

Papakura District Crime Report

Q3 2025



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](#).



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 wholesale. Only NSPD personnel who have been police vetted can access the raw data from the report.

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".

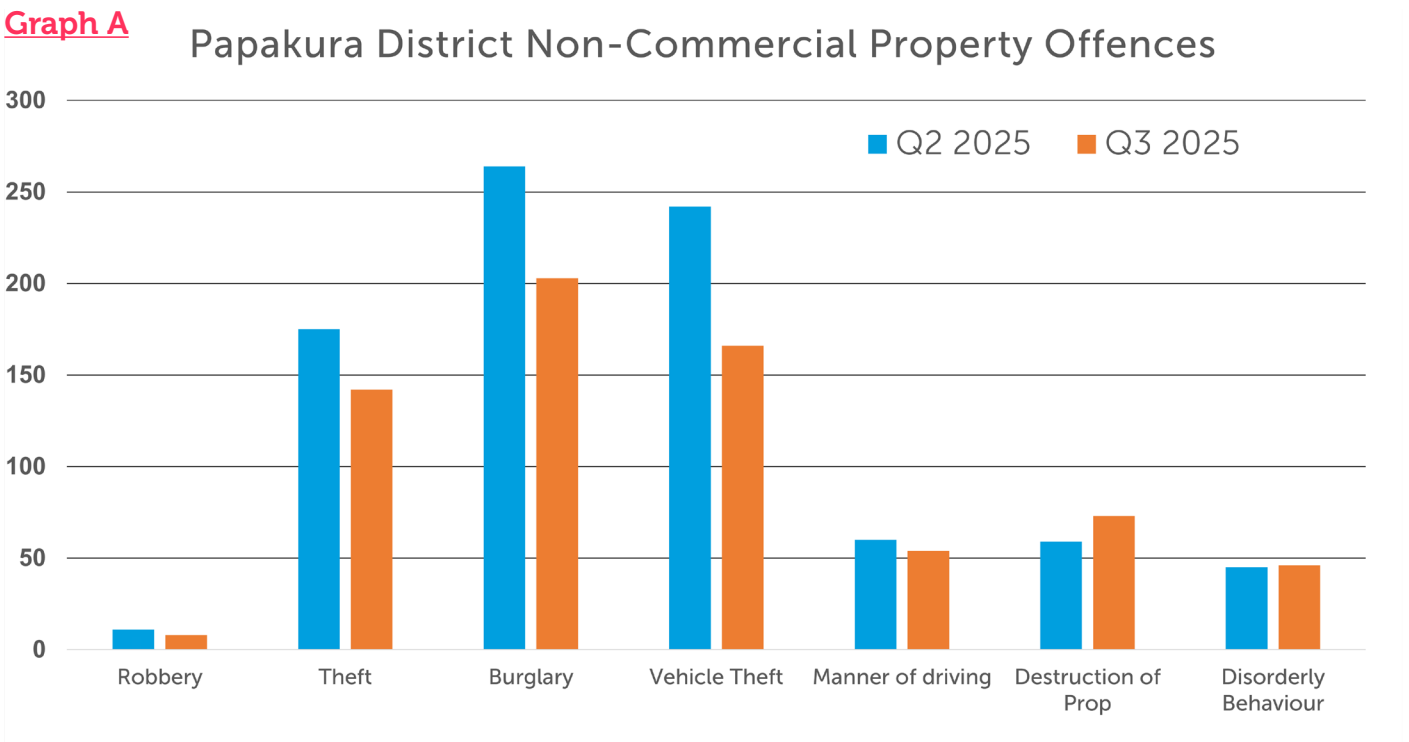
Q2 2025 vs Q3 2025 Offences

Table A shows total number of non-commercial property offences reported for the Papakura District for Q1 and Q2 of 2025.

