

Time to Act on Crime in ByWard/Lowertown

Crime Stats 2011-2016

Outline of the Presentation

- “ Getting at the facts
- “ The Story as told by the Crime Stats
- “ The Action wanted by the Residents

How much crime is there in ByWard/Lowertown

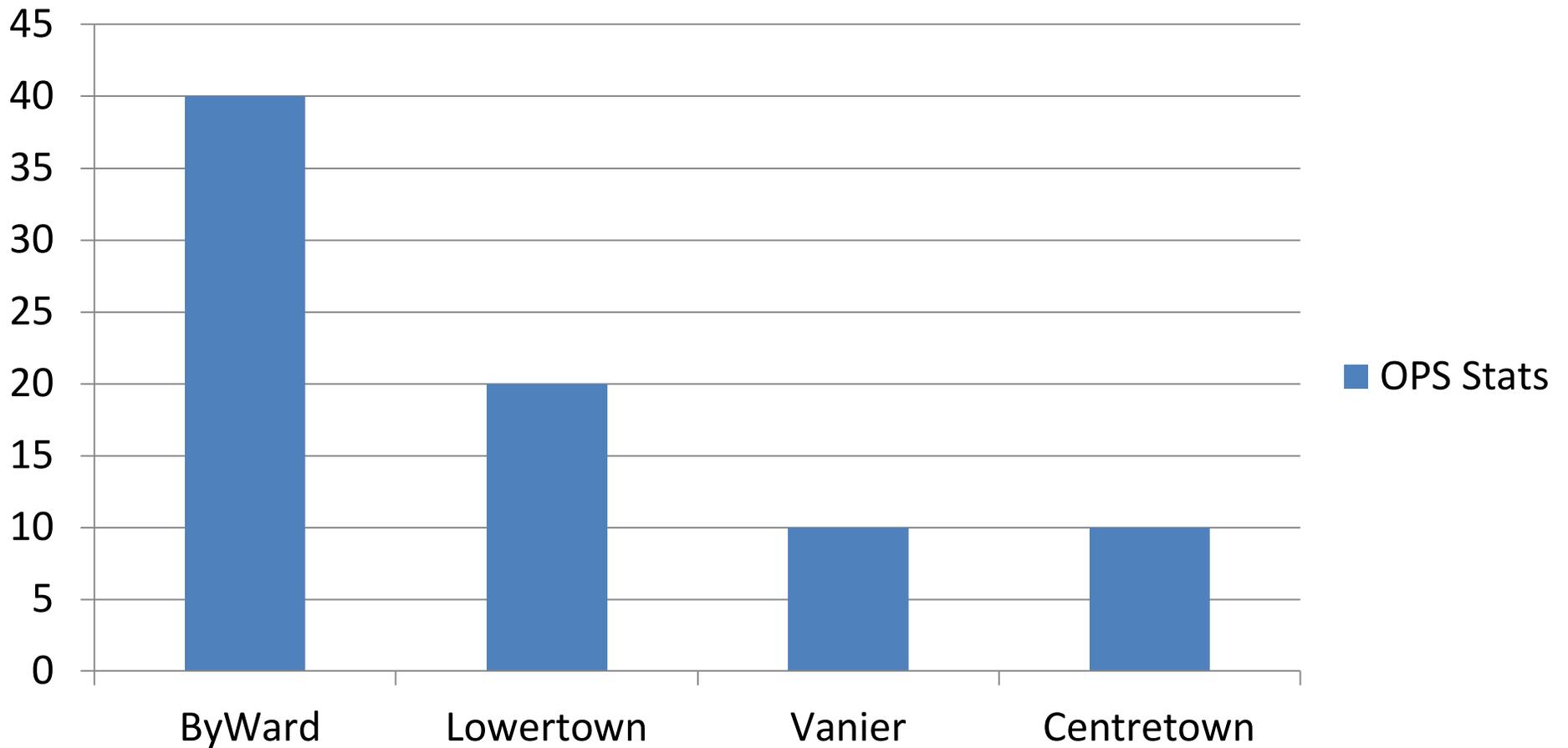
Bad and getting worse

Media only shows the messy headlines

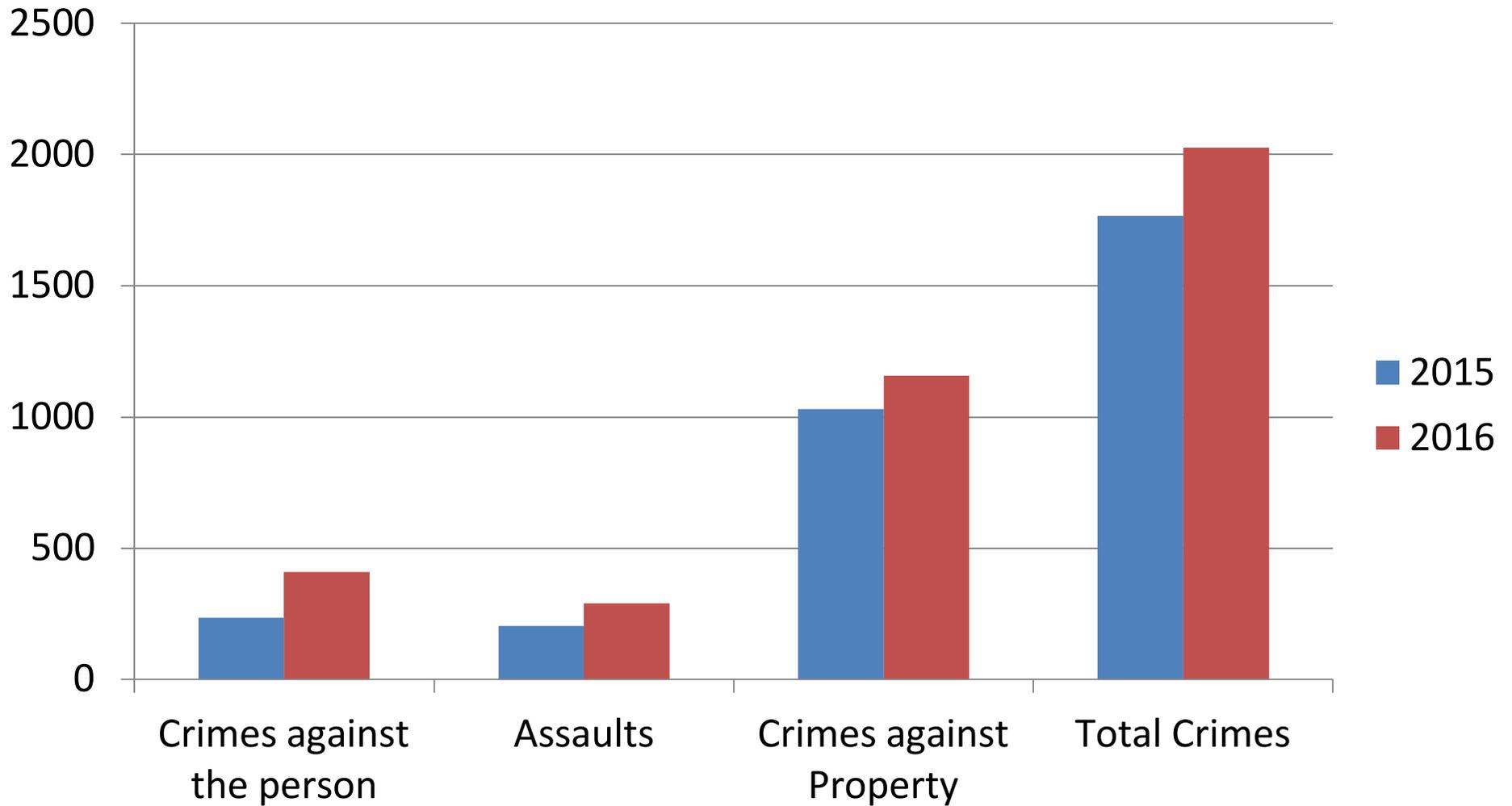
Residents concerned especially at night

ByWard Worst in City: Assaults per 1,000 Residents 2015

OPS Stats



2016 a bad year for ByWard



OPS Crime Stats hard to interpret

Only published on a Ward basis

Cannot identify community impacts

Crime Mapping Tool: 14 days of data on selected crimes including Homicide, Break and Enter, Robbery, and Assaults

Map November 8 shows 78 “incidents” (26 violent, 21 property and 28 quality of life)

LCA Efforts to get Crime Stats

- “ Safety and Security a long standing concern
- “ LCA began in 2012 to seek better data
- “ City created the ByWard Safety and Security Committee in 2006
 - . Intended to be representative of business and resident concerns, in fact dominated by BIA
 - . Has not collected good crime data

