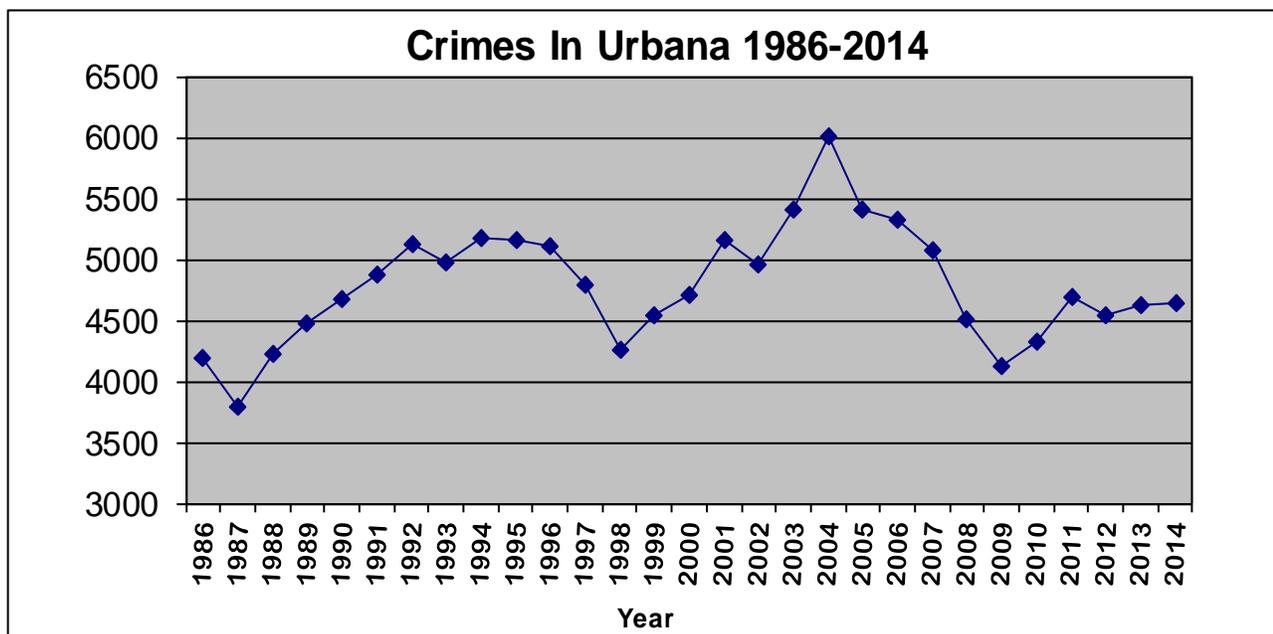# 2014 CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Reported Crimes

As can be seen by the figures below, the total reported crime remains steady, up 0.22% from 2013. It should be noted that all the figures below include all attempts, solicitations and conspiracies of every type of crime except traffic and juvenile status offenses.

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total Crimes	6,007	5,415	5,334	5,077	4,506	4,132	4,333	4,689	4,555	4,634	4644
% Change	+11.06%	-9.86%	-1.50%	-4.82%	-11.25%	-8.30%	+4.86%	+8.22%	-2.86%	+1.73%	+0.22%

The records system used by the Urbana Police is a "living" system in that it is constantly changing as new information comes into the Department. Crimes sometimes are later classified as unfounded, and occasionally new crimes are uncovered which occurred prior to a specific reporting date.

Crimes In Urbana 1986-2014

Uniform Crime Report Systems

Much is said about Part 1 crimes in the news media. The crimes that are considered Part 1 are determined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Justice. They provide the "apples to apples" comparison from one jurisdiction to another – from one State to another. Since most States have different laws, this reduction to the simplest elements and crimes provides for a valid State-to-State comparison.

The Illinois State Police are responsible for collecting information on all Part 1 crimes from the local jurisdictions and forwarding them to the FBI. They call this the Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting Program (IUCR). Only certain crimes are counted by the Federal and State

Government as falling into the Part 1 crimes. For instance, the FBI and the State Police do not consider the homicide of an unborn child as a reportable murder. Nor do they consider the theft of cable TV or library materials to be theft. Crimes such as kidnapping, forgery, deceptive practices, gambling or prostitution are examples of the many crime reports that are not collected by the State. Therefore, Part 1 crimes only give **part** of the total crime picture.

In 1993, the FBI changed the way statistics are collected. They moved from the old Uniform Crime Report program, which had been in place for 60 years, to the new National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). The old UCR system required the police to classify each of the Part 1 crimes as only one crime. If a suspect committed two crimes at once, then only one (the most serious) would be reported. For example, if a suspect kidnapped and robbed a person, only the robbery would be reported. This was known as the "hierarchy" rule.

