

2025 Annual Report

Anniston Police Department



A Message from the Chief

The Anniston Police Department is proud to present the 2025 Annual Report. This report is intended to give residents a clear and straightforward look at how your police department serves the community and how public safety activity impacts daily life in Anniston.

Throughout 2025, our officers and staff worked to respond to calls for assistance, address concerns raised by residents, and prevent crime through visible patrol and proactive enforcement. The information in this report reflects both requests for service from the public and officer-initiated activity aimed at improving safety and quality of life.

Transparency is an important part of building trust. This report is written in plain language and includes context to help explain what the numbers mean, not just what they are. Our goal is to ensure residents have an accurate understanding of police activity, crime trends, and how department resources are used.

I am proud of the professionalism and dedication shown by the men and women of the Anniston Police Department. We remain committed to serving this community with integrity, accountability, and respect.

William C. Parris
Chief of Police
Anniston Police Department



“Our goal is to provide transparent, professional policing while working in partnership with the community we serve.”

Who We Serve

The Anniston Police Department provides law enforcement services within the City of Anniston and a surrounding police jurisdiction. Together, these areas represent a larger service population and geographic area than the city limits alone.

Understanding the size and scope of the community we serve helps explain police activity levels, response demands, and how resources are deployed throughout the year.

City of Anniston

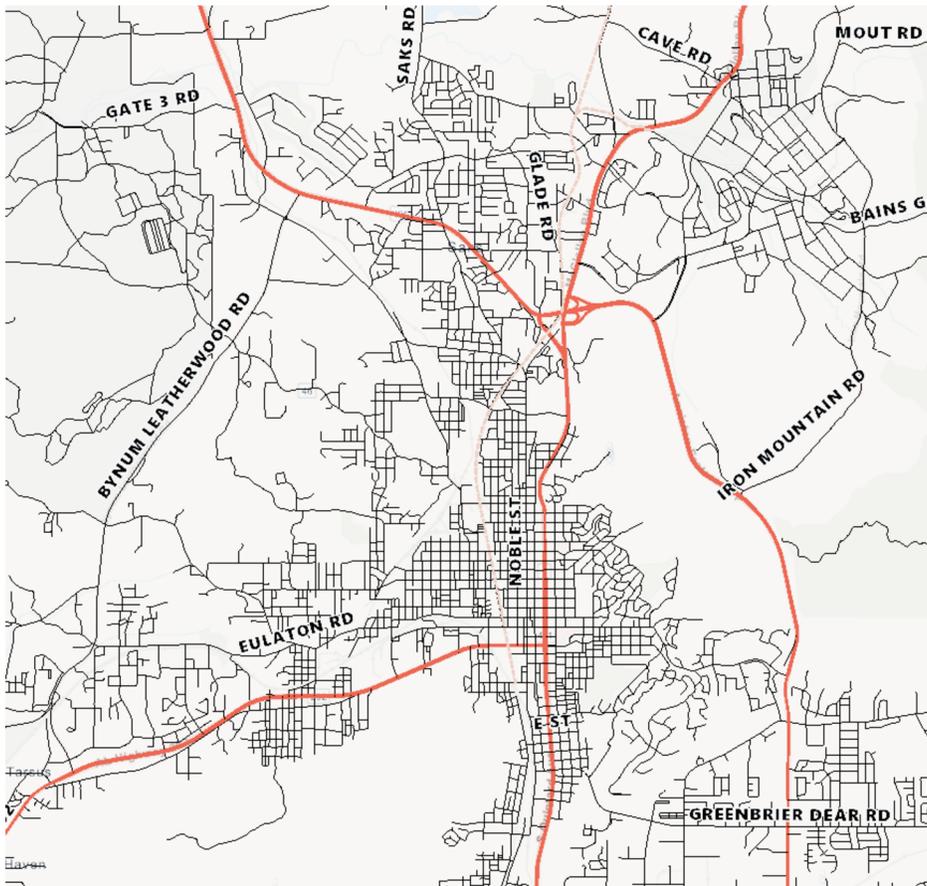
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Estimated Population Served

