

# ALTOONA POLICE DEPARTMENT



2021  
Annual Report

# Personnel Report

## December 31, 2021

<b><u>Personnel</u></b>	<b><u>Sworn</u></b>	<b><u>Civilian</u></b>
Administrative	2	1
Support Services Division	3	7
Patrol Division	37	0
Criminal Investigation Division	8	0
Narcotic/Vice Division	1	0
Training /Academy	8	0
Vacancy	3	0
Totals	62	8

# Personnel Report

## 2022 YTD

<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Sworn</u>	<u>Civilian</u>
Administrative	4	1
Support Services Division	3	7
Patrol Division	41	0
Criminal Investigation Division	7	0
Narcotic/Vice Division	1	0
Training/Academy	9	0
Vacancy	1	0
Totals	66	8

# Activities Report 2021

- This year the Altoona Police Department responded to **22,843** calls for service.
- An average of 63 calls per day.

# Officers Assaulted Report

There were 197 police officers assaulted in 2021.

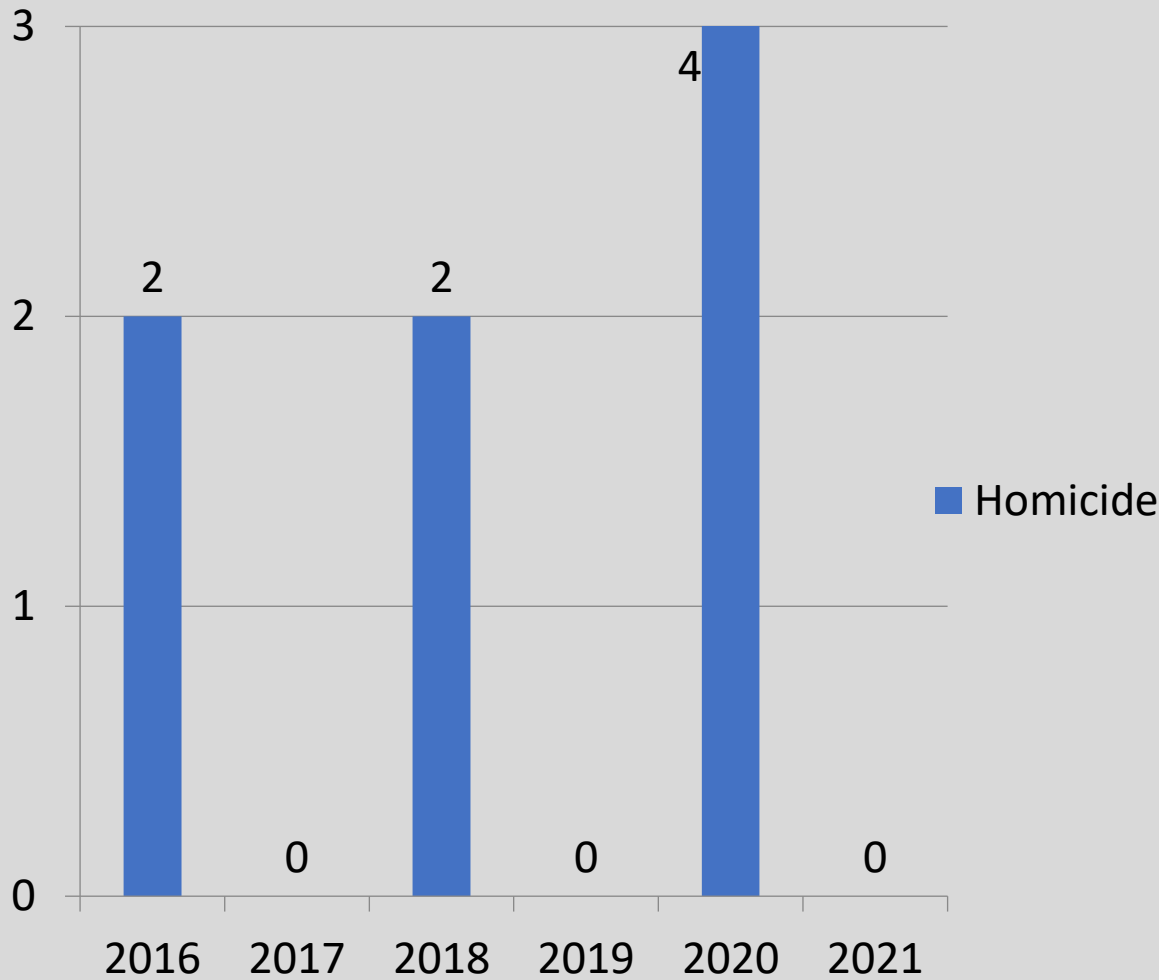
This is an 69.8% Increase from last year.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
January	12	24
February	5	19
March	6	9
April	16	10
May	8	12
June	17	15
July	9	13
August	7	17
September	4	20
October	6	21
November	20	13
December	6	24
	<b>116</b>	<b>197</b>

