

Progress, Impact, and Community

In 2024, the Albuquerque Police Department (APD) made significant strides in reducing crime, solving cases, and building stronger relationships with the community. By implementing innovative programs, leveraging technology, and focusing on strategic enforcement, APD addressed critical challenges and delivered measurable results. From reducing gun violence to solving complex homicide cases and assisting victims, the department set new standards for public safety while strengthening trust and collaboration with the communities it serves.



ALBUQUERQUE BY THE NUMBERS

27%

A 27% decrease in gunfire incidents between 2023 and 2024 was attributed to the ShotSpotter program.



14,160

Custodial arrests made, a 16% increase from 2023.

205

Firearms collected in a gun buyback program, including 98 assault weapons.

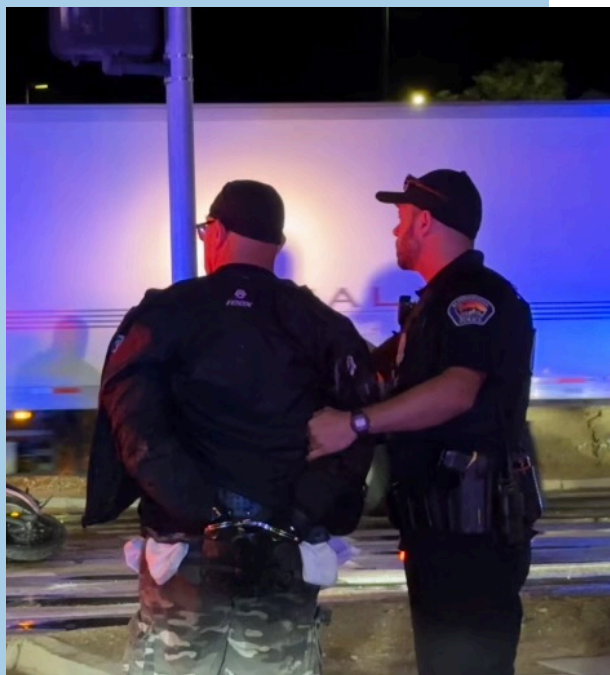
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Traffic citations issued in targeted operations throughout Albuquerque.

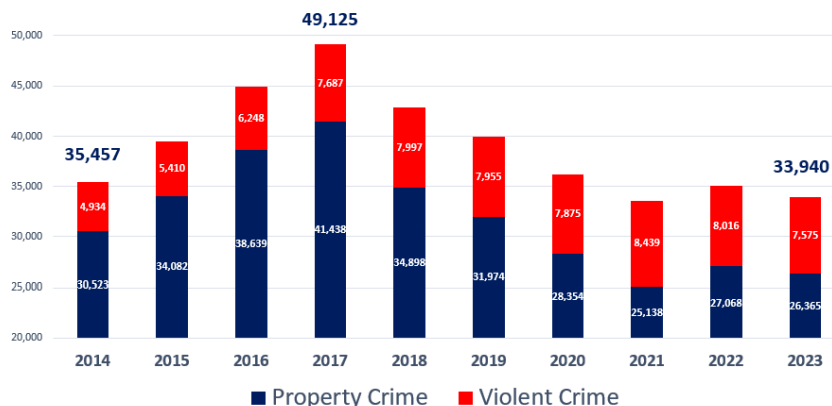
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Murder suspects arrested in 2024—the most in APD history.





Crime in Albuquerque
2014-2023



Trends in Albuquerque, 2014-2023:
A comparison of property and violent crime rates over a decade,
highlighting a gradual decline in recent years.

2024 Highlights

- **ShotSpotter Expansion:** Thanks in part to expanding its ShotSpotter gun-detection technology, APD achieved a 27% reduction in shots fired between 2023 and 2024. Gun shot detection now covers 25% of Albuquerque including major shopping areas and schools.
- **S.H.O.T. Program:** The S.H.O.T. initiative reduced gunfire in one neighborhood from 44 incidents in a single month to just seven through strategic enforcement and community engagement.
- **Gun Buyback:** In collaboration with New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence, APD collected 205 firearms, distributed \$20,000 in cash and 10,000 gift cards to support safer communities.
- **Victim Assistance:** Through the expansion of its Victim Assistance Unit, APD supported over 100 homicide victims' families and resources to:
 - 5,500+ domestic violence victims,
 - 450 robbery victims,
 - 26 child abuse victims, and
 - 32 families affected by fatal car crashes.
- **Rising Arrest Rates:** Custodial arrests surged by 16%, with 14,160 arrests in 2024 compared to 12,238 in 2023.
- **Cadet Training Expansion:** APD doubled its cadet academies, graduating the 130th Academy and starting the 131st with 25 cadets, while expanding the Police Service Aide program.
- **Homicide Investigations:** APD maintained a homicide solve rate exceeding 90% for the third consecutive year, solving 79 homicide cases and arresting 125 murder suspects—a 6% increase and a department record.
- **Police Reform Progress:** APD achieved full compliance with its settlement agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice, advancing toward dismissal of federal oversight.
- **Warrant Roundup Success:** A July operation cleared 105 warrants, resulting in 54 felony arrests and the recovery of a stolen vehicle.
- **Firearm Tracking:** APD leads nationally in linking firearms to crimes, generating 365 investigative leads monthly and improving its ability to solve gun-related offenses.

