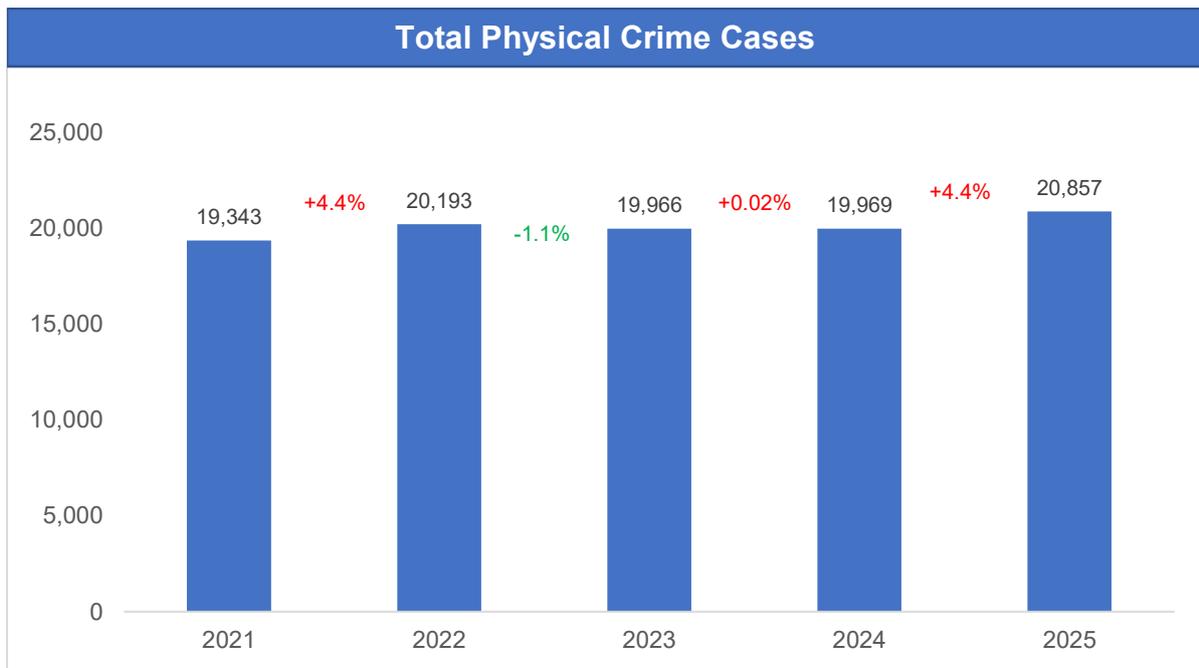


# Annual Crime Brief 2025

## Physical Crime Situation

### *Physical crime cases increased slightly in 2025*

The total number of physical crime cases reported increased slightly from 19,969 in 2024 to 20,857 in 2025. There was an increase in the number of outrage of modesty cases. Other crimes of concern such as shop theft and voyeurism saw a decrease.



### *Crimes of concern*

2. In 2025, the top crimes of concern were:
  - (a) outrage of modesty; and
  - (b) theft in dwelling.

### **Crimes that showed improvement**

3. The crimes that showed improvement included:
  - a) shop theft; and
  - b) voyeurism.

### **Outrage of Modesty**

4. Outrage of modesty (OM) cases **increased** by 7.3% (104 cases) to 1,531 in 2025, from 1,427 in 2024, and accounted for about 7.3% of the total number of physical crime cases. **More than half of the OM cases involved offenders known to the victims. There was a decrease in the number of cases in shopping complexes.**

The top three locations where OM offences were committed were:

- (a) Residential premises – 372 cases reported in 2025, compared to 356 in 2024.
- (b) Public transport network – 164 cases reported in 2025, compared to 158 in 2024.
- (c) Public entertainment outlets – 115 cases reported in 2025, compared to 103 in 2024.

5. The SPF continues to work closely with stakeholders to raise awareness of OM among the public. This includes collaborating with public transport operators and other partners to enhance police presence within the public transport network, through joint patrols and dissemination of crime advisories. Crime prevention announcements are made during peak hours at MRT stations, crime prevention decals are displayed on MRT platform screen doors and station floors and escalators, and crime prevention messages are also disseminated through Police standees and Police Message Boards, as well as at bus stops through the Passenger Information Display System.