# UCR Summary Six Year Comparison

## Homicide Offenses (Not counting PSP numbers)

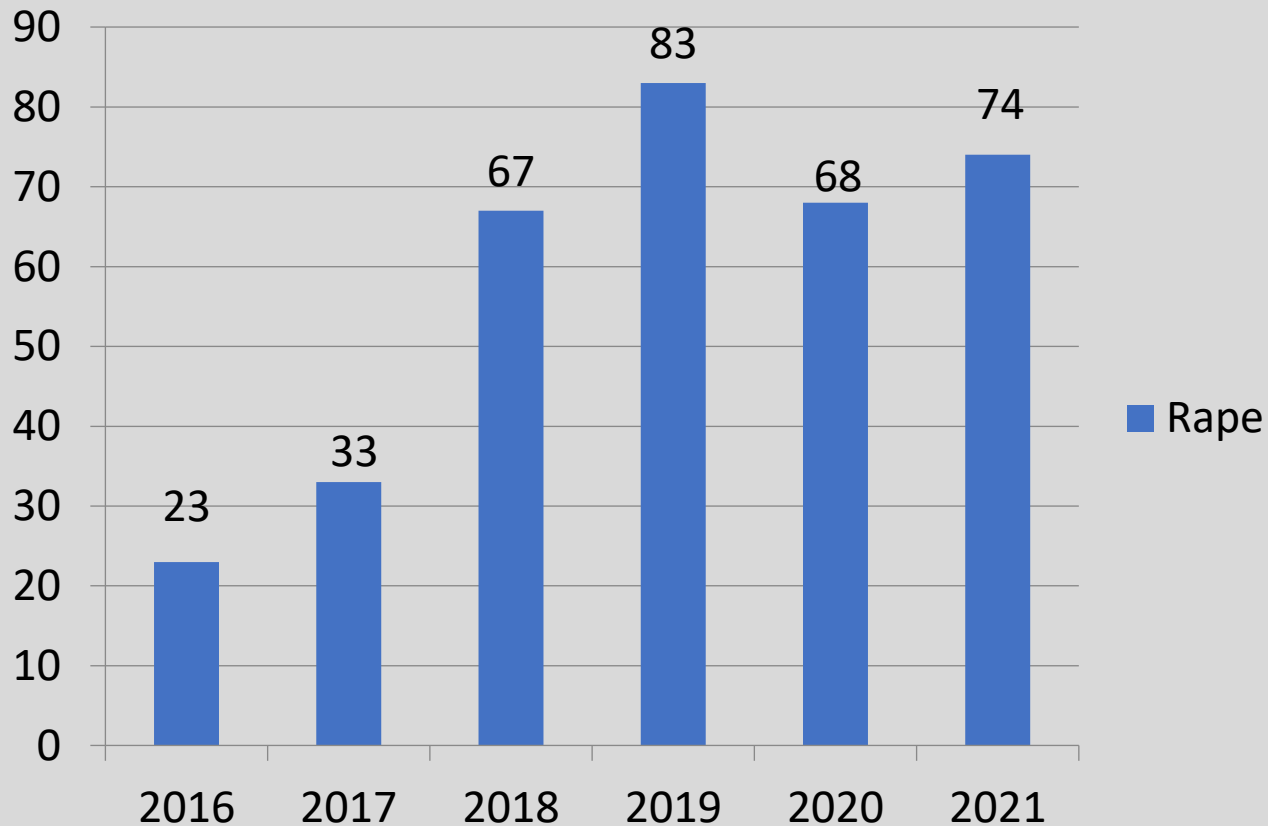
Decreased 400% in 2021



# UCR Summary Six Year Comparison

## Rape Offenses

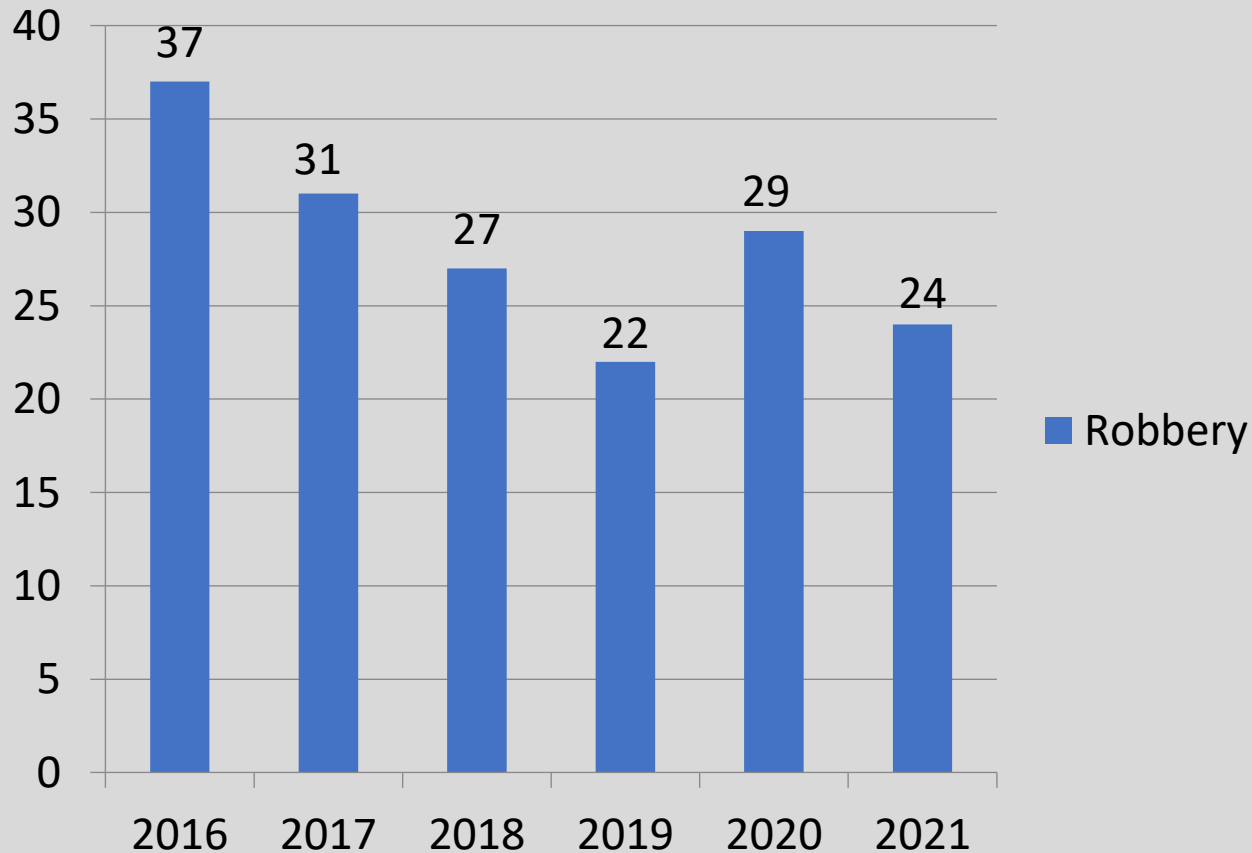
Increased 8.9% in 2021



# UCR Summary Six Year Comparison

## Robbery Offenses

Decreased 17.2% in 2021

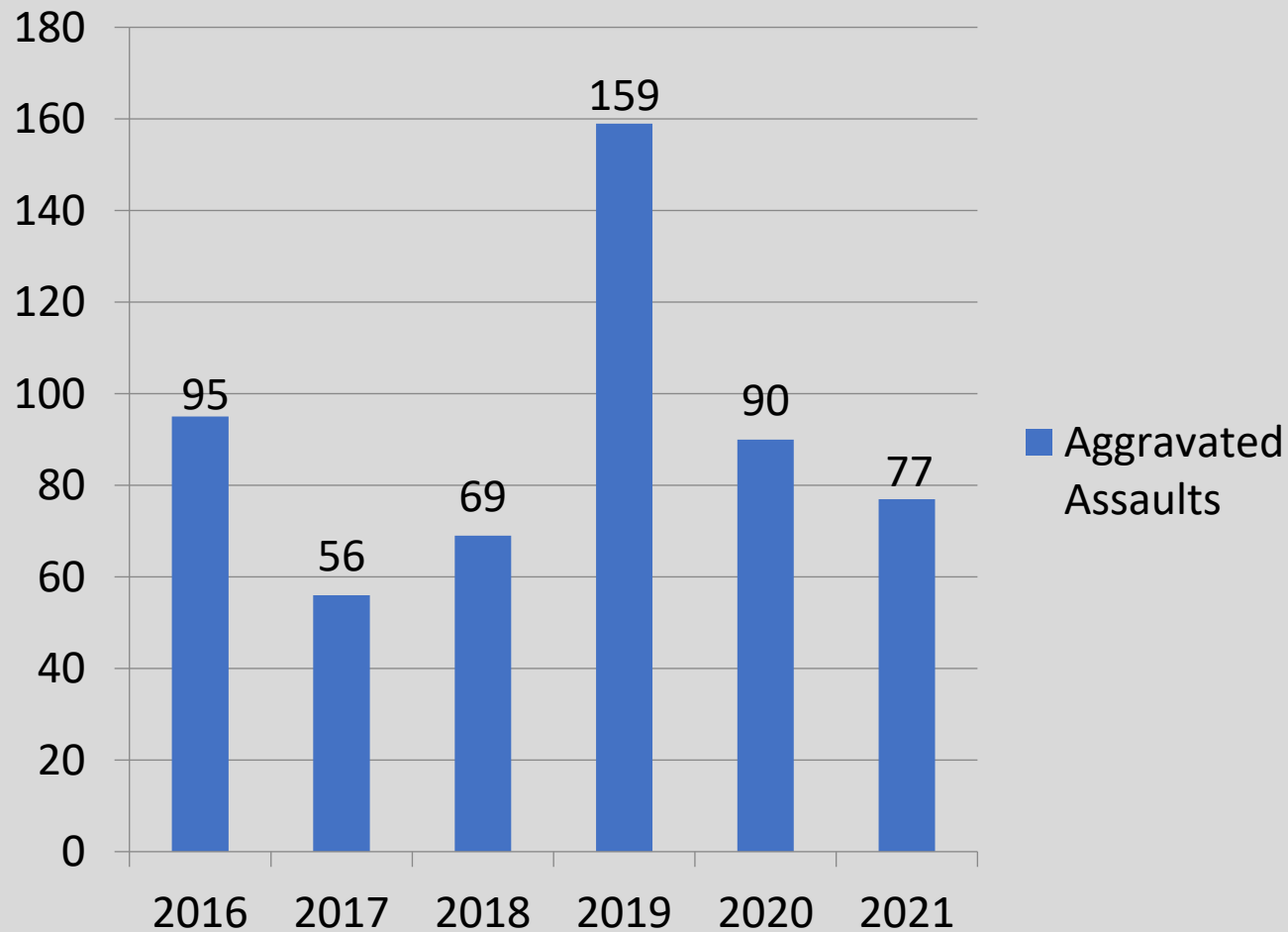




# UCR Summary Six Year Comparison

## Aggravated Assault Offenses

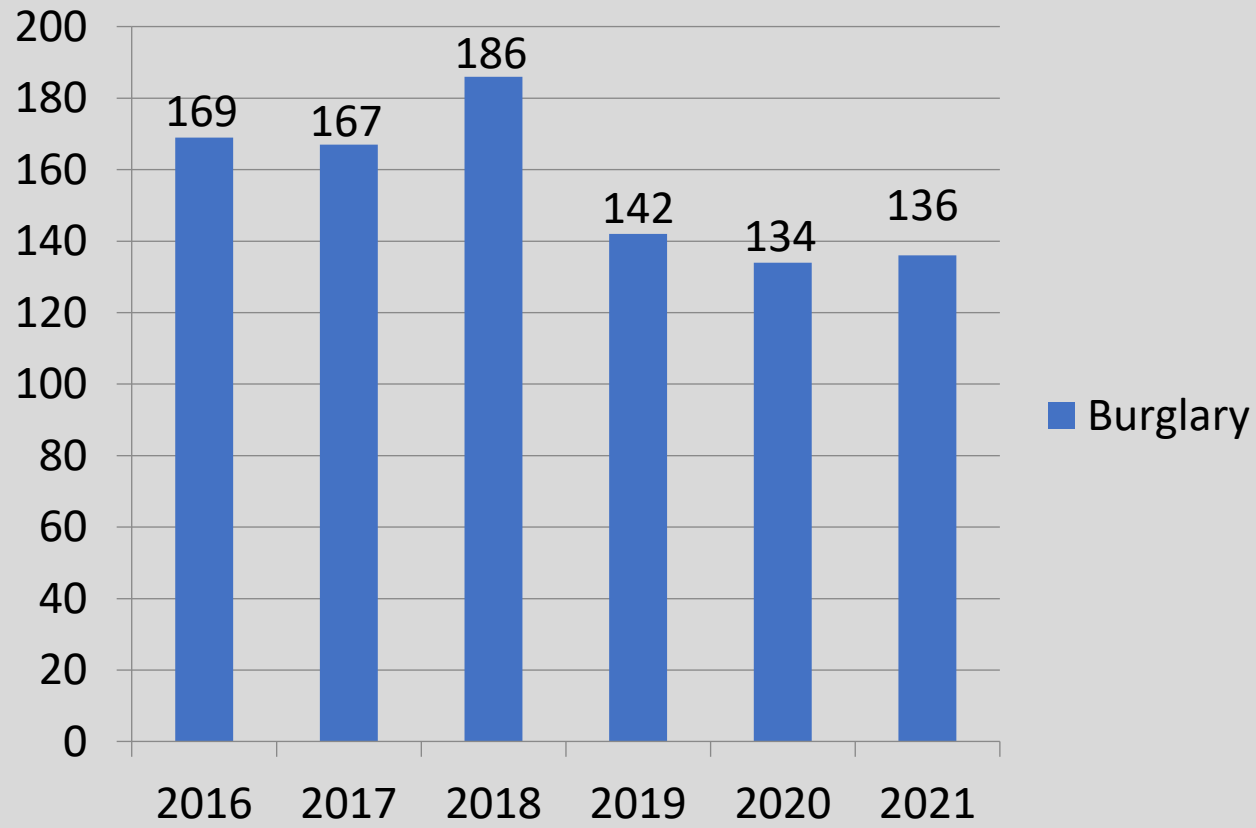
