



ANGUS COUNCIL

Angus Council Scrutiny and Audit Committee

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(Quarter ending 31 March 2016)



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BACKGROUND TO THIS REPORT

As from April 2013, the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 has required Police Scotland to produce and publish a Local Policing Plan (LPP) for each local authority area. The LPP clearly sets out the policing priorities for Angus.

Performance in relation to the identified policing priorities is monitored and reviewed internally on a weekly basis. Quarterly reports are produced to allow scrutiny by Angus Council Scrutiny and Audit Committee. This report covers the period from 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016.

Data provided in this report is for information purposes to allow Board Members to conduct their scrutiny responsibilities.

This report will make reference to crime groupings. Groups 1-4 refer to an amalgamation of four crime groups. They are Group 1, consisting of violent crime; Group 2 covering sexual offences; Group 3 covers a wide range of crimes of dishonesty; and Group 4 includes vandalism, fire-raising and malicious mischief.

Serious and Organised Crime

Tackling Serious and Organised Crime Groups remains a key focus for Police Scotland.

Local officers are often supported by national resources and continue to target groups operating in the Angus area. Such groups take every opportunity to gain profit from criminal activities ranging from dealing controlled drugs, crimes of dishonesty, prostitution and financial offences linked to money laundering.

Successful local enforcement, with a national impact, was evident in February of this year when 5 men were arrested at McDonalds in Arbroath in connection with an ATM theft.

Operation Lockhart is an on-going operation targeting a specific group of dealers in the Angus area who are involved in the supply of controlled drugs. To date there have been 19 arrests and over £1800 worth of controlled drugs recovered.

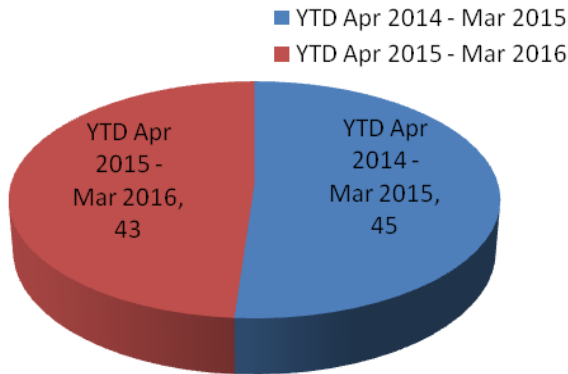
Operation Slate targets all drugs offences across Tayside and is routine business for Angus officers. Officers across all the community policing teams are involved in running proactive operations and gathering intelligence on those blighting our community.

Some of this activity is reflected in the year end figures which showed a slight drop in those reported for drugs supply charges but a significant increase 35.9% in those found in possession of drugs. This is a good indication of activity and something we will continue to build on.

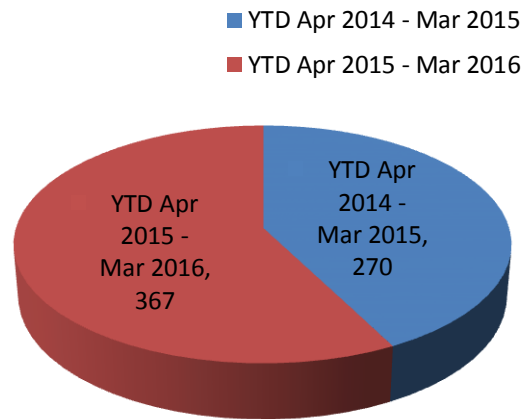
Serious and Organised Crime

		5 year average	Apr 2014– Mar 2015	Apr 2015– Mar 2016	% Change from last year
22	Number of detections for drugs supply, production, cultivation.	59.4	45	43	-4.4%
	Number of detections for possession of drugs	313.6	270	367	35.9%

Number of detections for drug supply, production and cultivation



Number of detections for possession of drugs



Public Protection and Safety

In relation to Public Protection and Safety, there has been an increase in some violent crime in Angus with the majority occurring inside.

There has been a 48.9% increase in Serious Assaults from 45 incidents to 67. A number of these can be attributed to a change in recording standards.

However, the overall total number of group 1 (serious violent crime) remained unchanged compared to last year. Of note is the near 50% reduction in robbery compared to last year.

