



Office of the City Manager

INFORMATION CALENDAR
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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
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Subject: 2021 Year End Crime and Collision Data

INTRODUCTION

At the request of City Council, the City Manager provides regular reports on crime in Berkeley. This report includes year end crime data for 2021. Also included is 2021 collision data. This information is provided to supplement the October 19th, 2021 annual crime report presentation, which only provided data through October 1, 2021.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

CALLS FOR SERVICE

In 2021 Berkeley Police Department received a total of 60,393 calls for service (CFS). This closely mirrors the call volume for 2020 (60,799), as calls for service have not returned to pre-pandemic levels to date. The seven-year average total CFS number is 71,443.

CRIME DATA

Part One Crimes:

In 2021, total Part One crime in Berkeley increased by 1.9% overall from the year prior. There were four fewer Part One Violent Crimes and 122 more Part One Property Crimes in 2021. The largest percentage increases in Part One Crimes were seen in

Arson (38.5%), Auto Theft (36.4%), and Sexual Assault (21.3%). Decreases were seen in Homicide, as there were no cases in 2021, as well as Petty Theft.

Part One Crimes Comparison

	2020	2021	Change	Percent Change
Homicide	5	0	-5	100.0%
Sexual Assault	47	57	10	21.3%
Robbery	274	265	-9	-3.3%
Aggravated Assault	210	210	0	0.0%
Total Violent Crimes	536	532	-4	-0.7%
Burglary	797	803	6	0.8%
Theft	3933	3736	-197	-5.0%
Auto Theft	805	1098	293	36.4%
Arson	52	72	20	38.5%
Total Property Crimes	5587	5709	122	2.2%
Total Part One Crimes	6123	6241	118	1.9%

The following chart provides historical crime data for Part One Crimes from 2015 through 2021.

Year	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Agg Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Arson
2015	1	44	330	155	1090	4099	717	22
2016	2	54	361	185	805	3965	650	24
2017	1	83	364	218	843	4556	621	30
2018	1	65	353	167	829	4004	548	31
2019	0	74	369	175	771	4993	492	17
2020	5	47	274	210	797	3933	805	52
2021	0	57	265	210	803	3736	1098	72

Gun Violence and Firearm Seizure:

Total numbers of shootings continue to rise in the City of Berkeley. In 2021, there were 52 confirmed shooting incidents versus 40 in 2020. Confirmed shooting incidents include witnessed events as well as loud report calls where shell casings or other

evidence of gunfire is found. In 2021, BPD’s closure rate for shootings was 38% despite the fact that many incidents are heard only or have few witnesses or leads. Forensic and electronic evidence, diligent and detailed investigative efforts, as well as community support sharing information are critical to developing leads and chargeable cases.

SHOOTINGS	2018	2019	2020	2021
TOTAL	20	28	40	52
Cases Closed	11	9	23	20
Cases Charged	6	6	15	15

In 2021 there were a total of 118 firearms recovered by BPD, which was an increase of 38.8%. In 2021, 33 of the firearms seized were ghost guns compared to 6 in 2020 and 8 in 2019.

FIREARM RECOVERY METHODS	2019	2020	2021
Patrol response to calls for service	33	36	51
Patrol proactive traffic stops	25	17	24
Detective follow-up investigations	29	32	43
TOTAL firearms recovered	87	85	118

Robbery:

Total robbery cases remained below pre-pandemic levels. The most notable change during the pandemic was the closing gap between pedestrian and commercial robberies.

ROBBERY CASES	2018	2019	2020	2021
Pedestrian	229	247	131	119
Commercial	108	97	117	118
Home Invasion	5	4	8	8
Bank	3	2	5	6
Carjacking	10	14	13	14
TOTAL	355	364	274	265

Hate Crimes:

In 2021, there were 42 incidents of hate crimes, up from 12 in 2020. Hate Crime reports continue to be primarily reported as crimes of intimidation (either by using slurs or by leaving graffiti) rather than crimes of violence.

HATE CRIMES	2018	2019	2020	2021
Race/Ethnicity/ National Origin	11	5	7	28
Religion	3	1	2	11
Sexual Orientation	3	2	1	3
Gender	1	0	2	0
Disability	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	18	8	12	42

Property Crimes:

In addition to the Part One Property Crimes data provided above, additional property crime totals were as follows:

	2019	2020	2021
Catalytic Convertor Thefts	150	523	477
Auto Burglary	2473	1042	1021

COLLISION DATA

In 2021, total collisions increased by 199, or 33.8%, from the year prior. Fatal collisions increased significantly and there were also increases overall in both injury and non-injury collisions.

