

2025 Annual Crime Statistics Report

Police Department January – December NIBRS Crimes

This report summarizes the January through December 2025 National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) crimes and hate crimes statistics. NIBRS crimes include crimes against persons, property, and society. The United States Department of Justice collects information on these crime types from law enforcement agencies throughout the United States and uses the data to measure crime nationwide.

Crime Overview

Overall, crime Citywide decreased by 6.3% in 2025 from 2024, continuing a multi-year downward trend since SDPD began reporting NIBRS crime stats in 2023. Both the Crimes Against Persons and Crimes Against Property categories saw decreases during 2025. Additionally, the Crimes Against Society category slightly increased, primarily due to Proposition 36-related enforcement. Many of the major offense categories saw numbers similar to decades ago, when the City's population was significantly smaller.

Crimes Against Persons	2025	2024	% change	2025 Clearance Rate
Homicide	39	48	-18.8%	62.5%
*Murder	27	36	-25.0%	85.2%
Kidnapping/Abduction	216	265	-18.5%	66.7%
Sexual Assault	738	793	-6.9%	17.3%
Aggravated Assault	4,351	4,528	-3.9%	53.8%
Simple Assault	6,896	6,989	-1.3%	49.6%
Intimidation	1,010	1065	-5.2%	48.8%
Other Sex Offenses	17	22	-22.7%	11.8%
Subtotal	13,267	13,710	-3.2%	49.4%
Crimes Against Property				
Robbery	962	1,080	-10.9%	36.3%
Arson	132	141	-6.4%	53.8%
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	2,059	2,686	-23.3%	16.9%
Larceny	12,102	12,122	-0.2%	8.5%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	3,735	4,960	-24.7%	2.2%
Motor Vehicle Theft	4,261	5,447	-21.8%	9.7%
Stolen Property Offenses	578	946	-38.9%	89.3%
Vandalism	5,935	6,658	-10.9%	17.1%
Fraud/Counterfeiting	3,070	3,096	-0.8%	14.7%
Subtotal	32,834	37,136	-11.6%	13.0%
Crimes Against Society				
Drug/Narcotic Violations	7,644	7,066	8.2%	99.5%
Pornography/Obscene Material	29	22	31.8%	24.1%
Gambling Violations	10	2	400.0%	100.0%
Prostitution	62	76	-18.4%	98.4%
Weapon Law Violations	941	983	-4.3%	93.1%
Animal Cruelty	29	25	16.0%	69.0%
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations	447	244	83.2%	100.0%
Disorderly Conduct	2,472	2,634	-6.2%	100.0%
Alcohol Violations	1,706	1,559	9.4%	100.0%
Peeping Tom	1	13	-92.3%	100.0%
Trespass of Real Property	351	320	9.7%	100.0%
Subtotal	13,692	12,944	5.8%	99.0%
Total	59,793	63,790	-6.3%	40.8%

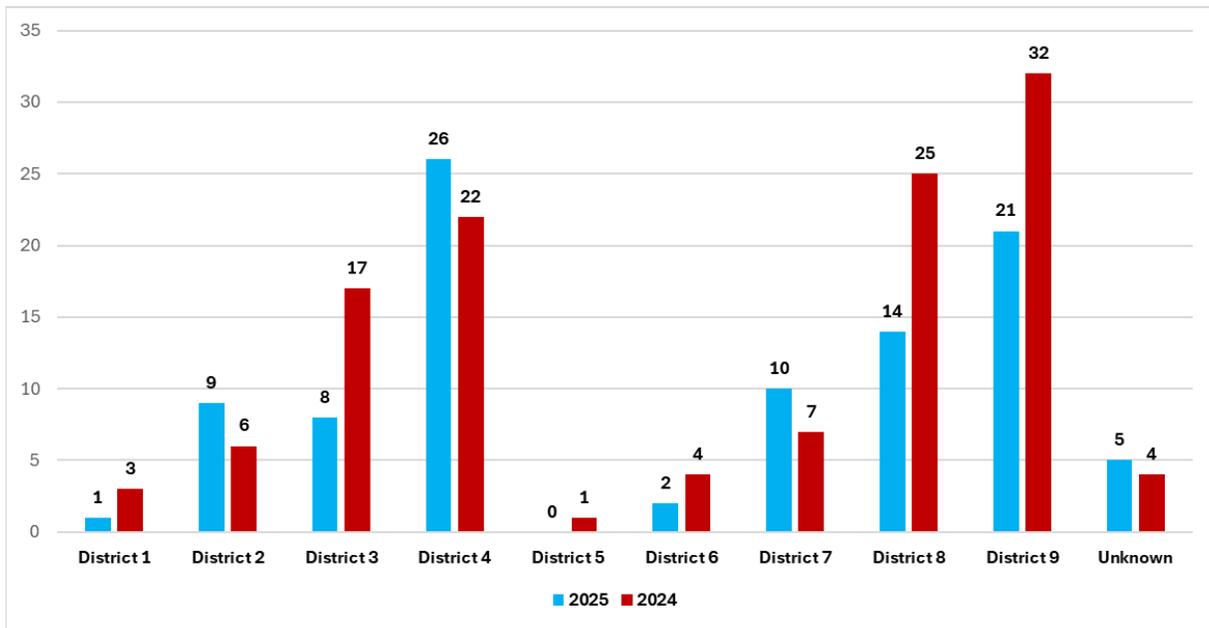
*Murder totals represent Homicide Unit investigations as a subset of the overall Homicide category. 12 Homicide offenses in 2025 were Traffic related. CAU2/12/26

