



ELLENSBURG
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ellensburg Police Department 2024 Crime Report

Ellensburg City Council Crime Report

September 15, 2025

MISSION, VISION, & VALUES

MISSION:

The Ellensburg Police Department's mission is to provide our community with efficient, effective and ethical police services through relationships with our public, business and educational communities, and law enforcement partners.

VISION:

Our vision is to protect our citizens and improve the quality of life for all of those in our community by providing excellence in professional law enforcement through our commitment to transparency, compassion and honor of our service.

VALUES:

As a member of the Ellensburg Police Department, we demand:

- Moral, Ethical, and Compassionate service to our community
- Personal Accountability
- Respect for human life
- Transparency in our practices
- Commitment to all that we serve

STRATEGIC GOALS & MOTTO

STRATEGIC GOALS:

- Reduce crime and improve traffic safety within our community.
- Provide quality community services.
- Provide leadership and resources.
- Build trust within our community.

MOTTO:

Serving with Pride, Compassion, and Excellence.

2024 Crime Report

- Annual Crime Report created to report and compare crime statistics for the Ellensburg Police Department.
- Utilized National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) data for this report, using standardized definitions and reporting procedures, which allow for local comparisons.
- NIBRS data is a snapshot of data taken April 2025 covering the previous 12 months. Non-NIBRS data presented in this report is for calendar year 2024.
- This report details calls and criminal activity within the City of Ellensburg.

2024 Crime Report

(Taken from July 28, 2025, WASPC Press Release)

Summary of Washington State Crime Data for 2024

In 2024, Washington State's population rose to 8,035,515 residents. Number of commissioned law enforcement officers remains very low at 1.38 per 1000 population, with the national per capita rate averaging 2.31 officers.

Key crime statistics for 2024 include:

- Murders: The state recorded 312 murders, marking a decrease of 18.8% from 2023.
- Crimes Against Persons showed a **decrease** of 0.8% with 110,065 offenses reported; compared to 110,989 offenses reported in 2023.
- Crimes Against Property showed a **decrease** of 13.4% with 308,506 offenses reported; compared to 356,438 offenses reported in 2023.
- Crimes Against Society showed an **increase** of 31.0% with 27,973 offenses reported; compared to 21,360 offenses reported in 2023.
- Violent Crimes showed a **decrease** of 7.6% with 29,036 offenses reported; compared to 31,441 offenses reported in 2023
- In the category of Crimes Against Property, the three offense types with the highest percentage are Larceny-Theft with 44.6%, Destruction of Property with 21.4%, and Motor Vehicle Theft with 11.0%.
- Juveniles comprised 5.6% of the total arrests.

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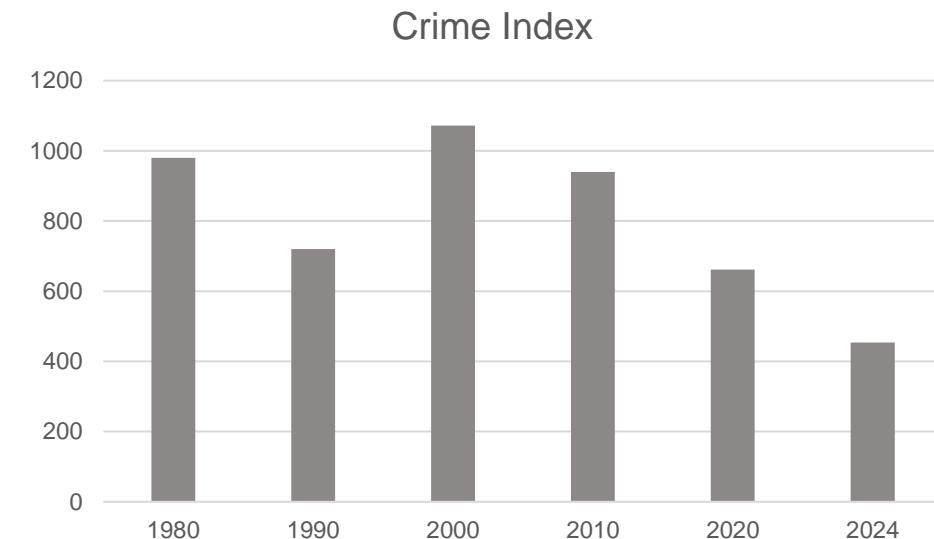
Ellensburg at a glance:

- Ellensburg 2024 population estimated 20,970 (OFM)
- Handled 16,018 calls in 2024, 879 fewer than 2023, a 5% reduction
- Reported 1183 NIBRS crimes. A 11% decrease over 2023
- Made 447, Group A, NIBRS related arrests, a 12% decrease from 2023
- Crimes Against Persons, Ellensburg down 6%, Statewide down .8%
- Crimes Against Property, Ellensburg down 20%, Statewide down 13.4%
- Crimes Against Society, Ellensburg up 30%, Statewide up 31%.
- **Concerning crime categories noted during 2023 Crime Report, 2024 results:**
 - Rape: 15 in 2023, 16 in 2024. 6%
 - Juvenile Crime Arrests: 92 in 2023, 74 in 2024. -20%
 - Motor vehicle theft: 48 in 2023, 14 in 2024. -70%
 - Domestic Offenses: 206 in 2023, 176 in 2024. -15%
- Crime rate decreased to the lowest level since reporting NIBRS data to 56.4, an 11% decrease compared to 2023
- Since implementing evidence-based policing strategy in 2022, Ellensburg's crime rate has been reduced 28%

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Historical Crime Perspective

