

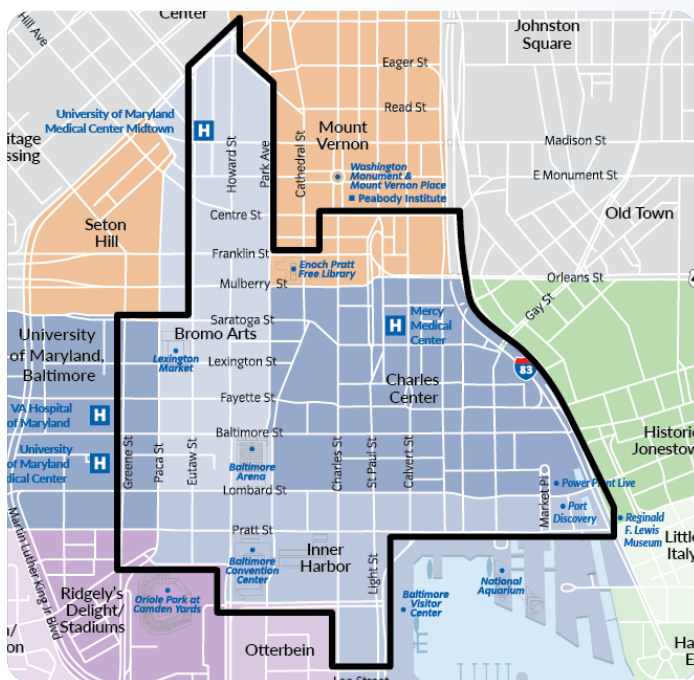
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DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP

Operations & Safety Update

This quarterly report is intended to keep Downtown Baltimore stakeholders, businesses, property owners, and residents updated on the latest safety data available for our neighborhoods. February’s newsletter provides insights on safety data from **October-December of 2021 (Q4)**.



This map shows the [Downtown Management Authority](#) boundaries.

Safety Deployments

Downtown Partnership runs steady deployments, listed below, but also join forces with our City Partners to adjust where needed. We allocate our deployments and increase overtime to support City-wide events in Downtown, such as for the upcoming CIIA Basketball Tournament (2/21 – 2/27).

Downtown Baltimore Guides (DBGs)

16 uniformed ambassadors performing business checks, assisting visitors, and providing eyes on the ground for DPOB.

Monday - Sunday, 7am - 5:30pm

Private Security

8 unarmed security officers, available to assist with safety escorts.

Monday - Friday, 12 - 8pm

Baltimore City School Police Officers

4-6 officers per shift on weekdays. 4-8 per shift on weekends.

Sunday - Thursday, 4 - 10pm

Saturday - Sunday, 4pm - 12am

Maryland State Police

2-4 marked Maryland State Police Officers per shift.

Sunday - Thursday, 4 - 10pm

Friday - Saturday, 4pm - 12am

Additional Safety Info

REQUEST A SAFETY ESCORT

Our DBGs are on call to walk you to your car, bus stop, office, or residence in the DMA boundaries anytime from 7am-8:00pm. Call 410-244-1030.

REQUEST A PRESENTATION

If your organization is interested in detailed safety information and tips, reach out to Benton Green, at bgreen@dpob.org to schedule a presentation.



DISCLAIMER Data in this report is sourced from Open Baltimore (data.baltimorecity.gov). The information is accurate to the best of our knowledge at the time of dissemination, but is subject to change based on Baltimore City open data. Downtown Partnership of Baltimore is not responsible for policing or public safety, but in the spirit of public-private partnerships and the request of stakeholders, we have increased our safety programs and data reporting to support and supplement Baltimore City.

