



# CRIME

## IN BATON ROUGE

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# Baton Rouge: A City in Conflict

## Key Events in 2016:

**July 5**

Alton Sterling shooting

**Following Days**

Protests and arrests of ~200 people

**July 17**

Attack on police officers

## Systemic Challenges

- Lingering effects of systemic racism
- Segregation and income inequality
- Strained police-community relations

## Our Focus

**Exploring crime data in three dimensions:**

1. Geography: Where is crime most prevalent?
2. Time: How has crime changed over time?
3. Systemic Analysis: Where is data missing?





# DATASET DESCRIPTION



## Baton Rouge Police

Crime Incidents  
1/1/2021 - 7/16/2024



## Baton Rouge Legacy

Crime Incidents  
1/1/2011 - 12/31/2020



## East Baton Rouge Parish

Combined crime incidents  
for city and parish  
1/1/2021 - 7/16/2024



## NOAA Weather

Weather data for  
Baton Rouge  
metropolitan area  
1/1/2011 - 7/19/2024

# DATA CLEANING PROCESS



Baton Rouge

Combined legacy and  
current datasets



East Baton Rouge  
Parish

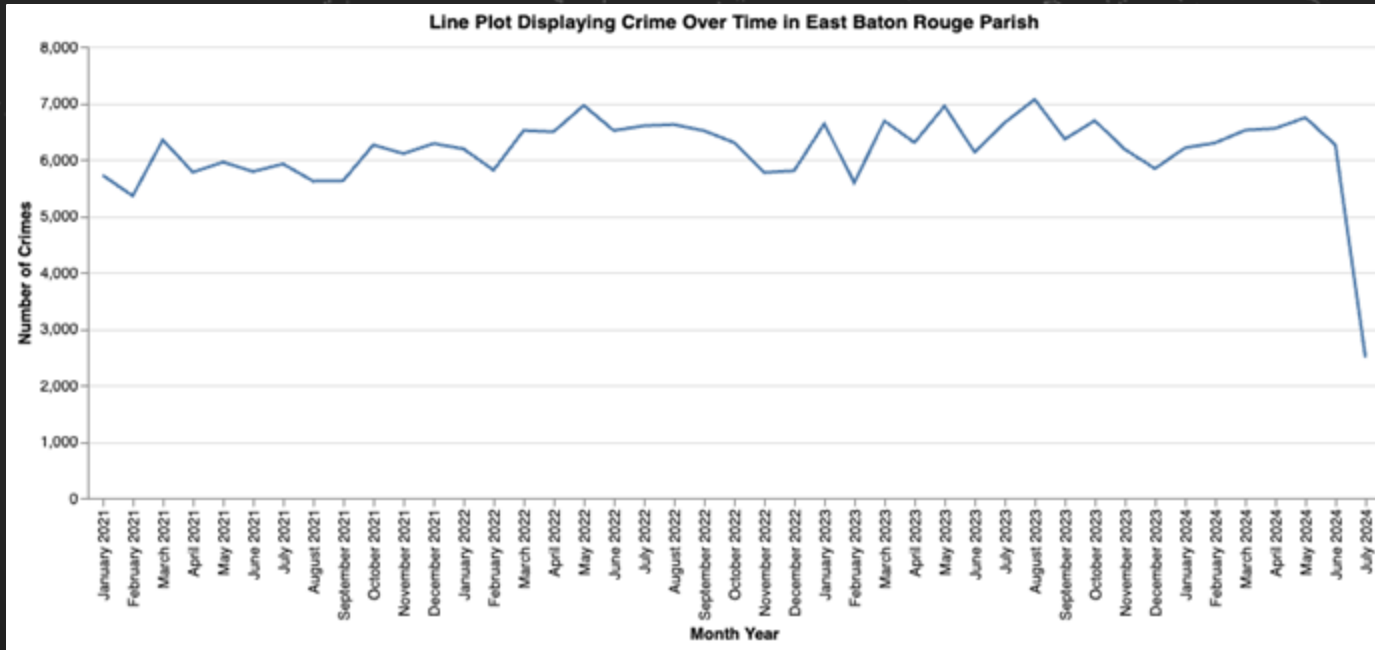
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Weather