Index Crimes	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020	2024
Murder	0	0	0	0	2	1
Forcible Rape	2	5	9	10	9	16
Robbery	13	3	6	10	7	4
Agg Assault	27	18	23	26	35	20
Burglary	199	100	163	153	90	50
Theft	693	566	842	703	494	349
Auto-Theft	46	28	29	38	25	14
Crime Index Score	980	720	1072	940	662	454



Note- Stats taken from WASPC Historical crime reports

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NIBRS

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Murder	2	0	2	1	1
Manslaughter	0	6	2	0	0
Rape	9	10	8	15	16
Sodomy	0	0	1	1	0
Sexual Assault w/object	0	0	0	0	1
Fondling	12	8	12	8	4
Agg. Assault	35	31	30	21	20
Simple Assault	169	179	166	168	143
Intimidation	9	7	8	3	5
Kidnapping	1	1	0	1	1
Incest	0	0	1	0	0
Stat. Rape	0	1	0	0	0
Human Trafficking	0	0	0	0	0
Viol. No-Contact Order	62	69	90	89	96
Robbery	7	8	9	4	4
Burglary	90	95	77	75	50
Larceny-Theft	494	515	432	398	349
Motor Vehicle Theft	25	41	40	48	14
Arson	1	2	1	4	7
Destruction of Property	337	323	364	248	208
Counterfeiting/Forgery	28	17	22	19	16

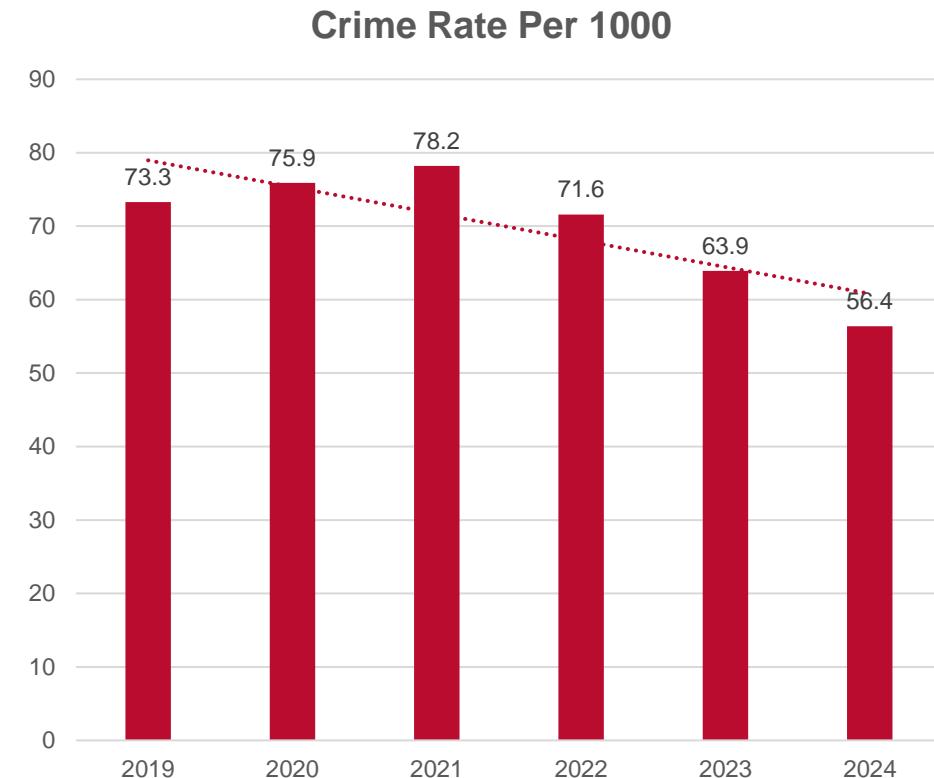
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Fraud	101	74	124	107	96
Embezzlement	3	3	4	2	2
Extortion/Blackmail	4	6	6	6	9
Bribery	0	0	1	0	0
Stolen Property	18	23	16	23	16
Animal Cruelty		2	6	1	4
Drugs/Narco	95	46	29	38	62
Drug Eqip	26	20	8	22	25
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0
Pornography	4	1	3	5	3
Prostitution	2	0	0	0	1
Weapons Violations	28	38	38	30	30
Bad Checks	0	2	0	0	0
Curfew	0	0	0	0	0
Disorderly	10	20	20	8	14
DUI	38	36	61	62	96
Family Offenses	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Violations	37	28	36	21	27
Peeping Tom	0	0	0	0	0
Trespass	52	48	62	70	37
All Other Offenses	43	56	60	59	59
Crime Rate Per 1000	75.9	78.2	71.6	63.9	56.4
Property Value	\$1,123,219	\$447,220	\$1,582,003	\$1,378,922	\$1,805,517

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NIBRS

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Population	20640	19510	20940	20914	20970
Offense total	1566	1526	1500	1337	1183
#cleared	498	499	546	561	486
%cleared	31.8	32.7	36.4	42	41.1
Group A Arrest total	440	437	488	506	447
Adult Arrest	396	392	443	414	373
Juvenile Arrest	44	45	45	92	74