There has been a 3% increase in petty assaults which is a relatively small increase of 39 crimes. However the overall numbers remain high at 1338 incidents which is ahead of last year and the five year average and is a focus of on-going prevention activity.

Domestic violence accounts for a large proportion of the overall numbers with reported incidents more than doubled in the last five years. Other large contributory factors are kinship assaults and the increase in violent youth crime.

Over the twelve month reporting period there was a welcome reduction in hate crime from 77 reported crimes to 70 crimes. 59 of these crimes were detected giving a detection rate of 84.3%.

The increase in group 2 crimes of indecency continues but at a reduced level. The rape detection rate increased by 17% to 71.1%. The reporting trend remains upwards with online and social media offences becoming more prevalent.

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Public Protection and Safety					
		5 year average	Apr 2014- Mar 2015	Apr 2015- Mar 2016	% change from last year
1	Total Number Group 1: Crimes of Violence	98.8	117	117	0.0%
2	Murder	0.8	0	1	-
3	Attempted Murder	7.6	3	3	0.0%
4	Culpable Homicide (common law)	-	0	0	-
5	Culpable Homicide (other)	-	1	1	0.0%
6	Serious Assault detection rate	92.2%	91.1%	95.5%	4.4%
7	Serious Assault	44.4	45	67	48.9%
8	Robbery detection rate	79.3%	86.2%	75.0%	-11.2%
9	Robbery	14.0	29	16	-44.8%
10	Petty (Common) Assault detection rate	80.4%	83.7%	84.2%	0.5%
11	Petty (common) Assault	1179	1299	1338	3.0%
13	Number of Domestic Abuse incidents reported to the Police	-	1318	1221	-7.4%
14	Total crimes and offences in Domestic Abuse incidents	-	930	927	-0.3%
15	Percentage of Domestic incidents that result in a crime being recorded	-	58.0%	57.0%	-1.0%
16	Total crimes and offences in Domestic Abuse incidents detection rate	-	81.5%	78.7%	-2.8%
17	Total detections for Domestic Bail offences	-	85	81	-4.7%
18	95% of initial Domestic Abuse Bail Checks are conducted within 24hrs	-	-	95.5%	-
19	Hate crime and offences detection rate	-	97.3%	84.3%	-13.0%
33	Number of Group 2: Crimes of Indecency	180.8	258	264	2.3%
34	Group 2 crimes detection rate	71.4%	74.0%	70.8%	-3.2%
35	Rape detection rate	52.8%	54.1%	71.1%	17.0%

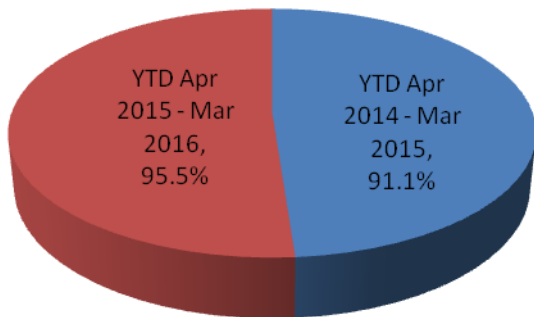
		June 2015 – Mar 2016	June 2015 – Mar 2016 (Positive)
20	Number of Stop and Searches conducted (total)	596	165
21	Number of Statutory Stop and Searches conducted	518	148
22	Number of Consensual Stop and Searches conducted	78	17
23	Number of Consensual Stop and Searches refused	0	-
24	Number of seizures made	34	-

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An enhanced version of the National Stop and Search Database commenced on 1 June 2015. The enhanced database brought significant changes in the process of data capture and the methodology for recording data items. No previous year to date figures are provided as it has been previously acknowledged this data is not 100% accurate, therefore comparisons will provide misleading results or invalid conclusions. Management information and data in respect of stop and search can be found on the Police Scotland website via <http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/police-scotland/stop-and-search-data-publication>

