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Highlights

- We exploits the exogenous rise of Chinese imports in US to investigate the effect of import competition on crime at the county level.
- Counties with high exposure to Chinese import competition have high crime rates.
- The exposure effect on property crime is much larger than that on violent crime.
- The crime impact of exposure to Chinese import competition becomes smaller in counties with high government transfers.

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