# Australian Capital Territory Crime Stats June 2024 Dataset

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This format of the ACT (Australian Capital Territory) crime dataset has been available since July 2022.

- Incident numbers are given for every month starting from January 2014.
- In the Date slicers, the date is the last day of the month.
- There are statistics for 23 infringement types.
- Statistics are no longer given by suburb, but rather by district.
- Statistics of only 13 infringement types are broken down by district.
- The data used in this presentation is from 01 January 2014 to 31 August 2024.

## Tab: ACT Offences



## **ACT Monthly Crime Statistics**

January 2014 - June 2024

Source: https://www.policenews.act.gov.au/crime-statistics-anddata/crime-statistics

Number of Selected Months

126

Total Number of Incidents

49854

Average Number of Incidents per Month

395.67

**ACT Population** (2021 Census)

454499

Average Annual Rate of Incidents per 1000 Residents

10.45

ACT Offences tabs: The available dataset for these tabs consists of all listed offences. Not all offences can be broken down by district. The numbers are for the entire ACT.

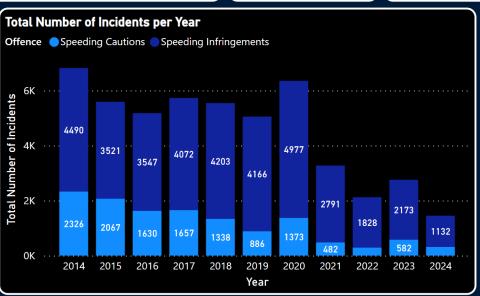
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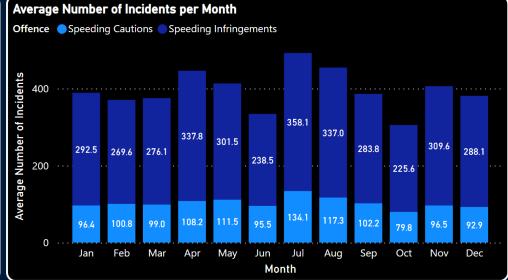
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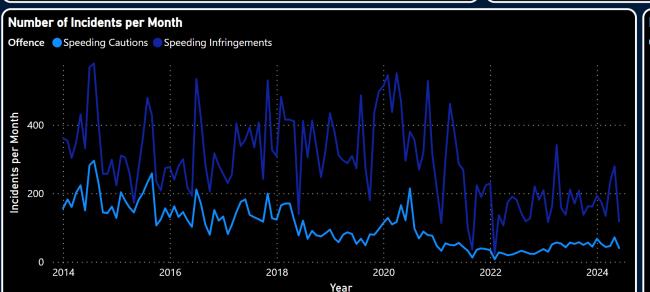
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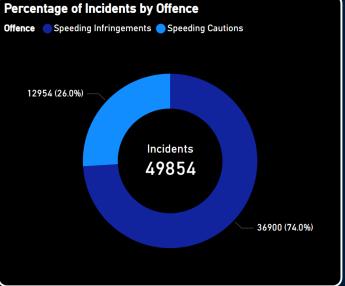
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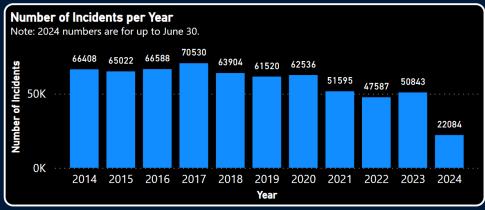


