

2014 - 2015 Crime Trends

City of Ottawa



This report examines all founded Criminal Code of Canada offences that were reported to the Ottawa Police over the last 5 years. Offences have been categorized according to the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Survey version 2.2. Violent Crime, also referred to as Crimes Against The Person, involves the use or threat of force to harm another person. Non-Violent Crimes include Crimes Against Property and Other Criminal Code of Canada Offences.

The crime statistics published in this report are accurate on the day that they were produced. Due to ongoing police investigations and internal data quality control efforts, this information is subject to change, including addition, deletion and reclassification of any and all data. Rates and percentages have been rounded.

Crime Rate (1)

Year	Crime Rate	Change	Year	Violent Crime	Change	Year	Non-Violent Crime	Change
2014	3,302.5		2014	555.4		2014	2,747.1	
2015	3,235.6	▼2.0%	2015	543.0	▼2.2%	2015	2,692.6	▼2.0%

Reported Crime (2)

Year	Reported Crime	Change	Year	Violent Crime	Change	Year	Non-Violent Crime	Change
2014	31,431		2014	5,286		2014	26,145	
2015	31,086	▼1.1%	2015	5,217	▼1.3%	2015	25,869	▼1.1%

Crime Severity Index (3)

Year	CSI	Change	Year	Violent Crime	Change	Year	Non-Violent Crime	Change
2014	42.6		2014	45.5		2014	41.4	
2015	44.0	▲3.4%	2015	48.8	▲7.3%	2015	42.2	▲1.9%

Clearance Rate % (4)

Year	Clearance Rate %	Change	Year	Violent Crime	Change	Year	Non-Violent Crime	Change
2014	36.6%		2014	55.0%		2014	32.9%	
2015	36.0%	▼0.6%	2015	55.9%	▲0.9%	2015	31.9%	▼0.9%

Calls for Service

Year	Calls for Service	Change	Year	Priority 1	Change	Year	Priority 2	Change
2014	340,775		2014	4,099		2014	24,968	
2015	334,480	▼1.8%	2015	3,900	▼4.9%	2015	28,980	▲16.1%

(1) Rate is calculated per 100,000 of population. As provided by the City of Ottawa's Planning and Growth Management Department, the population for 2014 and 2015 was 951,727 and 960,753 respectively.

(2) Reported Crime refers to the actual crime reported to the Ottawa Police Service within a calendar year. Unfounded incidents, those deemed through investigation not to have occurred, are excluded.

(3) The Crime Severity Index is a measure of police-reported crime that reflects the relative seriousness of individual offences and tracks changes in crime severity. Values are estimated and do not represent the official CSI as published by Statistics Canada.

(4) Clearance Rate (%) is expressed as a percent and is the sum of all Criminal Code of Canada Offences cleared by charge and cleared otherwise, divided by the total number of actual reported incidents.

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Key Crime Trends

Offence	2014			2015			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Crimes Against The Person	5,286	555.4	55.0%	5,217	543.0	55.9%	5,196	-1.3%
Crimes Against Property	22,147	2,327.0	23.9%	22,054	2,295.5	23.1%	24,191	-0.4%
Other Criminal Code of Canada Offences	3,998	420.1	82.2%	3,815	397.1	83.2%	4,015	-4.6%
Total CCC offences excl Traffic	31,431	3,302.5	36.6%	31,086	3,235.6	36.0%	33,402	-1.1%
Criminal Code Traffic Offences	810	85.1	95.9%	824	85.8	98.7%	1,765	1.7%
Total CCC Offences incl Traffic	32,241	3,387.6	38.1%	31,910	3,321.4	37.6%	35,166	-1.0%

Crimes Against The Person

Offence	2014			2015			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Homicide (Incidents)	7	0.7	85.7%	7	0.7	114.3%	9	0.0%
Attempted Murder	10	1.1	70.0%	13	1.4	61.5%	9	30.0%
Robbery	445	46.8	43.1%	517	53.8	41.2%	585	16.2%
Assaults	2,774	291.5	62.9%	2,800	291.4	63.1%	2,814	0.9%
Sexual Violations	557	58.5	43.1%	596	62.0	45.0%	477	7.0%
Abduction	83	8.7	72.3%	90	9.4	65.6%	75	8.4%
Uttering Threats or Intimidation	487	51.2	61.0%	448	46.6	66.3%	443	-8.0%
Other Offences	923	97.0	39.0%	746	77.6	39.5%	784	-19.2%
Total Crimes Against Person	5,286	555.4	55.0%	5,217	543.0	55.9%	5,196	-1.3%