Quarter	Robbery	Theft	Burglary	Vehicle Theft*	Manner of Driving	Wilful Damage	Disorderly Behaviour	Other	Total
Q2	11	175	264	242	60	59	45	37	893
Q3	8	142	203	166	54	73	46	45	737

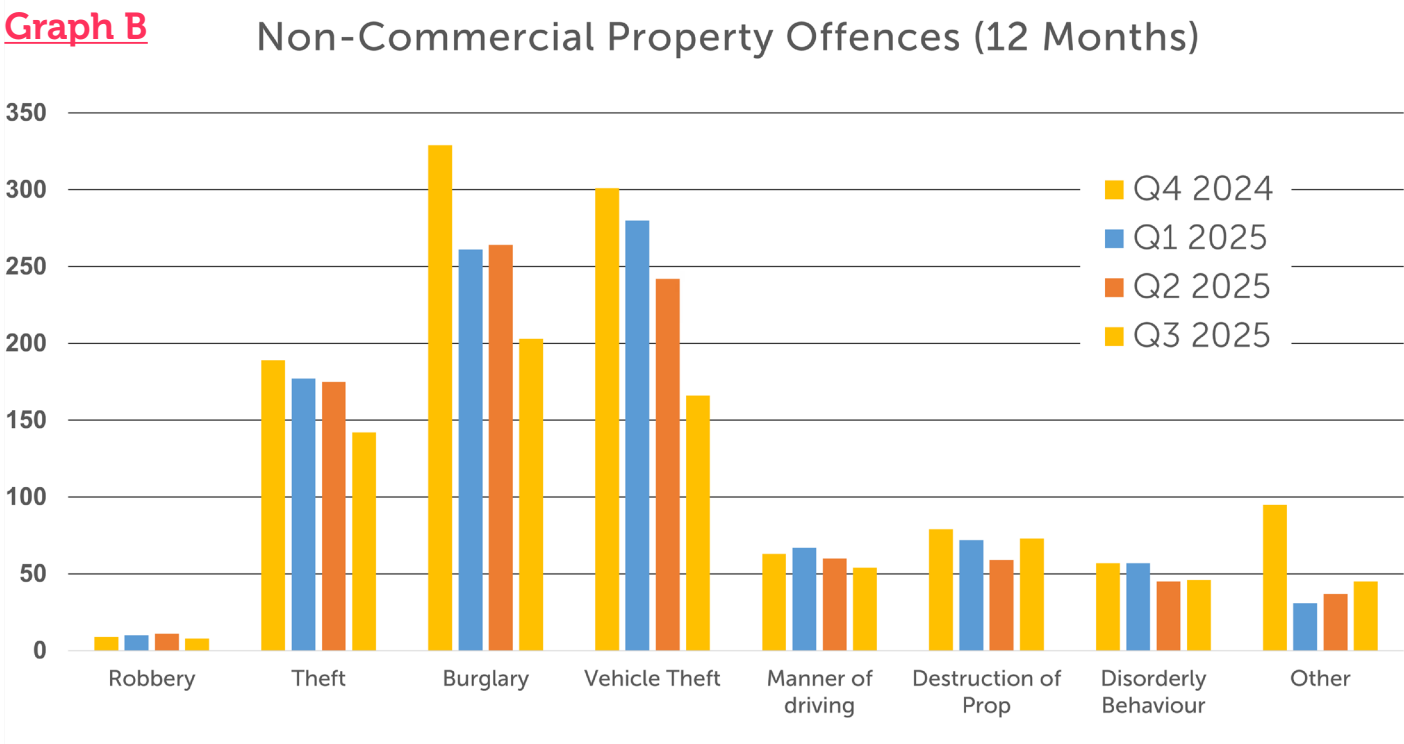
***Vehicle Theft**— Involves an intention or act of taking or borrowing a vehicle without consent. It does not include theft FROM a vehicle. (see "Crime Types, Pg 2).

Graph A shows total number of non-commercial property offences reported for the Papakura District for Q2 and Q3 of 2025. Does not include "Other" category.



