




HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE

INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Hamilton Police Services Board
BOARD MEETING DATE:	May 25, 2023
SUBJECT:	2022 Year End Report – Youth Crime
REPORT NUMBER:	23-042
SUBMITTED BY:	Frank Bergen, Chief of Police
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Annual Youth Crime Report is presented to the Police Services Board each year to report on statistics relating to criminal activity involving youth. The report also highlights the roles of our Youth Serving Officers in the delivery of service, proactive initiatives, youth community engagements and community partnerships.

INFORMATION

The total number of youth between twelve and seventeen years of age involved in crime in the City of Hamilton for 2022 was 1,038¹. This represents an overall increase of 32.9% compared to 2021. However, when compared to the 5-year average¹ it represents an increase of 1.27%. Youth crime has not returned to pre Covid-19 levels although we are seeing a trend upwards as society as a whole returns to Pre-Pandemic activities.

- Youth Involved in violent crimes increased by 6.26% when compared to the 5-year average and increased 26.4% when compared to 2021¹.
- Youth involved in property crimes decreased 7.15% when compared to the 5-year average and increased by 46.2% compared to 2021¹.
- Youth involved in drug offences has decreased by 50.7% when compared to the 5-year average and decreased by 32.4% when compared to 2021¹.

The Hamilton Police Service continued developing innovative and strategic approaches to assist our youth in partnership with our community relating to safety, engagement, education and consultation.

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Through intelligence led policing, the youth officers collaborated with front line officers, the Crime Prevention Unit and Investigative Services to address and prevent youth crime, wherever possible.

The Youth Engagement Team are responsible for the coordination and implementation of the Strategic Targeted Offender Program (S.T.O.P.), the Extrajudicial Measures Diversion Program and the Hamilton Youth Drug Diversion program.

The 2022 Youth Services Annual Report outlines the internal and external programs and initiatives in which HPS and community partners collaboratively engaged to help reduce and prevent youth crime, victims of crime and harm reduction within our communities.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix A – Year End Report 2022 – Youth Crime

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c: Paul Hamilton, Deputy Chief – Support
Shawn Blaj, Superintendent – Community Safety Division
Frank Miscione, Inspector – Community Mobilization

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