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FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Flagler County Sheriff's Office Releases 2025 Crime Statistics

Once Again FCSO Delivers Significant Crime Reduction

BUNNELL, Fla. — The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) today released its 2025 crime data, showing a continued overall reduction in crime across Flagler County compared to 2024. The data reflects significantly fewer reported offenses in all major crime categories.

Key Takeaways

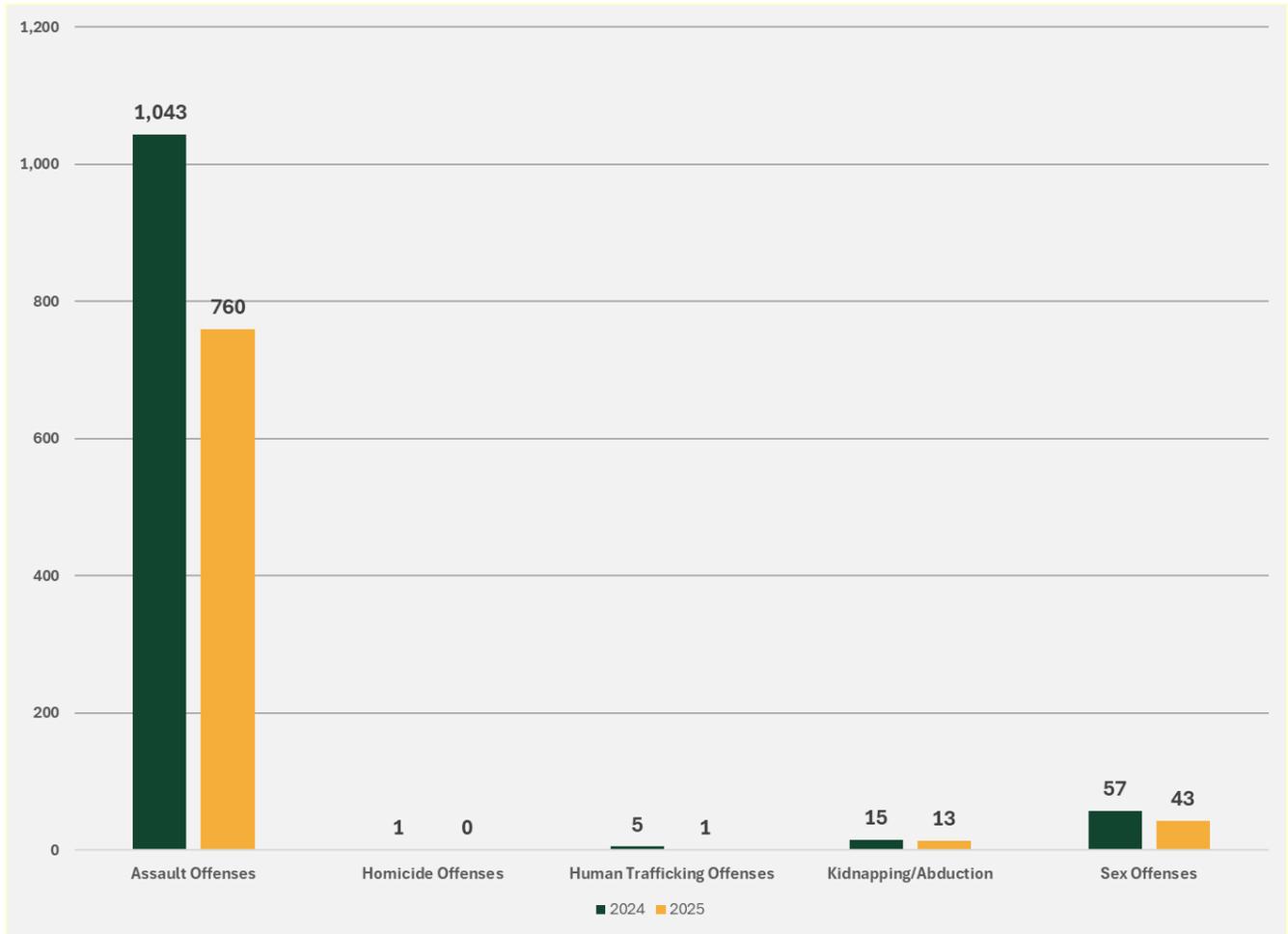
- Crime rate decreased from 2874.2 to 1970.5 - 32% reduction
- Crimes against persons fell by more than 27%
- Crimes against property declined by more than 26%
- Crimes against society decreased by more than 36% compared to 2024
- Through proactive policing and citizen engagement programs, the total reported crime declined significantly year over year.
- This crime reduction represents hundreds of fewer reported criminal incidents and victims across the county.

