

# Midtown Public Safety Report

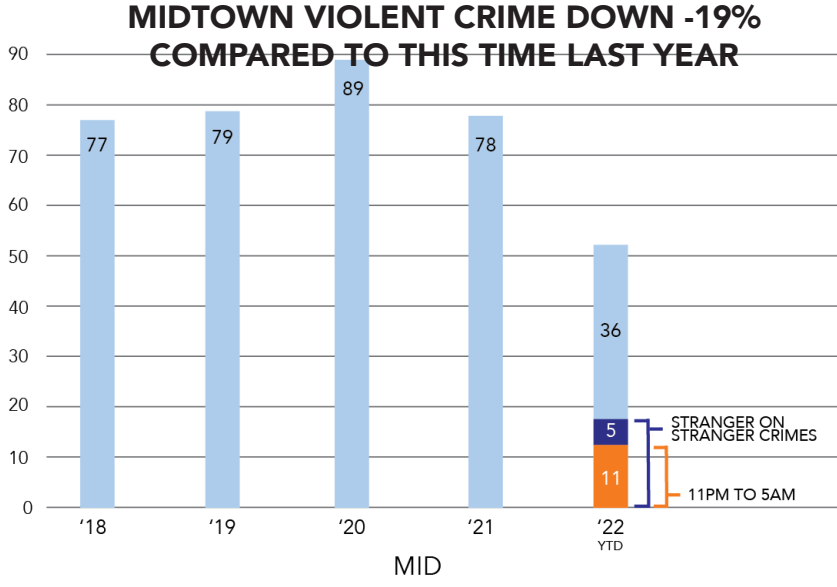
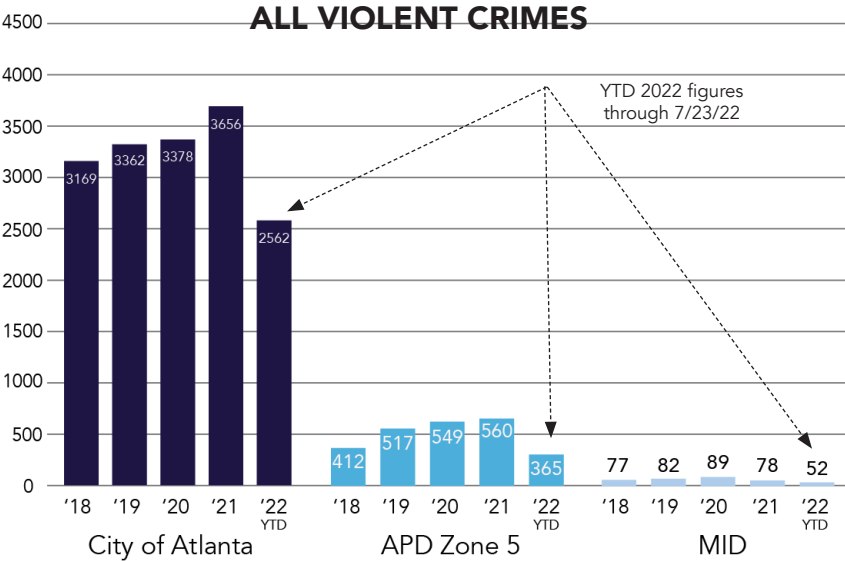
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## Overall violent crime is down -19% YTD in Midtown.

Midtown remains one of the safest places in Atlanta. The district benefits from continuous patrolling and monitoring via Midtown Blue’s supplemental public safety program and the efforts of agency partners including Atlanta Police Department (APD), Fulton County Sheriff’s Dept., Ga Tech Police, Emory Police, MARTA PD and private security partners. Here’s how specific crimes compare in Atlanta, APD Zone 5 and the 1.2 square mile Midtown Improvement District:



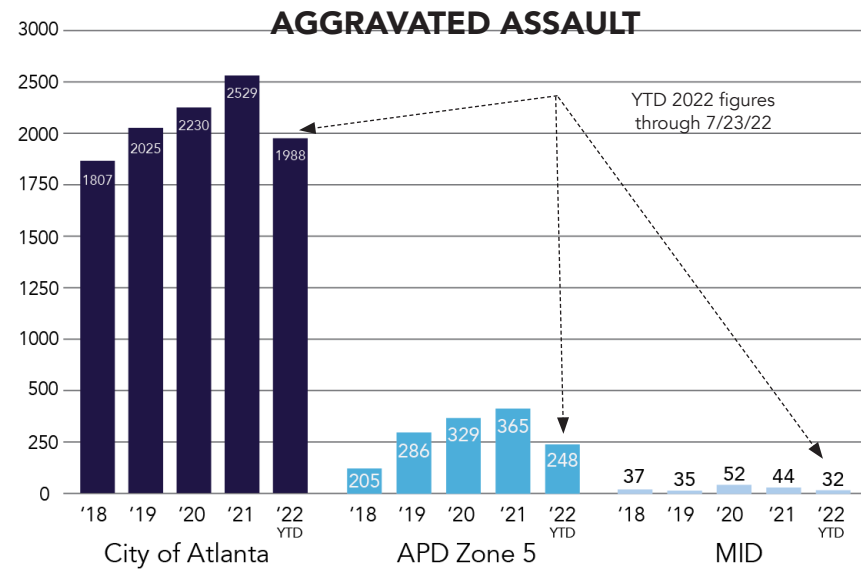
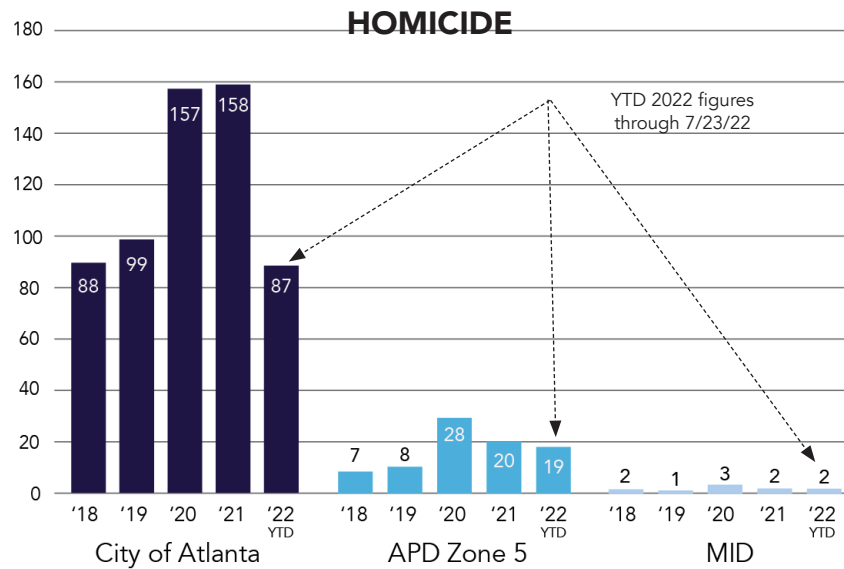
### VIOLENT CRIME TRENDS BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA



- **Violent crime is down -77% since 1990 in the City of Atlanta.**
- **An estimated 60,000+ individuals currently live in, work in, or visit Midtown daily. So far this year, only 16 crimes that are considered “stranger on stranger” have occurred in Midtown.** The overwhelming number of violent crimes in Midtown and the city involve people that knew each other or a fight that escalated.

About this Report: The U.S. Justice Dept. collects data about Part I offenses to measure serious crime. Each month, contributing public safety agencies submit info. Data in this report is sourced from Atlanta Police Department reports through July 23, 2022 and covers the 1.2 square mile Midtown Improvement District (MID).

