

Public Scrutiny Meeting

21 July 2026
Runcorn Town Hall



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Introductions



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Minutes



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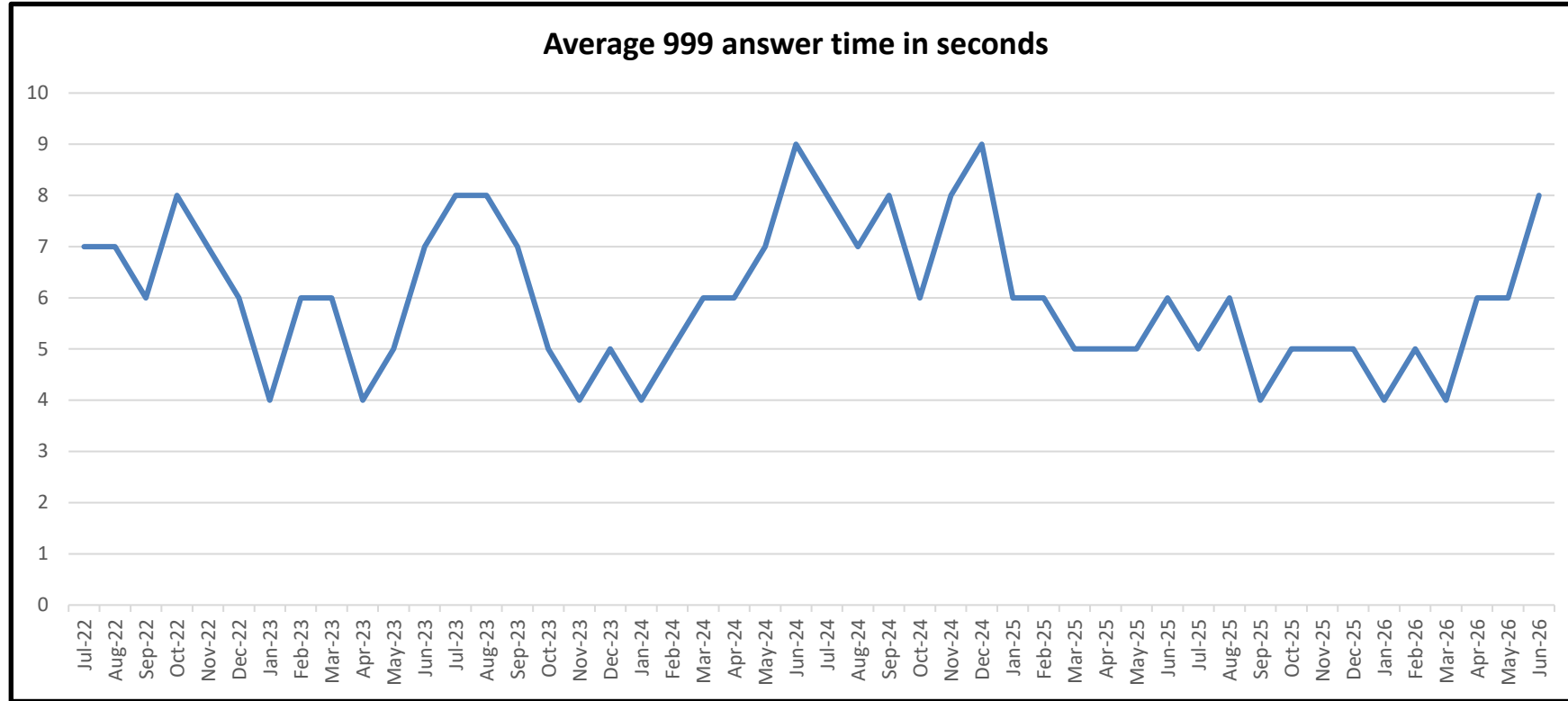
PCC Performance Report

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Listen to the Public

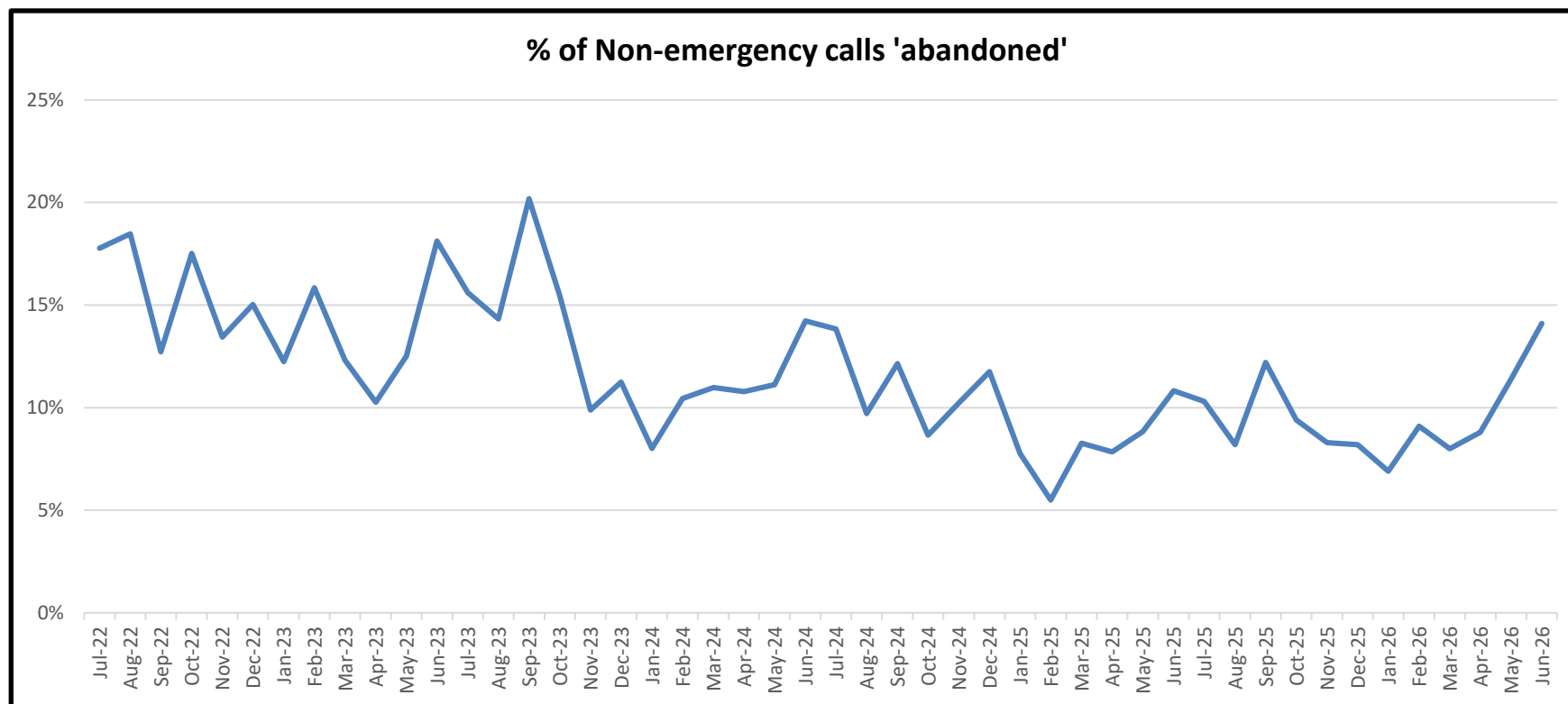




For the 12 months to the end of June 2026 the Constabulary received 151,174 emergency (999) calls.

The average answer time was 5 seconds which is shorter than the previous 12 months (7 seconds).

93.9% of emergency calls in the year ending June 2026 were answered in 10 seconds or less.

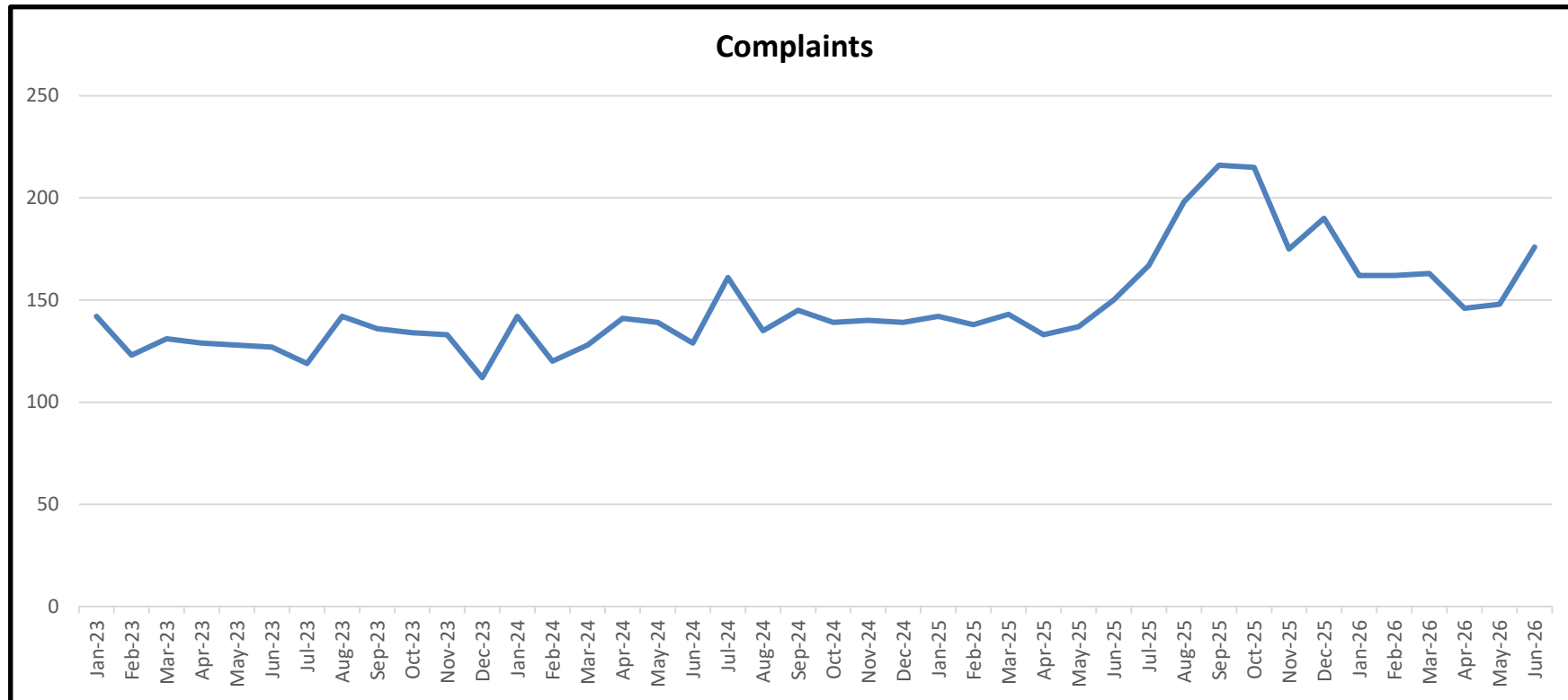


For the 12 months to the end of June 2026 the Constabulary received 167,156 non-emergency calls.

