

# 2019 - 2020 Crime Trends

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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. 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)

2019	4,241.2	▼22.5%	769.1	▼15.2%	3,472.0	▼24.1%
2020	3,287.0		652.6		2,634.5	

### Violent Crime

### Non-Violent Crime

### Reported Crime (2)

2019	42,675	▼21.2%	7,739	▼13.8%	34,936	▼22.9%
2020	33,613		6,673		26,940	

### Crime Severity Index (3)

2019	57.3	▼15.8%	67.0	▼22.6%	53.6	▼12.7%
2020	48.2		51.9		46.8	

### Clearance Rate % (4)

2019	33.8%	▼0.2%	42.1%	▲1.8%	32.0%	▼0.9%
2020	33.7%		43.9%		31.1%	

### Calls for Service

### Priority 1

### Priority 2

2019	345,760	▼9.1%	4,313	▼35.6%	33,689	▼16.9%
2020	314,294		2,777		28,003	

(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 2019 and 2020 was 1,006,208 and 1,022,603 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	2019			2020			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Crimes Against The Person	7,739	769.1	42.1%	6,673	652.6	43.9%	6,609	-13.8%
Crimes Against Property	28,828	2,865.0	20.2%	22,097	2,160.9	19.1%	24,649	-23.3%
Other Criminal Code Violations	6,108	607.0	87.8%	4,843	473.6	86.1%	5,283	-20.7%
<b>Total CCC offences excl Traffic</b>	<b>42,675</b>	<b>4,241.2</b>	<b>33.8%</b>	<b>33,613</b>	<b>3,287.0</b>	<b>33.7%</b>	<b>36,542</b>	<b>-21.2%</b>
Criminal Code Traffic Offences	824	81.9	97.0%	808	79.0	96.5%	754	-1.9%
<b>Total CCC Offences incl Traffic</b>	<b>43,499</b>	<b>4,323.1</b>	<b>35.0%</b>	<b>34,421</b>	<b>3,366.0</b>	<b>35.1%</b>	<b>37,296</b>	<b>-20.9%</b>

### Crimes Against The Person

Offence	2019			2020			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Violations Causing Death (3)	14	1.4	100.0%	9	0.9	77.8%	17	-35.7%
Attempting The Commission Of A Capital Crime	8	0.8	87.5%	8	0.8	75.0%	11	0.0%
Assaults	3,975	395.0	48.6%	3,511	343.3	50.6%	3,458	-11.7%
Violations Resulting In The Deprivation Of Freedom	82	8.1	52.4%	81	7.9	59.3%	93	-1.2%
Sexual Violations	930	92.4	36.2%	782	76.5	35.4%	814	-15.9%
Commodification Of Sexual Activity	7	0.7	0.0%	8	0.8	25.0%	9	14.3%
Other Violations Involving Violence Or The Threat Of Violence	2,710	269.3	34.0%	2,268	221.8	35.7%	2,203	-16.3%
<i>Utter Threats To Person</i>	1,064	105.7	28.5%	986	96.4	30.1%	826	-7.3%
<i>Indecent / Harassing Communications</i>	711	70.7	19.1%	607	59.4	24.1%	609	-14.6%
<i>Robbery</i>	671	66.7	43.7%	455	44.5	45.5%	525	-32.2%
<i>Criminal Harassment</i>	210	20.9	73.3%	184	18.0	72.3%	199	-12.4%
<i>Subtotal</i>	2,656	264.0	33.4%	2,232	218.3	35.1%	2,158	-16.0%
<b>Total Crimes Against Person</b>	<b>7,739</b>	<b>769.1</b>	<b>42.1%</b>	<b>6,673</b>	<b>652.6</b>	<b>43.9%</b>	<b>6,609</b>	<b>-13.8%</b>

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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	2019			2020			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Arson	75	7.5	15%	98	9.6	7%	94	31%
Break and Enter	2,532	251.6	32%	2,484	242.9	29%	2,592	-2%
Theft - Motor Vehicle	891	88.6	18%	815	79.7	16%	825	-9%
Theft Over \$5000	657	65.3	9%	785	76.8	10%	484	19%
Theft \$5000 and Under	16,016	1,591.7	22%	8,885	868.9	24%	12,688	-45%
Possession / Trafficking Stolen Goods	126	12.5	80%	115	11.2	81%	111	-9%
Fraud	5,316	528.3	14%	5,744	561.7	9%	4,574	8%
Mischief	3,215	319.5	15%	3,171	310.1	16%	3,281	-1%
<b>Total Crimes Against Property</b>	<b>28,828</b>	<b>2,865.0</b>	<b>20.2%</b>	<b>22,097</b>	<b>2,160.9</b>	<b>19.1%</b>	<b>24,649</b>	<b>-23.3%</b>