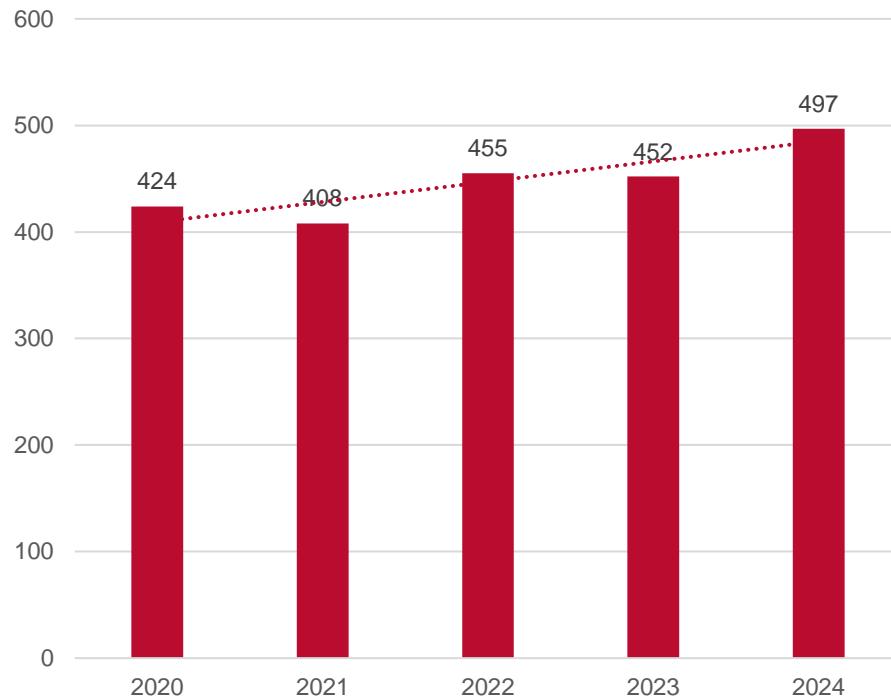
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Crime Rate Per 1000	75.9	78.2	71.6	63.9	56.4
WASPC Rprt FTE	26	29	29	29	29
Offenses per FTE	60.2	52.6	51.7	46.1	41.0



