SANTA MONICA
Police Department

COUNCIL UPDATE

2023 Annual Report

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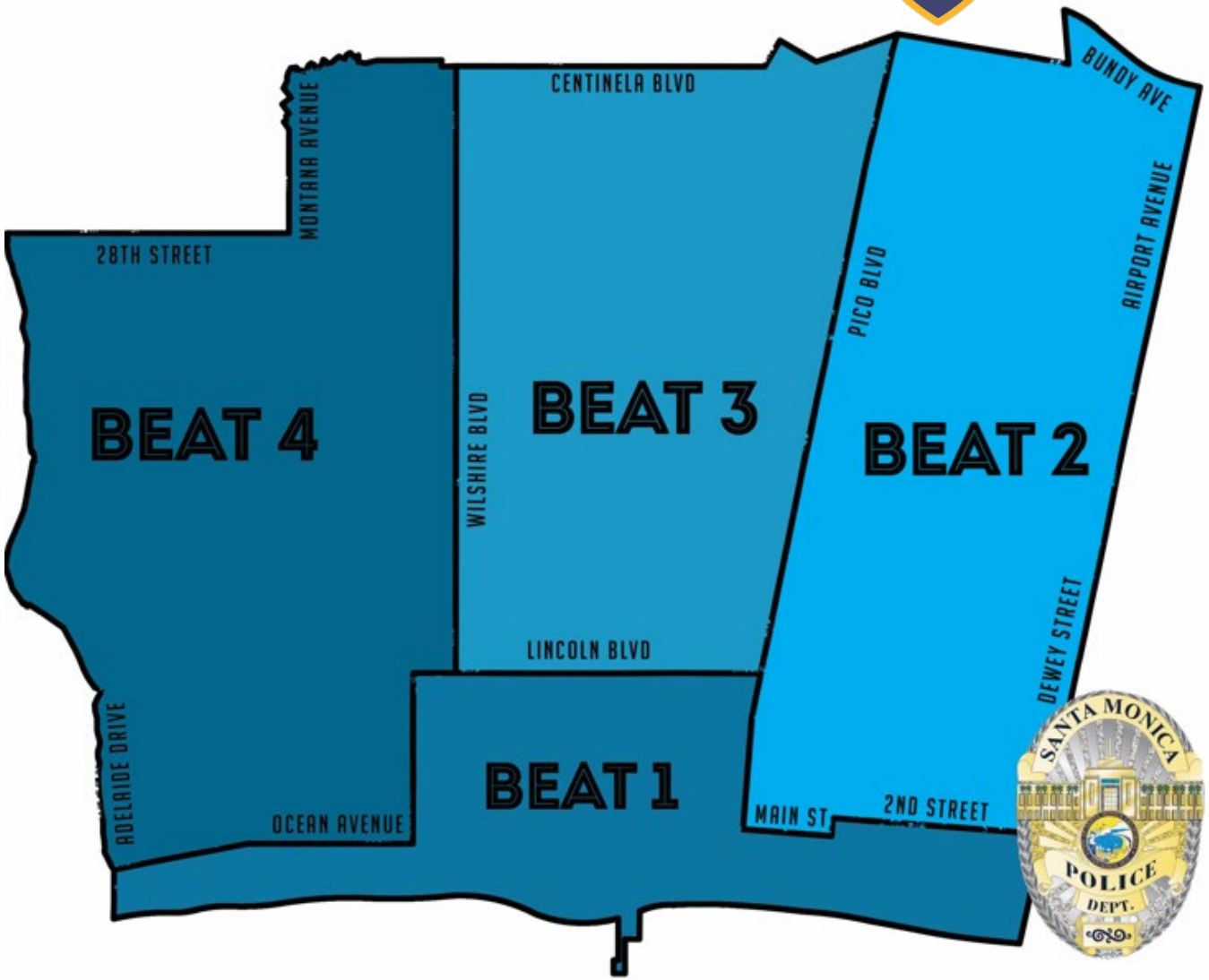
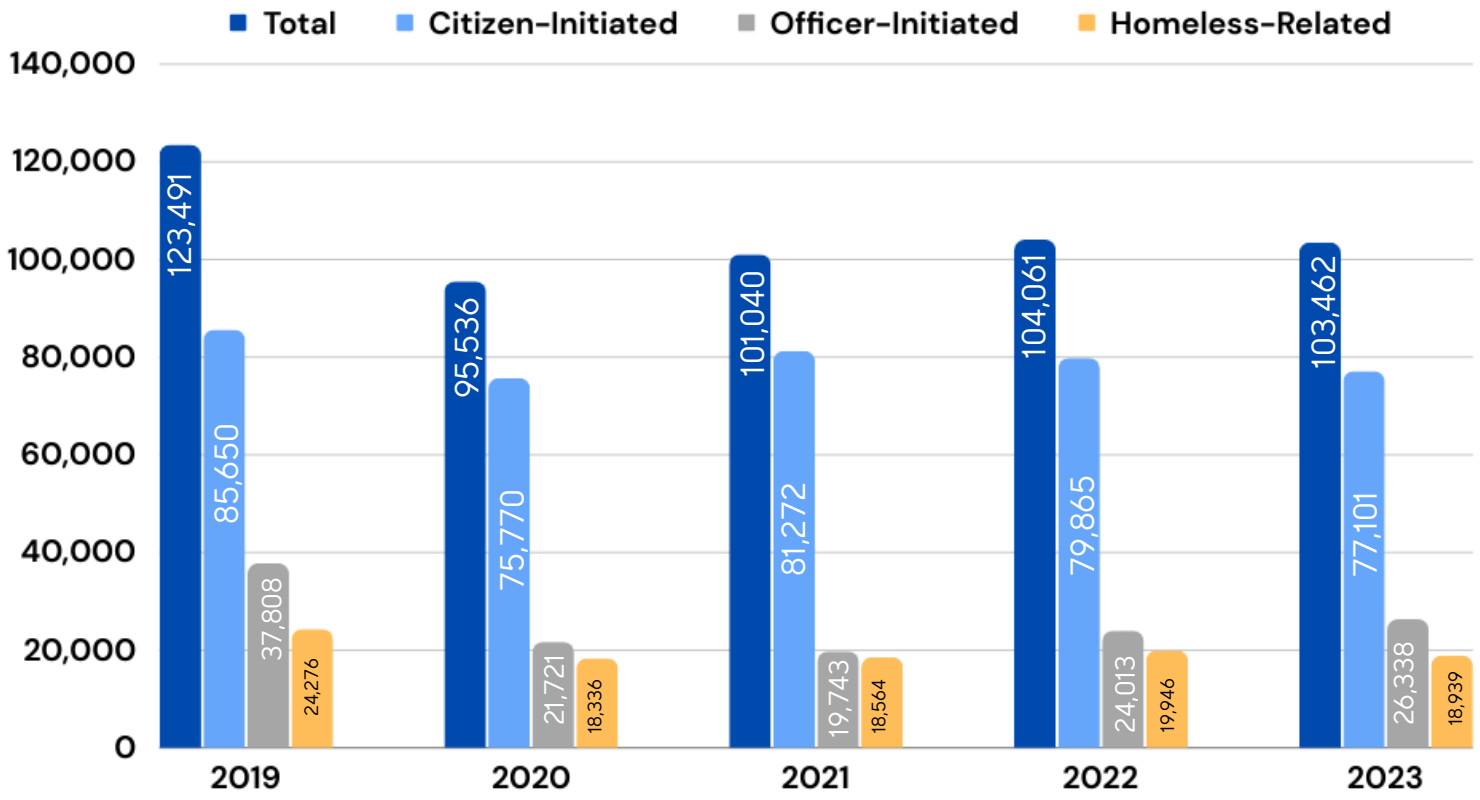


Calls for Service



Increase in Officer-Initiated Calls for Service

9.68%

2022-2023

In 2023, there was a 1% decrease in the number of calls for service received when compared to those in 2022.

