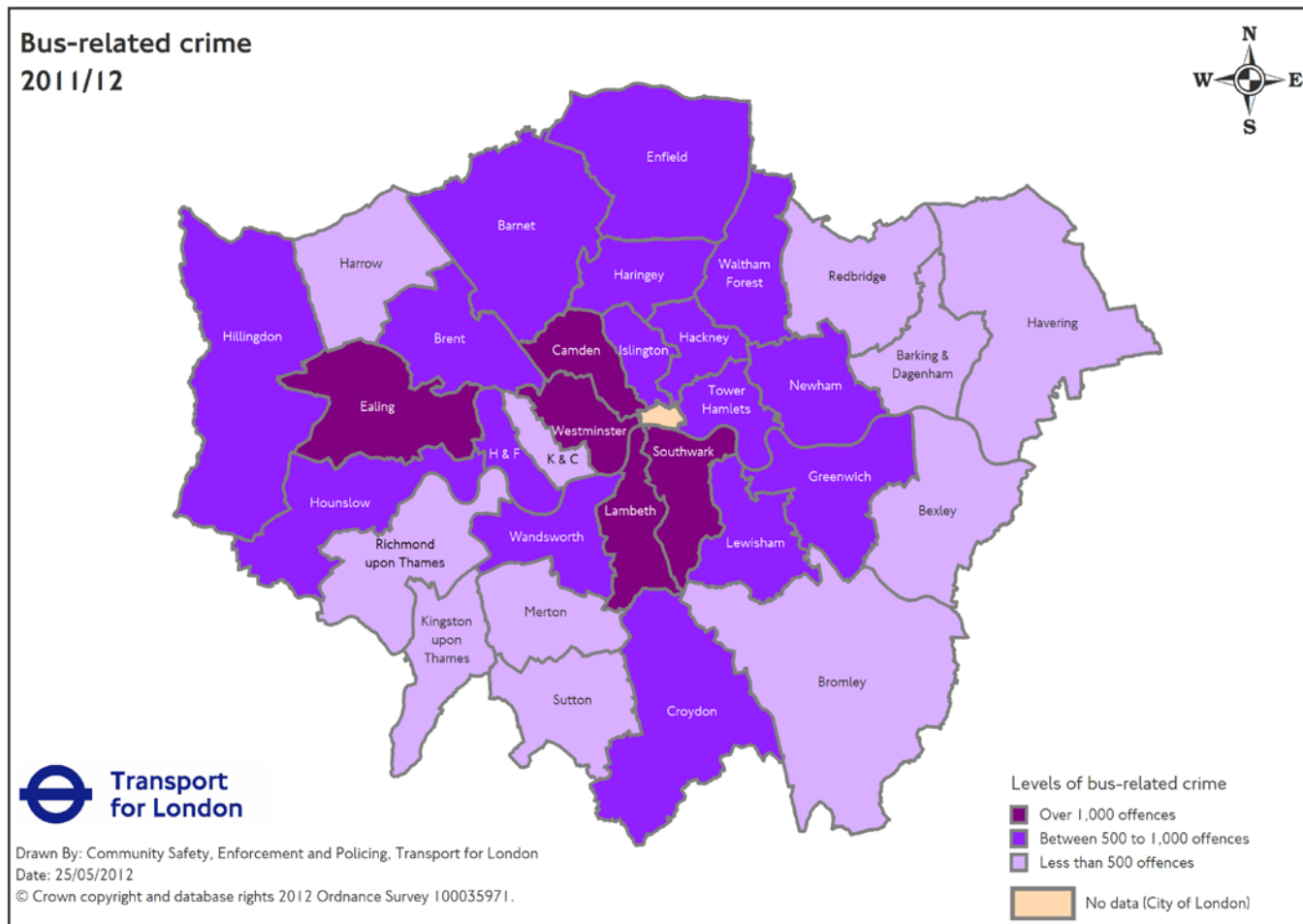
³ Most burglaries take place in buildings and therefore it is not appropriate to calculate crime rates for burglary based on the number of passenger journeys made on the bus network.

* Bus-related crime rates for 2008/9, 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 are based on annual passenger journey figure of 2.247billion, 2.257b, 2.289b and 2.344b respectively.