Crimes Against Persons

Crimes Against Persons are down 3% compared to 2024. All crime types within this category saw decreases, most notably in murder and kidnapping/abduction offenses. The overall homicide category is down 19% compared to 2024 and is comprised of 12 traffic-related offenses and 27 murders, respectively. 5 of the murder investigations were gang-related, and 7 investigations were associated with family/domestic violence. Murder offenses in 2025 have not been this low since the late 1960s in San Diego.

Sexual assault offenses, which are comprised of both forcible rape and fondling/groping offenses, are down 7% for the year-end 2025 compared to 2024. Aggravated assaults also saw a decrease of nearly 4% in 2025 overall. Non-fatal shootings decreased in 2025 from 121 in 2024 to 96, a 21% decrease overall. Non-fatal shootings have continued to decline in recent years since peaking at 256 offenses in 2021.

Non-Fatal Shootings by Council District 2024 vs 2025



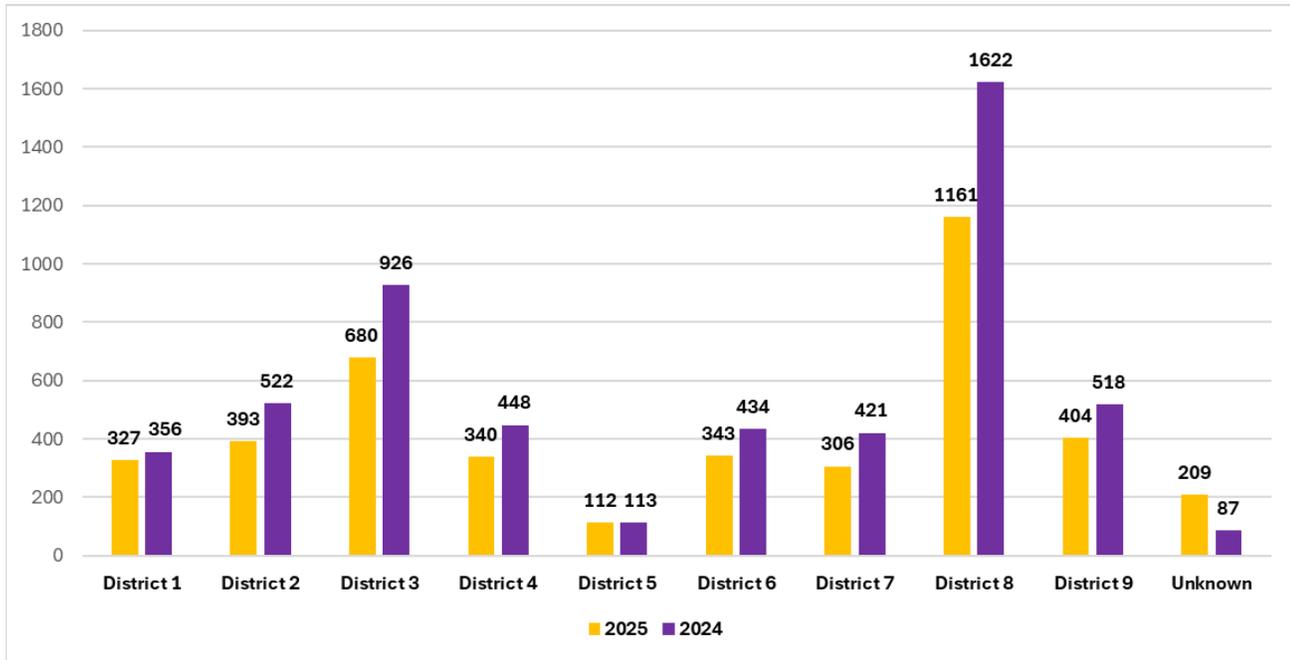
Crimes Against Property

In 2025, Crimes Against Property decreased by nearly 12%, following a 5% decrease from the year prior. All property-related offense categories decreased in 2025, with notable declines in burglary, theft from a motor vehicle, and motor vehicle theft.

