## **PROPERTY CRIMES**

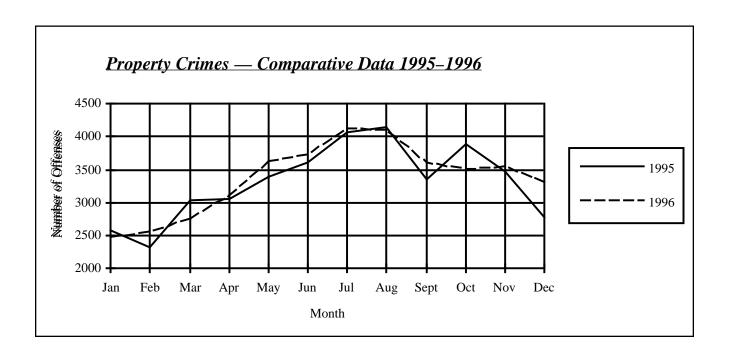
Property crimes include burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and arson. These crimes do not involve the threat of violence, but entail property taken from one by another, or the destruction of property by arson.

Property crimes showed an increase during 1996, rising by 784 reported offenses. The 1996 total of 40,477 represents a 2.0% increase from the 1995 figure of 39,693.

Law enforcement agencies cleared 10,620 property crimes during 1996 for a 26.2% clearance rate. Property crimes represent 96.3% of all reported index crimes and account for a crime rate of 32.77 offenses per 1,000.



| Number of Offenses — Comparative Data 1995–1996 |          |         |                            |       |        |
|---|----------|---------|----------------------------|-------|--------|
|   | Burglary | Larceny | <b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b> | Arson | Totals |
| 1995  | 9,218    | 28,504  | 1,720                      | 251   | 39,693 |
| 1996  | 9,230    | 29,193  | 1,766                      | 288   | 40,477 |
| Number Change                                   | 12       | 689     | 46                         | 37    | 784    |
| <b>Percent Change</b>                           | 0.1%     | 2.4%    | 2.7%                       | 14.7% | 2.0%   |



## **Property Crime by County**

(State Property Crime Rate: 32.77)

