

# **New York City Crime Statistics**

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# People Respond to Stories More Than Data - and Right Now, the Stories About Crime in NYC Are BAD

Just in the past week:

- Michelle Alyssa Go, a 40-year-old consultant at Deloitte, was pushed in front of a subway car and killed in the Times Square station by a homeless man with a history of mental illness
  - This was the headline on the front page of today's NYT: *Eric Adams Ran on Making New York Safer. A Subway Killing Poses a Test.*
- Kristal Bayron-Nieves, a 19-year-old cashier at a Burger King in East Harlem, was shot to death by a man with four prior arrests, including for criminal possession of a weapon in an incident during which he brandished a knife
- A New York City police officer was hospitalized in stable condition after being shot while sleeping in a car between shifts outside a station house in East Harlem

# My Friends' Clothing Store Was Robbed TWICE in Broad Daylight Last Month



Ken and Jim Giddon have co-owned Rothmans men's clothing store, a third-generation family business, for 36 years. Ken wrote an article published in the NY Post: *I will not surrender: NYC shopkeeper robbed twice by marauding bandits*. Excerpt:

My store on 18th Street and Park Avenue South was ransacked/robbed by the same group of young men, twice in the last three weeks of December. I am not quite sure what the term is when a gang of thieves (five the first time, eight the second time) brazenly tears apart a store, assaults an employee, and grabs as much merchandise as they can carry out. They were not particularly troubled by their actions, and figured a repeat performance, since there were no repercussions, was a good idea.

I have a range of emotions. I am embarrassed that we let it happen, especially twice, although I know that is somewhat irrational. I feel violated that something that we spent so much time creating, curating and making beautiful for our loyal customers can be torn up in a few minutes. I also feel guilty that I was not there to protect my team, or change the outcome in any way.

For the first time in over three decades of owning my store, I stay up nights trying to process what this means for my business, and ultimately, the city that I love.

We called the police both times, but the group was long gone before any help could arrive. We have moved forward to enhance our security, and the police have been very good about adding patrols and coverage in our area.

The responding officers were professional and sympathetic. They said it was happening all over the city, but their message was very clear: Do not engage, the perpetrators probably have weapons, and even if you stop them, or we arrest them, nothing will happen. You will waste your time in the system, and they will not be penalized. So where does that leave us?

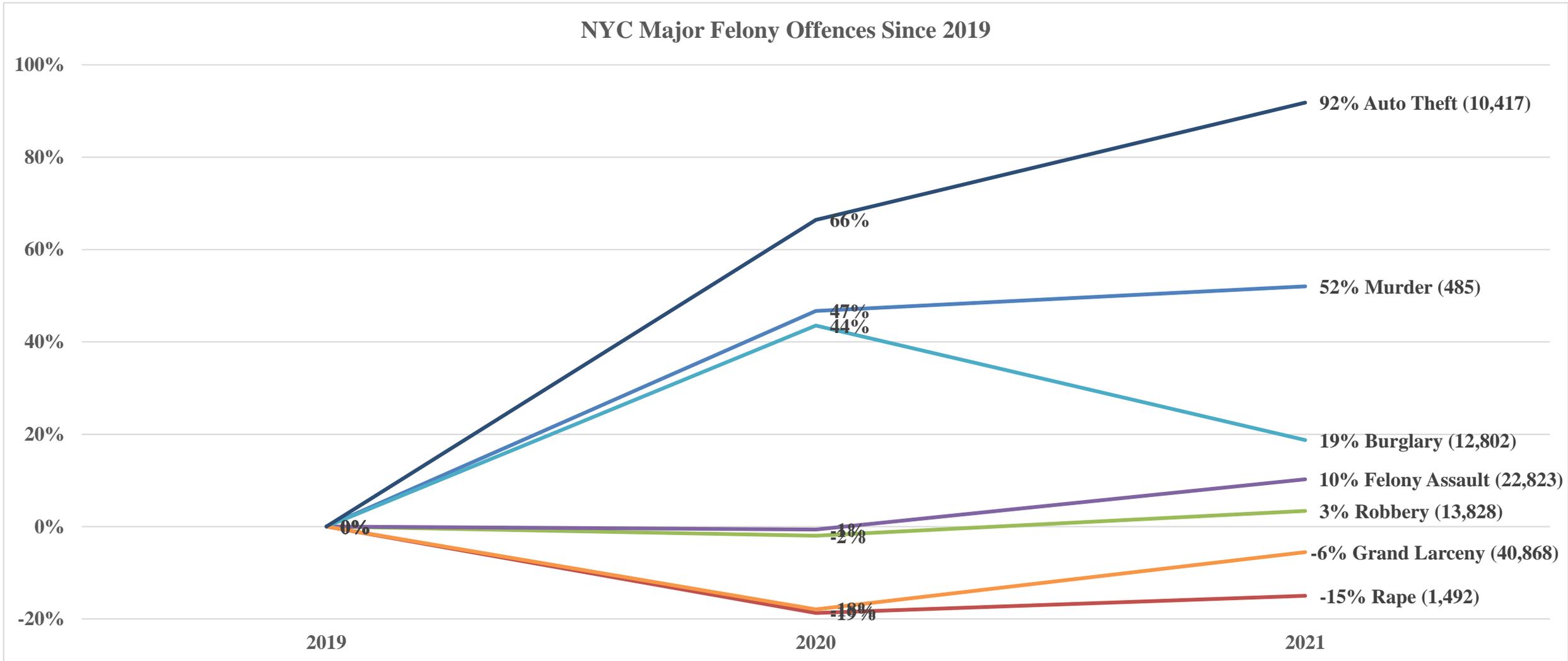
The cops said, 'We are going to catch these guys ... but don't expect these guys to do time.'" That's disheartening.

