



Northern Territory Crime Statistics - New Series Data for December 2023

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New Time Series

- 1 Following the implementation of the NT Police SerPro system on 27 November 2023, the crime statistics from December 2023 onwards have been determined to be not comparable with earlier published NT crime statistics. December 2023 represents a break in the series, and data for December 2023 onwards will be published separately.

Provisional Data

- 2 Statistics for the first three months of publication should be treated as provisional. Numbers of offences in these months may increase by 5-10% for the NT and by a larger percentage in the regional tables, as investigations and data entry are completed over the next several months.

Explanatory Notes

- 1 These statistics were prepared by the Criminal Justice Research and Statistics Unit based in the Northern Territory Department of the Attorney-General and Justice for use by Government agencies, other organisations, researchers and members of the public.
- 2 The offences reported in this document were recorded by the Northern Territory Police in the SerPro system. The data are frequently updated as new information comes to light. Therefore these statistics may differ slightly from those produced at an earlier or later date.
- 3 The information used to prepare these statistics was extracted from SerPro on 1 February 2024. These statistics should not be compared with earlier NT crime statistics for periods prior to December 2023, as the two series are not comparable.
- 4 The suggested citation for this information is: Northern Territory Crime Statistics, data for December 2023. Department of the Attorney-General and Justice, February 2024.
- 5 These data represent counts of offences. Offence statistics may not be comparable with those published by other jurisdictions as offence definitions have not been standardised.
- 6 Offences are classified using the Australian and New Zealand Standard Offence Classification (ANZSOC) 2011. The Northern Territory Police divide category 0711 (Unlawful entry) into offences against residential properties (House break-ins) and against other properties (Commercial break-ins). Each of these is divided into actual and attempted break-ins.
- 7 Involvement of domestic violence and/or alcohol in the offence is determined by the NT Police at the time of the offence. In some situations it is not possible to determine whether alcohol is involved in an offence, in which cases alcohol involvement will be recorded as No.
- 8 The Northern Territory has a small population and certain offences show strong seasonal impacts. Therefore, the crime statistics can fluctuate considerably between months, particularly at a regional level. These fluctuations should not, of themselves, be interpreted as changing trends in crime. The crime statistics are also subject to influence from changes in legislation, public behaviour in reporting crime, and Police operations. Care should be used in attributing annual changes to a particular cause.

Table 1

**Northern Territory Crime Statistics
Data for December 2023**

Number of offences	Dec-23
0111 Murder	0
0121 Attempted murder	0
0131 Manslaughter	0
0132 Driving causing death	1
01 Homicide and related offences	1
021 Assault	864
029 Acts intended to cause injury - other	2
02 Acts intended to cause injury	866
031 Sexual assault	41
032 Non-assaultive sexual offences	4
03 Sexual assault and related offences	45
049 Other dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	23
0511 Abduction and kidnapping	0
0521 Deprivation of liberty/false imprisonment	2
0531 Harassment and private nuisance	6
0532 Threatening behaviour	21
05 Abduction, harassment and other offences	29
061 Robbery	31
0621 Blackmail and extortion	1
06 Robbery, extortion and related offences	32
Total offences against the person	996
House break-ins, actual	249
House break-ins, attempted	42
0711 House break-ins	291
Commercial break-ins, actual	125
Commercial break-ins, attempted	19
0711 Commercial break-ins	144
081 Motor vehicle theft and related offences	56
08* Theft and related offences (other than MV)	510
12 Property damage offences	655
Total property offences	1,656

Data extracted from SerPro on 01/02/2024

Shaded months should be treated as provisional.

Table 1

**Darwin Crime Statistics
Data for December 2023**

Number of offences	Dec-23
0111 Murder	0
0121 Attempted murder	0
0131 Manslaughter	0
0132 Driving causing death	1
01 Homicide and related offences	1
021 Assault	183
029 Acts intended to cause injury - other	1
02 Acts intended to cause injury	184
031 Sexual assault	17
032 Non-assaultive sexual offences	0
03 Sexual assault and related offences	17
049 Other dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	5
0511 Abduction and kidnapping	0
0521 Deprivation of liberty/false imprisonment	1
0531 Harassment and private nuisance	2
0532 Threatening behaviour	5
05 Abduction, harassment and other offences	8
061 Robbery	14
0621 Blackmail and extortion	0
06 Robbery, extortion and related offences	14
Total offences against the person	229
House break-ins, actual	31
House break-ins, attempted	4
0711 House break-ins	35
Commercial break-ins, actual	17
Commercial break-ins, attempted	4
0711 Commercial break-ins	21
081 Motor vehicle theft and related offences	13
08* Theft and related offences (other than MV)	181
12 Property damage offences	147
Total property offences	397