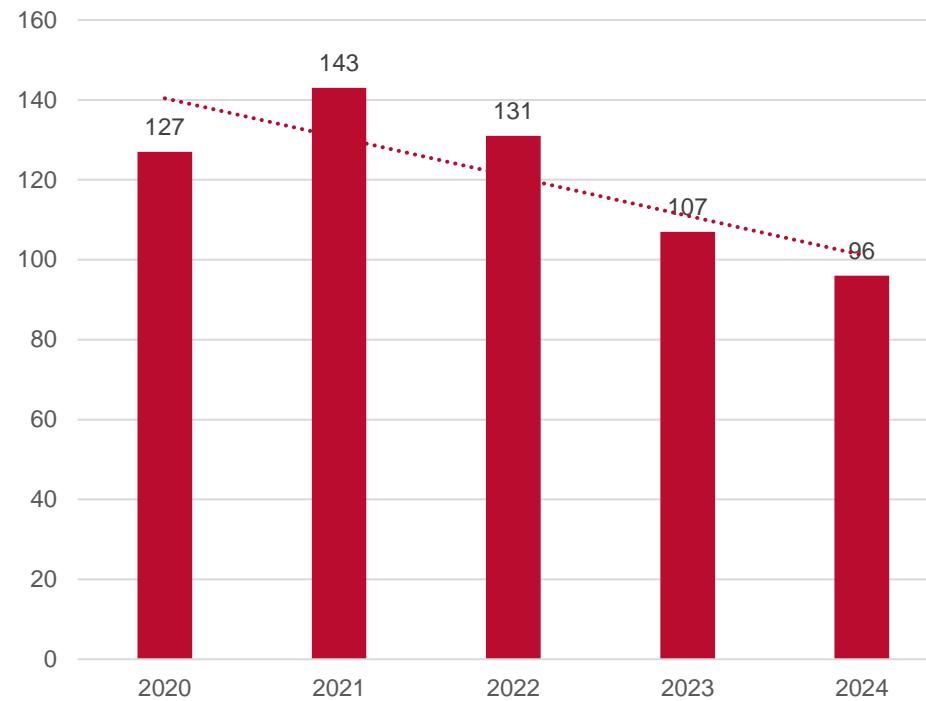
Mental Health Impacts

Calendar year

Mental Health Referrals

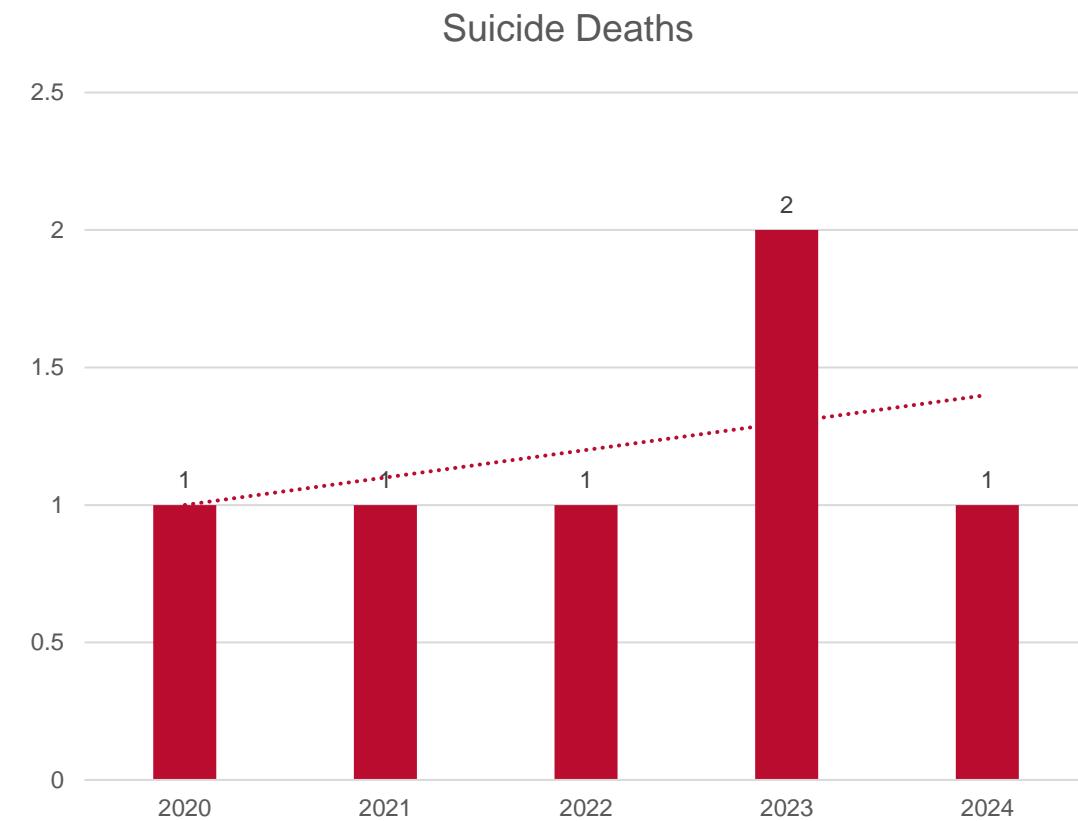
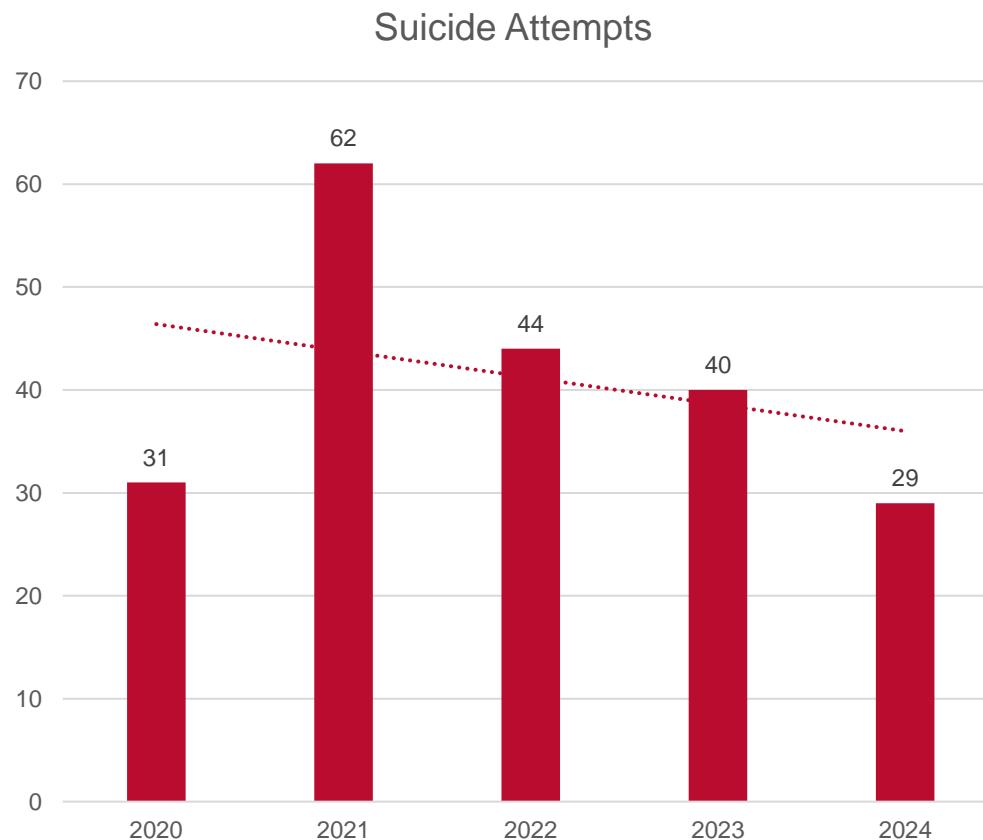


Suicidal Calls



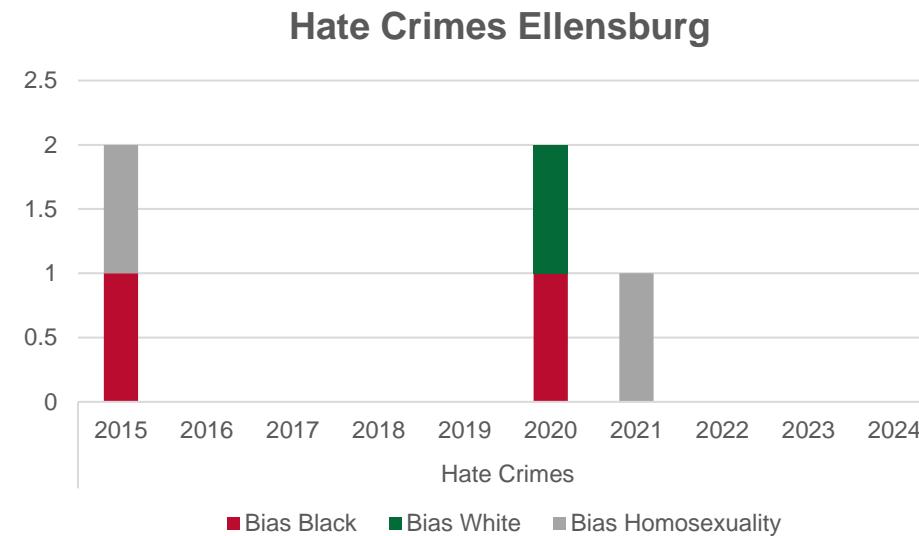
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Hate Crime Reports

- **Definition:** A criminal offense committed against a person or property which is motivated in whole or in part, by the offender's bias against a race/national origin, religion, sexual orientation, mental/physical/sensory disability, gender or ethnicity.



There were no reported hate crimes in Ellensburg in 2024.

