

DID YOU KNOW?

PROGRESSIVE CRIME POLICIES SPUR INCREASED VIOLENCE

FACT #1

Soros-backed DAs represent 20% of all Americans, 40% of all murder cases in the nation, and 33% of violent crimes.

[Link to evidence →](#)

FACT #2

Since Biden's unsecured border policy, fentanyl seizures have increased by 56%. Just last year, the DEA seized enough fentanyl to provide a lethal dose to EVERY American.

[Link to evidence →](#)

FACT #3

The FBI in 2020 reported its highest single-year increase in homicides—a 30% jump from the previous year.¹ Murder rates in rural and suburban counties both rose by 20% in 2020.²

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[2. Link to evidence →](#)



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DRUG DECRIMINALIZATION

PORTLAND, OR

Since Oregon Voters Approved A Ballot Measure Decriminalizing Possession Of Hard Drugs, Violent Crime, Drug Addictions And Overdoses Have Increased In Portland And Throughout The State

In 2020, Oregon Approved A Ballot Measure Decriminalizing Drugs. “Oregon voters approved a ballot measure in 2020 to decriminalize hard drugs after being told it was a way to establish and fund addiction recovery centers that would offer people aid instead of incarceration.” (“Oregon Decriminalized Drugs In 2020: How’s It Going?,” [The Associated Press](#), 4/3/22)

- **The State Became The First In The Country To Decriminalize Possession Of Hard Drugs Including Heroin, Methamphetamine, LSD And Oxycodone.** “With Oregon being the first state in America to decriminalize possession of personal-use amounts of heroin, methamphetamine, LSD, oxycodone and other drugs, its program is being watched as a potential model for other states.” (“Oregon Decriminalized Drugs In 2020: How’s It Going?,” [The Associated Press](#), 4/3/22)

The Ballot Measure Approved By Voters Created A New Violation For Controlled Substances That Carried A Maximum \$100 Fine. Violators Could Waive The Fine If They Call A Special Hotline For A Health Assessment. “Under Ballot Measure 110, possession of controlled substances is now a newly created Class E ‘violation,’ instead of a felony or misdemeanor. It carries a maximum \$100 fine, which can be waived if the person calls a hotline for a health assessment. The call can lead to addiction counseling and other services.” (“Oregon Decriminalized Drugs In 2020: How’s It Going?,” [The Associated Press](#), 4/3/22)

Violent Crime Has Increased Since Oregon Decriminalized Drugs. “Less than two years later, Oregon is suffering through the predictable results of this experiment: overdoses are skyrocketing, violent crime is rising, and virtually nobody is getting treatment.” (Thomas Hogan, “Experiment In Chaos,” [City-Journal](#), 7/21/22)

Drug Addictions And Overdoses Have Also Increased Since The Ballot Measure Was Approved. “Efforts to get millions of dollars in funding to treatment centers and related services as part of Oregon’s pioneering drug decriminalization have been botched even as drug addictions and overdoses increase, state officials and lawmakers said on Thursday. Oregonians passed Ballot Measure 110 in 2020 decriminalizing possession of personal amounts of heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine and other drugs — the first in the nation to do so.” (Andrew Selsky, “Oregon Botched Drug Treatment Plan Tied To Decriminalization,” [The Associated Press](#), 6/2/22)

Portland Law Enforcement Have Directly Blamed Drug Decriminalization For Portland’s Crime Struggles

KGW8 Headline: “Measure 110 Has Everything To Do With It’: Law Enforcement Says Decriminalization Has Flooded Portland Streets With Drugs” (Pat Dooris, “Measure 110 Has Everything To Do With It’: Law Enforcement Says Decriminalization Has Flooded Portland Streets With Drugs,” [KGW8](#), 5/9/22)

Portland Law Enforcement Have Blamed Measure 110 For The Huge Increase Of Drugs Which Has Led To Higher Crime Throughout City. “In November 2020, Oregon voters approved Measure 110, essentially decriminalizing possession of small amounts of drugs — from heroin to cocaine to opioid pills. Instead of criminal penalties, the law calls for treatment centers to be set up all over the state, so addiction could be treated as a health care issue, not a law enforcement issue. The problem, law enforcement says, is that has led to a huge increase in the amount of drugs on the streets — and now, an increase in crime.” (Pat Dooris, “Measure 110 Has Everything To Do With It’: Law Enforcement Says Decriminalization Has Flooded Portland Streets With Drugs,” [KGW8](#), 5/9/22)

- **“Fentanyl Is ‘Everywhere’ And Officers Are Seizing More Guns Than Ever, A Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Said.”** (Pat Dooris, “Measure 110 Has Everything To Do With It: Law Enforcement Says Decriminalization Has Flooded Portland Streets With Drugs,” [KGW8](#), 5/9/22)

According To Multnomah County Sheriff Sgt. Matt Ferguson, Leader Of The County’s Special Investigations Unit, Fentanyl Possession And Stolen Handguns Is “Almost Everything We Do Right Now.” “KGW joined Sgt. Matt Ferguson, the leader of the Special Investigations Unit of the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, for a ride-along to see what that looks like. On this day, Ferguson and his team partnered with Portland Police to run surveillance on a motel in Northeast Portland. ... Back at the office, Ferguson showed off drugs and guns seized in two recent cases, including a stash of small blue pills: fentanyl. ‘It's everywhere. It's everybody we contact. I have a couple cases that are back-to-back cases we did this week, and in each case, it's fentanyl possession and stolen handguns. This is almost everything we do right now,’ Ferguson said.” (Pat Dooris, “Measure 110 Has Everything To Do With It: Law Enforcement Says Decriminalization Has Flooded Portland Streets With Drugs,” [KGW8](#), 5/9/22)