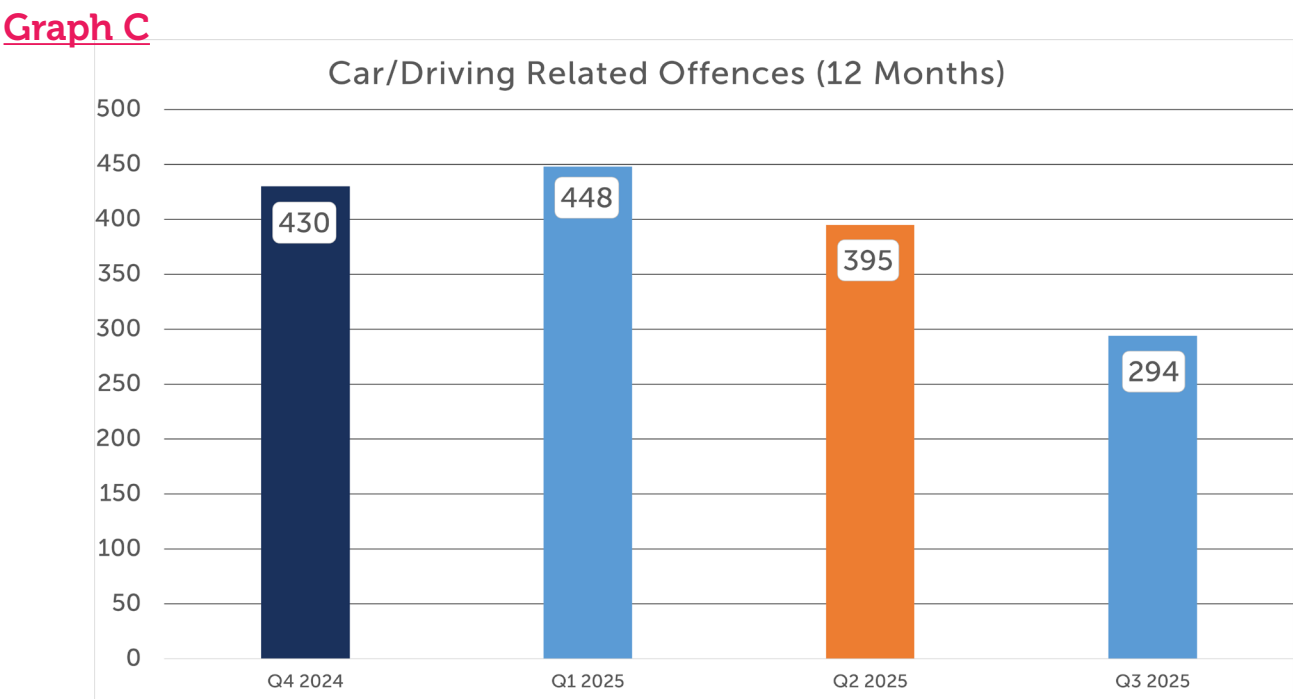
Non Commercial Property Offences (12 mos)

Graph B compares total number of non-commercial property offences reported for the Papakura District for the last four quarters (12 months).



