



**LANCASTER CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
AGENDA
Wednesday,
May 12, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

Posted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 7, 2021
at the entrance to the Lancaster City Hall Council Chambers
44933 Fern Avenue, Lancaster, CA 93534

**TELEPHONIC MEETING PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20
ISSUED BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM**

LANCASTER CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Chairman Drew Mercy

Vice Chair Jeff Little

Commissioner Mark Brown; Commissioner Tim Fuller;

Commissioner Howard Harris; Commissioner Jin Hur;

Commissioner Evelyn Medrano

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AGENDA ITEMS TO BE REMOVED

Sometimes it is necessary to remove items from the agenda. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - AGENDIZED ITEMS

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Commission Members: Brown, Fuller, Harris, Hur, Medrano; Vice Chair Little; Chairman Mercy

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT CALENDAR

CC 1. Approval of Minutes – April 14, 2021

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COMMISSION/ STAFF PRESENTATIONS, UPDATES, REPORTS

1. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Crime Trends Report
Presenter: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
2. Los Angeles County Probation Department Update
Presenter: Los Angeles County Probation Department
3. California Highway Patrol Update
Presenter: California Highway Patrol
4. District Attorney Update
Presenter: District Attorney's Office
5. City Attorney Update
Presenter: Assistant City Attorney
6. Public Safety Update
Presenter: Public Safety Director
7. State Legislative Office Update
Presenters: Senator Wilk's Office and Assemblyman Lackey's Office

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

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COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting:

Wednesday, June 9, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

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MEETING ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

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AGENDA ADDENDUM INFORMATION

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All documents available for public review are on file with the City Clerk Department.

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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mercy called the meeting of the Lancaster Criminal Justice Commission to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commission Members Brown, Fuller, Medrano; Vice Chair Little; Chairman Mercy

Absent: Commission Members Harris, Hur

Staff

Members: Assistant City Manager, Public Safety Director, Assistant City Attorney, Assistant City Clerk

Additional

Attendees: Attorney's Antelope Valley Branch Head Deputy District Attorney Sherwood, Los Angeles County Probation Department Supervisor Robert Sepulveda, California Highway Patrol Captain Broneer, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Captain Weber, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Community Relations Deputy Green, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Deputy Deciga, Council Member Dorris

INVOCATION

Council Member Dorris

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Little

PRESENTATION

None

APPROVAL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION CONSENT CALENDAR

CC 1. Approval of Minutes – March 11, 2020

On a motion by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Fuller, the Commission approved the Consent Calendar, by the following vote: 5-0-0-2; AYES: Brown, Fuller, Medrano, Little, Mercy; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Harris, Hur

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COMMISSION/ STAFF UPDATES

1. LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CRIME TRENDS REPORT

Deputy Green provided the statistics for January through February of 2021 for the Burglary Suppression Team, LAN-CAP Team, Robbery Team, and LEAPS program.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department continued with their Community Engagement with virtual workshops and attending community events when possible while abiding by the CDC guidelines.

Captain Weber provided an overview of how last year ended with Part 1 Crimes down, aggravated assaults down but rising throughout the county, and grand theft autos rising throughout the county along with thefts of catalytic converters; overall numbers were down for 2020

Discussion among the Commission, Deputy Green, Captain Weber, and staff included additional information on the Part 1 Crime Hot Spot Areas map presented.

2. LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

This item was not discussed.

3. CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL UPDATE

Captain Broneer thanked the City of Lancaster for the support after the loss of Officer Andy Ornelas.

Additionally, Captain Broneer provided year-to-date statistics through March 2021 along with a comparison to the average based on the past year for fatal accidents, unlicensed drivers, traffic collisions, DUI related accidents, total arrests, and motor vehicle thefts.

Captain Broneer also provide information on staffing and recruitment for law enforcement.

Discussion among the Commission, Captain Broneer, and staff included additional information on the rise of unlicensed drivers.

4. DISTRICT ATTORNEY UPDATE

Head Deputy District Attorney Sherwood provided information on felony and misdemeanor filings along with a comparison to the previous year for the month of March 2021; misdemeanor filings are down largely due to changes made by special directive orders.

Discussion among the Commission, Deputy District Attorney Sherwood, and staff included recent changes per special directive orders.

Chairman Mercy discussed his personal experience with the negative impact of the special directive orders to victim's families, and personally thanked the California Highway Patrol and the Deputy District Attorneys who are fighting the special directive orders.

Additional discussion among the Commission, Deputy District Attorney Sherwood, and staff included recent case filing changes per special directive orders, perception, and continued efforts to protect the public.

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5. CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE

The Assistant City Attorney provided updates on recently adopted ordinances relating to shopping carts, sidewalk vendors and food truck operators, including the positive impacts to the community.

Discussion among the Commission, and staff included the information provided on the ordinance relating to sidewalk vendors and food truck operators and future enforcement.

6. PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

The Public Safety Director provided information on quality of life issues throughout the community, recent changes to the code enforcement division, upcoming changes to public safety, inoperable vehicle cleanup, homeless assistance programs, homeless encampment cleanup, participation in a recent Teen Talk, and future presentations for the Commission to provide updates on community efforts and matters; overall the Public Safety Department has continued staying busy throughout the past year addressing a wide range of community matters.

7. STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE UPDATE

Chairman Mercy confirmed the Legislature is back in session for the Spring and provided legislative updates which included information on public safety bills.

Additionally, Chairman Mercy indicated he would provide more information on top bills in the works at the next meeting.

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Stephen Updyke – Health Educator, Tarzana Treatment Center, discussed the National Prescription Drug Take Back event taking place on April 24th.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Brown – stated it was nice to see everyone again.

Chairman Mercy – concurred with Commissioner Brown’s statement, and hoped everyone and their families were doing well and staying safe and healthy.

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ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mercy adjourned the Criminal Justice Commission meeting at 10:59 a.m. and stated the next meeting of the Criminal Justice Commission would take place Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 12th day of May 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

KATHLEEN STENBACK
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK
COMMISSION SECRETARY

DREW MERCY
CHAIRMAN

**CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES
LANCASTER CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION**

I, _____, _____ of the City of Lancaster, CA, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original Lancaster Criminal Justice Commission Minutes, for which the original is on file in my office.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, CA on this _____ day of _____, _____.

(seal)



CRIME COMMISSION REPORT

MARCH 2021 STATS

DIRECTED PATROL UNIT / CRIME PREVENTION TEAM

CRIME PREVENTION



- ▶ Via Social Media-Public Safety Announcements
- ▶ Facebook Live
- ▶ Zoom Meeting / Workshops

BURGLARIES

ACTIVITY	March (February)	
TOTAL BURGLARIES	38	(36)
RESIDENTIAL	15	(15)
COMMERCIAL	23	(21)



ROBBERIES

ACTIVITY	March (February)
TOTAL ROBBERIES	32 (20)
ARMED	19 (8)
STRONG-ARM	13 (11)



