

City of Ventura 2014 Part 1 Crime Statistics (January 1 – December 31, 2014)

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Narrative:

Ventura’s Part 1 Per Capita Crime Index dropped slightly from 39.8 crimes per one-thousand residents in 2013 to 38.1 crimes per one-thousand residents in 2014. Despite this reduction, violent crimes increased by 5% with 7 more aggravated assaults, 7 more rapes, and 4 more robberies being reported over the previous year. Homicides dropped from 6 in 2013 to 1 in 2014.

Reported Part 1 Property Crime in 2014 for the City of Ventura decreased by 170 fewer crimes, or 4.2%, when compared to 2013. Most notable was an 11% decrease in residential and commercial burglaries, which represents 82 fewer burglaries from the 745 that were reported in 2013. There were 2,994 Larceny/Thefts reported, including thefts from locked and unlocked vehicles.

Shoplifts accounted for a large number of thefts, with 883 reported in 2014, a 23% increase over the number from 2013. Property loss from Part 1 property crimes totaled \$5.5 million dollars in 2014. Lastly, a total of 10 Arsons were reported in 2014, compared to the 9 reported Arsons in 2013.

For the year 2014, Ventura continued to have the highest per capita Part 1 crime rate in Ventura County.

Ventura Police received approximately 92,000 calls for service during 2014. This number of call for service represents an almost 11% increase over the previous year and it is the highest number in over 10 years. Consequently, arrests for 2014 were up over 18% with 5240 arrests. Ventura County Serious Habitual Offenders accounted for 5.5% of those arrests with 288 arrests. Serious Habitual Offenders are persons who meet one of two criteria: Three open felony cases or five open cases with at least one felony. 127 different Serious Habitual Offenders made up the 288 arrests.

Part 1 UCR					
	Jan-Dec 2014 Crimes	Jan - Dec 2013 Crimes	# Diff 2013/2014	% Diff 2013/2014	2014 Crimes per 1,000 pop (Part 1 UCR)
HOMICIDE	1	6	-5	-83.3%	0.01
RAPE	28	21	7	33.3%	0.26
ROBBERY	103	99	4	4.0%	0.95
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	143	136	7	5.1%	1.31
TOTAL VIOLENT CRIMES	275	262	13	5.0%	2.52
BURGLARY - TOTAL	663	745	-82	-11.0%	6.08
BURGLARY - Residential	440	504	-64	-12.7%	4.04
BURGLARY - Non-Residential	223	241	-18	-7.5%	2.05
LARCENY - THEFT	2994	3025	-31	-1.0%	27.48
VEHICLE THEFT (10851)	210	257	-47	-18.3%	1.93
ARSON	10	20	-10	-50.0%	0.09
TOTAL PROPERTY CRIMES	3877	4047	-170	-4.2%	35.58
TOTAL PART 1 CRIMES	4152	4309	-157	-3.6%	38.11
DOF Population Estimate	108,961				

Many of these crimes are often “crimes of opportunity” and occur due to windows and/or

doors being left open or unlocked (both in residences and vehicles) and items of value left within vehicles. Ofcourse nobody is immune to crime but there are many simple and common sense steps community members can take in order to greatly reduce their chances of becoming a victim.

First and foremost we urge everyone to be vigilant and to immediately report any and all suspicious activity to us at 805.650.8010 (24 hour non-emergency number) or 911 in the event of an emergency.

Stay Informed about Crime in our Community. Talk to your family, friends, and neighbors and get involved in a Neighborhood Watch program. In an effort to facilitate a virtual Neighborhood Watch program and help foster neighbor-to-neighbor communications, our department has partnered with Nextdoor.com, a private social network for neighborhoods. Information on Nextdoor.com is available at www.venturapd.org

Connect and keep up with our department as we provide and post information on crime alerts, press releases, crime maps, and other valuable crime and safety information. Join the more than 7,000 people following us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/venturapd, or visit our website at: www.venturapd.org.

Always lock and close your doors and windows (whether your vehicle or residence). Yes, even when you're home we encourage individuals to keep their doors, windows, and garages locked and closed.

Remove items of value from your vehicle.

If you must keep an item of value in your car at least make an effort to hide it from plain view or place it in your trunk (make sure nobody watches you do this of course).

Please report suspicious subjects knocking at your front door and all solicitors that appear to be suspicious or unlicensed. (Please note: Door-to-door sales people in the City of Ventura must have a business license issued by the City and to have registered in person with our department. The following link provides information on door-to-door permits, licenses, and the process. <http://www.cityofventura.net/businesslicense#door>)

Do not leave your garage door open or unlocked if you are not in the immediate area.

Set your vehicle and/or residential alarm if you have one.

Always take your car keys with you. For example, do not leave the keys in the ignition or your vehicle running, not even for a "minute". Vehicles are commonly stolen at convenience stores, gas stations, ATMs, etc.

Install quality locks on doors and windows.

Lighting is one of the best deterrents to burglary and theft - indoor and outdoor lighting is important.

Working together we can make a difference in our community.