

2013 - 2014 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)

| | | | | | | |
|------|---------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|
| 2013 | 3,412.4 | | 575.9 | | 2,836.6 | |
| 2014 | 3,306.2 | ▼3.1% | 552.3 | ▼4.1% | 2,753.9 | ▼2.9% |

Reported Crime (2)

| | | | | | | |
|------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| 2013 | 32,188 | | 5,432 | | 26,756 | |
| 2014 | 31,466 | ▼2.2% | 5,256 | ▼3.2% | 26,210 | ▼2.0% |

Crime Severity Index (3)

| | | | | | | |
|------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|
| 2013 | 46.2 | | 48.9 | | 45.1 | |
| 2014 | 42.7 | ▼7.6% | 45.5 | ▼6.9% | 41.5 | ▼7.8% |

Solvency % (4)

| | | | | | | |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 2013 | 38.4% | | 55.9% | | 34.8% | |
| 2014 | 36.5% | ▼1.8% | 54.9% | ▼1.1% | 32.9% | ▼1.9% |

Calls for Service

| | | | | | | |
|------|---------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| 2013 | 354,448 | | 4,948 | | 25,601 | |
| 2014 | 340,763 | ▼3.9% | 4,099 | ▼17.2% | 24,969 | ▼2.5% |

(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 2013 and 2014 was 943,256 and 951,727 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) Solvency (%) 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 | 2013 | | | 2014 | | | 5-Year Average (2) | Change% (2) |
|--|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | Actual | Rate (1) | Solvency% | Actual | Rate (1) | Solvency% | | |
| Crimes Against The Person | 5,432 | 575.9 | 55.9% | 5,256 | 552.3 | 54.9% | 5,237 | -3.2% |
| Crimes Against Property | 22,748 | 2,411.6 | 26.3% | 22,217 | 2,334.4 | 24.0% | 25,248 | -2.3% |
| Other Criminal Code of Canada Offences | 4,008 | 424.9 | 83.0% | 3,993 | 419.6 | 82.2% | 4,162 | -0.4% |
| Total CCC offences excl Traffic | 32,188 | 3,412.4 | 38.4% | 31,466 | 3,306.2 | 36.5% | 34,647 | -2.2% |
| Criminal Code Traffic Offences | 2,394 | 253.8 | 35.2% | 813 | 85.4 | 95.7% | 2,108 | -66.0% |
| Total CCC Offences incl Traffic | 34,582 | 3,666.2 | 38.1% | 32,279 | 3,391.6 | 38.0% | 36,756 | -6.7% |

Crimes Against The Person

| Offence | 2013 | | | 2014 | | | 5-Year Average (2) | Change% (2) |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | Actual | Rate (1) | Solvency% | Actual | Rate (1) | Solvency% | | |
| Homicide (Incidents) | 10 | 1.1 | 110.0% | 7 | 0.7 | 71.4% | 10 | -30.0% |
| Attempted Murder | 6 | 0.6 | 133.3% | 9 | 0.9 | 66.7% | 9 | 50.0% |
| Robbery | 580 | 61.5 | 39.0% | 445 | 46.8 | 43.6% | 616 | -23.3% |
| Assaults | 2,980 | 315.9 | 63.2% | 2,764 | 290.4 | 62.8% | 2,842 | -7.2% |
| Sexual Violations | 484 | 51.3 | 41.1% | 546 | 57.4 | 43.8% | 434 | 12.8% |
| Abduction | 56 | 5.9 | 69.6% | 84 | 8.8 | 71.4% | 71 | 50.0% |
| Uttering Threats or Intimidation | 451 | 47.8 | 70.3% | 481 | 50.5 | 60.9% | 450 | 6.7% |
| Other Offences | 865 | 91.7 | 41.3% | 920 | 96.7 | 38.2% | 805 | 6.4% |
| Total Crimes Against Person | 5,432 | 575.9 | 55.9% | 5,256 | 552.3 | 54.9% | 5,237 | -3.2% |

Crimes Against Property

| Offence | 2013 | | | 2014 | | | 5-Year Average (2) | Change% (2) |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | Actual | Rate (1) | Solvency% | Actual | Rate (1) | Solvency% | | |
| Arson | 107 | 11.3 | 20.6% | 120 | 12.6 | 20.8% | 145 | 12.1% |
| Break and Enter | 2,218 | 235.1 | 28.0% | 2,043 | 214.7 | 25.9% | 2,531 | -7.9% |
| Theft - Motor Vehicle | 949 | 100.6 | 21.8% | 819 | 86.1 | 17.3% | 1,024 | -13.7% |
| Theft Over \$5000 | 243 | 25.8 | 18.5% | 224 | 23.5 | 15.2% | 243 | -7.8% |
| Theft \$5000 and Under | 12,281 | 1,302.0 | 29.2% | 11,938 | 1,254.4 | 27.5% | 13,383 | -2.8% |
| Possession of Stolen Goods | 146 | 15.5 | 91.8% | 120 | 12.6 | 80.8% | 241 | -17.8% |
| Fraud | 2,390 | 253.4 | 29.2% | 2,545 | 267.4 | 25.6% | 2,564 | 6.5% |
| Mischief | 4,414 | 468.0 | 15.2% | 4,408 | 463.2 | 13.1% | 5,117 | -0.1% |
| Total Crimes Against Property | 22,748 | 2,411.6 | 26.3% | 22,217 | 2,334.4 | 24.0% | 25,248 | -2.3% |