Data extracted from SerPro on 01/02/2024

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Table 1

**Palmerston Crime Statistics
Data for December 2023**

Number of offences	Dec-23
0111 Murder	0
0121 Attempted murder	0
0131 Manslaughter	0
0132 Driving causing death	0
01 Homicide and related offences	0
021 Assault	85
029 Acts intended to cause injury - other	0
02 Acts intended to cause injury	85
031 Sexual assault	4
032 Non-assaultive sexual offences	1
03 Sexual assault and related offences	5
049 Other dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	4
0511 Abduction and kidnapping	0
0521 Deprivation of liberty/false imprisonment	0
0531 Harassment and private nuisance	1
0532 Threatening behaviour	0
05 Abduction, harassment and other offences	1
061 Robbery	5
0621 Blackmail and extortion	0
06 Robbery, extortion and related offences	5
Total offences against the person	100
House break-ins, actual	15
House break-ins, attempted	6
0711 House break-ins	21
Commercial break-ins, actual	7
Commercial break-ins, attempted	3
0711 Commercial break-ins	10
081 Motor vehicle theft and related offences	10
08* Theft and related offences (other than MV)	75
12 Property damage offences	84
Total property offences	200

Data extracted from SerPro on 01/02/2024

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Table 1

**Alice Springs Crime Statistics
Data for December 2023**

Number of offences	Dec-23
0111 Murder	0
0121 Attempted murder	0
0131 Manslaughter	0
0132 Driving causing death	0
01 Homicide and related offences	0
021 Assault	189
029 Acts intended to cause injury - other	0
02 Acts intended to cause injury	189
031 Sexual assault	7
032 Non-assaultive sexual offences	0
03 Sexual assault and related offences	7
049 Other dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	6
0511 Abduction and kidnapping	0
0521 Deprivation of liberty/false imprisonment	0
0531 Harassment and private nuisance	1
0532 Threatening behaviour	5
05 Abduction, harassment and other offences	6
061 Robbery	2
0621 Blackmail and extortion	0
06 Robbery, extortion and related offences	2
Total offences against the person	210
House break-ins, actual	104
House break-ins, attempted	19
0711 House break-ins	123
Commercial break-ins, actual	31
Commercial break-ins, attempted	3
0711 Commercial break-ins	34
081 Motor vehicle theft and related offences	16
08* Theft and related offences (other than MV)	112
12 Property damage offences	253
Total property offences	538

Data extracted from SerPro on 01/02/2024

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Table 1

**Katherine Crime Statistics
Data for December 2023**

Number of offences	Dec-23
0111 Murder	0
0121 Attempted murder	0
0131 Manslaughter	0
0132 Driving causing death	0
01 Homicide and related offences	0
021 Assault	92
029 Acts intended to cause injury - other	0
02 Acts intended to cause injury	92
031 Sexual assault	1
032 Non-assaultive sexual offences	2
03 Sexual assault and related offences	3
049 Other dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	1
0511 Abduction and kidnapping	0
0521 Deprivation of liberty/false imprisonment	0
0531 Harassment and private nuisance	0
0532 Threatening behaviour	4
05 Abduction, harassment and other offences	4
061 Robbery	3
0621 Blackmail and extortion	0
06 Robbery, extortion and related offences	3
Total offences against the person	103
House break-ins, actual	19
House break-ins, attempted	2
0711 House break-ins	21
Commercial break-ins, actual	9
Commercial break-ins, attempted	4
0711 Commercial break-ins	13
081 Motor vehicle theft and related offences	2
08* Theft and related offences (other than MV)	26
12 Property damage offences	48
Total property offences	110

Data extracted from SerPro on 01/02/2024

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Table 1

**Tennant Creek Crime Statistics
Data for December 2023**

Number of offences	Dec-23
0111 Murder	0
0121 Attempted murder	0
0131 Manslaughter	0
0132 Driving causing death	0
01 Homicide and related offences	0
021 Assault	32
029 Acts intended to cause injury - other	0
02 Acts intended to cause injury	32
031 Sexual assault	1
032 Non-assaultive sexual offences	0
03 Sexual assault and related offences	1
049 Other dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	0
0511 Abduction and kidnapping	0
0521 Deprivation of liberty/false imprisonment	0
0531 Harassment and private nuisance	0
0532 Threatening behaviour	0
05 Abduction, harassment and other offences	0
061 Robbery	4
0621 Blackmail and extortion	0
06 Robbery, extortion and related offences	4
Total offences against the person	37
House break-ins, actual	39
House break-ins, attempted	4
0711 House break-ins	43
Commercial break-ins, actual	14
Commercial break-ins, attempted	2
0711 Commercial break-ins	16
081 Motor vehicle theft and related offences	2
08* Theft and related offences (other than MV)	22
12 Property damage offences	36
Total property offences	119