Decreased 14.4% in 2021



# UCR Summary Six Year Comparison

## Burglary Offenses

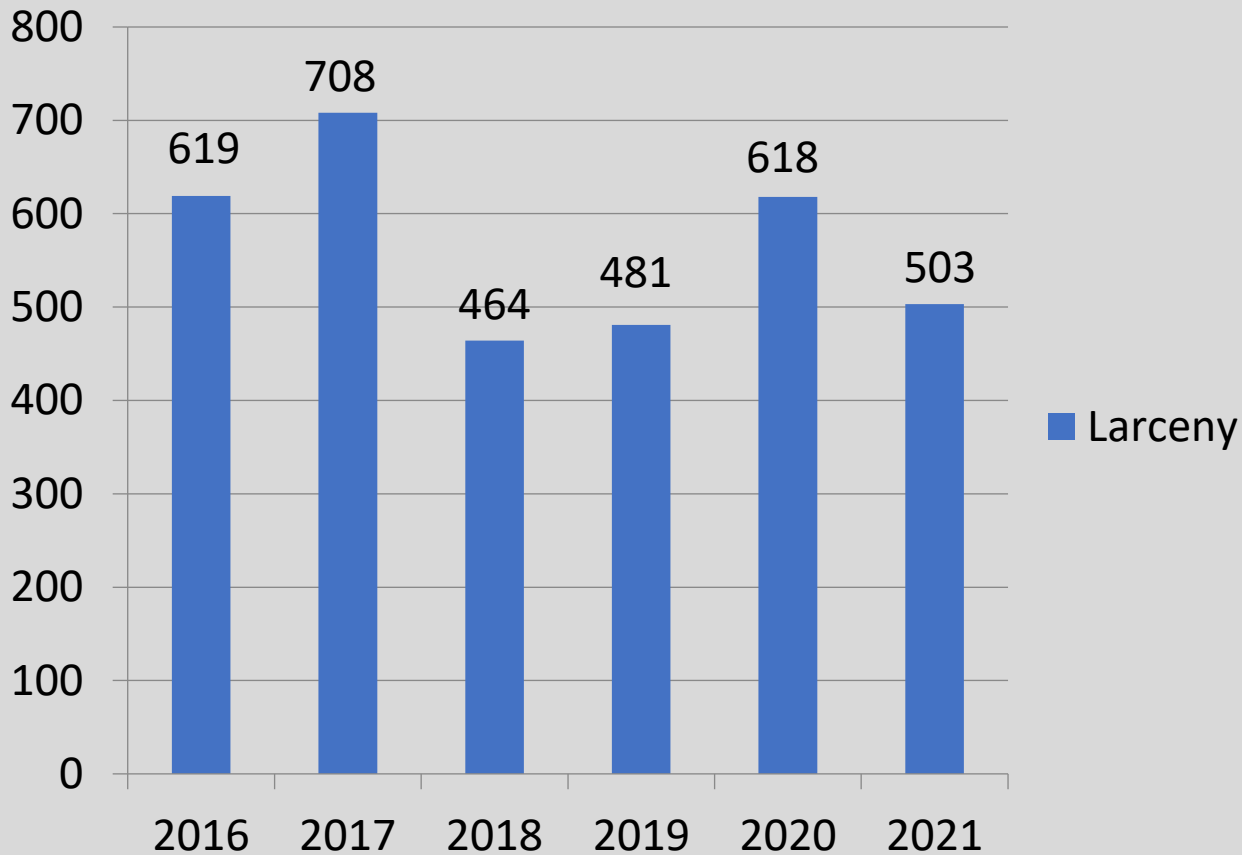
Increased 1.5% in 2021



# UCR Summary Six Year Comparison

## Larceny Offenses

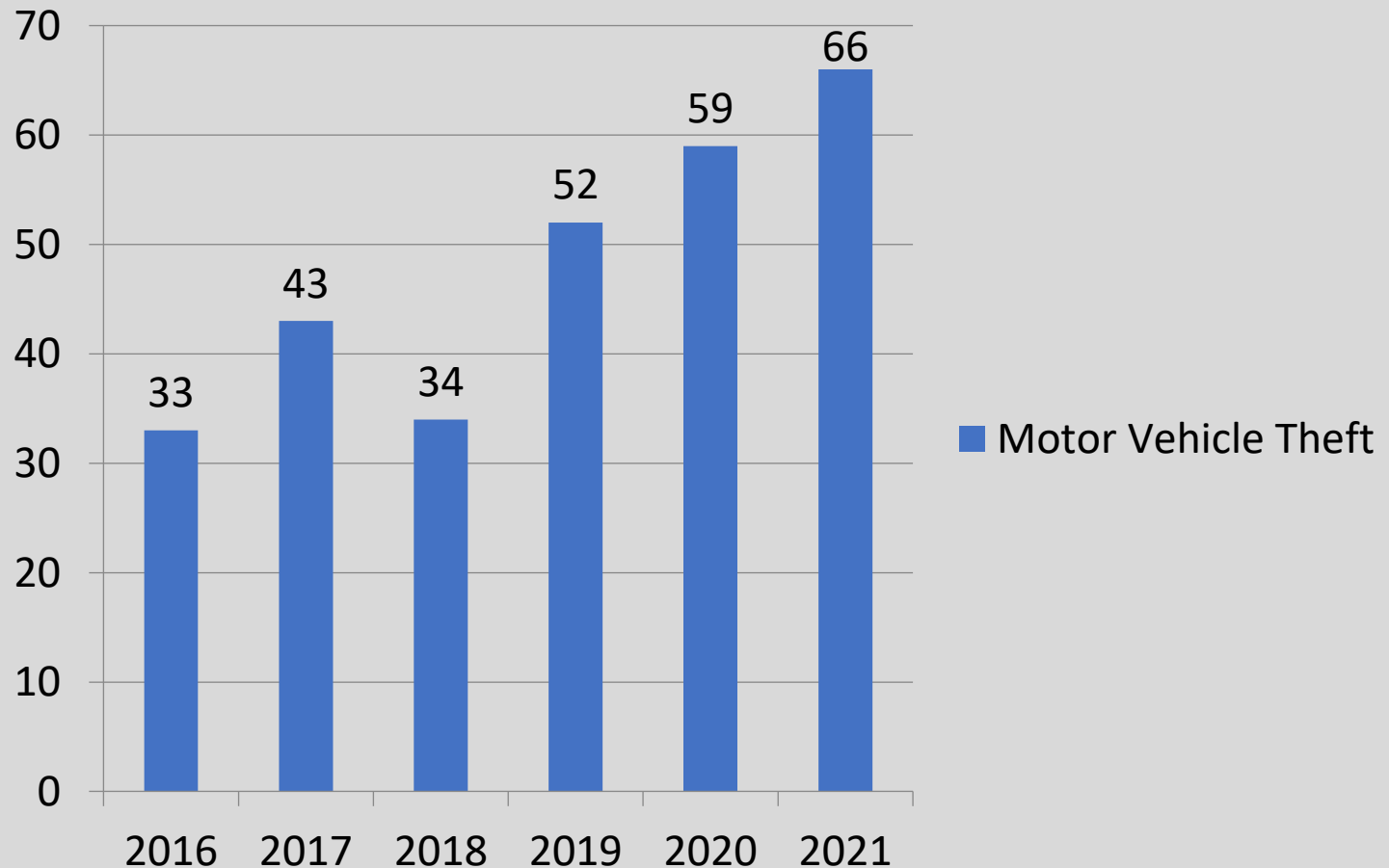
Decreased 18.6% in 2021



# UCR Summary Six Year Comparison

## Motor Vehicle Theft Offenses

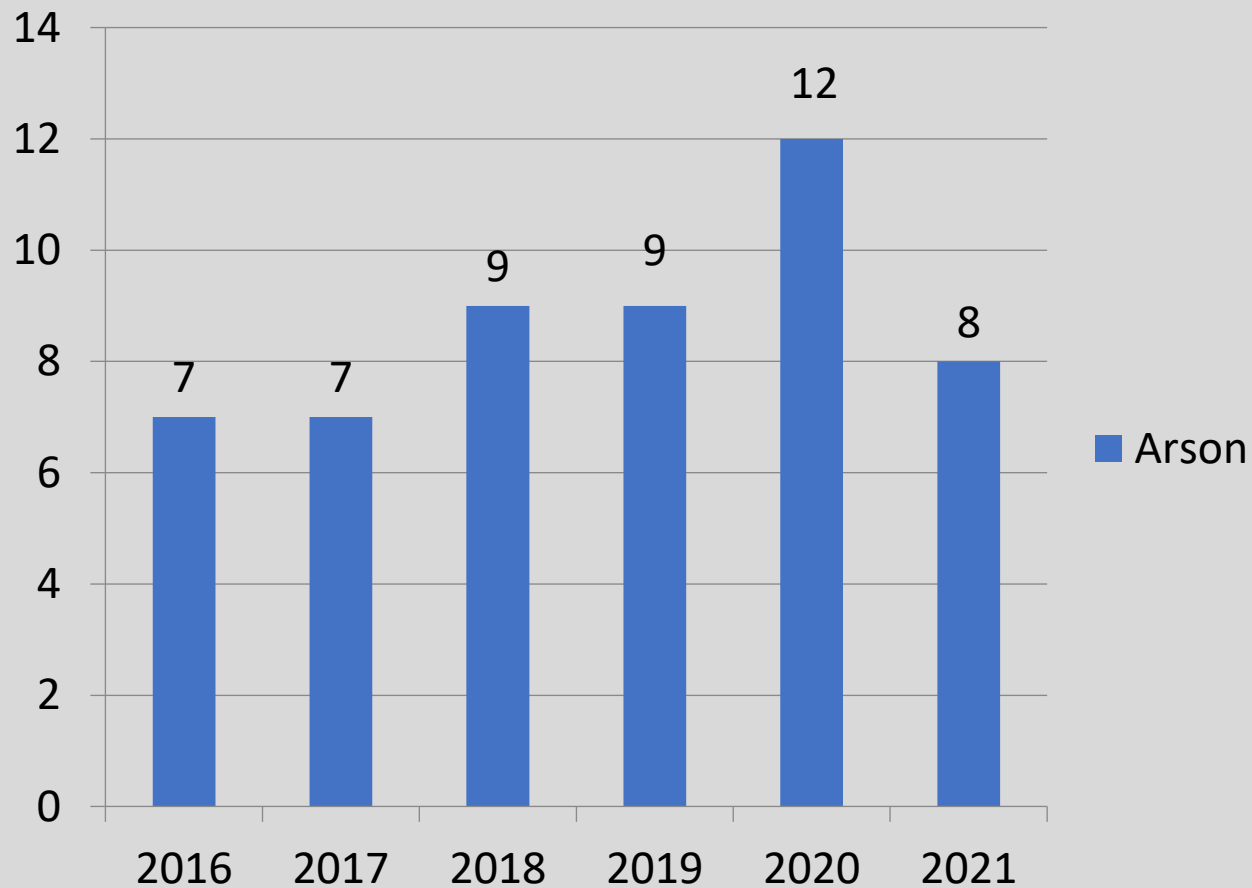
Increased 11.9% in 2021



# UCR Summary Six Year Comparison

## Arson Offenses

Decreased 33.3% in 2021