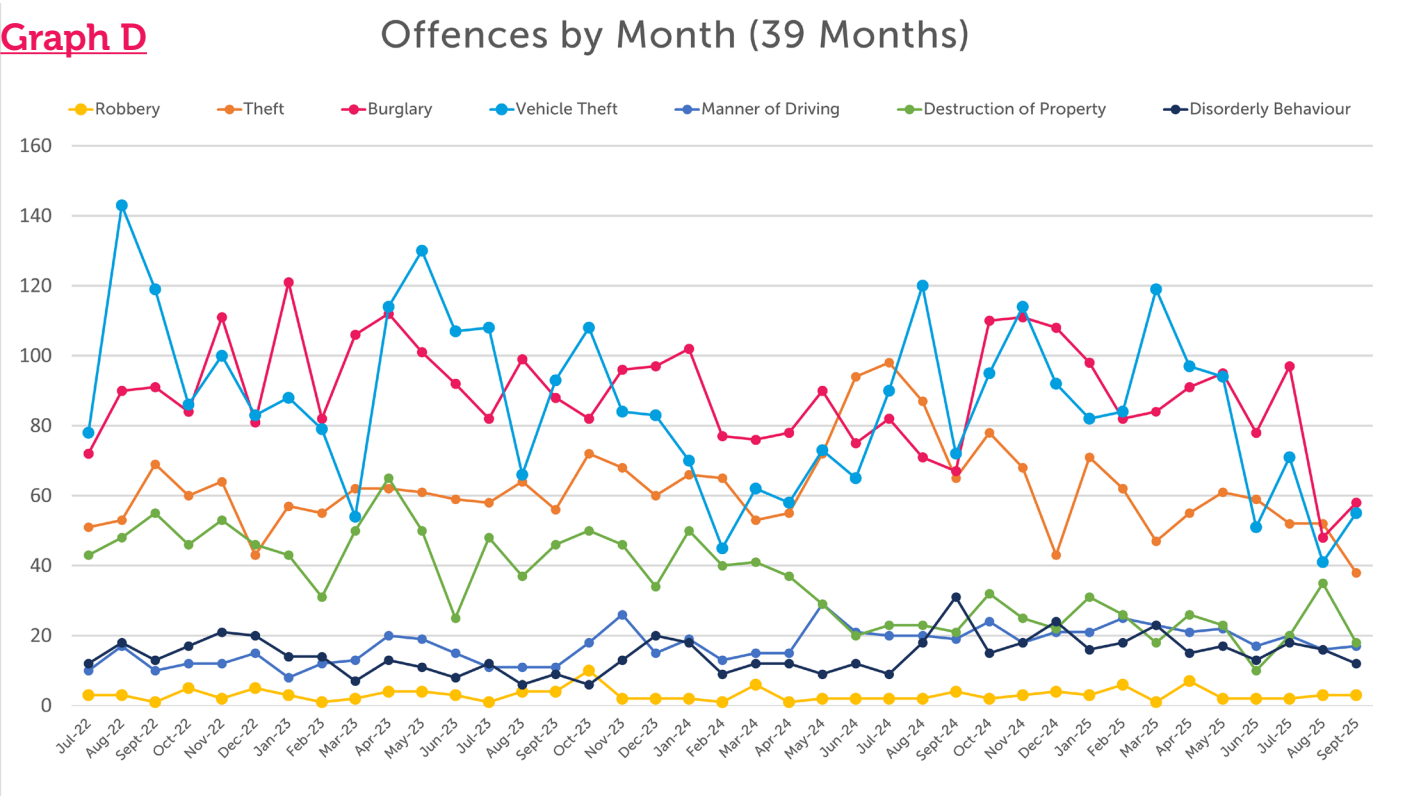
Car/Driving Related Offences

Graph C compares total number of car and driving-related crimes reported for the Papakura District for the last four quarters (12 months). Offences include traffic violations like speeding and car theft/conversion.