Offense & Arrest Totals

NIBRS

Offense Total

	2020	2021	2022	2023z	2024
Ellensburg PD	1566	1526	1500	1337	1183
Kittitas County	581	570	591	560	524
CWU	143	184	149	0	129
Cle Elum	255	230	237	201	135
Kittitas PD	0	0	0	0	6
Total	2545	2510	2477	2098	1977
EPD %	61.53%	60.80%	60.56%	63.73%	59.84%
Kittitas County %	22.83%	22.71%	23.86%	26.69%	26.50%
CWU %	5.62%	7.33%	6.02%	0.00%	6.53%
Cle Elum %	10.02%	9.16%	9.57%	9.58%	6.83%
Kittitas PD %	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.30%

EPD -11% decrease in offenses compared to 2023

Countywide – 6% reduction in crimes compared to 2023

A + B Arrest total *

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Ellensburg PD	625	627	727	726	690
Kittitas County	136	98	126	151	201
CWU	48	20	15	0	47
Cle Elum	67	55	65	60	60
Kittitas PD	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	876	800	933	937	998
EPD %	71.35%	78.38%	77.92%	77.48%	69.14%
Kittitas County %	15.53%	12.25%	13.50%	16.12%	20.14%
CWU %	5.48%	2.50%	1.61%	0.00%	4.71%
Cle Elum %	7.65%	6.88%	6.97%	6.40%	6.01%
Kittitas PD %	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

EPD - 5% decrease in arrests compared to 2023

Countywide – a 7% increase in arrests compared to 2023

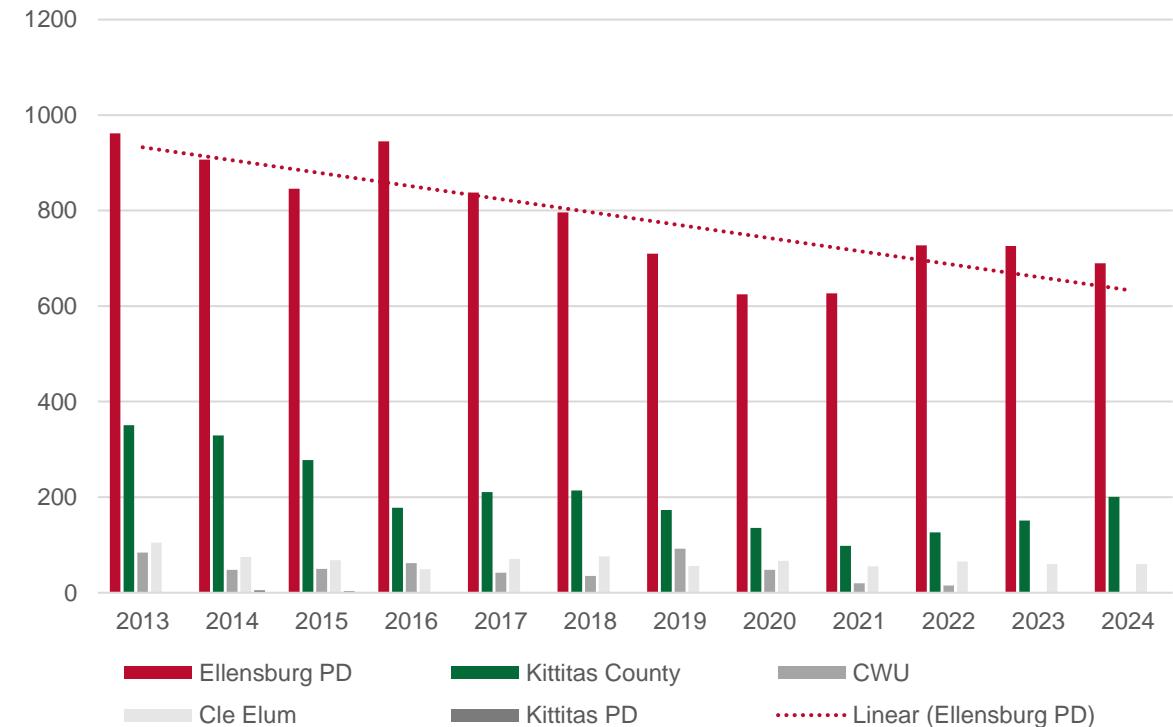
Countywide Data

NIBRS

Offense Total



Arrest Total



In 2024 EPD handled 60% of all reported crimes and made 69% of all arrests

Precision Policing

Implemented mid-2022, this method aims to enhance our community's well-being through precise, effective, and efficient law enforcement strategies, focusing on where they are most needed.

Key Aspects of Precision Policing:

- **Data-Driven Decision-Making:** Utilizing crime/call data and analysis to identify the root cause of crime and quality of life issues.
- **Focused Deterrence:** Understanding the cause of crime better prepares the department to focus on enforcement and prevention strategies, changing the environment that supports criminal behavior
- **Community Engagement:** Through our annual community survey, social media, conversations, and presentations, we learn what concerns our community.
- **Technology Integration:** This is a key element of a successful evidence-based strategy. Being able to analyze the mountains of data allows for the proper identification of the problem and to measure our progress requires appropriate new tools and technology.

Precision Policing

Benefits to the Ellensburg Community:

- **Increased Safety:** By concentrating resources where they are most needed, we aim to reduce crime rates and enhance public safety.
- **Efficient Use of Resources:** Ensures taxpayer funds are used effectively, promoting fiscal responsibility.
- **Enhanced Trust:** Through continuous community-police partnerships, foster a safer, more informed, and cohesive community environment.
- **Programs:** Development of programs to address crime and victimization from all angles, utilizing information, training, partnerships, non-enforcement compliance and enforcement strategies to make Ellensburg a safe community.

Precision Policing represents a commitment to safety, trust, and collaboration.