# Comments from Other Friends

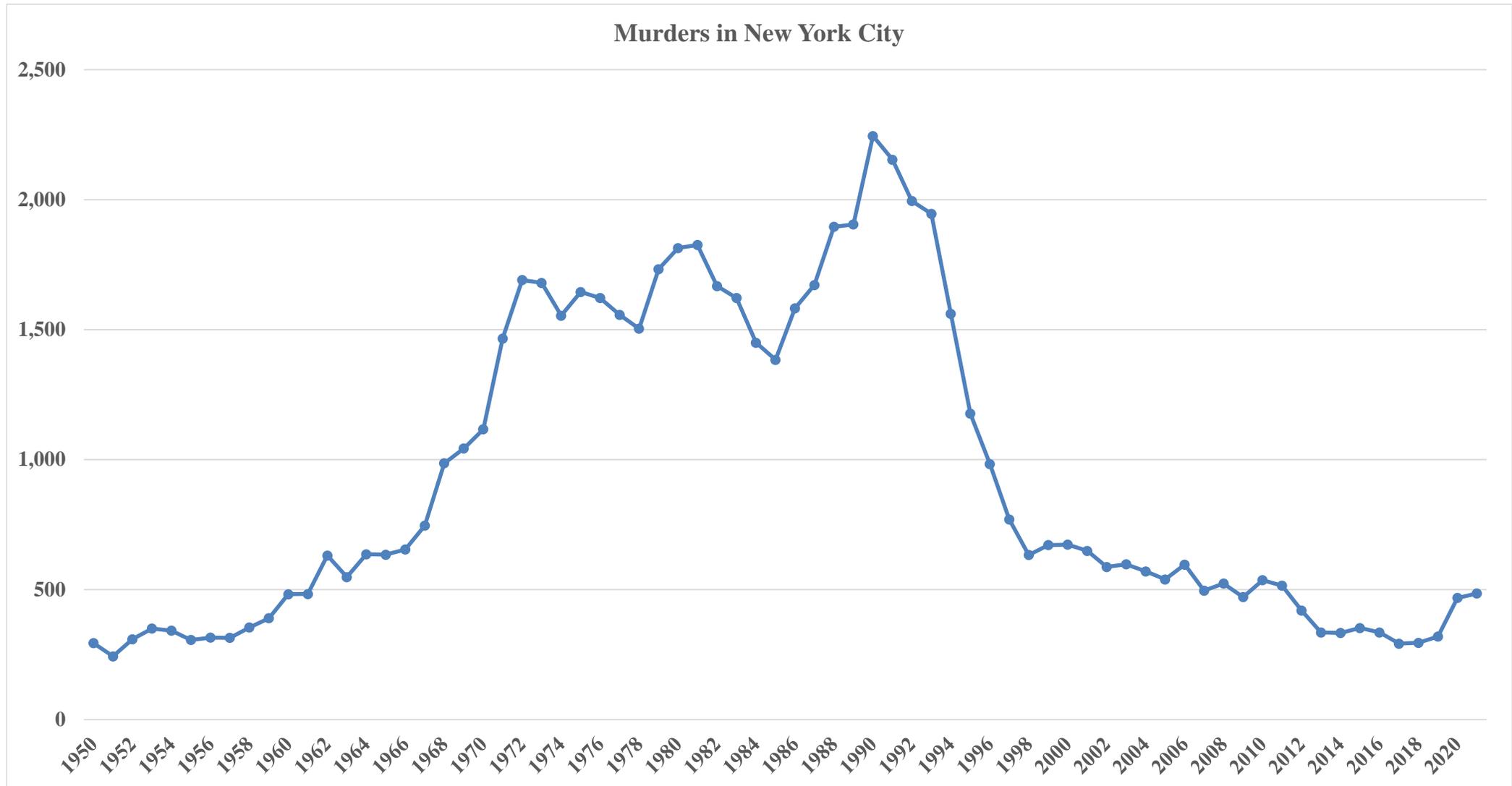
- A friend on Leonard St. in Tribeca: “I am afraid for my children, my friends and myself. And soon I can, I am leaving like everyone else that can (making things much worse as the tax base erodes). This is misplaced ideology at its finest! When will you see this? Will it take the death of a friend or family member or the complete loss of quality of life around your house? There are other solutions to help solve these problems.”
- A friend on 83<sup>rd</sup> and Central Park West: “My wife and I are as progressive as they come, but we’re furious that rising crime isn’t being dealt with more aggressively.”
- A friend on 89<sup>th</sup> and Columbus: “I went into the CVS across the street to buy some deodorant and the shelves were empty. The pharmacist said every day, eight people come in with bags and openly steal everything that’s not behind plexiglass. Headquarters told us not to intervene to avoid possible violence.”
- A friend near Washington Sq. Park: “There’s always been open drug dealing and drug use in the Park as well as general disorderliness and trash, but it’s gotten much worse in the past two years due to a number of factors: 1) The pandemic leading to people and stores empty, loss of community, eyes on the street; 2) Lack of opportunity once someone hits hard times; 3) National leadership (Trump) creating division and hopelessness; 4) City leadership (de Blasio) absent, nearly useless; 5) Global oversupply of fentanyl and meth, price dropping; and 6) police in the aftermath of the BLM protests and calls to defund the police saying, ‘OK, we’ll let you see what things are like if we stop doing our jobs...’”
- A friend on 73<sup>rd</sup> and Broadway: “It’s not as bad as it was in August 2020, right after they moved a lot of drug addicts into local hotels, but it’s worse than it was pre-Covid. It’s a function of how crowded the streets are (or aren’t). It’s dead here after 9pm. Restaurants close earlier. Lots of bodegas and other 24-hour or late-night spots went out of business. It can be desolate after 9 or 10pm, especially on cold nights. No one is out. It was busier in the spring and summer. It feels dicier now. There are more threatening people on the subway and you are more likely to end up on empty or near empty train, which leaves most women feeling vulnerable.”

**The Data Generally Confirms the Widespread  
Belief that NYC Has Become Significantly Less  
Safe in the Past Two Years**