"I commend our team for once again delivering another year of crime reduction for our community, despite our fast population growth," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "This could not have been possible without our partnership with the community using our Guardianship Policing philosophy to serve and police with the community and the support of the Board of County Commissioners and the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Palm Coast. Without these partnerships and support, we would not have the resources to deliver crime reductions for the community every year since I've been Sheriff. Because of this support, today we are a technological advanced agency using modern equipment and recognized as a leader in law enforcement services."

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Crimes Against Persons 2024 - 2025

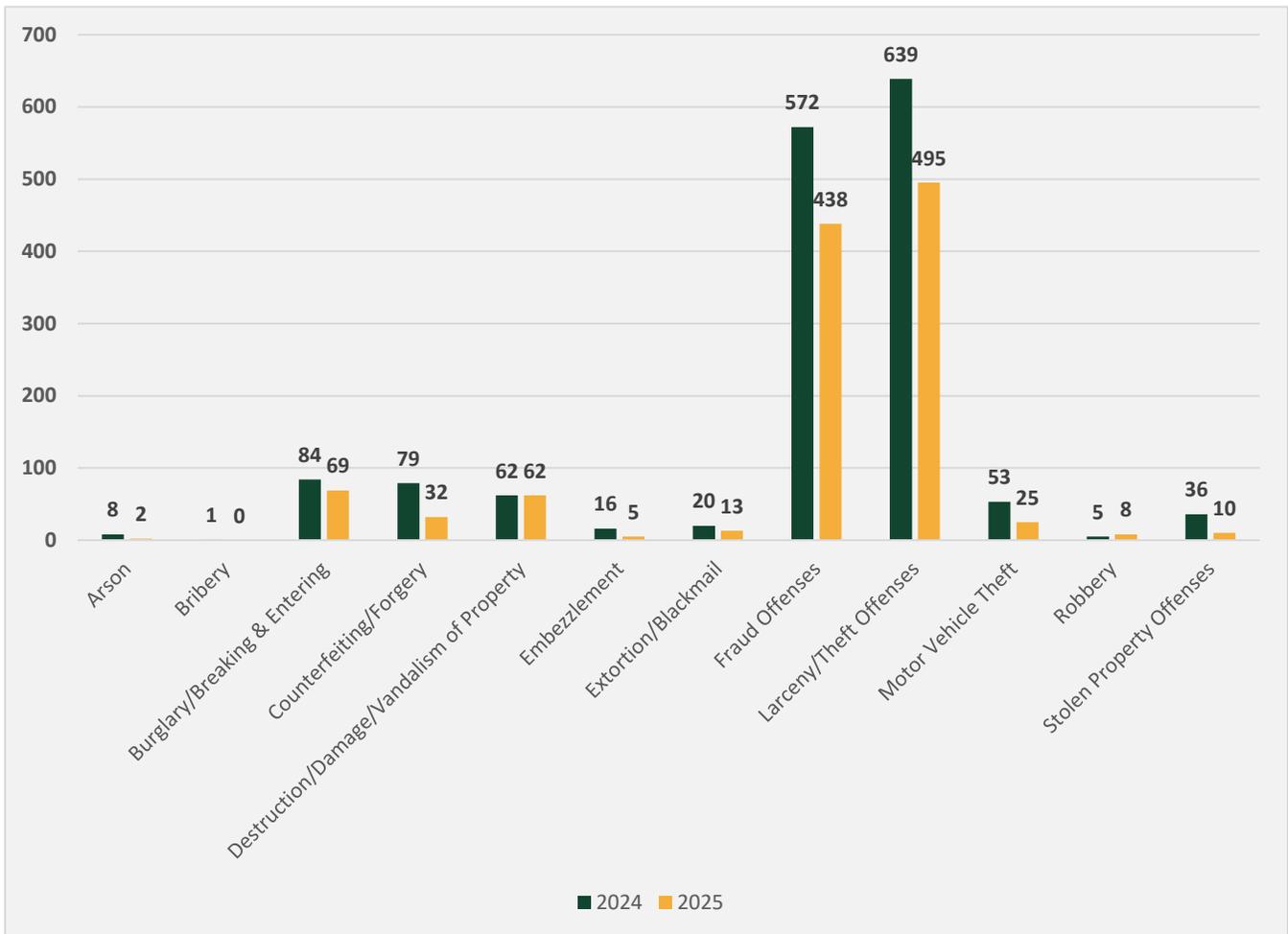


Total crimes against persons decreased from 1,121 reported offenses in 2024 to 817 in 2025. Showing a 27% decrease in person-related crimes reported overall. Assault-related offenses, which account for the majority of crimes against persons, declined substantially in 2025. Total assault offenses dropped from 1,043 incidents in 2024 to 760 incidents in 2025. Aggravated assaults declined modestly, from 100 cases in 2024 to 88 cases in 2025, as did sex offenses, from 57 to 43.

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Crimes Against Property 2024 - 2025

