

The Environment for Policing in Winnipeg 2025

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City of Winnipeg

- The population of the City of Winnipeg has increased by 9% since 2021.
- Per capita, Winnipeg has the highest Indigenous population among major Canadian cities. 12% of Winnipeggers identify as Indigenous.
- Over 33% of Winnipeggers are members of a visible minority.
- Between 2016 and 2021, Winnipeg had the highest proportional rate of urban sprawl of in Canada.

Policing Resources

- The ratio of police officers to population in Winnipeg has decreased by 6% since 2021, while the population has grown by 9%.
- In 2024, there were 164.8 police officers for every 100 000 citizens.

Demands for Service

- An average of 85 calls for service were received per hour in 2024.
- Non-dispatched events, which include instances where the subject activity has ended or where there is no present risk to persons or property, increased from 2023 and are 10.1% higher than the 5-year average. These events require follow-up investigation and resources after the fact.
- Increased non-dispatched events, combined with stable total calls and dispatched events, suggests that policing resources are at a saturation point of events that they are immediately able to respond to.
- Citizen-generated dispatched events continued to increase, with Check Wellbeing remaining the most common event type.

Crime Statistics

- The total volume of crime decreased very slightly from 2023.
- Crime Severity decreased 5.2% from 2023, but remains higher than rates from 10 years ago.
- Violent crime decreased for the first time since 2020, down 1.4% from 2023.
- Crime in Downtown decreased 9.2% from 2023, but remains higher than the 5-year average.
- Impaired driving and officer-enforced speeding offences increased. Photo-enforced violations increased for the second year in a row.
- The total crime clearance rate, which measures the number of crimes where a charge is laid or other outcome, increased again in 2024, driven by a large increase in property crime clearance.

Socio-Economic Factors

- Many people coming into contact with police face challenges that may include mental health crisis, addictions, homelessness, poverty, and/or the residual and ongoing impacts of colonization.
- Indigenous people have been, and remain, overrepresented in our criminal justice system. This includes a higher than proportionate frequency of victimization, incarceration, and re-involvement.
- More than 1 in 8 (almost 92,000) people in Winnipeg live in poverty. In 2022, an estimated 4,000 people in Winnipeg were homeless.
- From 2016 to 2023, the Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service recorded a 1,372% increase in the number of calls for service related to the use of opiates. 570 substance-related deaths were recorded in Manitoba in 2024.

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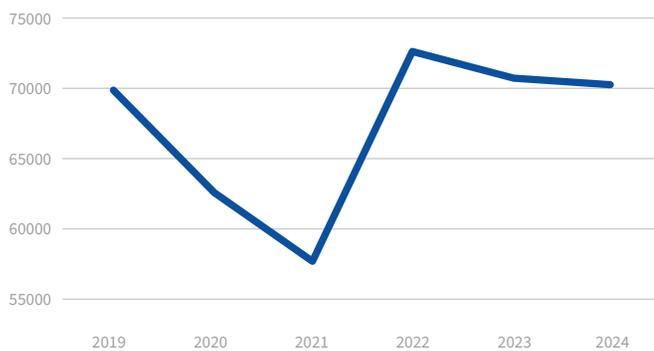
Community Perceptions and Priorities

- Responding promptly to calls for service, conducting criminal investigations, and gang enforcement were rated the most important policing activities.
- Just 50% of Winnipeggers feel very or reasonably safe alone downtown during the day, and just 9% feel safe downtown at night while alone.
- Property crime and drug use tend to be rated as the most serious problems in neighborhoods.
- There has been a steady decline in public confidence in the Winnipeg Police Service, from 81% in 2015 to 58% in 2024.
- Less than half of Winnipeggers say the police are doing an excellent or very good job.
- More than three times as many Winnipeggers believe the Winnipeg Police Service is underfunded than overfunded.

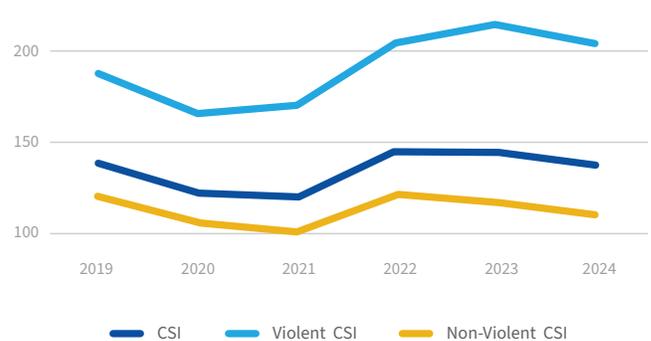
Financial

- Winnipeg’s 2025 Budget includes funding for 36 new police officers and additional patrol cars over two years.
- Other public safety partners, including Winnipeg’s Community Safety Team, Winnipeg Fire Paramedic Service, and community based-crime prevention programming are receiving additional funding through Winnipeg’s 2025 Budget.
- The Winnipeg Police Service 2025 Budget includes projected expenses of \$352 million and revenues of \$59 million.

