

# Brownsville Police Department



Annual  
**Report**

**2022-2023**



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# Message from the Chief

*Embracing Challenges,  
Advancing Technology, and  
Strengthening Community  
Ties in the Face of Adversity.*



I am pleased to present the Brownsville Police Department's Annual Report for 2022-2023. This report symbolizes an era of significant transformation and technological advancement within our department. Our journey, which began with transitioning from the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) in 2020, has reached a new milestone. We have successfully migrated from an outdated Records Management System (RMS) to a modern, sophisticated system. The migration was impressively completed within two years.

This upgrade is not just a change in our software systems; it represents a leap forward in handling and analyzing crime data. The transition required meticulous cleansing and standardizing of data from two different systems and spanned nearly two years. This diligence was essential to harness the full analytical potential of our new tools, allowing us to produce a more accurate and comprehensive report of the 2022 and 2023 data.

These advancements in our reporting and data analysis capabilities are crucial for our ongoing commitment to excellence in law enforcement. They enable us to be more effective in our operations and more responsive to the needs of our community. Our dedication to embracing technology and innovation underlines our promise to ensure the highest standards of public safety and service for all citizens of Brownsville.

As your Chief of Police, I am proud of our progress and remain steadfast in our mission to serve you with integrity, dedication, and transparency. This report is a testament to our commitment and the hard work of the men and women of the Brownsville Police Department.

  
**Felix Saucedo**  
CHIEF OF POLICE  
ASST. CITY MANAGER



# **Brownsville Police Department Annual Report 2022 - 2023**

Welcome to the Brownsville Police Department's Annual Report. This document serves as an overview of our efforts, achievements, and challenges over the past year. Within these pages, we share detailed insights into our Patrol and Investigative Divisions celebrating the unwavering dedication of both our sworn and civilian personnel, and highlight our deep-rooted commitment to community safety and service. As we reflect on our successes and learn from our experiences, we continue to uphold our guiding principle, "Service from the Heart," ensuring that each action we take is in the best interest of the community. Join us in exploring the strides we have made in maintaining public safety, fostering community trust, and enhancing the quality of life in Brownsville.

Our Seal

# Service from the Heart

*The seal of the Brownsville Police Department consists of several elements that are symbolic and represent the values and identity of the department.*



The Badge signifies protection and vigilance, common elements in law enforcement emblems, indicating the department's role in safeguarding the community.

The star in the center is a traditional symbol of authority and law, often associated with law enforcement in Texas. It Represents Texas as the "Lone Star State," emphasizing our department's jurisdiction and pride in

state heritage.

Surrounding the central shield are olive branches, symbols of peace, which suggest that the department's approach to policing and aim to maintain harmony and order within the community.

The integration of these branches into the seal underscores a commitment to peacekeeping and providing our community with service from the heart.

# National Perspective on reporting Crime

As we enter our fifth year following the transition from the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), it's important to reflect on the significant advancements in crime data reporting. This transition, mandated by the FBI, represented a critical step in modernizing the approach to crime data analysis and dissemination.

Initially established in 1930, the UCR Program had been the foundation of crime reporting for decades. However, the increasing complexity and diversity of crime necessitated a more detailed and comprehensive system. The law enforcement community, recognizing these evolving challenges, conducted a thorough study in the late 1970s to revise the UCR, leading to the development of NIBRS.

## Understanding NIBRS Figures

In this fifth year of exclusive NIBRS reporting, it's evident that the system offers a more detailed classification of offenses, divided into Group "A" and Group "B" categories based on reporting requirements.

Group "A" Offenses are identified using criteria such as the offense's seriousness, frequency, nationwide prevalence, likelihood of being reported, and the usefulness of data for law enforcement and national statistics. These offenses are categorized into Crimes Against Persons, Crimes Against Property, and Crimes Against Society, each with specific counting methodologies.

Offenses in Group A include Homicide, Sex Offenses (forcible and non-forcible), Robbery, Assault, Burglary, Larceny/Theft, Arson, Drug/Narcotic Violations, Fraud, Kidnapping, and more.

Group "B" Offenses focus on arrests and encompass less severe crimes like Bad Checks, Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations, Disorderly Conduct, DUI, Drunkenness, and Trespass of Real Property.

All Other Offenses - 90Z covers crimes not classified under Group A or specifically named in Group B.

# Disclaimer

This document presents an overview of the data obtained from the data submitted by Brownsville Police Department to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), as extracted from the Records Management System (RMS) on December 28, 2023. It is important to note that this report is dynamic and subject to updates, reflecting the continuous nature of data entry and modifications in the RMS due to ongoing investigations. Consequently, any data retrieved from the RMS on or subsequent to December 28, 2023, may exhibit variations or updates when compared to the information contained in this report.



2022-2023

# Technology

## *Elevating Crime Analysis: Brownsville's RMS and NIBRS Transition*

The Brownsville Police Department's annual report for 2022-2023 stands as a testament to a period of transformative change and technological advancement. Following our complete transition from the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) in 2020, following this period also successfully began to migrate from an outdated Records Management System (RMS) to a cutting-edge system within an exceptional timeframe of under two years. This dual transition marks a significant leap in our data analysis capabilities and crime reporting accuracy.

Concurrently, we embarked on modernizing our RMS, a project that conventionally spans several years. Through meticulous planning and dedicated efforts, this transition was accomplished in less than two years. The new RMS significantly enhances our operational efficiency and data management capabilities. It provides real-time data access, advanced analytics tools, and streamlined data processing, enabling a more effective response to crime trends and resource allocation.

This year's combined 2022-2023 report is enriched by the advanced capabilities of our modern RMS and the detailed data from NIBRS offers an overview of crime trends in Brownsville. The integration of these systems allows us to present a nuanced and comprehensive analysis of crime incidents, offering insights that were previously unattainable.

The rapid and successful transition to a modern RMS, coupled with the integration of NIBRS, exemplifies the Brownsville Police Department's commitment to leveraging technology for enhanced public safety. This report not only provides a detailed analysis of the current crime landscape in Brownsville but also serves as a benchmark for the department's progress and dedication to innovative and effective law enforcement practices.





# NIBRS GROUP A Statistics

## 2022 By the Numbers

### Murder

**100%**

Increase  
from 2021



### Burglary

**12.29%**

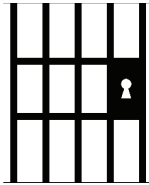
Increase  
from 2021



### Rape

**2.78%**

Increase  
from 2021



### Theft

**32.63%**

Increase  
from 2021



### Robbery

**-3.79**

Decrease  
from 2021



### Motor Vehicle

**45.45%**

Increase  
from 2021



### Aggravated

**44.44%**

Increase  
from 2021



### Total

**30.43%**

Increase  
from 2021



# NIBRS GROUP A Statistics

## 2023 By the Numbers

### Murder

**100%**

Increase  
from 2022



### Burglary

**11.69 %**

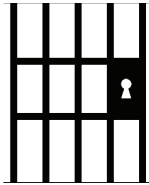
Increase  
from 2022



### Rape

**-51.35 %**

Decrease  
from 2022



### Theft

**1.72%**

Increase  
from 2022



### Robbery

**-14.17 %**

Decrease  
from 2022



### Motor Vehicle

**72.92 %**

Increase  
from 2022



### Aggravated

**12.66 %**

Decrease  
from 2022



### Total

**2.45 %**

Increase  
from 2022



2022

# Hourly Statistics

*The Crime Clock represents the annual ratio of crime to fixed time intervals.)*



2023

# Hourly Statistics

*The Crime Clock represents the annual ratio of crime to fixed time intervals.)*



# Group A Crime Comparison

Comparing 2023 to 2022, we saw an increase in Group A crimes of 2.45%.

Offense	2023	2022	Change
Murder	8	4	100.00%
Rape	36	74	-51.35%
Robbery	109	127	-14.17%
Aggravated Assault	545	624	-12.66%
Burglary	449	402	11.69%
Theft	2956	2906	1.72%
Motor Vehicle Theft	332	192	72.92%
TOTALS	4,435	4,329	2.45%

Comparing 2022 to 2021, we saw an increase in Group A crimes of 30.43%.

Offense	2022	2021	Change
Murder	4	2	100.00%
Rape	74	72	2.78%
Robbery	127	132	-3.79%
Aggravated Assault	624	432	44.44%
Burglary	402	358	12.29%
Theft	2906	2191	32.63%
Motor Vehicle Theft	192	132	45.45%
TOTALS	4,329	3,319	30.43%

# Per Capita Statistics

In this section of the police report, per capita crime data is presented to illustrate crime rates in relation to the community's population. Calculations are standardized per 100,000 residents, offering an accurate and comparative view of crime trends irrespective of population shifts.

Each Group A Crime category is broken down into its per capita occurrence, derived by dividing the total number of incidents by the population and then multiplying by 100,000. This method allows for a meaningful comparison across years and provides context against state or national crime rate averages.

