The 2025 Los Angeles Police Department

— Annual Review: Crime and Initiatives —



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Chief's Message

– Introduction –

As we conclude 2025, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) recognizes the resilience, professionalism, and dedication demonstrated by our sworn officers and professional staff. This year presented extraordinary challenges including unprecedented wildfires in Pacific Palisades, periods of civil unrest, and the ongoing realities of operating under significant fiscal constraints. Throughout these conditions, the men and women of the LAPD remained unwavering in their commitment to protect and serve all Angelenos.

Despite these pressures, the Department advanced key public safety priorities and achieved meaningful progress in addressing crime. Homicide investigations were pursued with rigor and focus, and our efforts targeting person and property crimes ensured that victims received justice while communities experienced improved safety outcomes. Strategic initiatives, including targeted burglary reduction strategies and the continued work of the Organized Retail Theft Taskforce, delivered measurable results that disrupted criminal networks and strengthened confidence among residents and businesses.

While crime prevention and reduction remain central to our mission, it is the relationships we build that enhance our ability to fulfill our pledge "To Protect and to Serve." Strengthening partnerships with local stakeholders, businesses, and community organizations continues to be essential to fostering trust, sharing information, and establishing a united front against crime and disorder. This community-centered approach enhances public safety by leveraging the collective knowledge and resources of the neighborhoods we serve.

The Department also confronted several significant events that tested operational readiness and resolve. From supporting evacuations and safeguarding threatened communities during the Pacific Palisades wildfires to maintaining order and protecting constitutional rights during demonstrations, our personnel responded with courage, professionalism, and compassion.

Traffic safety remained a priority Citywide, supported by initiatives designed to reduce collisions and save lives. Concurrently, we advanced innovation in public safety operations through the deployment of drones as first responders, the expansion of Real-Time Crime Centers, and enhanced use of technology to improve situational awareness and response capabilities. These advancements underscore our commitment to modern, data informed policing and to building a safer, more adaptive City.

The LAPD also made substantial progress in recruitment and hiring, implementing initiatives that strengthened our pipeline of future officers and enhanced diversity within the Department. A strategic realignment of the LAPD's organizational structure further streamlined current operations, enhanced efficiency, and maximized an already diminishing workforce. These efforts ensure that our workforce continues to reflect the communities we serve and remains prepared for emerging challenges, including major global events that will soon draw international attention to Los Angeles.

The story of 2025 is one not only of challenges overcome, but of progress achieved and promise for the years ahead. It stands as a testament to the dedication of our personnel, whose professionalism is evident in every call answered, every life protected, and every community served. Together, we move forward with confidence, knowing that the strength of this Department lies in its people and their steadfast commitment to the City of Los Angeles.

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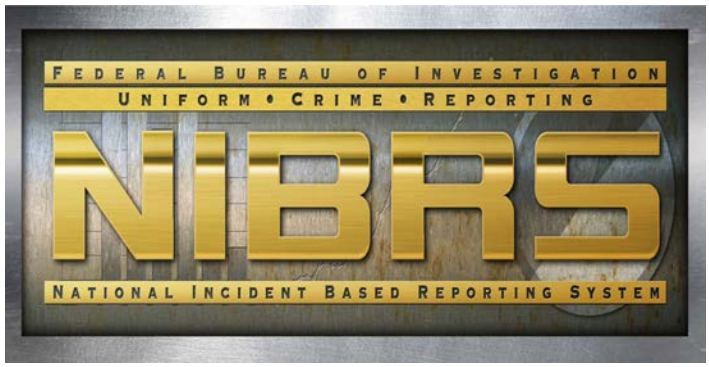
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NIBRS & Counting of Crime Statistics



In 2025, the Los Angeles Police Department achieved certification under the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

This certification signifies that the Department met the Federal Bureau of Investigation's rigorous standards for the submission of detailed, incident-based crime data.

The Department's submissions were validated as accurate and complete, including precise reporting of key data elements such as victim and offender demographics, property information, and bias motivations.

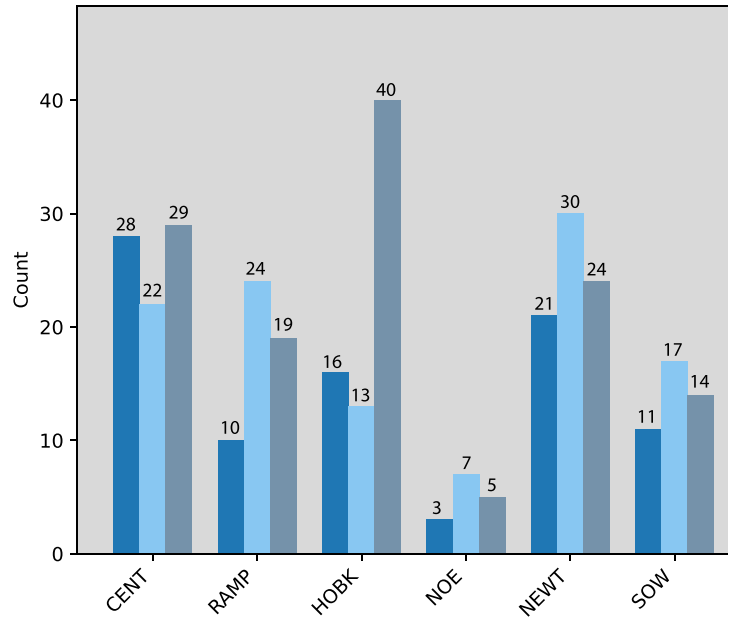
Adoption of NIBRS represents a substantial modernization of crime reporting, moving beyond the historical "hierarchy rule" to provide a more comprehensive and nuanced understanding of criminal activity.

The transition to NIBRS also introduced changes in crime classification terminology.

Under NIBRS, "Person and Property Crimes" correspond to what were historically referred to as Part I crimes, while "Person Crimes" specifically denote the traditional violent crime categories.

In addition, NIBRS defines Homicide to include vehicular manslaughter. For the purposes of this publication and to maintain continuity in historical comparisons, "Homicide" is used exclusively to refer to murder, which is the unlawful killing of a human being with malice aforethought.

Vehicular manslaughter, defined as a death resulting from a motor vehicle collision caused by another driver's gross negligence, is reported separately.