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Engagement via social media





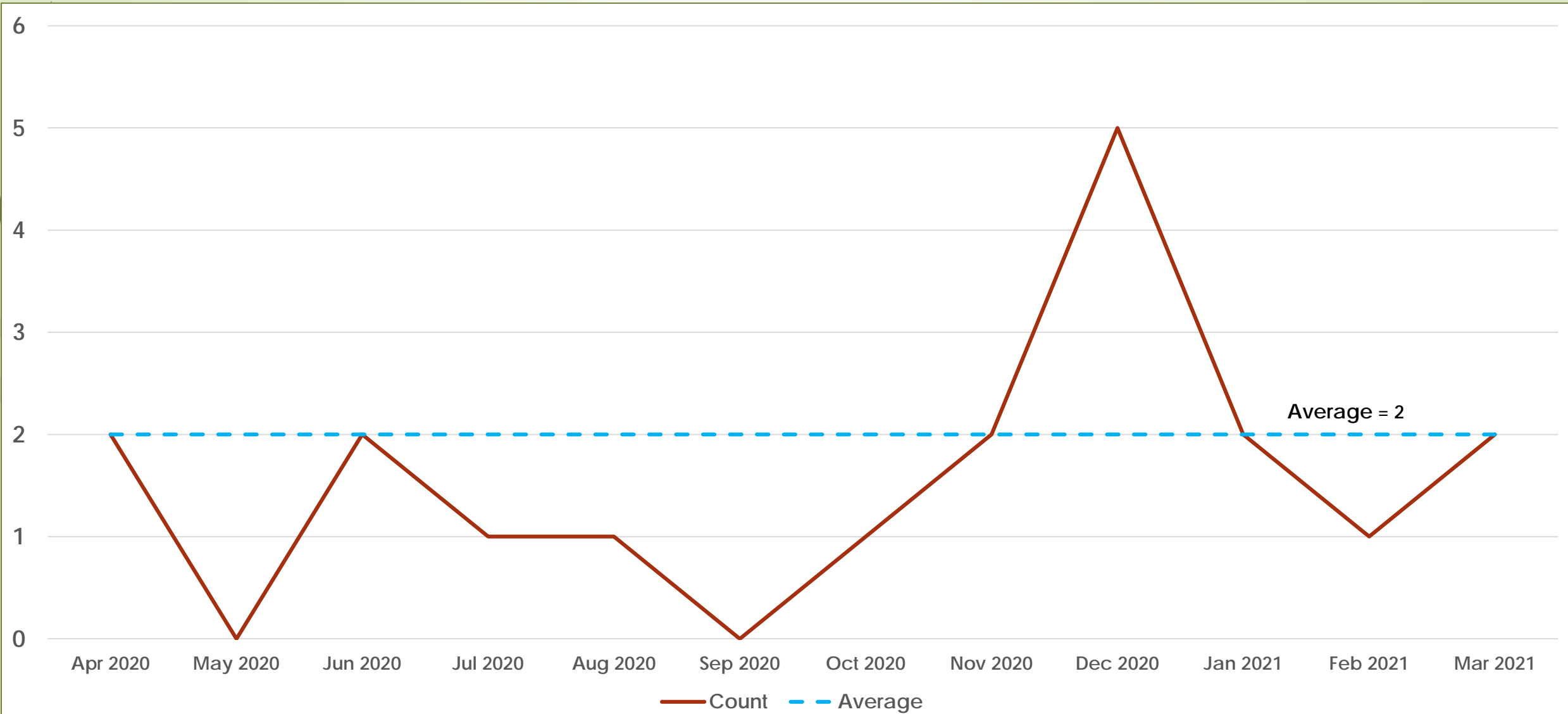
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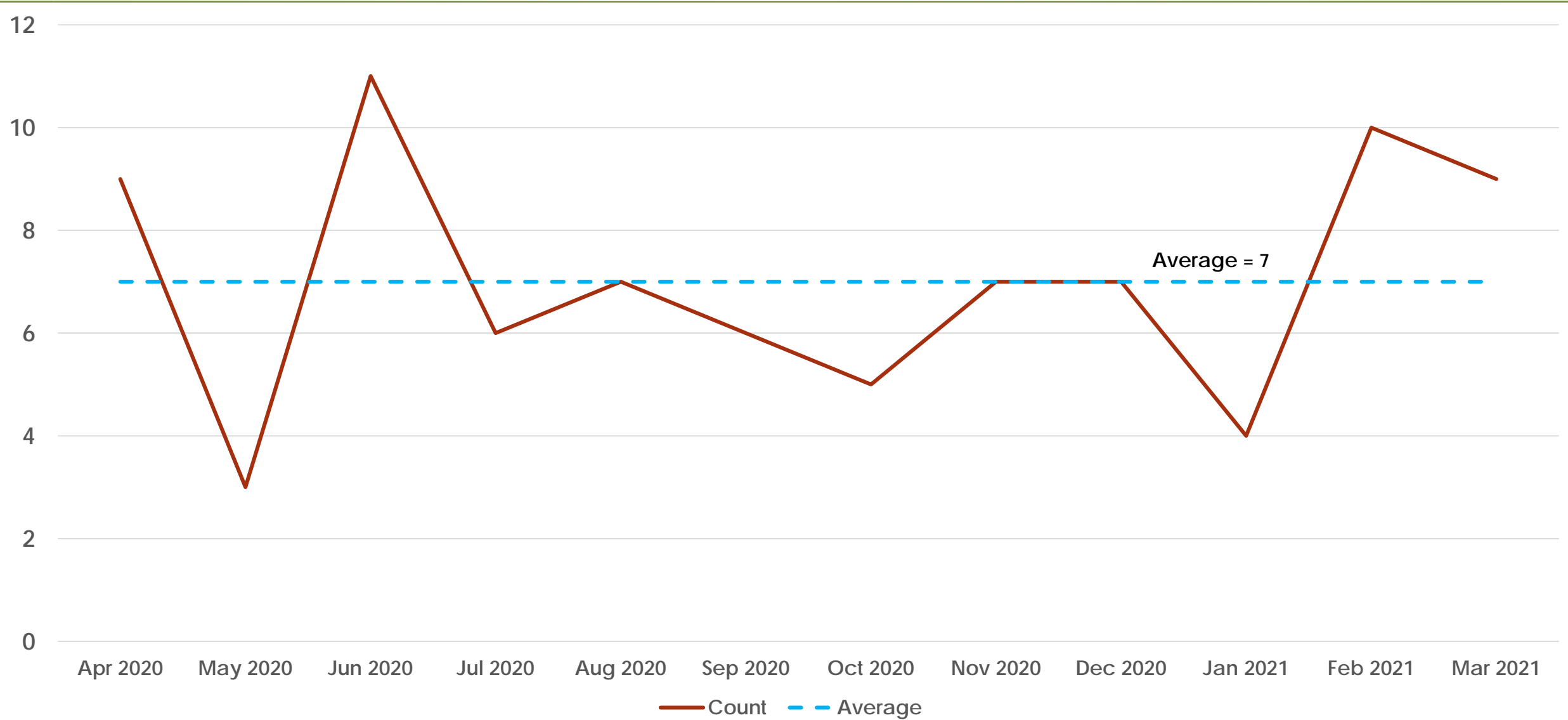


