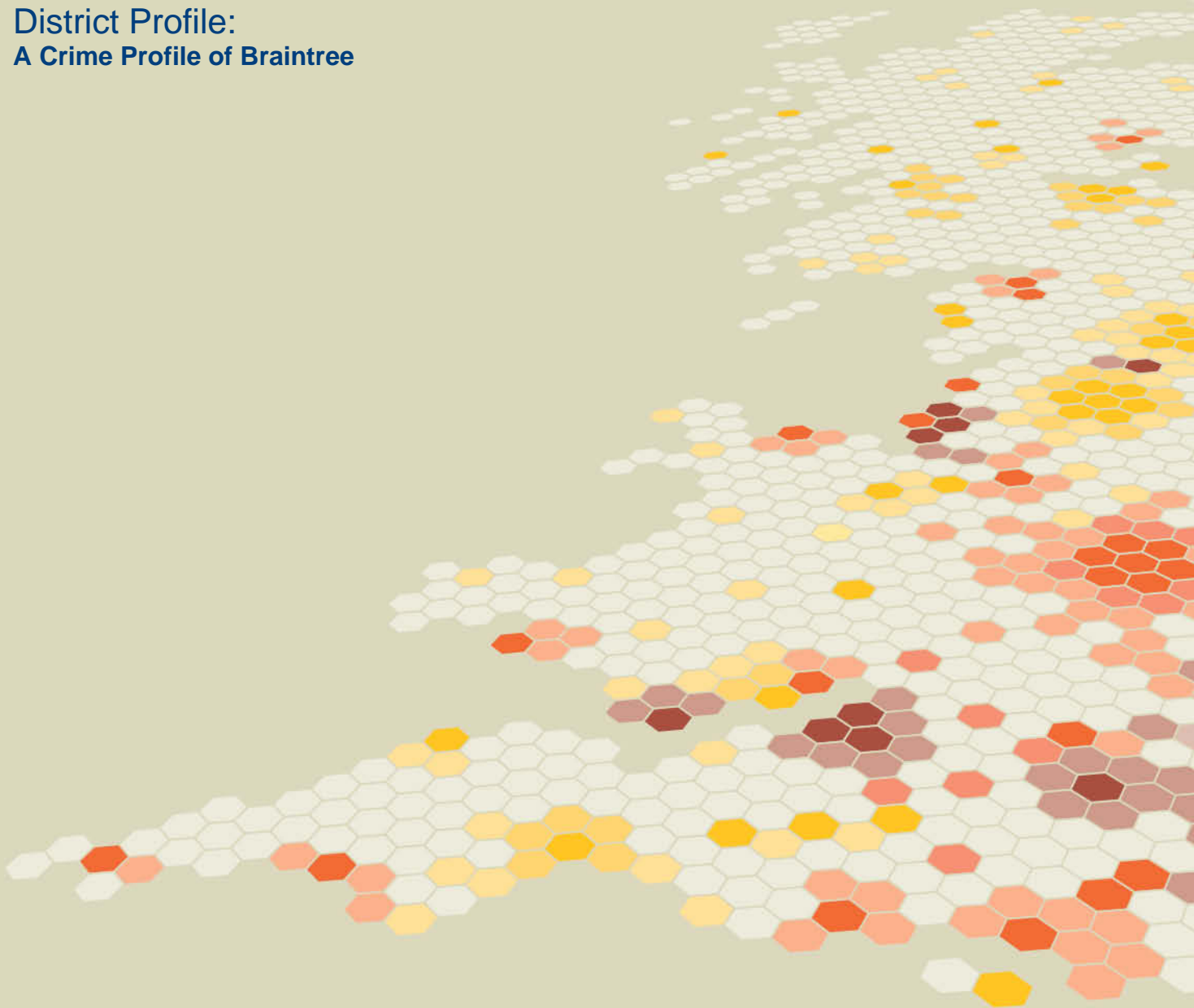


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District Profile: A Crime Profile of Braintree



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Crime Profile: Braintree

Introduction

Crime levels affect an area's 'liveability', and reflect the socioeconomic conditions of the area and its surroundings. Nationally, there have been some reductions in crime over recent years, although the introduction of the National Crime Recording Standard in 2002 boosted national crime figures. This crime profile assesses Braintree according to a number of crime related indicators, including total offences per 1000 residents, vehicle crime, violent crime, burglaries and the change in total offences over time.

Braintree is ranked 305 out of 376 districts on our crime score, indicating levels of crime that are in the lowest 20% of districts nationally.

