

## VIOLENT CRIMES

Crimes of violence involve the element of personal confrontation between the perpetrator and victim and entail the use or threat of violence. By their very nature, violent crimes — murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault — are considered more serious than property crimes. The total number indicates only the number of incidents reported to police and does not reflect the number of criminals who committed them or the number of injuries inflicted.

During the year 2020, violent crimes showed a decrease from the previous year. There were 1,472 reported offenses during 2020 — compared with 1,544 for 2019. This decrease of 72 crimes reported represents a decrease of 4.7%.

The 2020 crime rate for violent crime is 1.09 offenses per 1,000 population. Violent crimes represent 8.5% of all reported index crimes. Police cleared 943 violent crimes for a 64.1% clearance rate.

### Crime Clock



### Number of Offenses — Comparative Data 2019–2020

	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Totals
2019	22	514	193	815	1,544
2020	22	489	171	790	1,472
Number Change	—	-25	-22	-25	-72
Percent Change	—	-4.9%	-11.4%	-3.1%	-4.7%