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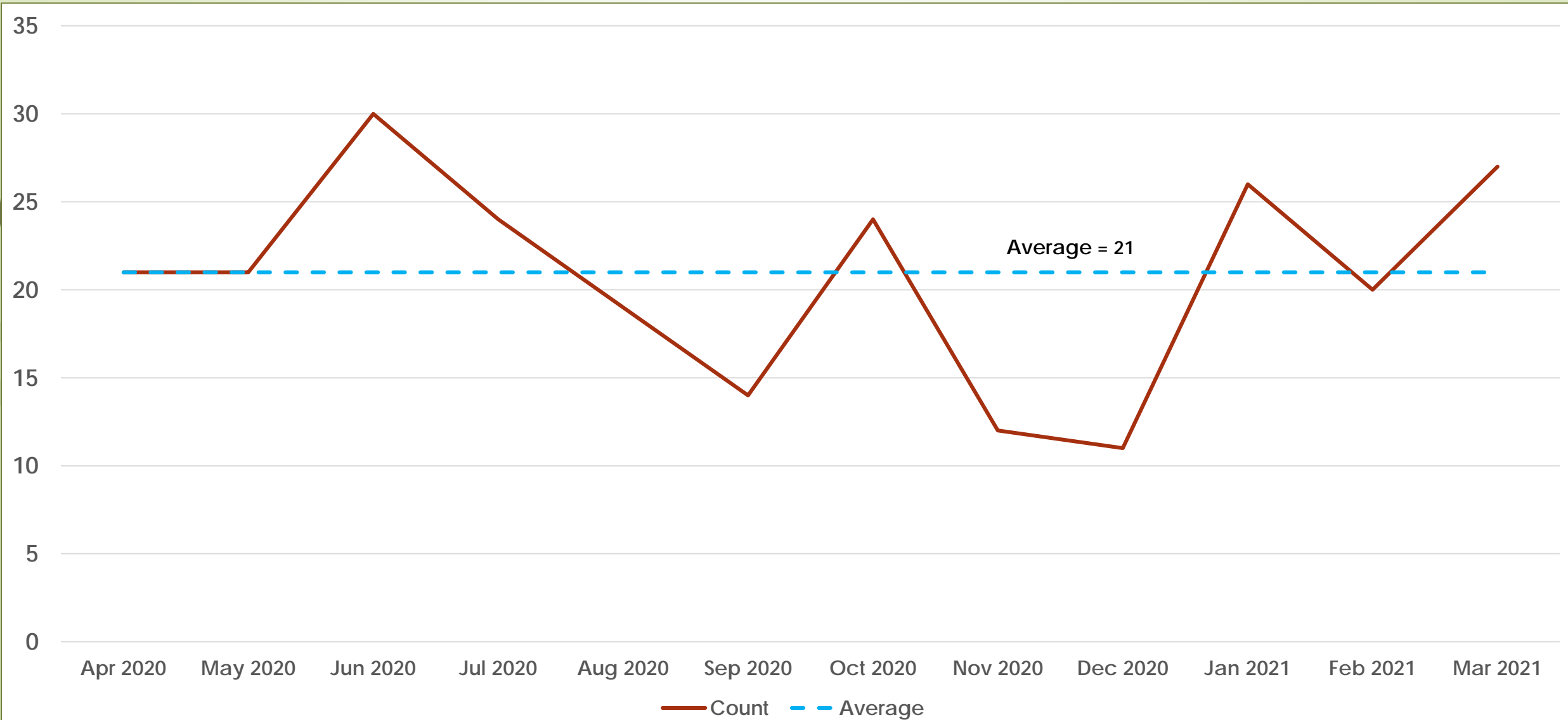
Homicides Over A Year Period



