



# City of Mesa Police Department

## 2025 Crime Data Overview

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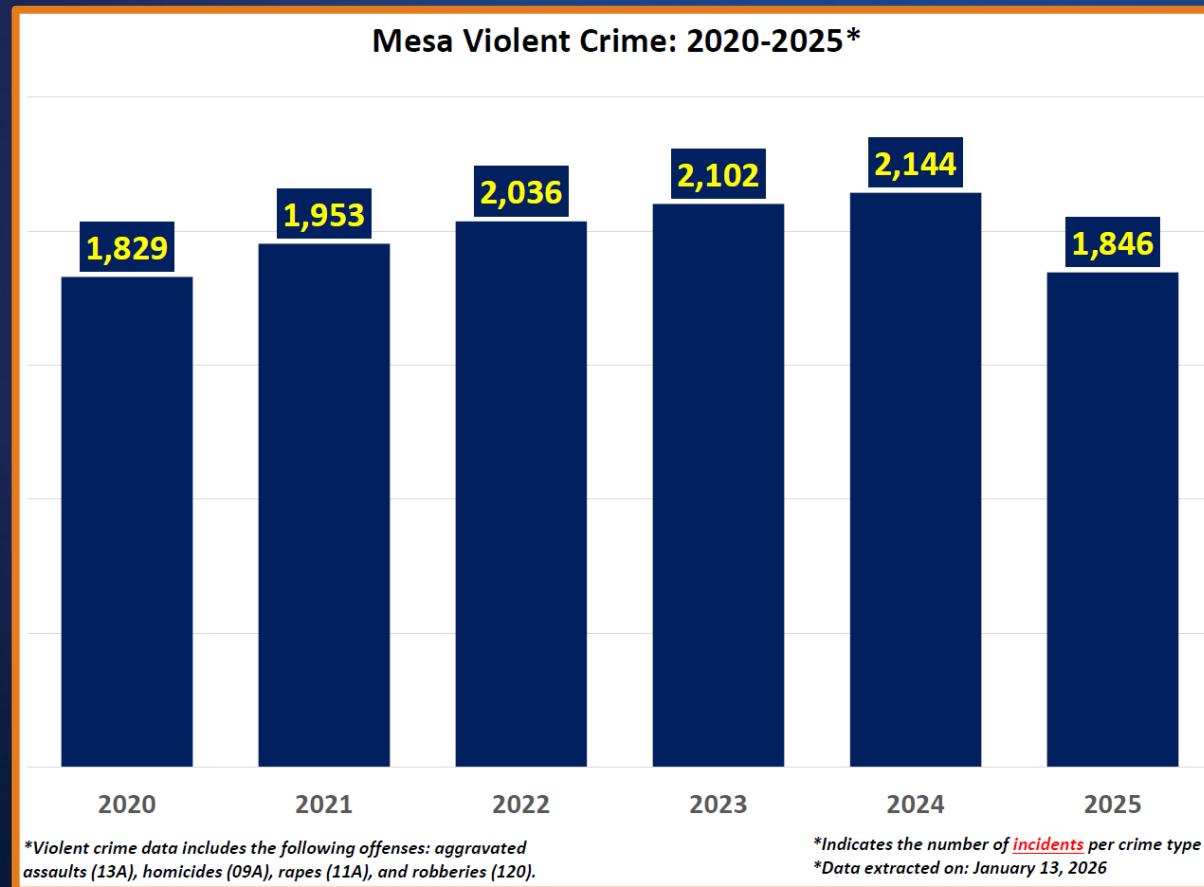
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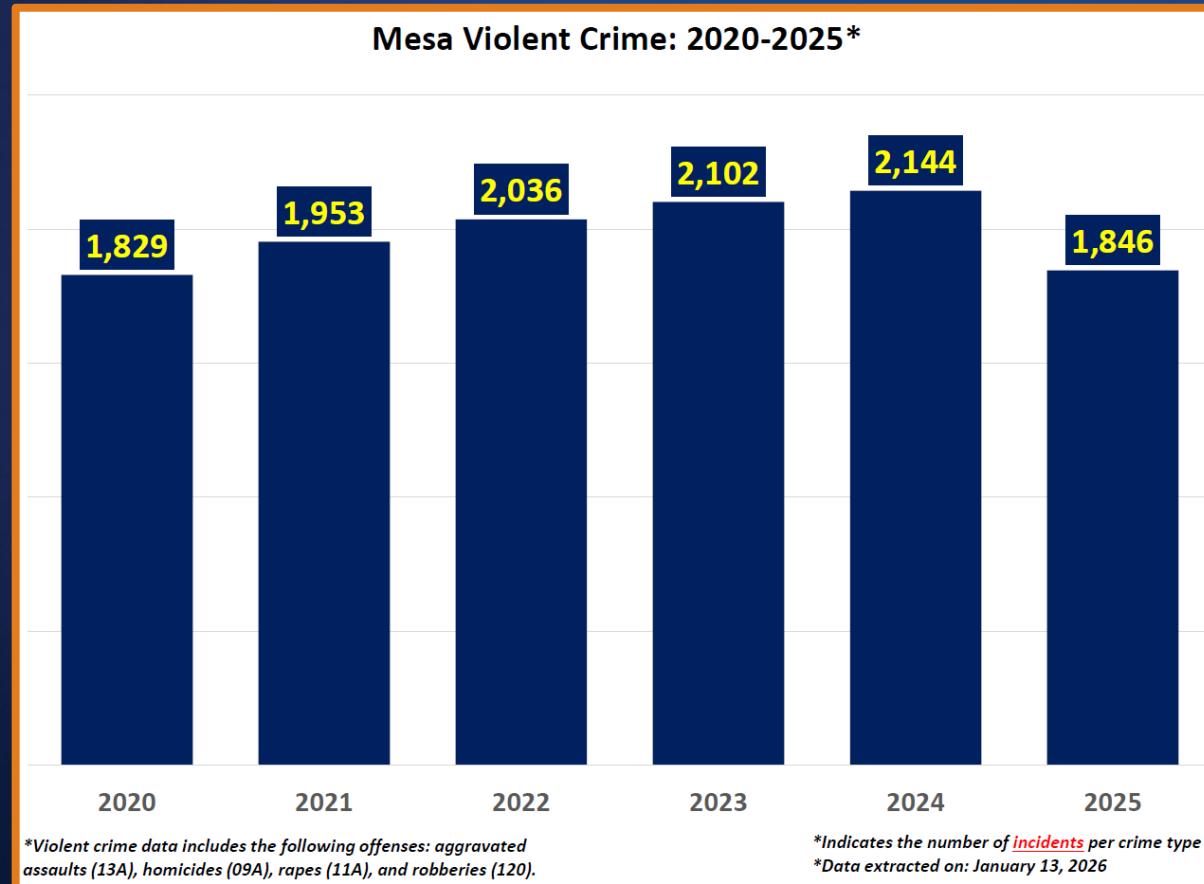
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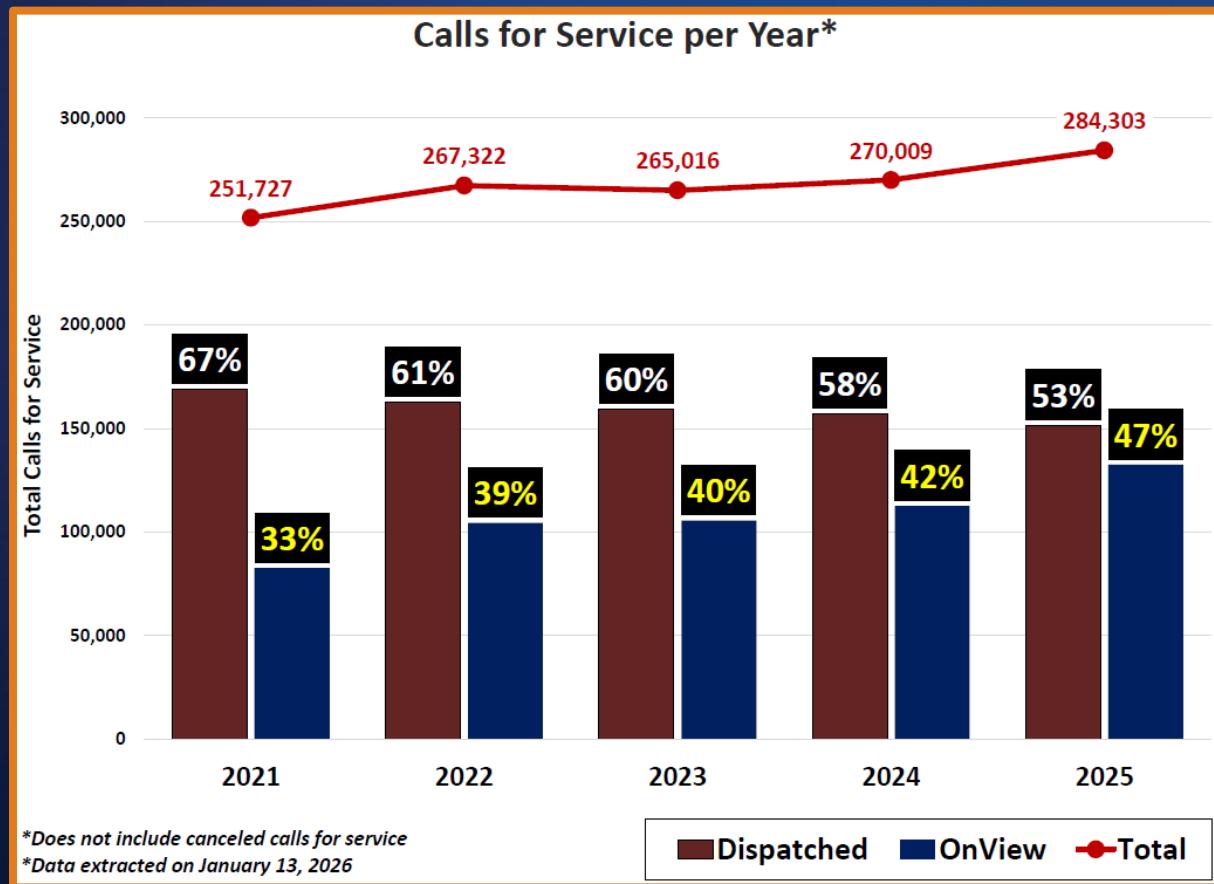
- Violent crime **Incidents** rose steadily from 2020 through 2024.
- In 2025, Mesa saw a reduction by about 14%.
- Robberies continued a long-term downward trend, decreasing for the fifth consecutive year (about a 34% decrease since 2020).
- Aggravated assaults decreased for first time in five years.

