Los Angeles Crime Report – Analysis of Reported Crimes from 2010-2019

(0) Executive Summary

This document summarizes an exploratory data analysis on Crime Data in Los Angeles from 2010 to 2019. Insights are drawn on the development of crime during that time frame as well as where, when and to whom crimes happen, by crime type as well as recommendations for further analysis. This document shall be a starting point to further develop courses of action.

(1) Background

The qualitative and quantitative study of crime and law enforcement data together with socio-demographic and geo-spatial factors is among others used to understand criminal behavior, prevent crime, and evaluate organizational procedures. In this document, we are analyzing crimes happening in the City of Los Angeles, USA between 2010 and 2019 reported to the Los Angeles Police Department since 2010.

(2) Objective

The purpose of this report is to give a comprehensive overview of the state of crime in Los Angeles with a focus on:

- Development of crime 2010-2019
- When, where and to whom do crimes happen

The analysis conducted provides valuable insights from which further analysis and possibly actions for crime prevention and detection can be inferred for both the City of LA as well as for other Cities.

(3) Approach

We performed an exploratory data analysis on a dataset provided by the City of Los Angeles. The underlying dataset is publicly available and contains 2.2MM reported crimes and 28 dimensions (variables). The Dataset is updated on a weekly basis and was pulled with last update as of February 10, 2021. Given the large scale of the dataset, we chose to perform the Analysis using Spark which is a unified analytics engine for large-scale data processing. The analyses were written mainly in PySpark and are available in the adjacent Jupyter notebook.

The dataset contained four main types of features: date-related, location-related, crime-related and victim-related features. The analysis was organized along the following steps for all four of these feature types:

- (a) Cleaning-Up the Data: the data is transcribed from original crime reports that are typed on paper and therefore some inaccuracies were possible. A few fields contained missing data, such as age or gender of the victim, which were hence flagged as well as inaccuracies corrected. Further, variables were transformed to represent correct datatypes.
- **(b) Creating new features:** we created several new features for further analysis, such as extracting date/time data from timestamps.
- (c) Performing Exploratory Data Analysis: using exploratory data analysis, we identified patterns and relationships in and between the data to derive meaningful insights.

(4) Results

The following presents main insights derived from the analysis of the crime dataset. We start with a general overview of how crime has developed from 2010 to 2019, overall and by crime type. This is then followed by a deeper look at the victims of crimes, crime locations and timing of crimes. Final, the analysis will be concluded by assessing the time between a crime occurring and reporting the crime.

(4.1) Crime Development 2010 – 2019

4.1.1 All Crimes

The number of crimes per 100k inhabitants in the City of Los Angeles had been decreasing between 2010 and 2013/14 and since then increased again until 2017 (*Figure 1*). Current figures indicate that the crime rate for 2018 and 2019 is at a lower level than previous years; however, we assume that some of these crimes have not yet been reported to the police and thus especially 2019 figures might still increase slightly in the months to come.

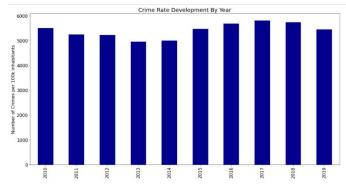


Figure 1: Number of crimes per 100k inhabitants, 2010-2019

4.1.2 By Crime Types

An analysis of the yearly development by crime type reveals that Property Crimes and Violent Crimes have been increasing by 6% respectively 8% since 2010 while Part II¹ crimes have decreased by 5%. In the past 5 years only, Property Crimes have been increasing by 14% and Violent Crimes by 16% while Part II crimes have remained fairly stable. (*Figure 2*)

Classification 1													
Property Crimes	89678	85944	87512	85465	83335	93621	98982	101615	101367	95013	-0.06	0.14	0.06
Violent Crimes	63134	60199	58734	54816	58900	64094	67252	70308	70356	68471	-0.03	0.16	0.08
Part II Crime	56322	54514	55189	52246	53161	57654	59051	58935	56868	53503	-0.06	0.01	-0.05

Figure 2: Development of Crime Types by year, 2010-2019

Figure 3 indicates that within **Violent Crimes**, crimes related to (1) "Aggravated Assault - Domestic Violence" have doubled in the past 5 years, almost quadrupled in the past 9 years, and (2) "Aggravated Assault" outside of Domestic Violence (DV) has increased by 29% in the past 5 years (+26% past 9 years). While both figures are highly concerning, further analysis

