

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 a decrease during 1997, falling by 2,915 reported offenses. The 1997 total of 37,562 represents a 7.2% decrease from the 1996 figure of 40,477.

Law enforcement agencies cleared 10,530 property crimes during 1997 for a 28.0% clearance rate. Property crimes represent 96.2% of all reported index crimes and account for a crime rate of 30.41 offenses per 1,000.

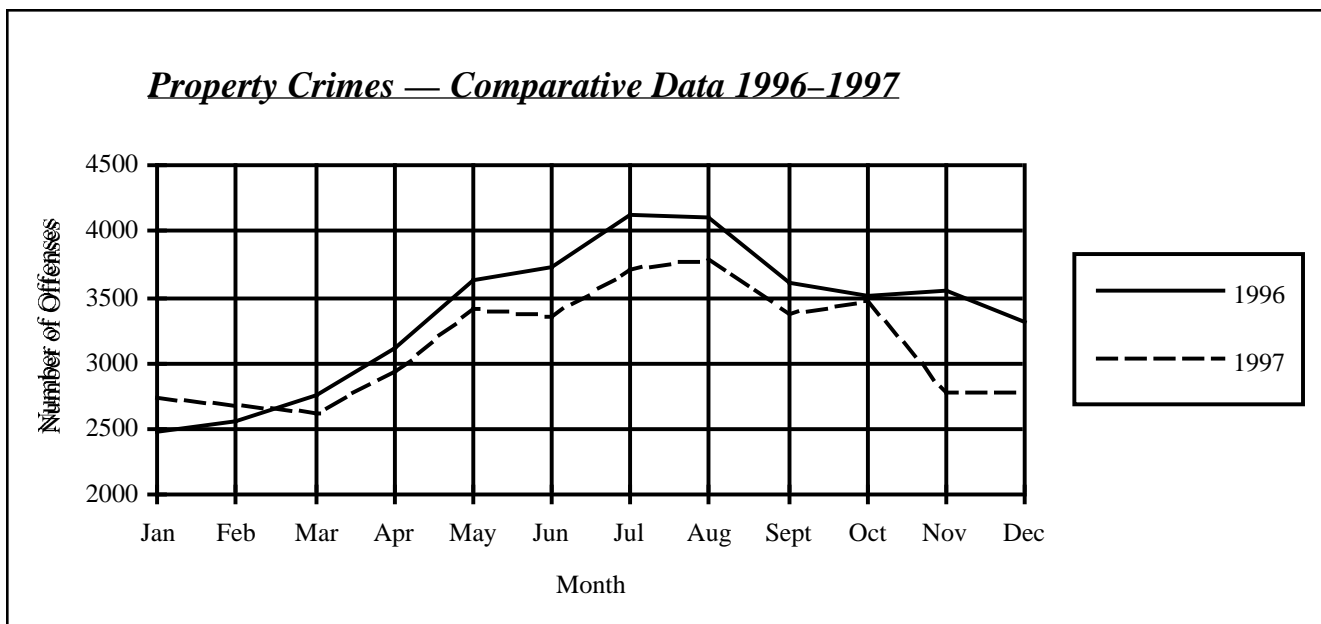
Crime Clock



Number of Offenses — Comparative Data 1996–1997

	Burglary	Larceny	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson	Totals
1996	9,230	29,193	1,766	288	40,477
1997	8,218	27,449	1,642	253	37,562
Number Change	-1,012	-1,744	-124	-35	-2,915
Percent Change	-11.0%	-6.0%	-7.0%	-12.2%	-7.2%

Property Crimes — Comparative Data 1996–1997



Property Crime by County

(State Property Crime Rate: 30.41)

