



LETHBRIDGE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

**Wednesday, May 27, 2026
Culver City Room, City Hall
4:00 p.m.**

- 1. Meeting Called to Order**
- 2. Acknowledgement Statement**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Consent Agenda**
 - 4.1. April 29, 2026, Lethbridge Police Commission Meeting Minutes
 - 4.2. May 13, 2026, LPC Special Meeting Minutes
- 5. Recognitions**
- 6. Inquiries from the Public**
- 7. Presentations**
- 8. Standing Items**
 - 8.1. Lethbridge Police Service Report – Chief Mehdizadeh
 - 8.2. Lethbridge Police Service Crime Report – Deputy Chief Grobmeier
 - 8.3. Monthly Compliments – Chief Mehdizadeh
- 9. New Business**
- 10. Confidential Reports – Lethbridge Police Service**
 - 10.1. Finance Report – Finance Manager Ordway
[ATIA Sections 29 (Advice from officials) & 30 (Economic interests)]
 - 10.2. LPC Bylaw 5969 Amendment Discussion Part A
[ATIA Sections 23 (Harmful to Law Enforcement), 26 (Intergovernmental relations), and 29 (Advice from officials)]
 - 10.3. LPS Policy Review Report & Process Discussion
[ATIA Section 29 (Advice from officials)]

11. Confidential Reports – Lethbridge Police Commission

- 11.1. Chief's Report (verbal) – Chief Mehdizadeh
[ATIA Section 29 (Advice from officials)]

- 11.2. Professional Standards Report – Public Complaints Director Visser
[ATIA Sections 20 (Harmful to Personal Privacy), 23 (Harmful to Law Enforcement)], 24 (Advice from Officials) & 25 (Disclosure & Complaints)]

- 11.3. Executive Director Report – Executive Director Thompson-Wensveen
[ATIA Sections 20 (Harmful to Personal Privacy), 22 (Confidential evaluations), 23 (Harmful to Law Enforcement), 26 (Intergovernmental relations), 28 (Local public body confidences), 29 (Advice from officials), 30 (Economic interests), & 32 (Privileged information)]

12. Upcoming Events Meetings

Regular Meeting of June 24, 2026

13. Meeting Adjournment



LETHBRIDGE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 29, 2026
Culver City Room, City Hall
4:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Commission Members:

Members Brett Carlson, Clement Esene, Hunter Heggie, Matthew McHugh, Jenn Schmidt-Rempel, Doug Thornton, Jen Visser (*participated remotely*), Ryan Wolfe.

Lethbridge Police Service Executive:

Acting Deputy Chief Grobmeier, Acting Deputy Chief Lawrence, Inspector Klassen, Inspector Walper.

Other:

Lee Cutforth, Legal Counsel, LPS; Carmen Hellawell, Executive Assistant to the Chief; Kim Ordway, LPS Finance Manager; Kristen Saturley, LPS Strategic Communications Manager; Elizabeth Thompson-Wensveen, Executive Director, LPC.

Absent:

Member Noella Piquette

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chair Thornton opened the meeting of the Lethbridge Police Commission on April 29, 2026, the time being 4:00 p.m.

2. Acknowledgment Statement

Chair Thornton read the Acknowledgement Statement.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Commissioner McHugh, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission adopt the agenda for the April 29, 2026, meeting as presented.

CARRIED

4. Consent Agenda

The Minutes of the March 25, 2026, Lethbridge Police Commission Meeting were circulated for approval in the consent agenda.

Moved by Commissioner Wolfe, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.

CARRIED

5. Recognitions

6. Inquiries from the Public

Chris, a member of the public, inquired about the new process for filing a complaint at the Police Review Commission and whether the new process, established by amendments to the Police Act, best supports officer accountability.

After Chris left the room, the Commission determined that the Public Complaint Director would inquire about the matter with the PRC.

7. Presentations

8. Standing Items

- 8.1. Lethbridge Police Service Report – Acting Chief Grobmeier
- 8.2. LPS Crime Report – Acting Deputy Chief Lawrence
- 8.3. Monthly Compliments – Acting Chief Grobmeier

Moved by Commissioner Heggie, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission receive as information the following reports:

- Lethbridge Police Service Report,
- Monthly Compliments, and
- LPS Crime Report

CARRIED

9. New Business

- 9.1. April 26 Community Issues Committee Referral – Acting Chief Grobmeier
"Safety and criminal concerns of businesses and customers along 2A Ave N."

Moved by Commissioner Esene, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission designate Commissioners Schmidt-Rempel and Wolfe to share highlights from the report briefing with Lethbridge City Council regarding the policing initiatives along 2A avenue North.

CARRIED

9.2. LPC Strategic Plan 2026-2027 – Executive Director Thompson-Wensveen

Moved by Commissioner McHugh, BE IT RESOLVED THAT BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission adopt the 2026–2027 LPC Strategic Plan as presented.

CARRIED

10. Confidential Reports – Lethbridge Police Service

Commission Members, LPC Executive Director, LPS Acting Chief, Acting Deputy Chief, Executive Assistant to the Chief, LPS Finance, LPS Strategic Communications, LPS Legal

Moved by Commissioner Carlson, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission enter into a closed meeting at 4:41 p.m. to discuss confidential matters with respect to items 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, and 11.1, 11.2 and 11.3 in accordance with sections 20 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy), 22 (Confidential evaluations), 23 (Disclosure harmful to law enforcement), 24 (Advice from officials), 25 (Disclosure and complaints), 26 (Intergovernmental relations), 29 (Advice from officials), 30 (Economic interests), and 32 (Privileged information) of the *Access to Information Act*.

CARRIED

10.1. Finance Report – Finance Manager Kim Ordway
[ATIA Sections 29 (Advice from officials) & 30 (Economic interests)]

10.2. LPS Policy Review
[ATIA Section 29 (Advice from officials)]

10.3. Confidential Correspondence – Executive Director Thompson-Wensveen
[ATIA Sections 26 (Intergovernmental relations), 29 (Advice from officials), & 32 (Privileged information)]

LPS Executive exited at 6:22 p.m.

11. Confidential Reports – Lethbridge Police Commission

Commission Members, LPC Executive Director, Acting Chief

11.1. Chief's Report – Acting Chief Grobmeier
[ATIA Section 29 (Advice from officials)]

LPS A/Chief exited at 6:37 p.m.

11.2. Professional Standards Reports & Extensions – Commissioner Visser
[ATIA Sections 20 (Harmful to personal privacy), 23 (Harmful to law enforcement), 24 (Advice from officials), 25 (Disclosure & complaints), and 26 (Intergovernmental relations)]

11.1. Executive Director Report – Executive Director Thompson-Wensveen
[ATIA Sections 20 (Harmful to Personal Privacy), 22 (Confidential evaluations), 23 (Harmful to Law Enforcement), 26 (Intergovernmental relations), 28 (Local public body confidences), 29 (Advice from officials), 30 (Economic interests), & 32 (Privileged information)]

Moved by Commissioner Schmidt-Rempel, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission adjourn the closed meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner McHugh, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission direct that the confidential discussions, reports, and documents relating to:

Finance Report
LPS Policy Review Report
Confidential Correspondence

remain confidential pursuant to sections 26 (Intergovernmental relations), 29 (Advice from officials), 30 (Economic interests) and 32 (Privileged information) of the *Access to Information Act*; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission direct the Executive Director to proceed with the confidential direction provided in the closed session.

CARRIED

Moved by Commissioner Wolfe, BE IT RESOLVED THAT BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission direct that the confidential meeting discussions, reports, and documents relating to:

Chief's Report
Professional Standards Reports & Extensions
Executive Director Report

remain confidential pursuant to sections 20 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy), 22 (Confidential evaluations), 23 (Disclosure harmful to law enforcement), 24 (Advice from

officials), 25 (Disclosure and complaints), 26 (Intergovernmental relations), 29 (Advice from officials), 30 (Economic Interests) and 32 (Privileged information) of the *Access to Information Act*; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission approve time limit extensions as follows:

- files 2024-059 and 2025-017(a) be extended to June 24, 2026; and
- file 2025-026 be extended to September 23, 2026; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission direct the Executive Director to proceed with the confidential direction provided in the closed session.

CARRIED

12. Upcoming Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the Culver City Room at City Hall.

13. Meeting Adjournment

Chair Thornton declared the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Doug Thornton,
Chair

Elizabeth Thompson-Wensveen,
Executive Director



**LETHBRIDGE POLICE COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 13, 2026
Held Virtually Through Teams
5:17 p.m.

In Attendance:

Commission Members:

Members Brett Carlson, Clement Esene, Hunter Heggie, Jenn Schmidt-Rempel, Doug Thornton, Ryan Wolfe.

Other:

Elizabeth Thompson-Wensveen, Executive Director, LPC.

Absent:

Members Matthew McHugh, Noella Piquette, Jen Visser.

1. Meeting Called to Order

Chair Thornton opened the meeting of the Lethbridge Police Commission on May 13, 2026, the time being 5:17 p.m.

2. Acknowledgment Statement

Chair Thornton read the Acknowledgement Statement.

3. Confidential Reports – Lethbridge Police Commission

Commission Members, LPC Executive Director, LPC Legal

Moved by Commissioner Esene, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission enter into a closed meeting at 5:18 p.m. to discuss confidential matters with respect to item 3.1, LERB Ongoing Section 17 Investigation, in accordance with sections 29 (Advice from officials), and 32 (Privileged information) of the *Access to Information Act*.

CARRIED

3.1 LERB Ongoing Section 17 Investigation – Executive Director Thompson-Wensveen and Legal Counsel to LPC Greg Norman
[ATIA Sections 29 (Advice from officials) & 32 (Privileged information)]

Moved by Commissioner Heggie, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission adjourn the closed meeting at 5:35 p.m.

CARRIED

Moved by Commissioner Wolfe, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission direct Executive Director Thompson-Wensveen to work with LPC Legal Counsel to follow the confidential direction determined during the closed session; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lethbridge Police Commission direct that the confidential documents and discussions related to the item 3.1 "LERB Ongoing Section 17 Inquiry" remain confidential as per sections 29 (Advice from Officials) and 32 (Privileged information) of the *Access to Information Act*.

CARRIED

4. Meeting Adjournment

Chair Thornton declared the meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Doug Thornton,
Chair

Elizabeth Thompson-Wensveen,
Executive Director



LPS Monthly Report

Lethbridge Police Commission

MAY 2026

The Lethbridge Police Service is committed to providing a safe community for all. Monthly highlights from each division that contribute to our organizational priorities – community safety, community engagement and healthy organization – and in line with our annual policing plan goals:

- *Reduce crime*
- *Increase capacity by reducing police response to calls that can be alternatively reported and do not require the attendance of an officer*
- *Increase citizen perceptions of safety*
- *Increase community crime prevention initiatives*
- *Increase satisfaction with LPS*
- *Increase visibility within the community*
- *Promote information-sharing and collaboration with partner agencies*
- *Enhance employee health and wellness initiatives*
- *Increase diversity within the organization to better represent the community we serve*
- *Enhance technology to address security issues and keep pace with organizational needs*

FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION:

- The Downtown Policing Unit conducted several complicated investigations targeting large scale shoplifting and drug trafficking incidents. A total of 16 possession for the purpose of trafficking charges have been laid in the past month along with two search warrants on residences of those supplying drugs to the downtown core.
- Over 160 grams (1,600 doses) of fentanyl were seized and more than 80 property crimes charges laid in relation to shoplifting of possession of stolen property.
- Encampments have expanded rapidly to roughly 20 a day with clean-ups by the Encampment Response Team taking place twice a week.
- Galt Gardens continues to experience limited problems and calls for service.
- Planning is underway for Kids' Safe Week from June 1 to 7, a joint project with the City of Lethbridge focusing on road safety around schools and playgrounds.



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- The first in a summer series of targeted traffic enforcement projects took place at the end of April. This initiative targets high-risk driving, vehicle noise, speeding stunting, racing and other illegal behaviours.
- Members of the Community Engagement Unit (CEU) attended a buffalo harvest on April 23 and additional community events.
- Ongoing work with schools included lockdown drills, internet safety classes, and school introductions to police.
- Two members attended the funeral for fallen officer Sgt. Anaïs Fortin-Cozzens of the Sûreté du Québec.
- CEU provided a presentation at Sikoohkotoki Friendship Centre on relationship-building with youth.
- Community Engagement Support met with the Indigenous Advisory Committee and Southern Kin Organization Dedicated Engagement Network, and attended planning meetings for National Indigenous Peoples' Day and Treaty 7 150-year anniversary. Other events included the Blackfoot naming ceremony for the correctional centre and Blackfoot Confederacy and Justice Symposium.
- Discussions with Elders also took place in relation to the creation of LPS ribbon skirts and plans are underway for planting medicines in the rooftop garden boxes.
- FASD Liaison Officer attended the John Howard Society Conference and collaborated with the current Youth Justice Committee to improve diversion practices.
- The Watch conducted 395 self generated checks on addresses in their zones, received 22 calls requesting a wellness check on an individual and received 18 calls from businesses where they attended to assist that business.
- The Watch located 43 used needles in their zones and reported them for pick-up and attended 21 community events this month.
- Link to interactive map of Watch events:
<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1-79i2rEVGO6bb-N-uMn97aiXJz4iMwk&usp=sharing>

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION:

- The Recruiting Unit attended the Female First Responder Career Fair in Edmonton and the Métis Career Fair in Calgary. They also held a CPO Information Session and BDI Prep Session to help guide interested applicants through the recruiting process and assisted the Community Engagement Unit in hosting a Youth Academy that spanned 3 days.



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- The Recruiting Unit presented four police officer applicants (3 males and 1 female) to the Executive Team. The selected recruits will begin training on May 25.
- The Training Unit offered Module 1 training in April, which includes empty hand tactics (escorting/handcuffing), as well as Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray and Conducted Energy Weapons (CEW) recertifications. The team also hosted a Level 1 Incident Commander Course to 11 LPS members and one member from the Lacombe Police Service.
- The review of Key Tracer and Asset Tracer locker systems was completed and forwarded to the executive for review.
- Three employees were hired for the Media Disclosure Team and started in mid-April.
- Policy and work processes for the implementation of Body Worn Cameras are still being developed. In the interim, sworn members are currently participating in a four-hour training session on Body Worn Camera use.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION:

- The Domestic Crimes Unit (DCU) investigated 11 occurrences and laid 26 Criminal Code charges in the month of April. The DCU supervisor joined a Family Violence Police Supervisor Training Modernization Committee to assist with enhancing family violence training within Alberta.
- The Property Crimes Unit (PCU), High Risk Offender Unit (HRO), and Integrated Offender Management Unit (IOM) investigated 49 occurrences in April, with 45 of the matters being concluded. One of the concluded matters resulted in charges being laid against a male responsible for over 30 mischief to motor vehicle complaints (keying vehicles / slashing tires, etc.) The accused plead guilty and is currently in custody. Another concluded matter was in relation to a commercial break and enter where one of the charged persons was attempting to sell stolen property from the break and enter on an online open market sales platform.
- HRO experienced a significant increase in parole-monitoring files in April and is currently leading two active cases to help maintain community safety.
- IOM is now actively participating in the Indigenous Court Working Group to assist the Lethbridge Indigenous Court - a specialized Alberta Court of Justice aimed at providing culturally relevant, restorative, and holistic justice for Indigenous individuals.
- The Crime Suppression Team (CST) investigated 5 files in April and collaborated with other units within LPS. One matter resulted in the execution of a search warrant where 87.1 grams of fentanyl was seized and evidence of the production and trafficking of



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various controlled substances found. Numerous high-end mountain bikes were also seized as proceeds of crime and stolen merchandise from a local business was located. The male subject involved was charged with numerous Criminal Code and Controlled Drugs and Substances Act offences.

