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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

This document is marked as **UNCLASSIFIED** as there are no sensitive details contained in it and it is expressly written to be circulated both internally and externally.

1.2 DATA INTEGRITY

The statistics, tables and graphs contained in this document are based on substantiated principal offences that occurred during the period covered (not recorded during the period covered), and which have been actively investigated.

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1.3 EXPLANATION OF GRAPHS

The graphs used in this report include standard deviation, which is used as a means of objectively measuring how much the data has varied over time, and is useful in identifying extreme highs and lows of crime. Standard deviation provides objective insight. Where the data is above the red line (2 standard deviation above the mean average), it is considered exceptionally high. Where the data is below the blue line (2 standard deviation below the mean average), it is considered exceptionally low. In both cases, it can be referred to as statistically significant (high or low), and is an indication of whether the figures are exceptionally high or exceptionally low.

1.4 AIM

The aim of this report is to produce accurate, timely, objective information that:

- Enables informed decisions to be made on the types of crime that threaten the safety of the community.
- Is used to proactively manage risks to the island and ensure effective policing, redeploying and directing resources at a strategic and tactical level, as required.
- Facilitates effective and open communication with our stakeholders, developing the means to inform them of the plans, efforts and progress being made by the BPS.
- Provides meaningful information as one of the means of reassuring communities in Bermuda.

1.5 SCHEDULE OF REPORTING

Prior to 2016, Official Statistics Reports were produced every quarter and also included drug seizure information. Since 2016, Official Statistics Reports are produced once per year. A separate report detailing drug seizures and drug enforcement is also produced once per year.

1.6 Executive Summary

There were **3,065** offences recorded in Bermuda in 2023, an increase of **+163** or **+5.6%** compared to the **2,902** offences in 2022. The **3,065** offences in 2023 is the 2nd lowest offence figure by year, since comparable records in 2000, and the 5th year in a row of recording fewer than **3,400** offences. This is shown in Appendix A, D and E.

Comparing 2023 to 2022, recorded offences increased in Crimes Against The Person (**693** \rightarrow **725**), in Crimes Against Property (**1,630** \rightarrow **1,751**), and in Crimes Against The Community (**579** \rightarrow **589**). The largest decrease in 2023 was the **-75** Motor Vehicle Theft offences. No Covid offences were recorded in 2023.

In 2023, there were **4** murders (**3** from firearms), and **3** persons were shot and injured. A summary of the 19 crime categories for 2023, in comparison to 2022, is shown below in Figure 1:

Figure 1: Summary Of All Crime (2023)

CRIME CATEGORY	2023 vs 2022
Murder	←
Manslaughter	
Serious Assaults	
Other Assaults	1
Sexual Assault	1
Robbery	1
Offences Against Children	
Indecency	1
CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON	1
Firearm Offences	•
Other Weapon Offences	•
Disorder Offences	1
Anti-Social Behaviour	•
Animal Offences	1
CRIMES AGAINST THE COMMUNITY	1
Burglary (Residential)	1
Burglary (Non-Residential)	1
Criminal Damage	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	1
Theft of Property	1
Fraud and Deception	1
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY	1
GRAND TOTAL (ALL CRIME Trend)	1

LEGEND: Increasing Decreasing Remains level

2. ALL CRIME

2.1 SUMMARY

There were **3,065** offences recorded for All Crime in 2023. These are shown below in Figure 2, by quarter:

Figure 2: All Offences, by Quarter (Q1 2023 to Q4 2023)

QUARTER	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023
ALL CRIME	737	794	773	761

2.2 TRENDS

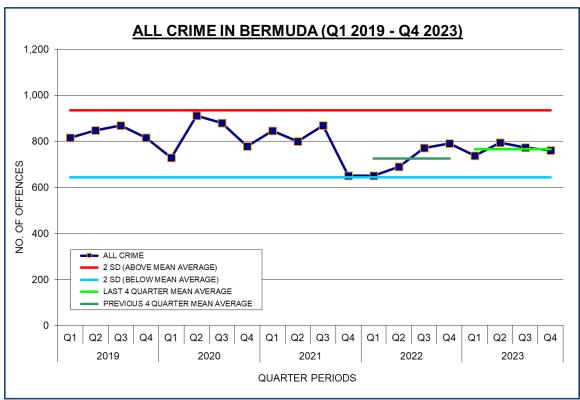
All Crime increased by **+163** or **+5.6%**, from **2,902** in 2022, to **3,065** offences in 2023. Crime increased in 11 of the 19 crime categories, with increases in Burglary (residential) **+67**, Other Assaults **+43**, Fraud and Deception **+40**, Theft **+39**, and Disorder offences **+38**, while there was a decrease of **-75** Motor Vehicle Thefts. All Crime from 2000 is in Appendix D. All Offences by year for the last 5 years, are shown below in Figure 3:

Figure 3: All Offences, by Year (2019 to 2023)

YEAR	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
ALL CRIME	3,347	3,297	3,165	2,902	3,065

A summary of All Offences for the last 5 years, by quarter, is shown below in Figure 4:

Figure 4: All Offences, by Quarter (Q1 2019 - Q4 2023)



3. CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON

3.1 SUMMARY

There were **725** offences recorded for Crimes Against The Person (CATP) in 2023. These are shown below in Figure 5, by quarter:

Figure 5: Crimes Against The Person, by Quarter (Q1 2023 to Q4 2023)

QUARTER	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023
CRIMES AGAINST PERSON	164	174	198	189

