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Crime in Washington 2024

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Crime in Washington 2024 (published July 28, 2025) is the 45th annual publication of the Washington Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program report of criminal offenses, arrests, law enforcement officers killed or assaulted, and full-time law enforcement employees.



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Full Time Law Enforcement Employee Count

- [1980-2024 Full-Time Law Enforcement Employees](#) (Filtered Spreadsheet) (Updated on 7/17/2025)
- [2020-2024 Full-Time Law Enforcement Employees 5-Year Trend](#) (Graph) (Updated on 7/17/2025)
- [One-Time Survey for Allocated Full-Time Employees](#) (2016 Only)

Request for Data



What is in the report?

- Statewide crime information
- Crime data by agencies
- Staffing data for agencies
- All full reports dating back to 1980 are on the website
- This information goes to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for their “Crime in the U.S.” annual report published in the fall, and also into their searchable databases
- It is intended to provide information about what is going on in each community and for overall trends



How to use the report

The Crime in Washington is a publication based on crime statistic data submitted from Washington law enforcement agencies using the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). There are important factors the reader must consider when reading or using this report as well as crime statistic reports available from the FBI or other sources:

1. The data used to compile this report are based on a “snapshot” of our repository database as of a specific date (April 16, 2025 for the CIW 2024 Report). In NIBRS, there are no “fixed” statistics because law enforcement agencies update their incidents as new information becomes available.

Certain slides/data in this presentation have been assembled for this presentation and may not mirror data in CIW 2024 for this reason.

2. The data used in this report are based on the NIBRS method of submitting crime statistics. It is more comprehensive and detailed than the Summary Reporting System (SRS) in the past so the statistics published in NIBRS and SRS should not be compared.

For this reason, “historical” data for Washington only measures 2019 forward.



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3. The data displayed in this report should not be compared to the FBI Crime in The United States report which was published on August 5, 2025. The Washington State UCR Program forwards the crime data to the FBI in the NIBRS format; however, the FBI may convert NIBRS to the SRS format, use estimations, or omit agencies that have not submitted all twelve months for the year.

When comparing Washington data to Washington data, this presentation uses the Crime in Washington reports. When comparing Washington data to national data or other states' data, this presentation uses the FBI Crime in the US reports.

4. The data displayed per agency in this report should not be used to compare to other agencies or compile “rankings” of cities and counties. There are several variables which contribute to crime in a particular jurisdiction, including the demographics, economic, and cultural make-up of the population, the local industrial and economic base, its dependence upon neighboring jurisdictions, the transportation system, its economic dependence on nonresidents (such as tourists, shoppers, or other day-time visitors), and its proximity to military installations, correctional facilities, universities/colleges, or state hospitals.



Caution on comparisons

- Specific FBI rules on what is counted, and how
- FBI categorizations do not easily translate to WA criminal offenses
- FBI estimates/corrections in Crime in US Report
- Correlation v causation



Topics presented today

Presentation limited to the “what” and not the “why”

- Law enforcement staffing
- Overall crime trends
 - One Year (2024 vs 2023)
 - Five Years
- Crimes Against Persons
 - Homicides
 - Violent Crime
 - Hate Crimes
- Property Crimes
 - Motor Vehicle Theft
- Crimes Against Society
- *No 2025 data*