- CST concluded a short-term drug and firearms investigation after receiving information that a male suspect was in possession of firearms. A male and female were arrested in a vehicle containing a loaded 9mm submachine gun with suppressor, a loaded sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun, 210 grams of methamphetamine, 158 grams of cocaine, and synthetic-opiate pills. A search warrant was executed at an associated residence resulting in the seizure of an additional loaded sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun, a sawed-off .22 Ruger rifle, and substantial quantities of 9mm and 12-gauge ammunition.
- The Economic Crimes Unit (ECU) welcomed a new supervisor after the recent retirement of the previous supervisor. ECU continued to progress several files and completed numerous crypto traces to track and analyze suspected illicit cryptocurrency transactions.
- The Violent Crimes Unit (VCU) and Sex Crimes Unit (SCU) assumed several sex assault investigations involving youth in April. VCU also assisted the RCMP Integrated National Security Enforcement Team (INSET) with an investigation into a transnational, and decentralized violent online group that manipulates youth into self-harm, sexual exploitation, animal cruelty, and acts of terrorism.
- VCU continued to complete outstanding tasks and disclosure with respect to the murder investigation in late March that resulted in five people being charged.
- Two members of VCU travelled to Montreal, Quebec to attend a human trafficking conference, presenting on the topic of high-risk youth.
- VCU increased its capacity to investigate serious crimes with the addition of one Constable in April. An additional officer is scheduled to move into the unit in September 2026. This will bring the VCU compliment to six Constables and one Sergeant.

COMMISSION REPORT

2026-05-19



MONTHLY REPORTING TO COMMISSION

UCR CRIME DATA

JANUARY TO MARCH 2020-2026

Data Extraction as of 2026-05-19

May 2026

REPORTED CRIME VIOLATIONS IN LETHBRIDGE: JANUARY TO MARCH 2020-2026

Executive Summary

When comparing January-March 2026 to January-March 2025:

- Total crime violations decreased by -0.6%, and total Crime Severity Index (CSI) score decreased by -5.7%
- Person crime violations decreased by -4.4%, and person crime CSI score increased by 9.3%
- Property crime violations decreased by -7.4%, and property crime CSI score decreased by -10.6%

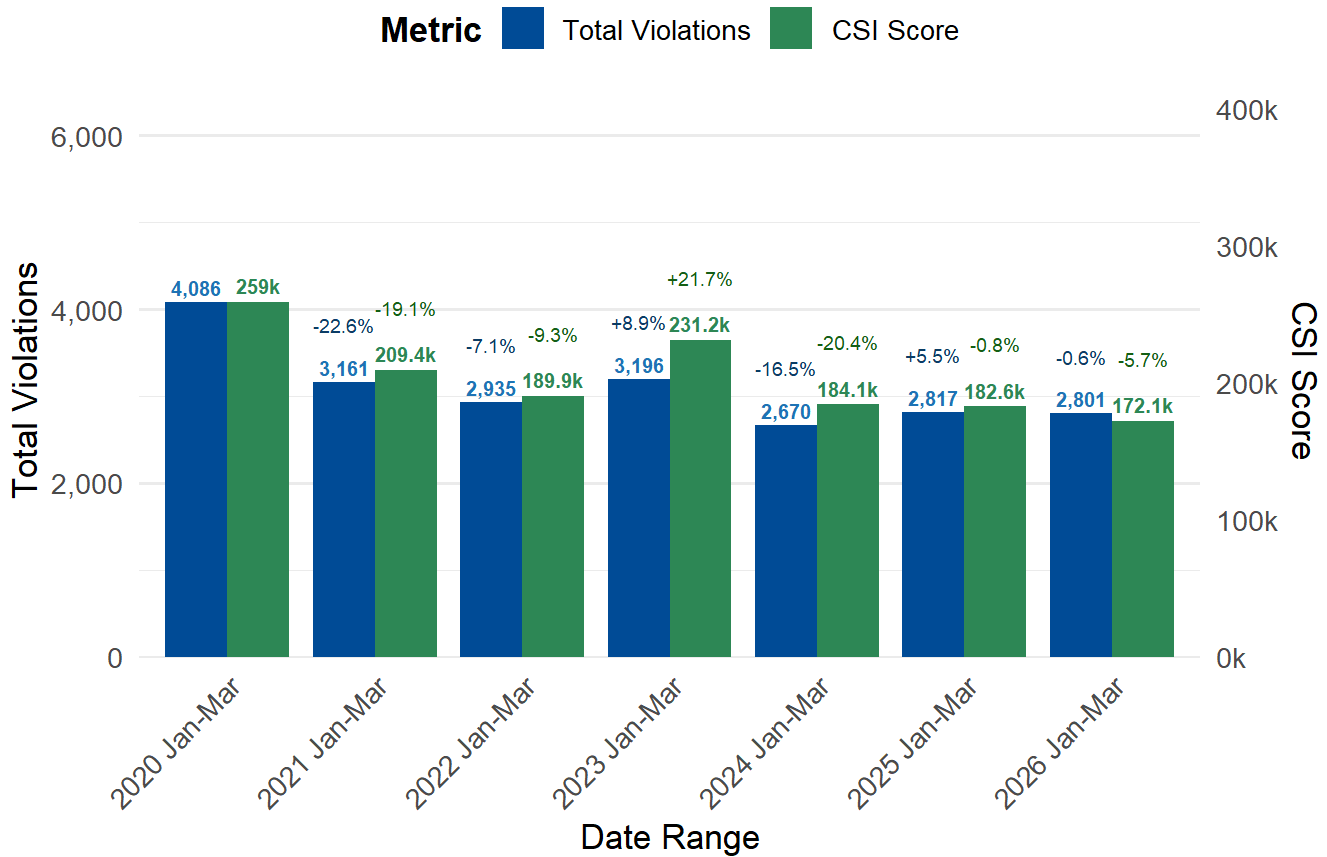
When comparing March 2026 to March 2025:

- Total crime violations decreased by -18.6% and total crime Severity Index (CSI) score decreased by -22.9%
- Person crime violations decreased by -23.6% and person crime CSI score increased by 26%
- Property crime violations decreased by -28.2% and property crime CSI score decreased by -39.4%

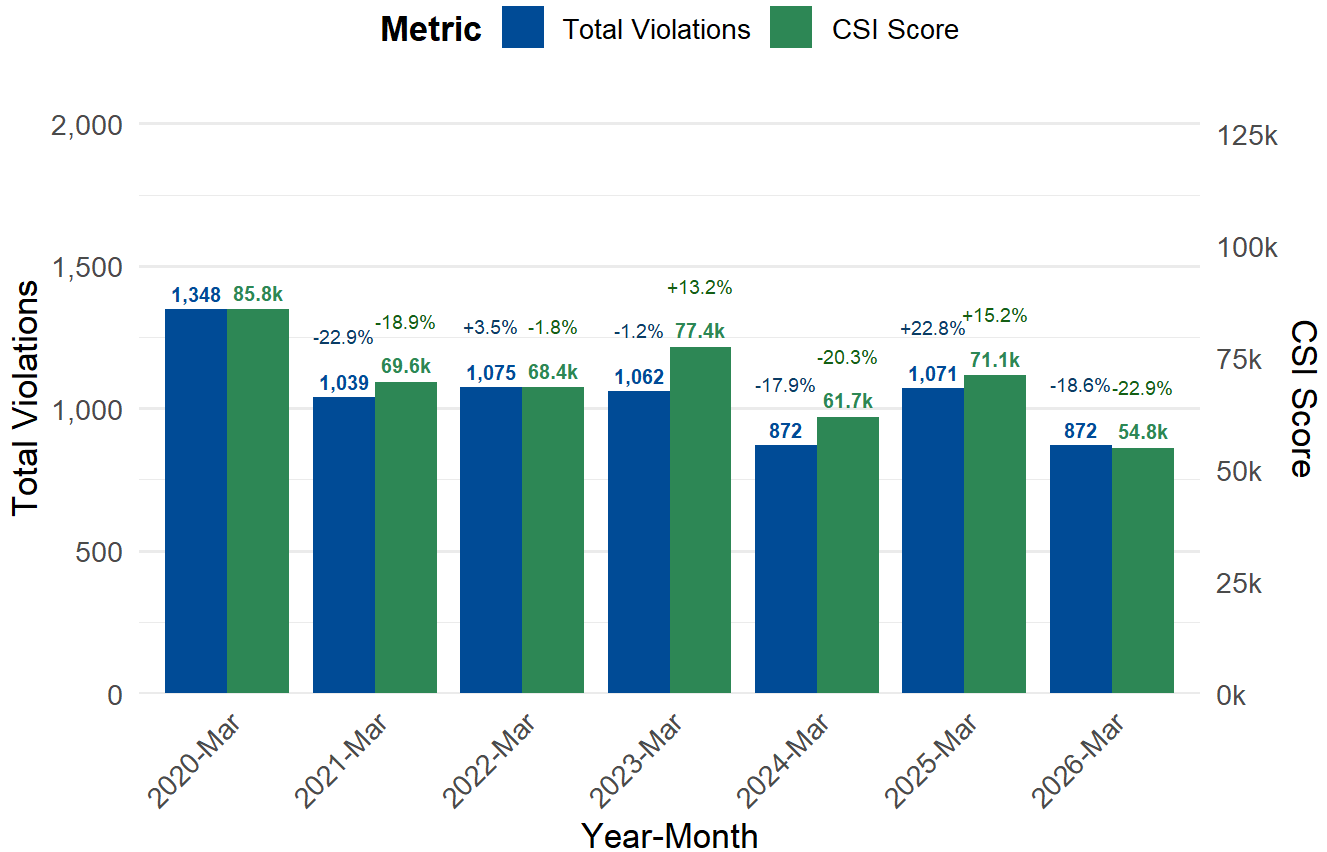
Crime by City Region: January-March 2026 compared to 2025

- Downtown Lethbridge; crime violations increased by 10.6% and CSI score decreased by -3.7%
- North Lethbridge; crime violations decreased by -25.1% and CSI score decreased by -32.8%
- South Lethbridge; crime violations decreased by -5% and CSI score increased by 13.1%
- West Lethbridge; crime violations increased by 10.3% and CSI score decreased by -1.5%

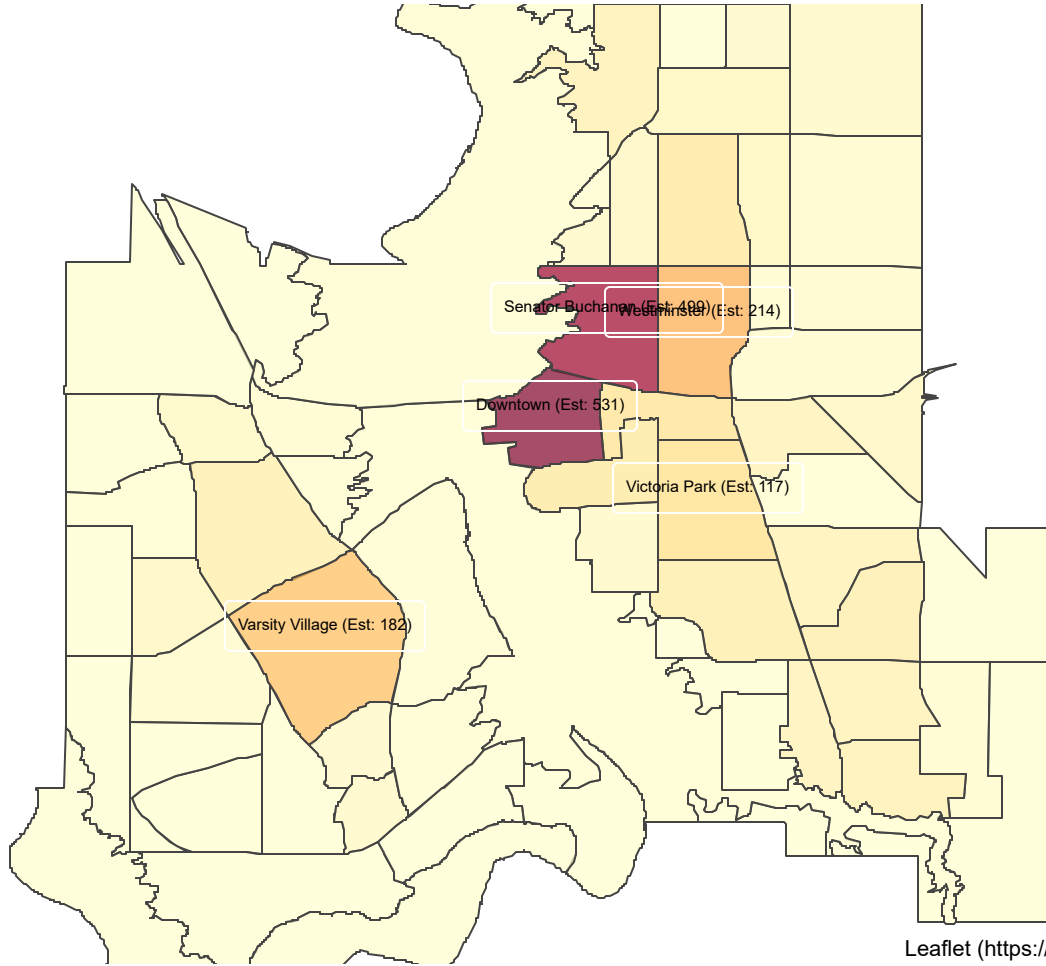
Total Crime: Violations vs CSI (Year Over Year Change)



March Crime: Violations vs CSI (Year Over Year Change)

