



# **2025 DEPARTMENT CLEARANCE STATISTICS**

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## **Explanation For Clearance Statistics Reports**

The Locust Police Department began an intentional tracking of incident clearance statistics in 2018. Clearance of incidents has always been compiled through the computer database the department utilizes for reporting. In an effort to maximize oversight and officer accountability however, a manual tracking process was begun to monitor incident follow-ups and clearances beginning with the 2018 calendar year. This oversight is to assure that we are providing the best possible service to those who report incidents to the Locust Police Department, and to assure that investigating officers are following all investigative leads to completion with the ultimate goal of a successful clearance in every incident assigned. It should be understood however that many times, criminal incidents are referred to our agency that are impossible to “solve” or successfully clear. This understanding is provided to our officers with the only expectation being that they do the most they can with each assigned incident, even if that only amounts to a single follow-up phone call with the victim. Locust officers are not “judged” by their clearance percentage unless it is clearly observed that a lack of follow-up activity may be contributing to a lower clearance percentage.

Clearance statistics for the purpose of this reporting are based on completed incident reports only and do not include other types of interactions such as general calls for service where a report is not deemed necessary, traffic stops without arrest or other necessity to complete an incident report, and traffic crash investigations. In 2025, a change continued in department reporting policy to allow Locust officers to forego completing incident reports for minor non-criminal calls for service where involved parties do not specifically request an incident report. In those cases, Locust officers are still expected to activate their body cameras and if applicable in-car dash cameras to record any encounters as well as to provide call notes to our county dispatch software for record keeping purposes. Any party that requests an incident report as part of a dispatched call for service is provided a report regardless of the circumstances.

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## Statistics Explanation Key/Glossary

### Total Reported Incidents –

This number represents all reported incidents where an incident report is completed.

### Total Open Incidents –

Reported incidents that are still open for further investigation and have not been closed with a satisfactory, inactive, or leads exhausted disposition.

### Total Closed Incidents –

Reported incidents that have been successfully closed with a satisfactory disposition. This excludes incidents closed as leads exhausted or inactive which are not considered satisfactory though they are common due to no leads to follow in an investigation.

### Leads Exhausted/Inactive Incidents –

Reported incidents where all investigative leads have been exhausted or did not exist to begin with. Inactive incidents used to deal with major incidents where leads are exhausted or incidents involving property that are entered into a nationwide stolen property database. The two terms are now used interchangeably in our department's reporting system.

### Other Circumstance Incidents –

Reported incidents that are non-criminal in nature. These incidents also include any that could have been considered criminal in nature but were cleared when it was deemed to be unfounded, the victim refused to cooperate, or prosecution was declined among several other possibilities.

### Total Criminal Incidents –

Reported incidents that are labeled as violations of criminal statute, and also result in a satisfactory disposition of an arrest made, or an unsatisfactory disposition of leads exhausted or inactive (no arrest made). Some incidents may be labeled as violations of criminal statute however, if they are disposed after a determination that it did not occur, a victim will not cooperate with an investigation or other similar circumstance, they are no longer considered criminal incidents and are labeled as "other circumstance".

### Total Criminal Incidents Cleared By Arrest –

Reported criminal incidents that result in an arrest made. An arrest can be made by the issuance of a citation, or by taking into custody.

### Total Property Crime/Fraud Incidents –

Reported incidents that are considered property crime or fraud type incidents. Because property crime and fraud related incidents represent the largest incidence of criminal activity and concern currently in Locust, an additional clearance category was made specifically for these types of incidents. Unlike criminal incidents which are only labeled as such if the description of the offense results in an arrest or exhausted leads, an incident is placed in the property crime/fraud category if the offense is considered to be related to property crime or fraud regardless of the final disposition.

### Total Open And Leads Exhausted Property Crime/Fraud Incidents (Two Separate Categories) –

See above descriptions for open incidents and leads exhausted incidents. The description would be the same for property crime/fraud incidents but would involve those types of incidents only.

### Cleared Property Crime/Fraud Incidents –

Incidents that have been reported and considered as property crime or fraud incidents that result in a satisfactory disposition such as an arrest but also if they are ruled to be unfounded incidents, a victim refuses to cooperate, or prosecution is declined.

## 2025 Clearance Statistics Analysis

For the 2025 calendar year, the sixth year of the Locust Police Department under the current department administration, the change implemented in 2024 continued regarding department reporting policy due to a steadily increasing volume of general calls for service in a city continuing to grow. This change allowed Locust officers to forego completing incident reports for minor non-criminal calls for service where involved parties do not specifically request an incident report. In those cases, Locust officers are still expected to activate their body cameras and if applicable in-car dash cameras to record any encounters as well as to provide call notes to our county dispatch software for record keeping purposes. Because of this change, there will continue to be a noticeable decrease in completed incident reports utilized for these statistics despite an increasing call for service volume in the city (8,070 dispatched/initiated/attended events in 2025 compared to 7,048 in 2024).

