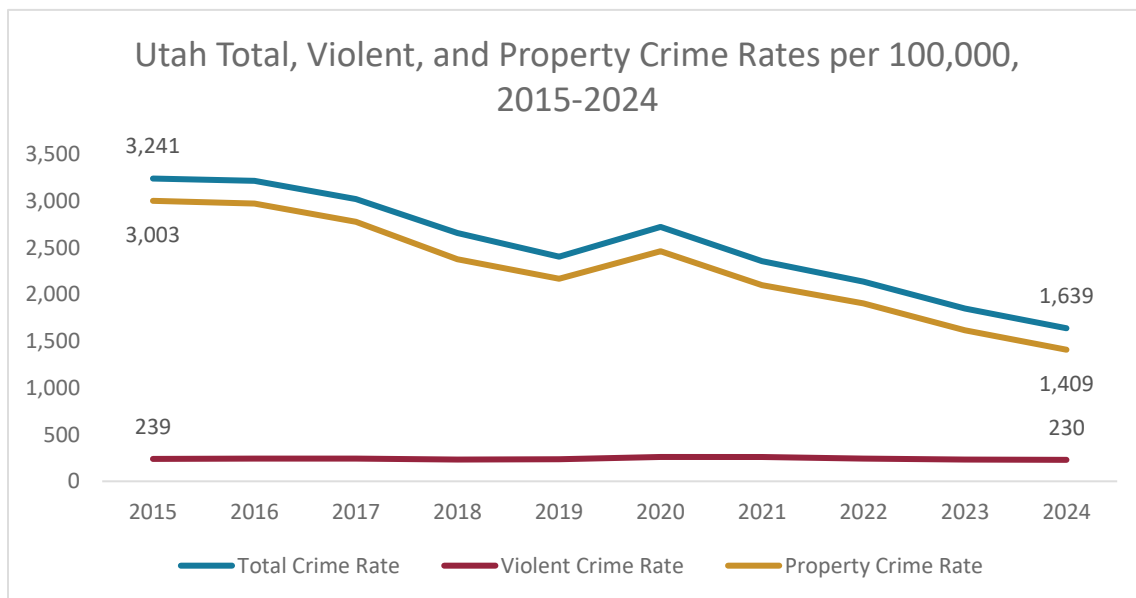


## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### Crime in Utah

#### What are Utah’s recent crime trends?

- Utah’s crime rates have declined over the last decade. Between 2015 and 2024, Utah’s **total crime rate decreased by 49%**, driven by a steep decline in property crime.
- During this period, the **property crime rate declined by 53%**, and the **violent crime rate decreased by 4%**.

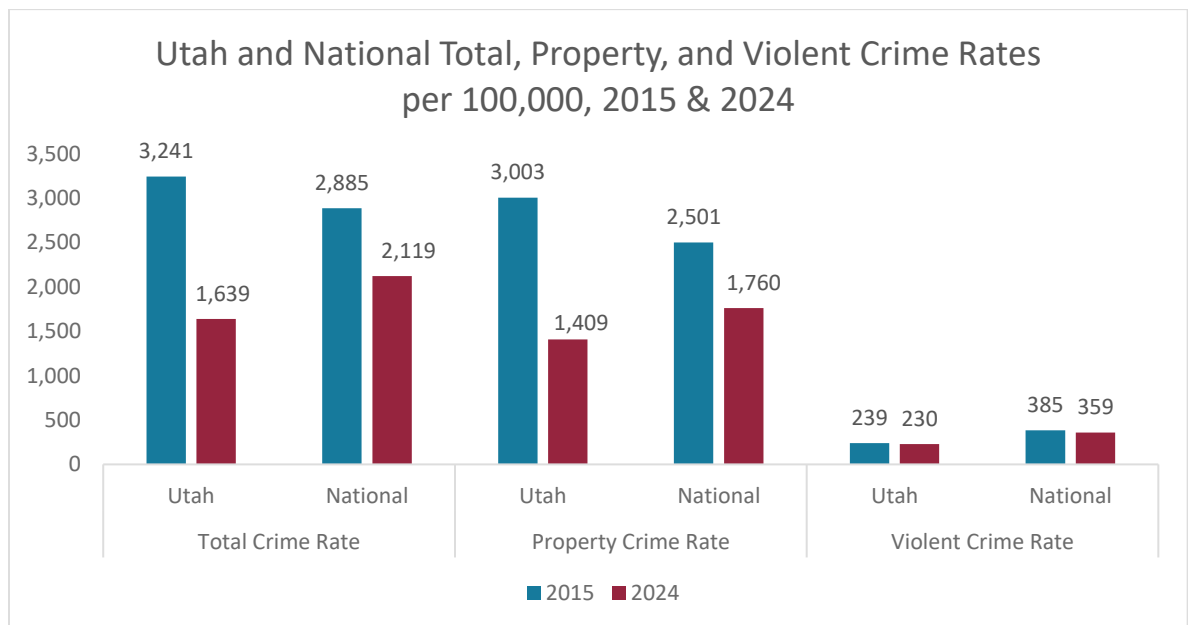


#### What are the crime trends since the 2015 Smart on Crime policies?

- Since the passage of Smart on Crime policies, Utah’s total crime rate decreased by 49%, and its violent crime rate decreased by 4%.
- Admissions to prison for violent offenses increased by 36%, as Utah’s Smart on Crime policies focused prison beds on violent offenders.
- Historically, Utah’s crime rate fluctuations have mirrored national trends; however, in 2022, 2023, and 2024, all of Utah’s crime rates were lower than national rates.

## How do Utah's crime rates compare to national trends?

- From 2010 to 2015, Utah mirrored national trends with a decrease in total crime and property crime rates. However, these declines were modest in Utah (5% and 6% compared to 14% and 16% nationally, respectively), and Utah's violent crime rate increased by 12% while the national rate decreased by 5%.
- Since 2015, Utah has experienced **decreases in all crime rate types**, outpacing national declines.
- From 2015 to 2024, Utah saw a 49% decrease in total crime, a 4% decrease in violent crime, and a 53% decrease in property crime.
  - Nationally, the total crime rate fell by 27%, with violent crime down by 7%, and property crime down by 30% during this period.
- In 2022, 2023, and 2024, **all of Utah's crime rates were lower than the national rates**.
- Since the COVID-19 pandemic, Utah has seen **a more dramatic decrease in crime rates** than the rest of the nation. Utah's total crime rate decreased by 40%, the violent crime rate decreased by 12%, and property crime rates decreased by 43%, while nationally, all three rates decreased by 10%, respectively.



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