



Bira Crime Survey

Snapshot of the key stats from our recent research paints an alarming picture...

Independent retailers across the UK are facing stubborn levels of retail crime and alarmingly more retailers are choosing not to report incidents of theft, verbal and physical abuse to police, according to the latest survey conducted by the Bira. **We've gathered the key details.**

Keep reading to see the all important statistics...

Theft a key issue

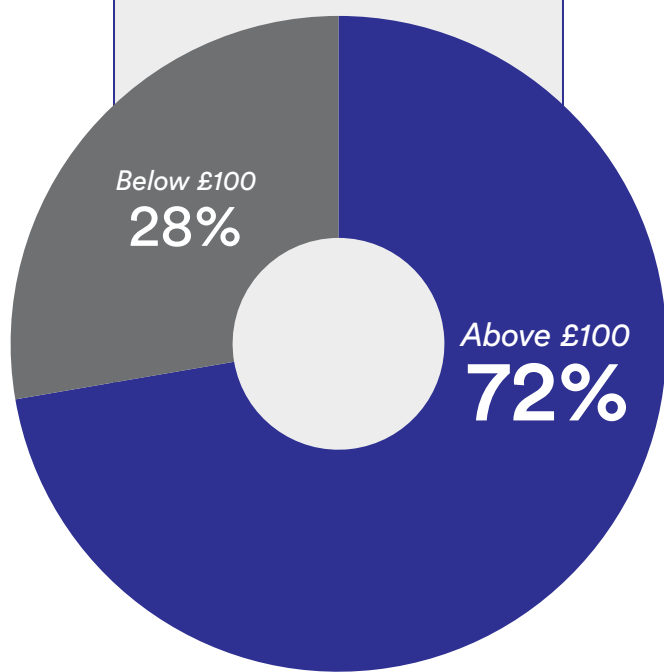
Almost **three-quarters** (73%) of surveyed stores experienced **theft** in the last 12 months

79% of businesses that have been stolen from within the last year say the **frequency** or **severity** of the theft has gone up

Just 8% of reported shop theft incidents lead to a prosecution, with almost half of respondents (47%) **not reporting the incidents at all**

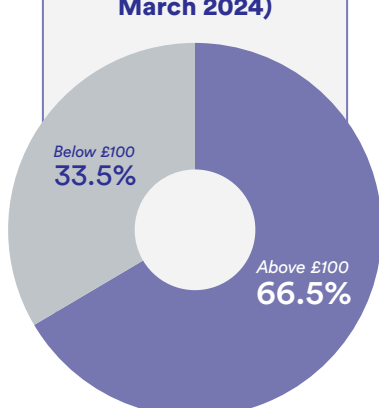
84% of those surveyed who experienced **shop theft** within the last 12 months say that it occurred **during opening hours**

Value of goods stolen (Last 12 months to Sept 2024)



Value of stolen good rising

Value of goods stolen (12 months to March 2024)



Rise of **5.5%** in stolen goods worth over £100

Thefts of **£100 - £200** increased by **over 5%**

(15% in Sept '24, up from 9.5% in March '24)

Thefts of **£1k - 2k** now at 7.5%

Abuse Remains Worrying

Almost **two-thirds** (63%) of those who suffered **physical abuse** within the last year say the issue **has got worse** in that time

83% of respondents who have experienced **verbal abuse** instore within the last 12 months can **cite specific examples** of it happening

More than 1 in 10 surveyed (11%) have reported physical abuse incidents

Over half of those asked want **more officers on the street** (56%) and an **improved response rate** (54%) to be main areas of improvement