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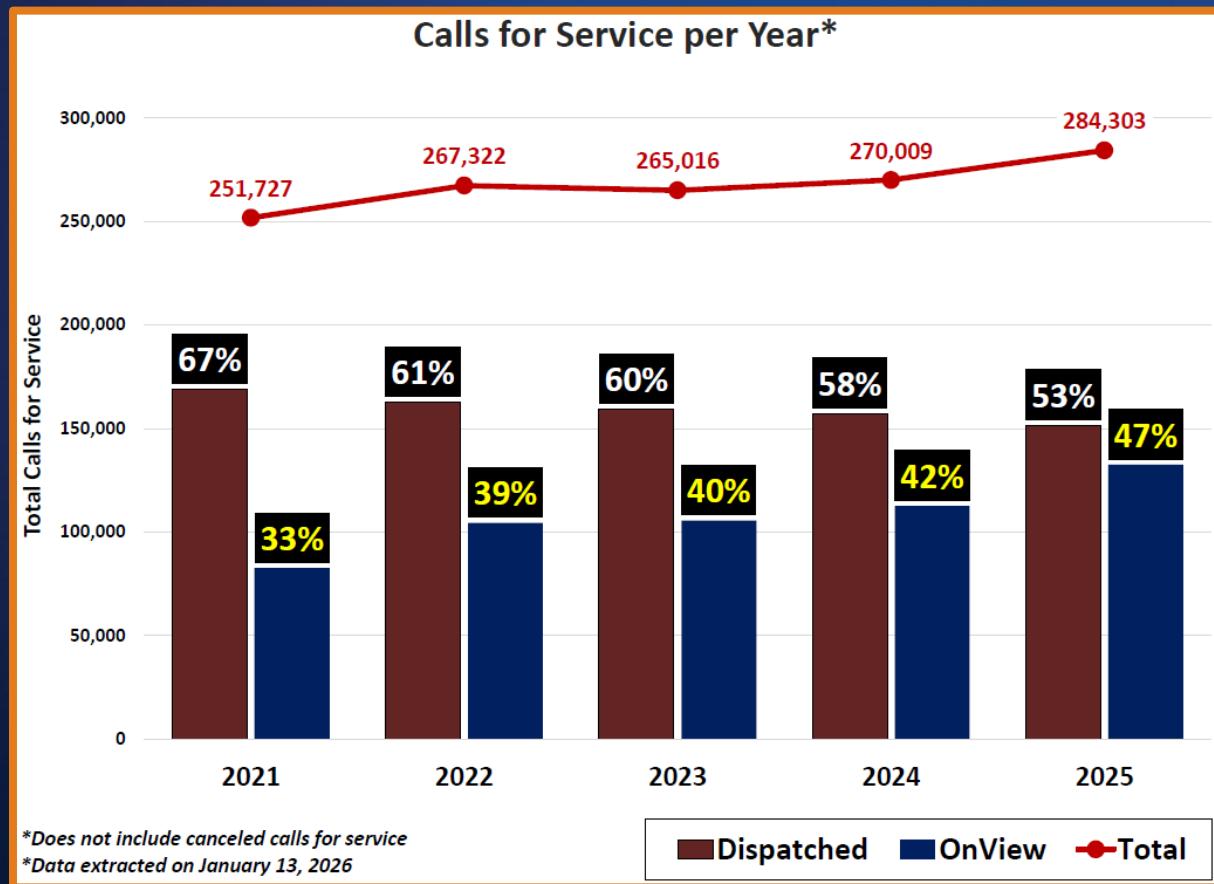
- Reported sexual assault and rapes dropped significantly, continuing multi-year decrease.
- While homicide victims increased slightly in 2025, totals remain lower than the levels seen between 2020 and 2023.
- This progress reflects sustained enforcement, prevention, and community partnership efforts that will continue into 2026.