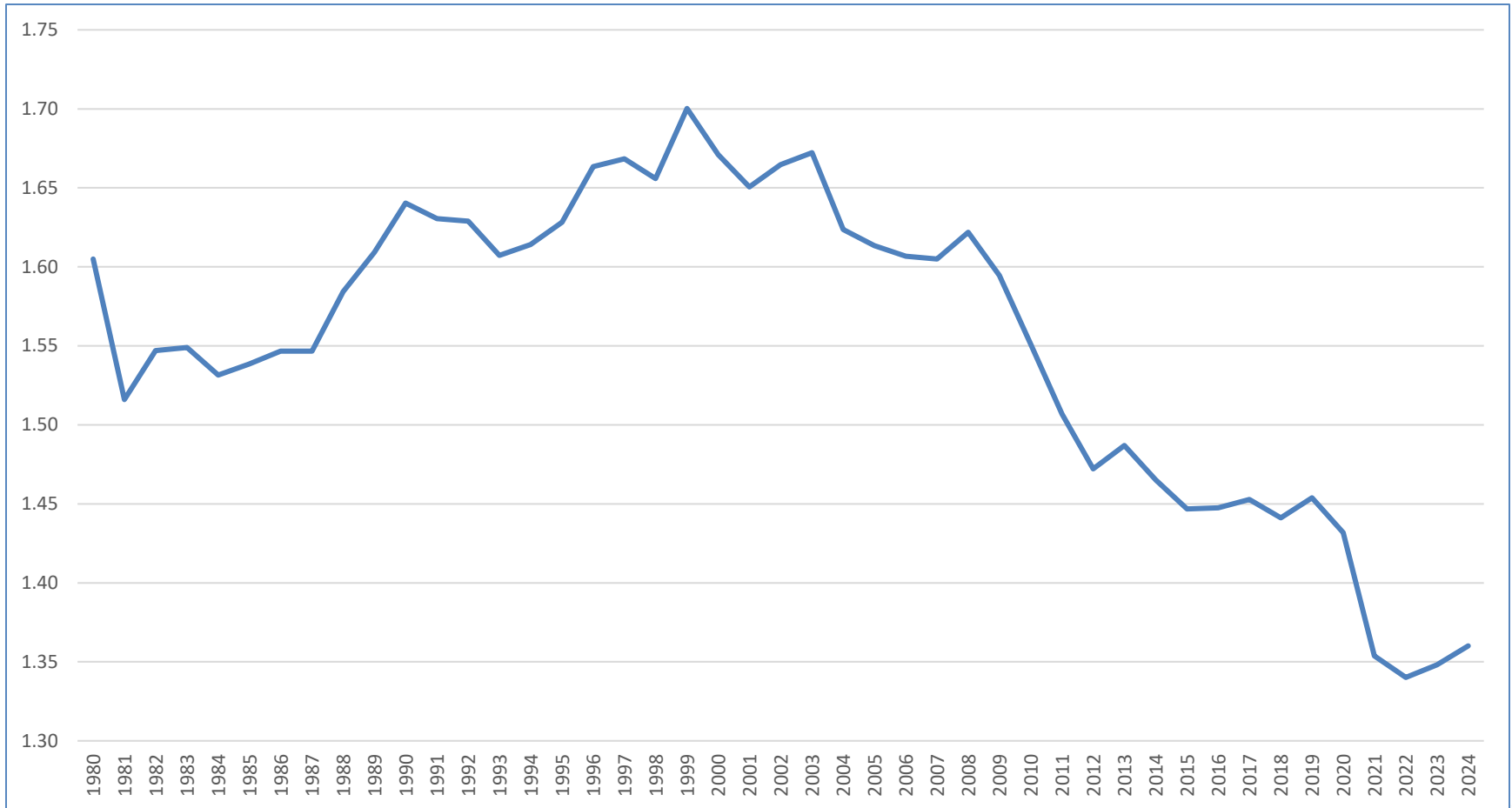


Law Enforcement Staffing

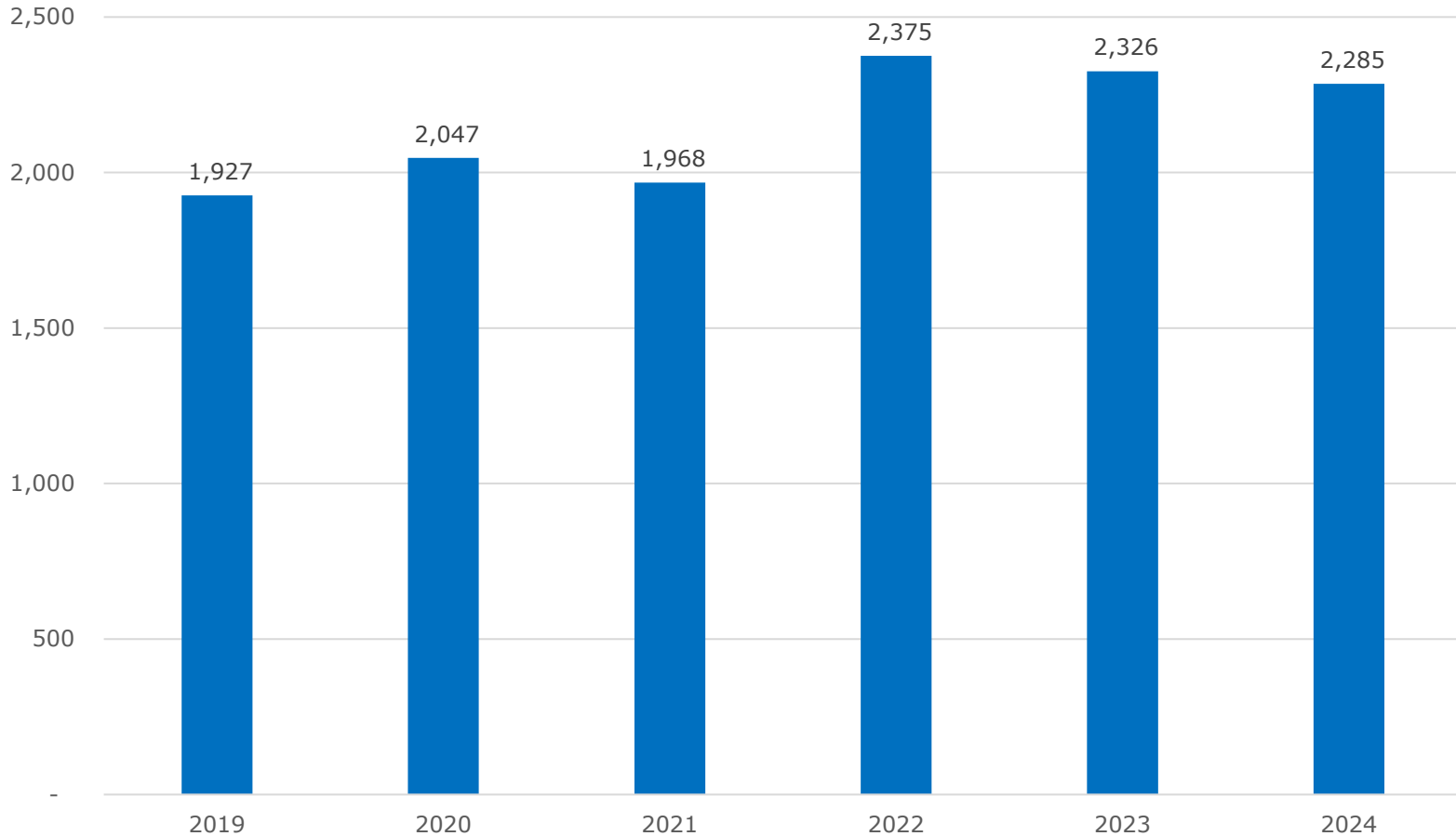
- WA State population rose 83,866 residents from 2023, to 8,035,515
- The number of WA State law enforcement commissioned officers increased by 310 from 10,760 in 2023 to 11,070 in 2024
- The per capita rate of law enforcement officers increased from 1.35 to 1.38 per thousand statewide
- FBI data: 2024 national average per capita rate of 2.32



Officers per capita 1980-2024



Officers Assaulted



-1.8% decrease (2024/2023)
19% increase (2024/2019)



Crime Classifications

Crimes Against Persons	Crimes Against Property	Crimes Against Society
Murder	Robbery	Animal Cruelty
Manslaughter	Burglary/Breaking Entering	Drug/Narcotic Violations
Aggravated Assault	Larceny/Theft Offenses	Drug Equipment Violations
Simple Assault	Motor Vehicle Theft	Gambling Offenses
Kidnapping	Arson	Pornography/Obscene Material
Human Trafficking	Destruction of Property	Prostitution Offenses
Viol No Contact Order	Counterfeit/Forgery	Weapon Law Violations
Intimidation	Fraud Offenses	
Rape	Embezzlement	
Fondling	Extortion/Blackmail	
Sodomy	Bribery	
Sexual Assault w/object	Stolen Property Offenses	
Statutory Rape		
Incest		