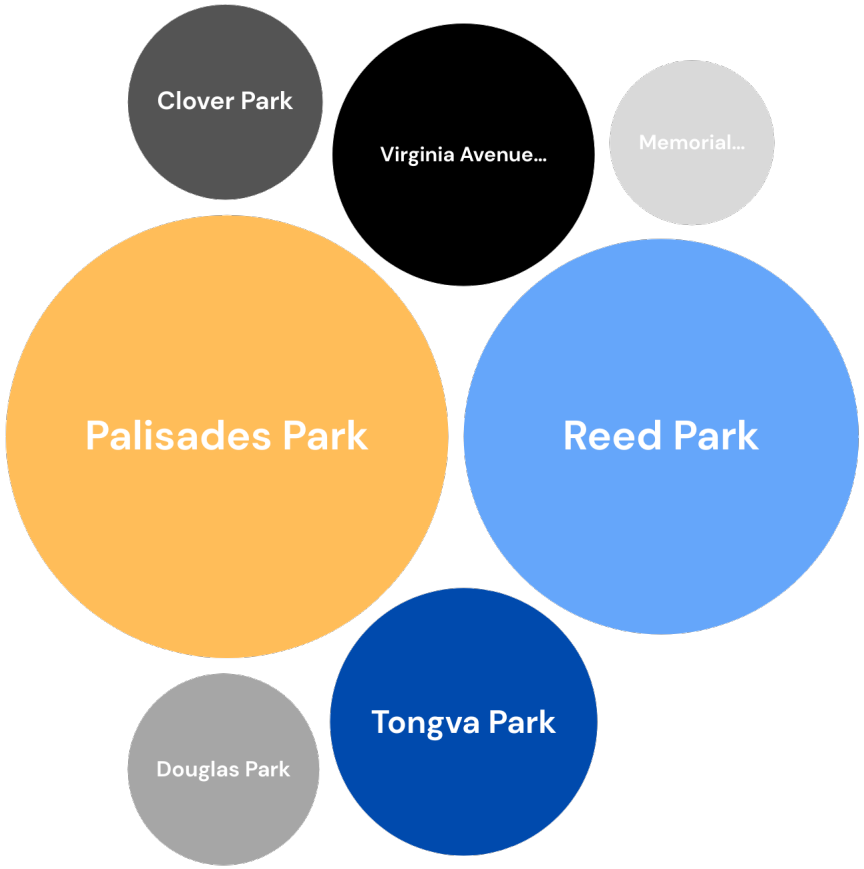
The number of citizen-initiated calls remained constant between 2021 and 2023.

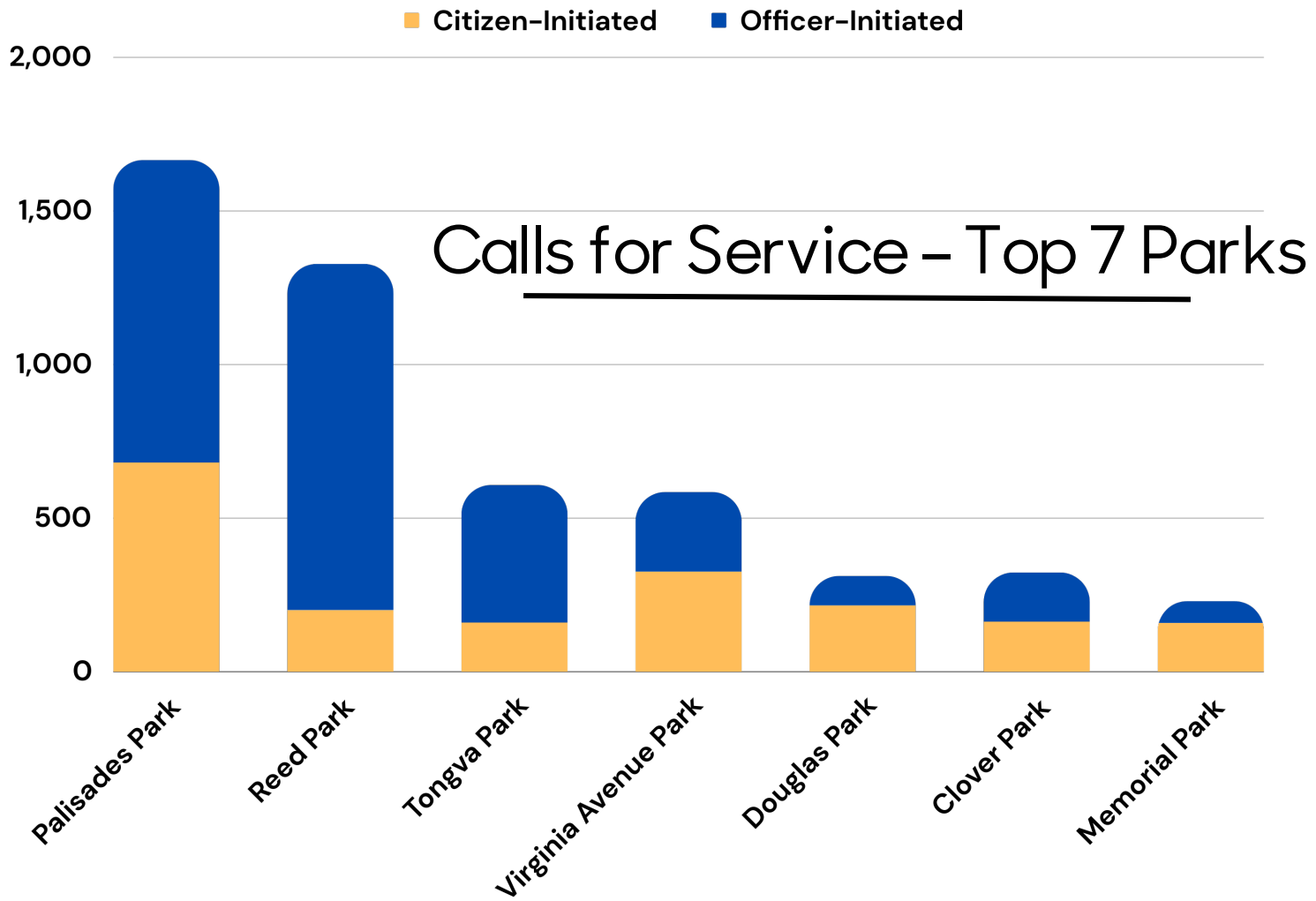
Approximately 25% of all recorded service calls are initiated by officers in a proactive manner.

On average, dispositions related to homelessness account for 19% of all service calls.

Parks Calls for Service

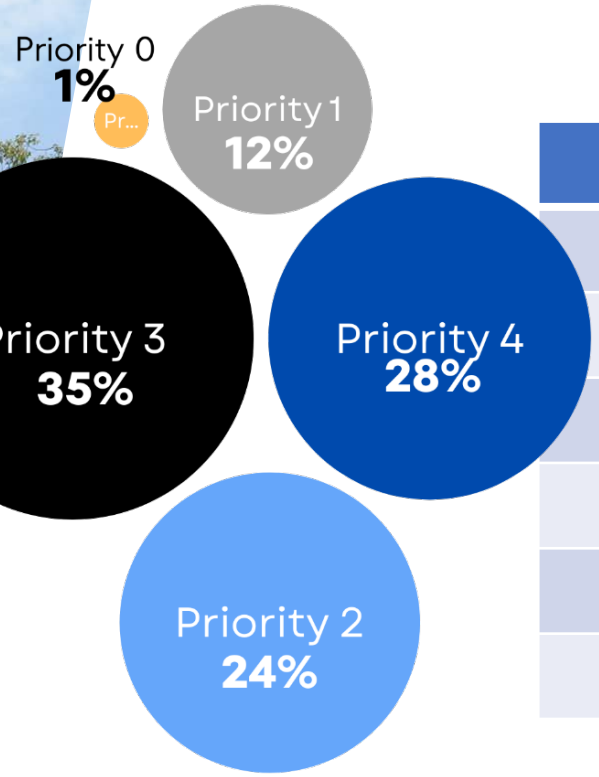
You're There... We're There





January through June 2023

Call Priority Distribution



	2022	2023	Change
TOTAL	104,061	103.462	-599
Priority 0	839	820	-19
Priority 1	12,115	12,187	72
Priority 2	26,808	25.061	-1,747
Priority 3	37,325	36,494	-741
Priority 4	27.064	28,900	1,836

Call Response Time

	2022			2023		
TOTAL						
	Average Pend Time	Average Travel Time	Average Response Time	Average Pend Time	Average Travel Time	Average Response Time
Priority 0	1.55	3.21	4.76	1.45	3.19	4.64
Priority 1	3.75	4.96	8.71	3.69	4.85	8.55
Priority 2	12.01	5.58	17.59	11.66	5.67	17.33
Priority 3	36.46	6.75	43.21	35.40	6.54	41.94
Priority 4	45.37	11.39	56.76	48.34	10.71	59.05

