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ICPC LAUNCHES FOUR NEW REPORTS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND AND PREVENT CRIME IN THE MONTRÉAL METROPOLITAN AREA

Montréal, November 11, 2025 – The International Centre for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC) is releasing four new reports that provide an unprecedented overview of crime in the Montréal metropolitan area. Conducted with the support of the Quebec Ministry of Public Security and the City of Montréal, these studies offer in-depth territorial analyses on four key themes:

- the victimization of women and girls;
- the non-consensual distribution of intimate images;
- overall crime trends; and
- crime occurring in and around low-rent housing (HLM).

"Based on quantitative and contextualized approaches, these four studies are valuable tools for public authorities, frontline practitioners, researchers, and local partners working in the fields of safety and crime prevention," says Ann Champoux, Director General of the ICPC.

1. Overview of the Victimization of Women and Girls in the Greater Montréal Area

In 2022, over 12,600 women and girls were victims of crimes against the person, accounting for 47% of all victims. Sexual assault and contact, criminal harassment, and intimate partner violence were particularly prevalent. Cyberspace is increasingly a site of victimization, underscoring the need for gender-sensitive prevention strategies that are adapted to digital realities. [Read the report \(in French\).](#)

2. Analysis of Crimes Related to the Non-Consensual Distribution of Intimate Images in the Greater Montréal Area

This report presents the first comprehensive analysis of crimes linked to the non-consensual distribution of intimate images in the Greater Montréal area. This rapidly growing phenomenon primarily affects young women: in 2022, they represented 81% of

victims. Cases are particularly concentrated among youth aged 12 to 17 and young adults aged 18 to 30, confirming their heightened vulnerability in a context of high exposure to digital technologies and social media. [*Read the report \(in French\).*](#)

3. Statistical Report of Crime in the Greater Montréal Area

Between 2018 and 2022, over 358,000 criminal incidents were recorded in the Greater Montréal area. Vehicle thefts rose by 44%, fraud by 28%, and possession of stolen goods by 63%. Crimes against the person increased by 34%, with a high incidence of assault and sexual offences. This report highlights a shifting criminal landscape, with incidents increasingly concentrated in specific urban areas and disproportionately affecting young adults. [*Read the report \(in French\).*](#)

4. Crime In and Around Low-Rent Housing (HLM) in the Greater Montréal Area

Drawing on data from 2018 to 2022, this report shows that low-rent housing (HLM) in Montréal, while accounting for only a small proportion of total reported offences (2.6%), presents distinct crime dynamics. These environments, often characterized by high residential density and complex social realities, require sustained attention in terms of prevention. Women and older adults are more frequently affected by certain types of offences, notably intimate partner violence and assault. [*Read the report \(in French\).*](#)

About the International Centre for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC):

Based in Montréal since 1994, the ICPC is an international organization dedicated to supporting the development and implementation of practical, effective policies, programs, and projects aimed at reducing crime and delinquency. As a global centre of expertise, the ICPC works with governments, municipalities, organizations, businesses, and civil society to address complex safety challenges. Through research, capacity building, and knowledge sharing, the ICPC contributes to the creation of safer, more inclusive, and resilient communities in Canada and around the world.

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