Police Jurisdiction

41,007

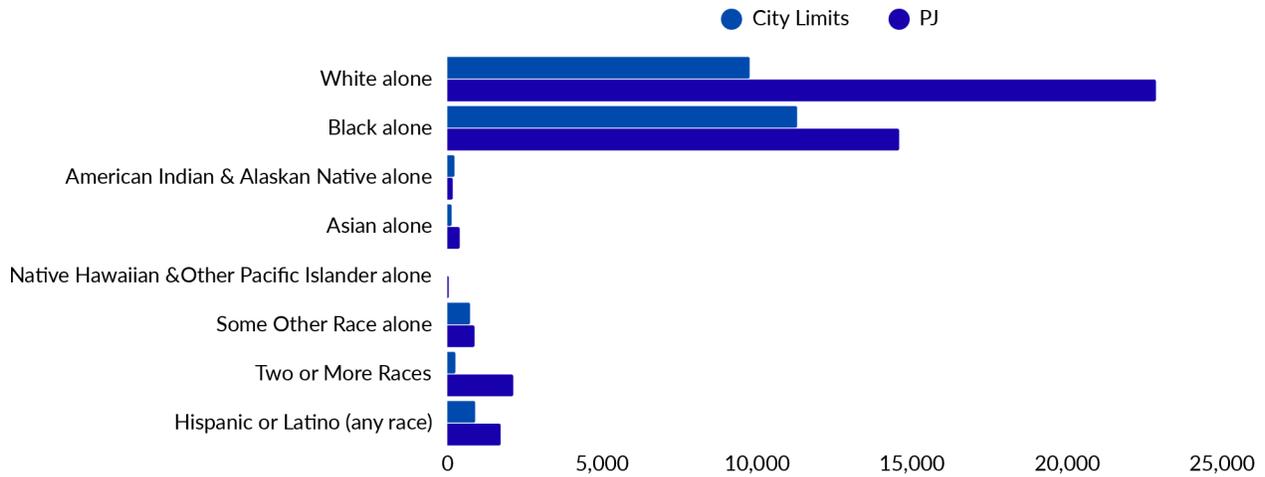
Estimated Population Served



Population data for the entire police jurisdiction was provided by the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission using 2020 US Census Data. The City of Anniston (alone) population data was taken from the most recent 2024: ACS 5-Year Estimates. That information isn't readily available for the entire police jurisdiction since the report only covers the city limits.

Community Snapshot

The Anniston Police Department serves a diverse community across the city and surrounding police jurisdiction. The information below provides a general snapshot of the community served.



City Limits Alone

- White alone – 9,750
- Black alone – 11,282
- American Indian & Alaska Native alone – 218
- Asian alone – 126
- Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander alone – 0
- Some Other Race alone – 722
- Two or More Races – 247
- Hispanic or Latino (any race) – 887

Entire Police Jurisdiction

- White alone – 22,869
- Black alone – 14,577
- American Indian & Alaska Native alone – 163
- Asian alone – 386
- Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander alone – 32
- Some Other Race alone – 865
- Two or More Races – 2,115
- Hispanic or Latino (any race) – 1,710

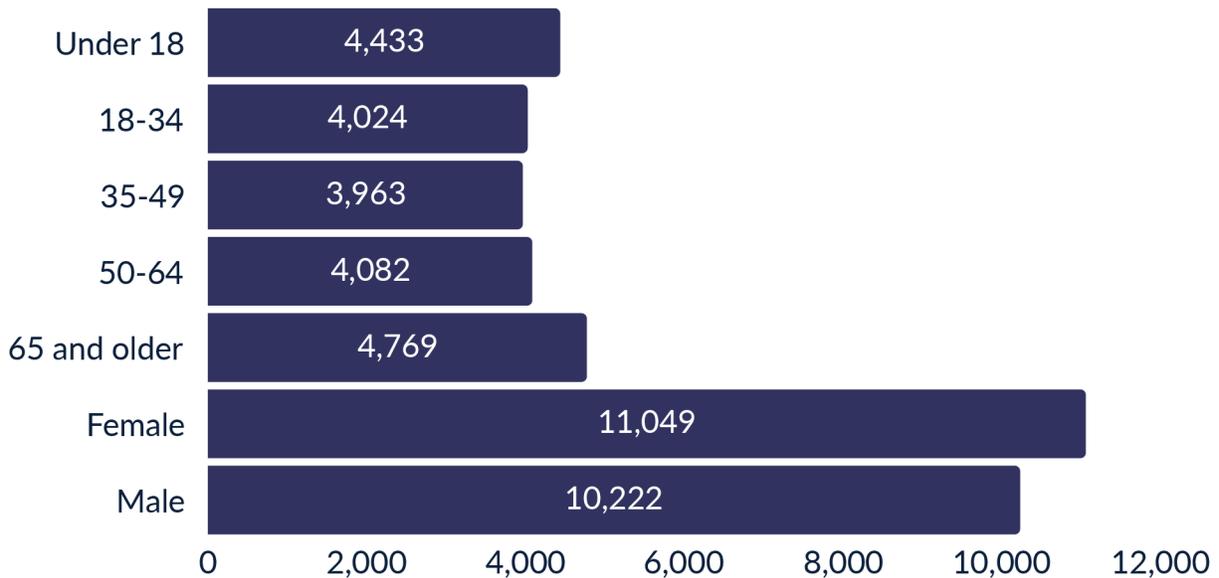
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Community Characteristics

