

# Data & Advocacy in 2024

## *What We Know & How to Use It*

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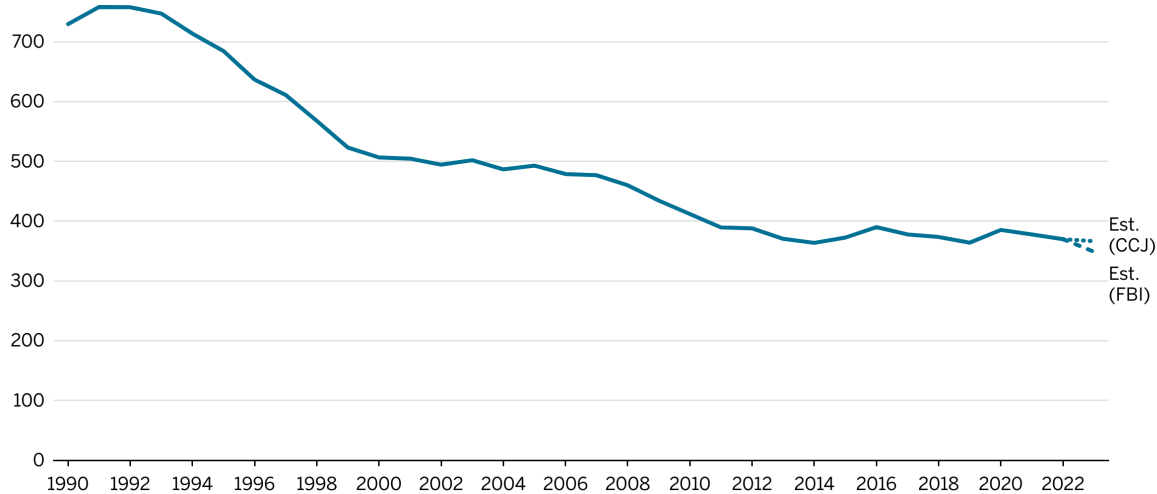
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# Murder & Violent Crime Have Fallen Sharply

## And if some estimates hold may even hit record lows

Violent crime rate per 100,000 people

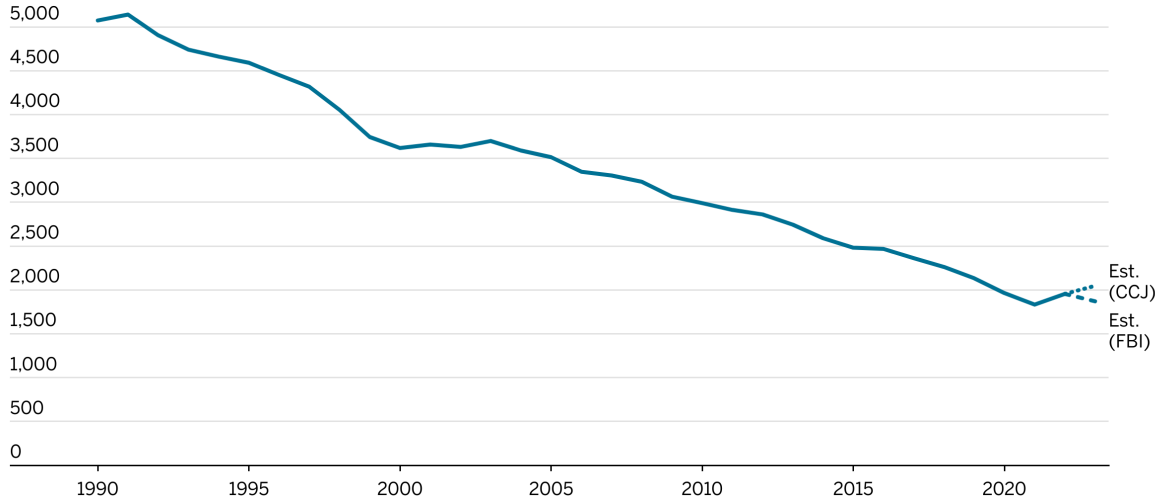


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# Property Crime Remains Low

But note the post-pandemic rebound

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# Trends in Retail Theft are a Mixed Bag

The lack of a “national” trend hides a lot of variation

- Significant city-by-city variation, and major “spikes” are real in some cases.
- Organized retail theft is very hard to quantify but there’s no reason to believe it has spiked.
- Be very skeptical of any claims based on industry data.



# High-Salience Issues: Bail Reform

The data don't support a link between bail reform & crime

- Single and multi-city studies show little to no link between crime and bail reform.
- The best work in New York City shows reform may actually *reduce* recidivism in the aggregate.
- But it's important to know how to use this research.



# Mid-Salience Issues: The First Step Act

## Federal sentencing reforms have been a clear success

- Early research shows relatively low recidivism.
- Compassionate release and home confinement have been broad success stories.
- Advocates in both parties should own that success.

