

Lake Charles Police Department

ANNUAL CRIME REPORT 2015

A statistical analysis on crime in Lake Charles



murder • crime clearance rates • arson
assault/battery • rape • calls for service
burglary • other criminal offenses • robbery
crashes • motor vehicle theft • arrests
larceny-theft • administrative investigations

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The Lake Charles Police Department classifies criminal offenses into three crime categories:

- **Crimes Against Persons** (murder, rape, robbery, and assault and battery)
- **Crimes Against Property** (burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson)
- **Other Criminal Offense** (criminal damage, disturbing the peace, drug offenses, DWI, etc.)

Overall Criminal Offenses

During 2015, there were 9,818 investigations of either felonious or misdemeanor offenses. This overall figure revealed a 7.5% decrease from the previous year's total.

2014	2015	+/-
10,619	9,818	-801

Down 7.5%

Crimes Against Persons

Last year, there were 1,604 crimes committed against persons. This total was 2.8% lower than the previous year as there were 47 fewer offenses.

2014	2015	+/-
1,651	1,604	-47

Down 2.8%

Crimes Against Property

Also last year, crimes against property revealed a decrease as there were 793 fewer property crimes than in the previous year. This revealed an 14.3% decrease.

2014	2015	+/-
5,530	4,737	-793

Down 14.3%

Other Criminal Offenses

The overall crimes in this classification revealed an increase last year as there were 39 more offenses than in the previous year. This resulted in a 1.1% increase in this category.

2014	2015	+/-
3,438	3,477	+39

Up 1.1%

Major Crimes By The Numbers

	2014	2015	+/-	%
Murder	5	3	-2	-40%
Rape	36	43	+7	+19%
Robbery	201	183	-18	-9%
Assault/Battery	1409	1375	-34	-2%

	2014	2015	+/-	%
Burglary	2012	1626	-386	-19%
Larceny	3262	2887	-375	-12%
Auto Theft	253	219	-34	-13%
Arson	3	5	+2	+67%

The Lake Charles Police Department solves crimes when either an arrest of the offender is made, or by exceptional means (when elements beyond law enforcement control prevent the agency from placing formal charges against the offender), or due to lack of cooperation by victims or witnesses.

Overall Criminal Offenses

Of the 9,818 overall criminal offenses investigated last year, 55.4% were classified as solved. This figure was slightly below the previous year's solvent rate of 55.6%.

Cases	Cleared
9,818	5,443
Cleared 55.4%	

Crimes Against Persons

Of the 1,604 crimes against persons investigated last year, 90.8% were classified as solved. This figure was slightly below the previous year's solvent rate of 92.5%

Cases	Cleared
1,604	1,456
Cleared 90.8%	

Crimes Against Property

Of the 4,737 crimes against property investigated last year, 36.2% were classified as solved. This figure was below the previous year's solvent rate of 38.3%.

Cases	Cleared
4,737	1,717
Cleared 36.2%	

Other Criminal Offenses

Of the 3,477 other criminal offenses investigated last year, 65.3% were classified as solved. This figure was below the previous year's solvent rate of 65.6%.

Cases	Cleared
3,477	2,270
Cleared 65.3%	

Local/National Clearance Rates

These clearance rates exceeded the 2014 FBI's Uniform Crime Report's clearance rates. National rates are taken from 2014 report due to the 2015 report will not be released until late summer.

	<u>Local</u>	<u>Nation</u>		<u>Local</u>	<u>Nation</u>
Persons	91%	47%	Property	36%	20%
• Murder	100%	65%	• Burglary	26%	14%
• Rape	81%	39%	• Larceny	41%	23%
• Robbery	75%	30%	• Auto Theft	42%	13%
• Assault/ Battery	93%	56%	• Arson	80%	22%

Arrests

During last year, there were 3,074 arrests, a decrease of 10% from the previous year. Of these arrests, 2,843 were adults and 231 were juveniles.

	2014	2015	+/-	%
Adults	3,155	2,843	-312	-9.9%
Juveniles	248	231	-17	-6.9%
Overall	3,403	3,074	-329	-9.7%

Calls For Service

Officers responded to 106,110 calls for service last year, a 13% decrease from the previous year's total of 121,384.

