

Pittsfield Police Department CityStat

August 2015

Produced by the Crime Analysis Unit



Part I Total Crime

Part I Violent Crime this month is, fortunately, back down from its very high number of incidents in July to a more normal rate. While the number of violent incidents in the city is still **53%** higher than average, it is following the new trend of increased Aggravated Assault cases that we have come to expect since June of last year.

While Property Crimes do tend to happen more frequently as the summer progresses, the **43%** increase we saw this month compared to last is higher than expected. The increase in Property Crimes from July to August is typically only about **1-2%**.

4 Weeks

Year to Date

5 Year

	Jul-2015	Aug-2015	% Change	2014	2015	% Change	Average	% Change
Total Violent Crime	36	26	-28%	100	183	83%	17	53%
Total Property Crime	119	170	43%	950	839	-12%	136	25%
Total Part I Crime	155	196	26%	1050	1022	-3%	153	28%

Part I Property Crime

There was a large uptick in Burglaries and Larcenies from Motor Vehicles this month compared to July. In both of those categories last month, though, our numbers were far lower than expected. Therefore, despite the increase, our number of Burglaries this month were in sync with the average expected amount for August in Pittsfield. Although there are still **18%** fewer MV burglaries this year compared to the same time last year, this is still a major Property Crime issue in Pittsfield. The majority of these cases have involved vehicles that were left unlocked outside residences or in parking lots and garages. Whenever possible, citizens should try to keep their cars locked to prevent theft.

4 Week

Year to Date

5 Year

	4 Week			Year to Date			5 Year	
	Jul-2015	Aug-2015	% Change	2014	2015	% Change	Average	% Change
Burglary (B&E)	39	52	33%	313	257	-18%	50	4%
Larceny (Total)	77	116	51%	613	557	-9%	82	41%
Larceny from Building	7	12	71%	95	77	-19%	14	-14%
Larceny from Motor Vehicle	6	27	350%	97	80	-18%	11	145%
Larceny from Person	1	3	200%	15	18	20%	3	0%
Shoplifting	21	20	-5%	119	126	6%	10	100%
Larceny Misc.	42	54	29%	287	256	-11%	42	29%
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	2	-33%	24	25	4%	4	-50%
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Part I Violent Crime

There is certainly both good and bad news regarding the Violent Crime rate this month. The Aggravated Assault rate is back down to the lowest it has been since April of this year, resulting in an overall Violent Crime rate **28%** lower than last month.

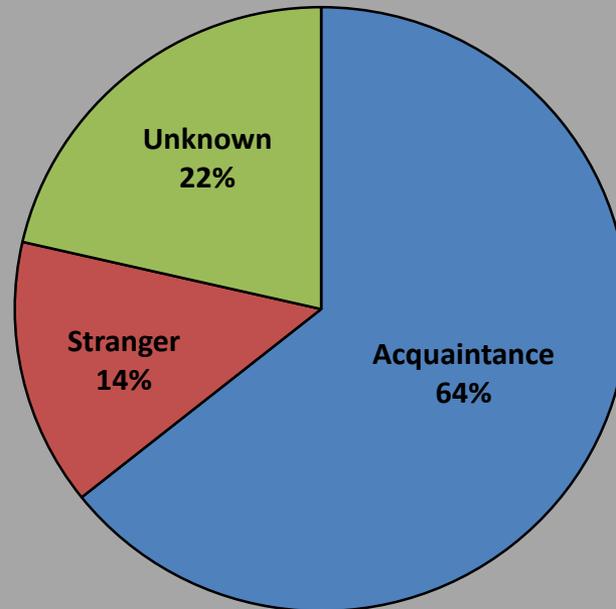
On the other hand, Robberies cases doubled from last month, and are also double the expected number of incidents based on the 5-year average. Also, although we had one fewer Homicide this month compared to last, with four months left to go in the year, we have already more than tripled the average number of homicides for a full year in Pittsfield. The average yearly number of homicides in the city over the past 5 years is only 0.6. Over the last several years, there was 1 homicide in 2010 and 2 in 2011. There have been none since, until this year.