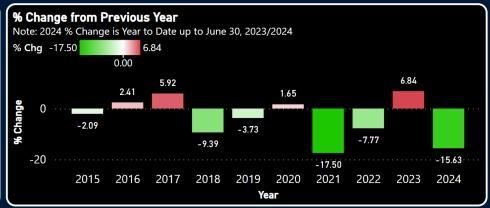




## Tab: ACT Offences by Year







#### Number of Incidents per Year by Crime and Percentage of Change from Previous Year - Entire ACT Note: 2024 % Change is Year to Date up to June 30, 2023/2024 Year Offence # Incts % Chg # -4.47 Assault 14.79 -7.4216.41 Burglary -8.47-4.26 0.20 **Drink Driving Offences** -10.88 -12.15-16.61 18.81 Family Violence: Assault Offences Family Violence: Incidents -13.23 -5.94-6.47 Family Violence: Offences 0.08 -8.73 -10.69 0.54 Family Violence: Offenders Apprehended Homicide 0.00 -64.29 Offences Against A Person 14.46 4.21 -34.35 -7.94 Other Offences -23.07 Property Damage Road Collision With Injury -44.44 -73.33 -46.67 -37.50 Road Fatality 66.67 50.0 0.60 Robbery Sexual Assault -4.21 -12.30 -3.40 36.74 Speeding Cautions -33.78 0.74 -0.88 -34.50 0.71 Speeding Infringements Theft: Excluding Motor Vehicles Theft: Motor Vehicle -0.37 -22.22 16.79 -11.40 -16.07 Total Traffic Infringement Cautions - All -22.39 -12.16 Traffic Infringement Notices - All -17.45 -37.79 14.08 Unlicenced Driving: Disqualified Or 0.42 Suspended Licence Unlicenced Driving: Licence Never Held -27.14 -43.53 -8.33

Tab: Offences by District

Average Number of

Incidents per Month





Number of Selected Months

128

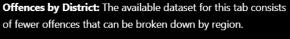
Number of Incidents

231.93 29,687

**Population** (2021 Census)

454,499

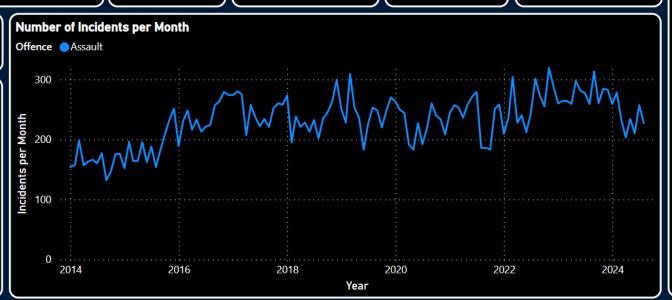
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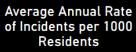


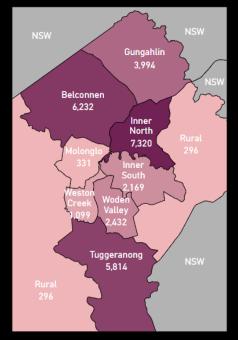




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- Woden Valley

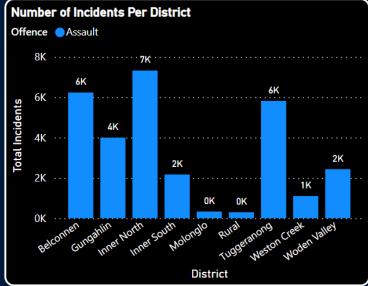


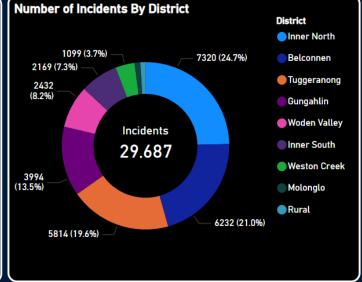




**Incidents by District** 







## Most common offences

The table below is sorted by the most common offences for all years in descending order for the entire ACT. The most common crimes in descending order are:

- 1. Other Offences This is by far the highest category, which includes drug use, weapons offences, fraud and public order among many others.
- 2. Traffic Infringement Notices This is all traffic infringements including speeding, mobile phone use which are the most prevalent.
- **3.** Theft Excluding Motor Vehicles The title is self explanatory.
- 4. Total Traffic Infringement Cautions Those who are lucky enough to have been warned instead of being booked.
- 5. Property Damage Damage to any private or public property or items.

Fortunately, by far the two least reported incidents are where there is a loss of lives.

