

# Lake Charles Police Department

# ANNUAL CRIME REPORT 2016

**A statistical analysis on crime in Lake Charles**



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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

The Lake Charles Police Department Investigated 10,341 overall criminal offenses (felonious and misdemeanor) during 2016. This overall total was 5.3% higher than the previous year's total.

2015	2016
9,818	10,341
<b>Up 5.3%</b>	

### Crimes Against Persons

Within the overall offenses investigated, 18% were classified as crimes against persons. There were 1,871 of these violent crimes reported last year resulting in a 16.6% increase from the year 2015.

2015	2016
1,604	1,871
<b>Up 16.6%</b>	

### Crimes Against Property

During last year, 4,826 crimes against property were recorded representing 46% of the overall crimes investigated. These property crimes revealed a 1.9% increase from the previous year.

2015	2016
4,737	4,826
<b>Up 1.9%</b>	

### Other Criminal Offenses

Thirty-eight percent of the overall crimes reported last year were other criminal offenses. Officers with the LCPD investigated 3,644 of these offenses which was 4.8% higher than the year 2015.

2015	2016
3,477	3,644
<b>Up 4.8%</b>	

### Major Crimes By The Numbers

	2015	2016	%		2015	2016	%
Murder	3	10	+233%	Burglary	1626	1639	+0.8%
Rape	43	44	+2.3%	Larceny	2887	2959	+2.5%
Robbery	183	174	- 4.9%	Auto Theft	219	225	+2.7%
Assault/Battery	1375	1643	+19.5%	Arson	5	3	-40%

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

The Lake Charles Police Department cleared 58.4% of the overall offenses investigated during the year 2016. This figure was above the previous year's solvent rate of 55.4%.

Cases	Cleared
10,341	6,041
<b>Cleared 58.4%</b>	

### Crimes Against Persons

With the crimes against persons committed last year, 92.7% of these violent crimes were classified as solved. This solvent rate was higher than the previous year's rate of 90.8%.

Cases	Cleared
1,871	1,735
<b>Cleared 92.7%</b>	

### Crimes Against Property

With the crimes against property investigated last year, 40.3% were classified as solved. This figure was once again higher than the previous years clearance rate which was 36.2%.

Cases	Cleared
4,826	1,943
<b>Cleared 40.3%</b>	

### Other Criminal Offenses

The clearance rate for other criminal offenses during last year was 64.8%, slightly below the previous year's solvent rate of 65.3%.

Cases	Cleared
3,644	2,363
<b>Cleared 64.8%</b>	

### Local/National Clearance Rates

These clearance rates exceeded the 2015 FBI Uniform Crime Report's clearance rates. National rates are taken from the 2015 report due to the fact that the 2016 report will not be released until late summer of 2017.

	Local	Nation		Local	Nation
Persons	92.7%	46%	Property	40.3%	19.4%
• Murder	100%	61.5%	• Burglary	29%	12.9%
• Rape	77.3%	37.8%	• Larceny	45.6%	21.9%
• Robbery	78.2%	29.3%	• Auto Theft	50.7%	13.1%
• Assault/ Battery	94.6%	54%	• Arson	100%	20.4%

## Arrests

There were 3,092 arrests last year, an increase of 0.6% from the previous year. Adult arrests increased while juvenile arrests decreased.

	2015	2016	%
Adults	2,843	2,871	+1%
Juveniles	231	221	-4.3%
Overall	3,074	3,092	+0.6%

## Calls For Service

Officers with the LCPD responded to 130,060 calls for service last year, a 22.6% increase from the previous year's total calls.

	2015	2016	%
Overall	106,110	130,060	+22.6%
Dispatched	71,815	73,967	+3%
Self-Initiated	24,295	56,093	+63.6%

## Traffic Crashes

There were 4,677 total traffic crashes last year, 0.9% less than the previous year's total of 4,719.

	2015	2016	%
Crashes	4,719	4,677	-0.9%

## Administrative Investigations

Sixty-eight administrative investigations last year were conducted, 4.6% higher than the 65 investigated the previous year.

	Total	Sustained	Exonerated/ Unfounded/ not sustained	not timely filed/ not fit criteria
External	17	2	3	12
Internal	51	45	5	1

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 2016. A map depicting these zones is located on the reverse side.

### Crimes Against Persons

BEAT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Murder	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
Rape	0	2	2	2	4	1	7	2	2	0	1	4	0	3	5	3	1	0	6
Robbery	2	7	6	13	2	17	17	15	22	1	10	20	0	16	8	2	8	0	8
Assault/Battery	19	35	109	101	60	218	158	122	106	40	63	172	40	139	99	22	26	16	98
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>113</b>

Police beat six recorded the highest number of overall crimes against persons. Police beat two recorded the most homicides; police beat 7, the most rapes; police beat 9, the most robberies; and police beat 6 with the most assault and batteries.

