

2008 Theft Survey

This survey is conducted annually by the UK's biggest motorcycle insurance specialist, Carole Nash, which currently has around 230,000 bikers and over 300,000 bikes on its books. It analyses risk by examining all the claims received by Carole Nash during the previous calendar year according to main postcode area, model and type. Risk rankings are calculated by comparing the number of thefts against the number of policyholders in each category.

Fast Facts

- Bikers in North West London (NW) postcode area are at the highest risk in the UK of motorcycle theft. A biker living in the NW area is five times more likely than average to have their motorcycle stolen.
- Outside of the London boroughs bikers living in Liverpool are at the highest risk in the UK of motorcycle theft. A biker living in the L area is over twice as likely than average to have their motorcycle stolen
- For the second consecutive year bikers living in the Edinburgh (EH) postcode area are at highest risk in Scotland of motorcycle theft.
- Bikers living in the Newport (NP) postcode area are at highest risk in Wales of motorcycle theft.
- The Preston (PR) postcode was the highest climber in the UK rankings, rising 64 places from 100th position in the 2007 survey to 36th in the 2008 survey.
- The Hereford (HR) postcode was the biggest faller in the UK rankings, dropping 64 places from 48th position in the 2007 survey to joint 112th (or joint bottom) in the 2008 survey.
- For the second consecutive year the Honda SCV 100 Lead is the bike at highest risk of theft in the UK.
- Scooters and mopeds are the motorcycle type at highest risk of theft. A scooter/moped is six times more likely to be stolen than the lowest risk bike type, a tourer.

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Rank	Postcode	Area	2006 Rank	+/-
1	NW	North West London	2	1
2	SE	South East London	6	4
3	N	North London	1	-2
=4	SW	South West London	5	1
=4	W	West London	3	-1
6	E	East London	4	-2
7	UB	Uxbridge	8	1
8	L	Liverpool	23	15
9	AL	St. Albans	28	19
10	SL	Slough	27	17
11	M	Manchester	25	14
12	EN	Enfield	10	-2
13	BS	Bristol	15	2
14	SM	Sutton	9	-5
15	RM	Romford	13	-2
16	TW	Twickenham	11	-5
17	WD	Watford	40	23
18	WV	Wolverhampton	65	47
19	EH	Edinburgh (Midlothian)	17	-2
20	LE	Leicester	56	36
21	AB	Aberdeen	24	3
22	HU	Hull	12	-10
23	WS	Walsall	54	31
24	HX	Halifax	61	37
25	DA	Dartford	25	0
26	HA	Harrow	19	-7
27	ME	Rochester (Medway)	36	9
=28	NN	Northampton	31	3
=28	WF	Wakefield	42	14
30	KT	Kingston-u-Thames	31	1
31	SK	Stockport	16	-15
32	SO	Southampton	58	26
33	WA	Warrington	47	14
34	CV	Coventry	33	-1
35	S	Sheffield (S. Yorks.)	44	9
36	PR	Preston	100	64
37	CR	Croydon	21	-16
38	DY	Dudley	54	16

39	B	Birmingham	18	-21
40	PL	Plymouth	81	41
=41	NP	Newport	81	40
=41	BR	Bromley	14	-27
43	SA	Swansea	78	35
44	BD	Bradford	43	-1
=45	OL	Oldham	50	5
=45	DN	Doncaster	37	-8
UK Average				
47	TS	Cleveland (Teesside)	35	-12
48	BL	Bolton	22	-26
=49	TF	Telford	73	24
=49	BN	Brighton	51	2
=49	ST	Stoke-on-Trent	48	-1
52	LS	Leeds	76	24
53	CF	Cardiff (S. Glamorgan)	20	-33
=54	SN	Swindon	81	27
=54	TA	Taunton (Somerset)	99	45
=54	RG	Reading	46	-8
57	TN	Tonbridge	73	16
58	WN	Wigan	38	-20
59	IG	Ilford	7	-52
60	NG	Nottingham	39	-21
61	DE	Derby	51	-10

Notes:

*Llandrindod Wells (LD) postcode excluded from 2007 survey due to sample population being too small to render meaningful analysis.

Please note the following areas were excluded from the 2008 survey due to sample population being too small to render meaningful analysis:

EC – East Central London (City of London); WC – West central London; GY – Guernsey; HS – Isle of Lewis; JE – Jersey; KW – Orkneys; ZE – Shetlands Isles.

TOP TEN HIGHEST RISK OUTSIDE LONDON

Rank	Postcode	Area	2007 Rank	+/-
1	L	Liverpool	8	7
2	AL	St. Albans	12	10
3	SL	Slough	11	8
4	M	Manchester	10	5
5	BS	Bristol	2	-4
6	WD	Watford	23	16
7	WV	Wolverhampton	48	40
8	EH	Edinburgh (Midlothian)	4	-5
9	LE	Leicester	39	29
10	AB	Aberdeen (Ab'shire)	24	14

TOP FIVE HIGHEST RISK IN SCOTLAND

Rank	Postcode	Area	2007 Rank	+/-
1	EH	Edinburgh (Midlothian)		
2	AB	Aberdeen (Ab'shire)		
3	IV	Inverness (Inv'shire)		
4	G	Glasgow		
5	DD	Dundee (Angus)		

TOP FIVE HIGHEST RISK IN WALES

Rank	Postcode	Area	2007 Rank	+/-
1	NP	Newport	3	2
2	SA	Swansea	2	0
3	CF	Cardiff (S.Glamorgan)	1	-2
4	LL	Llandudno (Clwyd)	4	0
5	LD	Llandrindod Wells	N/A	N/A

HIGHEST RISK BY REGION

Rank	Postcode
1	London
2	Midlands
3	North West
=4	South Central & East
=4	North East
6	Wales
7	South West
8	Anglia
9	Scotland
10	N. Ireland

HIGHEST RISK BY MODEL

Rank	Model	CC
1.	Honda SCV 100 LEAD	102
2.	Vespa-Piaggio NRG MC3	49
3.	Vespa-Piaggio ET4	124
4.	Yamaha DT 125 R	125
5.	Honda SES 125 DYLAN	124
6.	Vespa-Piaggio ZIP 50	49
7.	Gilera RUNNER 125	124
8.	KTM 640 SUPERMOTO	625
9.	Aprilia RS125	124
10.	Suzuki DRZ 400S	400

HIGHEST RISK BY TYPE

Rank	Postcode
1	Scooter/Moped
2.	Trail
3	Sport
4	Supersport
5.	Roadster
6.	Custom
6.	Tourer