



**City of Dallas**

# **Violent Crime Clearance Rates**

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# Purpose



- Provide the Public Safety Committee and the residents of Dallas information on clearance rates of violent crime and steps being taken by the Dallas Police Department to investigate these cases and increase clearance rates.



# Definitions



## Murder

- A person intentionally or knowingly causes the death of an individual or causes the death of an individual during the commission or while attempting to commit a felony.

## Robbery

- During the course of committing a theft, a person causes bodily injury to another, threatens or places another in fear of imminent bodily injury or death, or uses or exhibits a deadly weapon during the commission of the offense.

## Aggravated Assault

- An assault in which a person causes serious bodily injury to another or uses or exhibits a deadly weapon during the commission of the assault.

## Sexual Assault

- A person causes the penetration of the sexual organ, anus, or mouth of another person without their consent.



# Definitions continued



## Offenses Cleared

- In the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, law enforcement agencies can clear, or "close," offenses in one of two ways:
  - by arrest, or
  - by exceptional means\*.

\*In certain situations, elements beyond law enforcement's control prevent the agency from arresting and formally charging the offender. When this occurs, the agency can clear the offense exceptionally. The following four conditions must be met:

- Identified the offender.
- Gathered enough evidence to support an arrest.
- Identified the offender's exact location so the suspect could be taken into custody immediately.
- Encountered a circumstance outside the control of law enforcement that prohibits the agency from arresting, charging, and prosecuting the offender.

Examples of exceptional clearance include but are not limited to, the death of the offender, the victim's refusal to cooperate with the prosecution after the offender has been identified, or the denial of extradition of the offender.



# National Clearance Rates



	Total Incidents	Total Incidents Cleared	Clearance Rate
Homicide Offenses	17,189	8,489	49.39%
Robbery Offenses	149,862	36,067	24.07%
Assault Offenses	2,737,786	1,154,467	42.17%
Sex Offenses	192,147	42,194	21.96%

Data obtained from the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program.



# Murder Clearance Rates



	2022 Total	2023 Total	2024 YTD
Incident Count	207	236	122
Clearance Count	153	175	88
Clearance Rate	73.91%	74.15%	72.13%

The above numbers are related to the incident count. The number of individual victims murdered are captured below:

2022 Victim Total	2023 Victim Total	2024 Victim YTD
214	247	126



# Robbery Clearance Rates



	2022 Total	2023 Total	2024 YTD
Incident Count	2510	2328	1436
Clearance Count	667	605	377
Clearance Rate	26.57%	25.99%	26.25%

	2022 Total	2023 Total	2024 YTD
Business Robberies	440	443	326
Individual Robberies	2070	1885	1110





# Aggravated Assault Clearance Rates



	2022 Total	2023 Total	2024 YTD
Incident Count	5594	4799	2914
Clearance Count	2459	2248	1336
Clearance Rate	43.96%	46.84%	45.85%

	2022 Total	2023 Total	2024 YTD
Family Violence	1783	1549	963
Non-Family Violence	3811	3250	1951



# Sexual Assault Clearance Rates



	2022 Total	2023 Total	2024 YTD
Incident Count	803	807	399
Clearance Count	523	447	217
Clearance Rate	65.13%	55.39%	54.39%

	2022 Total	2023 Total	2024 YTD
Family Violence	268	274	115
Non-Family Violence	535	533	284



# Investigative Steps to Increase Clearance Rates



- The Dallas Police Department is taking numerous steps to increase solvability in violent crime, which will in turn, increase clearance rates.
  - Personnel
    - Investigative Support Specialists
    - Detention Officer Positions in Youth Operations
  - Evidence Testing
    - Prioritize cases with leads
    - Utilize outside laboratories for quicker results or specialized testing
    - NIBIN leads linking shooting offenses
  - Technology
    - Axon
    - Flock
    - Digital Forensic Lab
    - Investigative Digital Platforms
    - Facial Recognition
  - Continued collaboration with the District Attorney's Office on violent/impact offenders



# Investigative Steps to Increase Clearance Rates continued



- Community Engagement and Awareness
  - \*Business Symposium
  - \*Community Engagement follow-up with businesses following robbery offenses
  - Data driven operations at multi-family locations that trend higher on family violence and non-family violence aggravated assaults
- Patrol Follow-up
  - Weekly business robbery meeting with Patrol, Investigations, Community Engagement
    - Known offender research
    - Resource deployment
    - Trend identification

\*approximately 37% of business robberies begin as simple shoplifts



# Next Steps



- The Dallas Police Department will continue to explore progressive methods to solve violent crime and increase clearance rates. The following next steps are in the planning phase of implementation.
  - Personnel
    - Continue to hire Investigative Support Specialists
    - Detention Officer Positions in Youth Operations
    - Digital Forensic Lab Professional Staff
  - Technology
    - Increase Flock Cameras
    - Increase licenses for Investigative Digital Platforms
    - Peregrine
    - Investigative Genetic Genealogy





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