

Business Crime Breakdown - Warwickshire

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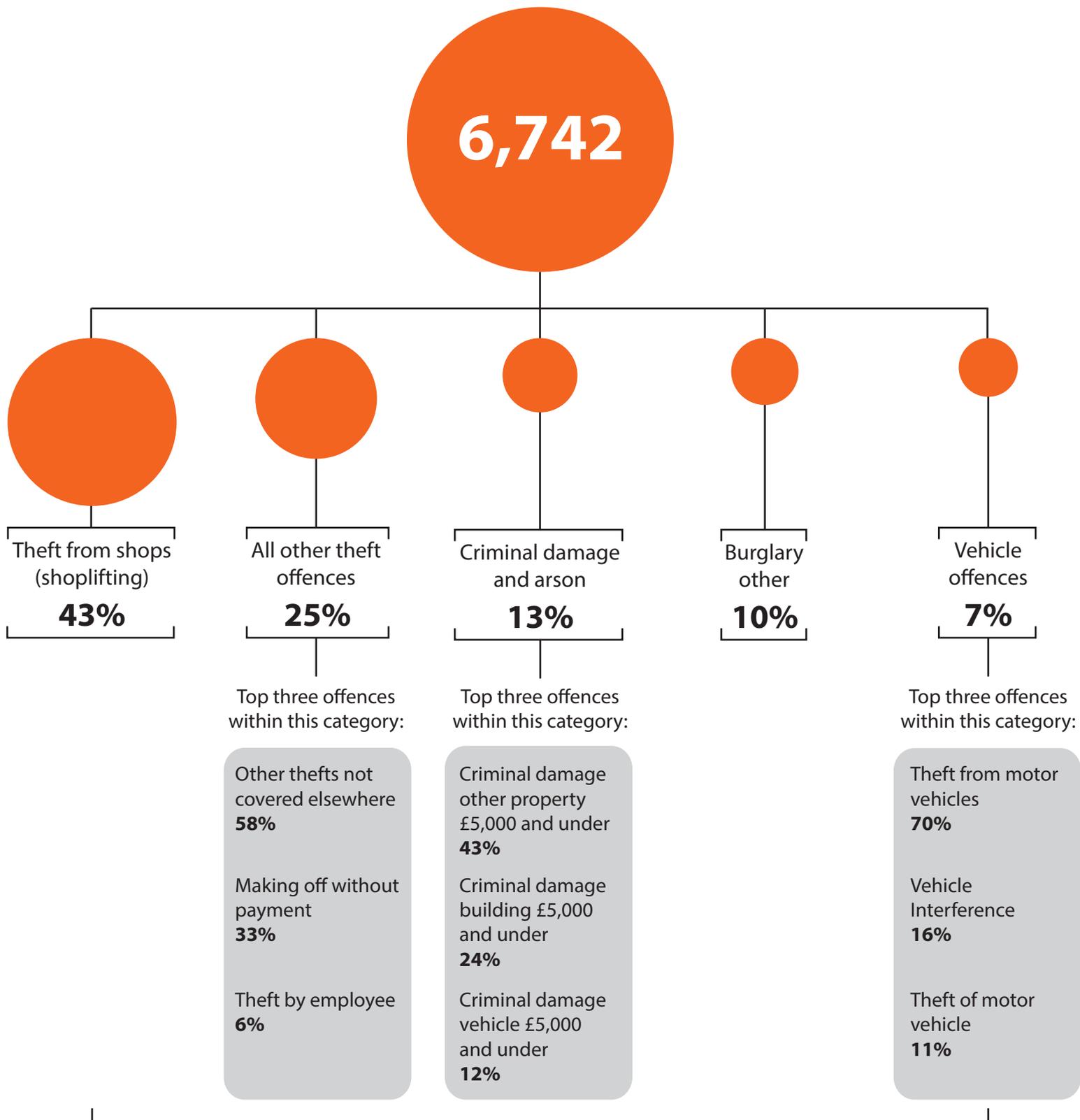


Business crime offences as per ACPO & NBCF definition*: April 2015 to March 2016



Just over **ONE FIFTH** of all recorded crime in Warwickshire is classified as business crime

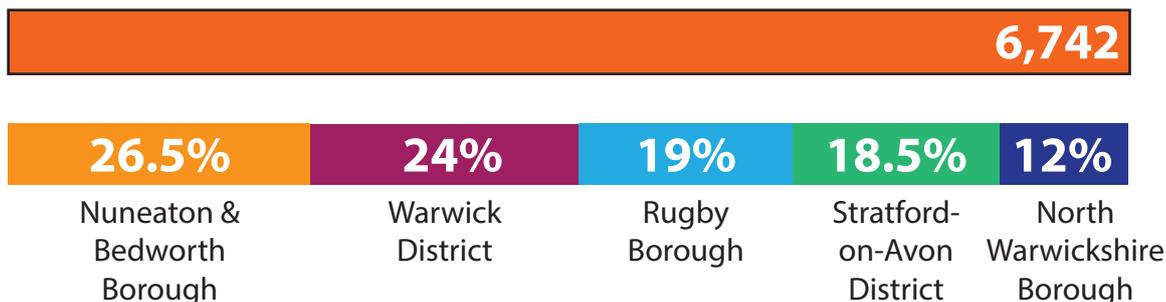
*Definition provided overleaf



These top five categories account for 98% of all reported business crime in Warwickshire

Source: Crime Information System, Warwickshire Police

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More than half of all business crime in the county takes place in Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough and Warwick District

Business Crime Definition

The Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO), together with the National Business Crime Forum (NBCF), have put together the following definition for business crime:

“Business crime is any criminal offence that is committed against a person or property which is associated by the connection of that person or property to a business.”

This therefore includes any crime in, around or against a business and is based on the perception of the victim at the time of reporting the offence.



The following measures are currently in place in Warwickshire and are designed to reduce business crime across the county:

- 1 Warwickshire Business Watch: Combination of a website, twitter account and email alert system which are all used to send out messages to businesses to advise on criminal activity (includes cyber crime updates). The messages provide alerts about crimes which have taken place in the local area as well as general advice and guidance about how to reduce the chances of becoming a victim.
- 2 Awareness of business crime is being raised via a number of partners including Trading Standards, local district and borough councils and the Warwickshire Business Crime Advisor.
- 3 Work is being carried out with Warwickshire and West Mercia Police to visit repeat victims of crime in order to empower businesses to improve their physical and online security.
- 4 Working with business groups such as the Federation of Small Businesses, Chamber of Commerce and other networking groups to provide a consistent message on crime prevention.
- 5 Collaborating with the Coventry and Warwickshire Growth Hub and Local Enterprise Partnership to also reduce Business Crime.
- 6 Reaching out to local networking groups across the county in order to deliver training sessions on specific issues businesses may be facing.

For further information on these measures and general business crime advice, contact can be made with:

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Case Study:

"A Warwickshire business premises specialising in plumbing equipment had been targeted on two occasions with the offenders gaining entry by forcing open access gates and cutting the roller shutter doors, during these two break-ins a total of 23 boiler units were stolen.

The Crime Prevention Design Advisor visited the premises and advised that two anti-ram bollards be fitted by the gates, the PIR sensors be repositioned so the alarm would be activated earlier and the boilers to be positioned under the ultra sonic sirens.

Since making these recommended changes the business has not sustained any further crime."

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