3.2. TRENDS

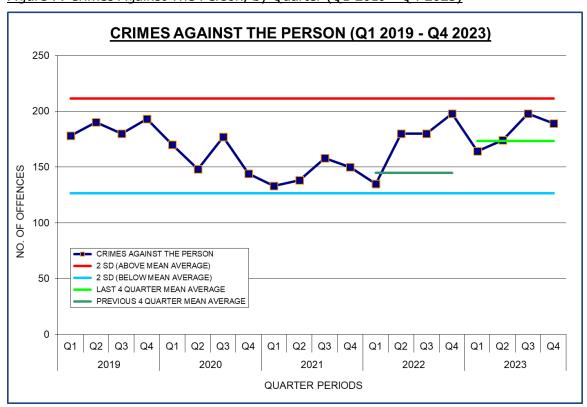
CATP increased by +32 or +4.6%, from **693** in 2022, to **725** offences in 2023. Year on year increases were recorded in 4 of the 8 categories, with largest changes the +43 in Other Assaults (**487** \rightarrow **530**), and **-12** in Serious Assaults (**49** \rightarrow **37**). 2023 was the first full year without covid restrictions, so was a return to normal community activity, and a return to 'normal' crime levels. Crimes Against The Person by year for the last 5 years are shown below in Figure 6:

Figure 6: Crimes Against The Person, by Year (2019 to 2023)

YEAR	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
CRIMES AGAINST PERSON	741	639	579	693	725

A summary of CATP for the last 5 years, by quarter, is shown below in Figure 7:

Figure 7: Crimes Against The Person, by Quarter (Q1 2019 - Q4 2023)



4. FIREARM INCIDENTS¹

Firearm Offences are included within Crimes Against The Community (Section 5); however Firearm Incidents may not necessarily be recorded as offences, as there may or may not be a victim and/or a suspect.

4.1 SUMMARY

There were **24** Firearm Incidents recorded in 2023. These are shown below in Figure 8, by quarter:

Figure 8: Firearm Incidents, by Quarter (Q1 2023 to Q4 2023)

	2023				TOTAL	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	IOIAL	
Confirmed Firearms Incident	1	0	3	4	8	
Unconfirmed Firearms Incident	1	1	2	4	8	
Recovery of a Firearm and or Ammunition	1	0	3	4	8	
TOTAL	3	1	8	12	24	

4.2 FIREARM INCIDENT TRENDS

Of the **24** Firearm Incidents recorded in 2023, **8** were Confirmed Firearm Incidents, **8** were Unconfirmed Firearm Incidents, and **8** were Recoveries of Firearms and/or Ammunition. This can be seen below in Figure 9, showing Firearm Incidents by year for the last 5 years:

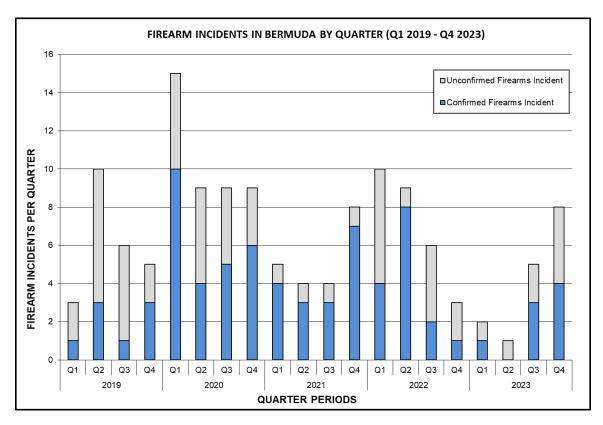
Figure 9: Firearm Incidents, by Year (2019 to 2023)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
Confirmed Firearms Incident	8	25	17	15	8	73
Unconfirmed Firearms Incident	16	17	4	13	8	58
Recovery of a Firearm and or Ammunition	12	10	6	11	8	47
TOTAL	36	52	27	39	24	178

¹ To enable accurate recording, analysis and reporting of firearm incidents, the BPS classifies firearm incidents into 2 categories, which are split into Confirmed or Recovery Of A Firearm and Or Ammunition. A Confirmed incident is where a person has been shot (fatally or wounded), a person has been shot at and corroboration is provided by forensic recovery of ballistic material, CCTV footage showing a firearm, reliable witness testimony or a person is charged with a firearms offence connected to the incident, a firearm is used in the commission of a criminal act and corroboration has been obtained, or a report of a firearm discharged and forensic material (bullet casings) have been recovered. A Recovery Of A Firearm and Or Ammunition is where a firearm, ammunition or imitation firearm is recovered by police.

A summary of Confirmed and Unconfirmed Firearm Incidents for the last 5 years, by quarter, is shown below in Figure 10:

Figure 10: Firearm Incidents, by Quarter (Q1 2019 - Q4 2023)



4.3 FIREARM FATALITIES, INJURIES AND HOMICIDES

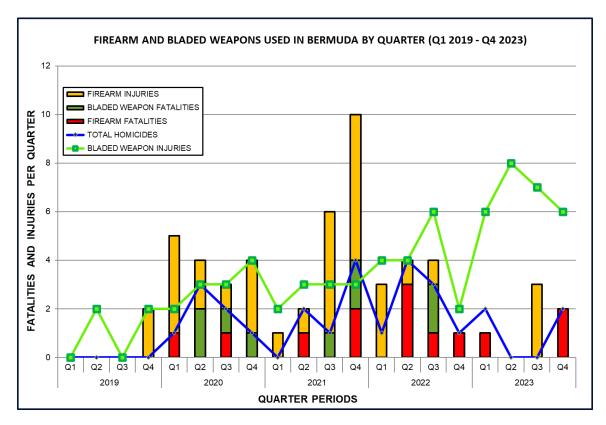
In 2023, there were **4** murders, with **3** persons shot and killed - Kyari FLOOD, Wilfred OUTERBRIDGE Jr, and Steven PARKES, and **1** person murdered by other means - Marco PERENCHIEF. There were **3** persons shot and injured in 2023. Figure 11 below, shows the last 5 years of confirmed firearm incidents, firearm fatalities, firearm injuries, bladed weapons injuries, bladed weapon incidents, and all homicides by year:

Figure 11: Firearms, Bladed Weapons and Total Homicides by Year (2019 to 2023)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
CONFIRMED FIREARM INCIDENTS	8	25	17	15	8	73
FIREARM FATALITIES	0	2	3	5	3	13
FIREARM INJURIES	2	10	13	5	3	33
TOTAL FIREARM FATALITIES & INJURIES	2	12	16	10	6	46
BLADED WEAPON INCIDENTS	4	15	11	17	24	71
BLADED WEAPON FATALITIES	0	4	3	2	0	9
BLADED WEAPON INJURIES	4	12	11	16	27	70
TOTAL BLADED WEAPON FATALITIES & INJURIES	4	16	14	18	27	79
TOTAL HOMICIDES	0	7	7	9	4	27

A summary of firearm fatalities, injuries and all homicides for the last 5 years, by quarter, is shown below, in Figure 12:

Figure 12: Firearm and Bladed Weapons Used In Bermuda (Q1 2019 - Q4 2023)



Of note, firearm fatalities, firearm injuries, bladed weapon injuries, and all homicides by year (2000 - 2023) is included in Appendix F.

5. CRIMES AGAINST THE COMMUNITY

5.1 SUMMARY

There were **589** offences recorded for Crimes Against The Community (CATC) in 2023. These are shown below in Figure 13, by quarter:

Figure 13: Crimes Against The Community, by Quarter (Q1 2023 to Q4 2023)

QUARTER	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023
CRIMES AGAINST COMMUNITY	146	168	143	132

5.2 TRENDS

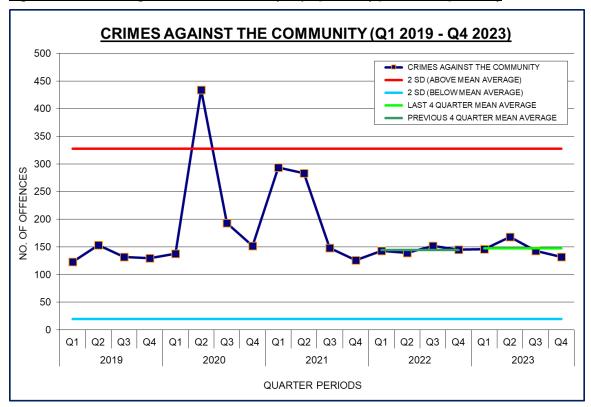
CATC increased by +10 or +1.7%, from 579 in 2022, to 589 offences in 2023. The largest changes were +38 in Disorder Offences ($82 \rightarrow 120$), -26 in Anti-Social Behaviour ($407 \rightarrow 381$), and +16 in Animal Offences ($19 \rightarrow 35$). Crimes against the Community by year, for the last 5 years, are shown below in Figure 14 (the peaks in 2020 and 2021 were due to covid offences being recorded, as explained in the reports 2020 to 2022):

Figure 14: Crimes Against The Community, by Year (2019 to 2023)

YEAR	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
CRIMES AGAINST COMMUNITY	538	917	851	579	589

A summary of CATC for the last 5 years, by quarter, is shown below in Figure 15:

Figure 15: Crimes Against The Community, by Quarter (Q1 2019 - Q4 2023)



6. CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

6.1. SUMMARY

There were **1,751** offences recorded for Crimes Against Property (CAP) in 2023. These are shown below in Figure 16, by quarter:

Figure 16: Crimes Against Property (CAP), by Quarter (Q1 2023 to Q4 2023)

QUARTER	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY	427	452	432	440

6.2 TRENDS

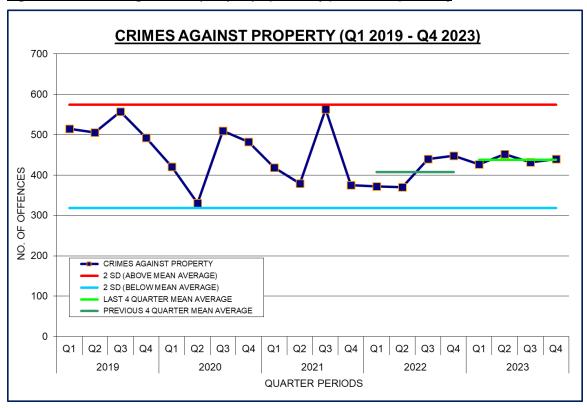
CAP increased by +121 or +7.4%, from 1,630 in 2022, to 1,751 in 2023. Offences increased in Burglary (Residential) ($143 \rightarrow 210$), Fraud and Deception ($81 \rightarrow 121$), and Theft ($429 \rightarrow 468$), yet decreased in Motor Vehicle Theft ($620 \rightarrow 545$). There has been a long term trend of CAP decreasing from a high of 4,524 in 2000, to 2,068 in 2019 (pre Covid), 1,741 in 2020, 1,735 in 2021, and 1,630 in 2022. Crimes Against Property, by year for the last 5 years, is shown below in Figure 17:

Figure 17: Crimes Against Property, by Year (2019 to 2023)

YEAR	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY	2,068	1,741	1,735	1,630	1,751

A summary of Crimes Against Property for the last 5 years, by quarter, is shown below in Figure 18:

Figure 18: Crimes Against Property, by Quarter (Q1 2019 - Q4 2023)



7. ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISIONS

7.1 SUMMARY

There were **1,401** Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs) recorded in 2023. These are shown below in Figure 19, by quarter:

Figure 19: Traffic Collisions, by Quarter (Q1 2023 - Q4 2023)

QUARTER	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023
RTCs	330	342	389	340

