



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Santa Cruz Police Department Crime Statistics for 2020

SANTA CRUZ, CA - Santa Cruz Police Department (SCPD) release year-end totals for Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR). SCPD is pleased to report the end of year statistics reflects that overall crime is down. The crime rate range is within expected average values based on FBI Part 1 reported offenses for the past five years.

While many factors can contribute to crime rates within a community, SCPD would like to thank our community members and hardworking officers for contributing to our low crime rate through the combined efforts of enforcement, education, and prevention.

Santa Cruz Police Department 2020 Uniform Crime Report

	2019	2020	Percent Change
Homicide	0	3	N/A***
Rape	29	33	14%
Robbery	89	76	-15%
Aggravated Assault	272	198	-27%
Violent Crime Total	390	310	-21%
Violent Crime Rate Per 1,000 Residents*	5.9	4.8	-18%
Burglary	348	267	-23%
Larceny	2363	1734	-27%
Auto Theft	221	236	7%
Property Crime Total	2932	2237	-24%
Property Crime Rate Per 1,000 Residents*	44.1	34.7	-21%
Arson	34	45	32%
Population Estimate**	66,454	64,424	

[2020 UCR Crime Statistics for City of Santa Cruz](#)

[2020 Overall Z-Scores UCR Dashboard](#)

[SCPD Quarterly & Yearly Uniform Crime Report](#)

UCR data serves as a general indicator of criminality in the nation by tracking eight crime categories. The Crime Rate Index* is a measurement based on an estimated 66,424 population in the City of Santa Cruz. The per capita crime rate ensures data consistency.

Attached is a Z-Score analysis, providing an insight into how these statistics compare over a nine year period (2012-2020). Z-Scores are based on standard deviation from the mean, and help SCPD determine if these crimes are above or below the average for the City of Santa Cruz.

UCR Annual Dashboard - Overall Z-Scores



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***Crime Rate** - the number of crimes reported per 1,000 residents: this is calculated by dividing the number of reported crimes by the current population estimate, this is then multiplied by 1,000 to find the rate

**<http://www.dof.ca.gov>

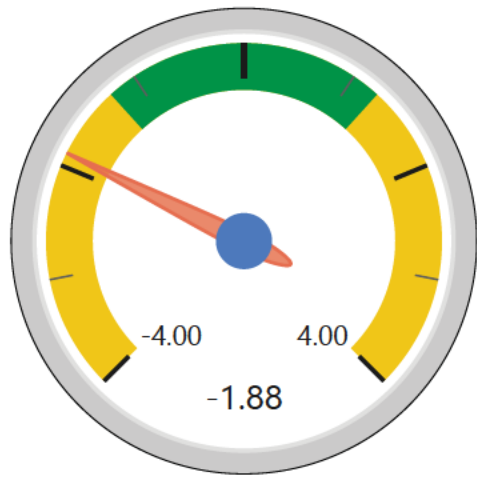
***A value of zero creates an infinite percent increase/decrease which cannot be quantified



