Chicago Crime Varies over Space

Not everyone experiences crime equally.

Violent crime and property crime each have a distinct geography. While property crime is widespread throughout the city, especially in heavily populated areas like downtown, violent crimes occur in smaller clusters, primarily on the city's south and west side.

Legend

Violent Crimes *(Homicide, Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault)*
17,801 in 2015

Property Crimes *(Burglary, Larceny, Theft, Arson, Vandalism, and Trespassing)*
86,571 in 2015

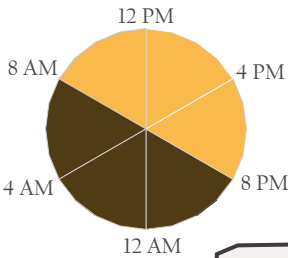### 2015 Total Crimes: 104,187

And by Time of Day

Crime spikes during the daytime.

This pattern is exaggerated on the near northside and downtown, high-density areas with high property crime. On the south and west side - more violent areas - crime occurs more evenly throughout day and night.
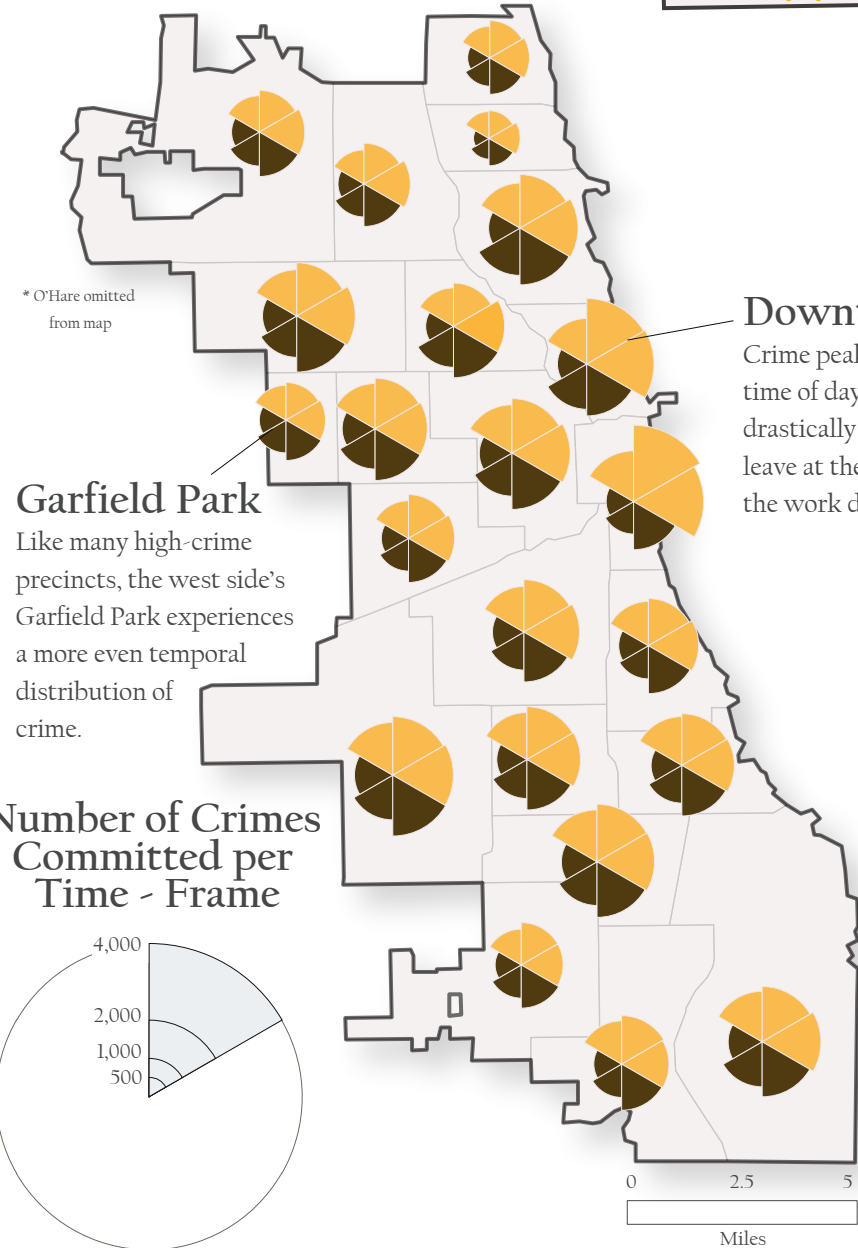
Hour	Crimes per Precinct, 2015
12:00 AM - 4:00 AM	14,803
4:00 AM - 8:00 AM	10,402
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	18,102
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	23,014
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM	24,654
8:00 PM - 12:00 AM	22,138

* Includes only violent and property crimes
* No data for Nov - Dec

Time-Frames

12 PM · 4 PM · 8 PM · 12 AM · 4 AM · 8 AM

Day/Night Comparison by Precinct

* O'Hare omitted from map

Garfield Park

Like many high-crime precincts, the west side's Garfield Park experiences a more even temporal distribution of crime.

Downtown

Crime peaks at the busiest time of day, but fades drastically when people leave at the end of the work day.

Number of Crimes Committed per Time - Frame

4,000 · 2,000 · 1,000 · 500

Downtown is a magnet for property crimes.

Bustling downtown has the largest concentration of property crimes. A large ambient population during the day means a greater chance of offenders and victims being in the same place at the same time.

Crimes concentrate around major thoroughfares

For example, crimes cluster around Halsted Street, a major north-south street.

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