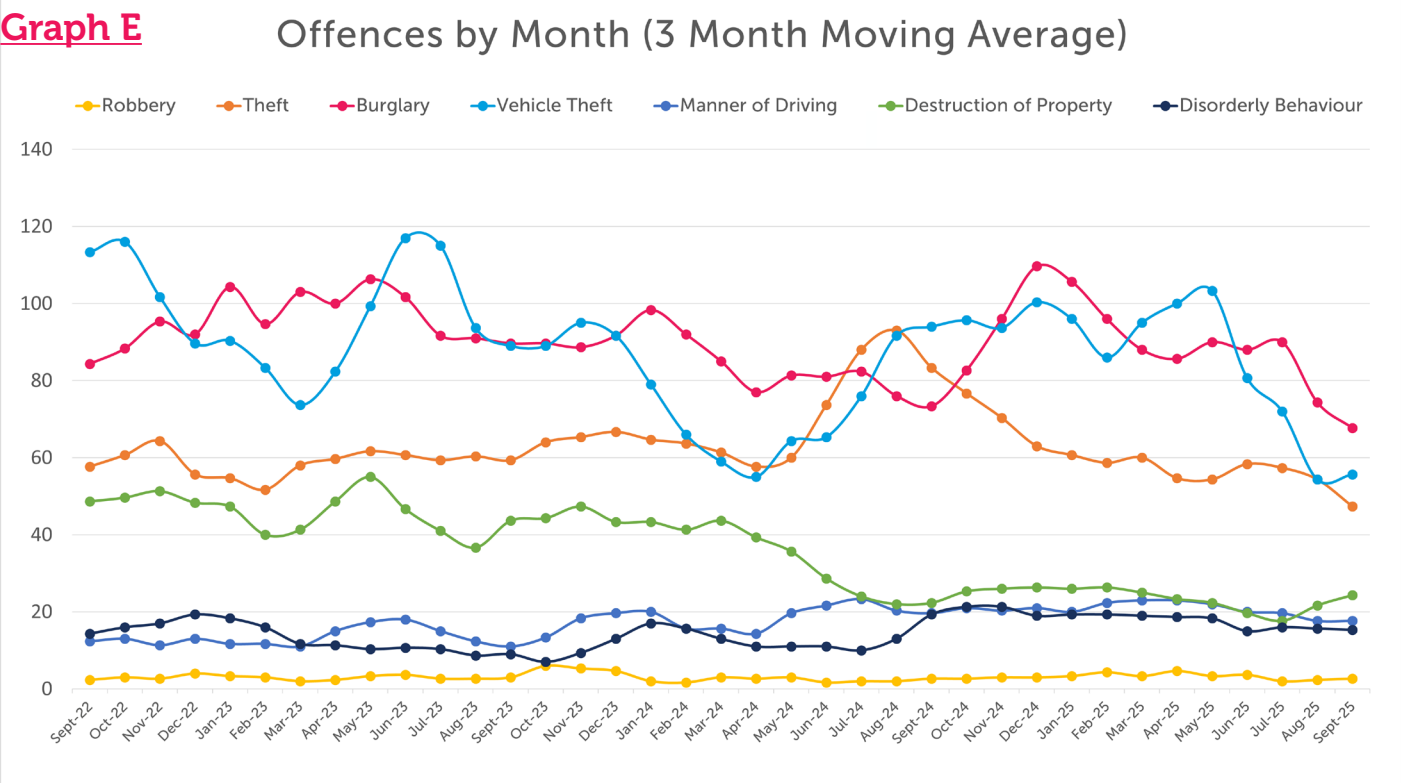


Offences by Month (39 Months)

Graph D shows monthly totals for all non-commercial property crimes for each category for the last 39 months.