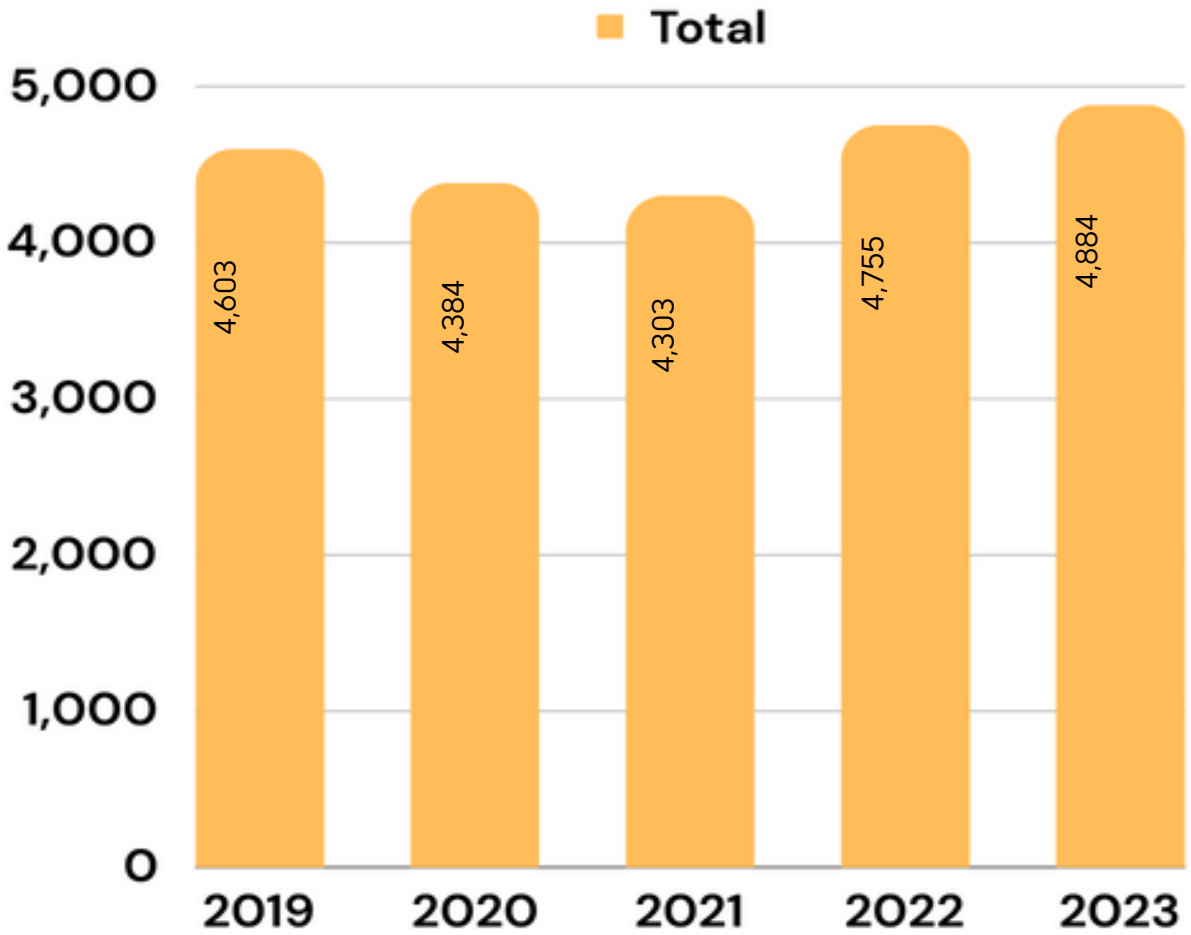
Improvement over previous year

January through October 2023

CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR

PART I CRIME • PART II CRIME • ARRESTS

2023 Crime Stats – Part I



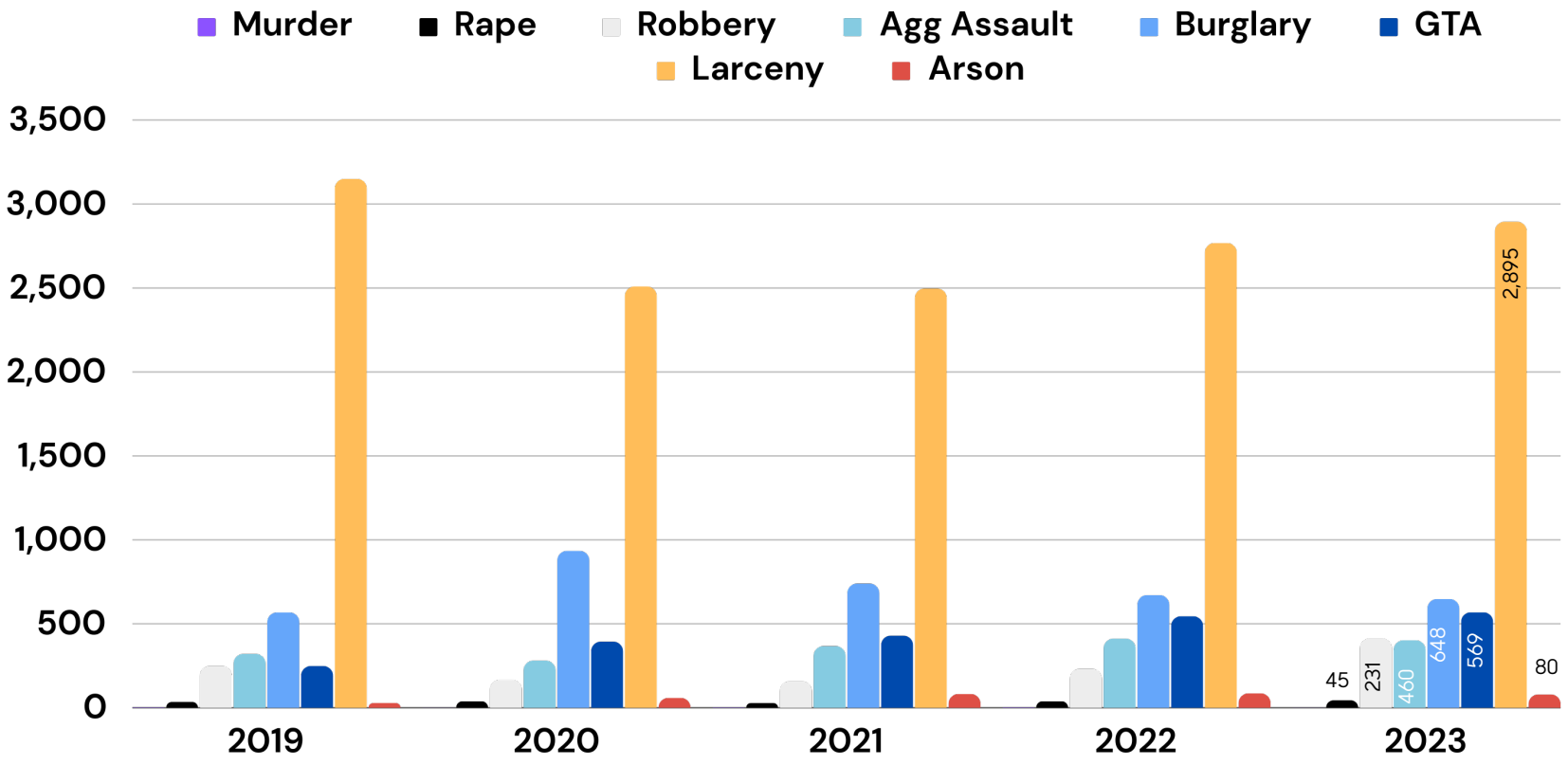
+2.7%

2022-2023

Increase in Part I Crimes

129 Crimes Total

2023 Crime Stats – Part I



1 incident of Murder in 2023; Down from 3 in 2022

There were 45 rapes in 2023 with 39 in 2022.

Aggravated Assault levels had a slight decrease in 2023, compared to 2022.

While incidents of Robbery increased by a count of 9, strongarm robbery was the most likely offense. The use of firearms, knives and other weapons decreased.

GTA levels have consistently increased over the past five years. Hyundai was the most stolen model for the past two years, followed by Toyota. Kia thefts have spiked in the last two years.

Cases of burglary peaked in 2020 and have since declined annually from 2021 to 2023 with a 3.4% decrease over 2022.

Larceny was accountable for 59% of all Part I Crimes in Santa Monica in 2023.

Incidents of Arson decreased from 86 to 80 in 2023.

