



PARSONS POLICE DEPARTMENT

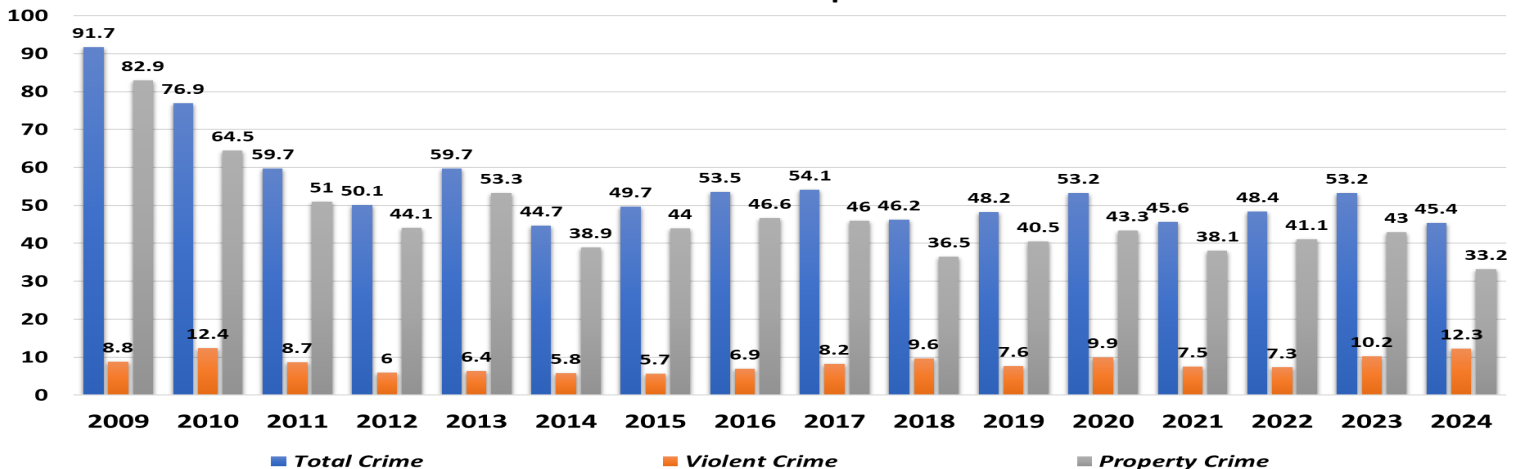
2024 CRIME CLOCK



Offense	Number	Rate* 1 Every
Total Arrest	882	9 hours 55 minutes
Felony Arrest	149	58 hours 47 minutes
Misdemeanor Arrest	728	12 hours 2 minutes
Domestic Violence Cases	145	60 hours 25 minutes
Vehicle Crashes	150	58 hours 24 minutes

Offense	Number	Rate* 1 every
Total Police Workload	28,371	19 minutes
Total Case Reports	2,002	4 hours 22 minutes
Total NIBRS Crime Index	422	20 hours 45 minutes
Felony/ Violent Crimes	114	3 days 4 hours
Property Crimes	308	28 hours 26 minutes
Murders	1	365 days
Rape	6	60 days
Robbery	8	45 days
Aggravated Assault/Battery	99	3 days 15 hours
Burglary	56	6 days 10 hours
Theft	241	36 hours 21 minutes
Motor Vehicle Theft	11	32 days 17 hours
Arson	2	180 days

16 Year Crime Trend Per Capita in Parsons



Actual Crime vs. Crime Rate

Currently, **Parsons is the 37th largest community** in Kansas, but the **58th Largest Law enforcement agency based on population**. The last couple of years there has been a drop in the resident population even as the City has seen growth in economic growth.

As resident population shrinks even as employment grows and the city has more people working in the city, that can have an impact on the City's statistical crime per capita numbers.

So while the **per capita crime** rate for Parsons is listed as (2024 KBI-NIBRS Report):

	Rate	Total	Rank
Total UCR Crime Rate:	45.4	422	7th in State
Property Crime Rate:	33.2	308	12th in State
Violent Crime Rate:	12.3	114	2nd in State

However, when you look at actual numbers of crimes committed then you get a different perspective:

	Total	Rank
Total UCR		
Crime Reported:	422	23rd in State
Total Property		
Crime Reported:	308	25th in State
Total Violent		
Crime Reported:	114	16th in State

Crime prevention involves much more than mere random patrolling by the police. Crime is affected by:

- Poverty
- Lack of Adult Role Models
- Limited Educational Opportunities
- Broken Families
- Lack of Safety Nets (family, friends, faith)
- Parental Criminality
- Neglect and Family Violence

Police do prevent some crime and interdict some criminal behaviors. Over 70% of all policing arrests arise with a traffic stop as a trigger to wanted persons, evidence of other crimes, illegal drugs, etc. There are no simple answers without community investment, community involvement and community ownership in building that All American Community one step at a time.