Robbery also saw an 11% decrease from 2025, with approximately 4% of robberies involving carjackings. Armed robberies accounted for approximately 35% of all robbery offenses, while strong-armed robberies accounted for the remaining 65%. Similar to other major crime categories in 2025, robberies in San Diego have not seen annual reported numbers as low since 1970.

Motor vehicle theft has continued to dramatically decrease Citywide, with a 22% decrease in 2025, following a nearly 20% decrease the year prior. While districts 3 and 8 have historically been outliers in terms of vehicle thefts, both districts continue to see dramatic decreases in offenses, a trend that carried over from 2024. The closest year in which San Diego has experienced this few auto theft cases was 1972.

Vehicle Thefts by Council District 2024 vs 2025

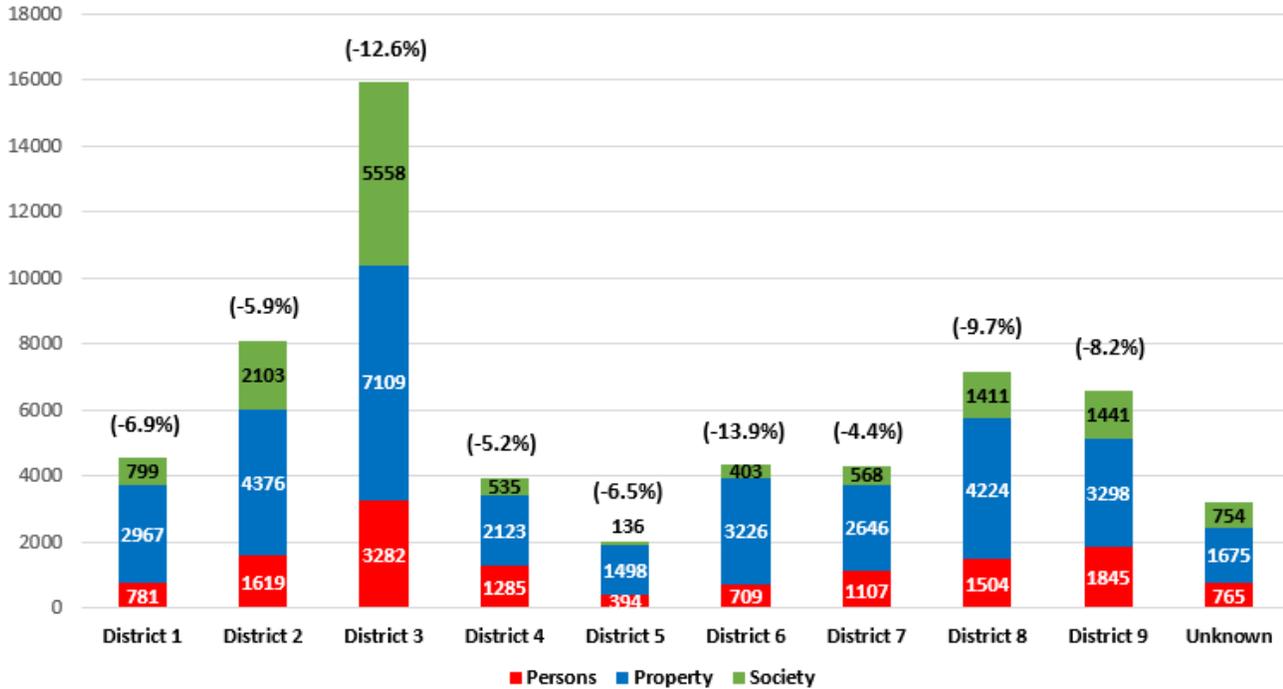


Crimes Against Society

Crimes against society are generally incidents in which a suspect is arrested at the scene of the offense. These offenses typically comprise events in which the crime was observed by an officer, such as being drunk in public, possession of narcotics, and disorderly conduct. Because of the nature of these offenses, this category generally reflects the San Diego Police Department’s enforcement activities.

