Public Safety

Houston's total crime rate has declined significantly in the past decade.

2020 METRO HOUSTON CRIME STATISTICS* ALL RATES PER 100,000 INHABITANTS			
Crime Category	2010 Crime Rate	2020 Crime Rate	Percent Change Since 2010
Violent	**620.7**	**631.8**	**1.8**
Murder	7.3	9.2	26.0
Rape**	25.8	44.7	73.3
Robbery	237.1	167.9	-29.2
Assault	350.5	410.0	17.0
Property	**3,943.9**	**2,617.4**	**-33.6**
Burglary	974.8	402.1	58.8
Larceny Theft	2,599.3	1,841.0	-29.2
Auto Theft	369.8	374.3	1.2
* Includes Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery and Waller Counties ** In 2011, the FBI expanded their definition of "rape" to be more comprehensive and the reports began to reflect the change in 2013. Therefore, it cannot be determined if increases in reported rape from '10 to '20 is a result of actual incidents or the change in definition. Source: *FBI Uniform Crime Reports, September 2021*			

- Since '10, property crime rates in the Houston metro area have decreased by 1.8 percent, while violent crime rates have dropped by 33.6 percent.

- Burglary has increased 58.8 percent, auto theft is up 1.2 percent and larceny dropped 29.2 percent.

- In '20, the Houston metro area's total crime rate was 3,249.2 per 100,000 residents, a decrease of 28.8% from '10.