

# Profile of BICYCLE THEFT across England and Wales

REPORTED VOLUMES

## 96,210

Total crimes reported  
Sep 2017 to Aug 2018



Accounting for **2%** of all police recorded crime

**50%** of bike owners have had a bike stolen

**87%** of bicycle thefts are reported to the police

**50%** of victims feel the police did not investigate the theft

Source: Bike Register, 2017 National cycle crime survey

COUNT AND RATE OF OFFENCES

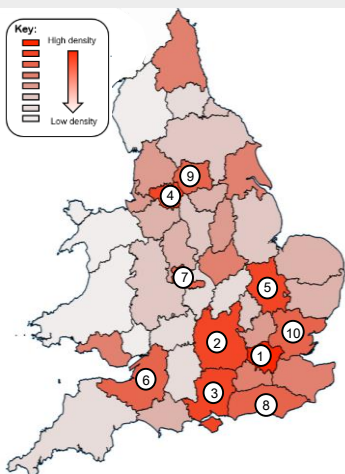
Average recorded loss value:  
**£409.23** per bicycle

## SEASONAL TRENDS

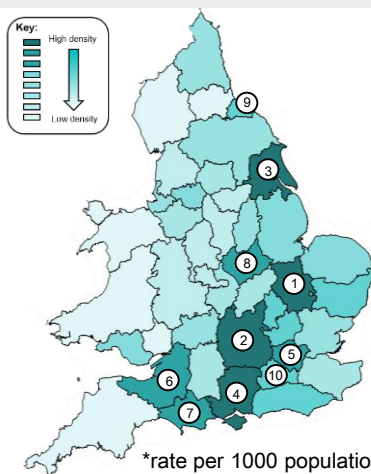
Highest Value Lowest Value



Force area	Count
1. Metropolitan Police	20476
2. Thames Valley Police	6552
3. Hampshire Constabulary	4623
4. Greater Manchester Police	4200
5. Cambridgeshire Constabulary	4048
6. Avon and Somerset Constabulary	3451
7. West Midlands Police	3113
8. Sussex Police	2848
9. West Yorkshire Police	2664
10. Essex Police	2607

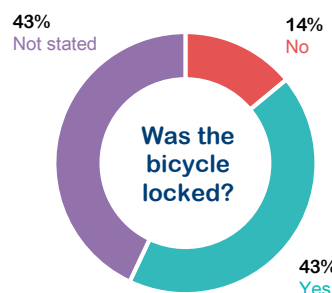


Force area	Rate
1. Cambridgeshire Constabulary	4.78
2. Thames Valley Police	2.74
3. Humberside Police	2.36
4. Hampshire Police	2.34
5. Metropolitan Police	2.32
6. Avon and Somerset Constabulary	2.04
7. Dorset Police	1.92
8. Leicestershire Police	1.90
9. Cleveland Police	1.78
10. Surrey Police	1.76

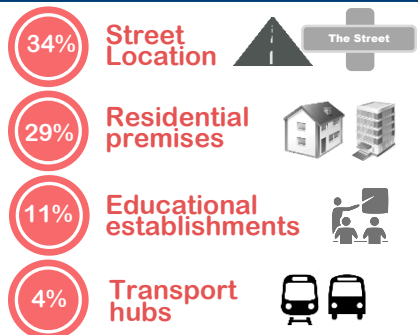
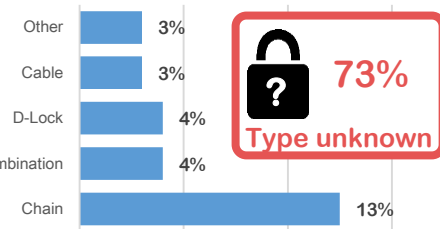


Cambridge - Oxford - Southampton - Portsmouth - Hull - Central London - Bristol - Bournemouth - Leicester - Middlesbrough - Reading

TARGET IDENTIFICATION

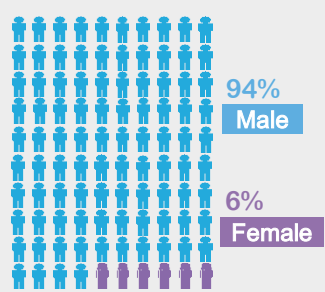


### If locked, what type of lock was used?



OFFENDER PROFILES

### AGE RANGE



Offenders could be working in isolation or as part of an organised group.

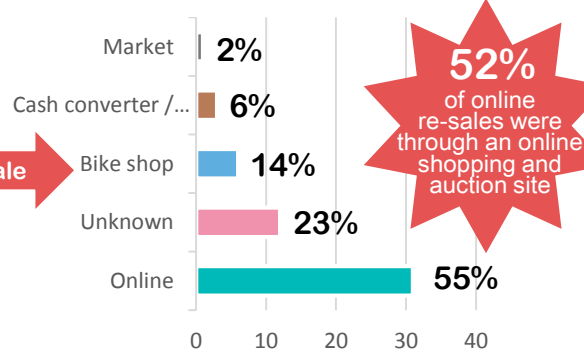
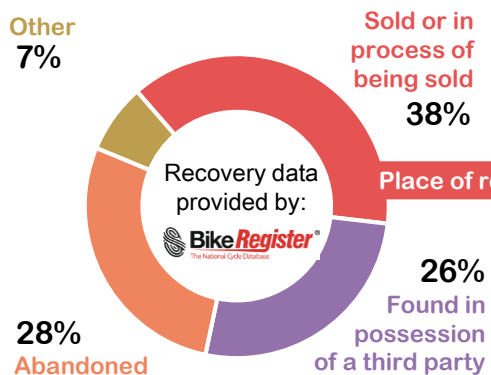
### MOTIVATIONS

- The offender needs a method of transport for short term use
- The offender is in need of cash or drugs
- The offender has been ordered to target specific bicycles



PROPERTY RECOVERIES

According to police data, only **3%** of stolen bicycles have been recovered



**52%** of online re-sales were through an online shopping and auction site