# Most Major Crimes in NYC Are Up in the Past Two Years



# After a Long Decline, Murders in NYC Jumped 47% in 2020 (vs. 29% nationally) and Are Up 64% in the Past Three Years



# Crime in NYC Is Up Sharply in the Past Month

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1/10/2022 Through 1/16/2022

## Crime Complaints

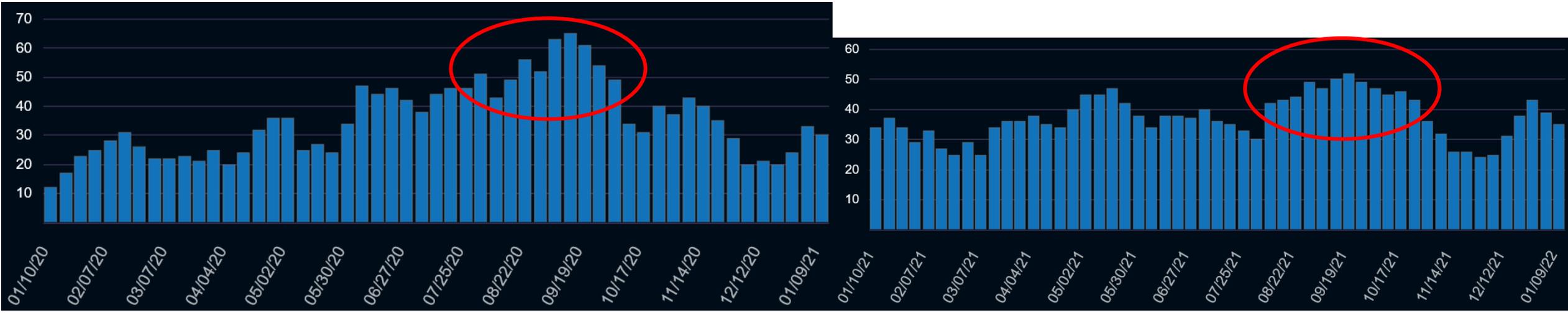
	Week to Date			28 Day			Year to Date*			2 Year	12 Year	29 Year
	2022	2021	% Chg	2022	2021	% Chg	2022	2021	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg
Murder	6	12	-50.0	29	34	-14.7	14	18	-22.2	16.7	0.0	-86.0
Rape	28	23	21.7	106	83	27.7	66	57	15.8	-9.6	24.5	-52.2
Robbery	275	222	23.9	1,131	946	19.6	632	505	25.1	-8.9	-28.4	-85.0
Fel. Assault	373	343	8.7	1,531	1,457	5.1	895	831	7.7	3.9	40.3	-45.3
Burglary	281	272	3.3	1,162	1,151	1.0	608	635	-4.3	0.3	-29.5	-87.2
Gr. Larceny	987	610	61.8	4,040	2,383	69.5	2,108	1,304	61.7	10.7	38.6	-41.6
G.L.A.	322	133	142.1	1,032	592	74.3	646	324	99.4	115.3	53.4	-87.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,272</b>	<b>1,615</b>	<b>40.68</b>	<b>9,031</b>	<b>6,646</b>	<b>35.89</b>	<b>4,969</b>	<b>3,674</b>	<b>35.25</b>	<b>11.66</b>	<b>13.14</b>	<b>-74.86</b>
Transit	39	30	30.0	150	106	41.5	96	58	65.5	-26.2	-5.0	***.*
Housing	99	81	22.2	422	348	21.3	230	193	19.2	5.5	43.8	***.*
Petit Larceny	1,823	1,555	17.2	7,150	6,004	19.1	3,770	3,299	14.3	-4.1	15.1	***.*
Misd. Assault	626	497	26.0	2,598	2,222	16.9	1,432	1,194	19.9	-16.3	-18.7	***.*
UCR Rape*	47	46	2.2	157	138	13.8	96	88	9.1	-19.3	***.*	***.*
Other Sex Crimes	76	57	33.3	268	231	16.0	170	149	14.1	-15.0	***.*	***.*
Shooting Vic.	26	21	23.8	105	101	4.0	57	53	7.5	21.3	26.7	-79.6
Shooting Inc.	22	18	22.2	88	87	1.1	52	45	15.6	26.8	33.3	-79.4
Hate Crimes	4	2	100.0	26	21	23.8	13	11	18.2	-7.1	***.*	***.*