	<u>4 Week</u>			<u>Year to Date</u>			<u>5 Year</u>	
	Jul-2015	Aug-2015	% Change	2014	2015	% Change	Average	% Change
Homicide	2	1	-50%	0	3	IN CALC	0	IN CALC
Rape	2	4	100%	15	17	13%	2	100%
Robbery	3	6	100%	24	22	-8%	3	100%
Aggravated Assault	28	15	-46%	56	140	150%	11	36%
Arson	1	0	-100%	5	1	-80%	1	-100%
Total Violent Crime	36	26	-28%	100	183	83%	17	53%

A Closer Look: AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Aggravated Assaults- August 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:

↑ 43%

Compared to 2014
Year-to-Date:

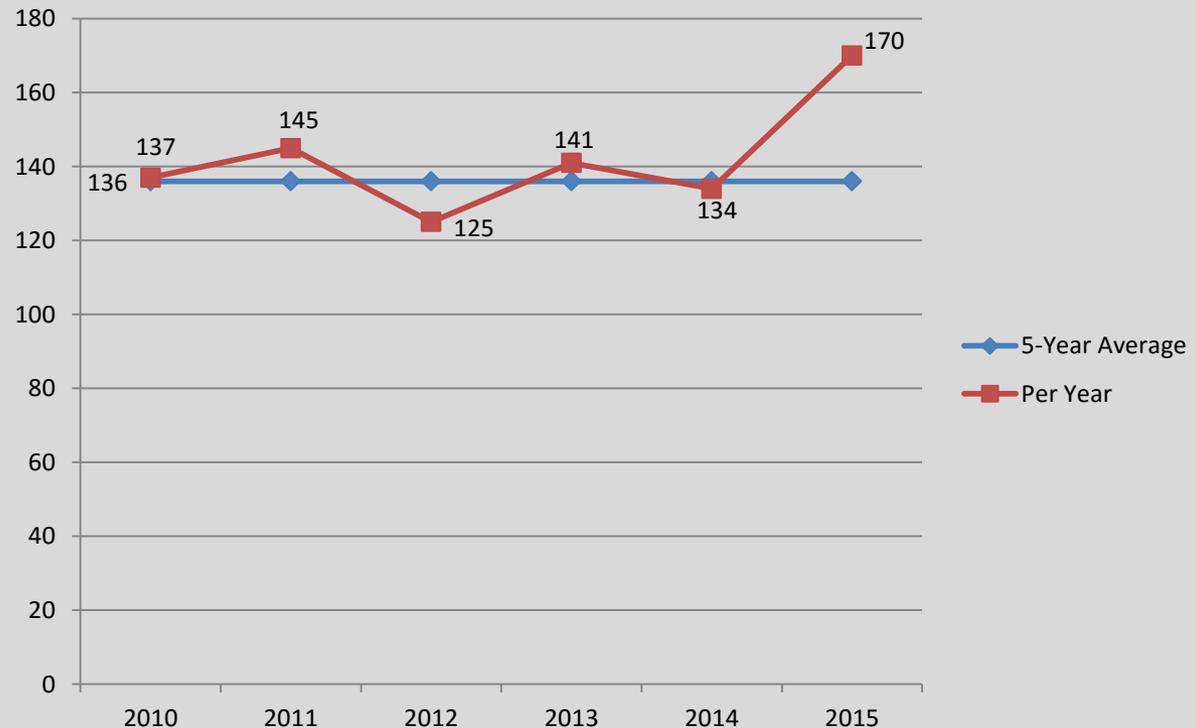
↓ 12%

Compared to 5 Year Avg:

↑ 25%

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PROPERTY CRIME



A Closer Look: Part I Violent Crime

Stat Recap:

Since Last Month:

↓ 28%

Compared to 2014
Year-To-Date:

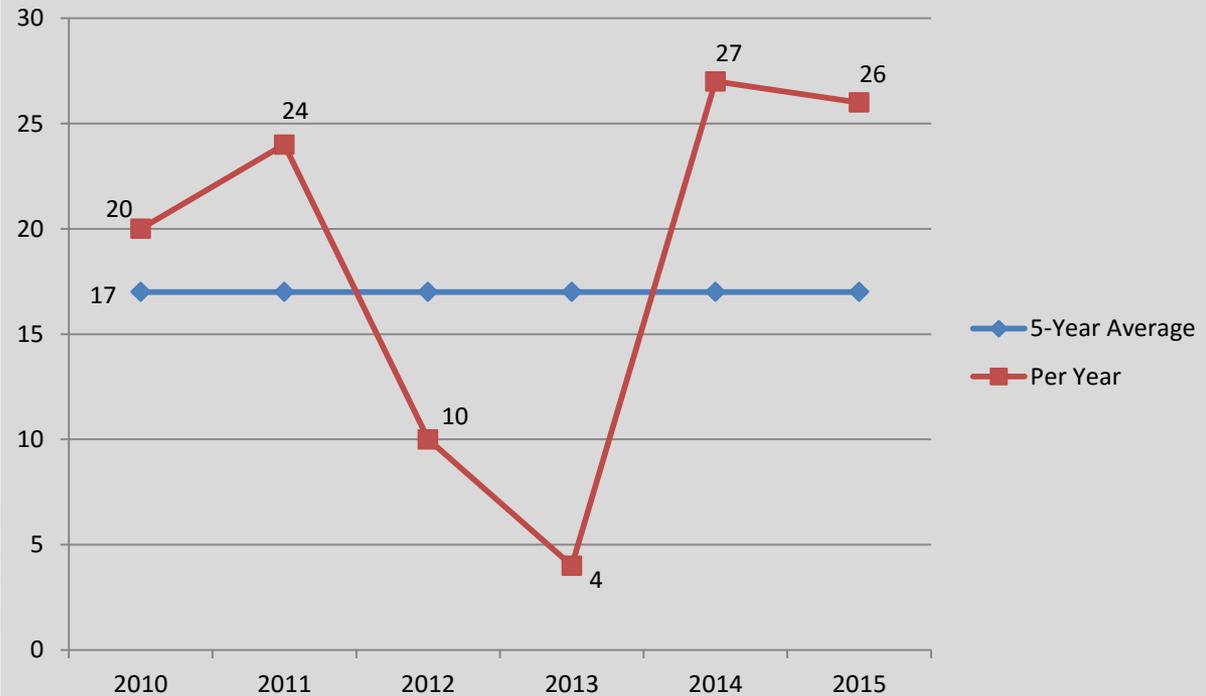
↑ 83%

Compared to 5 Year Avg:

↑ 53%

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VIOLENT CRIME



A Closer Look: Burglary

Stat Recap:

Since Last Month:

↑ 33%

Compared to 2014
Year-To-Date:

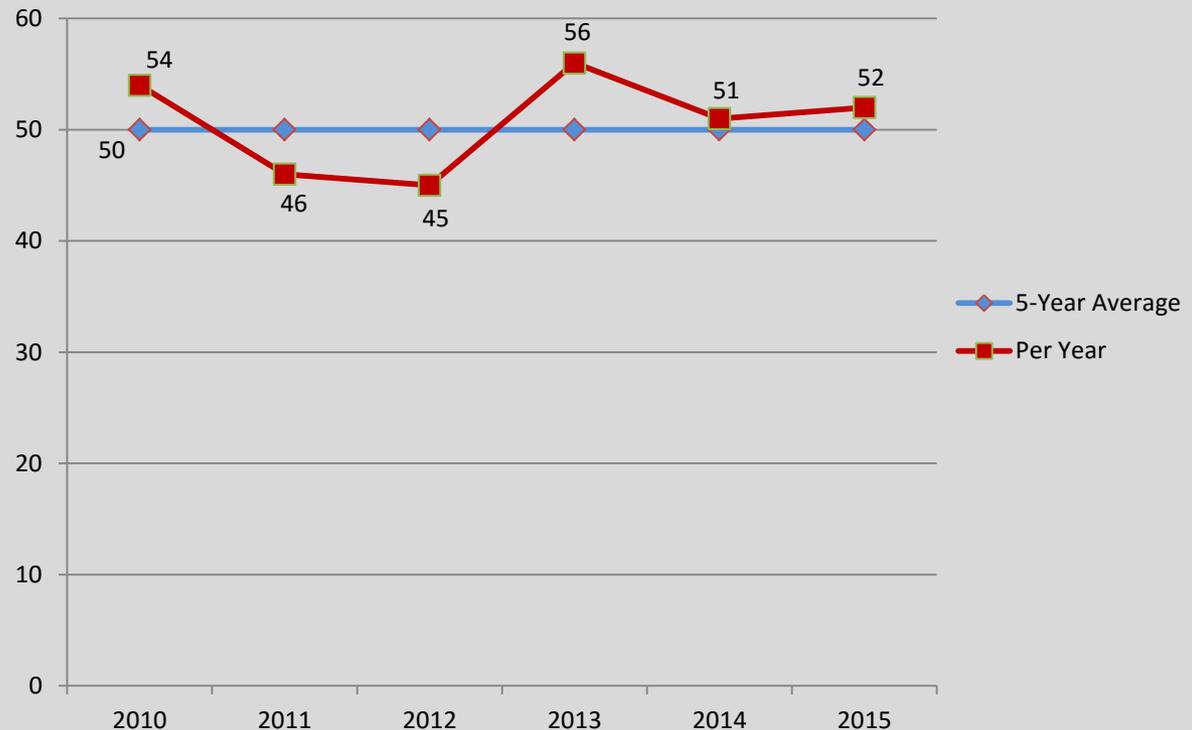
↓ 18%

Compared to 5 Year Avg:

↑ 4%

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BURGLARY



A Closer Look: Larceny

Stat Recap:

Since Last Month:

↑ 51%

Compared to 2014
Year-To-Date:

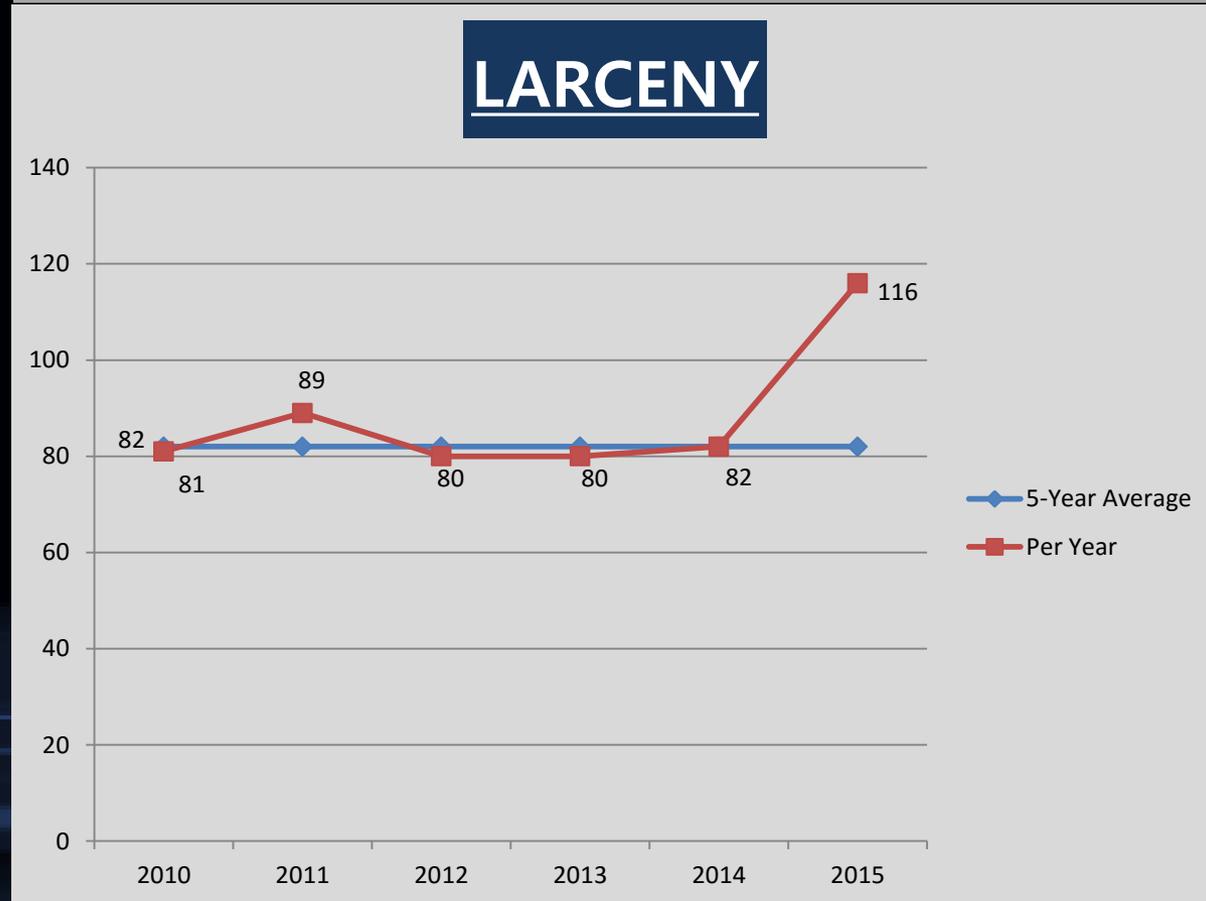
↓ 9%

Compared to 5 Year Avg:

↑ 41%

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LARCENY



A Closer Look: AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Stat Recap:

Since Last Month:

↓ 46%

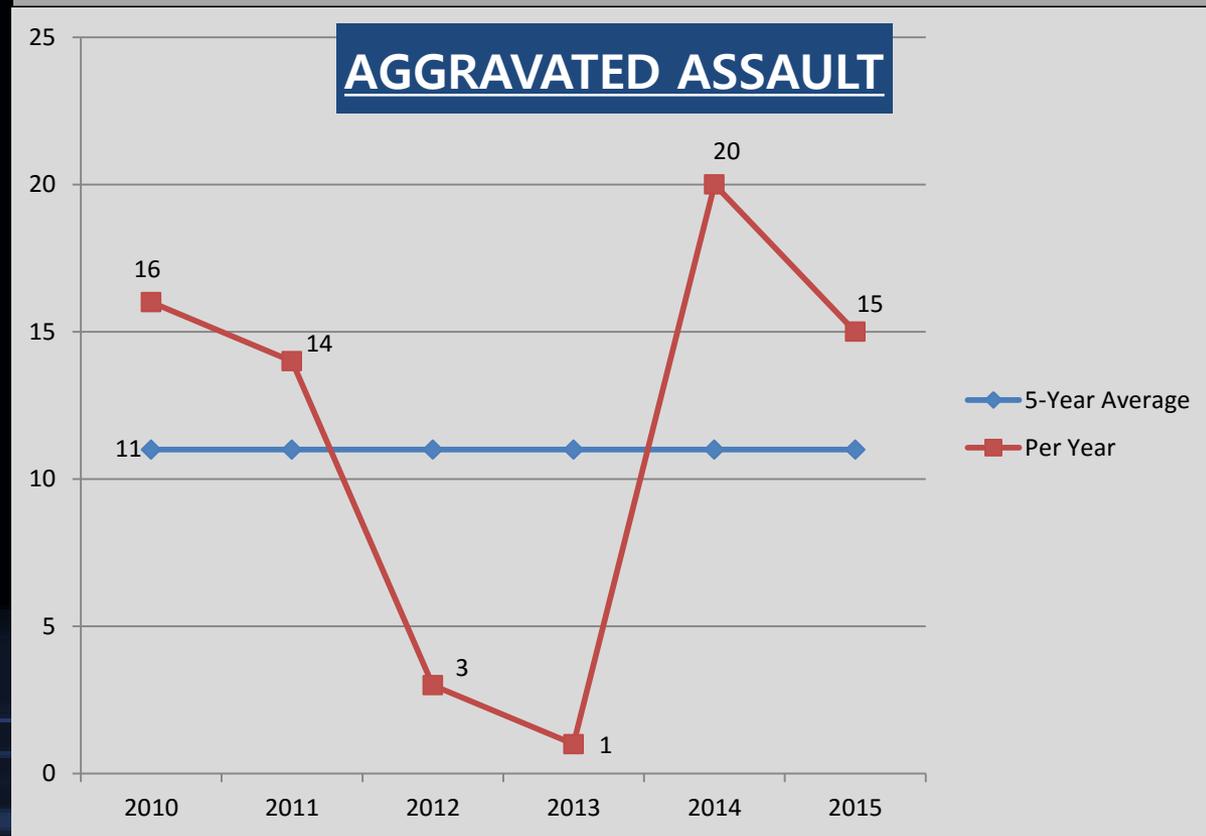
Compared to 2014
Year-To-Date:

↑ 150%

Compared to 5 Year Avg:

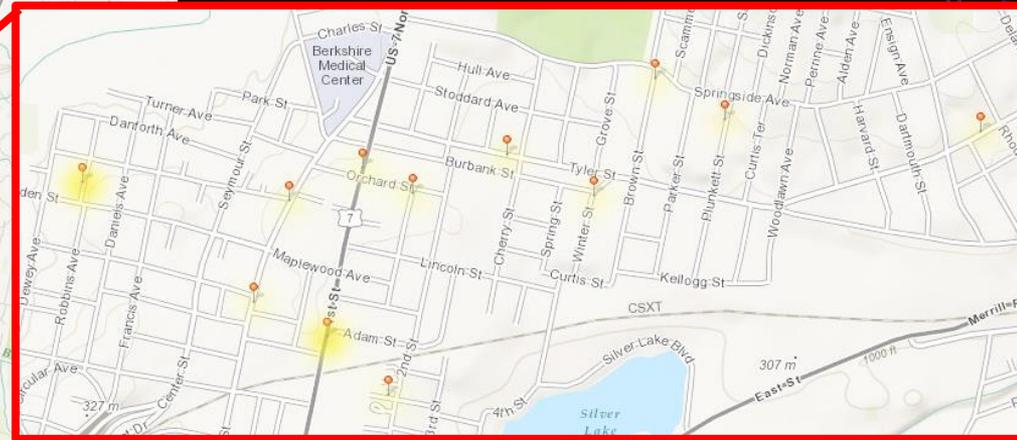
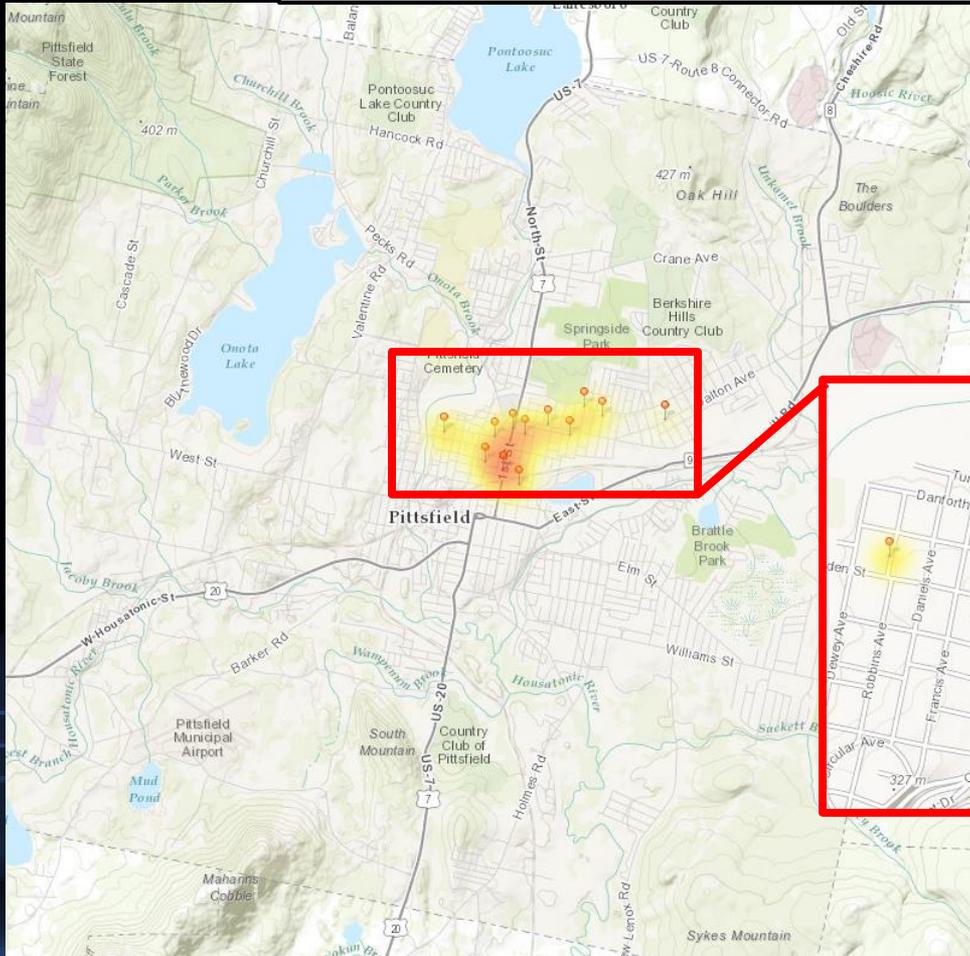
↑ 36%

