

OPCC ANNUAL SURVEY 2025 RESULTS OVERVIEW

This autumn, the PCC invited the public to complete a safety survey to understand how safe they feel in their community, how visible and connected they feel to Dorset Police, and whether police resources are being used effectively locally. The feedback helps assess how well the Police and Crime Plan and the Chief Constable's Policing Vision are understood and delivered. It highlights areas of success and identifies where improvements may be needed, informing internal discussions and further action. Serious concerns can be raised with the Force, while positive outcomes may be shared publicly. The results will also support policy development within the OPCC, improve Dorset Police's understanding of public perceptions, and be shared with relevant stakeholders and partners.

Results:

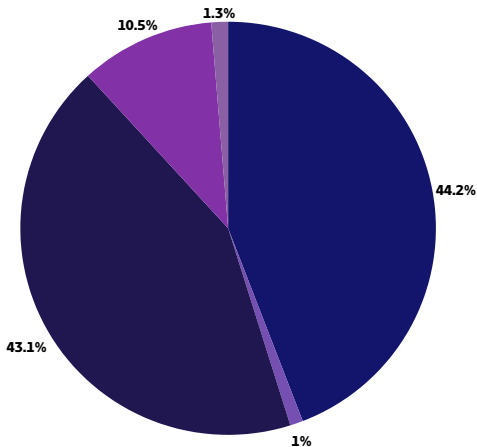
 1501 Respondents

 5 weeks of online consultation

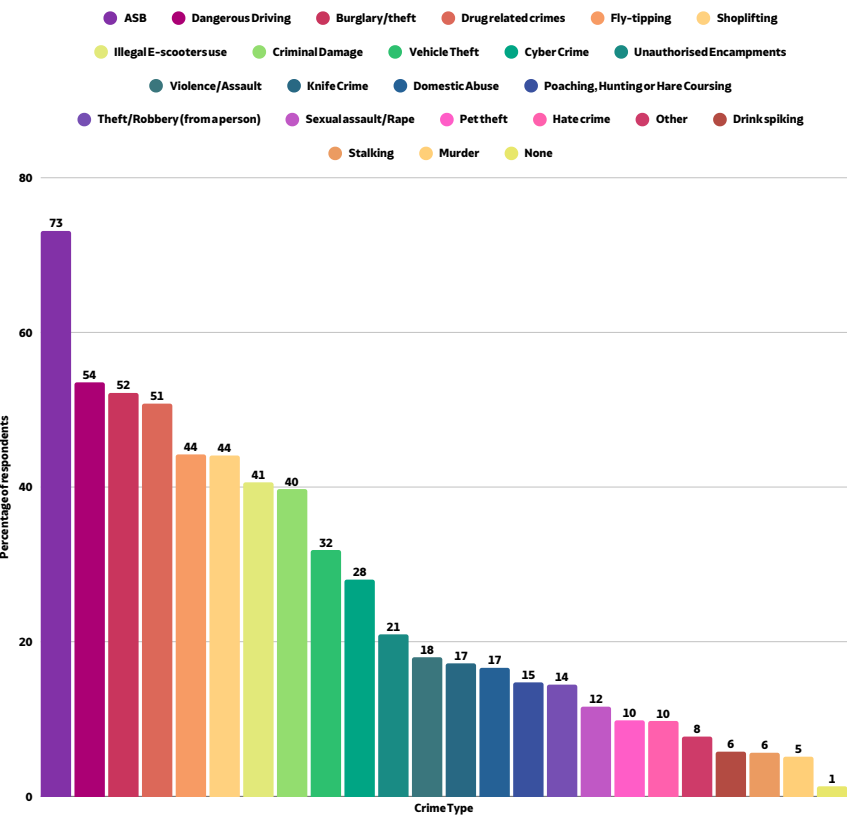
 578 free text comments

The PCC's aim is for Dorset to be the safest county in England and Wales. Do you think Dorset is:

- The safest county in England and Wales: 1.01% (14)
- One of the safest counties in England and Wales: 44.15% (611)
- Neither one of the safest, nor one of the less safest counties in England and Wales: 43.06% (596)
- One of the less safe counties in England and Wales: 10.48% (145)
- The least safe county in England and Wales: 1.30% (18)



What sort of crime do you feel is most likely to affect you where you live?



Repeated themes of comments:

-  Members of the public shared views that Dorset Police is underfunded and needs more resources.
-  There is a need for more public information about how to connect with the police.
-  The public want to see the police in person and would like to see officers patrolling more.
-  Many members of the public raised concerns around ASB and Shoplifting.
-  Members of the public shared they feel safe and think Dorset is a lovely place to live.