6. Members of the public are encouraged to be vigilant, especially in crowded areas. If they witness molestation or are aware of someone being a victim of molestation, they should report the matter to the Police immediately. Such actions can

deter the perpetrator and provide crucial witness testimony. If the perpetrator flees, bystanders should note their description and direction of travel. Prompt reporting can help the SPF swiftly identify and apprehend the perpetrator, while safeguarding others from harm.

7. Other ongoing initiatives include the Safe Clubbing Campaign, where the SPF partners public entertainment venue operators and staff to curb OM and other crimes within their outlets. The initiative fosters a culture of shared responsibility and empowers the stakeholders to spot and deter inappropriate behaviour, so that everyone can safely enjoy Singapore's vibrant nightlife.

8. The SPF will also continue to raise awareness of OM through community and stakeholder engagements, such as the Riders-on-Watch (ROW) programme and targeted outreach programmes across different community settings. Vigilance is crucial, and the SPF urges the public to watch out for each other and report suspicious activities.

## Theft in Dwelling

9. Although the number of theft in dwelling cases **decreased** by 0.9% (14 cases) to 1,500 cases in 2025, from 1,514 cases in 2024, it accounted for about 7.2% of the total number of physical crime cases and **remains a crime of concern**.

10. **In particular, the number of cases in dormitories showed a noticeable increase.** It went up by 57.4% to 85 in 2025, from just 54 in 2024. Most of the cases involved fellow dormitory residents who shared the same room as the victims, and took their personal items without permission while the victims were asleep or preoccupied. The SPF will continue to roll out crime prevention outreach and public education initiatives in the dormitories.

11. The other theft in dwelling cases typically occurred in unsecured or unattended premises, which created opportunities for the thefts to take place.

12. Members of the public are urged to store their personal belongings securely and to refrain from leaving valuables unattended in common spaces, shared facilities and workplaces. Residents and workers should look out for one another and report suspicious activities.

## Shop Theft

13. Shop theft cases **decreased** by 3.0% (128 cases) to 4,109 cases in 2025, from 4,237 cases in 2024, and accounted for 19.7% of total physical crime cases. **Shop theft remains one of the top offences committed by youths arrested in 2025.**

14. Most of the cases occurred at supermarkets, beauty shops, personal care shops, and health and wellness shops. More than half of the cases involved losses below \$50. Items typically stolen include food, beverages, personal care products, alcoholic drinks, apparel and accessories.

15. One key initiative that has contributed to the improving shop theft situation is the Shop Theft Awareness for Retailers (STAR) Programme. Under the STAR Programme, the SPF works with retailers to analyse their store's risk factors and advise on practical shop theft prevention measures. This includes addressing challenges which retailers face when they adopt technology for operational efficiency, such as self-checkout systems. For example, they can install CCTV cameras with facial recognition features at self-checkout areas. Since its launch, the STAR Programme has expanded significantly. As of 31 December 2025, more than 1,100 retail outlets across Singapore have signed up, with 100 new outlets joining in 2025. This includes major retailers such as NTUC FairPrice, Sheng Siong, Watsons, Sephora, Popular, Challenger and Mustafa Centre. Challenger joined the programme in 2025, partnering with the SPF to implement crime prevention measures across their network of stores. Watsons is exploring using artificial intelligence (AI) to enhance detection of suspicious behaviours. The SPF would like to encourage all retailers to join the STAR programme and leverage detection technology to safeguard their businesses against shop theft.

16. In 2025, the SPF and Popular Bookstore published a series of shop theft prevention comics in POPCLUB Magazine that is available in both print and digital forms. The comics were featured in the August/September 2025 edition and will also appear in the March/April 2026 edition. The SPF has been collaborating with the Ministry of Education (MOE) to educate youths on various crimes including shop theft, through school talks, joint school advisories and other initiatives. A dedicated crime prevention module is scheduled to be launched on the Singapore Student Learning Space (SLS), for Primary 3 to 6 students in Term 1 of 2026. The SPF is working with MOE to develop additional educational resources and programmes to enhance crime prevention awareness among students.

