

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

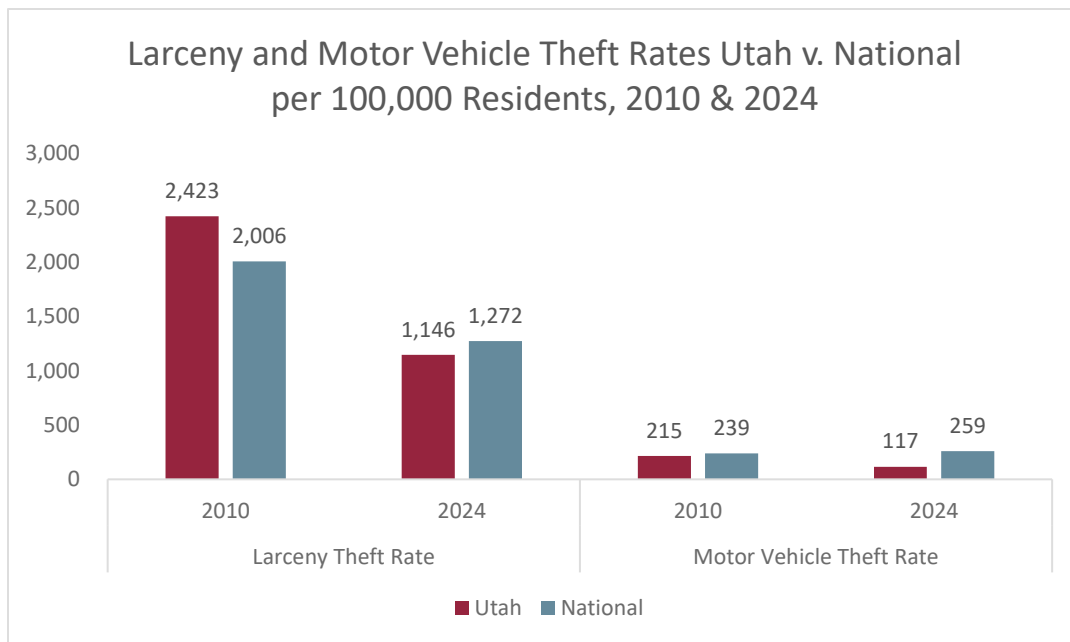
Theft in Utah

Is theft increasing in Utah?

- **No.** The larceny theft rate in Utah declined steadily from 2010 to 2024 and was **65% lower** in 2024 than in 2015.
- **No.** Utah's motor vehicle theft rate **decreased by 46%** from 2010 to 2024.

How does Utah compare to the national average theft rate?

- While the national larceny-theft rate decreased by 37% from 2010 to 2024, Utah's larceny-theft **rate was lower than the national rate in 2024.**
- Utah's motor vehicle theft rate decreased from 2010 to 2024 while the national rate increased by 8%. **Utah's motor vehicle theft rate was lower than the national rate in 2022, 2023, and 2024.**



Have Utah's theft rates mirrored national trends since the COVID-19 pandemic?

- **No.** Although the national narrative is that theft has increased over the past few years due to the pandemic, in Utah, larceny-theft rates **decreased by 38%** from 2020 to 2024, and the national rate decreased by 9% during the same period.
- **No.** Utah's motor vehicle theft rate **decreased by 63%** from 2020 to 2024, whereas the national rate increased by 5%.
- **No.** The stolen property offense rate **decreased by 40%** in Utah from 2020 to 2024, compared with a 15% increase in the national rate over the same period.
- **No.** The national shoplifting rate was 5.8x higher in 2024 compared to 2010, while Utah's shoplifting rate was 1.9x higher. In addition, Utah has experienced a **6% decrease** in shoplifting rates since 2020, compared to **the 42% increase** in the **national rate** over the same period.

Did the Smart on Crime policies increase theft?

- **No.** While larceny-theft rates decreased only 6% from 2010 to 2015, they **decreased by 50%** after the enactment of Smart on Crime Policies in 2015.
- Shoplifting rates increased by 62% from 2010 to 2015 but only saw an 18% increase since the passage of the Smart on Crime policies in 2015 to 2024. From 2015 to 2024, national shoplifting rates increased by 209%.
- **No.** Motor vehicle theft rates were also **60% lower** in 2024 than in 2015.

Sources:

Federal Bureau of Investigation, Crime Data Explorer.