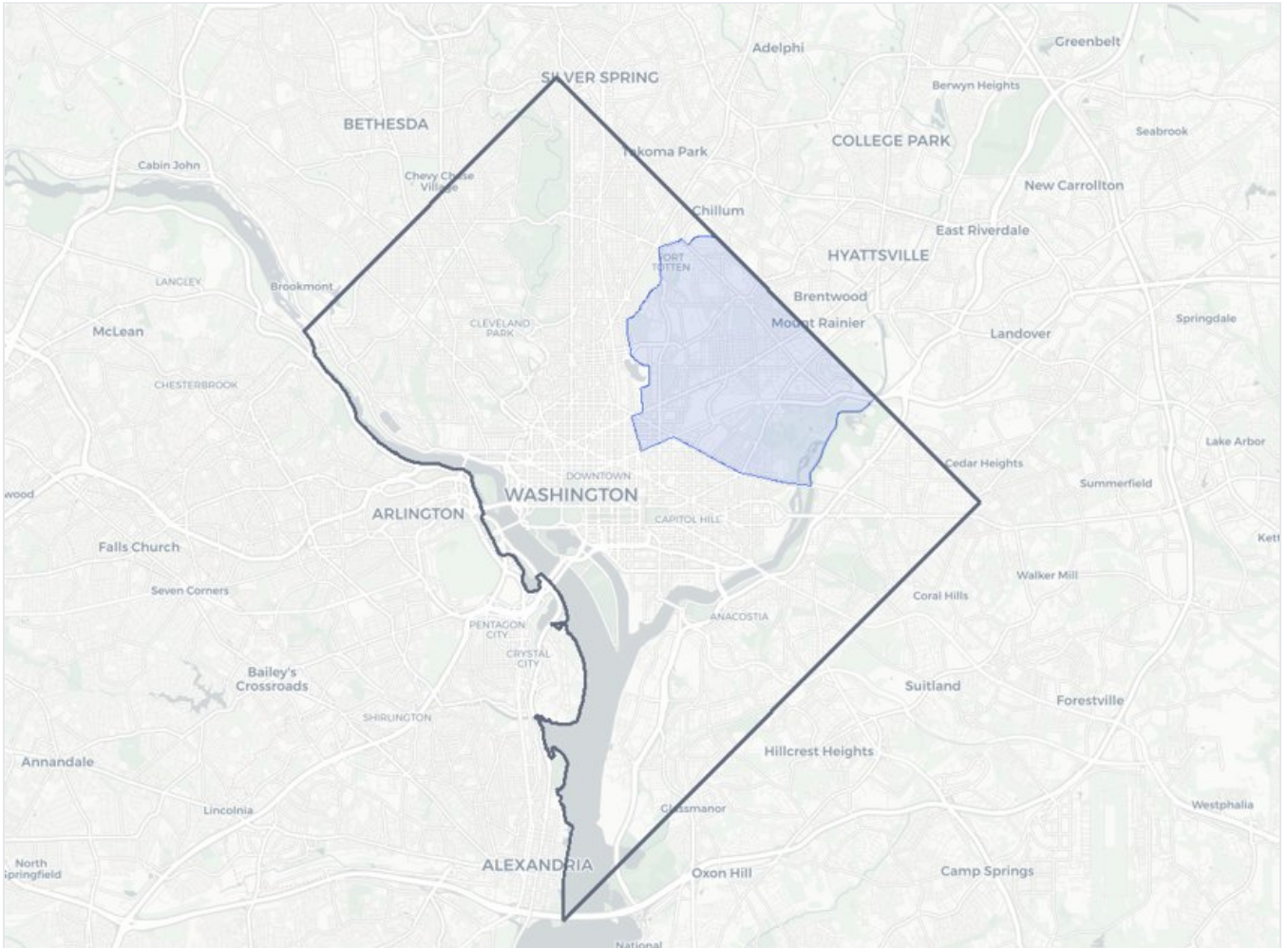


Monthly Crime Brief

Ward 5 — May 2026



BRIEF MONTH	May 2026
COVERAGE AREA	Ward 5, Washington, DC
COMPARISONS	April 2026 and May 2025
SOURCE	DC Metropolitan Police Department (MPD)
PREPARED BY	Justice Lens · justicelensai.com

Executive Summary

AT A GLANCE — MAY 2026

INCIDENTS

263

VS PRIOR MONTH

+30%

VS MAY 2025

-29%

RISK SCORE

86₁₀₀

Quick Facts

- 263 incidents were reported in Ward 5 in May 2026.
- Theft (Other) was the most common offense (104 incidents, 40% of the month's total).
- Total incidents were up 30% versus April 2026 and down 29% versus May 2025.
- The biggest month-over-month change was Motor Vehicle Theft, which rose from 35 to 62.
- This May was 38% below the 5-year historical average for the month (~425 incidents).

