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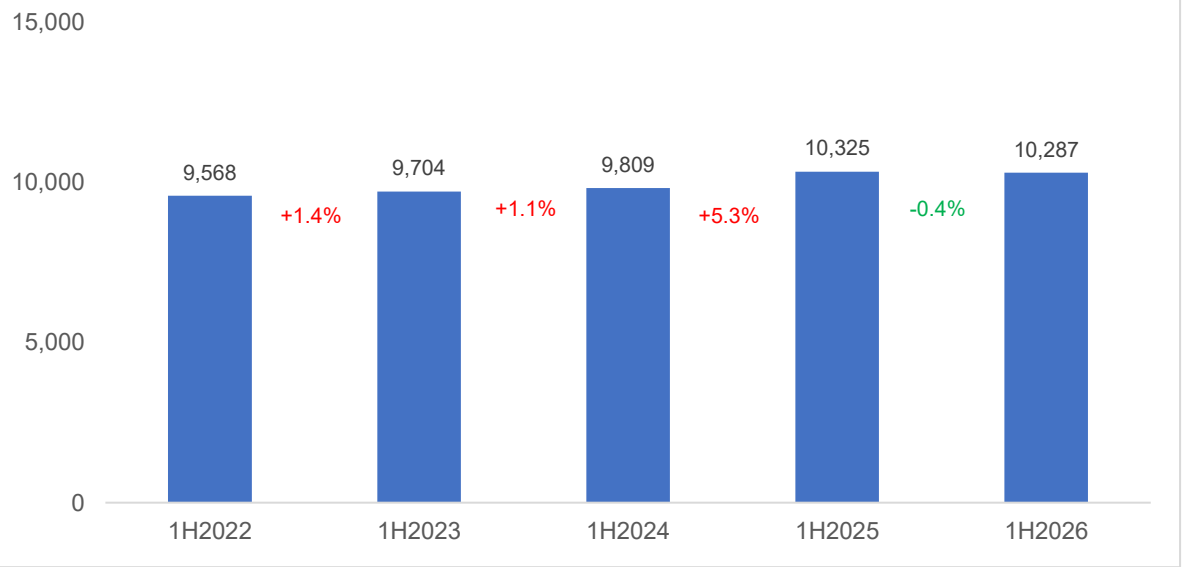
Mid-Year Crime Brief 2026

Physical Crime Situation

Physical crime situation remained stable in the first half of 2026

Singapore remains one of the safest cities in the world. The total number of physical crime cases reported remained stable in the first half of 2026 compared to the same period in 2025, with a slight decrease of 0.4% from 10,325 cases in the first half of 2025 to 10,287 cases in the first half of 2026. Robbery and snatch theft recorded 12 and 9 cases, respectively.

Total Physical Crime Cases



Crimes of concern

2. In the first half of 2026, the top crimes of concern were:

(a) outrage of modesty;

(b) shop theft; and

(c) theft in dwelling.

Outrage of Modesty

3. Outrage of modesty (OM) cases **increased** by 3.1% (23 cases) to 762 cases in the first half of 2026, from 739 cases in the first half of 2025, and accounted for about 7.4% of the total number of physical crime cases. **More than half of the OM cases involved offenders known to the victims.** The Police take a serious view of all sexual offences regardless of the relationship between the offender and victim. Offenders who exploit positions of trust, familiarity or access to prey on victims will be dealt with sternly in accordance with the law.

4. The top three locations where OM offences were committed in the first half of 2026 were:

(a) Residential premises – 227 cases were reported in the first half of 2026, compared to 172 cases reported in the same period in 2025.

(b) Public transport network – 60 cases were reported in the first half of 2026, compared to 84 in the same period in 2025.

(c) Public entertainment outlets – 58 cases were reported in the first half of 2026, compared to 49 cases reported in the same period in 2025.

5. **The number of OM cases involving offenders unknown to their victims decreased** when compared to the first half of 2025. Of note, there was a **noticeable decrease of 25.7% (19 cases) within the public transport network** to 55 cases in the first half of 2026 from 74 cases in the same period in 2025. Notwithstanding the decrease, the Police will continue to sustain enforcement, public education and community vigilance within the public transport network. These measures include enhanced Police presence through joint patrols with public transport operators. Crime prevention announcements are also made during peak hours at MRT stations, and crime prevention advisory decals are displayed on platform screen doors, floors and escalators, Police standees, Police Message Boards, and bus stops through the Passenger Information Display System. The Public Transport Security Command, in collaboration with the Land Transport Authority and public transport operators, will also launch refreshed crime prevention visuals at key MRT stations to enhance public awareness of sexual crimes in September 2026.

