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**ATTACHED:** [2022 Crime Stats Report](#)

# **SDPD Yearly Crime Statistics Reveal 7.5% Overall Decrease for City of San Diego**

## **SAN DIEGO MAINTAINS ONE OF THE LOWEST VIOLENT CRIME RATES AMONG LARGE U.S. CITIES**

**San Diego** – San Diego Police Chief David Nisleit will be joined by Mayor Todd Gloria on Thursday to release the [2022 annual crime statistics](#), revealing an overall decrease in crime and keeping San Diego as one of the safest big cities in America.

Overall crime citywide in San Diego decreased 7.5% in 2022. When compared to the previous year, data show decreases in four of the seven categories that are tabulated. The categories are grouped by violent crimes, including homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault and by property crimes, including burglary, theft and vehicle theft.

**“This decrease in crime is proof of the San Diego Police Department’s commitment to keeping our community safe in even the most challenging times,” Mayor Gloria said. “I’m proud to see the numbers down and will continue to ensure SDPD has the resources they need to make this downward trend the norm for years to come.”**

The City saw decreases in both murder and rape, with a slight increase in violent crime due to upticks in robbery and aggravated assault. Property crimes showed a 9.7% decrease overall.

**“Despite the challenges facing the San Diego Police Department last year, SDPD officers, investigators and support staff were dedicated to protecting our City,” Chief Nisleit said. “San Diego remains one of the safest big cities in the nation, and we can never take that for granted. SDPD will continue to focus on proactively preventing crimes before they occur and investigating cases to their full extent to bring justice for our communities.”**

## BREAKDOWN BY CATEGORY

	Overall Crime Jan. - Dec.			% Change 2021-2022	(Rates per 1,000)			% Clearance		
	2020	2021	2022		2020	2021	2022	2020	2021	2022
Murder	55	57*	51	-10.5%	0.04	0.04	0.03	87.5%	75.4%	80.4%
Rape	485	571	496	-13.1%	0.34	0.40	0.34	13.2%	10.5%	9.5%
Robbery	1,207	1,091	1,292	18.4%	0.84	0.77	0.88	29.2%	31.8%	31%
Aggravated Assault	3,556	4,156	4,204	1.2%	2.49	2.95	2.88	42.8%	42.9%	43.6%
<b>Violent Crimes</b>	<b>5,303</b>	<b>5,875</b>	<b>6,043</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>3.71</b>	<b>4.16</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>37.4%</b>	<b>38.0%</b>	<b>38.4%</b>
Burglary	3,324	3,393	3,239	-4.5%	2.32	2.40	2.22	12.2%	11.4%	11.5%
Theft	16,044	18,075	15,390	-14.9%	11.22	12.81	10.53	3.8%	3.8%	4.6%
Vehicle Theft	4,953	6,165	6,325	2.6%	3.46	4.37	4.33	8.4%	8.3%	6.7%
<b>Property Crimes</b>	<b>24,321</b>	<b>27,633</b>	<b>24,954</b>	<b>-9.7%</b>	<b>17.00</b>	<b>19.58</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29,624</b>	<b>33,508</b>	<b>30,997</b>	<b>-7.5%</b>	<b>20.71</b>	<b>23.75</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>11.7%</b>	<b>11.5%</b>	<b>12.4%</b>

\*Two additional homicides occurred in the City of San Diego in 2021, however, per UCR guidelines they were officially reported statistically by California Highway Patrol as the incidents occurred on freeways.

## STATISTICS OF NOTE:

- **Murders decreased by 10.5%.** Of the 51 homicide cases, 6 were confirmed to be associated with gang activity and 8 were associated with family/domestic violence.
- **Rape crimes decreased 13.1%** in 2022.
- **The violent crime rate of 4.2 per thousand residents** is one of the lowest in the nation.
- **Hate crime reports decreased by 17.4%.** Race accounted for 53% of hate crimes in 2022.
- **Crimes committed by gang members decreased 17%** and the number of documented gang members decreased by 20%.
- **San Diego's crime case clearance rates increased in 2022,** including a 5% increase in the clearance rate for murder cases.

SDPD continues to encourage all community members to work with the police department to report suspicious activity, assist in investigations and help create safer communities for all.

The San Diego Police Department compiles and submits the data to the Federal Bureau of Investigation as part of the Uniform Crime Reporting program that collects data from departments across the U.S.

The Department will present the annual crime data to the City Council as an information item later in May.

**WHAT:** Press Conference

**WHO:** Police Chief David Nisleit  
San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria

**WHEN:** Thursday, April 20, 2023, 11:15 a.m.

**WHERE:** San Diego Police Headquarters  
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