




HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE

INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Hamilton Police Service Board
BOARD MEETING DATE:	June 27, 2024
SUBJECT:	2023 Year End Report – Youth Crime
REPORT NUMBER:	24-048
SUBMITTED BY:	Frank Bergen, Chief of Police
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Annual Youth Crime Report is presented to the Police Service 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 2023 was 974. This represents an overall decrease of 6.1% compared to 2022. However, when compared to the 5-year average it represents an increase of 1.0%.

- Youth involved in violent crimes increased by 12.7% when compared to the 5-year average and increased 3.8% when compared to 2022.
- Youth involved in property crimes decreased 6.0% when compared to the 5-year average and increased by 1.3% compared to 2022.
- Youth involved in drug offences has decreased by 22.3% when compared to the 5-year average and decreased by 8.0% when compared to 2022.

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 2023 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 2023 – Youth Crime

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c: Paul Hamilton, Deputy Chief – Support
David Hennick, Superintendent – Community Safety Division

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