**Appendix:**  
**10 Categories of Crime in NYC**  
**Over the Past Two Years By Week**

# Murders in NYC By Week the Past Two Years

A smaller summer surge in 2021 vs. 2020

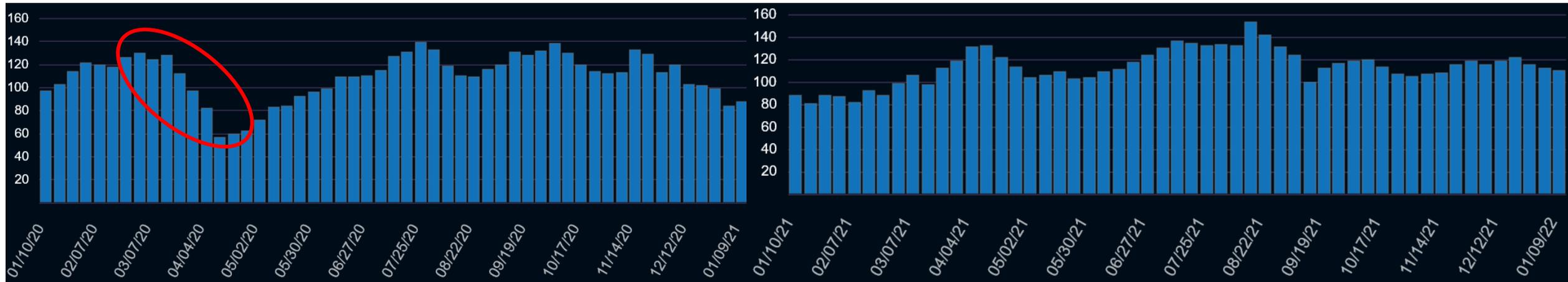
Down 14.7% in the past month



# Rapes in NYC By Week the Past Two Years

A big drop when the pandemic hit, then back to trendline

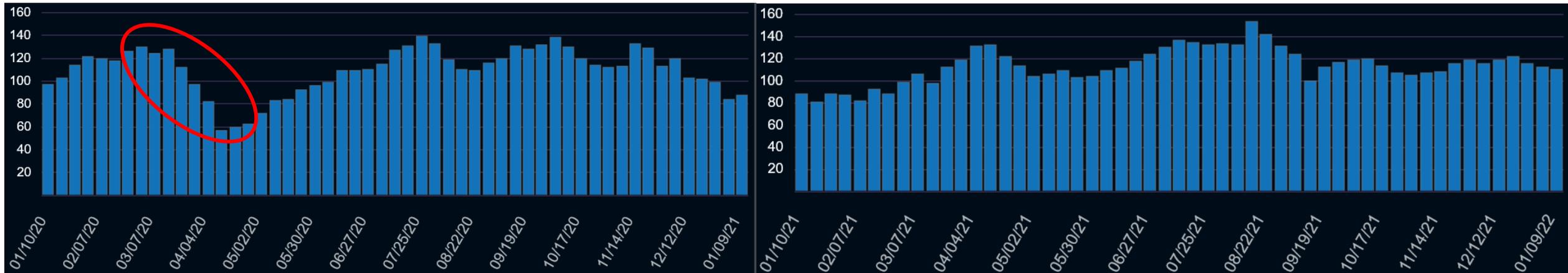
Up 27.7% in the past month



# Robberies in NYC By Week the Past Two Years

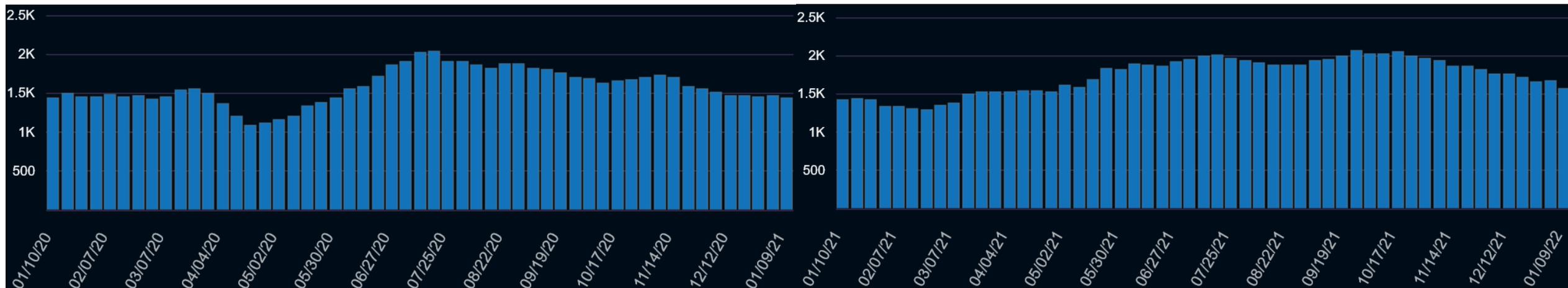
A big drop when the pandemic hit, then back to trendline