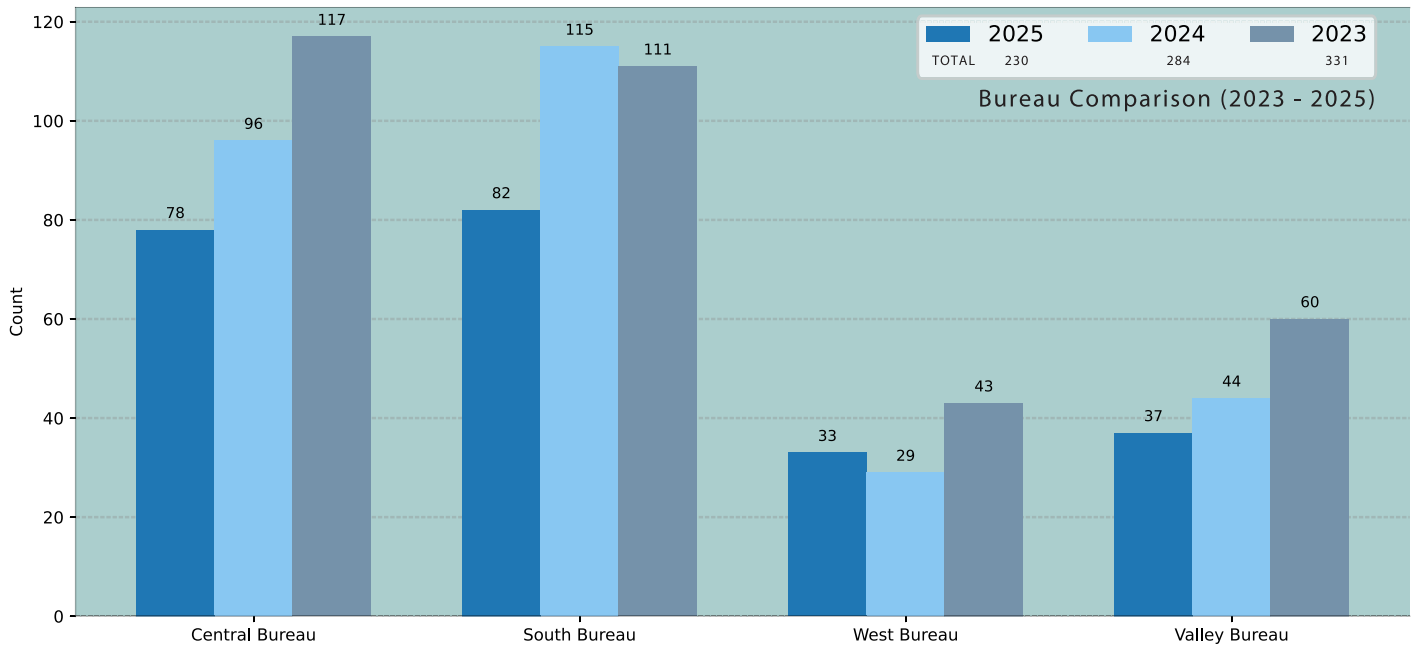
2025 Homicide Statistics

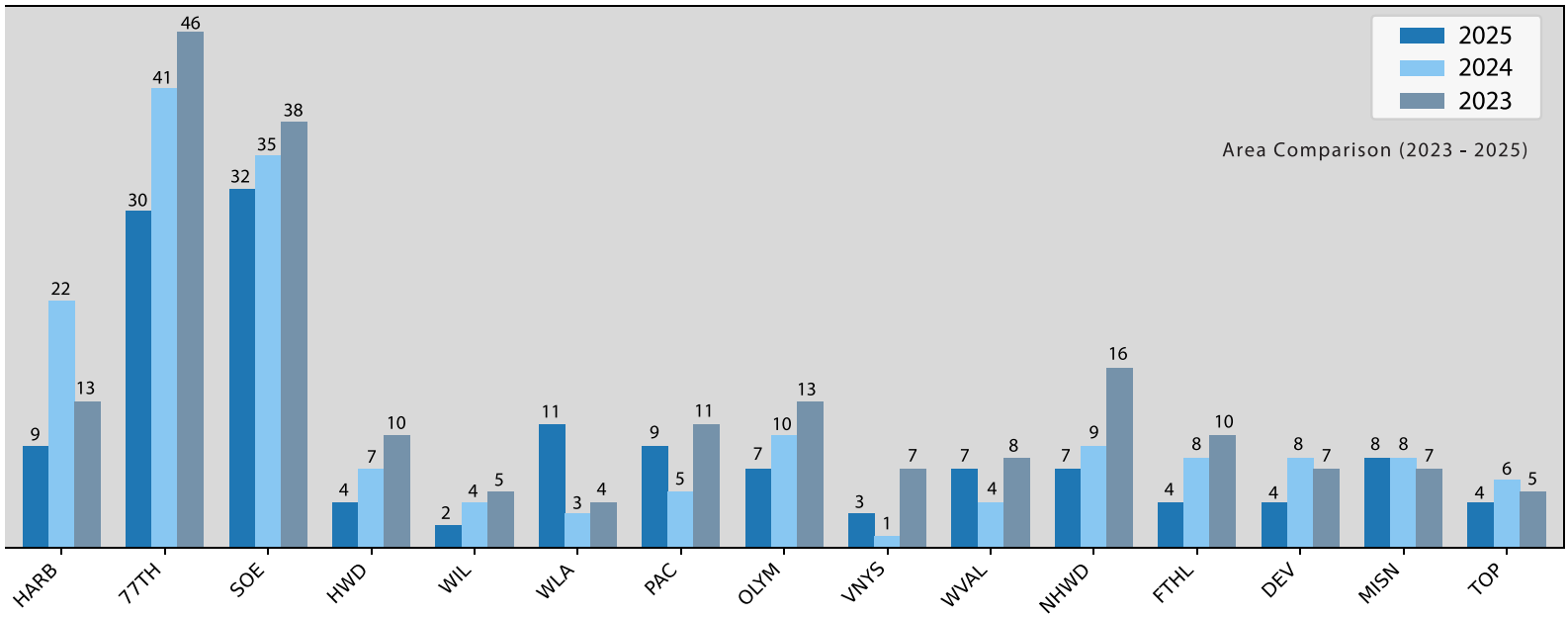
2025 recorded the fewest homicides since 1966

2025 **230** HOMICIDES

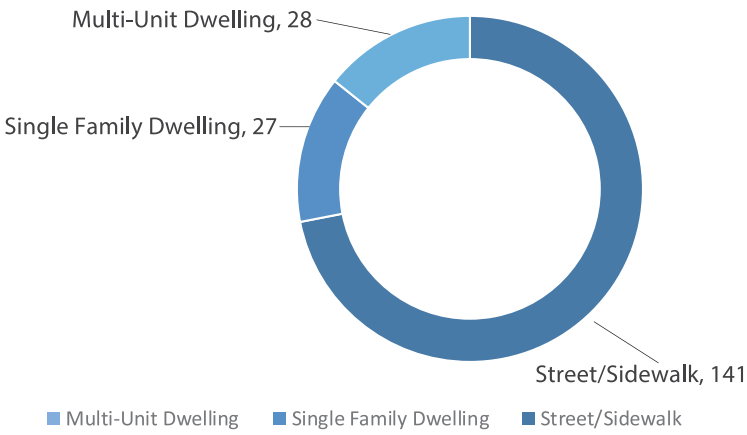
2025 **54** FEWER VICTIMS THAN 2024 (-19%)