Juvenile Crime Prevention Projects

- Handle with Care
- Juvenile Education Presentations:
 - Gang Violence
 - Internet Safety
 - Bullying Prevention
- Graffiti Tracking/Abatement
- Gang Enforcement

We are working collaboratively with school districts, juvenile probation, mental health, prevention and support organizations, and other law enforcement partners to protect and save our youth.

NOTE – Kids ages 13 & 14 accounted for 30% of all statewide juvenile crime arrests in 2024.



Total Children To Date
286

Top 5 Contact Natures

NATURE	COUNT
Domestic	79
Check Welfare	38
Assault-Child	29
Harassment	25
Suicidal Subject	18

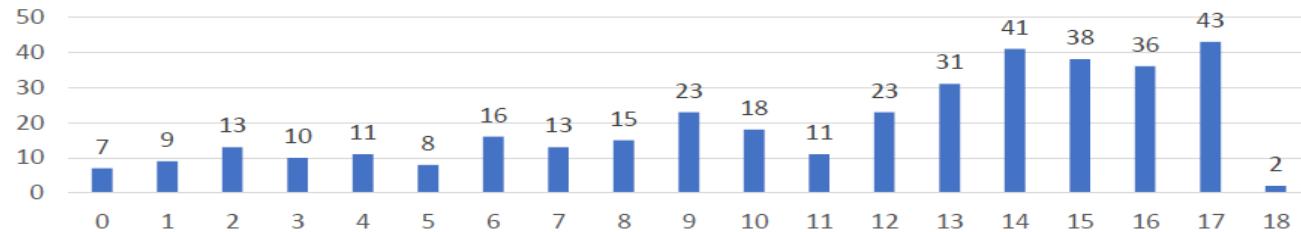
Top 5 Types of Involvement

NATURE	COUNT
Mentioned	211
Participant	46
Arrested	33
Victim	32
Suspect	9
Witness	9

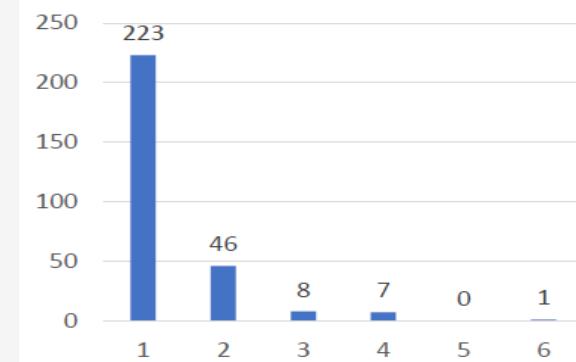
JUVENILE ENGAGEMENT REPORT

HANDLE WITH CARE PROGRAM REPORT *As of July 2, 2025

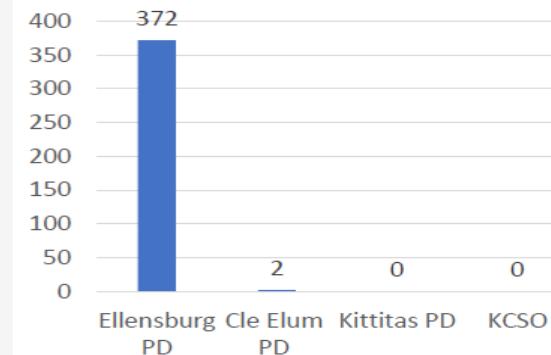
Count by Age



Count of Children by # of Contacts



Supporting Agencies Contacts

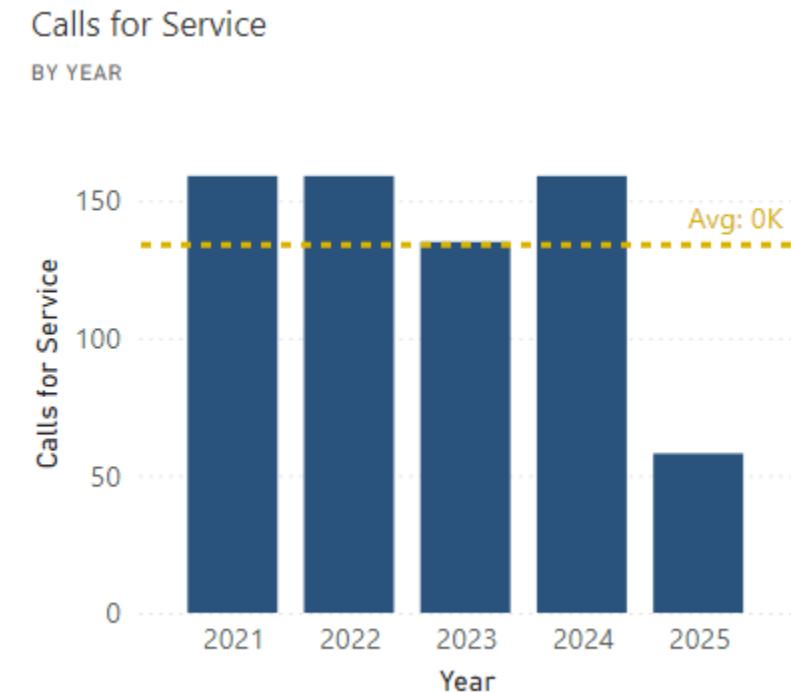


COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS: YOUTH/CHILD RELATED CONCERN

- 2025- Requested EPD Presentation/Training Topics: Gang Violence & Mitigation, Internet Safety, Bullying Prevention, Self-Advocacy Techniques
- 2024- Strengthen community awareness about issues that impact children and adolescents:
 - Internet exploitation
 - Cyber-bullying
 - Mental health concerns
 - Gang recruitment/association
 - Drug abuse