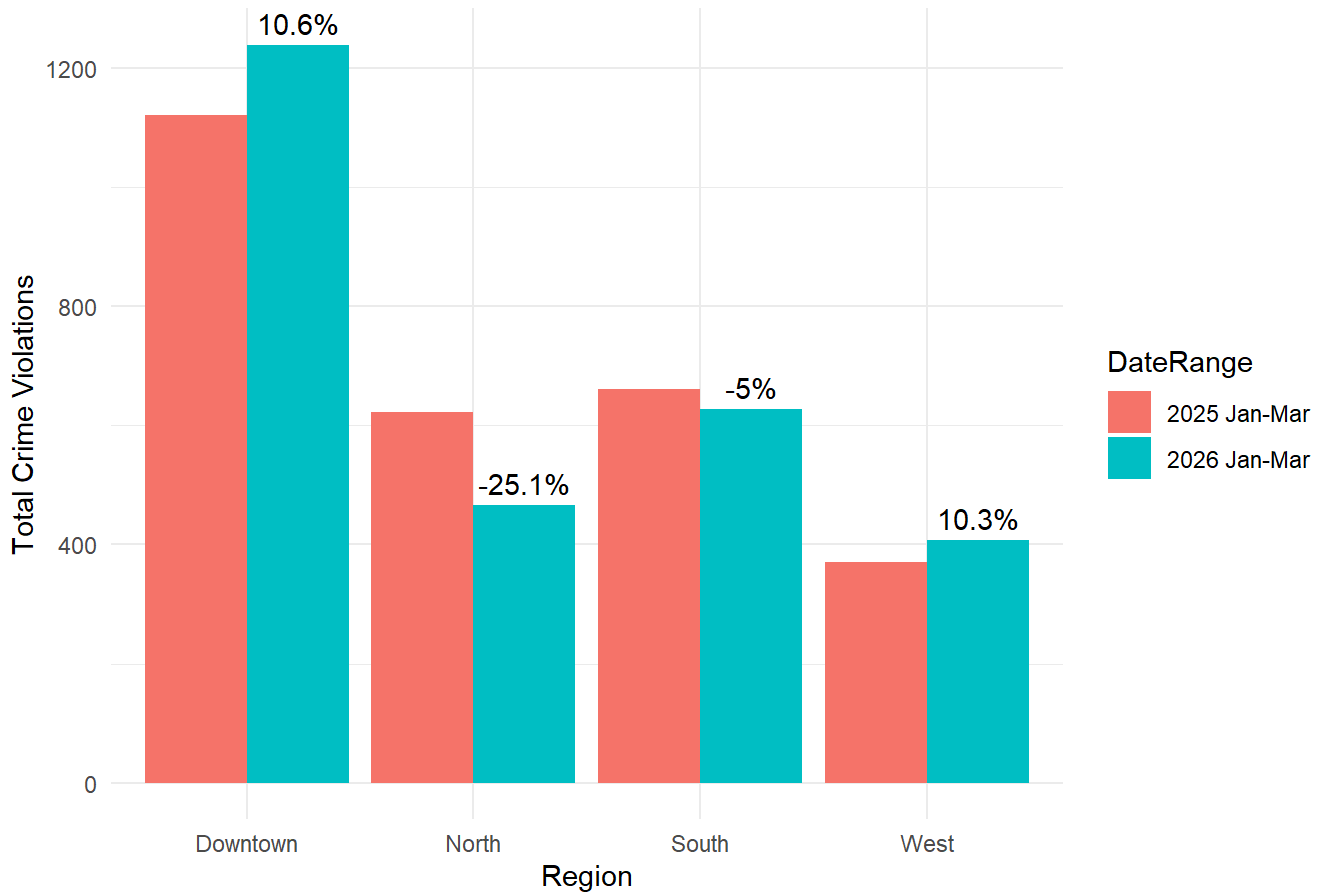


Crime Hotspots: Top Neighborhoods January to March 2026



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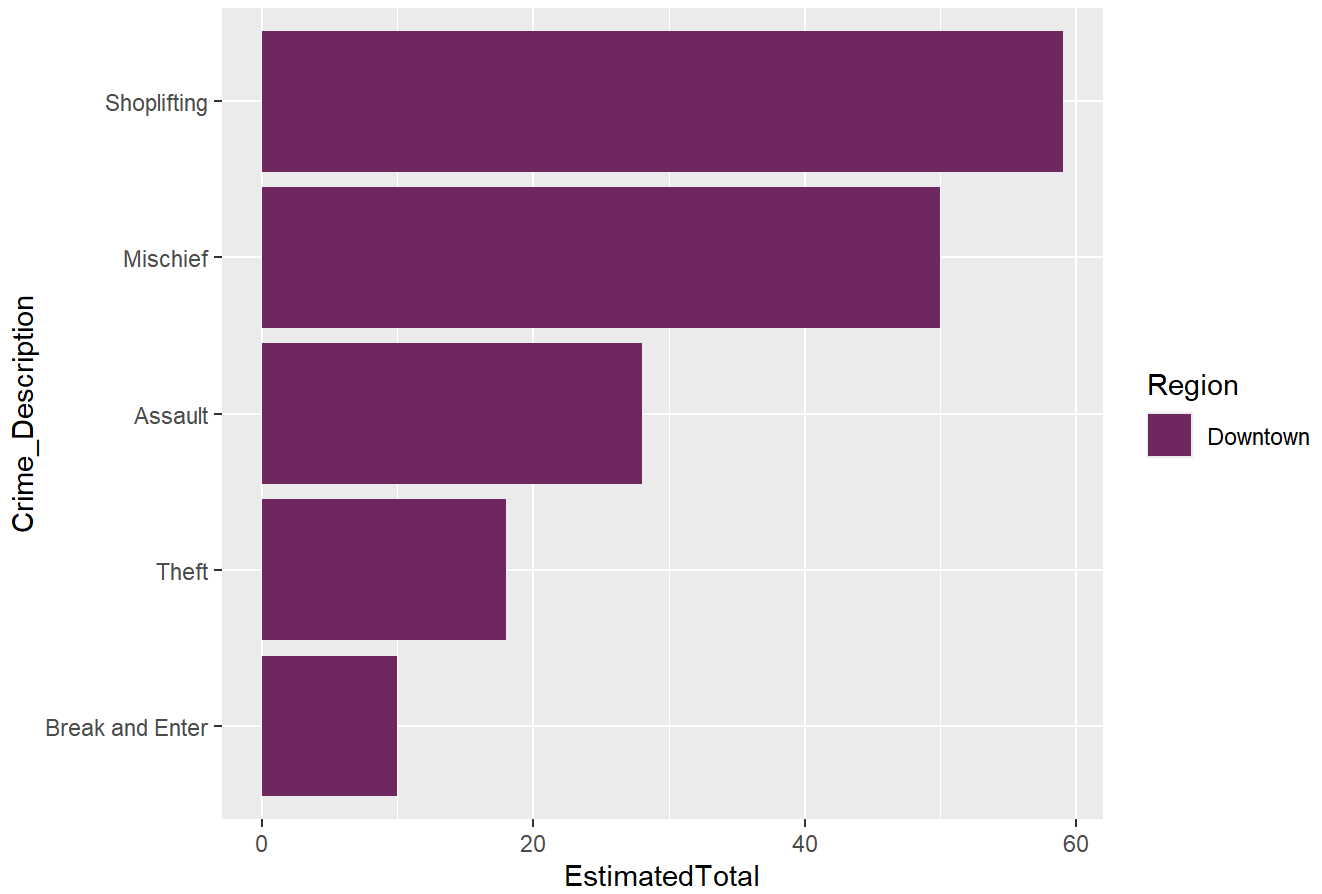
Lethbridge Regions: Crime Violations Previous Year VS Current Year



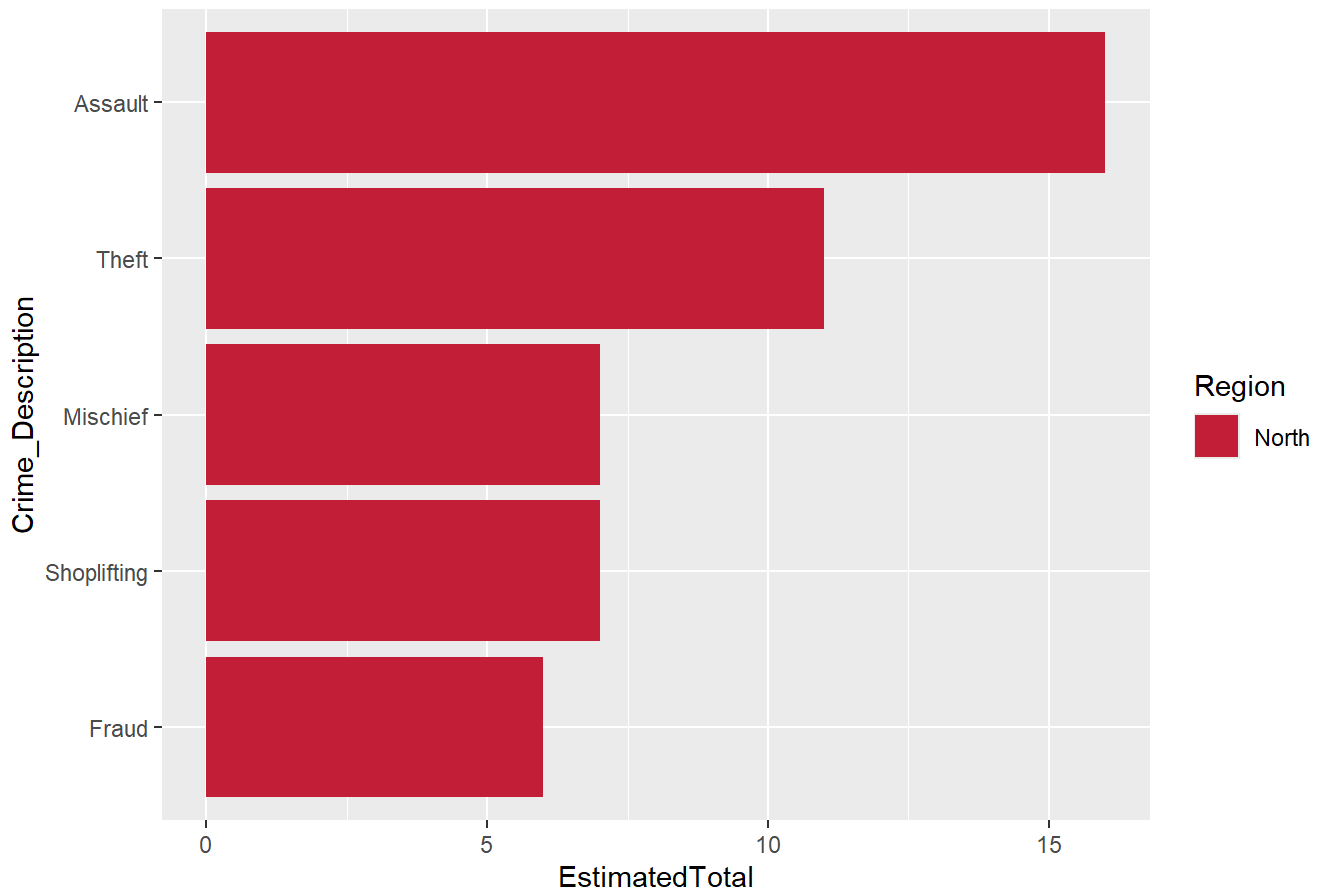
Lethbridge Regions: CSI Score Previous Year VS Current Year



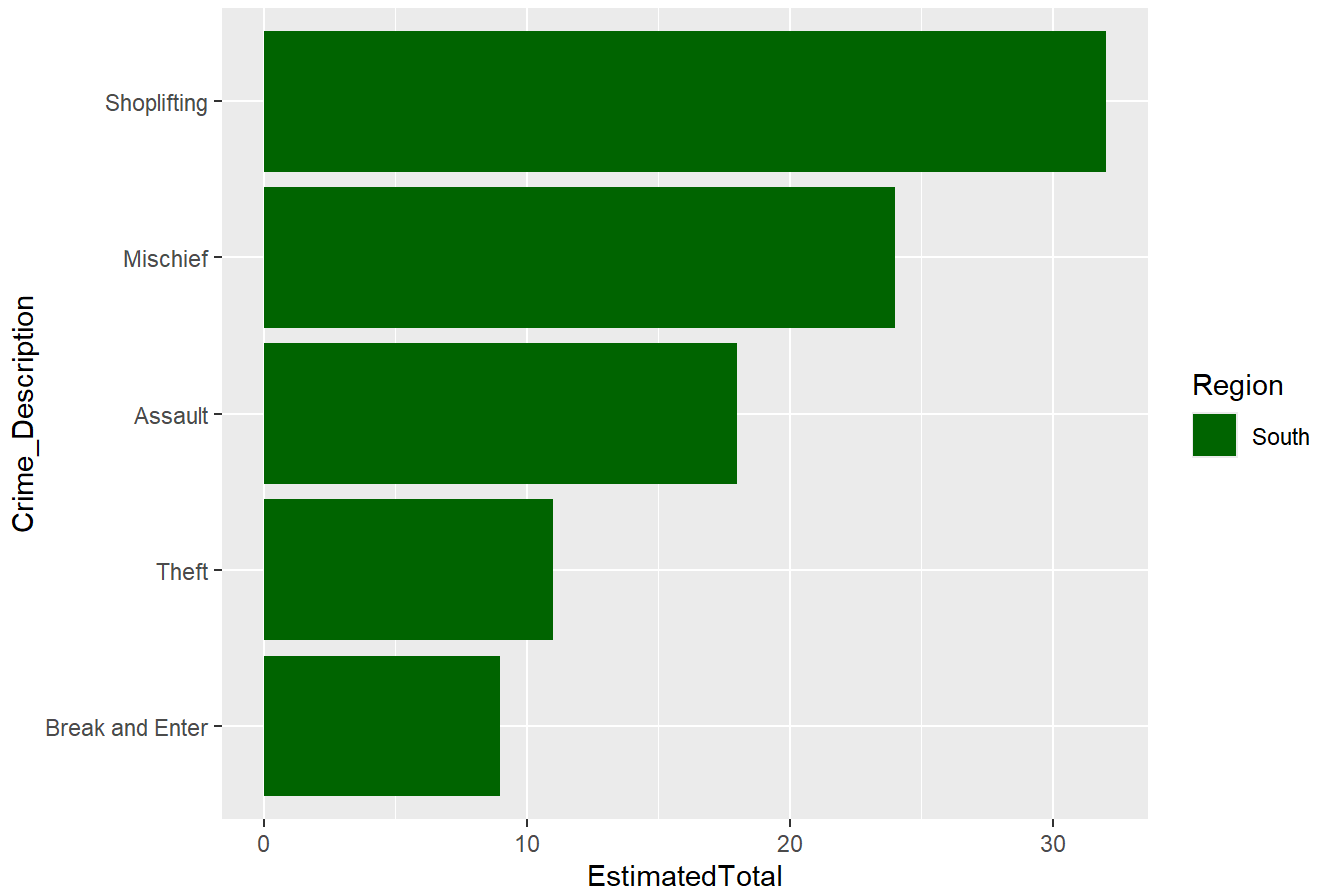
Downtown Lethbridge Top 5 Violations - March 2026



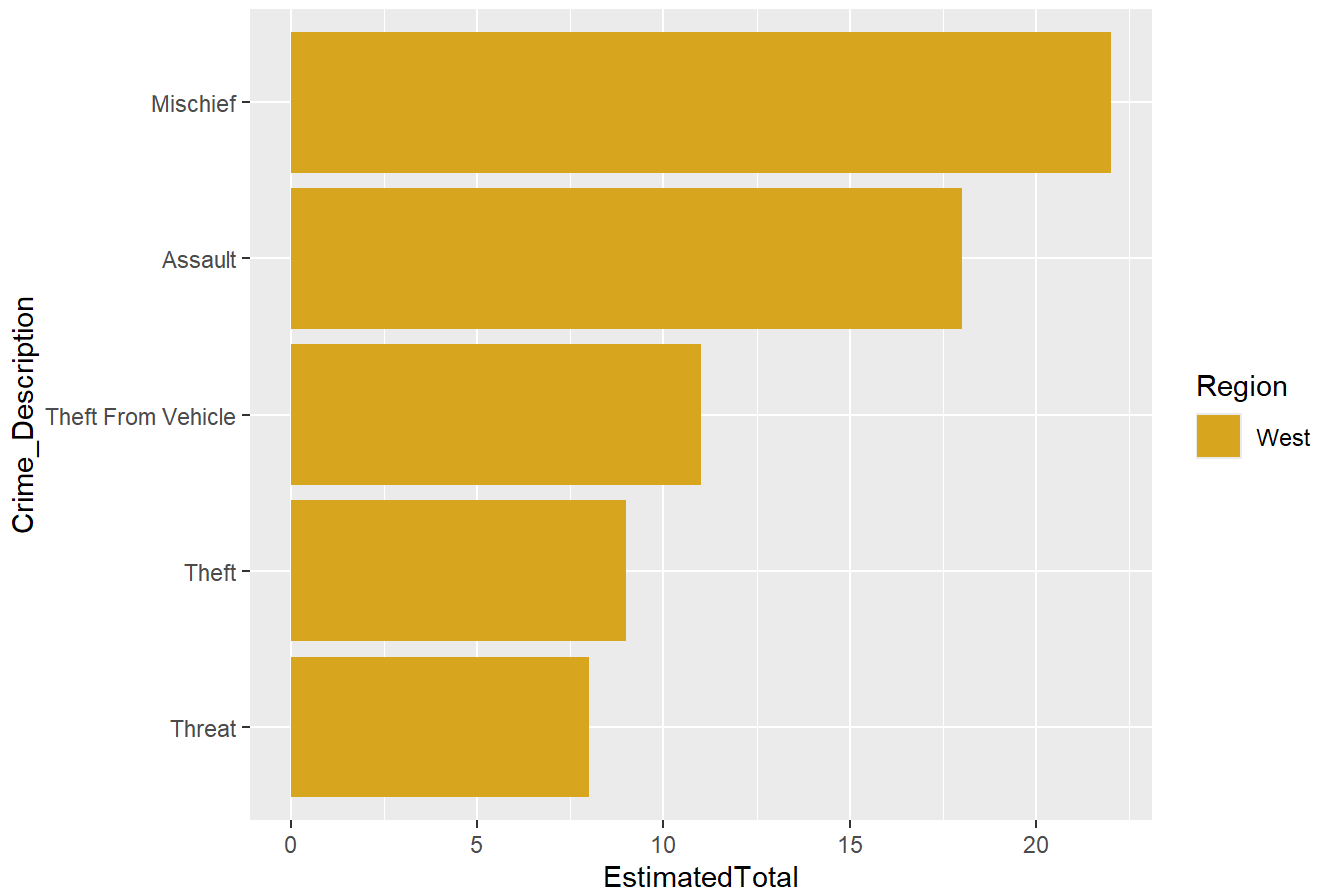
North Lethbridge Top 5 Violations - March 2026