## Calls for Service



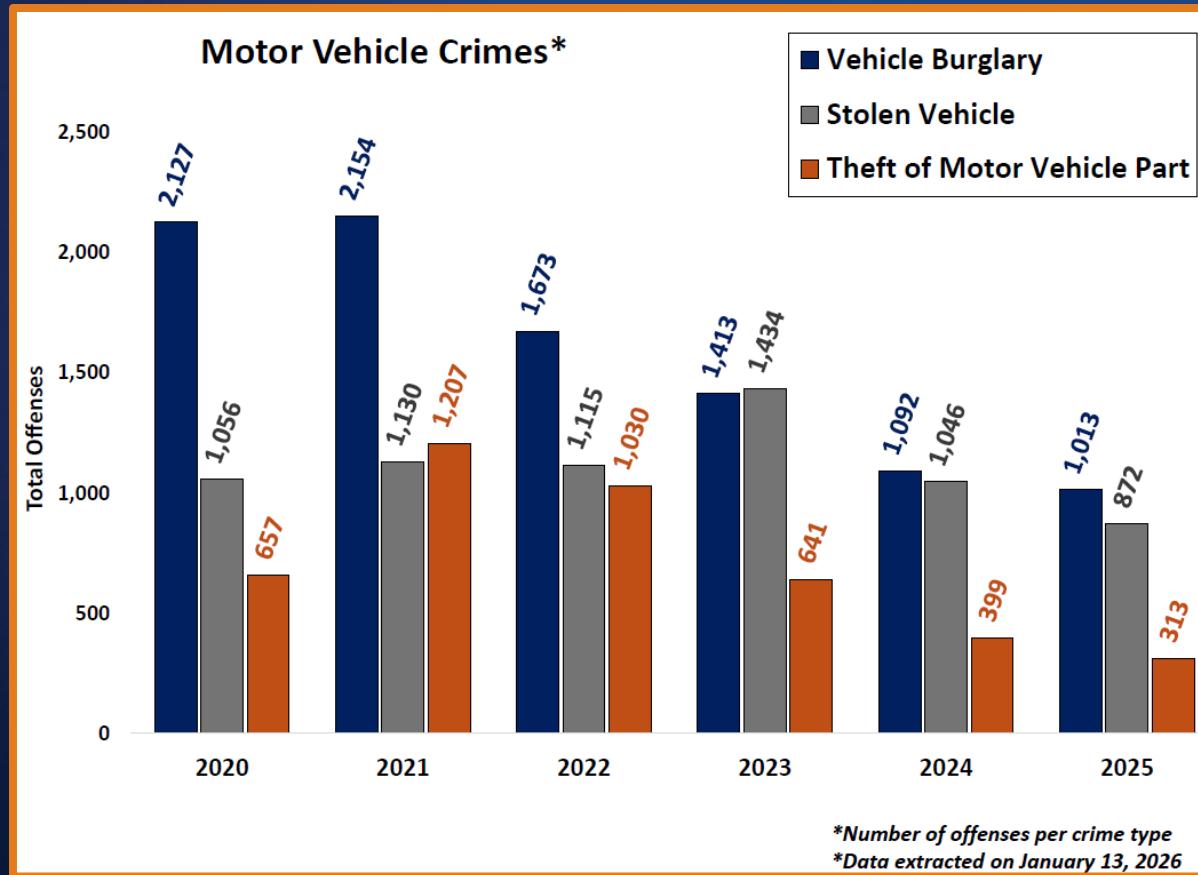
- Calls for service increased about 5% from 2024 to 2025.
- Dispatched calls continue a multi-year decline.
- Officer initiated on view activity increased, highlighting proactive policing rather than reactive response.