Up 19.6% in the past month



# Felony Assaults in NYC By Week the Past Two Years

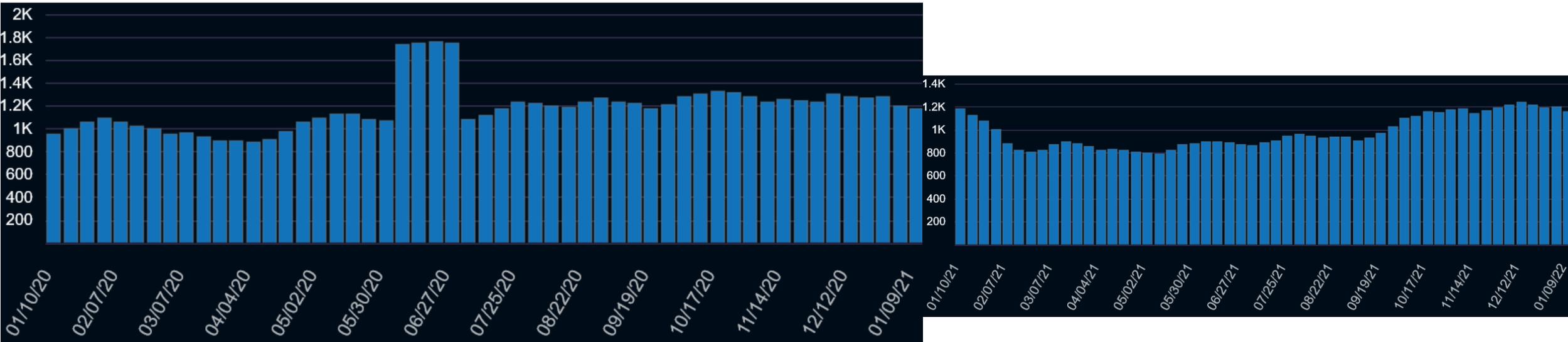
Up 5.1% in the past month



# Burglaries in NYC By Week the Past Two Years

Four weeks of bad data in June 2020?

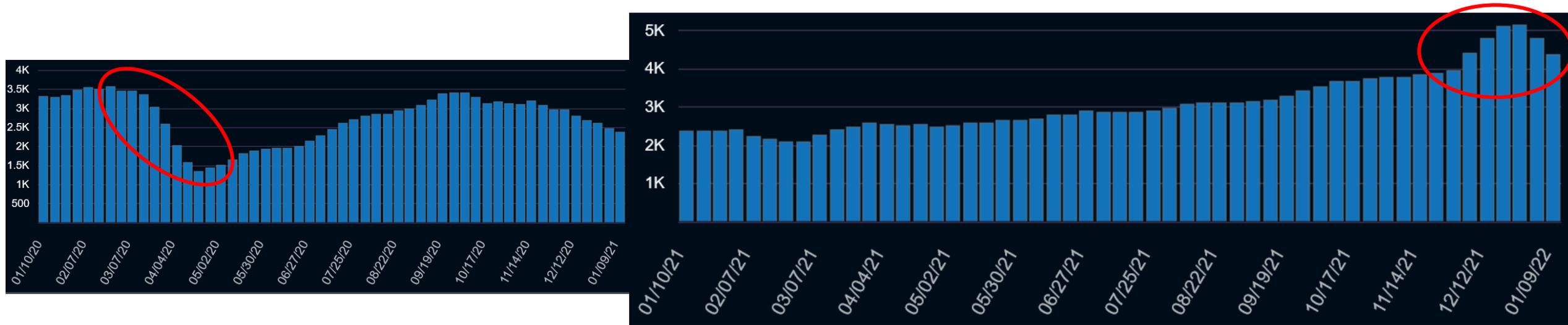
Up 1.0% in the past month



# Grand Larceny in NYC By Week the Past Two Years

A big drop when the pandemic hit, then back to trendline, then a big surge at the end of 2021

