

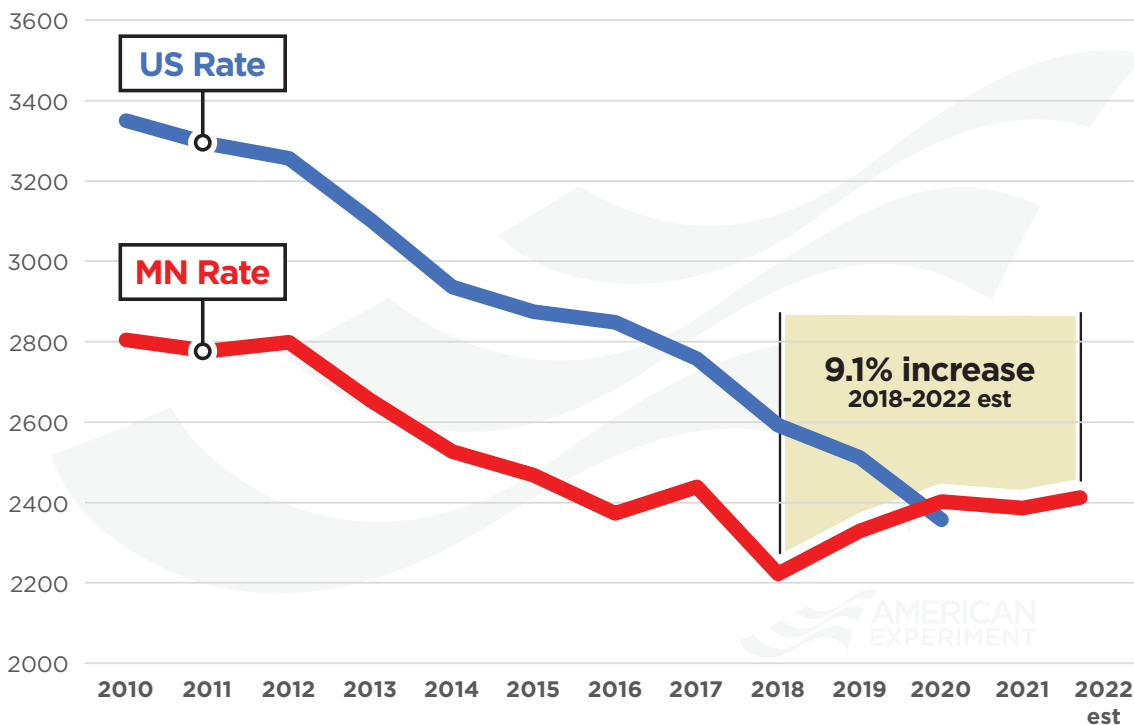
# Minnesota's Crime Problem



Minnesotans have had the good fortune to live in a low crime state - historically. That changed in 2020. Minnesota's crime rate is now higher than the national average. All rates per 100,000 in population.