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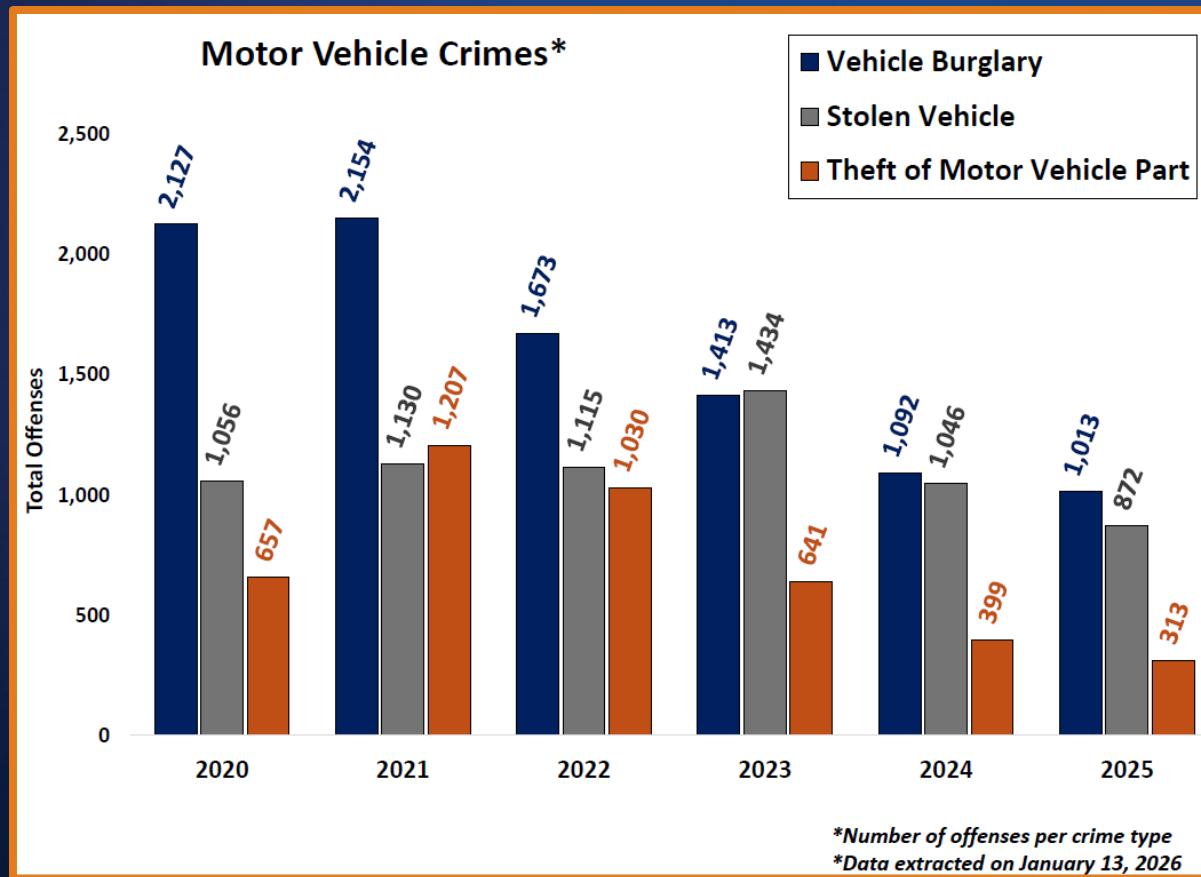
- Calls involving shots fired, armed robbery, and subjects with guns all decreased.
- Juvenile disturbance calls increased, pointing to areas where community and prevention efforts remain critical.

## Motor Vehicle Crimes



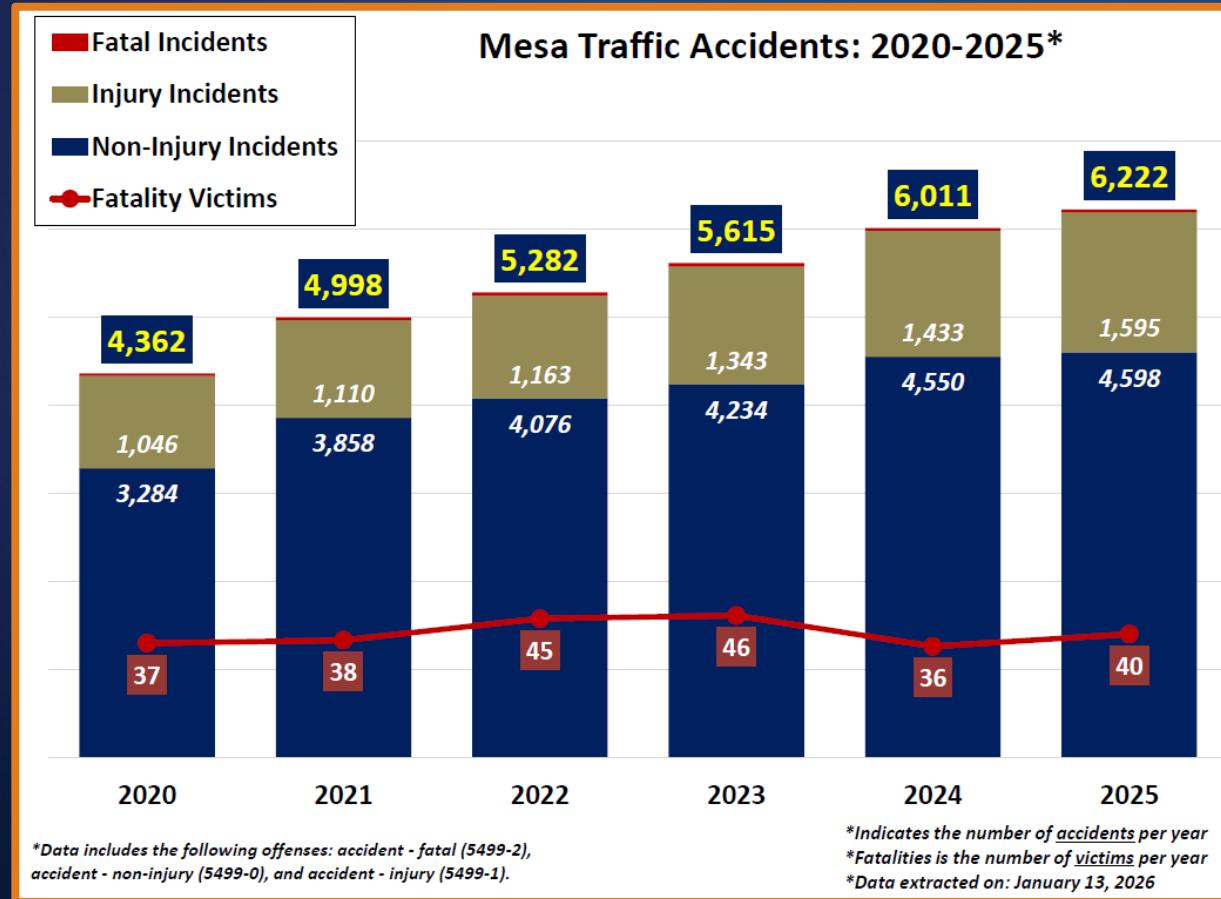
- Stolen vehicles dropped to their lowest level since 2020, including a significant decline since the peak in 2023.
- Vehicle burglaries continued a steady multi-year decrease, down more than 50% since 2021.
- Theft of motor vehicle parts also dropped and remains on a downward trend.