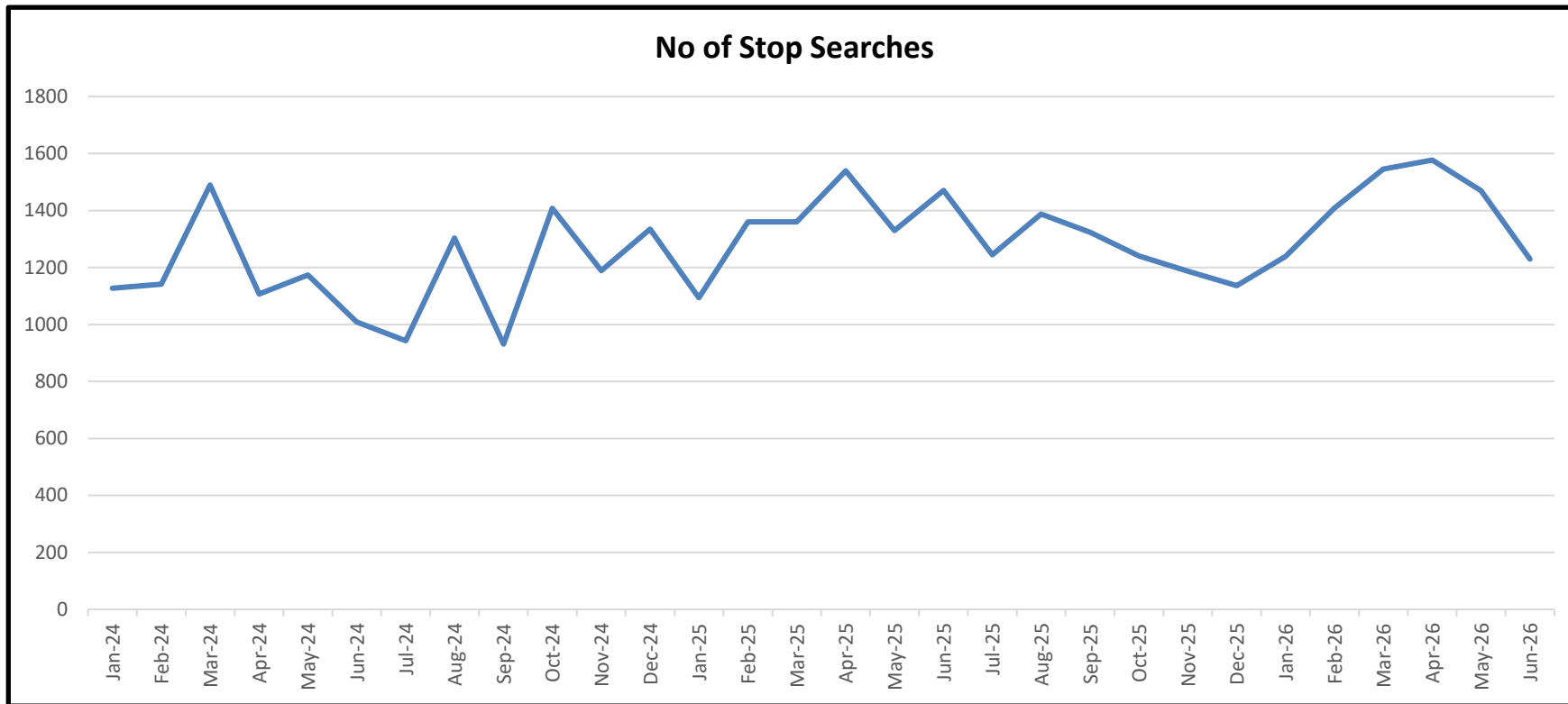
The average answer time was 3 minutes and 14 seconds, a reduction of 30 seconds on the previous 12 months.

The abandonment rate for the year ending June 2026 was 9.7% which is the same as the previous 12 months (9.7%).

It is important to note that a call will count as abandoned if a caller decides to use an alternative contact method following the automated message.

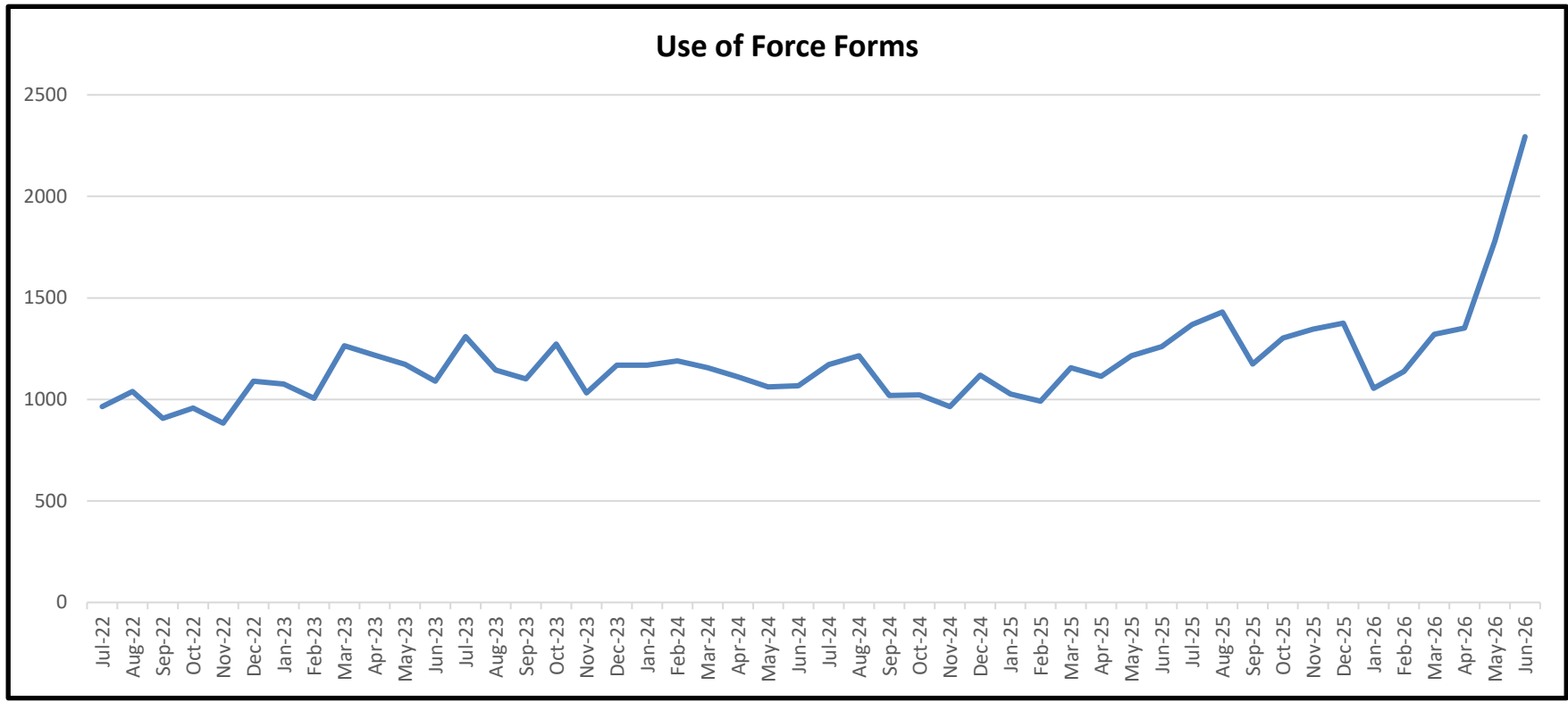


In the 12 months to end of June 2026 the Constabulary recorded 2,118 complaints, a 24% increase on the previous 12 months.



For the 12 months to the end of June 2026 the Constabulary carried out 15,988 Stop Searches which is a 5% increase on the previous year.

31% of Stop Searches in the last 12 months resulted in action taken (including 11% arrest) which is an increase on the previous year (29% action taken including 11% arrest).



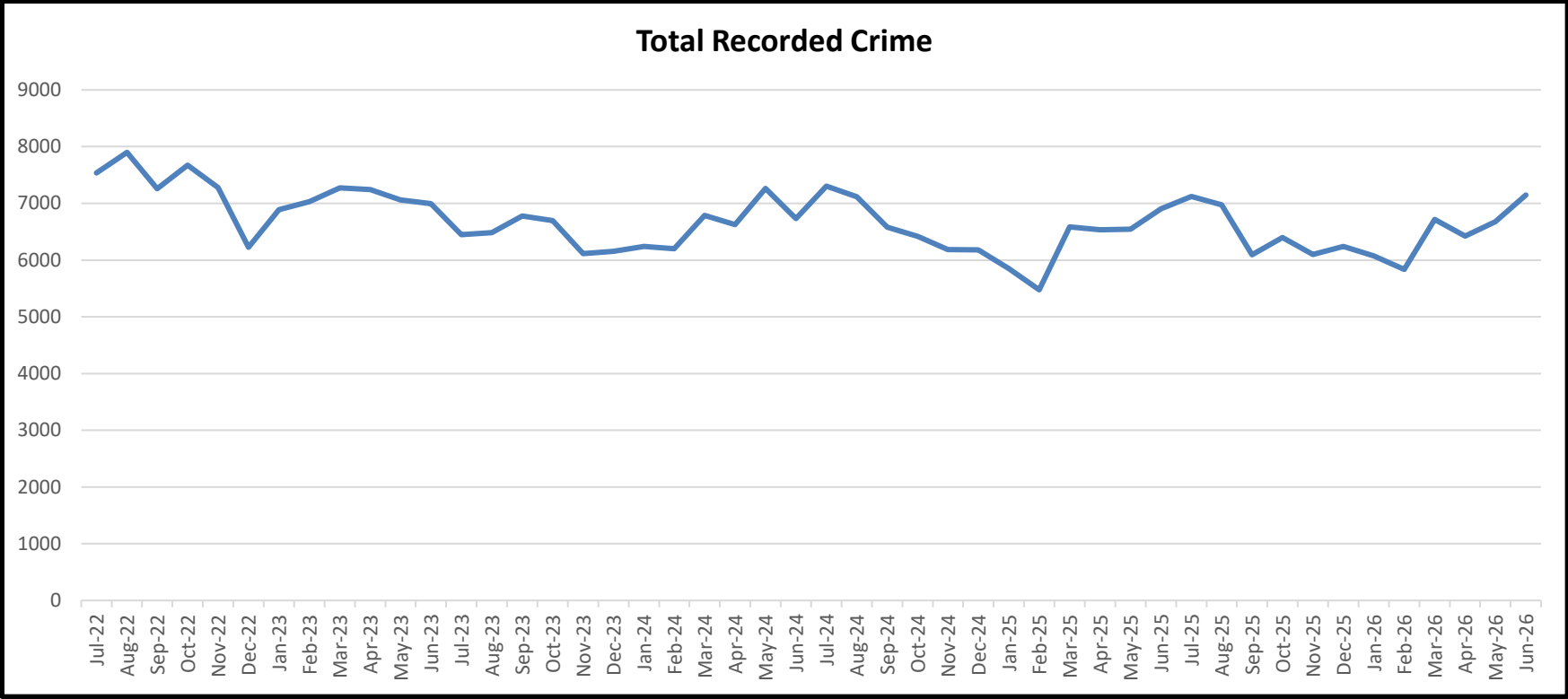
For the 12 months ending June 2026 the Constabulary recorded 16,932 Use of Force forms, which is a 28% increase on the previous 12 months (13,274).

It should be noted that each officer is required to complete a Use of Force form and therefore there can be multiple forms relating to a single incident.

Work has been ongoing since the start of the 2026/27 financial year to ensure that use of force forms are completed in all circumstances required.