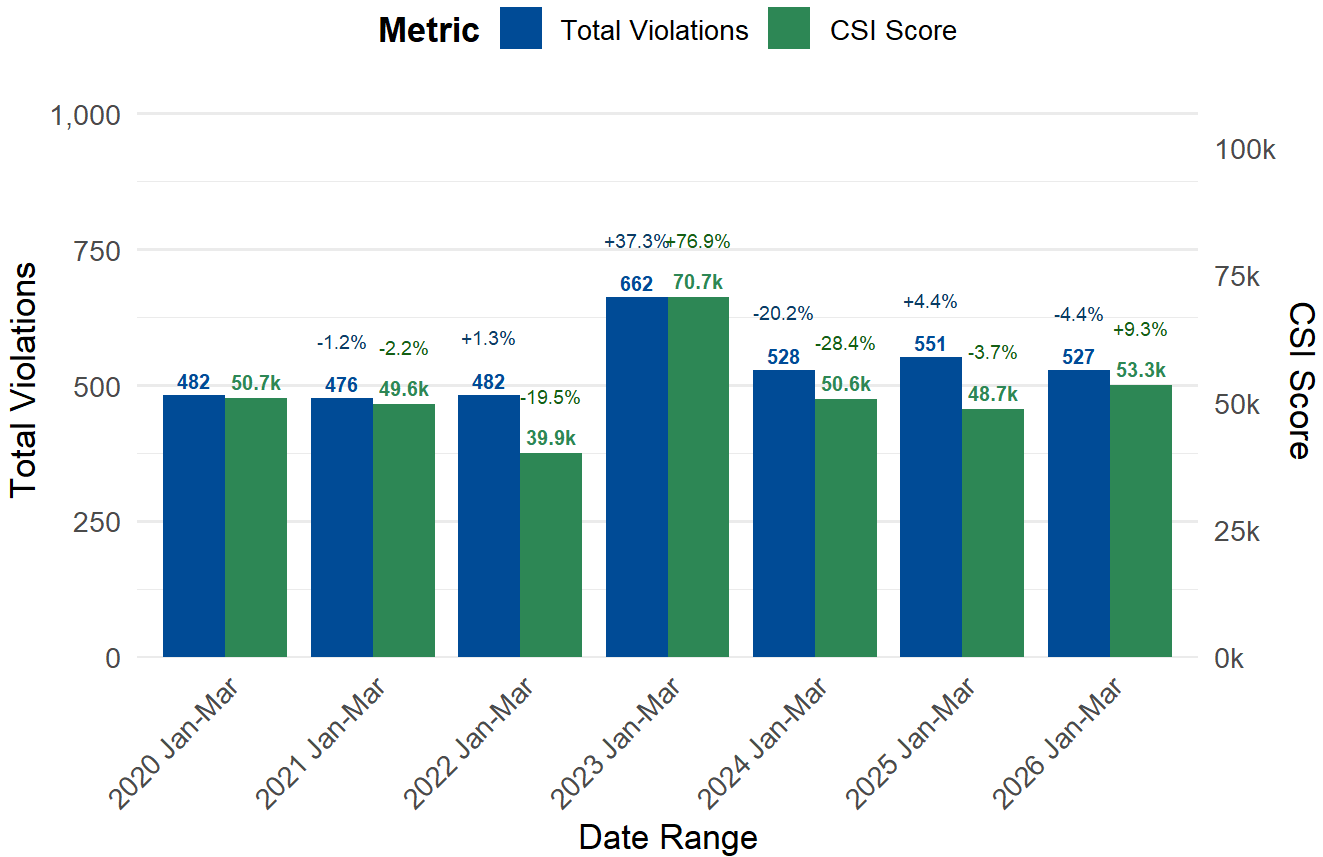
South Lethbridge Top 5 Violations - March 2026



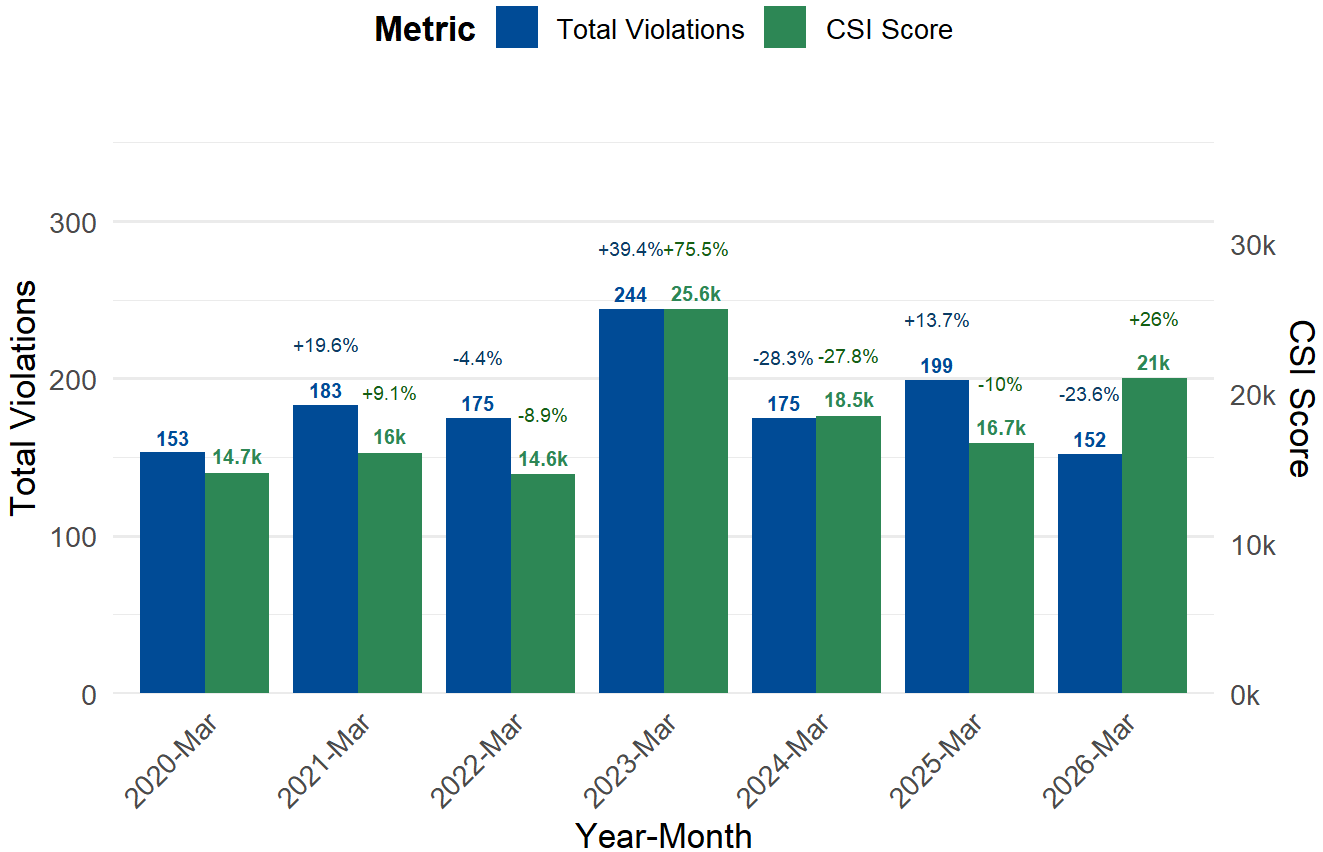
West Lethbridge Top 5 Violations - March 2026



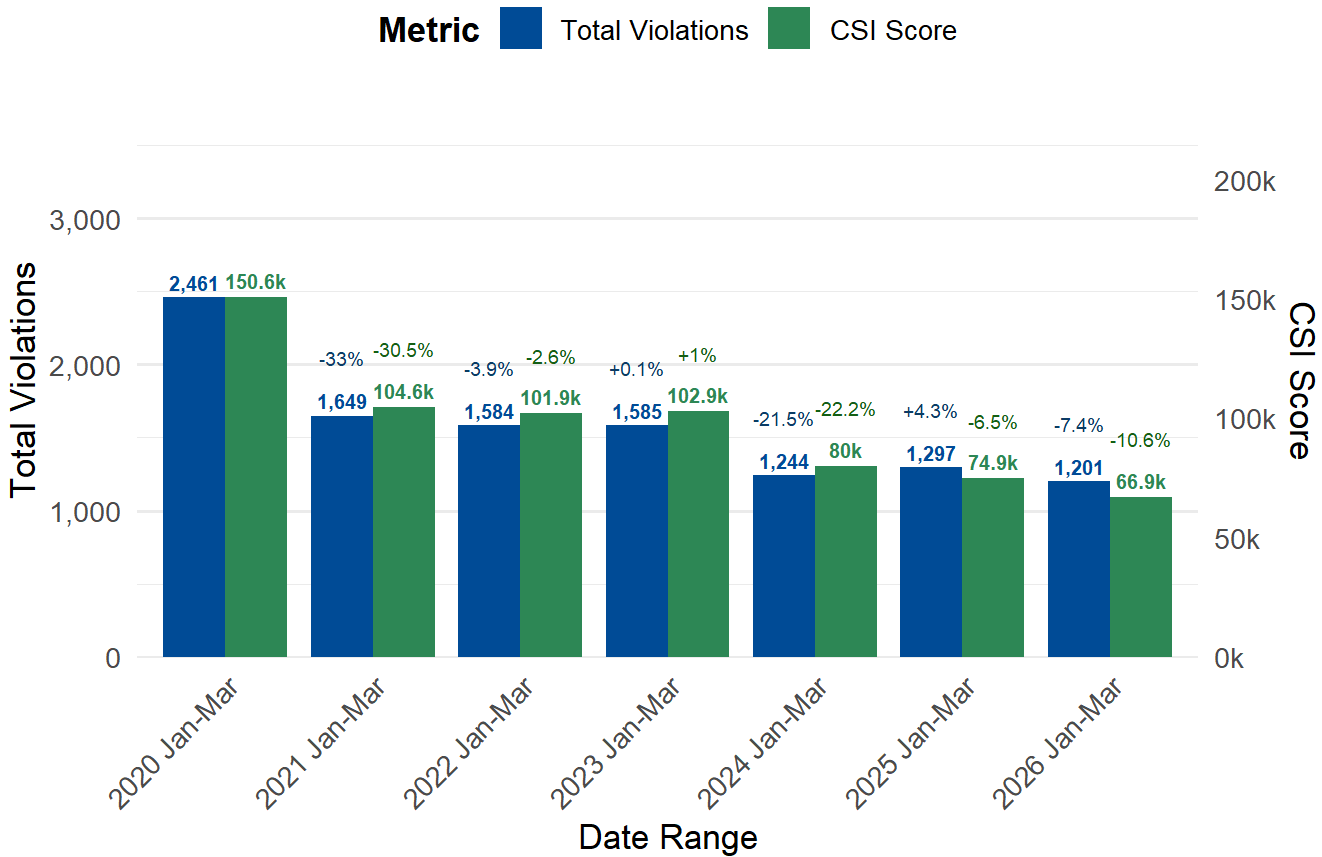
Total Person Crime: Violations vs CSI (Year Over Year Change)



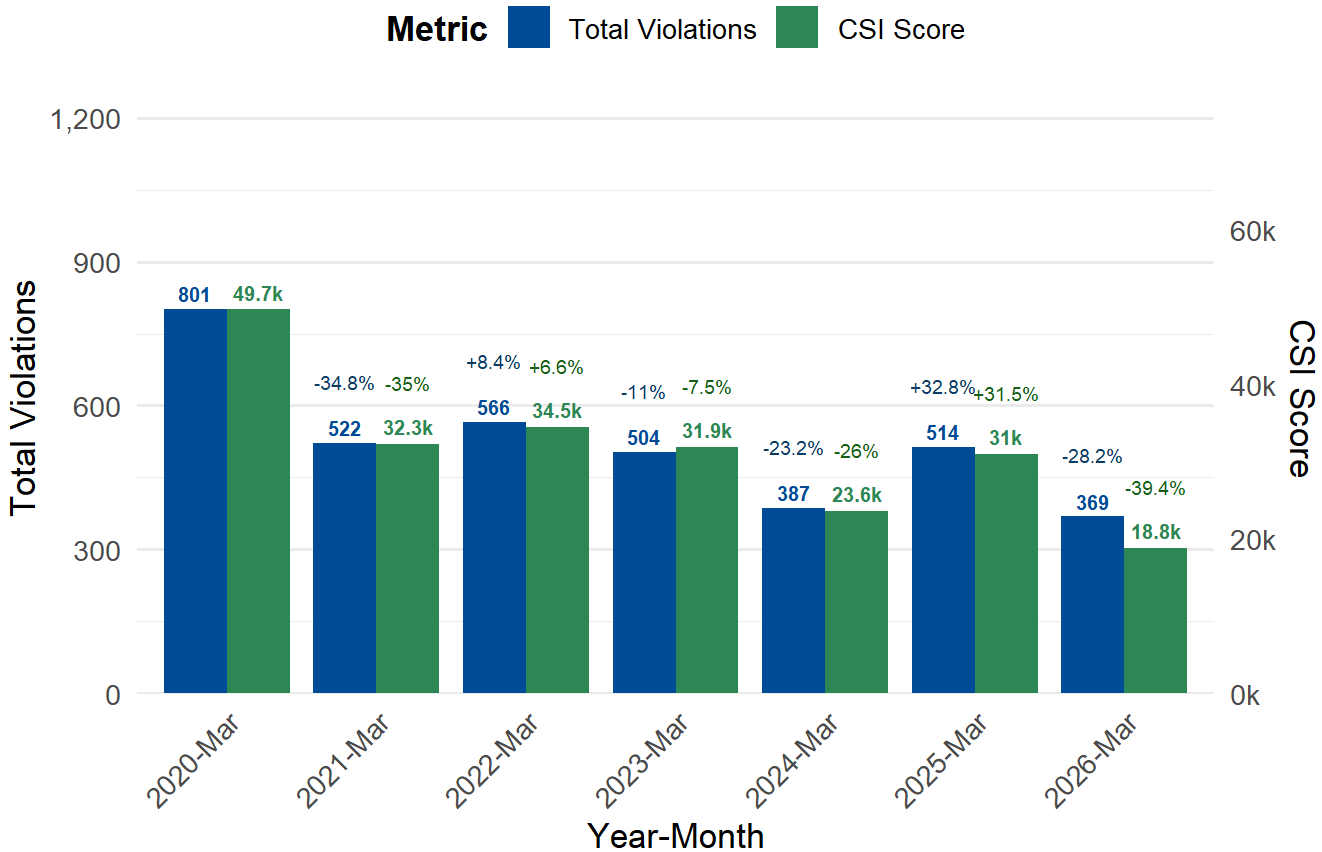
March Person Crime: Violations vs CSI (Year Over Year Change)