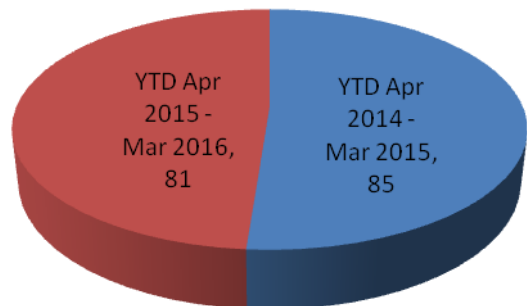
Serious Assault - Detection Rates

■ YTD Apr 2014 - Mar 2015 ■ YTD Apr 2015 - Mar 2016



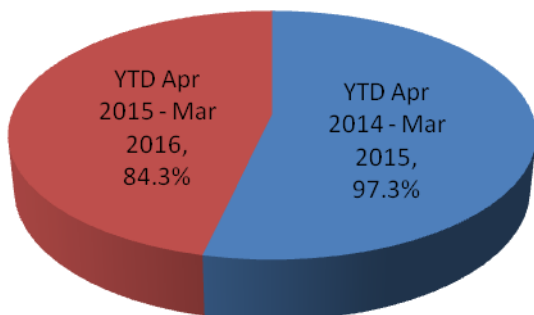
Domestic Bail Offences - Total Detections

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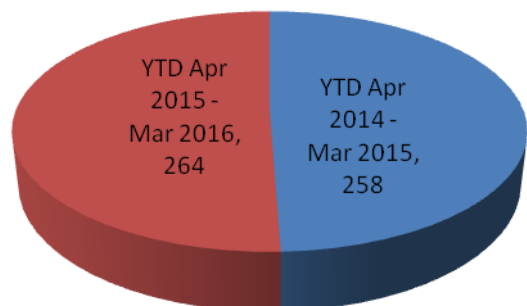
Hate Crime - Detection Rates

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Number of Group 2 - Crimes of Indecency

■ YTD Apr 2014 - Mar 2015 ■ YTD Apr 2015 - Mar 2016



Road Safety

The strategic priority for road safety is keeping people safe on the roads of Angus.

Angus officers continue to work with our colleagues in the Divisional Road Policing Unit (DRPU) and the Trunk Road Policing Group (TRPG) to tackle road crime.

Tragically, this period has seen an increase in the number of deaths occurring on Angus roads with 3 more fatalities compared to the same period last year.

However, through working with partners, 10 fewer people were seriously injured equating to a reduction of 29.4 %. 41 fewer people were slightly injured equating to a reduction of 28.9%.

No children were killed or seriously injured on our roads

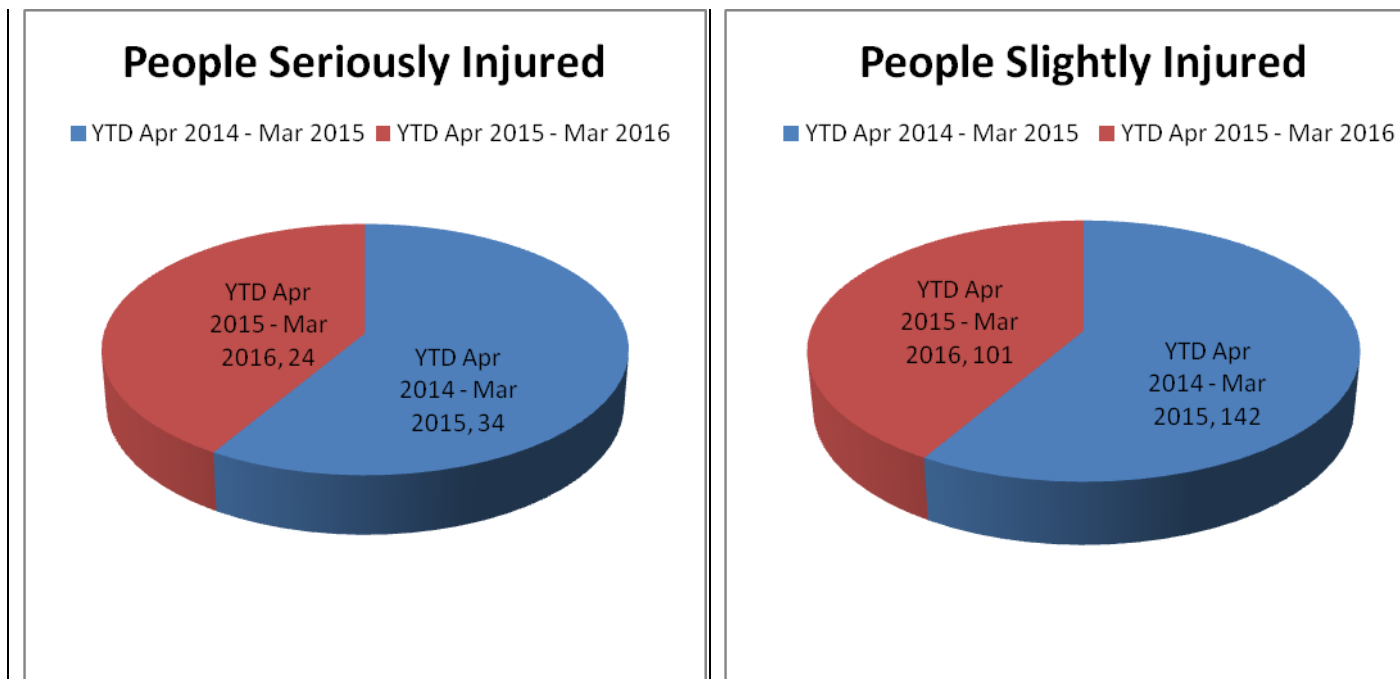
Officers continue to be involved in speed and casualty reduction operations in our community. This is on our trunk roads, rural roads and within built up areas.