Up 69.5% in the past month



# Auto Thefts in NYC By Week the Past Two Years

No seasonal decline in late 2021

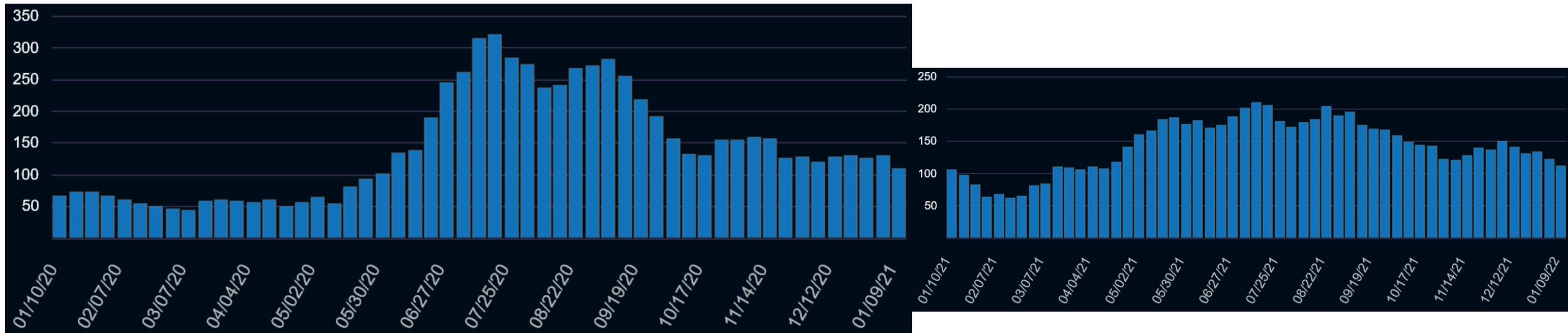
Up 74.3% in the past month



Source: <https://compstat.nypdonline.org/2e5c3f4b-85c1-4635-83c6-22b27fe7c75c/view/89>

# Shooting Victims in NYC By Week the Past Two Years

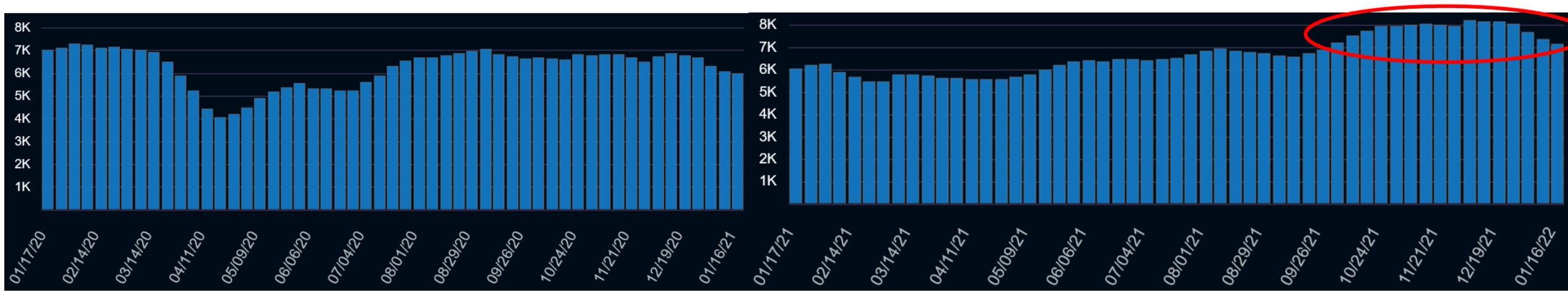
More shooting victims post-COVID, with less seasonality in 2021  
up 4.0% in the past month



# Petit Larceny in NYC By Week the Past Two Years

Up roughly 15% in late 2021

Up 16.9% in the past month



# Misdemeanor Assault in NYC By Week the Past Two Years

Up nearly 20% in late 2021

Up 19.1% in the past month

