



MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

Crime Summary for 1st Quarter 2016ⁱ

(January 1, 2016 to March 31, 2016)

According to data from the first quarter of 2016, Part I offenses increased 5.1%. There were approximately 200 more Part I crimes in January to March 2016 than the same time in 2015. Part II offenses increased 9.5% over the same time frame.

	2015 # of Incidents	2016 # of Incidents	% Diff
<u>Part I</u>	3,599	3,782	5.1%
<u>Part II</u>	7,654	8,377	9.4%

Unfounded incidents not included
Run Date: 04/08/16

Crime Comparison 01/01/2015 - 03/31/2015 vs 01/01/2016 - 03/31/2016			
	2015 # of Incidents	2016 # of Incidents	% Diff
Homicide	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	(83.3%)
Rape	<u>63</u>	<u>74</u>	17.5%
Forcible	<u>56</u>	<u>69</u>	23.2%
Attempt - Force	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	(28.6%)
Robbery	<u>130</u>	<u>138</u>	6.2%
Non-Commercial	108	108	-
Commercial	22	30	36.4%
Agg. Assault	<u>225</u>	<u>141</u>	(37.3%)
Burglary	<u>437</u>	<u>480</u>	9.8%
Residential	353	373	5.7%
Commercial	79	99	25.3%
School	5	8	60.0%
Larceny	<u>2,595</u>	<u>2,777</u>	7.0%
Shoplifting	587	663	12.9%
Veh Rltd Theft	990	1,091	10.2%
From Bldgs	521	442	(15.2%)
All Others	497	581	16.9%
Auto Theft	<u>143</u>	<u>171</u>	19.6%
Part I Total	3,599	3,782	5.1%

It is immediately noticeable that there has been a decline in the violent crime categories that had increased throughout 2015, including homicide and aggravated assault. The number of rapes is still up slightly, but the growth in this category has slowed considerably. There is also a small increase in robbery, primarily due to the serial bank robberies that occurred in the first quarter, and a flurry of pharmaceutical robberies.

The number of property crimes has spiked in this first quarter of 2016. The increase in burglary in the first quarter may be attributed to the frequency of break-ins that have occurred in vacant homes, including model homes or new homes under construction; this has been a significant issue in the 5th District - Germantown. Commercial burglaries have also increased, as subjects target multiple offices/office buildings in and around the same location (e.g., Rockville and Bethesda).

Larceny continues to increase, unfortunately because many people continue to leave their vehicles unlocked. Approximately 80% of the vehicle-related thefts in the first quarter of 2016 occurred without the use of force because the vehicles were unlocked, allowing those with nefarious motives to enter the vehicle and take items of value.

Crime Comparison 01/01/2015 - 03/31/2015 vs 01/01/2016 - 03/31/2016			
	2015 # of Incidents	2016 # of Incidents	% Diff
Minor Assault	724	890	22.9%
Arson	4	10	150.0%
Vandalism	564	561	(.5%)
Weapons	75	73	(2.7%)
Narcotic Drug Laws	925	1,293	39.8%
Sale/Manufacture	119	131	10.1%
Possession/Use	806	1,162	44.2%
Family Offense	37	35	(5.4%)
Juvenile	153	196	28.1%
Disorderly Conduct	202	226	11.9%
All Other Part II Criminal	1,698	1,782	4.9%
DUI	801	789	(1.5%)
All Other Part II Noncriminal	2,471	2,522	2.1%
PART II TOTAL	7,654	8,377	9.4%

Although the number of aggravated assaults declined in the first quarter, the number of minor assaults increased. Combined, there were 82 more assaults in 2016 than in 2015.

The increase in narcotics offenses is the result of additional charges for marijuana. And a small spike in trespassing, which falls under the *All Other Part II Criminal* category, also contributed to the overall increase in Part II offenses.

As the weather begins to change, the Montgomery County Police Department asks you to remember a few tips that will reduce the opportunities for those looking to reap the proceeds of criminal activity, and help prevent you from becoming a victim:



If you're working in the backyard, keep your front door and/or garage door closed and locked. It only takes someone a minute to slip inside. Remember to lock all your doors and windows before leaving home. Don't forget to lock all your sheds and out buildings, too!



Put ladders and other tools back into a secure area when you're done with them. Ladders and tools can be used by the bad guys to access your property.



Nice weather means that more people are outside, walking and bicycling. Be mindful of all pedestrian activity, and don't forget to properly secure any bicycles when not in use.



Be a good neighbor! This can be one of the best crime prevention tools out there! Watchful neighbors can spot potential criminals and call the police.

ⁱ Quarterly crime statistics source: MCP Records Management Dashboard.