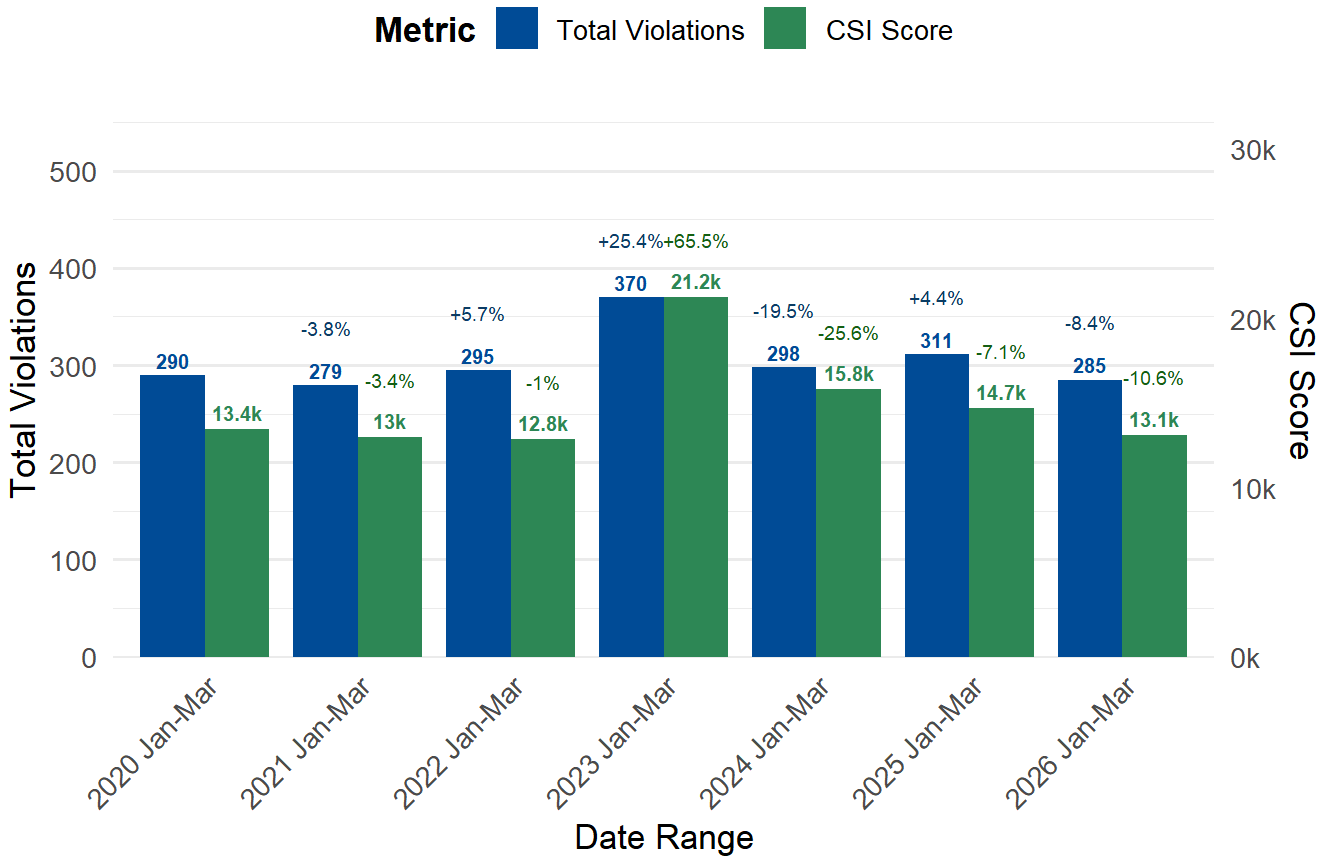
Total Property Crime: Violations vs CSI (Year Over Year Change)



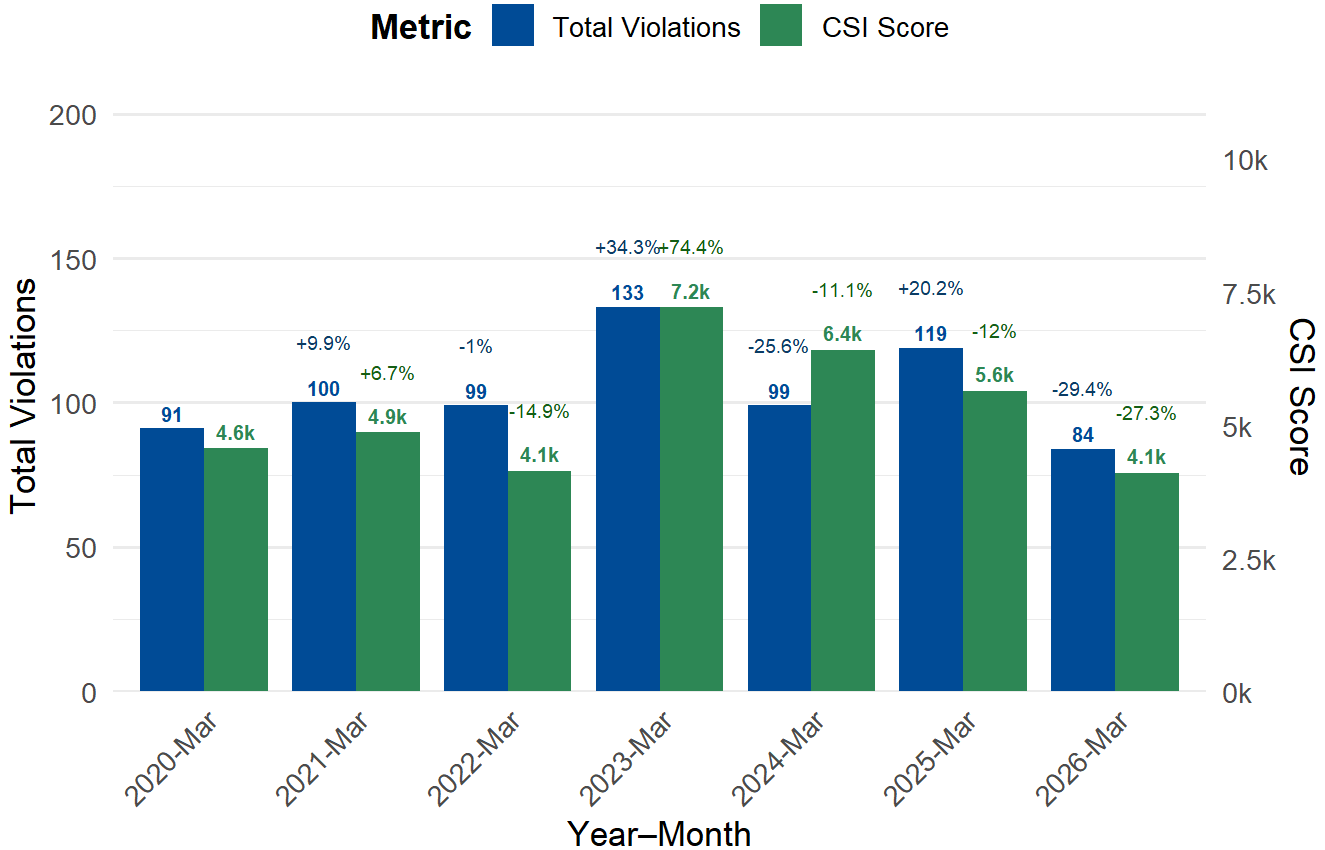
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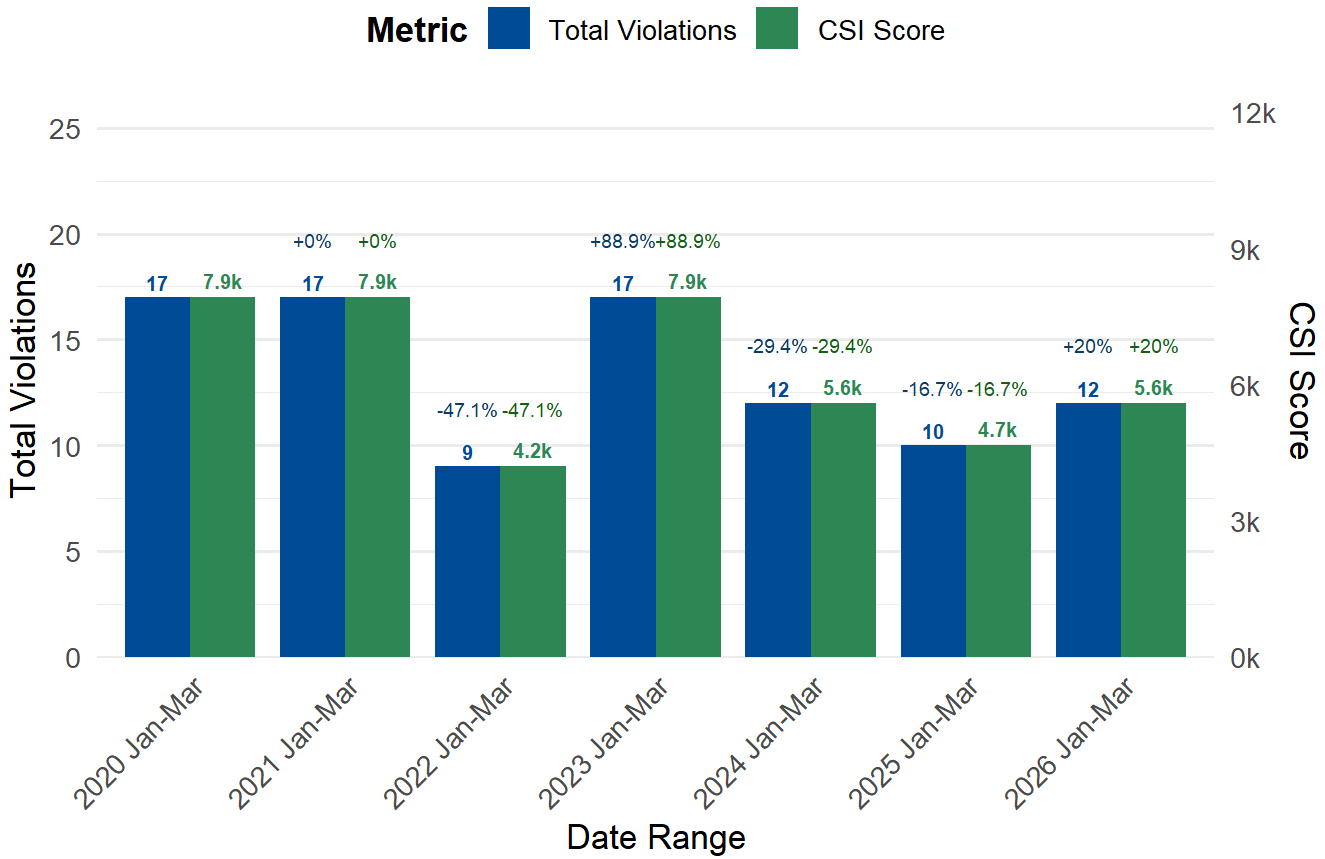
Total Assault: Violations vs CSI (Year Over Year Change)



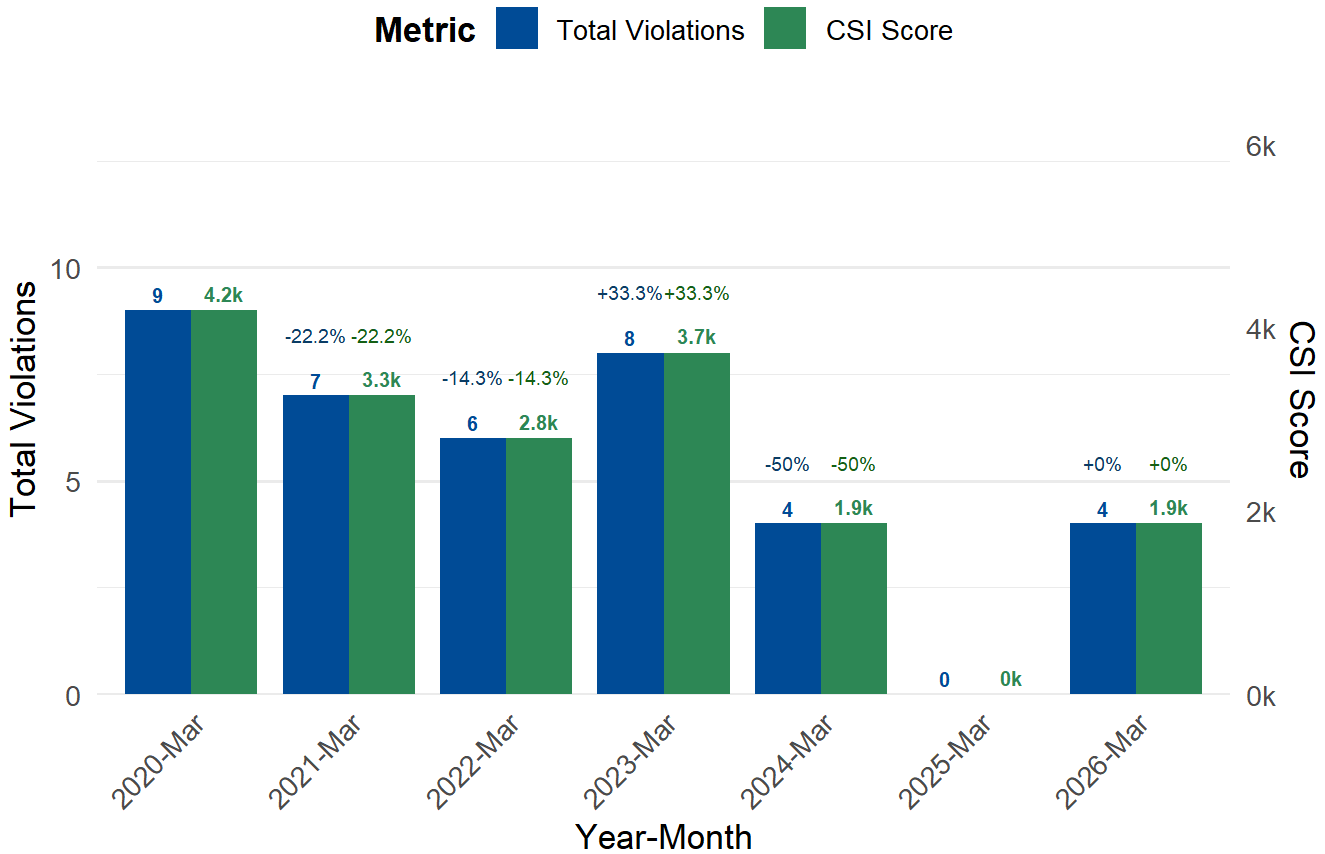
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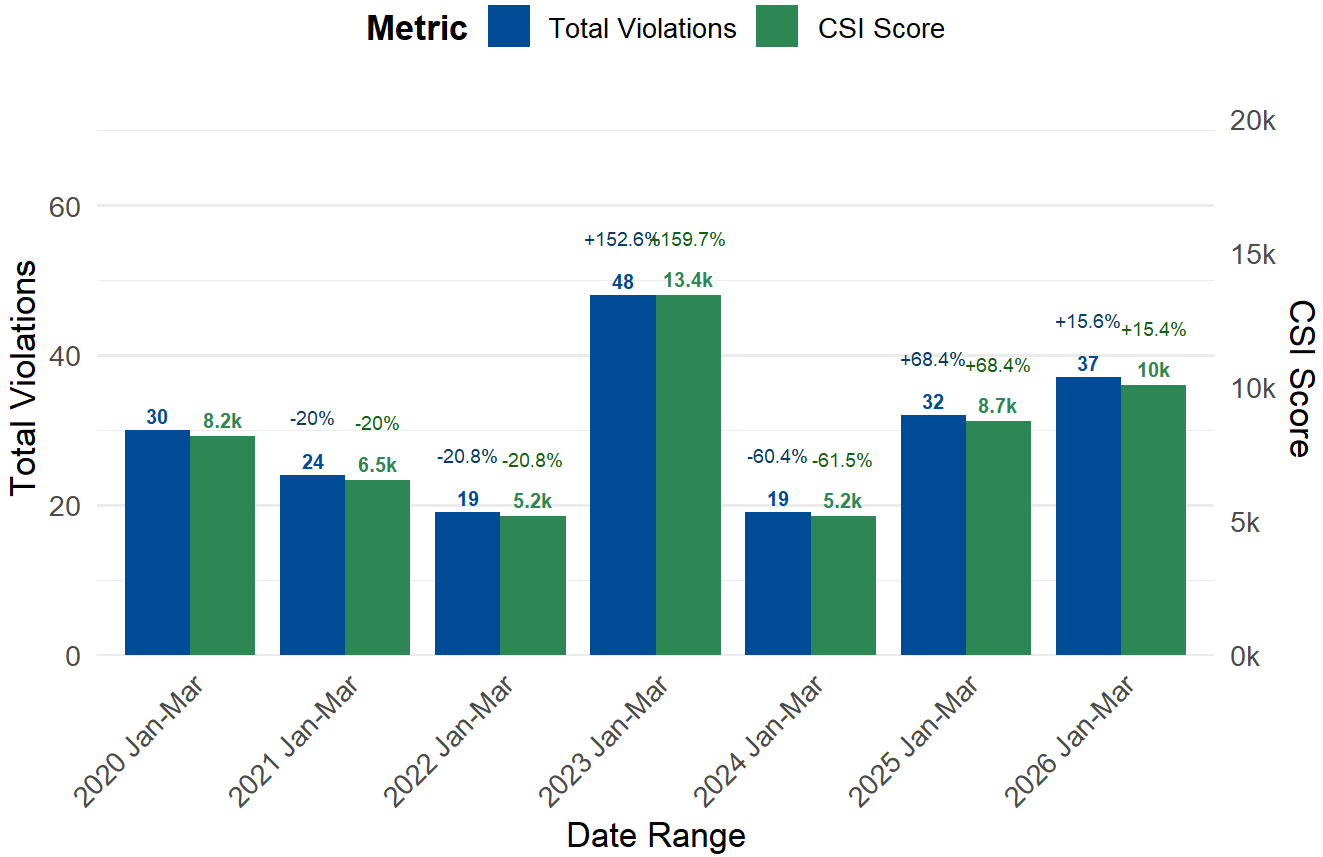
Total Robbery: Violations vs CSI (Year Over Year Change)