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2023 Crime Stats – Part II

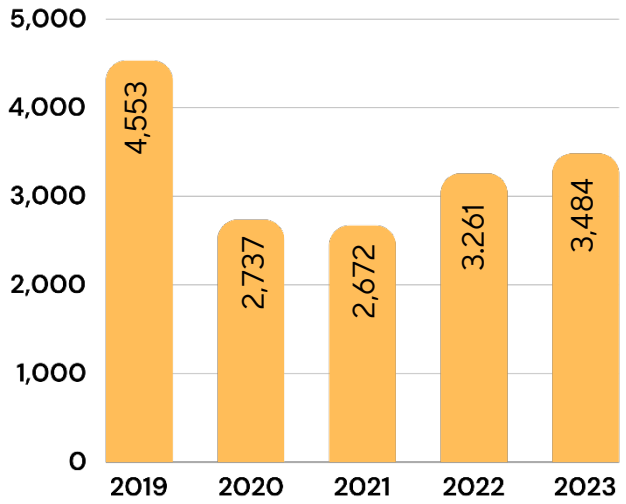
PART II Crime

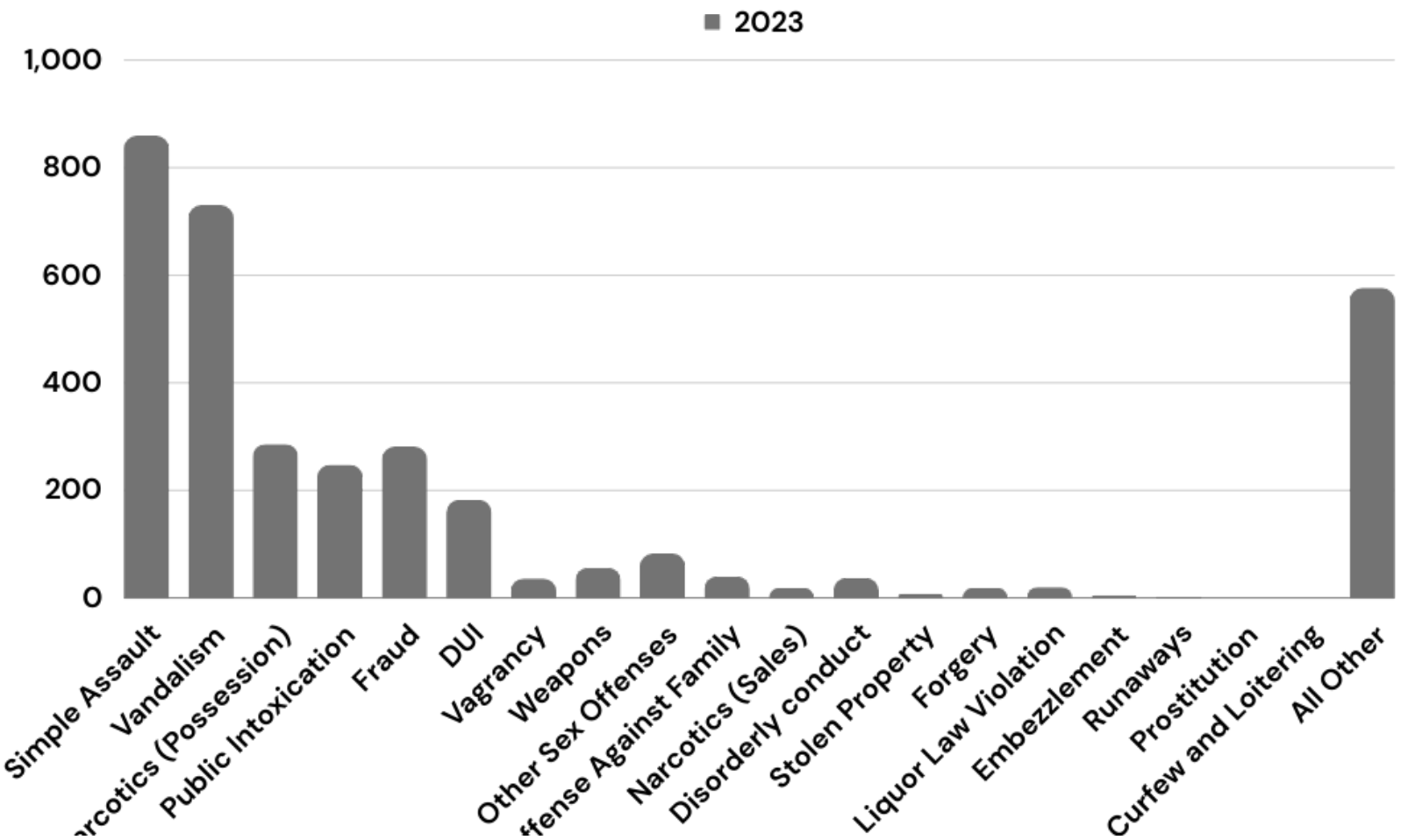
↑ 7%

2022-2023

Increase in Part II Crimes

223 Crimes Total





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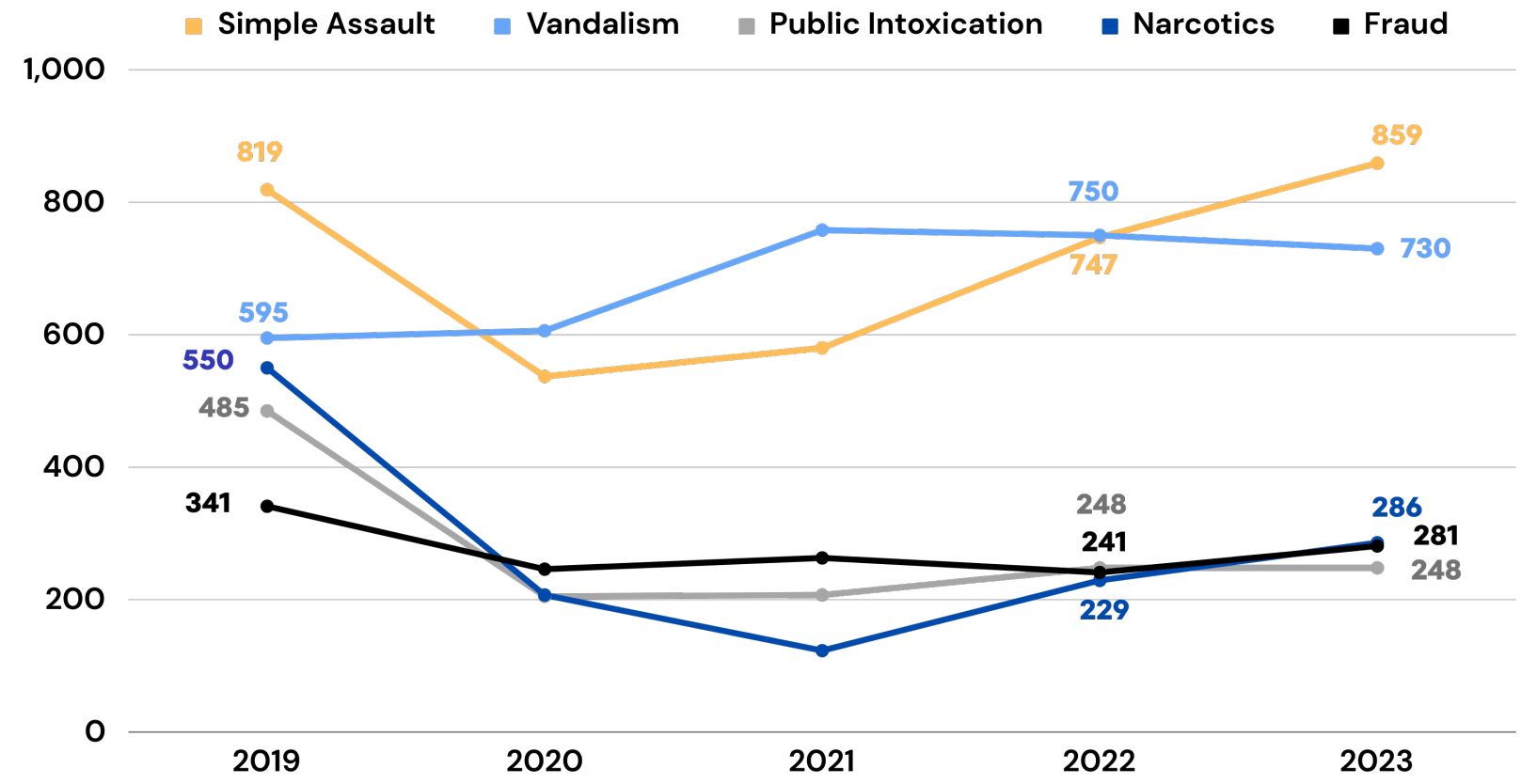


Simple Assaults increased from 747 in 2022 to 859 in 2023. A 15% increase.