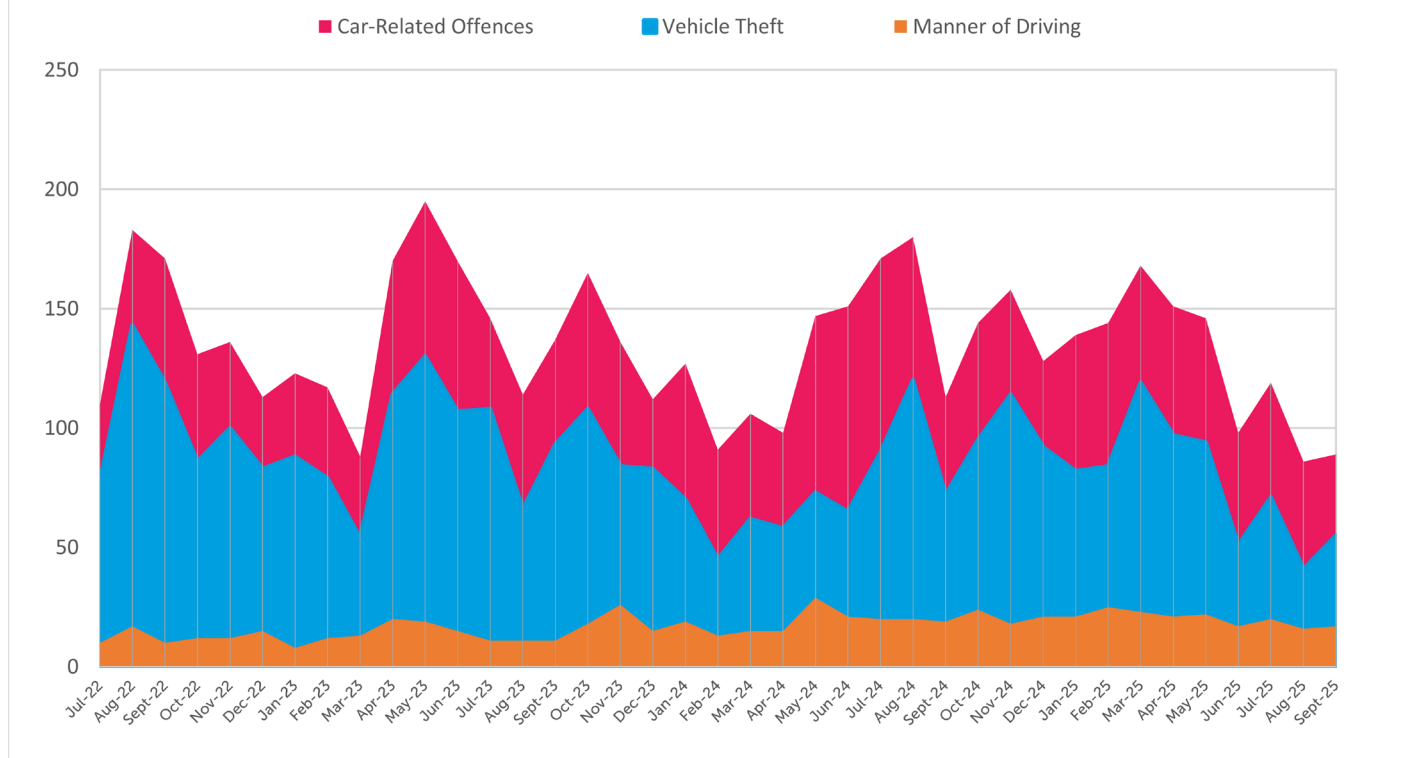


Graph E shows a three month moving average of all non-commercial property crimes for each category beginning with the first full quarter of 2022. The chart smooths out short-term fluctuations and highlights longer-term trends in the data.



Graph F Compares Vehicle Theft & Manner of Driving rates to the total number of Car-Related offences for the last two years. Vehicle Theft follows a similar trend line to the total and makes up a significant portion of the total car-related offenses.

Graph F Total Car-Related Offences by Month (39 months)



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.



Crime Trends Analysis

Below is a high-level, easy-to-understand analytical report based on the crime data for the Papakura District for Q3 2025 and the last 39 months. Please remember that correlation does not always imply causation. Nonetheless, these observations can help guide community awareness and preventive measures.

Offence Category Trends

- Robbery incidents remain low and stable, with Q3 2025 matching Q3 2024 levels.
- Thefts continue to decline through 2025, with September 2025 recording the lowest rate in the entire data series.
- Burglaries dropped significantly from Q2 to Q3 2025, though the 12-month total shows a slight increase due to elevated rates earlier in the year.
- Vehicle thefts show a clear downward trend across the 39-month period, with August 2025 hitting a series low and Q3 2025 down 41% compared to Q3 2024.
- Manner of driving offences have trended upward over the long term, though Q3 2025 saw a slight decline from the previous quarter.
- Wilful damage has substantially decreased over the multi-year period, though it increased slightly in Q3 2025 compared to Q2.
- Disorderly behaviour shows an upward drift overall, with notable peaks in December, though Q3 2025 was lower than Q3 2024.
- Car-related offences fell sharply in Q3 2025 (down 26% from Q2 and 37% from Q3 2024), closely tracking the decline in vehicle theft.

Seasonal & Weather Impacts

- Winter (June–August): Increased theft from vehicles, particularly as shorter days and poor weather drive people indoors.
- Summer (December–February): Higher burglary and disorderly behaviour due to longer daylight hours, holiday absences, and increased social activity.
- Autumn & Spring: Car-related offences and destruction of property peak during these transitional seasons.

Calendar and Holiday Influences



- School holidays consistently correlate with higher burglary, wilful damage, and disorderly behaviour rates.
- Public holidays such as Easter, ANZAC Day, and King's Birthday see rises in vehicle-related crime and driving offences.
- Daylight Saving Time months (October–March) show 13–17% higher rates of burglary, property damage, and disorderly behaviour compared to standard time months.

Community Demographics & Socio-economic Factors

Papakura's rapid growth (25.5% from 2018-2023) means more people and cars, increasing crime opportunities:

- Youth Population: Areas with younger demographics see more wilful damage and disorderly conduct.
- Rental Areas: Higher theft and burglary rates near rental-heavy zones.
- Economic Pressure: Higher crime rates in economically disadvantaged areas.

Recommendations for Community Action

1. Enhance Vehicle Security: Use steering locks and secure parking, especially around transport hubs.
2. Promote Home Safety: Use timer lights and visible security measures to deter burglars.
3. Support Youth Activities: Increase structured programmes during school holidays to reduce youth-related offences.
4. Continue Road Safety Campaigns: Regular police checkpoints during holiday weekends to maintain reduced driving offences.
5. Celebrate Success in Wilful Damage Reduction: Expand mural and community beautification projects to deter vandalism.

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](#)

[Improving Your Neighbourhood](#)

[Vehicle Safety & Security](#)

[Community Cams FAQs](#)

[Preventing Fraud and Scams](#)

[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