– Citywide Homicides by Bureau –

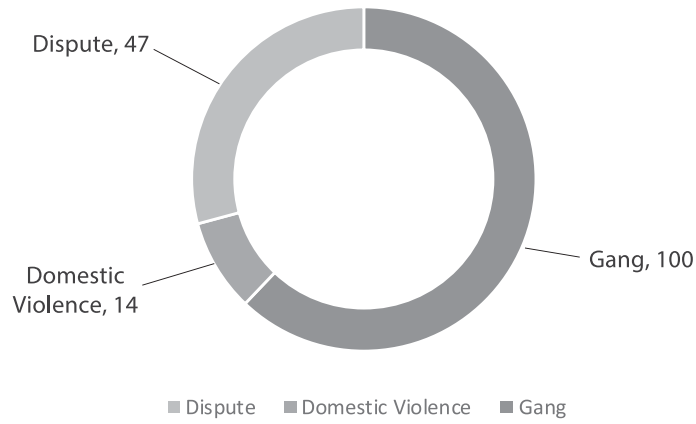




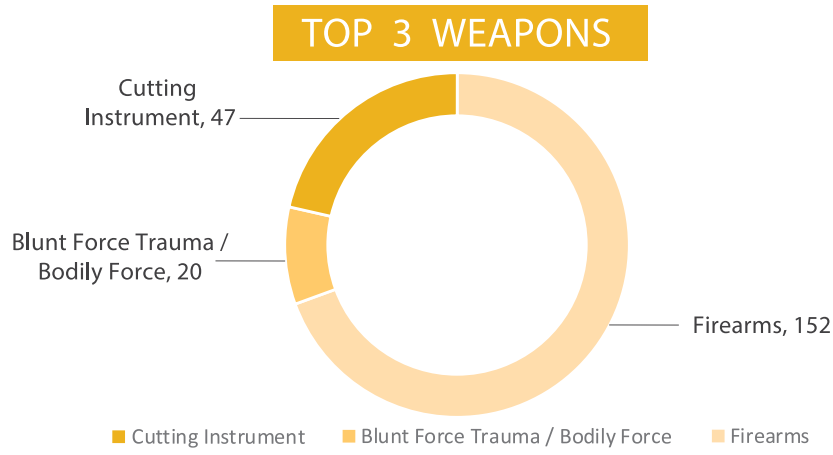
TOP 3 PREMISES



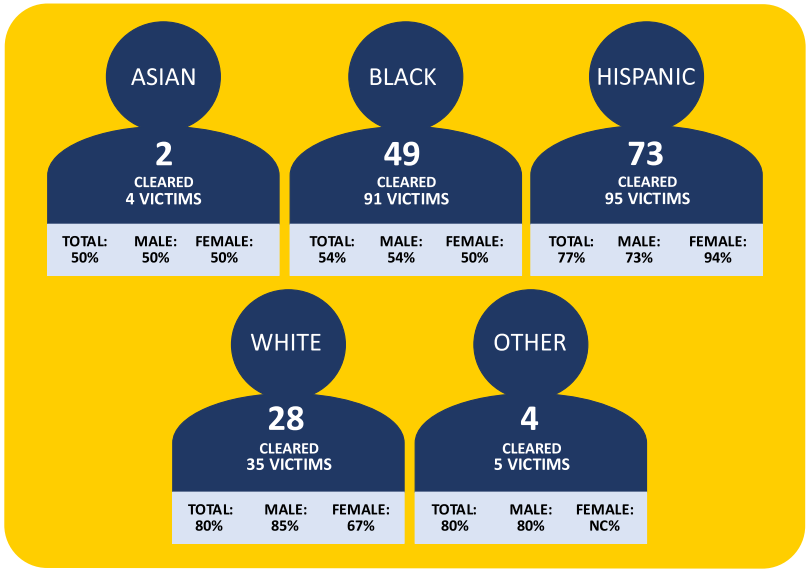
TOP 3 MOTIVES



TOP 3 WEAPONS



2025 Cases Cleared by Gender & Ethnicity



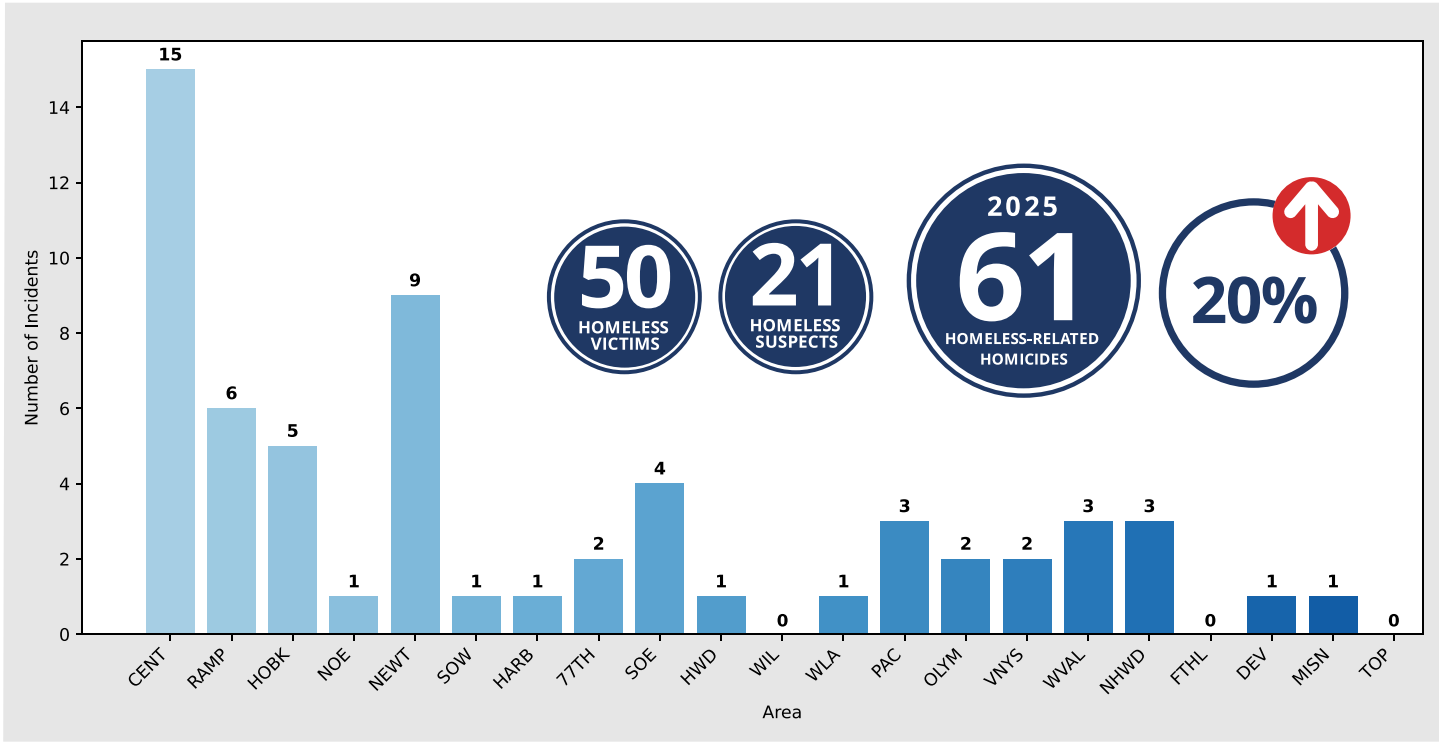
Of the 230 homicides in 2025, 156 or 68% were cleared.

Citywide Clearance Rate



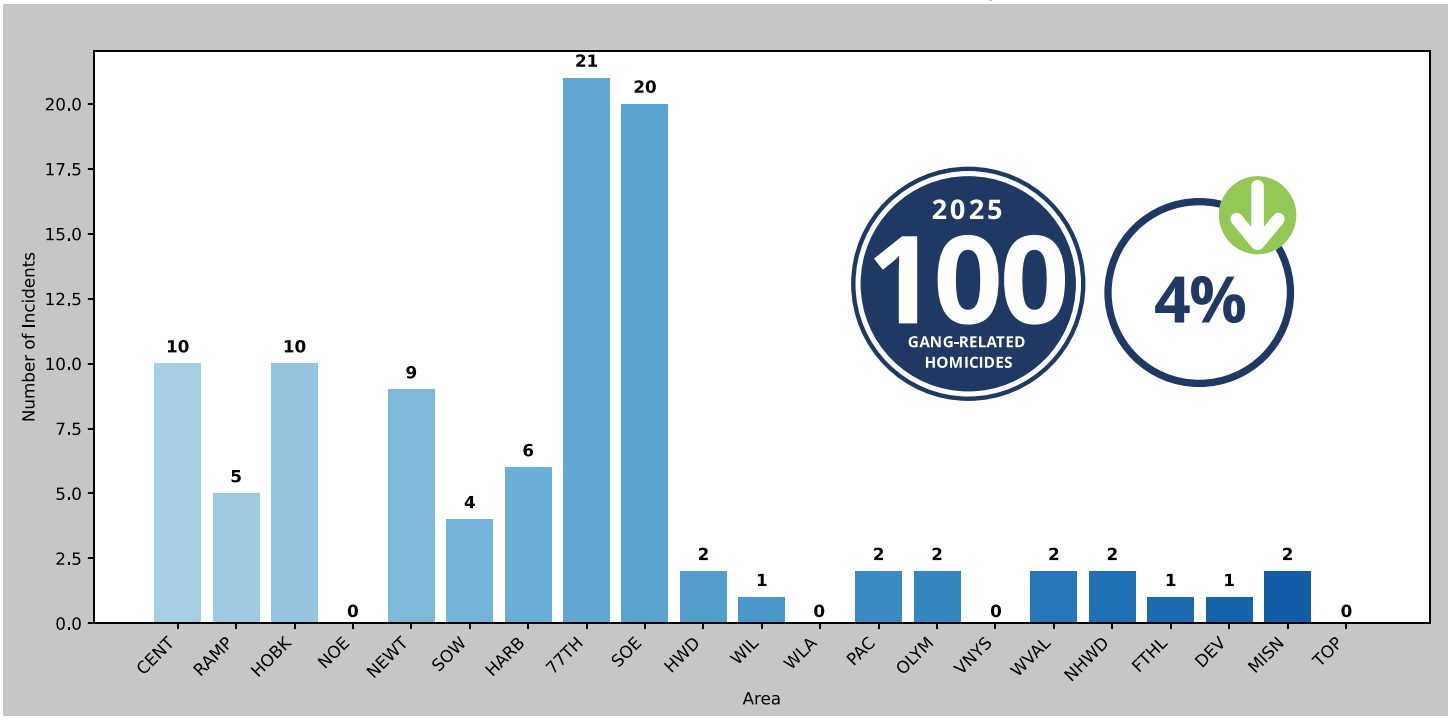
Citywide clearance rate includes 76 homicides from prior years that were cleared in 2025.