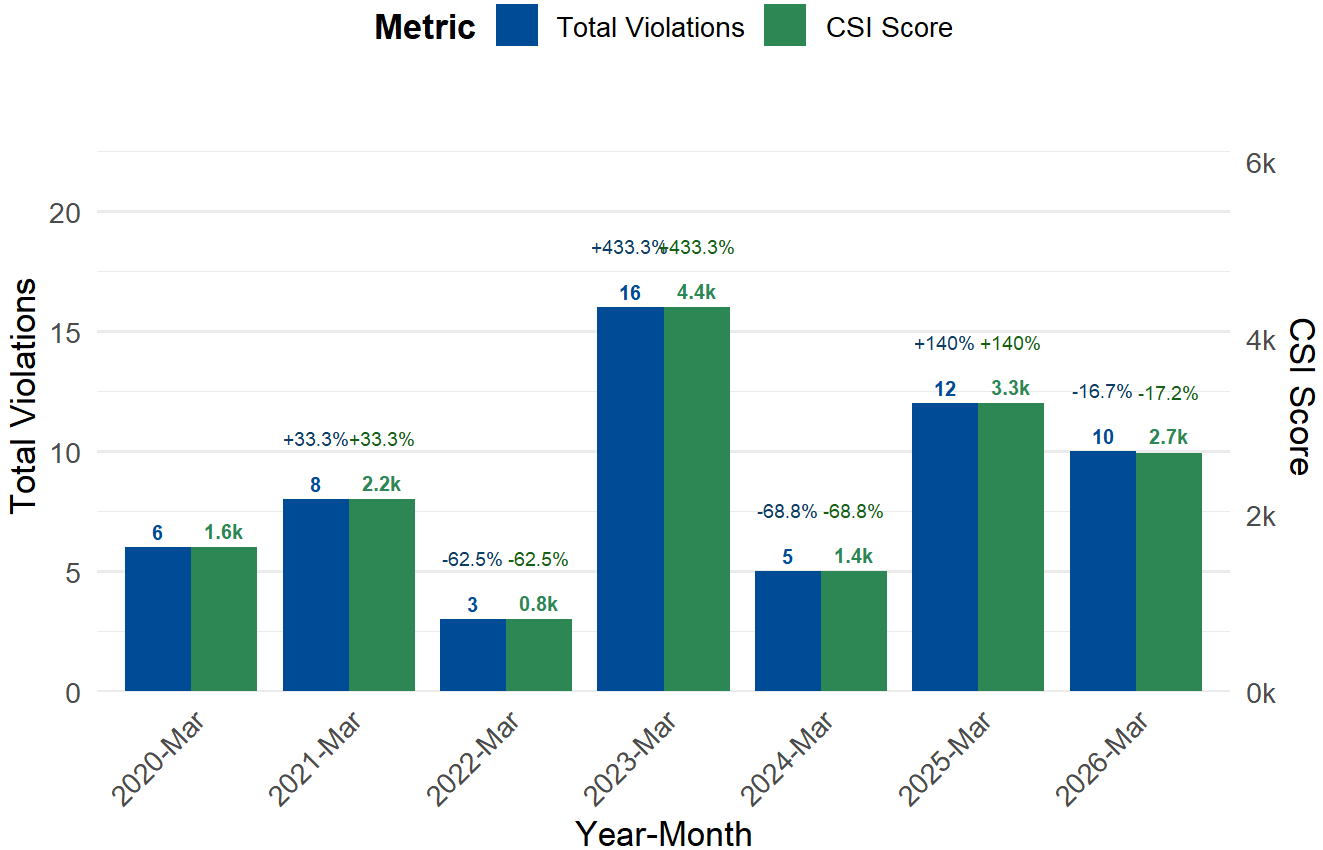
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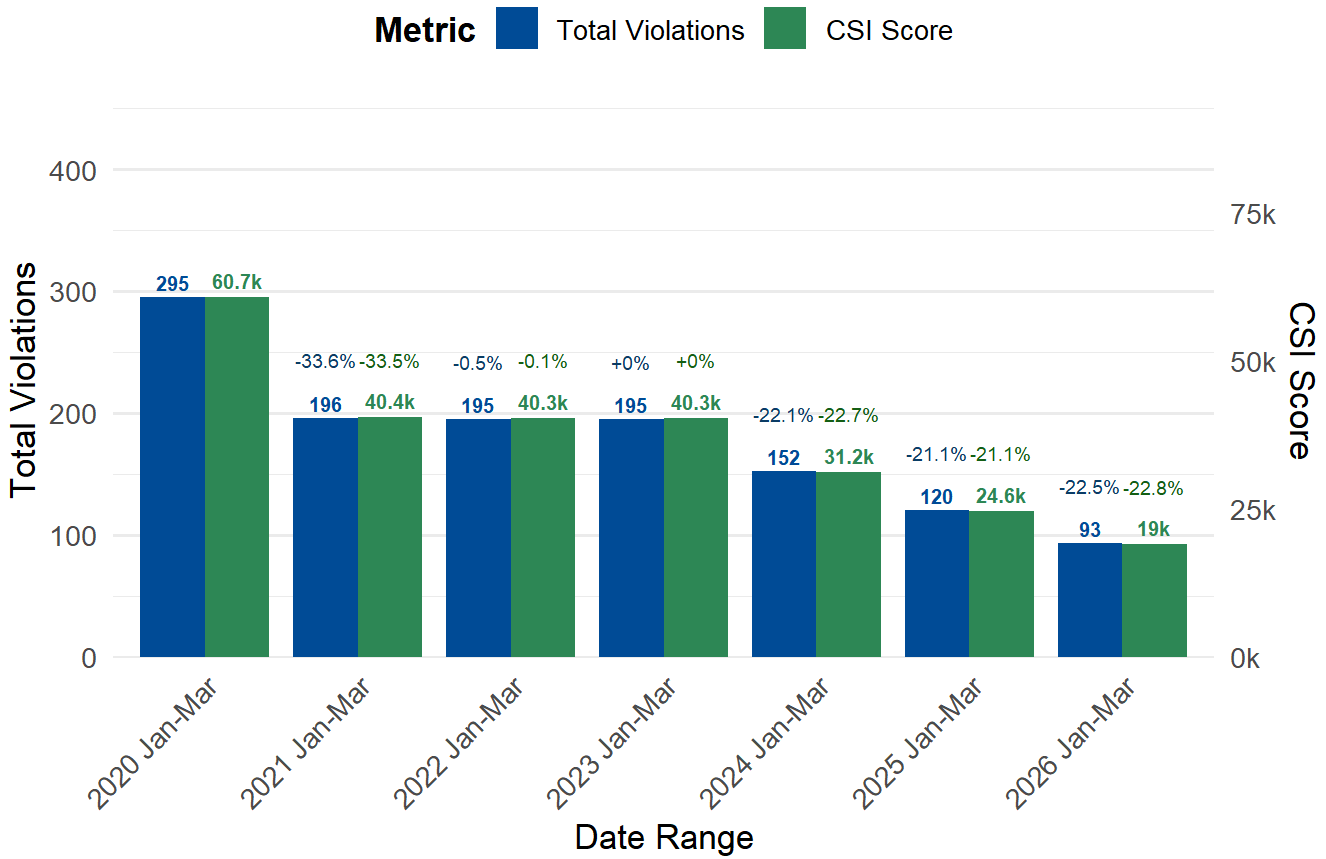
Total Sexual Assault: Violations vs CSI (Year Over Year Change)



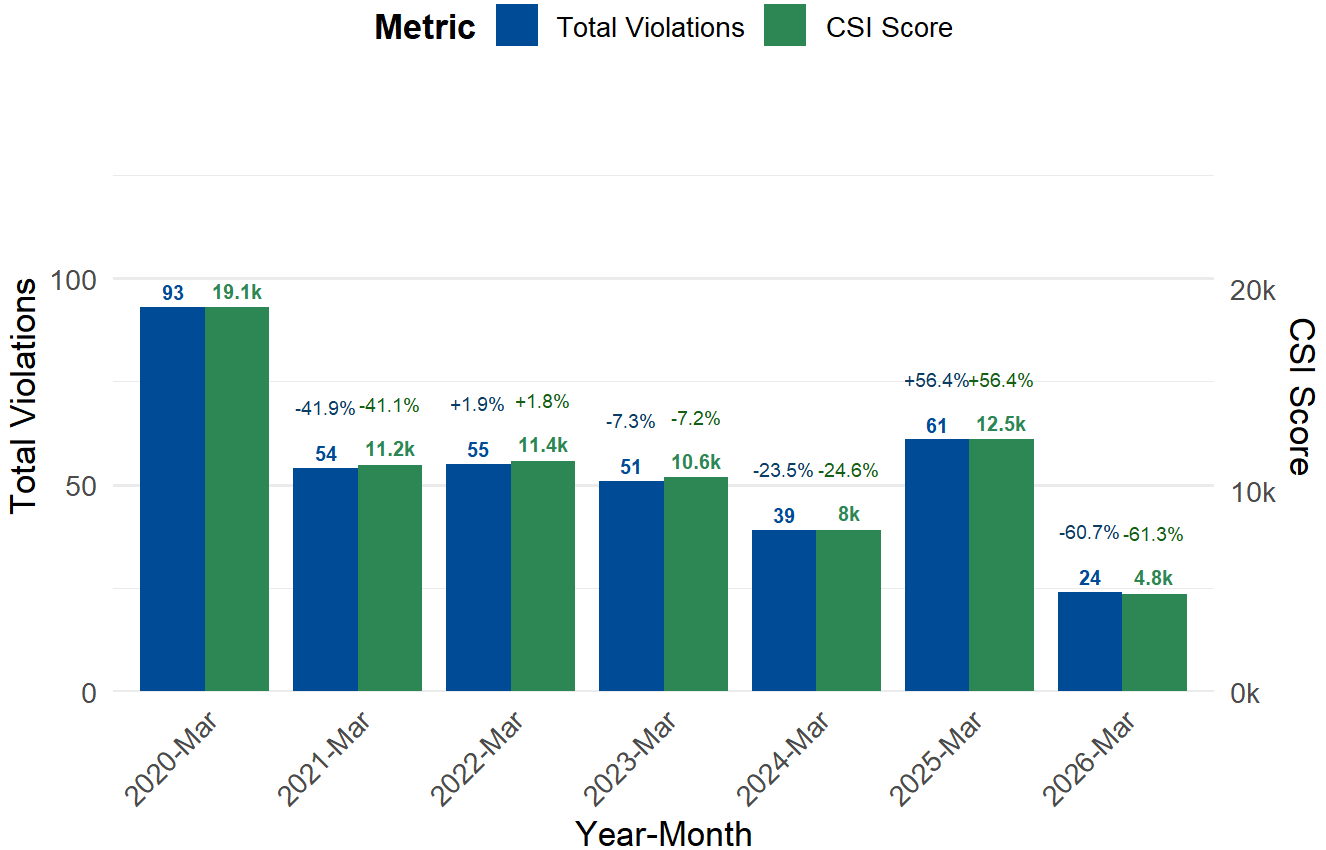
March Sexual Assault: Violations vs CSI (Year Over Year Change)



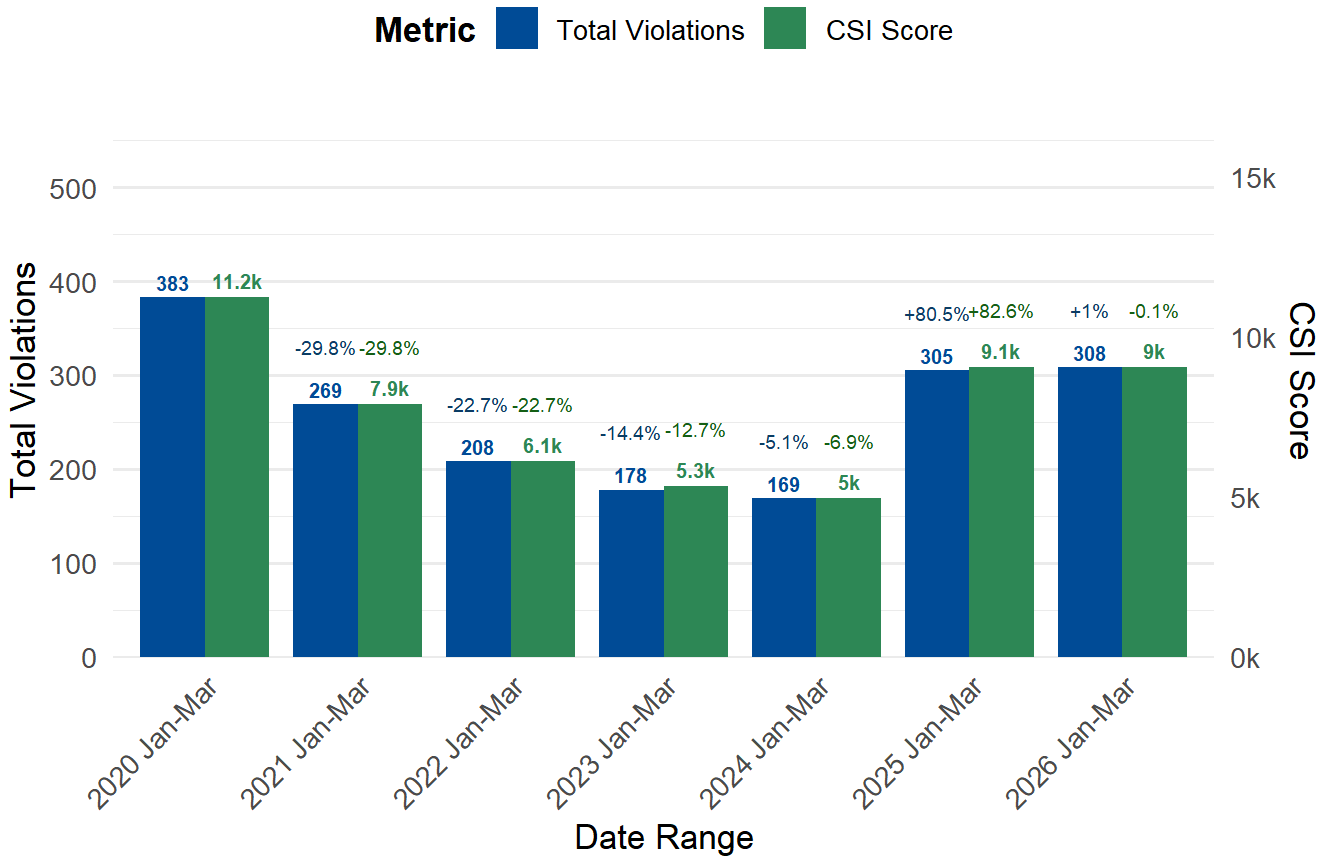
Total Break & Enter: Violations vs CSI (Year Over Year Change)