Rank By Crime Total	City	Actual UCR Total
1	Wichita PD	21,622
2	Kansas City PD	7,367
3	Topeka PD	5,610
4	Overland Park PD	3,980
5	Lawrence PD	2,545
6	Olathe PD	1,763
7	Shawnee PD	1,401
8	Salina PD	1,359
9	Riley County PD	1,216
10	Leavenworth PD	1,165
11	Hutchinson PD	1,052
12	Lenexa PD	948
13	Pittsburg PD	804
14	Sedgwick County Sheriff	792
15	Garden City PD	727
16	Merriam PD	673
17	Junction City PD	657
18	Emporia PD	636
19	Shawnee County Sheriff	585
20	Leawood PD	549
21	Mission PD	514
22	Newton PD	436
23	Parsons PD	422
24	Winfield PD	379
25	Dodge City PD	377
26	Hays PD	351
27	Liberal PD	330
28	Independence PD	324
29	Arkansas City PD	299
30	Coffeyville PD	269

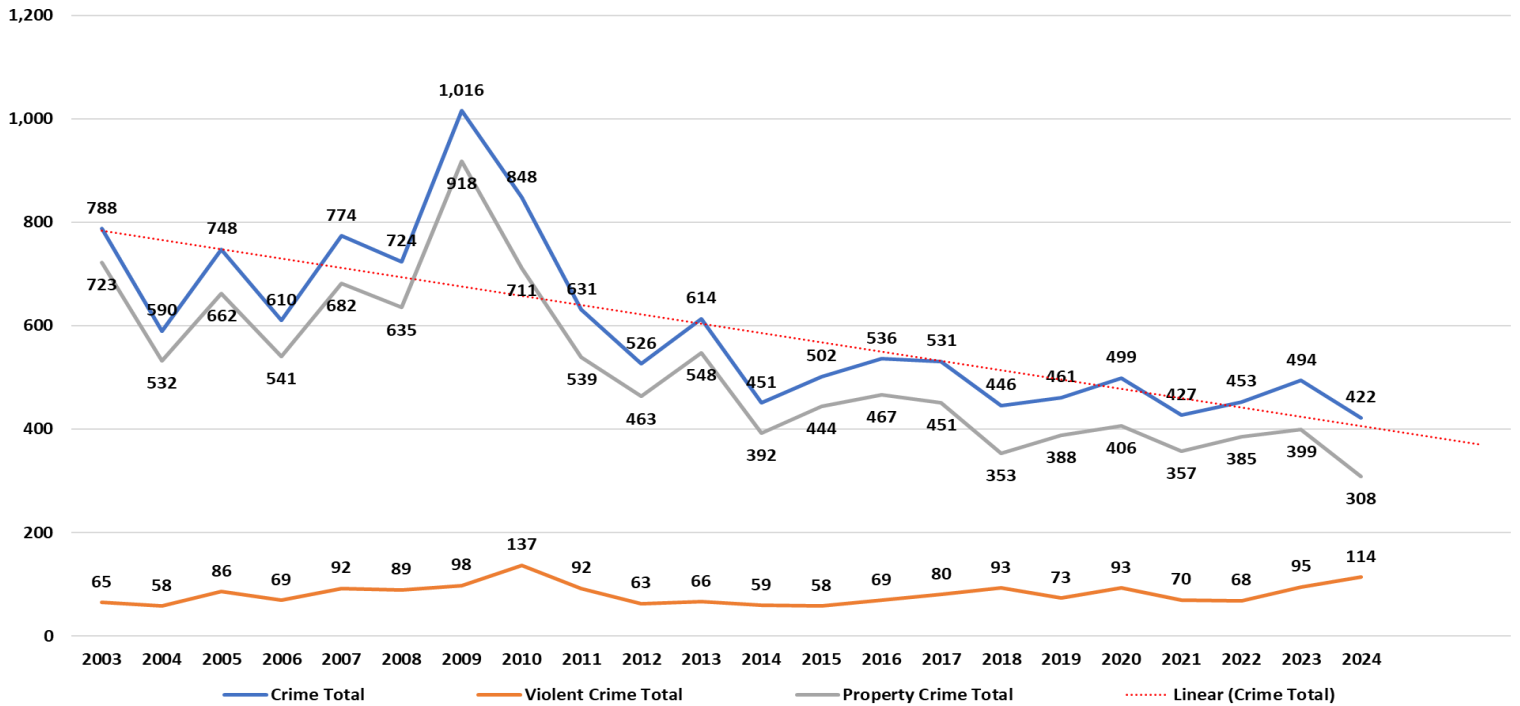


