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2019 Youth Services Annual Report

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Decreased by 12.4%. In 2019 - 445 youths were involved in violent crimes with 205 of those youths charged and 53.9% received an extrajudicial measure.

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Property Crime



Decreased by 21.4%. In 2019 - 370 youths were involved in property crime with 87 of those youths charged and 76.4% received an extrajudicial measure.

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Drug Offences

Decreased by 34.5%. In 2019 – 91 youths were involved in drug offences

- 27.4% or 25 of the 91 youth were charged under the Controlled Drug Substance Act – with 1 extrajudicial measure
- 2.1% or 2 of the 91 youth were charged under the Federal Cannabis Control Act, 2017 (more than 5 grams) - with 11 youth extrajudicial measures.
- 57.1% or 52 of the 91 youth were charged under the Provincial Cannabis Control Act, 2017 (less than 5 grams) and received Provincial Offence Notices.



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Demographics

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Youth Criminal Justice Act

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Violent Crimes

Increased by 6.7%. In 2018 - 508 youths were involved in violent crimes with 220 of those youths charged and 56.7% were dealt with through an extrajudicial measure. In 2017 – 473 youths were involved in violent crimes

Property Crimes

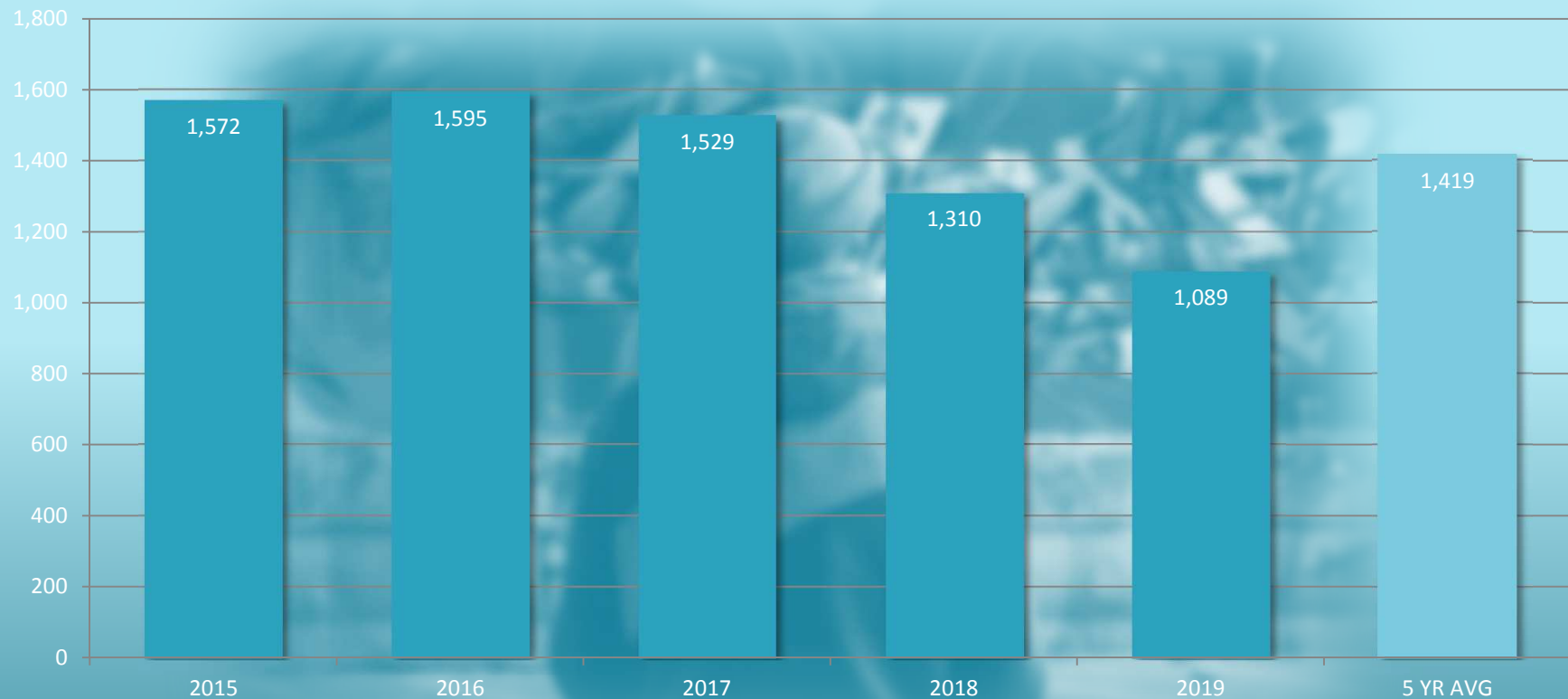
Decreased by 19.3%. In 2018 - 471 youths were involved in property crime with 123 of those youths charged and 73.9% were dealt with through an extrajudicial measure. In 2017 – 584 youths were involved in property crimes.

