



POSITIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF NATIONAL GUARD IN WASHINGTON, DC

November, 2025

- On August 11, 2025, President Trump issued Executive Order 14333, “Declaring a Crime Emergency in the District of Columbia,” which enabled President Trump to order the National Guard troops into Washington, D.C., to assist local police.
- At the time of the Executive Order, crime in the District of Columbia was rampant:
 - “Higher violent crime, murder, and robbery rate than all 50 States, recording a homicide rate in 2024 of 27.54 per 100,000 residents.” (Federal Register, 2025).
 - “The Nation’s highest vehicle theft rate with 842.4 thefts per 100,000 residents — over three times the national average of 250.2 thefts per 100,000 residents.”
- As of late August, close to 2,000 Guardsmen from National Guard units of Washington, D.C., West Virginia, South Carolina, Ohio, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Tennessee were working with federal agencies and the District of Columbia police.
- The results of the troop deployment have been remarkable (Metropolitan Police Department):
 - Overall crime in D.C. fell by 27% from August 11 through October 15, 2025, relative to that same period in 2024.
 - Homicides decreased by 61%, saving 23 lives.
 - Robberies decreased by 54%, preventing 231 violent crimes.
 - Motor vehicle thefts decreased by 53%, preventing 534 thefts.

The total reductions in crime have led to savings of more than \$450 million so far, using per-unit societal cost estimates of crime (McCollister et al., 2010).



WASHINGTON, D.C., CRIME DURING NATIONAL GUARD DEPLOYMENT COMPARED TO PREVIOUS YEAR

	8/11/2024 - 10/15/2024	8/11/2025 - 10/15/2025	# Decrease	% Decrease
Total Crime	5,647	4,116	1,531	27%
All Violent Crime	638	401	237	37%
Homicide	38	15	23	61%
Sex Abuse	12	19	-7	-58%
Assault w/Dangerous Weapon	163	173	-10	-6%
Robbery	425	194	231	54%
All Property Crime	5,009	3,715	1,294	26%
Burglary	223	133	90	40%
Theft f/Auto	1,248	811	437	35%
Theft/Other	2,523	2,291	232	9%
Motor Vehicle Theft	1,014	480	534	53%
Arson	1	0	1	100%

Source: Metroplitan Police Department

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