## Number of Incidents per Year by Crime and Percentage of Change from Previous Year - Entire ACT Note: 2024 % Change is Year to Date up to July 31, 2023/2024

Year	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
Offence	# Incts	% Chg	# Incts	% Chg	# Incts	% Chg	# Incts	% Chg	# Incts	% Chg	# Incts	% Chg	# Incts	% Chg	# Incts	% Chg	# Incts	% Chg	# Incts	% Chg	# Incts	% Chg
Other Offences	10628		10068	-5.27	11184	11.08	12679	13.37	12683	0.03	12308	-2.96	12928	5.04	10401	-19.55	9930	-4.53	9155	-7.80	4802	-22.56
Traffic Infringement Notices - All	13964		10837	-22.39	11365	4.87	12129	6.72	10654	-12.16	8795	-17.45	10303	17.15	6410	-37.79	4831	-24.63	6329	31.01	4060	-11.20
Theft: Excluding Motor Vehicles	9393		11186	19.09	9721	-13.10	9860	1.43	8854	-10.20	8938	0.95	7172	-19.76	7989	11.39	7507	-6.03	7233	-3.65	4180	-13.89
Total Traffic Infringement Cautions - All	7280		6353	-12.73	6768	6.53	6679	-1.32	4958	-25.77	3566	-28.08	5321	49.21	2515	-52.73	1792	-28.75	2938	63.95	1935	-2.62
Property Damage	4147		5300	27.80	4761	-10.17	5379	12.98	4518	-16.01	4925	9.01	3789	-23.07	3850	1.61	3558	-7.58	3490	-1.91	1970	-12.72
Speeding Infringements	4490		3521	-21.58	3547	0.74	4072	14.80	4203	3.22	4166	-0.88	4977	19.47	2791	-43.92	1828	-34.50	2173	18.87	1489	-1.06
Family Violence: Incidents	3131		3235	3.32	3319	2.60	2880	-13.23	2709	-5.94	3193	17.87	3158	-1.10	3498	10.77	3608	3.14	4344	20.40	2661	-4.28
Assault	1961		2251	14.79	2848	26.52	2977	4.53	2844	-4.47	2924	2.81	2709	-7.35	2862	5.65	3108	8.60	3301	6.21	1902	-11.99
Family Violence: Offences	1446		1900	31.40	2626	38.21	2628	0.08	2361	-10.16	2653	12.37	2445	-7.84	2749	12.43	2951	7.35	3318	12.44	1847	-17.36
Burglary	2289		2620	14.46	2398	-8.47	2729	13.80	2330	-14.62	2753	18.15	2087	-24.19	1998	-4.26	1974	-1.20	1980	0.30	1073	-20.99
Speeding Cautions	2326		2067	-11.13	1630	-21.14	1657	1.66	1338	-19.25	886	-33.78	1373	54.97	482	-64.89	294	-39.00	582	97.96	431	14.63
Theft: Motor Vehicle	835		1088	30.30	1084	-0.37	1584	46.13	1232	-22.22	1291	4.79	1239	-4.03	1447	16.79	1282	-11.40	1077	-15.99	652	-10.93
Family Violence: Assault Offences	622		759	22.03	1108	45.98	1090	-1.62	901	-17.34	964	6.99	902	-6.43	959	6.32	944	-1.56	1195	26.59	621	-22.08
Drink Driving Offences	1199		1045	-12.84	918	-12.15	953	3.81	1096	15.01	914	-16.61	898	-1.75	736	-18.04	809	9.92	722	-10.75	392	-24.32
Unlicenced Driving: Disqualified Or Suspended Licence	914		773	-15.43	956	23.67	960	0.42	1021	6.35	978	-4.21	1123	14.83	824	-26.63	800	-2.91	600	-25.00	360	-17.62
Family Violence: Offenders Apprehended	362		529	46.13	687	29.87	627	-8.73	560	-10.69	563	0.54	543	-3.55	570	4.97	764	34.04	846	10.73	537	-0.56
Sexual Assault	385		484	25.71	508	4.96	546	7.48	523	-4.21	626	19.69	551	-11.98	598	8.53	675	12.88	676	0.15	346	-27.62
Road Collision With Injury	639		577	-9.70	547	-5.20	481	-12.07	486	1.04	436	-10.29	369	-15.37	357	-3.25	279	-21.85	325	16.49	202	-10.22
Offences Against A Person	100		128	28.00	289	125.78	244	-15.57	249	2.05	285	14.46	297	4.21	277	-6.73	358	29.24	424	18.44	229	-22.64
Robbery	166		167	0.60	196	17.37	234	19.39	226	-3.42	240	6.19	169	-29.58	174	2.96	198	13.79	193	-2.53	95	-30.15
Unlicenced Driving: Licence Never Held	118		109	-7.63	116	6.42	131	12.93	140	6.87	102	-27.14	170	66.67	96	-43.53	88	-8.33	89	1.14	71	22.41
Homicide	4		10	150.00	4	-60.00	6	50.00	9	50.00	9	0.00	11	22.22	16	45.45	14	-12.50	5	-64.29	7	600.00
Road Fatality	9		15	66.67	8	-46.67	5	-37.50	9	80.00	5	-44.44	6	20.00	10	66.67	15	50.00	4	-73.33	5	66.67