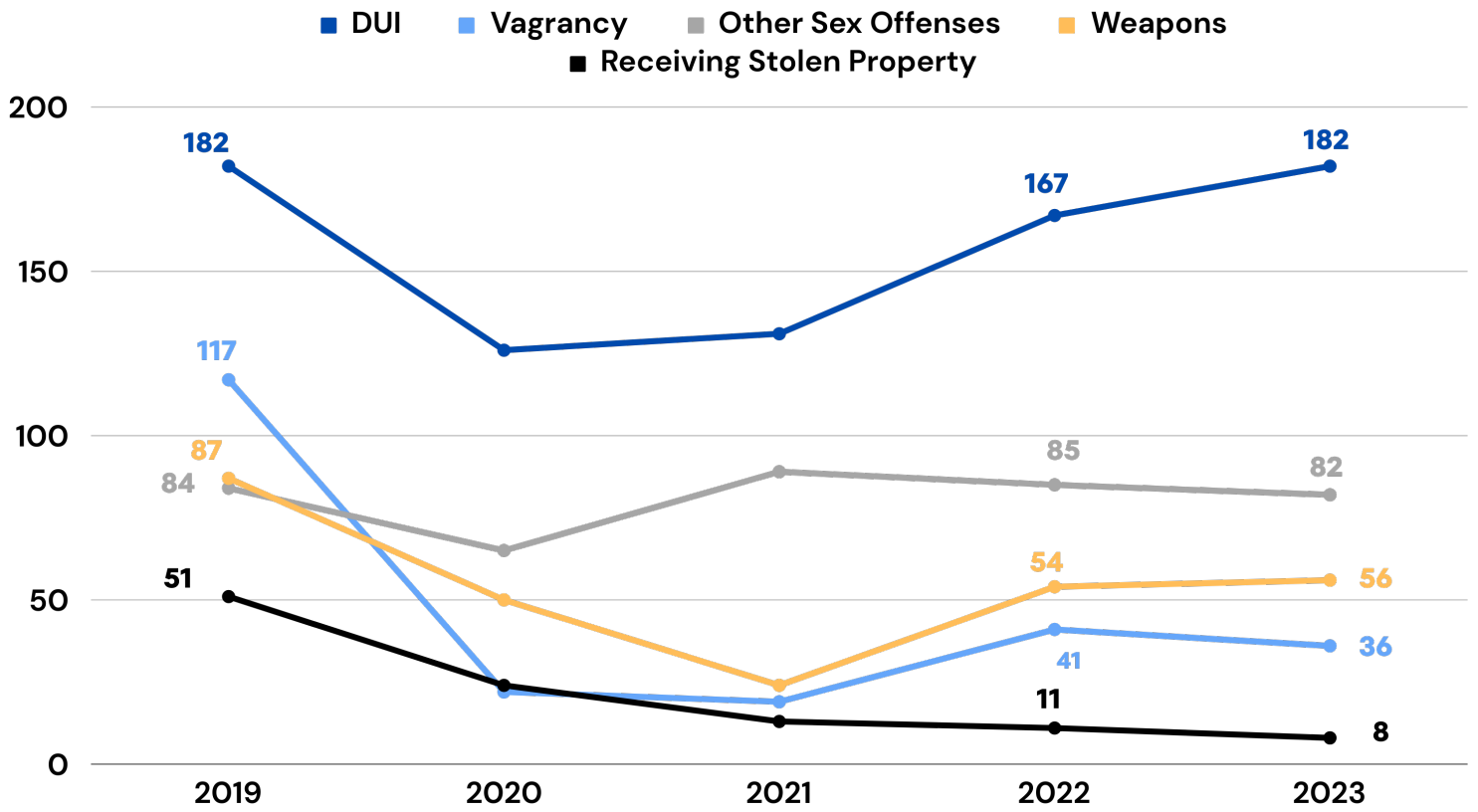
Vandalism declined 2.67% from 750 in 2022 to 730 in 2023.

Public Intoxication remained stable at 248 incidents in 2022 and 2023.

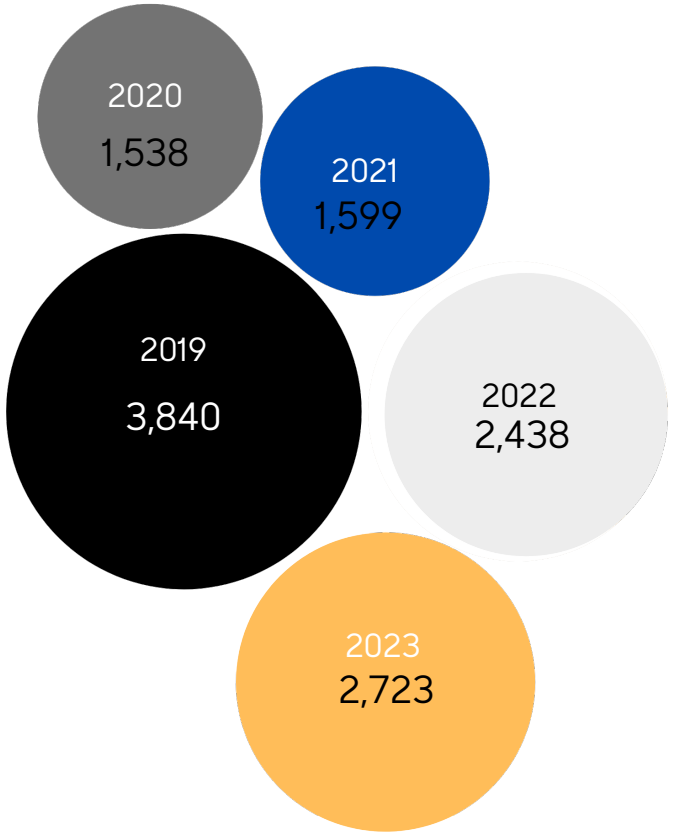
Narcotics increased from 229 incidents in 2022 to 289 in 2023 - a 25% increase.

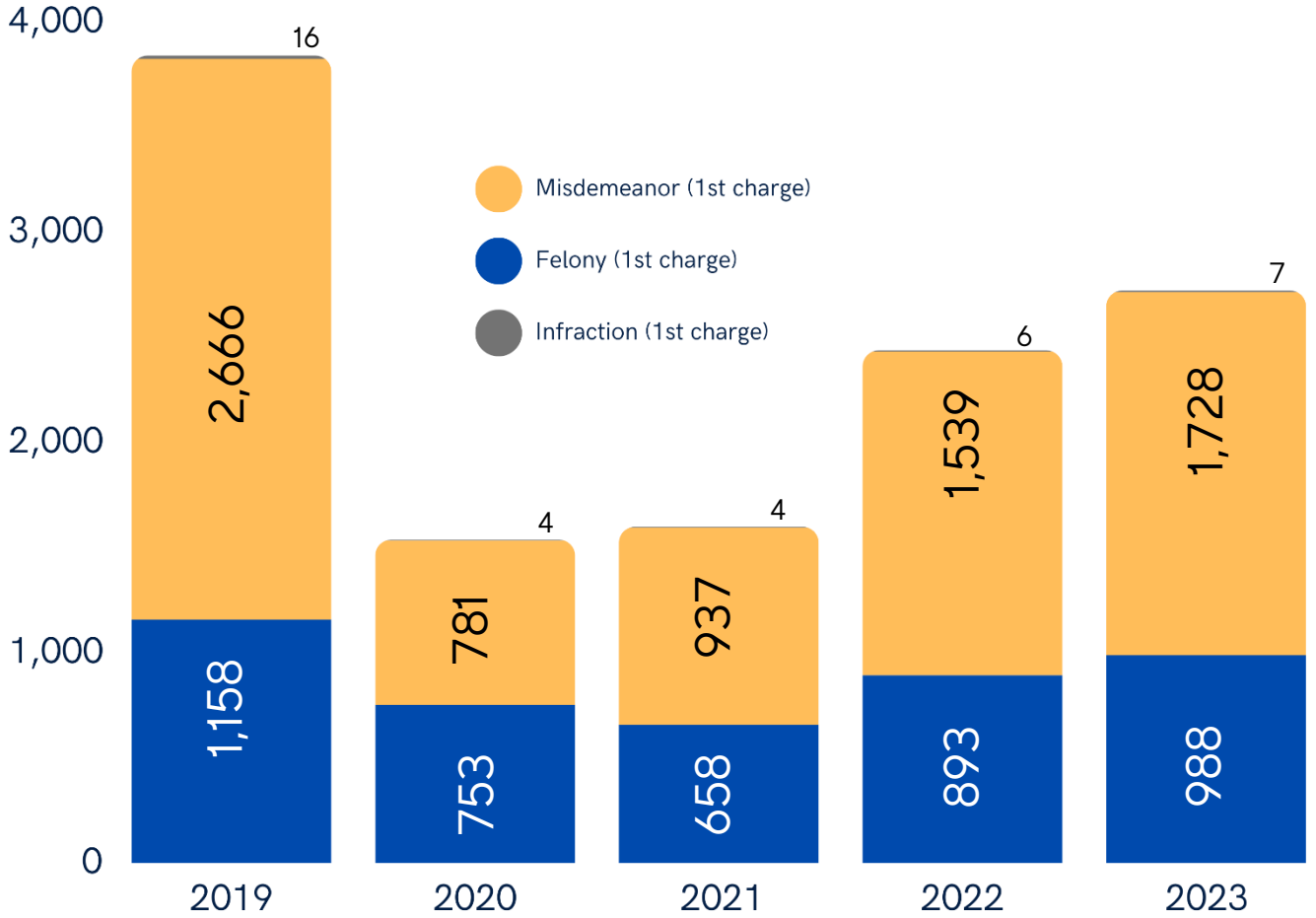
Fraud increased 16.6 % in 2022 (241 incidents) in comparison to 2023 (281 incidents)

