

Sub-Award

City of Durham

Program Area: Law Enforcement Programs

In the City of Durham, Part 1 violent crime (homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) increased by 3.9 percent during the 2nd quarter of 2024 compared to the same period in 2023. Part 1 property crime (burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft) was up by 5.5 percent compared to 2023. Part 1 property crime comprised 84.9 percent of all Part 1 crime and larcenies made up more than half – 61.2 percent – of Part 1 crime. (Statistics provided by the Police Department’s Crime Analysis Unit)

Part 1 Violent Crime – January through June

Part 1 Violent Crimes	3-Year Avg	2022	2023	2024	2023-24 % Change
Homicide	23	23	23	24	+4.3%
Rape	76	61	80	87	+8.8%
Robbery	256	308	234	226	-3.4%
Aggravated Assault	585	579	570	605	+6.1%
Violent Crime Total	940	971	907	942	+3.9%

Part 1 Property Crime – January through June

Part 1 Violent Crimes	3-Year Avg	2022	2023	2024	2023-24 % Change
Burglary	606	559	631	627	-0.6%
Larceny	3,549	3,385	3,534	3,829	+8.3%
Motor Vehicle Theft	691	344	871	859	-1.4%
Property Crime Total	4,846	4,188	5,036	5,315	+5.5%

Patrol Services Bureau

The City of Durham’s Police Department Patrol Services Bureau is responsible for providing patrol services to all of Durham’s five districts. The officers assigned to each district are the first responders to events that happen in their assigned districts. They normally arrive to crime scenes before specialized Units like our Selective Enforcement Team (SET) that are highly trained and is specially equipped to handle hostage and barricaded-subject situations, sniper, counter-sniper, and terrorist activities. Due to the Patrol officers being the first on scene, it may sometimes be necessary to equip them with ballistic shields to protect the patrol officers against forced entry, riots, active shooters, and other dangerous threats. Funding will be used to purchase five ballistic shields, one for each district to be used in highly dangerous crime scenes, where the Patrol Unit is the first to respond.

Mobile Field Force

To ensure effective service to the Durham community, the police department utilizes the mobile field force to address civil unrest and deter further criminal actions. Recent history shows that protests that turn violent spawn numerous additional hazards to police personnel. Rocks, bottles, bricks, feces, urine, and fire have all been used as weapons against police – in addition to other traditional weapons such as firearms and bladed weapons. These officers must be supplied with specialized protective gear and receive specialized training to handle these dangerous situations. Funding under this grant will be used to replace fifty outdated ballistic helmets, used by the mobile field force team.