

2016 - 2017 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)

2016	3,410.9		540.8		2,870.1	
2017	3,523.9	▲3.3%	649.4	▲20.1%	2,874.5	▲0.2%

Reported Crime (2)

2016	33,037		5,238		27,799	
2017	34,505	▲4.4%	6,359	▲21.4%	28,146	▲1.2%

Crime Severity Index (3)

2016	48.4		55.6		45.7	
2017	48.9	▲1.0%	58.3	▲4.9%	45.4	▼0.8%

Clearance Rate % (4)

2016	36.1%		57.8%		32.0%	
2017	36.5%	▲0.4%	51.5%	▼6.3%	33.1%	▲1.1%

Calls for Service

2016	322,579		3,969		29,181	
2017	312,559	▼3.1%	3,944	▼0.6%	30,399	▲4.2%

(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 2016 and 2017 was 968,581 and 979,172 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	2016			2017			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Crimes Against The Person	5,238	540.8	57.8%	6,359	649.4	51.5%	5,508	21.4%
Crimes Against Property	23,145	2,389.6	21.0%	23,025	2,351.5	21.3%	22,560	-0.5%
Other Criminal Code Violations	4,654	480.5	86.3%	5,121	523.0	85.7%	4,363	10.0%
Total CCC offences excl Traffic	33,037	3,410.9	36.1%	34,505	3,523.9	36.5%	32,432	4.4%
Criminal Code Traffic Offences	6,062	625.9	92.1%	6,551	669.0	89.7%	6,213	8.1%
Total CCC Offences incl Traffic	39,099	4,036.7	44.7%	41,056	4,192.9	45.0%	38,644	5.0%

Crimes Against The Person

Offence	2016			2017			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Violations Causing Death	24	2.5	66.7%	17	1.7	76.5%	14	-29.2%
Attempting The Commission Of A Capital Crime	9	0.9	77.8%	14	1.4	57.1%	10	55.6%
Assaults	2,843	293.5	65.4%	3,285	335.5	59.4%	2,933	15.5%
Violations Resulting In The Deprivation Of Freedom	93	9.6	71.0%	124	12.7	67.7%	89	33.3%
Sexual Violations	693	71.5	38.2%	747	76.3	36.5%	620	7.8%
Commodification Of Sexual Activity	6	0.6	100.0%	13	1.3	100.0%	4	116.7%
Other Violations Involving Violence Or The Threat Of Violence	1,570	162.1	51.6%	2,159	220.5	43.3%	1,838	37.5%
<i>Utter Threats To Person</i>	447	46.1	65.8%	791	80.8	46.5%	525	77.0%
<i>Indecent / Harassing Communications</i>	442	45.6	29.4%	640	65.4	25.8%	524	44.8%
<i>Robbery</i>	435	44.9	45.1%	502	51.3	51.8%	496	15.4%
<i>Criminal Harassment</i>	201	20.8	77.1%	185	18.9	64.9%	251	-8.0%
<i>Subtotal</i>	1,525	157.4	50.8%	2,118	216.3	43.1%	1,796	38.9%
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Crimes Against Property

Offence	2016			2017			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Arson	108	11.2	19%	121	12.4	12%	110	12%
Break and Enter	2,678	276.5	28%	2,484	253.7	23%	2,334	-7%
Theft - Motor Vehicle	781	80.6	13%	788	80.5	20%	830	1%
Theft Over \$5000	222	22.9	14%	242	24.7	17%	234	9%
Theft \$5000 and Under	12,359	1,276.0	22%	12,075	1,233.2	23%	12,027	-2%
Possession / Trafficking Stolen Goods	110	11.4	89%	110	11.2	83%	119	0%
Fraud	3,434	354.5	19%	3,974	405.9	21%	3,036	16%
Mischief	3,453	356.5	13%	3,231	330.0	13%	3,869	-6%
Total Crimes Against Property	23,145	2,389.6	21.0%	23,025	2,351.5	21.3%	22,560	-0.5%

