



# Info Brief

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## Crime in KCK Cut Almost in Half Fall 2010

Crime in KCK has dropped 48% in the past two decades. Even more significant is the fact that 2009 and 2010 mark record low numbers of overall crime in Kansas City, Kansas. Since 2007, crime has dropped more than 20%. That's a 20% drop over the last 2 ½ years.

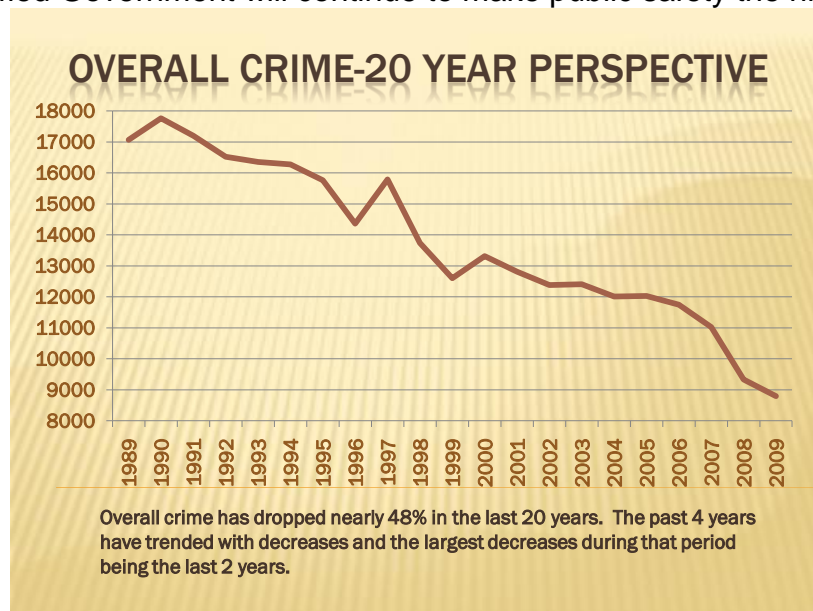
In 1990, KCK experienced 2,821 acts of violent crime. In 2009, the number plummeted to 942. Violent crime includes murder, rape, robberies and assaults. There were 39 KCK homicides in 2009 compared to 110 homicides in Kansas City, Missouri.

In 1990 the total number of property crimes such as car thefts and burglaries totaled 14,943. In 2009, the number was 7,851. That's a decrease of 52%. In 1990, KCK recorded 17,764 acts of overall crime. In 2009 that number was slashed to 8,793 for a 48% reduction in crime.

Mayor Joe Reardon says the perception that KCK is unsafe is flat wrong. And during his State of the Government address, he called on citizens to spread the word that KCK is winning the war on crime.

"The facts speak for themselves: our community is tackling crime and winning. Our collective efforts are working. The perception is not reality – it is a misperception. We are doing the hard work on the ground. It is time we carry the message," declared Mayor Reardon.

Reardon said the Unified Government will continue to make public safety the highest priority.



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