



Public Safety and Health Report- August 2021
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Crime Report for First Half of 2021

Thanks to Deputy Jose Cruz, LACSD crime statistics for 2021 were compared to 2020 for the same 6 month period. Overall crime rate is up slightly in 2021 compared to 2020 this is primarily the result of a significant reduction in residential burglaries, down nearly 30% for 2021, 54 in 2021 compared to 76 in 2020. On the other hand, assaults and robberies were up from 58 to 80, nearly 40%. Vehicle burglaries remained unchanged at 230 vs. 236. These figures reflect the effects of the COVID lockdown. With more people staying at home, there were fewer opportunities for residential burglaries while assaults increased due to the stresses associated with the lockdown. The numbers also reflect a month over month rising crime rate, a concern for the community and unfortunately also reflected in the increasing crime rate in the rest of the nation.