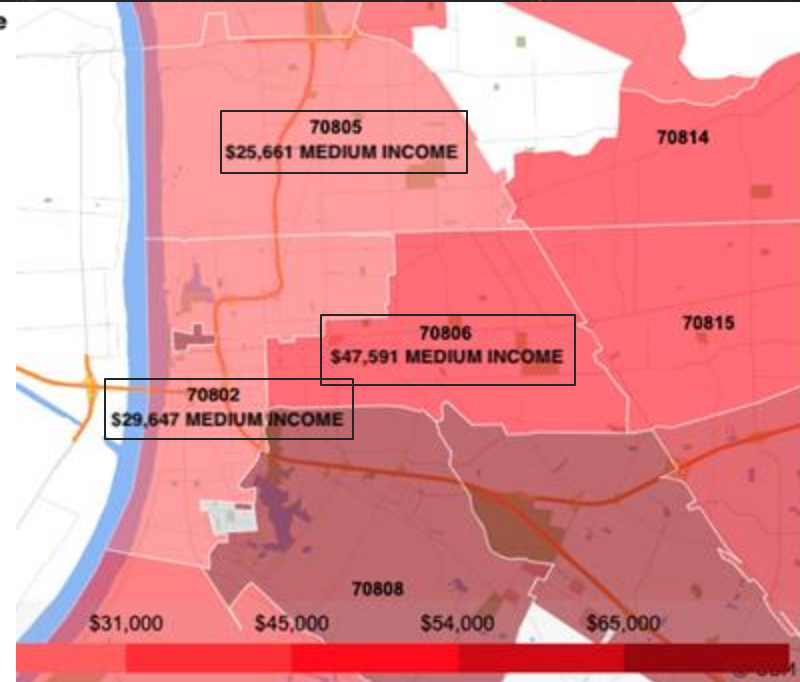
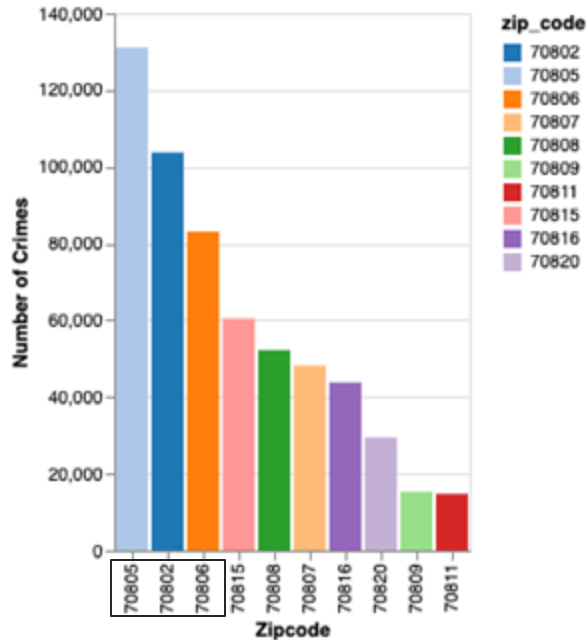
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# OVERALL TRENDS