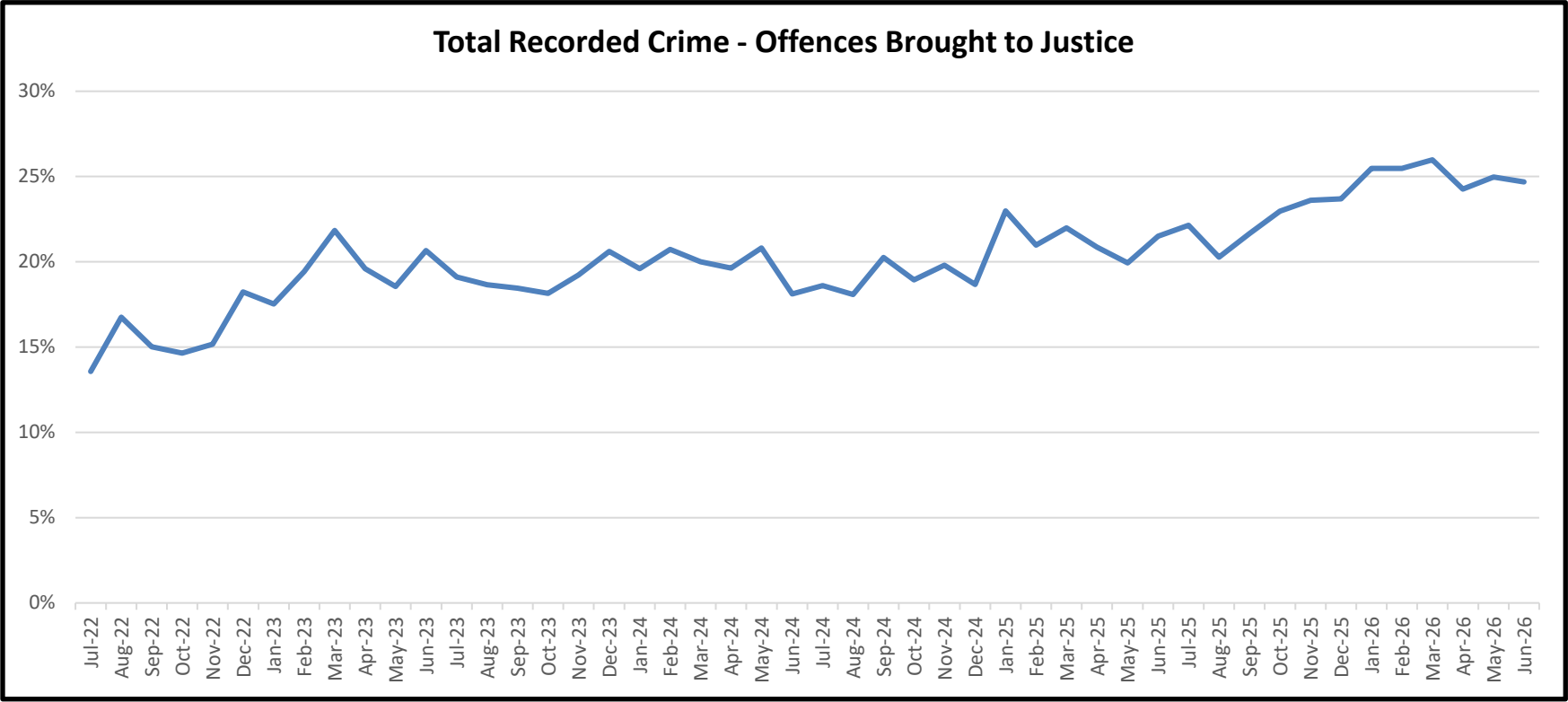
Reduce Crime





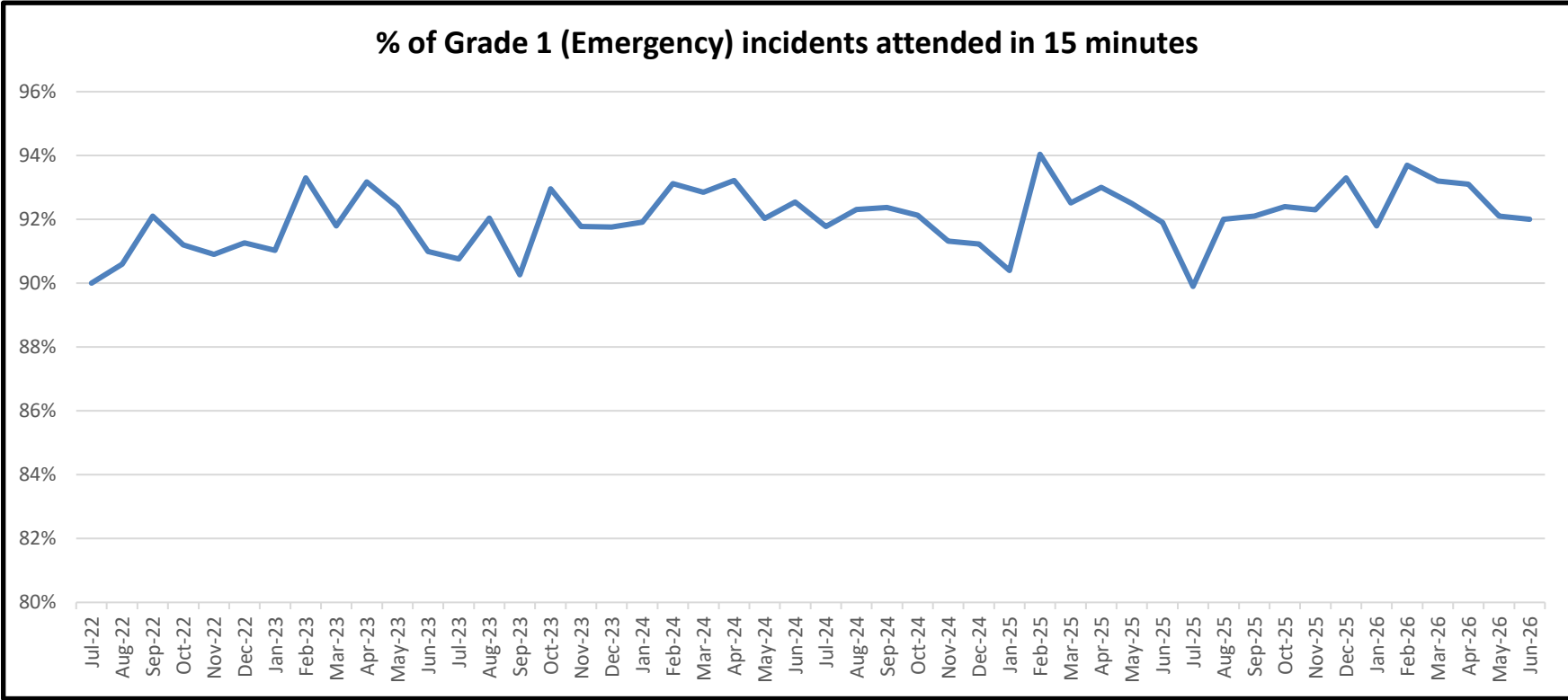
For the 12 months to the end of June 2026 the Constabulary recorded 77,798 offences, which is in line with the previous 12 months (77,672).

For the 12 months ending April 2026 Cheshire had a crime rate per 1,000 population of 69.4 – the 13th lowest nationally and 4th lowest compared to its 7 most similar forces.

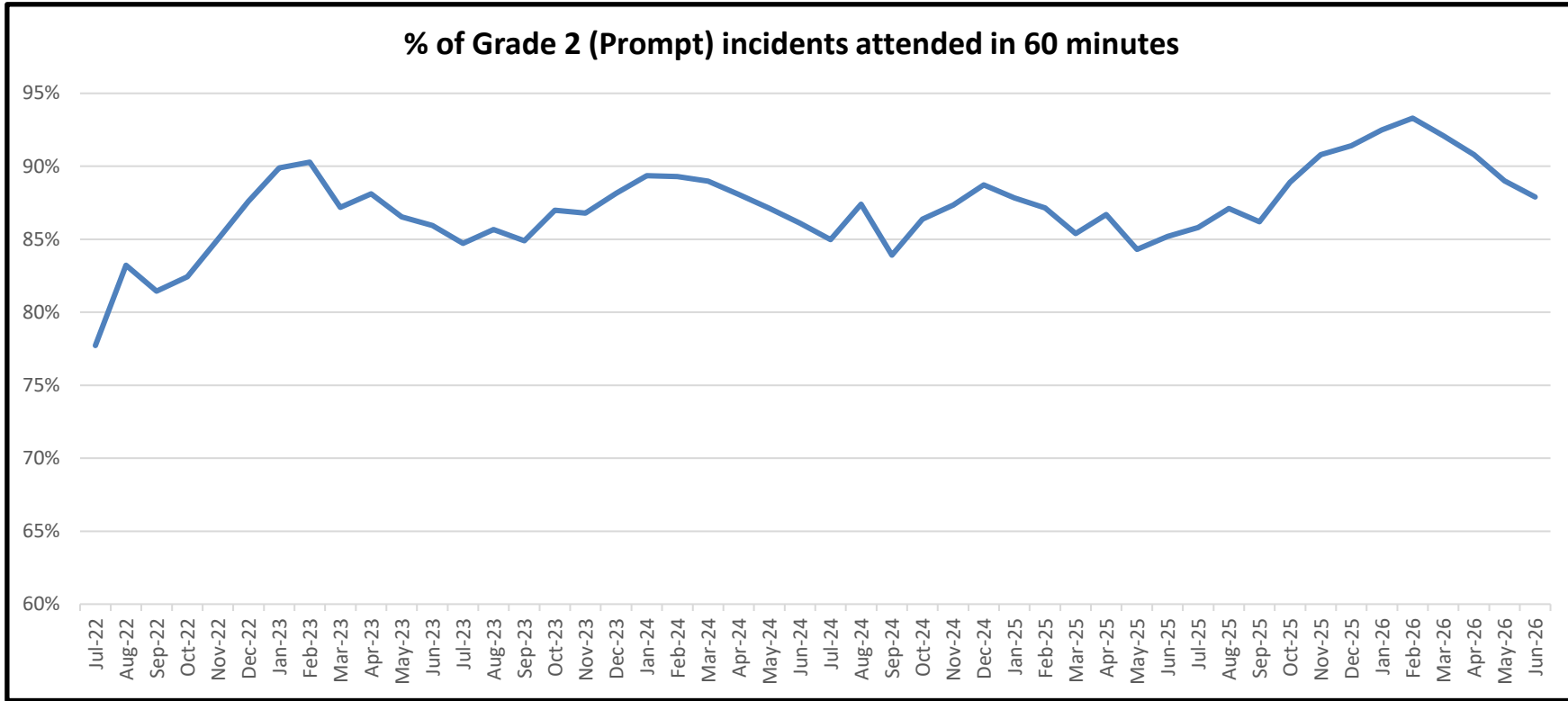


For the 12 months to the end of June 2026 the Constabulary brought 23.7% of offences to justice (16.3% charges, 6.5% community resolution, 1.0% other) compared to 20.2% in the previous 12 months (13.0% charges, 6.1% community resolution, 1.1% other).

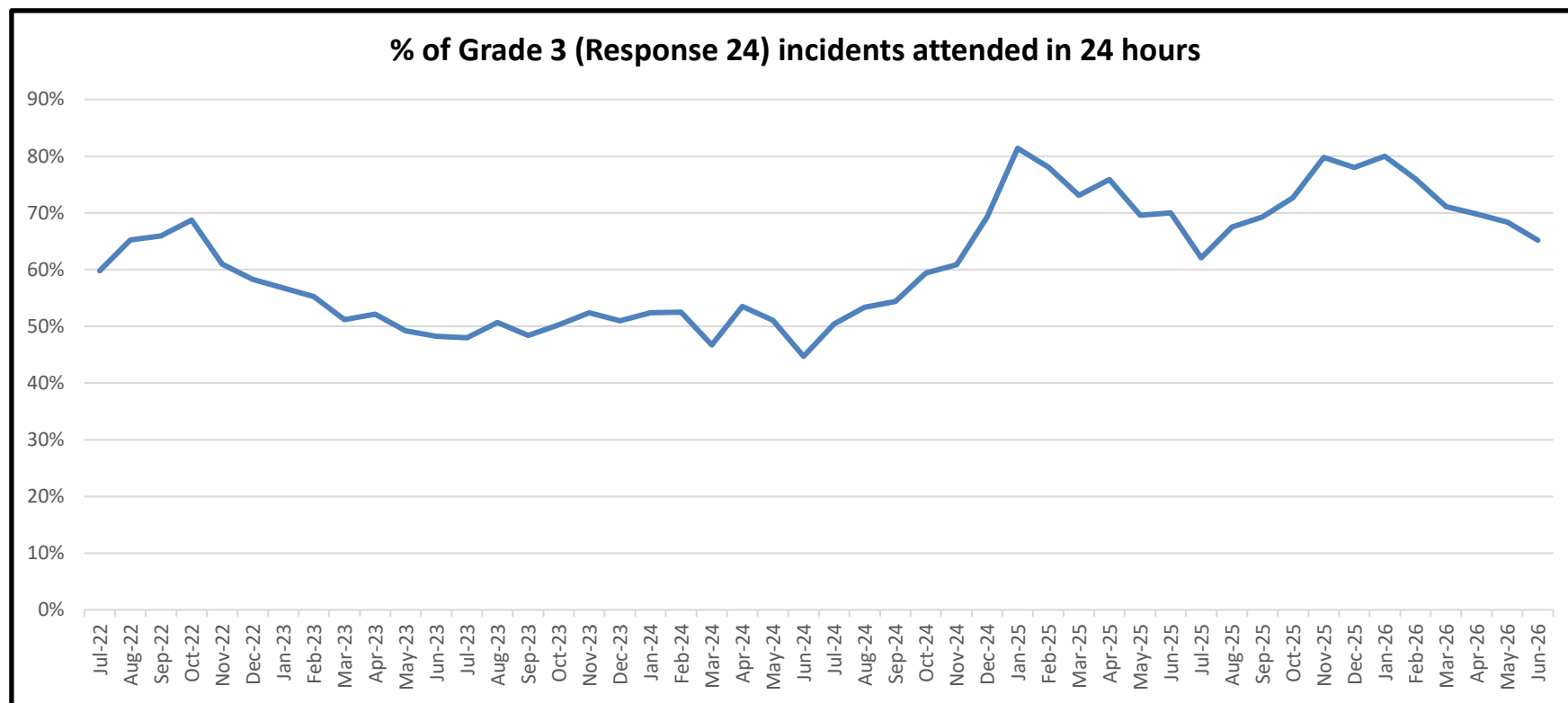
For the 12 months to the end of April 2026 Cheshire had the highest charge rate nationally (15.9%) and the highest of its most similar forces.



