BIKE THEFT REPORT

Southampton

Police data to **September 2026** · issued 6 November 2026

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347
bikes reported stolen in the 12 months to September 2026

-12%
change on the 12 months before (396 thefts)

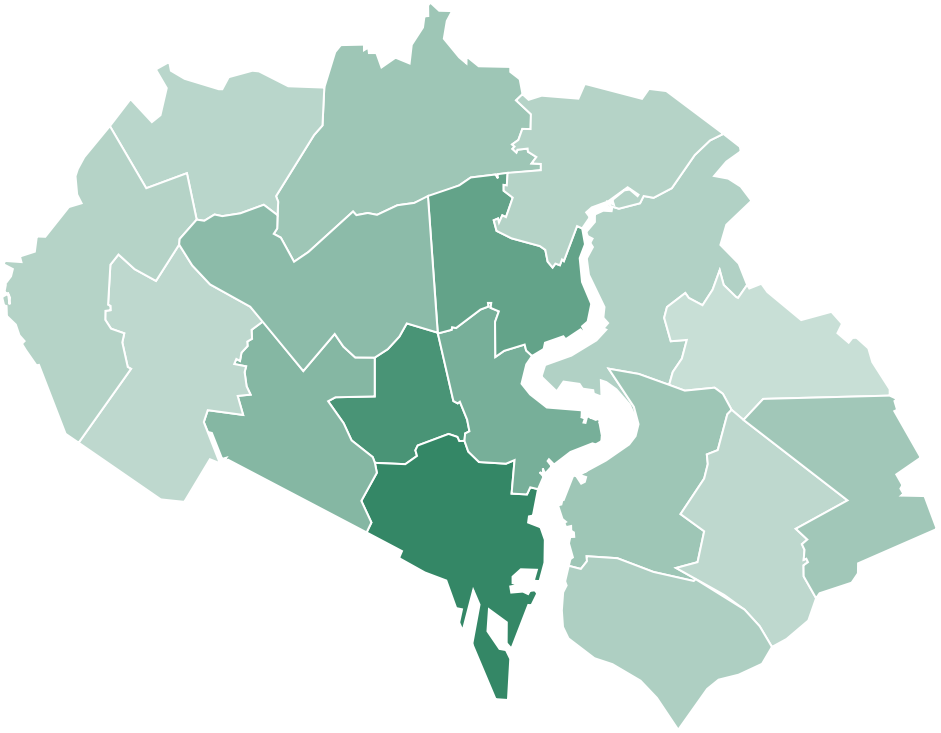
91%
of concluded cases closed with no suspect identified

383
places to lock a bike mapped; 31 secure (lockers, sheds, hangars)

See the live figures and every bike rack on the map: **rackfox.app/uk/southampton ›**

WHERE

Thefts by district



Darker districts had more police-recorded bike thefts in the 12 months to September 2026. Raw counts, not adjusted for how many bikes are parked there.