Drug Offences

Decreased by 27.9%. In 2018 – 129 youths were involved in drug offences with 19 of those youths charged and 85.3% of the youth involved were dealt with through an extrajudicial measure. In 2017 – 179 youths were involved in drug offences.

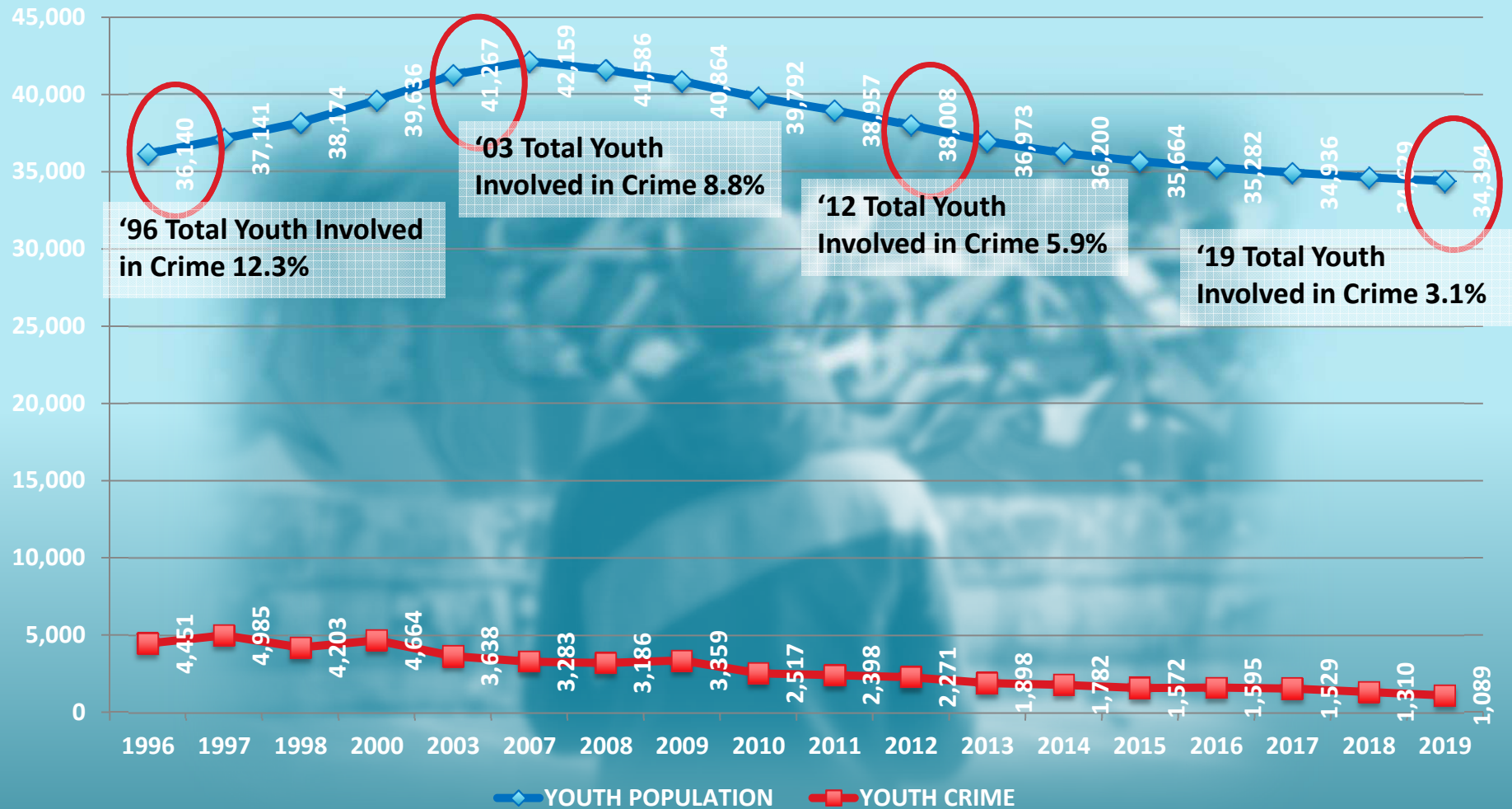
Total Youth Involved in Crime

Total Youth Involved In Crime 2015 - 2019 (Ages 12 - 17)



