

Pittsfield Police Department CityStat

May 2015

Produced by the Crime Analysis Unit



Part I Total Crime

The crime rate appears to be rising with the temperatures this month. Property Crime, which earlier this year was at record lows, is now on a steep rise. In January of this year, we had **34%** fewer Property Crimes compared to last year, but this month, we only have **3%** fewer, compared to May 2014.

Violent Crime rates rose dramatically this month to the highest it has been in years. Violent Crime in Pittsfield rose **83%** compared to last month, when the average increase from April to May is only **29%**. The total is also at more than twice the number of incidents to be expected based on the five-year average.

4 Weeks

Year to Date

5 Year

	<u>4 Weeks</u>			<u>Year to Date</u>			<u>5 Year</u>	
	Apr-2015	May-2015	% Change	2014	2015	% Change	Average	% Change
Total Violent Crime	18	33	83%	34	94	176%	18	83%
Total Property Crime	105	128	22%	548	437	-20%	110	16%
Total Part I Crime	123	163	33%	582	531	-9%	128	27%

Part I Property Crime

Property Crime rates this month are still well under where they were at the same time last year. Each category of Property Crime this year, except larceny from a motor vehicle and burglary, had a higher percent increase from April to May than they did last year. The average increase in Property Crime from April to May is only **8%**, and this year the totals rose by **22%**. If this rate of increase continues, we could see some very troubling numbers for Property Crime incidents later this year.

	4 Week			Year to Date			5 Year	
	Apr-2015	May-2015	% Change	2014	2015	% Change	Average	% Change
Burglary (B&E)	36	48	33%	169	134	-21%	40	20%
Larceny (Total)	64	76	19%	361	288	-20%	65	17%
Larceny from Building	5	8	60%	55	44	-20%	10	-20%
Larceny from Motor Vehicle	8	17	113%	57	35	-39%	10	70%
Larceny from Person	2	1	-50%	8	11	38%	3	-67%
Shoplifting	18	10	-44%	85	73	-14%	11	-9%
Larceny Misc.	31	40	29%	156	125	-20%	31	29%
Motor Vehicle Theft	5	4	-20%	18	15	-17%	5	-20%
Total Property Crime	105	128	22%	548	437	-20%	110	16%

Part I Violent Crime

The number of Aggravated Assaults this month doubled compared to last months. Once again, this one type of violent crime is drastically driving up the overall violent crime rate. The 28 total Aggravated Assault cases this month have brought us up **986%** compared to the same time last year and **250%** higher than average for the month of May.

Other violent crimes have stayed in a normal range throughout the year so far with normal fluctuations up and down by one or two cases. This one area, though, has risen to the highest Aggravated Assault rate Pittsfield has had for at least the last six years.

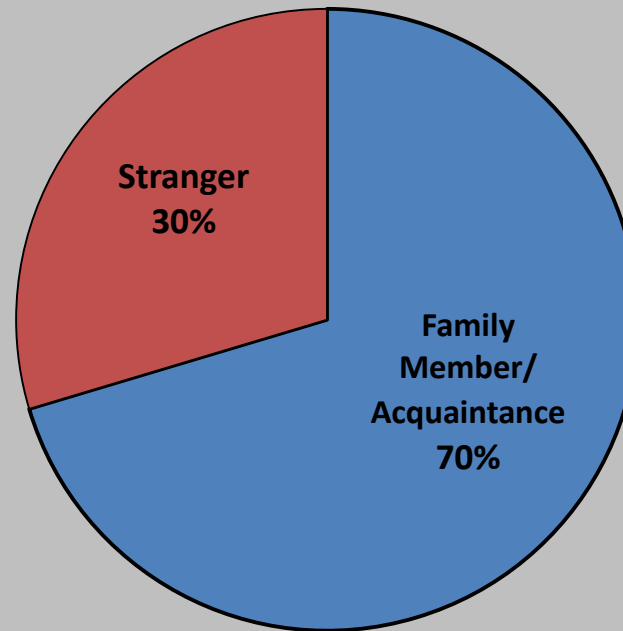
An analysis on the following page demonstrates that at least **70%** the Aggravated Assault victims this month knew the aggressor.

