

[Brokerage](#)[Real Estate](#)[News](#)[Featured](#)[Marketing](#)[Realtors](#)[Investing](#)[Market Watch](#)[Industry Profile](#)You are here: [Home](#) / [News](#) / Report: Foreclosures Linked to Rising Crime Levels

# Report: Foreclosures Linked to Rising Crime Levels

MARCH 1, 2013 BY [MIKE WHEATLEY](#)[LEAVE A COMMENT](#)

Subscribe to our [RSS feed](#) to get the latest realty news. You can get our headlines via [email](#) as well, or [follow us on Twitter](#).

The suspicion that the number of foreclosures in a neighborhood can be correlated with an increase in crime has been around for some time, but according to a [recent report](#) the connection would seem to be even stronger than first thought.



© tpc0361 – Fotolia.com

Researchers from New York University's Furman Center for Real Estate & Urban Policy have found that as few as just three foreclosures in one neighborhood can lead to increased levels of crime in that locale. This assertion follows a study that looked at home foreclosure filings and auctions impacted neighborhoods across New York City.

The extensive study involved mapping some 96,000 "blockfaces" in the city, defined as two sides of a block across the street from one another, before mapping all foreclosures between 2003 and 2010. This information was then layered onto a map of all reported crimes in New York City

What realty news should we cover more?

☐ Interviews with industry leaders ☐Agency roster news ☐ Industry trends☐ Mobile and technology ☐ Tips andhow to articles ☐ Social networks ☐

People moves

[Vote](#)[create online polls](#)

Qazzoo Loading...

## IN OTHER NEWS...

[China Markets Dive on Housing Measures](#)[Banks Finally Set to Compensate "Robosigning" Victims](#)[9 Steps for Finding the Perfect Real Estate Agent](#)[Top 5 Moving Apps for Android](#)[America For Rent: Citizens in Joint Tenancy](#)

## SITES OF INTEREST

[House Buyer Bureau](#)[House Network](#) The Online Estate Agent[Pay Your Rent Online](#)

Connect with

between 2004 and 2008, in order to give researchers an idea of how foreclosures and crime are related.

The 'foreclosure-crime' map revealed that home repossessions do indeed appear to be linked to higher levels of criminal activity. By crunching the data, researchers were able to show that just a single foreclosure in a neighborhood would cause a 0.7% increase in overall crime, with violent crime rising by 1.5% and public order crimes increasing by 0.8% in comparison to those neighborhoods without any foreclosed homes.

Researchers then looked at the question of whether or not foreclosures actually lead to crime, rather than just associating with it. To do so, they examined whether or not future foreclosure filings had any impact on crime levels before the filing went out – almost conclusively, the study showed that they do not.

The report concludes:

*“Our findings show that multiple foreclosures on a single blockface lead to an increase in violent and public-order crime, particularly in areas that have moderate to high existing crime rates. These findings warrant attention from government and community groups working in communities hard hit by the foreclosure crisis.”*

The author suggests that while police and community groups concerned with combating high levels of crime should focus on neighborhoods with higher levels of foreclosure, the best course of action is to deal with the problem at its source – by helping homeowners to resolve their foreclosure cases more quickly with loan modifications and/or short sales, not only does it benefit the homeowners themselves but also the greater community.



## RealtyBizNews

[Like](#)

790 people like this.

0

Recommend on Google

Follow @realtybiznews

17K followers

Enter your email

Subscribe

[RSS Feed](#)
[Google Plus](#)

## Speak Your Mind

 Name \*

 Email \*

 Website

Post Comment



## Estate Agent

MARCH 3, 2013 BY [PHIL BUTLER](#)

---

[Top 5 Moving Apps for Android](#)

---

[Health Conscious House Hunting](#)

---

[Why You Should Have a Mold Inspection Before Buying a Home](#)

---



## Home Affordability on the Rise throughout the USA

FEBRUARY 26, 2013 BY [ALINA POPESCU](#)

---

[Industry Snapshot: Northern Virginia Outlook, February 2013](#)

---

[Spanish Real Estate Company Royal Urbis Files for Insolvency](#)

---

[Market Watch: Major Investment Firms Target Atlanta Homes](#)

---



## Tri-ED Reveals State of Northern Kentucky CRE

MARCH 1, 2013 BY [RHETT BUTLER](#)

---

[When A Picture Is Worth 1000 Sales: Spotlight on Great Photographers](#)

---

[Chicago's @Properties & Chicago Apartment Finders Make the 2012 Inc. 5000](#)

---

[Hanleywood May Be Born in L.A., But Hanley Wood is Nothing New](#)

---

ALL CONTENTS © COPYRIGHT 2013 REALTYBIZNEW · ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.