Brownsville Population		182,781	186,738	186,738	189,382	189,382
Crimes Against Persons	OFFENSE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Per 100,000 in Population	MURDER	0.0	3.7	1.1	2.1	4.2
	RAPE	35.0	26.8	38.6	39.1	19.0
	ROBBERY	78.8	81.4	70.7	67.1	57.6
	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	251.7	205.1	231.3	329.5	287.8
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>365.5</b>	<b>317.0</b>	<b>341.7</b>	<b>437.7</b>	<b>368.6</b>
	% Change		-13.26%	7.77%	28.12%	-15.80%
Crimes Against Property	OFFENSE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Per 100,000 in Population	BURGLARY	345.2	212.6	191.7	212.3	237.1
	THEFT	2079.0	1166.9	1,173	1534.5	1560.9
	M.V. THEFT	66.7	64.8	70.7	101.4	175.3
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2491.0</b>	<b>1444.3</b>	<b>1435.7</b>	<b>1848.1</b>	<b>1973.3</b>
	% Change		-42.02%	-0.59%	28.73%	6.77%
	<b>Total All Part 1</b>	<b>2856.4</b>	<b>1761.3</b>	<b>1777.4</b>	<b>2285.9</b>	<b>2341.8</b>
			-38.34%	0.91%	28.61%	2.45%

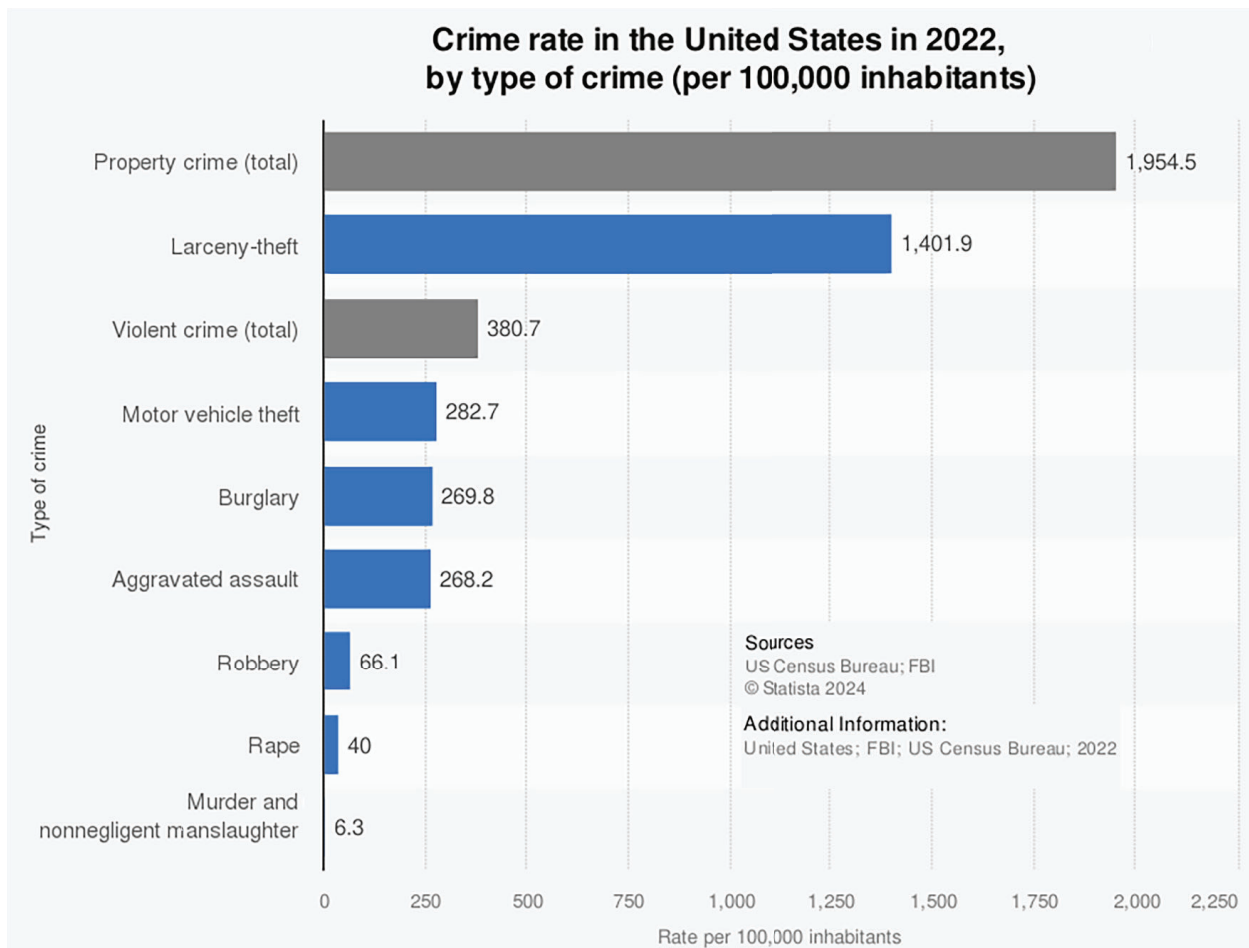
Population, Census, April 1, 2019 182,781  
 Population, Census, April 1, 2020 186,738  
 Population Estimates, July 1, 2022 189,382

<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/brownsvillecitytexas/PST045223>

# Per Capita Statistics

In this section of the police report, per capita crime data is presented to illustrate crime rates for the United States for 2022. Calculations are standardized per 100,000 residents, offering an accurate and comparative view of crime trends irrespective of population shifts.

Each Group A category is broken down into its per capita occurrence derived by dividing the total number of incidents by the population and then multiplying by 100,000. This method allows for a meaningful comparison between our community and the national crime rate averages.



2022 - 2023

# Person Crimes

The following detail the composition of property crimes for the years 2022 and 2023, broken down by the percentages of each category.

In 2022, the total reported Person Crimes were 829, with Murder constituting .48%, Rape accounting for 8.93%, Robbery accounting for 15.32% and Aggravated Assault being the most prevalent at 75.27%.

PERSON CRIMES	2022	%
Murder	4	0.48%
Rape	74	8.93%
Robbery	127	15.32%
Aggravated Assault	624	75.27%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

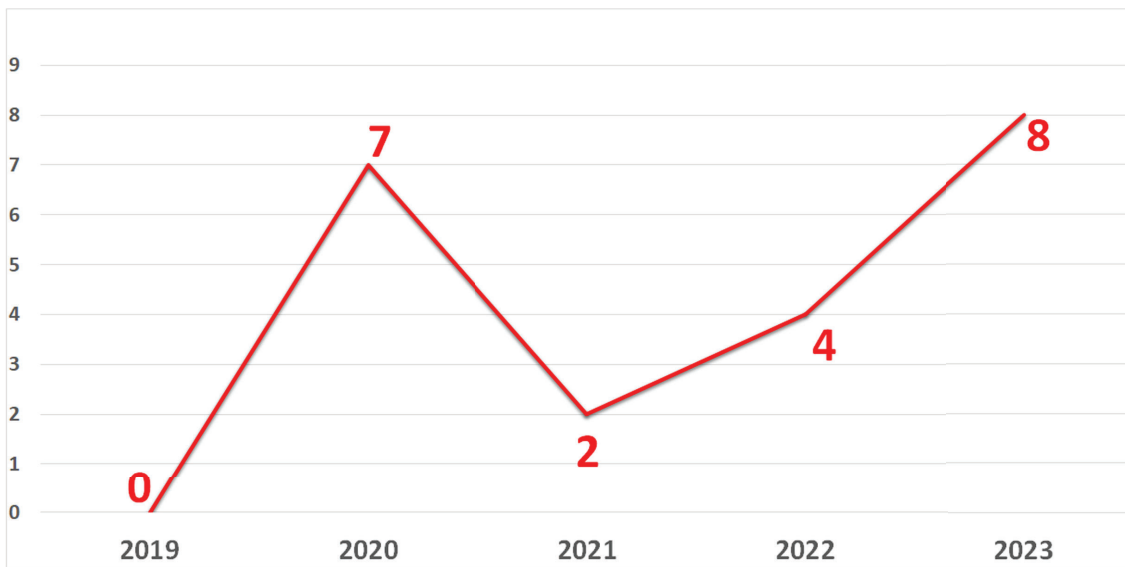
In contrast, 2023 saw a total of 698 person crimes with a different distribution: Murder incidents accounted for 1.15%, Rape made up 5.16%, Robbery cases made up 15.62% and Aggravated Assault, being the most prevalent at 78.08% of person crimes.

PERSON CRIMES	2023	%
Murder	8	1.15%
Rape	36	5.16%
Robbery	109	15.62%
Aggravated Assault	545	78.08%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



## Murder

Murder and non-negligent manslaughter, as delineated in the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), refers to the intentional and non-accidental causing of death by one individual to another. This category encompasses fatalities resulting from altercations, disputes, physical assaults, or during the perpetration of criminal acts. It is important to note that attempts to commit murder and assaults with the intent to inflict fatal harm, while not classified under murder, are recorded within the NIBRS framework as aggravated assault. Moreover, incidents classified as suicides, deaths resulting from accidental causes, and homicides deemed justifiable are categorically excluded from this murder classification.



