

2017 - 2018 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 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)

2017	3,518.5		649.2		2,869.3
2018	3,925.7	▲11.6%	703.5	▲8.4%	3,222.2

Violent Crime

Non-Violent Crime

Reported Crime (2)

2017	34,452		6,357		28,095
2018	38,921	▲13.0%	6,975	▲9.7%	31,946

Crime Severity Index (3)

2017	49.6		60.0		45.7
2018	53.6	▲8.1%	63.8	▲6.5%	49.8

Clearance Rate % (4)

2017	36.5%		51.5%		33.1%
2018	34.7%	▼1.8%	49.2%	▼2.3%	31.6%

Calls for Service

Priority 1

Priority 2

2017	312,559		3,944		30,399
2018	322,834	▲3.3%	4,114	▲4.3%	31,990

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(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	2017			2018			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Crimes Against The Person	6,357	649.2	51.5%	6,975	703.5	49.2%	5,816	9.7%
Crimes Against Property	22,993	2,348.2	21.3%	26,273	2,650.0	19.5%	23,257	14.3%
Other Criminal Code Violations	5,102	521.1	85.9%	5,673	572.2	87.3%	4,695	11.2%
Total CCC offences excl Traffic	34,452	3,518.5	36.5%	38,921	3,925.7	34.7%	33,768	13.0%
Criminal Code Traffic Offences	706	72.1	96.3%	711	71.7	98.7%	759	0.7%
Total CCC Offences incl Traffic	35,158	3,590.6	37.7%	39,632	3,997.4	35.9%	34,527	12.7%

Crimes Against The Person

Offence	2017			2018			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Violations Causing Death (3)	18	1.8	77.8%	17	1.7	82.4%	15	-5.6%
Attempting The Commission Of A Capital Crime	14	1.4	57.1%	13	1.3	76.9%	12	-7.1%
Assaults	3,295	336.5	59.4%	3,636	366.7	57.2%	3,068	10.3%
Violations Resulting In The Deprivation Of Freedom	127	13.0	67.7%	83	8.4	61.4%	95	-34.6%
Sexual Violations	741	75.7	36.3%	891	89.9	45.7%	698	20.2%
Commodification Of Sexual Activity	13	1.3	100.0%	14	1.4	78.6%	7	7.7%
Other Violations Involving Violence Or The Threat Of Violence	2,148	219.4	43.1%	2,321	234.1	37.0%	1,922	8.1%
<i>Utter Threats To Person</i>	786	80.3	45.8%	857	86.4	35.4%	605	9.0%
<i>Indecent / Harassing Communications</i>	630	64.3	25.2%	669	67.5	20.0%	551	6.2%
<i>Robbery</i>	498	50.9	51.4%	567	57.2	45.5%	493	13.9%
<i>Criminal Harassment</i>	192	19.6	65.6%	183	18.5	72.1%	229	-4.7%
<i>Subtotal</i>	2,106	215.1	42.8%	2,276	229.6	36.3%	1,878	8.1%
Total Crimes Against Person	6,357	649.2	51.5%	6,975	703.5	49.2%	5,816	9.7%

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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	2017			2018			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Arson	121	12.4	12%	71	7.2	25%	103	-41%
Break and Enter	2,485	253.8	23%	2,778	280.2	24%	2,445	12%
Theft - Motor Vehicle	788	80.5	20%	851	85.8	12%	810	8%
Theft Over \$5000	289	29.5	16%	464	46.8	14%	288	61%
Theft \$5000 and Under	12,022	1,227.8	23%	14,201	1,432.4	21%	12,402	18%
Possession / Trafficking Stolen Goods	112	11.4	83%	93	9.4	87%	109	-17%
Fraud	3,946	403.0	21%	4,461	450.0	16%	3,442	13%
Mischief	3,230	329.9	13%	3,354	338.3	14%	3,656	4%
Total Crimes Against Property	22,993	2,348.2	21.3%	26,273	2,650.0	19.5%	23,257	14.3%