	2014	2015	+/-	%
Overall	121,384	106,110	-15,274	-12.6%
Dispatched	67,626	71,815	+4,189	+6.2%
Self-initiated	53,758	34,295	-19,463	-36.2%

Traffic Crashes

There were 4,719 traffic crashes investigated during last year, a 19% increase from the previous year's total.

	2014	2015	+/-	%
Crashes	3,969	4,719	+750	+18.9%

Administrative Investigations

The Professional Standards Division conducted 65 investigations last year, a 4.8% increase from the previous year's total of 62.

	Total	Sustained	Exonerated/ Unfounded/ not sustained	not timely filed/ not fit criteria
External	10	2	5	3
Internal	55	27	18	2

Eight internal investigations closed due to employee resignation



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The City of Lake Charles is geographically divided into crime reporting zones known as “police beats.” There are nineteen police beats from which crime data is extracted from and tabulated. The following illustrates the statistical data of these crime reporting zones for the year 2015. A map depicting these zones is located on the reverse side.

Crimes Against Persons

Police beat six recorded the highest number of crimes against persons as this beat had the most rapes, robberies and assault and batteries. Three beats, 7, 9, and 12, each recorded one murder offense.

BEAT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	2	0	2	1	6	2	2	4	3	2	3	1	4	3	1	1	1	5
Robbery	4	4	10	11	8	24	20	22	18	3	11	19	1	8	7	2	3	1	7
Assault/Battery	16	42	88	95	50	177	120	115	87	26	49	159	25	110	71	31	31	12	71
Totals	20	48	98	108	59	207	143	139	110	32	62	182	27	122	81	34	35	14	83

Crimes Against Property

Police beat six also recorded the most property crimes as this beat had the most burglaries and motor vehicle thefts. Beat 7 recorded the most larceny-thefts and beat 14, the most arson offenses.

BEAT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Burglary	20	36	90	87	98	226	126	128	114	48	94	151	68	87	63	26	36	14	114
Larceny-theft	43	52	111	126	149	317	366	235	220	73	161	211	87	156	116	41	105	25	293
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	7	16	10	6	33	26	13	17	3	8	21	3	22	12	4	3	0	13
Arson	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	65	95	218	223	253	577	518	376	351	124	264	383	158	267	191	71	144	39	420

Other Criminal Offenses

Again, police beat six recorded the most offenses in this classification.