## **Road Collisions With Injury**

Canberra's roads are already among the safest in the world. The timeline shows that Road collisions resulting in injuries have been declining significantly since 2014 to a mean of fewer than 30 injuries per month. Note that 2024 stats are only up to the end of August. There is lest than a 0.1% chance of someone being injured in a collision per year in the long term. This was 0.067% in 2024.

The bar chart on the top left shows that injuries have approximately halved from 2014 to 2023. A remarkable statistic.

May appears to be the month with the most injuries. December and January are the safest months, likely due to fewer people in town or commuting during the holiday period.



## **Traffic Infringements**

The pie chart shows the ration of traffic infringement notices compared to warnings. About one in three stops result in only a warning. There were almost 150,000 stops since 2014. The good news is that both warnings and actual bookings have declined substantially.

The chance of actually being booked are 20.6 people per 1000 each year.

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### **ACT Monthly Crime Statistics**

January 2014 - August 2024 Source: https://www.policenews.act.gov.au/crime-statistics-and-

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Number of Selected

Months

Total Number of Incidents

149,782

Average Number of Incidents per Month

1,170.17

**ACT Population** Average Annual Rate of (2021 Census)

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Residents

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Incidents per 1000

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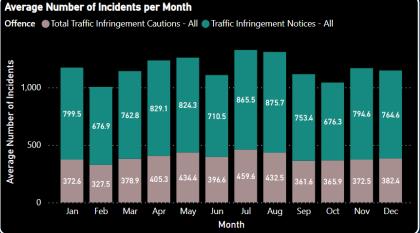
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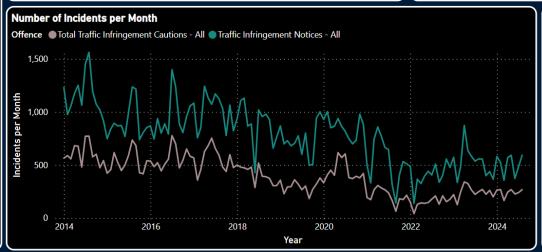


