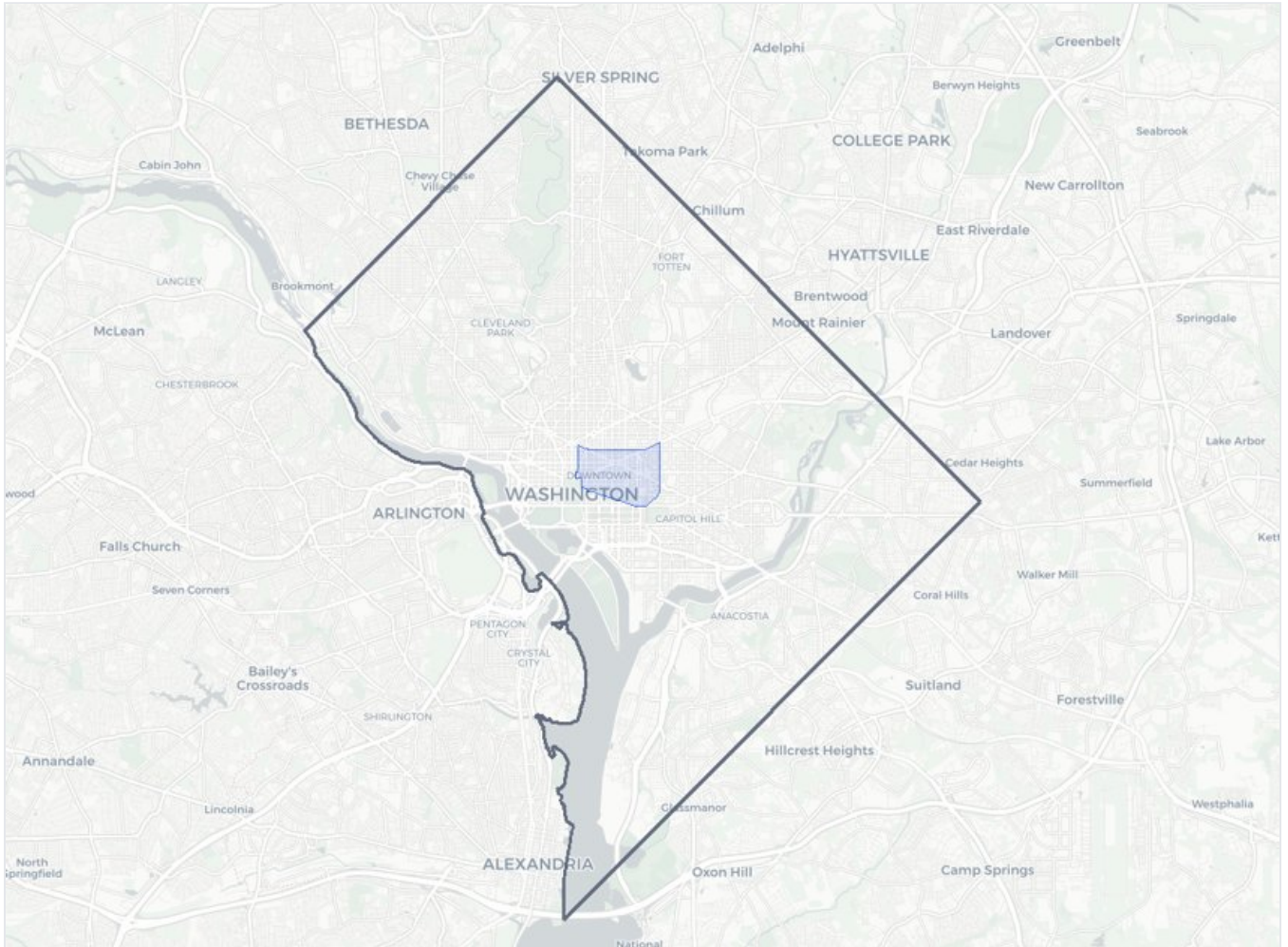


Monthly Crime Brief Downtown — May 2026



BRIEF MONTH	May 2026
COVERAGE AREA	Downtown / Chinatown / Penn Quarters / Mount Vernon Square / North Capitol Street, Washington, DC
COMPARISONS	April 2026 and May 2025
SOURCE	DC Metropolitan Police Department (MPD)
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Executive Summary

