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Crime Reduction Streak Continues for City of San Diego

*OVERALL CRIME DOWN 6.3% IN 2025, MARKING FOURTH YEAR OF
DECREASE IN CRIME FOR NATION'S 8TH LARGEST CITY*

SAN DIEGO – Continuing a four-year streak in crime reduction, Mayor Todd Gloria and Police Chief Scott Wahl announced today that crime in San Diego was down in 2025. The data shows an overall decrease of 6.3% in 2025 compared to 2024, with crime decreasing each of the last four years, keeping San Diego one of the safest big cities in America.

Emphasizing the impact of all City Departments and community partnerships on addressing and preventing crime, Mayor Gloria and Chief Wahl were joined by members of the City's Fire-Rescue, Environmental Services and Parks and Recreation Departments, as well as community members from City Boards and Commissions, Chief's Advisory Board members, businesses, and community organizations that work alongside the Police Department from across the city.

This achievement can be largely attributed to outstanding police work, meaningful community partnerships, and effective use of technology.

[ABOUT NIBRS](#)

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.

2025 STATISTICS

Overall crime Citywide in San Diego decreased 6.3% in 2025 (after a 1.5% reduction in 2024 and a 2.7% decrease in 2023). Data shows a decrease in over 75% of all the crimes tabulated. Crimes against persons decreased by 3.2%, and crimes against property decreased by 11.8%. The increases noted in the crimes against society category often correlate with additional enforcement efforts rather than an increase in criminal behavior.

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. CAU 2/12/26

STATISTICS OF NOTE:

- **Murders decreased by 25%.** Of the 27 murder cases, SDPD detectives have arrested or identified the suspect in 26 of the cases.
- **Sexual assault decreased 6.9%** in 2025, continuing the downward trend seen in 2024 and 2023.
- **Non-fatal shootings decreased by 25 cases,** a 21% decrease compared to 2024 and a 63% decrease since 2021, when shootings peaked at 256 offenses that year.
- **The violent crime rate of 4.1 per thousand residents** is one of the lowest of major cities in the nation.
- **Motor vehicle thefts declined by 22%,** following decreases in both 2023 and 2024, a statistic that is supported through the use of Smart Streetlight cameras and automated license plate reader technology, and on trend with other U.S. cities. The closest year in which San Diego has experienced this few auto theft cases was 1972.
- **Hate crime reports have decreased from 60 cases in 2024 to 41 cases in 2025, a 32% reduction.**
 - Bias against sexual orientation accounted for 32% of hate crimes in 2025
 - Racial bias accounted for 20% of hate crimes in 2025.
 - Bias against a religion accounted for 49% of hate crimes in 2025.
- **Crimes committed by gang members decreased 13%;** however, violent gang activity has increased, and the number of arrests of documented gang members increased by 20%.

The Department will present these statistics to the City Council next week. The full crime statistics information can be found in the [2025 Annual Crime Statistics Report](#).

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