Youth involved in crime decreased from 1,310 in 2018 to 1,089 in 2019.
A decrease of 16.8% compared to the national decrease of 10%.

Youth Population vs Total Youth Involved in Crime



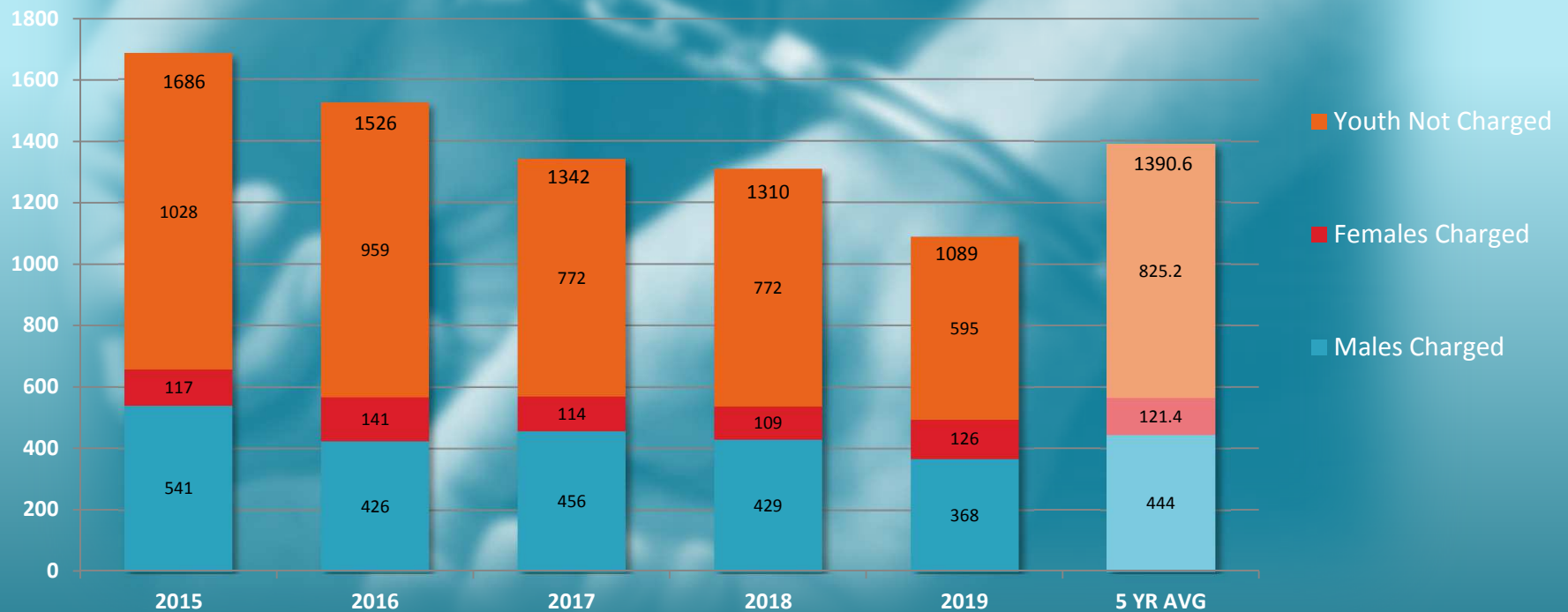
The Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA) is a Canadian statute, which came into effect on April 1, 2003