As The Illicit Drug Business Has Grown, Ferguson Blamed Measure 110, Saying The It “Has Everything To Do With [Crime.]” “Ferguson said because Measure 110 reduced criminal penalties for small drug amounts, the drug business has flourished. ‘The fentanyl pills are counterfeit OxyContin pills. By decriminalizing that, it's basically legitimized criminal organizations. Drug possession, use and sale is just rampant, with very little consequences, and it's taken away our tools as police officers to sort of interdict that.’ ‘Measure 110 has everything to do with it,’ he added.” Pat Dooris, “Measure 110 Has Everything To Do With It: Law Enforcement Says Decriminalization Has Flooded Portland Streets With Drugs,” [KGW8](#), 5/9/22)

Since The Measure Was Approved, The Once Safe City Of Portland Has Become A Haven For Violence

The Wall Street Journal Headline: “Portland, Ore., Once Among Safest U.S. Cities, Struggles To Cut Homicide Rate” (Zusha Elinson, “Portland, Ore., Once Among Safest U.S. Cities, Struggles To Cut Homicide Rate,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 8/22/22)

As Of October 1, 2022, Portland “Has Seen 76 Homicides So Far This Year, Compared To 73 At This Time Last Year.” “The city has seen 76 homicides so far this year, compared to 73 at this time last year.” (Austin De Dios, “These Tragedies Compound: Portland Sees 4 Homicides In 24 Hours,” [The Oregonian](#), 10/1/22)

- **The City Is “On Track To Exceed Its Record-Breaking Number Of Homicides In 2021, Which Was 92.”** “This puts Portland on track to exceed its record-breaking number of homicides in 2021, which was 92.” (Austin De Dios, “These Tragedies Compound: Portland Sees 4 Homicides In 24 Hours,” [The Oregonian](#), 10/1/22)

In 2021, Portland Recorded At Least 92 Homicides, “Far Surpassing The Most Violent Year On Record When 70 People Were Killed In Homicides In 1987.” “The 39-year-old Howard is one of hundreds of family members and friends directly affected by the surge in gun violence that pushed Portland’s homicides to at least 92 in 2021, far surpassing the most violent year on record when 70 people were killed in homicides in 1987.” (Maxine Bernstein, “Over 90 Homicides In 2021: The Record Year Closed With One Of The Most Deadly Months,” [The Oregonian](#), 1/6/22)

- **Portland Was One Of Four Cities In The Country To Have A Rising Homicide Rate.** “Portland wasn’t the only American city to set a new mark for number of killings in a year. Philadelphia, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Lexington, Kentucky, were among the places that also saw record-high homicides in 2021.” (Sara Cline, “2021 Was A Record Year For Homicides In Portland,” [The Associated Press](#), 1/15/22)
- **“The Number Of Homicides In Portland Surpassed More Populous Cities Like San Francisco And Boston – And More Than Double The Number Of Slayings Last Year In Its Larger Pacific Northwest Neighbor Seattle.”** “In 2021, Portland recorded 90 homicides amid a surge in gun violence, shattering the city’s previous high of 66 set more than three decades ago. The number of homicides in Portland surpassed more populous cities like San Francisco and Boston — and more than double the number of slayings last year in its larger Pacific Northwest neighbor Seattle.” (Sara Cline, “2021 Was A Record Year For Homicides In Portland,” [The Associated Press](#), 1/15/22)

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In July 2022, The Portland Police Bureau Said “Property Crimes Are Up 11 Percent Above The Five-Year Average.” “PPB said reported property crimes are up 11 percent above the five-year average, and the increase is primarily driven by spiking car thefts and vandalism.” (Megan Allison, “Portland Police Say Property Crimes On The Rise,” [KMTR](#), 7/12/22)

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DECREASING JAIL POPULATIONS

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Recently Recalled San Francisco District Attorney Chesa Boudin Prioritized Slashing The City’s Jail Population

Recently Recalled San Francisco District Attorney Chesa Boudin Prioritized Reducing San Francisco’s Jail Population, Which Plummeted After He Was Elected DA. “San Francisco’s jail population has plummeted since the start of 2020. Like many counties across the state, the county released hundreds of people from its local facilities to stave off COVID-19 outbreaks early in the pandemic. But the difference between San Francisco and other counties in California is what happened after the initial decline. The data suggest that while the county was not alone in substantially reducing its jail population at the start of the pandemic, it has kept that population low for longer than most other California counties -- and that’s probably due, at least in part, to District Attorney Chesa Boudin, whose office had already prioritized reducing jail populations prior to the pandemic.” (Susie Nielson, “S.F. Jail Population Falls,” [The San Francisco Chronicle](#), 8/29/21)

As A Result Of The Now-Recalled Boudin’s Policies, Crime Has Increased In San Francisco

San Francisco Gate Headline: “San Francisco Crime Is Not Getting Better, Data Says” (Eric Ting, “San Francisco Crime Is Not Getting Better, Data Says,” [San Francisco Gate](#), 10/4/22)

In August And September 2022, San Francisco Police Have Reported Higher Rates Of Violent And Property Crime Over 2021. In the months of August and September, San Francisco police reported slightly higher rates of both violent and property crime than over the same time period last year. While the increases were modest, they seem to dispel hopes that replacing District Attorney Chesa Boudin would have an immediate effect on crime rates in the city.” (Eric Ting, “San Francisco Crime Is Not Getting Better, Data Says,” [San Francisco Gate](#), 10/4/22)

“The Total Number Of Violent Crimes Was 3.1% Higher Between Aug. 1 And Sept. 25 This Year Than Over Those Days Last Year, While Property Crime — Burglary, Arson, Motor Vehicle Theft And Larceny Theft — Was Up 1% Year-Over-Year.” (Eric Ting, “San Francisco Crime Is Not Getting Better, Data Says,” [San Francisco Gate](#), 10/4/22)

