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Summary: A Council on Criminal Justice analysis of data from 39 cities that have been consistently reporting monthly crime statistics for the past six years found that homicides, robberies and aggravated assaults were all down in the first half of this year relative not just to last year but to the first half of 2019. In the 277 cities from which AH DataLytics collects high-frequency data, murders were down 17.6% as of mid-August relative to the same period last year — a decline that if it (1) holds up for the full year and (2) turns out to be representative of murders nationwide would mean the national murder rate would have retraced all of its rise in 2020 and 2021 and then some. Over the decades, the [National Crime Victimization] survey's findings have mostly paralleled the FBI's crime numbers, but the 2022 edition found a marked increase in violent crime victimization over 2020 and 2021 even as reported violent crime fell. I'm betting it will have fallen back again in 2023. If it doesn't, like many Americans, I'll get a little more skeptical of the crime decline.

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