

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 1995, violent crimes showed an increase from the previous year. There were 1,641 reported offenses during 1995 — compared with 1,598 for 1994. This increase of 43 crimes reported represents an increase of 2.7%.

The 1995 crime rate for violent crime is 1.33 offenses per 1,000 population. Violent crimes represent 4.0% of all reported index crimes. Police cleared 1,049 violent crimes for a 63.9% clearance rate.

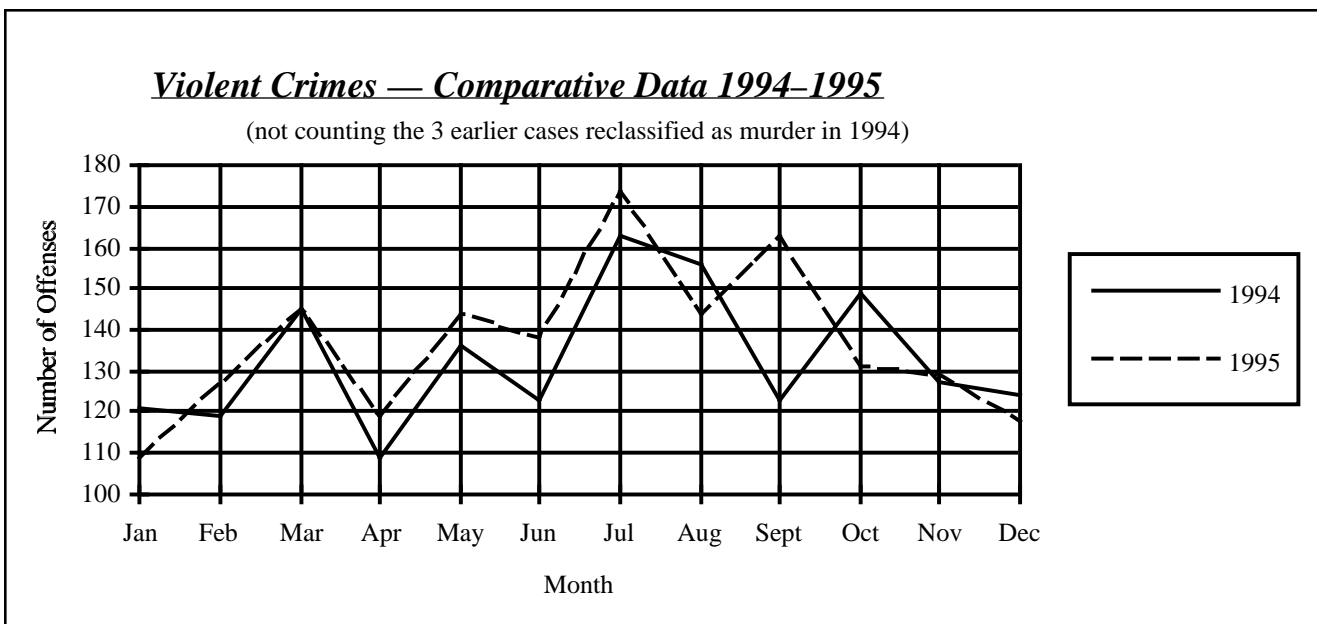


Number of Offenses — Comparative Data 1994–1995

	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Totals
1994	28	315	277	978	1,598
1995	21	268	331	1,021	1,641
Number Change	-7	-47	54	43	43
Percent Change	-25.0%	-14.9%	19.5%	4.4%	2.7%

Violent Crimes — Comparative Data 1994–1995

(not counting the 3 earlier cases reclassified as murder in 1994)



Violent Crime by County

(State Violent Crime Rate: 1.33)