“Homicides Saw The Largest Year-Over-Year Percent Increase Of Any Crime In The City, Increasing 20% Since This Time Last Year, ...” “Homicides saw the largest year-over-year percent increase of any crime in the city, increasing 20% since this time last year, and there have been multiple headline-grabbing shootings in recent weeks.” (Eric Ting, “San Francisco Crime Is Not Getting Better, Data Says,” [San Francisco Gate](#), 10/4/22)

“Robberies Were Up 5.6%, While Larceny Theft, A Category That Includes Retail Theft, Was Up 4.5%, Representing The Majority Of Crimes Reported To The Police.” (Eric Ting, “San Francisco Crime Is Not Getting Better, Data Says,” [San Francisco Gate](#), 10/4/22)

PHILADELPHIA, PA

Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner Slashed The City's Jail Population By 30 Percent

Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner Lowered The Number Of People In City Jails By More Than 30 Percent And Refused To Prosecute What He Deemed To Be Low-Level Crimes. “Mr. Krasner also lowered the number of people in the city’s jail by more than 30 percent, stopped prosecuting some low-level crimes and asked judges for less severe sentences.” (Jonah E. Bromwich, “Can A Progressive Prosecutor Survive A 40% Spike In Homicides?,” [The New York Times](#), 5/17/22)

Under Krasner, Violent Crime In Philadelphia Has Increased And The City's Homicide Rate Is On Track To Eclipse Previous Records

Axios Philadelphia Headline: “Homicides And Overall Violent Crime Are Up In Philadelphia” (Isaac Avilucea, “Homicides And Overall Violent Crime Are Up In Philadelphia,” [Axios Philadelphia](#), 9/20/22)

- **Violent Crime Has Surged In Philadelphia, More Than Double To 2021.** “It's shaping up to be another grim year for Philadelphia, which is on pace to eclipse last year's homicide record. Plus, overall violent crime is surging, and robberies have more than doubled compared to this time in 2021, according to city data.” (Isaac Avilucea, “Homicides And Overall Violent Crime Are Up In Philadelphia,” [Axios Philadelphia](#), 9/20/22)
- **“The City Has Reported 388 Homicides So Far This Year, Up Slightly From 384 The Same Time Last Year, When Philly Set A Record With 562 Homicides.”** (Isaac Avilucea, “Homicides And Overall Violent Crime Are Up In Philadelphia,” [Axios Philadelphia](#), 9/20/22)
- **“Overall Shootings Have Increased By 3%, ...”** “Overall shootings have increased by 3%, according to city stats.” (Isaac Avilucea, “Homicides And Overall Violent Crime Are Up In Philadelphia,” [Axios Philadelphia](#), 9/20/22)
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- **“Property Crimes Are Up More Than 30%, With Businesses Getting Hit Hard As Commercial Burglaries Have Risen A Staggering 50%.”** (Isaac Avilucea, “Homicides And Overall Violent Crime Are Up In Philadelphia,” [Axios Philadelphia](#), 9/20/22)

Philadelphia's Homicide Rate Is On Track To Become The Highest In Police Records. “The 300th killing of the year in Philadelphia took the life of Lameer Boyd, an 18-year-old father-to-be who was gunned down one July night on a sidewalk. Over the weeks that followed, a grandmother was shot in the neck, a popular singer was killed in front of his house and a woman was killed at a front-porch cookout. With her death, the 322nd of the year, the number of homicides in Philadelphia was on track toward becoming the highest in police records, passing the bleak milestone set just last year.” (Campbell Robertson, “‘Everybody Is Armed’: As Shootings Soar, Philadelphia Is Awash In Guns,” [The New York Times](#), 8/11/22)

NON-PROSECUTION

PHILADELPHIA, PA

Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner's Office Has A Record Of Not Prosecuting Illegal Gun Possession

Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner, “One Of The Most Prominent Progressive Prosecutors In The Country,” Has “Long Argued” That Arresting And Incarcerating People Caught Possessing Firearms Without

A Permit Is “Ineffectual” And “Counterproductive.” “Mr. Krasner, one of the most prominent progressive prosecutors in the country, has long argued that putting a major focus on the arrest and incarceration of people caught carrying firearms without a permit is not only ineffectual but counterproductive, because it diverts police energy and resources from solving violent crime and alienates people whom investigators need as sources and witnesses.” (Campbell Robertson, “‘Everybody Is Armed’: As Shootings Soar, Philadelphia Is Awash In Guns,” [The New York Times](#), 8/11/22)

Krasner’s Office Has Called Efforts By The Police To Arrest People Carrying A Firearm Without A Permit As “Having No Effect On The Gun Violence Crisis.” “But prosecutors said there was ‘little research supporting the approach.’ And they noted that one category of gun possession - carrying without a license - was a felony in Philadelphia but a misdemeanor in the rest of the state. They called that legislative decision ‘inequitable and obviously racist’ and said they believe the Police Department’s focus on arresting people for that crime ‘is having no effect on the gun violence crisis.’” (Chris Palmer, “A Deep Look At Gun Violence; 18-Month Review Has Mix Of Voices, Police To Health Workers,” *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, 1/28/22)

- **His Office Has Also Stated “We Do Not Believe That Arresting People And Convicting Them For Illegal Gun Possession Is A Viable Strategy To Reduce Shootings.”** “‘We do not believe that arresting people and convicting them for illegal gun possession is a viable strategy to reduce shootings,’ the DA’s Office wrote.” (Chris Palmer, “A Deep Look At Gun Violence; 18-Month Review Has Mix Of Voices, Police To Health Workers,” *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, 1/28/22)
- **Additionally, Krasner’s Office Has Urged The Police To Ignore Arrests For Nonfatal Shootings.** “Instead, prosecutors highlighted the fact that police secure arrests in less than 20% of nonfatal shootings, saying the Police Department should focus more on investigating those more serious, violent, and traumatic crimes.” (Chris Palmer, “A Deep Look At Gun Violence; 18-Month Review Has Mix Of Voices, Police To Health Workers,” *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, 1/28/22)