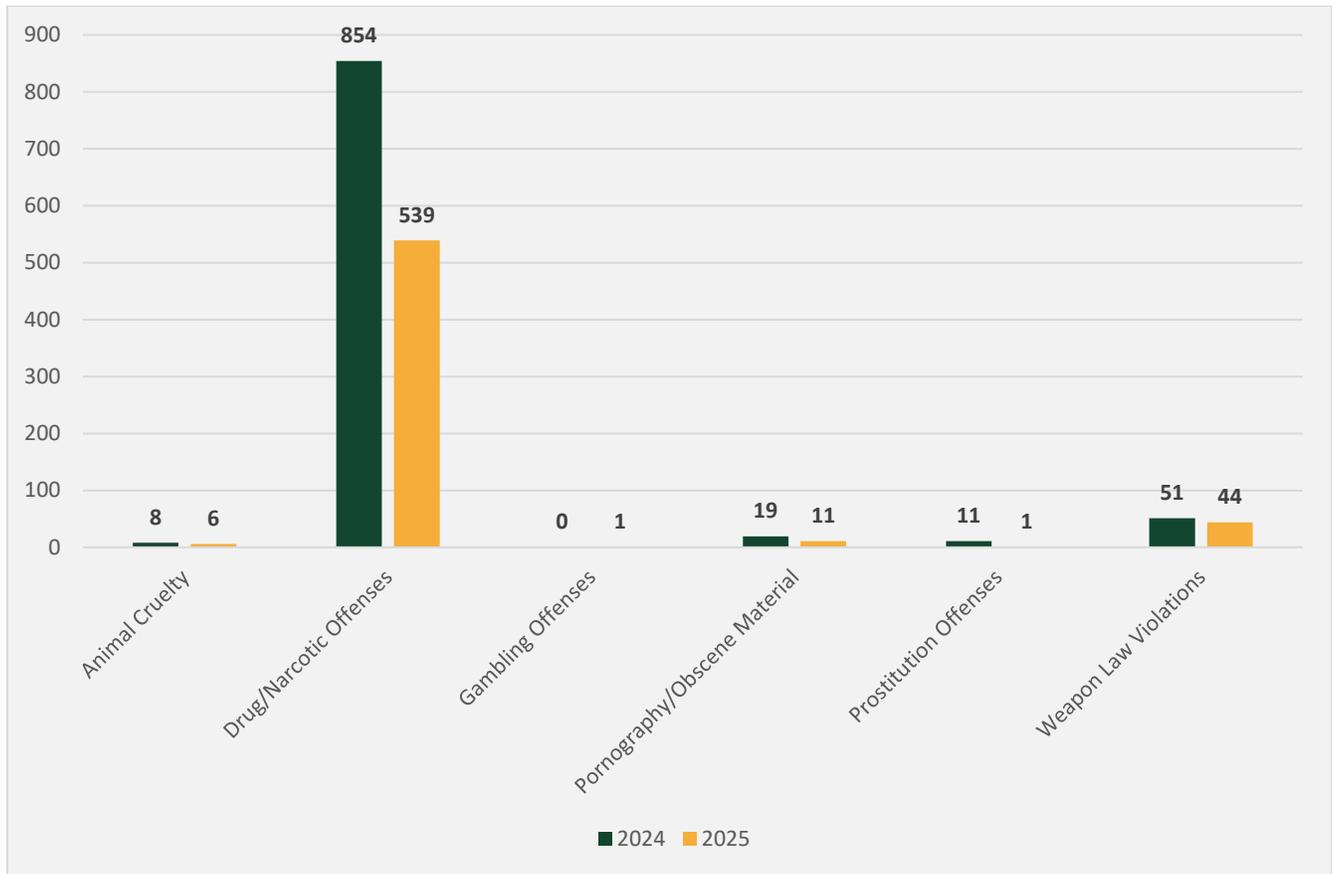


Property crime also showed a significant reduction. Reported crimes against property fell 26%, from 1,575 offenses in 2024 to 1,159 offenses in 2025. Burglary offenses declined from 84 incidents in 2024 to 69 incidents in 2025 with the majority occurring to homes under construction, showing the effectiveness of C.O.P. Vacation Watch and Neighborhood Watch programs. Larceny and theft offenses also decreased significantly, falling from 639 cases to 456 cases, a 28.6% decrease.

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Crimes Against Society 2024 – 2025



Crimes against society experienced the largest overall decline, decreasing from 943 offenses in 2024 to 602 offenses in 2025. This category includes drug and narcotics related offenses, which dropped from 854 cases in 2024 to 539 cases in 2025. Overdoses dropped from 42 to 22. Fentanyl and the opioid epidemic continues to be a nationwide problem. FCSO is committed to reducing the amount of drugs and drug-related crimes in Flagler County through operations like Operation: Summer Slam, while also understanding that addiction is an issue that cannot be solved by law enforcement alone. The Flagler County Sheriff’s Office partners with Epic Behavioral Health, Flagler Cares and others to help those with addiction receive help. In addition, the Flagler County Inmate Detention Facility offers the Successful Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Treatment Program to assist those with substance abuse issues turn their life around and break free from addiction and our deputies carry Narcan to aid individuals who have overdosed.

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About The Flagler County Sheriff's Office

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) is an accredited full-service law enforcement agency serving Flagler County, Florida, and is dedicated to public safety, community engagement, and professional law enforcement, detention and court services.