Data extracted from SerPro on 01/02/2024

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Table 1

**Nhulunbuy Crime Statistics
Data for December 2023**

Number of offences	Dec-23
0111 Murder	0
0121 Attempted murder	0
0131 Manslaughter	0
0132 Driving causing death	0
01 Homicide and related offences	0
021 Assault	5
029 Acts intended to cause injury - other	0
02 Acts intended to cause injury	5
031 Sexual assault	1
032 Non-assaultive sexual offences	0
03 Sexual assault and related offences	1
049 Other dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	0
0511 Abduction and kidnapping	0
0521 Deprivation of liberty/false imprisonment	0
0531 Harassment and private nuisance	0
0532 Threatening behaviour	2
05 Abduction, harassment and other offences	2
061 Robbery	0
0621 Blackmail and extortion	1
06 Robbery, extortion and related offences	1
Total offences against the person	9
House break-ins, actual	1
House break-ins, attempted	0
0711 House break-ins	1
Commercial break-ins, actual	2
Commercial break-ins, attempted	0
0711 Commercial break-ins	2
081 Motor vehicle theft and related offences	1
08* Theft and related offences (other than MV)	3
12 Property damage offences	5
Total property offences	12

Data extracted from SerPro on 01/02/2024

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Table 1

**NT Balance Crime Statistics
Data for December 2023**

Number of offences	Dec-23
0111 Murder	0
0121 Attempted murder	0
0131 Manslaughter	0
0132 Driving causing death	0
01 Homicide and related offences	0
021 Assault	278
029 Acts intended to cause injury - other	1
02 Acts intended to cause injury	279
031 Sexual assault	10
032 Non-assaultive sexual offences	1
03 Sexual assault and related offences	11
049 Other dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons	7
0511 Abduction and kidnapping	0
0521 Deprivation of liberty/false imprisonment	1
0531 Harassment and private nuisance	2
0532 Threatening behaviour	5
05 Abduction, harassment and other offences	8
061 Robbery	3
0621 Blackmail and extortion	0
06 Robbery, extortion and related offences	3
Total offences against the person	308
House break-ins, actual	40
House break-ins, attempted	7
0711 House break-ins	47
Commercial break-ins, actual	45
Commercial break-ins, attempted	3
0711 Commercial break-ins	48
081 Motor vehicle theft and related offences	12
08* Theft and related offences (other than MV)	91
12 Property damage offences	82
Total property offences	280

Data extracted from SerPro on 01/02/2024

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**Northern Territory Assault Statistics
Data for December 2023**

Domestic violence	Alcohol involvement	Dec-23
DV involved	Alcohol involved	287
	No alcohol involved	246
<i>DV involved Total</i>		533
DV not involved	Alcohol involved	141
	No alcohol involved	190
<i>DV not involved Total</i>		331
Total assaults		864
Assaults with alcohol involved		428
No alcohol involved or involvement unknown		436
% of assaults associated with domestic violence		61.7%
% of assaults associated with alcohol		49.5%

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**Darwin Assault Statistics
Data for December 2023**

Domestic violence	Alcohol involvement	Dec-23
DV involved	Alcohol involved	51
	No alcohol involved	23
<i>DV involved Total</i>		74
DV not involved	Alcohol involved	58
	No alcohol involved	51
<i>DV not involved Total</i>		109
Total assaults		183
Assaults with alcohol involved		109
No alcohol involved or involvement unknown		74
% of assaults associated with domestic violence		40.4%
% of assaults associated with alcohol		59.6%

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**Palmerston Assault Statistics
Data for December 2023**

Domestic violence		Alcohol involvement	Dec-23
DV involved	Alcohol involved		32
	No alcohol involved		20
DV involved Total			52
DV not involved	Alcohol involved		8
	No alcohol involved		25
DV not involved Total			33
Total assaults			85
Assaults with alcohol involved			40
No alcohol involved or involvement unknown			45
% of assaults associated with domestic violence			61.2%
% of assaults associated with alcohol			47.1%

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**Alice Springs Assault Statistics
Data for December 2023**

Domestic violence		Alcohol involvement	Dec-23
DV involved	Alcohol involved		56
	No alcohol involved		66
DV involved Total			122
DV not involved	Alcohol involved		31
	No alcohol involved		36
DV not involved Total			67
Total assaults			189
Assaults with alcohol involved			87
No alcohol involved or involvement unknown			102
% of assaults associated with domestic violence			64.6%
% of assaults associated with alcohol			46.0%

Data extracted from SerPro on 01/02/2024

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**Katherine Assault Statistics
Data for December 2023**

Domestic violence		Alcohol involvement	Dec-23
DV involved	Alcohol involved		34
	No alcohol involved		22
DV involved Total			56
DV not involved	Alcohol involved		16
	No alcohol involved		20
DV not involved Total			36
Total assaults			92
Assaults with alcohol involved			50
No alcohol involved or involvement unknown			42
% of assaults associated with domestic violence			60.9%
% of assaults associated with alcohol			54.3%

