



2020

Report to the Community
Series II of IV

**Property Crime Statistics, Arrest Data, Officer Recruitment and
Officer Diversity, Calls for Service, Use of Force Statistics**



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DRAFT DISCLAIMER

The 2020 Community Policing Report is being released in a series of draft sections. The final report, incorporating all sections, will be released in the fall of 2020, and will be informed in part by feedback received from these draft releases.

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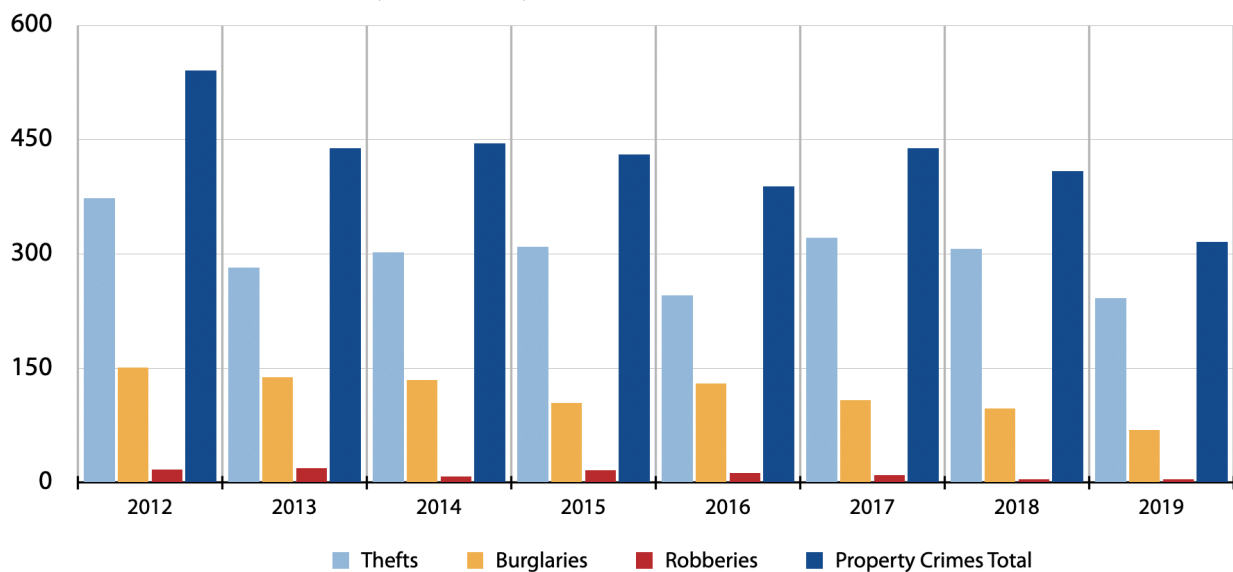
Property Crime Statistics

Property theft statistics in 2019 saw a decline from years prior; the lowest rate from the 20 years of tracked statistics. The declining rate of property theft is attributed in part to increased awareness of securing property, and the installment of a mid-shift officer position in 2018/2019. Primary property crime statistics tracked are theft, robbery, and burglary.