## Minnesota vs. National Crime Rate

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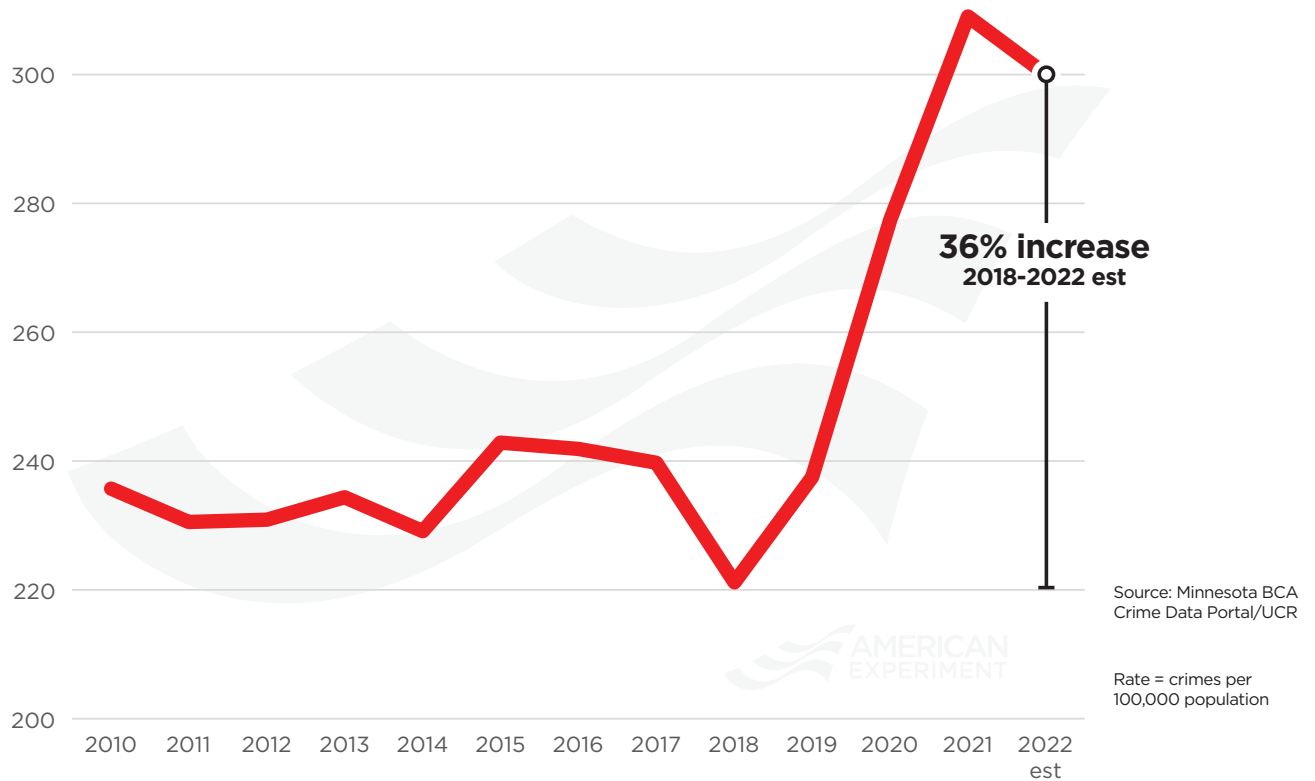


Source: FBI Crime data explorer, and Minnesota BCA Crime Data Portal/UCR

Rate = crimes per 100,000 population

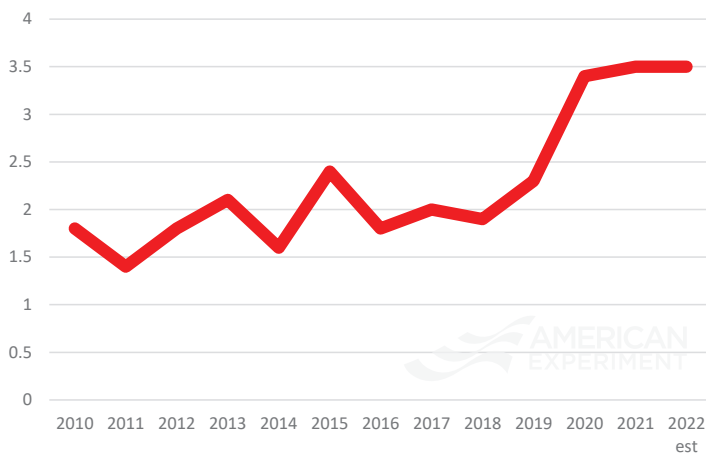
Armed Car Jackings have increased significantly in the Twin Cities, though data is not being recorded statewide. Car Jacking remains a subset of Robbery. Minneapolis recorded a record 655 car jackings in 2021, up from 388 in 2020. In 2021 a total of 22 metro cities recorded another 28 car jackings total according to *Star Tribune* reporting.