High Density Residential Call Project

- Partnered with local apartment management
- Met with residents and developed a survey to better understand their perspective of safety
- Met with representatives from successful apartment management groups to identify best-practice protocol
- Interviewed past president of rental association to better understand business side of apartment management
- Increase community resources to educate residents on resources and support organizations available in Ellensburg
- Fostering inclusive activities between different age-cohorts to expel stereo-typing and ostracizing
- Provide aggregated report of complaints to inform residents on common rule violations and managements response without identifying specific incidents or resident names



Community Engagement Project:

- Review of call data identified an increase in number of alarm calls over the first 9 months of 2024
- Identified top call locations, sent letters informing of problem; provided best practices; and offered continuing support
- 9 of the top 10 took immediate action and corrected false alarm problem
- Followed up with businesses, meeting in person to discuss solutions
- Continue to closely monitor false alarms and work with responsible individuals to fix recurring issues

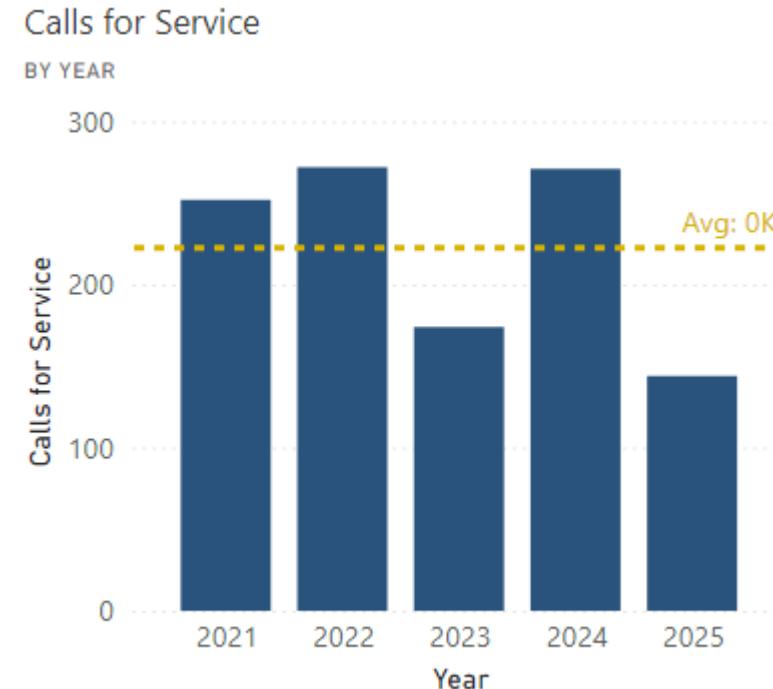


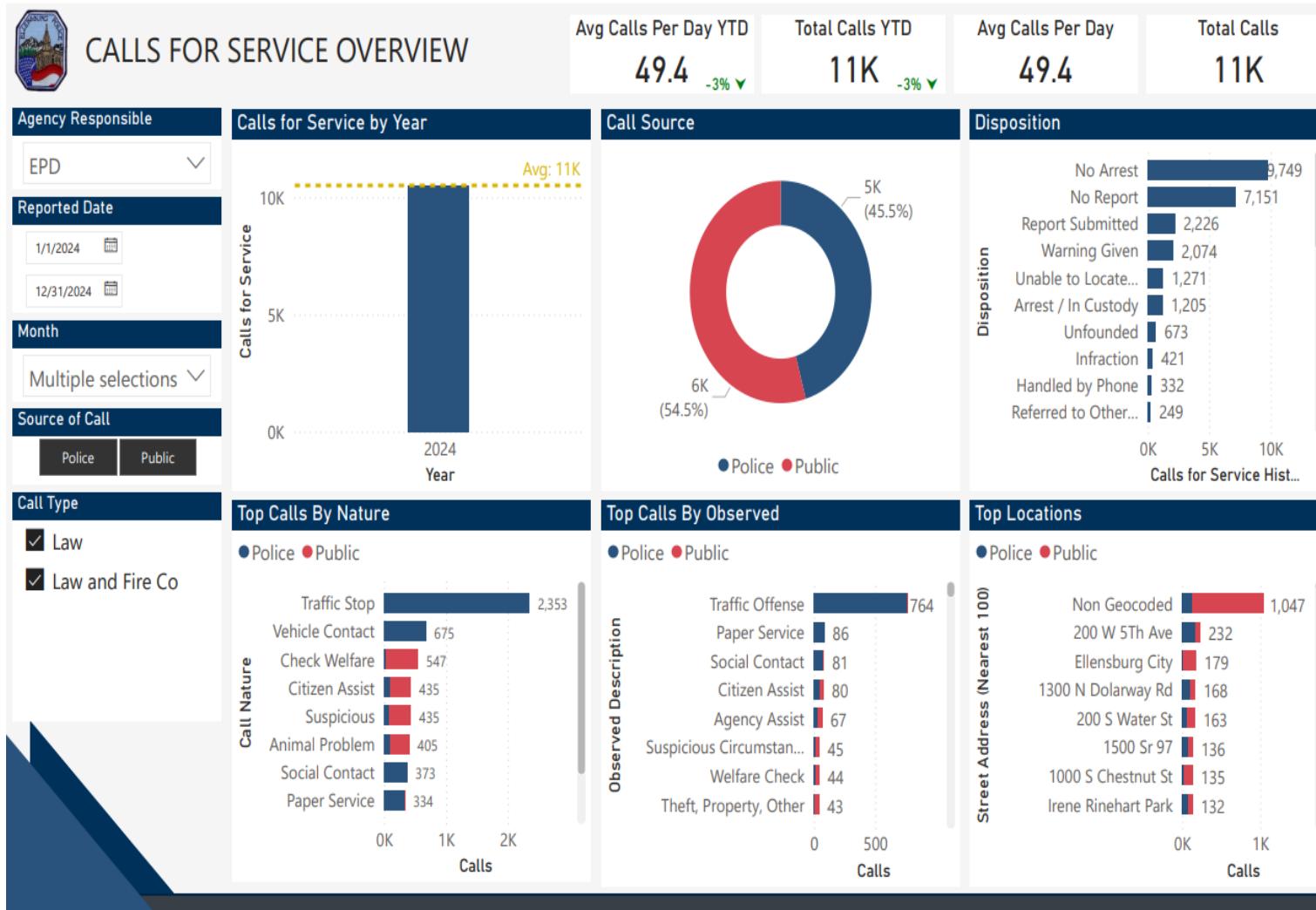
Chart represents January – June of each year

