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NYPD Announces May 2024 Citywide Crime Statistics

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Overall crime continues downward trend as enforcement of illegal “ghost vehicles,” motorized scooters, bikes, and ATVs yields massive seizures and arrests

Overall index crime across New York City dropped another 2.4 percent in May 2024, compared to the same month last year, with the major crime categories of murder, burglary, grand larceny, and grand larceny—auto each seeing dramatic reductions. Other major categories, including robbery and felony assault, experienced increases in May, largely fueled by offenders fleeing crime scenes on illegal, unregistered motorized scooters, bikes, or other vehicles. Crime in New York City’s transit system continued its remarkable downward trend, however, dropping another 10.6 percent in May. Now well below pre-pandemic levels, crime in the nation’s largest subway system has seen double-digit reductions in the past four consecutive months of this year.

Across the five boroughs in May, 261 fewer crimes were committed compared to the same month last year. The most significant reduction was in the category of murder, which saw another 21.1 percent drop (30 vs. 38). Murders have also been reduced by 17.1 percent year to date, with 29 fewer people killed in 2024 compared to 2023 (141 vs. 170). While shooting incidents increased 4.7 percent in May (89 vs. 85), resulting in nine additional victims (108 vs. 99, a 9.1 percent jump), there were 47 fewer shooting incidents from January 1 through May 31 (331 vs. 378, a 12.4 percent decrease), which equated to 56 fewer shooting victims year to date (391 vs. 447), a 12.5 percent reduction. Police took 571 firearms off New York City streets in May, adding to the nearly 2,750 illegal guns seized so far this year through May 31. The NYPD has removed more than 16,400 illegal firearms from circulation since the start of 2022.

The category of robbery increased 4.7 percent in May (1,432 vs. 1,368), along with felony assault by 7.4 percent (2,621 vs. 2,441). Citywide in May, 123 fewer vehicles were stolen, a 9.1 percent drop (1,231 vs. 1,354); 88 fewer burglaries were committed, a 7.5 percent decrease (1,091 vs. 1,179); and 299 fewer grand larcenies were reported, a 6.9 percent reduction (4,037 vs. 4,336). Twenty-one fewer crimes (178 vs. 199) were committed in the subway system in May, along with two fewer crimes (534 vs. 536) in the city’s public housing complexes, a nearly half-percent decrease.

The total number of bias incidents investigated by the NYPD’s Hate Crime Task Force in May increased by 30 incidents (86 vs. 56), a 54 percent increase over the same month last year. Anti-Jewish offenses, which jumped 150 percent (55 vs. 22) from May 2023, led the overall rise. The month of May also saw an 83 percent (2 vs. 12) decrease in anti-Asian crimes.

Successes in reducing overall crime and violence are attributable to ongoing efforts citywide, including NYPD-led initiatives at the city’s bridges, tunnels, and roadways targeting “ghost vehicles” — unregistered, uninsured cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Since its inception in March of this year, the multiagency task force has conducted 17 operations that resulted in 218 arrests made, 7,722 summons issued, and 997 vehicles seized that owed more than \$7.7 million in unpaid tolls, fees, and outstanding judgments. The NYPD has also begun a summer enforcement strategy aimed at removing illegal motorized scooters, ATVs, and other bikes from city streets following an increase in shootings, robberies, and grand larcenies involving such vehicles. In all of 2023, the NYPD confiscated 18,430 illegal and unregistered motorized scooters and bikes — the highest number in city history and a 128 percent increase from 2022. So far in 2024, the NYPD has seized more than 13,000 illegal two-wheeled vehicles and ATVs, bringing the total to nearly 42,000 since the start of 2022 — the largest number of illegal motorized scooters removed during any 30-month span in city history.

“The men and women of the NYPD continue to turn the tide on overall crime in neighborhoods throughout New York City, as well as below ground in our vast subway system, by remaining nimble and strategically deploying our resources,” said **Police Commissioner Edward A. Caban**. “We vow to stay in front of crime trends by directly addressing community concerns, disrupting emerging patterns, and dismantling criminal networks where they operate. New Yorkers expect and deserve nothing less.”

****All crime statistics are preliminary and subject to further analysis, revision, or change.****

Index Crime Statistics: May 2024

	May 2024	May 2023	+/-	% Change
Murder	30	38	-8	-21.1%
Rape	138	125	13	10.4%
Robbery	1432	1368	64	4.7%
Felony Assault	2621	2441	180	7.4%
Burglary	1091	1179	-88	-7.5%
Grand Larceny	4037	4336	-299	-6.9%
Grand Larceny Auto	1231	1354	-123	-9.1%
TOTAL	10580	10841	-261	-2.4%

Additional Statistics: May 2024

	May 2024	May 2023	+/-	% Change
Transit	178	199	-21	-10.6%
Housing	534	536	-2	-0.4%

May 2024 **May 2023** **+/-** **% Change**

Shooting Incidents 89 85 4 4.7%

Rape Incident Reporting Statistics: May 2024

(Reports filed from May 1 – May 31 in years indicated)

Year	Total Incidents Reported	Incident Occurred Same Year	Incident Occurred Previous Year	Incident Occurred 2 Years Prior	Incident Occurred 3 Years Prior	Incident Occurred 4 Years Prior	Incident Occurred 5+ Years Prior
2024	138	104	13	5	4	1	11
2023	125	99	5	3	3	3	12
2022	157	115	13	5	7	1	16
2021	115	82	18	3	1	2	9
2020	105	85	10	1	2	1	6
2019	163	113	14	4	4	4	24

Rape continues to be underreported. If you are a victim of sexual assault, please come forward. The 24-hour NYPD Special Victims Division hotline is: 212-267-RAPE (7273).

Hate Crimes Statistics: May 2024

(Representing May 1 – May 31 for calendar years 2024 and 2023)

Motivation	2024	2023	Diff	% Change
Asian	2	12	-10	-83%
Black	1	0	1	***.*
Ethnic	3	8	-5	-63%
Gender	6	5	1	20%
Hispanic	0	2	-2	-100%
Jewish	55	22	33	150%
Muslim	4	1	3	300%
Religion	4	1	3	300%
Sexual Orientation	9	4	5	125%
White	2	1	1	100%
Grand Total	86	56	30	54%

Note: Statistics above are subject to change upon investigation, as active possible bias cases may be reclassified to non-bias cases and removed from counted data.

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