

# How has the increase of crime affected Bushwick Brooklyn?

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# The Past

- Bushwick was initially a neighborhood of Germans, Austrians, English, Irish, Russians, Polish, Jews, and Italians, at one point making it the second-largest American community in Brooklyn. It was a famous entertainment district and the Bushwick Theatre on Broadway between Palmetto and Woodbine. Making it an area that was always clean, the streets were kept well-maintained, and the houses were beautifully maintained.
- An event that changed the phase of Bushwick was the Blackout on July 13, 1977. Hundreds of Bushwick stores were looted, many were destroyed permanently and fires were everywhere. Leaving Bushwick to have a difficult recovery. The population decreased as in 1975 it was at 122,000 residents and in 1980 it was at 93,000. Leaving 43% of businesses vacant in Bushwick economically harming it's Broadway attraction.

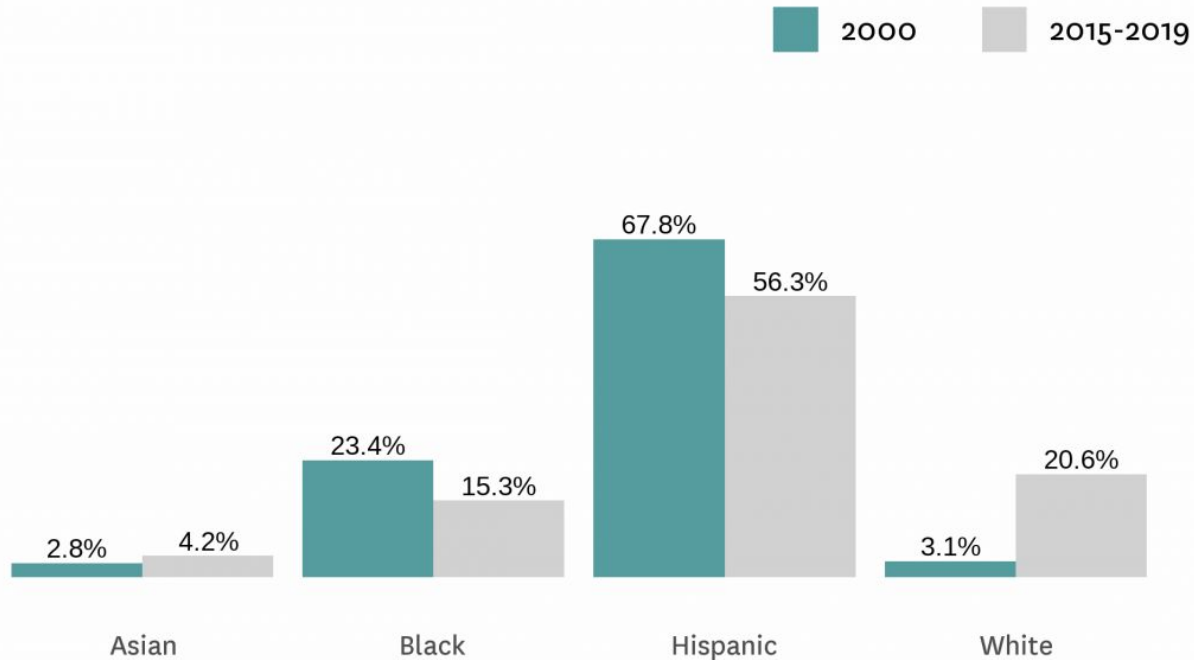


# Present

- As of 2019, 4.2% of the population identified as Asian, 15.3% identified as Black, 56.3% identified as Hispanic, and 20.6% identified as White.
- The average household income as of 2019 was \$69,640. This is about 5% less than the citywide median household income of \$72,930, which means that the residents in this neighborhood are earning less than the average income and causing many residents to struggle. The poverty rate in Bushwick was 20.7% in 2019 compared to 16.0% citywide.



# Racial and Ethnic Composition of Bushwick

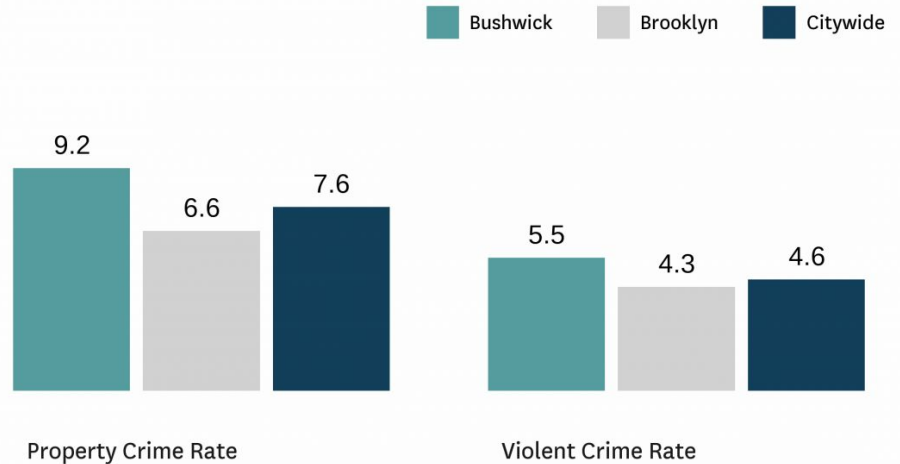


Sources: Census (2000) and American Community Survey (2019), Furman Center

# Crime in Bushwick

- Being a neighborhood of low-income, crime is a common issue in this area. The precinct of Bushwick is the 83rd precinct. Considered to be one of the highest areas with a lot of crime occurring. The chances of someone becoming a victim in Bushwick is about 1 in 40.
- On this date, you can see that in 2021 property crimes are higher in Bushwick compared to the entire borough of Brooklyn and the whole city of New York.