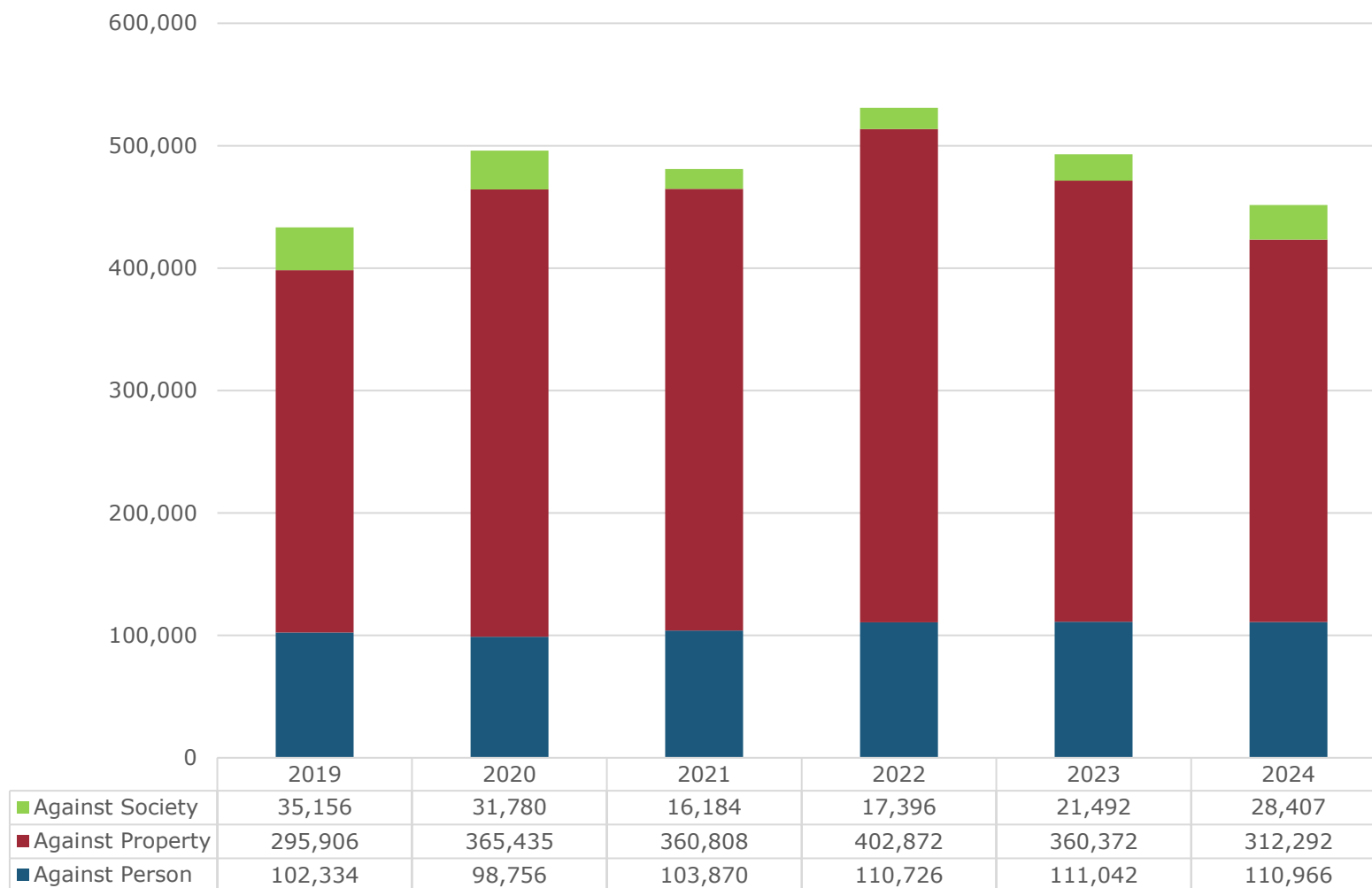


Overall 2024 vs 2023

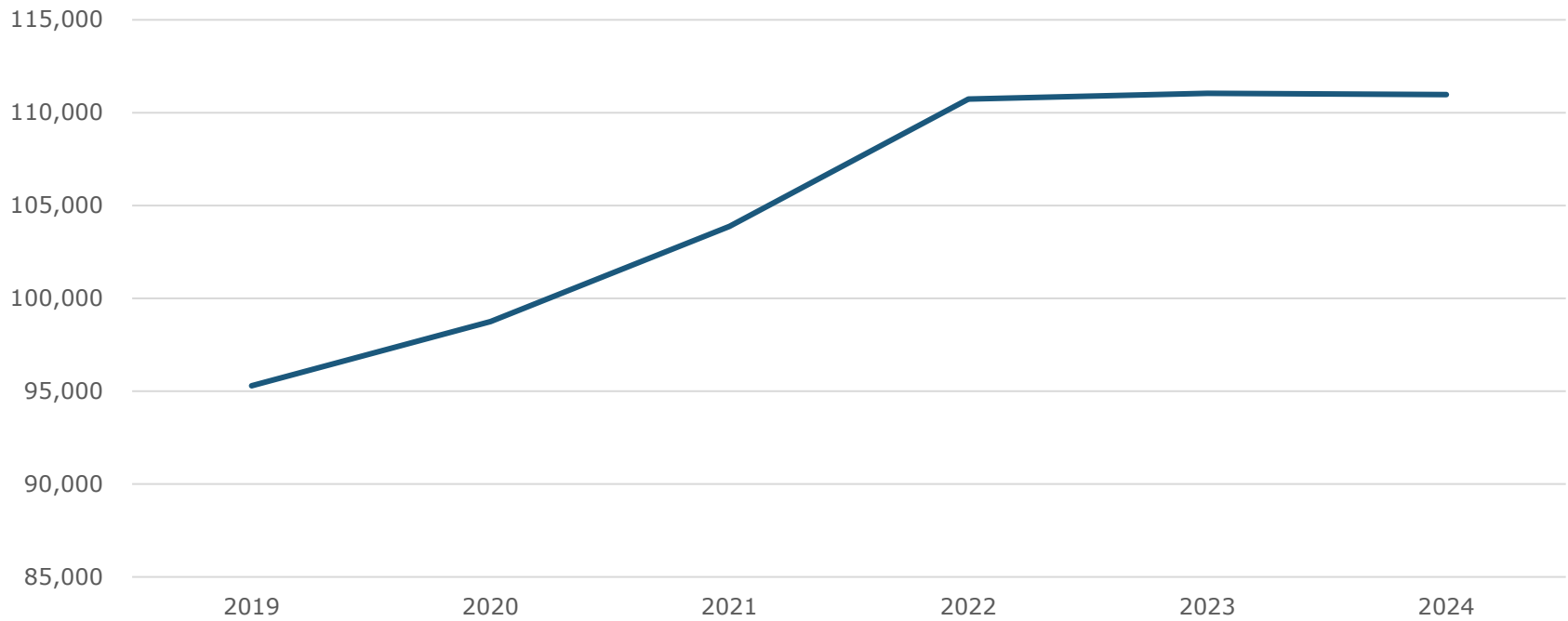
- Total crime decreased 8.4%
 - Crimes against persons decreased 0.1%
 - Violent crime decreased 6.4%
 - murders decreased 17%
 - robberies decreased 15.6%
 - aggravated assault decreased 4.6%
 - Hate crimes decreased 10%, to 516 incidents
 - Property crimes decreased 13.3%
 - Vehicle theft decreased 37%
 - Crimes against society increased 32%
 - Domestic Violence offenses made up 49.5% of all Crimes against Persons