7.2 TRENDS

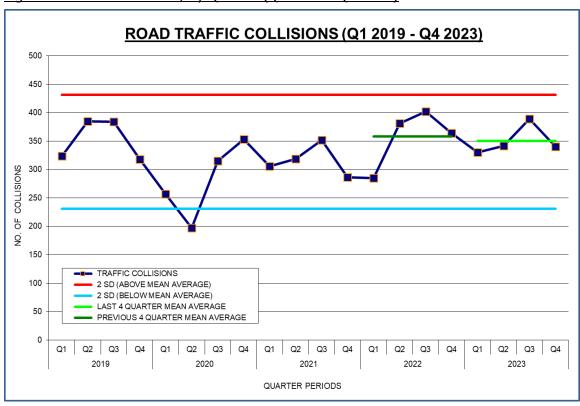
RTCs decreased by **-31** or **-2.2%**, from **1,432** in 2022, to **1,401** in 2023. In 2023, there were **13** Fatalities, **131** Serious Injuries, **648** Minor Injuries, and **609** Damage Only RTCs recorded. This can be seen in Appendix C. Using the 5-year period of 2018 to 2023, on average (on Bermuda's roads), **1** person died every 30 days, **1** person was severely injured every 3 days, and **1** person was slightly injured every **15** hours. RTCs by year for the last 5 years, are shown below in Figure 20:

Figure 20: Traffic Collisions, by Year (2019 - 2023)

YEAR	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
RTCs	1,411	1,122	1,263	1,432	1,401

A summary of RTCs for the last 5 years, by quarter, is shown below in Figure 21:

Figure 21: Traffic Collisions, by Quarter (Q1 2019 - Q4 2023)



8. TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY²

8.1 SUMMARY

There were **7,450** Traffic Tickets issued in 2023, shown below in Figure 22, by quarter:

Figure 22: Traffic Tickets, by Quarter (Q1 2023 to Q4 2023)

	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023
MVT (Inc. Parking and Marine)	1,606	1,661	1,904	1,403
MAN	213	172	253	238
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	1,819	1,833	2,157	1,641

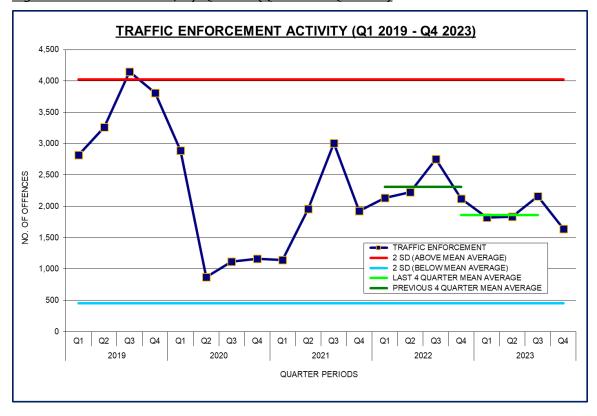
8.2 TRENDS

Traffic Tickets decreased by **-1,783** or **-19.3%**, from **9,233** in 2022, to **7,450** in 2023. The biggest change was the decrease in MVTs, with **5,365** issued in 2022, compared to **3,568** in 2023. Traffic enforcement from 2019 to 2023 is shown in Appendix B. Traffic Tickets by year, from 2019 to 2023, are shown below in Figure 23:

Figure 23: Traffic Tickets, by Year (2019 to 2023)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	14,037	6,042	8,036	9,233	7,450

A summary of Traffic Tickets from 2019 to 2023, by quarter, is shown in Figure 24: Figure 24: Traffic Tickets, by Quarter (Q1 2019 - Q4 2023)



² Traffic Enforcement Activity recording has been amended in this report to reflect Traffic Tickets issued by officers (and Reserve Officers), split into 2 categories of (1) MVTs (Moving Violation Tickets), that result in a fine or a court appearance or (2) MAhs (Motorist Advice Notices), where the motorist has been warned about their driving and a record is kept of this warning. Parking Tickets issued by a Police Officer and or a Reserve Officer (note tickets from Traffic Wardens are now included), and dnairie Tickets, which are similar to MVTs except they are used for Marine related offences, are included in the total for MVTs. Traffic Tickets reflect the strategic priority of the BPS in road safety and are a reflection of officer activity. MVT, MAN, Parking and Marine records are only available from Q1 2015.

9. EVENTS³ 9.1 SUMMARY

There were 13,137 Events in 2023. These are shown below in Figure 25, by quarter:

Figure 25: Events, by Quarters (Q1 2023 to Q4 2023)

	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023
Events	3,297	3,304	3,324	3,212

9.2 TRENDS

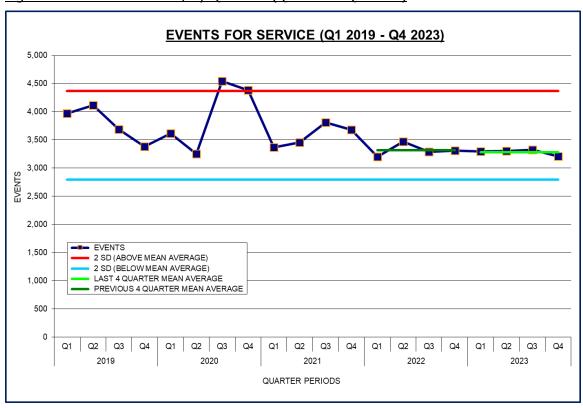
Events are often seasonal, with an increase in people asking for police assistance during the summer months, however the numbers are also impacted by BPS initiatives leading to increased deployment and reporting. Events, by year for the last 5 years, are shown below in Figure 26:

Figure 26: Calls For Service, by Year (2019 to 2023)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Events	15,155	15,788	14,316	13,272	13,137

A summary of Events for the last 5 years, by quarter, is shown below in Figure 27:

Figure 27: Calls For Service, by Quarters (Q1 2019 - Q4 2023)



³ In previous Official Statistics Reports, 911 call data records were used. The change to using Event data is intended to better reflect Police Activity. Events have been used since 2015. Events refer to the number of occasions Police resources have been deployed OR when information has been received from a Police Officer or outside agency, that requires development. In 2018 the 13,495 Events resulted in 1 of 3 subtype records being created, specifically 3,694 Crime Incidents (offens), 1,468 RTCs and 2,468 Nor Crime Incidents. Those Events that did not lead to a sub type record being created involved other Police Activity E.g. Road Side Sobriety testing, searching for a missing person, escorting cash to or from banks, planning around a large scale event etc.