Officers continue to target inconsiderate and dangerous parking. High profile joint operations were conducted around schools in an attempt to educate drivers and keep our children safe.

There will be a continued commitment to this area of work as we journey through this year.

Road Traffic Statistics

		5 year average	Apr 2014– Mar 2015	Apr 2015– Mar 2016	% Change from last year
N/A	People Killed	-	5	8	60.0%
N/A	People Seriously Injured	-	34	24	-29.4%
N/A	People Slightly Injured	-	142	101	-28.9%
N/A	Children (aged<16) Killed	-	0	0	-
N/A	Children (aged<16) Seriously Injured	-	3	0	-
36	Dangerous driving	54.2	50	131	162.0%
37	Speeding	1450.4	1887	2074	9.9%
38	Disqualified driving	23.6	9	37	311.1%
39	Driving Licence	117	100	247	147.0%
40	Insurance	277.6	222	468	110.8%
41	Seat Belts	225.4	197	58	-70.6%
42	Mobile Phone	122	147	83	-43.5%



Antisocial Behaviour

The targeted deployment of officers throughout the year, supported by regional and national policing teams has assisted in reducing the number of disorder complaints by 184, a reduction of 4.6 %.

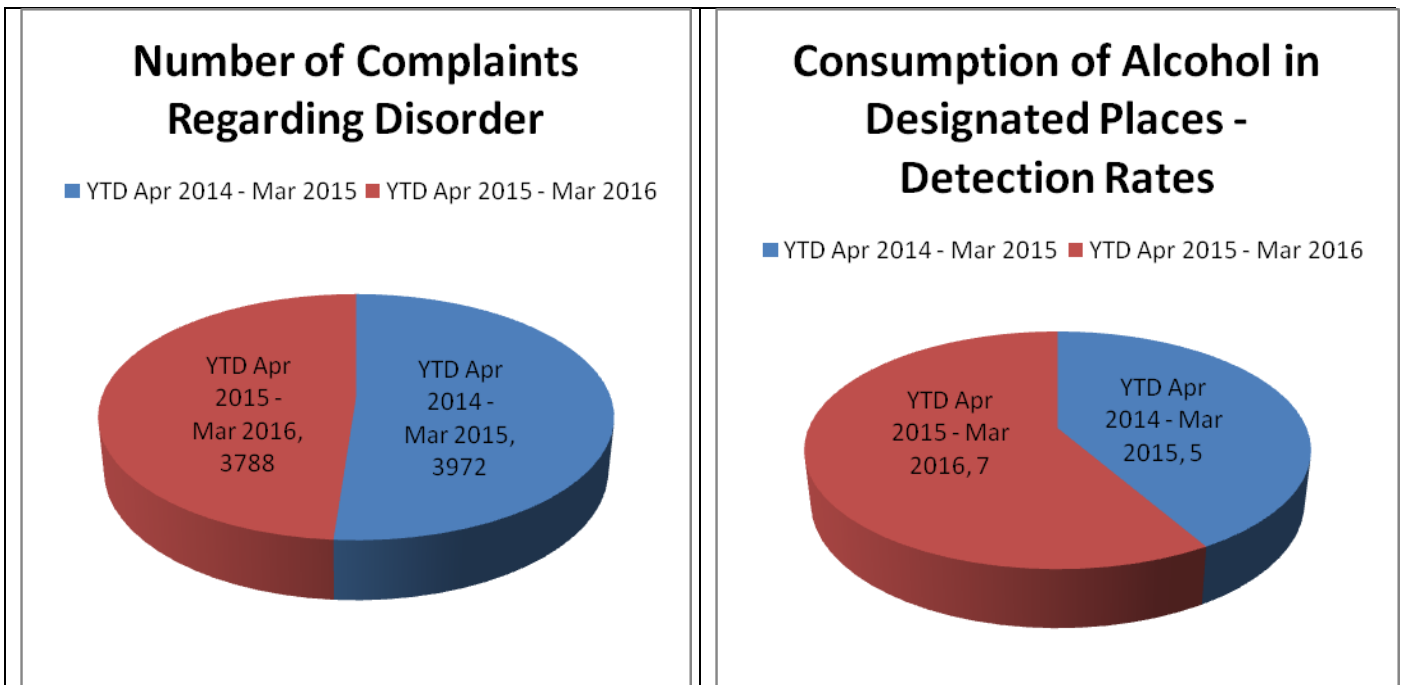
The incidences of vandalism increased from 801 incidents to 899, an increase of 12.2 %. With the detection rate increasing by 6.2 %. The detection rate is currently higher than last year and the five year average.

A benefit of increased detection rates can be to offer disposals to divert people from and prevent crime. Ancillary to this and as an alternative approach; letters are being sent to parents advising them if their children are involved in low level anti social behaviour which can lead to the damage of property. It is anticipated that this approach combined with a problem solving approach to repeat callers will positively impact on future vandalism figures.

Joint work continues with partners in the Community Safety Hub, Mart in Forfar to impact positively on our communities across Angus. Increased use of Anti Social Behaviour Orders and Anti Social Behaviour legislation is proving useful.