For the 12 months to the end of June 2026 the Constabulary attended 92.3% of Grade 1 (Emergency) incidents within 15 minutes with an average attendance time of 8.1 minutes, which is in line with the previous 12 months (92.1%; 7.9 minutes).



For the 12 months to the end of June 2026 the Constabulary attended 89.5% of Grade 2 (Prompt) incidents within 60 minutes with an average attendance time of 32 minutes, which is an improvement on the previous 12 months (87.2%; 37 minutes).

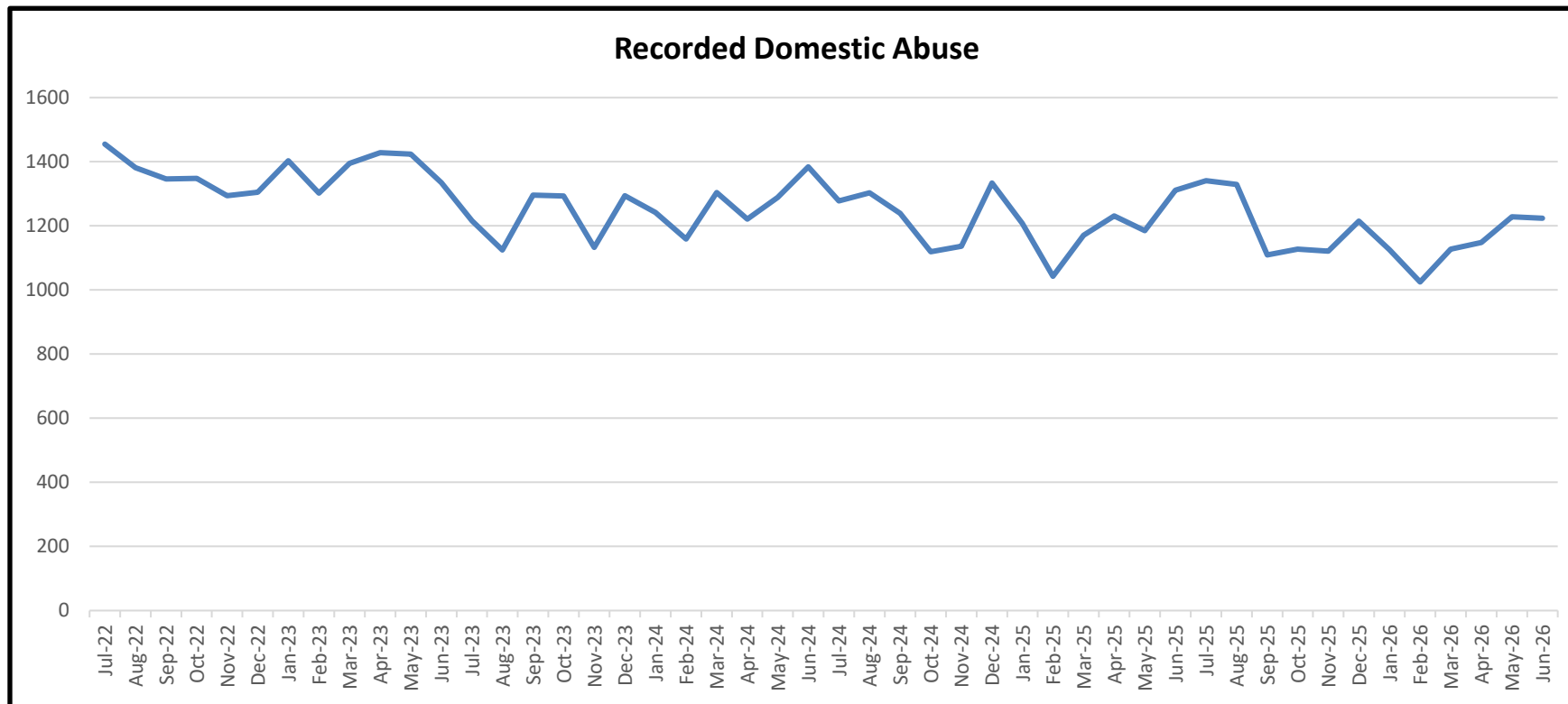


For the 12 months to the end of June 2026 the Constabulary attended 71.3% of Grade 3 (Response 24) incidents within 24 hours, which is higher than the previous 12 months (64.7%).

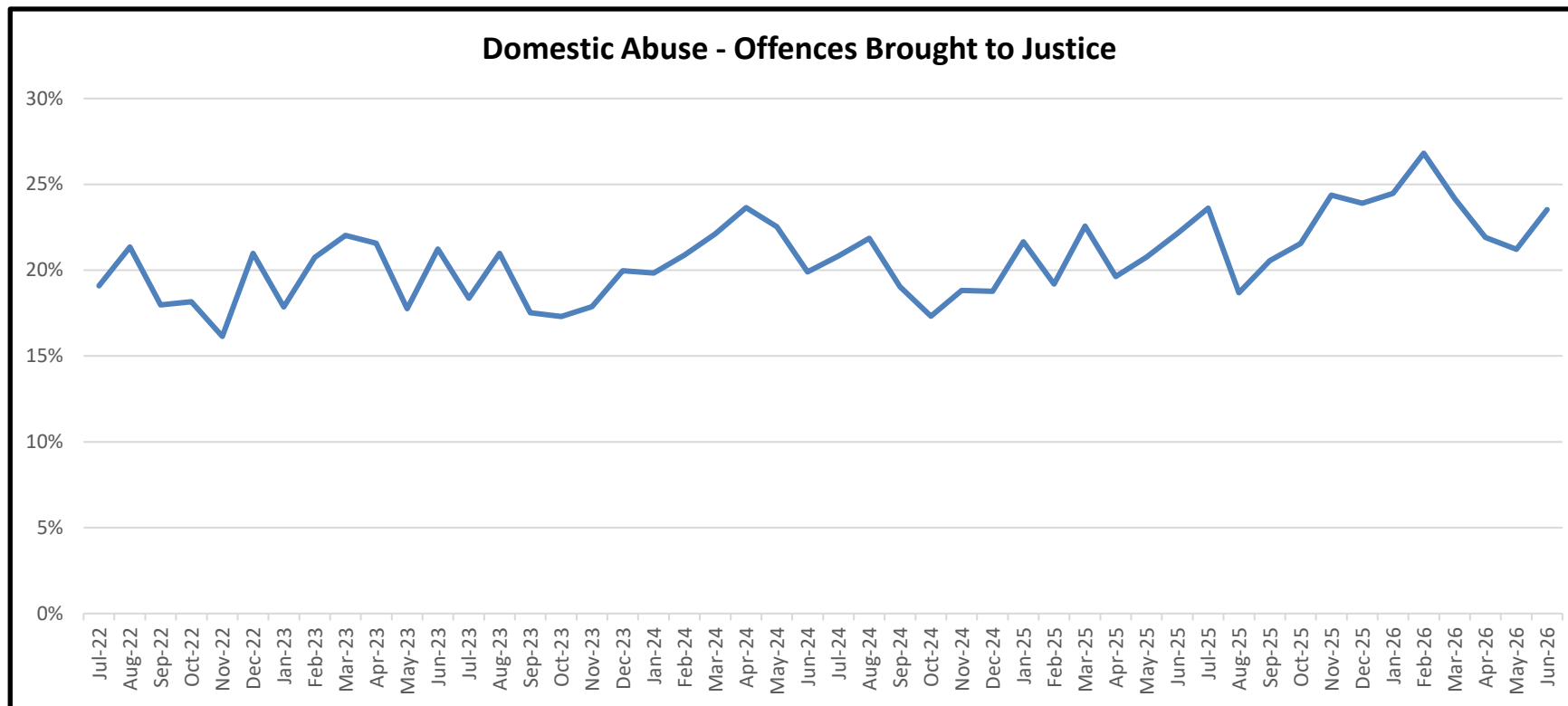
It should be noted that prior to December 2024 the Force did not have a target time for attending Grade 3 incidents.



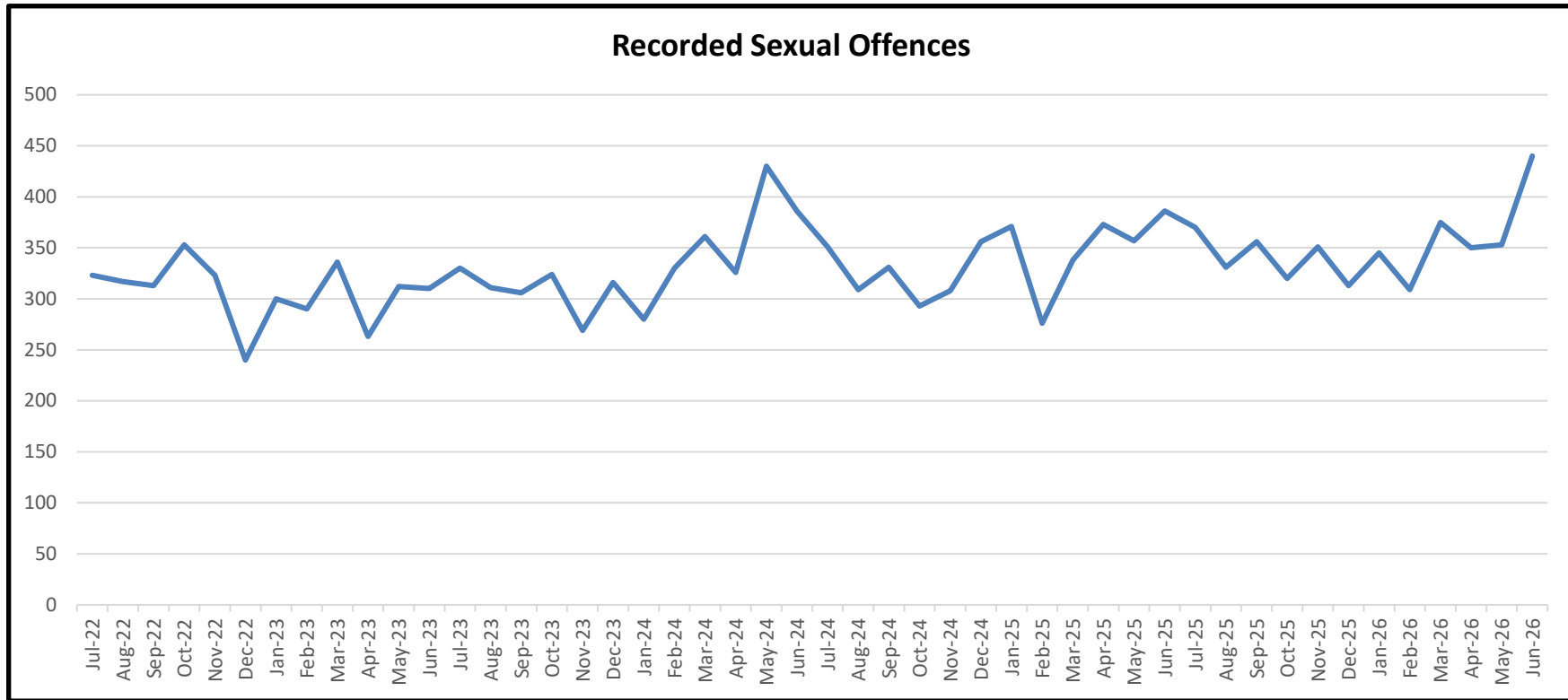
Recorded Domestic Abuse



For the 12 months to the end of June 2026 the Constabulary recorded 14,120 Domestic Abuse flagged offences, a 3.0% reduction on the previous 12 months.

