Police Reported Crime Trends Analysis: West Yorkshire (April-September 2020)

This analysis examines crime data from West Yorkshire Police covering six months during 2020. This period is particularly interesting as it coincides with the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated lockdown measures, which may have influenced crime patterns.

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In [57]: import os, pandas as pd, numpy as np, matplotlib.pyplot as plt, seaborn as sns
         from datetime import datetime
         print("\n1. DATA LOADING")
         def load_crime_data(data_folder="../data"):
             months = ['2020-04', '2020-05', '2020-06', '2020-07', '2020-08', '2020-09']
             dataframes = []
             loading_summary = []
             print("Loading crime data files...")
             # Iterate through each month and load the corresponding file
             for month in months:
                 # Construct the filename based on the month
                 filename = f"{month}-west-yorkshire-street.csv"
                 file_path = os.path.join(data_folder, filename)
                 # Check if file exists
                 if not os.path.exists(file_path):
                     loading_summary.append({
                         'Month': month,
                         'Filename': filename,
                          'Rows': 0,
                         'Columns': 0,
                         'Status': 'File not found'
                     })
                     print(f"x {month}: File not found - {filename}")
                     continue
                 # Load the CSV file
                 df = pd.read_csv(file_path)
                 dataframes.append(df)
                 print(f"√ {month}: {len(df):,} records loaded from {filename}")
             # Combine all dataframes
             if dataframes:
                 combined_df = pd.concat(dataframes, ignore_index=True)
                 print(f"\n Successfully combined data from {len(dataframes)} files")
                 print(f" Total records loaded: {len(combined df):,}")
                 return combined_df, pd.DataFrame(loading_summary)
                 return None, pd.DataFrame(loading_summary)
         # Load the data
         crime data, loading summary = load crime data()
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Loading crime data files...
              ✓ 2020-04: 21,785 records loaded from 2020-04-west-yorkshire-street.csv

  2020-05: 24,657 records loaded from 2020-05-west-yorkshire-street.csv
              v 2020-06: 26,730 records loaded from 2020-06-west-yorkshire-street.csv
              ✓ 2020-07: 29,278 records loaded from 2020-07-west-yorkshire-street.csv
              ✓ 2020-08: 29,433 records loaded from 2020-08-west-yorkshire-street.csv
              ✓ 2020-09: 27,015 records loaded from 2020-09-west-yorkshire-street.csv
                Successfully combined data from 6 files
                Total records loaded: 158,898
In [58]: # 2. DATA SUMMARY
                 print("\n2. DATA SUMMARY")
                 def summarise_dataframe(df):
                        print("\nCOLUMN DETAILS")
                        print(f"{'No.':<3} {'Column':<15} {'Type':<8} {'Non-null':>8} {'Non-%':>6} {'Mi
                        total_rows = len(df)
                        for i, col in enumerate(df.columns, 1):
                               non_null = df[col].notna().sum()
                               missing = total_rows - non_null
                               non_null_pct = (non_null / total_rows) * 100
                               missing_pct = (missing / total_rows) * 100
                               print(f"{i:<3} {col[:15]:<15} {str(df[col].dtype)[:8]:<8} {non_null:>8} {non_null:>8
                 data_summary = summarise_dataframe(crime_data)
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In [59]: def analyse_data_anomalies(df):
                        print("\n3. DATA ANOMALIES AND PATTERNS")
                        # Analysis
                        asb_missing = len(df['Crime type'] == 'Anti-social behaviour') & df['Crime
                        actual_dups = df[df['Crime ID'].notna()]['Crime ID'].duplicated().sum()
                        missing_essential = df[['Month', 'Crime type']].isna().any(axis=1).sum()
                        # Only count invalid coordinates where coordinates exist
                        has_coords = df.dropna(subset=['Longitude', 'Latitude'])
                        invalid_coords = ((has_coords['Longitude'] < -8) | (has_coords['Longitude'] > 2
                                                      (has_coords['Latitude'] < 49) | (has_coords['Latitude'] > 61))
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1. DATA LOADING