Part II Offenses	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Other Assaults	899	909	749	1019	1038	1075
Forgery	38	32	23	50	45	27
Fraud	162	164	145	161	170	364
Embezzlement	1	1	3	1	0	4
Receiving Stolen Prop	6	7	8	13	14	25
Vandalism	111	93	261	264	325	234
Weapons-Carrying- Possession	9	10	12	15	30	30
Vice	1	0	1	1	1	1
Sex Offenses	41	55	67	90	74	73
Drug Violations	431	356	375	345	257	224
Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offense Against Family & Child	34	26	32	50	70	16
DUI	170	130	120	69	82	77
Liquor Laws	60	42	25	20	16	3
Public Drunk	134	119	102	112	75	70
Disorderly Conduct	33	45	54	83	48	52
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0	0	0
All others	463	491	387	471	518	589

# UCR Offense Comparison

Part I Offenses:     2020     2021      12.4 % in 2021  
                             1014       888

Part II Offenses:     2020     2021      3.7% in 2021  
                             2763       2864

Total Crime Rate: 2020     2021      0.7 % in 2021  
                             3777       3752

# Clearance Rate 2021

Part I Offenses

888

Clearances

292

% Rate

32.9% (2020 31.6%)

Part II Offenses

2864

Clearances

1922

% Rate

67.1% (2020 64.6)

Total Part I & II Offenses

3752

Total Clearances

2214

Overall % Rate

59.0% (2020 56.2%)



# Traffic Accident Report 2021

Number of accidents investigated requiring an  
accident report being done: 1,122

