

Re: Item 9.1

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March 3, 2025

**Halifax Regional Police
Semi-Annual Crime Statistics
July to December 2024**

Background

- The following information is submitted to the Board of Police Commissioners (BoPC) on a semi-annual basis and covers a six-month period of incidents of crime which were reported to police as occurring within HRP districts: Central (downtown Halifax), East (Dartmouth), and West (Bedford to Sambro Loop)
- The information provided is for the period of July to December 15, 2024, compared to the same period in 2023
- It is extracted from HRP's record management system and is accurate at the time of extraction. The data are subject to change as investigations progress and conclude

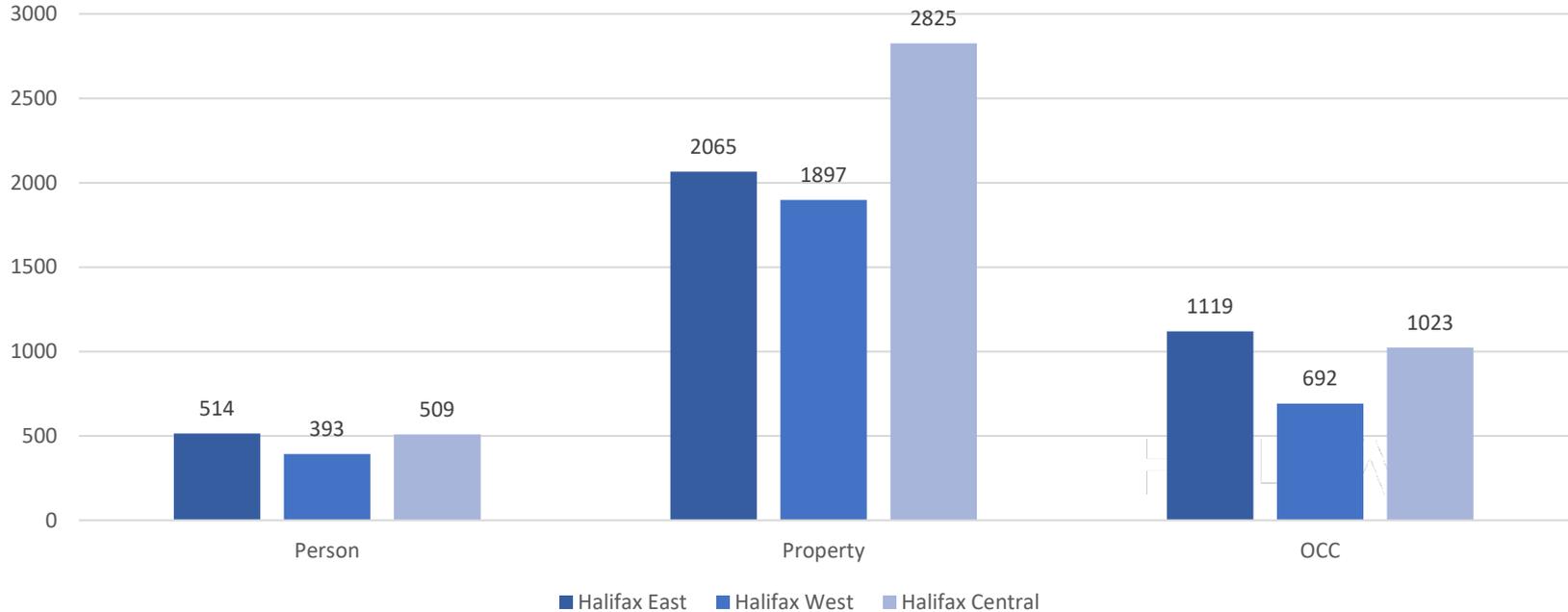
Key terms

When there has been a violation of the Criminal Code, or other provincial or federal statute, and:

- A person is the primary target – these are **Crimes Against Persons**. Examples include homicide, assault, sexual assault or robbery
- Property is the primary target – these are **Crimes Against Property**. Examples include break and enter, fraud, theft, and shoplifting
- Neither persons nor property are the primary target – these are **Other Criminal Code (OCC)**. Examples include drugs offences, criminal traffic violations, and offensive weapons

Crime Distribution by District

July to December 15, 2024



Crimes Against Persons

- Overall, crimes against persons have decreased by 4.77%
 - There were 71 fewer incidents in 2024
 - West Division was the only division to see an increase in these crimes, by 3%

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Crimes Against Persons

- Homicides decreased from four to one
- Attempted murders increased from three to six
- There were 67 fewer assaults (a 5% decrease):
 - Assault investigations in 2024 – 1,270
 - Assault investigations in 2023 – 1,337

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Crimes Against Property

- Overall, crimes against property increased by 20%
 - 1,143 more incidents reported
 - Central division had the biggest increase, with property crimes up 55%
- Theft over \$5,000 saw a 39% increase
 - 29 more incidents
 - Central division had a 118% increase with 20 more incidents

Crimes Against Property

- Theft below \$5,000 saw a 29% increase
 - 1,190 more incidents
 - Central division had a 69% increase with 940 more incidents
 - Theft under \$5,000 investigations in 2024 – 5,354
 - Theft under \$5,000 investigations in 2023 – 4,164

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Crimes Against Property

- There were 49 fewer break and enter investigations, a decrease of 11%
 - Break and Enter investigations in 2024 – 383
 - Break and Enter investigations in 2023 – 432
- Theft of motor vehicles decreased by 10%
 - Theft of motor vehicles in 2024 – 134
 - Theft of motor vehicles in 2023 - 149

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Federal Crimes

- Overall, federal crimes decreased by 9.6%
- A subset of the overall federal crimes category is **General Federal Crimes**, which includes the Firearms Act, the Youth Criminal Justice Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act
 - General Federal Crimes increased by six incidents

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Traffic Collisions

- Traffic collisions increased by 169 incidents (an 8% increase):
 - Traffic collisions in 2024 – 2,336
 - Traffic collisions in 2023 – 2,167

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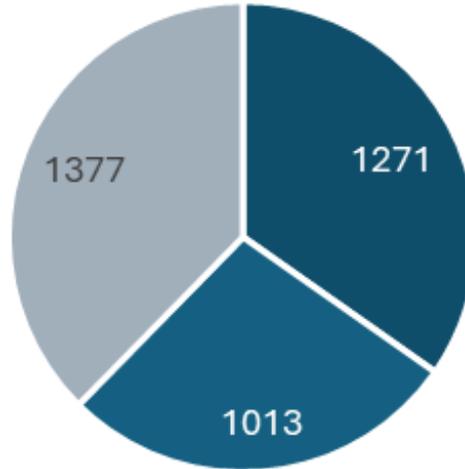
Provincial Traffic Summary Offence Tickets

- Summary offence tickets (SOTs) issued under the Motor Vehicle Act increased by 463 (a 15% increase)
 - SOTs issued in 2024 – 3,661
 - SOTs issued in 2023 – 3,198
- Central division had the largest increase of 272 more tickets (a 27% increase)

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Traffic SOTs issued by District

July to December 15, 2024



■ Central ■ East ■ West

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