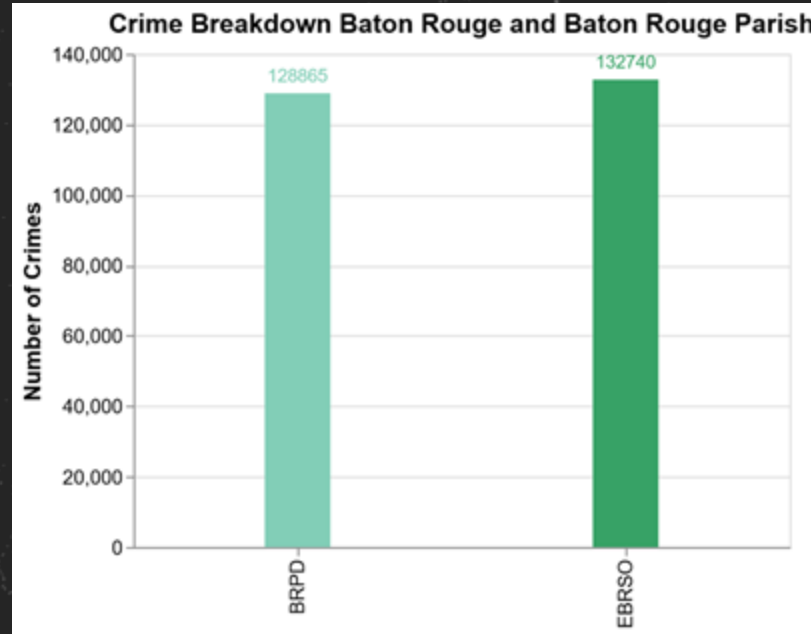


# Geographical Analysis of Crime in Baton Rouge

Bar Plot Displaying Zipcodes with Highest Crime Rates in Baton Rouge

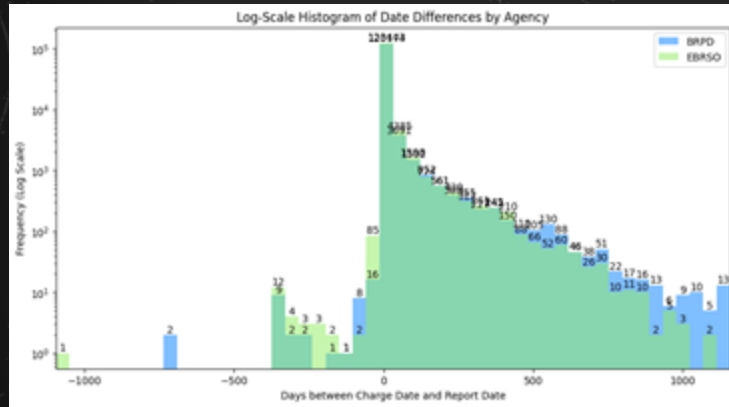


# Systemic Analysis: Agency Reporting





# Systemic Analysis: Charge Date vs. Report Date



## Log-Scale

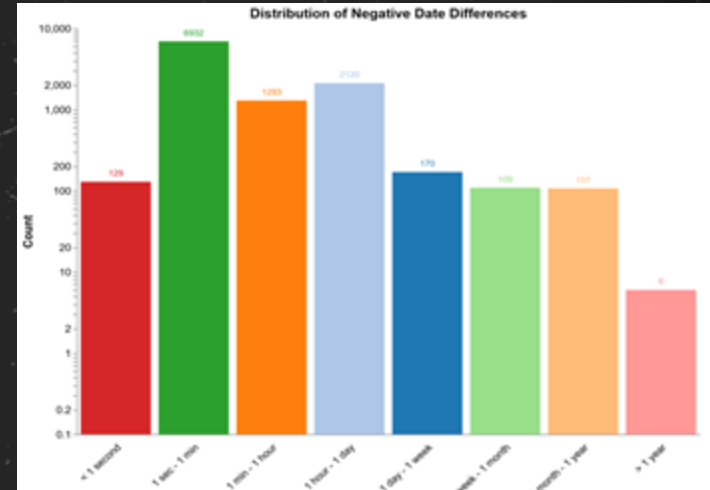
Due to huge  
dataset

## Negative Values

(Report filed before incident  
charged)

