

2018 - 2019 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)

2018	3,926.0		706.0		3,220.0	
2019	4,244.7	▲8.1%	767.3	▲8.7%	3,477.4	▲8.0%

Reported Crime (2)

2018	38,924		7,000		31,924	
2019	42,711	▲9.7%	7,721	▲10.3%	34,990	▲9.6%

Crime Severity Index (3)

2018	53.8		64.4		49.8	
2019	57.1	▲6.2%	66.5	▲3.2%	53.5	▲7.5%

Clearance Rate % (4)

2018	34.7%		48.9%		31.5%	
2019	33.7%	▼1.0%	42.0%	▼6.9%	31.8%	▲0.3%

Calls for Service

2018	322,894		4,114		31,991	
2019	345,748	▲7.1%	4,313	▲4.8%	33,689	▲5.3%

(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 2018 and 2019 was 991,433 and 1,006,208 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	2018			2019			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Crimes Against The Person	7,000	706.0	48.9%	7,721	767.3	42.0%	6,307	10.3%
Crimes Against Property	26,227	2,645.4	19.5%	28,900	2,872.2	20.1%	24,600	10.2%
Other Criminal Code Violations	5,697	574.6	87.2%	6,090	605.2	87.6%	5,117	6.9%
Total CCC offences excl Traffic	38,924	3,926.0	34.7%	42,711	4,244.7	33.7%	36,024	9.7%
Criminal Code Traffic Offences	696	70.2	99.1%	821	81.6	96.6%	758	18.0%
Total CCC Offences incl Traffic	39,620	3,996.2	35.8%	43,532	4,326.3	34.9%	36,781	9.9%

Crimes Against The Person

Offence	2018			2019			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Violations Causing Death (3)	17	1.7	82.4%	14	1.4	100.0%	16	-17.6%
Attempting The Commission Of A Capital Crime	15	1.5	73.3%	8	0.8	87.5%	12	-46.7%
Assaults	3,647	367.9	56.9%	3,966	394.2	48.5%	3,311	8.7%
Violations Resulting In The Deprivation Of Freedom	85	8.6	62.4%	80	8.0	50.0%	94	-5.9%
Sexual Violations	894	90.2	45.5%	931	92.5	36.1%	771	4.1%
Commodification Of Sexual Activity	14	1.4	78.6%	7	0.7	0.0%	8	-50.0%
Other Violations Involving Violence Or The Threat Of Violence	2,328	234.8	36.6%	2,714	269.7	33.9%	2,094	16.6%
<i>Utter Threats To Person</i>	856	86.3	34.8%	1,068	106.1	28.2%	720	24.8%
<i>Indecent / Harassing Communications</i>	656	66.2	19.2%	716	71.2	19.7%	581	9.1%
<i>Robbery</i>	566	57.1	44.9%	673	66.9	43.8%	538	18.9%
<i>Criminal Harassment</i>	204	20.6	69.6%	207	20.6	72.9%	209	1.5%
<i>Subtotal</i>	2,282	230.2	35.9%	2,664	264.8	33.3%	2,048	16.7%
Total Crimes Against Person	7,000	706.0	48.9%	7,721	767.3	42.0%	6,307	10.3%

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(3) Violations Causing Death includes : Murder 1st Degree, Murder 2nd Degree, Manslaughter, Infanticide, Criminal Negligence Causing Death, Other Related Offences Causing Death.

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Crimes Against Property

Offence	2018			2019			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Arson	70	7.1	26%	76	7.6	17%	94	9%
Break and Enter	2,778	280.2	24%	2,533	251.7	32%	2,544	-9%
Theft - Motor Vehicle	851	85.8	13%	897	89.1	18%	827	5%
Theft Over \$5000	468	47.2	10%	661	65.7	9%	375	41%
Theft \$5000 and Under	14,167	1,428.9	21%	16,044	1,594.5	21%	13,225	13%
Possession / Trafficking Stolen Goods	91	9.2	87%	128	12.7	80%	110	41%
Fraud	4,460	449.9	16%	5,340	530.7	14%	4,007	20%
Mischief	3,342	337.1	14%	3,221	320.1	15%	3,418	-4%
Total Crimes Against Property	26,227	2,645.4	19.5%	28,900	2,872.2	20.1%	24,600	10.2%

