

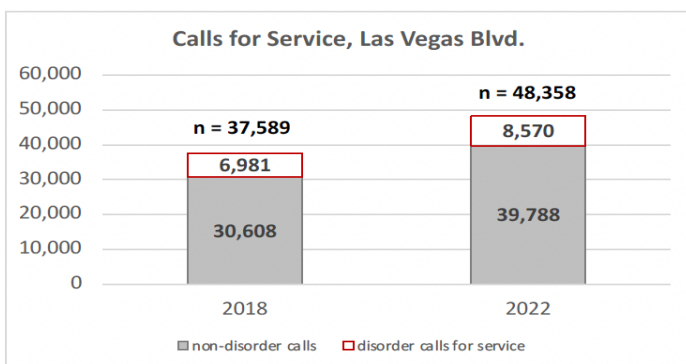
Safety on Las Vegas Boulevard, 2018-2022

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Safety concerns related to police calls for service, disorderly conditions, and unhoused individuals present numerous challenges for public officials. This Stat Sheet provides an overview of safety conditions on Las Vegas Boulevard from 2018-2022.

Key Stats

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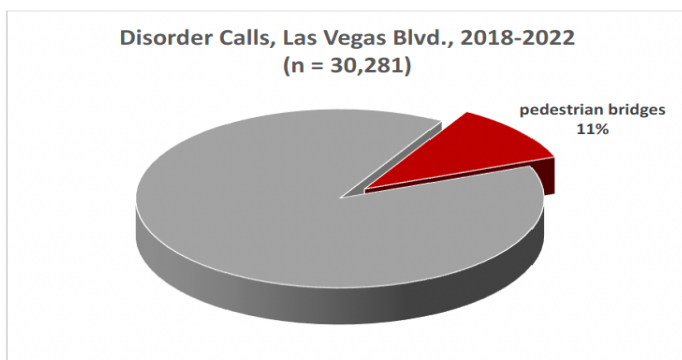


Calls for Service - Disorder.

Overall calls for service on Las Vegas Boulevard increased 29% from 37,589 in 2018 to 48,358 in 2022.

Calls specifically for disorderly offenses jumped from 6,981 in 2018 to 8,570 in 2022 – an increase of 23%.

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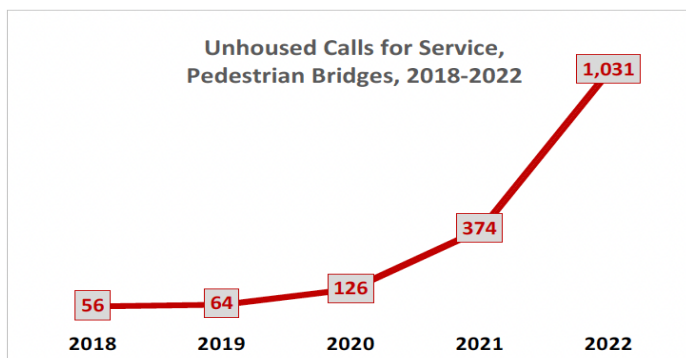


Disorder on Pedestrian Bridges

Calls for disorderly offenses on Las Vegas Boulevard are disproportionately concentrated on pedestrian bridges.

Although the pedestrian bridges account for less than 6% of the total length of the sidewalk system along Las Vegas Boulevard, 11% of disorder calls occurred on the walkways.

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Calls Related to Unhoused Individuals

Calls for service related to unhoused individuals increased dramatically on Las Vegas Boulevard from 2018-2022.

For example, calls related to the unhoused increased on the pedestrian bridges from 56 in 2018 to 1,031 in 2022 – an increase of over 1,700%.

Introduction

Public safety along Las Vegas Boulevard – the heart of the entertainment industry in Clark County – is an important consideration for public officials. As a major tourist destination, issues related to police calls for service, disorderly conditions, and unhoused individuals present a number of challenges. An analysis of data from 2018-2023 provides information on measures of public safety along Las Vegas Boulevard.¹

Calls for Service

Calls for service are a gauge for the amount of police resources required to manage problems at locations. While many calls are not necessarily crime-related, they often reflect citizen concerns about problematic conditions related to personal health and safety. Analyses reveal that calls for service along the stretch of Las Vegas Boulevard between Russell Road and Sahara Avenue increased substantially, from 37,589 in 2018 to 48,358 in 2022 – an increase of 29%.

Disorder

Research demonstrates that problematic quality-of-life conditions (aggressive panhandling, public drug and alcohol use, excessive trash and litter, etc.) can lead to more quality-of-life issues in public spaces, increased sanitation problems, heightened fear among citizens, and serious criminal activity. Calls for service specifically for disorder increased from 6,981 in 2018 to 8,570 in 2022 – an increase of 23%. Disorder also appears to concentrate at specific locations along Las Vegas Boulevard. For example, although pedestrian bridges make up less than 6% of the total length of the sidewalk system, 11% of disorder calls on Las Vegas Boulevard occurred on the walkways.²

Unhoused Individuals

Safety concerns related to unhoused individuals present a number of challenges. The unhoused are disproportionately impacted by struggles with physical health, mental health, and substance abuse problems – and they are

at heightened risk of victimization by serious crime. Many calls for service to police concern unhoused individuals. Calls related to the unhoused increased at an alarming rate along Las Vegas Boulevard, from 346 in 2018 to 7,066 in 2022 – an increase of over 1,900%. On the pedestrian bridges alone, calls increased from just 56 in 2018 to 1,031 in 2022 – an increase of over 1,700%.

End Notes

1. Data were provided by the LVMPD Research & Analysis Unit and the Clark County Public Works Department.
2. The total length of the sidewalks between Russell Road and Sahara Avenue (east and west sides), including the pedestrian bridges, is 39,600 linear feet. The length of the bridges alone is 2,300 linear feet. These measures do not include the privately owned pedestrian bridges in front of Treasure Island, the Venetian, and the Wynn.

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