

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 2004, violent crimes showed a decrease from the previous year. There were 1,348 reported offenses during 2004 — compared with 1,412 for 2003. This decrease of 64 crimes reported represents a decrease of 4.5%.

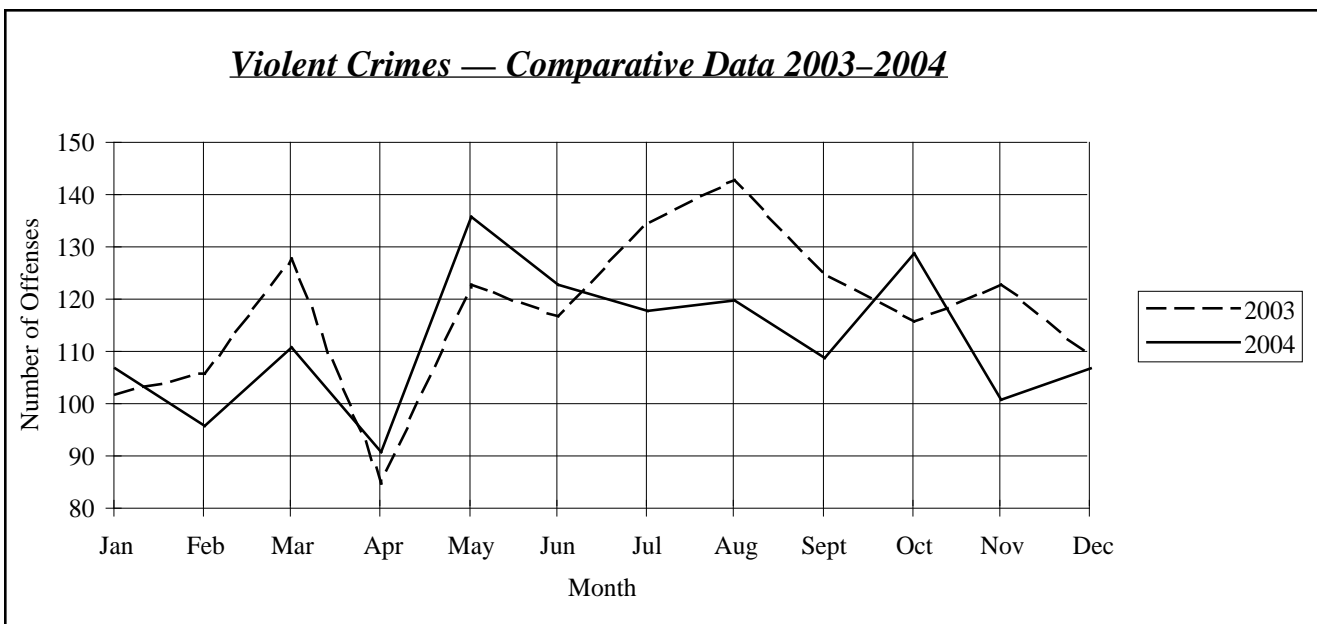
The 2004 crime rate for violent crime is 1.02 offenses per 1,000 population. Violent crimes represent 4.1% of all reported index crimes. Police cleared 848 violent crimes for a 62.9 clearance rate.



Number of Offenses — Comparative Data 2003–2004

	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Totals
2003	17	351	289	755	1,412
2004	19	313	288	728	1,348
Number Change	2	-38	-1	-27	-64
Percent Change	11.8%	-10.8%	-0.3%	-3.6%	-4.5%

Violent Crimes — Comparative Data 2003–2004



Violent Crime by County

(State Violent Crime Rate: 1.02)

