

2015 - 2016 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)

2015	3,228.6		543.0		2,685.6	
2016	3,420.0	▲5.9%	539.9	▼0.6%	2,880.1	▲7.2%

Reported Crime (2)

2015	31,019		5,217		25,802	
2016	33,125	▲6.8%	5,229	▲0.2%	27,896	▲8.1%

Crime Severity Index (3)

2015	44.0		49.1		42.0	
2016	48.6	▲10.5%	55.5	▲13.0%	45.9	▲9.4%

Clearance Rate % (4)

2015	36.2%		56.3%		32.1%	
2016	35.9%	▼0.2%	57.6%	▲1.4%	31.9%	▼0.2%

Calls for Service

2015	334,486		3,900		28,980	
2016	322,588	▼3.6%	3,969	▲1.8%	29,181	▲0.7%

(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 2015 and 2016 was 960,753 and 968,581 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	2015			2016			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Crimes Against The Person	5,217	543.0	56.3%	5,229	539.9	57.6%	5,231	0.2%
Crimes Against Property	21,786	2,267.6	22.5%	23,250	2,400.4	21.0%	23,396	6.7%
Other Criminal Code Violations	4,016	418.0	84.0%	4,646	479.7	86.1%	4,154	15.7%
Total CCC offences excl Traffic	31,019	3,228.6	36.2%	33,125	3,420.0	35.9%	32,781	6.8%
Criminal Code Traffic Offences	5,834	607.2	92.4%	6,062	625.9	92.2%	6,219	3.9%
Total CCC Offences incl Traffic	36,853	3,835.8	45.1%	39,187	4,045.8	44.6%	39,000	6.3%

Crimes Against The Person

Offence	2015			2016			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Violations Causing Death	7	0.7	114.3%	25	2.6	60.0%	12	257.1%
Attempting The Commission Of A Capital Crime	13	1.4	61.5%	9	0.9	77.8%	9	-30.8%
Assaults	2,796	291.0	63.4%	2,848	294.0	65.3%	2,829	1.9%
Violations Resulting In The Deprivation Of Freedom	90	9.4	65.6%	93	9.6	72.0%	80	3.3%
Sexual Violations	588	61.2	45.9%	693	71.5	38.4%	544	17.9%
Commodification Of Sexual Activity	1	0.1	0.0%	5	0.5	100.0%	1	400.0%
Other Violations Involving Violence Or The Threat Of Violence	1,722	179.2	47.5%	1,556	160.6	51.1%	1,756	-9.6%
<i>Indecent / Harassing Communications</i>	468	48.7	23.1%	446	46.0	29.6%	478	-4.7%
<i>Utter Threats To Person</i>	453	47.2	66.4%	441	45.5	65.3%	454	-2.6%
<i>Robbery</i>	518	53.9	41.3%	434	44.8	45.2%	530	-16.2%
<i>Criminal Harassment</i>	233	24.3	72.1%	191	19.7	75.9%	250	-18.0%
<i>Subtotal</i>	1,672	174.0	47.3%	1,512	156.1	50.3%	1,712	-9.6%
Total Crimes Against Person	5,217	543.0	56.3%	5,229	539.9	57.6%	5,231	0.2%

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Crimes Against Property

Offence	2015			2016			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Arson	96	10.0	17%	110	11.4	19%	120	15%
Break and Enter	2,238	232.9	25%	2,678	276.5	28%	2,389	20%
Theft - Motor Vehicle	818	85.1	16%	785	81.0	13%	905	-4%
Theft Over \$5000	236	24.6	17%	218	22.5	14%	241	-8%
Theft \$5000 and Under	11,551	1,202.3	25%	12,386	1,278.8	23%	12,541	7%
Possession / Trafficking Stolen Goods	110	11.4	83%	109	11.3	90%	127	-1%
Fraud	2,883	300.1	25%	3,496	360.9	18%	2,814	21%
Mischief	3,854	401.1	13%	3,468	358.0	13%	4,259	-10%
Total Crimes Against Property	21,786	2,267.6	22.5%	23,250	2,400.4	21.0%	23,396	6.7%

Other Criminal Code of Canada (CCC) Offences

Offence	2015			2016			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Offensive Weapons	164	17.1	85%	175	18.1	85%	190	7%
Other Criminal Code	3,824	398.0	84%	4,453	459.7	86%	3,932	16%
Gaming and Betting	0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Prostitution	28	2.9	96%	18	1.9	100%	30	-36%
Total Other CCC Offences	4,016	418.0	84.0%	4,646	479.7	86.1%	4,154	15.7%

Controlled Drug and Substances Act Offences

Offence	2015			2016			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Possession	1,052	109.5	98.3%	946	97.7	98.2%	1,135	-10.1%
Trafficking	223	23.2	92.4%	167	17.2	97.0%	220	-25.1%
Importation and Exportation	3	0.3	66.7%	3	0.3	33.3%	2	0.0%
Production	10	1.0	70.0%	17	1.8	58.8%	17	70.0%
Total Drug Offences	1,288	134.1	97.0%	1,133	117.0	97.3%	1,373	-12.0%

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Criminal Code Traffic Offences

Offence	2015			2016			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
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Dangerous Operation	64	6.7	89.1%	46	4.7	80.4%	58	-28.1%
Flight From Peace Officer	4	0.4	75.0%	2	0.2	100.0%	3	-50.0%
Impaired Operation/Related Violations	628	65.4	99.8%	588	60.7	99.7%	616	-6.4%
Other Criminal Code Violations	130	13.5	96.2%	108	11.2	88.9%	759	-16.9%
Street Racing	2	0.2	100.0%	6	0.6	83.3%	3	200.0%
Provincial Statute Violations (HTA)	5,006	521.0	91.5%	5,312	548.4	91.6%	4,780	6.1%
Total Criminal Code Traffic Offences	5,834	607.2	92.4%	6,062	625.9	92.2%	6,219	3.9%

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Calls For Service

Priority Level (3)	Response Type	2015		2016		Change % (2)
		Actual	Rate (1)	Actual	Rate (1)	
Priority 1	Mobile	3,898	405.7	3,963	409.2	1.7%
	Alternate	2	0.2	6	0.6	200.0%
Priority 2	Mobile	28,872	3,005.1	29,056	2,999.9	0.6%
	Alternate	108	11.2	125	12.9	15.7%
Priority 3	Mobile	38,869	4,045.7	40,922	4,224.9	5.3%
	Alternate	61	6.3	29	3.0	-52.5%
Priority 4	Mobile	139,507	14,520.6	126,461	13,056.3	-9.4%
	Alternate	48,219	5,018.9	52,588	5,429.4	9.1%
Priority 5	Mobile	2,209	229.9	3,691	381.1	67.1%
	Alternate	11	1.1	31	3.2	181.8%
Priority 6	Mobile	32,537	3,386.6	30,964	3,196.8	-4.8%
	Alternate	38,824	4,041.0	33,546	3,463.4	-13.6%
Priority 7	Mobile	385	40.1	507	52.3	31.7%
	Alternate	984	102.4	699	72.2	-29.0%
All Priorities	Total Mobile Response	246,277	25,633.7	235,564	24,320.5	-4.3%
	Total Alternative Response	88,209	9,181.2	87,024	8,984.7	-1.3%
	Total Calls For Service	334,486	34,815.0	322,588	33,305.2	-3.6%

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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.