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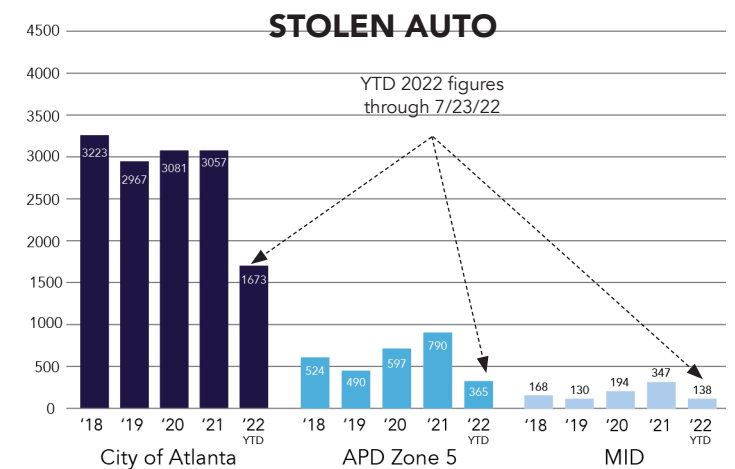
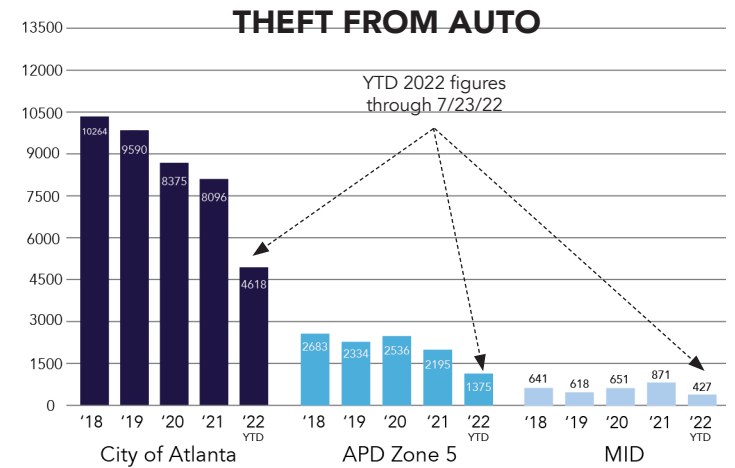
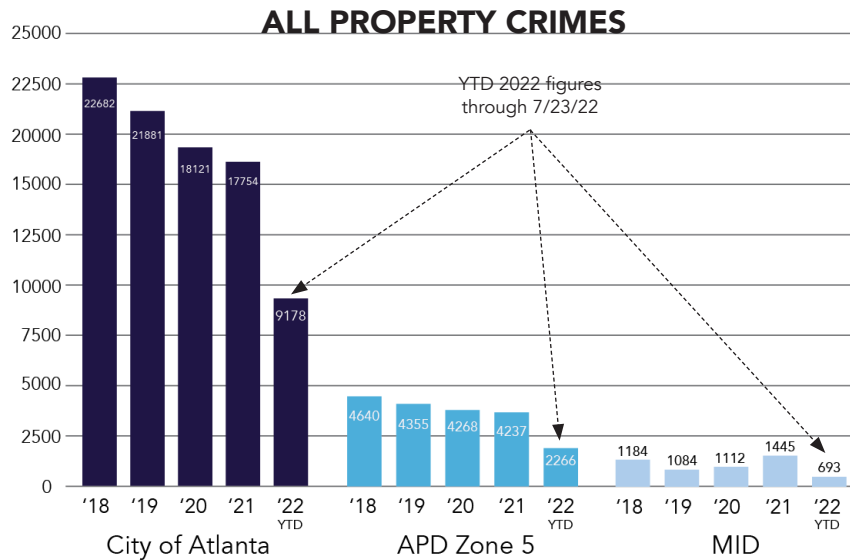
- YTD homicides are up 7% citywide and 171% in APD Zone 5. The MID has experienced two homicides YTD. Both appear to have been targeted incidents where the perpetrator knew the victim and one occurred inside a car. Arrests were made in both incidents.
- Through the first half of 2022, there have been 32 aggravated assaults in the MID, a -9% decrease from the same period last year. In all of these incidents, the victim had some prior interaction with the attacker. Many times, an argument escalated into a fight that resulted in an aggravated assault. 18 of the 32 incidents occurred between 11pm - 5am.