Total Number of Youth Charged and Not Charged

In 2019, 1,089 youths were involved in crime with 494 charged (2.2%) - 368 males and 126 females.

In 2018, 1,310 youths were involved in crime with 538 charged (2.4%) - 429 males and 109 females.

**Total Youth Charged and Not Charged
2015 - 2019 (Ages 12 - 17)**



Youth Crime by Offence - 15 Offences that constituted 86% youth crime

	Offence	Males Charged	Females Charged	Not Charged (%)	Total 2018 - 2019	Percentage Increase/Decrease 2018 - 2019
1	Assault – Level One	23	34	107 (65.2%)	216 / 164	-24.0%
2	Shoplifting \$5000 or under	0	3	119 (97.5%)	187 / 122	-34.6%
3	Mischief	7	2	72 (88.8%)	96 / 81	-15.6%
4	Bail Violations	38	28	4 (5.7%)	71 / 70	-1.4%
5	Utter Threats	13	1	54 (79.4%)	44 / 68	+54.5%
6	Possession of Cannabis	2 Federal	0	11 (88.6%)	115 / 65 2 Federal 52 Provincial	-43.4%
7	Assault Level Two	33	9	23 (33.3%)	77 / 65	-15.5%
8	Robbery	50	5	9 (14.0%)	84 / 64	-23.8%
9	Break and Enter	24	0	20 (45.4%)	44 / 44	0%
10	Theft Under \$5000.00	3	3	36 (85.7%)	61 / 42	-31.1%
11	Sexual Assault	17	1	21 (53.8%)	38 / 39	+2.6%
12	Probation Violations	20	12	6 (15.7%)	37 / 38	+2.7%
13	Failure to Attend Court	19	5	0 (0.0%)	41 / 24	-41.4%
14	Possession of Weapons	8	1	12 (57.1%)	7 / 21	+200%
15	Theft of Motor Vehicle	10	4	7 (33.3%)	20 / 21	+5.0%

Youth Involved in Crime

Youth involved in crime decreased by 16.8% and is above the National decrease of 10%.

Youth involvement with violent crime decreased by 12.4%.

Youth involvement with property crime decreased by 21.4%.

	2018	2019	Percentage Increase/Decrease
Total Youth Involved in Crime	1,310	1,089	-16.8%
Total Youth Charged and Not Charged			
Males Charged	429	368	-14.2%
Females Charged	109	126	+15.6%
Not Charged	772	595	-22.9%
Violent Crime			
Males Charged	177	154	-12.9%
Females Charged	43	51	+18.6%
Not Charged	288	240	-16.6%
Total	508	445	-12.4%
Property Crime			
Males Charged	100	70	-30.0%
Females Charged	23	17	-26.0%
Not Charged	348	283	-18.6%
Total	471	370	-21.4%

Youth Involved in Crime

In 2019, 91 youths were involved in drug related offences, a decrease of 34.5% compared to 139 youths in 2018.