10. ARRESTS - ALL OFFENCES⁴

10.1 SUMMARY

There were **2,087** arrests recorded in 2023. These are shown below in Figure 28, by quarter:

Figure 28: Arrests, by Quarter (Q1 2023 to Q4 2023)

QUARTER	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023
ARRESTS	490	628	536	433

10.2 TRENDS

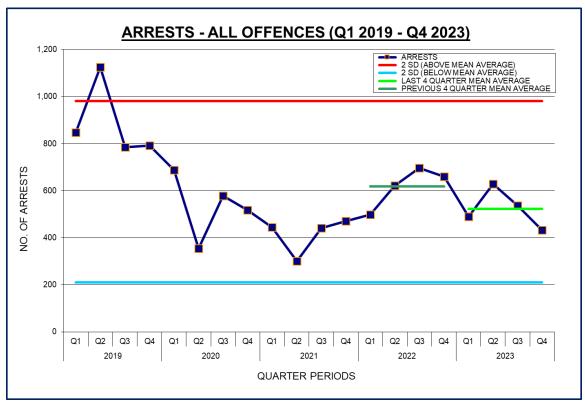
Arrests decreased by **-387** or **-15.6%**, from **2,474** in 2022, to **2,087** in 2023. Of note, 2021 was the lowest yearly total since comparable records (2008), due to Covid enforcement. Arrests by year, for the last 5 years, are shown below in Figure 29:

Figure 29: Arrests, by Year (2019 to 2023)

YEAR	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
ARRESTS	3,548	2,138	1,657	2,474	2,087

A summary of arrests for the last 5 years, by quarter, is shown below in Figure 30:

Figure 30: Arrests, by Quarter (Q1 2019 - Q4 2023)



⁴ Arrests refer to those persons arrested and brought into police custody.

10.3 GENDER

In 2023, there were **1,684** males and **403** females arrested. A breakdown of persons arrested by gender in 2023, by quarter, is shown below in Figure 31:

Figure 31: Arrests by Gender, by Quarter (2023)

2023 - Arrests By Gender							
Gender Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Total							
Male	393	516	427	348	1,684		
Female	97	112	109	85	403		
Total	490	628	536	433	2,087		

10.4 AGE

The largest age group of persons arrested in 2023 were between the ages of 26 - 35 years. The youngest person arrested was **12** (Breach of the peace), and the oldest person arrested was **83** (Warrant). A breakdown of persons arrested by their age group in 2023, split into quarters, is shown below in Figure 32:

Figure 32: Arrests by Age Group, by Quarter (2023)

2023 - Arrests By Age							
Age Group	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total		
Under 18 Years	16	21	21	23	81		
18 - 25 Years	93	136	121	75	425		
26 - 35 Years	155	180	152	117	604		
36 - 45 Years	96	134	118	100	448		
46 - 55 Years	65	82	68	55	270		
Over 55 Years	65	75	56	63	259		
Total	490	628	536	433	2,087		

10.5 ETHNICITY

A breakdown of persons arrested by their ethnicity in 2023, by quarter, is shown below in Figure 33:

Figure 33: Arrests by Ethnicity, by Quarter (2023)

2023 - Arrests By Ethnicity							
Ethnicity	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total		
Black	428	528	452	357	1,765		
White	29	42	42	31	144		
Black & Other	5	15	14	6	40		
Other	9	12	13	14	48		
White & Other	10	9	6	9	34		
Asian	3	15	7	12	37		
Black & White	6	7	2	4	19		
Total	490	628	536	433	2,087		

10.6 NATIONALITY

There were **2,087** arrests in 2023 of 39 different nationalities. A breakdown of persons arrested by their nationality in 2023, by quarter, is shown below in Figure 34:

Figure 34: Arrests by Nationality, by Quarter (2023)

	2023 - Arr	ests By N	Nationality	/	
Nationality	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Bermudian	441	549	480	372	1,842
American	5	15	12	9	41
Armenian				1	1
Australian	1				1
Bahamian			1		1
Barbadian		1		2	3
Belgian	1				1
Brazilian	2	2	1		5
British	11	9	6	5	31
British Overseas			1		1
Canadian	5	8	3	3	19
Colombian				1	1
Dominican			2		2
Egyptian	1				1
Equadorian				1	1
Filipino	2	5	1	7	15
French				1	1
Grenadian				4	4
Guyanese	1				1
Indian	1	3	2	2	8
Indonesian		1		1	2
Irish	1		2		3
Israeli		1			1
Jamaican	10	15	10	11	46
Kenyan		2		1	3
Mexican				1	1
Moroccan			1		1
Peruvian				1	1
Portuguese	5	9	11	8	33
Qatari				1	1
Romanian	1				1
Saint Lucian		1			1
Salvadoran			1		1
Scottish			1		1
Senegalese		1	1		2
South African	1	1			2
Sri Lankan		2		1	3
Trinidadian or	1	2			3
Ugandian		1			1
Total	490	628	536	433	2,087

10.7 DISPOSITION OF ARREST

There were **1,209** persons Charged/Bailed, and **800** persons with an Other disposition. This usually relates to circumstances when a person has been arrested for a warrant. Arrests by Disposition in 2023, split into quarters, is shown overleaf in Figure 35:

Figure 35: Arrests by Crime Category, by Quarter (2023)

2023 - Disposition													
Disposition	Disposition Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 To												
Charged / Bailed	294	350	296	269	1,209								
Remanded	10	18	17	11	56								
Cautioned	0	6	11	5	22								
Other	186	254	212	148	800								
Total	490	628	536	433	2,087								

