

CRIME DEFINITIONS

In an effort to provide an overview of crime in the City of Martinez we are providing the crime statistics comparing 2020 with 2019. The chart outlines several different crime categories that we monitor to gauge crime trends. Overall, we saw a 10.5% decrease in violent and property crimes along with a 9% decrease in property crimes.

As a guide, the following are definitions of the listed crimes, per the Department of Justice:

Homicide: the willful killing of one human being by another.

Rape: forced sexual intercourse including both psychological coercion and physical force. Includes attempted rape, male and female victims, and both heterosexual and same sex rape.

Robbery: completed or attempted theft, directly from a person of property or cash, by force or threat of force, with or without a weapon, and with or without injury.

Assault – Aggravated: an attack or attempted attack with a weapon, regardless of whether an injury occurred, and an attack without a weapon when serious injury results.

Assault – Simple: an attack without a weapon resulting in no injury, minor injury (bruises, black eyes, cuts, scratches, or swelling), or an undetermined injury requiring fewer than two days of hospitalization.

Auto Burglary: the forcible entry into a motor vehicle for the purpose of theft.

Commercial Burglary: unlawful or forcible entry or attempted entry of places of business. Includes victimizations where the offender stole, attempted to steal or did not attempt to steal.

Residential Burglary: unlawful or forcible entry or attempted entry of places, including a permanent residence, other residence (hotel room or vacation residence), or other structure (garage or shed). Includes victimizations where the offender stole, attempted to steal, or did not attempt to steal.

Theft>\$50: the unlawful taking of property other than a motor vehicle from the possession of another without force or deceit. Includes pocket picking, non-forcible purse snatching, shoplifting, and thefts from unlocked motor vehicles. This category captures theft above \$50.

Vehicle Theft: the stealing or unauthorized taking of a motor vehicle, including attempted thefts.