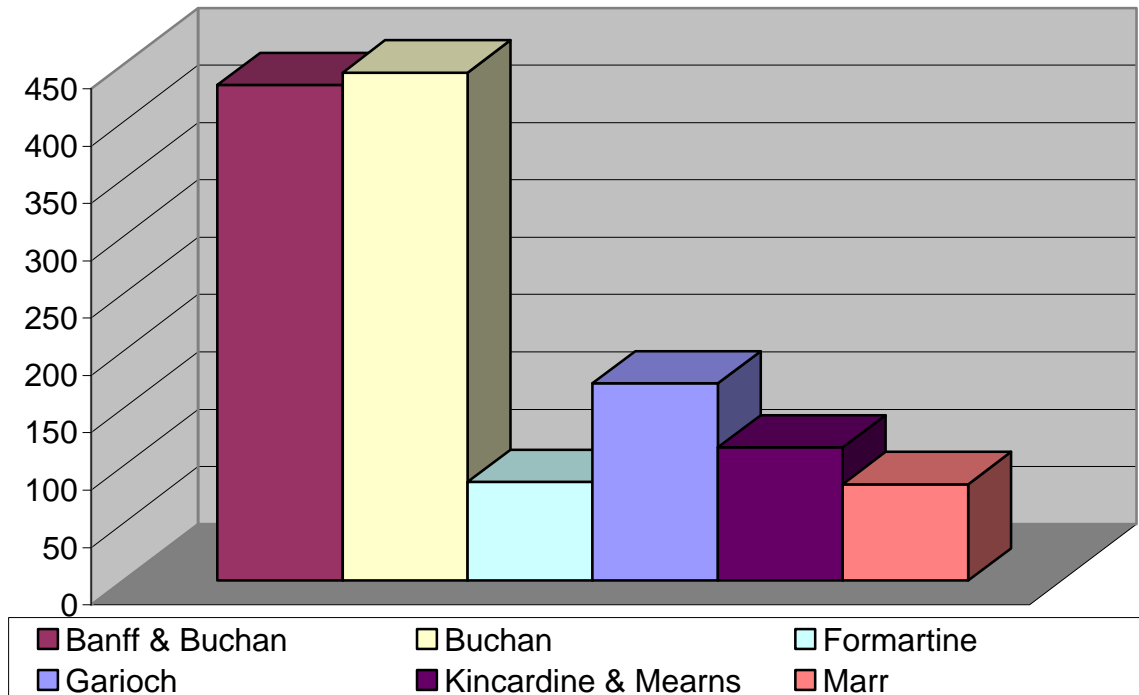


Shoplifting

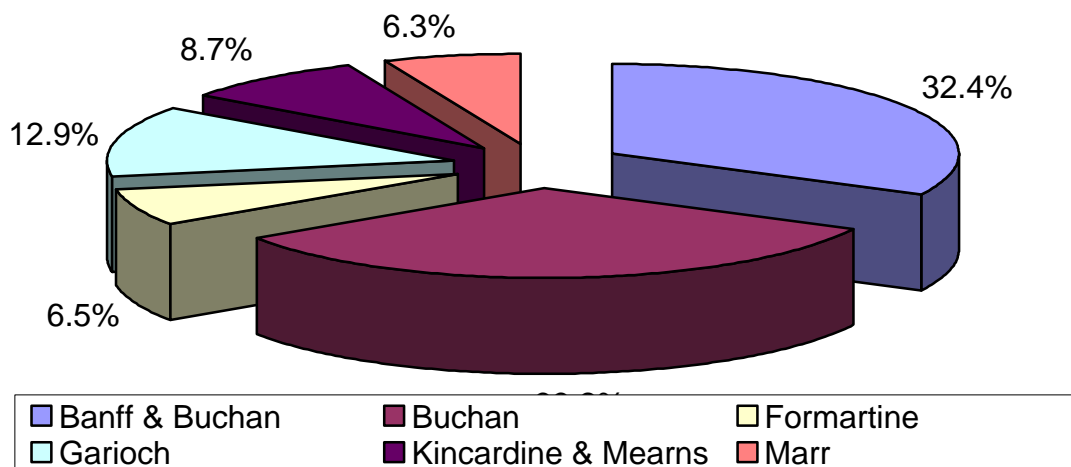
During the three-year period analysed in the Audit, Shoplifting accounted for **8%** of all reported crimes. There was a decrease of **6.7%** between 2001 and 2002; however, there was an increase of **14.5%** between 2002 and 2003. In total there was an increase of **6.9%** in reported incidents of shoplifting in Aberdeenshire during the three-year period.

Number of Reported Incidents of Shoplifting in Aberdeenshire, by Local Area



Source: Grampian Police

Percentage of Reported Incidents of Shoplifting in Aberdeenshire, by Local Area during the three-year period



Source: Grampian Police

As can be seen, the areas with the highest number of reported incidents of shoplifting over the three-year period were Buchan and Banff & Buchan areas, which accounted for **33.2%** and **32.4%** of the reported incidents respectively. All other areas in Aberdeenshire had a significantly lower number of incidents in comparison to these two local areas. The areas with the lowest number of reported incidents were Marr and Formartine, which accounted for **6.3%** and **6.5%** of the recorded incidents in Aberdeenshire.

WHAT DOES THIS TELL US?

- There has been a 6.9% increase in reported incidents of Shoplifting in the last three-years. Reporting of Reset has increased by 40.5% over the last three-years.