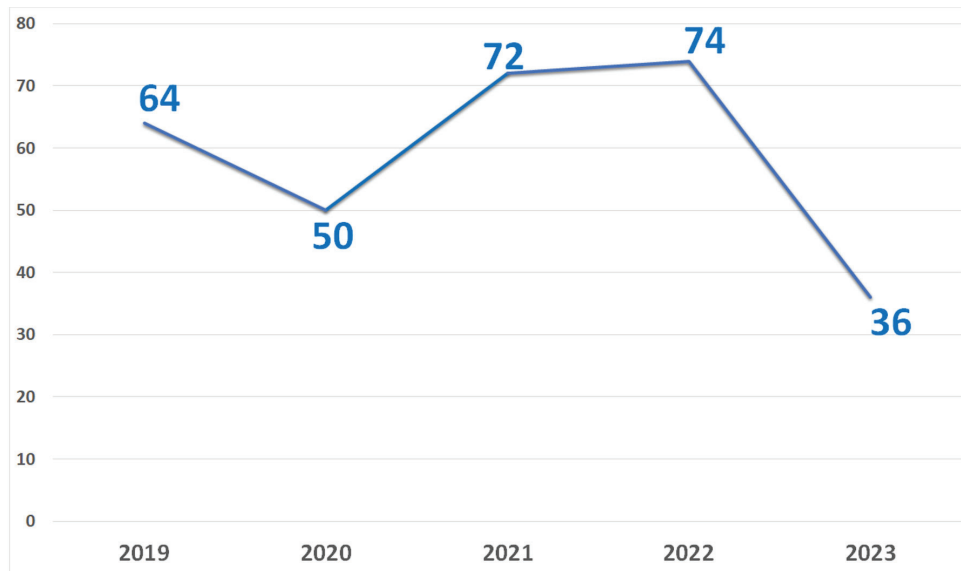
## Murder

This section addresses the status and investigative progress of murder cases committed in 2023. This concise overview presents key insights into the relationships among victims and perpetrators. Some of these cases are still under investigation. Of the Murders in 2023, 7 of the 8 murders have been solved. 1 murder remains under active investigation.

Relationship of Victim to Offender			
Relationship Type	%	Victim's Relationship	Number
Family	12.5%	Husband	
		Wife	
		Common-Law Husband	
		Common-Law Wife	
		Mother	
		Father	
		Son	
		Daughter	
		Brother	
		Sister	
		In-Law	
		Stepfather	
		Stepmother	
		Stepson	1
Stepdaughter			
Other Family			
Not Family, but known to Victim	75.0%	Neighbor	1
		Acquaintance	4
		Boyfriend	
		Girlfriend	
		Ex-Husband	
		Ex-Wife	
		Employee	
		Employer	
		Friend	
		Homosexual Relationship	
Other-Known to Victim	1		
Other	12.5%	Stranger	
		Unknown Relationship	1

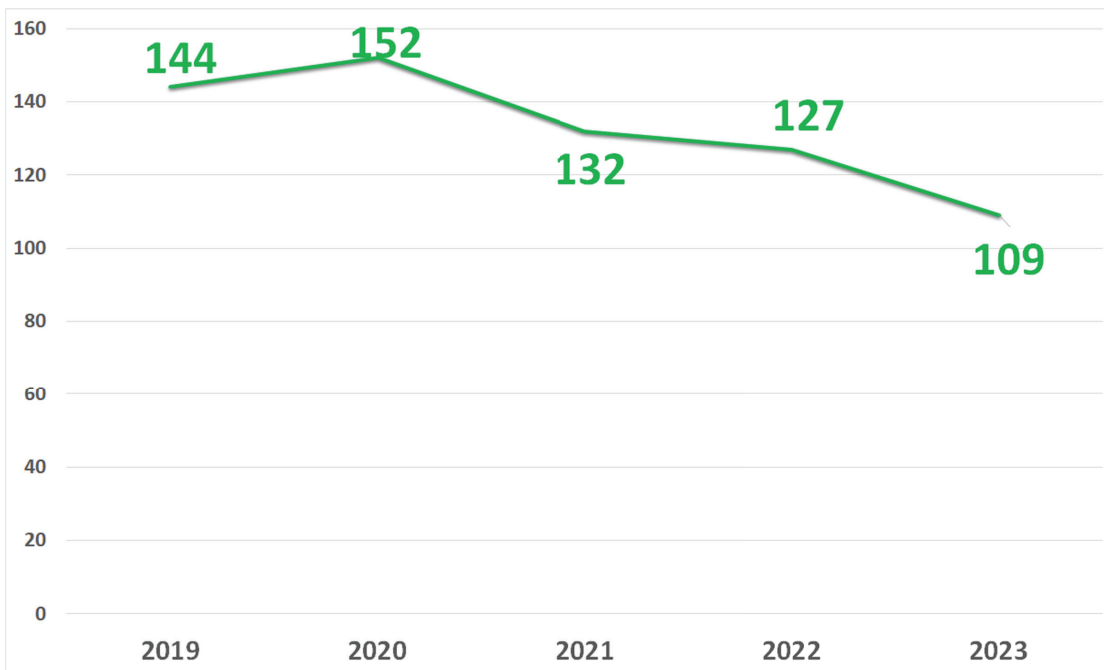
## Rape

In this section of the annual crime report, we present an analysis of rape crime statistics for the city of Brownsville, spanning previous years. Our aim is to provide a comprehensive overview of the trends and patterns in these serious offenses. The data compiled offers insights into the frequency and variations of rape incidents over time, allowing for a nuanced understanding of this critical issue.



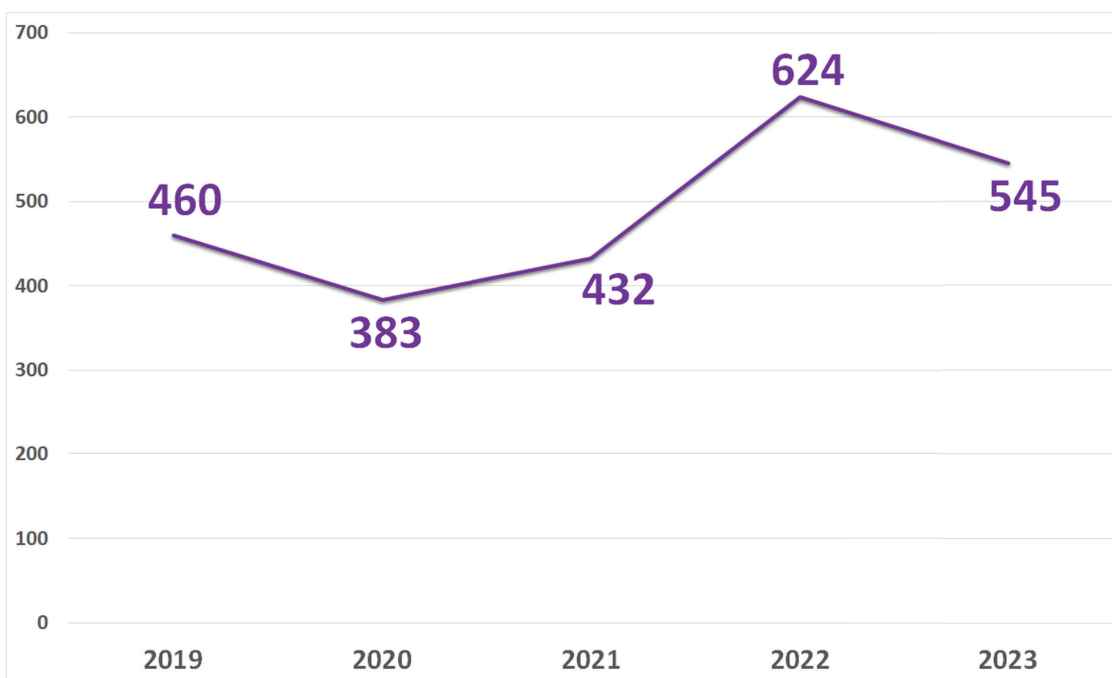
## Robbery

According to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), robbery is characterized as the act or attempt of forcefully taking or trying to take anything of value under the care, custody, or control of an individual or individuals. This action is executed either through the use of force, the threat of force or violence, or by instilling fear in the victim. Recognized as a violent crime, robbery often leads to physical injury of the victim. This category also encompasses acts of assault with the intent to commit robbery as well as attempts at robbery.



## Aggravated Assault

Under the guidelines of the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), aggravated assault is defined as an attack or attempted attack with a weapon, regardless of whether or not an injury occurred, or an attack without a weapon when serious injury results. This type of assault is distinguished by the use of a weapon or by the severity of the injury to the victim, positioning it as a more serious form of assault. Included in this category are instances where there is an evident intent to inflict grave bodily harm or injury, reflecting the aggravated nature of the crime.



2022 - 2023

# Property Crimes

The following detail the composition of property crimes for the years 2022 and 2023, broken down by the percentages of each category.