6. While OM cases within public transport networks have decreased, such cases at public entertainment outlets increased from 49 cases in the first half of 2025 to 58 cases in the first half of 2026. To curb OM offences committed at public entertainment outlets, the Police will continue to work closely with nightlife operators and stakeholders to strengthen crime prevention efforts and promote a safe environment for patrons. The Police, in partnership with key stakeholders such as the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC), Singapore Nightlife Business Association, Singapore River One, Singapore Alliance for Responsible Drinking, CQ @ Clarke Quay and Zouk, will hold the sixth edition of the Safe Clubbing Campaign in September 2026. The campaign underscores SPF's strong and ongoing collaboration with the nightlife industry in delivering crime prevention efforts at entertainment venues. The initiative fosters a culture of shared responsibility and empowers stakeholders to spot and deter inappropriate behaviour so that everyone can safely enjoy Singapore's vibrant nightlife.

7. In April 2026, the SPF launched a year-long "Don't be a Bystander! SPOT it. Report it." campaign and the S.P.O.T. action protocol (Spot, Protect, Observe, Tell) to guide the public on how to respond when they witness or encounter sexual crimes – to - Spot inappropriate behaviour, Protect the victim (and oneself), Observe key details, and Tell the Police. Members of the public are also encouraged to be vigilant, especially in crowded areas. If they witness molestation cases or are aware of someone who is a victim of molestation, they should report the matter to the Police immediately. Such actions can deter the perpetrator and provide crucial witness testimonies. If the perpetrator flees, bystanders should note their description and direction of travel. Prompt reporting can help the Police swiftly identify and apprehend the perpetrator, while safeguarding others from harm. The S.P.O.T. action protocol is also amplified at SPF's SaferSG roadshows.

Shop Theft

8. Shop theft cases **increased** by 2.2% (45 cases) to 2,095 cases in the first half of 2026, from 2,050 cases in the first half of 2025, and accounted for about 20.4% of the total number of physical crime cases. Items typically stolen include food and beverages, personal care products, alcoholic drinks and apparel/accessories. **Shop theft remains one of the top offences committed by youths.** The majority of shop theft cases involving youths occurred at supermarkets, convenience stores, minimarts, personal care and health and wellness shops.

9. The retail outlets with the highest number of reported shop theft cases in the first half of 2026, listed in descending order (i.e., outlet with the highest number of cases listed on top), were:

(a) Cold Storage @ Tanglin Mall;
(b) Sheng Siong @ Kinex;
(c) Cold Storage @ Ngee Ann City;
(d) Sheng Siong @ Bishan Street 13;
(e) Sheng Siong @ Tanglin Halt Road; Sheng Siong @ Junction Nine; Don Don Donki @ Northpoint City; Cold Storage @ Plaza Singapura;
(f) Sheng Siong @ Casa Clementi
(g) Sheng Siong @ Woodlands Street 31; Sheng Siong @ Khatib Central; Cold Storage @ Compass One;
(h) Popular @ Waterway Point;
(i) NTUC @ Northpoint City; Cold Storage @ Raffles City Shopping Centre;
(j) Cold Storage @ Paragon.

10. SPF is working with retailers and retail associations to strengthen outlet-level crime prevention measures, particularly at premises with higher reported shop theft cases. Retailers are encouraged to review store layouts, strengthen staff vigilance, adopt appropriate detection technologies and participate in SPF's Shop Theft Awareness for Retailers (STAR) Programme. The STAR Programme has expanded significantly, with major retailers including NTUC FairPrice, Sheng Siong, Watsons, Sephora, Popular, Challenger and Mustafa Centre onboarding their outlets islandwide.

11. Sheng Siong has rolled out shop theft detection measures, including CCTV cameras with facial recognition technology since 2024. The technologies can assist in identifying persons of interest who return to Sheng Siong's stores, including those who were not apprehended at the point of offence. The SPF has also used CCTV footage provided by retailers to identify offenders and taken them to task.