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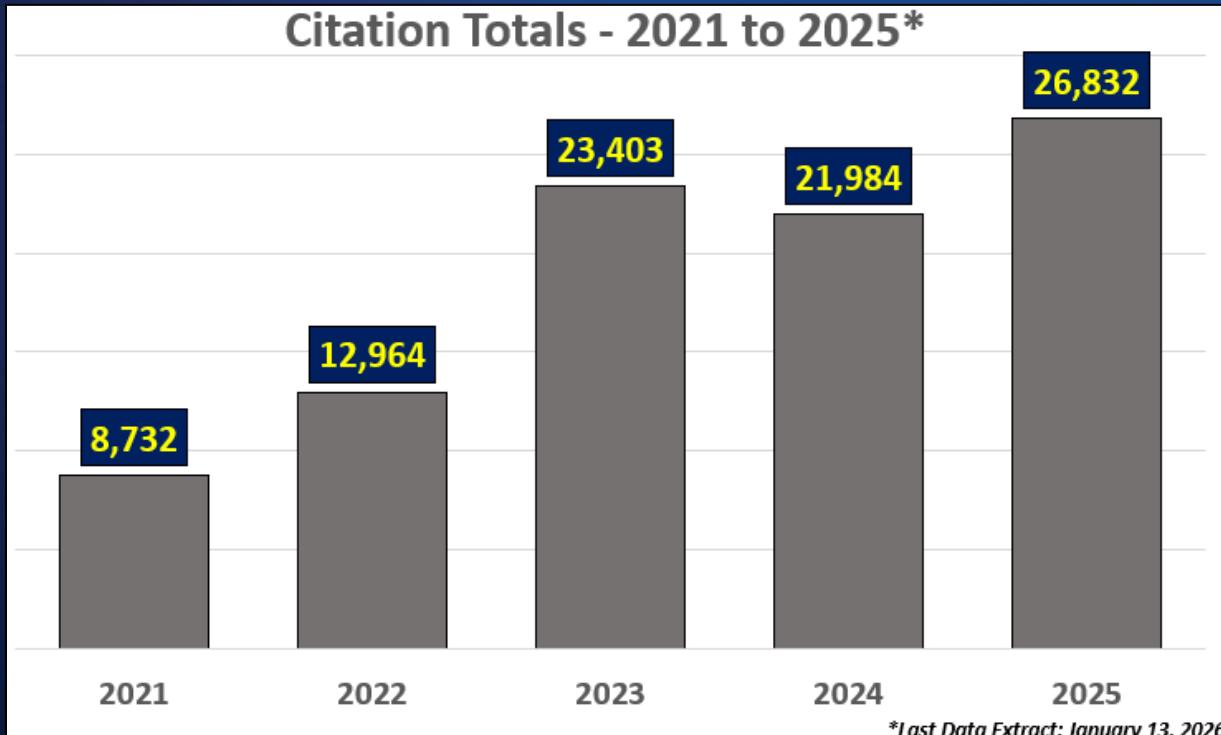
- One emerging concern is thefts involving electric bikes, motorized scooters, and similar devices, which Mesa Police Department is actively addressing.
- Focused enforcement and public awareness efforts continue to adapt as criminal patterns change over time.

## Traffic Accidents and Citations



- Traffic accidents increased citywide again in 2025, particularly in areas experiencing rapid population growth.
- Traffic related fatalities also increased, which serves as a reminder that roadway safety remains a shared responsibility.
- Traffic enforcement rose including both citations and warnings.

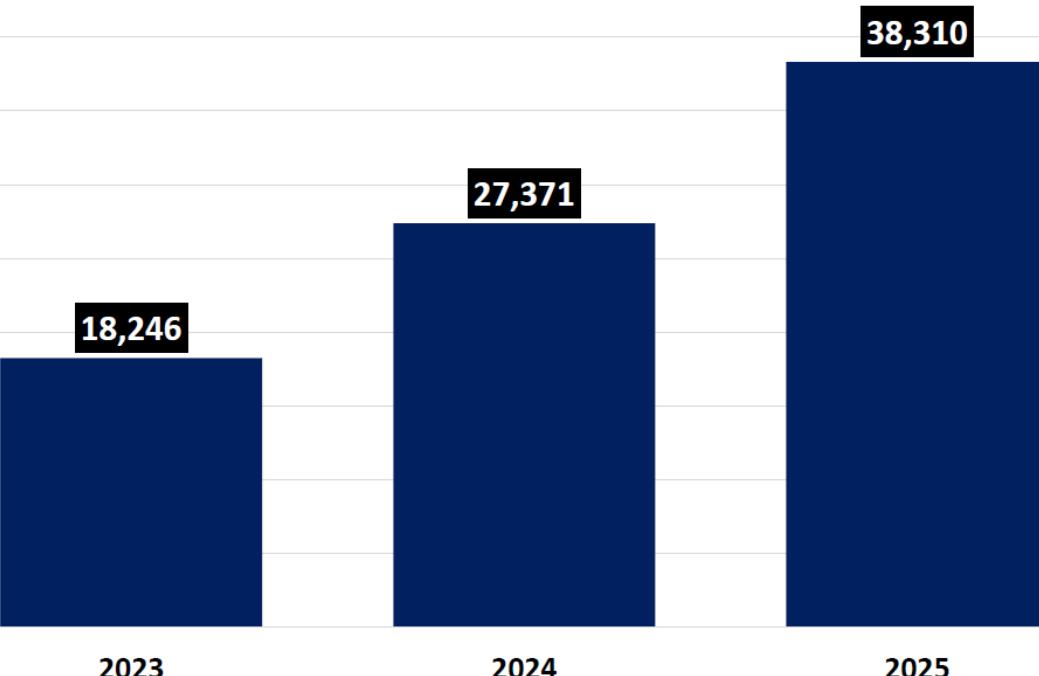
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- Increased warnings show an emphasis on education and behavior change, not just enforcement.
- Enforcement efforts are focused on reducing serious injuries and saving lives.
- Roadway safety efforts remain focused on accountability, awareness, and preventing serious injury.