**Serious Crime Rate Per 1,000 Residents, 2021**



Sources: New York City Police Department, NYU Furman Center



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83rd Precinct

Report Covering the Week  
5/1/2023 Through 5/7/2023

	Week to Date			28 Day		Year to Date*			2 Year	13 Year	30 Year	
	2023	2022	% Chg	2023	% Chg	2023	2022	% Chg				
Murder	0	0	***	0	0	***	1	1	0.0	0.0	-50.0	-93.3
Rape	0	0	***	0	1	-100.0	5	13	-61.5	-37.5	-50.0	-82.1
Robbery	7	4	75.0	31	19	63.2	108	89	21.3	35.0	-21.2	-78.4
Fel. Assault	12	2	500.0	31	20	55.0	138	111	24.3	35.3	32.7	-54.9
Burglary	2	9	-77.8	14	26	-46.2	76	106	-28.3	-14.6	-30.3	-83.3
Gr. Larceny	10	16	-37.5	48	61	-21.3	238	212	12.3	64.1	126.7	27.3
G.L.A.	4	5	-20.0	16	12	33.3	60	67	-10.4	36.4	27.7	-83.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>-2.78</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>4.51</b>	<b>33.48</b>	<b>21.79</b>	<b>-66.07</b>
Transit	0	0	***	1	1	0.0	11	4	175.0	10.0	10.0	***
Housing	2	1	100.0	5	2	150.0	13	12	8.3	0.0	160.0	***
Petit Larceny	15	16	-6.2	78	82	-4.9	318	324	-1.9	9.7	34.2	***
Misd. Assault	21	10	110.0	66	39	69.2	229	211	8.5	64.7	-6.9	***
UCR Rape*	0	0	***	0	1	-100.0	10	16	-37.5	-28.6	***	***
Other Sex Crimes	2	0	***	10	5	100.0	22	19	15.8	22.2	***	***
Shooting Vic.	1	0	***	1	0	***	3	4	-25.0	-62.5	-76.9	-95.8
Shooting Inc.	1	0	***	1	0	***	3	4	-25.0	-57.1	-70.0	-95.7
Hate Crimes	0	0	***	0	0	***	0	3	-100.0	-100.0	***	***

	Historical Perspective									
	(Historical perspective is a complete calendar year of data.)									
	1990	1993	1998	2001	2022	%Chg '22 vs '01	%Chg '22 vs '98	%Chg '22 vs '93	%Chg '22 vs '90	
Murder	77	44	12	12	3	-75.0	-75.0	-93.2	-96.1	Murder
Rape	80	62	46	57	38	-33.3	-17.4	-38.7	-52.5	Rape
Robbery	2,242	1,528	700	551	316	-42.6	-54.9	-79.3	-85.9	Robbery
Fel. Assault	1,173	845	498	537	374	-30.4	-24.9	-55.7	-68.1	Fel. Assault
Burglary	1,670	1,386	677	522	298	-42.9	-56.0	-78.5	-82.2	Burglary
Gr. Larceny	822	566	284	280	701	150.4	146.8	23.9	-14.7	Gr. Larceny
G.L.A.	1,352	942	334	334	239	-28.4	-28.4	-74.6	-82.3	G.L.A.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,416</b>	<b>5,373</b>	<b>2,551</b>	<b>2,293</b>	<b>1,969</b>	<b>-14.1</b>	<b>-22.8</b>	<b>-63.4</b>	<b>-73.4</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

Figures are preliminary and subject to further analysis and revision.

As of January 2013, complaints occurring within the jurisdiction of the Department of Correction have been disaggregated from the borough and precinct crime totals and are displayed separately on the Department of Correction CompStat page.

Unless otherwise noted, Crime statistics reflect New York State Penal Law ("NYSPL") definitions and differ from the crime categories used by the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Program. All Crime statistics are translated to Uniform Crime Reporting categories for submission to the UCR Program.

\* Uniform Crime Reporting ("UCR") Rape consists of all crimes defined in the FBI UCR definition of rape.

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- Theft crimes are the most common crimes in this area. Yes, the rate of more dangerous crimes has decreased throughout the decade, but the rate of crimes like robbery is typical.
- In a survey I found <https://www.niche.com/places-to-live/n/bushwick-new-york-city-ny/crime-safety/>, most people say they feel safe in this neighborhood.
- Bushwick can quickly regain its golden days if the community fights the crimes endangering its residents.

# Solutions

- The 83rd precinct should create a stronger bond with the community as majority of them are hispanic they should find a way to communicate with them. Such as events or creating community events
- The police should have more patrol around the area to make people feel safe as they walk around the neighborhood.





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