¹ The LA Police Department classifies crimes into either Part I or Part II crimes: Part I crimes are violent or property crimes, Part II Crimes are (among others) Fraud, Embezzlement, Vandalism, Weapons, Prostitution, Drug Abuse, Gambling, DUI, Liquor Laws, Disorderly Conduct, Suspicion, Runaways, etc..

is required in order to understand whether there has been truly an increase especially in DV or whether policies to encourage reporting DV are increasing the number of incidents being reported. We further observe a decrease in homicide rates (5 years: -1%, 9 years: -13%) however an increase in rape figures over the past 9 years (+15%). Assuming that still not all rapes of 2019 have been reported, we assume that the currently displayed 5 years decrease of -3% is unlikely to hold up.

Figure 3 further shows us that within **Property Crimes**, burglaries/theft from motor vehicles is driving the increase of overall increase in Property Crimes with a 5-year increase of +28% (9years: +12%).

	Classification_2	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	1y_growth	5y_growth	9y_growth
	Agg. Assault - Domestic Violence	1293	1270	1272	1354	2034	3914	4874	5655	5946	6114	10.03	2.01	3.73
Violent Crimes	Homicide	1296	1298	1298	251	1260	283	1296	282	1260	257	-0.01	-0.01	-0.13
Violent Crimes	Simple Assault - Domestic Violence	18990	0 18058	18082	16906	18842	19486	19235	19418	19381	18707	1-0.03	-0.01	-0.01
Violent Crimes	Robbery	110924	4 10055	18967	17868	7942	9004	10309	10823	10326	19633	1-0.07	0.21	-0.12
Violent Crimes	Agg. Assault	18802	18335	17849	17278	8618	10499	111128	11310	11065	11105	10.0	10.29	10.26
Miolent Crimes	Simple Assault	21334	4 20841	120790	119746	119425	18847	119222	120678	21327	120936	1-0.02	10.08	1-0.02
iolent Crimes	Rape	1495	1342	11476	1413	1779	2061	2188	2142	2051	1719	-0.16	1-0.03	0.15
Property Crimes	Other Theft	126204	4 26264	128072	127856	128543	31011	31145	30728	32532	32503	10.0	0.14	10.24
Property Crimes	Personal Theft	11289	1434	1531	1591	1388	1622	1854	2279	2298	2082	1-0.09	10.5	10.62
Property Crimes	Burglary	11747	7 17270	16402	15686	15130	16168	15757	116672	16020	13640	-0.15	-0.1	1-0.22
Property Crimes	MVT (GTA)	117073	3 15513	15199	14271	13982	16479	18818	19210	17452	15699	-0.1	0.12	1-0.08
Property Crimes	BTFV	127635	5 25463	126308	26061	124292	28341	31408	32726	133065	31089	1-0.06	0.28	0.12

Figure 3: Development of Crime Types by year, Part I Crimes (2010-2019)

With regard to Part II Crimes, we observe a strong increase in the category with the highest count of recorded crimes: vandalism (felony), which accounts for 24% of all 2019 Part II Crimes, has been increasing by +32% over the past 5 years (9years: +28%). The second largest category "Theft of Identity" with 17% of all Part II Crimes in 2019, is on the contrary decreasing by -32% since 2014 (-33% since 2010). However, given very low numbers for 2018 and even more so 2019, we are raising the question of whether all identity theft crimes have yet been reported.

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VANDALISM - FELONY (\$400 & OVER, ALL CHURCH VANDALISMS)													0.28
THEFT OF IDENTITY	13225	13435	14350	13438	12790	14988	13411	12454	10566	8872	-0.16	-0.31	-0.33
ANDALISM - MISDEAMEANOR (\$399 OR UNDER)	19941	10357	19778	19079	9105	8484	8807	18832	8486	7561	-0.11	-0.17	-0.24
RESPASSING	1413	1390	1612	11684	1617	2210	2520	12787	3216	3142	-0.02	0.94	1.22
IOLATION OF RESTRAINING ORDER	1417	1382	1525	1760	1964	1752	2086	12373	2508	2560	10.02	0.3	0.81
ETTERS, LEWD - TELEPHONE CALLS, LEWD	12758	2595	2443	12022	1957	1877	1736	11892	12008	1941	1-0.03	-0.01	-0.3
UNCO, GRAND THEFT	1232	337	402	435	1854	1860	1247	1288	1605	1863	0.16	1.18	7.03
THER MISCELLANEOUS CRIME	12987	12466	2317	12044	2010	1821	1676	11800	1878	1702	1-0.09	-0.15	-0.43
VIOLATION OF COURT ORDER	12608	12493	12209	11954	2191	1590	1813	1779	1719	1683	1-0.02	-0.23	-0.35
OCCUMENT FORGERY / STOLEN FELONY	12468	2445	2581	12680	2348	2421	2655	2211	1647	1378	-0.16	-0.41	-0.44

