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Fewest Annual Murders and Shooting Incidents Ever Recorded in the Modern Era

Lowest per-capita murder rate since 1951

New York, New York—With the close of 2017, New York City marks three new crime reduction benchmarks: the first time the total number of index crimes has fallen below 100,000; the first time the number of shooting incidents has fallen below 800; and the first time the total number of murders has fallen below 300. This reduction in murders has resulted in the lowest per-capita murder rate in nearly 70 years. Additionally, several other index crime categories have achieved historic reductions, including: robbery, burglary, and grand larceny auto.

For 2017, there were 96,517 crimes reported, compared with 102,052 in 2016. This is a reduction of 5,535 crimes, or -5.4%. There were 290 murders reported, compared with 335 in 2016. This is a reduction of 45 crimes, or -13.4%. There were 1,446 rapes reported, compared with 1,442 in 2016. This is an increase of 4 crimes, or +0.3%. There were 13,950 robberies reported, compared with 15,528 in 2016. This is a reduction of 1,578 crimes, or -10.2%. There were 20,013 felonious assaults reported, compared with 20,917 in 2016. This is a reduction of 904 crimes, or -4.3%. There were 12,048 burglaries reported, compared with 13,035 in 2016. This is a reduction of 987 crimes, or -7.6%. There were 43,082 grand larcenies reported, compared with 44,484 in 2016. This is a reduction of 1,402 crimes, -3.2%. There were 5,688 grand larceny autos reported, compared with 6,311 in 2016. This is a reduction of 623 crimes, or -9.9%. There were 789 shooting incidents reported, compared with 997 in 2016. This is a reduction of 208 shootings, or -20.9%.

“Crime in New York City has reached a new low,” said Police Commissioner James P. O’Neill. “The murder rate hasn’t been lower since the Korean War. As we celebrate this New York miracle, we continue deepening relationships with the public, emphasizing the shared responsibility we have to our safety. I am confident we can do more. And we will. It is an honor to lead this organization and be a part of the change we are seeing across the nation’s safest city.”

“Last year was the safest year in modern New York City history. To see crime levels as low as we have today, you’d have to go back to 1951, when the Dodgers played in Brooklyn and a slice was 15 cents. I want to thank Police Commissioner O’Neill and the entire NYPD for continuing to raise the bar and remaining steadfast in their commitment to keeping our city safe,” said Mayor de Blasio. “I want New Yorkers to know, this is just the beginning. As our neighborhood policing vision deepens and residents work with police officers in common cause, the flow of information will stop crimes before they happen and we will continue to build trust between communities and law enforcement. This department never rests on its laurels and America’s safest big city will get even safer.”

There were 2,441 crimes reported in the Transit Bureau in 2017, compared with 2,429 in 2016. This is an increase of 12 crimes, or +0.5%. There were 4,844 crimes reported in the Housing Bureau in 2017, compared with 5,238 crimes in 2016. This is a decrease of 394 crimes, or -7.5%

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Historical NYC Uniform Crime Report Murder Count

<u>Year</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Rate Per 100K</u>	<u>NYC Total Population</u>
1939	291	3.9	7,454,995
1940	275	3.6	7,454,995
1941	268	3.5	7,454,995
1942	265	3.5	7,454,995
1943	201	2.6	7,454,995
1944	228	3.0	7,454,995
1945	292	3.9	7,454,995
1946	346	4.3	7,891,957
1947	333	4.2	7,891,957
1948	315	3.9	7,891,957
1949	301	3.8	7,891,957
1950	294	3.7	7,891,957
1951	243	3.0	7,891,957
1952	309	3.9	7,891,957
1953	350	4.4	7,891,957
1954	342	4.3	7,891,957
1955	306	3.8	7,891,957
1956	315	4.0	7,781,984
1957	314	4.0	7,781,984
1958	354	4.5	7,781,984
1959	390	4.6	7,781,984
1960	390	4.6	7,781,984
1961	483	6.2	7,781,984
1962	507	6.5	7,781,984
1963	548	7.0	7,781,984
1964	636	8.1	7,781,984
1965	634	8.1	7,781,984
1966	654	8.2	7,894,862
1967	746	9.4	7,894,862
1968	986	12.4	7,894,862
1969	1,043	13.2	7,894,862
1970	1,117	14.1	7,894,862
1971	1,466	18.5	7,894,862
1972	1,691	21.4	7,894,862
1973	1,680	21.2	7,894,862
1974	1,554	19.6	7,894,862
1975	1,645	20.8	7,894,862
1976	1,622	22.9	7,071,639
1977	1,557	22.0	7,071,639
1978	1,504	21.2	7,071,639
1979	1,733	24.5	7,071,639
1980	1,814	25.6	7,071,639
1981	1,826	25.8	7,071,639

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1982	1,668	23.5	7,071,639
1983	1,622	22.9	7,071,639
1984	1,450	20.5	7,071,639
1985	1,384	19.5	7,071,639
1986	1,582	21.5	7,332,564
1987	1,672	22.8	7,332,564
1988	1,896	25.8	7,332,564
1989	1,905	25.9	7,332,564
1990	2,245	30.6	7,332,564
1991	2,154	29.3	7,332,564
1992	1,995	27.2	7,332,564
1993	1,946	26.5	7,332,564
1994	1,561	21.2	7,332,564
1995	1,177	16.0	7,332,564
1996	983	12.2	8,008,278
1997	770	9.6	8,008,278
1998	633	7.9	8,008,278
1999	671	8.3	8,008,278
2000	673	8.4	8,008,278
2001	649	8.1	8,008,278
2002	587	7.3	8,008,278
2003	597	7.4	8,008,278
2004	570	7.1	8,008,278
2005	539	6.7	8,008,278
2006	596	7.2	8,175,133
2007	496	6.0	8,175,133
2008	523	6.3	8,175,133
2009	471	5.7	8,175,133
2010	536	6.5	8,175,133
2011	515	6.2	8,175,133
2012	419	5.1	8,175,133
2013	335	4.0	8,175,133
2014	333	4.0	8,175,133
2015	352	4.3	8,175,133
2016	335	3.9	8,537,673
2017	290	3.3	8,537,673

Note: All crime statistics are preliminary and subject to further analysis, revisions, or change.

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