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**Ventura had a Significant Decrease in Property Crimes
while Person Crimes Increased Slightly Overall in
2022**

Ventura's crime statistics are based on the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Uniform Crime Reporting Program (UCR), defined as the number of crimes committed per 1,000 population. Part I Crimes are comprised of eight offenses, broken down into two categories. Violent crime includes homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault; property crime includes burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

The City of Ventura experienced a 13.3% reduction in reported Part I Crime in 2022. Overall, Part I Crimes totaled 2,881, which was 443 fewer offenses than were reported in 2021.

Despite the overall reduction in Part I Crime, violent crime saw a small increase of 2.6% in 2022, with 10 more offenses reported than in the previous year. Aggravated assaults increased 21.7%, with 51 more assaults being reported. There was one homicide in 2022 compared to none in 2021. Sexual assaults had a decrease of 28.6%, with 12 fewer incidents than last year, and robberies decreased by 29.7%.

Property Crime dropped by 15.4%, with reductions in every category except arson when compared to 2021. Burglary dropped by 18.5%. Larceny and vehicle theft saw reductions of 15.8% and 8.1% respectively. Arson showed the only increase, with 2 more arsons reported than the previous year, an increase of 10%.

For 2023 the Ventura Police Department is transitioning away from the traditional UCR (Uniformed Crime Reporting) and implementing NIBRS (National Incident-Based Reporting System) as recommended by the FBI. The UCR system captures crime data based on only eight categories while NIBRS collects data from over 50 categories. The UCR program utilizes a hierarchical system to prioritize and categorize offenses. The hierarchy rule requires that an incident with multiple offenses or charges be narrowed down to a single offense, usually the most serious charge. NIBRS collects more detailed information, provides greater specificity in reporting criminal offenses, and provides more data points for analyzing crime trends. The Ventura Police Department started collecting NIBRS data in July of 2022 and will utilize this format for all future reporting. For more details about NIBRS refer to: <https://www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/more-fbi-services-and-information/ucr/nibrs>

With this new format, crime rates will look significantly different, and at first glance, crime will appear to have increased significantly. The appearance of increased crime is due to the NIBRS mechanism of data collection and reporting as noted above. These new categories include crimes that existed under the UCR standards; however, under the UCR standards, they were not reported out. Attached, along with UCR data, is the NIBRS data that has been collected since July to provide some context and comparison of the crime reporting.

The Part I schedule includes the crimes in the following table:

Uniform Crime Reporting

VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT - PART ONE CRIMES - 2022							
Part 1 Offenses	Jan to Dec 2022	Jan to Dec 2021	%change	# Diff	Crime per 1,000 pop	Clearance by Arrest	% Cleared
HOMICIDE	1	0	N/A	1	0.01	1	100.0%
RAPE	30	42	-28.6%	-12	0.28	5	16.7%
ROBBERY	71	101	-29.7%	-30	0.66	33	46.5%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	286	235	21.7%	51	2.64	156	54.5%
TOTAL VIOLENT CRIMES	388	378	2.6%	10	3.58	195	50.3%
BURGLARY	339	416	-18.5%	-77	3.13	66	19.5%
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	135	127	6.3%	8	1.25		
<i>Burglary - Non-Residential</i>	204	289	-29.4%	-85	1.88		
LARCENY	1916	2275	-15.8%	-359	17.70	232	12.1%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	216	235	-8.1%	-19	2.00	42	19.4%
ARSON	22	20	10.0%	2	0.20	12	54.5%
TOTAL PROPERTY CRIMES	2493	2946	-15.4%	-453	23.03	352	14.1%
TOTAL PART 1 CRIMES	2881	3324	-13.3%	-443	26.62	547	19.0%
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Formerly known as Part 1 crimes under UCR, they are known as Group A crimes under NIBRS. As UCR crimes totaled four person or violent crime categories the new reporting has 14 categories.