Other Criminal Code of Canada (CCC) Offences

Offence	2017			2018			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Offensive Weapons	190	19.4	87%	170	17.1	89%	176	-11%
Gaming and Betting	0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Prostitution	5	0.5	40%	0	0.0	0.0%	14	-100%
Other Criminal Code	4,907	501.1	86%	5,503	555.1	87%	4,504	12%
<i>Failure to Comply with Order</i>	2,453	250.5	90%	2,966	299.2	91%	2,037	21%
<i>Failure to Appear</i>	869	88.7	100%	1,017	102.6	100%	893	17%
<i>Breach Of Probation</i>	716	73.1	94%	627	63.2	92%	587	-12%
<i>Prisoner Unlawfully At Large</i>	145	14.8	87%	183	18.5	92%	111	26%
<i>Subtotal</i>	4,183	427.2	93%	4,793	483.4	93%	3,627	15%
Total Other CCC Offences	5,102	521.1	85.9%	5,673	572.2	87.3%	4,695	11.2%

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Controlled Drug and Substances Act Offences

Offence	2017			2018			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Possession	780	79.7	95.9%	576	58.1	99.3%	908	-26.2%
Trafficking	216	22.1	92.1%	171	17.2	99.4%	194	-20.8%
Importation and Exportation	0	0.0	0.0%	1	0.1	100.0%	2	0.0%
Production	10	1.0	70.0%	3	0.3	133.3%	10	-70.0%
Other Drug Violations	1	0.1	0.0%	0	0.0	0.0%	0	-100.0%
Total Drug Offences	1,007	102.8	94.7%	751	75.7	99.5%	1,115	-25.4%

Criminal Code Traffic Offences

Offence	2017			2018			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Dangerous Operation	73	7.5	79.5%	54	5.4	90.7%	61	-26.0%
Flight From Peace Officer	4	0.4	100.0%	0	0.0	0.0%	3	-100.0%
Operation while Impaired/Low Blood Drug Concentration Violations	492	50.2	99.6%	525	53.0	100.0%	523	6.7%
Failure or Refusal to Comply with Demand	52	5.3	100.0%	53	5.3	98.1%	64	1.9%
Failure to Stop after Accident	34	3.5	76.5%	25	2.5	88.0%	54	-26.5%
Operation while Prohibited	49	5.0	98.0%	51	5.1	100.0%	51	4.1%
Other Criminal Code Violations	0	0.0	0.0%	1	0.1	100.0%	1	0.0%
Street Racing	2	0.2	100.0%	2	0.2	100.0%	3	0.0%
Total Criminal Code Traffic Offences	706	72.1	96.3%	711	71.7	98.7%	759	0.7%

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Calls For Service

Priority Level (3)	Response Type	2017		2018		Change % (2)
		Actual	Rate (1)	Actual	Rate (1)	
Priority 1	Mobile	3,937	402.1	4,109	414.5	4.4%
	Alternate	7	0.7	5	0.5	-28.6%
	Total	3,944	402.8	4,114	415.0	4.3%
Priority 2	Mobile	30,314	3,095.9	31,907	3,218.3	5.3%
	Alternate	85	8.7	83	8.4	-2.4%
	Total	30,399	3,104.6	31,990	3,226.6	5.2%
Priority 3	Mobile	44,814	4,576.7	48,134	4,855.0	7.4%
	Alternate	52	5.3	329	33.2	532.7%
	Total	44,866	4,582.0	48,463	4,888.2	8.0%
Priority 4	Mobile	126,073	12,875.5	120,123	12,116.1	-4.7%
	Alternate	46,104	4,708.5	74,295	7,493.7	61.1%
	Total	172,177	17,583.9	194,418	19,609.8	12.9%
Priority 5	Mobile	3,374	344.6	5,535	558.3	64.0%
	Alternate	34	3.5	597	60.2	1655.9%
	Total	3,408	348.0	6,132	618.5	79.9%
Priority 6	Mobile	26,514	2,707.8	24,561	2,477.3	-7.4%
	Alternate	30,223	3,086.6	11,313	1,141.1	-62.6%
	Total	56,737	5,794.4	35,874	3,618.4	-36.8%
Priority 7	Mobile	503	51.4	486	49.0	-3.4%
	Alternate	525	53.6	1,357	136.9	158.5%
	Total	1,028	105.0	1,843	185.9	79.3%
All Priorities	Total Mobile Response	235,529	24,053.9	234,855	23,688.4	-0.3%
	Total Alternative Response	77,030	7,866.9	87,979	8,873.9	14.2%
	Total Calls For Service	312,559	31,920.7	322,834	32,562.4	3.3%

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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.