

Papakura District

Crime Report

Q3 2026

Papakura Local Board
Auckland Council



What is the NSPD?

Neighbourhood Support is a nationwide community-led movement that brings people and neighbourhoods together to create safe, resilient, and connected communities. We believe that a well-connected community helps to improve safety, resilience, and wellbeing for all.

The Neighbourhood Support Papakura District (NSPD) is the primary branch for the Papakura area. To learn more, visit our website and Facebook page.

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What is this Report?

The NSPD receives a weekly offences report from Police Headquarters in Wellington, which contains property offences for Counties/Manukau. The report contains information such as time, day, street, and descriptions of offences. We select the non-commercial property offences reported to the Papakura Police Station and present the data in an easy-to-understand format.* Our goal is to achieve three outcomes:

Our Reporting Goals

1. **To identify crime trends district-wide**. By understanding the rates and types of crime, all District residents can deploy their resources to make their best efforts to bring down crime rates.

2. **To identify crime trends for specific neighbourhoods**. With accurate information, neighbourhoods can take specific actions to reverse crime trends.

3. **To combat misinformation**. Social media often exaggerates crime statistics. By publishing accurate crime statistics, we hope to fight against false claims and mischaracterisations around crime and give residents accurate information to help make their own security decisions.

All data within the Wellington report is given under strict protocols and can't be shared whole-sale. Only NSPD personnel who have been police vetted can access the raw data from the report.



Important Notice

The data NSPD receives from the NZ Police has changed. Some categories have combined, such as Theft and Burglary. Others have been omitted, such as Disorderly Behaviour and Robbery. Several new categories now exist, including "Street Racing" and "Fuel Theft". Given the changes are extensive, we don't feel we can continue to compare the past data with the new categories. Therefore, we will need to restart the analysis with a brand new dataset. As a consequence, this report won't include Yearly or Quarterly Comparisons or any comparisons of accumlated data from our past reporting.

Given the need to start from scratch, we've also omitted any analysis of the data, as to do so would invite misleading comparisons.

The new reporting **categories** for this Crime Report include:

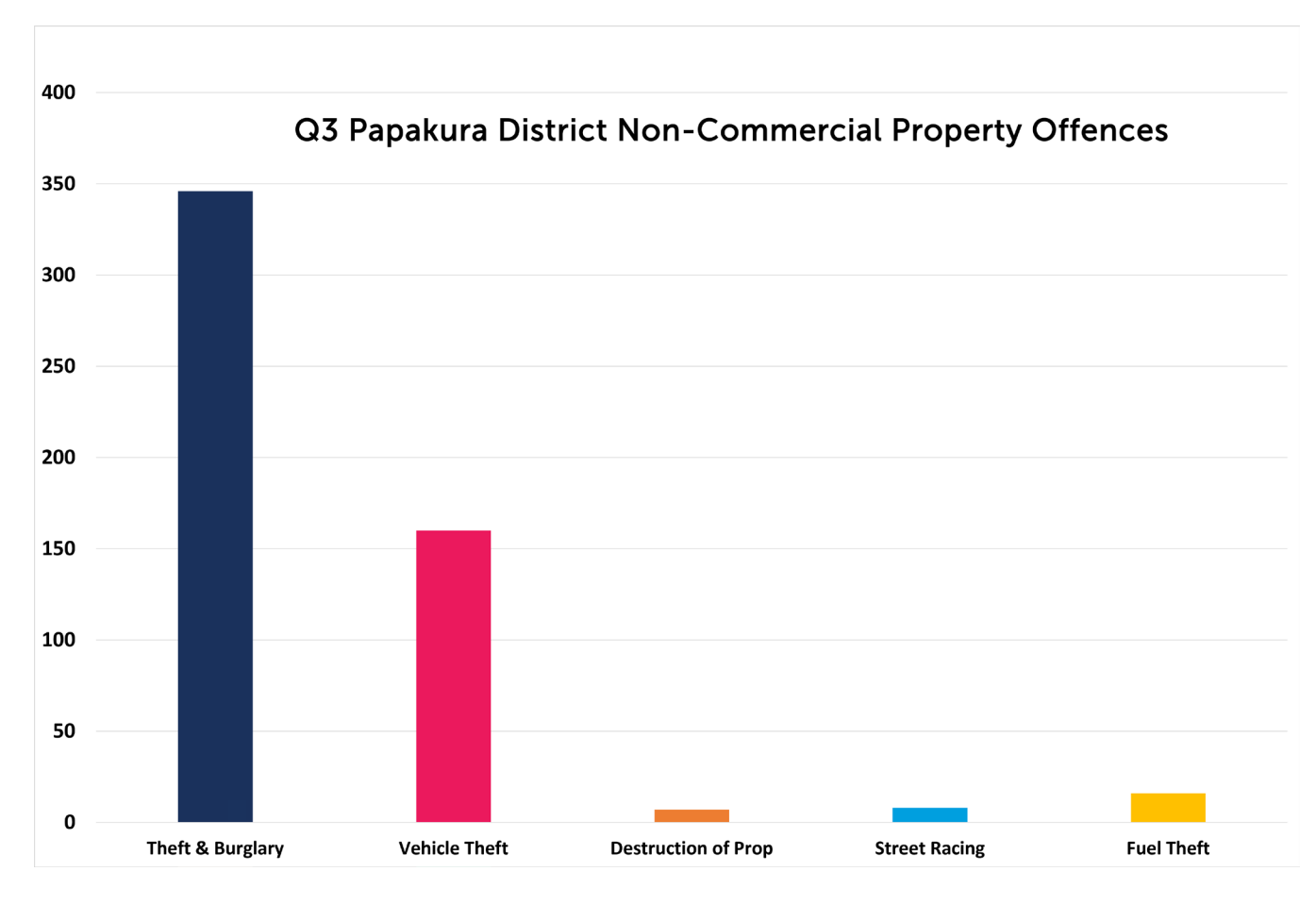
- Theft and Burglary
- Vehicle Theft and Related Offences
- Destruction of Property
- Street Racing and Related Offences
- Fuel Theft