# Minnesota Violent Crime Rate 2010-Present



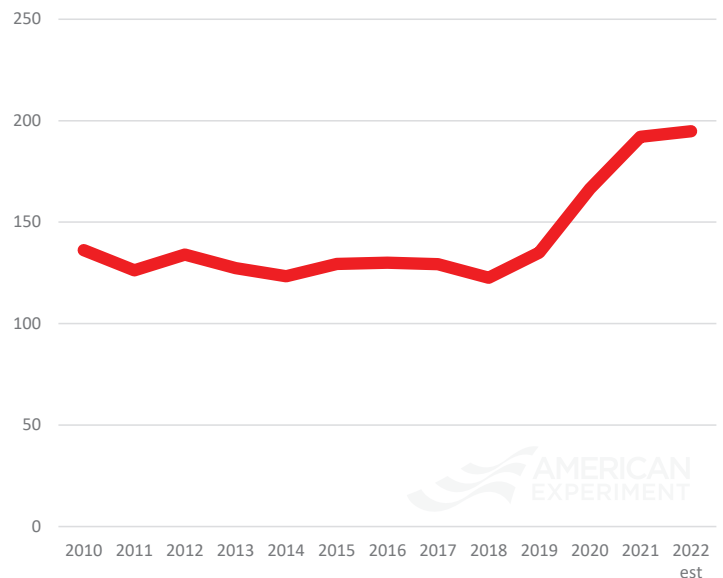
## Minnesota Murder Rate

84% increase of murders between 2018 and the 2022 estimate.