Map 1 – Bus-related crime volume by borough

Map 1 shows the breakdown of MPS bus-related crime by borough for 2011/12. 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 2.

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.



Map 2 – Bus-related crime change between 2010/11 and 2011/12 by borough

Map 2 shows the percentage change in the levels of bus-related crime between 2010/11 and 2011/12. 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 2.

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.

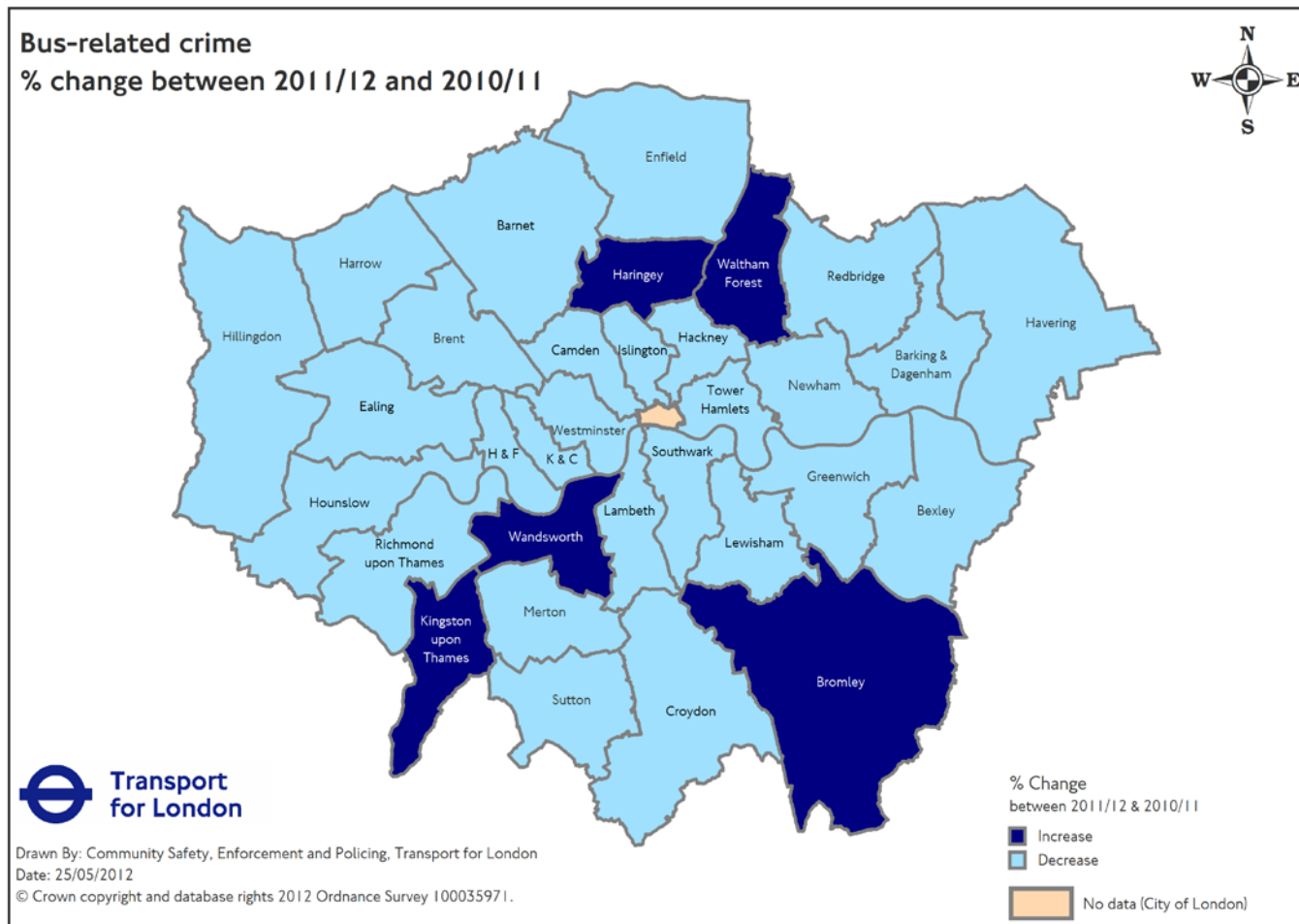


Table 2 – Borough breakdown of bus related crime for 2010/11 – 2011/12

	Financial Year 2011/12									2011/12 Total	2010/11 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	42	42	2	5	60	8	171	144	478	482	-0.8%
Barnet	4	53	20	10	10	142	24	299	201	763	880	-13.3%
Bexley	0	30	3	10	1	37	13	40	81	215	283	-24.0%
Brent	6	64	23	7	6	144	12	285	278	825	911	-9.4%
Bromley	2	73	13	4	3	74	14	105	152	440	414	6.3%
Camden	2	65	26	18	8	85	13	584	229	1,030	1,082	-4.8%
Croydon	3	111	21	9	12	140	24	245	226	791	817	-3.2%
Ealing	2	84	23	7	11	116	26	446	299	1,014	1,110	-8.6%
Enfield	3	52	10	3	14	113	17	207	153	572	612	-6.5%
Greenwich	1	81	7	14	7	55	13	145	180	503	597	-15.7%
Hackney	2	48	1	8	6	70	14	623	190	962	1,007	-4.5%
Hammersmith & Fulham	0	33	16	9	11	48	10	323	196	646	673	-4.0%
Haringey	1	67	13	5	4	153	6	356	239	844	829	1.8%
Harrow	2	26	9	6	4	43	14	91	98	293	467	-37.3%
Havering	2	48	11	5	7	66	6	80	112	337	487	-30.8%
Hillingdon	1	121	15	21	12	66	15	229	171	651	719	-14.2%
Hounslow	2	58	6	11	10	61	15	172	181	516	521	-1.0%