Criminal Analysis Sharing Project:

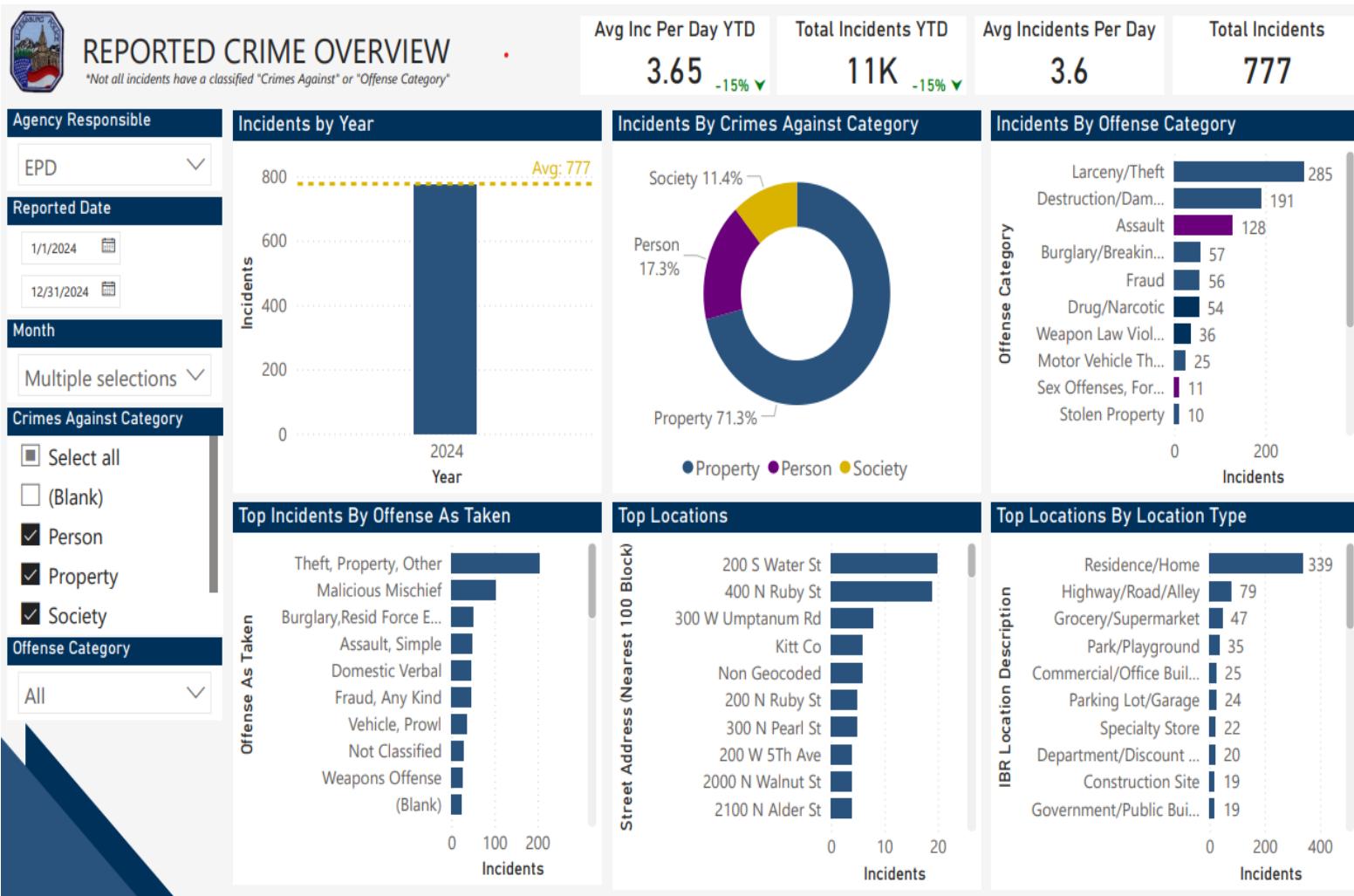
- Information gathered and analyzed regarding increase of gang related activity/crimes throughout Kittitas County.
- Met representatives from the local schools, juvenile probation, and law enforcement partners to discuss how to address data collection, reporting, and assessment, to determine crime mitigation response.
- Results of this project has gathered attention and was presented to law enforcement and prosecutors in Yakima and Spokane Counties, at their request, to assist with their gang problems.
- Officers and Analyst attend and share local intelligence regionally.
- Information is utilized during community meetings and training.
- We continue to develop both deterrent and enforcement responses.



Crime & Call Data Tracking



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Thank you for your time

We recognize that businesses, educational partners, and our community joined in the efforts to make our residents safer. The reduction of crime shows we are having an impact.

We will continue our crime prevention programs while holding offenders responsible for the betterment of our community.

Questions?

For more information regarding statewide crime data,
see [2024 Crime in Washington-compressed.pdf](#)