Youth offending is on the rise in Angus, coordinated work is on-going with partners to identify clear pathways to diversionary work which will ensure we continue to move in the right direction with this area of work but also produce positive outcomes for our young people.

Antisocial Behaviour					
		5 year average	Apr 2014- Mar 2015	Apr 2015- Mar 2016	% Change from last year
12	Number of complaints regarding disorder	-	3972	3788	-4.6%
27	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief detection rate	31.6%	27.0%	33.1%	6.2%
28	Vandalism & Malicious Mischief	1025.2	801	899	12.2%
74	Number of detections for Consuming Alcohol in a designated place (where appropriate byelaws exist)	-	5	7	40.0%



Theft and Scams

There has been a significant reduction, for the year to date, in the number of Theft by Housebreakings (including attempts). There were 66 fewer recorded crimes resulting in a reduction of 39.4 %. During the same period there was a 10.2 % increase in the detection rate.

This area of work is something the community regularly tells us is important and we will continue to commit resources to it.

Over the period there was also a 15.9% reduction in the number of theft by shopliftings which equates to 78 fewer crimes. The detection rate for shoplifting remains high around 78%.

In some cases shoplifting can be an indication that a persons life is in some element of chaos. Tayside Intensive Support Services officers (TISS) are often deployed to see if there is a way to divert the vulnerable and support them from criminal activity.

Recently an individual was identified and reported for a series of break-ins in the Kirriemuir area and like wise another person identified and reported for a series of bogus caller type incidents across the Angus and wider area. The impact which these types of crime, scams and bogus callers can have on the community is considerable. Officers in Angus, working with others, will continue to target individuals who commit these types of crimes.