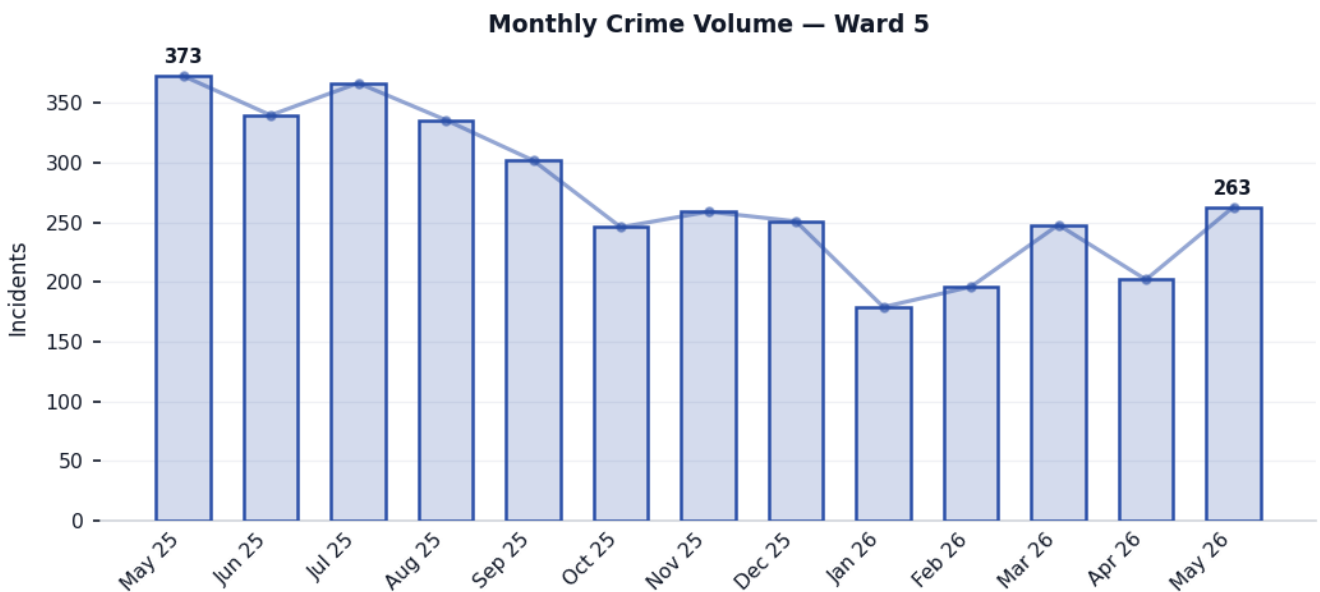
Reported Incidents by Offense — May 2026

OFFENSE	INCIDENTS	SHARE
Theft (Other)	104	40%
Motor Vehicle Theft	62	24%
Theft from Auto	54	21%
Assault w/ Dangerous Weapon	17	6%
Robbery	15	6%
Burglary	9	3%
Arson	1	0%
Sex Abuse	1	0%

