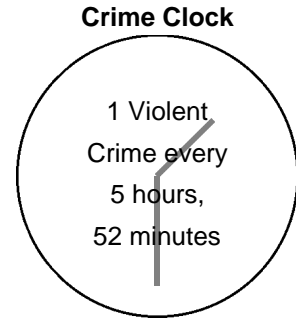


VIOLENT CRIMES

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 1997, violent crimes showed a decrease from the previous year. There were 1,492 reported offenses during 1997 — compared with 1,549 for 1996. This decrease of 57 crimes reported represents a decrease of 3.7%.

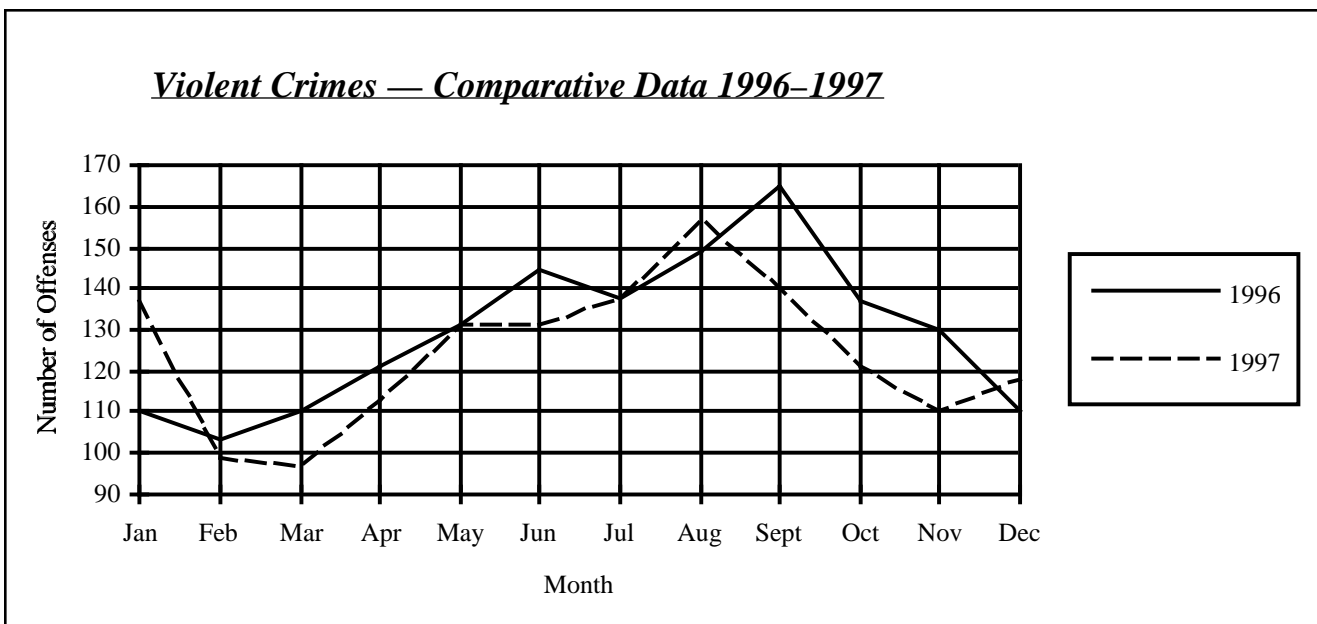
The 1997 crime rate for violent crime is 1.21 offenses per 1,000 population. Violent crimes represent 3.8% of all reported index crimes. Police cleared 903 violent crimes for a 60.5 clearance rate.



Number of Offenses — Comparative Data 1996–1997

	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Totals
1996	25	266	288	970	1,549
1997	19	254	258	961	1,492
Number Change	-6	-12	-30	-9	-57
Percent Change	-24.0%	-4.5%	-10.4%	-0.9%	-3.7%

Violent Crimes — Comparative Data 1996–1997



Violent Crime by County

(State Violent Crime Rate: 1.21)