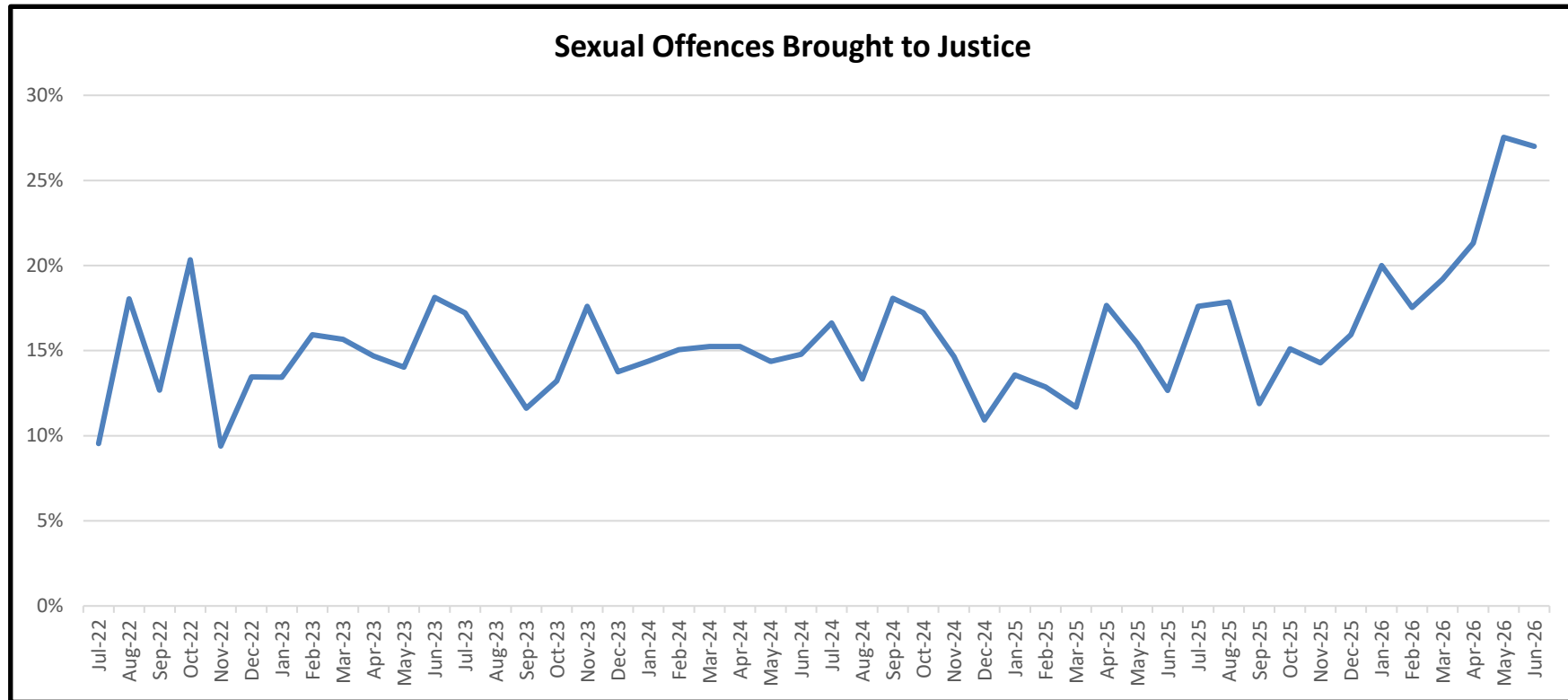


For the 12 months to the end of June 2026 the Constabulary brought 22.9% of Domestic Abuse offences to justice (18.6% charges, 3.7% community resolution, 0.6% other) compared to 20.2% in the previous 12 months (15.3% charges, 3.1% community resolution, 1.8% other).



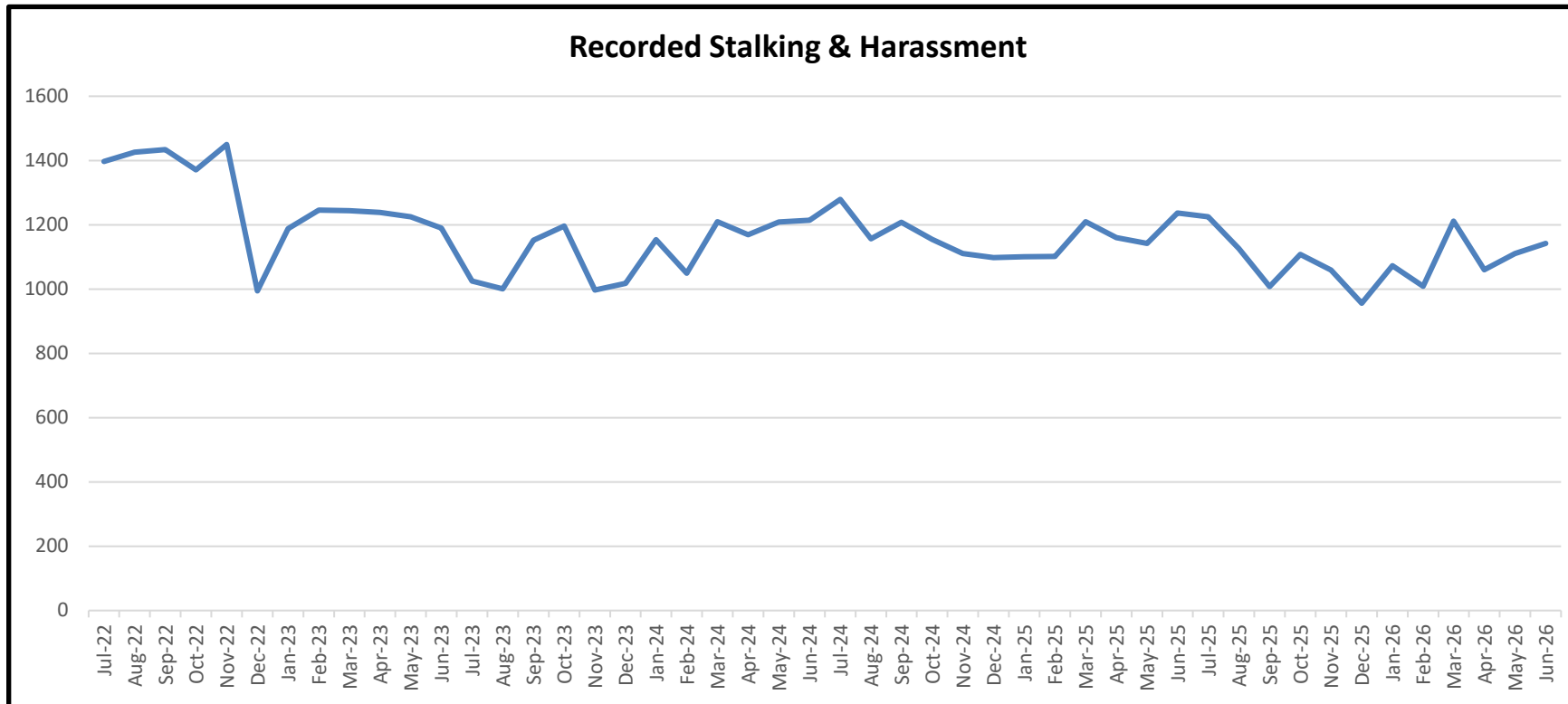
For the 12 months to the end of June 2026 the Constabulary recorded 4,213 Sexual Offences, a 4.1% increase on the previous 12 months.

For the 12 months ending April 2026 the Constabulary had the 17th highest rate of Sexual Offences nationally (3.71) and the 5th highest in its most similar group of forces.



For the 12 months to the end of June 2026 the Constabulary brought 18.9% of Sexual Offences to justice (16.2% charges, 0.8% community resolution, 1.9% other) compared to 14.6% in the previous 12 months (12.7% charges, 0.8% community resolution, 1.0% other).

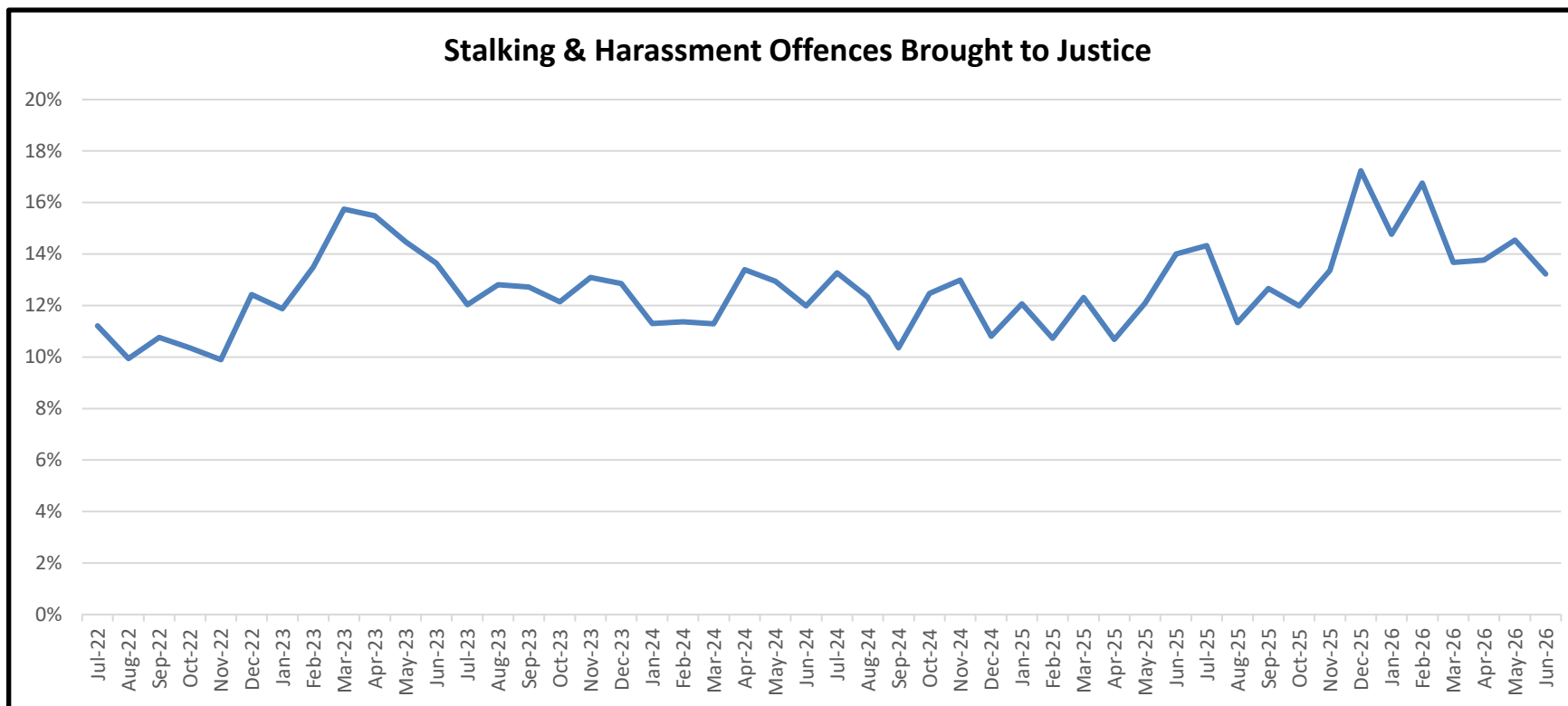
For the 12 months ending April 2026 Cheshire had the highest charge rate nationally (14.4%) and the highest of its most similar group of forces.



For the 12 months to the end of June 2026 the Constabulary recorded 13,089 Stalking and Harassment offences, a 6.2% decrease on the previous 12 months.

For the 12 months ending June 2026 the Constabulary had the 13th highest rate of Stalking and Harassment offences nationally and the 4th highest in its most similar group of forces.

The Stalking and Harassment group is made up of Harassment, Racially or Religiously Aggravated Harassment, Stalking, Malicious Communications and Controlling or Coercive Behaviour offences.



For the 12 months to the end of June 2026 the Constabulary brought 13.9% of Stalking & Harassment offences to justice (10.6% charges, 2.8% community resolution, 0.6% other) compared to 12.0% in the previous 12 months (8.5% charges, 2.7% community resolution, 0.9% other).