Residents of Anniston vary in age, household composition, and daily life experiences. Families, single-person households, and multi-generational households all contribute to the character of the community. Anniston also supports a diverse mix of local businesses and industries, including manufacturing, transportation, retail, and service-based employment, which help shape the city's economic environment.

The information below provides a general snapshot of community characteristics using the most recent U.S. Census Bureau data available for the City of Anniston.

City of Anniston Age and Sex Chart



The median age of residents residing inside of the city limit's is 42.8 years old.

Households in Anniston

~8,881

Total households

~2.26 Persons

Average size

Families in Anniston

~4,953

Total Families

~3.05

Average Family Size

Community characteristics reflect the City of Anniston population estimates only from the 2024: ACS 5-Year Estimates. Information for the entire police jurisdiction was not readily available.

How We Serve

The Anniston Police Department provides a wide range of services that extend beyond responding to emergencies. Officers work proactively to prevent crime, address quality-of-life concerns, and support public safety throughout the community.



Patrol & Emergency Response

Responding to emergency and non-emergency calls, maintaining visible patrols, and addressing immediate public safety concerns.



Traffic Safety & Enforcement

Conducting traffic stops, crash investigations, and targeted enforcement to improve roadway safety and reduce preventable accidents.



Domestic & Family Violence Response

Responding to domestic disturbances, prioritizing victim safety, and connecting individuals with appropriate resources and support services.



Community-Based Policing

Working with neighborhoods, businesses, and community partners to address concerns and build trust through communication and engagement.



Investigations

Following up on reported crimes, gathering evidence, and working to identify suspects and prepare cases for prosecution.



Proactive & Preventive Services

Conducting security checks, welfare checks, and officer-initiated activity aimed at preventing crime and addressing concerns before they escalate.



Crime Overview

The following overview compares reported Part I offenses between 2024 and 2025. These figures reflect reported incidents and provide a general year-to-year view of criminal activity within the department's service area.

Violent Crime Comparison

Total Violent Crimes: 2024: **387** 2025: **327** Overall Change: **-15.5%**

Offense	2024	2025
Homicide	4	2
Sexual Assault	15	20
Robbery	21	44
Aggravated Assault	347	261

Violent Crime Clearance Rate: 63.53%

Property Crime Comparison

Total Property Crimes: 2024: **1,240** 2025: **1,057** Overall Change: **-14.8%**

Offense	2024	2025
Burglary	253	215
Theft	883	745
Motor Vehicle Theft	104	97

Property Crime Clearance Rate: 47.12%

Overall reported Part 1 offenses decreased by **14.88%** from 2024 to 2025.

Activity Overview

During 2025, officers responded to and generated a wide range of public safety activity across the City of Anniston and the surrounding police jurisdiction. This activity includes both calls for service initiated by the public and officer-initiated actions performed as part of routine patrol and proactive policing efforts.

Total Public Safety Activity – 2025

54,647 total incidents

City of Anniston: 40,848
Police Jurisdiction: 13,407

Understanding Activity Categories

Not all activity recorded by the department reflects calls requesting police response. Some categories, such as traffic stops and security checks, are officer-initiated actions conducted during routine patrol. These activities are included to provide a complete picture of how officers spend time addressing public safety and quality-of-life concerns.

The following pages provide additional detail on activity types and geographic distribution throughout the service area.

Activity by Type

The activities listed below represent the most frequently recorded public safety actions during 2025. These categories include both calls for service initiated by the public and officer-initiated activity conducted as part of routine patrol and proactive enforcement.

Activity Type	Total
Traffic Stops	12,892
Suspicious Person or Vehicle	4,049
Domestic Disturbance (In Progress)	2,438
Alarm – Burglary	2,408
Disturbance	2,275
Animal Problem	2,226
Security Check	1,988
Welfare Check	1,798
Key Locked in Vehicle	1,378
Meet Caller	1,321

Did You Know?