2023 Crime Stats – Part II cont.



Arrests





5 Year History

DOWNTOWN

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Downtown Special Projects – DART

423

DART Homeless Encampments Addressed

222

DART Arrests

729

Cites/Field Interviews/Enforcement Contacts

88

Code/Admin Advisals

6

Confiscations

Organized Retail Theft – Special Projects Unit

4

Operations in Santa Monica

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Los Angeles DA announces 200 organized retail theft cases were filed in 2023

by Scott Snowden February 2, 2024

Los Angeles County DA George Gascón and members of the LA Police Department and LA County Sheriff's Department. Credit: Scott Snowden

On Thursday afternoon in front of gathered media from across Los Angeles County, District Attorney George Gascón announced that "approximately 200" organized retail theft cases involving adult and juvenile defendants have been filed by the office.

Popular

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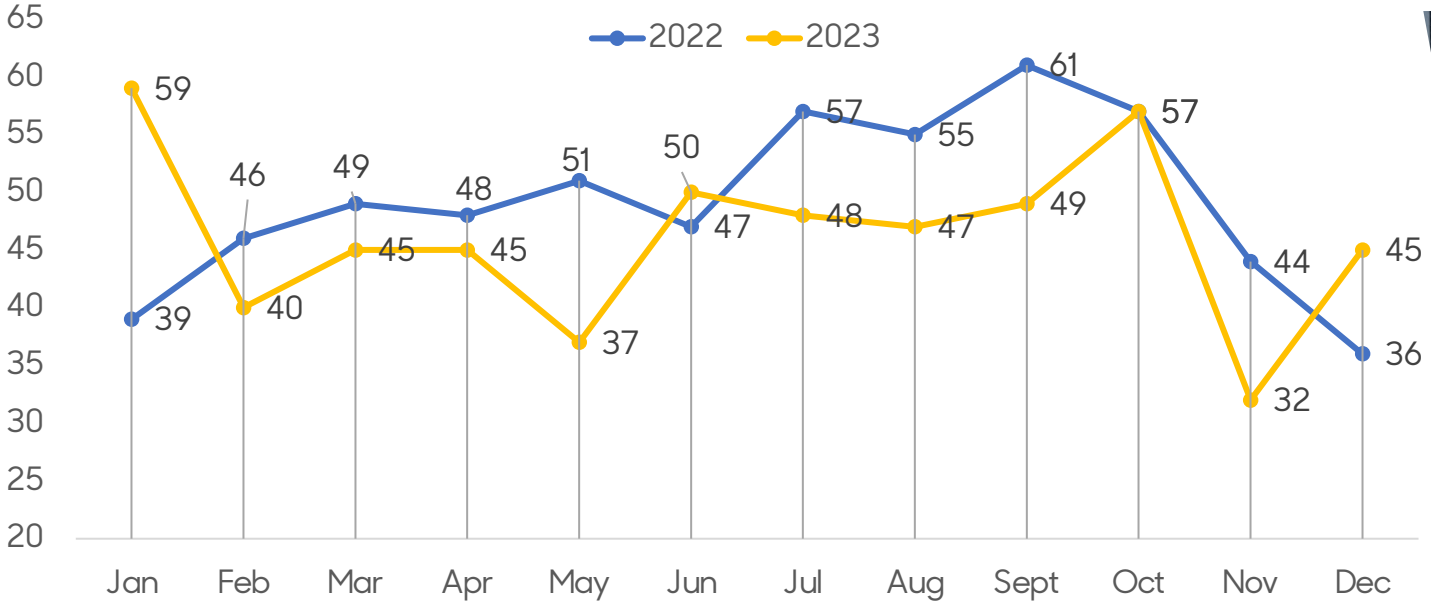
Promenade Part I Crime