### Crimes Against Property

BEAT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Burglary	23	27	99	75	105	189	125	170	143	43	115	169	31	139	46	20	23	6	91
Larceny-theft	43	41	116	121	177	288	340	285	271	71	182	224	63	201	97	31	132	15	261
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	2	14	10	10	23	13	28	15	8	12	15	6	25	12	5	5	3	16
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>368</b>

Police beat six also recorded the greatest number of property crimes, including burglaries. Police beat 7 had the most larceny-thefts; police beat 8 with the most motor vehicle thefts; and police beats 9, 13, and 15 had the most arson offenses.

### Other Criminal Offenses

BEAT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>Totals</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>271</b>

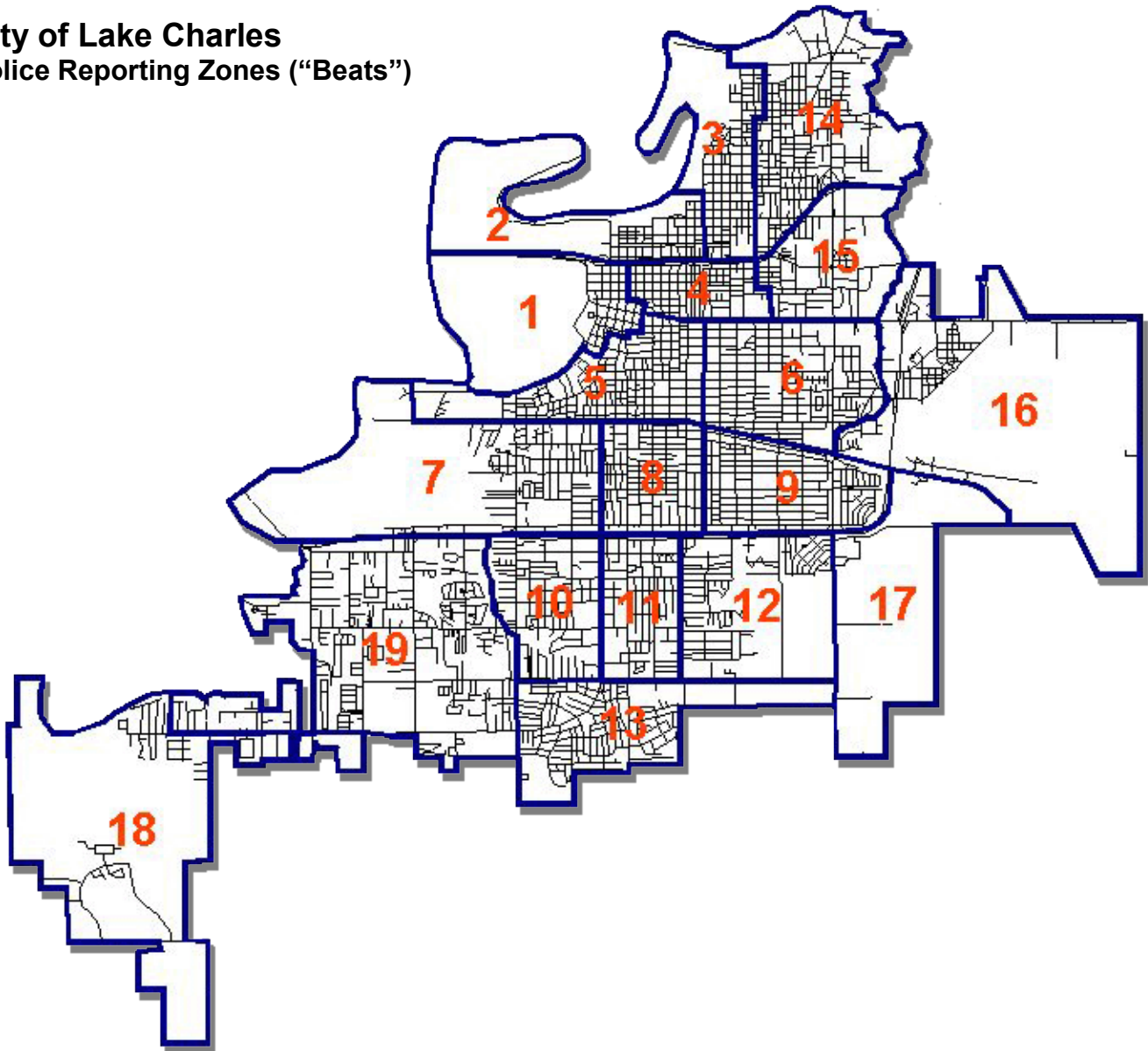
Again, police beat six also recorded the most offenses in this classification.

### Overall Criminal Offenses

BEAT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>1114</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>811</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>752</b>

Police beat six recorded the highest number of overall criminal offenses.

**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