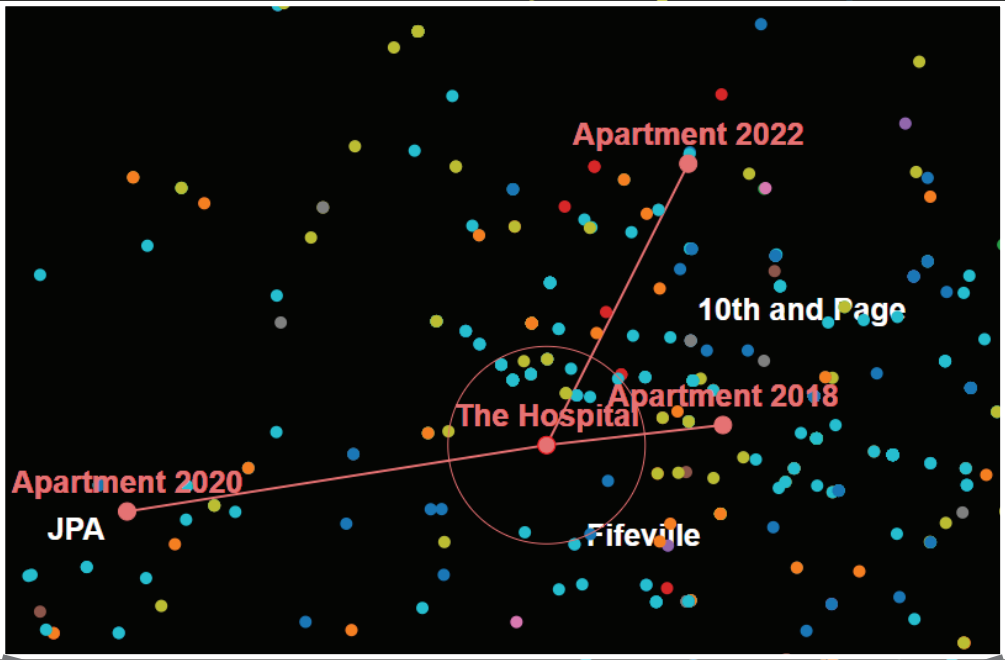


Crimes in Charlottesville and the Nurse-Commuters at Risk

Frequent & Extreme crimes committed between 05/04/2019 and 01/04/2024

- Shots Fired/Illegal Hunting
- Assault Aggravated
- Narcotics
- Motor Vehicle Theft
- Death Investigation - DOA
- Missing Person
- Sex Offense
- Vandalism
- Hit and Run
- Larceny
- Assault Simple
- Suspicious Activity



Offense Filter Controls

Shots Fired/Illegal Hunting ☐

Filter

Hour Filter Controls

Start Hour

End Hour

Filter

Longitude and Latitude Filter Content

Latitude

Longitude

Update

Snapshot of crimes committed at end of shift:
Between 1900 and 2030.

To provide context to this visual, I would like to share my own personal narrative working at the hospital as a student and registered nurse. While the data highlights the apartments I resided in when I worked as a nurse at the hospital, this narrative resonates with many new graduate nurses embarking on their journey at UVA Medical Center. My journey as a nurse began in 2020 when I joined the hospital's medical intensive care unit. At the onset, newly graduated nurses like myself were compensated at a rate of \$25 per hour to navigate the complexities of caring for critically ill patients reliant on various forms of life support. My schedule entailed rotating between day and night shifts, commencing or concluding at either 0700 or 1930. Much like my peers, I often found myself commuting to work during the early hours of 0600-0700 or returning home between 1930-2030.

One notable aspect of this commute was the transportation dilemma faced by nurses. While we had the option to obtain a parking pass, the designated parking lot for nurses was situated at JPJ, necessitating a bus commute to the hospital. This not only extended the duration and cost of an already demanding 12.5 hour shift but also underscored a concerning trend: UVA requires nurses to pay for parking permits and requires them to use distant lots despite closer options being available. This trend incentivizes nurses to find free street parking elsewhere to avoid this cost, sometimes exposing them to unsafe circumstances. Such circumstances accentuate safety risks during the early morning and late evening hours and exemplify yet another instance of UVA's undervaluation of nurses' contributions at the hospital.

Turning to the visual representation, this abstract map illustrates crime data in Charlottesville, Virginia, spanning from 05/04/2019 to 01/04/2024. By filtering the data to identify the twelve most extreme/most frequent crimes and pinpointing those closest to my walking route to and from the hospital, we can better understand the risks faced by nurses during their daily commute. Additionally, you can input the longitude and latitude of your own residence to identify prevalent crimes in your area, thereby gaining insight into the broader safety landscape. This comprehensive approach underscores the urgent need to address transportation options for nurses, recognizing their pivotal role as frontline healthcare professionals within the hospital and advocating for their safety and well-being during their daily commute.