You can find definitions of these offences at the end of the report. We've omitted defining "Street Racing" and "Fuel Theft", as we assume these are self-evident.



Non-Commercial Q3 Offences

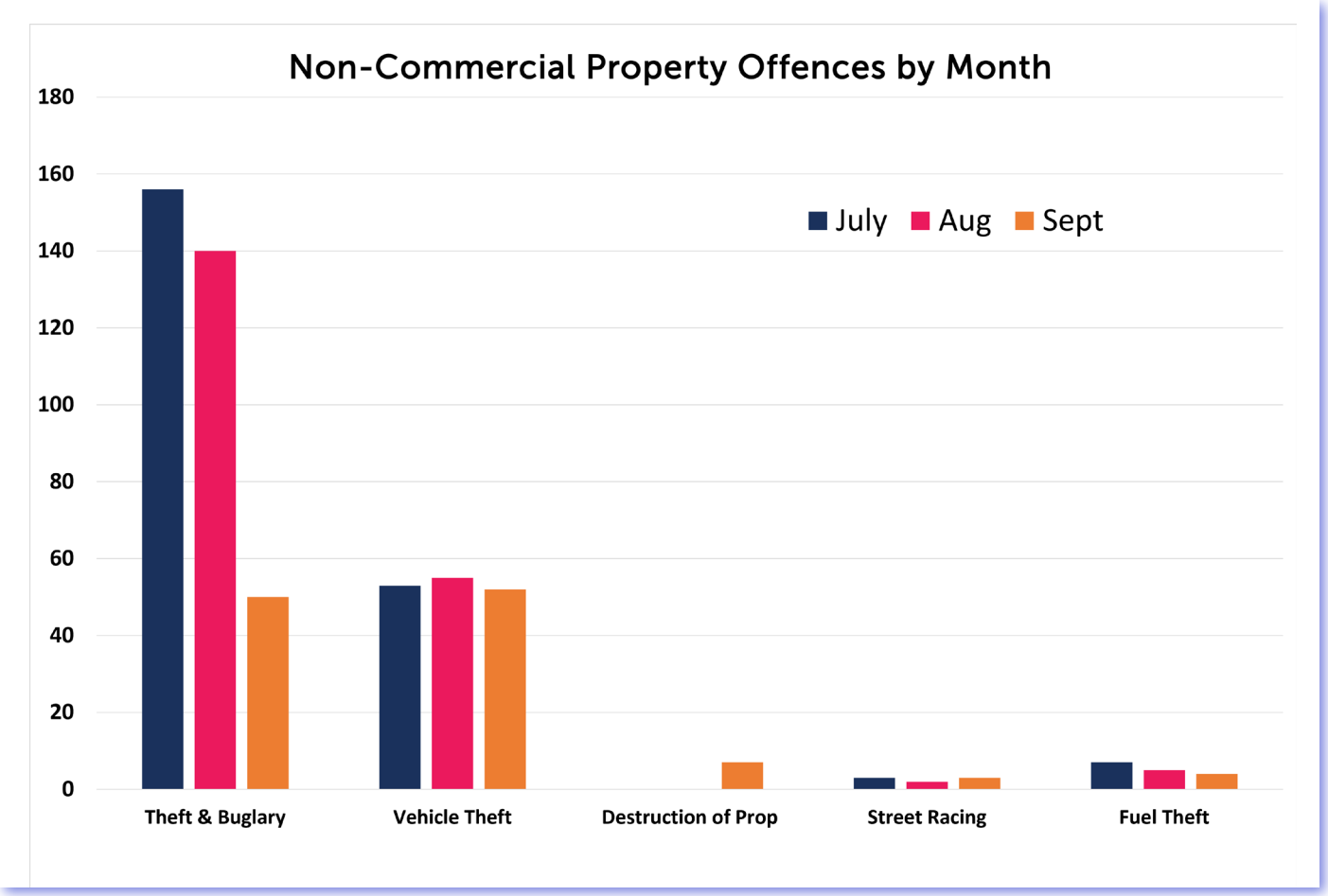
Graph A



Graph A shows total number of non-commercial property offences reported for the Papakura District for Q3 2026. Does not include "Other" category.