The new NIBRS system in Illinois went on line for only one year. At the end of 1994, they experienced serious technical difficulties with the new system and went back to the original UCR reporting methodology without the hierarchy rule. However, the Urbana Police Department had completely changed its method of reporting to the new NIBRS system. The new shared computer software (A.R.M.S.) for records that Champaign, Urbana and the University Police utilize is based on the new NIBRS system of reporting.

*In 2011, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, through the Uniform Crime Reports, changed the way in which certain batteries are classified. Specifically, they made the conditions by which a simple battery may be considered an aggravated battery more egregious so that in order for a battery to be counted as an *aggravated* battery, more heinous facts would have to exist. As a result of this re-classification effort, fewer batteries will 'make the grade' to be counted as aggravated batteries. So, the number of aggravated batteries will appear to have gone down when that may actually not be the case; they just have been re-categorized. More simply put, batteries that would have been aggravated in years past will now only be counted as simple batteries.

This report will provide both the Part 1 Crimes and the NIBRS method. The NIBRS method is preferred since it provides a clearer picture of the total crime landscape. **ALL** of the crimes are reported, not just the most serious in each incident.

Below is the annual UCR crime statistics for Urbana in 2014. They are slightly different from what the State will publish in _Crime In Illinois 2014_ as dispositions and classifications of some incidents have been modified since the Department's annual submission.

Uniform Crime Reports (UCR)

Offense	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	'13-'14 % change
Homicide	2	2	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	2	0	--
Rape	21	22	16	23	21	27	26	37	21	27	18	-33.33%
Robbery	58	76	39	44	44	38	54	74	68	66	63	-4.54%
Agg. Assault/Battery	318	266	268	303	295	273	223	*86	*60	46	49	+6.52%
Burglary	363	362	408	285	275	243	284	382	415	354	327	-7.63%
Theft	1087	1229	1071	939	917	800	891	1055	982	1214	1113	-8.32%
Motor Vehicle Theft	54	37	42	39	35	23	28	28	43	34	27	-2.06%
Arson	4	7	6	2	4	4	4	8	13	11	10	-9.01%
Human Trafficking-Sex Acts	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	-
Human Trafficking – Involuntary Servitude	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	-

Total Crimes Reported

These figures include ALL of the offenses that occurred in Urbana during 2014 for the same crime categories as noted above. Note that the numbers are higher than the UCR offenses.

Offense	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% change ('13-'14)
Homicide	2	2	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	2	0	--
Rape	33	22	19	22	24	27	27	41	24	30	24	-20.00%
Robbery	75	86	44	48	67	47	65	79	72	68	63	-7.35%
Assault	114	121	105	121	96	93	85	95	92	94	120	+27.66%
Battery	833	749	793	819	751	715	727	838	773	697	761	+9.18%
Burglary	391	417	452	315	295	273	333	377	408	351	342	-2.56%
Burglary-Vehicle	234	273	220	166	176	140	158	152	151	260	190	-26.92%
Theft	1085	1170	1066	1007	969	871	949	1063	1037	1192	1146	-3.86%
Motor Vehicle Theft	64	45	54	50	43	32	36	41	65	39	36	-7.69%
Arson	11	12	11	9	7	11	9	13	14	12	11	-8.33%
Human Trafficking – Sex Acts	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	-
Human Trafficking – Involuntary Servitude	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	-

Drug Crimes

Drug offenses are, by their very nature, secretive and those offenses are primarily discovered by officers during investigative activity.

Year	Drug Crimes	Search Warrants
1994	244	*
1995	405	16
1996	307	18
1997	314	37
1998	304	33
1999	321	22
2000	326	22
2001	412	33
2002	400	20
2003	421	20
2004	490	32
2005	341	21
2006	495	15
2007	510	19
2008	330	16
2009	248	15
2010	371	26
2011	401	25
2012	422	23
2013	416	39
2014	494	29

Property Crimes

There were 2,356 crimes directed against property in 2014. They included such crimes as burglary, theft, criminal damage and deceptive practices. The exact amount of value in theft and damage is hard to determine as officers usually estimate the value of property that was stolen and/or damaged. Last year there was an estimated $2,448,443 of stolen property in Urbana. There was $320,055 worth of property recovered by the police this year. A breakdown by victim type follows:

Victim Type	Stolen	Damaged	Recovered
Individuals	$1,852,216	$158,844	$181,305
Students	$49,095	$5,360	$12,140
UOI Students	$109,944	$11,923	$30,310
UOI Faculty	$29,320	$5,460	$3,107
Businesses	$365,517	$105,210	$42,081
Financial Institutions	$19,720	$5,000	$16
Government	$8,217	$5,171	$7,016
Religious Organizations	$3,500	$4,128	$700
Unknown	$10,914	$4,750	$43,380