Ottawa Neighbourhood Study

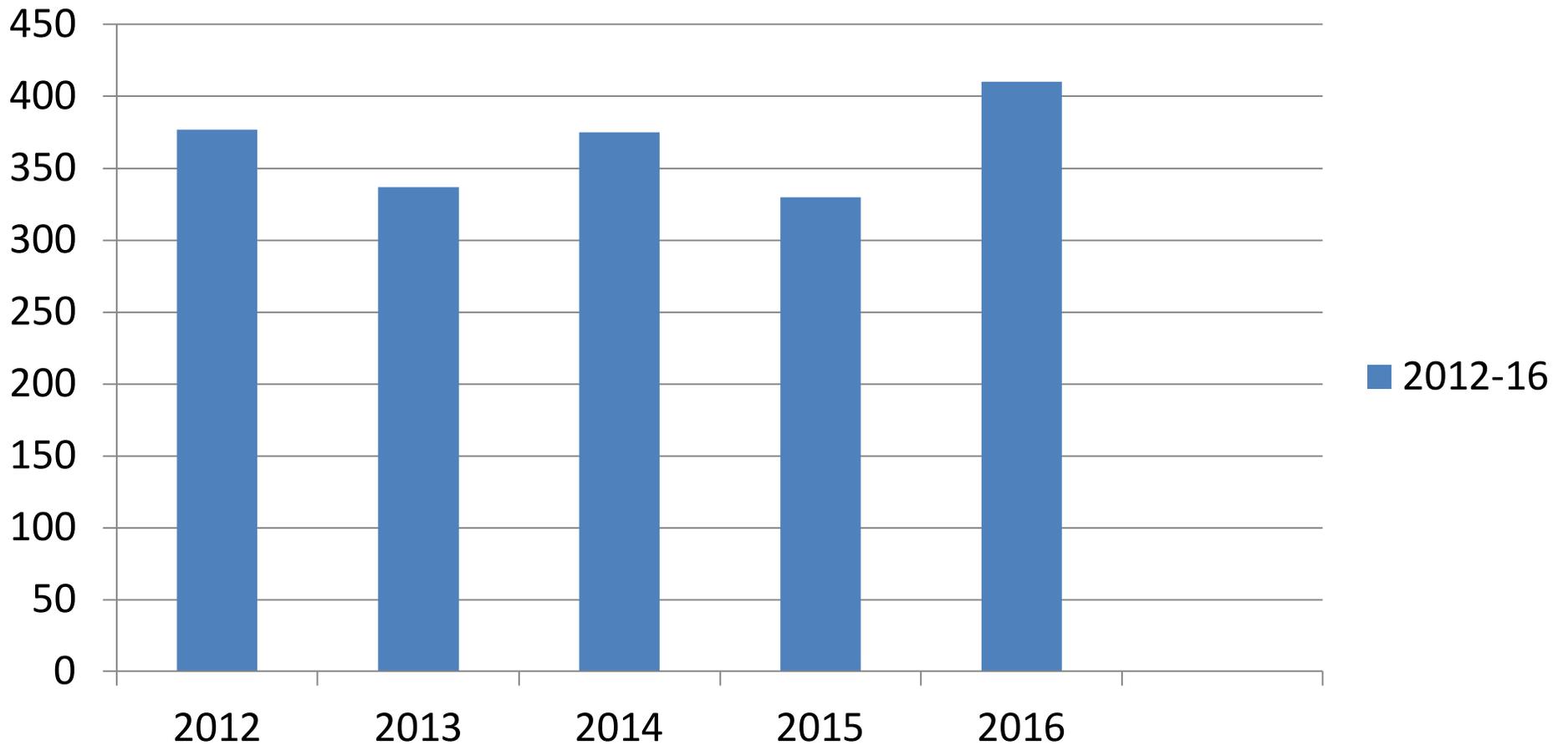
- “ A website devoted to neighbourhood stats
 - . <https://www.neighbourhoodstudy.ca/>
- “ Agreement with OPS to post crime stats for all Ottawa Communities
- “ Provides stable definition of neighbourhood, contextual information
- “ 2016 data are not up yet
- “ ONS divides Lowertown into two neighbourhoods ByWard and Lowertown

Analysis of Crime Stats

- “ The ONS site has crime data for the years 2011-2015
- “ For ByWard Market 2016 figures have been provided by OPS
- “ Most of the following analysis is focused on ByWard with some comparison to Lowertown