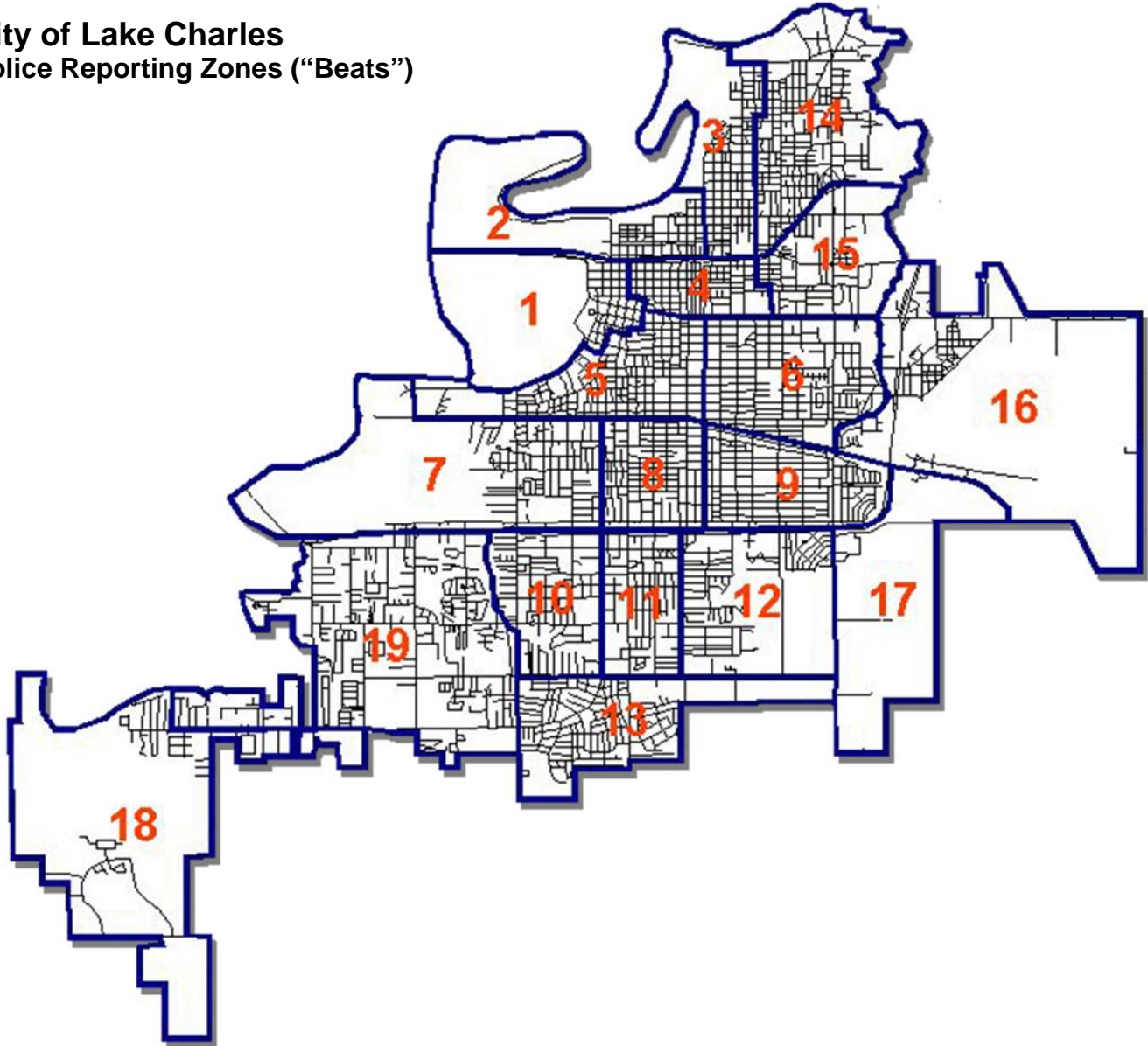
BEAT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Totals	62	88	117	238	141	426	367	315	222	95	140	307	96	252	187	55	91	15	263

Overall Criminal Offenses

Overall, police beat six recorded the highest number of criminal offenses.

BEAT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Grand Totals	147	231	433	569	453	1210	1028	830	683	251	466	872	281	641	459	160	270	68	766

**City of Lake Charles
Police Reporting Zones (“Beats”)**



Beat	North Boundary	East Boundary	South Boundary	West Boundary
1	1-10	Hodges/Ford Sts	Clarence Street	Lake Charles
2	City Limits	N 1st Avenue	I-10	City Limits
3	City Limits	N Prater Street	I-10	N 1st Avenue
4	I-10	Cherry/Prater Sts	Broad Street	Hodges Street
5	Broad/Clarence Sts	1st Avenue	12th/Sallier Sts	City Limits
6	Broad Street	Kayouchee Coulee	UP Railroad	1st Avenue
7	Sallier/12th Sts	Ryan Street	I-210	City Limits
8	12th Street	1st Avenue	I-210	Ryan Street
9	UP Railroad	I-210	I-210	1st Avenue
10	I-210	Ryan Street	McNeese Street	Contraband Bayou/Lake Street
11	I-210	Louisiana Avenue	McNeese Street	Ryan Street
12	I-210	Highway 14	McNeese Street	Louisiana Avenue
13	McNeese Street	Highway 14	City Limits	Lake Street
14	City Limits	City Limits	I-10	N Prater Street
15	I-10	City Limits	Broad Street	Cherry/Prater Streets
16	City Limits	City Limits	City Limits	I-210
17	UP Railroad	City Limits	City Limits	Highway 14
18	City Limits	City Limits	City Limits	City Limits
19	I-210	Lake Street	City Limits	City Limits