

Crime in Los Angeles

Violent crime in L.A. jumps for third straight year as police deal with gang, homeless issues

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- Crime has been steadily increasing in LA County
- According to the LAPD, violence is the second leading cause of death for young people in America
- Juvenile violence and crime triple in the hour immediately after school

Datasets

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Source: City of Los Angeles

- Crime Data from 01/01/2010 to 09/09/2017
- ~237000 rows, 26 cols (53mb)
- Victim age 18 and under
- Includes type of crime, location, victim sex/age/ethnicity, crime status (continuing investigation/criminal arrested, etc.), modus operandi codes (stolen goods, vandalism,etc.)
- Los Angeles district shapefiles

https://www.kaggle.com/cityofLA/crime-in-los-angeles/data

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Map of Locations in Los Angeles

Source: County of Los Angeles Open Data

- Locations of points (latitudes, longitude) of interest in LA county
- Parks, libraries, schools, other govt facilities, etc.

https://data.lacounty.gov/Administration/Map-of-Locations-Points-of-Interest/m2sb-tzx8



Tasks

Problem/Question	Solution
Not much is known about LA crimes involving youth victims (< 19 year olds).	Create Crime Watch, a tool to explore and present crimes geographically, by crime type, over time, and crime which is dynamic and interactive
Working with different data types, how will the data be integrated?	Process data, interpret shapefiles files properly, and join on district ids (thankfully data wrangling is minimal).
Which schools are in the most dangerous locations?	Develop a geographic visual to select a school location and specify the radius of interest, this will allow for understanding the incidences of crime within a certain radius from the school.
Which districts in the county should city government pay more attention to?	Overlay of districts on Crime Watch highlight problem areas where the city may want to devote resources to improving.
How have districts in the county changed over time in regards to incidences and rates of crime involving youth victims?	An animated heatmap of LA country over time will display how and where crime has evolved?

Implementation



Application Dominant



- Year
- Crime
- Crime Status
- Victim (Age, Sex, Ethnicity)

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- District
- etc.

*Filter bar will be hidden using menu bar

General Layout

Key Visualization

By district
By radius from point
Overall death tolls
Rates over time

Callout Metrics/KPIs:

- Top crimes by category
- Most dangerous district
- Number of deaths
- Number of crime incidents by category
- etc.

Select locations (schools, parks, etc.)

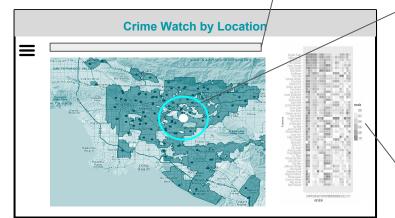
*Distance mapping with radius filter

Dynamic cross filtering

Crime Watch by District







Heatmap of crimes by type

Stakeholders









Policy makers