### Other Criminal Code of Canada (CCC) Offences

Offence	2019			2020			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Offensive Weapons	173	17.2	88%	186	18.2	83%	178	8%
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%	5	0.0%
Other Criminal Code	5,935	589.8	88%	4,657	455.4	86%	5,101	-22%
<i>Failure to Comply with Order</i>	3,168	314.8	92%	2,852	278.9	91%	2,681	-10%
<i>Breach Of Probation</i>	743	73.8	95%	597	58.4	98%	705	-20%
<i>Failure to Appear</i>	1,005	99.9	100%	395	38.6	100%	807	-61%
<i>Indecent Acts</i>	116	11.5	35%	139	13.6	34%	130	20%
<i>Subtotal</i>	5,032	500.1	93%	3,983	389.5	91%	4,323	-21%
<b>Total Other CCC Offences</b>	<b>6,108</b>	<b>607.0</b>	<b>87.8%</b>	<b>4,843</b>	<b>473.6</b>	<b>86.1%</b>	<b>5,283</b>	<b>-20.7%</b>

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### Controlled Drug and Substances Act Offences

Offence	2019			2020			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Possession	362	36.0	98.6%	371	36.3	98.4%	610	2.5%
Trafficking	194	19.3	93.8%	184	18.0	91.3%	188	-5.2%
Importation and Exportation	1	0.1	100.0%	4	0.4	100.0%	2	300.0%
Production	1	0.1	0.0%	2	0.2	100.0%	7	100.0%
Other Drug Violations	0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Total Drug Offences</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>55.5</b>	<b>96.8%</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>54.9</b>	<b>96.1%</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>0.5%</b>

### Criminal Code Traffic Offences

Offence	2019			2020			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Dangerous Operation	75	7.5	90.7%	65	6.4	89.2%	67	-13.3%
Flight From Peace Officer	7	0.7	71.4%	12	1.2	75.0%	5	71.4%
Operation while Impaired/Low Blood Drug Concentration Violations	547	54.4	98.5%	510	49.9	98.6%	514	-6.8%
Failure or Refusal to Comply with Demand	114	11.3	99.1%	115	11.2	100.0%	79	0.9%
Failure to Stop after Accident	20	2.0	65.0%	25	2.4	72.0%	30	25.0%
Operation while Prohibited	61	6.1	100.0%	81	7.9	95.1%	58	32.8%
Other Criminal Code Violations	0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Total Criminal Code Traffic Offences</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>81.9</b>	<b>97.0%</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>79.0</b>	<b>96.5%</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>-1.9%</b>

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### Calls For Service

Priority Level (3)	Response Type	2019		2020		Change % (2)
		Actual	Rate (1)	Actual	Rate (1)	
Priority 1	Mobile	4,305	427.8	2,774	271.3	-35.6%
	Alternate	8	0.8	3	0.3	-62.5%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,313</b>	<b>428.6</b>	<b>2,777</b>	<b>271.6</b>	<b>-35.6%</b>
Priority 2	Mobile	33,640	3,343.2	27,967	2,734.9	-16.9%
	Alternate	49	4.9	36	3.5	-26.5%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>33,689</b>	<b>3,348.1</b>	<b>28,003</b>	<b>2,738.4</b>	<b>-16.9%</b>
Priority 3	Mobile	51,269	5,095.3	50,371	4,925.8	-1.8%
	Alternate	390	38.8	182	17.8	-53.3%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>51,659</b>	<b>5,134.0</b>	<b>50,553</b>	<b>4,943.6</b>	<b>-2.1%</b>
Priority 4	Mobile	122,559	12,180.3	113,380	11,087.4	-7.5%
	Alternate	88,475	8,792.9	88,370	8,641.7	-0.1%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>211,034</b>	<b>20,973.2</b>	<b>201,750</b>	<b>19,729.1</b>	<b>-4.4%</b>
Priority 5	Mobile	5,007	497.6	3,609	352.9	-27.9%
	Alternate	529	52.6	443	43.3	-16.3%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,536</b>	<b>550.2</b>	<b>4,052</b>	<b>396.2</b>	<b>-26.8%</b>
Priority 6	Mobile	27,021	2,685.4	22,146	2,165.6	-18.0%
	Alternate	10,442	1,037.8	3,788	370.4	-63.7%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>37,463</b>	<b>3,723.2</b>	<b>25,934</b>	<b>2,536.1</b>	<b>-30.8%</b>
Priority 7	Mobile	436	43.3	466	45.6	6.9%
	Alternate	1,630	162.0	759	74.2	-53.4%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,066</b>	<b>205.3</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>119.8</b>	<b>-40.7%</b>
<b>All Priorities</b>	Total Mobile Response	244,237	24,273.0	220,713	21,583.4	-9.6%
	Total Alternative Response	101,523	10,089.7	93,581	9,151.3	-7.8%
	<b>Total Calls For Service</b>	<b>345,760</b>	<b>34,362.7</b>	<b>314,294</b>	<b>30,734.7</b>	<b>-9.1%</b>

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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.