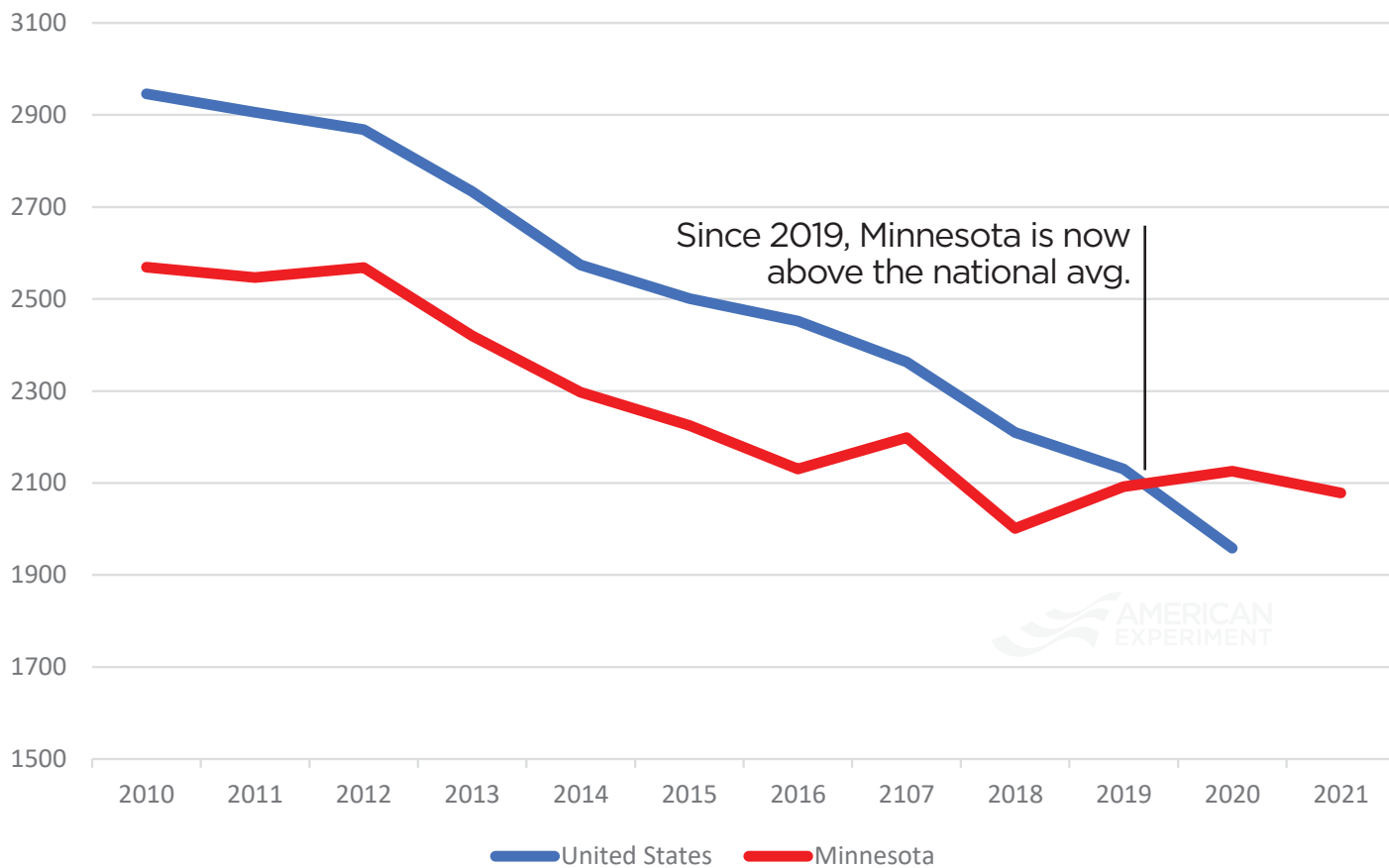


## Minnesota Aggravated Assault Rate

59% increase of aggravated assaults between 2018 and the 2022 estimate.

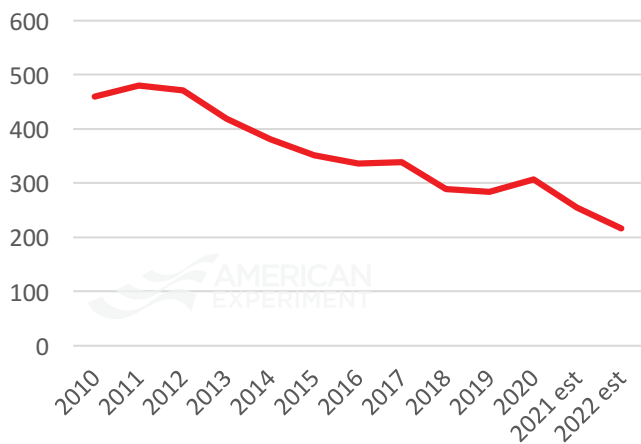


## Property Crime Rates



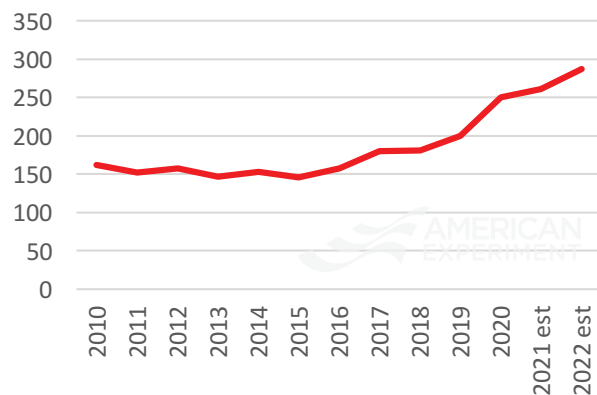
### Minnesota Burglary Rates

12% decrease in burglaries between 2018 and the 2022 estimate.