10.8 TYPE OF ARREST

There were **6** arrests for Murder, and **273** for Impaired Driving in 2023. Arrests by Crime Category in 2023, split into quarters, is shown below in Figure 36:

Figure 36: Arrests by Crime Category, by Quarter (2023)

2023 Arrests - Breakdown by offence												
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total							
Murder	4			2	6							
Manslaughter		2			2							
Serious Assaults	2	6	5	3	16							
Other Assaults	39	28	51	41	159							
Sexual Assault	5	6	5	5	21							
Robbery	2	2	7	3	14							
Offences Against Children	6	7	2	2	17							
Indecency	1	13	5	4	23							
Crimes Against The Person (subtotal)	59	64	75	60	258							
Firearms Offences		1	4	3	8							
Other Weapons Offences	11	6	18	23	58							
Disorder Offences	22	45	32	20	119							
Anti-Social Behaviour	20	16	35	17	88							
Animal Offences					0							
Crimes Against The Community (subtotal)	53	68	89	63	273							
Burglary (residential)	22	12	13	13	60							
Burglary (non-residential)	7	29	9	4	49							
Criminal Damage	13	11	20	11	55							
Motor Vehicle Theft	8	15	12	12	47							
Theft of Property	29	28	24	29	110							
Fraud and Deception	16	10	9	14	49							
Crimes Against Property (subtotal)	95	105	87	83	370							
Drug Offences (Importation)	16	18	6	13	53							
Drug Offences (Local)	51	36	53	40	180							
Drug Enforcement Activity (subtotal)	67	54	59	53	233							
Traffic Offences	19	28	24	36	107							
Impaired Driving	68	75	51	79	273							
Parking Offences					0							
Marine Offences					0							
Traffic Enforcement Activity (subtotal)	87	103	75	115	380							
Fatal Collisions	2	1		2	5							
Serious Injury Collisions	2	1	6	4	13							
Other Injury Collisions					0							
Damage Collisions					0							
Traffic Offences (subtotal)	4	2	6	6	18							
GRAND TOTAL	365	396	391	380	1,532							

11. STOP AND SEARCH⁶

11.1 SUMMARY

There were **1,358** stop and searches recorded in 2023. These are shown below in Figure 37, by quarter:

Figure 37: Stop and Search, by Quarter (Q1 2023 to Q4 2023)

QUARTER	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023
Stop & Search	230	381	257	490

11.2 TRENDS

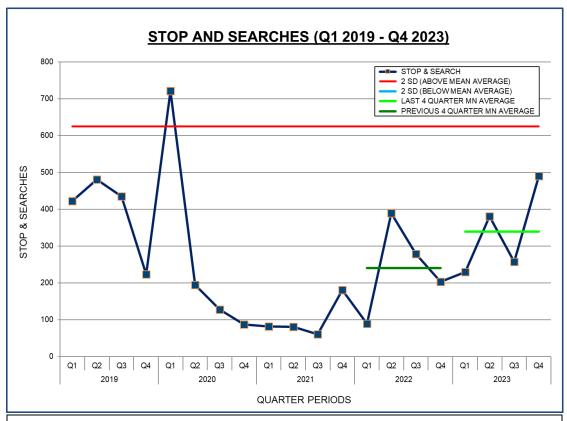
Stop and searches increased by **+398** or **+41.5%**, from **960** in 2022, to **1,358** in 2023. Stop and search use has fluctuated since its introduction in 2008, with over **6,000** recorded per quarter at its peak in 2011. Stop and search was substantially impacted by Covid enforcement regulations, with a yearly low of **404** in 2021 and then **960** in 2022. Stop and search totals by year, for the last 5 years, are shown below in Figure 38:

Figure 38: Stop and Search, by Year (2019 to 2023)

YEAR	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Stop & Search	1,561	1,131	404	960	1,358

Stop and Searches for the last 5 years, by quarter, are shown below in Figure 39:

Figure 39: Stop and Search, by Quarter (Q1 2019 - Q4 2023)



12. PROCEEDS OF CRIME ACT (POCA) SEIZURES

12.1 SUMMARY

POCA seizures totalled **\$179,727** in 2023. This is shown below by quarter, in Figure 40: Figure 40: POCA Seizures, by Quarter (Q1 2023 to Q4 2023)

		20	23	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Cash & Property Seizure Cases	2	2	0	2
Cash & Property Seizures (S.50)	\$ 18,092	\$ 28,983	\$ -	\$ 39,313
No. Of Civil Recovery Cases	0	0	0	0
Civil Recovery Orders	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Confiscation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Forfeiture	\$ 58,340	\$ 35,000	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 76,432	\$ 63,983	\$ -	\$ 39,313

POCA Seizures totals by year, for the last 5 years, are shown below in Figure 41:

Figure 41: POCA Seizures, by Year (2019 to 2023)

YEAR	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
SEIZURES	4	9	3	5	6
VALUE (\$)	\$426,158	\$143,655	\$90,279	\$211,081	\$179,727

13. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

13.1 SUMMARY

In 2023, the Bermuda Police Service (BPS) received **20** public complaints, a slight decrease from the **22** received in 2022. Internal complaints increased, with **25** recorded in 2023, up from **21** in 2022. This is shown below by year, in Figure 42:

Figure 42: Complaint Type, by Year (2022 to 2023)

	PUBLIC C	OMPLAINT	INTERNAL (COMPLAINT
COMPLAINT TYPE	2022	2023	2022	2023
Use Of Force	2	6	2	1
Neglect Of Duty	6	3	6	5
Lack of Honesty and/or Integrity	2	0	5	4
Abuse of Authority	1	2	0	0
Improper Conduct (discreditable)	4	3	5	5
Breach of Confidentiality	1	0	2	4
Lack of Respect/Courtesy	6	6	1	6
	22	20	21	25

Of the public complaints received in 2023, none were referred to misconduct proceedings, compared to one public complaint that reached that level in 2022. Internal complaints in 2023 led to 2 matters being referred to formal misconduct proceedings, a decrease from 4 in 2022. The most common concern raised by the public related to a lack of courtesy or respect by officers. Notably, the overwhelming majority of complaints - both public and internal - were either not upheld or, addressed through low-level management action.