– Homeless-Related Homicides by Area –

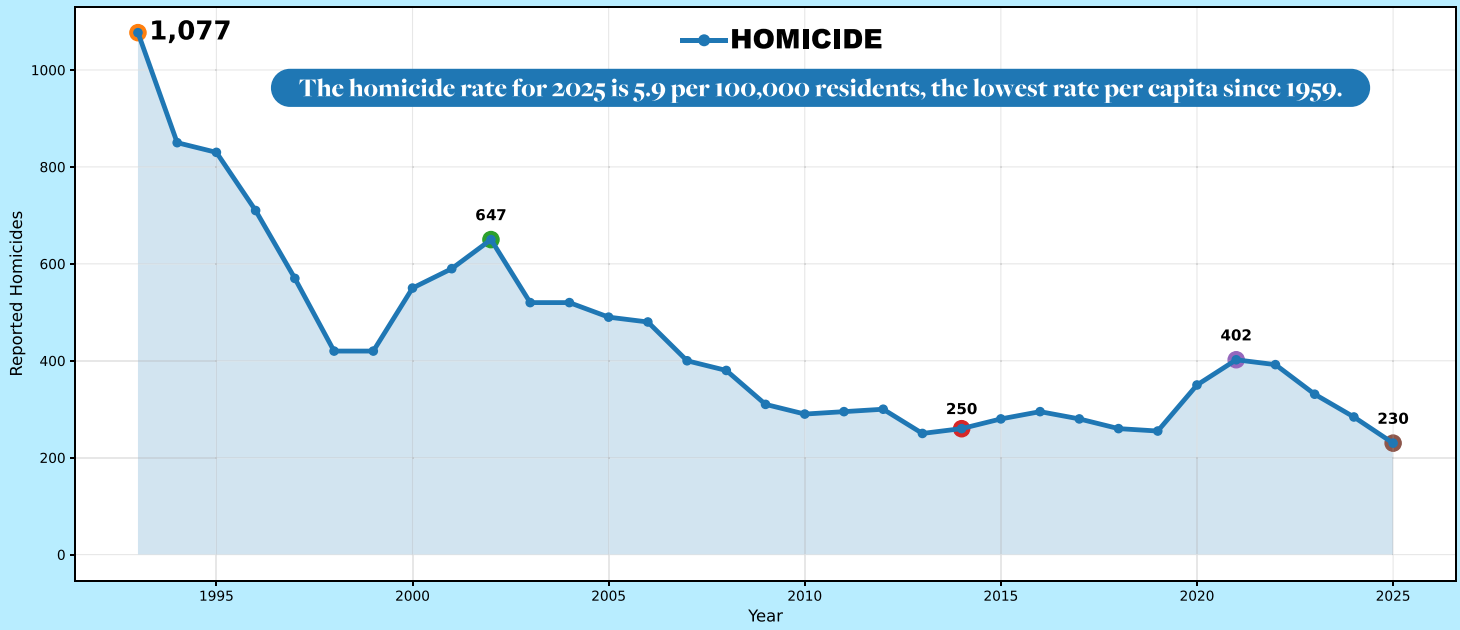




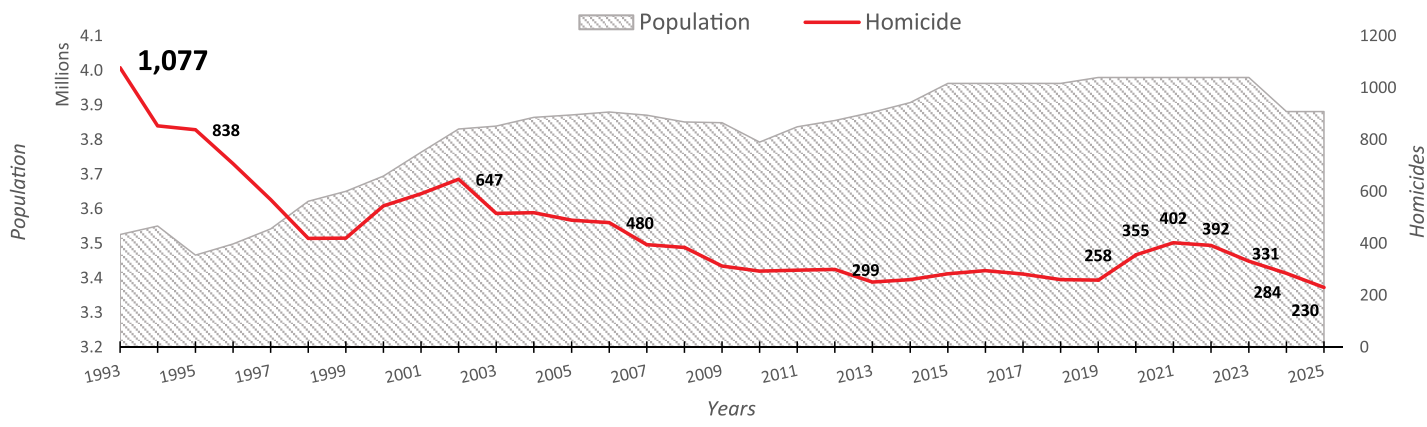
– Gang-Related Homicides by Area –



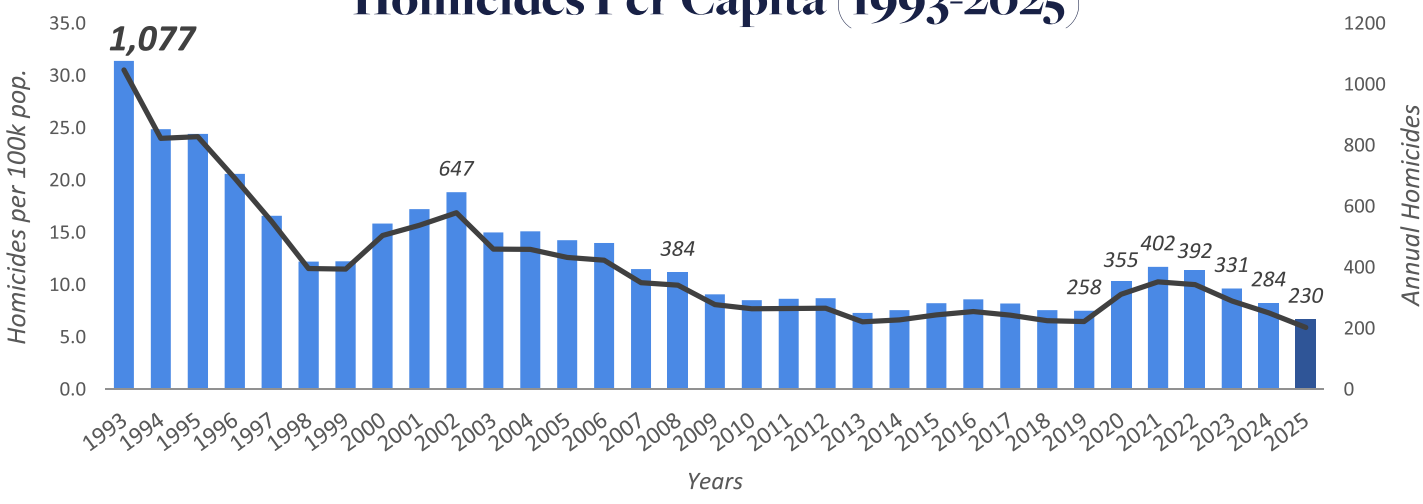
Citywide Homicides (1993-2025)



Homicides VS Population (1993-2025)



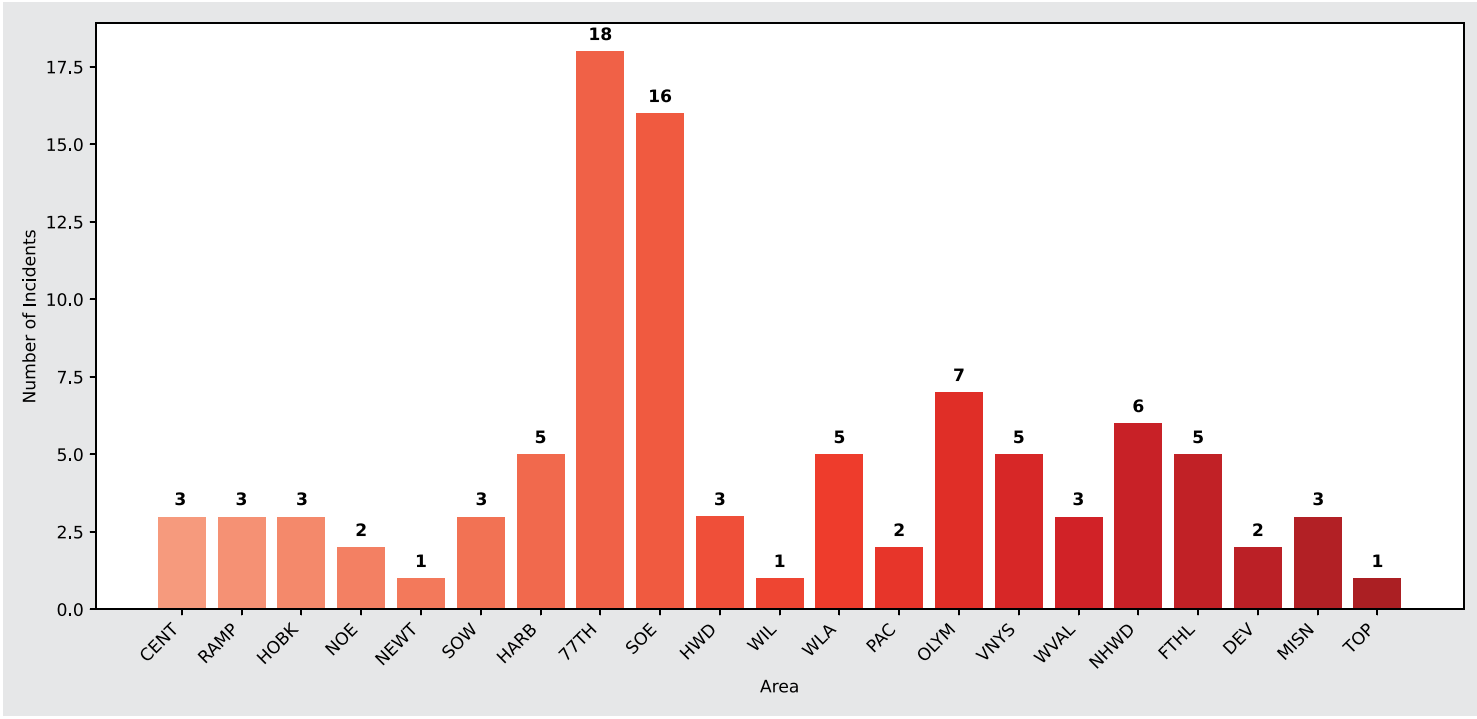
Homicides Per Capita (1993-2025)