Figure 4: Development of Crime Types by year, Part II Crimes (2010-2019)

4.1.3 By Crime Description

We can also get an overview of the LA crime landscape by looking at the words most often used for describing the crimes committed in the dataset. A wordcloud indicates the frequency or significance of a word through its size. A wordcloud for the 2010-2019 LA crime data set indicates that crimes in one way or another related to the words "Sexual", "Grand", and "Theft" are most frequent, followed by "Calls", "Illegal", "Firearms", "Shots" etc.



Figure 5: Wordcloud of the words used to describe the crime (Crime Code Description), 2010-2019

(4.2) Who are the victims

4.2.1 By Gender

For reported victims of crimes, the ratio between men and women is fairly equal with slightly more men (2019: 44% of victims) than women (2019: 40% of victims; for 16% of victims gender is not given). *Figure 6.* This ratio has been fairly stable over the years; however, there seems to be an increase in not noting the gender of the victim in recent years. We recommend to urge police officers to document as much information as given (assuming victim identifies with provided gender categories).

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Figure 6: Gender of crime victims (abs, %), 2010-2019

While overall men and women seem to be almost equally likely to become a victim of a crime, this ratio differs significantly for different crime types (Figure 7). We observe for 2019 that women are more often a victim of domestic violence, rape and homicide than men whereas men are more often victims of aggravated and simple assaults as well as of robberies and most types of theft/burglary or stealing from a vehicle. Further, in the majority of cases of vehicle theft (MVT(GTA)) the gender of the victim is not noted down. Men and women appear to become a victim of a Part II Crimes almost equally often.

Classification_1		_2 			None
Violent Crimes	Rape				10.0
Violent Crimes	Homicide		10.02	10.1	null
Violent Crimes	Simple Assault	- Domestic Violence	5.81	12.74	10.071
Violent Crimes	Robbery		1.25	12.67	0.52
Violent Crimes	Agg. Assault		1.38	13.66	10.081
Violent Crimes	Simple Assault		4.37	5.1	0.17
Violent Crimes	Agg. Assault -	Domestic Violence	1.56	11.22	10.03
Property Crimes	Other Theft		5.07	17.48	2.44
Property Crimes	Personal Theft		0.58	10.38	0.01
Property Crimes	MVT (GTA)		10.05	10.13	17.061
Property Crimes	BTFV		5.14	17.08	2.11
Property Crimes	Burglary		2.14	13.3	0.85
Part II Crime	Part II Crime		11.56	110.42	2 2 . 67

Figure 7: Gender of crime victims by crime type (2019, in % of total crimes)

4.2.1 By Age

On average, victims of different crime types are in an age range between their 30s and 40s with rape victims being on average 29 years old.

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Violent Crimes	Agg. Assault - Domestic Violence	36.41	2	193	ı
Violent Crimes	Homicide	36.28	2	184	1
Violent Crimes	Simple Assault - Domestic Violence	34.6	2	197	1
Violent Crimes	Simple Assault	139.72	2	198	1
Violent Crimes	Agg. Assault	36.94	2	197	1
Violent Crimes	Robbery	35.84	4	195	ı
Property Crimes	Personal Theft	137.73	3	196	1
Property Crimes	Other Theft	39.19	2	198	ı
Property Crimes	MVT (GTA)	43.21	18	187	1
Property Crimes	Burglary	146.98	3	198	1
Property Crimes	BTFV	39.61	2	198	1
Part II Crime	Part II Crime	140.98	2	198	ı

Figure 8: Victims' mean, min and max age (2019)

If we look at the most vulnerable groups (figures for 2019), children are most often victims of crimes involving violence (such as domestic violence and assault) as well as diverse crimes against children and child neglect. Adolescents (children 10 years and older) are most often victims of simple assaults, thefts and robberies. *Figure 9*.