COLLISIONS	2019	2020	2021
Fatal collisions	4	2	7
Injury collisions (includes fatal collisions)	521	316	433
Non-injury collisions	408	273	355
TOTAL collisions	929	589	788

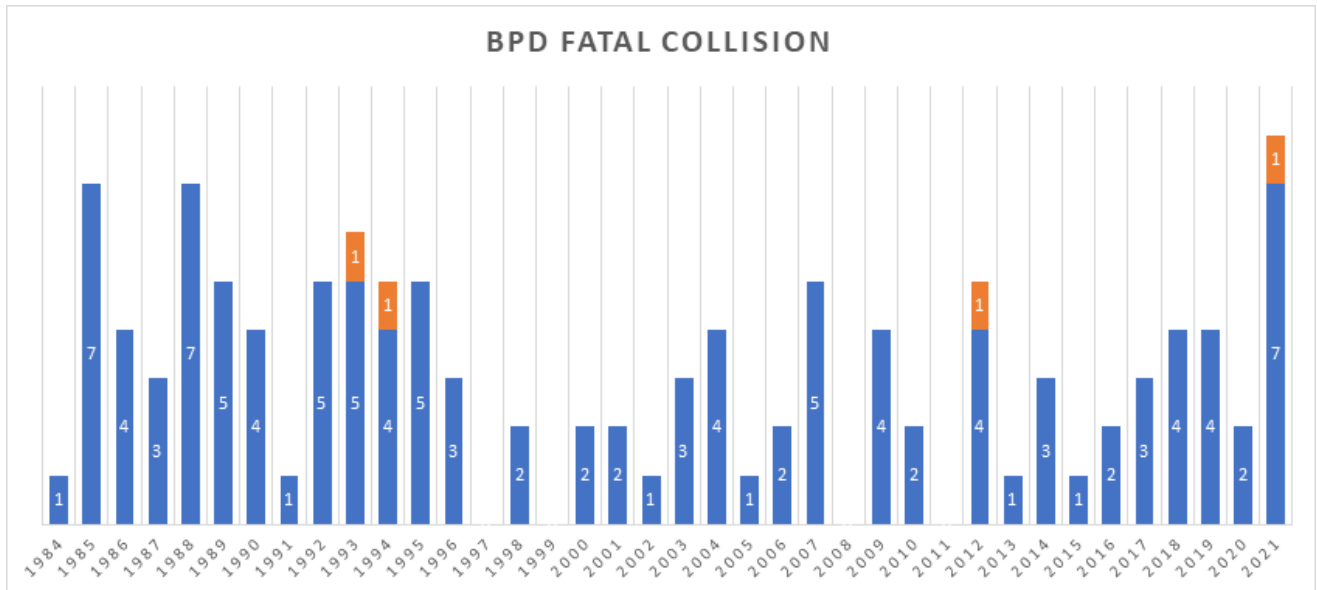
In 2021, the most common cause of collisions (primary collision factor or PCF) were unsafe speed, unsafe turn and right of way violations. In 2021, bicycles were involved in 93 of the injury collisions and pedestrians were involved in 62. The at fault party was found to be the bicyclist in 58 collisions and the pedestrian in 5 collisions. Of the 7 collision fatalities in the City of Berkeley in 2021, 5 of the fatalities were pedestrians. In

2021, 39 collisions were DUI involved compared to 46 in 2020. Of these 39 DUI collisions, 16 caused serious injuries.

Ashby Avenue and San Pablo Avenue had the largest number of collisions in 2021 followed by Ashby and Shattuck Avenue, and Ashby Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr Way. The top ten intersections where collisions occurred were:

COLLISION INTERSECTIONS	Collisions
Ashby Ave / San Pablo Ave	14
Ashby Ave / Shattuck Ave	12
Ashby Ave / MLK Jr Way	9
University Ave / 6th St	9
University Ave / Sacramento St	7
University Ave / MLK Jr Way	7
Sacramento Ave / Cedar St	7
Sacramento St / Dwight Way	6
Eastshore Hwy / Gilman St	6
Cedar St / Shattuck Ave	5

The following provides historical data on fatal collisions in the City of Berkeley:



Total fatal	Number of	Year(s)
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collisions	fatalities	
7	<u>8</u>	2021
7	7	1985 1988
6	6	none
5	<u>6</u>	1993
5	5	1989, 1992, 1995, 2007
4	<u>5</u>	1994, 2012
4	4	1986, 1990, 2004, 2009, 2018, 2019
3	3	1987, 1996, 2003, 2014, 2017
2	2	1998,2000, 2001, 2006, 2010, 2016, 2020
1	1	1984, 1991, 2002, 2005, 2013, 2015
0	0	1997,1999, 2008, 2011

The BPD will continue to collect, analyze and report on crime and collision data to understand and guide needs, the effectiveness of enforcement strategies and shape future deployment and resource allocation.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental opportunities or impacts associated with the subject of this report.

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