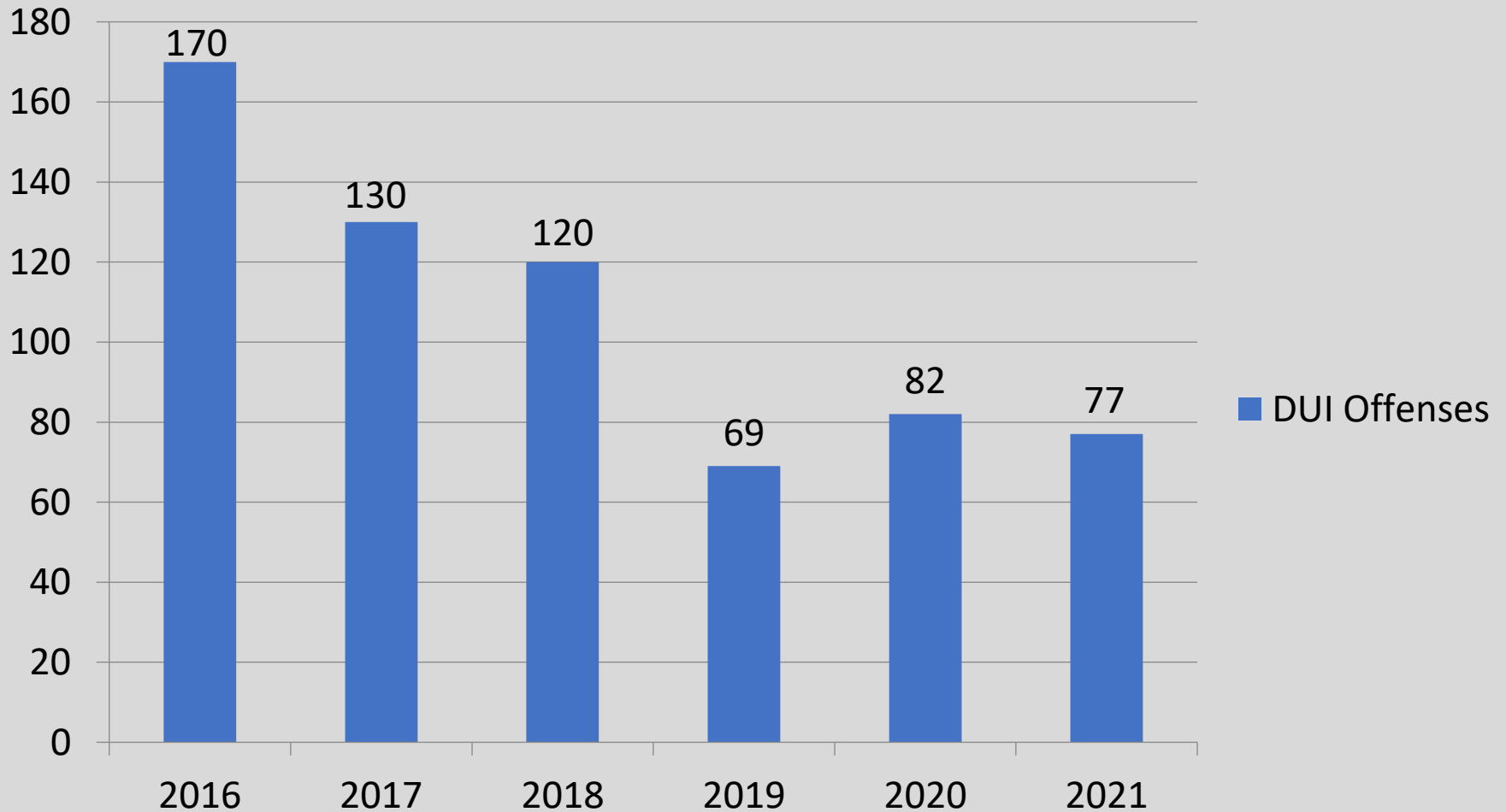
Number of accidents investigated requiring an  
officer's assistance exchanging information: 269