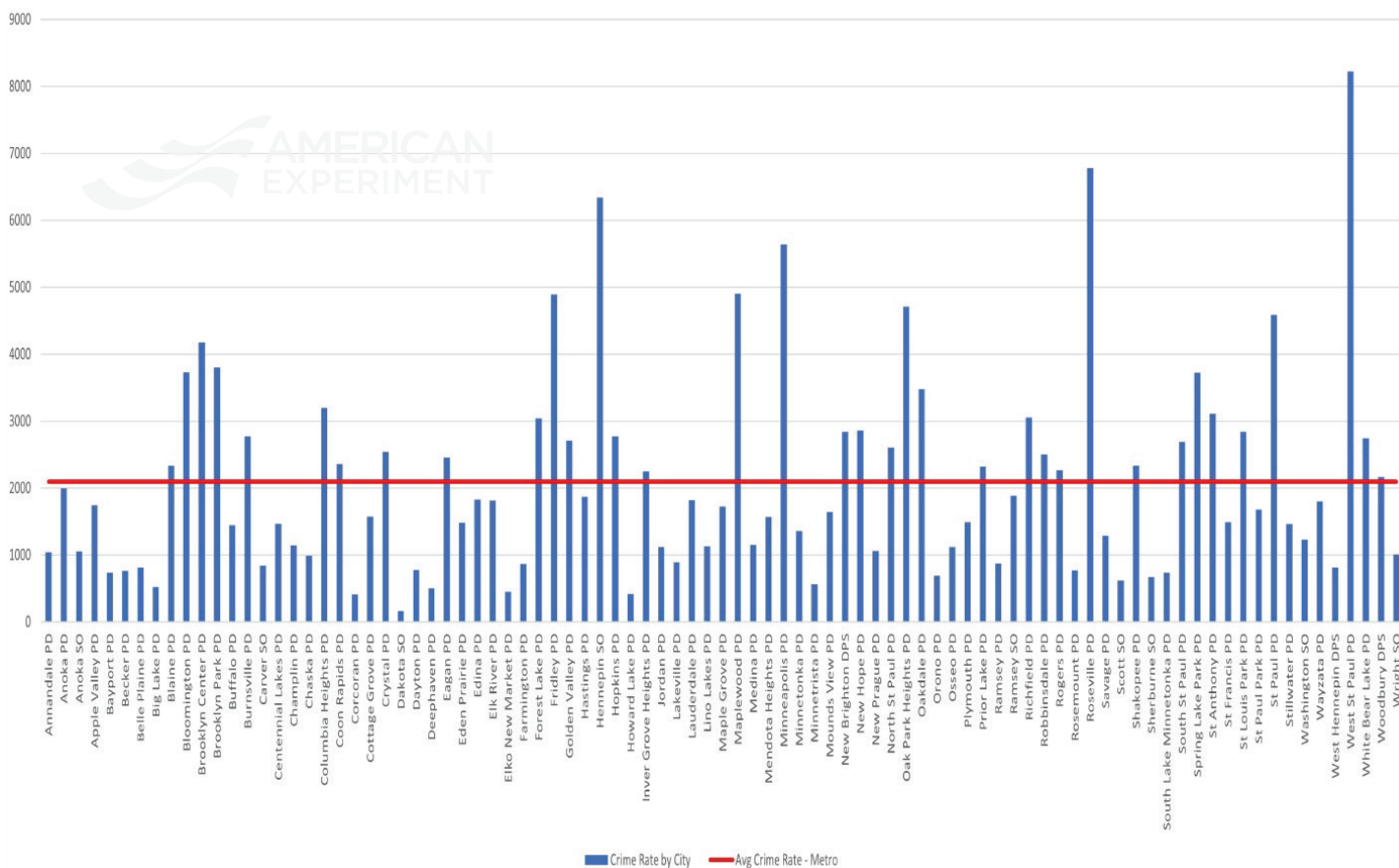


### Minnesota Motor Vehicle Theft Rates

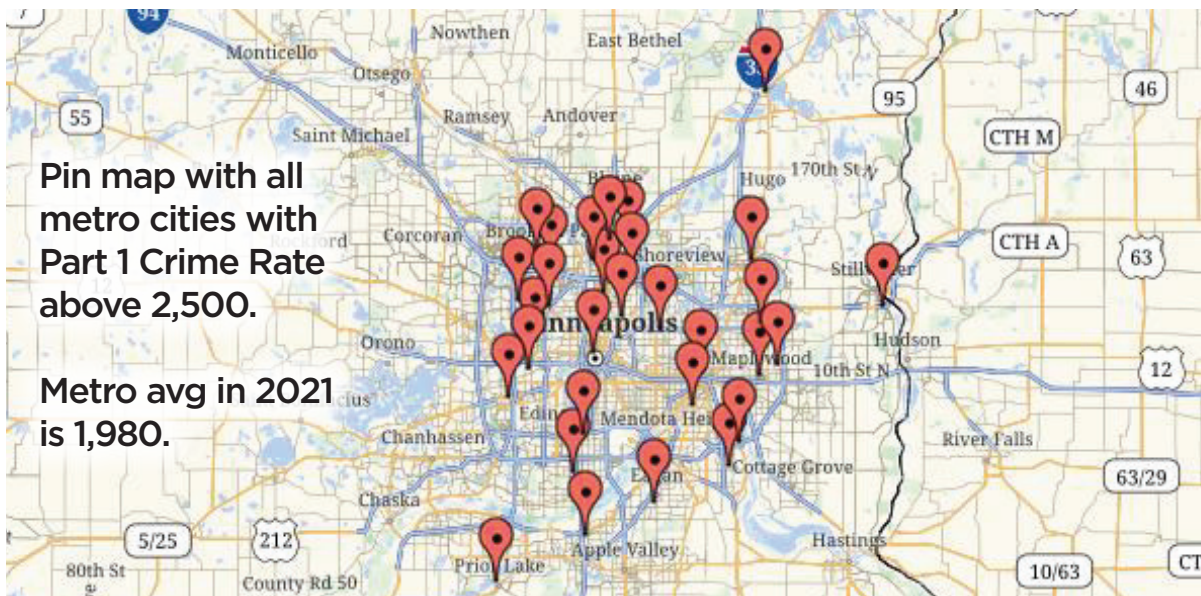
63% increase in motor vehicle thefts between 2018 and the 2022 estimate.



## 2020 Metro Part 1 Crime Rate (9 counties and 80 cities)



High crime rates are not confined to Minneapolis and St. Paul.