## Proactive Patrol and Community Engagement

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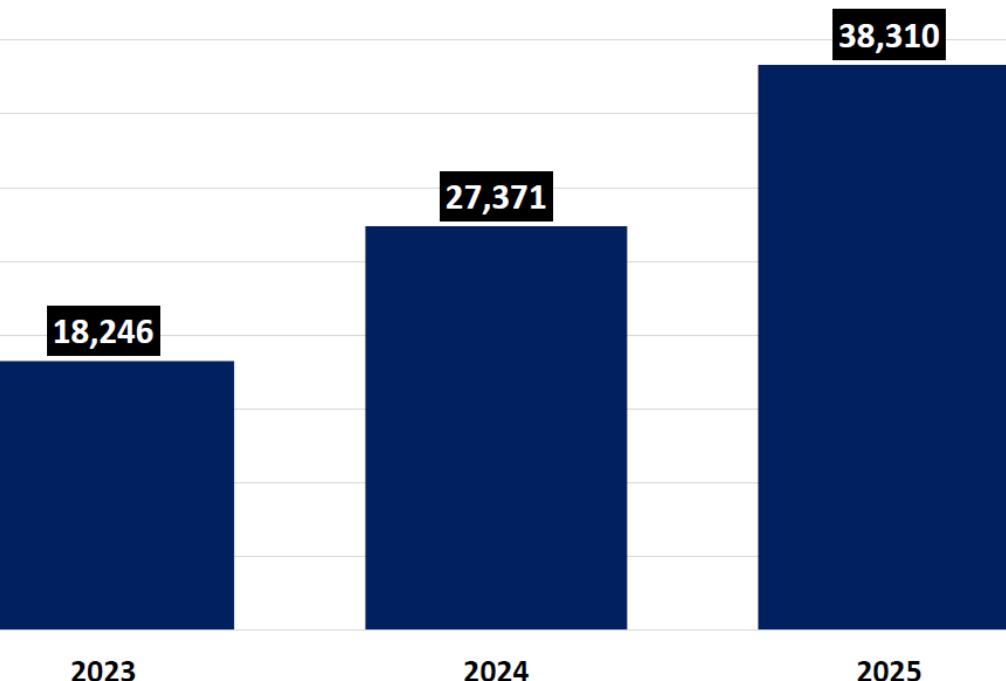


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- Mission directed patrol and community engagement more than doubled, reflecting a proactive policing strategy.
- Targeted investigations led to identified human trafficking cases, exposing crimes that often go unseen.
- Vandalism and criminal damage continued a long-term decline.

