

St Albert Municipal Detachment - 2024 Crime Severity Index

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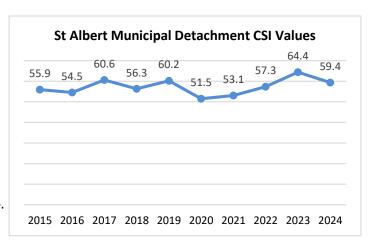
On July 22, 2025 Statistics Canada released their annual report *Police-reported crime statistics in Canada, 2024*. One portion of this report contained the caclulated CSI values for 2024, as well as revised values for 2023.

CSI Values

The St Albert Municipal Detachment's 2024 CSI value is 59.4. This is a decrease of 7.8% when compared to the newly revised 2023 CSI value of 64.4.

The overall CSI in Alberta for 2024 was 95.6, a 9% decrease when compared to 2023.

The chart to the right shows the CSI values for the St Albert Municipal Detachment from 2015 to 2024.



Main Contributors and Drivers to CSI

The table below contains the top 10 contributors to the St Albert Municipal Detachment's CSI in 2024.

Top 10 Contributors to CSI - 2024			
Crime Category	% of CSI	# of Offences	
Break & Enter	14.3%	174	
Fraud	14.3%	408	
Theft Under \$5,000	12.1%	1,034	
Assault	7.6%	366	
Mischief To Property	7.4%	682	
Other Criminal Code Offences	5.7%	314	
Theft of Motor Vehicle	5.4%	174	
Drug Enforcement - Trafficking	5.4%	47	
Other Sexual Offences	3.9%	32	
Homicides	3.3%	1	
Total for Top Ten	79.4%	3,232	

Top 3 Drivers to CSI Decrease from 2023 to 2024			
Crime Category	CSI Change	Offence Diff	
Break & Enter	-4.7	-91	
Sexual Assaults	-1.0	-15	
Possession of Stolen Goods	-1.0	-42	

In 2024 Break & Enter Offences accounted for 14.3% of the St Albert Municipal Detachment's CSI.

The top ten CSI contributors, listed in the table to the left accounted for a combined total of 79.4% of the St Albert Municipal Detachment's CSI.

The largest driver to the decrease in CSI from 2023 to 2024 was a decrease in Break & Enter offences. There were 91 less in 2024 than in 2023. This caused a CSI decrease of 4.7 points.

The top 3 drivers to the decrease in CSI, as well as the top 2 increases can be found in the tables below.

Top 2 CSI Increases from 2023 to 2024			
Crime Category	CSI	Offence	
	Change	Diff	
Homicides	2.0	1	
Fraud	0.9	45	

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What is the Crime Severity Index (CSI)?

The CSI tracks changes in the severity of police-reported crime by accounting for both the amount of crime reported by police in a given jurisdiction, as well as the relative seriousness of these crimes. It tells not only how much crime is coming to the attention of police, but also how serious that crime is.

By design, the specific CSI value in a given jurisdiction depends on its mix of crimes and their relative seriousness. If a jurisdiction has a high proportion of less serious (and therefore lower weighted) offences, it will have a lower CSI value. Conversely, a jurisdiction with a high proportion of more serious crimes will have a higher CSI value. The base line for measurement of the CSI is 100.

Detachments with a population close to or less than 5,000 should compare CSI rates with caution (both previous year's rates for their own jurisdiction and with other detachments). The lower the population in a jurisdiction, the more easily a CSI value can be influenced by offences that are more serious in nature. Because of this, CSI values are not calculated by Statistics Canada for jurisdictions with populations of 1,000 or less.

What is used to Calculate the CSI?

Only Criminal Code occurrences that are submitted to the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics (CCJS) are used in the calculation of CSI values. Of those occurrences, only the most serious offence (Line 1 of the UCR scoring) is taken into account. For example, if there is an occurrence that involved a Break & Enter, an Assault, and a Theft of Motor Vehicle, only the Assault would be counted towards the CSI calculation.

Each type of offence is assigned a "weight" to reflect its general severity. The total of all of the weights for a given jurisdiction are then calculated against the population for that area in order to come up with the CSI. The lower the population, the more influence the weights have on the final value.

Notes

Since the CSI is calculated using only Line 1 of UCR scoring of occurrences that are submitted to CCJS, any offence counts that are presented in this report will differ from other crime statistics reports by the Strategic Analysis and Research Unit.

The Crime Categories presented in this report contain numerous individual offences, each of which can have different weightings. Due to this, there can actually be a decrease in the total number of offences in a category but still an increase in that category's CSI contribution (or vice versa).

Statistics Canada uses population estimates to calculate CSI values. These estimates are updated every year. This is why there is a revised 2023 CSI value. When the 2025 CSI values are released in July 2026 there will also be revised 2024 values released.

Should there be any further questions regarding CSI values or trends, please contact RCMP "K" Division's Strategic Analysis and Research Unit.

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