

2021 - 2022 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. 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)

2021	3,467.3		686.0		2,781.3
2022	4,027.4	▲16.2%	714.6	▲4.2%	3,312.8

Reported Crime (2)

2021	36,282		7,178		29,104
2022	42,984	▲18.5%	7,627	▲6.3%	35,357

Crime Severity Index (3)

2021	48.4		58.6		44.6
2022	54.4	▲12.4%	60.0	▲2.5%	52.2

Clearance Rate % (4)

2021	31.8%		40.9%		29.6%
2022	28.7%	▼3.1%	42.5%	▲1.7%	25.7%

Calls for Service

2021	337,585		1,827		28,135
2022	346,125	▲2.5%	1,793	▼1.9%	28,596

(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 2021 and 2022 was 1,046,420 and 1,067,300 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	2021			2022			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Crimes Against The Person	7,178	686.0	40.9%	7,627	714.6	42.5%	7,250	6.3%
Crimes Against Property	23,192	2,216.3	14.5%	29,159	2,732.0	12.9%	25,893	25.7%
Other Criminal Code Violations	5,912	565.0	88.5%	6,198	580.7	85.6%	5,756	4.8%
Total CCC offences excl Traffic	36,282	3,467.3	31.8%	42,984	4,027.4	28.7%	38,899	18.5%
Criminal Code Traffic Offences	709	67.8	95.2%	832	78.0	93.8%	775	17.3%
Total CCC Offences incl Traffic	36,991	3,535.0	33.0%	43,816	4,105.3	29.9%	39,675	18.5%

Crimes Against The Person

Offence	2021			2022			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Violations Causing Death (3)	17	1.6	64.7%	13	1.2	107.7%	14	-23.5%
Attempting The Commission Of A Capital Crime	13	1.2	92.3%	14	1.3	92.9%	12	7.7%
Assaults	3,754	358.7	48.6%	3,964	371.4	50.8%	3,775	5.6%
Violations Resulting In The Deprivation Of Freedom	91	8.7	42.9%	95	8.9	70.5%	86	4.4%
Sexual Violations	894	85.4	30.4%	963	90.2	29.3%	900	7.7%
Commodification Of Sexual Activity	2	0.2	100.0%	3	0.3	66.7%	7	50.0%
Other Violations Involving Violence Or The Threat Of Violence	2,407	230.0	32.1%	2,576	241.4	33.1%	2,457	7.0%
<i>Utter Threats To Person</i>	1,166	111.4	23.7%	1,272	119.2	26.5%	1,067	9.1%
<i>Robbery</i>	409	39.1	44.7%	494	46.3	45.7%	519	20.8%
<i>Indecent / Harassing Communications</i>	502	48.0	21.7%	462	43.3	18.8%	583	-8.0%
<i>Criminal Harassment</i>	224	21.4	73.2%	236	22.1	71.6%	217	5.4%
<i>Subtotal</i>	2,301	219.9	31.8%	2,464	230.9	33.2%	2,386	7.1%
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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	2021			2022			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Arson	107	10.2	10%	140	13.1	9%	98	31%
Break and Enter	2,353	224.9	25%	2,833	265.4	29%	2,597	20%
Theft - Motor Vehicle	1,066	101.9	11%	2,072	194.1	9%	1,138	94%
Theft Over \$5000	252	24.1	10%	381	35.7	8%	399	51%
Theft \$5000 and Under	10,812	1,033.2	14%	14,894	1,395.5	12%	13,060	38%
Possession / Trafficking Stolen Goods	119	11.4	79%	127	11.9	89%	118	7%
Fraud	5,299	506.4	9%	5,291	495.7	7%	5,217	0%
Mischief	3,184	304.3	16%	3,421	320.5	15%	3,267	7%
Total Crimes Against Property	23,192	2,216.3	14.5%	29,159	2,732.0	12.9%	25,893	25.7%