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Other Criminal Code of Canada (CCC) Offences

| Offence | 2013 | | | 2014 | | | 5-Year Average (2) | Change% (2) |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | Actual | Rate (1) | Solvency% | Actual | Rate (1) | Solvency% | | |
| Offensive Weapons | 218 | 23.1 | 87.6% | 190 | 20.0 | 84.2% | 201 | -12.8% |
| Gaming and Betting | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0% | 2 | 0.2 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Prostitution | 63 | 6.7 | 84.1% | 31 | 3.3 | 90.3% | 37 | -50.8% |
| Other Criminal Code Offences | 3,727 | 395.1 | 82.7% | 3,770 | 396.1 | 82.1% | 3,924 | 1.2% |
| Total Other CCC Offences | 4,008 | 424.9 | 83.0% | 3,993 | 419.6 | 82.2% | 4,162 | -0.4% |

Criminal Code Traffic Offences

| Offence | 2013 | | | 2014 | | | 5-Year Average (2) | Change% (2) |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | Actual | Rate (1) | Solvency% | Actual | Rate (1) | Solvency% | | |
| Dangerous Operation of Motor Vehicle | 58 | 6.1 | 77.6% | 59 | 6.2 | 83.1% | 61 | 1.7% |
| Impaired Operation of Vehicle | 619 | 65.6 | 99.5% | 611 | 64.2 | 99.3% | 632 | -1.3% |
| Failure to Stop or Remain | 1,655 | 175.5 | 7.4% | 79 | 8.3 | 75.9% | 1,356 | -95.2% |
| Driving Motor Vehicle While Prohibited | 54 | 5.7 | 100.0% | 56 | 5.9 | 98.2% | 51 | 3.7% |
| Other Criminal Code Traffic Offences | 8 | 0.8 | 75.0% | 8 | 0.8 | 87.5% | 8 | 0.0% |
| Total Criminal Code Traffic Offences | 2,394 | 253.8 | 35.2% | 813 | 85.4 | 95.7% | 2,108 | -66.0% |

Controlled Drug and Substances Act Offences

| Offence | 2013 | | | 2014 | | | 5-Year Average (2) | Change% (2) |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | Actual | Rate (1) | Solvency% | Actual | Rate (1) | Solvency% | | |
| Cannabis | 1,050 | 111.3 | 97.0% | 941 | 98.9 | 97.4% | 1,018 | -10.4% |
| Ecstasy (Methylenedioxyamphetamine) | 9 | 1.0 | 100.0% | 6 | 0.6 | 100.0% | 9 | -33.3% |
| Crystal Meth (Methamphetamine) | 5 | 0.5 | 100.0% | 1 | 0.1 | 100.0% | 2 | -80.0% |
| Heroin | 2 | 0.2 | 100.0% | 4 | 0.4 | 100.0% | 5 | 100.0% |
| Cocaine | 360 | 38.2 | 94.2% | 321 | 33.7 | 101.9% | 347 | -10.8% |
| Other Controlled Drugs and Substances | 121 | 12.8 | 95.9% | 106 | 11.1 | 101.9% | 110 | -12.4% |
| Total Drug Offences | 1,547 | 164.0 | 96.3% | 1,379 | 144.9 | 98.8% | 1,492 | -10.9% |

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Calls For Service

| Priority Level (3) | Response Type | 2013 | | 2014 | | Change% (2) |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | | Actual | Rate (1) | Actual | Rate (1) | |
| Priority 1 | Mobile | 4,943 | 524.0 | 4,095 | 430.3 | -17.2% |
| | Alternate | 5 | 0.5 | 4 | 0.4 | -20.0% |
| Priority 2 | Mobile | 25,577 | 2,711.6 | 24,950 | 2,621.6 | -2.5% |
| | Alternate | 24 | 2.5 | 19 | 2.0 | -20.8% |
| Priority 3 | Mobile | 35,232 | 3,735.1 | 37,031 | 3,890.9 | 5.1% |
| | Alternate | 46 | 4.9 | 55 | 5.8 | 19.6% |
| Priority 4 | Mobile | 159,745 | 16,935.5 | 145,812 | 15,320.8 | -8.7% |
| | Alternate | 44,897 | 4,759.8 | 48,704 | 5,117.4 | 8.5% |
| Priority 5 | Mobile | 1,616 | 171.3 | 1,457 | 153.1 | -9.8% |
| | Alternate | 7 | 0.7 | 11 | 1.2 | 57.1% |
| Priority 6 | Mobile | 31,479 | 3,337.3 | 31,622 | 3,322.6 | 0.5% |
| | Alternate | 49,482 | 5,245.9 | 45,687 | 4,800.4 | -7.7% |
| Priority 7 | Mobile | 642 | 68.1 | 540 | 56.7 | -15.9% |
| | Alternate | 753 | 79.8 | 776 | 81.5 | 3.1% |
| All Priorities | Total Mobile Response | 259,234 | 27,482.9 | 245,507 | 25,795.9 | -5.3% |
| | Total Alternative Response | 95,214 | 10,094.2 | 95,256 | 10,008.8 | 0.0% |
| | Total Calls For Service | 354,448 | 37,577.1 | 340,763 | 35,804.7 | -3.9% |

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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.