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Property crime is down -24% YTD in Midtown.  
 Property crime makes up 93% of the overall crime in Midtown.

## NON-VIOLENT PROPERTY CRIME TRENDS IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA



- **Property crime is down -70% since 1990 in the City of Atlanta.**
- **Property crime involving cars comprises 81% of all Midtown property crime.**
- **Theft from vehicle (car break-ins) is down YTD -20% in the MID this year.** The city overall and Zone 5 have experienced an increase. The vast majority of these crimes are easily preventable. On average, ~85% of larcenies from vehicles involved valuables left in plain sight.
- **Stolen auto incidents are down -39% year-over-year in the MID.** The city is experiencing a -6% overall decrease in stolen autos compared to last year. Zone 5 shows a -23% decrease.
  - **In 2021, 67% of the stolen vehicle incidents in Midtown were preventable** as they involved illegally parked vehicles that either had a key fob left inside the vehicle or the vehicle was left running and unattended.
  - Midtown Blue has been working proactively with property managers, delivery drivers and APD to reduce stolen autos.

## Quality of Life in Midtown:

**Despite low numbers of people experiencing homelessness in Midtown, our outreach efforts in the district have escalated in 2022 to help 40+ people begin the process to get housing.**

### **Background:**

**Fewer than 50 people are sheltering within the Midtown Improvement District, compared to 700+ in Downtown.**

- An October 2021 count in the 1.2 square-mile Midtown Improvement District showed there were 49 people experiencing homelessness\* who were sheltering (sleeping at night) inside the MID on a daily basis. This figure was down by almost one-third compared to the same count we did in late-2020. The next count in Midtown will take place this fall.
- During the day, this number expands to an estimated 125-150 people due to churches and organizations that offer services including food, documentation, access to health services, counseling and other supportive services.
- For perspective, the four-square mile area of downtown counts 700+ homeless inside their area on a daily basis.

**Our staff interact daily with people experiencing homelessness to check on their well-being and offer help.**

Midtown Blue personnel are trained to gain trust, assist and connect people to support services.

**This year, we brought a dedicated full-time case manager to work in Midtown with people in need.**

- Homeless outreach organizations do not focus on Midtown. They mobilize their limited resources on areas of the city that experience for more homelessness challenges. For this reason, we expanded our outreach work in 2022 via a partnership with Intown Collaborative Ministries to fund a full-time case manager to work exclusively inside the MID and work with individuals willing to accept assistance.

*We pick a topic to highlight for each of our summaries. In this report, we call attention to ongoing homeless outreach efforts in the district.*

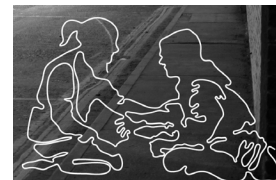
### **Recent Progress:**

**Year-to-date, we have enrolled 40+ people into support programs:**

- 30 are on a waiting list with the City of Atlanta's agency, Partners for Home, to receive housing when available.
- 11 are fully documented and ready to receive their residence when it is available. Six more are close to being fully documented.

**Getting people to accept help is a process.**

- One of our key learnings in doing this work is that most people experiencing homelessness are not immediately receptive to services or temporary shelter.
- Often, people experiencing homelessness decline offers for shelter or medical treatment because they do not want to accept limits on their freedom (mandatory curfews, medical testing, limits on possessions, etc).
- It can take an average of 15+ encounters with a person experiencing homelessness — over many months — before enough trust is established to where they are willing to accept services. However, these timeframes can be shorter because of the prior relationships Midtown Blue staff have built with people and the work of the outreach specialist.



**Read more in Midtown Alliance's "Untangling Homelessness" investigative series.**

**[MidtownATL.com/Homeless](https://MidtownATL.com/Homeless)**

\*Homelessness is a situation, not a defining characteristic of a person. For this reason, our report uses the phrase "people experiencing homelessness" rather than "homeless people" or "the homeless."