Arrests

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% change ('13-'14)
Criminal												
People	1,756	1,491	1,518	1,583	1,327	1,274	1,311	1368	1,262	1,241	1,324	6.69%
Charges	2,585	2,120	2,149	2,244	1,844	1,739	1,759	1897	1,729	1,673	1,830	9.38%
Ordinance												
People	532	510	491	674	699	760	599	444	456	561	727	29.59%
Charges	560	540	516	702	729	788	623	464	468	575	756	31.48%
DUI												
People	179	145	135	132	127	119	96	90	66	81	76	-6.17%
Charges	181	147	136	134	137	121	98	92	69	85	80	-5.88%
Traffic												
People	2,749	2,735	3,254	2,856	3,318	3,263	2,598	2,438	3,179	2,988	3,027	1.31%
Charges	3,529	3,392	4,047	3,582	4,181	4,137	3,372	3,071	3,875	3,681	3,691	0.27%
Warrants												
People	527	407	436	476	445	418	410	410	449	376	437	16.22%
Charges	654	531	545	615	551	507	496	505	554	462	538	16.45%
Totals												
People	*5,743*	*5,288*	*5,834*	*5,721*	*5,916*	*5,834*	*5,014*	*4,750*	*5,412*	*5,247*	*5,591*	*6.56%*
Charges	*7,509*	*6,730*	*7,393*	*7,277*	*7,442*	*7,292*	*6,348*	*6,029*	*6,695*	*6,476*	*6,895*	*6.47%*

In past years, the computer system that the Urbana Police Department used only counted the number of *charges* placed against people as arrests. In recent years the system has been updated so that it can discern between *charges* and *people*.   Some people who get arrested receive multiple charges upon their arrest. It should also be noted that only 16% of the people arrested by the Urbana Police Department are taken to jail: 879 out of a total of 5,591 arrested.

The rest were given Notices to Appear, bonded in the field, arrested by another agency or released without charge.

Field Interviews
Field interviews are conducted by officers when they contact people and do not complete a report. Officers will complete a field interview card on a person to document their contact. These situations may occur when officers contact suspicious people, employees who respond to false business alarms or other situations that do not require a report. In 2014, officers completed 5,963 field interview cards.

City Ordinance Notices To Appear
Police Officers may legally issue a Notice To Appear (NTA) in lieu of making a custodial arrest. Officers can issue Notices To Appear for violations of City ordinances, Urbana Park District rules and State law including traffic, conservation and criminal offenses. The Urbana Police Department utilizes the same Notice To Appear form for all of the above (except for Illinois Vehicle Code violations). In 1993, authorized Police employees could issue these mail-in Notices To Appear for violations of City ordinances. This system enabled the violator to pay the fine either in person or by mail and avoid court appearances. The officer retained the ability to make the appearance mandatory instead of optional given certain circumstances. The figures below are totals for City ordinance violation NTA's issued in 2014:

Violation	Paid at Finance	Paid at Court	Other*	Total
Liquor Violations	68	29	15	112
Assault	1	1	0	2
Battery	1	2	0	3
Breaking & Entering	0	0	1	1
Theft	13	2	1	16
Criminal Damage	2	4	1	7
Trespass	2	1	1	4
Retail Theft	22	9	4	35
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	1	1
Fireworks	0	1	0	1
Curfew	0	1	0	1
Public Urination	10	3	0	13
Slings/Air Guns Prohibited	2	0	0	2
Possession of Cannabis	22	14	4	40
Possession Drug Paraphernalia	5	4	0	9
Aggressive Solicitation	1	0	1	2
Noise	29	38	2	69
Motor Vehicle/Noise Offense	2	7	1	10
Stray Dog	17	7	1	25
No Rabies Tag	0	2	1	3
Animal Cruelty	2	2	2	6
Keeping of Vicious Dog Prohibited	1	2	1	4
Disposal of Garbage	3	1	0	4
Improper Deposit of Garbage	3	0	1	4
Open Burning	1	0	0	1
Bicyclist – Traffic Code Applies	26	1	0	27
Bicyclist – Obey Traffic Control Device	165	20	2	187
Hinder/Refuse to Obey City Officer	1	1	0	2
Mobile Device Accident	0	1	0	1
TOTAL:	399	153	40	592

*=dismissed, public service, etc. Curfew is primarily disposed of by public service.

The City Collector receives the fines from the Court, in person and in the mail. The dispositions are entered directly into the police records portion of the City computer. The majority of violators pay either by mail or in person at the Collector. The total collected for 2014 was $98,927.54. The total number of NTA's shown above reflects those disposed of in 2014.

Calls for Service

Calls for service are operational incidents that METCAD tracks. These include 911 calls, non-emergency requests for service, and "on-sight" criminal/public service activity by officers.