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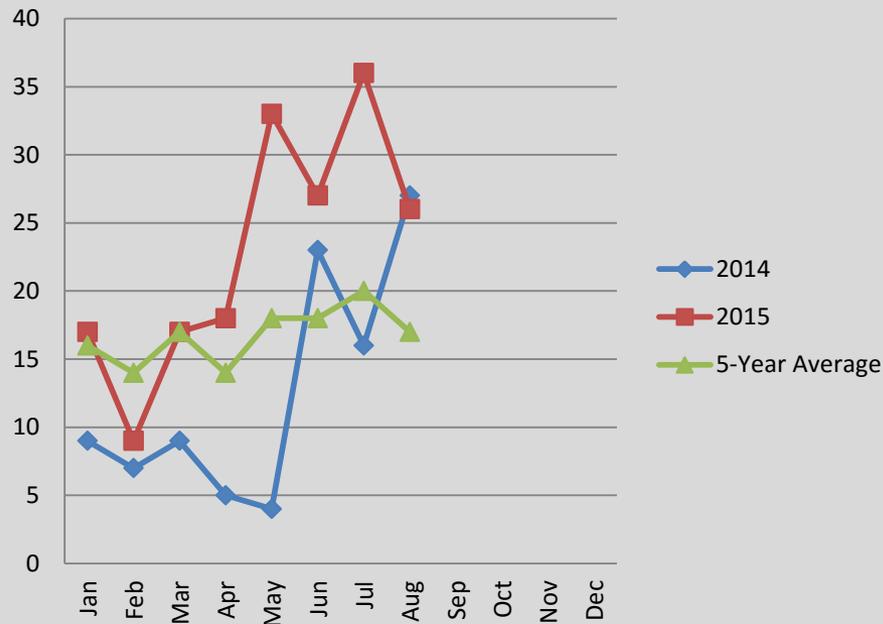
A Closer Look: AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Aggravated Assaults- August 2015 Heat Map

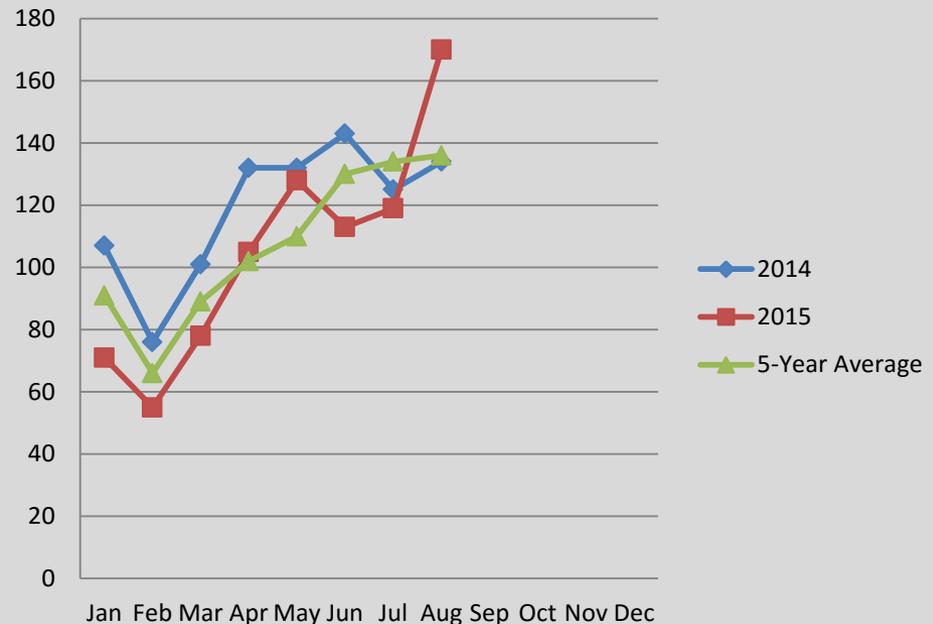


A Closer Look: CHANGING CRIME TRENDS

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 have been mostly consistent with previous years, but rose by an unusually high degree this month. Violent Crime rate trends, on the other hand, are differing quite a bit from the normal rises and falls. Last month, Violent Crime was the highest it had been in years, but this month it was back down.