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Violent Crimes	Simple Assault - Domestic Violence	1220	16652 412	ì	
Violent Crimes	Agg. Assault	1758	19770 106	1	
Violent Crimes	Simple Assault	11386	118544 94	i i	
Violent Crimes	Rape	319	1296 91	i	
Property Crimes	Other Theft	11330	24127 24	i	
Violent Crimes	Agg. Assault - Domestic Violence	241	5724 18	í	
Property Crimes	Personal Theft	1169	1878 9	i	
Property Crimes	Burglary	213	10583 8	i	
Violent Crimes	Robbery	932	7225 7	1	
Violent Crimes	Homicide	118	231 3	1	
Property Crimes	BTFV	1199	26046 3	1	
Property Crimes	MVT (GTA)	13	332 nul	ı i	
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Figure 9: Victims by age Category and Crime Types (2019)

(4.3) Where do crimes take place

4.3.1 By neighborhood

77th Street remains the neighborhood with the highest number of crimes with barely any change in the past 5 years (+1% in number of crimes) and 9 years (-2%). *Figure 10*

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						2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	1y_growth	5y_growth 	
77th Street	114438	114247	14283	113733	114048							10.01	-0.02
Central	17145	17166	8074	17589	18395	110368	10938	111909	13190	13541	10.03	10.61	10.9
Southwest	113649	112925	13108	112711	112972	113890	14173	114273	114342	13440	1-0.06	10.04	1-0.02
Pacific	111088	110372	10306	110102	110750	111721	11773	12066	112167	12213	10.0	10.14	10.1
Southeast	111069	111043	10588	110175	110549	111095	11501	111848	111943	111685	1-0.02	10.11	10.06
Hollywood	19202	19240	9313	18542	18563	19784	10606	111276	111397	111118	1-0.02	10.3	0.21
N Hollywood	111351	110691	11277	110942	10389	111799	12055	12400	12015	111036	1-0.08	10.06	1-0.03
Newton	19985	19340	8881	18613	19206	19645	11033	111745	10877	10700	1-0.02	10.16	10.07
Wilshire	18178	18276	8038	17829	7918	18350	9074	19862	110728	10383	1-0.03	10.31	10.27
Olympic	18754	17977	8519	18285	19142	19836	10564	111127	110977	110174	1-0.07	10.11	10.16
Topanga	19913	19107	8921	19092	18774	19888	11002	110793	110544	19605	1-0.09	10.09	1-0.03
Northeast	110626	19830	9844	19269	19688	110257	10391	10515	10282	19595	1-0.07	1-0.01	1-0.1
Van Nuys	110084	19530	9648	19376	19449	110469	10477	110788	110434	19510	1-0.09	10.01	1-0.06
Rampart	18698	18423	8601	18135	18536	19278	9195	19634	19642	19476	1-0.02	10.11	10.09
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Figure 10: Number of crimes by area and year (2010-2019)

We observe however with concern the increase in crimes in the area of Central, where number of crimes have been rising by 61%/+5,146 crimes in the past 5 years and +90%/+6,396 crimes in past 10 years. Central is now the neighborhood with the second largest number of crimes (2019: 13,541 crimes) driven by an increase across all major crime categories in the past 5 years of at least 30%, most notably +137%/+1,033 crimes in Burglaries from vehicles, +141%/+421 crimes of Vandalism and +60%/+1,118 crimes in Other Thefts.

This increase in the overall number of crimes for area Central can also be observed in a visual mapping of the crimes committed in Central in 2010 vs. 2019 (Figures 11 and 12), with especially the central area of the map increasing in density from 2010 (left) to. 2019 (right):

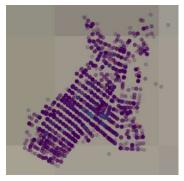




Figure 11: Crimes in Central, 2010

Figure 12: Crimes in Central, 2019

4.3.2 By location type

Over the past 5 years, there has been a decrease in crimes occurring in single- or in multifamily dwellings by 4%, respectively 9%, while in the same time frame Streets have become the location type with most crimes occurring (+23%). (*Figure 13*)