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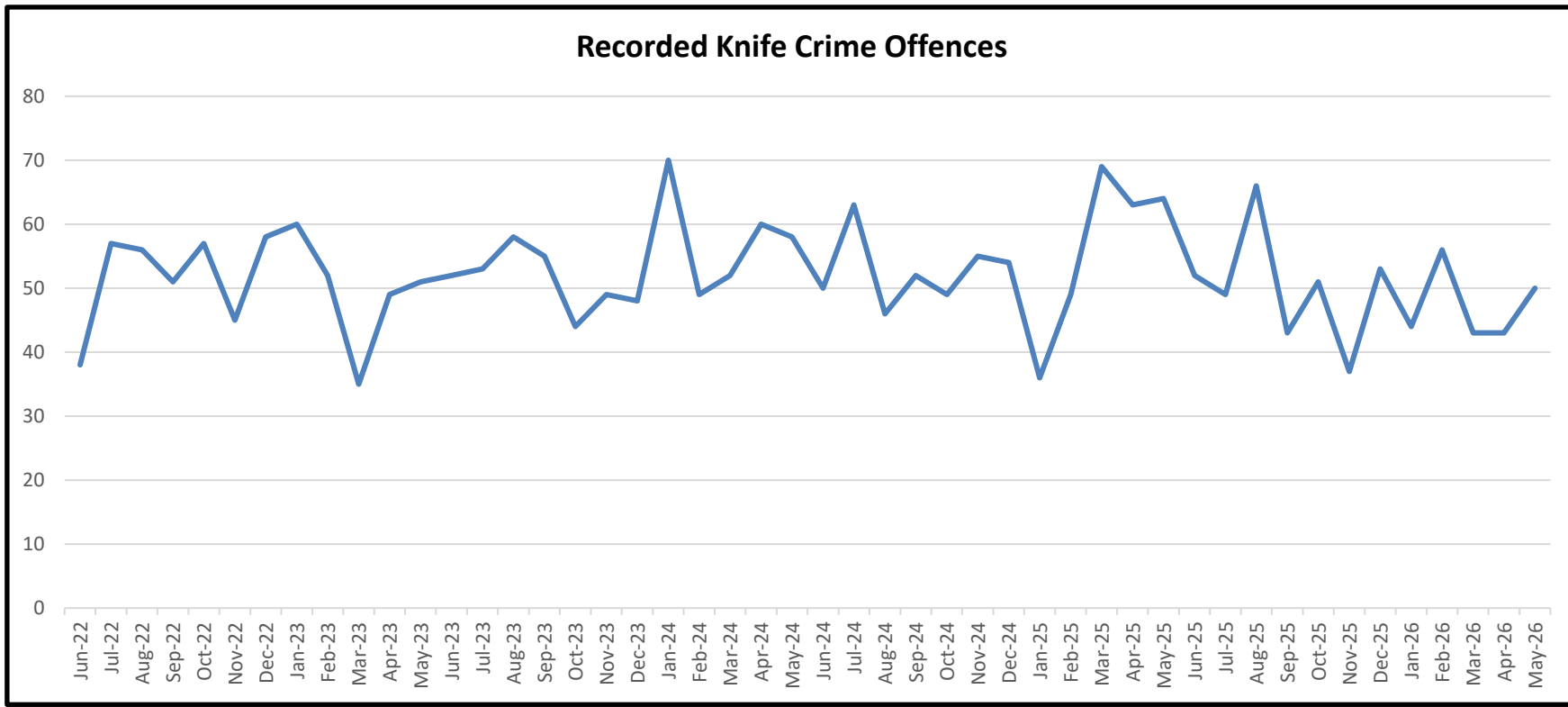


For the 12 months to the end of June 2026 the Constabulary reported 4 homicides compared to 4 in the previous 12 months.

For the 12 months to the end of April 2026 Cheshire had the 8th lowest Homicide rate nationally and the lowest of its most similar group of forces.

For the 12 months to the end of June 2026, 5 homicides were charged (100%).

For the 12 months to the end of April 2026 Cheshire had the highest charge rate nationally for Homicide offences (100%) and the highest of its most similar group of forces.



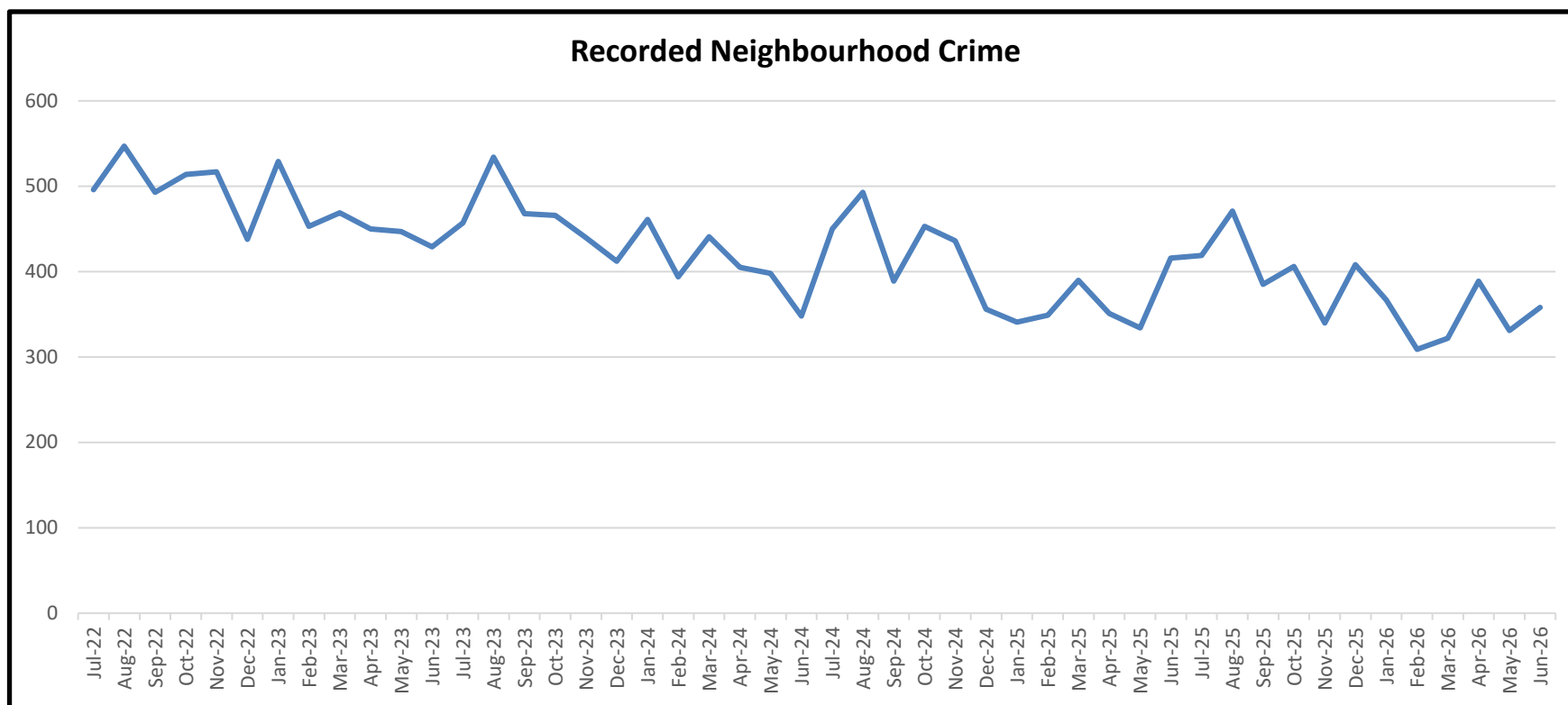
For the 12 months to the end of May 2026 the Constabulary recorded 587 Knife Crime offences, a 9.7% decrease on the previous year (650).

For the 12 months to the end of September 2025 Cheshire had the 15th lowest Knife Crime rate nationally.

For the 12 months to the end of May 2026 the Constabulary brought 24.7% of Knife offences to justice, an increase from 22.8% the previous 12 months.

For the 12 months to the end of May 2026 the Constabulary recorded 15 ‘serious firearms offences’ (involving a handgun, rifle or shotgun) compared to 25 in the previous 12 months.

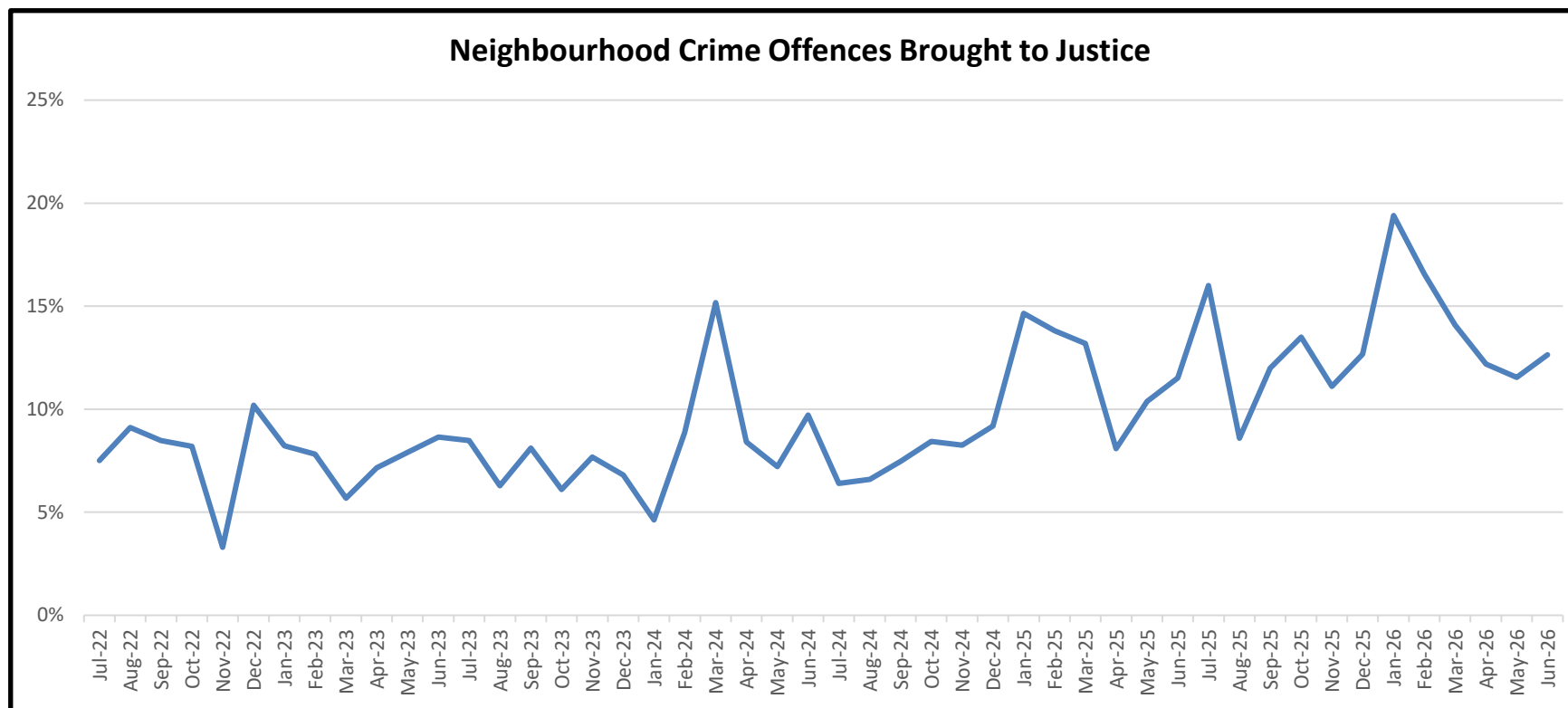
Knife crime is the use or threat of use of a knife, blade or sharp instrument in a selection of violence offences.



For the 12 months to the end of June 2026 the Constabulary recorded 4,505 'neighbourhood crimes', a 5.3% decrease on the previous 12 months.