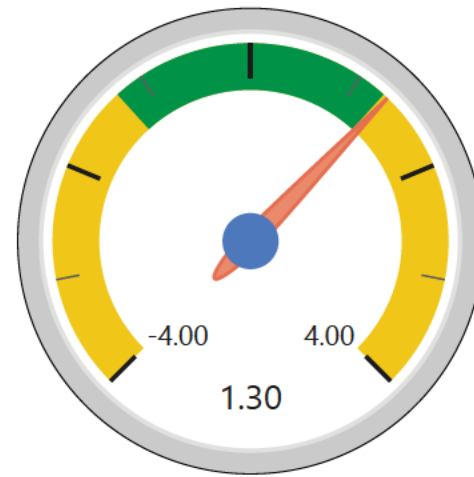
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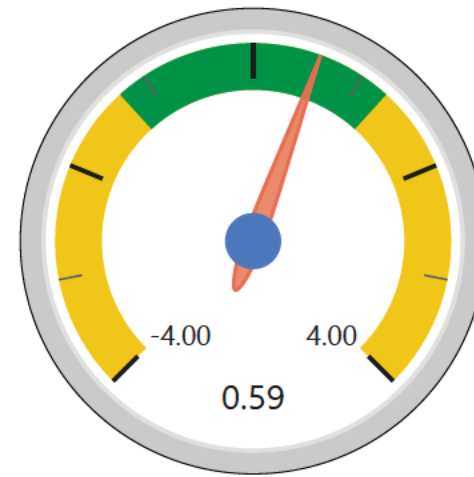
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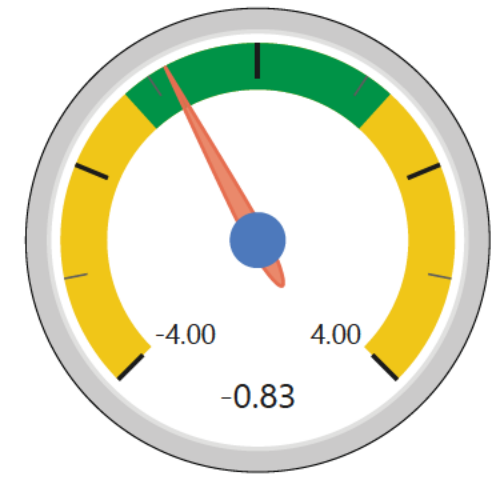
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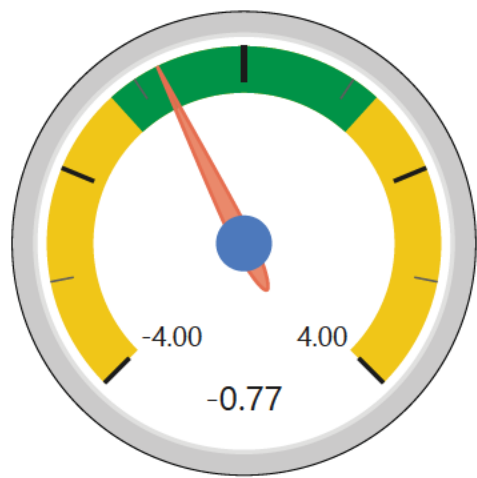
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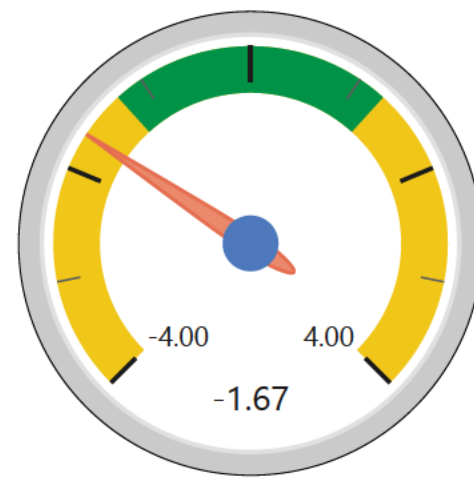
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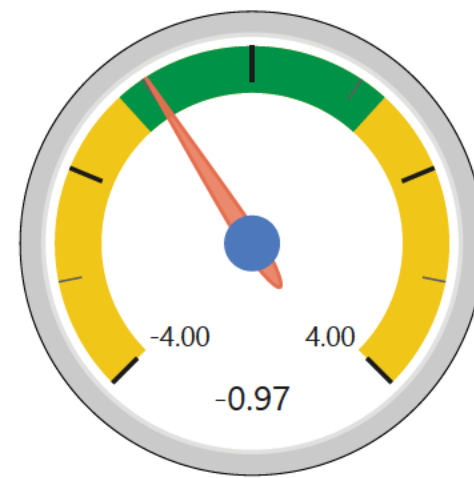
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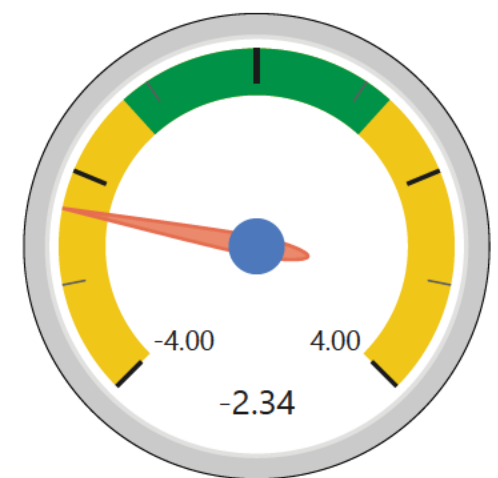
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Robbery



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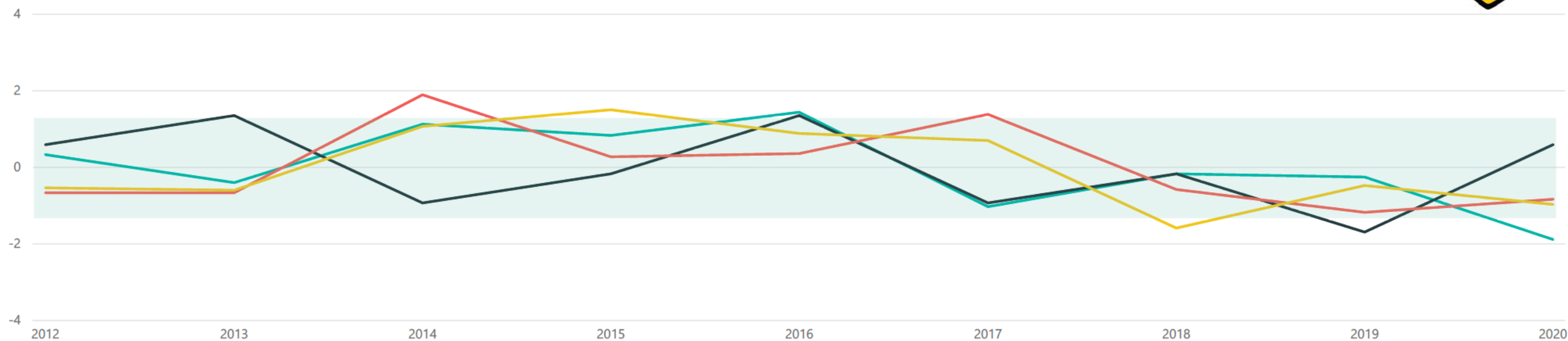


UCR Annual Overview - Overall Z-Scores



Violent Crimes Z Scores

● Agg Assault Z-Score ● Homicide Z-Score ● Rape Z-Score ● Robbery Z-Score



Property Crimes Z Scores

● Arson Z-Score ● Auto Theft Z-Score ● Burglary Z-Score ● Larceny Z-Score