In 2022, out of a total of 3,500 property crime incidents, burglary accounted for 11.49%, theft made up the bulk at 83.03%, and motor vehicle theft comprised 5.49%.

PROPERTY CRIMES	2022	%
Burglary	402	11.49%
Theft	2,906	83.03%
Motor Vehicle Theft	192	5.49%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

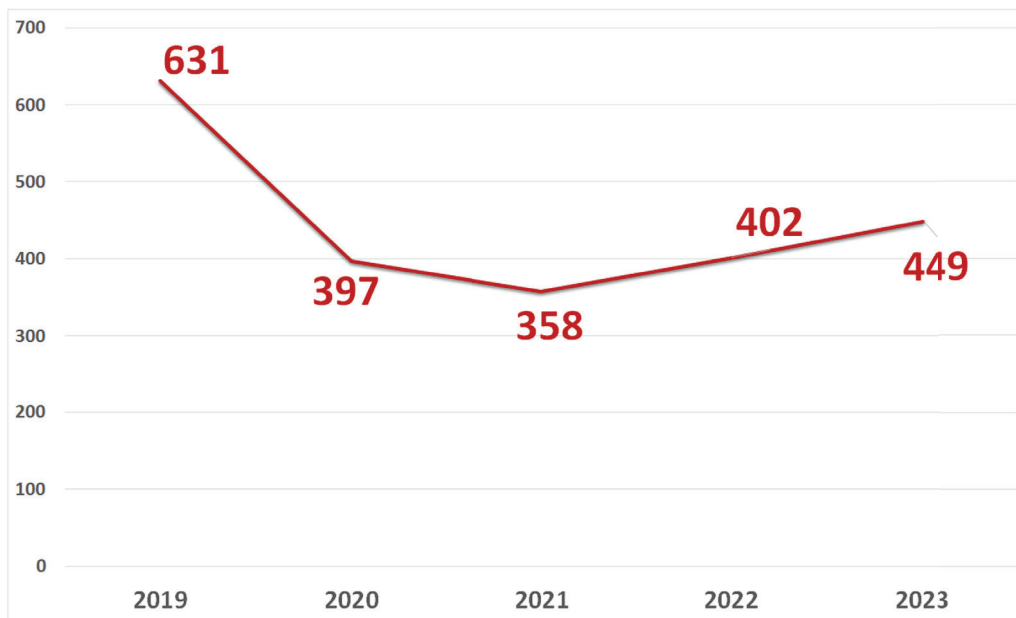
In 2023, the total incidents slightly increased to 3,737, with burglary comprising 12.01%, theft made up the bulk at 79.10%, and motor vehicle theft at 8.88% of the property crime total.

PROPERTY CRIMES	2023	%
Burglary	449	12.01%
Theft	2,956	79.10%
Motor Vehicle Theft	332	8.88%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,737</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

# 2023 by the Numbers

## Burglary

In the context of the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), burglary is defined as the unlawful entry into a building or other structure with the intent to commit theft or any felony. This crime does not necessarily involve forceful breaking and entering; it includes instances where entry is made through deception or without explicit force. Burglary is categorized based on the intent behind the unlawful entry, regardless of whether the intended crime is successfully completed. This category encompasses a range of scenarios, from breaking into a locked structure to entering an unlocked but unauthorized space, with the primary objective being theft or the commission of a felony.



## Burglary - Statistics

In 2022, 402 burglaries were reported.

107 cases were cleared with 195 arrests compared to 183 arrests in 2021.

This is a 26.62% clearance which is above the national rate of 13%.

Burglary arrests increased by 6.56% when compared to 2021.

The estimated value of property reported stolen from burglaries was \$ 54,714.00.

2022		
MONTH	STOLEN	RECOVERED
January	\$34,317	\$1,200
February	\$47,146	\$13,950
March	\$20,486	\$850
April	\$19,594	\$2,250
May	\$30,255	\$3,680
June	\$100,421	\$8,400
July	\$11,759	\$2,299
August	\$14,984	\$3,100
September	\$26,873	\$3,425
October	\$47,026	\$1,910
November	\$28,261	\$1,800
December	\$36,852	\$11,850
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$417,974</b>	<b>\$54,714</b>

2023		
MONTH	STOLEN	RECOVERED
January	\$67,832	\$20,650
February	\$37,237	\$1,950
March	\$40,001	\$1,500
April	\$18,559	\$1,170
May	\$17,099	\$1,000
June	\$48,835	\$17,900
July	\$90,178	\$800
August	\$58,275	\$3,800
September	\$48,500	\$4,700
October	\$30,222	\$7,750
November	\$29,835	\$880
December	\$78,054	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$564,627</b>	<b>\$62,100</b>

In 2023, 449 burglaries were reported.

A total of 113 cases were cleared with 156 arrests compared to 195 in 2022.

This is a 25.17% clearance which is above the national rate of 13%.

Burglary arrests decreased by 20% when compared to 2022.

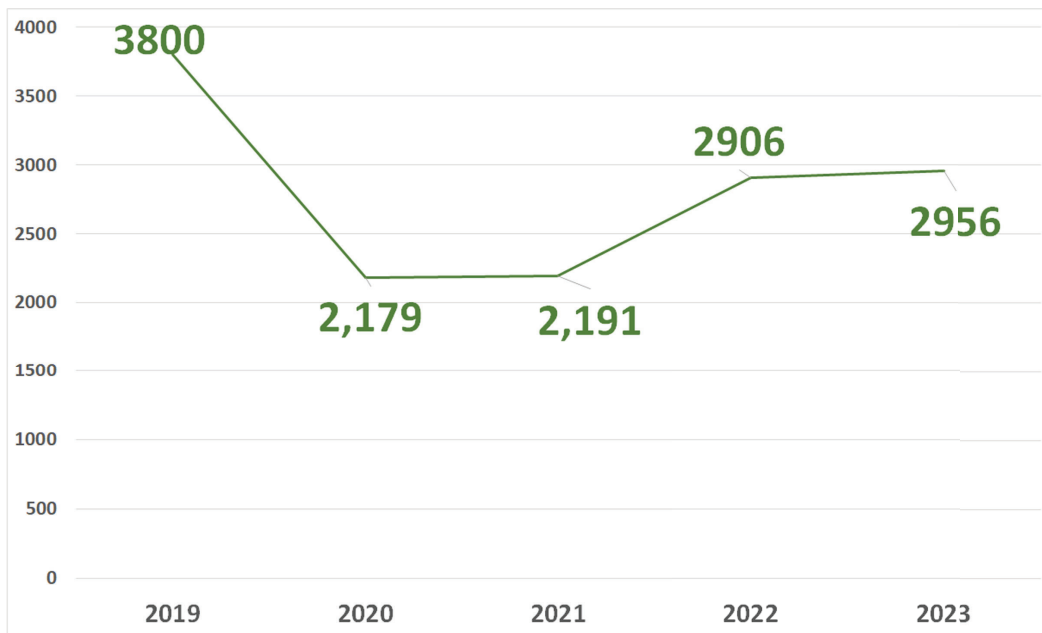
The estimated value of property reported stolen from burglaries was \$ 62,100.00.



## Theft

National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), theft is defined as the unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another. This category encompasses a broad spectrum of criminal activities where property is taken without permission and with the intent to permanently or temporarily deprive the owner of its use or value.

Theft does not involve the use of force, violence, or fraud. It includes various forms of larceny such as shoplifting, pickpocketing, purse snatching, and thefts from motor vehicles. This definition is pivotal in distinguishing theft from other property crimes that involve different levels of force or deception.



## Theft - Statistics

The data in this section is laid out on a monthly basis, providing an overview of the frequency and pattern of these incidents.

The tables also categorize these thefts by their value range, offering a clearer understanding of the economic impact of these crimes throughout the year.

This detailed breakdown aids in grasping the scope and nature of Larceny/Theft within our community.