Other Criminal Code of Canada (CCC) Offences

Offence	2016			2017			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Offensive Weapons	173	17.9	86%	191	19.5	87%	187	10%
Gaming and Betting	0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Prostitution	18	1.9	100%	5	0.5	40%	23	-72%
Other Criminal Code	4,463	460.8	86%	4,925	503.0	86%	4,153	10%
<i>Failure To Comply With Conditions</i>	1,911	197.3	92%	2,436	248.8	90%	1,717	27%
<i>Failure To Attend Court</i>	772	79.7	99%	871	89.0	100%	890	13%
<i>Breach Of Probation</i>	827	85.4	97%	718	73.3	94%	507	-13%
<i>Prisoner Unlawfully At Large</i>	85	8.8	88%	146	14.9	86%	91	72%
<i>Subtotal</i>	3,595	371.2	95%	4,171	426.0	93%	3,204	16%
Total Other CCC Offences	4,654	480.5	86.3%	5,121	523.0	85.7%	4,363	10.0%

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Controlled Drug and Substances Act Offences

Offence	2016			2017			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Possession	948	97.9	98.1%	776	79.3	95.7%	1,044	-18.1%
Trafficking	171	17.7	94.2%	214	21.9	92.1%	211	25.1%
Importation and Exportation	3	0.3	33.3%	0	0.0	0.0%	2	-100.0%
Production	17	1.8	58.8%	11	1.1	63.6%	15	-35.3%
Total Drug Offences	1,139	117.6	96.8%	1,001	102.2	94.6%	1,272	-12.1%

Criminal Code Traffic Offences

Offence	2016			2017			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Dangerous Operation	49	5.1	81.6%	64	6.5	76.6%	59	30.6%
Flight From Peace Officer	2	0.2	100.0%	4	0.4	100.0%	4	100.0%
Impaired Operation/Related Violations	586	60.5	99.3%	557	56.9	99.8%	600	-4.9%
Other Criminal Code Violations	106	10.9	88.7%	88	9.0	89.8%	434	-17.0%
Street Racing	6	0.6	83.3%	2	0.2	100.0%	3	-66.7%
Provincial Statute Violations (HTA)	5,313	548.5	91.4%	5,836	596.0	88.9%	5,114	9.8%
Total Criminal Code Traffic Offences	6,062	625.9	92.1%	6,551	669.0	89.7%	6,213	8.1%

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Calls For Service

Priority Level (3)	Response Type	2016		2017		Change % (2)
		Actual	Rate (1)	Actual	Rate (1)	
Priority 1	Mobile	3,963	409.2	3,937	402.1	-0.7%
	Alternate	6	0.6	7	0.7	16.7%
Priority 2	Mobile	29,056	2,999.9	30,314	3,095.9	4.3%
	Alternate	125	12.9	85	8.7	-32.0%
Priority 3	Mobile	40,922	4,224.9	44,813	4,576.6	9.5%
	Alternate	29	3.0	52	5.3	79.3%
Priority 4	Mobile	126,453	13,055.5	126,074	12,875.6	-0.3%
	Alternate	52,588	5,429.4	46,104	4,708.5	-12.3%
Priority 5	Mobile	3,691	381.1	3,374	344.6	-8.6%
	Alternate	31	3.2	34	3.5	9.7%
Priority 6	Mobile	30,963	3,196.7	26,514	2,707.8	-14.4%
	Alternate	33,546	3,463.4	30,223	3,086.6	-9.9%
Priority 7	Mobile	507	52.3	503	51.4	-0.8%
	Alternate	699	72.2	525	53.6	-24.9%
All Priorities	Total Mobile Response	235,555	24,319.6	235,529	24,053.9	0.0%
	Total Alternative Response	87,024	8,984.7	77,030	7,866.9	-11.5%
	Total Calls For Service	322,579	33,304.3	312,559	31,920.7	-3.1%

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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.