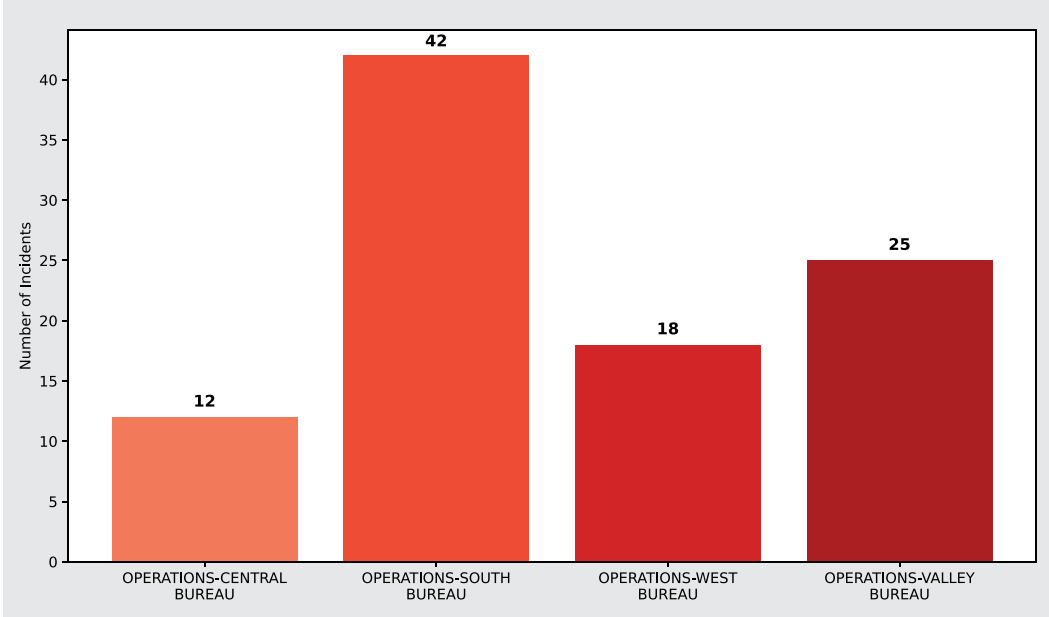


VEHICULAR MANSLAUGHTER CASES 2025

Citywide Vehicular Manslaughter Statistics by Area (2025)



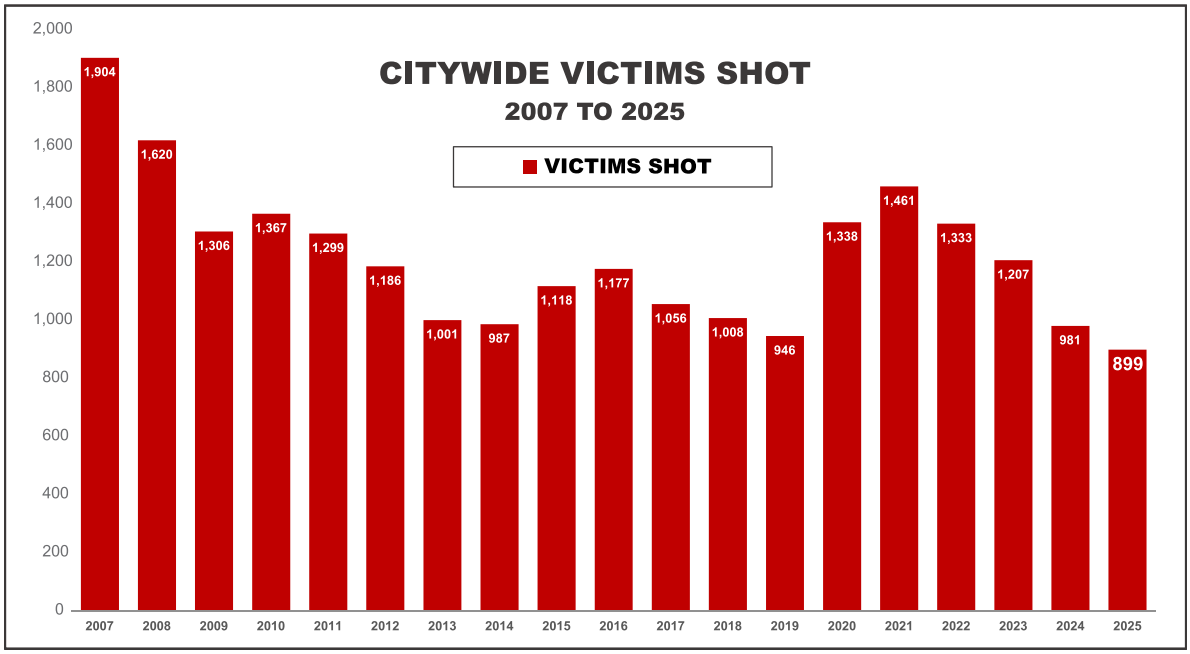
Citywide Vehicular Manslaughter Statistics by Bureau (2025)



Homicide & Victims Shot / Firearm Recoveries



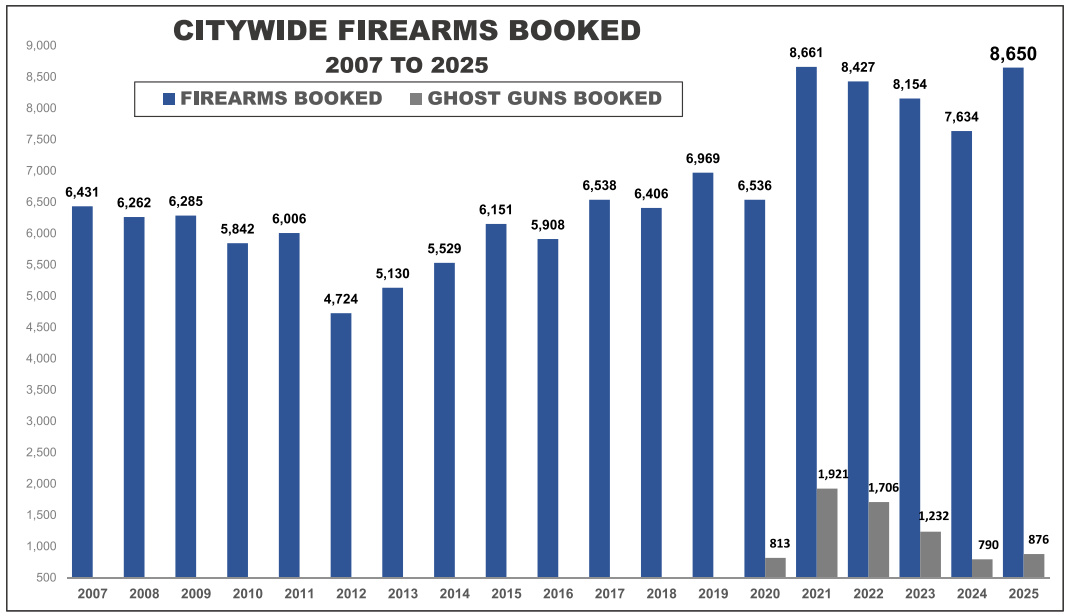
In 2025, the LAPD experienced a significant reduction in crimes against persons, most notably in Homicides and shooting victims. A total of 230 homicides were reported, down from 284 in 2024, reflecting a 19 percent decrease. Likewise, the number of shooting victims declined from 981 in 2024 to 899 in 2025, an eight percent reduction. These improvements underscore the effectiveness of the LAPD's crime reduction strategies and its continued commitment to enhancing public safety throughout the city.



Efforts to combat gun violence have been further strengthened by sustained increases in firearm recoveries. In 2025, the LAPD seized 8,650 firearms. This proactive enforcement activity has directly contributed to the declines in shootings and homicides.







Crime Reduction Strategies

In 2025, the Office of Operations advanced the Department's crime reduction mission through disciplined enforcement, data-driven decision making, and strong partnerships with the communities served. Intelligence-led deployments guided by real-time analytics ensured resources were consistently aligned with emerging crime patterns, allowing the Department to act quickly, strategically, and with measurable impact.

Throughout the year, an emphasis was placed on targeted enforcement in high crime corridors, high visibility patrols, and coordinated plainclothes and undercover operations. Specialized units worked to disrupt organized criminal activity, while advanced technology played a critical role in investigations and real-time crime suppression.

Burglary and organized retail theft remained top priorities. Citywide, investigators dismantled prolific burglary and retail theft crews, conducted operations at high theft locations, and built strong partnerships with retailers, loss prevention teams, and business associations. These coordinated efforts led to significant arrests, felony filings, and noticeable declines in property crime across the City.