Other Criminal Code of Canada (CCC) Offences

Offence	2021			2022			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Offensive Weapons	193	18.4	83%	206	19.3	83%	184	7%
Gaming and Betting	0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Prostitution	0	0.0	0.0%	1	0.1	0%	0	0.0%
Other Criminal Code	5,719	546.5	89%	5,991	561.3	86%	5,572	5%
<i>Failure to Comply with Order</i>	3,269	312.4	93%	2,985	279.7	92%	3,053	-9%
<i>Breach Of Probation</i>	658	62.9	93%	1,135	106.3	91%	761	72%
<i>Failure to Appear</i>	1,000	95.6	100%	861	80.7	100%	856	-14%
<i>Offences Against The Administration Of Law And Justice (Part Iv Cc)</i>	123	11.8	90%	218	20.4	86%	121	77%
<i>Subtotal</i>	5,050	482.6	95%	5,199	487.1	93%	4,791	3%
Total Other CCC Offences	5,912	565.0	88.5%	6,198	580.7	85.6%	5,756	4.8%

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Controlled Drug and Substances Act Offences

Offence	2021			2022			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Possession	301	28.8	93.4%	193	18.1	100.0%	361	-35.9%
Trafficking	139	13.3	92.1%	120	11.2	90.8%	164	-13.7%
Importation and Exportation	0	0.0	0.0%	2	0.2	0.0%	1	0.0%
Production	1	0.1	100.0%	2	0.2	50.0%	2	100.0%
Other Drug Violations	0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total Drug Offences	441	42.1	93.0%	317	29.7	95.6%	528	-28.1%

Criminal Code Traffic Offences

Offence	2021			2022			5-Year Average (2)	Change % (2)
	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %	Actual	Rate (1)	Clearance %		
Dangerous Operation	57	5.4	89.5%	79	7.4	82.3%	69	38.6%
Flight From Peace Officer	13	1.2	23.1%	21	2.0	57.1%	11	61.5%
Operation while Impaired/Low Blood Drug Concentration Violations	441	42.1	98.4%	535	50.1	98.5%	508	21.3%
Failure or Refusal to Comply with Demand	114	10.9	99.1%	113	10.6	97.3%	101	-0.9%
Failure to Stop after Accident	18	1.7	38.9%	30	2.8	36.7%	21	66.7%
Operation while Prohibited	66	6.3	101.5%	54	5.1	101.9%	65	-18.2%
Other Criminal Code Violations	0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total Criminal Code Traffic Offences	709	67.8	95.2%	832	78.0	93.8%	775	17.3%

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Calls For Service

Priority Level (3)	Response Type	2021		2022		Change % (2)
		Actual	Rate (1)	Actual	Rate (1)	
Priority 1	Mobile	1,826	174.5	1,792	167.9	-1.9%
	Alternate	1	0.1	1	0.1	0.0%
	Total	1,827	174.6	1,793	168.0	-1.9%
Priority 2	Mobile	28,108	2,686.1	28,566	2,676.5	1.6%
	Alternate	27	2.6	30	2.8	11.1%
	Total	28,135	2,688.7	28,596	2,679.3	1.6%
Priority 3	Mobile	52,898	5,055.1	56,438	5,287.9	6.7%
	Alternate	240	22.9	435	40.8	81.3%
	Total	53,138	5,078.1	56,873	5,328.7	7.0%
Priority 4	Mobile	108,511	10,369.7	99,181	9,292.7	-8.6%
	Alternate	109,921	10,504.5	126,998	11,899.0	15.5%
	Total	218,432	20,874.2	226,179	21,191.7	3.5%
Priority 5	Mobile	3,629	346.8	4,228	396.1	16.5%
	Alternate	364	34.8	430	40.3	18.1%
	Total	3,993	381.6	4,658	436.4	16.7%
Priority 6	Mobile	27,278	2,606.8	23,496	2,201.4	-13.9%
	Alternate	3,586	342.7	3,249	304.4	-9.4%
	Total	30,864	2,949.5	26,745	2,505.9	-13.3%
Priority 7	Mobile	469	44.8	403	37.8	-14.1%
	Alternate	727	69.5	878	82.3	20.8%
	Total	1,196	114.3	1,281	120.0	7.1%
All Priorities	Total Mobile Response	222,719	21,283.9	214,104	20,060.3	-3.9%
	Total Alternative Response	114,866	10,977.0	132,021	12,369.6	14.9%
	Total Calls For Service	337,585	32,260.9	346,125	32,430.0	2.5%

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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.