**~7,000**  
**Cases**  
<1 minute  
discrepancy  
**3,400**  
**Cases**  
1 minute to 1 day  
discrepancy

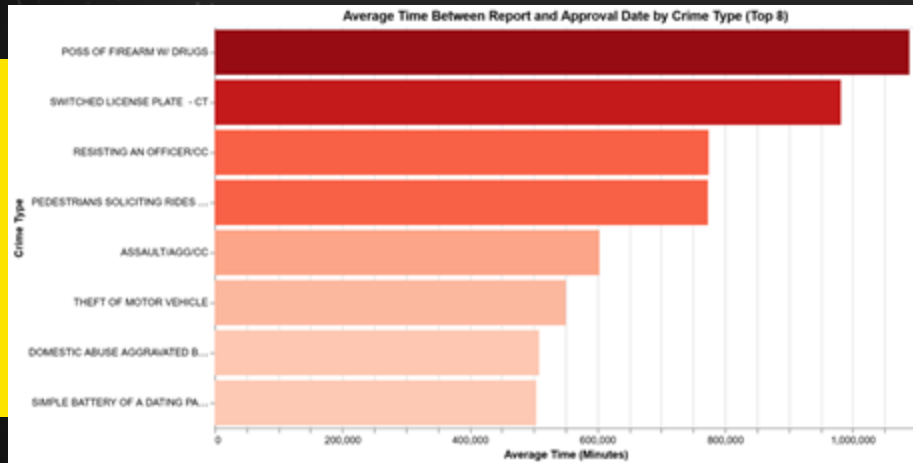
**~390**  
**Cases**  
Larger Discrepancy  
(data entry?)