Traffic stops appear as the most frequent activity because they are officer-initiated actions recorded during routine patrol. These stops are commonly conducted to address traffic safety concerns, investigate potential violations, or make contact related to observed behavior. Unlike calls for service, traffic stops are not requests for police response but are included to provide a complete picture of officer activity and workload.

Activity by Response Zone

Activity levels vary across the department's response zones based on population density, roadway volume, and the presence of businesses, residential areas, and public spaces. The information below reflects the total number of recorded activities by response zone during 2025.

Response Zone	Total Activity
Zone 1	3,789
Zone 2	4,393
Zone 3	10,369
Zone 4	10,533
Zone 5	5,190
Zone 6	3,808
Zone 7	8,956
Zone 8	7,194

Understanding Response Zone Boundaries

Anniston Police Department response zones are used to organize patrol coverage and help manage response times across the city and the surrounding police jurisdiction.

Except for Zone 8, all response zones are divided east and west by Alabama Highway 21.

Zone Descriptions

- Zone 1 primarily covers the Golden Springs area. It extends from Hillyer High Road to the eastern police jurisdiction, and from Hormada Drive to the Oxford city limits.
- Zone 2 extends from Alabama Highway 21 to Hillyer High Road, and from East 10th Street to the Oxford city limits.
- Zone 3 extends from Alabama Highway 21 to the western police jurisdiction, and from West 10th Street to the Oxford city limits.
- Zone 4 extends from Alabama Highway 21 to the western police jurisdiction, and from West 17th Street to West 10th Street.
- Zone 5 extends from Alabama Highway 21 to the eastern police jurisdiction, and from East 30th Street to East 10th Street.
- Zone 6 extends from Alabama Highway 21 to the western police jurisdiction, and from West 23rd Street to West 17th Street.
- Zone 7 extends from Alabama Highway 21 to the western police jurisdiction, and from U.S. Highway 431 to West 23rd Street.
- Zone 8 includes all areas north of U.S. Highway 431, including much of the Saks area and Fort McClellan, and extends into the police jurisdiction.

Top Activity Types by Response Zone

Activity types can vary by response zone based on factors such as roadway volume, residential density, and commercial areas. The information below highlights the most common activity categories recorded in each response zone during 2025.

Zone 1 - Top Activity Types

1. Traffic Stop
2. Alarm - Burglary
3. Suspicious Person or Vehicle
4. Security Check
5. Welfare Check

Zone 2 - Top Activity Types

1. Traffic Stop
2. Alarm - Burglary
3. Suspicious Person or Vehicle
4. Disturbance
5. Domestic Disturbance in Progress

Zone 3 - Top Activity Types

1. Traffic Stop
2. Suspicious Person or Vehicle
3. Disturbance
4. Security Check
5. Domestic Disturbance in Progress

Zone 4 - Top Activity Types

1. Traffic Stop
2. Suspicious Person or Vehicle
3. Meet Caller
4. Disturbance
5. Alarm - Burglary

Zone 5 - Top Activity Types

1. Traffic Stop
2. Suspicious Person or Vehicle
3. Alarm - Burglary
4. Security Check
5. Animal Problem

Zone 6 - Top Activity Types

1. Traffic Stop
2. Domestic Disturbance in Progress
3. Welfare Check
4. Suspicious Person or Vehicle
5. Disturbance

Zone 7 - Top Activity Types

1. Traffic Stop
2. Suspicious Person or Vehicle
3. Animal Problem
4. Domestic Disturbance in Progress
5. Security Check

Zone 8 - Top Activity Types

1. Traffic Stop
2. Suspicious Person or Vehicle
3. Domestic Disturbance in Progress
4. Security Check
5. Alarm - Burglary

Activity types reflect recorded events and may include both officer-initiated actions and calls for service.

Staffing Overview

The Anniston Police Department is staffed by sworn officers and civilian personnel who support patrol operations, investigations, administration, and specialized functions. Maintaining appropriate staffing levels and experience across these areas is essential to providing consistent public safety services throughout the community.

During 2025, the department continued recruitment efforts while also recognizing the importance of professional growth, leadership development, and honoring long-serving personnel.

Personnel at a Glance

2025 Personnel Snapshot



Sworn Officers:

84



Civilian Personnel:

8



Total Personnel:

92

The following pages highlight the individuals who joined the department in 2025, as well as a promotion and a retirement that reflect experience, leadership, and continuity within the Anniston Police Department.