Non Commercial Offences by Month

Graph B



Graph B show number of non-commercial property offences reported for the Papakura District for the 3 months of Q3 2026.



Do your part. Report Crime.

Crimes that aren't reported, don't get counted. To keep crime stats accurate, it's important we all report crimes regardless of the likely outcome. Having the attitude of "The police can't or won't do anything" only ensures your crime isn't part of the database, which police use to identify "hotspots" and curtail overall offences. You never know, your reporting might help prevent a crime from happening to your neighbour.

Reporting a Burglary

Dial 111 if a crime is happening.

Dial 105 if the crime has happened.

Or report online at police.govt.nz/use-105.

What can I do?

You can take actions now that will help lower your (and your neighbour's) risk of being a target of crime. Here are some online resources and tips. You can find many more on the Neighbourhood Support New Zealand website.

Protecting Your Home
Vehicle Safety & Security
Preventing Fraud and Scams
Improving Your Neighbourhood
Community Cams FAQs
Preventing Mail Theft

Join NSPD

Neighbourhood Support is FREE to join and offers lots of benefits:

- Have opportunities to connect with those around you.
- Receive emails with what's happening in your community.
- Get tips to improve the safety of your home and your community.
- Learn how to get prepared for emergencies.
- Be invited to attend community events organised by Neighbourhood Support.

By staying connected and supporting each other, we can make our neighbourhoods safe and welcoming for all. Want to join the NSPD? Visit our sign up page or email us at nspapakura@gmail.com

Community Connection and Safety (CRN)

Crime data shows that connected neighbourhoods are safer neighbourhoods. Many offences in Papakura—such as burglary and vehicle crime—are influenced by opportunity, particularly during holidays and warmer months when routines change. Streets where neighbours know each other tend to have higher awareness, quicker reporting, and fewer opportunities for crime.

The Community Resilience Network (CRN) supports this through Street Meets—simple, informal gatherings that help neighbours connect, share local safety information, and look out for one another. Strong community connections don't just build resilience; they actively help reduce crime. Learn more about Street Meets and how to get involved at the CRN website.



Papakura
COMMUNITY RESILIENCE NETWORK

Crime Types

The NSPD Crime Report covers offences from the following eight crime categories. Understanding them and their differences will help you better interpret the data presented in the Crime Report. We've combined and simplified these categories so they are more easily understandable by the public. We also list common examples of offence types we use to define each category.



Robbery— Robbery is the unlawful taking of another person's property with the intent to permanently deprive them of it. Robbery involves the use of force, threats, intimidation, or violence against the owner or another person present. In essence, it is a theft that is committed with force. Examples: Any offence description that contains the term: "ROBBERY", "ROBS", "AGGRAVATED ROBBERY", OTHER ROBBERY".

Theft— Theft is the unlawful taking of another person's property with the intent to permanently deprive them of it. In theft cases, the perpetrator takes the property without the owner's consent. Note: many of the offences in the Theft category include theft *from* a vehicle, as opposed to taking the vehicle itself. These are covered under "Vehicle Theft" (see below). Any offence description that contains the term: "THEFT".

Burglary— Is committed by anyone who enters any building, or part of a building, without authority and with intent to commit any offence that could lead to imprisonment. Any offence description that contains the terms "BURGLES" or "BURGLARY".

Vehicle theft— Involves an intention or act of taking or borrowing a vehicle without consent. It does not include theft **FROM** a vehicle. (see "Theft" above). Example offences: "UNLAWFUL TAKES MOTOR VEHICLES", "UNLAWFUL INTERFERES MOTOR VEHICLES", "ATTEMPTED UNLAWFUL TAKING OF A MOTOR VEHICLE", "POSSESS INSTRUMENTS FOR CONVERSION".

Manner of driving— Driving a vehicle in a reckless or unsafe manner. Example offences: "SPECIAL VEHICLE LANE", "CARELESS DRIVING", "UNSAFE PASSING", "UNSAFE CHANGING OF LANES", "FOLLOWED TOO CLOSE"

Destruction of property (Wilful Damage)—Intentional or reckless damage to or destruction of property. Example offences: "WILFULLY DAMAGE", "GRAFFITI", "INTENTIONAL DAMAGE" or "ARSON".

Disorderly behaviour—Socially unacceptable behaviour in a public place, or within hearing or view of a public place. Example offences: "DISPLAY GANG INSIGNIA", "FIGHTING", "SET OFF FIREWORKS IN PUBLIC PLACE", "INSULTING LANGUAGE", "RESIST POLICE".

Car—Related Offences—We define this category broadly as any offence that directly or indirectly involves a vehicle, bicycle, boat, etc. Example: "FOLLOWED TOO CLOSE", "UNLAWFUL TAKES MOTOR VEHICLES", "THEFT EX VEHICLE".