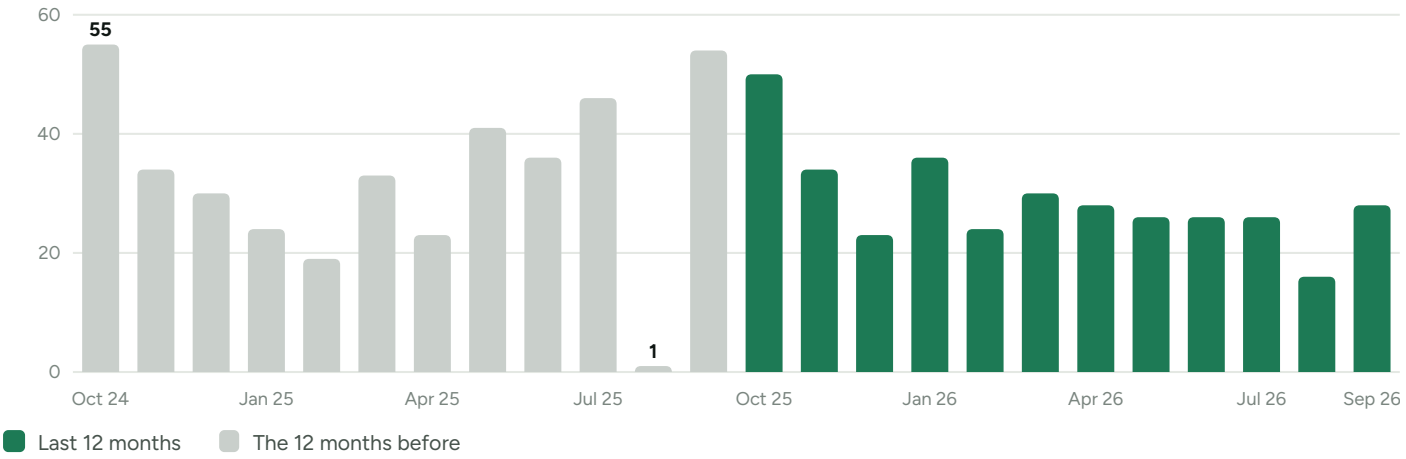
MOST THEFTS
Bargate
77 in 12 months

BIGGEST RISE
Portswood
+16% on the year before

BUSIEST MONTH
October
adding up every year since 2023

WHEN

Bike thefts per month



WHAT KIND OF PLACE

Where bikes are stolen

PLACE	THEFTS
Supermarkets	34
Car parks	27
Colleges and universities	8
Nightclubs	7
Hospitals	7
Petrol stations	6

SUPPLY

Bike parking

MAPPED IN OPENSTREETMAP	COUNT
Places to lock a bike	383
Spaces (at least)	4,979
Covered	95
Secure: lockers, sheds, hangars, staffed	31

DISTRICTS

All districts of Southampton

#	DISTRICT	THEFTS, 12 MONTHS	CHANGE	NO SUSPECT	PARKING	SECURE
1	Bargate	77	▼ -25%	87%	68	1
2	Banister & Polygon	60	▲ +13%	96%	33	1
3	Portswood	43	▲ +16%	100%	88	14
4	Bevois	31	▼ -6%	93%	7	0
5	Freemantle	24	0%	95%	20	0
6	Shirley	21	▼ -38%	90%	39	1
7	Bassett	14	▼ -30%	100%	44	11
8	Peartree	14	▲ +27%	93%	6	0
9	Thornhill	13	▲ +30%	83%	5	0
10	Woolston	9	6 → 9	–	9	0
11	Bitterne Park	8	7 → 8	–	7	0

#	DISTRICT	THEFTS, 12 MONTHS	CHANGE	NO SUSPECT	PARKING	SECURE
12	Redbridge	7	▼ -65%	–	7	0
13	Swaythling	7	▼ -46%	–	34	3
14	Coxford	6	▼ -40%	–	2	0
15	Millbrook	5	5 → 5	–	11	0
16	Sholing	5	2 → 5	–	1	0
17	Harefield	3	9 → 3	–	2	0

▲ more thefts than the year before, ▼ fewer. Where a district had under 10 thefts the year before, both counts are shown instead of a percentage.

METHOD

About the data

Thefts. Police-recorded bicycle thefts from data.police.uk (Home Office and police forces), published monthly about two months behind. The police move each crime to the nearest of a fixed set of anonymous points on a street or public place, so places are approximate. Only thefts reported to the police are counted. Known gaps: Greater Manchester Police has not supplied data since July 2019; British Transport Police (railway stations) has not supplied data since early 2025.

Parking. Places and capacity mapped by volunteers in OpenStreetMap; some racks list no capacity, so space counts are a minimum. A place's risk compares police-recorded thefts within 150 m over 12 months with every other bike parking place in the city. Counts are not adjusted for how many bikes are parked or ridden in an area, so busy centres show more thefts. A lower risk is not a guarantee.

More. Method: rackfox.app/uk/guides/how-rackfox-rates-bike-theft-risk · live figures: rackfox.app/uk/southampton · sources and licences: rackfox.app/data

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