Offenses related to crimes against society are up by 6% from 2024. Most notably, drug/narcotic violations and loitering offenses were up 8% and 83% respectively, in 2025. The introduction of Prop 36, effective in December of 2024, resulted in increased enforcement of narcotic and theft-related offenses throughout 2025. It is also important to note that the 83% increase in loitering offenses in 2025 was primarily driven by loitering for illegal drug activity violations, and not curfew-related offenses.

Crime Categories by Council District



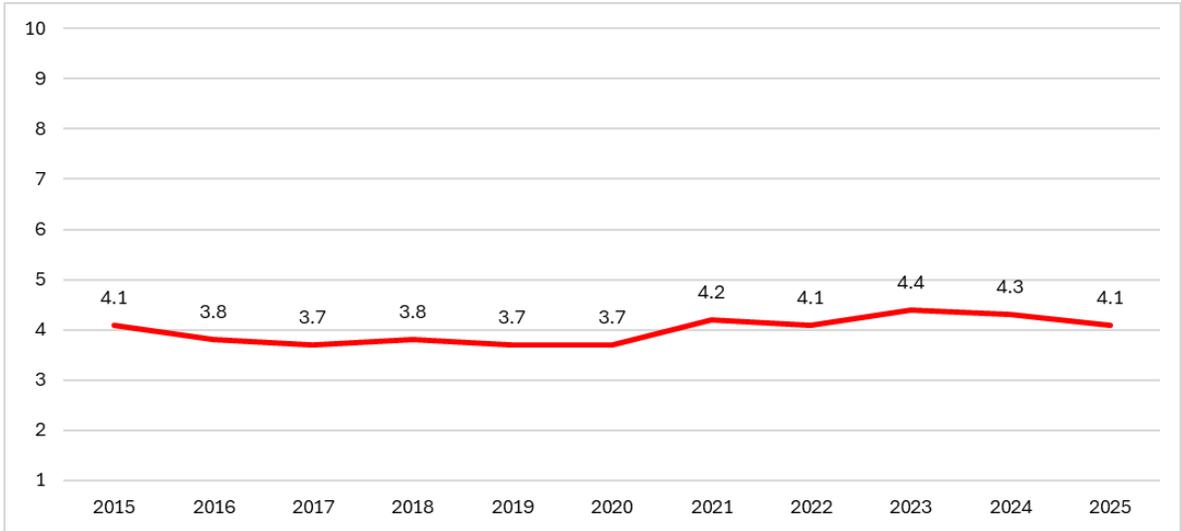
The chart above illustrates a breakdown of all three NIBRS categories by council district. All districts showed decreases in calendar year 2025, with notable declines in districts 3 and 6. As in previous years, Crimes Against Property continues to account for the majority of offenses Citywide.

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Summary Violent Crime Rate

UCR Summary crimes were historically reported by the San Diego Police Department to the FBI from 1950 to 2022, when reporting transitioned to NIBRS formatting. UCR Summary Violent Crime reporting included a smaller subset of crime overall: Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault. While NIBRS categories do not offer a direct comparison with historical reported UCR Summary crimes, SDPD will continue to calculate the yearly UCR Summary violent crime rate for comparison purposes.\

The violent crime rate of 4.1 per thousand residents in 2025 is comparable to crime rates in the 1970s. While national figures for UCR Summary statistics are not yet available for calendar year 2025, the current San Diego crime rate is in keeping with the historical trend of San Diego being one of the lowest major cities with respect to violent crime.