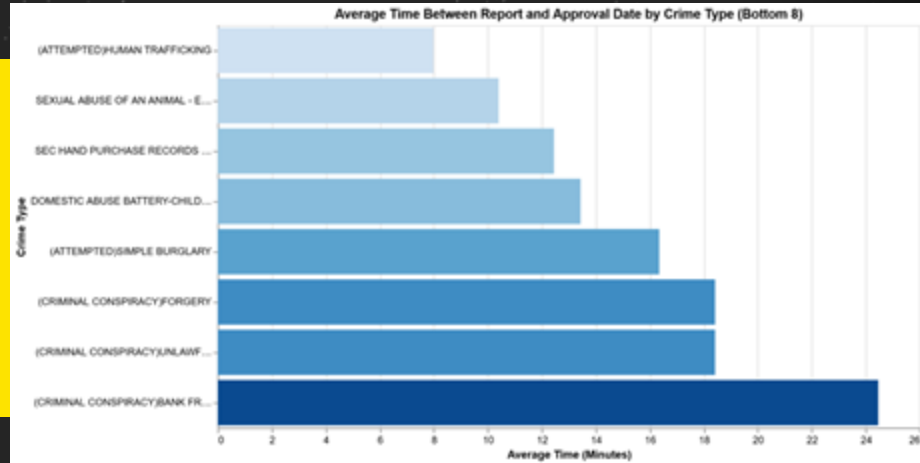


# Systemic Analysis: Report Approval Delays

## Top Delays by Crime Type



## Lowest Delays by Crime Type



**Top Delay by District: District 1 .**

Average delay = 38 days

# POPULAR CRIMES

## BATON ROUGE

### OTHER

140,300 crimes  
23%



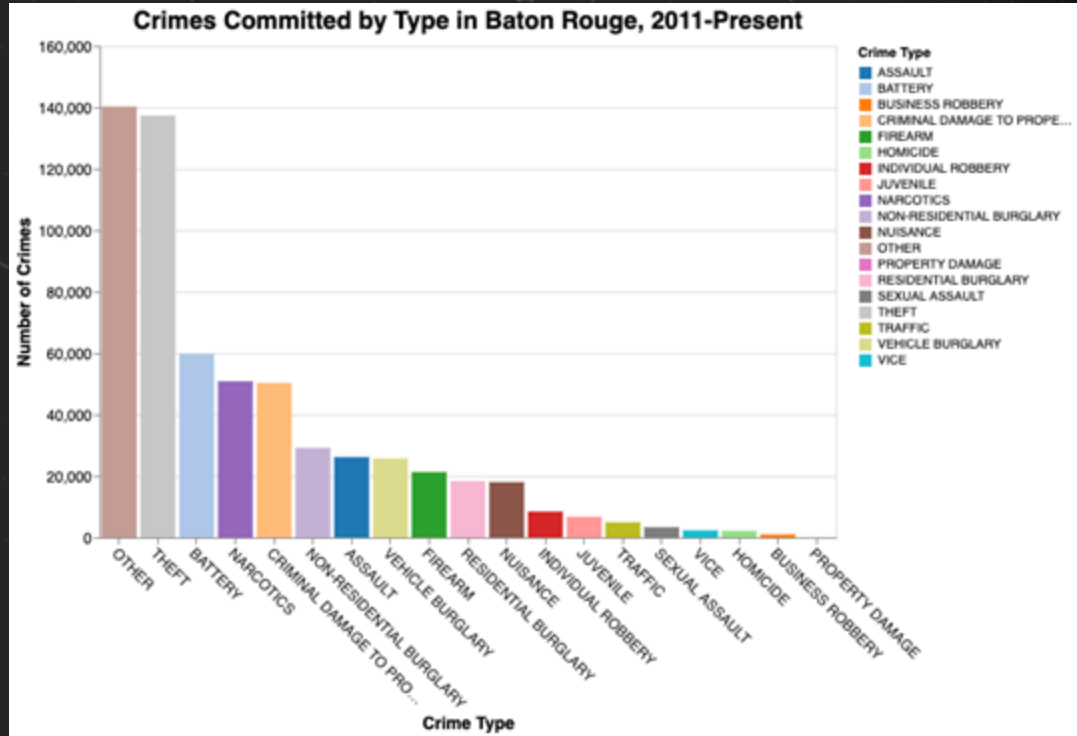
### THEFT

137,362 thefts  
22.6%

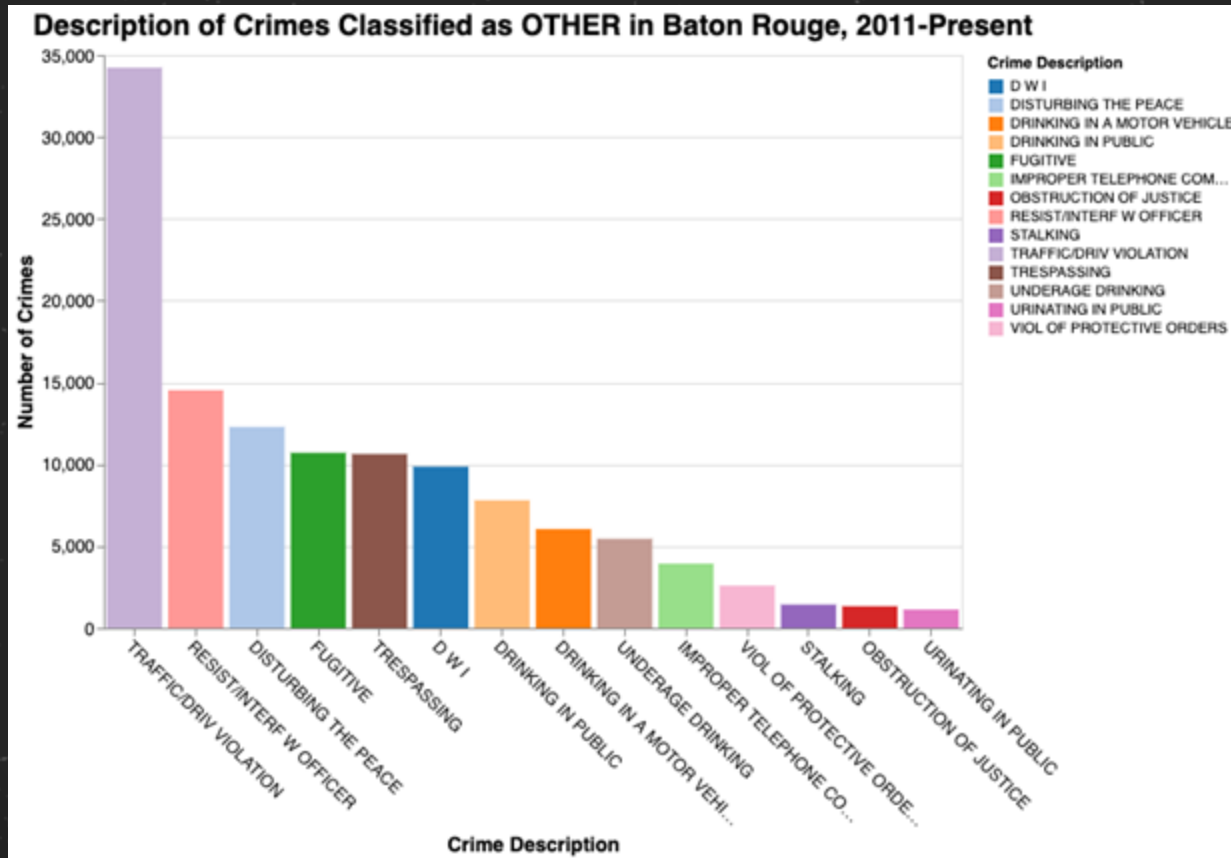