GROUP A Crimes Against	07/13/22 - 12/31/22	Crime per 1,000 pop	Clearance by Arrest	% Cleared
PERSON				
MURDER & NONNEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	1	0.01	1	100.0%
NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0	0.00	0	0.0%
FORCIBLE RAPE	17	0.16	2	11.8%
FORCIBLE SODOMY	7	0.06	2	28.6%
SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH AN OBJECT	5	0.05	0	0.0%
FORCIBLE FONDLING	22	0.20	8	36.4%
INCEST	0	0.00	0	0.0%
STATUTORY RAPE	2	0.02	1	50.0%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	179	1.65	95	53.1%
SIMPLE ASSAULT	404	3.73	245	60.6%
INTIMIDATION	51	0.47	29	56.9%
HUMAN TRAFFICKING, COMMERCIAL SEX ACTS	0	0.00	0	0.0%
HUMAN TRAFFICKING, INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE	0	0.00	0	0.0%
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	12	0.11	9	75.0%
TOTAL PERSON CRIMES	700	6.47	392	56.0%

Under UCR reporting, property crimes had four categories while under NIBRS there are 25 categories.

GROUP A Crimes Against	07/13/22 - 12/31/22	Crime per 1,000 pop	Clearance by Arrest	% Cleared
PROPERTY				
ROBBERY	30	0.28	13	43.3%
ARSON	11	0.10	6	54.5%
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	162	1.50	30	18.5%
POCKET-PICKING	12	0.11	1	8.3%
PURSE-SNATCHING	5	0.05	1	20.0%
SHOPLIFTING	211	1.95	68	32.2%
THEFT FROM BUILDING	57	0.53	5	8.8%
THEFT FROM COIN-OPERATED MACHINE OR DEVICE	0	0.00	0	0.0%
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	245	2.26	11	4.5%
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS OR ACCESSORIES	78	0.72	1	1.3%
ALL OTHER LARCENY	259	2.39	22	8.5%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	104	0.96	14	13.5%
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	12	0.11	0	0.0%
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	39	0.36	7	17.9%
EMBEZZLEMENT	25	0.23	2	8.0%
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	58	0.54	39	67.2%
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM OF PROPERTY	392	3.62	81	20.7%
BRIBERY	0	0.00	0	0.0%
FALSE PRETENSES/SWINDLE/CONFIDENCE GAME	212	1.96	21	9.9%
CREDIT CARD/AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE FRAUD	69	0.64	1	1.4%
IMPERSONATION	34	0.31	12	35.3%
WELFARE FRAUD	0	0.00	0	0.0%
WIRE FRAUD	8	0.07	0	0.0%
IDENTITY THEFT	69	0.64	13	18.8%
HACKING/COMPUTER INVASION	0	0.00	0	0.0%
TOTAL PROPERTY CRIMES	2092	19.33	348	16.6%

Under UCR the following categories were never reported, while now under NIBRS, society crimes have 12 categories.

GROUP A Crimes Against	07/13/22 - 12/31/22	Crime per 1,000 pop	Clearance by Arrest	% Cleared
SOCIETY				
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	65	0.60	58	89.2%
DRUG/NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	450	4.16	427	94.9%
DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS	352	3.25	343	97.4%
BETTING/WAGERING	0	0.00	0	0.0%
OPERATING/PROMOTING/ASSISTING GAMBLING	0	0.00	0	0.0%
GAMBLING EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS	0	0.00	0	0.0%
SPORTS TAMPERING	0	0.00	0	0.0%
PROSTITUTION	0	0.00	0	0.0%
ASSISTING OR PROMOTING PROSTITUTION	0	0.00	0	0.0%
PURCHASING PROSTITUTION	0	0.00	0	0.0%
PORNOGRAPHY/OBSCENE MATERIAL	4	0.04	0	0.0%
ANIMAL CRUELTY	0	0.00	0	0.0%
TOTAL SOCIETY CRIMES	871	8.05	828	95.1%
TOTAL GROUP A CRIMES	3663	33.84	1568	42.8%

The following charts are a direct comparison of the last six months of reporting under both UCR and NIBRS reporting systems. The NIBRS categories below have been condensed into several main categories; however, the data remains unchanged.

VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT - FINAL PART ONE CRIMES				
07/13/22 - 12/31/22				
Part 1 Offenses	07/13/22 - 12/31/22	Crime per 1,000 pop	Clearance by Arrest	% Cleared
HOMICIDE	1	0.01	1	100.0%
RAPE	17	0.16	2	11.8%
ROBBERY	30	0.28	13	43.3%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	179	1.65	95	53.1%
TOTAL VIOLENT CRIMES	227	2.10	111	48.9%
BURGLARY	162	1.50	30	18.5%
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	71	0.66		
<i>Burglary - Non-Residential</i>	91	0.84		
LARCENY	846	7.82	103	12.2%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	101	0.93	13	12.9%
ARSON	9	0.08	5	55.6%
TOTAL PROPERTY CRIMES	1118	10.33	151	13.5%
TOTAL PART 1 CRIMES	1345	12.43	262	19.5%
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VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT - FINAL GROUP A CRIMES				
07/13/22 - 12/31/22				
GROUP A Crimes Against	07/13/22 - 12/31/22	Crime per 1,000 pop	Clearance by Arrest	% Cleared
PERSON				
HOMICIDE OFFENSES	1	0.01	1	100.0%
SEX OFFENSES	51	0.47	12	23.5%
SEX OFFENSES, NONFORCIBLE	2	0.02	1	50.0%
ASSAULT OFFENSES	634	5.86	369	58.2%
HUMAN TRAFFICKING	0	0.00	0	0.0%
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	12	0.11	9	75.0%
TOTAL PERSON CRIMES	700	6.47	392	56.0%
PROPERTY				
ROBBERY	30	0.28	13	43.3%
ARSON	11	0.10	6	54.5%
BURGLARY/BREAKING & ENTERING	162	1.50	30	18.5%
LARCENY/THEFT OFFENSES	867	8.01	109	12.6%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	104	0.96	14	13.5%
EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL	12	0.11	0	0.0%
COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY	39	0.36	7	17.9%
EMBEZZLEMENT	25	0.23	2	8.0%
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	58	0.54	39	67.2%
DESTRUCTION/DAMAGE/VANDALISM OF PROPERTY	392	3.62	81	20.7%
BRIBERY	0	0.00	0	0.0%
FRAUD OFFENSES	392	3.62	47	12.0%
TOTAL PROPERTY CRIMES	2092	19.33	348	16.6%
SOCIETY				
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	65	0.60	58	89.2%
DRUG/NARCOTIC OFFENSES	802	7.41	770	96.0%
GAMBLING OFFENSES	0	0.00	0	0.0%
PROSTITUTION OFFENSES	0	0.00	0	0.0%
PORNOGRAPHY/OBSCENE MATERIAL	4	0.04	0	0.0%
ANIMAL CRUELTY	0	0.00	0	0.0%
TOTAL SOCIETY CRIMES	871	8.05	828	95.1%
TOTAL GROUP A CRIMES	3663	33.84	1568	42.8%
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As you can see from the comparison of the last six months, the NIBRS data shows a significant increase in crime in almost all categories. The comparison also shows a significant increase in case clearance from 19.5% to 42.8%.

The Ventura Police Department will continue connecting with various community partners, local agencies, and residents through its multitude of outreach programs and activities, including the 2023 Community Academy, Neighborhood Watch, National Night Out, Curbside Coffee Chats, and attendance at all District Community Council meetings.

Community members interested in learning more about crime in their neighborhood and Ventura are encouraged to follow the Ventura Police Department on social media for monthly property crime updates and assorted crime prevention information. For more specific crime-related information, please visit the online, interactive Community Crime Map at www.CityofVentura.ca.gov/CrimeMap.