Violent Crime Rate per 1,000 Residents 2015-2025

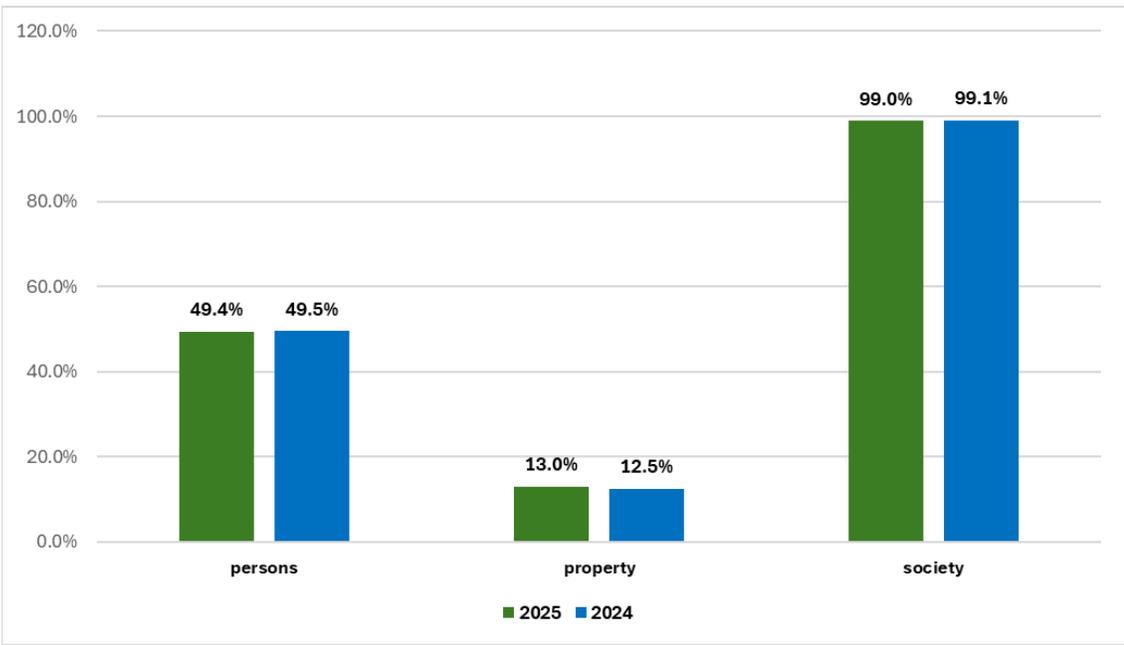


Note: Based on UCR Summary reporting rules for historical comparison purposes

Crime Clearances

A crime clearance for FBI reporting purposes is comprised of either an offense being cleared by an arrest or an exceptional purpose; for example, the suspect is deceased, or the District Attorney is not issuing criminal charges. Cases may be administratively closed for investigative purposes (i.e. cold case), however that does not result in a clearance per FBI reporting standards.

Crime Clearance Rates by NIBRS Category 2025-2025



Overall crime clearance rates remained similar in 2025 compared to 2024. Approximately 49% of crimes against persons were cleared, and 13% of crimes against property were cleared. As previously mentioned, crimes against society involve situations in which a suspect is arrested at the scene, resulting in high clearance rates. Across all categories, roughly 41% of all NIBRS crimes were cleared in 2025.

Hate Crimes

There were 41 confirmed hate crimes last year in the City of San Diego, a 32% decrease from 2024. Hate crimes with an anti-transgender, anti-race, and anti-sexual orientation bias decreased 100%, 64%, and 46% respectively. Anti-race hate crimes were comprised of one incident each per minority race group. The remaining four incidents were mixed racial biases.

Hate Crimes Breakdown 2024 - 2025			
Category	2024	2025	% Change
Anti-Transgender	4	0	-100%
Ethnic Origin	2	0	-100%
Race:	22	8	-64%
Asian	3	1	-67%
Black	9	1	-89%
Hispanic	5	1	-80%
White	3	0	-100%
Middle Eastern	2	1	-50%
Other	0	4	N/A
Religion	8	20	150%
Sexual Orientation	24	13	-46%
Total	60	41	-32%

Anti-religious hate crimes experienced a significant increase throughout the early months of the year, with a series of vandalisms focused on synagogues and churches in Central San Diego. Following this uptick early in the year, anti-religious hate crimes followed a trend similar to what has been observed in previous years.

Gang Crimes

While overall crimes committed by known gang members have seen a 13% decrease over 2024, specifically, violent gang activity has increased. Arrests of documented gang members has also increased by 20% over 2024.

San Diego Crimes Committed by Gang Members January to December			
Crime Type	2024	2025	% Change
All Crimes:			
Homicide	3	5	67%
Attempt Homicide	8	15	88%
Assault	95	105	11%
Robbery	33	40	21%
Auto Theft	26	12	-54%
Other	234	169	-28%
Total	399	346	-13%
Assaults by Weapon			
Shooting	46	52	13%
Stabbing	11	17	55%
Other	102	120	18%
Total	159	189	19%
Drive-By shootings	3	5	67%
Arrests of Gang Members	279	334	20%
Documented Gang Members	1,173	1,087	-7%
Documented Gang Sets	38	37	-3%

Note: Gang statistics provided by the SDPD Special Operations Unit (SOU).

Conclusion

The statistics in this report reflect overall crime in the City of San Diego, as reported under NIBRS standards. Crime in 2025 decreased compared to 2024, aligning with a national trend of decreases amongst major U.S. cities.