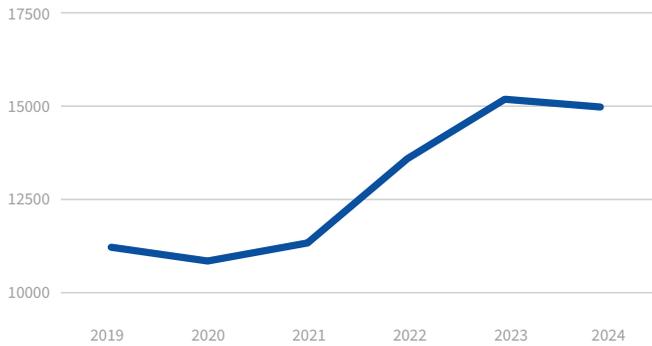
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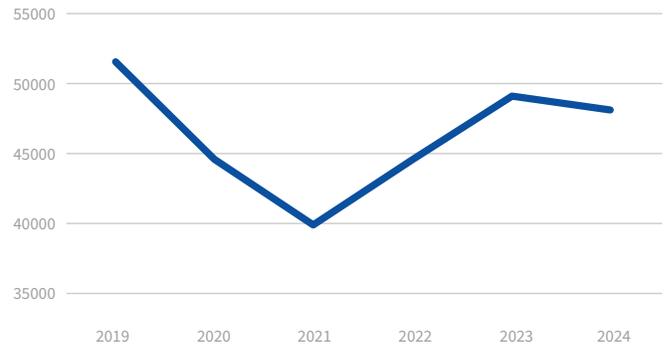
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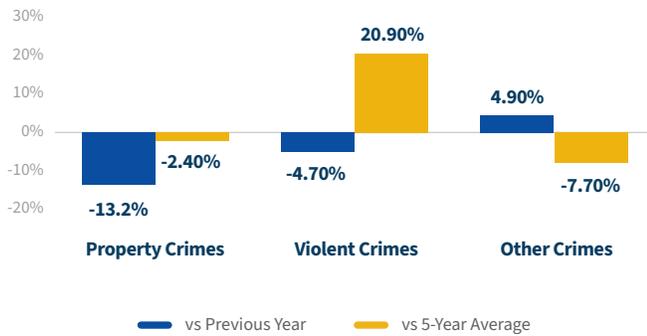
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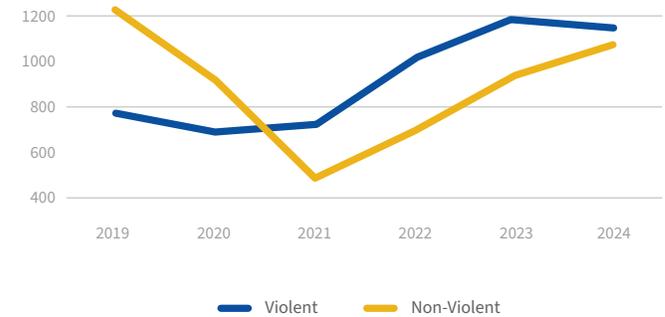
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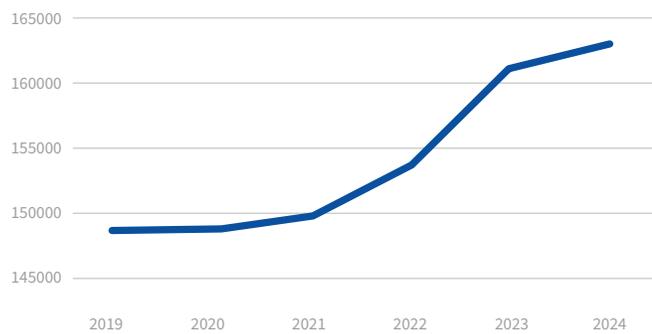
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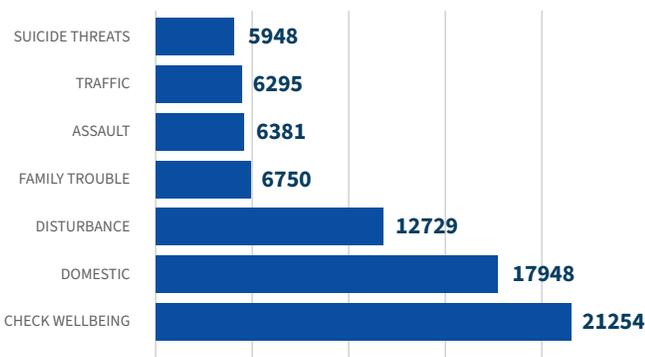
Youth Crimes



Citizen-Generated Dispatched Events – 2019 to 2024



Citizen-Generated Dispatched Events by Type – 2024





Total Calls for Service

772 452

↓ 1.4% vs 2023
↑ 12.6% vs 5-yr avg



Dispatched Events

239 903

↓ -3.0% vs 2023
↑ 1.0% vs 5-yr avg



Emergency Dispatched Events

21 049

↓ 0.3% vs 2023
↑ 6.8% vs 5-yr avg



Urgent Dispatched Events

95 339

↓ 0.3% vs 2023
↑ 3.5% vs 5-yr avg



Non-Dispatched Events

32 504

↑ 2.1% vs 2023
↑ 10.1 vs 5-yr avg