Krasner Is At Odds With The Philadelphia Police Department, Who Have Noted That Krasner’s Failure To “Win Convictions For Illegal Gun Possession ... Must Be Addressed To Curb Gunfire In The City.” “The Police Department, for example, noted that the District Attorney’s Office has increasingly failed to win convictions for illegal gun possession, a crime police say must be addressed to curb gunfire in the city.” (Chris Palmer, “A Deep Look At Gun Violence; 18-Month Review Has Mix Of Voices, Police To Health Workers,” *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, 1/28/22)

Philadelphia Commissioner Danielle M. Outlaw Has Stated That There Are “Philosophical Differences” On Illegal Gun Possession Between Krasner And The Police. “Some city officials, including the police chief, see things differently. ‘I think there are some philosophical differences between us,’ said Police Commissioner Danielle M. Outlaw in an interview. She said she advocated ‘a both-and, not an either-or’ approach. Earlier this year, the police created a special unit dedicated to investigating nonfatal shootings, with four dozen detectives and other officers working on cases across the city. But the commissioner insisted that the police were just as committed to cracking down on illegal gun possession as well.” (Campbell Robertson, “‘Everybody Is Armed’: As Shootings Soar, Philadelphia Is Awash In Guns,” [The New York Times](#), 8/11/22)

- **Outlaw Stated “There Have To Be Consequences For Those Who Are Carrying And Using These Guns Illegally,” Adding “If I Go Out And Get This Gun, Knowing Nothing’s Going To Happen To Me, Why Would That Preclude Me From Doing Anything Else Illegally With A Gun?”** “‘There have to be consequences for those who are carrying and using these guns illegally,’ Ms. Outlaw said. ‘If I go out and get this gun, knowing nothing’s going to happen to me, why would that preclude me from doing anything else illegally with a gun?’” (Campbell Robertson, “‘Everybody Is Armed’: As Shootings Soar, Philadelphia Is Awash In Guns,” [The New York Times](#), 8/11/22)

Meanwhile In Philadelphia, Gun Crimes Have “Reached Record Heights” In The City

“Gun Crimes Have Reached Record Heights In Philadelphia.” “Meanwhile, as gun crimes have reached record heights in Philadelphia - a crisis that has overwhelmingly affected communities of color - thousands of cases remain unsolved, while gun-possession prosecutions increasingly fail in court.” (Chris Palmer, “A Deep Look At Gun Violence; 18-Month Review Has Mix Of Voices, Police To Health Workers,” *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, 1/28/22)

- **More Than 1,400 People In Philadelphia Have Been Shot, Hundreds Of Them Fatally.** “So far this year, more than 1,400 people in the city have been shot, hundreds of them fatally, a higher toll than in the much larger cities of New York or Los Angeles. Alarms have sounded about gun violence across the country over the past two years, but Philadelphia is one of the few major American cities where it truly is as bad as it has ever been.” (Campbell Robertson, “‘Everybody Is Armed’: As Shootings Soar, Philadelphia Is Awash In Guns,” [The New York Times](#), 8/11/22)

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CHICAGO, IL

As Cook County’s Top Prosecutor, State Attorney Kim Foxx Has Dropped Numerous Felony Cases For Serious Crimes

According To A Chicago Tribune Analysis, Cook County State’s Attorney Kim Foxx Is “Dropping Felony Cases Involving Charges Of Murder And Other Serious Offenses At A Higher Rate Than Her Predecessor.”

“Cook County State’s Attorney Kim Foxx is dropping felony cases involving charges of murder and other serious offenses at a higher rate than her predecessor, according to a Tribune analysis that comes amid a growing debate over criminal justice reform.” (David Jackson, Todd Lighty and Alex Richards, “Kim Foxx Drops More Felony Cases As Cook County State’s Attorney Than Her Predecessor, Tribune Analysis Shows,” [Chicago Tribune](#), 8/10/20)

During Her First Three Year’s, She Had Dropped All Charges Against 29.9 Percent Of Felony Defendants.

“During Foxx’s first three years as the county’s top prosecutor, her office dropped all charges against 29.9% of felony defendants, a dramatic increase over her predecessor, the Tribune found. For the last three years of Anita Alvarez’s tenure, the rate was 19.4%.” (David Jackson, Todd Lighty and Alex Richards, “Kim Foxx Drops More Felony Cases As Cook County State’s Attorney Than Her Predecessor, Tribune Analysis Shows,” [Chicago Tribune](#), 8/10/20)

- **“In All, A Total Of 25,183 People Had Their Felony Cases Dismissed Under Foxx ...”** “In all, a total of 25,183 people had their felony cases dismissed under Foxx through November 2019, up from 18,694 for a similar period under Alvarez.” (David Jackson, Todd Lighty and Alex Richards, “Kim Foxx Drops More Felony Cases As Cook County State’s Attorney Than Her Predecessor, Tribune Analysis Shows,” [Chicago Tribune](#), 8/10/20)

“The Tribune Found That Foxx’s Higher Rates Of Dropped Cases Included People Accused Of Murder, Shooting Another Person, Sex Crimes, And Attacks On Police Officers — As Well As Serious Drug Offenses That For Decades Have Driven Much Of Chicago’s Street Violence.” “However, the Tribune found that Foxx’s higher rates of dropped cases included people accused of murder, shooting another person, sex crimes, and attacks on police officers — as well as serious drug offenses that for decades have driven much of Chicago’s street violence.” (David Jackson, Todd Lighty and Alex Richards, “Kim Foxx Drops More Felony Cases As Cook County State’s Attorney Than Her Predecessor, Tribune Analysis Shows,” [Chicago Tribune](#), 8/10/20)