Islington	0	40	10	8	10	81	20	491	188	848	1,035	-18.1%
Kensington & Chelsea	1	19	4	4	1	29	5	206	71	340	358	-5.0%
Kingston upon Thames	0	30	24	4	4	19	10	95	107	293	262	11.8%
Lambeth	1	73	51	13	12	214	28	598	275	1,265	1,308	-3.3%
Lewisham	2	76	17	7	10	140	32	333	251	868	949	-8.5%
Merton	2	22	7	12	0	44	15	87	94	283	373	-24.1%
Newham	7	40	28	16	11	135	27	521	201	986	1,134	-13.1%

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	Burglary	Criminal Damage	Drugs	Fraud or Forgery	Other Notifiable Offences	Robbery	Sexual Offences	Theft and Handling	Violence Against the Person	2011/12 Total	2010/11 Total	% Change
Redbridge	1	53	7	3	4	76	9	184	104	441	492	-10.4%
Richmond upon Thames	1	49	2	1	1	23	18	65	98	258	270	-4.4%
Southwark	3	93	22	7	12	218	20	701	291	1,367	1,399	-2.3%
Sutton	1	48	4	2	4	21	6	65	70	221	242	-8.7%
Tower Hamlets	0	27	20	6	5	63	14	283	129	547	794	-31.1%
Waltham Forest	7	26	20	6	5	91	13	321	152	641	639	0.3%
Wandsworth	1	39	6	27	4	62	11	285	163	598	583	2.6%
Westminster	2	84	243	29	14	94	23	1,072	327	1,888	2,245	-15.9%
2011/12 Total	66	1,775	724	294	228	2,783	495	9,708	5,651	21,724	23,974	-9.4%
2010/11 Total	82	2,060	887	316	253	2,665	514	10,621	6,576			
% Change	-19.5%	-13.8%	-18.4%	-7.0%	-9.9%	4.4%	-3.7%	-8.6%	-14.1%			

3. London Underground and Docklands Light Railway Crime 2008/9 –2011/12

Table 3 provides a breakdown of the major crime categories⁴ used by the BTP for the LU and DLR networks in 2008/9, 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12⁵. There were 9.6 crimes for every million passenger journeys made on the LU and DLR networks in 2011/12.