12. Watsons has also started implementing CCTV cameras with facial recognition capabilities across all its outlets islandwide. Some retailers have also put in place self-checkout systems with artificial intelligence-enabled video analytics, item verification and technology to detect possible non-scanning, incorrect item selection or barcode switching.

13. The SPF encourages all retailers to come on board the STAR Programme so that they can better safeguard their businesses against shop theft.

14. As part of SPF's public outreach/education, we will also continue to work closely with the Ministry of Education (MOE) to educate students on various crimes, including shop theft, through school talks, joint school advisories and other initiatives. A dedicated crime prevention module has been launched on the Singapore Student Learning Space for Primary 3 to 6 students to learn about the legal consequences of shop theft. Students who complete the module by Sunday, 13 September 2026 (last day of the September school holidays) will receive an exclusive Police collateral (i.e., a keychain). SPF is working with MOE to expand the suite of modules to strengthen crime prevention education among youths.

Theft in Dwelling

15. Theft in dwelling cases **increased** by 0.6% (4 cases) to 730 cases in the first half of 2026, from 726 cases in the first half of 2025, and accounted for about 7.1% of the total number of physical crime cases. Theft in dwelling cases typically occurred in premises where belongings were left unsecured or unattended, creating opportunities for theft.

16. The increase was most notable in residential premises across both private and public residences with theft in dwelling cases in these premises increasing by **25.1% (92 cases)** from **367 cases in the first half of 2025** to **459 cases in the first half of 2026**. Cases at commercial premises and other premises (including dormitories) decreased compared to first half of 2025.

17. As the increase in theft in dwelling cases was largely driven by incidents occurring within residential premises and involving persons who had access to, or familiarity with, the premise, this trend highlights the need for residents, co-tenants and property occupiers to store their personal belongings securely and to refrain from leaving valuables unattended in common spaces and shared facilities. The SPF will continue to conduct targeted public education and engagement efforts and partner stakeholders to disseminate advisories. Residents and co-tenants should also look out for one another and report suspicious activities.

Everyone Has a Role to Play in Fighting Crime

18. Everyone has a role to play in keeping Singapore safe. Business operators, including public transport operators, retail outlets and public entertainment outlets, should put in place measures to prevent, deter and detect crimes within their premises. Members of the public should stay alert, safeguard themselves against crime by adopting crime prevention measures, and report suspicious behaviour promptly.

19. The SPF has been engaging various community segments 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 NCPC. The SPF will continue to work with community partners and stakeholders to keep Singapore safe and secure. For more information on the various anti-crime initiatives, members of the public and businesses may approach their nearest Neighbourhood Police Centre.

20. Under the ‘SaferSG, Together’ movement, members of the public are encouraged to sign up as a Community Watch Scheme (CWS) member and download the Police@SG mobile app to **stay informed** of the latest crime information, alerts and advisories. They may also **take part** in SPF events and training 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. As of June 2026, there are approximately 160,000 CWS members in five categories – Home, Work/Learning, Lifestyle, Cyber and Transport.

21. Organisations can play an active role in increasing the safety and security awareness of their employees, partners and visitors to prevent them from becoming victims of crime. Besides encouraging their employees to participate in safety and security events and/or initiatives with SPF and facilitating Police engagements with their employees at their premises, they can also be involved by implementing safety and security solutions to enhance the security of their workplaces and keep their employees safe.

22. The SPF would like to thank the NCPC as well as all our community partners and stakeholders for their strong support in helping to keep Singapore safe and secure. In the first half of 2026, the SPF presented nine SaferSG Public Spiritedness Awards and three SaferSG Partner (Organisation) Awards.

23. 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

"Singapore's overall physical crime situation remained stable in the first half of 2026, and Singapore continues to be one of the safest places in the world.

While there were some areas of concerns, such as outrage of modesty, shop theft, and theft in dwelling, we are encouraged by the reduction in outrage of modesty cases involving offenders unknown to victims within the public transportation network.

Businesses, community partners and members of the public all have a role to play in preventing, deterring and detecting crime. SPF will continue to work closely with our stakeholders and the community to keep Singapore safe and secure."

- SAC Leon Chan
Director of Operations Department