Foxx Had Dropped 8.1 Percent Of Homicide Cases And 9.5 Percent Of Felony Sex Crimes. “For the three-year period analyzed, Foxx’s office dropped 8.1% of homicide cases, compared with 5.3% under Alvarez, the Tribune found. Under Foxx, the office dropped 9.5% of felony sex crime cases; the rate was 6.5% for Alvarez.” (David Jackson, Todd Lighty and Alex Richards, “Kim Foxx Drops More Felony Cases As Cook County State’s Attorney Than Her Predecessor, Tribune Analysis Shows,” [Chicago Tribune](#), 8/10/20)

In Addition To An Increased Rate Of Dropped Cases For Aggravated Battery, Her Office Had Dropped Cases For 8.1 Percent Of Defendants Charged With Aggravated Battery Of A Police Officer. “Foxx’s office also increased the rate of dropped cases for aggravated battery and for aggravated battery with a firearm. And under Foxx, the percentage of cases dropped for defendants accused of aggravated battery of a police officer more than doubled, from 3.9% to 8.1%.” (David Jackson, Todd Lighty and Alex Richards, “Kim Foxx Drops More Felony Cases As Cook County State’s Attorney Than Her Predecessor, Tribune Analysis Shows,” [Chicago Tribune](#), 8/10/20)

BALTIMORE, MD

Under Baltimore’s State Attorney Marilyn Mosby, Her Office Stopped Prosecuting Low-Level Offenses And She Has Pushed For Sentencing Review To Get More People Out Of Prison

In March 2021, Baltimore State Attorney Marilyn Mosby Announced Her Office Would Stop Prosecuting Crimes Like Drug Possession And Prostitution. “The violent crime rate may be on the decline in Baltimore, but it seems to be doing little to ease fears among many residents. On Friday, State’s Attorney Marilyn Mosby announced she will no longer prosecute low-level offenses like drug possession and prostitution. Her office stopped prosecuting those crimes when the pandemic swept the city a year ago and Mosby says the city is seeing significant declines in violent crimes.” (Jeff Abell, “Fears Grow, Following Mosby’s Vow To Ignore Low-Level Crimes,” [Fox-45 News](#), 3/29/21)

- **Mosby’s Announcement Was Criticized By The President Of The Retired Police Officer’s Association In Baltimore, Who Said “It’s Not Going To Deter Crime, It’s Going To Make It Go The Other Way. ... It’s Going To Enable People To Be Free To Do Other Things.”** “It’s not going to deter crime, it’s going to make it go the other way,” said Daryl Buhrman, President of the Retired Police Officer’s Association in Baltimore. ‘It’s going to enable people to be free to do other things,’ said Buhrman.” (Jeff Abell, “Fears Grow, Following Mosby’s Vow To Ignore Low-Level Crimes,” [Fox-45 News](#), 3/29/21)

In December 2020, Mosby Announced Her Office Would Launch A Sentencing Review Unit To Get People Out Of Prison. “On Monday, Mosby announced the launch of a sentencing review unit in Baltimore to address both mass incarceration and racial inequities in the justice system. Of the 2,500 people serving life sentences in Maryland, 79 percent are Black, Mosby said, though African Americans make up only 30 percent of the state population. In Baltimore, of the 815 prisoners sentenced to life, 94 percent are Black.” (Tom Jackman, “A Growing Group Of Prosecutors, Who Say The Job Is More Than Locking People Up, Wants To Help Free Criminals, Too,” [The Washington Post](#), 12/7/20)

Baltimore Violence Is Out Of Control As Violent Crime Continues To Rise

Baltimore Is “On Track To Surpass 300 Homicides For The Eighth Year Running.” “Even so, Baltimore remains well on track to surpass 300 homicides for the eighth year running. The department’s 2022 homicide clearance rate is hovering around 41%, including six open warrants.” (Lea Skene, “Victim In Fells Point Double Shooting Is Server Who Had Recently Finished Shift; Second Victim Is In Grave Condition,” [The Baltimore Sun](#), 9/30/22)

- **The City Is Averaging One Person Losing Their Lives To Gun Violence Per Day.** “A spate of deadly shootings overnight increases the total number of homicides in Baltimore this year to over 200. The shootings happened in the hours leading up to an event that Mayor Brandon Scott’s office and Safe Streets put together to push for safer neighborhoods. The math equates to nearly one person per day losing their lives to gun violence in Baltimore in 2022.” (Stetson Miller, “Baltimore Hits 200 Homicide Milestone As City Violence Increases In 2022,” [CBS News – Baltimore](#), 7/23/22)

According To A Recent Study, Baltimore Was Ranked Number Two With The Highest Increase Of Homicides In The Country. “The homicide rate is increasing in a number of cities across the country and Baltimore is ranked number two with the highest increase. Baltimore is second only behind New Orleans with the highest increase in homicide rates. However, Baltimore has the highest homicides per capita in the country.” (Rushad Hayward, “Study: Baltimore Ranked As A Top City With Increase In Homicide Rates,” [WMAR](#), 7/30/22)

According To A Report By The Baltimore Sun, Robberies Have Spiked In The City, With Almost A 25 Percent Increase Over 2021. “City officials in Baltimore are expressing concern about a spike in robberies as police continue to battle an escalating rate of violent crime. The Baltimore Sun reports that the city has recorded 714 robberies so far this year, an increase of almost 25% from 573 robberies recorded for the same period last year.” (“Baltimore Sees Spike In Robberies, Homicides Also On Rise,” [The Associated Press](#), 3/27/22)

CASHLESS BAIL

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Recently Recalled San Francisco District Attorney Chesa Boudin Enacted No Cash Bail For Criminals

Upon Taking Office, Chesa Boudin Announced He Would No Longer Accept Cash Bail For A Defendant’s Pretrial Release. “Two weeks after Chesa Boudin took the oath of office as San Francisco’s newest district attorney, the city’s top prosecutor announced Wednesday that his office will no longer ask for cash bail as a condition for defendants’ pretrial release. The policy, in which prosecutors will use a ‘risk-based system’ that weighs whether a defendant might flee or poses a threat to public safety, fulfills one of Boudin’s key campaign pledges before his election in November. The former public defender has often said the cash bail system unfairly affects indigent defendants and people of color.” (Evan Sernoffsky, “San Francisco DA Chesa Boudin Ends Cash Bail For All Criminal Cases,” *The San Francisco Chronicle*, 1/23/20)