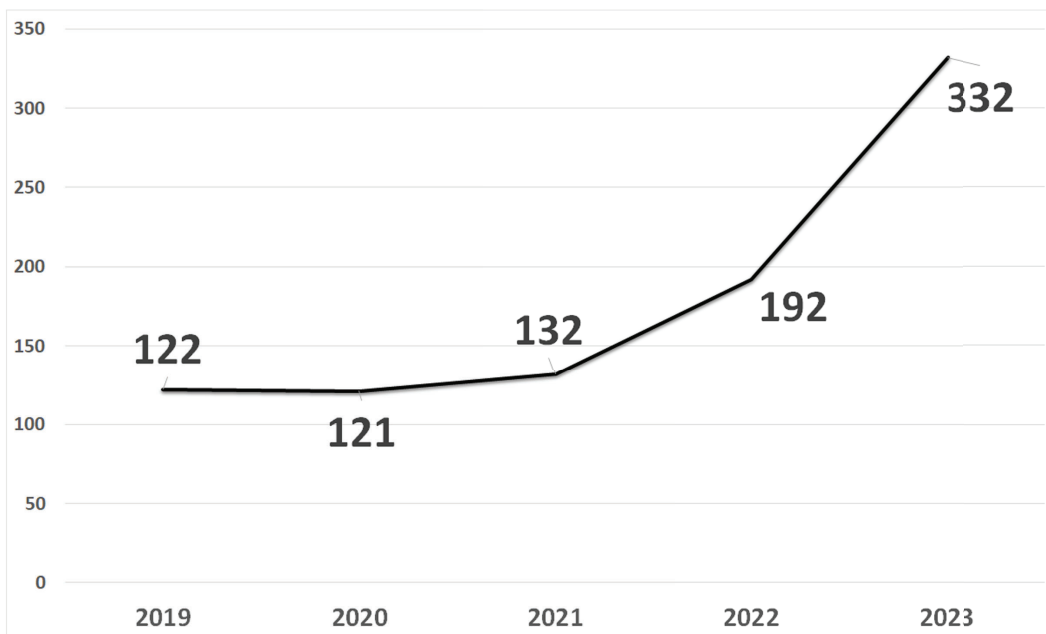
2022			
MONTH	LESS THAN \$50	\$50 - \$200	\$200 - OVER
January	\$771	\$6,237	\$134,420
February	\$716	\$5,593	\$215,394
March	\$809	\$6,995	\$403,962
April	\$836	\$7,613	\$232,029
May	\$1,040	\$6,637	\$374,616
June	\$943	\$7,396	\$344,161
July	\$786	\$8,081	\$129,097
August	\$1,143	\$6,109	\$126,547
September	\$940	\$6,409	\$152,337
October	\$932	\$7,966	\$248,007
November	\$988	\$4,338	\$138,046
December	\$420	\$8,648	\$180,401
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,324.00</b>	<b>82,022.00</b>	<b>2,679,017.00</b>

2023			
MONTH	LESS THAN \$50	\$50 - \$200	\$200 - OVER
January	\$700	\$7,360	\$134,625
February	\$708	\$6,922	\$242,448
March	\$562	\$7,957	\$238,955
April	\$565	\$7,325	\$88,204
May	\$1,289	\$9,292	\$119,500
June	\$928	\$8,333	\$136,150
July	\$1,223	\$8,868	\$201,313
August	\$1,001	\$8,979	\$189,036
September	\$1,099	\$7,863	\$246,292
October	\$1,103	\$5,833	\$223,128
November	\$583	\$7,250	\$203,880
December	\$1,012	\$7,030	\$112,713
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,773.00</b>	<b>93,012.00</b>	<b>2,136,244.00</b>

**The theft rate in Brownsville for 2023 decreased by 20.26% when compared to 2022.**

## Motor Vehicle Theft

Motor Vehicle Theft, as delineated by the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), includes both the theft and the attempted theft of a motor vehicle. This classification describes a motor vehicle as any self-propelled vehicle that operates on surfaces rather than on tracks, specifically including vehicles such as cars, trucks, motorcycles, and scooters. It is critical to note, however, that this definition excludes several types of vehicles: motorboats, construction machinery, airplanes, and agricultural equipment are not classified as motor vehicles in this context.



## Motor Vehicle Theft - Statistics

In 2023, victims of motor vehicle theft incurred losses amounting to \$8,995,924.00, which signifies a substantial increase of approximately 181.77% from the total losses in 2022, which were \$3,192,599.00.

The year 2022 had previously seen a significant increase in losses as well, with a total value loss of 106% compared to 2021, where losses were reported at \$1,544,497.00.

Additionally, the average dollar loss per incident of motor vehicle theft in 2023 was \$29,398.44, up from \$18,037.38 in 2022, marking an increase of about 62.9%.

This rise follows the trend from the previous year, where the average loss per theft in 2022 was \$18,037.28, which itself was an increase from \$11,700.73 in 2021.

2022		2023	
M.V. THEFTS BY LOCATION TYPE		M.V. THEFTS BY LOCATION TYPE	
Residential	75	Residential	169
Business/Shopping Centers	70	Business/Shopping Centers	77
Apartment Complexes	18	Apartment Complexes	48
Motel/Hotel	12	Motel/Hotel	10
Other (Robbery Burglary)	1	Other (Robbery Burglary)	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>309</b>

2022		2023	
MONTH	VEHICLES RECOVERED	MONTH	VEHICLES RECOVERED
January	11	January	15
February	11	February	13
March	14	March	18
April	22	April	14
May	14	May	13
June	24	June	17
July	10	July	17
August	25	August	27
September	17	September	10
October	18	October	20
November	14	November	15
December	10	December	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>192</b>

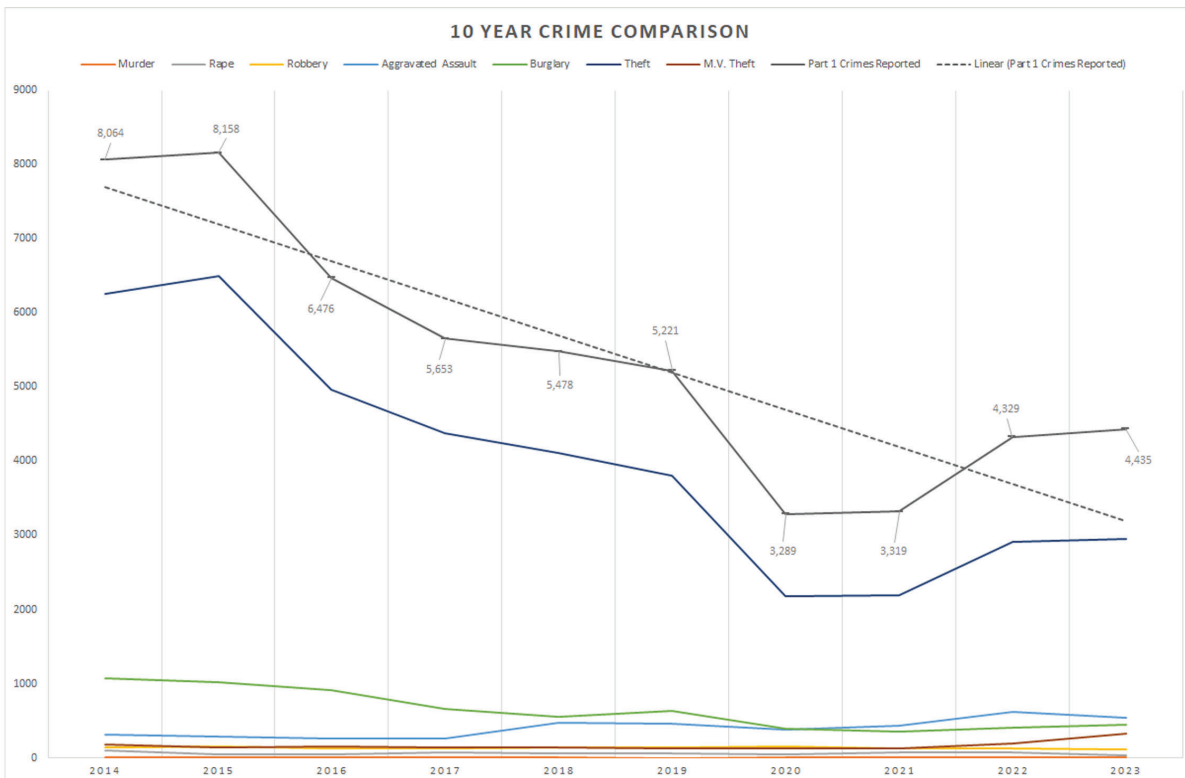
  

	2023	2022	2021
TOP VEHICLE MAKES STOLEN	GMC/Cadillac/Pontiac/Buick - 121	Chevrolet - 57	Foreign -42
	CHEVROLET - 96	GMC/Cadillac/Pontiac/Buick - 39	Chevrolet - 25
	FOREIGN - 41	Ford/Lincoln - 27	Dodge - 22
	FORD - 28	Foreign - 28	GMC - 21
	DODGE - 20	Dodge - 19	Ford - 17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>127</b>

# 10 Year comparison

The 10-Year Comparison Table of Group A in the Annual Police Report provides a succinct yet comprehensive overview of major criminal activities over the past decade. Each column, representing a different year, details the occurrences of serious offenses like homicide, robbery, and burglary, allowing for a clear analysis of crime trends. This table is instrumental in revealing patterns, such as a decline or rise in specific crimes, thereby informing the effectiveness of law enforcement strategies and guiding future policy decisions. It serves as a key tool for the police department in assessing crime prevention methods and fosters transparency by openly sharing this crucial data with the public.