With a crime score of 59.70, Braintree is well below the national median and is therefore performing very well by national standards. This is shown in the map, where areas with darker shadings have higher crime levels and those with lighter shadings have lower levels.

There were 32.06 offences per 1,000 residents in 2008 in Braintree. By comparison the Essex figure was 41.85, the East of England figure was 51.02 and the national figure was 53.70.

A glossary of the terms and definitions used in this profile are included at the end of the report.

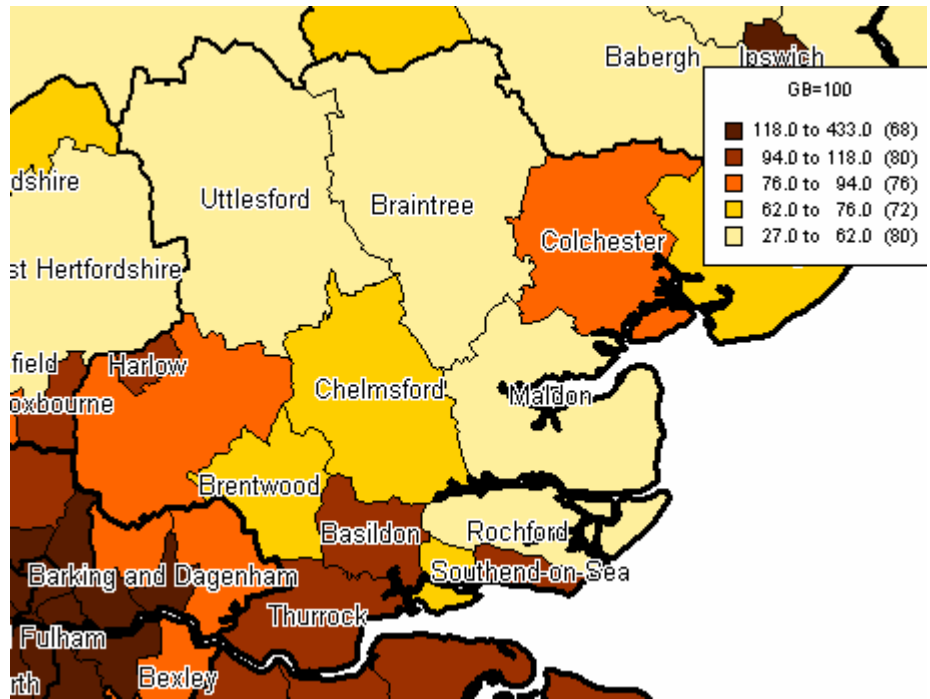
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Crime Score

The map shows the performance of districts within Essex. The areas with very dark shading have higher crime levels and those with very light shading have lower crime levels.

With a score of 59.70, Braintree has crime levels that are in the lowest 20% of districts and is in a sub region that has crime levels in the lowest 40% of sub regions nationally.

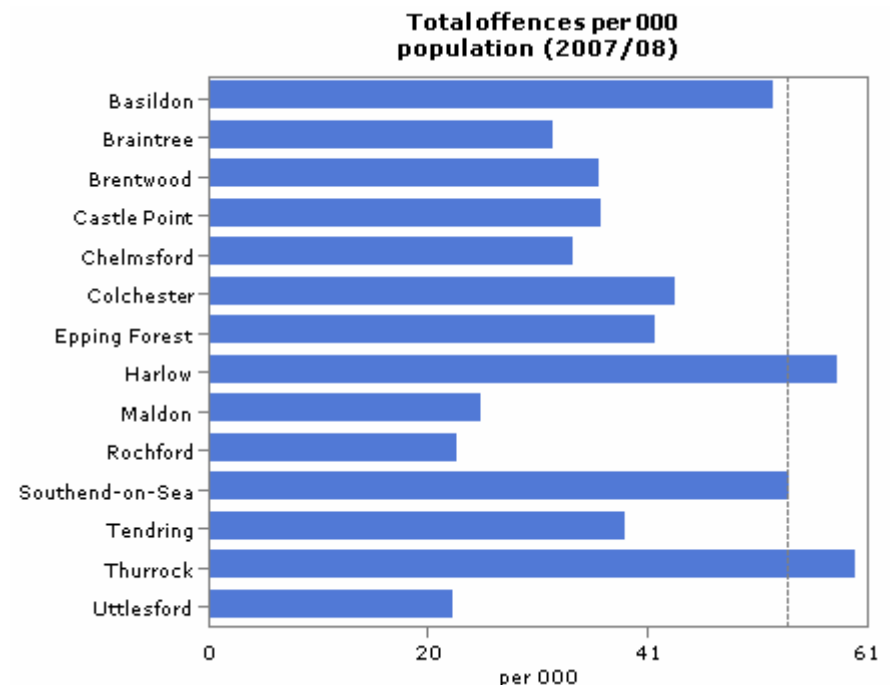


Source: Police Recorded Crime of five key offences

Total Offences Per 000 Population

The bar chart shows the total number of offences per 1,000 residents in 2008, for districts in Essex.