AT A GLANCE — MAY 2026

INCIDENTS

128

VS PRIOR MONTH

+21%

VS MAY 2025

-25%

RISK SCORE

96₁₀₀

Quick Facts

- 128 incidents were reported in Downtown in May 2026.
- Theft (Other) was the most common offense (100 incidents, 78% of the month's total).
- Total incidents were up 21% versus April 2026 and down 25% versus May 2025.
- The biggest month-over-month change was Theft (Other), which rose from 84 to 100.
- This May was 18% below the 5-year historical average for the month (~156 incidents).

Reported Incidents by Offense — May 2026

OFFENSE	INCIDENTS	SHARE
Theft (Other)	100	78%
Assault w/ Dangerous Weapon	9	7%
Robbery	9	7%
Motor Vehicle Theft	6	5%
Theft from Auto	4	3%

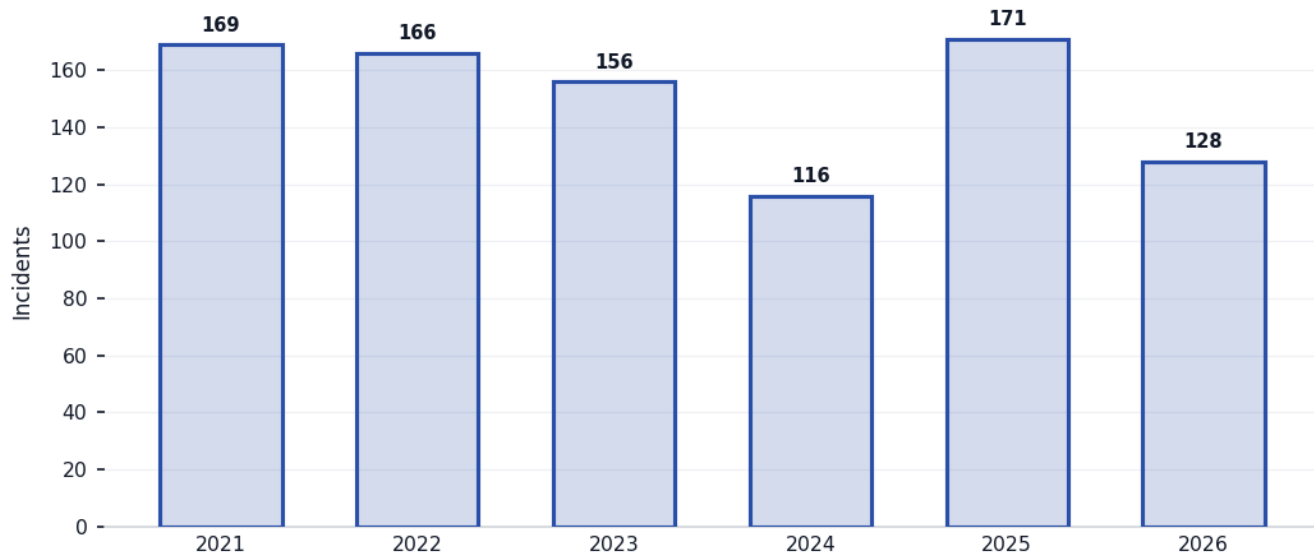
Historical Comparison

Reported incidents in Downtown for May 2026, compared with the prior month (April 2026) and the same month one year earlier (May 2025). Month-over-month moves are normal; the year-over-year and multi-year views below give the seasonal context.