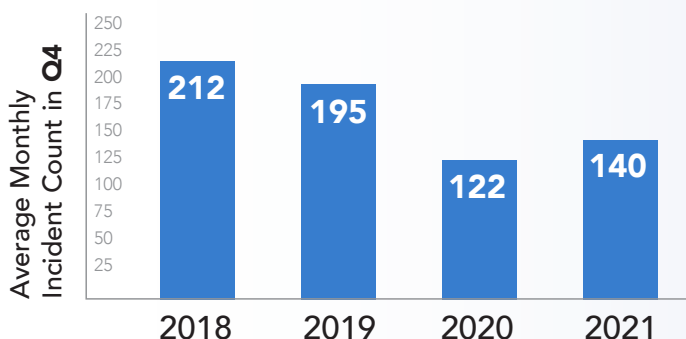
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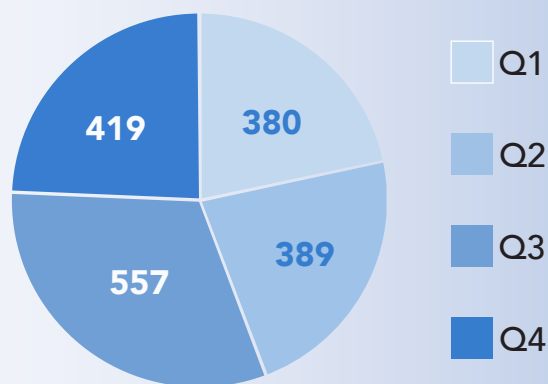
Safety Data

Overall, crime has remained significantly below historical highs. When looking at data from Q4, crime in 2021 was down 28% compared to 2019 and 34% compared to 2018. We do see a small increase in crime (15%) when comparing with 2020, but 2020's lower than usual numbers can be attributed to decreased foot traffic as a result of Covid-19.

Average Monthly Incidents in Q4 (year-to-year)



Quarterly Incident Distribution for 2021



INCIDENT OCCURRENCE SAW A 25% REDUCTION OVERALL FROM Q3 TO Q4 2021.

Comparing Percent Change in Most Common Incident Types

It's important to take the early impact of the Covid-19 pandemic into account comparing present data to 2020. In 2020, foot traffic was significantly lower in Downtown, and as a result crime was also down.

Incident Type	Occurrences in Q4 2021	vs 2020	vs 2019	vs 2018
Common Assault	101	+9.7%	-36%	-51%
Larceny	82	-7.9%	-19.6%	-29.3%
Larceny (Auto)	59	+11.3%	-43.3%	-34.4%
Agg. Assault	51	-8.9%	-25%	-21.5%



GOOD NEWS IN SAFETY We're working with City DOT to identify and **install new lighting** where needed. Plans are in motion to install 1,000 lights in the next 12 months. Recently upgraded corridors include: Hopkins Plaza, Center Plaza, Redwood Street, and Water Street.

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Economic Development

Recent news in economic development.

[Lexington Market Redevelopment](#)

The unveiling of the of the new Lexington Market pavillion and public plaza has been pushed to mid-2022. Baltimore Public Markets is currently seeking community input on public programming for the new space.

[Fill Out the Survey](#)

[Spark Coworking expands to Pier IV, secures lease with The Baltimore Banner](#)

The Venetoulis Institute for Local Journalism, the umbrella org. for The (new) Baltimore Banner, announced recently that it has signed a multi-year lease with Spark Flex, for 15,000 sq. ft of prime office space Downtown.

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[Alex Brown & Sons Building acquired, developer plans for boutique hotel concept](#)

An out-of-state developer hopes to bring an upscale, boutique hotel to Baltimore's CBD, much like The Ivy Hotel to the north, and Sagamore Pendry to the east.

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[Alex Brown & Sons Building](#) 125 E Baltimore Street.

Events

[The CIAA Basketball Tournament](#)

February 21 - 26

[Learn More](#)



[The 3-Point Pop-Up Marketplace](#)

February 24- 27

[Learn More](#)



[The Black-Owned Restaurant Tour](#)

February 21 - 27

[Learn More](#)



For a full lineup of Downtown Partnership events, visit GoDowntownBaltimore.com