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STREET								154068				10.04
SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING	147262	145429	144066	141470	41107	142724	142604	42691	42308	139580	1-0.04	1-0.16
MULTI-UNIT DWELLING (APARTMENT, DUPLEX, ET	c) 27399	126781	127784	26198	126457	127417	127017	126775	25828	24127	1-0.09	1-0.12
PARKING LOT	113974	13126	113957	13817	113199	14947	116844	17084	17246	15741	0.19	10.13
SIDEWALK	19773	9881	110271	19460	110141	111258	110959	111210	11470	111398	0.12	10.17
OTHER BUSINESS	110089	19450	9151	8774	19033	19972	19995	110128	10059	110024	0.11	1-0.01
VEHICLE, PASSENGER/TRUCK	18160	17289	17418	6880	17694	18309	18725	19068	8338	17872	10.02	1-0.04
DRIVEWAY	14061	14106	14095	3585	13582	14678	14960	14977	4508	13993	10.11	1-0.02
GARAGE/CARPORT	13411	13360	3571	3671	13466	14098	14205	13899	4146	3741	10.08	10.1
RESTAURANT/FAST FOOD	12230	2319	12363	12344	12541	13244	13497	13741	3519	13285	0.29	10.47

Figure 13: Crimes by Location Type and Year (2010-2019)

only showing top 10 rows

As a consequence, by 2019, 23% of the crimes in Los Angeles are taking place on the Street. (*Figure 14*). These are mainly vehicle -related crimes (Burglary from a vehicle as well as stealing of vehicles), which account for 55% of all Street-related crimes, followed by Part II Crimes (12%) and Aggravated Assault (7%). Further major crime spots are Single and Multifamily dwellings, where mainly Domestic Violence crimes are taking place (20%), Burglary (14%) and Identity Theft (14% of crimes in dwellings).

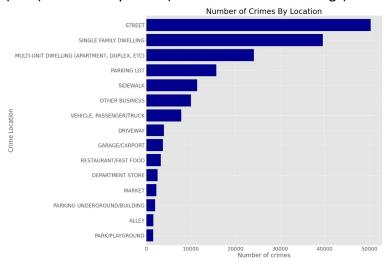


Figure 14: Number of crimes by location (2019)

4.4. When do crimes take place

4.4.1 During the year

As in previous years, there is little to no seasonality in crimes with crime numbers at similar levels throughout all months, with numbers slightly lower in months with fewer days (February, April, June, ...).

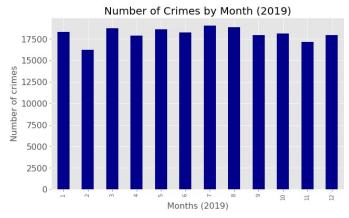


Figure 15: Number of crimes by Months (2019)

4.4.2 During the week and hour

Crimes mostly occur during the later hours of the afternoon and early evening until 8pm with only little crime activity taking place in the very early morning hours. The heaviest crime activity is on Friday evenings around 5pm (mainly theft, burglary, battery, stolen vehicles, vandalism). We can further observe that crime activity on the weekends (Dayofweek 7=Saturday, and 1=Sunday) is higher in the early morning hours until 3am than during weekdays, when crime activity is very low between 1am and 6am.

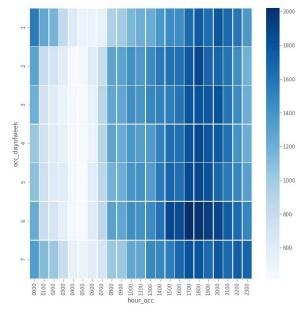


Figure 16: Crime numbers by hours and weekdays (1=Sunday, 7=Saturday)

4.5. How much time passes between a crime occurring and being reported

The time between a crime is occurring and when a crime is being reported is critical for finding the suspect and bringing forward charges. Nevertheless, a large share of crimes is still reported only a long time after the crime has occurred. (Figure 17)

			to report Max time to report
2010	34.2	10	3988
2011	130.0	10	13621
2012	126.8	10	13265
2013	124.8	10	12885
2014	122.7	10	12533
12015	119.8	10	12165
2016	115.9	10	11803
12017	113.6	10	11419
12018	110.8	10	11078
12019	17.9	10	1703
+	+		

Figure 17: Mean, min and max time to report a crime (2010-2019)

In recent years, the mean *time to report* has been steadily decreasing from on average 34 days in 2010 to an average of 8 days in 2019. Nevertheless, these figures need to be considered with caution given that (a) average times to report are strongly influenced by extreme outliers (reports several years later), (b) differ by crime type, and (c) most likely for crimes occurred in recent years there will still be crimes reported in the months to come, thereby increasing crime numbers as well as time to report. Figure 18 shows the extend of late reporting visually for crimes occurring in 2019: There are still (latest: in January 2021) crimes reported that have happened in 2019.

