



MARION POLICE activity report

Data below provided by Marion Police Department compare police activity figures for every month of 2024. The chart also includes annual totals for 2016 through 2024, and an annual average of those nine years.



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2024	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2,019	2018	2017	2,016	9y Avg
Miles driven/patrolled	1,750	1,340	2,018	1,553	1,504	2,930	1,788	1,630	2,512	2,413	1,516	2591	23,545	24,766	39,844	41,460	37,101	34,380	33,312	32,000	32,496	33,212
Criminal Investigations	10	16	14	8	18	11	16	11	10	12	13	11	150	133	146	132	113	144	203	207	209	160
Domestics	7	8	7	6	10	8	8	7	7	5	11	4	88	82	74	105	90	116	92	106	156	101
Felony Arrests	1	5	2	3	5	7	3	3	4	6	3	6	48	55	62	64	71	38	27	61	29	51
Misd. Arrests	2	5	13	8	6	5	4	3	2	8	13	12	81	93	99	94	80	97	113	113	86	95
Non-Criminal Arrests	5	13	8	19	10	4	7	9	7	9	11	10	112	99	121	87	65	78	99	78	70	90
DUI Arrests	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	6	8	9	6	12	10	16	9
Criminal Summons	0	0	2	25	1	6	2	2	4	6	3	0	51	46	31	29	14	20	41	43	37	35
Traffic Citations	6	9	8	17	37	4	26	19	17	16	32	21	212	189	201	238	141	247	287	185	268	219
Other Citations	13	25	27	56	29	2	16	22	16	24	30	25	285	307	332	246	155	254	273	236	257	261
Traffic Warnings	5	1	5	3	2	9	1	4	5	4	4	12	55	48	31	58	35	141	123	97	118	78
Parking Tickets	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	1	2	2	3	4	2
Traffic Accidents	9	0	11	1	3	9	9	6	4	7	5	5	69	63	67	72	50	78	81	62	91	70
Security Checks/Alarms	58	54	63	55	55	55	52	81	61	61	59	66	720	741	478	478	610	754	617	658	934	666
Calls for Service/Complaints	179	188	241	206	236	250	240	245	207	222	215	149	2,578	2,463	2,119	2,000	1,987	2,287	2,681	2,196	3,407	2,413

City traffic accidents down in past 5 years

STAFF REPORT

An analysis of the Marion Police Department’s law enforcement activity from 2016 to 2024 highlights several trends across key operational metrics. The data reflect changes in patrol activity, investigations and arrests over the nine-year period.

Officers patrolled 23,545 miles in 2024, marking a significant decrease from the pandemic years. During the pandemic, officers tended to spend more time in their cruisers because personal contact was limited.

The highest mileage occurred in 2021, while the lowest was recorded in 2024.

The nine-year average for miles patrolled is 33,212.

The department conducted 150 criminal investigations in

2024, an increase from 133 in 2023.

The lowest number of investigations occurred in 2020, with 113 cases, again, a situation perhaps marked by COVID-19 when patrolling was up and individual contact was at its lowest.

The nine-year average for criminal investigations is 160.

After a dip during the pandemic, criminal investigations have increased slightly but remain below historical highs.

Reported domestic incidents ranged from a high of 156 in 2016 to a low of 74 in 2022. In 2024, 88 incidents were recorded, below the nine-year average of 101. Reports of domestic incidents have generally declined since 2016, with recent years consistently below the nine-year average.

Felony arrests peaked at 71 in 2020 and have since declined to 48 in 2024. That high figure in 2020 was largely skewed by a small number of individuals with multiple charges. The lowest number of felony arrests was 27 in 2018. The nine-year average for felony arrests is 51.

Misdemeanor arrests were highest in 2017 and 2018, with 113 each year. By 2024, misdemeanor arrests dropped to 81, below the 9-year average of 95.

Year-to-year figures for criminal investigations and arrests (both felony and misdemeanor) showed significant fluctuations without consistent long-term trends.

Traffic-related activity shows significant year-to-year variability across all metrics.

Officers issued 212 traffic ci-

tations in 2024, a modest increase from 189 in 2023. However, citation numbers have fluctuated, with the lowest recorded at 141 in 2020 and the highest at 238 in 2021.

Traffic accidents reported in 2024 totaled 69, an increase from 63 in 2023. The highest number of accidents, 72, occurred in 2021, while 2020 marked the lowest, with 50 accidents. Over the past five years, traffic accidents have declined compared to the four-year period from 2016 to 2019. In the past five years, the city has seen an average of 64.2 accidents per year, whereas that figure was 78 during the previous four-year period.

Figures are provided monthly by the Marion Police Department and accumulated by The Press.

Countywide FELONY CASES

Here are the number of individuals charged with felonious crimes by year. These figures do not represent total number of felony charges, only cases.

2024	64
2023	79
2022	55
2021	46
2020	43
2019	65
2018	46

2024 Felony Charges By Agency

48 Marion Police Dept.
75 Crittenden Sheriff’s Dept.

McMican Rd. complex will be added to city precinct GOP gains in off-year voter registration

Voter registration numbers are rising in Crittenden County following the recent presidential election, with 13 new voters added to the rolls. The county continues its trend toward the Republican Party, which gained 32 voters over the past three months. In contrast, Democrats saw a decline of 21 registrants.

According to the latest data, Republicans now account for 61.6% of the county’s registered voters, a significant increase from 55.4% at the end of 2020. This shift is part of a long-term trend that has seen GOP registration rise steadily over the past two decades. In 2008, Republicans made up just 42.7% of the electorate, with increases in each subsequent election cycle.

“For more than four decades dating back to the 1970s, Democrats outnumbered Republi-

cans in the county until October 2014, with the pendulum swung back to the GOP’s favor,” said Crittenden County Clerk Daryl Tabor.

Despite no scheduled elections in 2025, election officials remain busy behind the scenes. Plans are underway to update the voter rolls with new registrations, party changes and address updates. Additionally, officials are considering redrawing precinct lines to incorporate the new housing development on McMican Road into one of the four city precincts. Work is also ongoing to complete Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) surveys for voting locations, Tabor said.

Looking ahead, the filing period for local partisan offices will run from Nov. 5, 2025, to Jan. 9, 2026. The filing period for non-partisan city council and school board races will take place in

June 2025.

Statewide, voter registration activity remains strong even in the absence of imminent elections. Secretary of State Michael Adams reported that 9,324 new voters registered in December 2024. However, 4,962 voters were removed from the rolls due to reasons such as death, felony convictions, or relocation.

As of now, Republican registrants account for 47% of Kentucky’s electorate, or 1,674,447 voters. The party’s registration increased by 5,263 voters in December, reflecting a 0.32% gain. Democratic registration, meanwhile, fell by 2,970 voters, bringing the total to 1,499,867, which represents 42% of the electorate. Independent and third-party voters make up 11% of the state’s total, with registrations increasing by 2,069 to 385,339.



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