Overall 2019 - 2024



Crime Against Persons

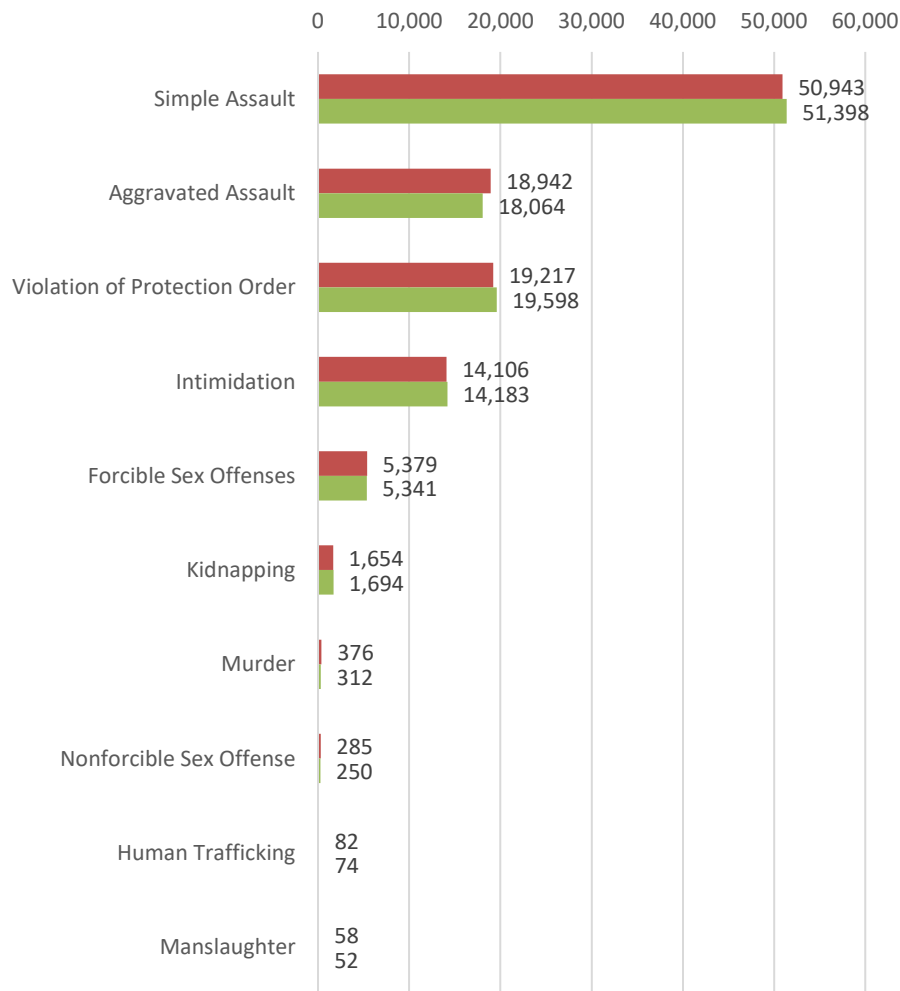


Crimes Against Persons:

Simple Assault	Viol No Contact Order	Aggravated Assault
Intimidation	Fondling	Rape
Kidnapping	Murder	Sodomy
Statutory Rape	Sexual Assault w/object	Human Trafficking
Incest	Manslaughter	



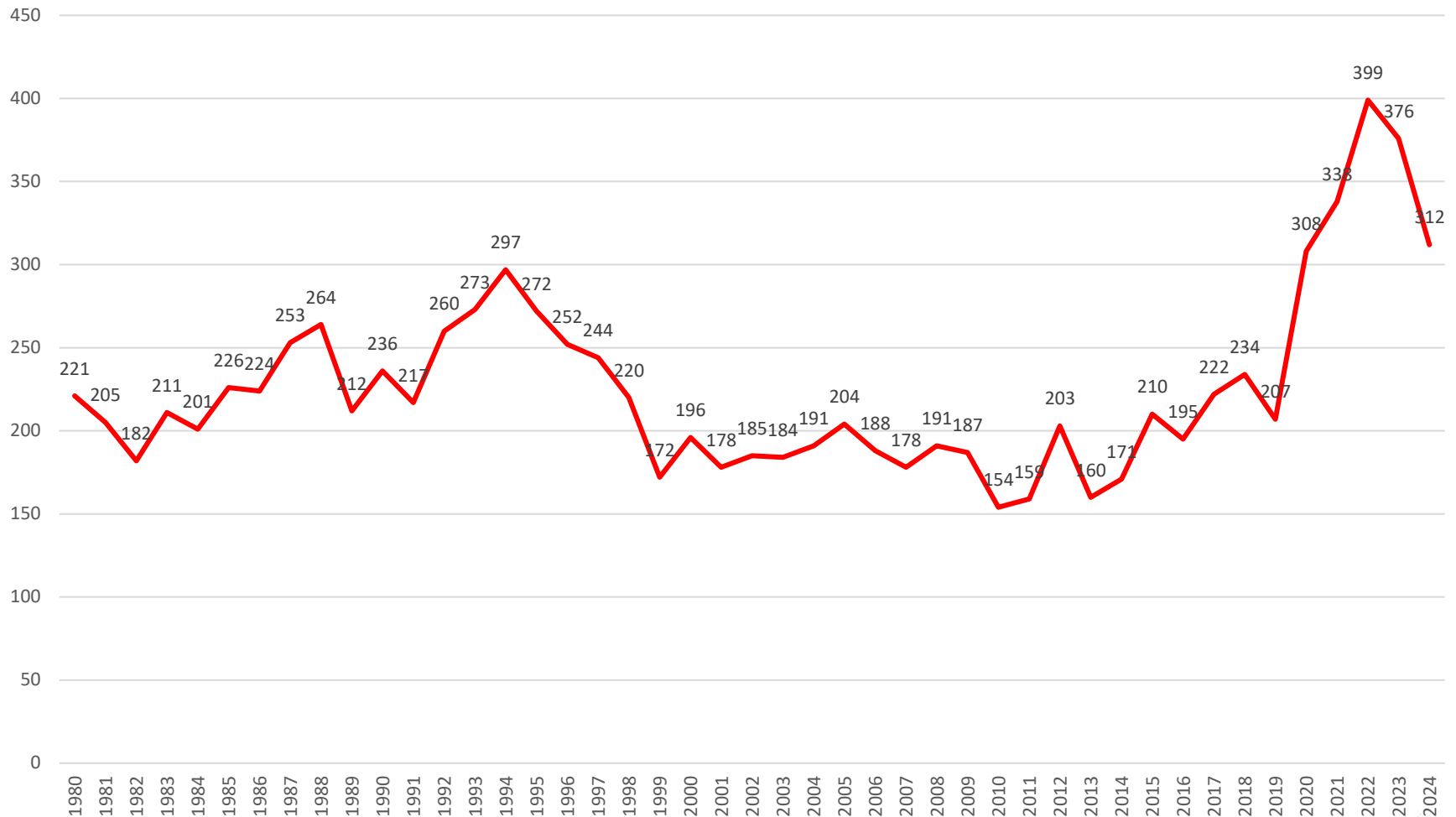
Crime Against Persons



	2019	2023	2024	2024/2023	2024/2019
Simple Assault	50,242	50,943	51,398	1%	2%
Aggravated Assault	14,033	18,942	18,064	-5%	29%
Violation of Protection Order	16,909	19,217	19,598	2%	16%
Intimidation	13,021	14,106	14,183	1%	9%
Forcible Sex Offenses	6,218	5,379	5,341	-1%	-14%
Kidnapping	1,363	1,654	1,694	2%	24%
Murder	201	376	312	-17%	55%
Nonforcible Sex Offense	274	285	250	-12%	-9%
Human Trafficking	56	82	74	-10%	32%
Manslaughter	17	58	52	-10%	206%