Out of all complaints received in 2023, one matter resulted in the dismissal of an officer, while from the 2022 complaints, two officers were dismissed. All dismissals originated from internal complaints and involved breaches of honesty and/or integrity. This reflects the BPS's commitment to upholding professional standards, fostering accountability, and continuously improving service to the community. Complaint resolution is shown below by year, in Figure 43:

Figure 43: Complaint Resolution, by Year (2022 to 2023)

	PUBLIC C	OMPLAINT	INTERNAL (COMPLAINT
COMPLAINT RESOLUTION	2022	2023	2022	2023
Management Action	4	6	E	10
(Includes performance)	4	6	5	13
No Further Police Action	12	10	10	9
(includes complaint not upheld)	12	10	10	9
Informal Resolution	4	1	0	0
Misconduct Meeting	0	0	2	1
Misconduct Hearing	1	0	2	1
Remain Open / Ongoing	1	3	2	1
	22	20	21	25

Appendix A - Crime Statistics In Bermuda, by Quarter (2019 - 2023)

		20	19			20	20			20	21			20	22		2023			
CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4												
Murder	1	0	1	0	2	4	2	1	0	2	1	4	1	4	3	1	2	0	0	3
Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Serious Assaults	18	5	7	12	6	10	8	10	7	7	10	14	15	14	10	10	6	11	11	9
Other Assaults	120	139	139	139	125	109	134	101	87	100	112	99	94	127	128	138	114	129	154	133
Sexual Assault	17	11	10	12	11	8	16	10	10	6	15	12	6	9	14	18	13	12	10	13
Robbery	11	14	9	6	6	8	4	3	7	5	3	7	3	7	10	6	7	2	6	12
Offences Against Children	4	5	8	8	8	3	6	6	14	12	8	9	9	10	5	14	7	10	11	8
Indecency	7	16	6	16	12	6	7	13	8	6	9	5	7	8	10	11	15	10	6	11
(SUBTOTAL)	178	190	180	193	170	148	177	144	133	138	158	150	135	180	180	198	164	174	198	189
CRIMES AGAINST THE COMMUNITY]																			
Firearm Offences	2	7	2	3	8	2	2	1	2	0	5	2	6	5	6	1	3	1	4	2
Other Weapon Offences	11	6	8	15	12	8	12	4	10	5	9	6	10	12	22	9	7	7	15	14
Disorder Offences	21	30	18	29	23	26	36	14	19	25	18	21	13	16	22	31	20	49	26	25
Anti-Social Behaviour	88	109	104	83	95	398	142	133	262	253	115	96	113	99	98	97	99	100	93	89
Animal Offences	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	7	4	7	17	11	5	2
(SUBTOTAL)	123	153	132	130	138	434	193	152	294	283	148	126	143	139	152	145	146	168	143	132
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY	1																			
Burglary (Residential)	71	71	58	88	67	49	91	60	49	52	93	39	31	30	49	33	46	53	52	59
Burglary (Non Residential)	52	50	33	32	33	38	42	36	26	25	56	45	32	54	25	29	39	48	34	33
Criminal Damage	59	84	80	47	47	46	68	54	53	43	67	53	51	46	45	75	67	53	75	58
Motor Vehicle Theft	141	126	171	149	143	84	120	145	120	119	183	109	138	131	183	168	127	144	142	132
Theft of Property	144	148	187	147	113	91	156	163	145	111	141	93	106	96	113	114	124	117	105	122
Fraud and Deception	47	26	28	29	17	22	32	24	25	29	23	36	14	13	25	29	24	37	24	36
(SUBTOTAL)	514	505	557	492	420	330	509	482	418	379	563	375	372	370	440	448	427	452	432	440
TOTAL OFFENCES	815	848	869	815	728	912	879	778	845	800	869	651	650	689	772	791	737	794	773	761

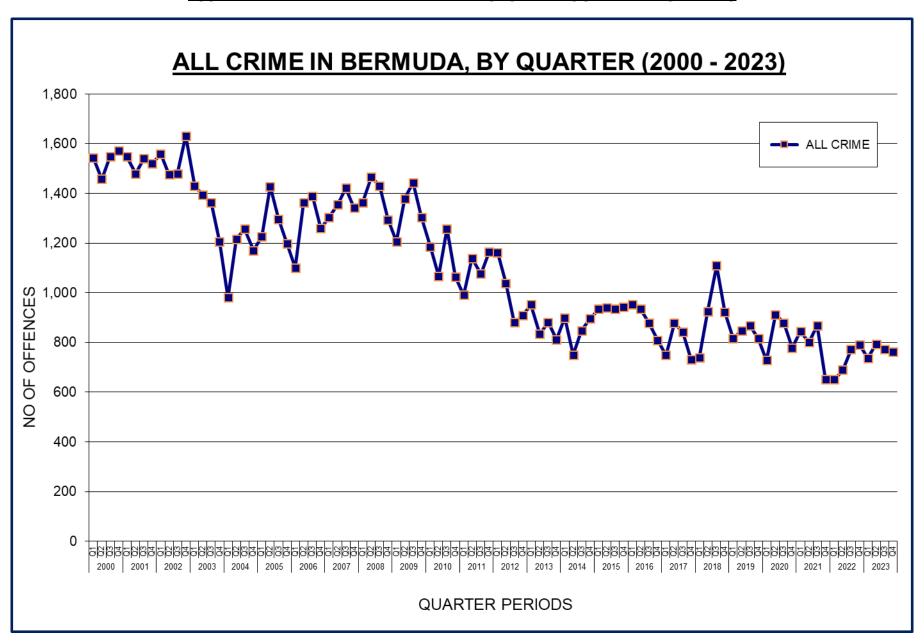
Appendix B - Traffic Enforcement Activity In Bermuda, by Quarter (2019 - 2023)

