

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 2007, violent crimes showed an increase from the previous year. There were 1,556 reported offenses during 2007 — compared with 1,524 for 2006. This increase of 32 crimes reported represents an increase of 2.1%.

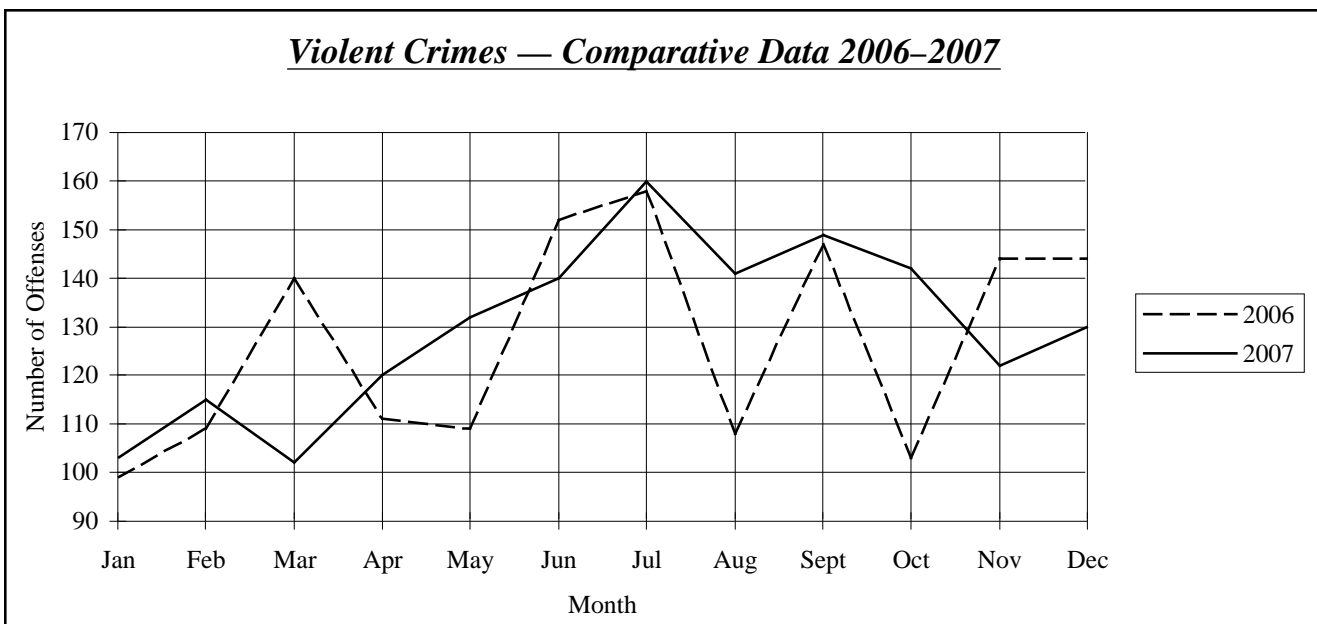
The 2007 crime rate for violent crime is 1.18 offenses per 1,000 population. Violent crimes represent 4.6% of all reported index crimes. Police cleared 908 violent crimes for a 58.4 clearance rate.



Number of Offenses — Comparative Data 2006–2007

	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Totals
2006	21	340	383	780	1,524
2007	21	393	349	793	1,556
Number Change	—	53	-34	13	32
Percent Change	—	15.6%	-8.9%	1.7%	2.1%

Violent Crimes — Comparative Data 2006–2007



Violent Crime by County

(State Violent Crime Rate: 1.18)