### BATTERY

59,757 batteries  
9.8%

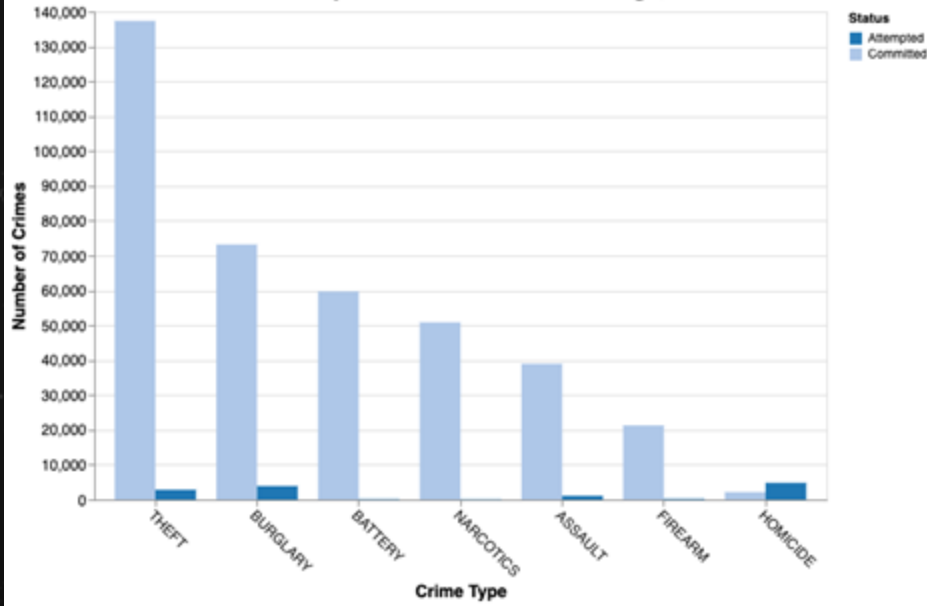


# STATUTE CATEGORY: OTHER

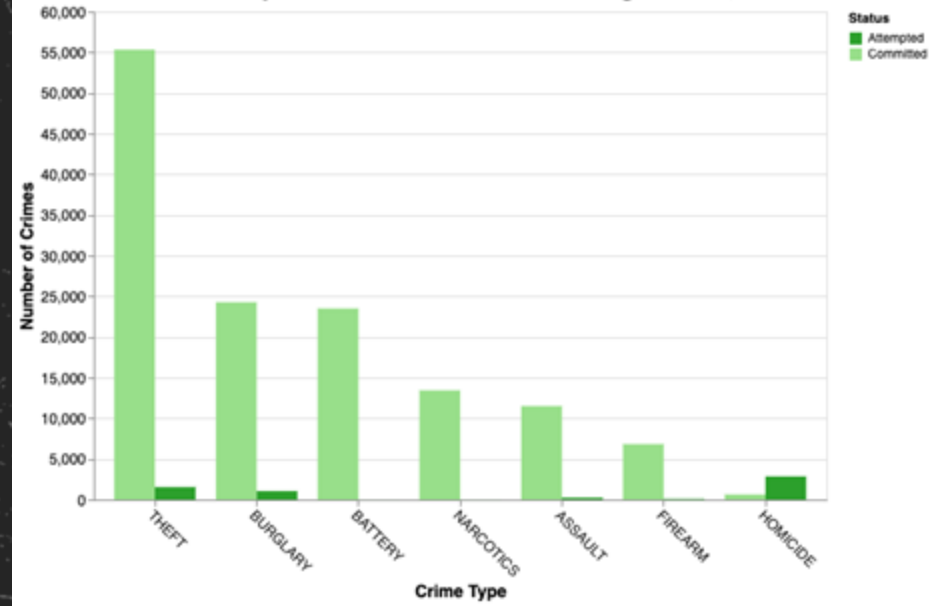


# COMMITTED vs ATTEMPTED CRIMES

Committed vs Attempted Crimes in Baton Rouge, 2011-Present

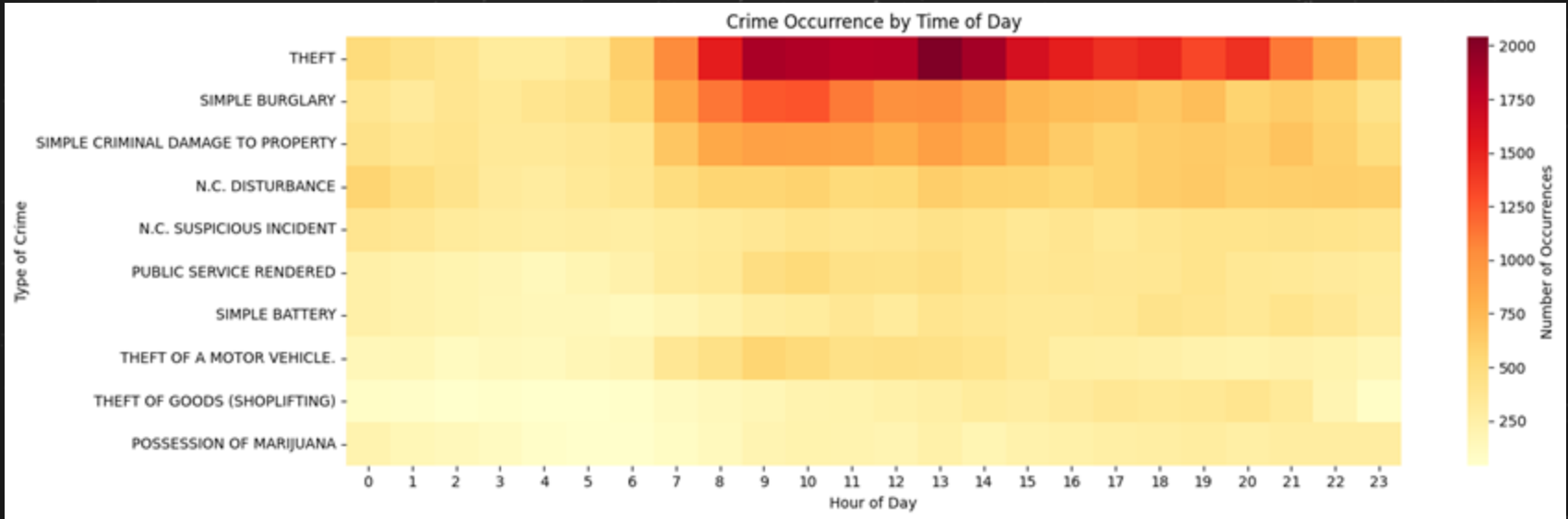


Committed vs Attempted Crimes in East Baton Rouge Parish, 2021-Present



# CRIME OCCURRENCE

By Time of Day