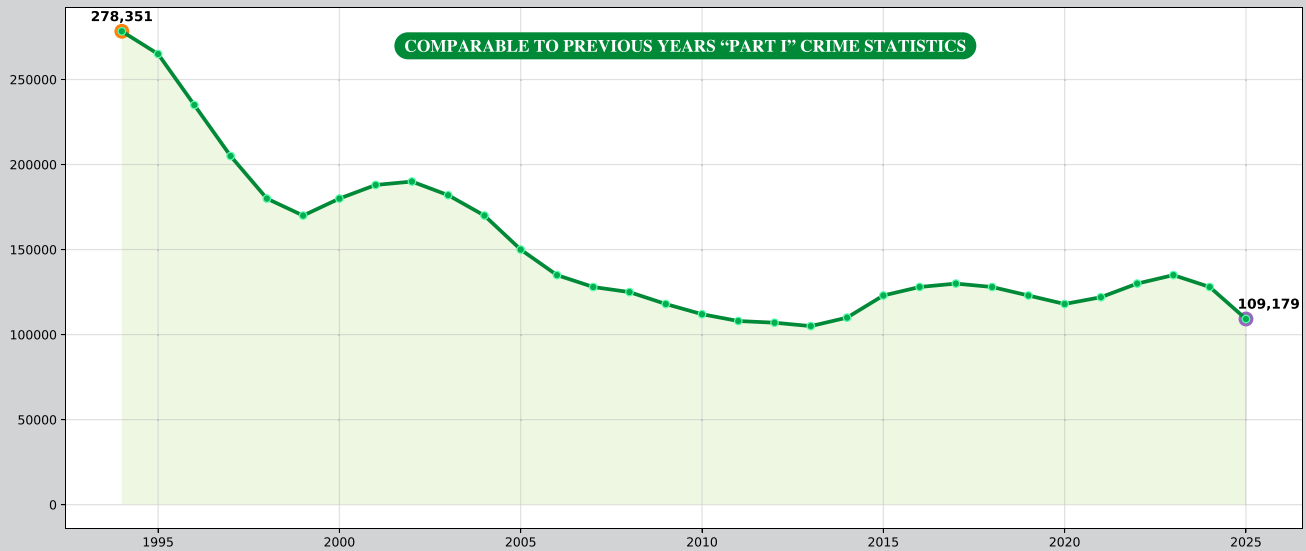
Major investigative successes in 2025 included the takedown of large-scale burglary and auto theft crews responsible for hundreds of crimes, as well as complex, multi-year investigations that resulted in widespread recognition from City leadership and the District Attorney's Office. These outcomes underscored the effectiveness of cross-bureau and inter-agency collaboration and intelligence sharing.



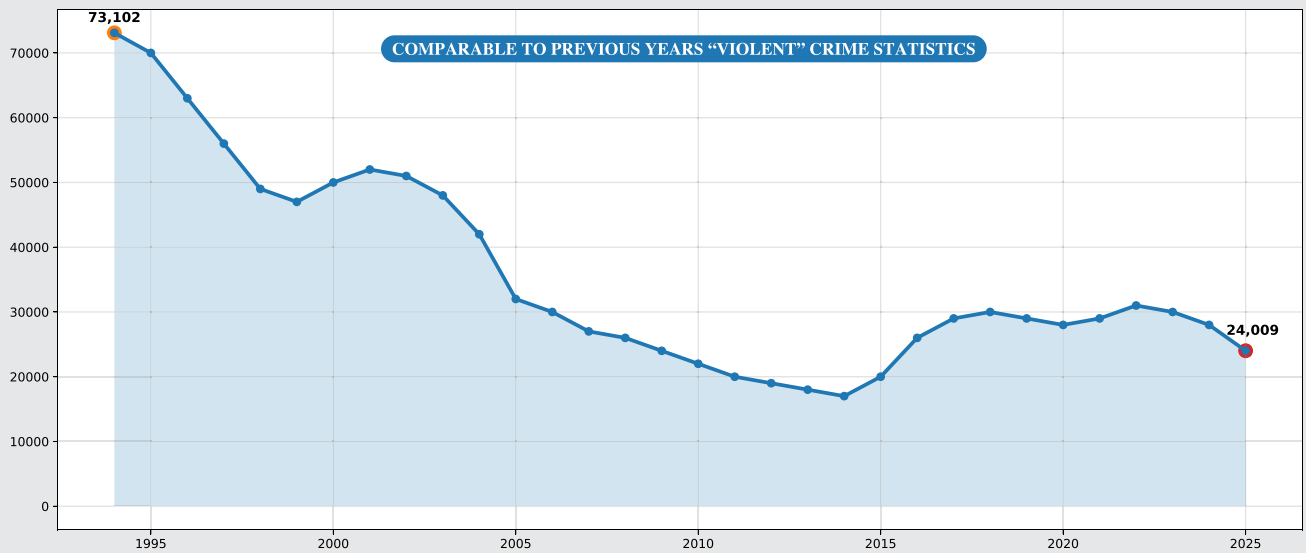
At the same time, the Community Safety Partnership Bureau (CSPB) continued to redefine public safety through relationship-based policing. By blending enforcement with outreach, prevention, and youth engagement, CSPB achieved meaningful reductions in person and property crime in historically underserved neighborhoods. The innovative use of community feedback tools adjusted deployment strategies, and emerging technologies strengthened trust and improved responsiveness. The CSPB was honored with the International Association of Chiefs of Police Leadership in Community Policing Award at the 2025 IACP Conference in Denver, Colorado. The award recognized CSPB's innovative community-based programs, with Chief Jim McDonnell accepting the honor on behalf of the Department. This recognition underscores CSPB's continued commitment to community engagement and excellence in policing throughout 2025.

Collectively, the work of the Office of Operations in 2025 demonstrated that effective crime reduction is achieved through precision, partnership, and trust. The year's results provide a strong foundation for continued progress and a shared commitment to safer communities Citywide.

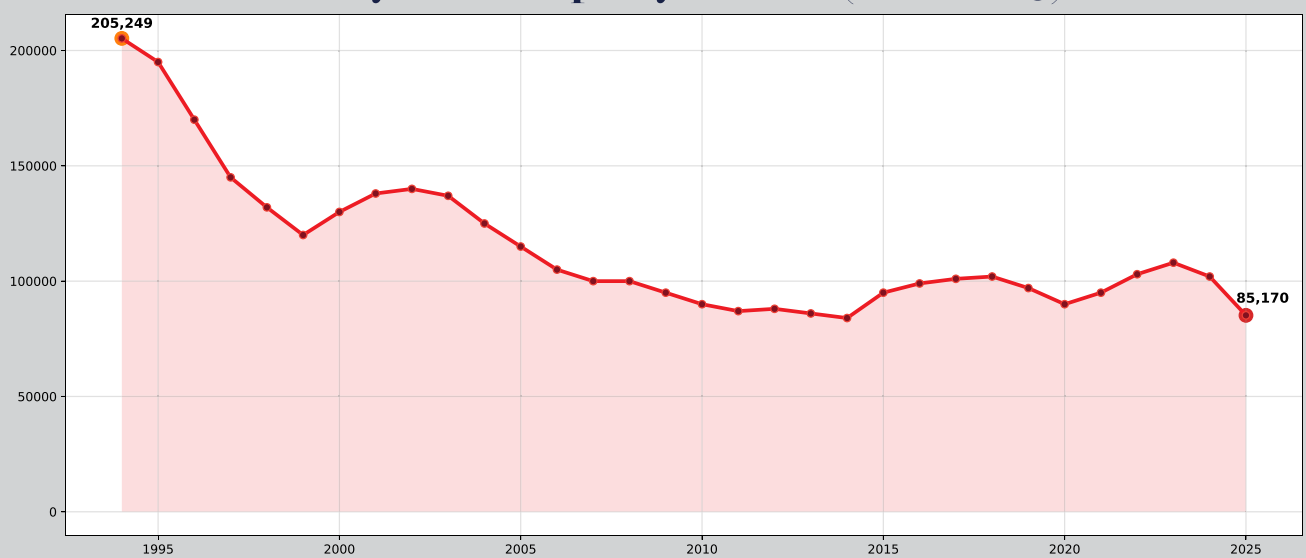
Citywide Person & Property Crimes (1994-2025)



Citywide Person Crimes (1994-2025)



Citywide Property Crimes (1994-2025)



Pacific Palisades Fire

On January 7, 2025, the Pacific Palisades Fire ignited in the City of Los Angeles. The LAPD entered a Unified Command with the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD), the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD). The incident resulted in 5 people killed in the City of Los Angeles. More than 60,000 residents were evacuated, and over 6,000 structures were destroyed. The event is estimated as the costliest fire related disaster in United States history.

From January 11 through January 16, 2025, the Department supported the response by providing perimeter and traffic control, crime suppression, and investigative operations. A Tactical Alert was initiated for 29 days, and over 700 officers were assigned to the Palisades fire each day. Responders confronted severe weather conditions and difficult terrain that impeded mobility and complicated life safety and property protection efforts.

Post-incident analysis determined that our overall response was effective, while also identifying several areas for improvement. These include strengthening communication infrastructure, reinforcing fundamental Incident Command System (ICS) practices, enhancing coordination with partner City agencies, expanding the use of mapping technologies, and improving logistical support capabilities.

The Department is incorporating these lessons to bolster operational readiness and ensure a more resilient response to future large-scale emergencies affecting the City of Los Angeles.



Operational Readiness Civil Unrest

Beginning on June 6, 2025, demonstrations in the City of Los Angeles associated with federal immigration enforcement operations rapidly evolved from localized protests into a sustained, Citywide civil unrest incident spanning nearly two weeks. As activity expanded, federal facilities in the Downtown area became primary focal points, necessitating a coordinated, large-scale response by the LAPD and its law enforcement partners.