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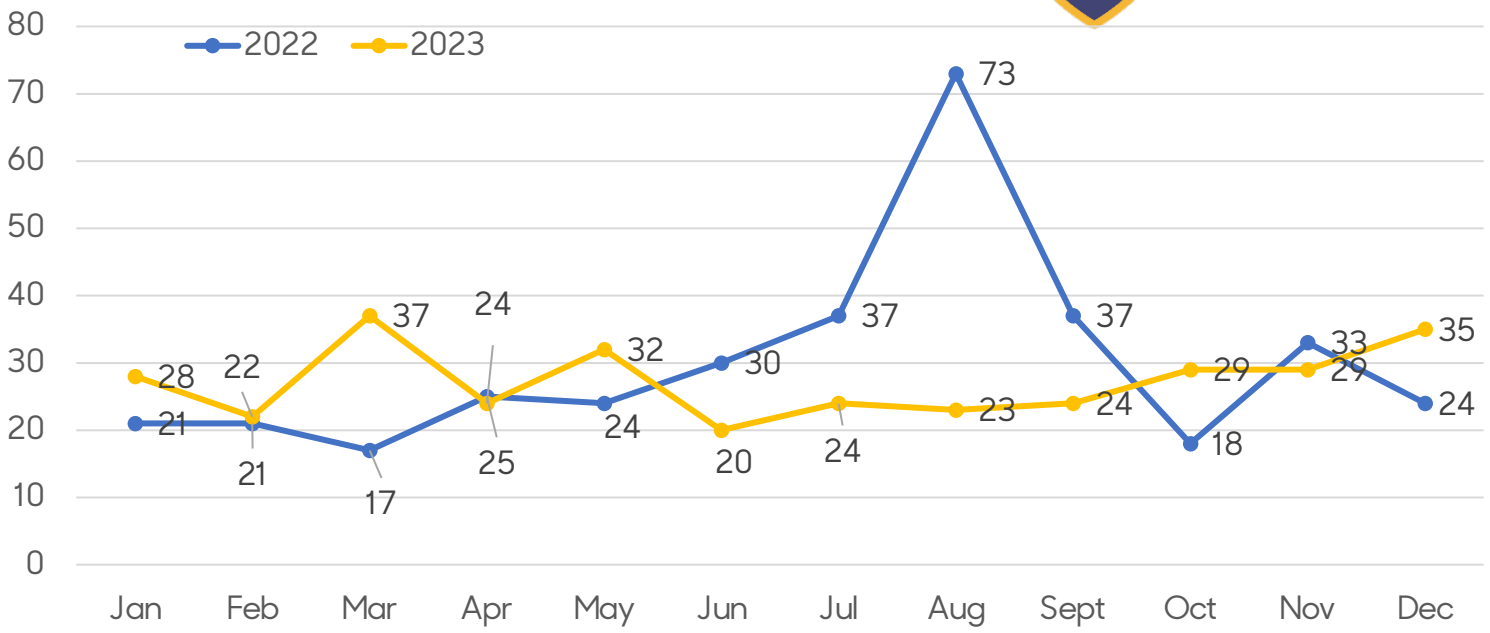
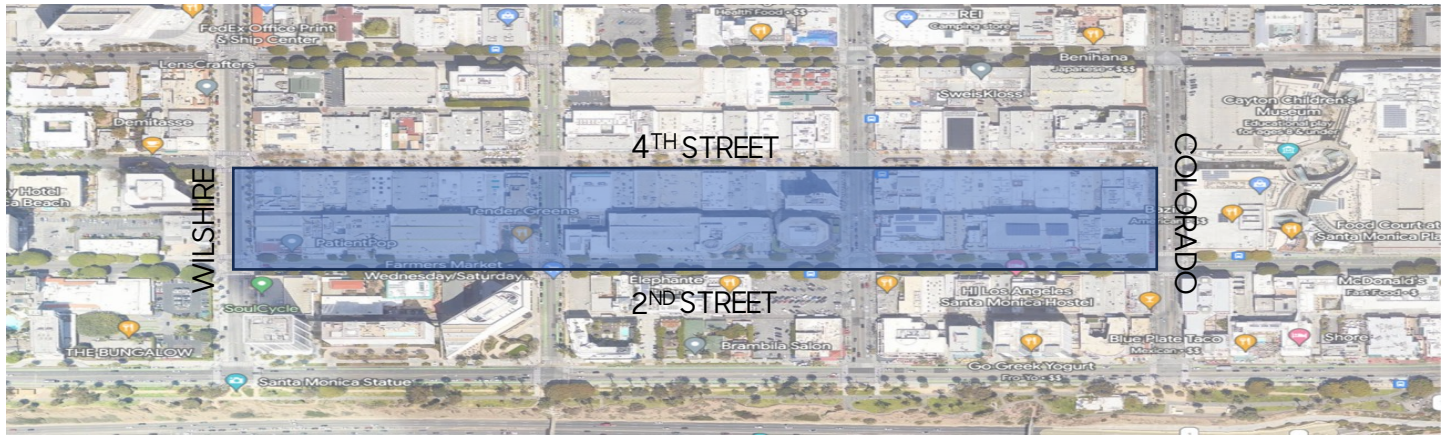
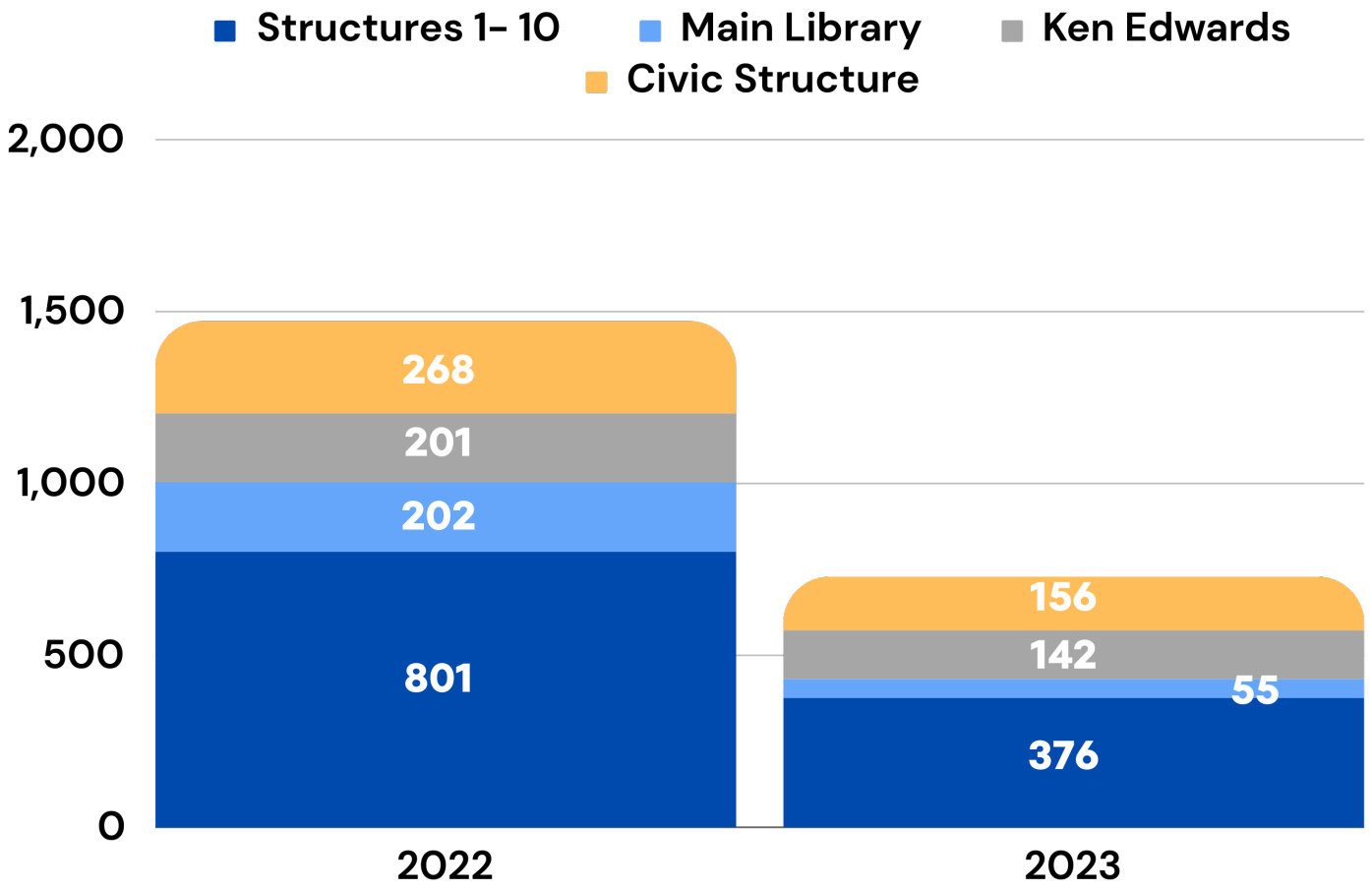
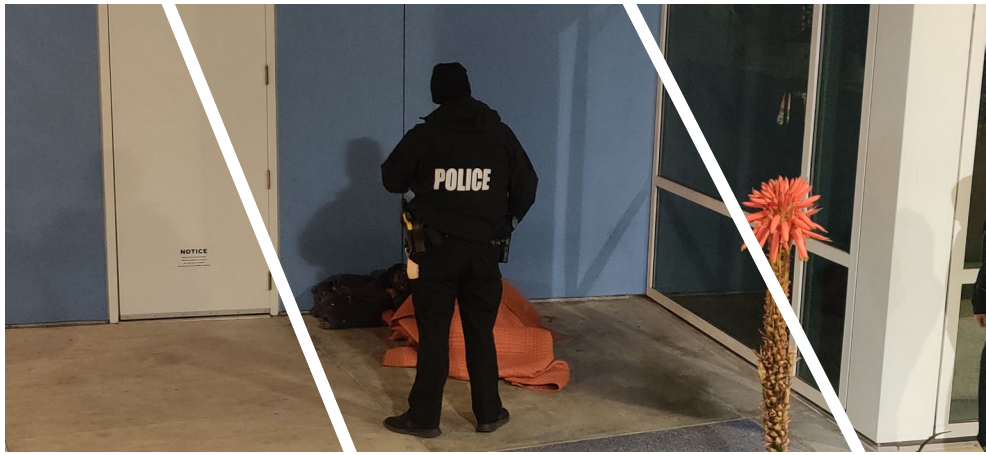