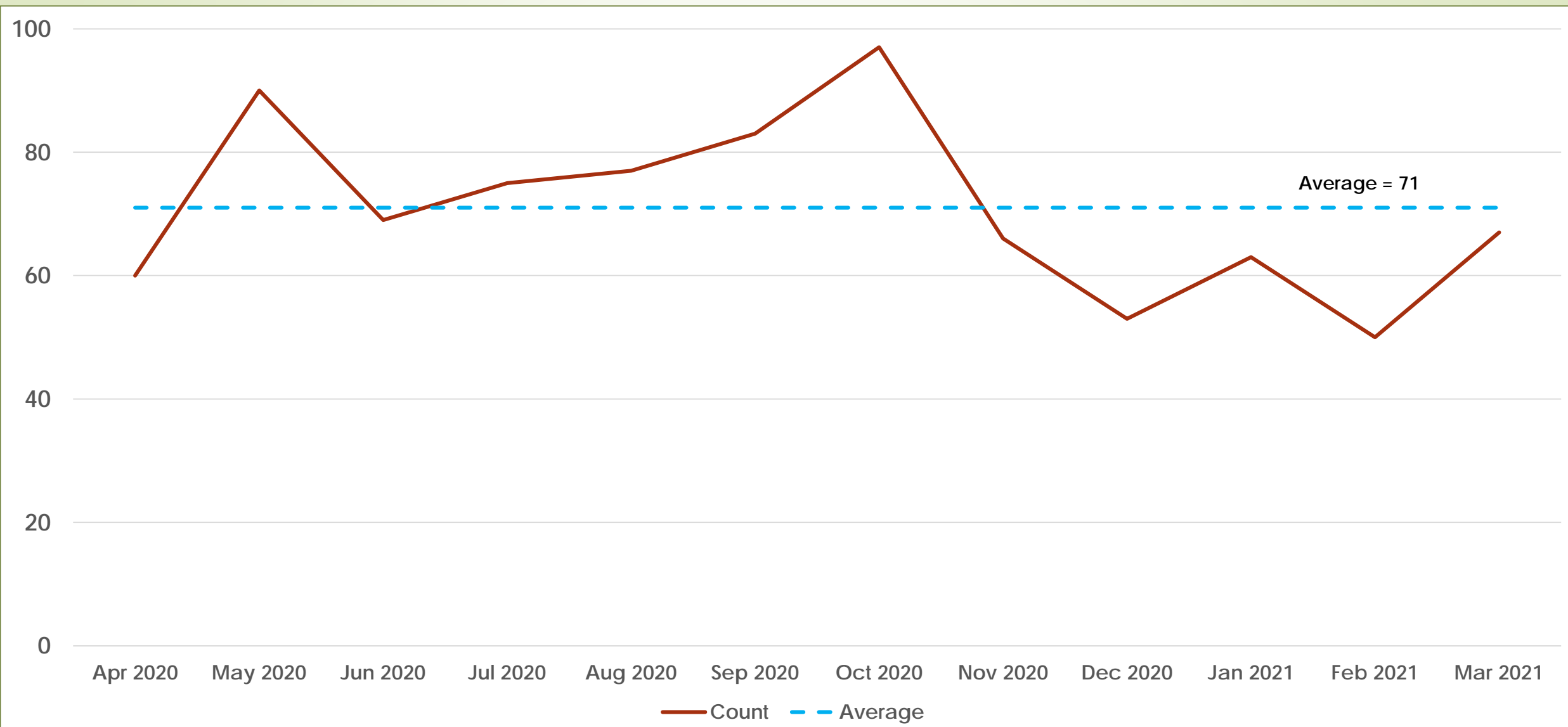
Rapes Over a Year



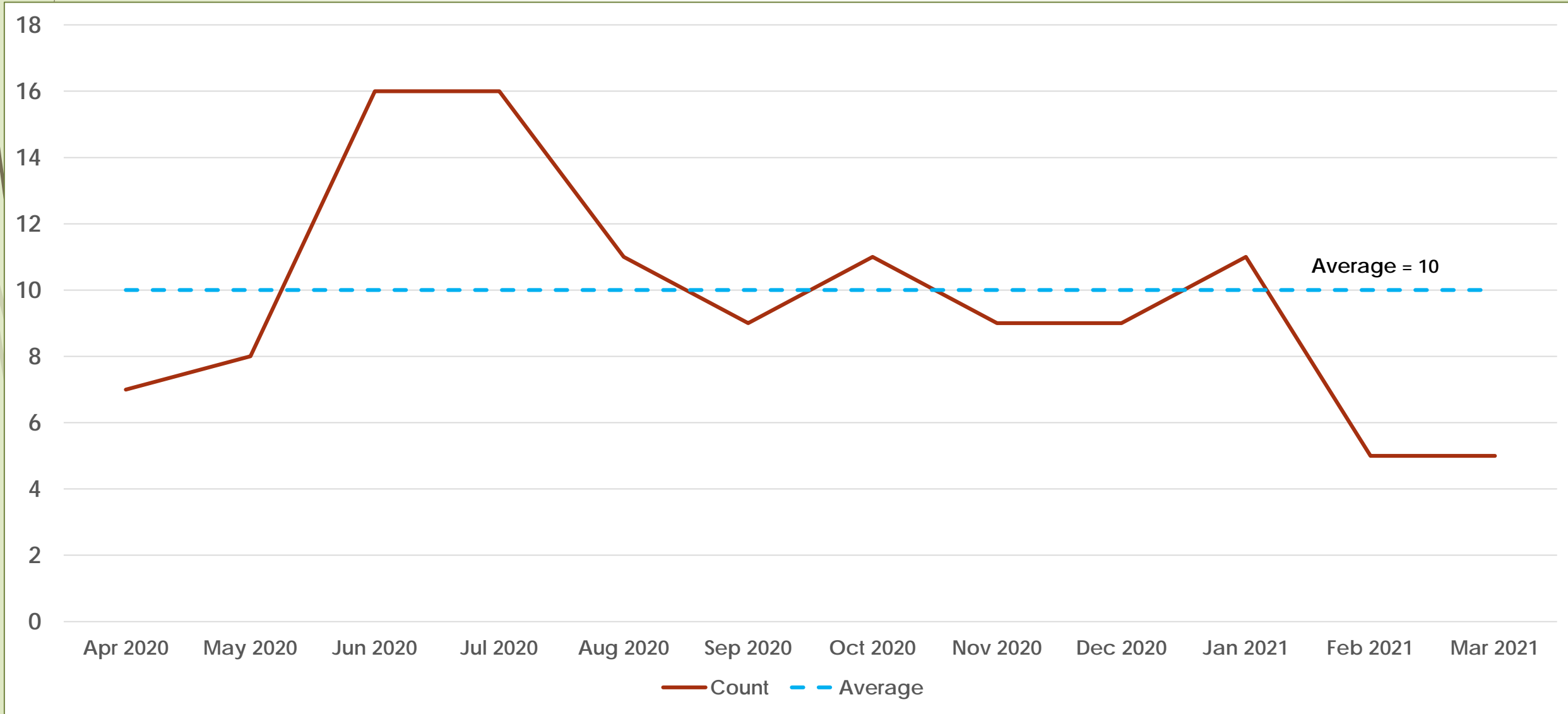
Robberies Over a Year Period



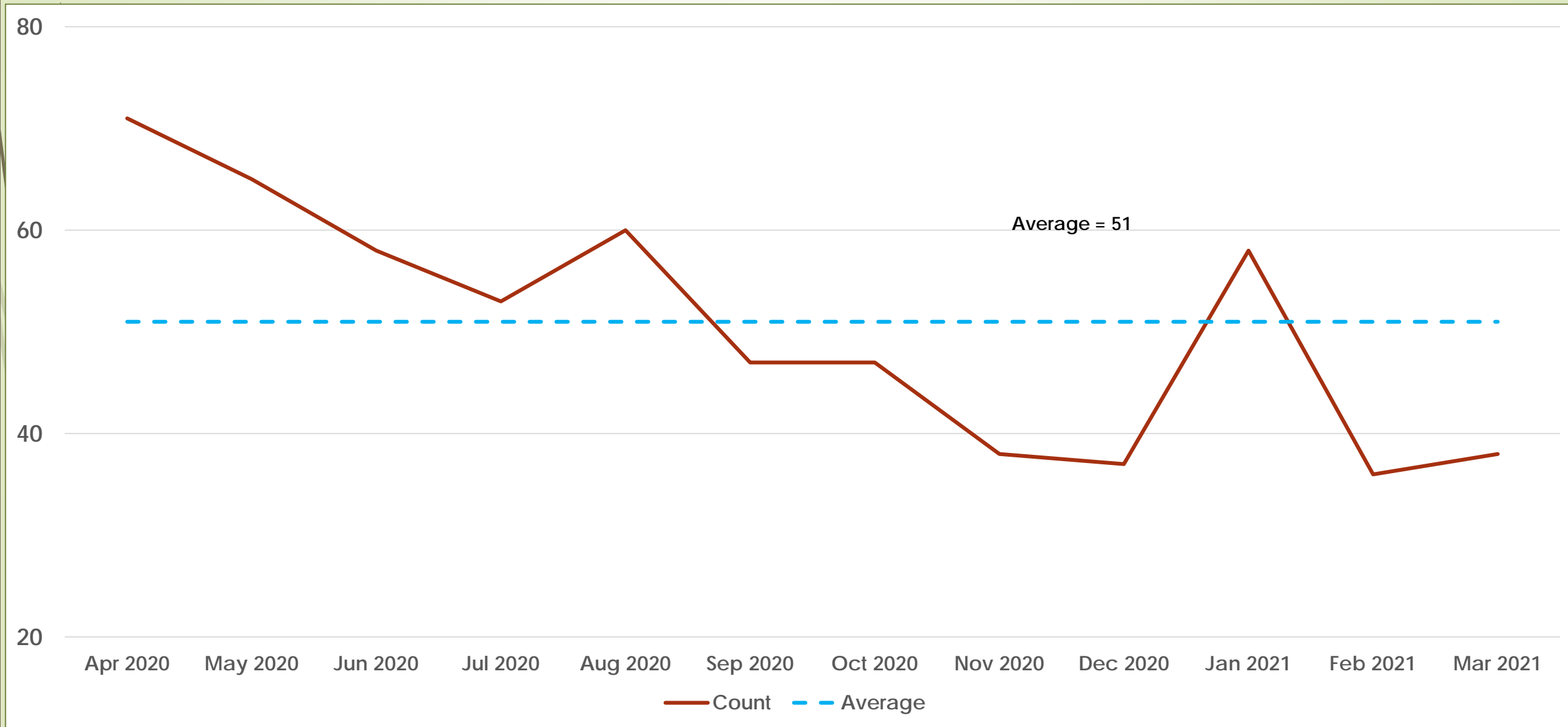
Aggravated Assaults Over a Year Period