- **“Boudin’s Office Prohibited Cash Bail Entirely In 2020, A Policy Heralded As One Of The Most Progressive In The Nation.”** “Boudin’s office prohibited cash bail entirely in 2020, a policy heralded as one of the most progressive in the nation. Individuals who posed ‘a serious public safety risk’ were still asked to remain in jail, even without a cash bail.” (Joshua Bote, “San Francisco DA Brooke Jenkins Makes Decision On How To Handle One Of Chesa Boudin’s Biggest Policies,” [San Francisco Gate](#), 8/24/22)

The San Francisco Police Union Criticized Boudin’s No Cash Bail Policy, Saying It “Will Make Career Criminals And Gang Members Happy.” “San Francisco’s police union criticized Boudin’s decision. ‘Mr. Boudin is in the process of building the largest criminal justice revolving door imaginable, and San Franciscans will pay a heavy price for it,’ said Tony Montoya, president of the San Francisco Police Officers Association. ‘Relying solely on an arbitrary math equation regarding who remains in custody and who gets out early will endanger residents and police officers but it sure will make career criminals and gang members happy.’” (Evan Sernoffsky, “San Francisco DA Chesa Boudin Ends Cash Bail For All Criminal Cases,” *The San Francisco Chronicle*, 1/23/20)

As A Result Of Now-Recalled Boudin’s Policies, Crime Has Increased In San Francisco

San Francisco Gate Headline: “San Francisco Crime Is Not Getting Better, Data Says” (Eric Ting, “San Francisco Crime Is Not Getting Better, Data Says,” [San Francisco Gate](#), 10/4/22)

In August And September 2022, San Francisco Police Have Reported Higher Rates Of Violent And Property Crime Over 2021. In the months of August and September, San Francisco police reported slightly higher rates of both violent and property crime than over the same time period last year. While the increases were modest, they seem to dispel hopes that replacing District Attorney Chesa Boudin would have an immediate effect on crime rates in the city.” (Eric Ting, “San Francisco Crime Is Not Getting Better, Data Says,” [San Francisco Gate](#), 10/4/22)

“The Total Number Of Violent Crimes Was 3.1% Higher Between Aug. 1 And Sept. 25 This Year Than Over Those Days Last Year, While Property Crime — Burglary, Arson, Motor Vehicle Theft And Larceny Theft — Was Up 1% Year-Over-Year.” (Eric Ting, “San Francisco Crime Is Not Getting Better, Data Says,” [San Francisco Gate](#), 10/4/22)

“Homicides Saw The Largest Year-Over-Year Percent Increase Of Any Crime In The City, Increasing 20% Since This Time Last Year, ...” “Homicides saw the largest year-over-year percent increase of any crime in the city, increasing 20% since this time last year, and there have been multiple headline-grabbing shootings in recent weeks.” (Eric Ting, “San Francisco Crime Is Not Getting Better, Data Says,” [San Francisco Gate](#), 10/4/22)

“Robberies Were Up 5.6%, While Larceny Theft, A Category That Includes Retail Theft, Was Up 4.5%, Representing The Majority Of Crimes Reported To The Police.” (Eric Ting, “San Francisco Crime Is Not Getting Better, Data Says,” [San Francisco Gate](#), 10/4/22)

PHILADELPHIA, PA

In 2018, Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner Ended Cash Bail For Some Offenses

In February 2018, Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner Announced The End Of Cash Bail For Some Offenses. “In yet another headline-grabbing announcement, Philadelphia’s new District Attorney Larry Krasner on Wednesday proclaimed the end of cash bail requirements for low-level offenses effective immediately. ‘There is absolutely no reason why someone who will show up for court, is not a flight risk, and is no threat to their neighbors and community, needs to sit in jail for days because they can’t post a small amount of bail,’ Krasner said.” (Alicia Victoria Lozano, “Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner Ends Cash Bail For Low-Level Offenses,” [NBC10](#), 2/21/18)

Under Krasner, Violence In Philadelphia Continues To Rise

Axios Philadelphia Headline: “Homicides And Overall Violent Crime Are Up In Philadelphia” (Isaac Avilucea, “Homicides And Overall Violent Crime Are Up In Philadelphia,” [Axios Philadelphia](#), 9/20/22)

- **Violent Crime Has Surged In Philadelphia, More Than Double To 2021.** “It’s shaping up to be another grim year for Philadelphia, which is on pace to eclipse last year’s homicide record. Plus, overall violent crime is surging, and robberies have more than doubled compared to this time in 2021, according to city data.” (Isaac Avilucea, “Homicides And Overall Violent Crime Are Up In Philadelphia,” [Axios Philadelphia](#), 9/20/22)
- **“The City Has Reported 388 Homicides So Far This Year, Up Slightly From 384 The Same Time Last Year, When Philly Set A Record With 562 Homicides.”** (Isaac Avilucea, “Homicides And Overall Violent Crime Are Up In Philadelphia,” [Axios Philadelphia](#), 9/20/22)
- **“Overall Shootings Have Increased By 3%, ...”** “Overall shootings have increased by 3%, according to city stats.” (Isaac Avilucea, “Homicides And Overall Violent Crime Are Up In Philadelphia,” [Axios Philadelphia](#), 9/20/22)
- **“Overall Violent Crime Is Up 7% From The Same Time Last Year.”** (Isaac Avilucea, “Homicides And Overall Violent Crime Are Up In Philadelphia,” [Axios Philadelphia](#), 9/20/22)
- **“Robberies In Which Perpetrators Used Guns Are Up 60%, ...”** “Robberies in which perpetrators used guns are up 60%, while rapes decreased by more than 25%.” (Isaac Avilucea, “Homicides And Overall Violent Crime Are Up In Philadelphia,” [Axios Philadelphia](#), 9/20/22)

