

Pittsfield Police Department CityStat

January 2015

Produced by the Crime Analysis Unit



Part I Total Crime

Pittsfield is off to a good start based on the number of Part I crimes we have seen in this first month of 2015. At the same time last year, we had a total of 116 Part I crimes by the end of the month, which was **14%** higher than the average for the past five years at the time. This year, we have only had 88 Part I crimes, putting us **18%** below average.

The area most affecting this drop in total crime is Property Crime. Last January, there were 106 Property Crimes in Pittsfield, and this year there were only 71.

There is even good news in the area of Violent Crime, which is still quite a bit higher than last year. However, Violent Crimes usually increase by **73%** from December to January, but this year there has been a **29%** decrease.

4 Weeks

Year to Date

5 Year

	Dec-2014	Jan-2015	% Change	2014	2015	% Change	Average	% Change
Total Violent Crime	24	17	-29%	9	17	89%	16	6%
Total Property Crime	85	71	-16%	107	71	-34%	91	-22%
Total Part I Crime	109	88	-19%	116	88	-24%	107	-18%

Part I Property Crime

There is usually a drop of about **14%** from December to January, and January 2015 is following that trend closely, with a drop of **16%** since last December. However, our starting point was already lower—than—average after Property Crime rates began to drop halfway through last year, putting us **22%** below the five—year average this month.

One possible contributing factor to the low Property Crime rates is the unusually cold temperatures we had this month. Temperature is known to have an affect on crime, particularly burglary. That being said, the average temperature for January 2015 was only 1.25° lower than January 2014, but we still saw a **34%** drop in total Property Crime, and a **15%** drop in Burglary compared to the same time last year.

	4 Week			Year to Date			5 Year	
	Dec-2014	Jan-2015	% Change	2014	2015	% Change	Average	% Change
Burglary (B&E)	27	22	-19%	26	22	-15%	27	-19%
Larceny (Total)	55	47	-15%	79	47	-41%	61	-23%
Larceny from Building	5	11	120%	14	11	-21%	11	0%
Larceny from Motor Vehicle	9	3	-67%	7	3	-57%	7	-57%
Larceny from Person	4	3	-25%	2	3	50%	1	200%
Shoplifting	10	14	40%	17	14	-18%	12	17%
Larceny Misc.	27	16	-41%	39	16	-59%	28	-43%
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	2	-33%	2	2	0%	3	-33%
Total Property Crime	85	71	-16%	107	71	-34%	91	-22%

Part I Violent Crime

We have had far fewer incidents this month than expected statistically. Consistently, for the past five years, there has been an increase in Violent Crime from December to January, but this year there was actually a **29%** decrease. This could be attributed to the unusually cold temperatures.

The cold weather could also help explain why we continued to see a higher-than-average number of Aggravated Assault cases. In a specialized analysis on Aggravated Assaults, it was found that, in at least 83% on incidents last year, the victim had a known relationship to the aggressor. While these sorts of cases may continue to occur while people are forced to stay inside together due to the frigid weather, it makes other types of crimes less likely, such as arson or robbery.

	4 Week			Year to Date			5 Year	
	Dec-2014	Jan-2015	% Change	2014	2015	% Change	Average	% Change
Homicide	0	0	IN CALC	0	0	IN CALC	0	IN CALC
Rape	2	1	-50%	3	1	-67%	3	-67%
Robbery	0	0	IN CALC	4	0	-100%	2	-100%
Aggravated Assault	21	16	-24%	2	16	700%	10	60%
Arson	1	0	-100%	0	0	IN CALC	0	IN CALC
Total Violent Crime	24	17	-29%	9	17	89%	16	6%

A Closer Look: Part I Property Crime

Stat Recap:

Since Last Month:

↓ 16%

Compared to 2014
Year-to-Date:

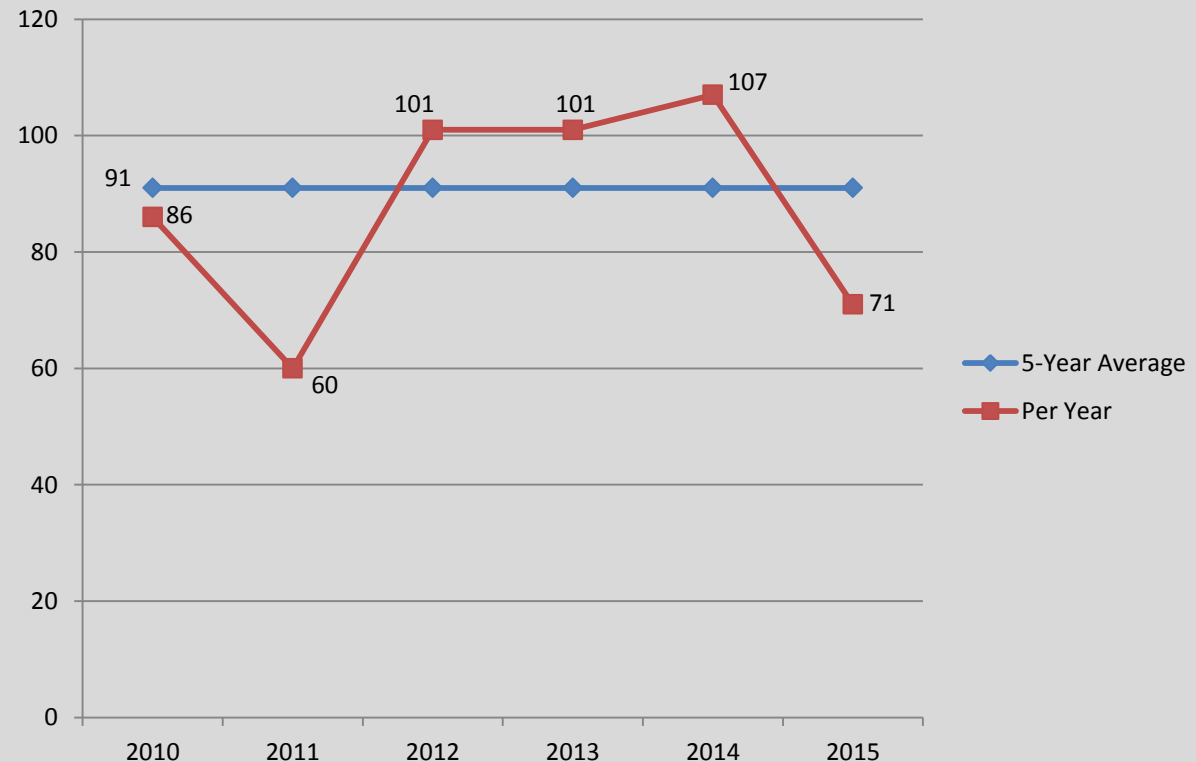
↓ 34%

Compared to 5 Year Avg:

↓ 22%

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PROPERTY CRIME



A Closer Look: Part I Violent Crime

Stat Recap:

Since Last Month:

↓ 29%

Compared to 2014
Year-To-Date:

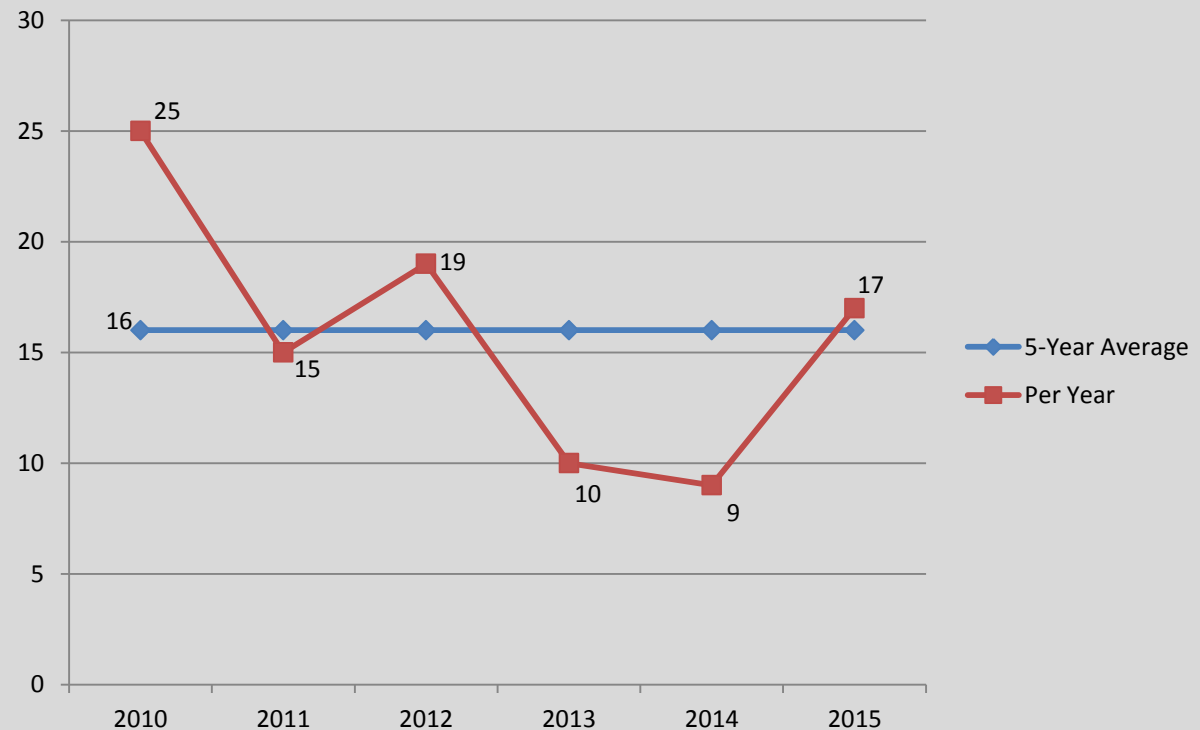
↑ 89%

Compared to 5 Year Avg:

↑ 6%

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VIOLENT CRIME



A Closer Look: Burglary

Stat Recap:

Since Last Month:

↓ 19%

Compared to 2014
Year-To-Date:

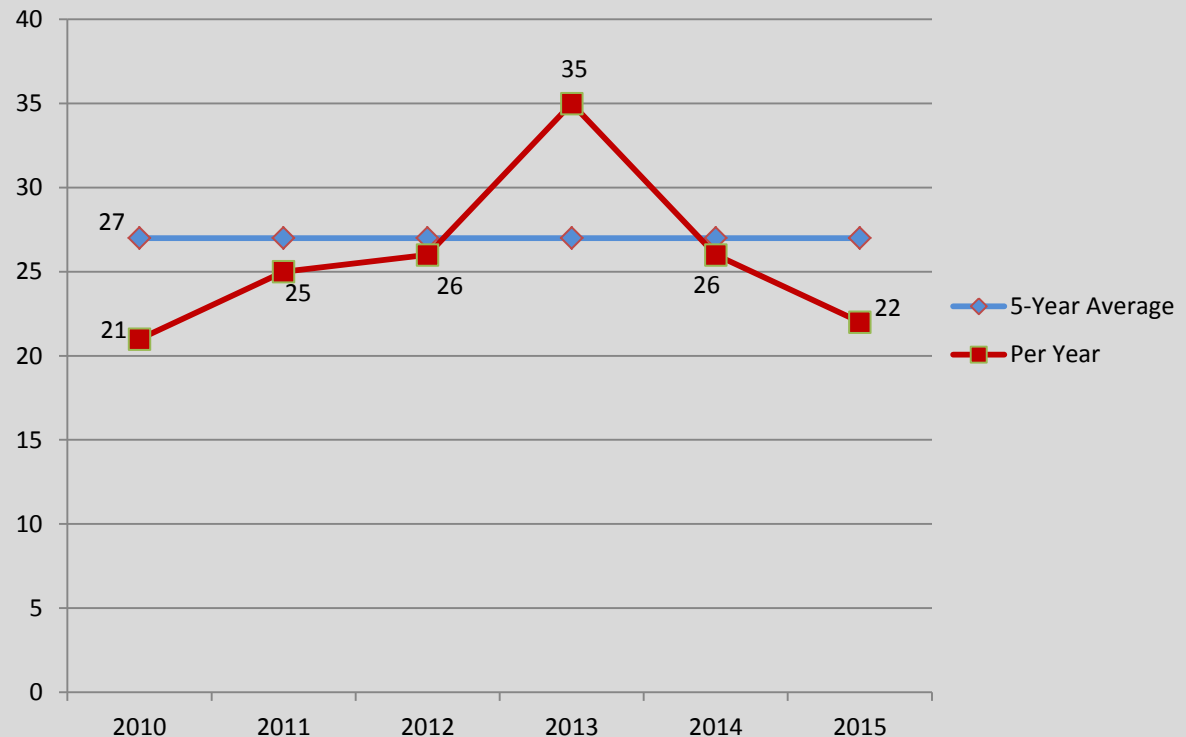
↓ 15%

Compared to 5 Year Avg:

↓ 19%

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BURGLARY



A Closer Look: Larceny

Stat Recap:

Since Last Month:

↓ 15%

Compared to 2014
Year-To-Date:

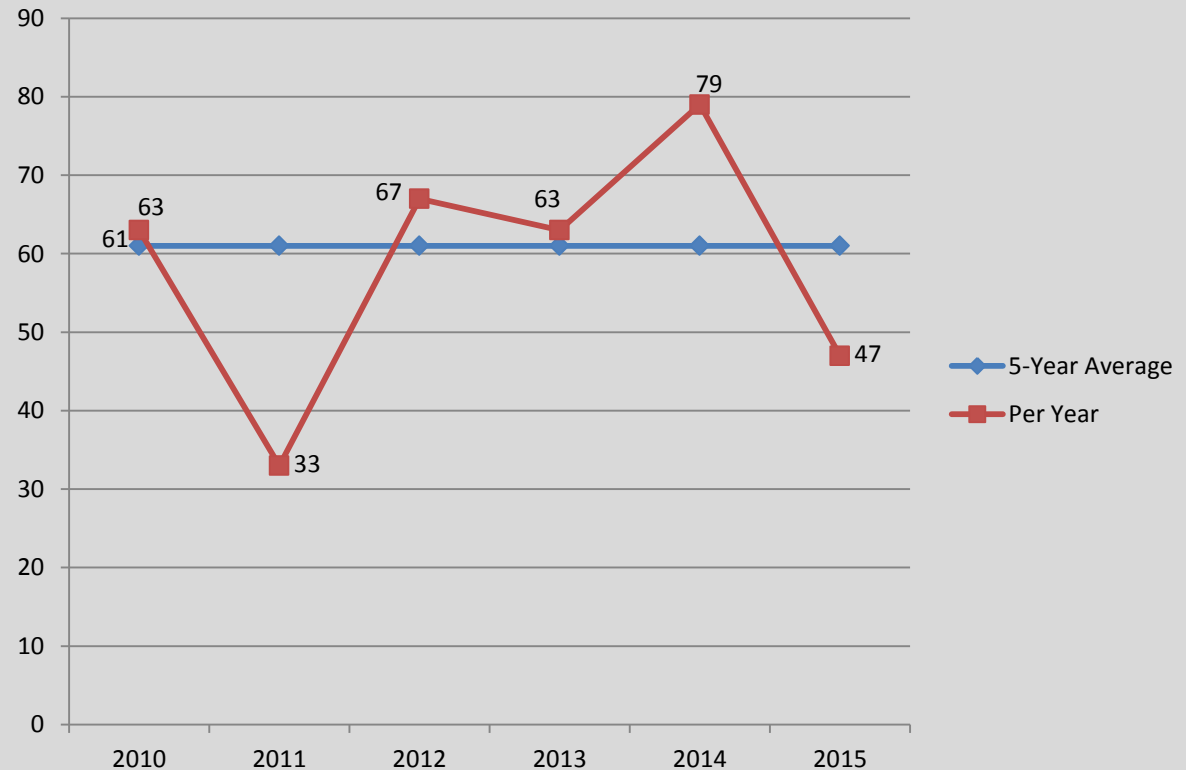
↓ 41%

Compared to 5 Year Avg:

↓ 23%

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LARCENY



A Closer Look: AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Stat Recap:

Since Last Month:

↓ 24%

Compared to 2014
Year-To-Date:

↑ 700%

Compared to 5 Year Avg:

↑ 60%

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