

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 2011, violent crimes showed an increase from the previous year. There were 1,629 reported offenses during 2011 — compared with 1,589 for 2010. This increase of 40 crimes reported represents an increase of 2.5%.

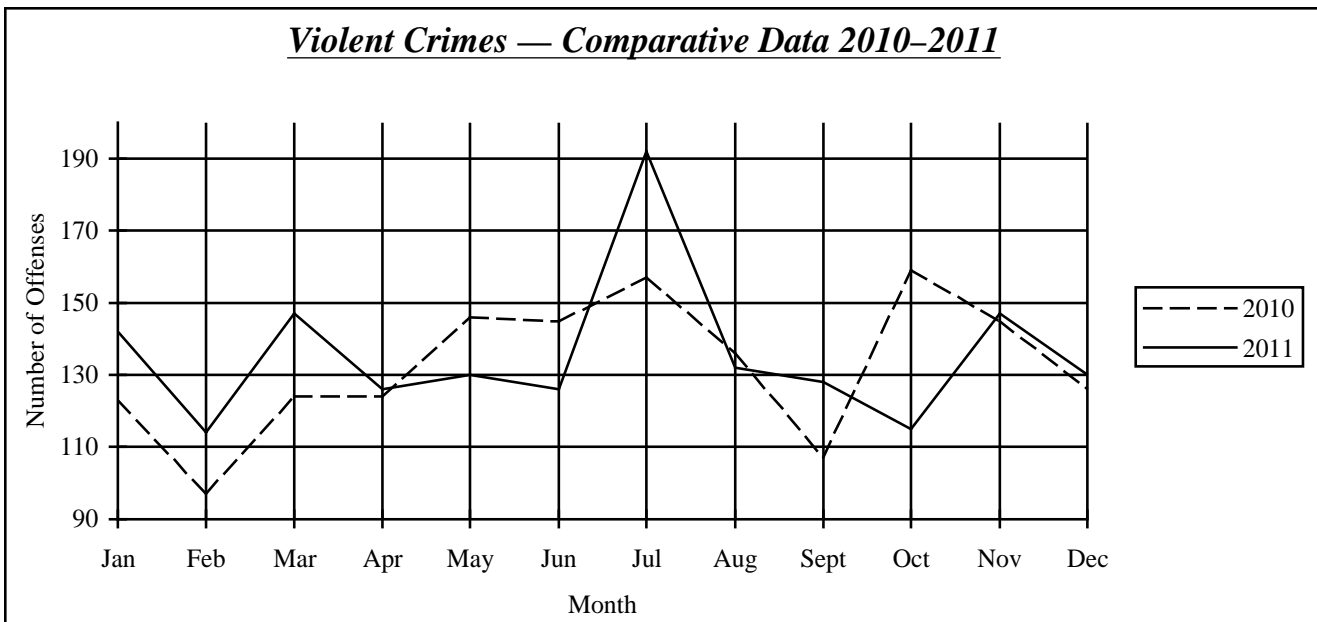
The 2011 crime rate for violent crime is 1.23 offenses per 1,000 population. Violent crimes represent 4.6% of all reported index crimes. Police cleared 1,034 violent crimes for a 63.5 clearance rate.



Number of Offenses — Comparative Data 2010–2011

	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Totals
2010	24	389	416	760	1,589
2011	25	391	370	843	1,629
Number Change	1	2	-46	83	40
Percent Change	4.2%	0.5%	-11.1%	10.9%	2.5%

Violent Crimes — Comparative Data 2010–2011



Violent Crime by County

(State Violent Crime Rate: 1.23)