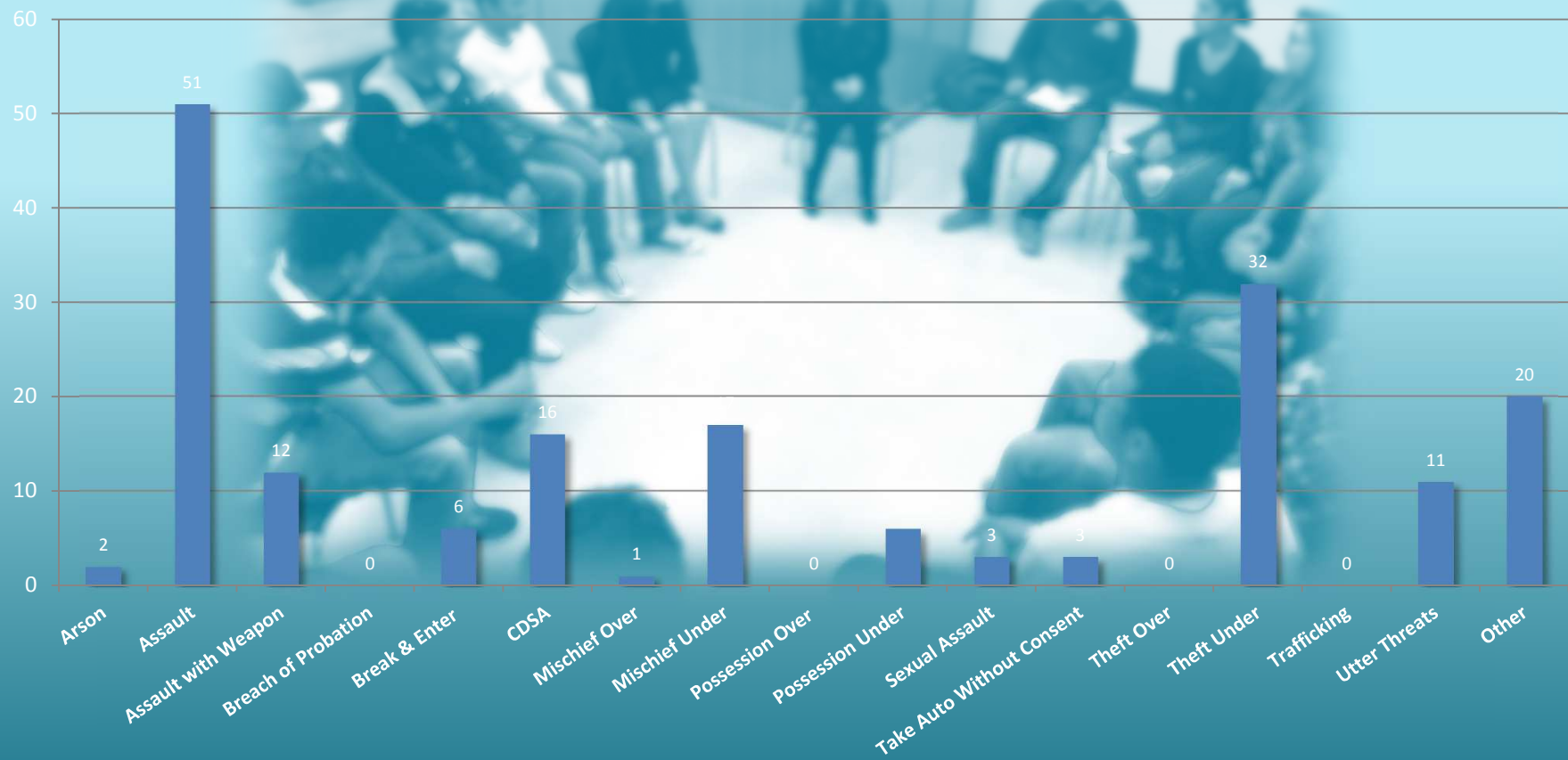
The 1,089 total youth involved in crime, 8.3% were drug related offences resulting in 79 charges and 12.1% extrajudicial measures.