17. The SPF has also been engaging various segments of our community through multiple channels including the “Coffee with a Cop” initiative, house visits, community events and roadshows, Industry Safety and Security Watch Group (iSSWG) and SSWG engagements, and crime prevention talks jointly organised with the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC).

## Voyeurism

18. Voyeurism cases **decreased** by 6.4% (33 cases) to 486 cases in 2025 from 519 cases in 2024 and accounted for 2.3% of total number of physical crime cases. The top three locations where voyeurism cases were committed were:

- (a) Residential premises – 146 cases reported in 2025, compared to 162 in 2024.
- (b) Shopping complexes – 91 cases reported in 2025, compared to 80 in 2024.
- (c) Public transport network – 48 cases reported in 2025, compared to 69 in 2024.

19. The majority of the cases at residential premises were committed by offenders known to the victims such as current or former partners, household members and friends.

20. The decline in voyeurism cases reflects the joint efforts by the SPF and the wider community, including stakeholders such as the Restroom Association of Singapore (RAS) which helped roll out practical safety guidelines for public toilets (including the placement of CCTV cameras at toilet entrances, full-height toilet partitions and enhanced lighting) to deter voyeurism. During the RAS's "Let's Observe Ourselves" Awards in November 2025, the Happy Toilet Programme 'Safe Toilet' Awards were presented to stakeholders who had adopted the security design guidelines.

21. Despite the drop in voyeurism cases, the SPF encourages members of the public to remain vigilant. If they notice any suspicious behaviour, they should immediately inform the premises' security personnel or staff. They should try to remember key details such as the perpetrator's appearance and any devices involved. They should not hesitate to call the Police if they discover recording devices or witness voyeuristic behaviour. They should avoid confronting perpetrators on their own.

### Everyone Has a Role to Play in Fighting Crime

22. Everyone can contribute to the safety and security of Singapore. This includes business operators, such as public transport operators and public entertainment operators, who have a responsibility towards their customers to prevent and deter crime from happening to the customers. Implementing preventive measures against crimes will also ensure the safety of their own staff and minimise financial losses. For more information on various anti-crime initiatives, please approach your nearest Neighbourhood Police Centre.

23. As part of the newly launched 'SaferSG, Together' movement, members of the public are encouraged to **stay informed** of the latest crime information, alerts and advisories by signing up for the Community Watch Scheme (CWS), downloading the Police@SG mobile app, and following the SPF on social media. They may also **take part** in SPF programmes and events to learn important skills to protect themselves, their loved ones and their community. Those keen to **step up** to play a more active

role in keeping the community and Singapore safe can do so by volunteering with the SPF. There are more than 148,000 CWS members as of December 2025.

24. Organisations can similarly contribute by staying aware of and keeping their employees informed of the latest crime information, alerts and advisories through the Workplace on Watch programme. They can also take part in SPF programmes and events or facilitate Police engagement with their employees at their premises or events. They should also step up by implementing safety and security solutions, which will enhance the security of their workplaces and keep their employees safe.

25. The SPF would like to thank all our community partners and stakeholders for their strong support in helping to keep Singapore safe and secure. In 2025, the SPF presented 26 SaferSG Public Spiritedness Awards, 41 SaferSG Partner Awards and 40 Outstanding SaferSG Partner Awards.

26. Please see **Annex** for a quote from the SPF's Director of Operations Department.

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## **Annex**

### **Quote by Director of Operations Department**

*"Crime in Singapore remains under control, thanks to the public's vigilance and the active involvement of the community. In 2025, there were encouraging declines in offences such as shop theft and voyeurism, underscoring how vital community engagement and proactive crime prevention are to public safety.*

*We are pleased to see more stakeholders adopting technologies that help to identify offenders and strengthen their crime prevention capabilities, as we have seen in the retail industry.*

*Nevertheless, there remain areas of concern. We encourage everyone to stay alert and report suspicious activities, as your partnership is essential to keeping our neighbourhoods safe.*

*With the support of stakeholders and the public, we are confident of maintaining Singapore's low crime rates and ensuring that Singapore remains as one of the world's safest cities."*

*- SAC Leon Chan*

*Director of Operations Department*