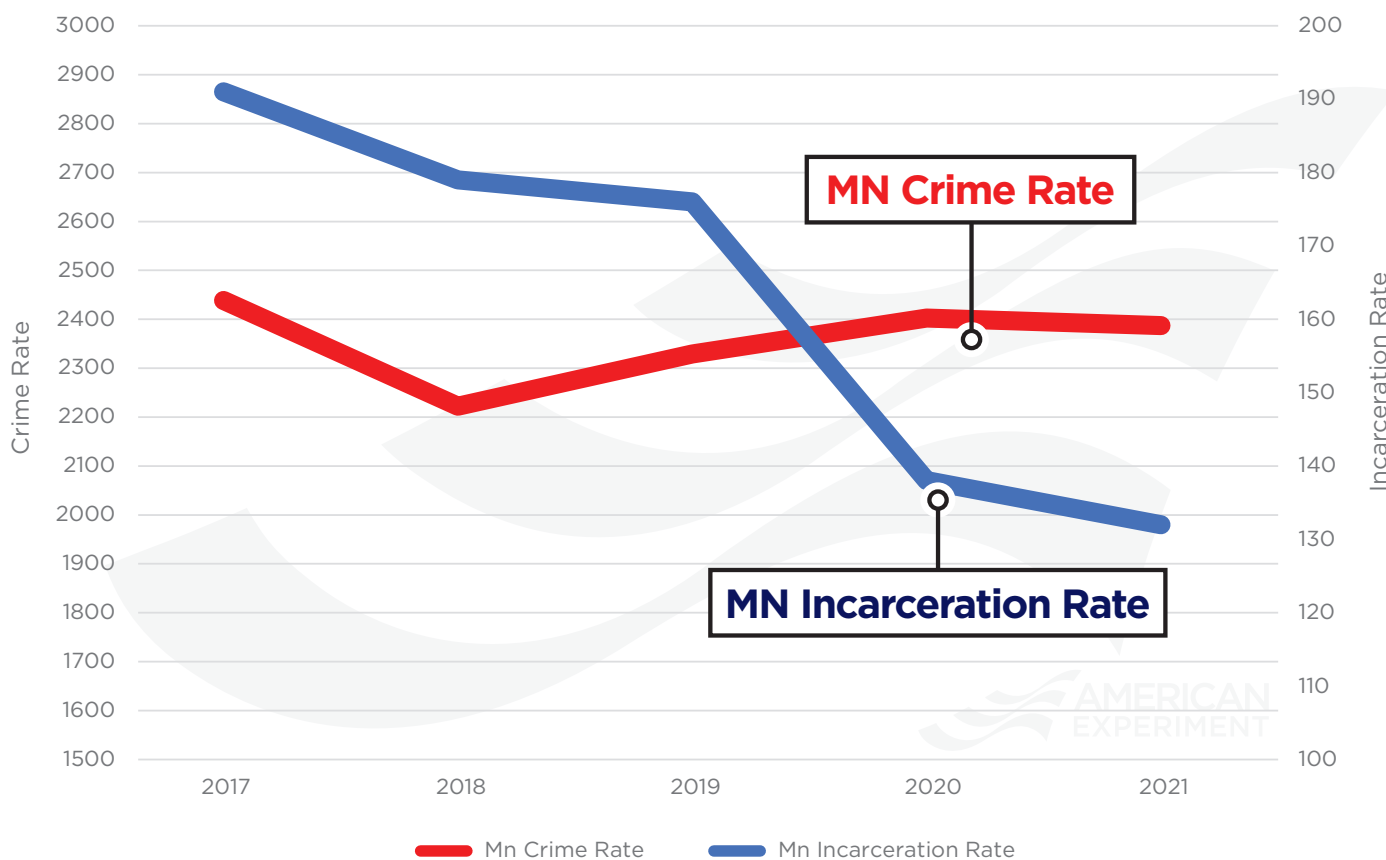


## Crime and Incarceration

Minnesota has historically been a low incarceration state. In 2021, despite rapidly rising crime rates, Minnesota continued decreasing its incarceration rate, ending the year as the state with the 3rd lowest incarceration rate in the country with a rate of 132/100,000 population. Minnesota's rate is approximately 1/3rd the national rate.