From June 6 through June 14, the Department conducted continuous operations to manage crowd activity, protect critical infrastructure, and maintain public safety. Protest activity intensified by June 8, with thousands of participants converging downtown. Officers faced sustained assaults involving projectiles, fireworks, and incendiary devices, while fires, looting incidents, and freeway blockages further impacted the City. During the course of unrest, 52 officers sustained injuries. On June 9, the Chief of Police activated a Citywide Incident Management Team, transitioning operations to a structured incident command framework. The incident peaked on June 14, commonly referred to as "No Kings Day," when more than 20,000 individuals assembled, resulting in the largest mobilization of the event and the deployment of 3,127 sworn and civilian personnel in a single day.

The Department operated under Unified Command with the California Highway Patrol and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, supported by mutual aid resources, ensuring coordinated operations across jurisdictions.

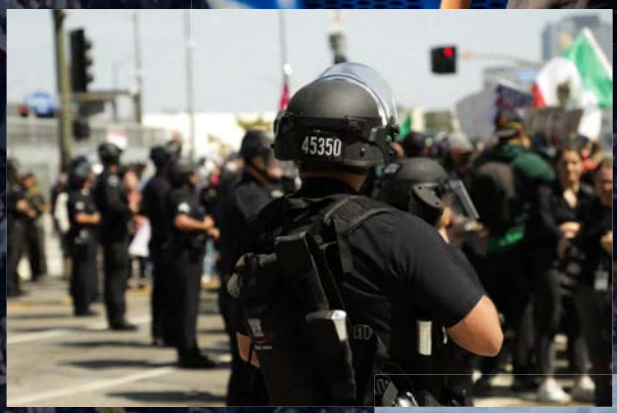
Despite the scale and intensity of the unrest, the Department successfully maintained public safety without loss of life directly attributable to protest activity and without major compromise of critical infrastructure. The City nevertheless sustained significant impacts, including approximately $1.4 million in damage to City buildings, infrastructure, and equipment primarily due to vandalism and graffiti as well as damage to private businesses throughout the affected areas.

Post-incident analysis determined the Department's response to be effective while identifying areas for improvement, including earlier recognition of escalation potential, preparation for extended mobilizations, sustainable staging and logistics planning, and continued adaptation to evolving protest tactics. These lessons are being incorporated to strengthen operational readiness and enhance the Department's ability to manage future large-scale public order incidents within the City of Los Angeles.

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Traffic Safety Initiatives





The 2025 traffic safety strategies centered on targeted enforcement, technology-driven investigations, and community engagement. Across all bureaus, efforts emphasized collision reduction, deterrence of high-risk behaviors, and adaptability to changing traffic conditions through data analysis and interagency collaboration.

A key focus was the expansion of data-driven and technology-based enforcement. Citywide use of Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) systems, video analytics, digital evidence platforms, and aerial assets strengthened collision investigations, enhanced hit and run clearance, and supported proactive deployment in high injury networks. Drone as a First Responder operations and mobile enforcement assets were leveraged to improve situational awareness, investigative efficiency, and targeted enforcement in response to emerging traffic patterns.

The Department continued to prioritize high-risk behavior deterrence through coordinated enforcement initiatives. Vision Zero operations, Selective Traffic Enforcement Program and corridor specific grant deployments, DUI checkpoints, pedestrian safety details, and directed enforcement efforts addressed speeding, impaired driving, distracted driving, and pedestrian related violations. Multi-agency operations with neighboring jurisdictions further amplified enforcement capacity along high collision corridors and regional traffic routes.

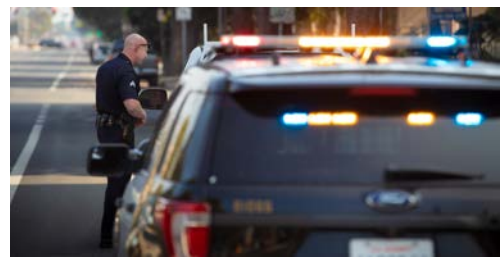
Street racing and takeover suppression remained a major Citywide initiative. The consolidation of Street Racing Task Force resources enabled a coordinated enforcement and investigative approach, resulting in increased case filings, vehicle impounds, and successful prosecutions targeting organizers and repeat offenders. Bureau resources were aligned to ensure consistent coverage and operational support across geographic areas.

Community engagement and education were expanded as foundational components of the traffic safety strategy. Citywide initiatives included child safety seat education and installation programs, youth focused prevention efforts, impaired driving awareness presentations, and pedestrian safety outreach targeting vulnerable populations. Community forums such as Coffee with a Cop and Coffee with a Motor Cop, along with enhanced social media messaging, improved accessibility, transparency, and two-way communication with residents.

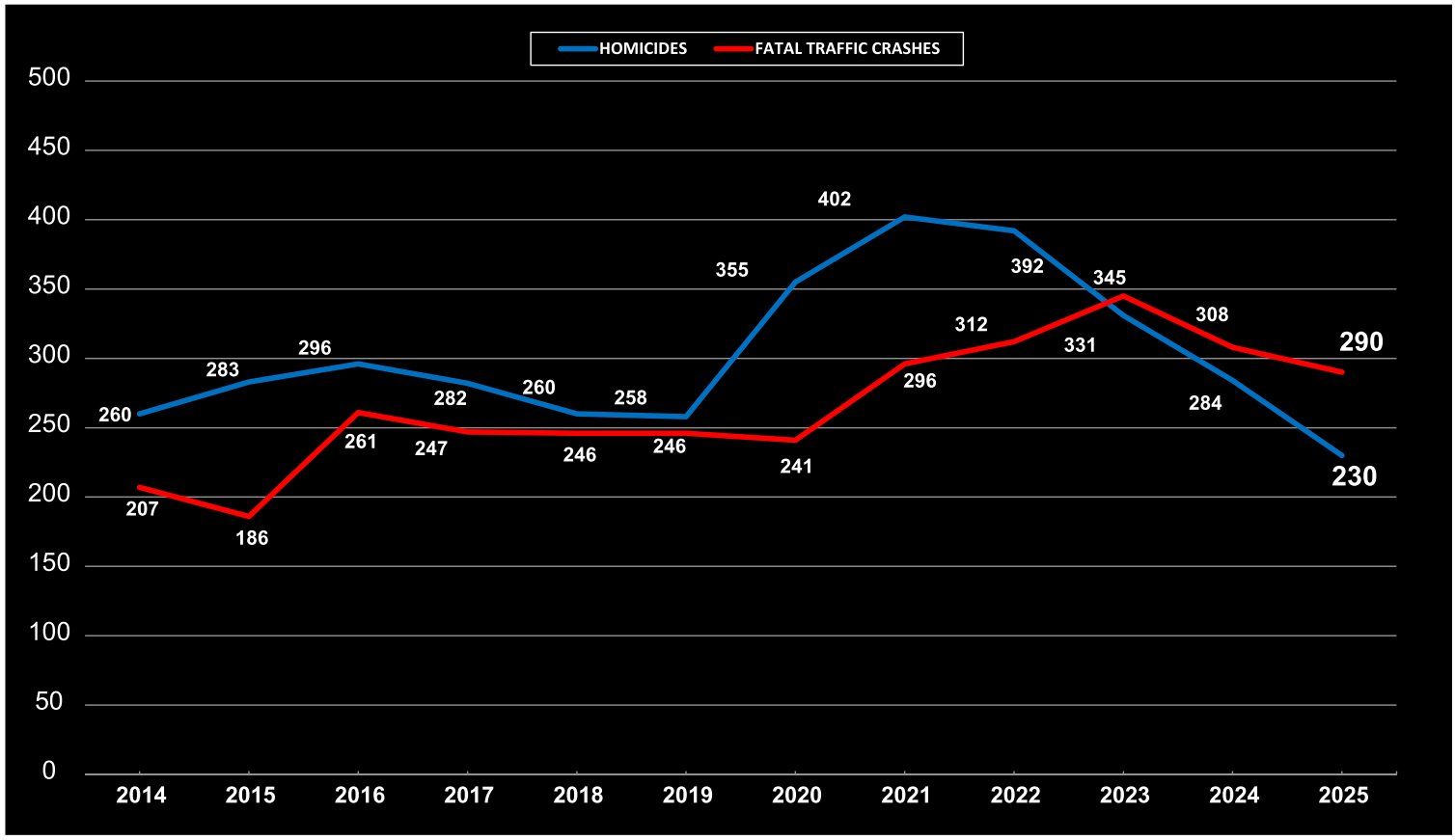
Organizationally, the implementation and expansion of the Community Traffic Safety Officer model strengthened localized response, accountability, and problem solving. Ongoing training, roll call instruction, and cross bureau coordination reinforced consistent enforcement standards, investigative practices, and officer preparedness.

In 2025, there were 290 fatal traffic crashes. Although this represents a six percent decrease from the prior year, it marks the third consecutive year in which traffic-related fatalities exceeded homicides. This trend underscores the continued need for robust enforcement efforts and adequate staffing to further reduce the loss of life on our roadways.

Collectively, these Citywide initiatives reflect a coordinated, adaptive approach that integrates enforcement, technology, education, and community partnership to advance roadway safety and support safer streets throughout the City.