Crimes Against Property

Offence	2014			2015			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Arson	120	12.6	21.7%	97	10.1	16.5%	127	-19.2%
Break and Enter	2,038	214.1	25.7%	2,237	232.8	25.0%	2,397	9.8%
Theft - Motor Vehicle	818	85.9	17.1%	819	85.2	15.6%	961	0.1%
Theft Over \$5000	226	23.7	15.5%	234	24.4	16.2%	240	3.5%
Theft \$5000 and Under	11,913	1,251.7	27.3%	11,732	1,221.1	25.8%	12,987	-1.5%
Possession of Stolen Goods	118	12.4	81.4%	113	11.8	83.2%	158	-4.2%
Fraud	2,510	263.7	26.0%	2,930	305.0	23.5%	2,643	16.7%
Mischief	4,404	462.7	13.0%	3,892	405.1	13.8%	4,678	-11.6%
Total Crimes Against Property	22,147	2,327.0	23.9%	22,054	2,295.5	23.1%	24,191	-0.4%

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Other Criminal Code of Canada (CCC) Offences

Offence	2014			2015			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Offensive Weapons	183	19.2	84.2%	163	17.0	84.7%	192	-10.9%
Gaming and Betting	2	0.2	0.0%	0	0.0	0.0%	0	-100.0%
Prostitution	30	3.2	90.0%	29	3.0	93.1%	37	-3.3%
Other Criminal Code Offences	3,783	397.5	82.1%	3,623	377.1	83.0%	3,785	-4.2%
Total Other CCC Offences	3,998	420.1	82.2%	3,815	397.1	83.2%	4,015	-4.6%

Criminal Code Traffic Offences

Offence	2014			2015			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Dangerous Operation of Motor Vehicle	58	6.1	82.8%	63	6.6	88.9%	60	8.6%
Impaired Operation of Vehicle	611	64.2	99.3%	625	65.1	100.2%	621	2.3%
Failure to Stop or Remain	77	8.1	77.9%	79	8.2	94.9%	1,027	2.6%
Driving Motor Vehicle While Prohibited	56	5.9	98.2%	50	5.2	100.0%	49	-10.7%
Other Criminal Code Traffic Offences	8	0.8	87.5%	7	0.7	85.7%	7	-12.5%
Total Criminal Code Traffic Offences	810	85.1	95.9%	824	85.8	98.7%	1,765	1.7%

Controlled Drug and Substances Act Offences

Offence	2014			2015			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Cannabis	941	98.9	97.3%	759	79.0	98.6%	957	-19.3%
Ecstasy (Methylenedioxyamphetamine)	7	0.7	85.7%	6	0.6	83.3%	8	-14.3%
Crystal Meth (Methamphetamine)	2	0.2	50.0%	7	0.7	100.0%	3	250.0%
Heroin	4	0.4	100.0%	7	0.7	100.0%	5	75.0%
Cocaine	318	33.4	101.6%	330	34.3	96.1%	347	3.8%
Other Controlled Drugs and Substances	107	11.2	101.9%	177	18.4	94.9%	125	65.4%
Total Drug Offences	1,379	144.9	98.5%	1,286	133.9	97.4%	1,445	-6.7%

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Calls For Service

Priority Level (3)	Response Type	2014		2015		Change % (2)
		Actual	Rate (1)	Actual	Rate (1)	
Priority 1	Mobile	4,095	430.3	3,898	405.7	-4.8%
	Alternate	4	0.4	2	0.2	-50.0%
Priority 2	Mobile	24,949	2,621.4	28,872	3,005.1	15.7%
	Alternate	19	2.0	108	11.2	468.4%
Priority 3	Mobile	37,036	3,891.5	38,869	4,045.7	4.9%
	Alternate	55	5.8	61	6.3	10.9%
Priority 4	Mobile	145,816	15,321.2	139,507	14,520.6	-4.3%
	Alternate	48,705	5,117.5	48,219	5,018.9	-1.0%
Priority 5	Mobile	1,457	153.1	2,209	229.9	51.6%
	Alternate	11	1.2	11	1.1	0.0%
Priority 6	Mobile	31,625	3,322.9	32,536	3,386.5	2.9%
	Alternate	45,687	4,800.4	38,819	4,040.5	-15.0%
Priority 7	Mobile	540	56.7	385	40.1	-28.7%
	Alternate	776	81.5	984	102.4	26.8%
All Priorities	Total Mobile Response	245,518	25,797.1	246,276	25,633.6	0.3%
	Total Alternative Response	95,257	10,008.9	88,204	9,180.7	-7.4%
	Total Calls For Service	340,775	35,806.0	334,480	34,814.4	-1.8%

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- (3) Call priority is determined based on the seriousness of the incident, ranging from imminent danger to life (P1) to property pickup (P7). The assignment of priority also considers the safety of police officers and the general public in traveling to the scene of the event.