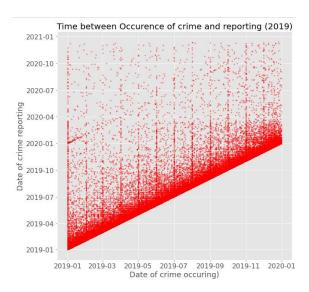


Figure 18: Date of crime occuring vs. date of crime reporting (2019)

By Crime Type, we can see that especially rape and Part II Crimes (related to sexual offenses, crimes against children, etc.) are being reported much later than other crime types. Overall, in the past 5 and 9 years, time to report has been significantly decreasing across all categories, especially notable for rape, with one exception: homicides. (Figure 19) Despite a visible reduction in the time to report for victims of rape and other sexual offenses/abuses, victims are often still afraid of bringing forward charges especially when the crime is being committed by someone close, such as a family member or friend. A joint effort of the entire justice system is required in order to provide to victims the necessary support and trust in the judiciary system.

Contrary to all other crime types, the *time to report* for homicides has been increasing in recent years (+360% over the past 5 years, +156% over past 9 years), albeit the average time to report is still considerable low at 4.6 days compared to some other crimes. Nevertheless, a possible explanation for this increase in time to report on homicides could be the close link between increasing gang violence and homicides, given that gang-related incidents are not always immediately or at all reported.

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Robbery	12.9	11.8	11.4	11.8	12.7	12.3	11.6	11.8	1.3	10.7	1-0.74		1-0.	76	
Part II Crime	185.9	179.1	167.3	162.8	154.4	147.7	139.1	132.41	24.2	117.3	1-0.68		1-0.	8	
Simple Assault	15.8	14.5	14.7	13.7	14.8	13.9	13.1	12.9	2.7	11.9	1-0.6		1-0.	67	
Agg. Assault - Domestic Violence	128.6	16.7	111.0	111.2	17.0	19.2	15.0	14.3	4.4	12.9	1-0.59		1-0.	9	
Personal Theft	17.0	15.1	18.5	13.4	15.1	15.2	12.2	13.7	2.2	12.1	1-0.59		1-0.	7	
Simple Assault - Domestic Violence	113.3	18.8	110.4	110.2	110.3	18.7	17.5	17.3	6.3	14.6	1-0.55		1-0.	65	
Agg. Assault	16.1	16.5	16.4	15.2	12.9	13.3	12.9	3.1	2.1	11.5	1-0.48		1-0.	75	- 9
Other Theft	121.9	116.9	115.7	113.5	114.1	113.2	111.5	111.31	9.9	17.8	1-0.45		1-0.	64	
BTFV	110.4	16.2	15.8	15.3	15.8	15.8	15.2	15.2	5.2	14.1	1-0.29		1-0.	61	
MVT (GTA)	111.0	15.7	17.3	15.9	16.2	16.4	15.0	15.3	5.1	14.6	1-0.26		1-0.	58	
Burglary	112.0	18.0	18.4	18.7	18.4	19.2	17.5	17.9 1	7.5	17.0	1-0.17		1-0.	42	
Homicide	11.8	10.8	1.9	19.3	11.0	11.0	5.2 +	10.4	1.3	14.6	13.6		11.5	6	
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Figure 19: Time to report by crime types (2010-2019)

(5) Recommendation

The above report shows an overview of the current crime landscape in LA and can be used to draw inferences such as who are the most vulnerable victims to protect, which locations require further attention and police surveillance/oversight during which hours of the day and the week.

We recommend the following steps:

- Conducting similar analysis for each type of crime and each area to better understand the underlying dynamics and draw conclusions
- Further analyze how different crimes are related and are influencing each other
- Understand what are driving forces behind crime increases and decreases to better navigate police policies

As concrete recommendations, we suggest to keep up efforts of scrutinized documenting and analysis as well as supporting programs focused on encouraging reporting crimes (timely) and in preventing and reducing crimes.

(6) Limitations

While this report gives a thorough overview of the state of crime in Los Angeles as of 2019, it is in itself only a starting point but not enough to draw concrete solutions and policies (such as where to direct increased police presence). Crime in itself is complex, it cannot be analyzed in isolation but instead needs to be broken down into its component and analyzed with consideration of socio-economic factors and location.

As outlined above under (5) Recommendations, we strongly recommend further analysis and stress that the underlying analysis is purely descriptive; no inferences on causation shall be drawn from here.