For 2025, the Locust Police Department produced 685 incident reports for clearance consideration. This number considers only reports for the purpose of these clearance statistics and the significant decrease from all prior years was explained above. The overall clearance percentage for all criminal and non-criminal calls for the Locust Police Department in 2025 was 90.7% which included all criminal activity incident reports as well as any non-criminal reports where a report was requested or necessary. This clearance percentage included 47 incidents that resulted in leads being exhausted and 17 incidents that remained open at year's end for the 2025 calendar year. This represented a 3% decrease from the overall clearance percentage in 2024, and remained in-line with all other years where this method of analysis has been utilized.

For incidents deemed as criminal incidents and/or property crime/fraud incidents, reported incidents and clearance percentages would not have been impacted by the department's new reporting policy as any confirmed criminal incident will always require an incident report. For 2025, confirmed criminal incidents were successfully cleared at 87.1% which was recognized as a department record. Property crime/fraud incidents were successfully cleared at 75.7%, recognized as the second highest rate of clearance for those types of incidents since clearance analysis began in 2018. It should always be noted that in a smaller city with a lower incidence of overall criminal activity, there is a greater possibility of achieving higher clearance on criminal and property crime incidents as opposed to a large city with significantly higher rates of criminal activity. This should not negate the performance of Locust Police Department officers and investigators in 2025 whose efficient response times, and dedicated follow-up investigation of incidents that either resulted in on-scene arrests or charges obtained for criminal incidents resulted in a high percentage of effective clearance. These clearance percentages for criminal and property crime incidents would represent a clearance percentage increase of 0.4% for confirmed criminal incidents and a decrease of 2.9% for property crime and fraud incidents from the numbers recorded in 2024. It should be noted also that there were 77 fewer confirmed criminal incidents and 60 less property crime/fraud incidents in 2025 compared to 2024, and less reported crime in Locust is always a positive development.

**Reviewing a year-to-year comparison from 2018 when clearance statistical analysis began to this past year shows that 2025 was another solid and even record-breaking year for department clearance as successful clearance percentages were record highs in confirmed criminal incidents, second highest rate of clearance recorded for property crime and fraud incidents, and in-line with all other years for overall incidents.**

The Locust Police Department is extremely proud of all of our officers in our patrol and investigations divisions that are responsible for our agency's continued high clearance rates. They are dedicated officers that always respond quickly, work efficiently, and follow-up relentlessly to achieve successful and satisfactory dispositions at a very high percentage.

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## 2025 Final Department Clearance Statistics

\*Statistics are based on department produced incident reports only. Non-criminal incident reports have been greatly reduced due to revised department report policy.

### Agency

Total reported incidents – 685

Total open incidents – 17

Total closed incidents (Excluding leads exhausted) – 621

Leads exhausted/inactive incidents – 47

Other circumstance incidents – 318

(Incidents that are non-criminal, or criminal allegations but disposed as unfounded, victim refused, etc.)

**Total closed percentage (Excludes leads exhausted incidents) – 90.7%**

Total criminal incidents (Resulting in arrest, leads exhausted, or inactive) – 350

Total criminal incidents cleared by arrest – 305

**Total cleared by arrest percentage – 87.1%**

Total property crime/fraud incidents – 235

Total open property crime/fraud incidents – 16

Total leads exhausted property crime/fraud incidents – 41

Cleared property crime/fraud incidents (Arrest or other satisfactory disposition) – 178

**Total cleared property crime/fraud percentage – 75.7%**

### **YEAR TO YEAR COMPARISON (Final Statistics For Each Given Year)**

<b>Category</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024*</b>	<b>2025*</b>
Reported Incidents	1,611	1,737	1,928	1,799	1,791	1,786	1,103	<b>685</b>
Confirmed Criminal Incidents	356	357	406	360	389	482	427	<b>350</b>
Prop. Crime/Fraud Incidents	228	275	335	266	278	341	295	<b>235</b>
Total Closed %	93.97%	94.8%	93.8%	94.9%	95.3%	93.1%	93.7%	<b>90.7%</b>
Cleared By Arrest %	69.9%	75.4%	79.1%	76.7%	79.2%	73.7%	86.7%	<b>87.1%</b>
Cleared Prop. Crime/Fraud %	67.5%	68.7%	69.9%	66.5%	71.2%	67.5%	78.6%	<b>75.7%</b>

**\*Reported Incidents Are Significantly Lower Due To Locust Officers No Longer Required To Do Reports On Many Non-Criminal Incidents.**