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The total number of youth between twelve and seventeen years of age involved in crime in the City of Hamilton for 2024 was 959. This represents an overall decrease of 1.5% compared to 2023. However, when compared to the 5-year average it represents an increase of 2.9%.

- Youth involved in violent crimes decreased by 4.3% compared to 2023. When comparing 2024 to the 5 year average there was an increase of 8.0%.
- Youth involved in property crimes decreased 10.8% compared to 2023. When comparing 2024 the 5 year average there was an increase of 2.4%.
- Youth involved in drug offences decreased by 17.3% compared to 2023. When comparing 2024 to the 5 year average, there was a decrease of 25.7%.

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.

Through intelligence led policing, the youth officers collaborated with front line officers, Divisional Crime Managers 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 2024 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.