

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 2008, violent crimes showed a decrease from the previous year. There were 1,549 reported offenses during 2008 — compared with 1,556 for 2007. This decrease of 7 crimes reported represents a decrease of 0.4%.

The 2008 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 870 violent crimes for a 56.2 clearance rate.

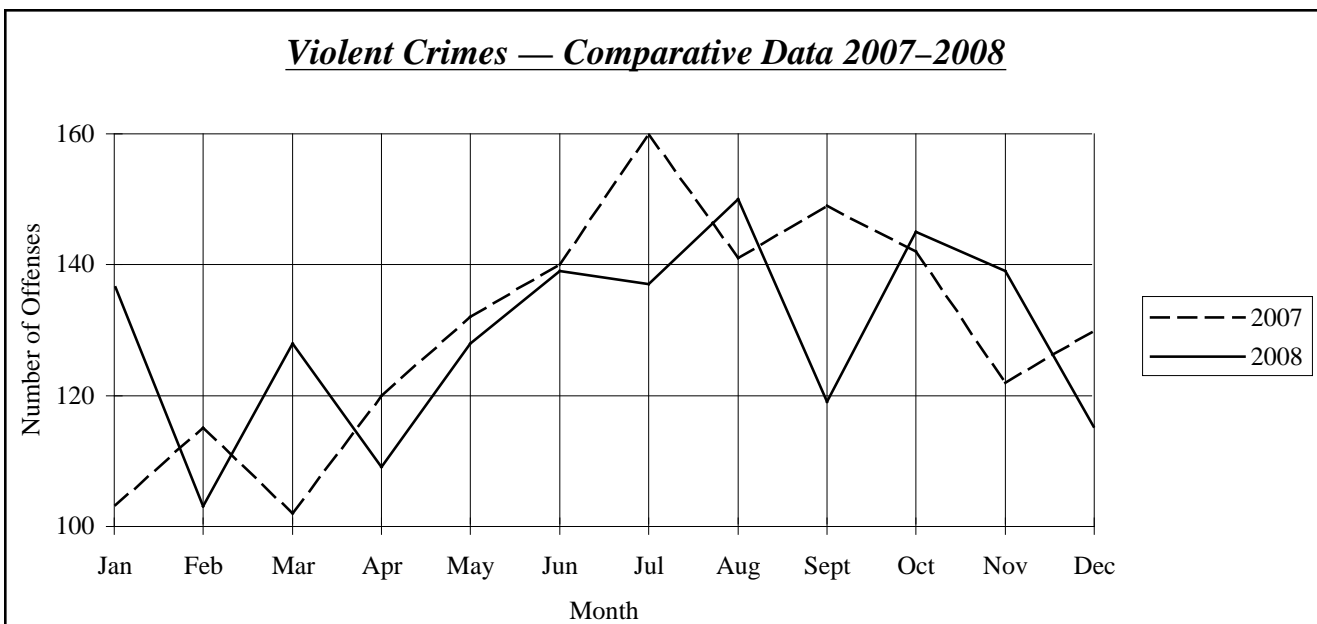
Crime Clock



Number of Offenses — Comparative Data 2007–2008

	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Totals
2007	21	393	349	793	1,556
2008	31	373	332	813	1,549
Number Change	10	-20	-17	20	-7
Percent Change	47.6%	-5.1%	-4.9%	2.5%	-0.4%

Violent Crimes — Comparative Data 2007–2008



Violent Crime by County

(State Violent Crime Rate: 1.18)