UCR CRIME TRENDS

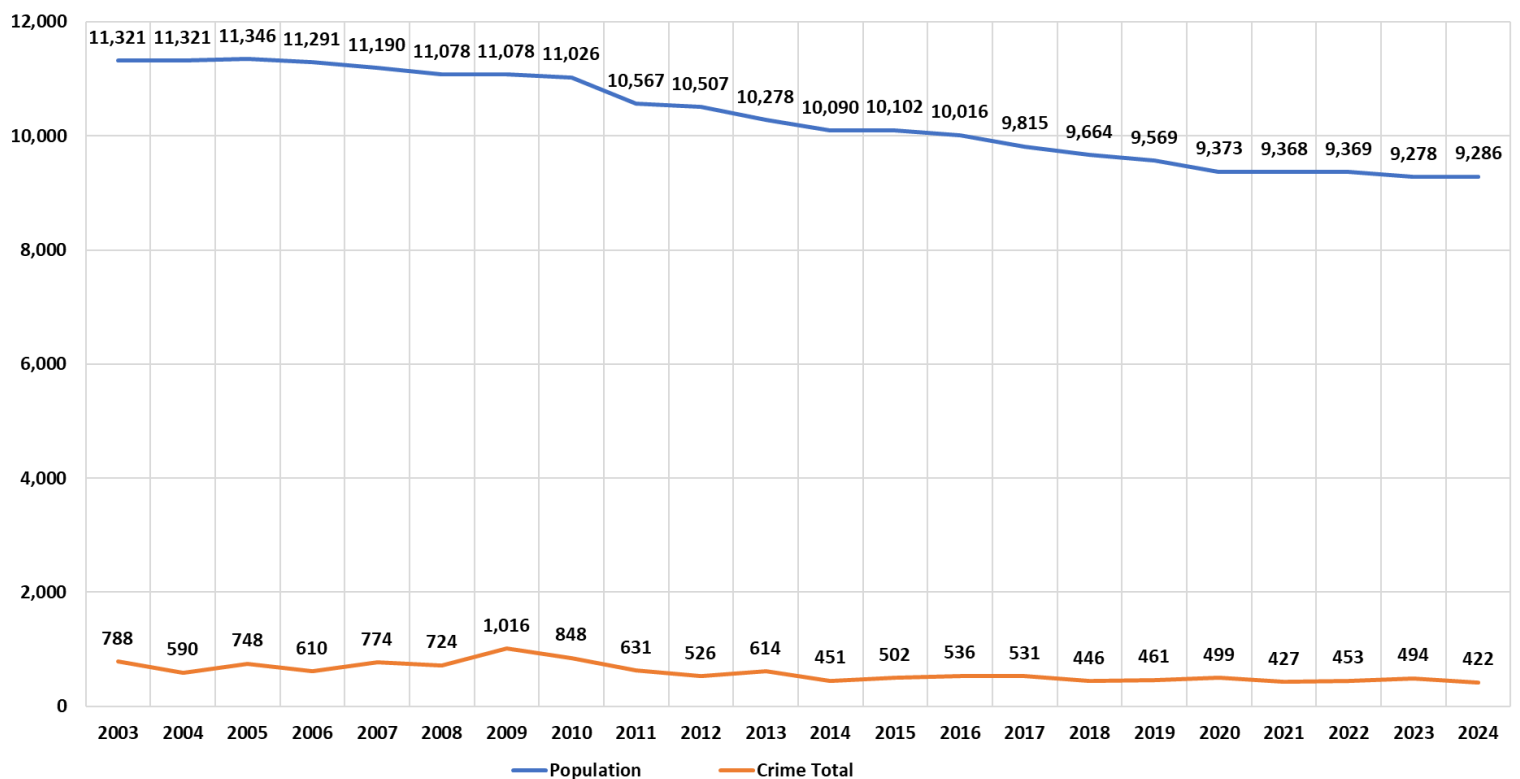
2003-2024



PARSONS CRIME RATE BY ACTUAL CRIME 2003-2024



Parsons Population vs. Crime 2003-2024





BE THE “SOUL-UTION”

Take a Proactive Stance On Crime Prevention



Community Safety & Domestic Violence Prevention: A Shared Responsibility

In 2024, the Parsons Police Department continued to emphasize the importance of proactive community engagement in crime prevention, with a strong focus on domestic violence awareness and intervention. Our guiding philosophy, “**See It, Hear It, Report It,**” remains a call to action for every citizen to play a role in creating a safer, more resilient Parsons.

