



PUBLIC SAFETY TURNAROUND

Multnomah County Public Safety, 2025

Overview




For several years following the pandemic, Multnomah County experienced rising crime across nearly every category. In 2024, voters elected District Attorney Nathan Vasquez on a commitment to improve public safety through compassionate accountability.

In his first year, the results speak for themselves: crime reports are down, prosecution rates are up, and conviction rates reached five-year highs across priority crime categories.

These improvements are not accidental. They reflect focused prosecution of high-impact crime, strong victim support, and data-informed investments across the public safety system. MCDA's priorities are clear: fight for victims, hold serious and high-impact offenders accountable, and use evidence-based approaches that reduce future harm and prevent reoffending.

2025 Results at a Glance

DA Vasquez's first year in office - January through December 2025

Crime Statistic Type	Homicide	Burglary	Motor Vehicle Theft	Drug Crimes
2025 Reported Crimes 	5-year low	5-year low	5-year low	5-year high*
2025 Case Issuance Rate 	5-year high	5-year high	5-year high	5-year high
2025 Conviction Rate 	5-year high	5-year high	5-year high	5-year high

**Oregon's 2024 recriminalization of drug possession (House Bill 4002, effective September 1, 2024) restored criminal penalties after nearly four years of decriminalization under Ballot Measure 110, accounting for much of the rise in 2025 drug crime reports.*

Continued Progress Requires Continued Investment

Sustaining progress requires sustained investment across the entire public safety system — in law enforcement, prosecution, and the system partners who make compassionate accountability possible. Reductions in these core functions risk reversing recent gains and eroding the safety and livability that underpin economic stability, vitality, and the County's ability to fund and deliver everything else it does. The community is counting on all of us.



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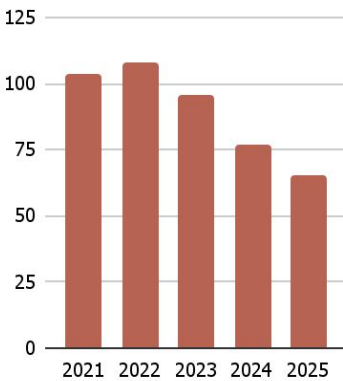
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This data covers calendar years 2021 through 2025, tracking homicide, burglary, motor vehicle theft, and drug offenses — crime categories with high-impact on the community and prioritized by MCDA.

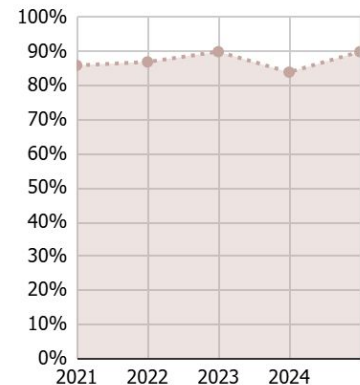
Homicide

Homicide reports reached a 5-year low in 2025, but MCDA's work continues. Many cases being charged and resolved today originated during the spike, and we are still well above the historical average of approximately 30 homicides per year.

Homicides REPORTED to PPB, GPD, and MCSO



Percent of resolved MCDA homicide* cases CONVICTED

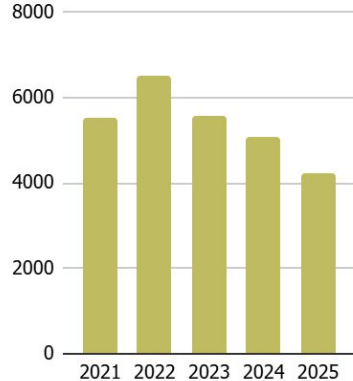


*Homicide includes: Murder, attempt murder, manslaughter, and criminally negligent homicide

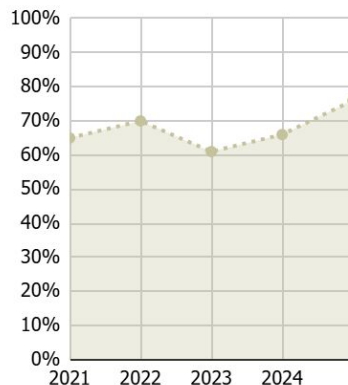
Burglary

Burglary reports fell to a 5-year low in 2025 while MCDA's conviction rate hit a 5-year high. Fewer crimes are being committed and more accountability is being delivered.

Burglaries REPORTED to PPB, GPD, and MCSO



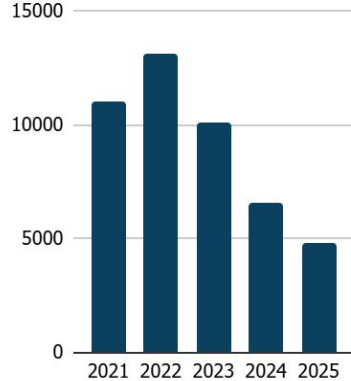
Percent of resolved MCDA burglary cases CONVICTED



Motor Vehicle Theft

Motor vehicle theft reports reached a 5-year low in 2025 while MCDA's conviction rate hit a 5-year high. Targeted prosecution and coordinated law enforcement partnerships are working.

Motor vehicle theft REPORTED to PPB, GPD, and MCSO



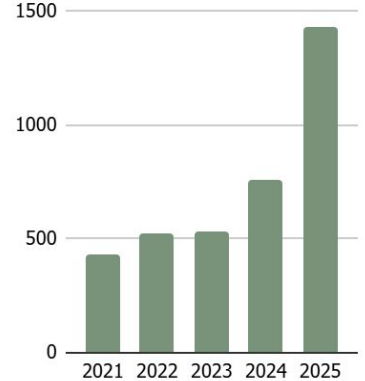
Percent of resolved MCDA motor vehicle theft cases CONVICTED



Drug Crimes

Drug crime reports reached a 5-year high in 2025, driven largely by recriminalization under House Bill 4002. MCDA is responding to the new legal landscape while supporting approaches that reduce future harm.

Drug crimes REPORTED to PPB, GPD, and MCSO



Percent of resolved MCDA drug cases CONVICTED