Domestic Violence-Related Aggravated Assaults Over a Year Period



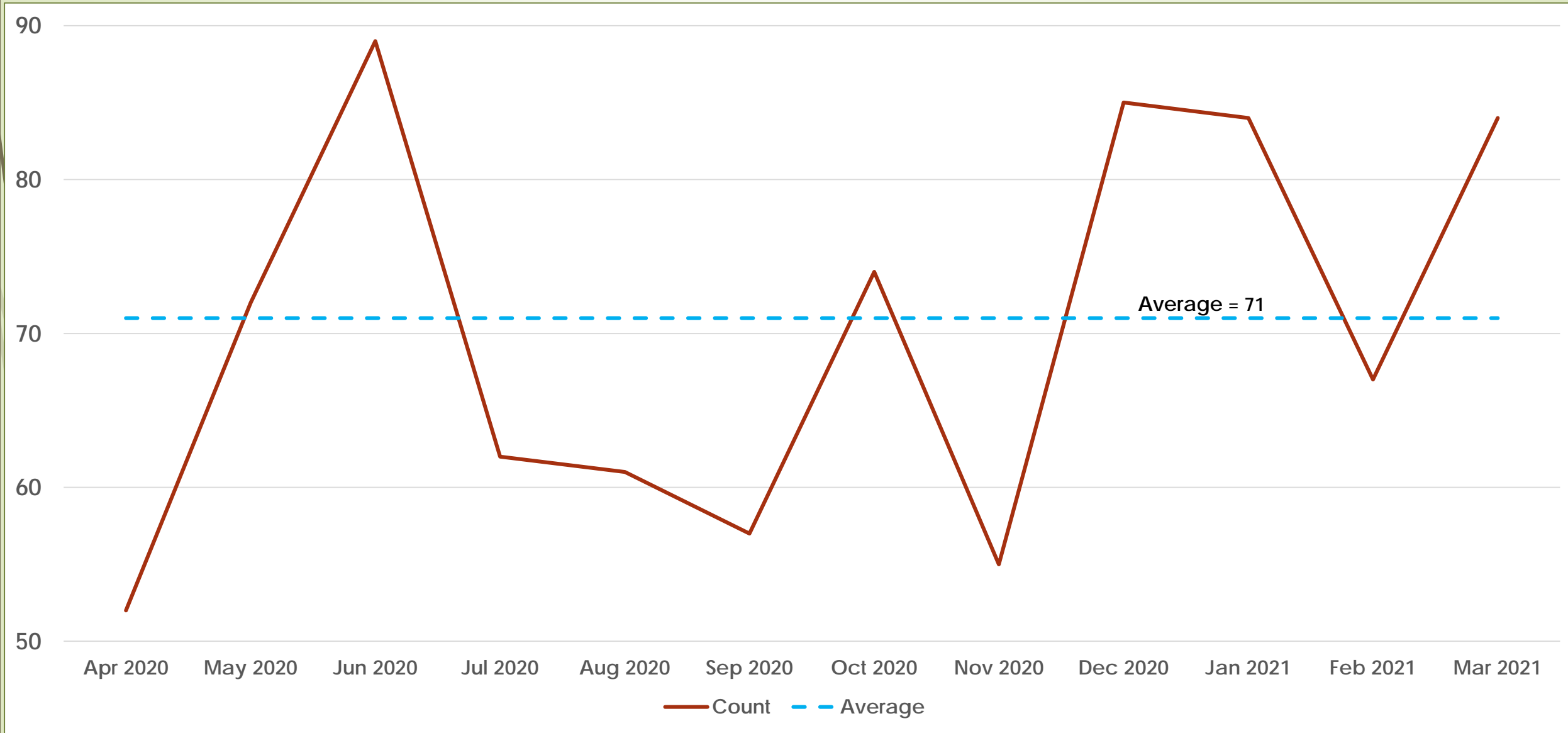
Burglaries Over a Year Period



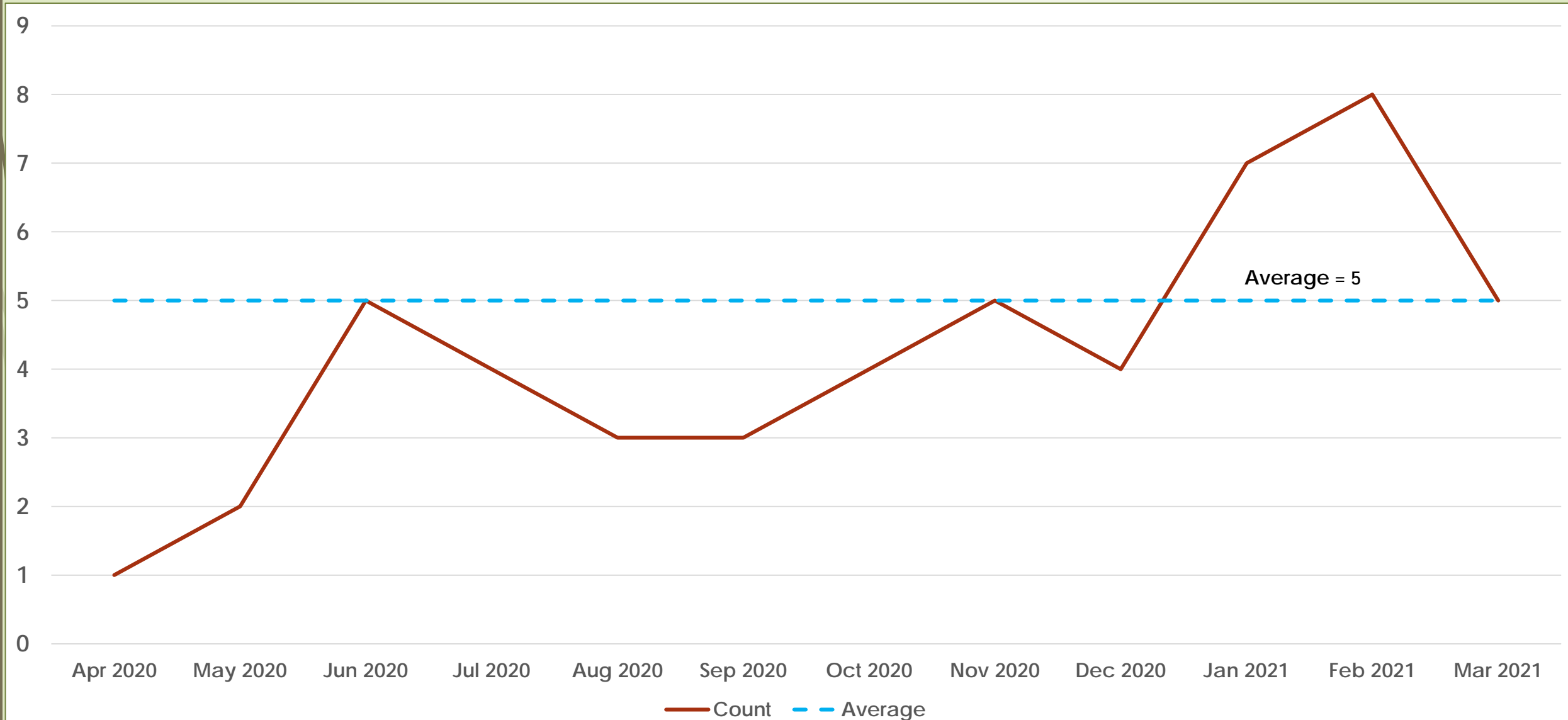