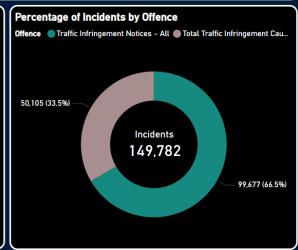
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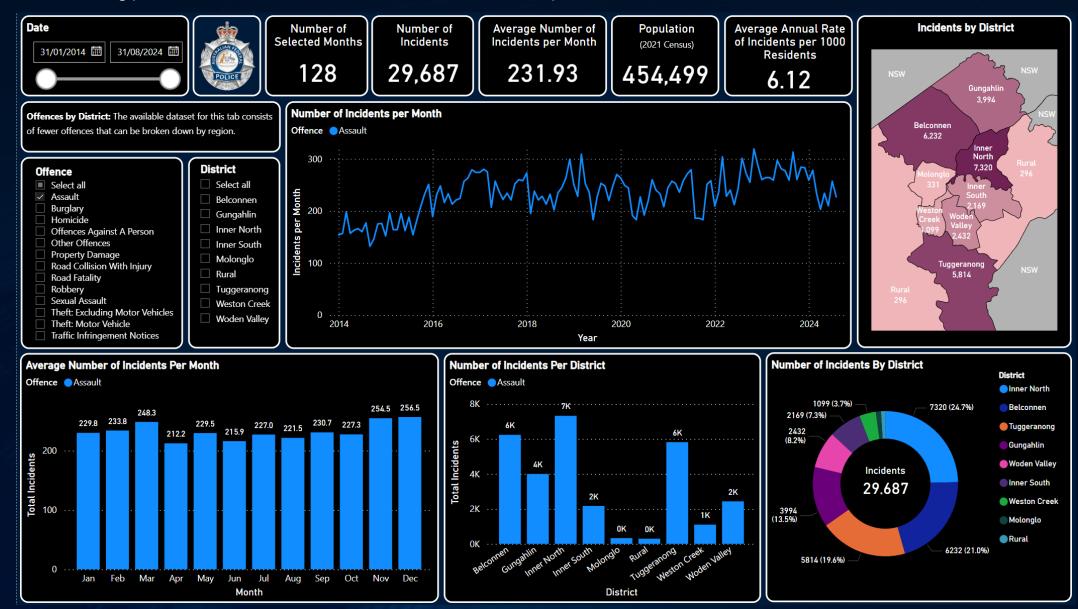






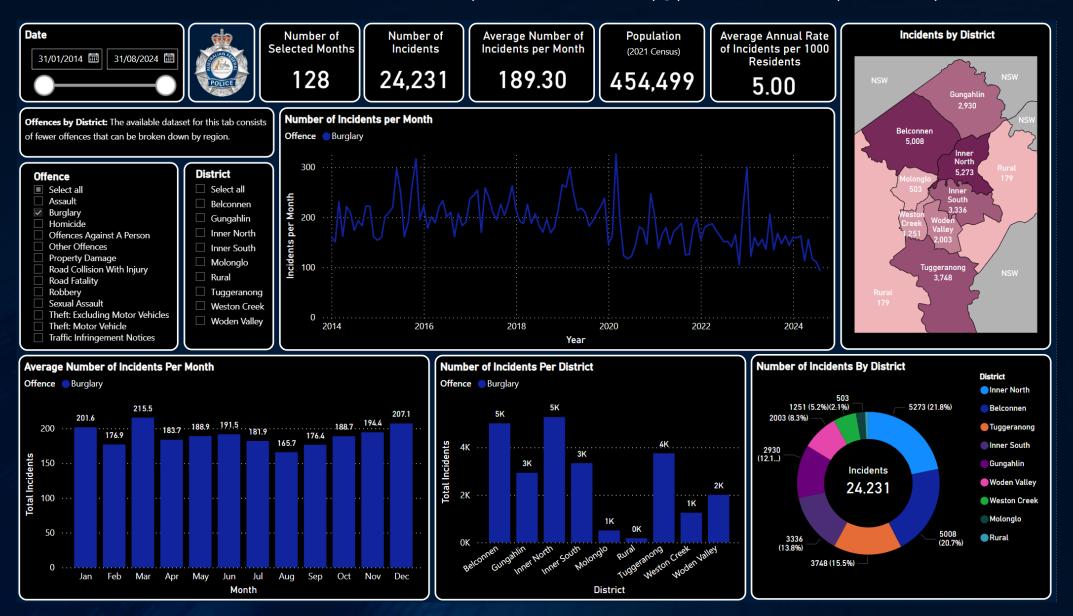
### **Assault**

Assault is one of the few crimes that has been rising, although only slightly. The Inner North has the most assaults, even though it is not the district with the largest population which is Belconnen. Canberra's largest nightlife district is Civic, which is where assault is more likely to occur. There is slight seasonality with fewer assaults taking place in the Winter months and more at the end of the year.