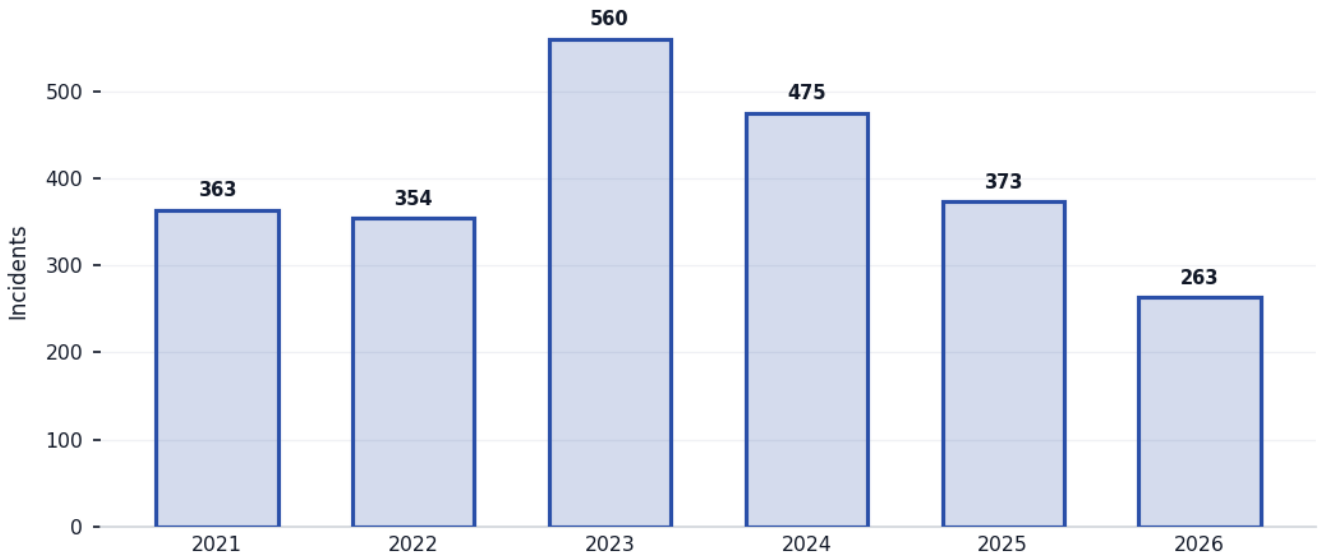
Historical Comparison

Reported incidents in Ward 5 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.

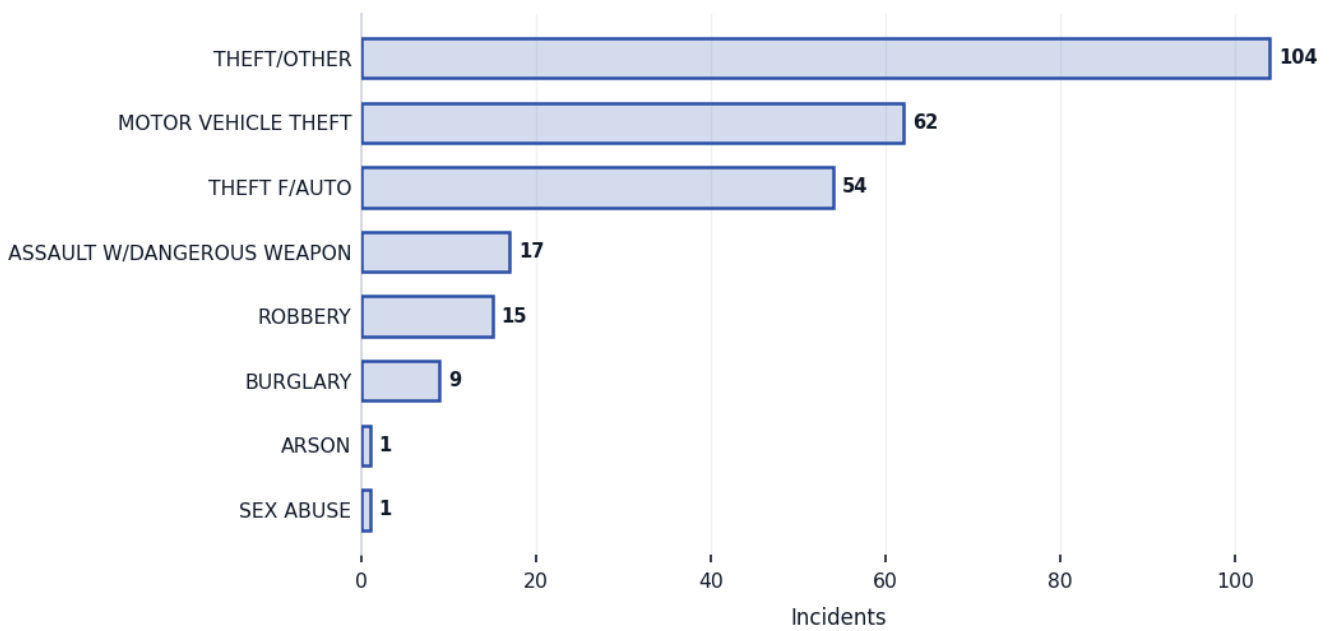
OFFENSE	MAY 2026	APRIL 2026	MOM	MAY 2025	YOY
Theft (Other)	104	104	0%	126	-17%
Motor Vehicle Theft	62	35	+77%	88	-30%
Theft from Auto	54	33	+64%	95	-43%
Assault w/ Dangerous Weapon	17	10	+70%	11	+55%
Robbery	15	9	+67%	47	-68%
Burglary	9	7	+29%	2	+350%
Sex Abuse	1	4	-75%	1	0%
Arson	1	0	—	1	0%
Homicide	0	0	—	2	-100%
All offenses	263	202	+30%	373	-29%



May Incidents by Year — Ward 5



Offense Breakdown — Ward 5



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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