Murder - 1980-2024



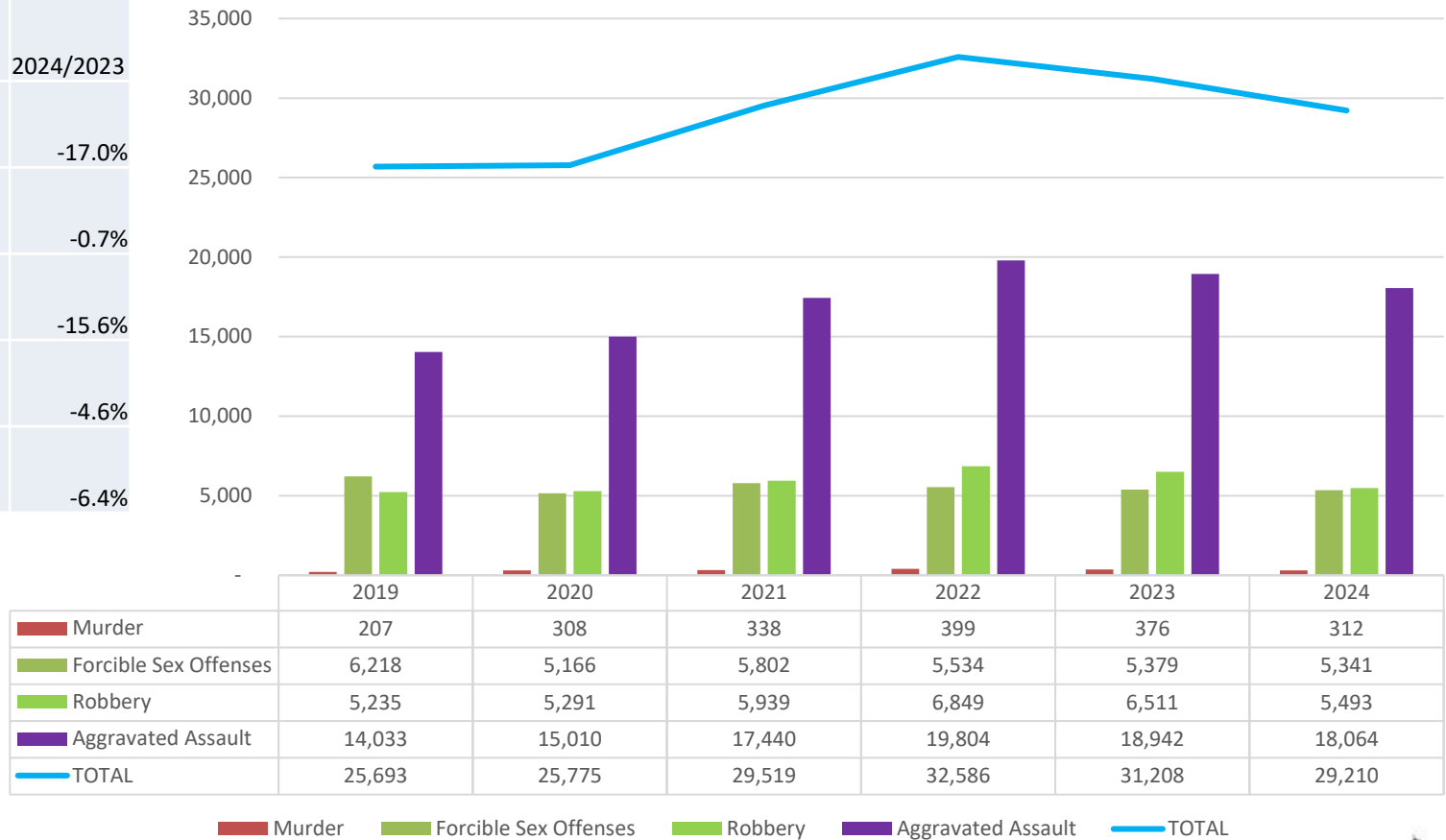
Violent Crime

Crimes Against Persons	Crimes Against Property	Crimes Against Society
Murder	Robbery	Animal Cruelty
Manslaughter	Burglary/Breaking Entering	Drug/Narcotic Violations
Aggravated Assault	Larceny/Theft Offenses	Drug Equipment Violations
Simple Assault	Motor Vehicle Theft	Gambling Offenses
Kidnapping	Arson	Pornography/Obscene Material
Human Trafficking	Destruction of Property	Prostitution Offenses
Viol No Contact Order	Counterfeit/Forgery	Weapon Law Violations
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Rape	Embezzlement	
Fondling	Extortion/Blackmail	
Sodomy	Bribery	
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Violent Crime

	2024/2023
Murder	-17.0%
Forcible Sex Offenses	-0.7%
Robbery	-15.6%
Aggravated Assault	-4.6%
TOTAL	-6.4%

