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**SAN FRANCISCO 2024 CRIME RATES HIT 20-YEAR LOW
WITH HISTORIC DROP IN HOMICIDE AND CAR BREAK-INS**

Enhanced strategies to use new technology, disrupt open-air drug markets, and prioritize police staffing and prosecutions will continue to maintain progress

San Francisco, CA – Today Mayor London N. Breed and Police Chief Bill Scott announced San Francisco's 2024 crime rates reached numbers not seen in over 20 years as the city made historic gains confronting major crime trends. These results include a 60-year low in homicides and a record decrease in car break-ins.

- **Property Crime:** Down 31% from 2023 and 46% from 2017
- **Violent Crime:** Down 14% from 2023 and 26% from 2017

In 2024, overall crime was at its lowest point since 2001

Key Highlights include:

- Homicides reached a 60-year low, with only 35 murders in 2024, down 35% from 2023
- Auto break-ins were down 54% from last year, coming in at under 10,000 for the first time in nearly 15 years.

Key Enforcement and Investment Tools

San Francisco police officers continued work to patrol, respond to calls for service, and investigate crimes when they are committed was foundational to the efforts to bring crime rates down. Local law enforcement partners, including the San Francisco Sheriff's Office and the District Attorney's Office, delivered a coordination focus on accountability.

This work was augmented in 2024 by new tools, strategic initiatives and strengthened partnerships with different law enforcement agencies, including:

- **New Technology:** San Francisco has added new technology tools that have expanded the ability of law enforcement to make arrests and prevent crime. This includes the installation of ALPR cameras at intersections across San Francisco, the deployment of new drones and the deployment of mobile cameras.



- **Drug Market Interventions:** The Drug Market Agency Coordination Center (DMACC) was launched in 2023 to address the growing fentanyl crisis and deteriorating street conditions. DMACC has brought together agencies across local, state, and federal government to disrupt drug dealing, public drug use, and illegal fencing of stolen goods. To date, DMACC efforts have led to 5,488 drug arrests.
- **Investing in Violence Prevention:** The City's Violence Reduction Initiative identifies individuals at the greatest risk of either engaging in gun violence or being the victims and connects them with ongoing help and resources to disrupt the cycle of violence. These efforts have helped led to a 50% reduction in gun violence in the Bayview.
- **Key Arrests by Officers:** SFPD officers have been making important arrests across all units and taking repeat offenders off the street. With increased support from City leaders, residents and officers.

This year, San Francisco reported 4,739 violent crimes and 30,991 property crimes. This was the lowest overall crime rate since 2001, when the City recorded 4,528 violent crimes and 24,770 property crimes.

If you remove 2001, which had historic lows in crime rates, there hasn't been a year with these few reported crimes in decades.

"I'm grateful for the hard work by our law enforcement partners and everyone in the community working tirelessly to make our neighborhoods safer," said **Mayor London Breed**. "This shows that when we give our officers the tools and support, like we have with new technology, they can deliver incredible results. It also shows the value of how we've brought coordination between our Police Chief Bill Scott, District Attorney Brooke Jenkins, Sheriff Miyamoto and state and federal partners to unprecedented levels. Let's keep supporting our officers, our prosecutors, and our sheriff's deputies in their work to make San Francisco a safer city every day."

"These historically low crime rates are proof that the hard work of our officers is paying off," said **Chief Bill Scott**. "Our department is short staffed, and many officers were working overtime to meet San Francisco's public safety needs. Even with these challenges, our officers delivered. We will continue working to make San Francisco one of the safest big cities in the nation in the months and years to come. I want to thank Mayor Breed for supporting our department and helping us to acquire new game-changing technology."

"I would like to thank Mayor Breed and the San Francisco Police Department for their tireless efforts to keep our city safe," said **District Attorney Brooke Jenkins**. "Although, there is still more work to be done, the improving crime rates show that we're moving in the right direction. My office will continue to do everything we can to ensure the criminal justice system works in our city and there is accountability and meaningful consequences for criminal behavior."



“As we enter my second term as Sheriff, our Office will continue to support and work with the Police Department in coordinated enforcement efforts,” said **Sheriff Paul Miyamoto**. “Both of our Departments are short staffed, and the combined effort maximizes the continued hard work to keep the community safe and the crime rate historically low. Together, we’ve put a significant dent into the eradication of drug sales and public drug use and taken illegal guns out of the wrong hands. With the DA, our collaboration ensures that individuals engaging in criminal activity are held accountable. Mayor Breed was committed to our law enforcement collaboration, and I look forward to the same commitment and support from the new administration.”

The Full Breakdown

2024: Crime Hits 20 Year Low	
Crime	Decline Over the Last Year
Property Crimes	-31%
Violent Crimes	-14%
SUBCATEGORIES BELOW	
Human Trafficking	-45%
Larceny Theft	-37%
Homicide	-31%
Robbery	-22%
Motor Vehicle Theft	-21%
Arson	-21%
Burglary	-11%
Assault	-6%
Rape	-2%

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