Accidents related to DUIs: 51

Fatalities: 0

# SIX YEAR DUI STATISTICS

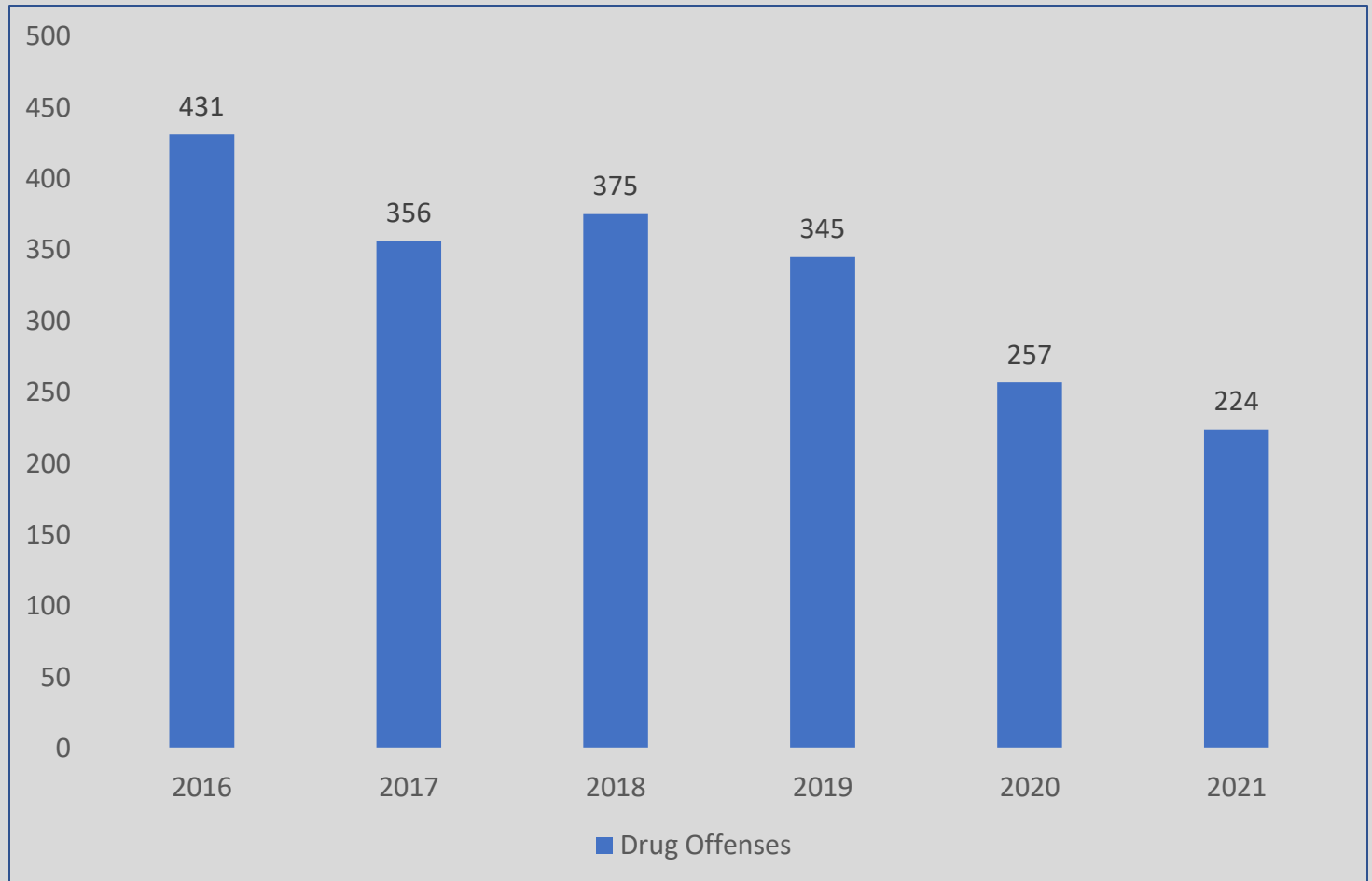
Decreased 6.1% in 2021



# UCR Summary Six Year Comparison

## Drug Offenses

Decreased 12.8% in 2021





# Overdoses

	Overdoses	Fatal Overdoses	Naloxone Usages
2020	198	35	30
2021	253	27	17
2022 (As Of May)	96	12 (Plus 4 Pending Toxicology)	9

- Fatal Overdose Numbers provided by Blair County Coroner Patricia Ross

## Juvenile Arrest

	2020	2021
Part 1 Crimes	57	49
Runaway	61	51
Total Arrests	203	190



# Other Events in 2021



† BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



# Chief Janice Freehling

- Retired March 1, 2021
- Dedicated public servant that had a passion for her community and those serving under her command.
- Over 44 years of service with the Altoona Police Department.
- 20 years as Chief of Police.



# Community Events

- 27 APD Officers and Attorney General Agents ran 6.7 miles through the City of Altoona, raising \$2,100 for the PA Special Olympics in the Law Enforcement Torch Run.
- 12 APD Officers participated in the Polar-pop (taking place of the Polar Plunge due to COVID-19) raising over \$3,200 for the PA Special Olympics.
- APD started its very first “No Shave November” program, donating \$2,250 to the Amelia Sharer Foundation which assists families in need of emergency medical transports of children with serious illnesses.
- APD hosted National Night Out Against Crime in Downtown Heritage Plaza. Officers also assisted with numerous concerts, parades, and charity events.
- Present donations were collected in the APD lobby as the Department teamed up with Professional’s Auto Body to provide Christmas morning for 24 local families (69 children) in need.

## 2021 Goals and Progress

- **Address manpower needs.**
  - 9 Officers hired in 2021 and 9 Officers hired in 2022.
  - From Jan 2021 to Date
    - 8 Officers Retired / Vested
    - 6 Resigned for other Employment Opportunities
- **Patrol CID rotation program.**
  - Was started in the summer of 2021.
  - On second round of the rotation.
- **Collaborate with other agencies to help with investigative and enforcement efficiency.**
  - Continued progress with various agencies.
  - Staffing levels have limited number of proactive collaborative details.

# 2021 Goals and Progress Continued

- **Continue with our high standard of training and to continue evaluating the training needs of the Department.**
  - The significant number of Officers in the FTO program has occupied significant amount of time and resources. However, the Department has been able to maintain the integrity of the program.
  - Continued with Mandatory trainings and increased other relevant trainings.
    - De-escalation training, Advanced investigative trainings, Supervisor training, etc.
- **Policy review.**
  - Some policies were reviewed and updated.
  - Due to staffing, a full policy review was not able to be done.
- **Increase community interaction.**
  - Officers were able to participate in more community events.
  - The Department started Community Engagement Details

# Community Engagement Details

- Officers assigned to these details visit city parks, pools, housing complexes, and various neighborhoods to personally interact with the community.
- Gets Officers out of their cruisers and gives them the ability to proactively address concerns, many of a non-criminal nature, that sometimes can not be address due to patrol call volume.



# 2022 Goals

- Evaluate and change APD's organizational structure to make the Department more efficient given current conditions.
- Policy Review.
- Address Staffing needs.
- Develop ways to increase proactivity.
- Expand our community engagement and participation with local charities.
- Continue to expand the individualized training Officers receive.

# Altoona Police Department

**“Protecting and serving the citizens of Altoona”**



Thank you  
Joseph A. Merrill  
Chief of Police