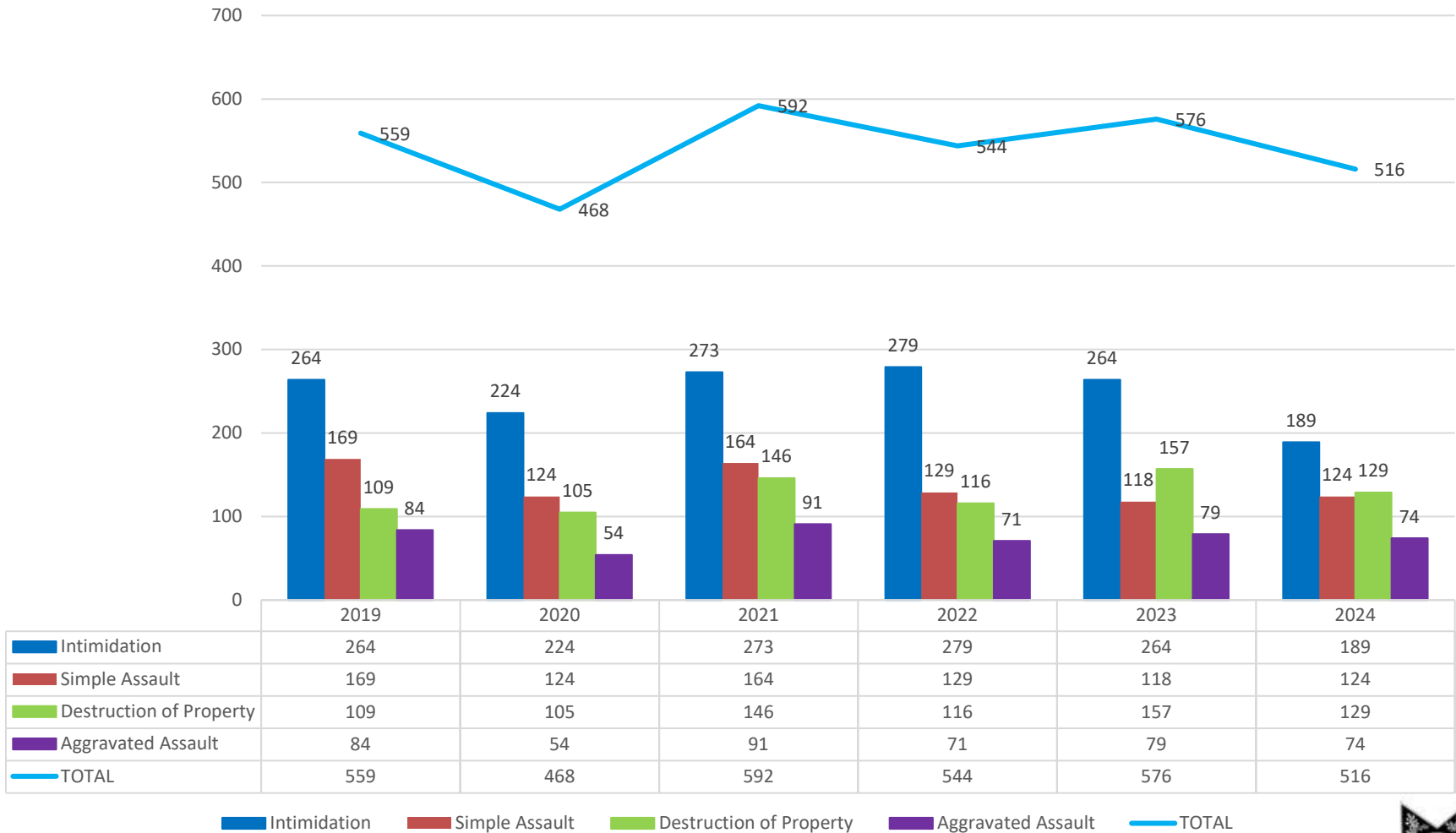


Hate Crimes

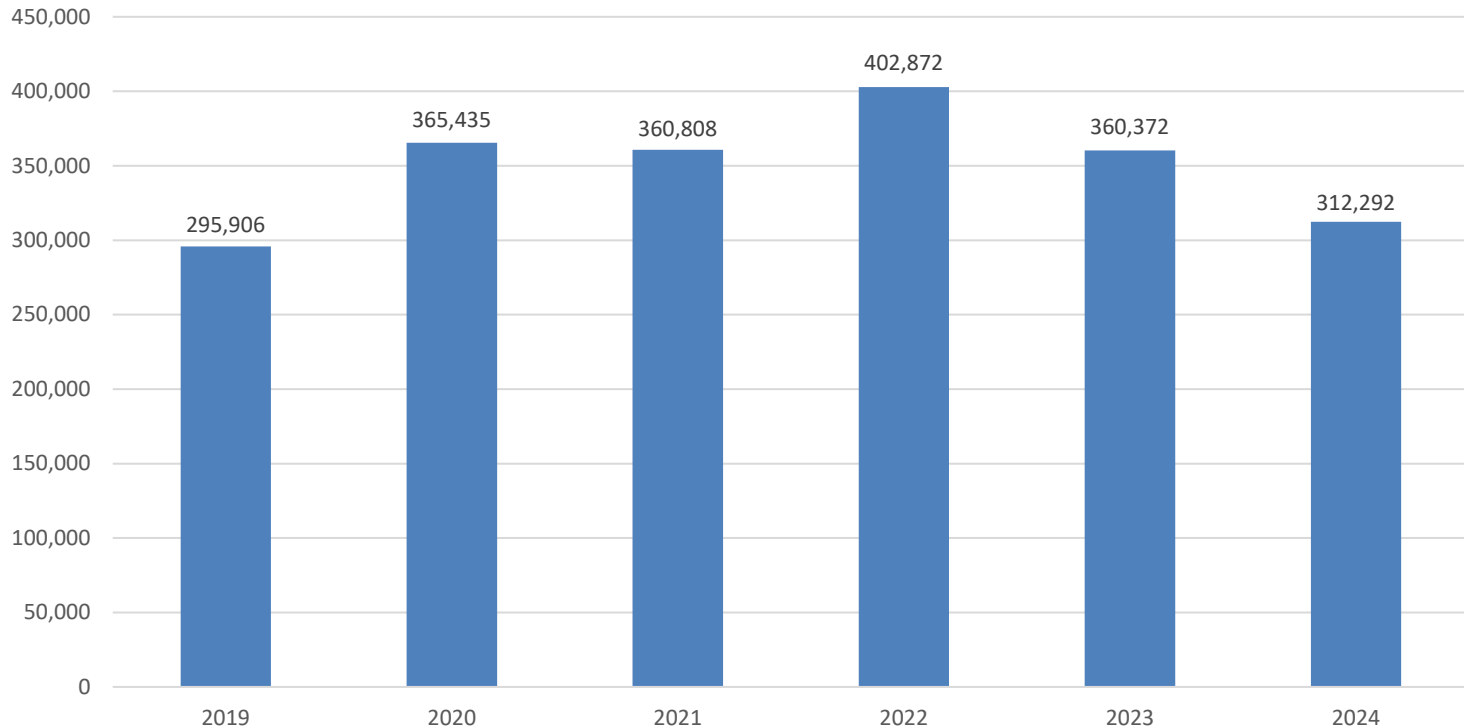
- 516 incidents of Hate Crimes in 2024, a 10% decrease
- Definition: A *criminal offense* committed against a person or property which is motivated in whole or in part, by the offender's bias against a race/national origin, religion, sexual orientation, mental/physical/sensory disability, gender or ethnicity.
- Report has bias motivation info and incidents by jurisdiction.



