

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 2012, violent crimes showed a decrease from the previous year. There were 1,616 reported offenses during 2012 — compared with 1,629 for 2011. This decrease of 13 crimes reported represents a decrease of 0.8%.

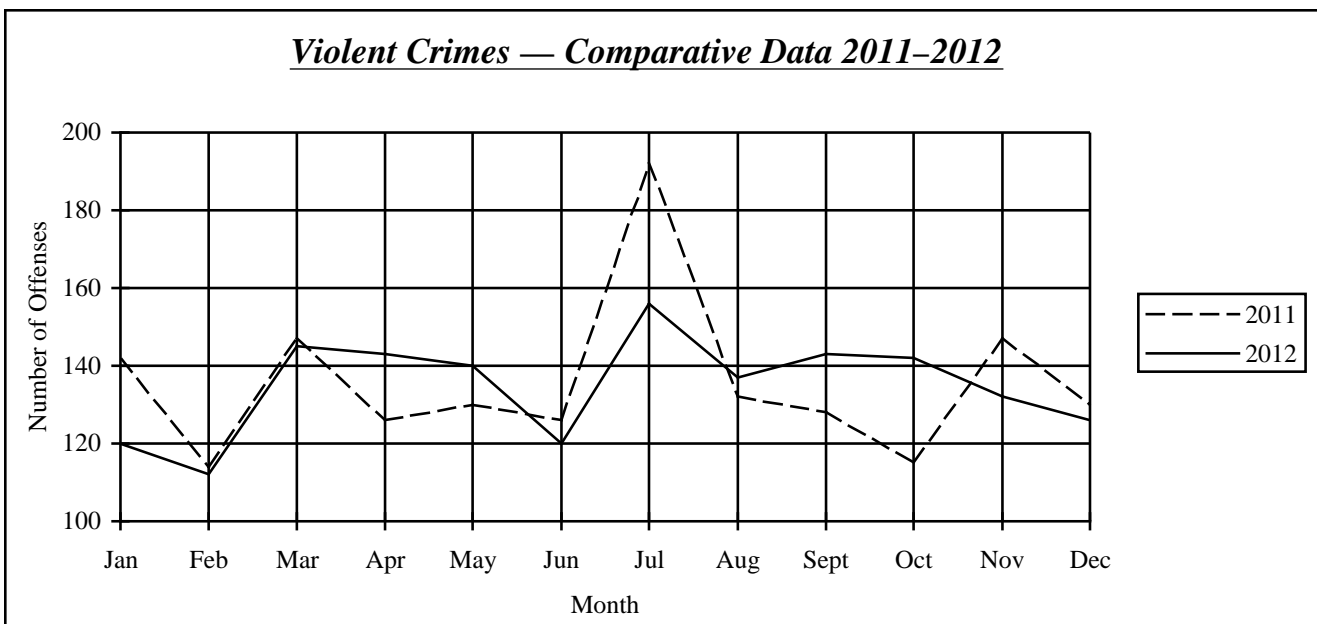
The 2012 crime rate for violent crime is 1.22 offenses per 1,000 population. Violent crimes represent 4.6% of all reported index crimes. Police cleared 976 violent crimes for a 60.4 clearance rate.



Number of Offenses — Comparative Data 2011–2012

	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Totals
2011	25	391	370	843	1,629
2012	24	368	421	803	1,616
Number Change	-1	-23	51	-40	-13
Percent Change	-4.0%	-5.9%	13.8%	-4.7%	-0.8%

Violent Crimes — Comparative Data 2011–2012



Violent Crime by County

(State Violent Crime Rate: 1.22)