The chart shows that at 32.06, Braintree has a low number of offences per 1,000 residents. By comparison the England and Wales average, shown by the dashed line, is 53.70.



Source: Police Recorded Crime of five key offences

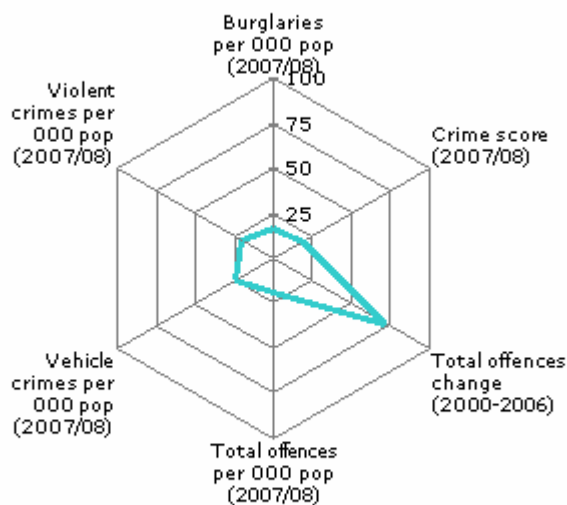
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Crime Indicators

The spider chart is a way of showing how Braintree rates against the national median. Data for every district in England and Wales is converted into a percentile score, with the highest ranking area scoring 100 and the bottom area zero. The national median is shown by the 50th percentile.

The chart shows that Braintree scores very well by national standards on our crime score. The chart also shows how Braintree performs on a range of related crime measures.



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Source: Police Recorded Crime of five key offences

Crime Indicators

Areas	Total offences per 000 pop (per 000) 2007/08	Total offences change (%) 2000-2006	Burglaries per 000 pop (per 000) 2007/08	Vehicle crimes per 000 pop (per 000) 2007/08	Violent crimes per 000 pop (per 000) 2007/08	Crime score (GB=100) 2007/08	Rank
Thurrock	60.11	46.47	5.42	18.69	15.13	111.94	91/376
Harlow	58.37	61.63	4.19	13.80	24.97	108.70	101/376
Southend-on-Sea	53.94	16.40	4.05	8.89	18.27	100.45	127/376
Basildon	52.36	13.15	5.96	12.28	14.67	97.50	136/376
Colchester	43.40	78.31	3.03	6.80	16.81	80.81	205/376
Epping Forest	41.40	104.56	6.36	12.25	12.75	77.09	219/376
Tendring	38.59	47.71	2.79	7.28	13.75	71.85	245/376
Castle Point	36.48	17.59	3.37	7.58	8.46	67.94	259/376
Brentwood	36.30	55.40	4.53	8.31	12.85	67.61	260/376
Chelmsford	33.79	59.68	2.32	6.36	13.05	62.91	290/376
Braintree	32.06	26.68	1.92	5.99	10.62	59.70	305/376
Maldon	25.31	28.57	1.67	4.55	8.90	47.14	351/376
Rochford	23.11	34.44	1.47	5.53	7.05	43.04	364/376
Uttlesford	22.74	44.60	2.33	4.93	10.29	42.35	366/376
Essex	41.85	41.03	3.68	9.15	13.86	77.93	39/49
East of England	51.02	25.14	5.19	10.88	17.34	95.01	7/10
England and Wales Average	53.70	5.46	5.22	11.14	17.58	100	

Source: Police Recorded Crime of five key offences

Crime Indicators Summary

Looking at some of the indicators from the table we find that:

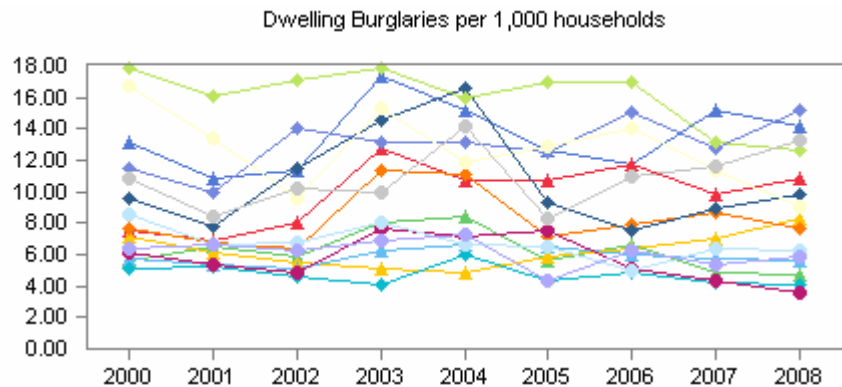
- There were 10.62 violent crimes per 1,000 residents in 2008, which is low by national standards, with Braintree ranking in the lowest 40% of districts. By comparison the Essex figure was 13.86 and the national figure was 17.58.
- There were 5.99 vehicle crimes per 1,000 residents in 2008, which is low by national standards, with Braintree ranking in the lowest 40% of districts. By comparison the Essex figure was 9.15 and the national figure was 11.14.
- There were 1.92 dwelling burglaries per 1,000 residents in 2008, which is very low by national standards, with Braintree ranking in the lowest 20% of districts. By comparison the Essex figure was 3.68 and the national figure was 5.22.
- Between 2000 and 2006, the total number of crimes in Braintree increased by 26.68%. Compared with the levels of change seen nationally, this is below the national average placing Braintree in the lowest 40% of districts.

Source: Police Recorded Crime of five key offences

Change In Dwelling Burglaries Per 000 Households

The chart shows how burglary levels have changed over recent years, for districts in Essex.

Between 2000 and 2008 the proportion of dwelling burglaries per 1000 households in Braintree has decreased from 5.60% to 4.69%. This places Braintree in the lowest 20% of districts nationally, in terms of change in burglary levels.



Source: Local Knowledge; Police Recorded Crime of five key offences
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Nearest Neighbours

For the indicators in the spider chart shown earlier, the areas in the country with the most similar profiles are shown on the right. These are statistically the nearest neighbours to Braintree, with West Dorset in Bournemouth, Dorset & Poole being the most similar on the crime indicators.

Rank	Place Name	Sub Region
1	West Dorset	Bournemouth, Dorset & Poole
2	Forest of Dean	Gloucestershire
3	Mendip	Somerset
4	East Devon	Devon & Cornwall
5	Torridge	Devon & Cornwall
6	Kerrier	Devon & Cornwall
7	Wyre	Lancashire
8	Harborough	Leicestershire
9	Restormel	Devon & Cornwall
10	East Riding of Yorkshire	Humberside

Source: Police Recorded Crime of five key offences

Glossary of terms

Change in total offences per 1000 population	The percentage change in the total number of offences. Total offences include theft from vehicles; dwelling burglary; robberies; sexual offences and violent offences. Please note changes in the component parts of this figure since 2007 mean that the time series has been interrupted.
Crime score	This indicator provides an index of the total number of offences per 1,000 resident population. Total offences include theft from vehicles; dwelling burglary; robberies; sexual offences and violent offences.
Dwelling burglaries per 1000 households	Burglaries to any dwelling, such as house, flat, caravan or hostel, per 1,000 households within the locality.
Dwelling burglaries per 1000 population	Burglaries to any dwelling, such as house, flat, caravan or hostel, per 1,000 residents within the locality.
Total offences per 1000 population	The total number of offences per 1,000 resident population. Total offences include theft from vehicles; dwelling burglary; robberies; sexual offences and violent offences.
Vehicle crimes per 1000 population	Theft from/of a motor vehicle, per 1,000 households within the locality.
Violent crimes per 1000 population	Violence against the person, sexual offences and robberies, per 1,000 households within the locality.

Data Sources and Definitions

Change in total offences per 1000 population	Difference between the total offences as a proportion of resident population in most recent year and the start year.
Crime score	The total number of offences in an area is indexed to the GB average, providing a figure which is relative to the national trend.
Dwelling burglaries per 1000 households	The total dwelling burglaries per 1000 households as a proportion of an area's total households.
Dwelling burglaries per 1000 population	The total dwelling burglaries per 1000 resident population as a proportion of an area's total population.
Total offences per 1000 population	Total offences as a proportion of the resident population (per 1000).
Vehicle crimes per 1000 population	Thefts from and of motor vehicles as a proportion of the resident population (per 1000).
Violent crimes per 1000 population	Crimes of Violence against the person, sexual offences and robberies as a proportion of the resident population (per 1000).

Source: Local Knowledge; Home Office, Police recorded crime of six key offences.

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