NEW YORK

After A Law Curtailing Cash Bail Went Into Effect In New York, The Law Would Later Be Curtailed To Keep Criminals Behind Bars

Only Days After New York's Cash Bail Law Went Into Effect, Lawmakers Began Having Second Thoughts After A String Of Violent Crimes Had Occurred. “On Jan. 1, a landmark New York law curtailing the use of cash bail went into effect, signaling a leap in a nationwide movement to reduce the number of people held in jails. But after less than a week under the new system, elected officials are already having second thoughts, rattled by stories of suspects' being set free and committing new crimes — including that of a woman accused of an anti-Semitic attack in New York City.” (Jon Schuppe, “Fair Or Dangerous? Days After Ending Cash Bail, New York Has Second Thoughts,” [NBC News](#), 1/7/20)

- **According To The State Law, Those Who Had Committed “Burglary, Stalking, Assault Without Serious Injury, Many Drug Offenses And Some Kinds Of Arson And Robbery” Were Freed Without Bail To Await Trial.** “Under the legislation, judges were no longer able to set bail for a wide-ranging list of misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies. Those included burglary, stalking, assault without serious injury, many drug offenses and some kinds of arson and robbery. People charged with those offenses were released to await trial, although some were subject to monitoring.” (Chelsia Rose Marcus, Troy Closson and Grace Ashford, “New York's Bail Laws Are Changing Again. Here's How,” [The New York Times](#), 4/11/22)
- **Numerous Offenders Were Set Free And They Went On To Commit Violent Crimes.** “Across the state, opponents of the new law have publicized cases of suspects set free — a serial bank robber, a repeat burglar, a man accused of manslaughter, an alleged hit-and-run drunk driver — which they say demonstrate how doing away with bail allows dangerous criminals to remain on the streets. Perhaps the most notorious case is that of Tiffany Harris, a Brooklyn woman who was released after she was alleged to have hit three Jewish women in a bias attack, only to be arrested the next day and accused of an assault on another woman.” (Jon Schuppe, “Fair Or Dangerous? Days After Ending Cash Bail, New York Has Second Thoughts,” [NBC News](#), 1/7/20)

In 2022, The Law Was Rolled Back, Keeping Defendants In Jail While They Awaited Trial. “One of the most contentious items in New York's \$220 billion budget deal had little to do with fiscal issues: For the second time, legislators revised laws governing bail for criminal defendants that they had passed just three years ago. Those measures barred judges from setting bail for defendants charged with less serious crimes; those defendants were released while they awaited trial without posting bail. Another law passed in 2019 also forced prosecutors to meet more stringent requirements for turning over evidence to defense lawyers.” (Chelsia Rose Marcus, Troy Closson and Grace Ashford, “New York's Bail Laws Are Changing Again. Here's How,” [The New York Times](#), 4/11/22)

“DEFUND THE POLICE”

Cities Have Backtracked Their Efforts To “Defund The Police”

Numerous Cities Have Had To Turn Their Back On Their Previous Actions To “Defund The Police” As Crime Increased

Several Cities Throughout The Country Have Backtracked On Their “Defund The Police” Actions. “Some cities that came under pressure to slash law enforcement funding last year are quietly adding money back to their

police department budgets as crime increases nationwide. ‘Defund the police’ became a rallying cry among activists in 2020 following the murder of George Floyd — but in 2021, the movement has become politically toxic, with polls revealing low public support for the idea and violence growing in most U.S. cities.” (Sarah Westwood, “Refund The Police: Cities Backtrack On 2020 Clarion Call Amid Crime Spikes,” [Washington Examiner](#), 8/24/21)

After Portland City Councilmembers Cut \$15 Million From The Police Budget, Democratic Mayor Ted Wheeler Sought Extra Resources To Boost It’s Shrinking Ranks Amidst A Crime Wave. “In Portland, Oregon, Democratic Mayor Ted Wheeler said last week that he would work with Portland Police Bureau leadership on a plan to put resources behind attracting more officers to its shrinking force. The bureau was operating with 67 fewer sworn police personnel than authorized in 2020, according to a report police leaders presented to the city council last week. Portland’s police chief told city officials his force needs to hire hundreds of additional officers to meet the demands of a city with rising crime. City councilors moved to slash \$15 million from the police bureau’s budget last year.” (Sarah Westwood, “Refund The Police: Cities Backtrack On 2020 Clarion Call Amid Crime Spikes,” [Washington Examiner](#), 8/24/21)

Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan Had To Ask For \$7.5 Million To Be Freed Amidst Increased Violence And A Shrinking Police Force. “In Seattle, violence has proliferated in the months since the city council voted to cut funding from its police department in 2020. Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan announced in late July she planned to ask city council members to free up \$7.5 million in the police budget that had been frozen so law enforcement leaders could hire more officers to address a staffing shortfall. Several Seattle police officers have left the force over the past year, causing response times to 911 calls to skyrocket, according to reports reviewed by the city council at a meeting earlier this month. Hundreds of police officers have left the force for other agencies or industries amid a morale crisis and budget cuts. In response to calls from activists, the city moved to cut nearly a fifth of the police budget heading into this year.” (Sarah Westwood, “Refund The Police: Cities Backtrack On 2020 Clarion Call Amid Crime Spikes,” [Washington Examiner](#), 8/24/21)

