

LET'S KEEP FLORIDA SAFE



In Order to Make Florida Safer, Governor Scott is Championing Efforts to Reduce Crime and Increase Public Safety Through Proven Common Sense Polices.

The results are clear: by every metric, Florida is at a historic level of safety and security. The crime rate is at the lowest level in 43 years, even as Florida's population continues to grow. This is a testament to our brave men and women who serve in our communities each and every day, as well as concrete steps that Governor Scott has taken to increase opportunities for all Floridians.

Our low crime rate means that not only are our families and communities safer, but Florida is in a better position to create more opportunities for its residents. Although Florida is safer than at any other point in modern history, Governor Scott knows that there is still much more to do to protect families in the Sunshine State. Throughout his next term, public safety will remain a top priority, and Governor Scott will continue to work with sheriffs, police chiefs, and other local law enforcement to implement the best practices across the state which keep our families safe.

THE 85% SENTENCE RULE

Governor Scott believes that if someone is convicted and sentenced under the laws of our state, he or she must be held accountable for their crime and serve their sentence. This means that those convicted of a crime in Florida must serve a minimum of 85% of their sentence. In 2012, Governor Scott vetoed an attempt by the legislature to lower the early release time for prisoners. Over the next four years, Governor Scott will protect Florida's 85% rule to ensure that we do not lose ground on making our state safer.

INMATES RELEASED WHO
RETURNED TO PRISON
WITHIN THREE YEARS

2010 **30.5%**
RECIDIVISM RATE

2011 **27.6%**
RECIDIVISM RATE

2012 **26.3%**
RECIDIVISM RATE

CONTINUE TO DECREASE THE RECIDIVISM RATE

Under the leadership of Governor Scott, recidivism rates have dropped to a historic low of 26.3%. Reentry programs have been very successful in reducing repeat criminal behavior, leading to increased community safety and a cost savings for Florida taxpayers. By ensuring effective and evidence-based treatment, education and job training are provided to both adults and juveniles while holding them accountable for their crimes. As a result, those released from prison are more likely to become productive members of society upon their release, and Florida families are more safe and secure in their communities.

Reentry programs reduce recidivism by providing inmates within three years of their release the treatment and education they need to succeed, as well as creating a more seamless transition process from prison to the community. Governor Scott will continue to support the implementation of programs that have been proven to work.

SCIENCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Intelligence led policing allows law enforcement to assess and measure risk, making it possible for them to predict and combat new and growing crime trends. Effective state of the art crime solving tools are vital to tracking delinquent tendencies, as well as ensuring more successful testimony. Governor Scott will continue to encourage intelligence led policing, and will work with law enforcement to make sure that they have the necessary resources to bring accurate and reliable evidence to our criminal justice system.

COMPUTER RELATED CRIMES

As technology continues to become more prominent, smart crimes are migrating to identity theft through computers. Unfortunately, this affects many Floridians, with 195,103 complaints logged in 2013 alone. Cyber criminals are targeting Florida's small businesses with fraud and are taking the identities of vulnerable seniors, and this is unacceptable.

In addition to signing into law tougher penalties on fraudsters, a cyber crime squad was created in Florida in order to proactively combat the computer related crimes. There is more that can be done though, and that is why Governor Scott is committed to working with state and local law enforcement and prosecutors to identify the best course of action and resources to combat cyber crime in the Sunshine State.

JUVENILE JUSTICE—PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION FOR TROUBLED YOUTH

“Under Governor Scott and his administration, Florida has become a national leader in applying effective intervention strategies for at risk and delinquent youth. Florida has vaulted into the top echelon of Juvenile Justice departments in the country as a result of their innovation and research and data driven policies and practices.”
– **Shay Bilchik, Director, Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, Georgetown University**

Under Governor Scott, Florida is implementing a compassionate – and more effective – approach to placing troubled youth on the path to a productive adulthood. Through the creation of the Department of Juvenile Justice's Roadmap to System Excellence, developed under Governor Scott, new and innovative strategies are being implemented to focus on prevention and early intervention.

Governor Scott has emphasized vocational training to provide troubled youth with the opportunity to join the workforce. Florida is focusing more on developing community support systems and productive detention center operations. This was possible through diverting minor offenses and misdemeanors to community-based programs in order to secure the best environment for rehabilitation. Florida has reshaped its approach to probation through working with families to develop effective intervention plans designed to help youth make better choices.

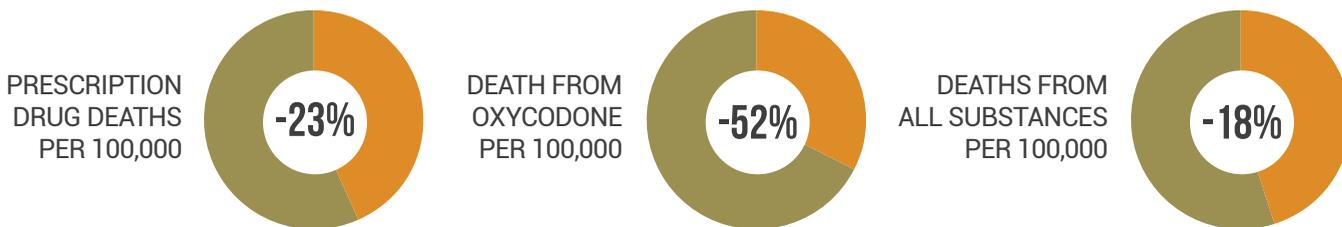
In his next term, Governor Scott will develop partnerships with top juvenile researchers to provide Florida with the most up-to-date strategies and services. Having access to the brightest minds in the field of juvenile justice allows state officials to use cutting edge research techniques and create evidence-based programs. These programs will identify early signs of risk, advise on the appropriate methods to address issues the moment they are identified, and assign the most beneficial treatment to each individual.