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>

Table 3

Crime Type	2008/9		2009/10		2010/11		2011/12	
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate
Violence Against the Person	2,158	1.9	1,997	1.8	1,971	1.7	1,792	1.4
Sexual Offences	338	Less than 1	328	Less than 1	300	Less than 1	354	Less than 1
Criminal Damage	1,615	1.4	1,337	1.2	1,066	Less than 1	738	Less than 1
Line of Route	118	Less than 1	112	Less than 1	112	Less than 1	74	Less than 1
Theft of Passenger Property	6,134	5.3	6,794	6.0	6,520	5.5	6,021	4.8
Motor Vehicle/Cycle Offences	359	Less than 1	346	Less than 1	368	Less than 1	415	Less than 1
Robbery	136	Less than 1	137	Less than 1	161	Less than 1	112	Less than 1
Theft of Railway Property / Burglary	381	Less than 1	407	Less than 1	602	Less than 1	353	Less than 1
Serious Public Order	1,892	1.6	1,462	1.3	1,307	1.1	979	Less than 1
Serious Fraud	230	Less than 1	206	Less than 1	227	Less than 1	231	Less than 1
Drugs	1,616	1.4	1,266	1.1	727	Less than 1	960	Less than 1
Other Serious Offences	132	Less than 1	144	Less than 1	111	Less than 1	86	Less than 1
Total Notifiable Offences	15,109	13.1**	14,536	12.8**	13,472	11.4**	12,115	9.6**

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

⁵ 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 2008/9, 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 are based on annual passenger journey figures of 1.156b, 1.134b, 1.186b and 1.257b respectively.

4. London Overground Crime 2008/9 – 2011/12

Table 4 provides a breakdown of the major crime categories used by the BTP for the LO network in 2008/9, 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12⁶. There were 7.5 crimes for every million passenger journeys made on the LO network in 2011/12.

Table 4

Crime Type	2008/9	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	
	Crimes	Crimes	Crimes	Crimes	Rate
Violence Against the Person	103	93	142	186	1.8
Sexual Offences	9	9	11	5	Less than 1
Criminal Damage	43	51	70	52	Less than 1
Line of Route	3	0	7	5	Less than 1
Theft of Passenger Property	67	68	125	160	1.6
Motor Vehicle/Cycle Offences	13	23	31	92	Less than 1
Robbery	10	13	24	13	Less than 1
Theft of Railway Property / Burglary	40	23	46	29	Less than 1
Serious Public Order	79	80	95	117	1.1
Serious Fraud	3	2	10	13	Less than 1
Drugs	106	79	86	85	Less than 1
Other Serious Offences	16	9	11	7	Less than 1
Total Notifiable Offences	492	450	658	764	7.5**

⁶ 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 rate for 2011/12 is based on the annual passenger journey figure of 102.45m.

5. London Tramlink Crime 2008/9 – 2011/12

Table 5 provides a breakdown of the major crime categories used by the BTP for the London Tramlink network in 2008/9, 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12⁷. There were 12.9 crimes for every million passenger journeys made on the London Tramlink network in 2011/12.

Table 5

Crime Type	2008/9		2009/10		2010/11		2011/12	
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate
Violence Against the Person	76	2.8	85	3.3	89	3.2	78	2.7
Sexual Offences	8	Less than 1	3	Less than 1	4	Less than 1	8	Less than 1
Criminal Damage	52	1.9	59	2.3	44	1.6	44	1.5
Line of Route	72	2.6	55	2.1	35	1.3	35	1.2
Theft of Passenger Property	38	1.4	55	2.1	55	2.0	39	1.4
Motor Vehicle/Cycle Offences	9	Less than 1	12	Less than 1	20	Less than 1	20	Less than 1
Robbery	22	Less than 1	26	1.0	17	Less than 1	38	1.3
Theft of Railway Property / Burglary	25	Less than 1	19	Less than 1	11	Less than 1	3	Less than 1
Serious Public Order	64	2.4	48	1.9	52	1.9	48	1.7
Serious Fraud	10	Less than 1	2	Less than 1	9	Less than 1	8	Less than 1
Drugs	27	1.0	37	1.4	30	1.1	45	1.6
Other Serious Offences	8	Less than 1	2	Less than 1	1	Less than 1	3	Less than 1
Total Notifiable Offences	411	15.1**	403	15.6**	367	13.2**	369	12.9**

⁷ 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 2008/9, 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 are based on annual passenger journey figures of 27.20 million, 25.82m, 27.86m and 28.54m 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 Teams <http://www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods/safertransport/index.htm>

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/about_us/areas/london_underground_dlr.aspx

London Underground Division Neighbourhood Policing Teams

http://www.btp.police.uk/neighbourhood_policing/london_underground_dlr.aspx

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