Other Criminal Code of Canada (CCC) Offences

Offence	2018			2019			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Offensive Weapons	168	16.9	89%	175	17.4	88%	174	4%
Gaming and Betting	0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Prostitution	0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0	0.0%	10	0.0%
Other Criminal Code	5,529	557.7	87%	5,915	587.9	88%	4,933	7%
<i>Failure to Comply with Order</i>	2,975	300.1	91%	3,156	313.7	92%	2,413	6%
<i>Failure to Appear</i>	1,017	102.6	100%	1,007	100.1	100%	889	-1%
<i>Breach Of Probation</i>	646	65.2	90%	735	73.0	96%	676	14%
<i>Prisoner Unlawfully At Large</i>	183	18.5	91%	209	20.8	88%	138	14%
<i>Subtotal</i>	4,821	486.3	93%	5,107	507.5	94%	4,115	6%
Total Other CCC Offences	5,697	574.6	87.2%	6,090	605.2	87.6%	5,117	6.9%

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Controlled Drug and Substances Act Offences

Offence	2018			2019			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Possession	578	58.3	99.5%	363	36.1	98.9%	746	-37.2%
Trafficking	173	17.4	99.4%	193	19.2	93.8%	195	11.6%
Importation and Exportation	1	0.1	100.0%	1	0.1	100.0%	2	0.0%
Production	3	0.3	133.3%	1	0.1	0.0%	8	-66.7%
Other Drug Violations	0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total Drug Offences	755	76.2	99.6%	558	55.5	97.0%	952	-26.1%

Criminal Code Traffic Offences

Offence	2018			2019			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Dangerous Operation	60	6.1	95.0%	67	6.7	89.6%	66	11.7%
Flight From Peace Officer	1	0.1	100.0%	7	0.7	57.1%	4	600.0%
Operation while Impaired/Low Blood Drug Concentration Violations	517	52.1	100.6%	554	55.1	98.4%	524	7.2%
Failure or Refusal to Comply with Demand	48	4.8	100.0%	115	11.4	99.1%	70	139.6%
Failure to Stop after Accident	17	1.7	64.7%	23	2.3	65.2%	41	35.3%
Operation while Prohibited	51	5.1	100.0%	55	5.5	100.0%	50	7.8%
Other Criminal Code Violations	0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Street Racing (Expired 2018-12-17)	2	0.2	100.0%	0	0.0	0.0%	2	-100.0%
Total Criminal Code Traffic Offences	696	70.2	99.1%	821	81.6	96.6%	758	18.0%

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Calls For Service

Priority Level (3)	Response Type	2018		2019		Change % (2)
		Actual	Rate (1)	Actual	Rate (1)	
Priority 1	Mobile	4,109	414.5	4,305	427.8	4.8%
	Alternate	5	0.5	8	0.8	60.0%
	Total	4,114	415.0	4,313	428.6	4.8%
Priority 2	Mobile	31,908	3,218.4	33,641	3,343.3	5.4%
	Alternate	83	8.4	48	4.8	-42.2%
	Total	31,991	3,226.7	33,689	3,348.1	5.3%
Priority 3	Mobile	48,134	4,855.0	51,269	5,095.3	6.5%
	Alternate	329	33.2	390	38.8	18.5%
	Total	48,463	4,888.2	51,659	5,134.0	6.6%
Priority 4	Mobile	120,126	12,116.4	122,559	12,180.3	2.0%
	Alternate	74,321	7,496.3	88,471	8,792.5	19.0%
	Total	194,447	19,612.7	211,030	20,972.8	8.5%
Priority 5	Mobile	5,535	558.3	5,007	497.6	-9.5%
	Alternate	598	60.3	529	52.6	-11.5%
	Total	6,133	618.6	5,536	550.2	-9.7%
Priority 6	Mobile	24,563	2,477.5	27,015	2,684.8	10.0%
	Alternate	11,331	1,142.9	10,440	1,037.6	-7.9%
	Total	35,894	3,620.4	37,455	3,722.4	4.3%
Priority 7	Mobile	486	49.0	436	43.3	-10.3%
	Alternate	1,366	137.8	1,630	162.0	19.3%
	Total	1,852	186.8	2,066	205.3	11.6%
All Priorities	Total Mobile Response	234,861	23,689.0	244,232	24,272.5	4.0%
	Total Alternative Response	88,033	8,879.4	101,516	10,089.0	15.3%
	Total Calls For Service	322,894	32,568.4	345,748	34,361.5	7.1%

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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.