Governor Scott looks to further reform the juvenile justice system by working closely with school districts by using modern research tools. Understanding a child's behavioral needs through up front services will prevent crime and lead Florida's youth to brighter futures and a path to success.



PRESCRIPTION DRUG DEATHS ARE DOWN

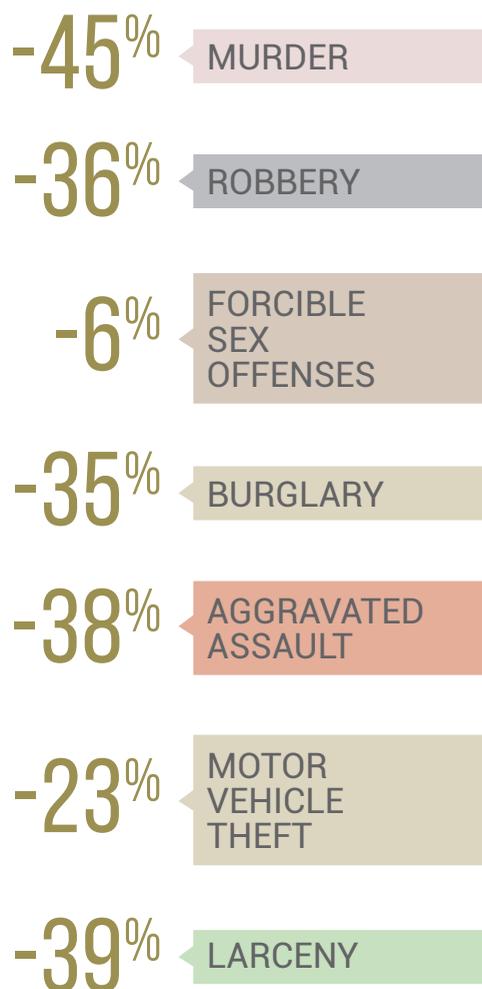
In 2011, Governor Scott created Drug Enforcement Strike Team to target the prescription drug abuse problem in Florida. With the help of local law enforcement, pill mills have been shut down and the death toll has dropped. Today, Floridians are safer because of the Governor's work.



UNDER CHARLIE CRIST IN 2010

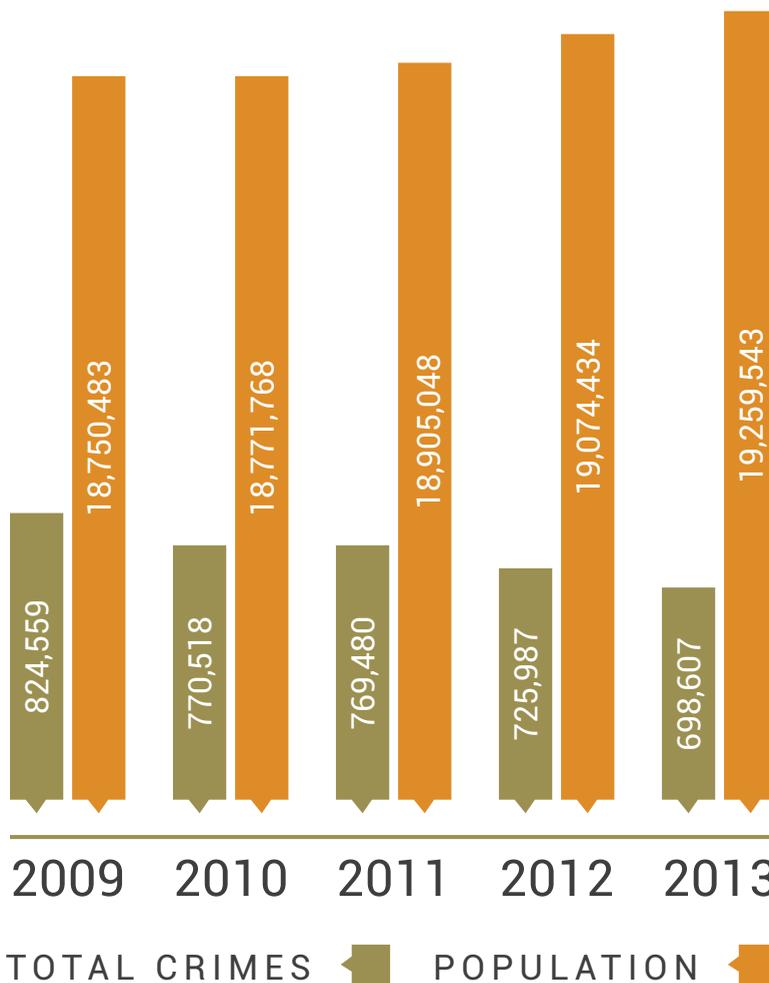
UNDER GOVERNOR SCOTT IN 2012

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm63e0701a2.htm?s_cid=mm63e0701a2_w#Tab1



DOWN FROM 2009

CRIME DOWN IN FLORIDA



TOTAL CRIMES

POPULATION

Source: FDLE Annual Crime Report, 2013



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