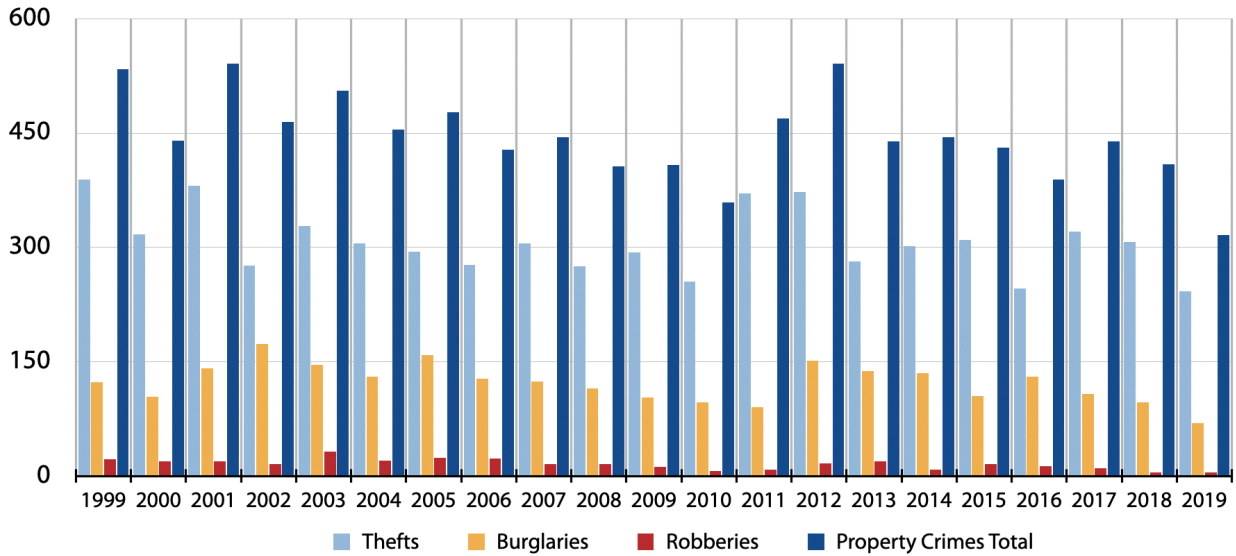
- **Theft** is defined as the stealing of property from vehicles, exterior areas, and detached garages and accessory structures.
- **Burglary** is defined as the stealing of property from homes, attached garages, and commercial structures.
- **Robbery** is defined as the stealing of property directly from another person.

Property Crime Statistics	2017	2018	2019
Theft Incidents	321	307	242
Burglary Incidents	108	97	69
Robbery Incidents	10	5	5
Totals Incidents	439	409	316

Bexley Property Crime - 5 Year Historical Chart



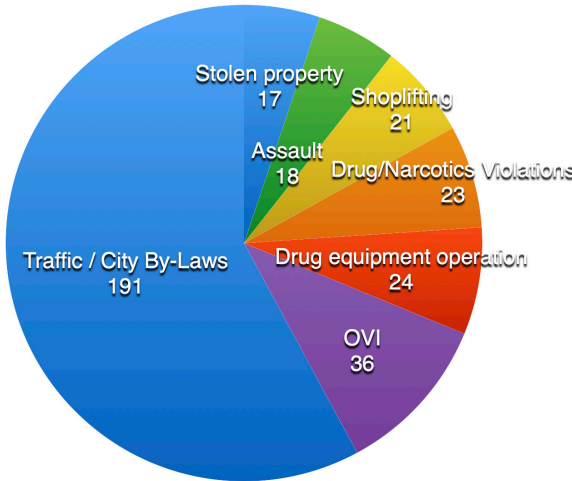
Bexley Property Crime - 20 Year Historical Chart



Arrests

Arrest Statistics	2017	2018	2019
Juvenile Arrests	33	34	28
Adult Arrests	463	440	408
Totals Incidents	496	474	436

Arrests by Top 7 Categories





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Officer Recruitment and Officer Diversity

Bexley is committed to recruiting, training, and retaining the highest quality officers, with an emphasis on the recruitment of community-minded applicants with a demonstrated passion for service.

Recruitment

Candidate officers are made aware of vacancies through the National Testing Network program, a national testing service that is utilized by many Central Ohio police agencies. Bexley's decision to move to this platform in 2016 was driven by a desire to widen and diversify the pool of officer applicants. Testing is carefully designed to avoid selection bias, to detect bias among applicants, and to provide testing methodologies that are accessible to a variety of individual test taking styles.

Background Checks and Interviews

Officer candidates undergo an **in-depth background investigation** where investigators ask direct questions and then talk with friends, neighbors, and associates. This is a labor intensive process, and investigators include hate group affiliation and evidence of discriminatory or racist behavior, all of which will immediately disqualify officer candidates.

If candidates clear the background check process, an **oral board interview** process is conducted with police leadership and Bexley's Civil Service Commissioners, wherein direct, pointed questions are asked about information from the background investigation.

The **polygraph portion of the background check** ensures that all information provided by the candidate is questioned and vetted. If they've been untruthful the polygrapher finds it and failure of a polygraph exam disqualifies a candidate.

The **psychological interview** portion of the background check is a 2-hour interview with a psychologist who specializes in interviews for police department candidates and employees. The psychologist looks for any indicators of hate or bias, along with other personality characteristics which may indicate the candidate is unsuitable for the job.

