

Crime Rate

The Brownsville Police Department is committed to providing proactive, professional, and effective public safety and community service. Their actions are guided by integrity and fairness for the enhancement of the quality of life in the City of Brownsville.

The Police Department participates in the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, which is the reporting of seven index crimes, thus making it possible for measurement and analysis of the crime index.

Brownsville Crime Rate				
Offense	2013	2012	+/-	%
Murder	1	3	-2	-66.7
Rape	61	38	+23	+60.5
Robbery	136	125	+11	+8.8
Aggravated Assault	275	307	-32	-10.4
Burglary	1,140	1,145	-5	+13.48
Theft	6,441	6,986	-545	-0.43
Motor Vehicle Theft	257	206	+51	+24.7
Totals	8,311	8,810	-499	-5.6

Source: Brownsville Police Department - Annual Report 2013. Published July 2014

The seven index crimes are categorized as crimes against persons or property, crimes. In 2013, there were a total of 8,311 index crimes in the City of Brownsville as compared to 8,810 in 2012.

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program publishes the Crime in the United States Report. Crime in the United States is the most comprehensive analysis of violent crime and property crime in the nation. The annual publication compiles volume and rate of crime offenses for the nation, the states, and many cities and counties.

Below you can see how Brownsville's metropolitan areas (MSA) crime statistics compared to other MSA's. Please note, all data is annual from the most recent FBI's Crime in the United States report. Violent and Property crime figures are the actual number of offenses that were reported.

2012 Crime Rate (Comparison between U.S. MSA's of similar population count)				
State	MSA	Population	Violent Crime	Property Crime

Texas	Brownsville	420,325	1,080	16,754
North Carolina	Asheville	433,267	965	12,010
Mississippi	Flint	422,387	3,830	15,345
Indiana	Fort Wayne	420,767	1,057	11,800
Alabama	Huntsville	427,189	2,228	14,292
Texas	Killeen	417,760	1,495	7,763
Alabama	Mobile	414,233	2,287	17,807
California	Salinas	425,810	1,866	10,298
California	Santa Maria	430,836	1,643	10,164
California	Vallejo	420,333	1,850	13,227

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation - 2012 Crime in the United States Report

Violent crime category includes murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Property crimes include burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft.

2013 Crime Rate (Comparison between Texas MSA'S)			
MSA	Population	Violent Crime	Property Crime
College Station	235,092	934	6,304
Waco	260,350	1,051	9,061
Brownsville	420,325	1,080	16,754
Corpus Christi	437,841	2,458	14,513
McAllen	809,759	2,585	30,517
El Paso	836,557	3,319	19,361
Austin	1,810,230	5,299	62,113
San Antonio	2,227,800	8,700	104,406
Dallas-Plano	4,405,585	14,371	136,399
Houston	6,150,496	34,534	164,678
Dallas-Fort Worth	6,680,025	23,017	212,023

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation - 2012 Crime in the United States Report

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