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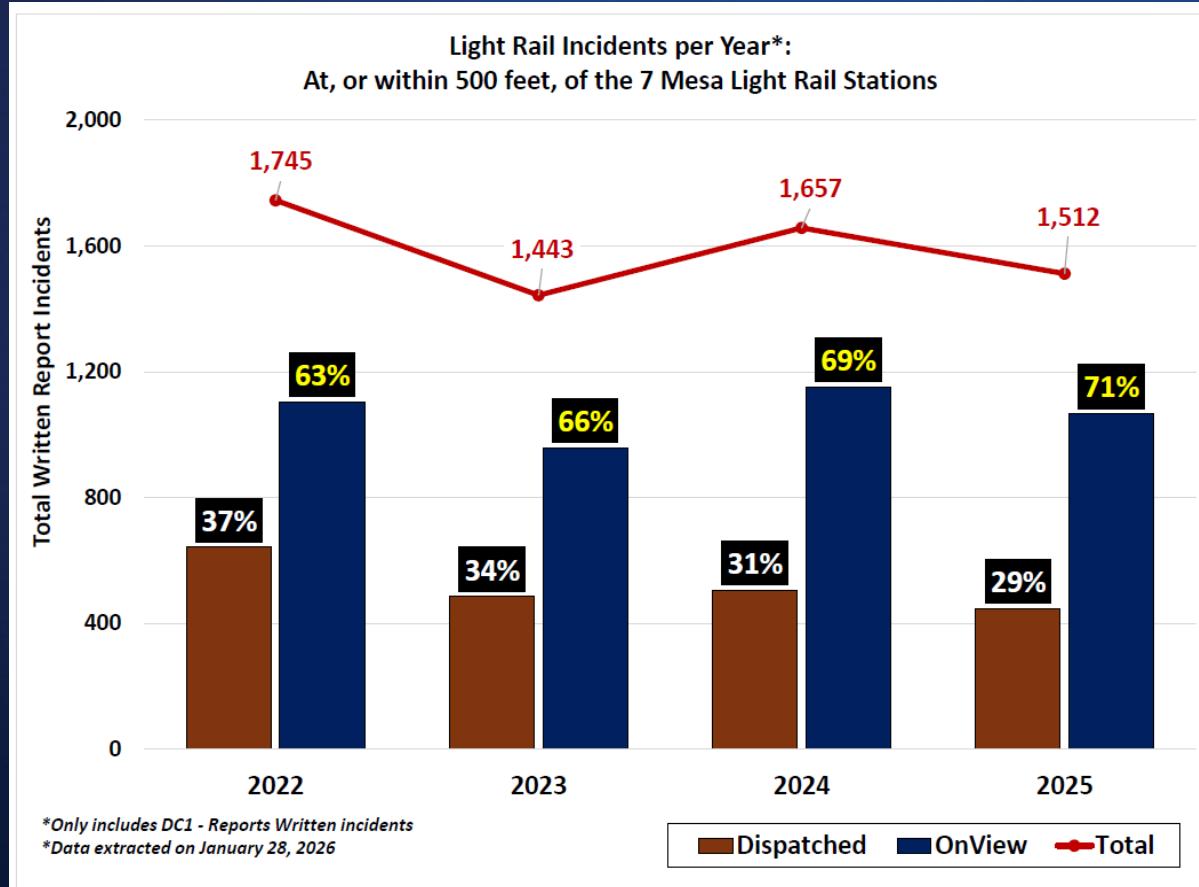
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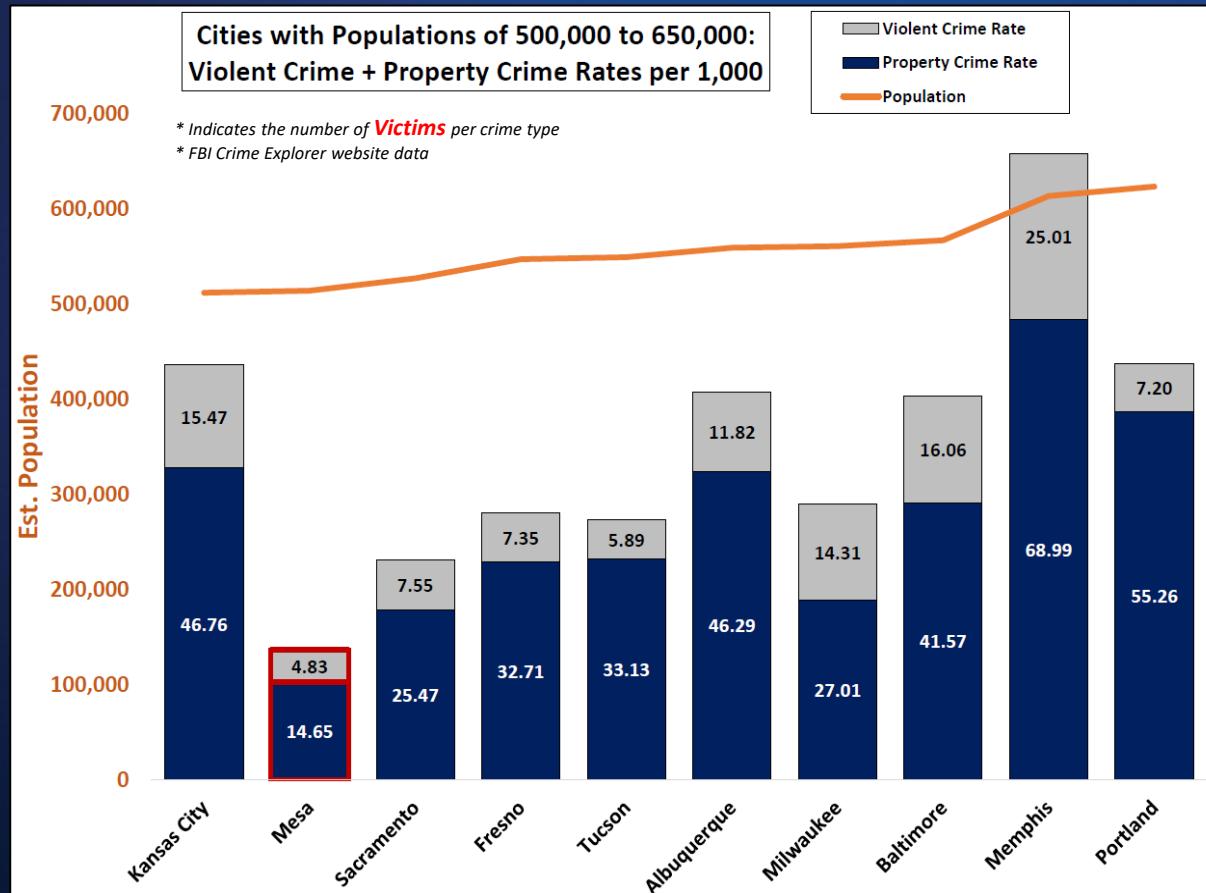
- DUI arrests increased, showing an emphasis on impaired driving prevention.
- Weapon violation and prohibited possessor arrests rose, while dispatched weapon calls decreased, indicating effective proactive patrol.
- Proactive engagement remains pivotal to prevention, accountability, and community trust.