Offense	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Murder	6	3	4	6	2	0	7	2	4	8
Rape	103	53	50	79	59	64	50	72	74	36
Robbery	138	154	130	133	134	144	152	132	127	109
Aggravated Assault	312	292	264	259	474	460	383	432	624	545
Burglary	1,068	1,015	917	661	557	631	397	358	402	449
Theft	6,258	6,498	4,960	4,374	4,116	3,800	2,179	2,191	2,906	2,956
M.V. Theft	179	143	151	141	136	122	121	132	192	332
<b>Part 1 Crimes Reported</b>	<b>8,064</b>	<b>8,158</b>	<b>6,476</b>	<b>5,653</b>	<b>5,478</b>	<b>5,221</b>	<b>3,289</b>	<b>3,319</b>	<b>4,329</b>	<b>4,435</b>
+ / -	-247	94	-1,682	-823	-175	-257	-1,932	30	1,010	106
<b>% change</b>	<b>-2.97%</b>	<b>1.17%</b>	<b>-20.62%</b>	<b>-12.71%</b>	<b>-3.10%</b>	<b>-4.69%</b>	<b>-37.00%</b>	<b>0.91%</b>	<b>30.43%</b>	<b>2.45%</b>



# Uniformed Services

*Patrolling with Purpose: Protecting Our Community,  
One Neighborhood at a Time.*



The Uniformed Services Command of the Brownsville Police Department is a cornerstone of our commitment to public safety and effective policing. This division is manned by highly trained and dedicated officers in uniform and is responsible for maintaining a visible and active presence in the community.

Their roles are multifaceted, from patrolling neighborhoods, responding to emergency calls, and engaging in community outreach programs. The command's primary focus is on preventive policing – working diligently to deter crime and ensuring rapid response to incidents.

By being the first line of contact between the police department and the public, they play a pivotal role in building trust and fostering a safe environment for all citizens. Their continuous efforts in upholding law and order, and with their engagement in community activities illustrate the department's holistic approach to community-centric policing.

The dedication of the Uniformed Services Command significantly contributes to the overall mission of the Brownsville Police Department to ensure peace and safety in our community.

# Enforcement Statistics

In the enforcement section of our annual report, we present a comprehensive overview of our department's wide-ranging efforts over the past year, spanning calls for service, traffic crash responses, alcohol-related incidents, traffic law enforcement activities, animal control operations, and parking enforcement.

This section outlines the scale and scope of our interventions and proactive measures aimed at maintaining public safety and order. Through detailed statistics, we shed light on the challenges faced and the strides made in addressing community concerns, enhancing road safety, and ensuring the well-being of both citizens and animals. This segment of the report underscores our commitment to transparency, accountability, and the continuous improvement of our enforcement strategies to serve and protect the community of Brownsville effectively.

## ROTATING PATROL SHIFTS AND TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

	2023	2022	2021	2020
Calls for Service	121,011	139,748	108,421	117,365
Crashes	4,145	4,304	3,919	3,194
Alcohol Related Accidents	149	135	412	117
Speed Related Accidents	1,250	1,551	1,135	1,024
Accident Fatalities	10	10	10	4
Traffic Citations	16,380	14,409	16,095	17,624
Intersection Traffic Control	960	824	881	663

## ANIMAL CONTROL AND PARKING ENFORCEMENT

Activity	2023	2022	2021	2020
Calls for Service	11,621	13,309	12,684	11,932
Animal Bites	537	490	455	422
Loose Animal	3,628	4,813	4,669	3,316
Animal Disturbances	1,852	1,093	979	1,248
Citations Issued	16,380	14,409	16,095	17,624
Parking Enforcement	859	532	2,920	336
<b>Total Calls for Service</b>	<b>34,877.00</b>	<b>34,646.00</b>	<b>37,802.00</b>	<b>34,878.00</b>

# Patrol Units



The much-anticipated arrival of our new patrol units marks a significant milestone for the Brownsville Police Department, albeit after an unexpectedly extended wait. Originally ordered nearly three years ago, these state-of-the-art vehicles have faced a tumultuous journey to our fleet, their delivery hindered by the far-reaching impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent supply chain disruptions. These challenges were further compounded by multiple cancellations from manufacturers, reflective of the broader global economic strains.

For our officers, patrol units are not merely vehicles; they are mobile offices, vital to every aspect of their day-to-day duties. They serve as a crucial tool in ensuring the safety and security of our community. These units, equipped with advanced technology and enhanced safety features, are designed to support our officers in delivering efficient and effective policing. Their arrival, though delayed, is a crucial enhancement to our department's capabilities, symbolizing our commitment to adapt, endure, and progress, even in the face of unforeseen global challenges.





# CMV Unit



The Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement (CMV) Unit of the Brownsville Police Department was created in response to the growing commercial motor vehicle traffic navigating through our city which is a vital economic and logistical hub.

Recognizing the unique challenges and safety concerns posed by this increase, the unit's inception was driven by a commitment to safeguard the well-being of Brownsville's residents and the integrity of its infrastructure.

it is staffed by officers specially trained in commercial vehicle regulations and safety standards, the unit diligently works to ensure that all commercial traffic adheres to the highest safety protocols. Through rigorous inspections, enforcement of traffic laws, and educational outreach to the commercial driving community, the unit plays a pivotal role in preventing accidents, reducing traffic congestion, and promoting a safer environment for all who live in, work in, or visit Brownsville.



# Remote Reporting Officers

## *Bridging Community and Convenience in Policing*

The Brownsville Police Department has recently innovated its approach to community service by introducing the position of Remote Report Taking Officers.

This role capitalizes on the power of technology, enabling dedicated officers to take reports remotely, significantly enhancing the efficiency and reach of our police force.

By handling certain types of calls that do not require physical presence, such as minor incidents or non-violent crimes, these officers can process reports more quickly and effectively. The time saved from traveling between locations allows for more immediate and numerous interactions with community members, ensuring that their concerns are addressed promptly. This streamlines the reporting process but also frees up patrol officers to focus on urgent, on-site situations, optimizing resource allocation. The Remote Report Taking Officers are an example of the department's commitment to innovative, responsive, data-driven and efficient law enforcement.



MONTH	REPORTS
January	131
February	120
March	106
April	115
May	133
June	135
July	129
August	137
September	79
October	120
November	100
December	119
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,424</b>

TOP 10 CRIMES REPORTED	REPORTS
THEFT	180
HARASSMENT	76
PROPERTY DAMAGE	74
DIST UNKNOWN	53
Investigation	38
BURGLARY OF VEH	36
DIST CUSTOMER	36
LOST PROPERTY	32
ACC HIT & RUN M	31
ACCIDENT NON TRAFFIC	25

# Investigative Services

*Uncovering Truth, Seeking Justice:  
Diligence Behind Every Case.*



The Investigative Services Command of the Brownsville Police Department represents the investigative, analytical arm of our law enforcement efforts, dedicated to resolving crimes through investigation and evidence analysis.

This unit is staffed by a team of seasoned detectives and forensic specialists and is essential in piecing together the intricate puzzles of criminal activity within our city.

Their work encompasses a broad spectrum of responsibilities, from conducting detailed crime scene investigations, gathering and analyzing forensic

evidence, to executing in-depth interrogations and undercover operations.

The command's scope extends beyond typical reactive responses to criminal incidents. They proactively engage in identifying and disrupting criminal networks before they can inflict harm on our community. This preemptive approach is crucial in addressing not just isolated incidents but also in combating the broader spectrum of criminal activities, including drug trafficking, cybercrime, and organized crime.

The Unit ensures thorough investigations and brings closure to victims and their families.

# Facts

## Investigative Services

### Special Victims Unit Investigations

**2022**  
163

**2023**  
160

### Sex offender Registrations

**2022**  
520

**2023**  
568

### Fugitive Apprehensions

**2022**  
70

**2023**  
137

### Crimes Scenes Processed

**2022**  
438

**2023**  
440

### Domestic Violence Investigations

**2022**  
406

**2023**  
327

### Youth Services

**2022**  
230

**2023**  
283

### Property Crimes Investigations

**2022**  
671

**2023**  
593

### Crimes against Persons Investigations

**2022**  
485

**2023**  
421

# Facts

## Investigative Services

### Burglary Investigations

2022	2023
363	389

### Burglaries Reported

2022	2023
402	449

### Burglary Clearance Rate

2022	2023
26.62%	25.17%

### Burglary Arrests

2022	2023
195	156

\*National Clearance rate was 13% for 2022

### Recovered Property (Burglaries)

2022	2023
\$54,714.00	\$62,100.00

### Case Preparation Unit Submissions

2022	2023
1714	1877
Misdemeanors	Misdemeanors
619	744
Felonies	Felonies

# Narcotics and Controlled Substance Enforcement Unit

*Dedicated to safeguarding our community through proactive intervention and awareness.*



The Narcotics and Controlled Substance Enforcement Unit of the Brownsville Police Department plays a pivotal role in curbing the distribution and abuse of illegal drugs within our community. This specialized unit operates with the utmost diligence to identify, investigate, and dismantle networks involved in the illicit drug trade. Their approach combines advanced investigative techniques with intelligence-led policing, enabling them to effectively target high-level drug operations and street-level drug activities effectively.

Through collaboration with local, state, and federal agencies, the unit enhances its effectiveness and reach, contributing to broader initiatives aimed at reducing the availability and impact of controlled substances. Their work is not just about law enforcement; it's about safeguarding public health and safety, reflecting the department's commitment to a holistic approach instead addressing the challenges posed by narcotics and controlled substances.