**31.4%**

**Afternoon**

**29.0%**

**Morning**

**25.9%**

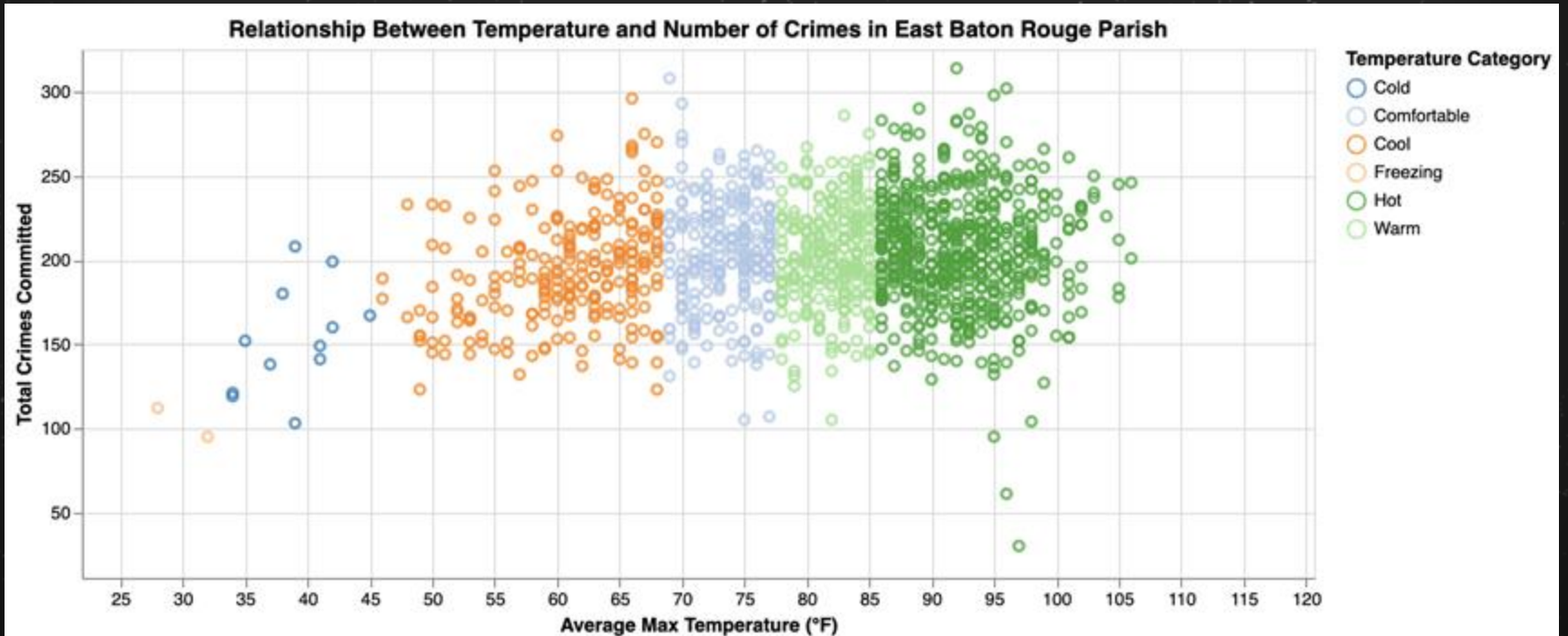
**Evening**

**13.7%**

**Afternoon**

# CRIME FREQUENCY

By Average Max Temperature

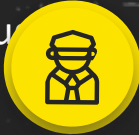


# CONCLUSION & SUMMARY



## MAJOR FINDINGS:

- Increasing overall crime rates in East Baton Rouge Parish
- We identified a crime hotspot in Baton Rouge which has a lower median income than other zip codes in the city
- "other" and theft are most common crimes
- Most crimes occur during daylight hours
- Temperature correlates with crime rates
- Systemic delays in crime reporting and processing



## FUTURE RESEARCH:

- Investigate crime reporting vs. occurrence timing
- Study long-term weather effects on crime, particularly hurricane conditions
- Examine police response times and prevention strategies