		20	18		2019				2020				2021				2022			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Moving Violation Ticket	1,992	1,791	1,127	1,096	2,118	1,956	1,318	1,061	915	744	800	554	602	643	1,670	1,268	1,465	1,161	1,616	1,123
Parking	731	961	569	390	294	921	2,554	2,512	1,765	26	122	442	406	897	980	327	337	787	783	744
Motorist Advice Notice	389	309	129	274	404	384	275	236	210	66	109	165	132	387	312	323	332	270	314	250
Marine	0	15	13	0	1	1	2	0	2	36	84	2	3	32	44	10	2	4	43	2
TOTAL	3,112	3,076	1,838	1,760	2,817	3,262	4,149	3,809	2,892	872	1,115	1,163	1,143	1,959	3,006	1,928	2,136	2,222	2,756	2,119

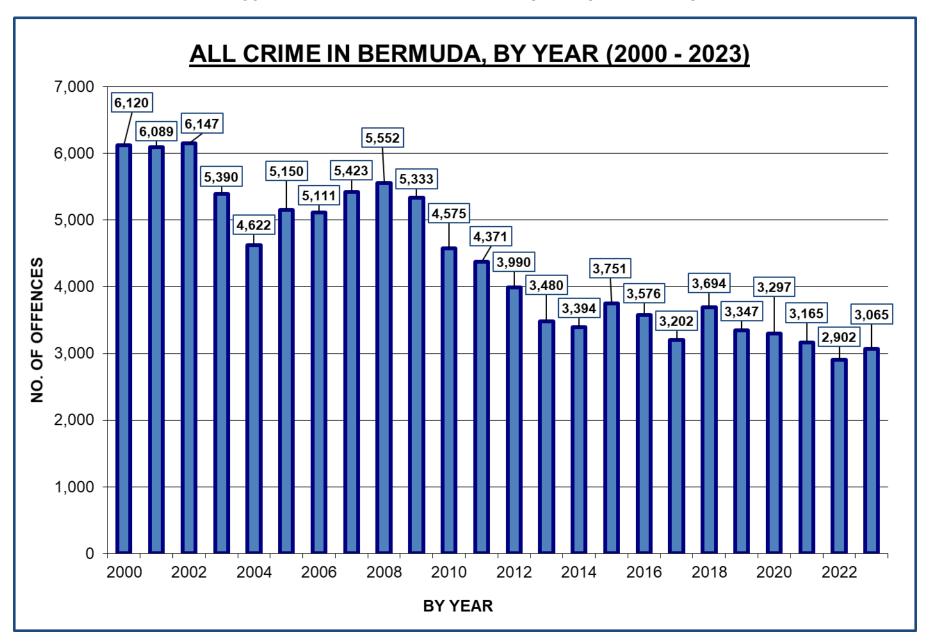
Appendix C - Traffic Collisions In Bermuda, by Quarter (2019 - 2023)

	2019			2020				2021				2022				2023				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Fatal Collisions	4	1	3	1	2	0	2	3	3	4	5	5	3	3	2	3	4	6	2	1
Serious Injury Collisions	19	38	30	26	24	12	27	24	22	37	27	20	17	36	47	32	28	31	33	39
Slight Injury Collisions	136	171	185	146	96	77	135	149	135	143	160	121	121	149	161	157	150	174	190	134
Damage Collisions	165	175	166	145	135	108	151	177	146	135	160	140	144	193	192	172	148	131	164	166
TOTAL	324	385	384	318	257	197	315	353	306	319	352	286	285	381	402	364	330	342	389	340

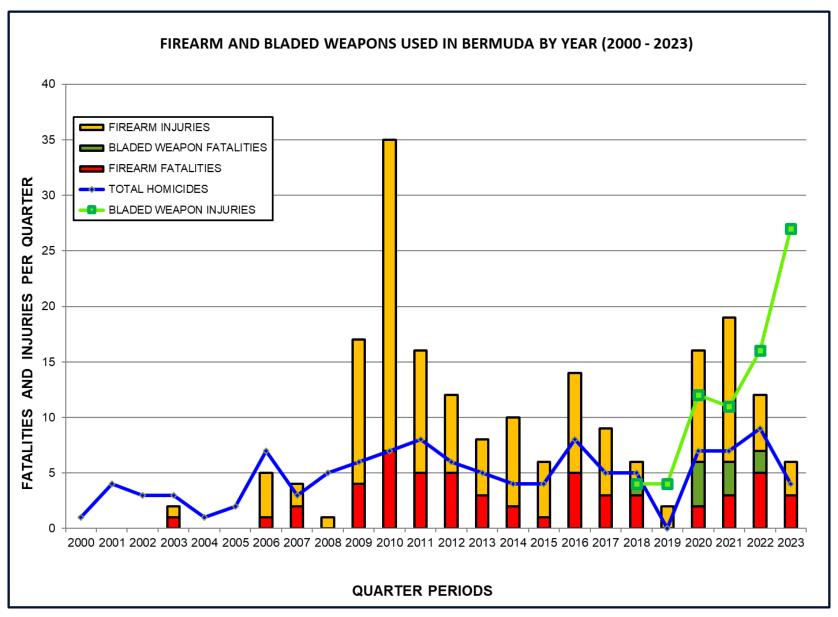
Appendix D - All Crime In Bermuda, by Quarter (Q1 2000 - Q4 2023)



Appendix E - All Crime In Bermuda, by Year (2000 - 2023)



Appendix F - Firearm and Bladed Weapons Used In Bermuda, by Year (2000 - 2023)



Note: Bladed weapon fatalities and injuries are only shown from 2018 UNCLASSIFIED