Hate Crimes



Property Crimes

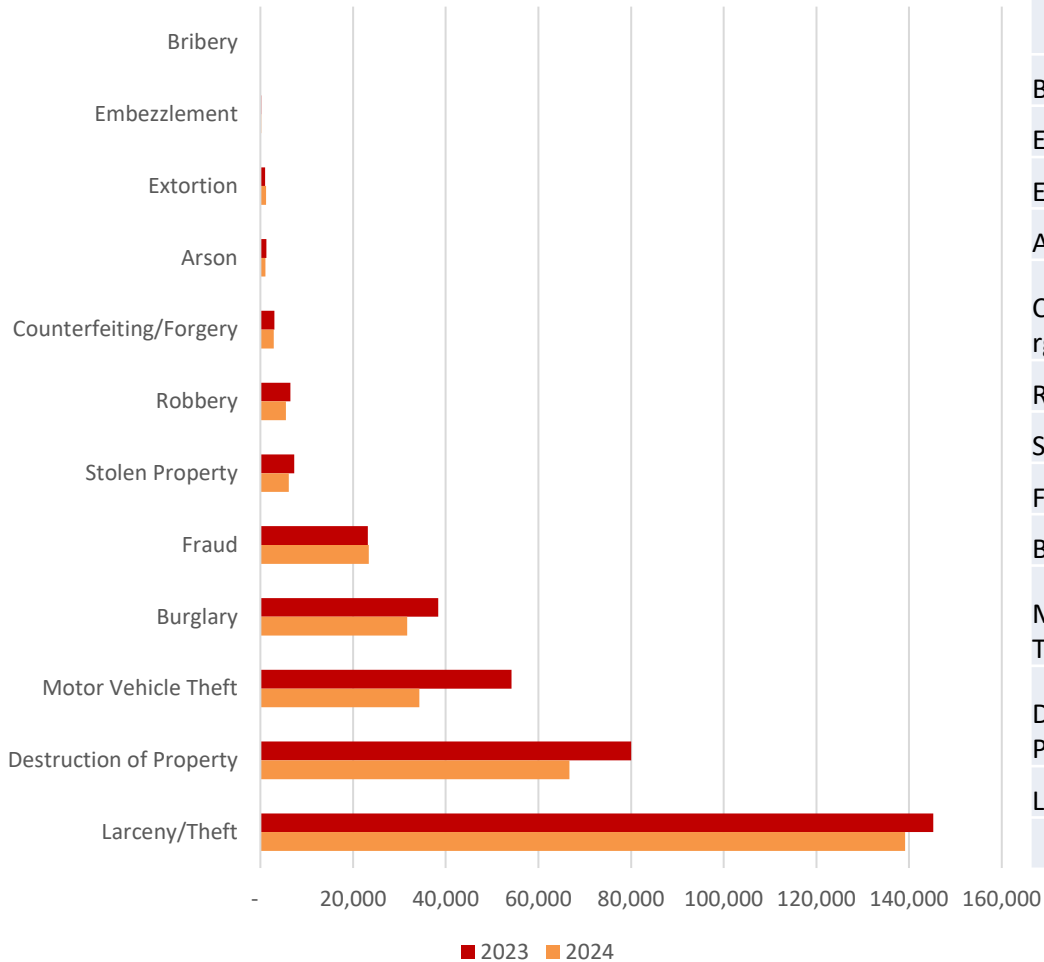


Property Crimes:

Robbery	Arson	Bribery	Motor Vehicle Theft
Burglary/Breaking Entering	Destruction of Property	Stolen Property Offenses	Larceny/Theft Offenses
Embezzlement	Extortion/Blackmail	Fraud Offenses	Counterfeit/Forgery



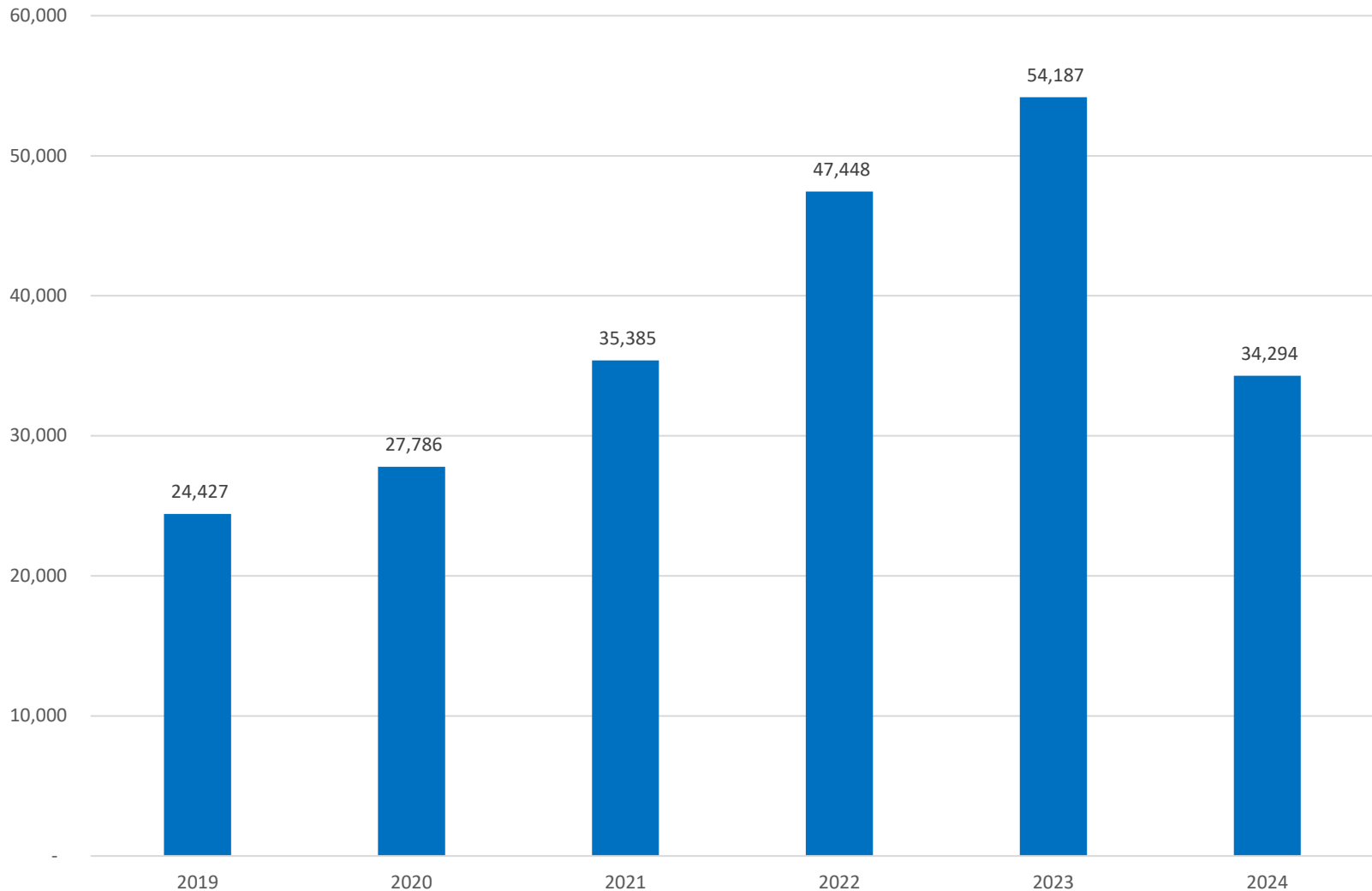
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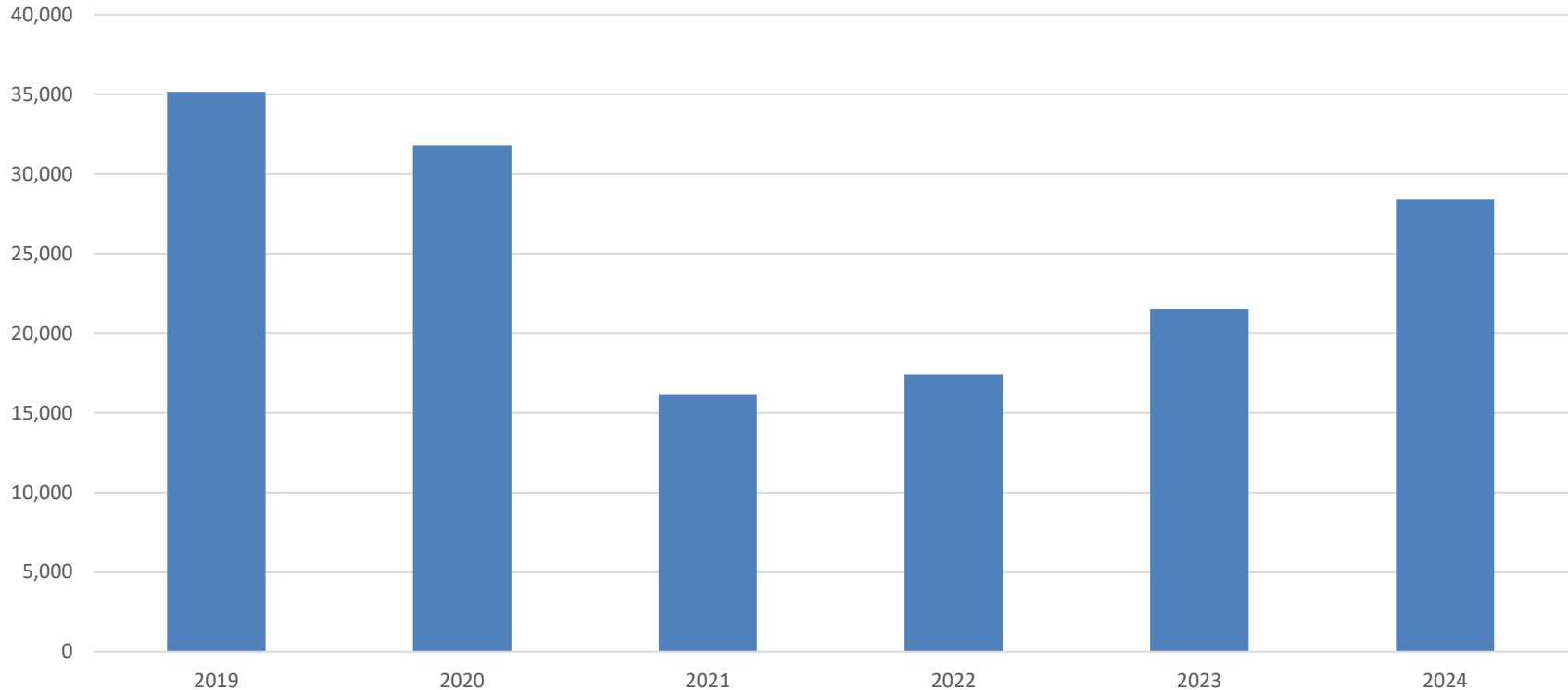
	2023	2024	2024/2023	2024/2019
Bribery	11	16	45%	7%
Embezzlement	229	212	-7%	-35%
Extortion	1,033	1,241	20%	136%
Arson	1,319	1,106	-16%	18%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	3,032	2,872	-5%	-51%
Robbery	6,511	5,493	-16%	5%
Stolen Property	7,277	6,100	-16%	3%
Fraud	23,174	23,428	1%	-6%
Burglary	38,384	31,715	-17%	-11%
Motor Vehicle Theft	54,187	34,294	-37%	40%
Destruction of Property	80,021	66,685	-17%	9%
Larceny/Theft	145,194	139,130	-4%	-8%
TOTAL	360,372	312,292	-13%	-1%