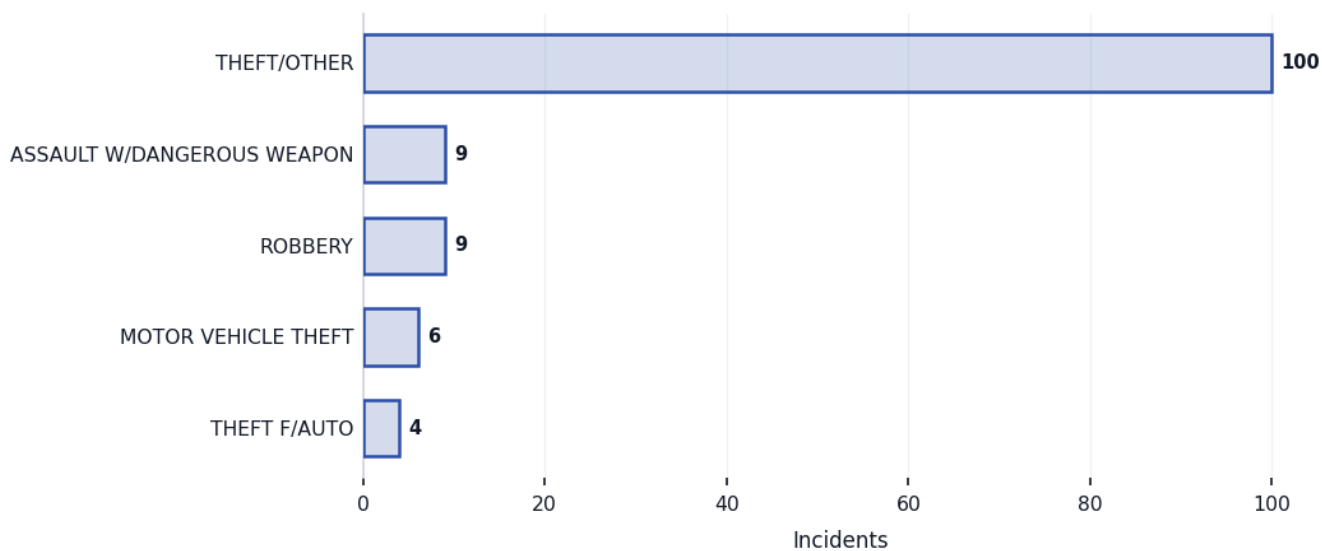
OFFENSE	MAY 2026	APRIL 2026	MOM	MAY 2025	YOY
Theft (Other)	100	84	+19%	111	-10%
Robbery	9	3	+200%	11	-18%
Assault w/ Dangerous Weapon	9	6	+50%	5	+80%
Motor Vehicle Theft	6	3	+100%	14	-57%
Theft from Auto	4	8	-50%	28	-86%
Sex Abuse	0	1	-100%	0	—
Homicide	0	0	—	1	-100%
Burglary	0	1	-100%	1	-100%
All offenses	128	106	+21%	171	-25%



May Incidents by Year — Downtown



Offense Breakdown — Downtown



Data Sources & References

SOURCE	DESCRIPTION	URL
DC Metropolitan Police Department (MPD)	Unified Crime Reporting data — all incident records used in this brief	opendata.dc.gov
DC Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO)	DC Open Data portal hosting MPD crime data, ward and neighborhood cluster boundaries	opendata.dc.gov
Justice Lens	DC crime intelligence platform — live map, rankings, and address-level reports	justicelensai.com

Methodology Notes

- Based on reported MPD incidents, which agencies may later revise.
- Risk Score = relative percentile (0 = lowest risk locally, 100 = highest); it drives the safer-than figures.
- Incident Intensity is kept as a detail metric for incident-rate context.
- Address scores reflect nearby reported incidents, not the exact property.
- Trend = last 12 months vs the prior 12 (latest weeks excluded as still-reporting); too few prior incidents shows "Insufficient data."
- Expected-vs-actual compares current activity with same-month historical expectations.
- Residential rankings group residential and mixed-use areas; parks, federal, and institutional land rank separately.
- Crime data may be revised by source agencies.

Incident counts reflect reported crimes and are subject to revision by source agencies. Recent weeks may still be under-reported due to MPD processing lag. Calendar-month windows are computed in UTC. This brief describes historical reported activity — it is not a prediction of future safety.

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