Youth Involvement in Drug Offences	2018	2019	Percentage Increase/Decrease
Controlled Drug Substance Act – C.D.S.A.			
Males Charged	14	23	+64.2%
Females Charged	5	2	-60.0%
Not Charged	106	1	-99.0%
Total	125	26	-79.2%
Cannabis Control Act, 2017 – Federal Cannabis Act (Post October 17th, 2018)			
Males Charged	0	2	+2.0%
Females Charged	0	0	0%
Not Charged	4	11	+175%
Total	4	13	+225%
Provincial Cannabis Act, 2017 (Post October 17th, 2018)			
Total Provincial Offence Notices Issued	10	52	+420%
Totality of all Drug Related Offences	139	91	-34.5%

2019 Diversions by Offence

In 2019, the John Howard Society received 167 Youth Extrajudicial Diversion referrals from the Hamilton Police Service with an 88.0% completion rate.

An increase of 52.2% in referrals compared to the 109 completed in 2018.



Strategic Targeted Offender Program (S.T.O.P.)

The STOP Program is specifically directed at High Risk Youth charged formally and whom are not abiding by conditions of release.



- ✓ The program is a way for officers to check and ensure they are compliant with the court imposed conditions
- ✓ Identified by the Divisional Youth Officers
- ✓ Maximum 25 Youth per Division

Strategic Targeted Offender Program (S.T.O.P.)

2019 Strategic Targeted Offender Program (S.T.O.P.)

Division	Number of STOP Targets	Number of STOP checks	Targets Arrested As Result of STOP Checks	Targets Arrested Outside of STOP Checks	Total
Division 1	9 avg. per month	51	2	10	12
Division 2	16 avg. per month	410	10	24	34
Division 3	24 avg. per month	315	4	18	22
TOTALS	16 avg. per month	776	16	52	68

2018: 799 STOP Checks, 68 Total Arrests

In 2019, a total of 776 S.T.O.P. checks were conducted resulting in 68 arrests.

Hamilton Youth Drug Diversion Program (HYDDP)

In support of the Hamilton Police Service goal of reducing the availability and use of illegal drugs, the School Liaison and Divisional Youth Officers, Crime Managers and High Enforcement Action Team (H.E.A.T.) attended secondary schools to conduct drug and safety sweeps.

If a youth in contravention of the Controlled Drug Substance Act or the Cannabis Control Act and qualified, an Extrajudicial Measures referral was forwarded to The John Howard Society

2019 - Drug and Safety Sweeps

Division	Sweeps	Number Arrested	Persons Charged	Pre-Charge Diversion	Police Cautions	Marijuana Seized (grams)	Other Drugs Seized	Drug Items Seized	Weapons Seized
One	7	6	1	5	0	23.2	4	5	0
Two	47	5	7	0	7	182.6	21	3	2
Three	3	1	2	0	2	5.2	0	1	0
Totals	57	12	10	5	9	211	25	9	2

2018: 41 Sweeps, 30 Arrests, 2 Charged, 4 Diversions, 40 Cautions

School Liaison, Community and Divisional Youth Officers

The Community Service, School Liaison and Divisional Youth Officers provided presentations within our elementary and secondary schools on subjects including personal safety, social media, human trafficking, internet safety, bullying, vaping and cyber-bullying.



	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Totals
Number of Schools	33	55	108	196
Community Service Officers	1	1	3	5
Elementary School	23	48	87	158
School Liaison Officers	2	2	2	6
Secondary Schools	10	7	21	38
Divisional Youth Officers	Officers Above	2	1	3
Presentations	140	101	214	448
School Visits	678	801	1,017	2,496
Meetings	64	278	173	515
Investigations	235	307	296	838
Informal Restorative Justice	57	10	20	87
Formal Restorative Justice	7	0	2	9
School Lockdown Drills	15	72	111	198
Days Seconded - Patrol/Other Duties	39.5	22	42	103.5

Community Service, School Liaison and Divisional Youth Officers

The Community Service, School Liaison and Divisional Youth Officers continued working in partnership with Front Line Officers, the Crime Prevention Unit, Investigative Services and their designated schools to address youth prevention and intervention initiatives.