# Narcotics and Controlled Substance Enforcement Unit

2023			
NARCOTIC	QUANTITY	OTHER	QUANTITY
Cocaine	35733.01 gm	Xanax/Alprazolam	593.25 units / 154.84 gm
Marijuana	124.34lbs	Clonazepam	0
Heroin	0	Oxycodine	0
Methamphetamine	19.16 gm	THC	2338.66 gm
Synthetic Marijuana	0	Weapons	3
THC Concentrate	0	Vehicles	9
Ecstasy	3.5 gm	Psilocybin	58.52
		<b>CURRENCY</b>	<b>432,398.69</b>



2022			
NARCOTIC	QUANTITY	OTHER	QUANTITY
Cocaine	85,597.00 gm	Xanax/Alprazolam	15,505 units / 22,602.90 gm
Marijuana	221.96 lbs	Codine	2211.26 gm
Heroin	1.45 gm	LSD	533 units
Methamphetamine	20,642.36	THC	37.75 gm
Synthetic Marijuana	0	Weapons	9
THC Concentrate	0	Vehicles	12
Ecstasy	0		
		<b>CURRENCY</b>	<b>\$52,466.83</b>

# Support Services

*Driving Police Efficiency through Fiscal Management.*



The Support Services Command of the Brownsville Police Department is a multifaceted and crucial division, integral to the efficient and effective functioning of our police force.

This command, staffed by a dynamic mix of uniformed and civilian personnel, oversees a vast array of essential services that are fundamental to our operations.

They manage the department's fiscal responsibilities as well as administers the city jail, ensuring it runs smoothly and securely while coordinating with other agencies for temporary housing of detainees.

In addition, the Support Services Command handles the critical task of maintaining and managing the department's records, property, and evidence units, safeguarding the integrity and accessibility of vital data and materials.

The information technology team within this command is responsible for keeping our police force technologically adept, providing the necessary tools and systems for modern policing.

They are in charge of building maintenance and supply room management, ensuring our facilities are well-maintained and our officers are equipped with the necessary gear and supplies.



# Our Department Sworn Officers

Our sworn officers are the epitome of commitment, courage, and community service, forming the core of our law enforcement efforts. These dedicated men and women, upholding their oath to serve and protect, embody the department's core values through their daily interactions and responsibilities.

The Brownsville Police Department is authorized **247** officers by the city of Brownsville.

The Ranks are shown below.



Average number of  
Sworn Officers in 2023

**216**

Average sworn  
officers per 1,000  
citizens

**1.14**

# Our Department Civilian Employees

Civilian employees of the Brownsville Police Department are integral to our operations, providing essential support that ensures our law enforcement services' smooth and efficient functioning. These dedicated individuals contribute through various critical roles, from administrative support, detention officers, and records management to technical services, and logistical coordination.

Their expertise in these areas is vital, allowing our sworn officers to focus more effectively on their primary policing duties. Civilian staff members bring diverse skill sets and professional backgrounds, enriching our department with their perspectives and specialized knowledge.

They are the unseen backbone of the department, working tirelessly behind the scenes to maintain operational excellence and uphold our commitment to the community. The collaborative efforts of our civilian employees significantly enhance our capacity to serve the public effectively, demonstrating that the success of modern policing is a collective endeavor that extends beyond those in uniform.

Accountant III	1	Public Safety Info. Systems Manager	2
Administrative Specialist	7	Maintenance Worker I	4
Administrative Supervisor	1	Parking Enforcement Officer	3
Animal Control Officer	6	Payroll Technician	1
Community Service Officer	0	Police Records Technician	4
Customer Service Specialist	1	Property & Evidence Clerk	1
Detention Officer	10	Security Guard Full Time	10
Emergency Communications Operator F/T	15	Security Guard Part Time	1
Emergency Communications Operator P/T	1	Security Supervisor	1
Emergency Communications Supervisor	3	Traffic Control Warden Part Time	3
Fleet Maintenance Specialist	1	Payroll Specialist	1
Management Assistant NIBRS Crime Reporting Clerk	1	Total	78



# Training Division

*Empowering Excellence,  
Advancing Skills: Training  
Today for Tomorrow's  
Challenges.*

The Training Division at the Brownsville Police Department is essential in recruiting and preparing new officers, focusing on comprehensive training that encompasses tactical skills, physical fitness, and community engagement.

Emphasizing strength, integrity, and a commitment to service, the division's recruitment efforts aim to attract a diverse and dedicated group of individuals who reflect the community they serve, ensuring they are well-equipped to uphold safety and foster trust.

The Training Division also provides ongoing training to current officers, ensuring they are equipped with the latest skills and knowledge. This includes enhanced law enforcement tactics, updates on new laws and legal standards, and training in the use of evolving technology. Health and wellness are prioritized with stress management and fitness programs. Officers remain capable, informed, and responsive to the dynamic demands of modern policing, reinforcing their ability to serve and protect the community effectively.



2022	CLASS HOURS	STUDENTS	HOURS
Core Courses	35	35	136
Virtual Academy	38	159	615
Specialized Training	936	983	10,910
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,009</b>	<b>1,177</b>	<b>11,661</b>

2023	CLASS HOURS	STUDENTS	HOURS
Core Courses	100	40	956
Virtual Academy	221	410	971
Specialized Training	2,682	1,633	26,242
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,003</b>	<b>2,083</b>	<b>28,169</b>

# Training Division

In recent years, the Brownsville Police Department has faced a decline in the number of applicants as has been the trend throughout the rest of the country.

To address this issue, we launched a focused initiative to attract a more diverse range of candidates. Central to this effort has been our active participation in college and work fairs across the region, enabling us to engage directly with young, educated individuals as well as others looking for a change in career from various backgrounds. These events have been instrumental in showcasing the diverse career opportunities within our department, highlighting our commitment to community engagement and inclusive policing.

Our approach has not only been about increasing the number of applicants but also about enhancing the quality and diversity of our police force.

By connecting with students and young professionals, we are building bridges with future leaders who can bring fresh perspectives and new ideas to our department.



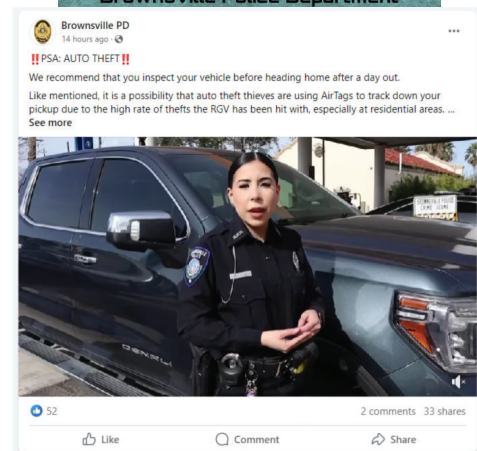
# Public Information Office

The Public Information Office (PIO) of the Brownsville Police Department plays a pivotal role as the department's voice, ensuring clear and consistent communication with the media and the public. The office acts as the primary source for official information, serving as the department's spokesperson in addressing inquiries and disseminating news.

Key responsibilities of the PIO include:

- Managing media inquiries to provide timely and accurate information.
- Issuing press releases to highlight departmental news and updates.
- Organizing press conferences and public events to foster community engagement.
- Supporting field personnel in managing local media relations effectively.
- Managing the Department's Social Media platforms

Aimed at educating the community, showcasing the department's achievements, and enhancing public relations, the PIO is committed to producing and sharing precise information. Through various channels—including media contacts, public service announcements, and community programs—the office works diligently to promote a positive image of the Brownsville Police Department and to strengthen the relationship between the department and the citizens we serve.



75,000  
Followers



1,013  
Followers



951  
Followers  
260,099 Reached



7,340  
Followers

# Online Reporting

The Brownsville Police Department's online reporting system was introduced as a convenient and efficient tool for non-emergency situations saw a remarkable surge in usage during the COVID-19 pandemic. As social distancing and lockdown measures became the new norm, citizens increasingly turned to this digital platform to report incidents such as civil issues and non-violent crimes.

This trend, was born out of necessity during the pandemic, and has continued to grow, with residents now more accustomed to the ease and safety the online system provides.

The continuity in the system's use post-COVID reflects a significant shift in public interaction with law enforcement, moving towards a more digitally engaged and community-centric approach.

The Brownsville Police Department, offers this service in both English and Spanish, giving members of our Spanish speaking community access to this tool.

The success of this system highlights a progressive step in community policing, where technology is leveraged to enhance public safety and service efficiency.