Parking Structures

TSO – PSO – DSU – Good Guard Overnight 9pm-7am

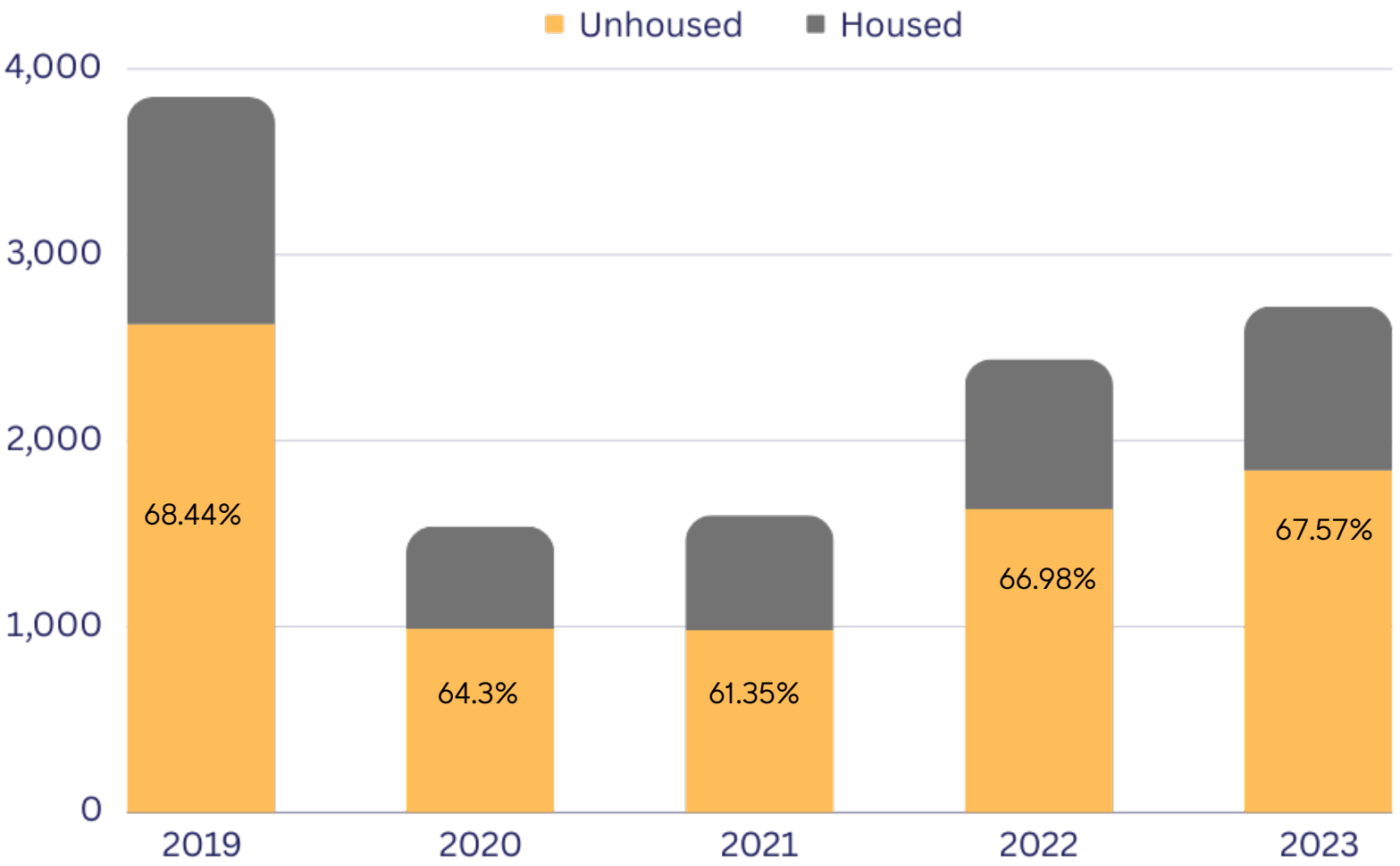




HOMELESSNESS

Homeless Liaison Program

Arrest Statistics



HLP Team 2023 Review

2,472
Calls for Service

1,015
Closed 3-1-1 Requests

1,215
Self-Initiated Activity
(Ped Stops, Periodic Checks, & Traffic Stops)

381
Encampments Addressed

1,308
Referrals to Service, Field Interviews & Advisals

226
Citations

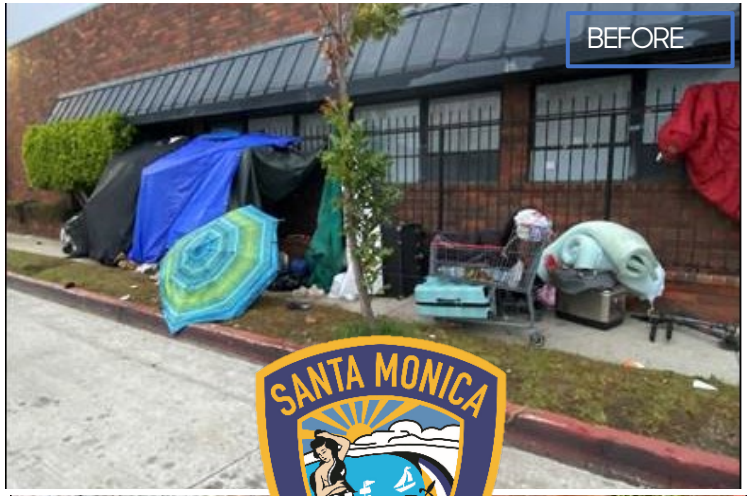
16
Felony Arrests

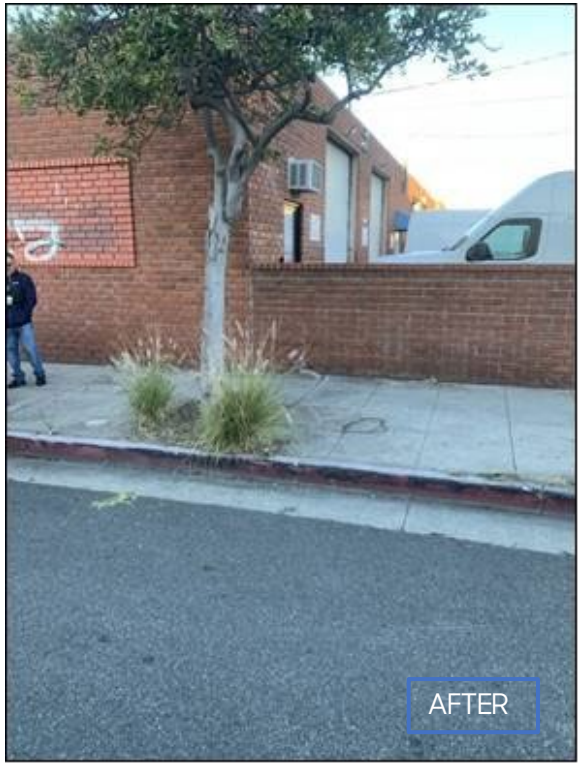
48
Misdemeanor Arrests

189
DMH 5150 Evaluations

115 + 9
DMH + HLP 5150 Hold s

Before and After





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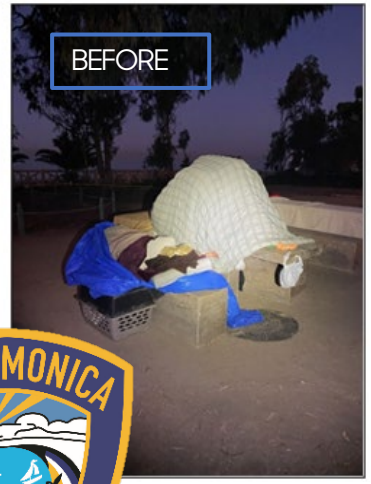
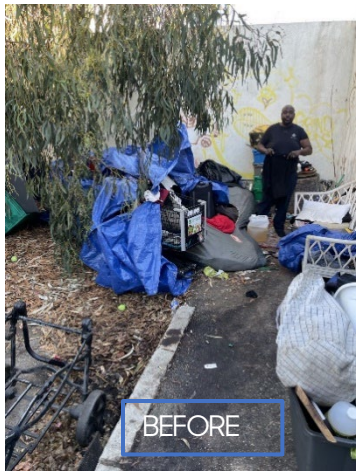
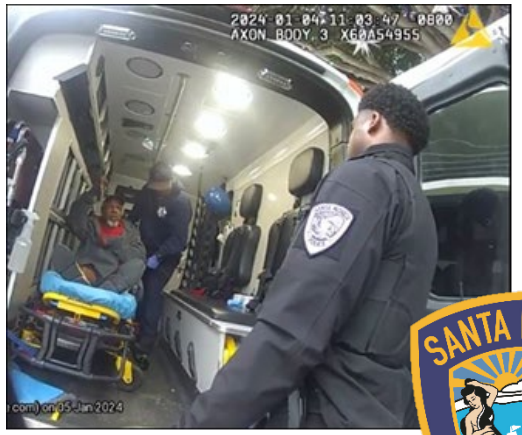




Crime Summary



PART I & PART II CRIME

Part I up 2.7%
(129 crimes)

Part II up 7%
Led by Simple Assaults, Narcotics & Fraud

Arrests up 12%
67% involve homeless suspects

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Overall calls down 1%

Response times down

Encampment calls down 2%

SPECIALIZED UNIT IMPACTS

DSU, HLP & DART continue to be effective in impacting crime

2023 Accomplishments

- Strategic Plan 2023-2028
- Recruiting/Hiring Vacancies in Sworn/Professional Personnel
- Added (1) Police Sergeant Position to Technology
- 2023 Uniformed Officers Deployment Model
- ALPR Cameras in Downtown
- Live911
- OEM/911 Call Software

Looking Forward In 2024

- Real-Time Crime Information Center
- Renovation of CCTV Cameras
- Video Management Software
- Video Analytics Software
- GIS Mapping Software
- Transparency/Accountability Web Portal
- Network Software Integration

THANK YOU

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