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Summary: Violent crime fell 2.6% in big US cities and a few of the largest suburban counties in 2023 after three consecutive years of increases, with homicides down 10.4%. But both remained higher than before the pandemic in 2019. That's according to new statistics from the Major Cities Chiefs Association, which paint a somewhat different picture of the past few years than the crime data maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. According to the FBI, total violent crime — homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault — rose in 2020 but fell in 2021 and 2022, and if it falls at the 8.2% rate it did over the first nine months of 2023 (full-year FBI data won't be available for a while yet), it will hit its lowest level relative to population since 1969. The difference is mainly because the pandemic crime wave was concentrated in big cities while the FBI data cover suburbs, small towns, and rural areas, too. Related: [The Collapse of Broken-Windows Policing in New York City, Los Angeles, and Washington, DC, 2013–22](#) and [New York's Subways Have Less Crime but More Violence and Spotty Crime Data Make It Hard to Judge Public Safety](#)

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