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FDLE Uniform Crime Report Shows Flagler County Among Leaders in State for Crime Reduction

This week, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) released the state-wide 2020 Annual Uniform Crime Report and for the 50th year in a row crime continues to drop in Florida.



The report shows that Florida's total index crime dropped 14.1% compared to 2019 and the total crime rate fell by 15.7% as well. The report also shows that despite an increase in Flagler County population by 3,500 more residents, Flagler County's index crime was down 18.4% compared to 2019.

Additionally, the report shows that Flagler County has the fourth lowest crime rate per 100,000 population in the state of Florida. Flagler's clearance rate of reported crimes increased to 37.8%, while the state average is 25.5%.

"Reports like this one show that our crime reduction strategies work," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "Total crime in

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Flagler County is down 47% since I became your sheriff in 2017 because implemented a number of new and successful initiatives. Criminals outside of our county are learning to not commit crimes here as they are quickly arrested. I commend our entire team along with our partners at Bunnell and Flagler Beach police departments and our community for joining with us in guardianship policing. Our teams come to work every day with one mission in mind: to keep our community a safe place to live, work, and visit.”

For more information on the FDLE’s Uniform Crime Report, and to view the complete report, [click here](#).

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