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Number of homicides plummets in major U.S. cities



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Estimated from city police department reports, state reports or the press

Boston As of April 7	-82%	
Philadelphia April 14	-37	
Miami April 7	-33	
Dallas April 13	-27	
Washington, D.C. April 14	-25	
Houston March 31	-25	
New York April 7	-15	
Chicago April 13	-6	
Los Angeles April 11		+9
Atlanta April 7		+15

Data: [AH Datalytics](#); Chart: Axios Visuals

The number of homicides in major American cities is falling at its quickest pace in decades following [huge jumps](#) during the pandemic.

Why it matters: The nation is on track to see one of the lowest levels of violent crimes and homicides since President Obama was in office.

- Polls [show crime](#) is a top concern ahead of the 2024 election — and it's an issue where Republicans regularly edge Democrats.
- But falling homicide rates could take the steam out of the [crucial GOP advantage](#).

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- At this pace, the murder rate in the U.S. could match its level in 2014 when many cities saw 30-year lows in violent crime and homicides.
- The big decline in homicides, as calculated by AH Datalytics, was first reported by the [Wall Street Journal](#).

Zoom in: Boston has seen a massive 82% drop in homicides so far, the most of any major city in the analysis.

- Philadelphia currently is experiencing a 37% decline in murders and Miami is seeing a 33% fall.
- Houston, where crime was an issue in last year's mayoral election, is facing a 25% drop in homicides thus far.

Reality check: Los Angeles and Atlanta saw noticeable jumps in homicides in the first three months of 2024 compared to last year.

- Los Angeles is experiencing a more than 9% spike in murders, while Atlanta is seeing a 15% surge.
- St. Louis, Savannah, Georgia, and Albuquerque, New Mexico, also are seeing murder pace increases.

Between the lines: [Former President Trump](#) is using the fear of crime on the campaign trail and has relentlessly focused on "migrant crime" as [illegal border crossings](#) hit record highs.

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- Trump [titled](#) a Michigan campaign event "Biden's Border Bloodbath" earlier this month and warned that the country will "cease to exist" if he doesn't win in November.

Zoom out: FBI data and numbers from police agencies show that crime has been [steadily declining](#) since 2022.

- AH Datalytics calculated its data using the latest available crime numbers from local and state sources.

The intrigue: Democrats are also seeing signs that they are closing the gap with the GOP among voters who say which party is better at fighting crime.

- An [Axios-Ipsos Latino Poll](#) conducted in partnership with Noticias Telemundo and released this month found that Republicans had only a 4-point edge on which party was better at dealing with crime.
- Previous polls had them leading Democrats by double digits.