

Community Safety Survey 2025

We would like to find out about your perception of safety in Southampton and what experiences you have had. We are keen to hear from anyone that lives, works or studies in Southampton.

The closing date to complete this survey is 09 September 2025.

This questionnaire can also be completed online at: www.southampton.gov.uk/consultations

Question 1a. How safe do you feel during the day in the following settings?						
				Fairly	Very	Not
	Very safe	Fairly safe	Neither	unsafe	unsafe	applicable
In your local area (within a 20 minute walking distance of your home)						
In Southampton City Centre						
In a quiet street close to your home						
In a busy public space such as a high street						
In a park or other open space						
Using public transport on your own						
Question 1b. How safe do you feel afte	r dark in the	e followina	settings?			
<u></u>		3	3	Fairly	Very	Not
	Very safe	Fairly safe	Neither	unsafe	unsafe	applicable
In your local area (within a 20-minute walking distance of your home)						
In Southampton City Centre						
In a quiet street close to your home						
In a busy public space such as a high street						
In a park or other open space						
Using public transport on your own						
Question 1c. If you feel unsafe, have yo month? (Please tick all that apply)	ou stopped	doing any o	of the follo	owing activ	vities in th	ie last
Leaving home alone						
Going to streets or areas you think are u	nsafe					
Walking in quiet places such as parks or	open space	s				
Walking in a quiet street close to where	you live					
Going to busy public spaces on your own	n such as a l	nigh street o	r train stat	ion		
I have not stopped doing any of the follow	wing in the la	ast month				

same in the last 12 months	; ?		
Significantly increased			
Increased			
Decreased			
Significantly decreased			
Lived here less than 12 mor	nths		
with crime and anti-social E.g. Hampshire Fire and Re Council, Public Health, Hai Office of Police Crime Con	t would you agree or disage behaviour in your local are escue, Southampton Clinic mpshire Constabulary, Nathamissioner (Hampshire) & Neither	ea? cal Commissioning Gro tional Probation Service Youth Justice Service	up, Southampton City

Question 2. Do you think the level of crime in your local area has increased, decreased or stayed the

Question 4. Thinking of your local area, how much of an issue do you think each of the following are?

	A very big issue	A fairly big issue	Not a very big issue	Not an issue at all	Don't know
Antisocial behaviour					
Aggressive begging in the streets (Loitering or begging in a manner that causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm, distress, nuisance or annoyance to any person)					
Vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles					
Arson					
People using or dealing drugs					
Burglary, robbery or theft					
Sexual assault					
Domestic abuse					
Stalking and harassment (Some examples include: catcalls, unwanted sexual comments or jokes from a stranger, feeling like you are being followed or feeling threatened)					
Serious violent crime e.g. Knife crime					
Violence against women and girls					
Hate crime (Crimes committed against someone because of their race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or transgender identity)					
Cyber crime or computer misuse					
Fraud					
Alcohol related crime					
Youth crime					
Question 5. To what extent do you ag from different backgrounds get on w	ell together	?			
Definitely agree					
Tend to agree					
Neither agree nor disagree					
Tend to disagree					
Definitely disagree					
Don't know					
Question 6. Have you been a victim omonths?	of crime or a	nti-social bel	naviour in Sou	thampton in t	he last 12
Yes					\equiv
Prefer not to say					

Question 7. Which of the following best describes your experience of crime and antisocial behaviour in the last 12 months? (Please tick all that apply)

	I have witnessed this	I have been a victim of this	I have not witnessed or been a victim of this	Prefer not to say
Antisocial behaviour				
Aggressive begging in the streets ((Loitering or begging in a manner that causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm, distress, nuisance or annoyance to any person)				
Vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles				
Arson				
People using or dealing drugs				
Burglary, robbery or theft				
Sexual assault				
Domestic abuse				
Stalking and harassment (Some examples include: catcalls, unwanted sexual comments or jokes from a stranger, feeling like you are being followed or feeling threatened)				
Serious violent crime e.g. Knife crime				
Violence against women and girls				
Hate crime (Crimes committed against someone because of their race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or transgender identity)				
Cyber crime or computer misuse				
Fraud				
Alcohol related crime				
Youth crime				
Other				
If other, please specify:	_			

If you have not witnessed or been a victim of any of the above, please skip straight to question 11.

If you have witnessed or been a victim of Stalking and harassment, please continue to question 8a. Otherwise, please proceed to question 9.

If you have witnessed or been a victim of hate crime, please continue to question 8b. Otherwise, please proceed to question 9.

Question 8a. Which of the following best describes your experience of stalking and harassment in the last 12 months:

(Please tick all that apply)

		I have witnessed this	I have been a victim of this	I have not witnessed or been a victim of this	Prefer not to say
Catcalls, whistles, unwanted comments or jokes from a s					
Felt that you or someone el being followed	se was				
Insulted or shouted at by a	stranger				
Physically threatened by a s	stranger				
Other					
If other, please specify:					
Question 8b. If you have we motivating factor(s)?	vitnessed	l or been a victim	of hate crime, w	hat would you po	erceive to be the
Race or ethnicity			Transgender id	lentity	
Religion or beliefs			Prefer not to sa	ay	
Sexual orientation			Something else	e	
Disability					
If something else, please tell us:					

In the next question, please provide an answer next to the incidents you said you have witnessed or been a victim of in question 7. Please leave all other lines blank.

