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**MAYOR DE BLASIO AND COMMISSIONER BRATTON ANNOUNCE 2014 SAW  
FEWEST MURDERS IN RECORDED CITY HISTORY; LOWEST MURDERS,  
ROBBERIES, BURGLARIES IN 10 YEARS**

*Overall Index Crime down 4.6 percent; Housing crime down 6 percent; Marijuana arrests  
down 10.5 percent*

**NEW YORK**—Mayor Bill de Blasio and Police Commissioner Bill Bratton today announced 2014 saw the fewest murders last year in recorded city history. The Mayor and Commissioner also announced the city saw the lowest murder, robbery and burglary rates in the past 10 years. In 2014, Overall Index Crime was down 4.6 percent since the previous year, Overall Index Crime in transit was down 14.8 percent over the previous year, and housing crime was down 6 percent over the previous year. In 2014, marijuana arrests dropped 10.5 percent over the previous year. In 2014, complaints to the Civilian Complaint Review Board also dropped 11 percent compared to the previous year.

“Keeping New Yorkers safe from harm is our top priority—and our officers’ commitment to safe neighborhoods is clearly reflected in last year’s record low crime rates. We know that the path toward an even-safer city is rooted in closer bonds between police and the communities they serve. And from the hardworking officers who patrol our streets, to the parents who keep their children on the right path, to this city’s social workers, teachers and community leaders, we’ve worked together to achieve these extraordinary gains,” said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. “As we begin the new year, we will build on last year’s momentum to ensure the world’s greatest police department keeps getting better, and to ensure we keep our residents and our officers safe from harm.”

“The City of New York is the safest big city in America, thanks to the hard work of the members of the NYPD who every day tirelessly perform their duty to serve and protect our communities. This relentless dedication to public safety has resulted in historically low crime levels and a safer city where millions of people live and work. The NYPD will endeavor to further reduce crime through community relationships and the integration of technology,” said **Police Commissioner William J. Bratton**.

Over the past year, the de Blasio administration has invested over \$350 million to make the NYPD safer and more effective, including providing tablets and smartphones for every patrol car

and officer, in-service training for the entire department, and a new body camera pilot program to increase transparency and accountability. The administration also invested \$210 million in NYCHA anti-violence programs, launched a \$130 million plan to reduce crime among those with behavioral and mental health issues, and invested \$12.7 million in gun-violence reduction programs in 14 key precincts.

Year	Murders
1963	548
1964	636
1965	634
1966	654
1967	746
1968	986
1969	1043
1970	1117
1971	1466
1972	1691
1973	1680
1974	1554
1975	1645
1976	1622
1977	1557
1978	1504
1979	1733
1980	1814
1981	1826
1982	1668
1983	1622
1984	1450
1985	1384
1986	1582
1987	1672
1988	1896

Year	Murders
1989	1905
1990	2245
1991	2154
1992	1995
1993	1946
1994	1561
1995	1177
1996	983
1997	770
1998	633
1999	671
2000	673
2001	649
2002	587
2003	597
2004	570
2005	539
2006	596
2007	496
2008	523
2009	471
2010	536
2011	515
2012	419
2013	335
2014	332

NYPD 2014 Year-end Crime Recap: <http://on.nyc.gov/1BBu4mB>

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