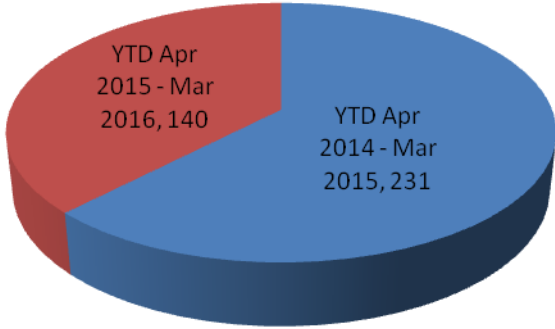
Overall, the total number of crimes of dishonesty in Angus, over the last year fell by 11%.

Theft by Housebreaking and Theft by Shoplifting

		5 year average	Apr 2014– Mar 2015	Apr 2015– Mar 2016	% Change from last year
23	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts) detection rate	27.4%	23.4%	33.6%	10.2%
24	Theft by housebreaking (including attempts)	246.6	231	140	-39.4%
25	Theft by shoplifting detection rate	86.5%	79.9%	78.0%	-1.9%
26	Theft by shoplifting	543.8	492	414	-15.9%

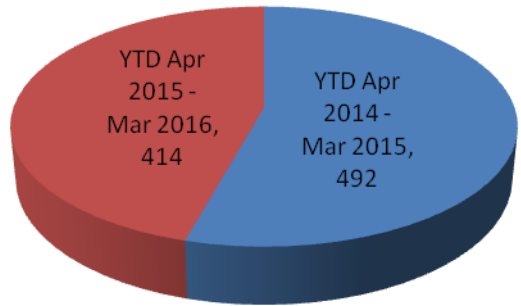
Theft by Housebreaking (including attempts)

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Theft by Shoplifting

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	Arbroath East & Lunan			Arbroath West & Letham			Brechin & Edzell			Carnoustie & District		
	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-5	877	510	58.2%	390	212	54.4%	359	183	51.0%	223	107	48.0%
Groups 1-4	630	278	44.1%	324	150	46.3%	294	121	41.2%	187	73	39.0%
All Group 1	38	35	92.1%	9	9	100%	7	6	85.7%	4	4	100%
Murder/ Attempt Murder	1	1	100%	-	-	-	1	1	100%	-	-	-
Serious Assault	25	25	100%	7	6	85.7%	5	5	100%	2	2	100%
Robbery	4	3	75.0%	1	1	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Common Assault	338	294	87.0%	128	106	82.8%	140	115	82.1%	90	75	83.3%
Knives/ Offensive Weapons	8	8	100%	6	5	83.3%	6	6	100%	1	1	100%
Drugs Supply/ Production	7	7	100%	7	6	85.7%	5	5	100%	1	1	100%
All Group 2	54	38	70.4%	41	30	73.2%	36	21	58.3%	21	16	76.2%
Housebreaking	26	10	38.5%	19	4	21.1%	19	6	31.6%	8	5	62.5%
Shoplifting	96	70	72.9%	69	55	79.7%	21	19	90.5%	15	14	93.3%
	Forfar & District			Kirriemuir & Dean			Monifieth & Sidlaw			Montrose & District		
	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%	Rec	Det	%
Groups 1-5	763	472	61.9%	287	138	48.1%	226	76	33.6%	563	373	66.3%
Groups 1-4	532	264	49.6%	249	100	40.2%	198	54	27.3%	407	221	54.3%
All Group 1	25	23	92.0%	4	3	75.0%	5	6	120%	25	20	80.0%
Murder/ Attempt Murder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	100%
Serious Assault	13	12	92.3%	1	1	100%	5	5	100%	9	8	88.9%
Robbery	2	2	100%	1	1	100%	-	-	-	8	5	62.5%
Common Assault	226	200	88.5%	85	64	75.3%	68	55	80.9%	250	207	82.8%
Knives/ Offensive Weapons	7	6	85.7%	1	1	100%	1	1	100%	16	16	100%
Drugs Supply/ Production	13	13	100%	4	3	75.0%	2	2	100%	10	7	70.0%
All Group 2	40	29	72.5%	12	9	75.0%	15	9	60.0%	41	31	75.6%
Housebreaking	18	11	61.1%	18	2	11.1%	14	2	14.3%	18	7	38.9%
Shoplifting	91	70	76.9%	43	37	86.0%	13	5	38.5%	57	47	82.5%

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