

POTTSTOWN CITIZENS FOR Enlightened LEADERSHIP

Part 2 crimes down in Pottstown

On Tuesday, we reported that Part 1 crimes — considered the most serious ones, such as murder, rape, robbery, assault, and burglary — were down last year for the seventh year in a row in Pottstown. In fact, they were the lowest overall since 1973.

Today's chart shows that less dangerous crimes, known as Part 2 crimes, are also down in Pottstown.

It's interesting that vandalism is down significantly from 20 years ago.

Other decreases in crime, like drunken driving and disorderly conduct, may mean citizens are better

behaved, or it may mean that police are simply making fewer arrests.

Likewise, the rise in drug violations may indicate police and the county are getting better at catching and prosecuting violators.

Family offenses are up in recent years, which may reflect an increase in poverty and dysfunctional families in the borough.

All in all, Pottstown is safer than it's been for a generation or more.



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	Forgery	Fraud	RSP*	Vandalism	Weap Vio	Prostitution	Sex Off	Drug Viol.	Family Off	DUI	Liquor Law	Drunk	DC**	All Other	TOTAL
1993	9	73	11	655	10	2	23	217	31	208	58	210	596	181	2284
1994	8	103	10	615	9	0	26	223	22	194	28	164	496	134	2032
1995	18	96	7	694	4	2	17	198	19	189	42	155	506	285	2232
1996	6	100	8	798	3	2	14	163	33	162	43	155	591	478	2556
1997	28	180	16	852	7	3	28	119	17	158	40	137	541	558	2684
1998	29	189	10	720	7	21	13	161	9	151	40	157	715	466	2688
1999	26	161	16	736	10	9	11	181	12	172	44	206	815	606	3005
2000	18	112	11	564	12	9	16	204	18	179	61	219	715	535	2673
2001	31	111	8	640	14	9	22	198	14	215	37	257	724	396	2676
2002	30	138	10	748	9	15	17	169	15	105	34	292	684	346	2612
2003	26	116	11	674	12	8	19	247	26	138	29	204	725	307	2542
2004	59	116	22	604	22	14	20	277	29	162	27	239	851	194	2636
2005	35	137	27	579	12	12	25	392	24	145	29	215	766	269	2667
2006	41	138	17	789	16	26	16	356	30	129	20	201	781	281	2841
2007	25	131	15	729	13	21	21	387	31	153	25	256	830	344	2981
2008	21	178	8	759	20	16	31	427	31	227	31	261	928	341	3279
2009	16	184	5	544	9	10	18	354	32	158	35	312	802	300	2779
2010	19	151	14	540	16	5	21	273	30	136	40	282	797	274	2598
2011	24	185	11	404	12	4	25	300	41	100	40	355	867	371	2739
2012	37	171	27	354	19	13	26	309	29	98	22	346	653	255	2359
2013	19	186	14	408	13	2	17	307	28	85	8	284	610	208	2189
2014	21	190	9	375	14	5	19	353	33	88	5	343	558	185	2198
2015	16	188	7	321	20	1	28	422	77	100	34	326	558	268	2366
2016	15	172	12	379	17	6	37	400	151	81	7	290	586	232	2385
2017	31	215	4	317	19	6	26	642	181	62	5	303	519	215	2545
2018	29	200	4	368	30	1	21	341	160	41	0	205	442	197	2039
2019	18	209	9	294	27	1	12	411	164	52	1	201	454	170	2023
2020	45	218	13	284	27	3	22	362	138	48	3	229	420	162	1974

* RSP Receiving Stolen Property ** Disorderly Conduct
As the chart shows, crime has decreased over the last few years.