If an officer candidate successfully clears all of the above portions and they have not yet graduated from an approved police training program, they are sent to an approved Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy.

Background Checks and Interviews (continued)

Upon graduation from the academy, the candidate is sworn in as a Bexley police officer, and begins a three month **field training program** where the new officer works under the direct supervision of officers who are school-trained field training officers. They document all behavior and watch for biased or hate oriented traits in the many contacts the trainee has with the public and fellow officers.

Following successful completion of the field training program, new officers are subject to a one year probation, where the new officer is still under heavy scrutiny by the chain of command.

This carefully designed recruitment and training program is designed to watch for many things, including hate or bias towards any person based on race, religion, or sexual orientation.

Officer Diversity

The Bexley Police Department is comprised of an increasingly diverse field of officers, with a goal for the agency to continue to more fully represent the communities served by our officers.

Black or African American Officers	3
Hispanic or Latino Officers	1
Asian Officers	1
Non-white officer %	16.6%
Female officers	2

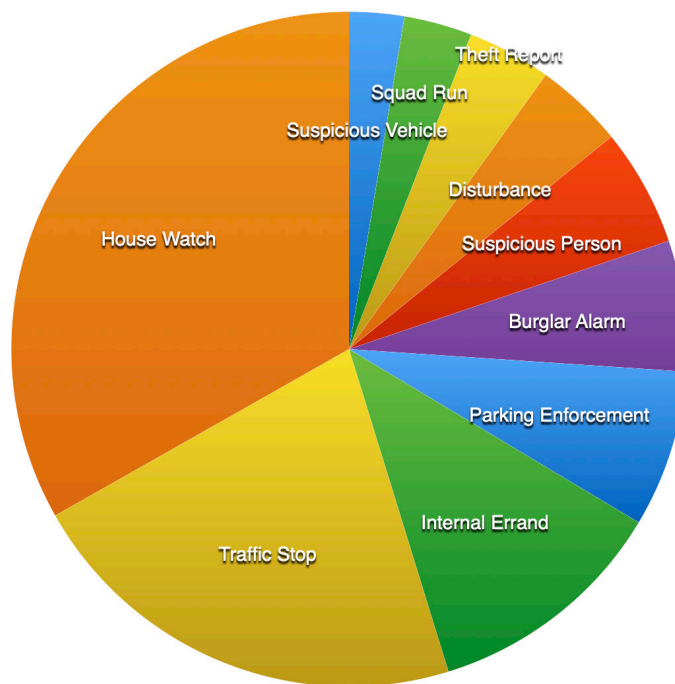


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Calls for Service

Calls for Service include all documented police interactions, including routine vacation house checks, traffic stops, parking enforcement, burglar alarm runs, and more. Response times are documented across all categories of calls for service, with statistics pertaining to total calls for service, top 10 categories of calls for service, average response time to emergency calls, and average time on call for service.

Top 10 Calls for Service By Type



Calls for Service Statistics	2017	2018	2019
Officer Initiated	11,459	12,203	10,551
Dispatcher Initiated	6,180	6,144	6,055
Total Calls for Service	17,639	18,347	16,606
Average time on scene	19.01 min	21.02 min	25.85 min
Average Emergency Response Time	2.54 min	2.78 min	2.35 min

Use of Force Statistics

Use of Force is defined as effort required by police to compel compliance by an unwilling subject. Bexley police officers are trained in use of force continuum strategies, and none of the use of force incidents involved the discharge of a firearm, taser, or the use of any force beyond physical restraint. Use of force instances involved underlying incidents of resisting arrest, active damage to property, assault of an officer, refusal of warrant-based OVI test, and failure to comply.

Bexley is compliant with the #8Can'tWait policy recommendations. A full copy of Bexley Police's Use of Force policy and all police policies can be found at:
www.bexley.org/police-department

Use of Force Incident by Type	2018	2019
Physical restraint while resisting arrest	4	2
Physical restraint to prevent damage to property	N/A	1
Physical restraint while assaulting officer	N/A	1
Physical restraint to enforce warrant OVI test	N/A	1
Physical restraint after failure to comply	N/A	1
Totals Incidents	4	6