

# Pittsfield Police Department CityStat

February 2014

*Produced by the Crime Analysis Unit*



# Part I Total Crime

February has been a significantly better month for crime than January. Both Violent Crime and Property Crime rates decreased, with 34 (30%) fewer Part I crimes this month.

In accordance with last month's report, this year continues to be better than average overall when it comes to Violent Crime. January was 53% below the 5-Year average for Violent Crime, and this month was even better, putting the city at 65% below the average amount.

That being said, Property Crimes like Larceny are still, unfortunately, on the rise, comparatively.

## 4 Weeks

## Year to Date

## 5 Year

	Jan-2014	Feb-2014	% Change	2013	2014	% Change	Average	% Change
Total Violent Crime	9	6	-33%	19	15	-21%	17	-65%
Total Property Crime	106	75	-29%	159	182	14%	68	10%
Total Part I Crime	115	81	-30%	178	197	11%	85	-5%

# Part I Property Crime

Although this month showed fewer Property Crimes than last month, almost across the board, overall, this type of offense is still a problem for Pittsfield.

More specifically, when compared to last year, as well as the 5-year average, Larceny (theft) offenses seem to be the most prevalent issue in the city.

	4 Week			Year to Date			5 Year	
	Jan-2014	Feb-2014	% Change	2013	2014	% Change	Average	% Change
Burglary (B&E)	26	19	-27%	53	45	-15%	20	-5%
Larceny (Total)	78	53	-32%	106	131	24%	42	26%
Larceny from Building	13	6	-54%	14	19	36%	7	-14%
Larceny from Motor Vehicle	7	1	-86%	14	8	-43%	7	-86%
Larceny from Person	2	2	0%	3	4	33%	1	100%
Shoplifting	17	16	-6%	22	33	50%	9	78%
Larceny Misc.	39	28	-28%	48	67	40%	18	56%
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	3	50%	5	5	0%	5	-40%
<b>Total Property Crime</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>-29%</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>10%</b>

# Part I Violent Crime

Pittsfield seems to be headed in the right direction this year when it comes to Violent Crime. We've had 4 fewer cases (21% less) violent offenses this year compared to the same time last year, and are *well* below the average amount for the month of February (by 11 cases, 65%).

The only area of Violent Crime that has increased is Robbery, which coincides with the rise in Larceny. Stealing, in many forms, seems to be on the rise in Pittsfield this year.

The decrease in Aggravated Assault cases, however, is commendable. The 5-Year average for February is 13 cases. This year, we only had 1.

	4 Week			Year to Date			5 Year	
	Jan-2014	Feb-2014	% Change	2013	2014	% Change	Average	% Change
Homicide	0	0	IN CALC	0	0	IN CALC	0	IN CALC
Rape	3	1	-67%	4	4	0%	2	-50%
Robbery	4	4	0%	3	8	167%	2	100%
Aggravated Assault	2	1	-50%	12	3	-75%	13	-92%
Arson	0	0	IN CALC	0	0	IN CALC	0	IN CALC
Total Violent Crime	9	6	-33%	19	15	-21%	17	-65%

# A Closer Look: Part I Property Crime

## Stat Recap:

Since Last Month:

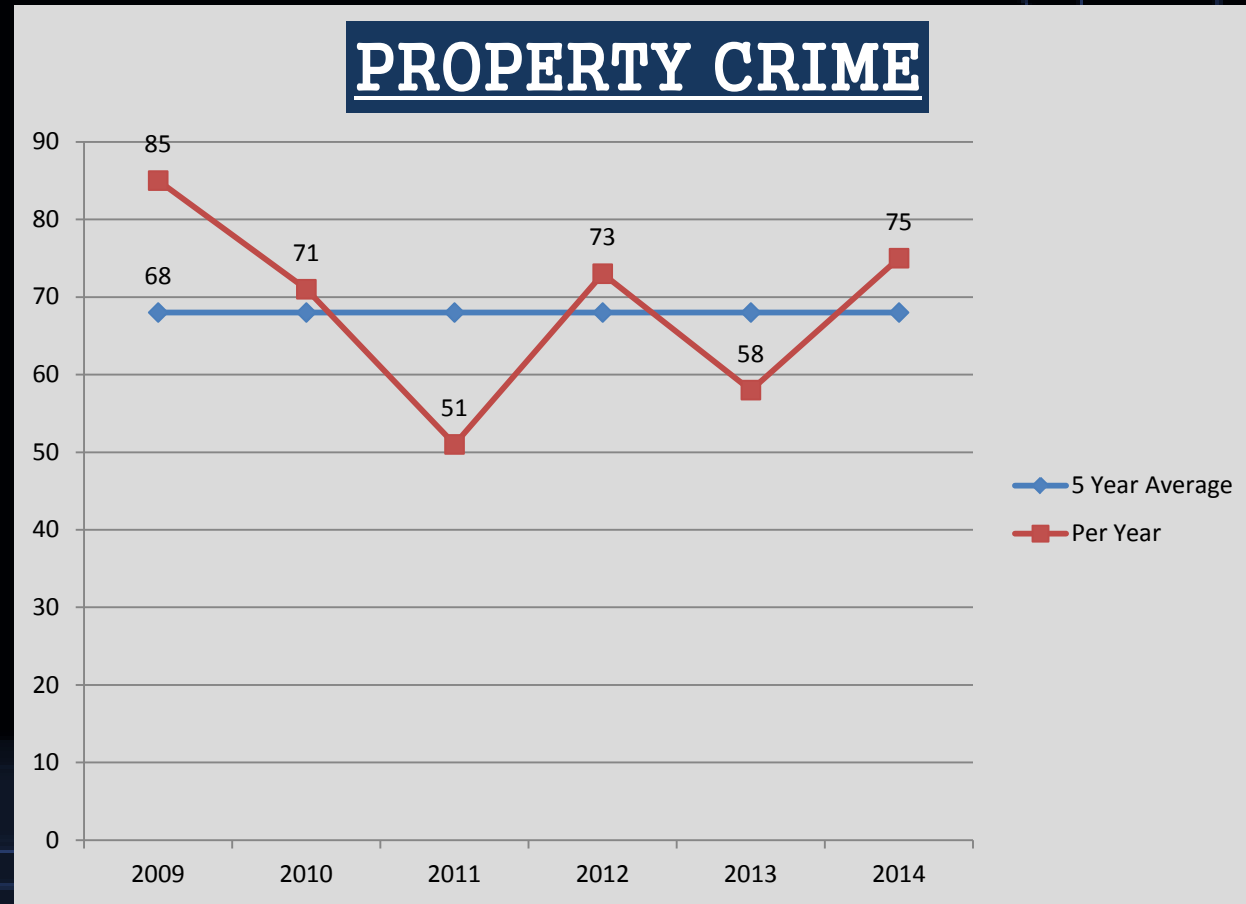
↓ 29%

Compared to Last Year:

↑ 29%

Compared to 5 Year Avg:

↑ 10%



# A Closer Look: Part I Violent Crime

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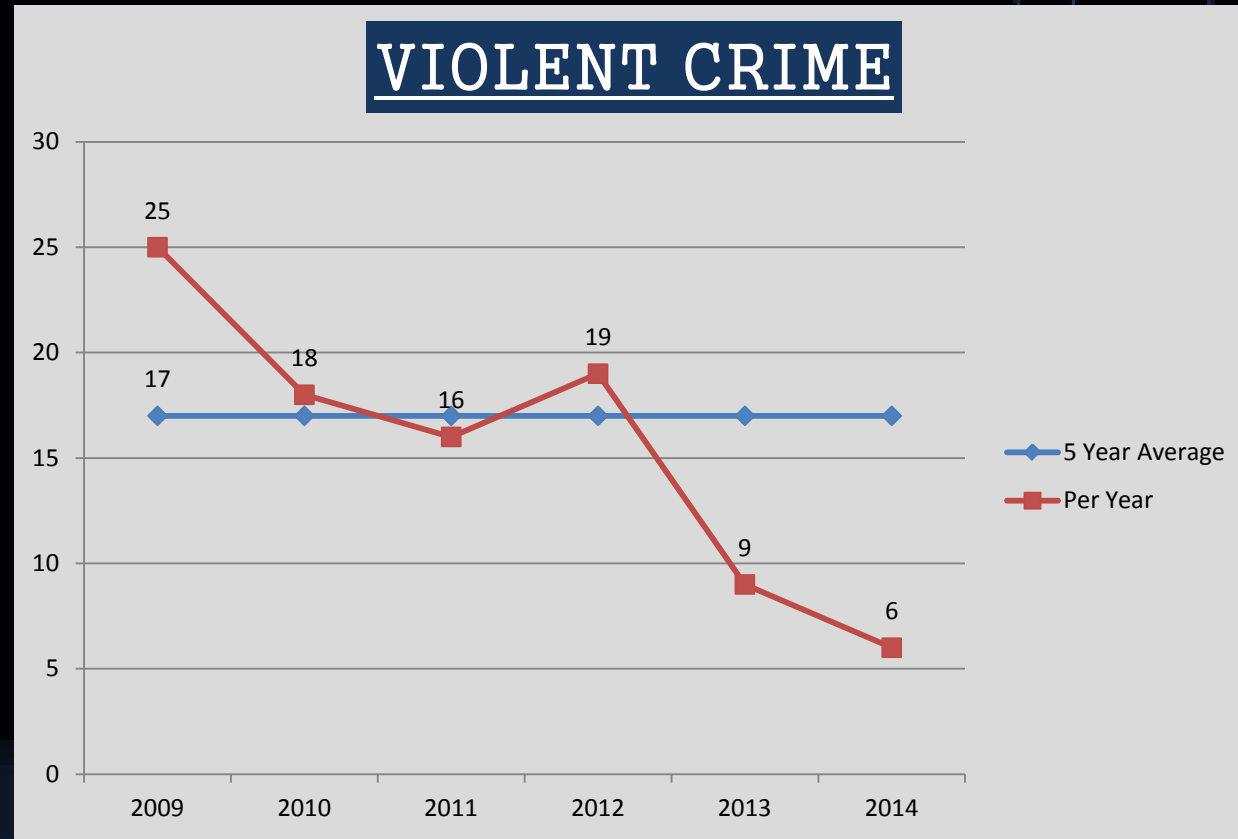
↓ 33%

Compared to Last Year:

↓ 33%

Compared to 5 Year Avg:

↓ 65%



# A Closer Look: LARCENY

## Stat Recap:

Since Last Month:

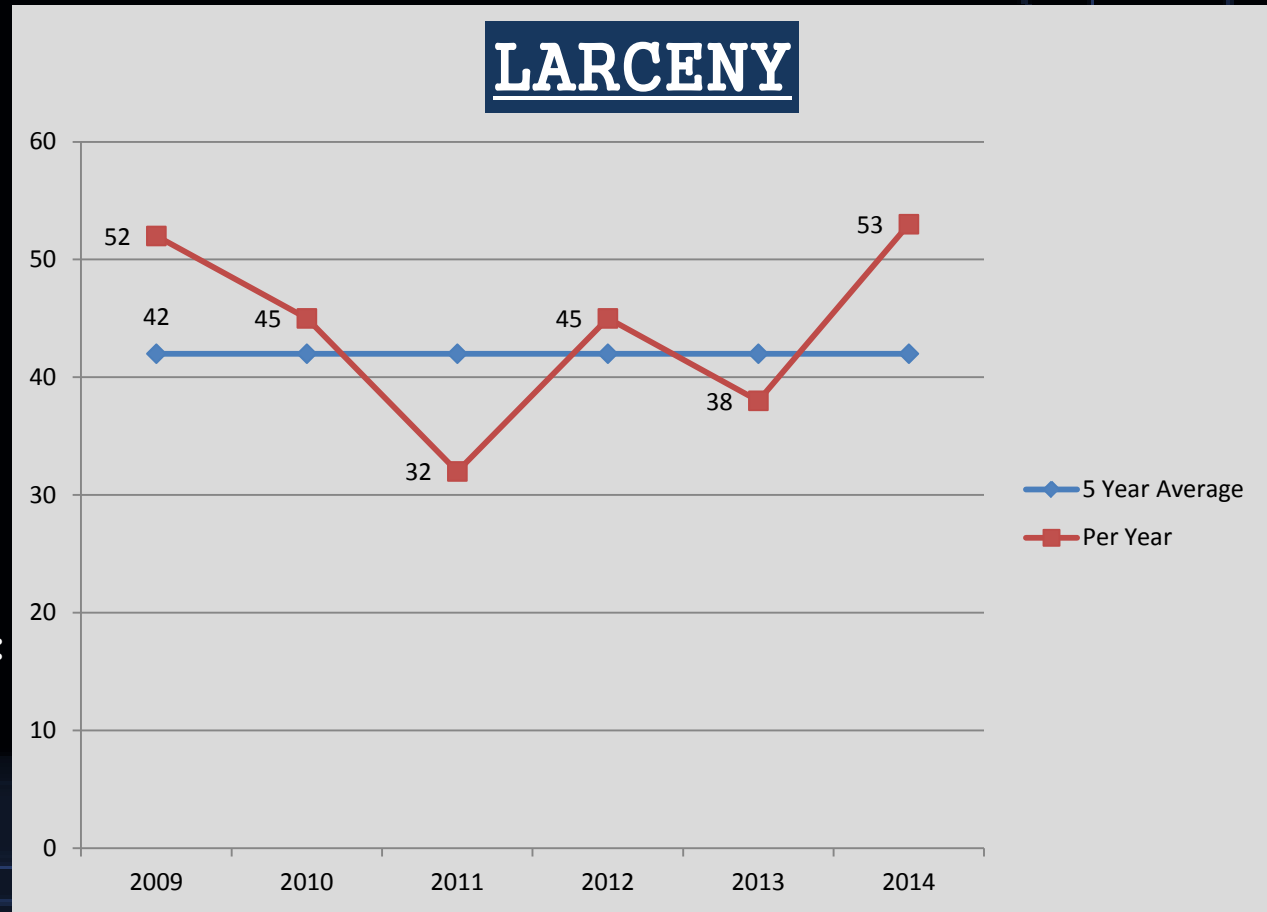
↓ 32%

Compared to Last Year:

↑ 39%

Compared to 5 Year Avg:

↑ 26%



# What You Can Do

*With Larceny and Robbery rates increasing in Pittsfield, it is important to know how to protect yourself. Here are a few suggestions on how you can help prevent theft from happening to you.*

- Cars**— Make sure to always lock your vehicle and park in well-lit areas when possible. Remove wallets, cell phones, GPS units, and other potentially valuable items from your vehicle. Even small items, like chargers and loose change should be removed or kept out of sight.
- Home**— Keep valuable items out of sight from your windows, and make sure basement and garage entrances are secured. Avoid inviting people you don't know well into your home. If you do, put valuable items like electronics, money, and checks out of sight or in a locked room beforehand.
- Purses, Wallets, etc**— When carrying only a wallet, avoid putting it in your back pocket. Most pickpocket strategies can be foiled simply by putting your wallet in a different pocket. Purses should be tucked securely under your arm when worn on the shoulder, and should be zipped close to avoid anyone from reaching inside.