## **VIOLENT CRIMES**

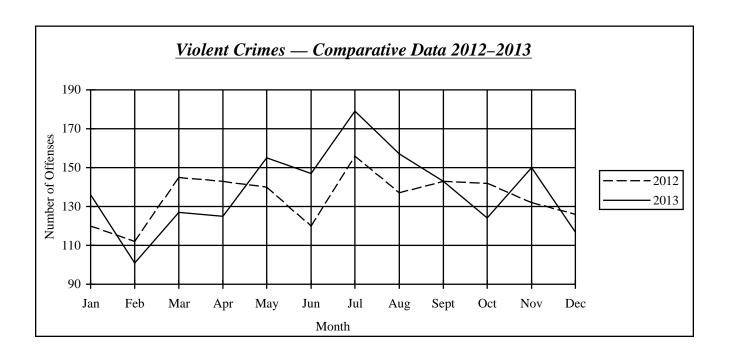
Crimes of violence involve the element of personal confrontation between the perpetrator and victim and entail the use or threat of violence. By their very nature, violent crimes — murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault — are considered more serious than property crimes. The total number indicates 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 2013, violent crimes showed an increase from the previous year. There were 1,661 reported offenses during 2013 — compared with 1,616 for 2012. This increase of 45 crimes reported represents an increase of 2.8%.

The 2013 crime rate for violent crime is 1.25 offenses per 1,000 population. Violent crimes represent 5.2% of all reported index crimes. Police cleared 1,095 violent crimes for a 65.9% clearance rate.



Number of Offenses — Comparative Data 2012–2013					
	Murder	Rape	Robbery	<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	Totals
2012	24	368	421	803	1,616
2013	24	359	335	943	1,661
Number Change	_	-9	-86	140	45
Percent Change	_	-2.4%	-20.4%	17.4%	2.8%



## **Violent Crime by County**

(State Violent Crime Rate: 1.25)