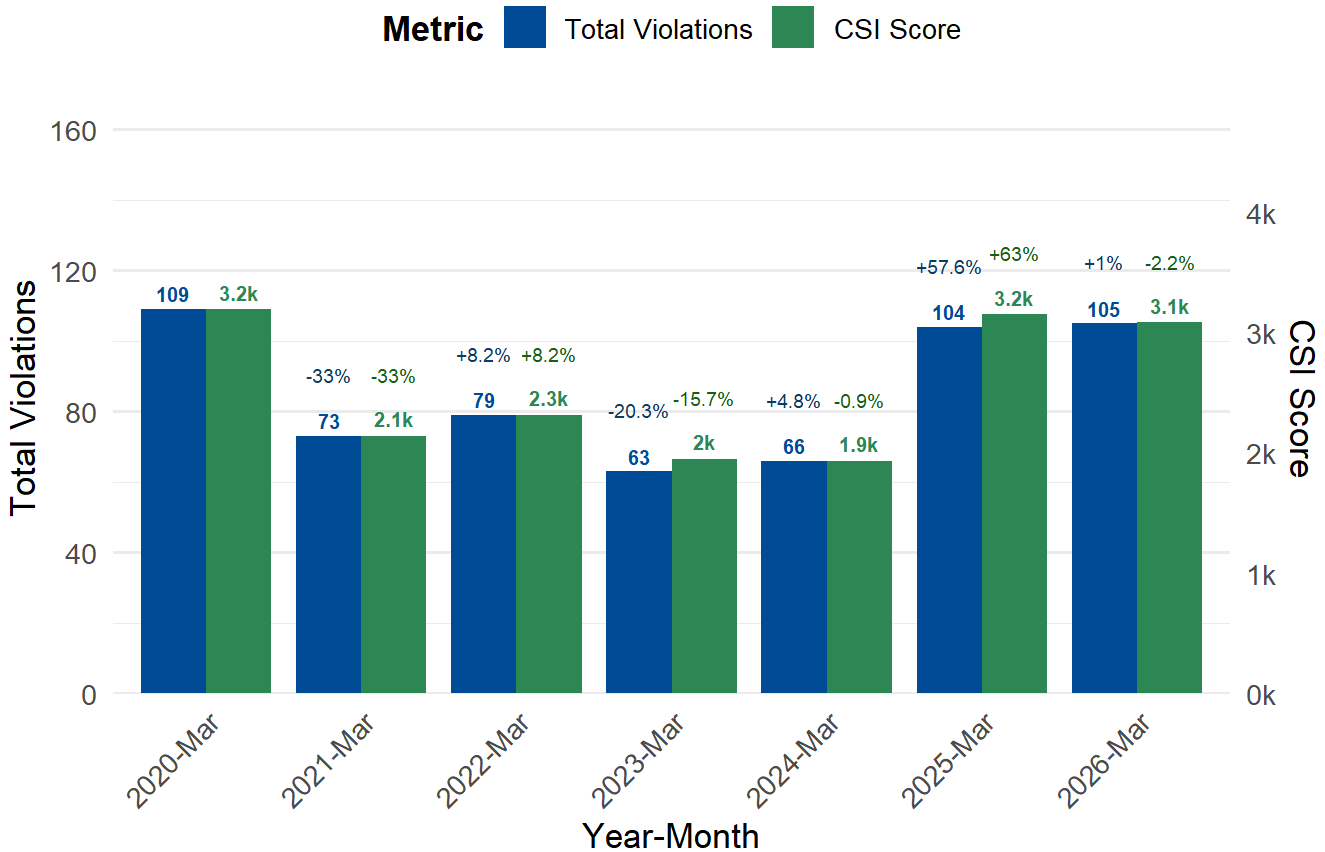
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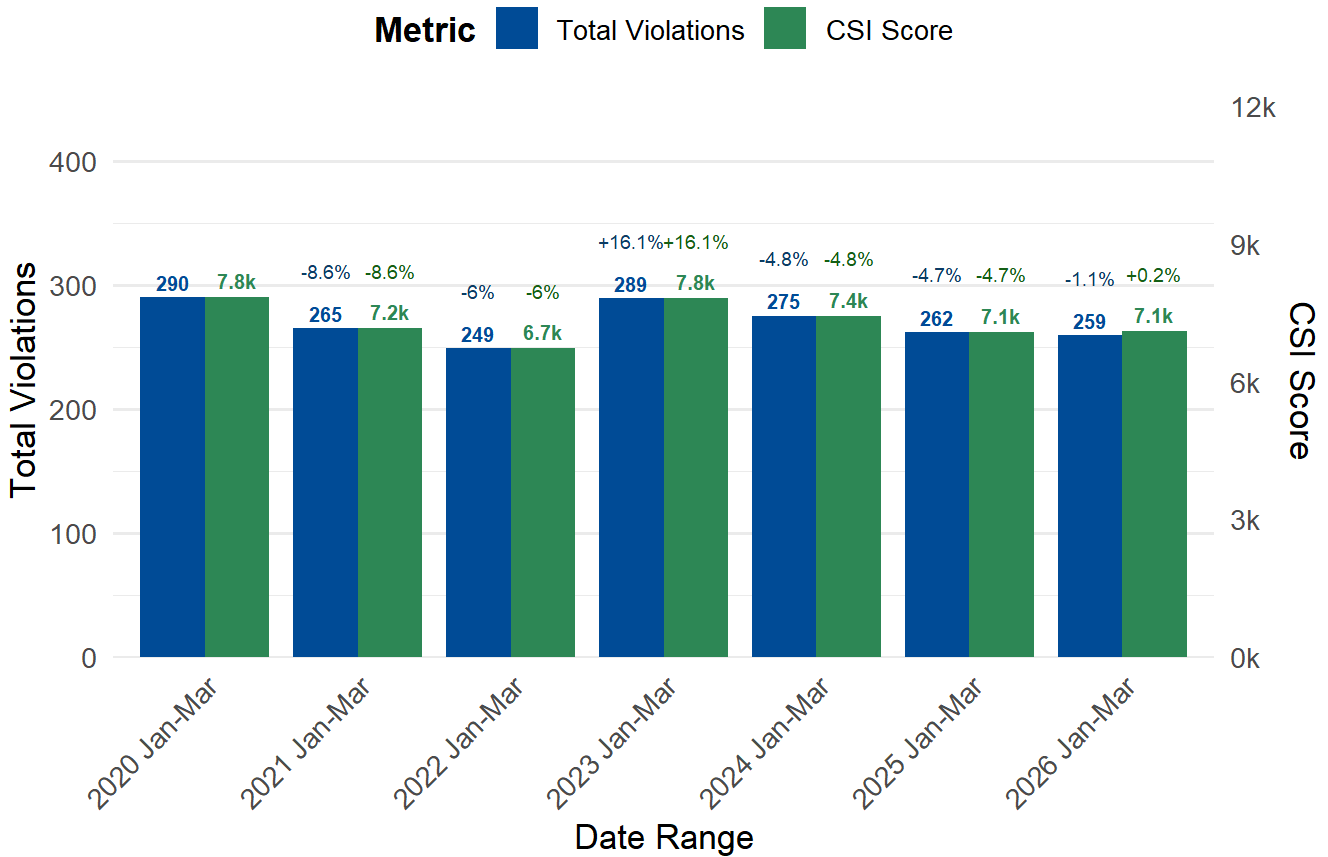
Total Shoplifting: Violations vs CSI (Year Over Year Change)



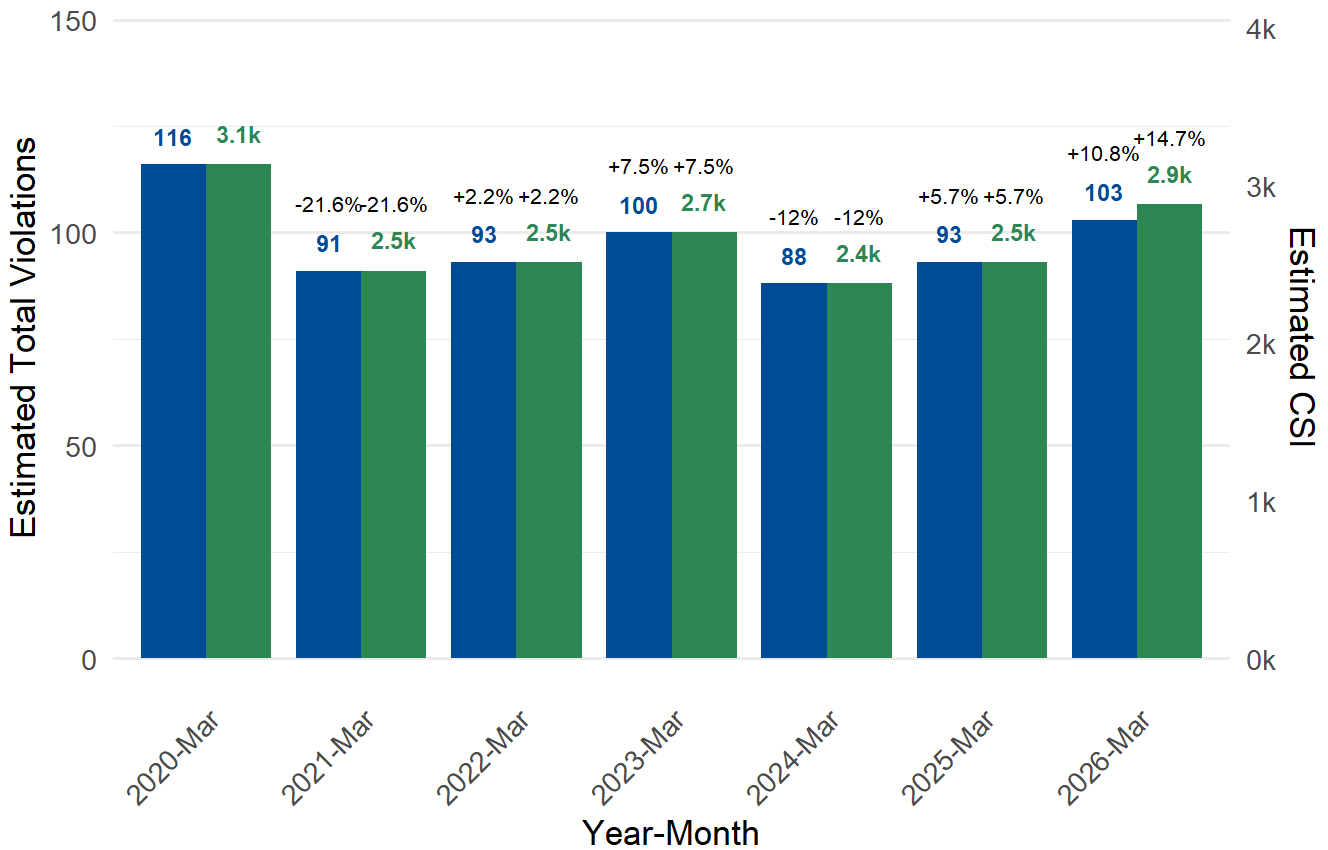
March Shoplifting: Violations vs CSI (Year Over Year Change)



Total Mischief: Violations vs CSI (Year Over Year Change)

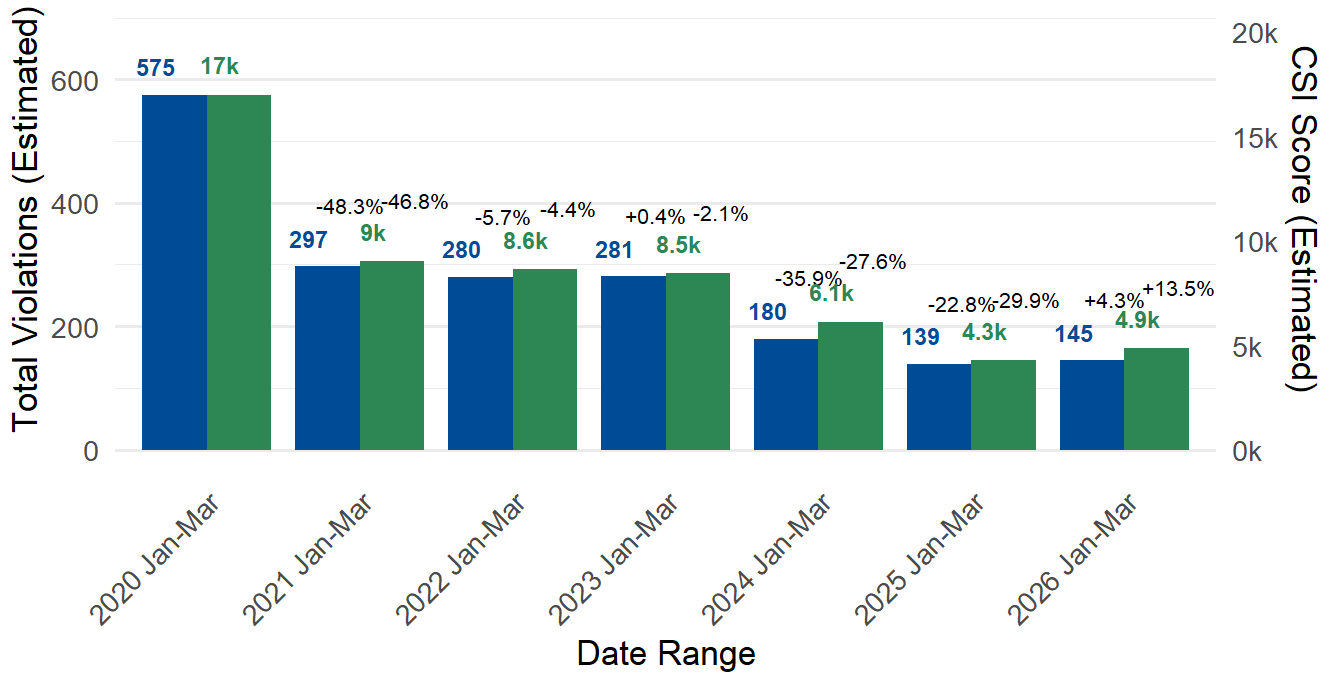


March Mischief: Violations vs CSI (Year Over Year Change)