## Light Rail Incidents



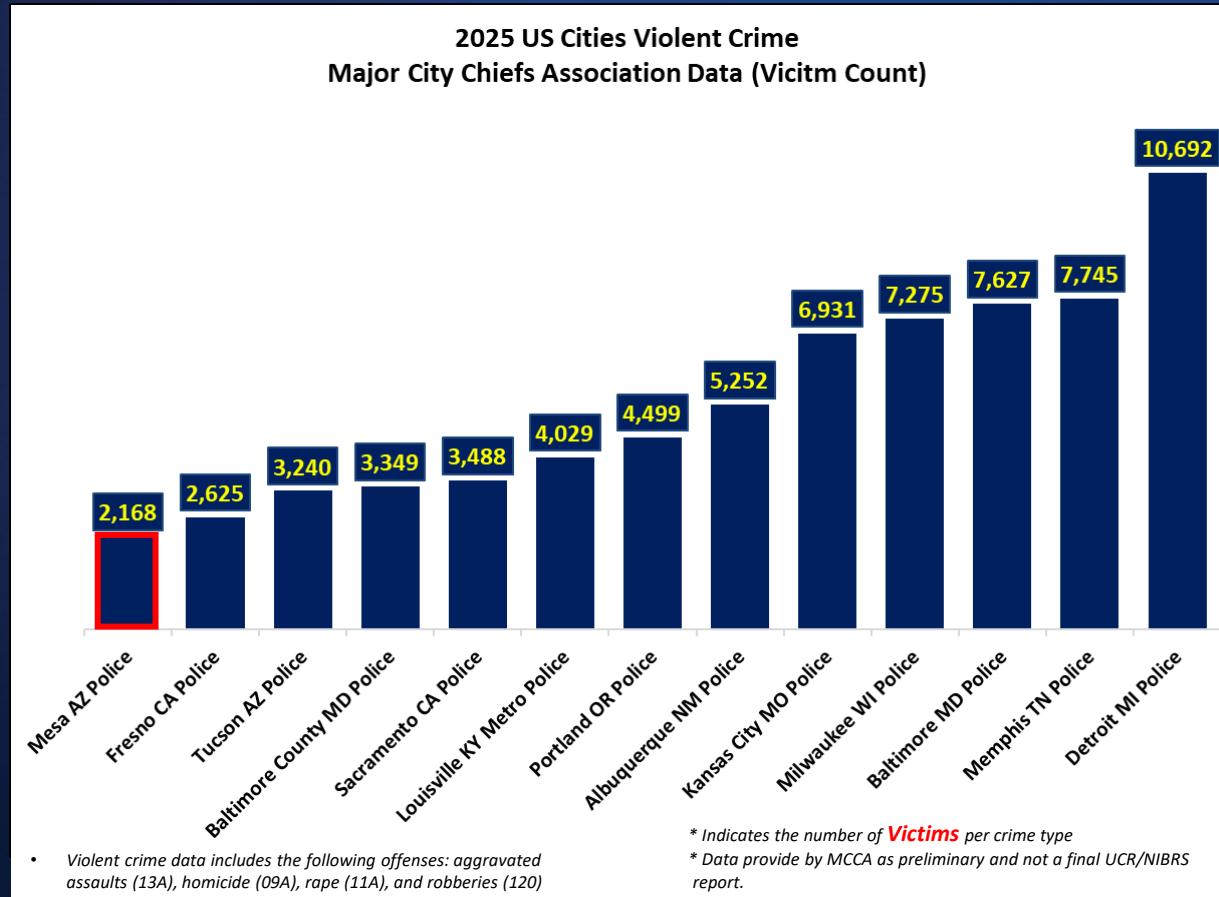
- 2.58% decrease in police incidents within 500 ft of Light Rail stops in Mesa in 2025
- Across all stops more than 50% of calls were proactive on-viewed activity
- The top offense at all stops in 2025 was Drug Paraphernalia

## What makes Mesa the safest city in its class?



- Mesa has the lowest Violent Crime Rate and Property Crime rate of US Cities with a population of 500,000 to 650,000.
- Based on 2024 FBI UCR, **Victim** based Data. (2025 data is not yet available)
- This data is available on the FBI Crime Data Explorer.

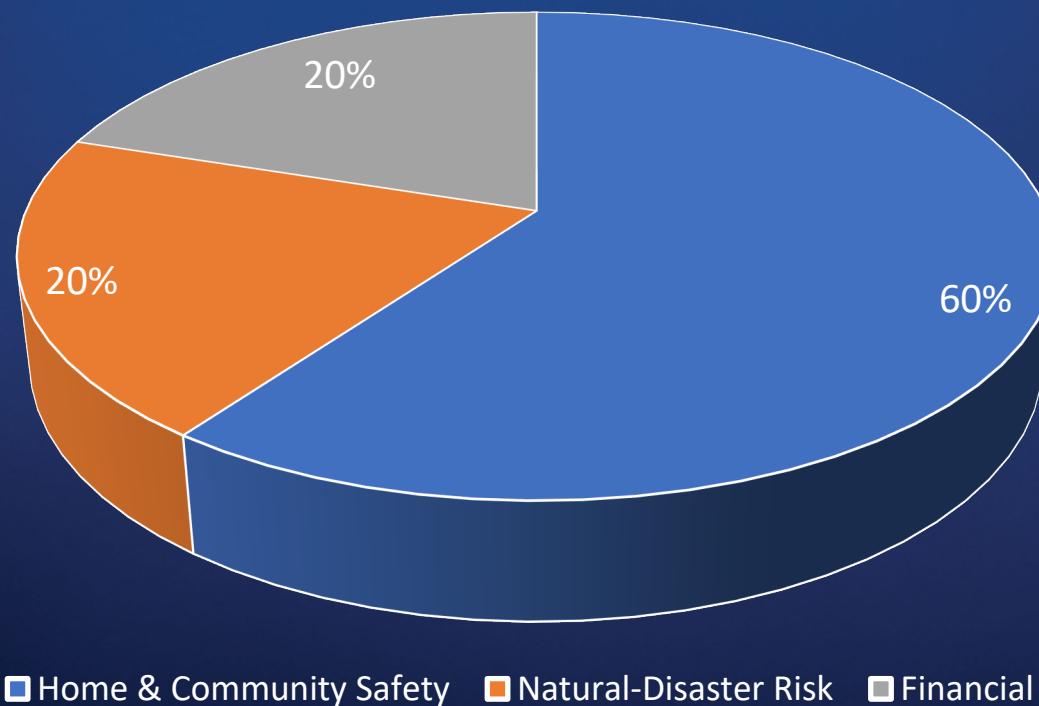
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- Based on 2025 preliminary agency **Victim** count data reported to Major Cities Chiefs Association (MCCA)
- Includes Cities with Populations of 500,000 to 650,000

Some sites such as WalletHub use subjective data to determine a “safety score”

Safest Cities Score Composition



## WalletHub Home & Community Safety Scoring Breakdown

Metric	Weight	Approx. Points
Presence of Terrorist Attacks	Triple Weight	7.83
Murders & Non-Negligent Manslaughters per Capita	Triple Weight	7.83
Sex Offenders per Capita	Double Weight	5.22
Forcible Rapes per Capita	Double Weight	5.22
Drug Poisoning Deaths per Capita	Double Weight	5.22
Pedestrian Fatalities per Capita	Double Weight	5.22
Perception of Safety (walking alone daytime/night)	Full Weight	2.61
Road Quality	Full Weight	2.61
Traffic Fatalities per Capita	Full Weight	2.61

Metric	Weight	Approx. Points
Number of Mass Shootings	Full Weight	2.61
Assaults per Capita	Full Weight	2.61
Thefts per Capita	Full Weight	2.61
Hate Crimes per Capita	Full Weight	2.61
Law-Enforcement Employees per Capita	Half Weight	1.3
Active Firefighters per Capita	Half Weight	1.3
EMTs & Paramedics per Capita	Half Weight	1.3
Share of Sheltered Homeless	Half Weight	1.3

Questions?

Thank you.



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