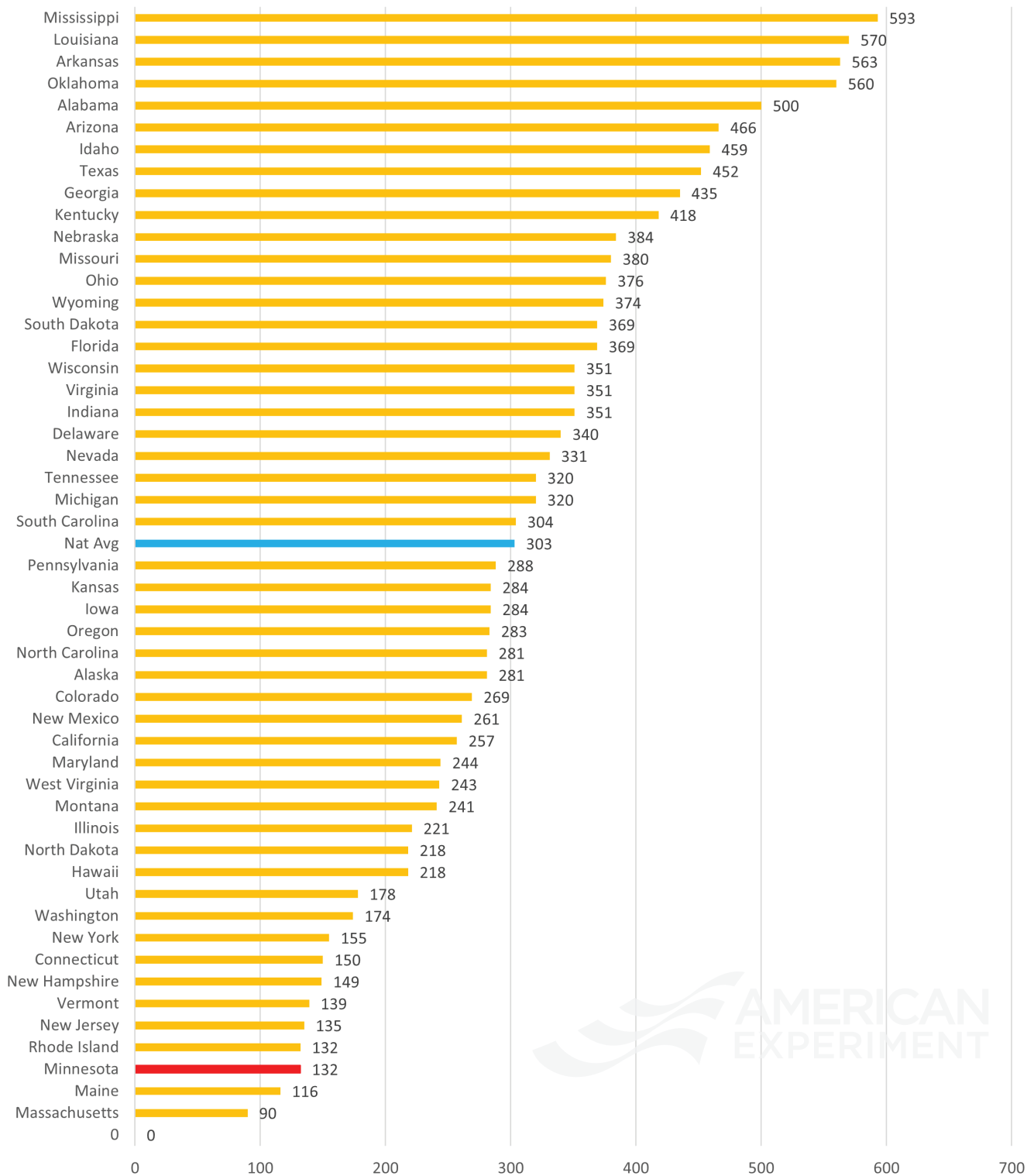
# Minnesota Part 1 Crime Rate vs. Incarceration Rate

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Sources: FBI Crime and MN BCA UCR's and Crime Data Portal for Crime Rates - Bureau of Justice Statistics and VERA Institute for Incarceration data.

## Prison Incarceration Rates by State



Source: Vera Institute

# Anti-police and anti-criminal justice system rhetoric has emboldened criminals and demoralized officers. The results have been disastrous. As a result, Minnesota is officially a High Crime State.

## Law enforcement

- Police recruitment and retention are in a state of crisis that will take years to fix.
- Currently, Minnesota's rate of officers to citizens stands at 1.9/1000. The national average is 2.8/1000.
- Minnesota needs to hire 4,960 additional officers to meet the national average.

## Courts

- Judges in Minnesota are departing downward from the Sentencing Guidelines on Presumptive Commitments in 43.2% of cases.
- Progressive" prosecutors have abdicated their duty by decriminalizing swaths of crimes and refusing to use legally obtained evidence -- all in the name of social justice.

## Corrections

- Minnesota is paying the price for a correctional system that values supervision over incarceration.
- Minnesota maintains the 48th lowest incarceration rate in the country despite having a Part 1 crime rate that exceeds the national average.

## Leaders Should

- Support pro-active policing efforts
- Support police recruitment and retention efforts
- Hold judges, prosecutors, and corrections officials accountable



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