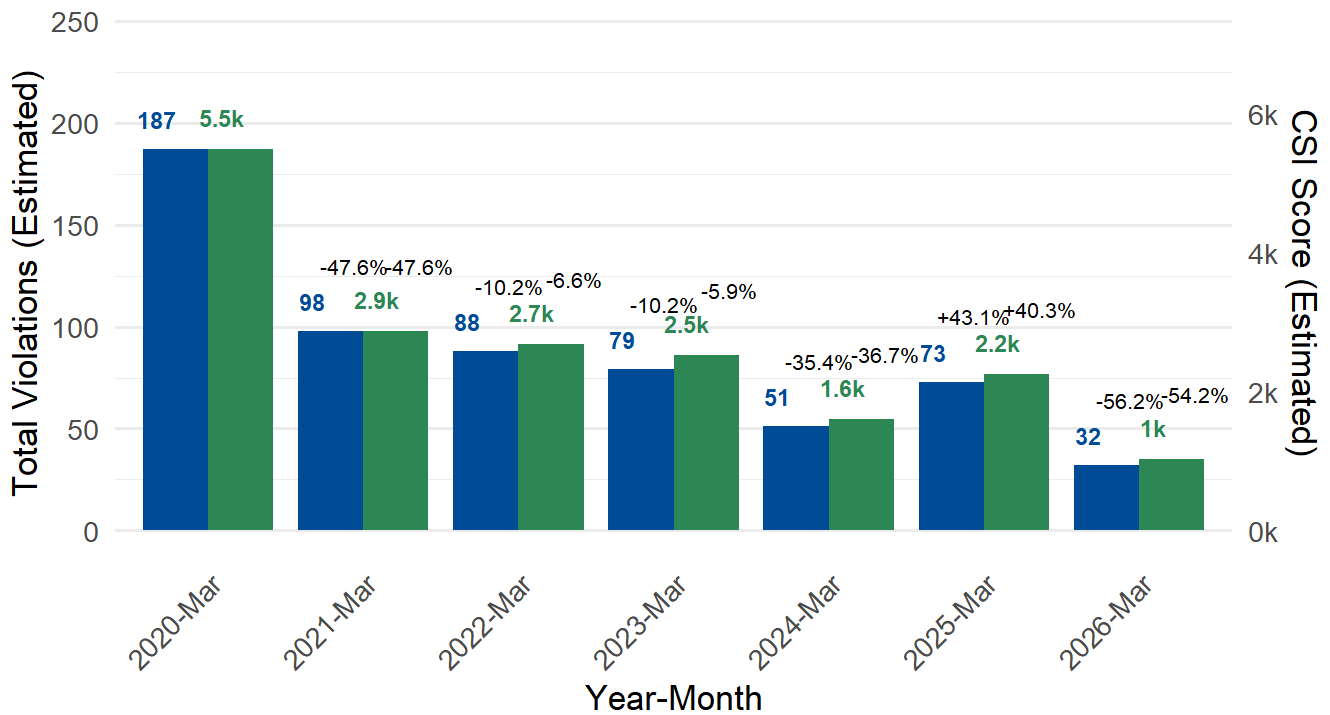
Total Theft from Motor Vehicle: Violations vs CSI (Year Over Year Change)

Metric ■ Total Violations ■ CSI Score

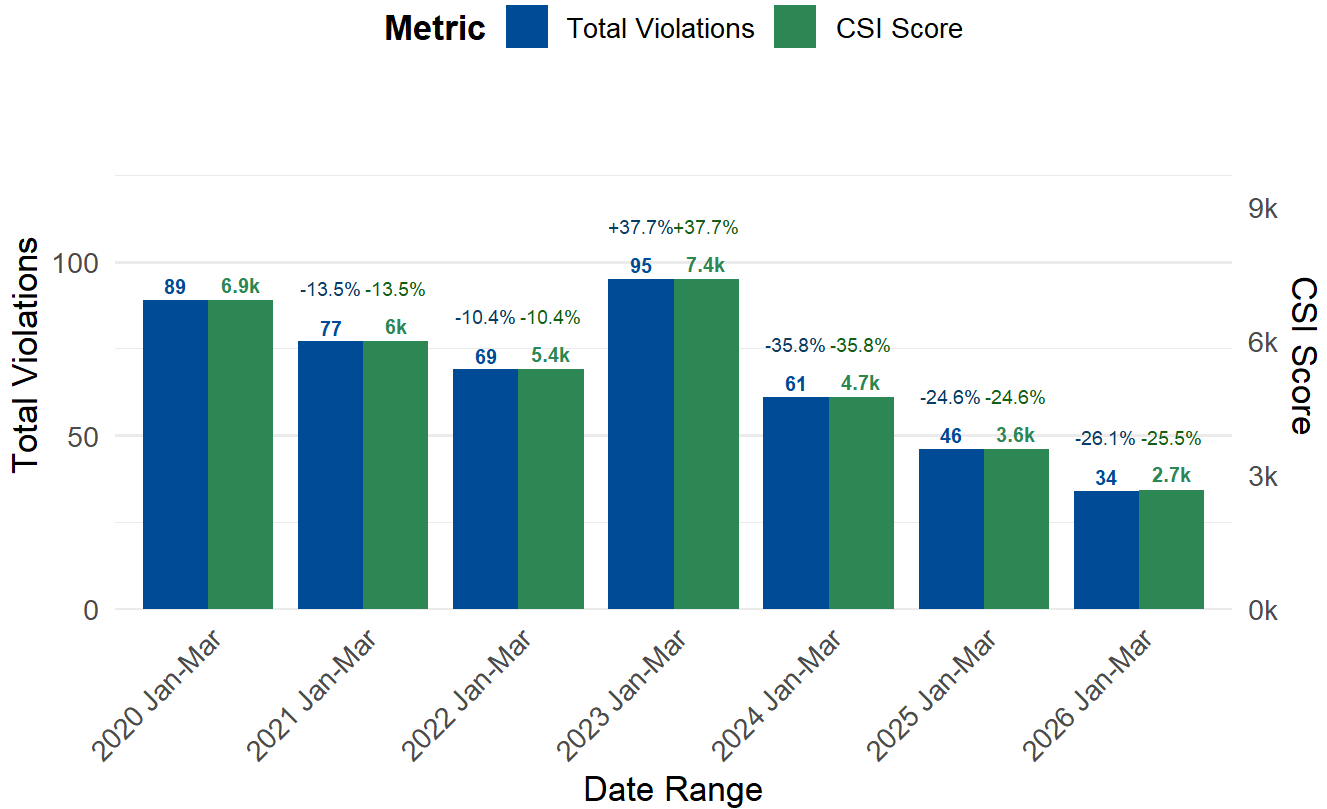


March Theft from Motor Vehicle: Violations vs CSI (Year Over Year Change)

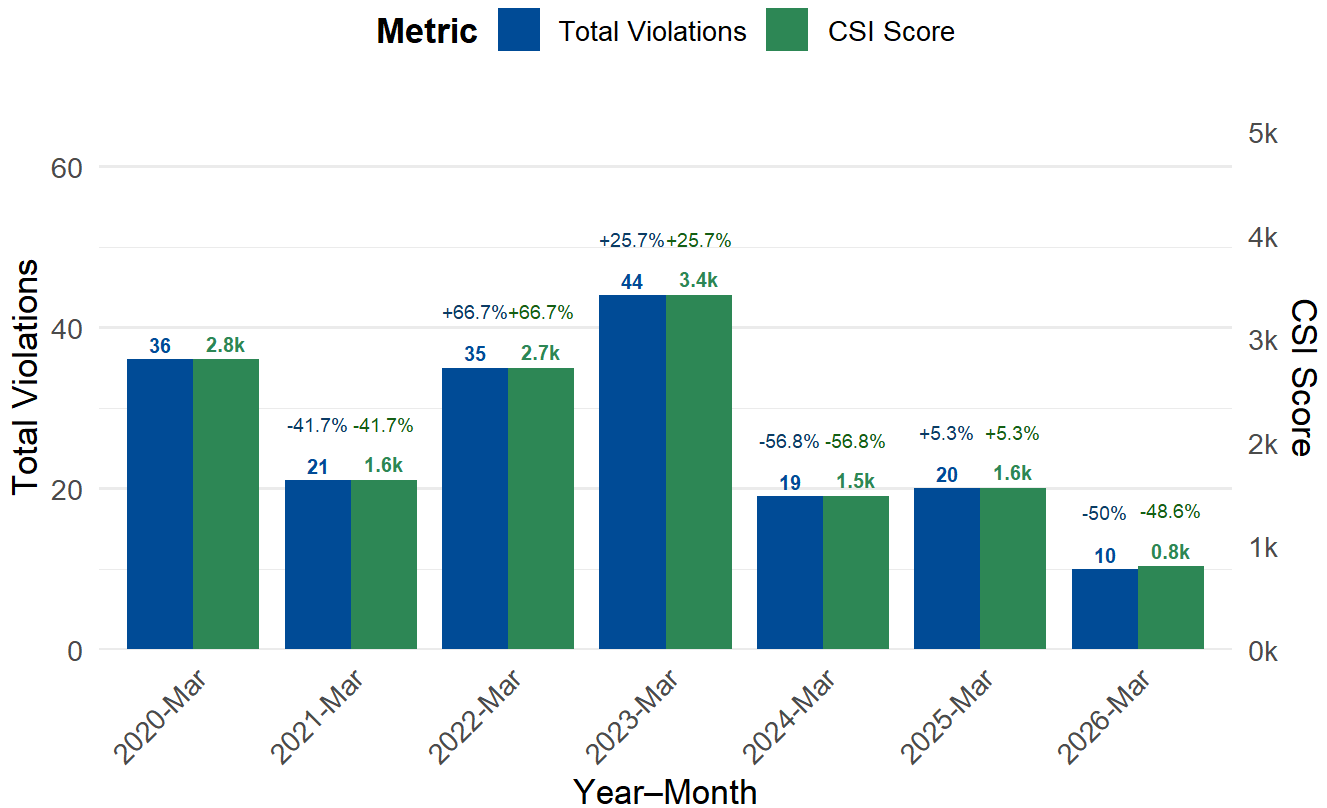
Metric ■ Total Violations ■ CSI Score



Total Theft of Motor Vehicle: Violations vs CSI (Year Over Year Change)



March Theft of Motor Vehicle: Violations vs CSI (Year Over Year Change)



Monthly Compliments

April 2026



Citizen / External (3)

Chief Mehdizadeh

A Grade 9 science class at Chinook High School sent a thank you note to Chief Mehdizadeh for his attendance and participation during one of their classes.

Cst. Odorski, Cst. Brussee, Cst. Brett, Cst. McDonald

A member of the public who had moved to Lethbridge sent an email of appreciation for these LPS officers who assisted them due to on-going circumstances related to past domestic violence concerns. They were appreciative of these officer's efforts and complimented how they were informative, attentive and understanding.

Cst. Van Den Berg

A community resident sent a note of appreciation for Cst. Van Den Berg and his quick response to a fire that occurred in the St. Edwards neighbourhood. After locating the fire, Cst. Van Den Berg knocked on doors to evacuate residents then utilized a fire extinguisher and then a hose to fight the fire until Lethbridge Fire/EMS arrived on-scene.

Internal (3)

Training Unit and Sgt. Evenson

LPS Communications Strategist Anisha Gatner wanted to acknowledge the excellent work done by the Sgt. Travis Evenson and the entire Training Unit in facilitating a "Media Training Day". The team provided exceptional learning experiences to the five (out of seven) media outlet representatives in attendance, increasing their understanding of police legal authority, use of force and de-escalation techniques.

Sgt. Richmond

Traffic Response Unit (TRU) Cst. McCarthy sent an email to acknowledge Sgt. Richmond's response when he attended a cattle liner that flipped over at the intersection of Hwy 3 and 43 Street, writing "*Sgt. Richmond took command of the scene which included multiple units and agencies*", and "*given the resources TRU had, he went well and above his responsibility and gave them everything they needed*".

LPS

Community Engagement Unit (CEU) Sgt. Veale wanted to send a huge thank you to all the LPS members and units who assisted to make the Youth Police Academy recently hosted at LPS a success. CEU received over 70 applications and selected 18 youth to participate in the inaugural 3-day event.

On day one the youth began the academy with a special welcome from Inspector Walper and introductions by S/Sgt Christos, S/Sgt Meyers, and Rachel DeBoer with recruiting. Cst. Pierzchala then spoke about the recruiting process and highlighted the various opportunities LPS has to offer. After a brief station tour the youth were taken to Lethbridge Polytechnic where they ran the APREP with Caylee Vogel. The afternoon consisted of handcuffing techniques and a police tools demonstration with Cst. Lorenz and Sgt. Evenson. The youth were then taught drill with Cst. Holland and Cst. Skuban.

On the second day the youth learned the importance of note taking and basic investigation skills with Cst. Cousineau and Cst. Johnson followed by a Forensic Identification presentation by Sgt. Veale. The afternoon included firearms with Cst. Lorenz and Sgt. Evenson followed by K9, Tac and EDU demonstrations by Cst. Zwartbol, Cst. Wharf, Cst. Godbersen, Sgt. McLennan and Cst. Zaina.

On the final day, the youth applied everything they had learned by investigating a Break and Enter crime scene where they were required to interview a complainant, find evidence linking a suspect to the crime, and making an arrest. The scenario was managed by Cst. Ranson, Cst. Skuban, Cst. Holland and Trissly Blackwater. Sgt. Birrell assisted the youth throughout the evidence processing portion and S/Sgt LeBlanc and Stacey Petite played the roles of suspect and complainant in the scenario. After the scenario the youth listened to presentations from A/Sgt. Dominato on CPO's, Stacey Petite on wellness and RPN Madi Tower with the PACT Unit. The day concluded with a graduation ceremony where the youth demonstrated their marching abilities and were presented with graduation certificates by Chief Mehdizadeh in front of their very proud families.

We would like to send a special shout out to Anisha Gatner who ensured that we had pictures and video throughout the event and to Cst. Ranson who volunteered his time to assist CEU on Wednesday and Thursday.

Another big thank you to all the supervisors of the various units who allowed their members to assist us in bringing this course to fruition especially in light of the recent major incidents.

Last but not least, a huge thank you to Cst. Holland, Trissly Blackwater who had the vision to create this academy into a Lethbridge based event and to Cst. Skuban, Cst. Andrade and S/Sgt LeBlanc for their help in making this vision a reality.

The feedback received to date has been overwhelmingly positive, and it is our hope that continuing to offer similar experiences will have a lasting positive impact on our community.

Community Partner (3)

The Watch, Tashiah Robbins and Kiara Hellwig

Outreach Specialist for the City of Lethbridge, Garrett Jackson, sent an email to acknowledge and highlight the the strong coordination and effort involving The Watch and specifically team members Tashiah and Kiara in supporting three women near Nicholas Sheran Pool.

Outreach had been working to connect these individuals to services and, given their vulnerability, requested support from The Watch. Thanks to the collective effort, the women were linked to various support services, such as animal shelter services, emergency shelter, and transportation they required. Garrett appreciated the thoughtful and coordinated approach of these Watch team members. Their efforts demonstrated the effectiveness of collaboration across services to address the needs of the most vulnerable.

LPS, Canine Unit

Ned's Wish, an organization supporting retired police and military service dogs, sent a letter of appreciation for the donation they received from LPS Canine Calendar proceeds. Thank you to Cst. Zwartbol for spearheading this fundraising project and for the support of the LPS Executive team and Financial Services Section.

LPS

Cpl. Patayanikorn with the RCMP K-Division Integrated National Security Enforcement Team (INSET) wanted to pass along his appreciation to LPS and the LPS members who assisted K-Div INSET with a recent investigation. Cpl. Patayanikorn wrote *"We met as a team after and the common theme throughout was how amazing it was to work with everyone. LPS offered up resources, specialized interviewers, allowed us to leverage LPS's relationships with partners, and gave us use of your building. Our deployment was successful and we met all our investigational objectives. This was in no small part due to the collaboration between LPS and the RCMP."*