



# WASHTENAW COUNTY OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

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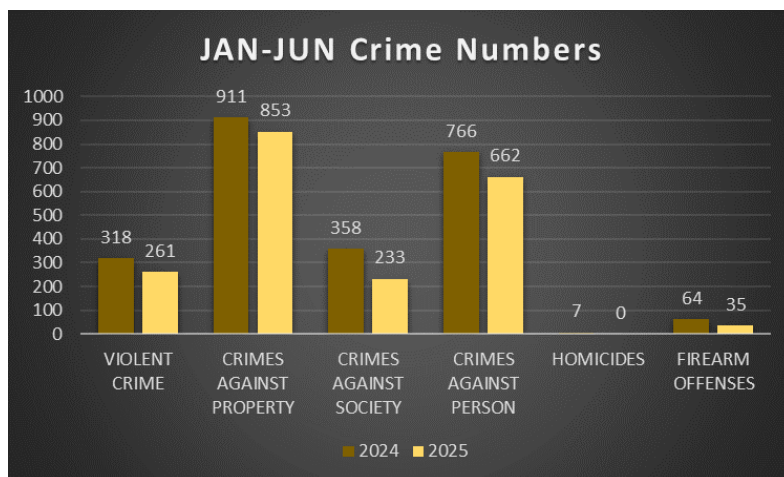
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## RECENT CRIME TRENDS

The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office is seeing a positive trend in public safety across the board in the first half of 2025 compared to the same time last year (January—June). This reflects the hard work of our deputies, employees, collaboration with the community, and our ongoing support of community based violence intervention.

- Violent Crime is down 18%, with 261 incidents compared to 318 last year
- Crimes Against Property dropped slightly, from 911 to 853, about a 6% decrease
- Crimes Against Person had a 14% decrease
- Crimes Against Society and quality of life complaints have decreased 35%
- Firearm Offenses dropped almost 50% from 64 to 35.



## WCSO INITIATIVES

The WCSO is actively engaged in a variety of initiatives to strengthen public safety and build trust. We hosted our first Coffee Hour with the Sheriff and participate in community meetings and townhalls to maintain open lines of communication with residents.

WCSO also operates several specialized programs, including the Co-Response Unit, Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion and Deflection (LEADD), our reentry team that assists individuals in the transition from incarceration back to the community, and is a partner with community violence intervention efforts focused on reducing gun violence. In addition to these initiatives, WCSO also hosts local events such as Shop with a Cop, using the opportunities to build positive relationships with youth and families throughout the county.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Lock Your Doors and Vehicles**—Most thefts from homes and cars happen when they are left unlocked. Always lock up, even when you're home
- Be Aware of your Surroundings**— Pay attention to what is happening around you, especially when walking alone, at night, or in unfamiliar areas.
- Don't leave Valuables in Plain Sight**—In vehicles or at home, keep purses, electronics, and packages out of view to reduce the possibility of theft
- Install Outdoor Lighting**—Well lit areas can deter criminal activity
- Report Criminal Activity**—You can always report crimes by calling our dispatch. For all urgent matters call 911, for non-urgent matters, call 734-994-2911.
- Get to Know your Neighbors**—A connected community is a safer community. Watch out for each other and share concerns
- Secure Packages**—Use secure delivery options or have packages sent to work or a trusted neighbor to minimize package theft
- Stay Informed**—Follow the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office on social media to stay updated and our WCSO Data and Information Dashboard is available on our website - <https://www.washtenaw.org/3915/Sheriff-Data-Information-Dashboard>
- Lock up your Firearms**— Securing your firearms and turning in found firearms, helps to prevent them from falling into the wrong hands, especially children, individuals in crisis, or those intending to commit crimes. We have free gun locks available at our front desk - 2201 Hogback Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48105



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## SAFETY IS BUILT AS A COMMUNITY, NOT JUST ENFORCED

Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office jurisdictions show very positive trends for youth (under 18 years) regarding victimization during the first six months of 2025 compared to the same six months for 2024.

Washtenaw County has had numerous initiatives and programming to support trauma informed care, especially for youth and young adults. These partnerships have included the Washtenaw Sheriff's Office, Community Mental Health, Intermediate School District, Health Department, among many others. These initiatives include, *Handle With Care*, *WeLIVE Violence Interruption*, *WISD Mental Health Action Team*, *Monthly Mental Health Workshops for Parents*, *clinical social workers providing direct care to students* in all nine districts, as well as indirect support to school staff, and the *Success by 6 Great Start Collaborative*.

- ◇ A thriving community is safe when people are housed, heard, healed, and connected, especially youth. Quality physical and mental healthcare, employment and childcare are necessary for Safe Communities.
- ◇ Preventing, recognizing and urgently treating trauma and harm is essential for reducing revictimization and violent behaviors.
- ◇ Connection is the best protection. Individual, family, school and neighborhood cohesion and connectedness are necessary to effectively prevent, recognize and treat trauma.

The Michigan Department of Education administers a survey to middle and high schoolers throughout the state, called the Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth (MIPHY). Below are selected survey items possibly indicating positive results for the community trauma informed work identified above. Students with D/F grades are highlighted, as this is the group that has consistently shown much higher risks and rates of trauma in Washtenaw, compared to their counterparts with higher grade point averages.

### Experiences and Feelings of Safety

Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth Survey (MIPHY)  
Washtenaw High School Students with D or F Grade Average

	2019-2020	2023-2024	Direction
% of students who reported feeling unsafe or very unsafe at school	16%	10%	↓
% of students who slept away from their parents or guardians because they were kicked out, ran away, or were abandoned during the past 30 days	23%	13%	↓
% of students who had been threatened or injured with a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property one or more times during the past 12 months	29%	10%	↓
% of students who were physically hurt on purpose by someone they were dating or going out with during the past 12 months	32%	22%	↓
% of students who attempted suicide one or more times during the past 12 months	30%	24%	↓

### Youth as Crime Victims

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	Jan-Jun 2024	Jan-Jun 2025	Direction
Youth as Victims of Crime	160	133	↓
Youth as Victims of Assault	77	46	↓
Youth as Victims of Attempted Murder	19	1	↓