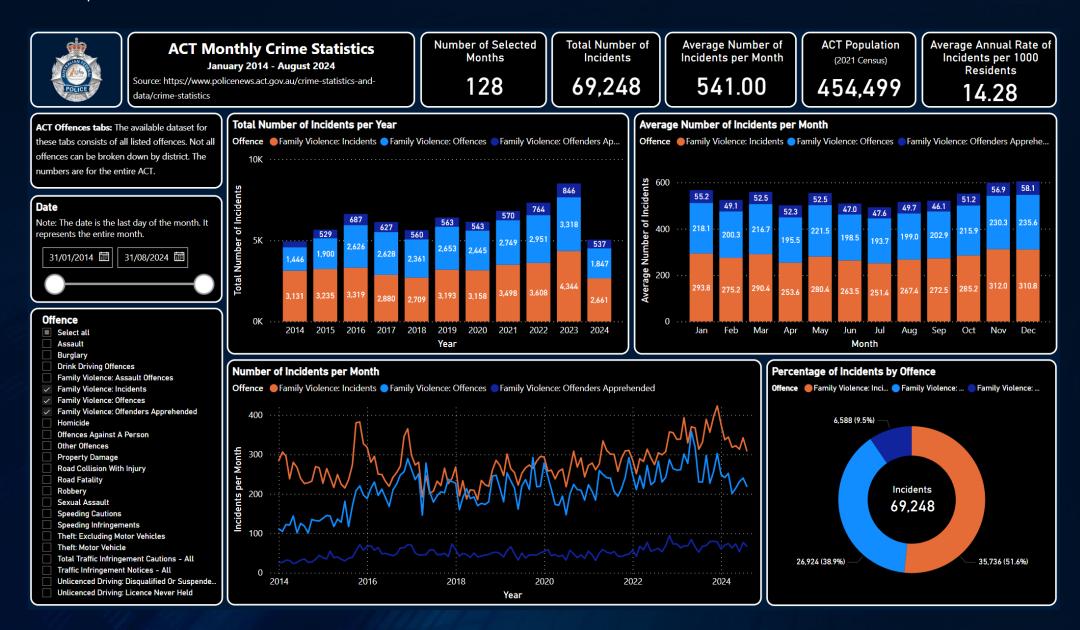
## **Burglary**

Burglaries have been declining slightly. Again the Inner North has the most despite not being the largest district. Again there is seasonality with fewer burglaries in the colder months and more in the Summer. There are very few incidents with only 5 per 1000 residents reported each year.



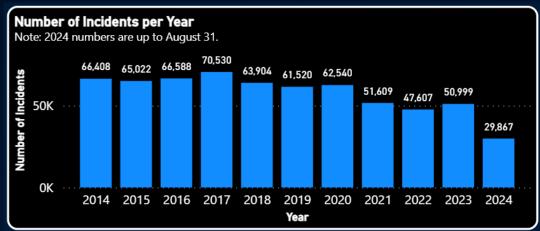
## **Domestic Violence**

Domestic (Family) violence incidents, offences and arrests have all risen since 2014, although there have been fluctuations. Again, there is seasonality, with fewer incidents reported in the Winter months and more in Summer.



## Conclusion

When compared to other cities in Australia, Canberra remains a relatively safe city with low crime rates. The graphs below illustrate all reported incidents, highlighting a clear annual decline in overall crime rates. This positive trend reflects the commendable efforts of the Australian Federal Police and the active engagement of the local community. It is important to note that the 2024 data only extends to the end of August. While the newer dataset lacks the granularity provided by the previous dataset (e.g., statistics by suburb), it offers monthly data, enabling more detailed analysis of patterns and seasonality.





Some offences, such as "Offences Against a Person," appear to show a slight increase, which could be attributed to an actual rise in incidents or a greater likelihood of offences being reported. Notably, districts with larger populations generally account for a higher number of incidents; however, this varies depending on the type of crime. For example, Tuggeranong has the highest number of reported offences in this category, despite Belconnen having a significantly larger population.