Motor Vehicle Theft



Crimes Against Society

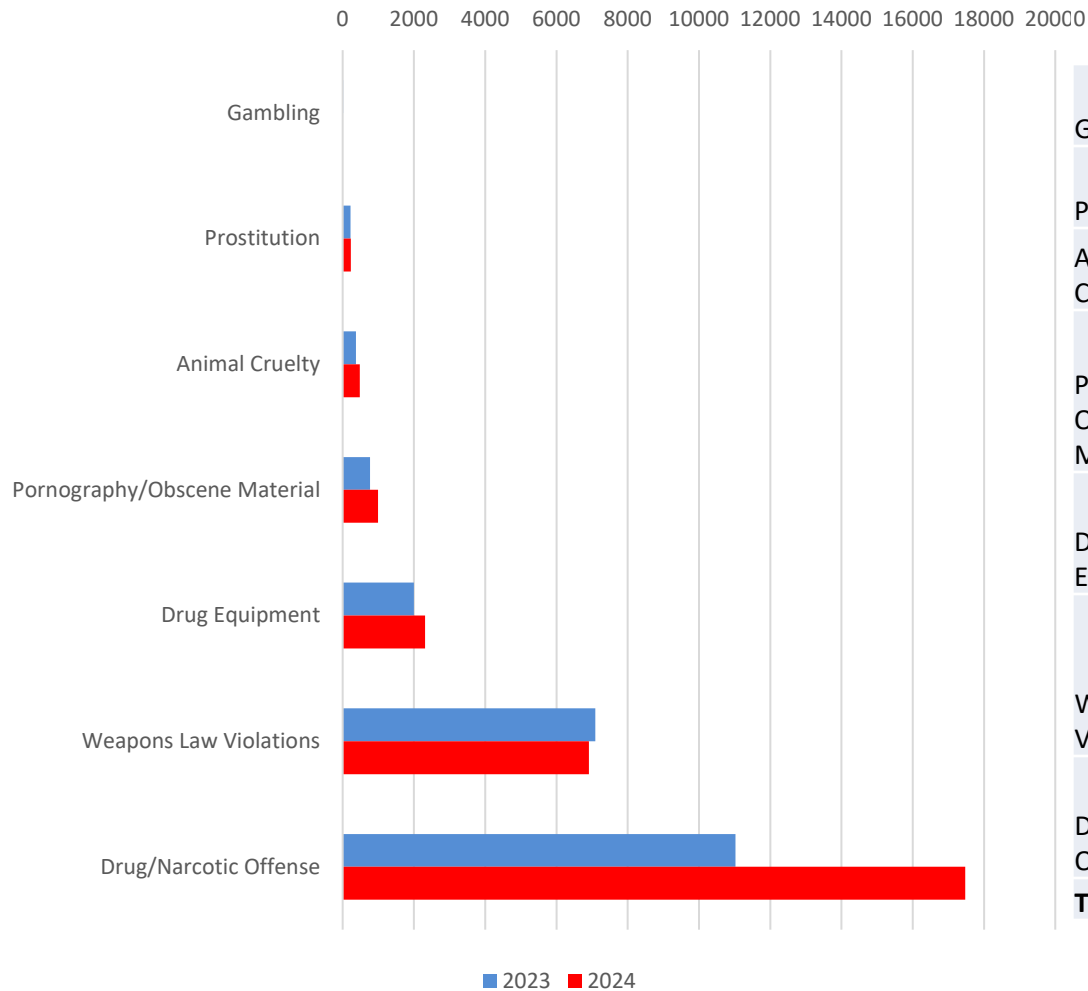


Crimes Against Society:

Animal Cruelty	Drug/Narcotics Violations	Drug Equipment Violations	Gambling Offenses
Pornography/ Obscene Material	Prostitution Offenses	Weapon Law Violations	



Crimes Against Society



	2023	2024	2024/2023	2024/2019
Gambling	17	6	-65%	-84%
Prostitution	216	231	7%	-64%
Animal Cruelty	376	483	28%	148%
Pornography/ Obscene Material	768	989	29%	36%
Drug Equipment	2,001	2,310	15%	-77%
Weapons Law Violations	7,090	6,915	-2%	22%
Drug/Narcotic Offense	11,024	17,473	58%	-15%
TOTAL	21,492	28,407	32%	-25%





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Questions?

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