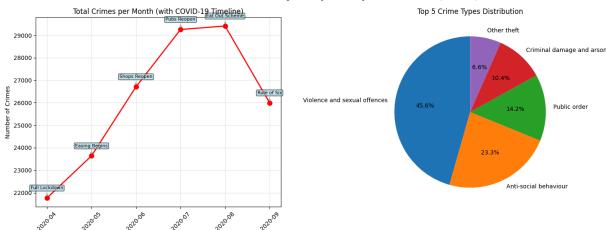
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print(f"
                        • Missing Crime IDs: {df['Crime ID'].isna().sum():,} (ASB: {asb_miss
             print(f"
                        • Duplicate Crime IDs: {actual dups:,}")
             print(f" • Missing Month/Crime type: {missing_essential:,}")
             print(f" • Invalid coordinates: {invalid_coords:,}")
             # Cleaning data
             df_cleaned = df.drop_duplicates()
             df_cleaned = df_cleaned.dropna(subset=['Month', 'Crime type'])
             non null ids = df cleaned[df cleaned['Crime ID'].notna()]
             null_ids = df_cleaned[df_cleaned['Crime ID'].isna()]
             non_null_cleaned = non_null_ids.drop_duplicates(subset=['Crime ID'], keep='firs
             df_cleaned = pd.concat([non_null_cleaned, null_ids], ignore_index=True)
             invalid_mask = ((df_cleaned['Longitude'] < -8) | (df_cleaned['Longitude'] > 2)
                            (df_cleaned['Latitude'] < 49) | (df_cleaned['Latitude'] > 61))
             df cleaned = df cleaned[~invalid mask]
             print(f"CLEANING: {len(df):,} → {len(df_cleaned):,} records ({len(df_cleaned)/1
             return df_cleaned
         crime_data_cleaned = analyse_data_anomalies(crime_data)
        3. DATA ANOMALIES AND PATTERNS
           • Complete duplicates: 1
           • Missing Crime IDs: 29,689 (ASB: 29,314)
           • Duplicate Crime IDs: 2
           • Missing Month/Crime type: 2,000
           • Invalid coordinates: 118
        CLEANING: 158,898 → 156,778 records (98.7% retained)
In [65]: # 4. DATA VISUALISATION - Part 1
         print("4. DATA VISUALISATION - Part 1")
         # Use cleaned data for analysis
         clean_data = crime_data_cleaned
         # Set up first figure with 2 subplots (1 and 2)
         plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = (15, 6)
         fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(15, 6))
         fig.suptitle('West Yorkshire Crime Analysis: April - September 2020 (Part 1)', font
         # 1. Monthly totals WITH COVID-19 timeline
         monthly_totals = clean_data.groupby('Month').size()
         ax1.plot(monthly_totals.index, monthly_totals.values, marker='o', linewidth=2, mark
         # Add COVID-19 context annotations
         covid_events = {
             '2020-04': 'Full Lockdown',
             '2020-05': 'Easing Begins',
             '2020-06': 'Shops Reopen',
             '2020-07': 'Pubs Reopen',
             '2020-08': 'Eat Out Scheme',
             '2020-09': 'Rule of Six'
         months = list(monthly_totals.index)
         for i, month in enumerate(months):
             if month in covid_events:
                 ax1.annotate(covid_events[month],
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• Complete duplicates: {df.duplicated().sum():,}")

print(f"

4. DATA VISUALISATION - Part 1

West Yorkshire Crime Analysis: April - September 2020 (Part 1)

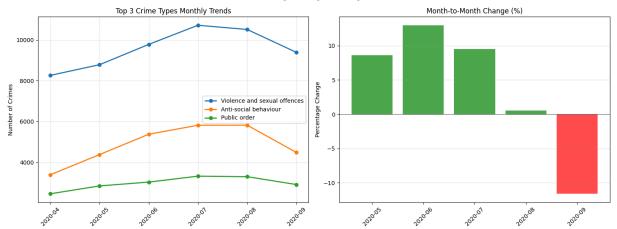


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In [66]: # 4. DATA VISUALISATION - Part 2
         print("4. DATA VISUALISATION - Part 2")
         # Set up second figure with 2 subplots (3 and 4)
         plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = (15, 6)
         fig, (ax3, ax4) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(15, 6))
         fig.suptitle('West Yorkshire Crime Analysis: April - September 2020 (Part 2)', font
         # 3. Top 3 crime types trends
         top_3_crimes = clean_data['Crime type'].value_counts().head(3).index
         for crime_type in top_3_crimes:
             crime_monthly = clean_data[clean_data['Crime type'] == crime_type].groupby('Mon')
             ax3.plot(crime_monthly.index, crime_monthly.values, marker='o', label=crime_typ
         ax3.set title('Top 3 Crime Types Monthly Trends')
         ax3.set_ylabel('Number of Crimes')
         ax3.legend()
         ax3.grid(True, alpha=0.3)
         ax3.tick_params(axis='x', rotation=45)
         # 4. Month-to-month changes
         monthly changes = monthly totals.pct change().dropna() * 100
         colors = ['green' if x > 0 else 'red' for x in monthly_changes.values]
         bars = ax4.bar(range(len(monthly_changes)), monthly_changes.values, color=colors, a
         ax4.set_title('Month-to-Month Change (%)')
         ax4.set_ylabel('Percentage Change')
         ax4.set_xticks(range(len(monthly_changes)))
         ax4.set xticklabels(monthly changes.index, rotation=45)
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ax4.grid(True, alpha=0.3, axis='y')
ax4.axhline(y=0, color='black', linestyle='-', linewidth=0.5)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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4. DATA VISUALISATION - Part 2

West Yorkshire Crime Analysis: April - September 2020 (Part 2)



Key Findings

1. **Data Quality**: The dataset contains 2,121 records with missing or anomalous data, which have been cleaned for analysis.

2. Crime Trends:

- April, a period of "Full Lockdown," recorded the lowest number of crimes, around 21,785. As lockdown measures gradually eased through May ("Easing Begins"), June ("Shops Reopen"), and July ("Pubs Reopen"), there was a general increase in reported crimes. A peak in crime numbers was observed in July and August, reaching approximately 29,000 records, before a slight decline in September, which saw the implementation of the "Rule of Six".
- The most common crime types included "Violence and Sexual Offences," "Anti-Social Behaviour," and "Public Order Offences."
- Analysing the percentage change month-to-month, the period from April to July saw consistent increases, with notable rises between May and June, and June and July. Conversely, a decrease in total crime was observed from August to September.
- The monthly trends for these top three crime types indicated that "Violence and sexual offences" generally increased from April to August before a slight dip in September. "Anti-social behaviour" and "Public order" also showed overall increases over the analysed period.

Next Steps

- Geospatial Analysis: Leverage the 'Longitude' and 'Latitude' data to conduct a detailed geospatial analysis.
- scripts to automate data cleaning and visualisation processes for future datasets.
- consideration of using streamlit for interactive visualisations and dashboards.