Question 9. Did you report the incident(s)?

			Prefer not to
	Yes	No	say
Antisocial behaviour			
Begging in the streets			
Vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles			
Arson			
People using or dealing drugs			
Burglary, robbery or theft			
Sexual assault			
Domestic abuse			
Stalking and harassment (Some examples include: catcalls, unwanted sexual comments or jokes from a stranger, feeling like you are being followed or feeling threatened)			
Serious violent crime e.g. Knife crime			
Violence against women and girls			
Hate crime (Crimes committed against someone because of their race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or transgender identity)			
Cyber crime or computer misuse			
Fraud			
Alcohol related crime			
Youth crime			
Other			
If other, please specify:			

In the next question, please provide an answer next to the incidents you said you have not reported in question 9. Please leave all other lines blank.

Question 10. If you didn't report the incident(s), please tell us why? (Please tick all that apply)

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	Reporting it makes no difference	Not serious enough to report	previous experience o reporting	Too much of hassle or too difficult to do		Happens too often	Unsure how to report it	Another reason
Antisocial behaviour								
Begging in the streets								
Vandalism, graffiti and other								
deliberate damage to property or vehicles								
Arson								
People using or dealing drugs								
Burglary, robbery or theft								
Sexual assault								
Domestic abuse								
Stalking and harassment (Some examples include: catcalls, unwanted sexual comments or jokes from a stranger, feeling like you are being followed or feeling threatened)								
Serious violent crime e.g. Knife crime								
Violence against women and girls								
Hate crime (Crimes committed against someone because of their race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or transgender identity)								
Cyber crime or computer misuse								
Fraud								
Alcohol related crime								
Youth crime								
Other								
If other, please								

If another reason, please give us more detail:	
Question 11. Whice (Please tick all that	n of the following would make you feel safer in Southampton?
Better street lightin	g throughout the city
Increased CCTV	
Greater police pres	ence
More control on ag	gressive street begging
More control on dru	ıg/alcohol users
Cleaner streets	
Help for those who	are homeless
Easier ways to rep	ort anti-social behaviour or crimes
Stricter consequen	ces for those who have been reported
Better road safety	
Less anti-social be	naviour
More community g	oups/youth groups
More open spaces	(more maintenance on bushes/pathways)
or any other comm	ents, please provide them below:
statistical analysis o	ons will be finding out a bit more about you. These questions are asked to help us with f the results by different characteristics such as age and will not be used to identify you. as are compulsory, there is a 'prefer not to say' button for any you do not wish to answer.
What is your sex?	
Female	Male Prefer not to say
Is the gender you i	dentify with the same as your sex registered at birth?
Yes If no, please write igender identify:	

What is your age?						
16 - 17 35 - 18 - 24 40 -	- 34	50 - 54 55 - 59 60 - 64 65 - 69	🔲	70 - 74 75 - 79 80 +		Prefer not to say
What is your ethnic group)?					
Asian or Asian British Black, African, Caribbean of Mixed or multiple ethnic gr White British	or Black British		Any other e	ethnic gro	up	
What is your religion?						
No religion	n of England, ill other Christian		Muslim			
Hindu		=				
Any other religion, write in:						
What is your main langua English Other, write in:				F	Prefer not to	say
Do you have any physical a substantial effect on you		out day-to-		ies?	2 months or	more, that have
				··· ··· / ··· _	_	
Which of the following be Straight / Heterosexual Gay or Lesbian	Bisexu	r sexual orionalsexual orien		F	Prefer not to	say
Does your household own	n or rent your acc	ommodatio	n?			
Owns (outright or with a m Part owns and part-rents (Private rented	shared ownership)		Other			association)
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Not a resident of	Bevois	Millbrook	Sholing
Southampton Banister and	Bitterne park	Peartree	Swaythling
Polygon	Coxford	Portswood	Thornhill
Bargate	Freemantle	Redbridge	Woolston
Bassett	Harefield	Shirley	Prefer not to say .
What is your postcode? (contact you or identify yo	-	ions across the city and wi	II not be used to

Which ward do you live in?

Thank you for your time. Please return completed surveys to: Consultations, First Floor, West Wing, Civic Centre, Southampton, SO14 7LY.

Please note this survey can not be used to report crimes or incidents. For further advice, please visit: www.hampshire.police.uk or call 101

The information collected about you during this survey will only be used for the purposes of research. We may use it to contact you about this. We will only share your information with other organisations or council departments if we need to. The survey responses will be analysed by Southampton City Council. We may also share it to prevent, investigate or prosecute criminal offences, or as the law otherwise allows. Please be aware that any comments given on this form may be published in reports. However, the council will endeavour to remove any references that could identify individuals or organisations. Our Privacy Policy (https://www.southampton.gov.uk/contact-us/privacy-cookies/privacy-policy/) explains how we handle your personal data, and we can provide a copy if you are unable to access the Internet.