New Hires – 2025

In 2025, the Anniston Police Department welcomed eleven new officers to the organization. These individuals joined the department at various points throughout the year and completed required onboarding and training before entering field operations. Their addition strengthens patrol coverage and supports the department's continued commitment to public safety.



Isaac Franklin
Hired: March 2025



Santiago Aguirre-Sanchez
Hired: April 2025



Nicolas Bowens
Hired: April 2025



Joseph Morgan
Hired: April 2025



Eric Roden
Hired: April 2025



Jefferson "Blade" Smith
Hired: April 2025



Christian Figueroa
Hired: July 2025



Christain Jallah
Hired: July 2025



Wyatt Franklin
Hired: December 2025



Gatlen Humphries
Hired: December 2025



James Simpson
Hired: December 2025

Promotion

In 2025, the Anniston Police Department recognized professional growth and leadership by promoting an officer to a higher rank. Promotions reflect demonstrated experience, commitment, and readiness to serve in expanded leadership roles.



Sergeant Doug White

Doug White was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2025 after more than 10 years of service with the Anniston Police Department.

Sergeant White began his career in the Uniform Patrol Division, where he served as a Police Officer and later as a Field Training Officer, helping train and mentor new officers entering field operations.

He later served in the Investigations Division as a Case Investigator, where he led investigations into numerous cases involving both person and property crimes. His investigative experience includes complex case management and coordination across multiple units.

In addition to his patrol and investigative duties, Sergeant White is a member of the department's Special Response Team (SRT), where he serves as a negotiator. He is also a department-certified unmanned aircraft system (drone) operator and a certified polygraph examiner.

This promotion reflects Sergeant White's demonstrated leadership, technical expertise, and continued commitment to serving the Anniston community.

Promotions are based on experience, performance, and demonstrated leadership.

Retirement Recognition

In 2025, the Anniston Police Department recognized the retirement of a dedicated member of the department. Retirement marks the conclusion of years of service, experience, and commitment to public safety and the Anniston community.



Chief Nick Bowles

At the end of 2025, the Anniston Police Department marked the conclusion of a distinguished career of service by Chief Nick Bowles.

Chief Bowles began his career with the department in August 2000 and dedicated more than 25 years of service to the Anniston community. Over the course of his career, he served in the Uniform Patrol Division, the Investigative Division, and numerous supervisory and command-level positions, advancing through every rank before being appointed Chief of Police in July 2020.

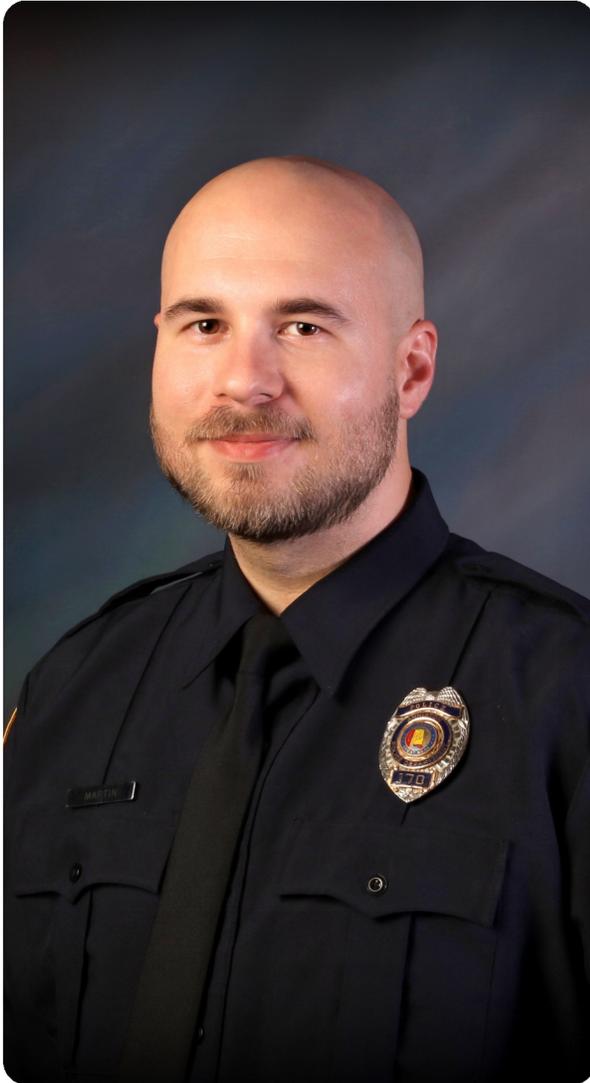
Throughout his tenure, Chief Bowles contributed to significant departmental initiatives, including policy and procedural improvements, recruitment efforts, and organizational development. He is a graduate of the Northeast Alabama Law Enforcement Academy and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice.