In 2021, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot Put Together A Budget Proposal To Increase Police Funding After Calling On The Police Department To Not Fill Vacant Positions. “Earlier this month, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot said she intends to put forward a budget plan for the next fiscal year to increase funding for the city’s police department after weathering weeks of criticism over rising crime and the high-profile murder of a female police officer. Since 2019, murders in Chicago have climbed 60%, according to Chicago Police Department data. Lightfoot said at a press conference on Aug. 11 that her forthcoming proposal to increase police funding would be designed to ‘recruit the next generation of police officers.’ But Lightfoot struck a different tone on police hiring when she proposed her budget last year. Her proposal called on the Chicago Police Department to shed millions of dollars by not filling vacant positions within the organization.” (Sarah Westwood, “Refund The Police: Cities Backtrack On 2020 Clarion Call Amid Crime Spikes,” [Washington Examiner](#), 8/24/21)

After Defunding The Police In 2020, San Francisco’s Mayor Reversed Course And Requested Additional Money For The City’s Police Department To Address Rising Crime

In July 2020, San Francisco Mayor London Breed Announced A “Major Budget Cut” Of \$120 Million To The San Francisco Police And Sheriff’s Department. “Mayor London Breed announced a major budget cut to the San Francisco police and sheriff’s departments over the next two years. In a press conference Friday, the mayor said \$120 million in funding would be redirected from law enforcement agencies to instead be spent on addressing disparities in the Black community.” (Alix Martichoux and Cornell Barnard, “San Francisco Mayor London Breed Announces Cuts To Police In New City Budget,” [ABC7](#), 7/31/20)

- **According To Breed, The Cut Would Prioritize Investments In The African American Community.** “‘With this budget, we are listening to the community and prioritizing investments in the African American community around housing, mental health and wellness, workforce development, economic justice, education, advocacy and accountability,’ said Mayor Breed.” (Alix Martichoux and Cornell Barnard, “San Francisco Mayor London Breed Announces Cuts To Police In New City Budget,” [ABC7](#), 7/31/20)

However, In December 2021, Breed Reversed Course On The Cuts And Placed An Emergency Funding Request To San Francisco's Board Of Supervisors For Money To Bolster The Police Department And Address Crime. "In December 2021, Breed reversed course on defunding and announced an emergency request to the city Board of Supervisors for more money to bolster the police department and address crime. 'I'm proud this city believes in giving people second chances,' Breed said at the time. 'Nevertheless, we also need there to [have] accountability when someone does break the law... Our compassion cannot be mistaken for weakness or indifference... I was raised by my grandmother to believe in 'tough love,' in keeping your house in order, and we need that, now more than ever.'" (Emma Colton, "San Francisco Defunded The Police Before Reversing Course The Next Year Amid Calls For 'Accountability,'" [Fox News](#), 8/16/22)

OPEN BORDERS CONTRIBUTED TO CRIME WAVE

BIDEN'S OPEN BORDERS IS "FUELING A DRUG-RELATED CRIME WAVE"

In An April 2022 Op-Ed, Marc Thiessen Blamed The Biden Administration's Failure To Secure The Border For The Surge Of Fentanyl Overdoses And Violence In American Cities

In An Op-Ed Published By *The Washington Post*, Marc Thiessen Blamed Biden's Failure In Securing The Southern Border For The Surge Of Fentanyl On The Streets. "They are right. And one major reason we are facing a surge in crime is the disaster Biden unleashed on our southern border. Last year, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) seized enough fentanyl to provide a lethal dose to every American." (Marc A. Thiessen, Op-Ed, "Biden's Border Disaster Fuels The Crime Wave In American Cities," [The Washington Post](#), 4/20/22)

- **"Overdose Deaths From Fentanyl Coming Across The Border Hit Record Levels In 2021, Claiming A New Victim Every Five Minutes."** (Marc A. Thiessen, Op-Ed, "Biden's Border Disaster Fuels The Crime Wave In American Cities," [The Washington Post](#), 4/20/22)

With The Surge Of Illegal Migrants, Border Patrol Has Had To Redirect Resources From "Drug Interdiction To Processing Migrants." "The problem has worsened in the past year thanks to the border crisis Biden unleashed, as the flood of illegal migrants over the past year has forced Customs and Border Protection to shift resources away from drug interdiction to processing migrants. Biden's own budget acknowledges this, requesting funds for 300 new 'Border Patrol Processing Coordinators to respond to migration along the Southwest border,' who 'will allow existing agents to focus on their core counterterrorism, law enforcement, and security missions.'" (Marc A. Thiessen, Op-Ed, "Biden's Border Disaster Fuels The Crime Wave In American Cities," [The Washington Post](#), 4/20/22)

As Mexican Cartels Profit Off Human And Drug Trafficking, A Surge Of Illegal Migrants Can Distract Authorities At The Border, Allowing Drugs To Easily Cross Into The Country At Another Point Of Entry.

"Because the same cartels are engaged in both human and drug trafficking, they often use migrants — including children — as drug mules. And they strategically send caravans of migrants to overwhelm and distract Border Patrol in one area so they can surge drug shipments across the border in another location.'" (Marc A. Thiessen, Op-Ed, "Biden's Border Disaster Fuels The Crime Wave In American Cities," [The Washington Post](#), 4/20/22)

Biden's Unsecured Border Policy Is Allowing More Drugs Into The Country Which Has Contributed To The Crime Wave In U.S. Cities. "As the migrant crisis has grown over the past year, fentanyl seizures rose 56 percent in March 2022 compared with March 2021. And this surge in illegal drugs has contributed to the crime surge in U.S. cities. Last fall, the DEA analyzed 'national crime statistics and [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention] data to identify hot spots of drug-related violence and overdose deaths across the country.' The DEA study 'revealed alarming trends' about the criminal drug networks' activity in 34 U.S. cities, finding the vast majority of those networks 'are engaged in gun violence.' In response, the DEA launched Operation Overdrive this February 'aimed at combatting the rising rates of drug-related violent crime.' By making it easier for cartels to flood our country with illegal drugs, our unsecured borders are fueling a drug-related crime wave across the United States that has necessitated a major DEA response." (Marc A. Thiessen, Op-Ed, "Biden's Border Disaster Fuels The Crime Wave In American Cities," [The Washington Post](#), 4/20/22)