For the 12 months ending April 2026 Cheshire had the 5th lowest rate of overall Burglary nationally (2nd lowest in its most similar group), 7th lowest rate of Vehicle Offences nationally (2nd lowest in its most similar group) and 6th lowest rate of overall Robbery nationally (3rd lowest in its most similar group)

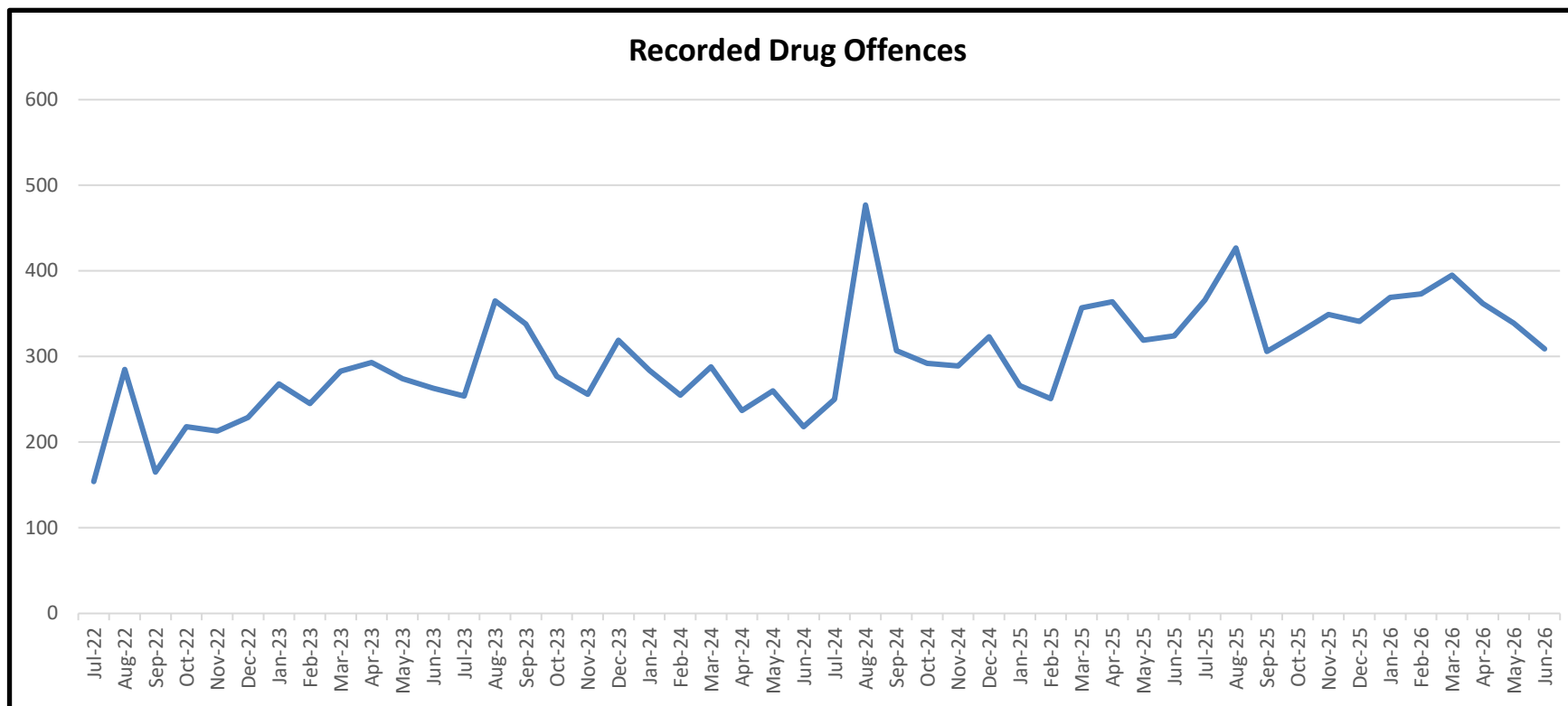
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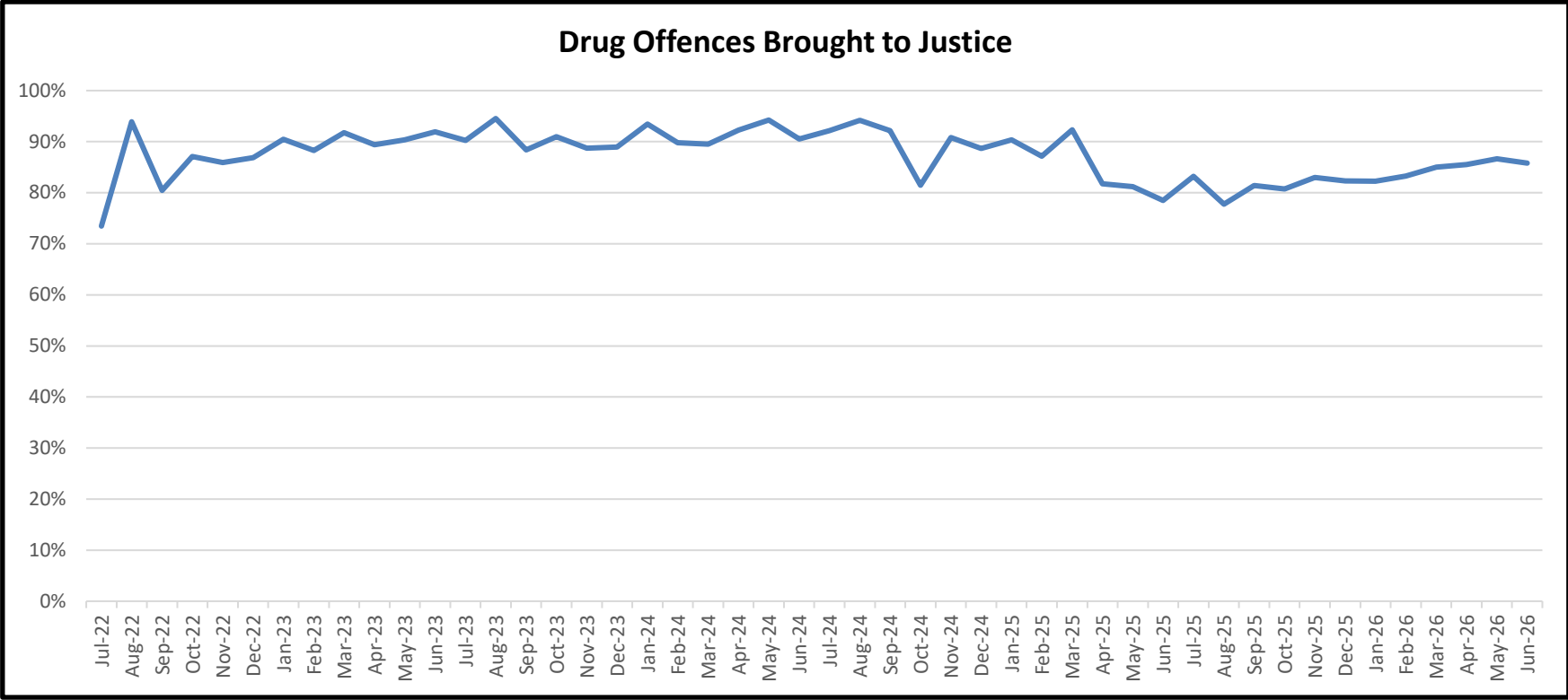
For the 12 months to the end of June 2026 the Constabulary brought 13.3% of Neighbourhood Crime offences to justice compared to 9.7% in the previous year.

For the 12 months ending April 2026 Cheshire had the highest charge rate nationally for overall Burglary (highest in most similar group), 2nd highest charge rate nationally for Vehicle crime (highest in most similar group) and the 5th highest charge rate nationally for overall Robbery (highest in most similar group).

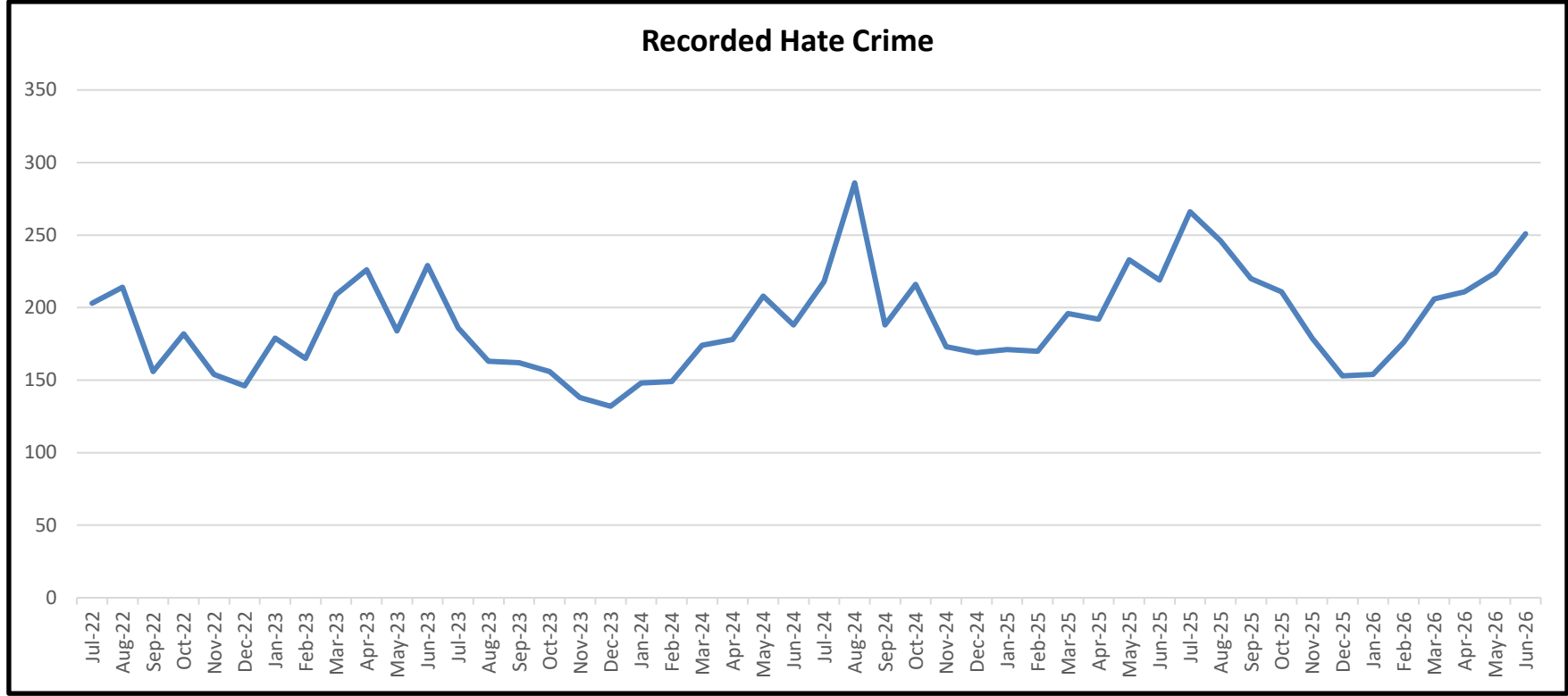
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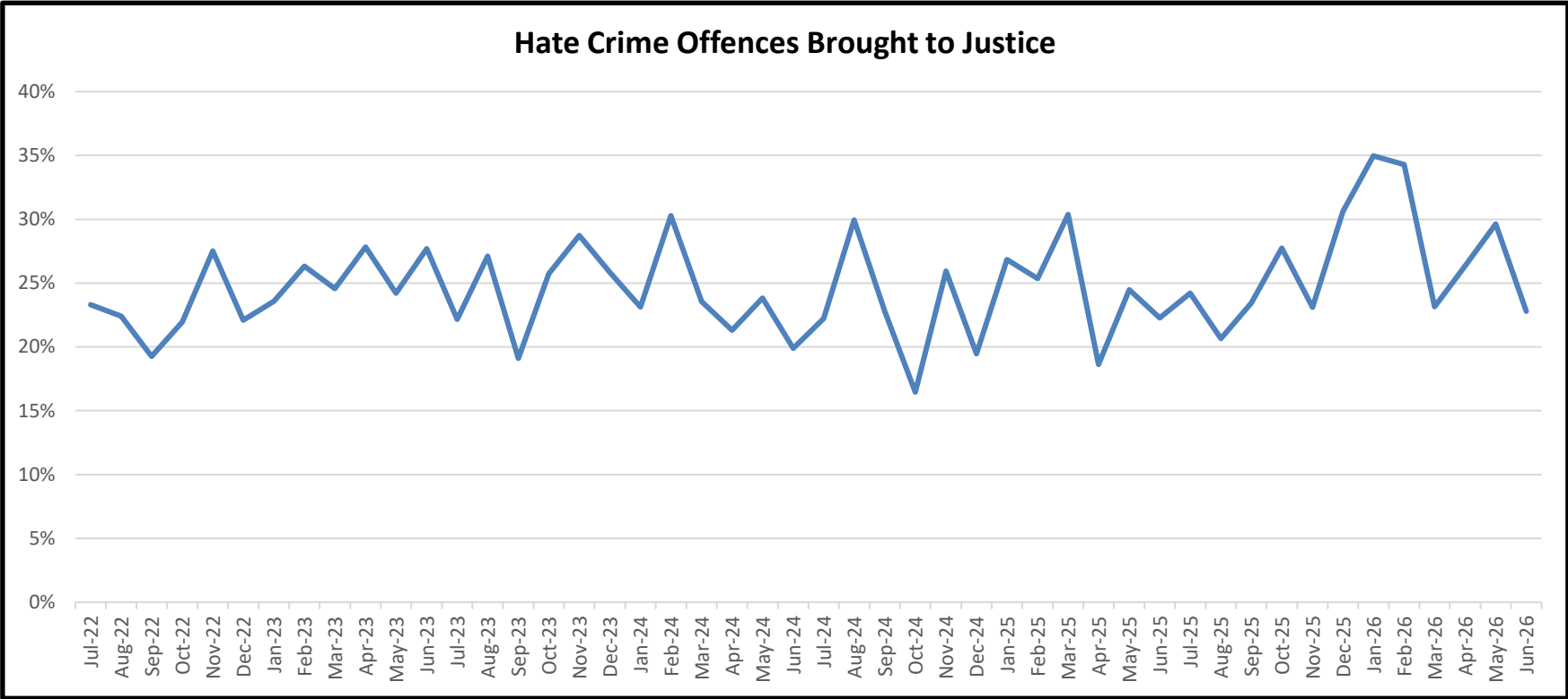
For the 12 months to the end of June 2026 the Constabulary recorded 4,263 Drug Offences, an 11.6% increase on the previous 12 months (3,819).