Chief Bowles also earned the Certified Law Enforcement Executive (CLEE) designation, completing 240 hours of executive-level leadership training through the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police.

The Anniston Police Department extends its sincere appreciation to Chief Nick Bowles for his years of dedicated service, leadership, and commitment to the profession of law enforcement. His contributions have left a lasting impact on the department and the community it serves. We wish him continued success and fulfillment in the next chapter of his life.

2025 Officer of the Year

Each year, the Anniston Police Department recognizes one officer whose performance, professionalism, and commitment to service distinguish them among their peers. The Officer of the Year award reflects consistent work ethic, dependability, and a strong dedication to the safety and well-being of the Anniston community.



Officer Matthew Martin

The Anniston Police Department is proud to recognize Officer Matthew Martin as the 2025 Officer of the Year.

Officer Martin has served with the department for three years in the Uniform Patrol Division, where he has consistently demonstrated professionalism, reliability, and a strong commitment to public service. He is known for approaching each shift with a positive attitude, a readiness to work, and a willingness to assist fellow officers whenever needed.

In addition to his patrol duties, Officer Martin is a member of the department's Special Response Team, where he has shown steady growth and dedication to specialized operations. His proactive approach to policing and his commitment to the citizens he serves have made a meaningful impact on public safety throughout the community.

Officer Martin's work ethic, dependability, and professionalism reflect the values of the Anniston Police Department. He is a valued member of the organization, and we congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition.

Officer Martin was selected by department leadership in recognition of outstanding service during 2025.

Community Engagement

Throughout 2025, the Anniston Police Department continued to strengthen relationships with the community through outreach programs, youth engagement, and charitable initiatives. Officers and staff participated in events designed to build trust, provide support to families, and create positive interactions with citizens of all ages.

The department's annual Christmas Toy Drive remains one of our largest community initiatives each year. In 2025, officers and staff provided gifts to 94 children across 21 families.

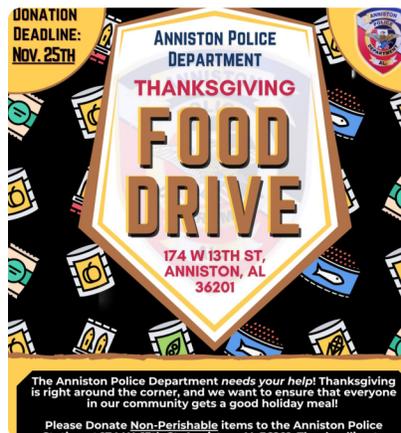
The effort was supported by community donations and a department chili cook-off, with members of the Community Relations Unit distributing bicycles and gift packages to local families.



Events like this help ensure that every child experiences the joy of the holiday season while strengthening ties between officers and the community.

Additional 2025 outreach efforts included:

- Youth Explorer and Service (YES) Program activities
- Annual food drive supporting local families
- Participation in the Alabama Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics
- Reading to students during Read Across America events at local schools



Looking Ahead to 2026

As we move into 2026, the Anniston Police Department remains focused on building a safer, stronger, and more connected community. Our priorities include continued investment in personnel, enhanced training, modern equipment, and proactive community engagement.

We will continue working closely with our residents, businesses, schools, and community partners to address crime, improve quality of life, and strengthen trust.

The progress made in 2025 reflects the dedication of our officers, civilian staff, and the support of the community we proudly serve. We look forward to building on that progress in the year ahead.



Data Sources & Notes

Crime Data

Crime statistics in this report are based on incidents reported to and investigated by the Anniston Police Department during calendar years 2024 and 2025. Clearance rates reflect cases cleared by arrest or exceptional means in accordance with state and federal reporting standards.

Activity Data

Calls for service and officer-initiated activity were drawn from the department's records management and dispatch systems. Activity types include both citizen-initiated calls and officer-initiated actions such as traffic stops and security checks.

Population and Demographic Data

Population, housing, and economic data were obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates for the City of Anniston and the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission.

Geographic Scope

Unless otherwise noted, demographic data reflects the City of Anniston only. Police activity and service data may include both the city limits and the department's police jurisdiction.

Report Preparation

This report was prepared by the Anniston Police Department using department records and publicly available data sources.



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