Of the 559 serious violation youth calls for service, 190 or 34% were school related in all three divisions.

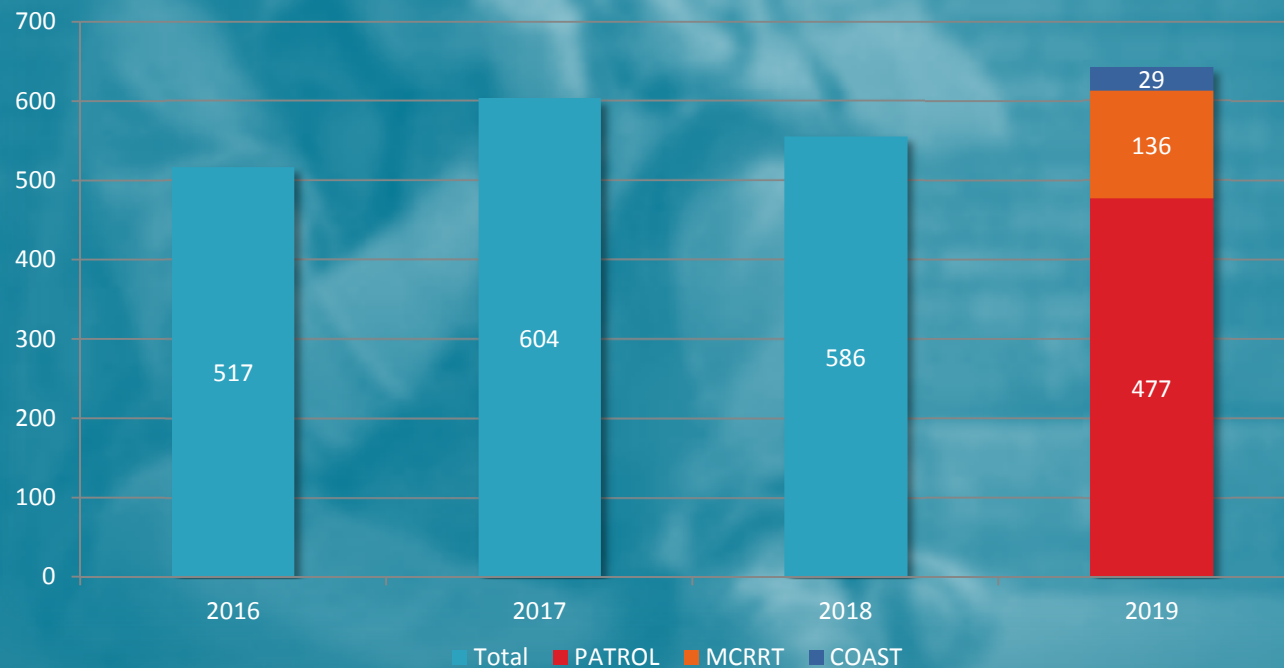
Youth Occurrence	Youth Calls for Service	School Related	Div. 1	Div.2	Div. 3
Assaults (Level 1, Aggravated, Weapons)	239	90 (38%)	11	27	52
Homicide (Murder, Manslaughter)	4	1 (25%)	0	1	0
Possession of Weapons	24	16 (67%)	3	1	12
Uttering Threats / Harassment Harassing Communications	88	47 (53%)	9	10	28
Robbery	72	11 (15%)	4	4	3
Mischief	85	16 (19%)	3	5	8
Theft Under	47	9 (19%)	1	3	5
Total	559	190 (34%)	31	51	108

Youth in Crisis – Calls For Service (2016 – 2019)

In 2019, The Hamilton Police Service responded to 350 youths for a Mental Health or Person in Crisis service call, a decrease of 401 youth in 2018 or 12.7%.