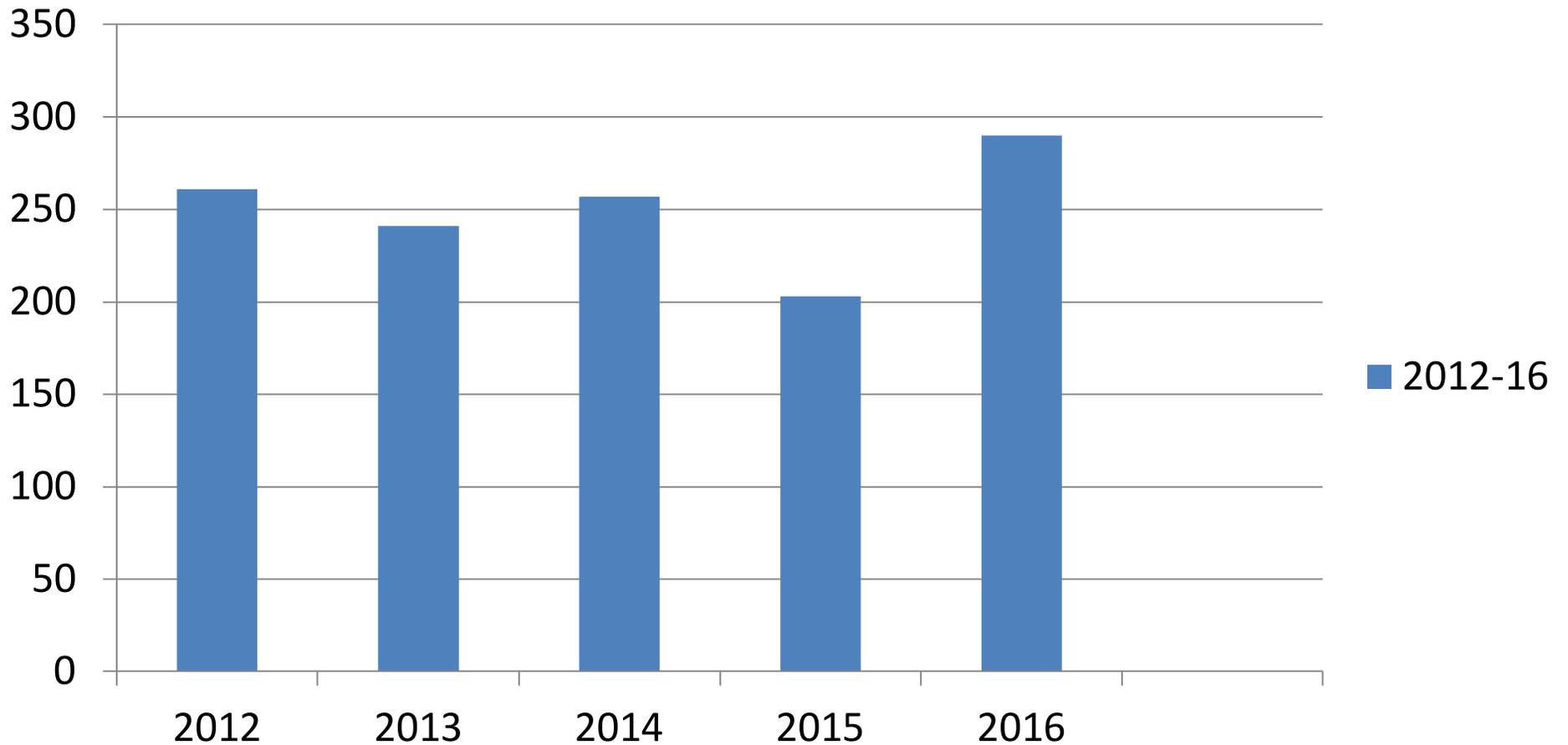
ByWard: Crimes against the Person

2012-16



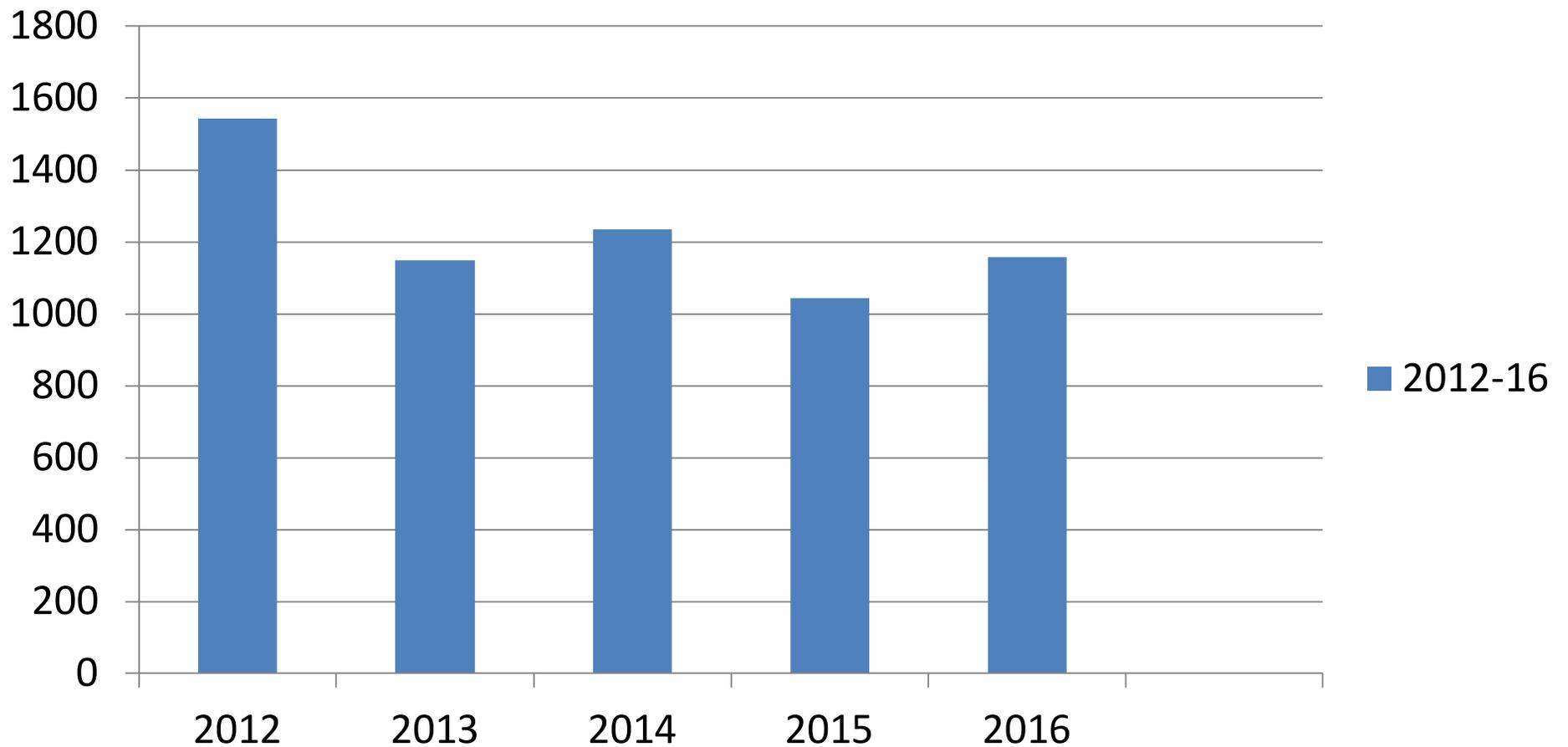
ByWard: Assaults 2012-2016

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ByWard: Crimes Against Property

2012-16



ByWard also a leader in Bylaw complaints

- “ The failure to enforce city bylaws is leading to the worsening situation in ByWard
 - . Distance between bars and nightclubs (100 meters)
 - . Noise, Sidewalk obstructions
- “ ByWard residents made 2302 noise complaints in 2015
- “ Bylaw enforcement (except for parking) is responsive, waiting for citizen complaints
- “ As Councillor Fleury notes
 - . “A noise call can be the tip of an iceberg.”

ByWard: Bars and Clubs

Bars and Nightclubs

Variable	Byward Market	Average
Number of bars/nightclubs	79	3.4
Number of bars/nightclubs per 1000 people	16.3	0.5
Avg. distance to nearest bar or nightclub (km)	0.3	3.2

ByWard: Drug Use

Needle Drop Boxes

Variable	Byward Market	Average
Number of needle drop boxes	4	0.5
Number of needle drop boxes per 1000 people	0.8	0.1
Avg. distance to a needle drop box (km)	2	5.2

Action Plan for ByWard

- “ Admit that crime rates are too high
- “ Undertake a study of the underlying causes
 - . Joint project with the City, OPS, BIA’s and LCA
- “ Set a target to reduce crimes against the person to the average of inner city neighbourhoods
- “ A moratorium on additional bar seats and new secure injection sites
- “ Re-establish a proactive community police presence
- “ Increased and proactive bylaw control