Domestic violence remains one of the most significant public safety concerns in our community. In fact, **nearly one-third of all violent crime in the City of Parsons stems from felony domestic violence cases.** These crimes often occur behind closed doors, making early detection and community support critical to prevention. The police alone cannot combat this issue—we rely on our residents, neighborhoods, and community partners to help identify signs of abuse and connect those in need with life-saving resources.

Preventing domestic violence requires a community-wide commitment. Faith-based organizations, counseling services, shelters, and concerned individuals all serve as vital lifelines for those living in dangerous or unstable home environments. If you know someone who is struggling, encourage them to seek help. Your voice may be the first step in breaking the cycle.

If you or someone you know is struggling with domestic abuse please call the Parsons Police Departments Domestic Violence Unit at (620) 421-7060 and speak to Cyprus or Detective Adamson. You can also contact the **National Domestic Violence Hotline** at 1-800-799-7233 or Text “START” to 88788 or visit www.thehotline.org

Building a Safer Parsons Together

While domestic violence remains a serious challenge, the principles of crime prevention apply broadly across our community. Most crimes of opportunity can be reduced—or prevented entirely—by taking simple, proactive measures to avoid vulnerability. In 2024, the Parsons Police Department continued to educate the public on how to safeguard their homes, vehicles, and neighborhoods. We encourage every resident to practice the following safety habits:

- Always lock your doors—at home and in your vehicle.
- Use security and motion-sensor lighting around your property.
- Remove valuables from vehicles, especially overnight.
- Dispose of packaging for high-value purchases *on trash day only*.
- Maintain records (including serial numbers) for valuable items.
- Install security cameras and alarm systems when possible.
- Know your neighbors and watch out for each other.
- Report suspicious activity immediately—“**See It, Hear It, Report It**”



Looking Ahead

As we reflect on 2024, we remain steadfast in our mission to reduce domestic violence, protect the vulnerable, and foster a culture of safety throughout Parsons. True prevention starts with awareness, continues with community action, and ends with intervention when necessary. With your continued support, we will keep working toward a safer, stronger future.



2023-2024

Parsons Crime Analysis Summary

Overview

This summary outlines key findings from the crime data analysis comparing 2023 and 2024 in Parsons, Kansas. The report uses official incident data and maps to evaluate changes in crime across the city's wards and highlights emerging trends and hotspot locations.

Citywide Trends

Parsons saw a 24% overall reduction in crime from 2023 to 2024, with total incidents dropping from 1,880 to 1,436. Despite the decline, crime remained concentrated around the Walmart Supercenter (3201 N 16th St) and downtown Parsons (Main St & Central Ave).

Top Crime Locations

The top crime hotspot in both years was the Walmart on N 16th Street, with 92 incidents in 2023 and 75 in 2024. The Parsons Police Department address was the second highest each year due to incident reporting. Several residential complexes and businesses showed high activity in 2023 but significantly improved by 2024.

Emerging and Cooling Hotspots

While many 2023 hotspots saw fewer incidents in 2024, new areas emerged as concern points. The Parsons State Hospital rose from 11 to 28 incidents, and the Canterbury Inn hotel increased from 1 to 16. On the other hand, locations like Parsonian Apartments and Crawford Ave saw drastic improvements.

Ward-Level Crime Trends

All four city wards recorded fewer incidents in 2024. Ward 441 had the largest drop in total crime (down 172 cases), primarily due to decreases at Walmart and the Police Department. Ward 443 had the highest total in 2024, despite also seeing a reduction. Ward 444's overall crime fell, though rising incidents at the State Hospital offset some gains. Ward 442 had the smallest drop, with new hotspots like Belmont Towers and Canterbury Inn emerging.

Key Crime Type Changes

Drug-related offenses declined across all wards. Shoplifting, simple assaults, and fraud were among the top categories. Wards 441 and 443 saw significant reductions in assaults and narcotics cases. Ward 442 saw a rise in assaults and intimidation, while Ward 444 experienced a spike in forgery and ongoing high levels of simple assault.

Crime by Day and Month

February 17th was the single highest crime day in 2024. Mid-month periods across various months showed elevated activity. Crime spiked in February, October, and November, suggesting possible seasonal or situational causes. These patterns can help guide scheduling of police patrols and community engagement efforts.

Conclusion

Crime in Parsons decreased citywide in 2024, with many hotspots cooling and overall incidents falling. Strategic improvements at apartment complexes and retail stores contributed to this progress. Still, new hotspots emerged, indicating a need for continued monitoring and adaptive resource deployment. This analysis summary compliments the data provided in the 2024 Crime Clock by giving more insight to all data collected and release to the public through this publication and the 2024 Annual Report. The attached graphic is a heat map of the all crime in Parsons in 2024.