Of the 350 individuals, 151 were male, 197 were female and 2 identified as other.

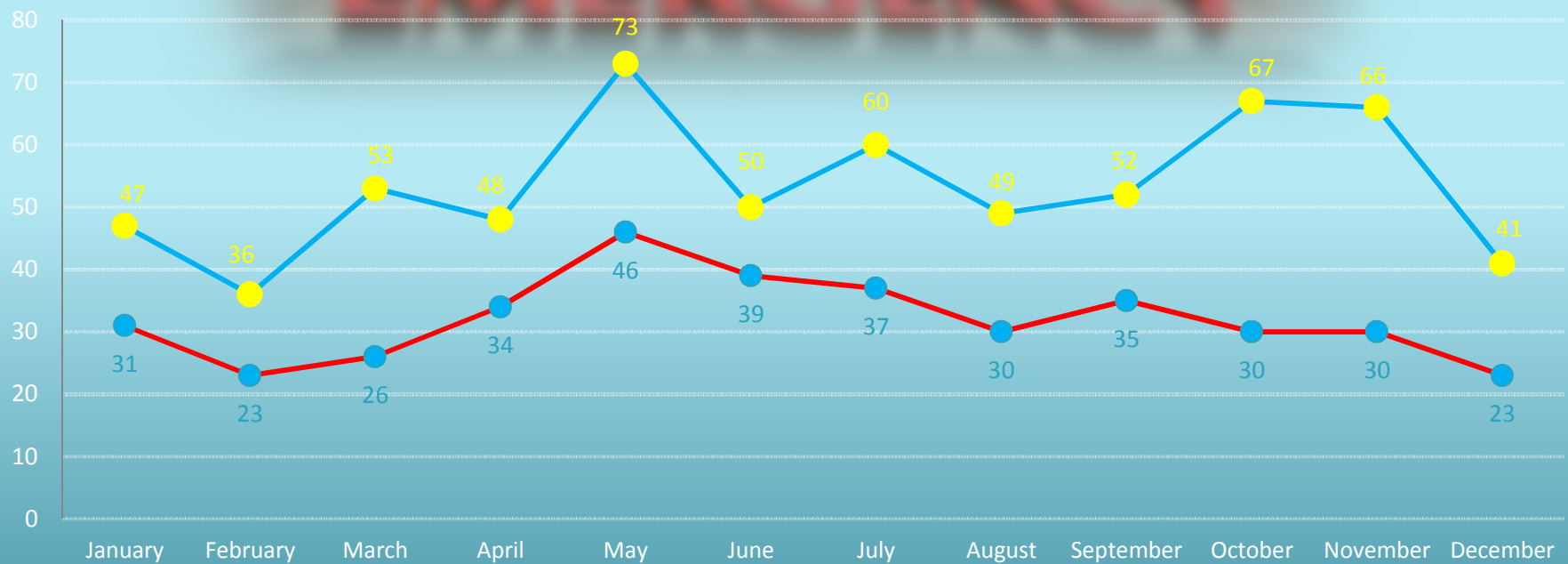
101 of the 350 youth accessed calls for service more than once, an increase of 57.8% or 64 youth from 2018.



Youth in Crisis – Calls For Service (2016 – 2019)

In 2019, a total of 642 calls for service occurred versus 586 calls in 2018, an increase of 9.5%.

As a result in service calls, 384 youth were apprehended under the Mental Health Act, an increase of 16.0% compared to 331 apprehensions in 2018.



● Calls for Service ● Apprehensions

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Calls</u>	<u>Apprehensions</u>
Patrol	477	314
MCCRT	136	70
COAST	29	0
TOTAL:	642	384



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