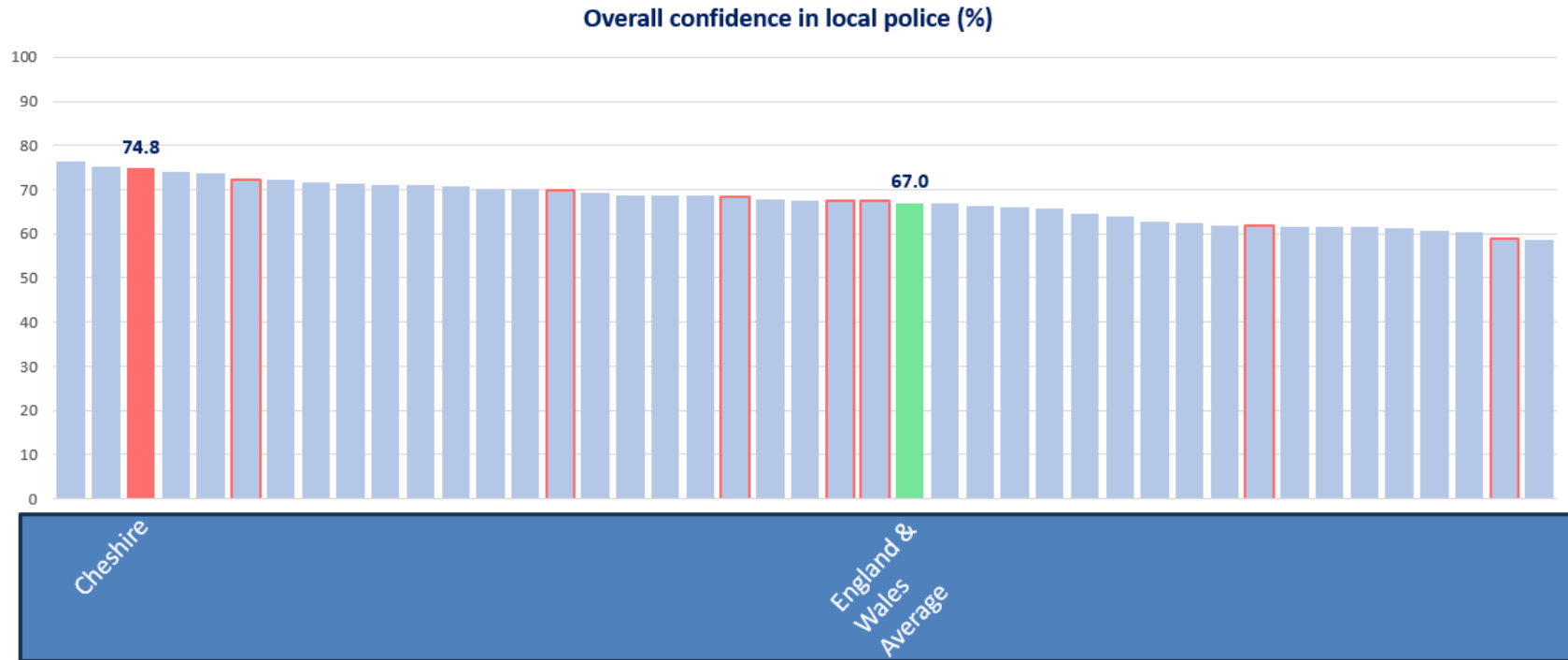
For the 12 months to the end of June 2026 the Constabulary brought 83.1% of Drug Offences to justice (39.6% charges, 41.9% community resolution, 1.6% other) compared to 87.2% in the previous 12 months (36.3% charges, 49.4% community resolution, 1.6% other).



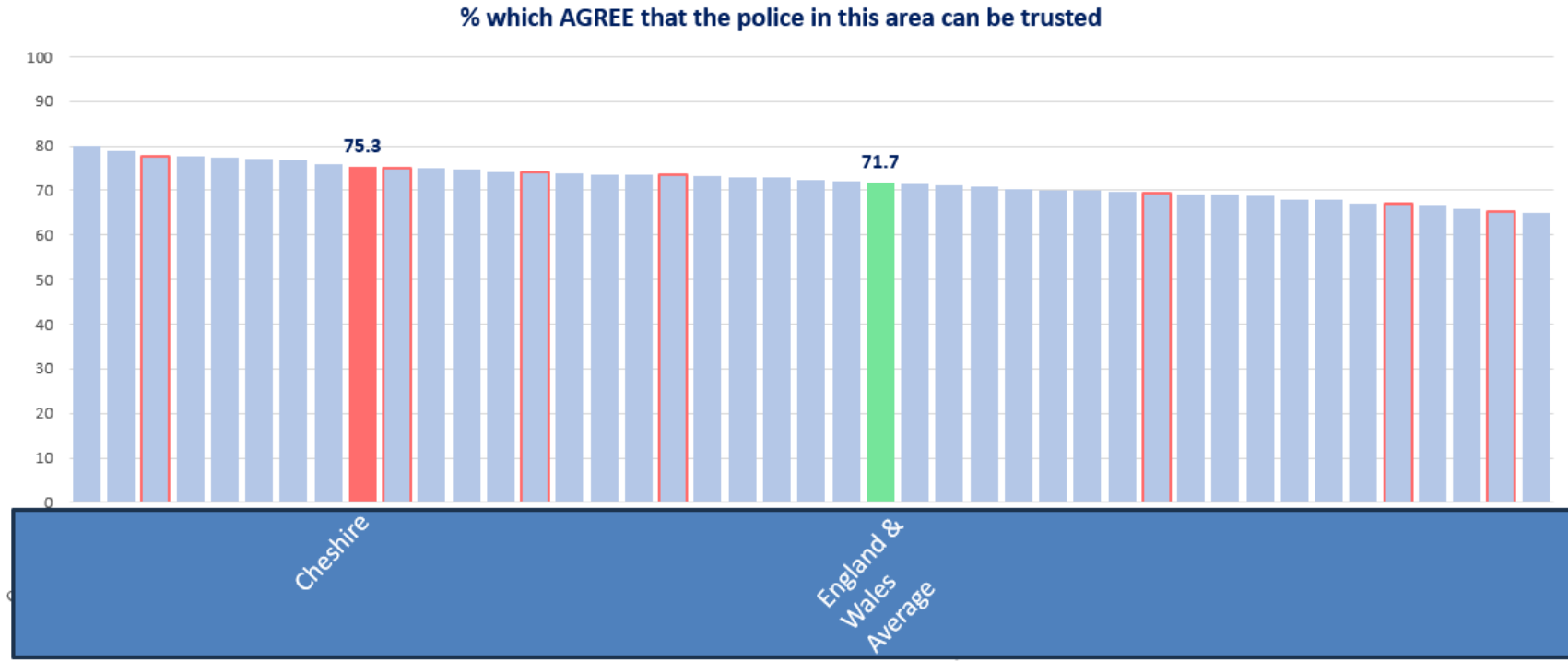
For the 12 months to the end of June 2026 the Constabulary recorded 2,497 Hate Crimes, a 2.7% increase on the previous 12 months.



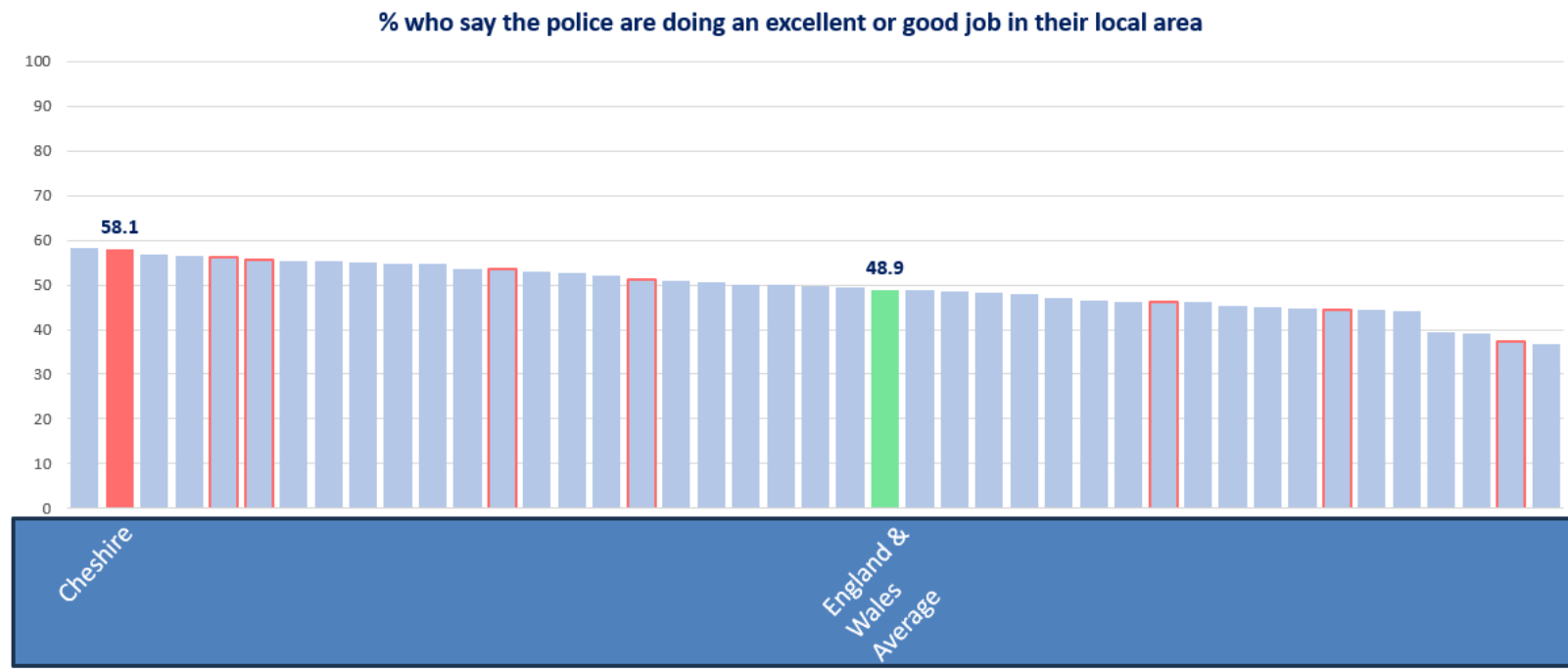
For the 12 months to the end of June 2026 the Constabulary brought 26.3% of Hate Crime offences to justice (18.4% charges, 6.6% community resolution, 1.3% other) compared to 23.5% in the previous 12 months (14.4% charges, 7.7% community resolution, 1.4% other).



For the 12 months ending December 2025, 74.8% of respondents to the Crime Survey for England and Wales from Cheshire reported that they had overall confidence in local police. This is was the 3rd highest proportion for any force in the country and above the England and Wales average of 67%



For the 12 months ending December 2025, 75.3% of respondents to the Crime Survey for England and Wales from Cheshire reported that they agreed that the police in this area can be trusted. This is was the 9th highest proportion for any force in the country and above the England and Wales average of 71.7%



For the 12 months ending December 2025, 58.1% of respondents to the Crime Survey for England and Wales from Cheshire reported said that the police are doing an excellent or good job in their local area. This is the 2nd highest proportion for any force in the country and above the England and Wales average of 48.9%



	30/06/26 Actual	30/06/26 Deployable
Officers	256	247
PCSOs	49	47

As part of the Neighbourhood Policing Grant the Force is required to provide figures of actual and deployable resources. (Deployable excludes officers absent for 4 weeks or more due to sickness, maternity, suspension etc)

Commissioner's Questions



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