	4 Week			Year to Date			5 Year	
	Apr-2015	May-2015	% Change	2014	2015	% Change	Average	% Change
Homicide	0	0	IN CALC	0	0	IN CALC	0	IN CALC
Rape	0	3	IN CALC	11	9	-18%	2	50%
Robbery	4	2	-50%	15	9	-40%	1	100%
Aggravated Assault	14	28	100%	7	76	986%	8	250%
Arson	0	0	IN CALC	1	0	-100%	1	-100%
Total Violent Crime	18	33	83%	34	94	176%	18	83%

A Closer Look: AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Aggravated Assaults – May 2015

Victim's Relationship to Defendant



Please note that in many of the cases where the victim claimed not to have known their attacker, the victim was evasive answering questions from officers. Often even when people know who attacked them, they will not say so. Therefore, the percentage of Aggravated Assaults perpetrated by an acquaintance is likely higher than what is depicted above.

A Closer Look: Part I Property Crime

Stat Recap:

Since Last Month:

↑ 22%

Compared to 2014
Year-to-Date:

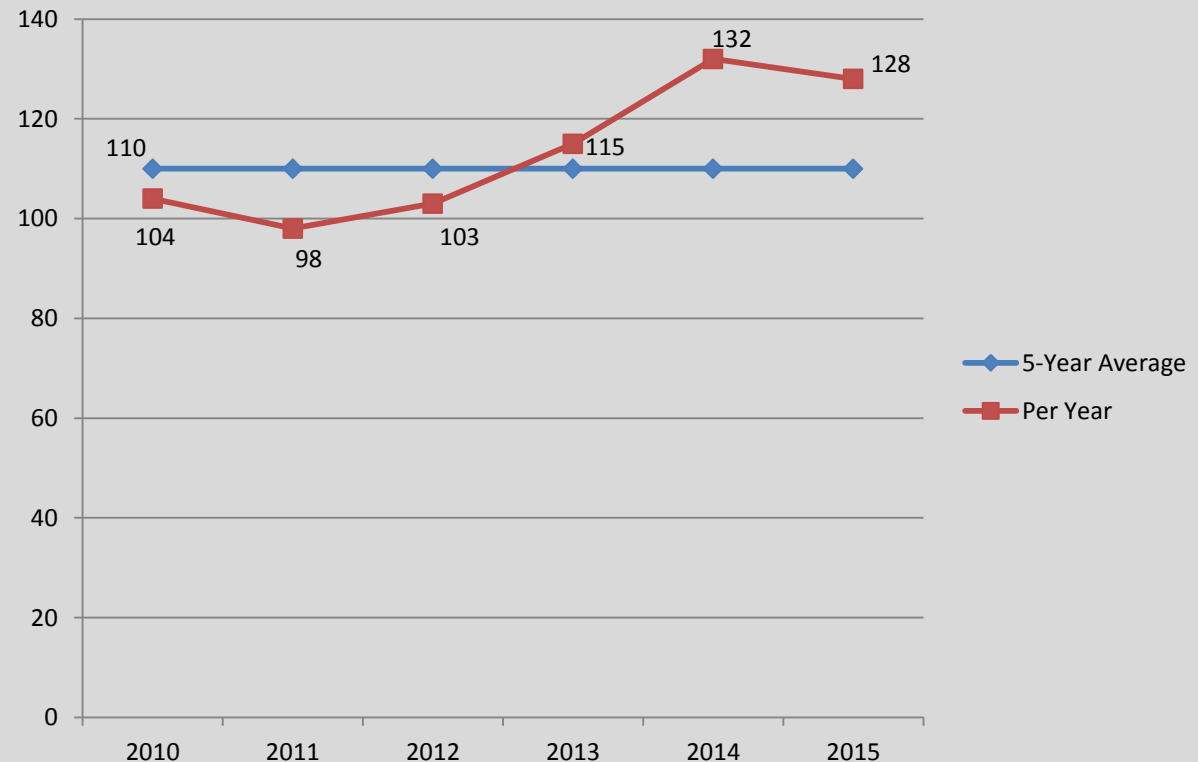
↓ 20%

Compared to 5 Year Avg:

↑ 16%

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PROPERTY CRIME



A Closer Look: Part I Violent Crime

Stat Recap:

Since Last Month:

↑ 83%

Compared to 2014
Year-To-Date:

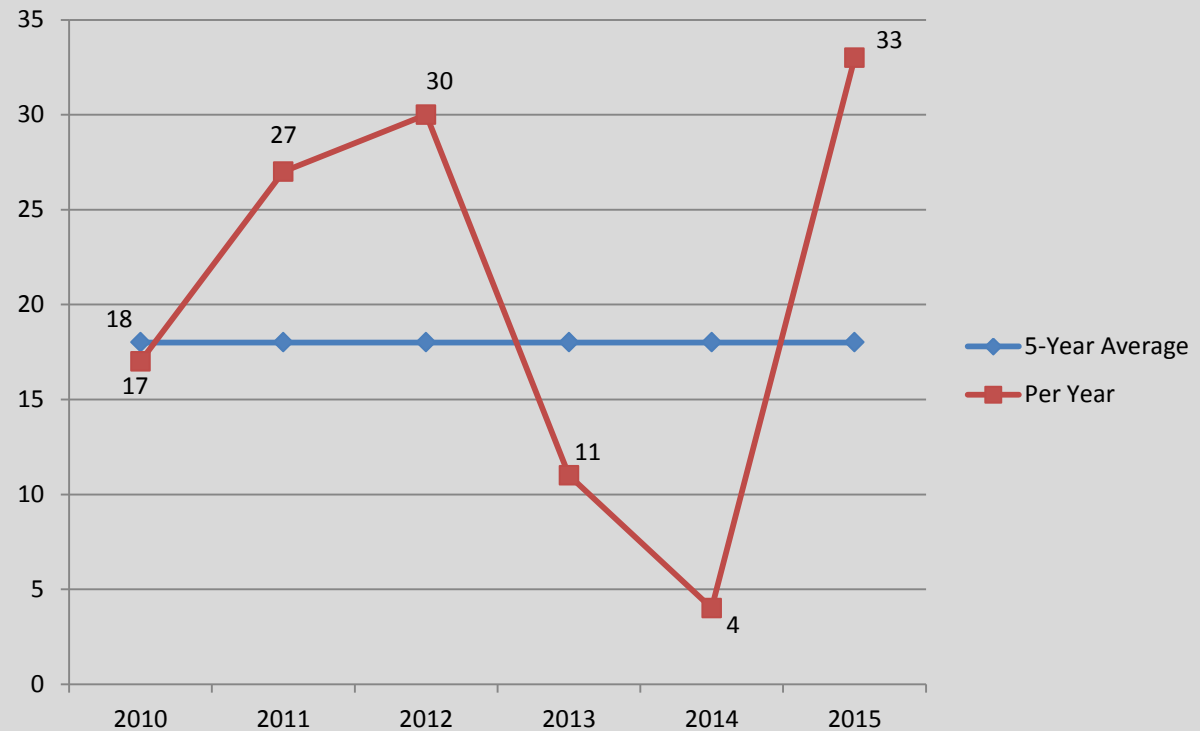
↑ 176%

Compared to 5 Year Avg:

↑ 83%

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VIOLENT CRIME



A Closer Look: Burglary

Stat Recap:

Since Last Month:

↑ 33%

Compared to 2014
Year-To-Date:

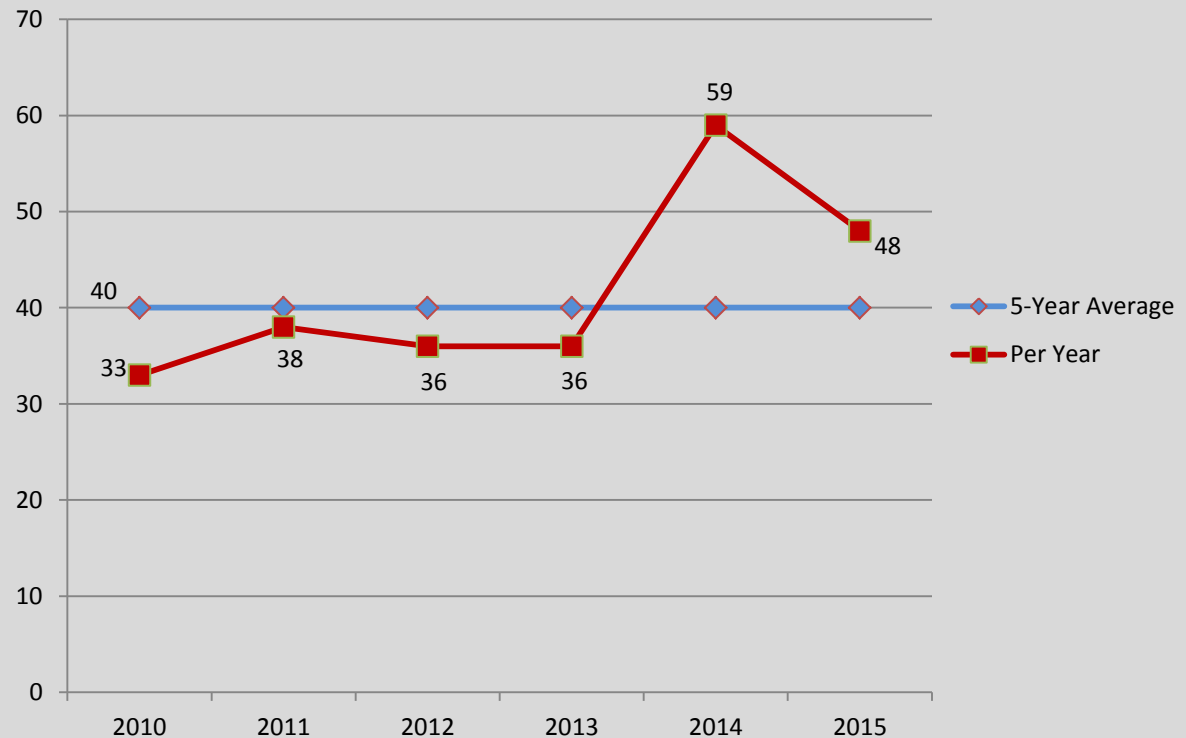
↓ 21%

Compared to 5 Year Avg:

↑ 20%

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BURGLARY



A Closer Look: Larceny

Stat Recap:

Since Last Month:

↑ 19%

Compared to 2014
Year-To-Date:

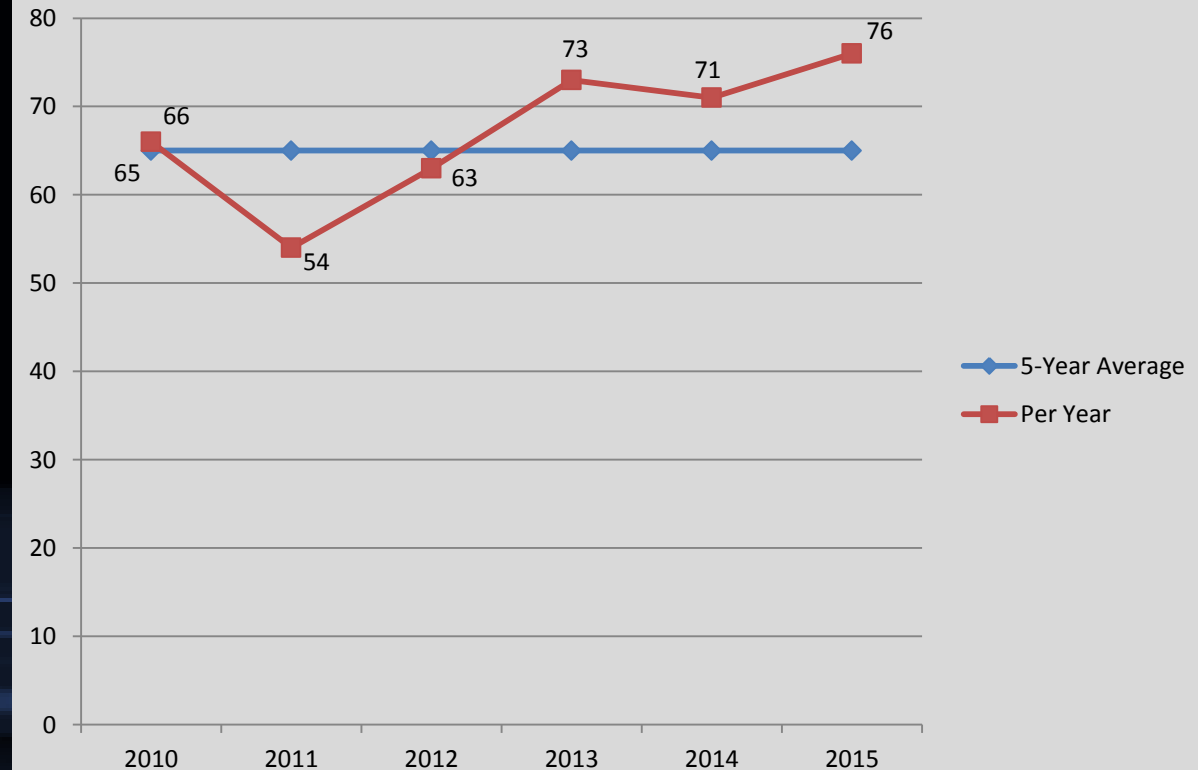
↓ 20%

Compared to 5 Year Avg:

↑ 17%

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LARCENY



A Closer Look: AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Stat Recap:

Since Last Month:

↑ 100%

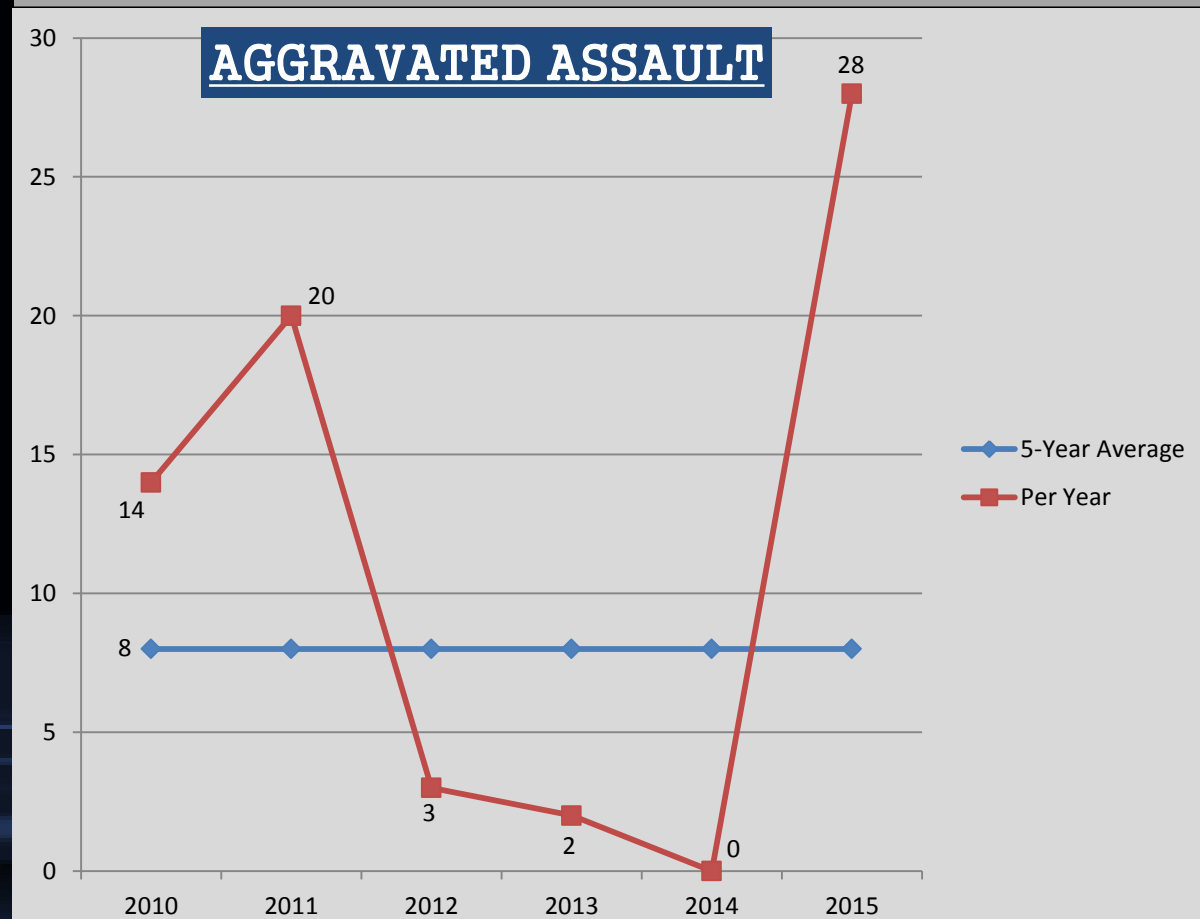
Compared to 2014
Year-To-Date:

↑ 986%

Compared to 5 Year Avg:

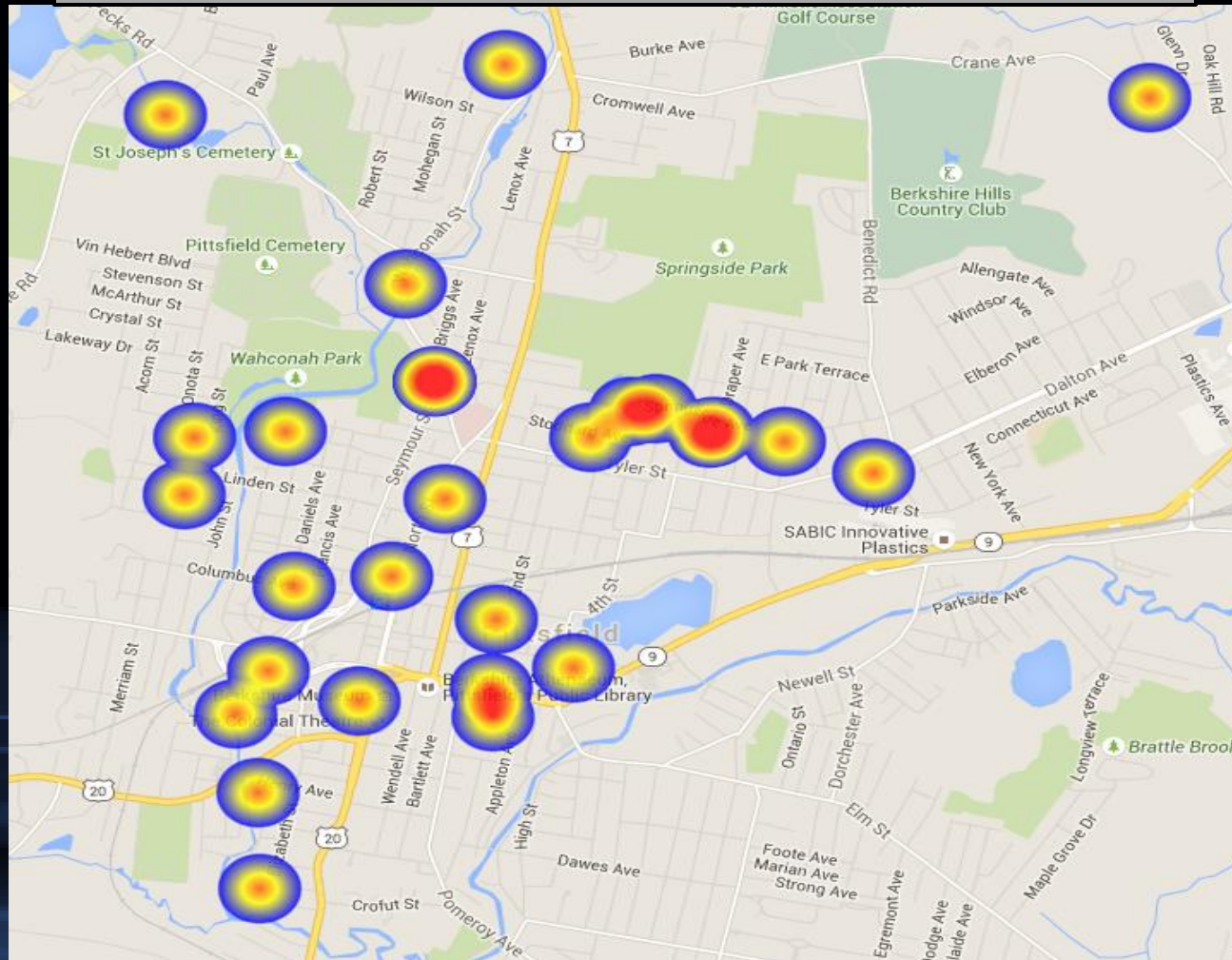
↑ 250%

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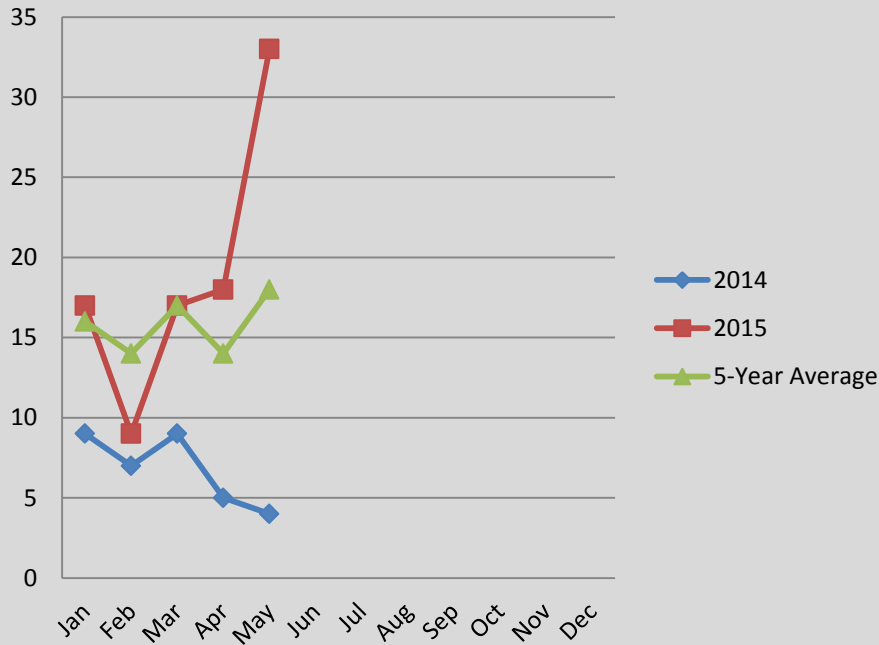
A Closer Look: AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Aggravated Assaults – May 2015 Heat Map

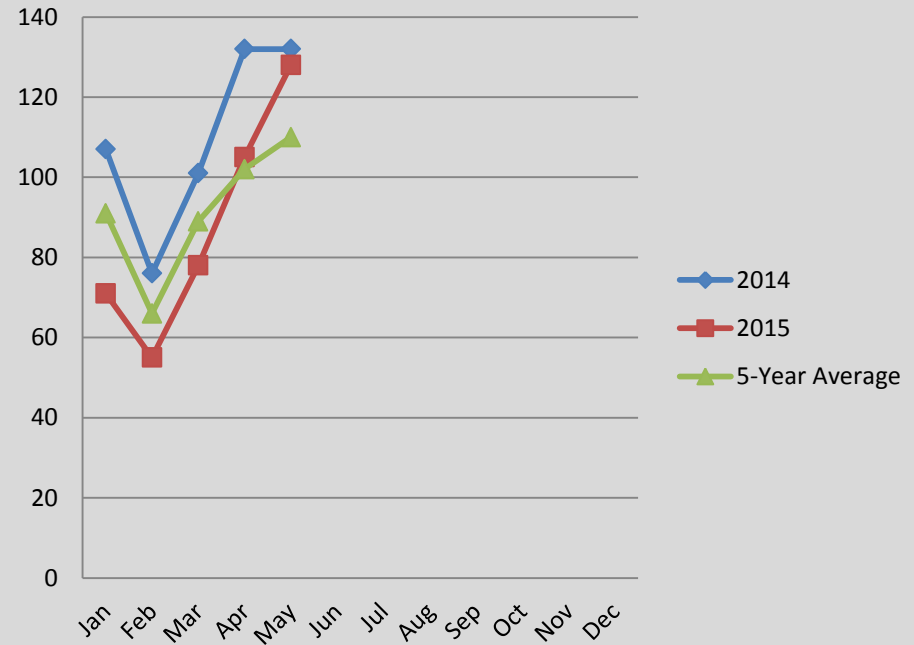


A Closer Look: CHANGING CRIME TRENDS

Violent Crime Comparison



Property Crime Comparison



The charts above help visualize the changing crime trends that we are seeing in Pittsfield. Property Crime rate trends are consistent with previous years, and, so far, are mostly lower-than-average. Violent Crime rate trends, on the other hand, are differing quite a bit from the normal rises and falls. This month, Violent Crimes were at more than twice the rate of the five-year average.