FCSO operates a wide range of specialty units and programs designed to reduce crime and enhance community safety and apprehend offenders. This includes but is not limited to Offender Programs and Services within the award-winning Court and Detention Services Division; Problem Area Crime Enforcement (PACE), Special Investigations Unit (SIU), Homeland Security Section, Cyber Crimes and Criminal Intelligence Unit, and the Youth Services Section. Other Specialty units and teams include Bike Patrol, SWAT, Dive Team, Drone Unit, Traffic Unit, Motors Unit, K-9 Unit, Marine/Agriculture Unit, RTCC, C.O.P. and Posse. The Public Information Office and Community Engagement Units are also vitally important for engaging the community and transparency.

FBI UCR Program

Crime data in Flagler County is tracked through the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program. The program includes data from more than 18,000 city, university and college, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies. The Flagler County Sheriff's Office began reporting NIBRS-compliant crime data to the Florida UCR Program for submission to the FBI in 2024. NIBRS, which is now the national standard for crime data collection, represents a substantial shift from the legacy Summary Reporting System (SRS) previously used under the UCR Program. Unlike SRS, which limited the number and type of offenses that could be reported within a single incident, NIBRS captures detailed information on up to 10 offenses per incident, including weapons offenses, drug offenses, domestic violence, child and elder abuse, hate crimes, white-collar crime, and terrorism. This enhanced level of detail provides greater analytic capability and makes NIBRS a superior crime reporting standard compared to SRS. Due to this change in the way crime data is collected, comparisons cannot be made between crime data collected before 2024 using SRS with data collected using NIBRS.

* Crime data released by the Flagler County Sheriff's Office is reported through the Florida Incident-Based Reporting System (FIBRS), Florida's implementation of the FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). These systems are continuously updated, meaning crime statistics are accurate at the time of publication and may change as investigations progress, old crimes are reported, cases are cleared, or offenses are reclassified. This can occur well after the end of FCSO's investigation and ends only after a case is finalized in the court system. Date of Report: January 21, 2026

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