Data extracted from SerPro on 01/02/2024

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**Tennant Creek Assault Statistics
Data for December 2023**

Domestic violence		Alcohol involvement	Dec-23
DV involved	Alcohol involved		17
	No alcohol involved		4
DV involved Total			21
DV not involved	Alcohol involved		6
	No alcohol involved		5
DV not involved Total			11
Total assaults			32
Assaults with alcohol involved			23
No alcohol involved or involvement unknown			9
% of assaults associated with domestic violence			65.6%
% of assaults associated with alcohol			71.9%

Data extracted from SerPro on 01/02/2024

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**Nhulunbuy Assault Statistics
Data for December 2023**

Domestic violence		Alcohol involvement	Dec-23
DV involved	Alcohol involved		2
	No alcohol involved		0
DV involved Total			2
DV not involved	Alcohol involved		1
	No alcohol involved		2
DV not involved Total			3
Total assaults			5
Assaults with alcohol involved			3
No alcohol involved or involvement unknown			2
% of assaults associated with domestic violence			40.0%
% of assaults associated with alcohol			60.0%

Data extracted from SerPro on 01/02/2024

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**NT Balance Assault Statistics
Data for December 2023**

Domestic violence		Alcohol involvement	Dec-23
DV involved	Alcohol involved		95
	No alcohol involved		111
DV involved Total			206
DV not involved	Alcohol involved		21
	No alcohol involved		51
DV not involved Total			72
Total assaults			278
Assaults with alcohol involved			116
No alcohol involved or involvement unknown			162
% of assaults associated with domestic violence			74.1%
% of assaults associated with alcohol			41.7%

Data extracted from SerPro on 01/02/2024

Shaded months should be treated as provisional.

**Northern Territory Crime Statistics
Data for December 2023**

Assault	The direct (and immediate/confrontational) infliction of force, injury or violence upon a person or the threat of such force, injury or violence where there is an apprehension that the threat could be enacted, excluding offences of a sexual nature.
Actual Break-in	Gaining unlawful entry, either forced or unforced, to a dwelling or other premises.
Attempted Break-in	Attempting but failing to gain unlawful entry to a dwelling or other premises.
Attempted Murder	Attempted, unlawful intentional killing of another person, where death did not actually result.
Break-in	Unlawful entry with intent of dwellings and other premises (excludes trespassing). Includes actual and attempted break-ins.
Commercial Break-in	A break-in at a property that is not a residential dwelling.
Domestic Violence	Domestic violence includes any of the following conduct committed by a person against someone with whom the person is in a domestic relationship: conduct causing harm (such as sexual or other assault), damaging property, intimidation or stalking, economic abuse or attempting or threatening to commit these types of actions.
Driving Causing Death	In the Northern Territory, this offence group is used for hit and run offences resulting in death. Other traffic-related deaths are categorised as dangerous or negligent acts endangering persons.
Homicide and Related Offences	The actual or attempted unlawful killing of a person, including murder, manslaughter, attempted murder and driving causing death.
House Break-in	A break-in at a property that is a residential dwelling.
Manslaughter	Unlawful killing of another person without the intent to kill or with impaired capacity of one's mind.
Motor Vehicle Theft and Related Offences	Includes driving, using, or riding in a motor vehicle (including aircraft) without consent. In the NT, theft of motor vehicle parts or contents is now recorded as general theft.
Murder	Unlawful intentional killing of another person.

**Northern Territory Crime Statistics
Data for December 2023**

Non-Assaultive Sexual Offences	Offences of a sexual nature that do not involve physical contact or intended contact, and where the victim does not give consent, gives consent as a result of intimidation or deception, or consent is proscribed. Includes child pornography, voyeurism and wilful exposure.
Northern Territory Balance	The Northern Territory Balance is the area of the Northern Territory that lies outside of the six urban centres of Darwin, Palmerston, Alice Springs, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Nhulunbuy.
Offence	An action that contravenes an act of law in force in the Northern Territory or the Commonwealth.
Theft and Related Offences	A broad category involving the unlawful taking or obtaining of money, goods or services without the use of force, or the receipt or handling of stolen money or goods. Includes offences such as stealing and shoplifting.
Property Damage	The unlawful destruction, damage, or defacement of property, including vandalism, graffiti and interfering with a motor vehicle causing damage.
Robbery	A broad category involving theft of property with the use or threat of immediate force.
Sexual Assault	Physical contact or intended contact of a sexual nature where the victim does not give consent, gives consent as a result of intimidation or deception, or consent is proscribed. Includes rape (actual, intended and attempted) and incest.

Definitions are based on the Australian and New Zealand Standard Offence Classification system of 2011, published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.