Citywide Homicides & Fatal Traffic Crashes – 2014 - 2025 –







Drone as a First Responder

In 2025, the Department moved the Drone as a First Responder (DFR) program from planning to operational reality. Building on groundwork established in 2024, the DFR Working Group spent the early part of the year deeply engaged in pre-launch planning. This involved navigating the challenges of urban airspace, regulatory oversight, and community expectations to ensure a foundation grounded in transparency and accountability.

A pivotal milestone occurred in June 2025, when the Board of Police Commissioners approved revised Small Unmanned Aerial System Program Deployment Guidelines and Procedures, formally authorizing DFR operations. Less than a month later, in July, the Department launched its first DFR test program from the Topanga Area Station rooftop. Expansion followed quickly, with flights launching from Police Headquarters to serve Central Bureau, positioning the Department among the first major agencies to operate DFR in a dense, high-rise urban environment.

By November 2025, DFR operations were active from five locations and provided coverage in 15 of the Department's 21 Areas. Since July 2025, the program conducted 1,779 flights, averaged up to 23 deployments per day, and was first on scene in 754 incidents. In 135 cases, calls were resolved before officers arrived, preserving patrol resources for higher priority needs.

Throughout the year, DFR supported major events such as the 2025 World Series and championship parade, delivered real-time aerial intelligence during critical incidents, and enhanced Incident Commander decision making. By year's end, DFR was firmly established as an operational capability and a cornerstone of future modernization, with expansion and Real-Time Crime Center integration planned for early 2026, reinforcing the Department's role as a national leader in technology-driven public safety.

Real-Time Crime Centers



Over the past year, the Department made substantial progress on one of its most significant modernization initiatives: the development of a Real-Time Crime Center (RTCC) that will serve as a foundational element of our future public safety strategy. As law enforcement agencies across the nation increasingly deploy RTCCs to centralize information, heighten situational awareness, and provide actionable intelligence to the field, the LAPD identified the critical value of adopting this capability.

Information Technology Bureau (ITB), working closely with the Office of Operations and Central Area, launched the Department's first RTCC as a pilot program. Throughout the year, the pilot demonstrated the operational advantages of integrated technologies, real-time data delivery, and coordinated support to field personnel.

From its earliest stages, the Central Area RTCC confirmed the effectiveness of consolidating intelligence resources. By integrating camera systems, license plate readers, analytic platforms, and real-time investigative support, officers gained immediate access to critical information. This improved not only situational awareness but also investigative outcomes, contributing to enhanced case closures, informed deployment decisions, and measurable improvements in community safety.

As the pilot evolved, it became evident that expanding this capability across the Department would significantly enhance operational efficiency and effectiveness. This conclusion guided the decision to begin developing a centralized Citywide RTCC. Much of the groundwork for this expanded center was completed during the year, including key planning that aligned with the parallel development of the Drone as a First Responder (DFR) program. The integration of DFR into the RTCC will further strengthen the Department's ability to rapidly assess incidents and provide real-time support to officers in the field.

When fully implemented, the RTCC will broaden system coverage, increase the number of integrated technologies, formalize real-time operational workflows, and add dedicated staffing to support field operations throughout the city. This initiative represents a strategic and long-term investment in modern public safety infrastructure. It also marks a decisive step toward developing a modern, resilient, and analytically driven public safety enterprise that will enhance service delivery to the city well into the future.

Recruitment & Hiring Initiatives

In 2025, the LAPD advanced a series of critical recruitment and hiring initiatives aimed at strengthening both its civilian and sworn workforce, even as the City continued to confront significant operational and fiscal challenges. These efforts reflect a focused strategy to sustain a diverse and qualified applicant pipeline while modernizing recruitment practices and improving the overall candidate experience.

Throughout the year, the Department hired 121 civilian employees to support essential operational and administrative functions. Midyear, however, civilian hiring was suspended due to Citywide budget constraints. The Department concluded 2025 with 2,520 civilian employees.

Sworn hiring remained a major priority, and the Department successfully onboarded 440 recruits during the fiscal year. This level of hiring was achieved through extensive outreach and sustained engagement designed to attract high-caliber candidates capable of supporting current operational needs and future succession planning.

Recruitment teams participated in more than 300 events across Los Angeles and surrounding regions, including job fairs, hiring seminars, virtual presentations, and targeted outreach to military personnel and veterans. This wide-ranging engagement strengthened Department visibility, expanded connections with diverse communities, and helped maintain a strong and consistent applicant pool.

Looking forward, the Department will build upon these outreach strategies while introducing new efforts to streamline the hiring process. A key initiative planned for implementation is an expedited job fair format that enables applicants to complete four of the seven required hiring steps during a single event. This model is expected to accelerate applicant evaluation, reduce process-related attrition, and improve the overall candidate experience.

Collectively, the LAPD's 2025 recruitment and hiring efforts demonstrate a comprehensive and adaptive approach to workforce development that balances immediate operational needs with long term organizational sustainability. Through sustained outreach, process innovation, and strengthened support programs, the Department remains committed to cultivating a capable, diverse, and ready workforce.



Organizational Realignment

Following a comprehensive review of the Department's organizational structure, several strategic changes were made to streamline operations, enhance efficiency, and maximize a shrinking workforce. With the Department currently down approximately 1,400 sworn officers and hiring unable to outpace attrition, internal restructuring has become paramount to maintaining operational capacity.



Key actions include:

Reconfiguration of Homicide Units:

All homicide units Citywide have been realigned under the Robbery-Homicide Division (RHD). This structure allows the Commanding Officer of RHD to ensure equitable workload distribution, improve investigative coordination, and enhance accountability across geographic bureaus.

Re-establishment of the Human Resources Bureau:

Related personnel and administrative functions were consolidated under one command to standardize processes, improve service delivery, and strengthen workforce support.

Command Staff and Field Operations Re-deployments:

To prioritize core policing functions and bolster field staffing, the Department reassigned personnel, including command staff, to align leadership and operational resources with current and emerging organizational needs, ensuring adequate coverage and strategic capacity across the Department. This realignment resulted in the reassignment of 1 Deputy Chief, 4 Captains, 10 Lieutenants, 75 Sergeants, 14 Detectives, and 533 Police Officers to field operations, directly supporting frontline readiness and supervisory capacity. These reassignments increased patrol, investigative, and supervisory capacity in the field without adding positions or incurring additional personnel costs.

Civilianization of Technology Leadership:

The Department has civilianized the Chief Information Officer role and created a Chief Information Security Officer position to modernize cybersecurity operations and address evolving digital threats faced by the City and the LAPD.

Creation of a Dedicated Risk Manager:

A Risk Manager will focus on civil liability issues, identify trends, and develop strategies to mitigate exposure and reduce damages.

Special Assistant for Constitutional Policing and Policy:

This newly hired position provides senior leadership with expert guidance on policy development, constitutional standards, compliance, and accountability.

These organizational realignments reflect a deliberate, data-driven approach to reallocating limited resources. By returning hundreds of sworn personnel back into field operations and consolidating administrative and leadership functions, the Department has preserved operational capacity, strengthened frontline supervision, and improved efficiency despite significant workforce reductions. At the same time, these changes have supported the development of a leadership team increasingly recognized across the profession for its adaptability, strategic focus, and commitment to effective policing.



Jim McDonnell

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Los Angeles Police Department

Conclusion

As this year's Annual Review concludes, the Department looks forward with renewed focus and optimism with shifting crime trends, notable reductions in violent crime, and the unwavering dedication of the men and women who protect and serve Los Angeles. While the year has brought both progress and significant challenges, the Department experienced substantial declines in homicides, improved investigative outcomes, enhanced traffic safety efforts, and measurable improvements across key initiatives.

However, major incidents tested operational readiness, such as the Palisades Fire, that required coordinated Citywide responses. To confront these challenges, the Department advanced several critical strategies aimed at crime reduction. These strategies include the adoption of precision-policing approaches, strengthening community partnerships, and expansion of key initiatives to address crime. Additionally, the Department continued to invest in emerging technologies, including the use of drones as first responders. These investments strengthened the Department's ability to respond quickly, deploy resources effectively, and enhance public safety.

The Department also made important progress in traffic safety by implementing missions and data-driven enforcement to address the ongoing rise in severe and fatal collisions. These efforts are aligned with Citywide Vision Zero initiatives and reflect a continued commitment to saving lives on Los Angeles roadways.

This year, the Department placed renewed emphasis on recruitment, retention, and organizational sustainability. In a highly competitive hiring environment and amid historically low staffing levels, the Department expanded outreach, modernized hiring pathways, and strengthened partnerships with the City to rebuild both sworn and civilian ranks. These initiatives are essential to maintaining the Department's ability to meet the evolving needs of the City.

Looking forward, the Department remains committed to advancing constitutional policing, deepening community trust, and preparing its personnel for increasingly complex public safety landscape. Whether preventing violent crime, responding to large scale emergencies, or improving our technological infrastructure, the Department will continue to adapt, innovate, and exemplify modern policing.

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