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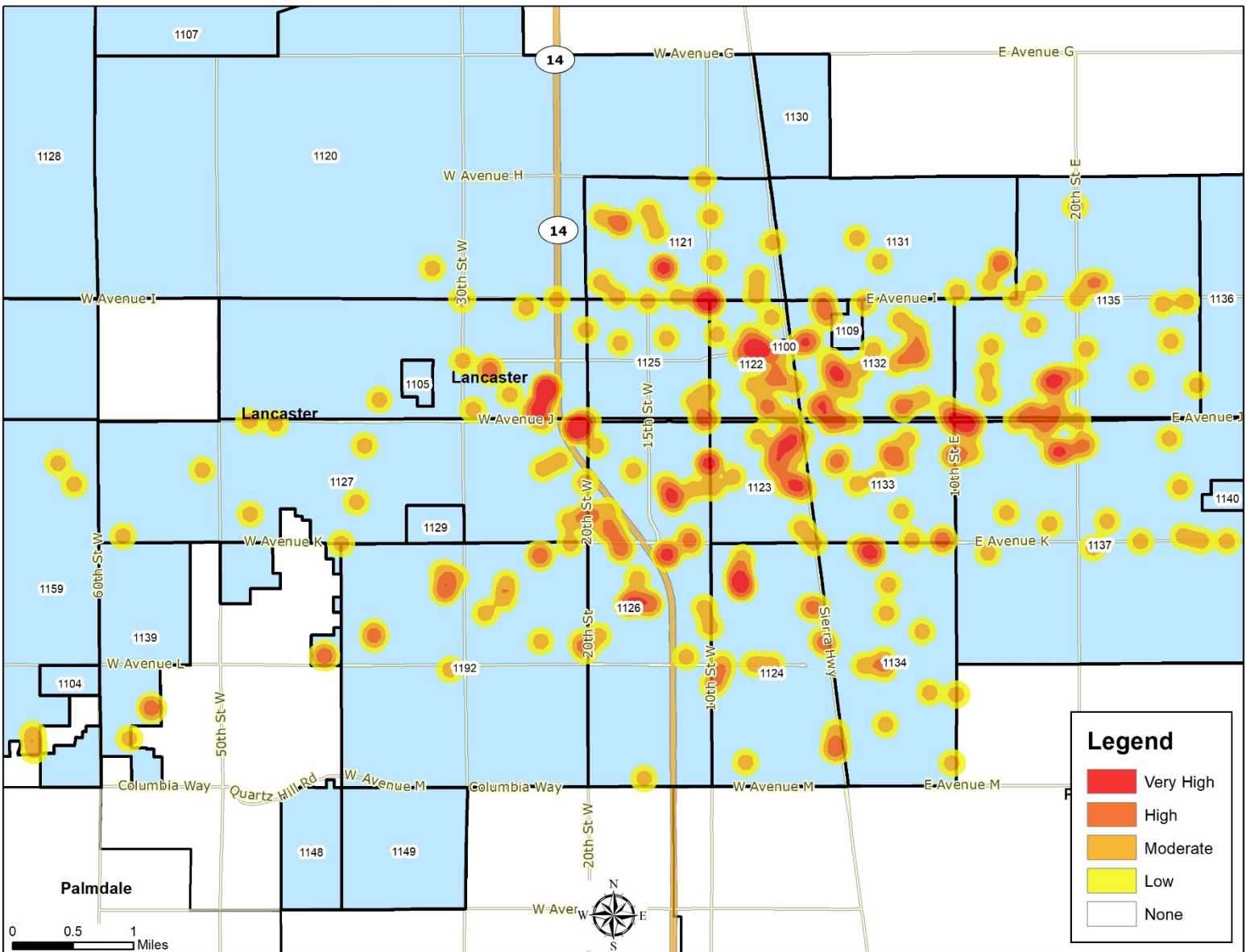
Grand Theft Vehicles Over a Year Period



Arsons Over a Year Period



City of Lancaster Part I Crime – Hot Spot Areas March 2021





Data Sources

- All crime counts are from LARCIS 5c in accordance with FBI Uniform Crime Reporting. Per UCR rules, violent crimes are counted by number of victims, not incidents.