MONTH	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
January	306	327	395	232	244	75
February	293	319	312	194	164	86
March	287	353	379	329	186	126
April	317	336	365	313	212	130
May	359	350	341	358	172	111
June	373	290	298	355	185	133
July	320	323	310	476	161	92
August	330	301	362	456	191	87
September	295	334	271	413	231	92
October	317	313	299	413	205	110
November	331	284	311	358	184	103
December	432	348	299	526	177	178
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,960</b>	<b>3,878</b>	<b>3,942</b>	<b>4,423</b>	<b>2,312</b>	<b>1,323</b>

# Hazardous Devices Unit

*Ensuring Safety Through Precision: The Hazardous Devices Unit is dedicated to Unrelenting Commitment to*

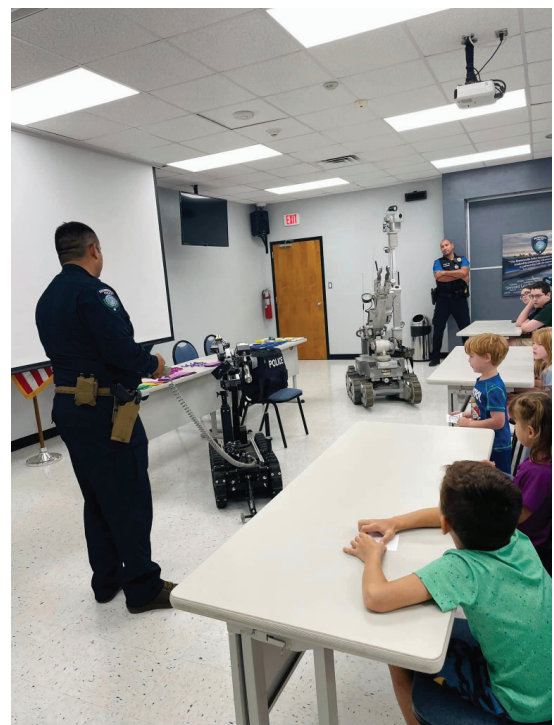


The Hazardous Devices Unit of the Brownsville Police Department stands as a pivotal safeguard for the city of Brownsville and its neighboring communities, dedicated to neutralizing explosive threats and ensuring public safety.

As a nationally accredited Bomb Squad, our unit is responsible for not only adhering to the rigorous training standards necessary for maintaining our certification but also playing a crucial role in countering terrorist activities involving explosive devices that could impact our city and the surrounding areas.

In our pursuit of excellence, the Brownsville Police Department's Hazardous Devices Unit fosters a culture of continuous improvement and innovation. We are committed to refining our skills, enhancing our operational capabilities, and contributing to advancing best practices in our field.

Our Mission is to be the shield that protects Brownsville and its neighboring areas from the dangers posed by hazardous devices. In this mission, we stand vigilant, ready, and ever-evolving, upholding the highest public safety standards and excellence in hazardous device management.



2023	
EVENT	VOLUME
Found Explosives	1
Suspect Packages / Insert Devices	1
Bomb Threats	20
EOD K-9 / Dignitary Sweeps	5
Presentations	11
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>38</b>

2022-2023

# City Jail

The following are the arrests and charge categories that provide a comprehensive overview of law enforcement activities for the 2022 and 2023. The data reflects the total number of individuals taken into custody and the offenses from misdemeanors to felonies. There are more charges than arrests as some subjects were arrested and charged with multiple charges.

2022	
CHARGE CLASS	TOTAL
Capital Felony	0
First Degree Felony	353
Second Degree Felony	348
Third Degree Felony	399
State Jail Felony	546
Class A Misdemeanor	1,229
Class B Misdemeanor	1,210
Class C Misdemeanor	1,607
Child in need of supervision	0
Felony*	267
Misdemeanor*	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>5988</b>

2023	
CHARGE CLASS	TOTAL
Capital Felony	0
First Degree Felony	207
Second Degree Felony	303
Third Degree Felony	501
State Jail Felony	704
Class A Misdemeanor	1,121
Class B Misdemeanor	1,159
Class C Misdemeanor	1,601
Child in need of supervision	0
Felony*	32
Misdemeanor*	57
<b>Total</b>	<b>5685</b>

2022 Arrests by Sex	
SEX	TOTAL
MALE	3,066
FEMALE	749
Other	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3815</b>

2023 Arrests by Sex	
SEX	TOTAL
MALE	3,349
FEMALE	946
Other	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>4299</b>



2022-2023

# City Jail

Brownsville Police Department's city jail primarily functions as a short-term holding facility. Individuals detained here are typically kept overnight until their arraignment or until they can be transported to another facility the following morning. This operational model is crucial for maintaining an efficient legal process, ensuring that detainees are promptly processed according to legal requirements. City jail also helps other agencies when they need to have suspects held until their arraignment in the morning or until they are transported to another facility or jurisdiction. Below are the lists that show how many suspects we have held for other agencies.

2022		2023	
AGENCY	TOTAL	AGENCY	TOTAL
ATF	2	ATF	4
BISD POLICE	89	BISD POLICE	89
DEA	16	DEA	17
DPS	18	DPS	8
FBI	8	FBI	5
ICE	19	ICE	12
RANCHO VIEJO	32	RANCHO VIEJO	7
US MARSHALLS	2	US MARSHALLS	1
UTRGV POLICE	4	UTRGV POLICE	1
US CUSTOMS	3	US CUSTOMS	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>144</b>

## Calls for Service

# Emergency Communications Center

*The Emergency Communications center is the critical first point of contact in times of crisis, where calls for service are received and coordinated. Our dispatchers provide a vital link between the community in need and the swift response of emergency services*

DEPARTMENT	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Police	89,449	110,627	108,421	117,365	118,850
Fire	31,562	29,121	29,890	32,572	34,106
EMS					
<b>Total Calls for Service</b>	<b>121,011</b>	<b>139,748</b>	<b>138,311</b>	<b>149,937</b>	<b>152,956</b>





National Night Out stands as a key event in our annual calendar, an evening where law enforcement and community members gather under the banner of solidarity and safety. This year's event we were joined by officers from many agencies as well as community businesses. The evening featured activities such as safety demonstrations and giveaways, building trust and partnerships. The evening's agenda was rich with opportunities for residents to learn about crime prevention, engage and meet with officers, and enjoy the company of neighbors, all contributing to the goal of creating a more united and secure community.





# BROWNSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S SPOOKTACULAR



The Brownsville Police Department's annual Spooktacular event is a highlight of the community's Halloween celebrations. Designed to provide a safe, fun-filled Halloween experience for families, this event showcases the Department's commitment to community engagement and festive spirit.

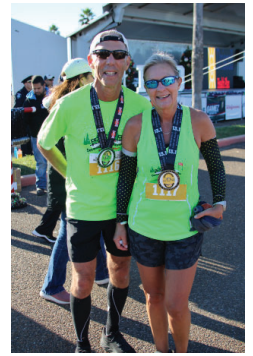


The Spooktacular features a range of activities suitable for all ages, including costume contests, trick-or-treating stations, and a variety of spooky-themed games. This night is an opportunity for the community to interact with our officers, handing out treats and ensuring safety. With its blend of safety and celebration, the Spooktacular embodies the spirit of community policing and provides a memorable Halloween experience for Brownsville's residents.





The Chief's Annual Marathon, conceived as a way to encourage community health and vitality, welcomed 516 runners this year, embodying a broad age spectrum—from the youngest at four years old, who eagerly completed the 1-mile run, to the most senior at 85, finishing the half marathon. This event has become a melting pot for health-conscious individuals, drawing participants from Texas, Florida, Mexico, California, Michigan, Massachusetts and Puerto Rico. It is a testament to the shared pursuit of wellness and the enduring human spirit that transcends age and geography.



Shop  
with a  
Cop



The “Shop with a Cop” event hosted by the Brownsville Police Department is an event that centers on supporting underprivileged children and families in the local community. In partnership with other law enforcement agencies from the area and local businesses, we pair up officers with children for a unique shopping experience at a local store, where they act as both chaperones and companions.



Each child is given a gift card, allowing them to select items of their choice, thereby not only fulfilling their immediate needs but also granting them a joyful experience, many times buying items for their siblings and family as well. This event is more than a shopping trip; it’s an opportunity for meaningful interaction between the youth and law enforcement, fostering a sense of care, trust, and community spirit that resonates far beyond the day.

These events truly embody our motto of “Service from the Heart”



# ANNUAL *Chief of Police Benefit* **GOLF** TOURNAMENT

The Annual Chief of Police Golf Tournament is a swing at making a difference in the lives of Children in our community. As Players enjoy the camaraderie and competition, they contribute to a cause that extends far beyond the final hole.

Every dollar raised through this tournament is channeled directly into the BPD Community Youth Fund, which supports initiatives like our cherished Annual Christmas for Kids Toy Giveaways, Shop with a cop and other activities. This tournament drives towards a season of giving, ensuring every child experiences the joy and wonder of the holidays. This tournament reflects our shared values of Service from the Heart and the spirit of giving, underlining the deep connection between the police department and the people we serve.



# COMMUNITY BASKETBALL COURT



Chief Saucedo, the Brownsville Police Department, Driscoll Health Plan, the City of Brownsville Parks and Recreation, Pace High School, Veterans High School, and the City of Brownsville Public Works worked together to bring the Brownsville Police Department's Community Basketball Court.



Their collective commitment has resulted in a vibrant space where families and community members can come together to engage in an energetic game of basketball or simply relax on the benches. This facility is a testament to the power of partnership and the shared goal of creating enjoyable, healthy community spaces.







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