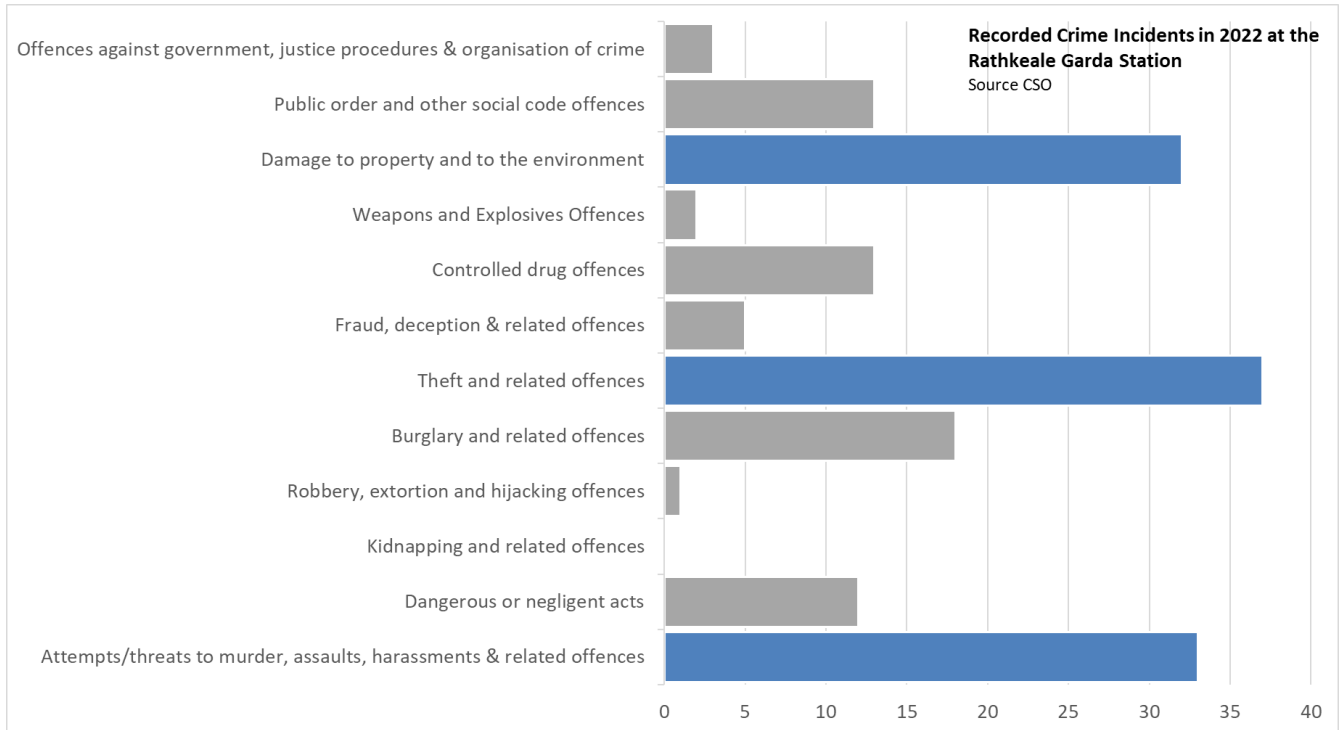


# Crime Rate Brief

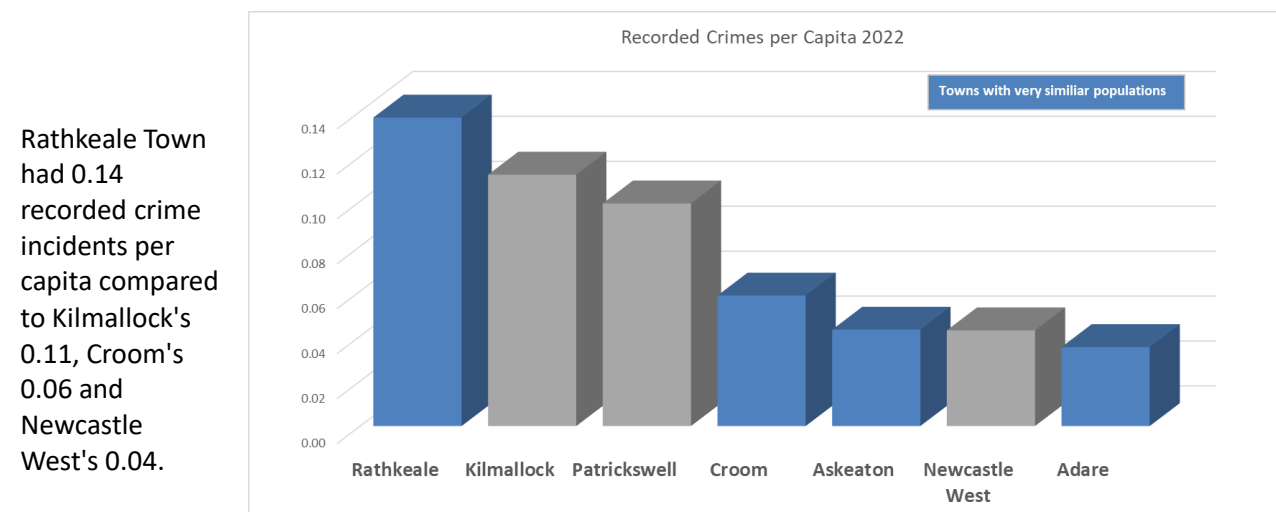
Analysis of coverage Recorded Crime Incidents at the Rathkeale Garda Station by David Lamont | 31/12/23

2023 crime data was not available at the time of writing. The CSO data is no longer "Under Advisement."

Recorded crime incidents at the Rathkeale Garda station were relatively high in 2022 with 169 incidents. That was about 20% higher than 2021 and 2020. As with 2021 and 2020, the top crimes were Theft and Related Offences (22%); Attempts/Threats To Murder, Assaults, Harassments and Related Offences (20%); and Damage to Property and to the Environment<sup>1</sup> (19%).



Rathkeale and Askeaton each accounted for 3% of all violent incidents<sup>1</sup> in Limerick County, below Newcastle West's 4% and substantially below the 75% recorded in Limerick City.



Rathkeale Town had 0.14 recorded crime incidents per capita compared to Kilmallock's 0.11, Croom's 0.06 and Newcastle West's 0.04.

**Bottom line:** While locals do not consider Rathkeale to have a high crime rate, it is higher than comparable towns. Additionally, mainstream media is quick to cover incidents involving the town's large Traveller population, creating a perception that crime is higher than it actually is.

<sup>1</sup> Attempts/Threats To Murder, Assaults, Harassments and Related Offences.