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	% change ('13-'14)
Calls	22,916	19,681	20,479	21,480	21,115	20,964	20,226	20,254	20,589	21,844	20,487	-6.21%

It should be noted that Urbana and the other local METCAD agencies adopted a new computer-aided dispatch (CAD) software system in November of 1999 and the system was upgraded again in July 2005. This new system had a different configuration for call classifications than did the previous system. The new software, allows user agencies to place multiple case numbers (multiple crimes) on one "call" or "event." The previous software required one call per case number. The result of this is a lowering of the ratio of calls to reports/crimes. The system was again upgraded in August of 2013. There are several dozen different classifications of calls. The following list shows those classifications, which occurred more than 400 times in 2014:

Activity	# of Calls 2014
Theft	1268
Alarm	1189
Traffic Accidents	1094
Domestic	1008
Subject Stop	962
Check Welfare	884
Meet Complainant	865
Loud Noise/Music	813
Building Check	653
Suspicious Vehicle	601
Remove Subject	596
Disorderly Subject	543
Harassment/Threats	476
Parking Problem	430
Assist Motorist	413

TRAFFIC & PARKING

Accidents

The accident rate has been fairly stable over the last 25 years. There has been an increase in the population, businesses and annexations of right of way.

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Accidents:	1,183	1,209	1,054	1,153	1,072	1,019	945	873	904	838	867
Personal Injury Accidents:	141	156	150	157	119	146	128	114	116	106	123
Number of Injured People:	179	191	200	196	161	172	148	155	140	127	159
Fatalities:	2	1	1	2	1	3	1	2	0	0	1
Accident Citations:	918	875	831	805	803	766	755	715	705	587	691
Mobile Device Accident	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5	5	4	3	3	1	3

Year	Total Accidents	# Injured Persons	Fatalities
1985	1,242	301	2
1986	1,205	231	2
1987	1,193	277	3
1988	1,168	255	2
1989	1,170	229	0
1990	1,207	251	3
1991	1,156	236	4
1992	1,126	203	1
1993	1,232	258	1
1994	1,279	270	1
1995	1,158	225	2
1996	1,196	210	1
1997	1,201	199	0
1998	1,098	204	0
1999	1,165	186	0
2000	1,111	176	1
2001	1,067	144	1
2002	1,214	143	1
2003	1,183	217	1
2004	1,183	179	2
2005	1,209	191	1
2006	1,054	200	1
2007	1,153	196	2
2008	1,072	161	1
2009	1,019	172	3
2010	945	148	1
2011	873	155	2
2012	904	140	0
2013	838	127	0
2014	867	159	1

OTHER ACTIVITY

Miscellaneous Activity

These are quasi-criminal or miscellaneous incidents where reports are required by law or policy. The "other" category includes suspicious circumstances, recovered property, found articles, property forfeitures, protective custody, search warrants, and assisting other police, ambulance and fire departments, etc.

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Domestics	1259	1,085	1,024	1,053	879	1,009	1,066	1158	999	955	1115
Tow-outs	485	434	459	418	407	469	320	254	206	222	230
Missing Persons	11	8	8	12	22	20	20	21	34	14	18
Assist Other Agencies	230	130	115	156	117	139	108	107	124	103	125
Crisis Intervention Team	N/A	71	57	60	61	78	90	72	81	160	232
Mental Subjects/Suicides	104	110	140	151	166	159	157	194	223	274	222
Abandoned Bicycle Reports	128	160	108	85	84	68	59	64	66	105	100
Licenses Issued	232	203	141	162	142	137	170	179	172	205	186
Dead Bodies	31	24	35	15	28	18	22	24	22	29	34
Other	1289	1,161	1,225	1,115	1,041	959	1,077	899	987	951	1257
TOTAL	**3,769**	**3,386**	**3,312**	**3,227**	**2,947**	**3,056**	**3,089**	**2,972**	**2,914**	**3,018**	**3,519**

While these categories are listed as miscellaneous activity, they are not unimportant and do consume significant amounts of time. Domestic disputes are often very dangerous situations, as are mental subjects and people threatening suicides. Dead body and missing person investigations are handled as potential homicides until it is proven that they are not. Assisting other agencies can be as simple as stopping and holding a hit-and-run suspect for the Sheriff or as complex as sending the entire METRO team to help another agency serve multiple drug search warrants.

UCAP Crime

A specific area of Urbana has been identified as the first area for intensive community policing. This area is inside the boundaries of University Avenue, Wright Street, Bradley and Broadway and also includes the Lakeside Terrace housing area. This area was identified by both the Police Department and the residents as having problems with street corner drug sales and youth violence. Since 2005, crime in the UCAP area has been fairly stable.

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Crimes in the UCAP Area	1206	906	830	781	621	602	591	767	617	586	697