

**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 2015, violent crimes showed an increase from the previous year. There were 1,623 reported offenses during 2015 — compared with 1,582 for 2014. This increase of 41 crimes reported represents an increase of 2.6%.

The 2015 crime rate for violent crime is 1.22 offenses per 1,000 population. Violent crimes represent 6.2% of all reported index crimes. Police cleared 1,037 violent crimes for a 63.9% clearance rate.

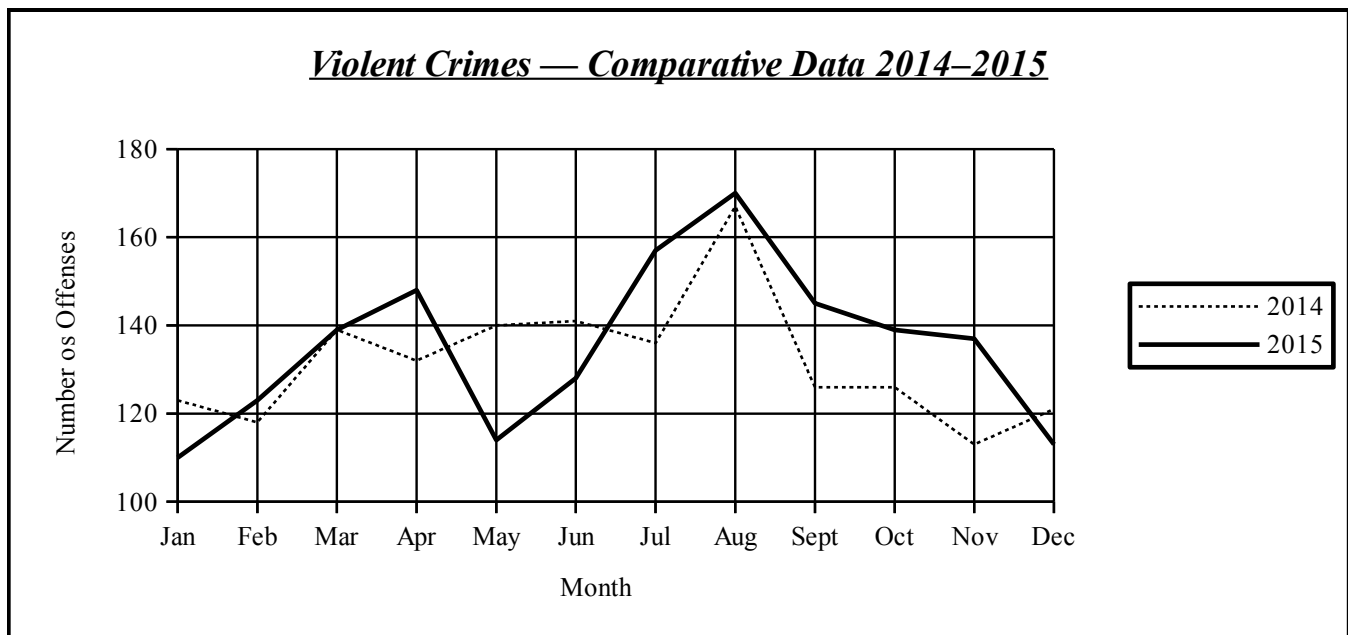
**Crime Clock**



**Number of Offenses — Comparative Data 2014–2015**

	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Totals
2014	22	356	304	900	1,582
2015	23	373	311	916	1,623
Number Change	1	17	7	16	41
Percent Change	4.5%	4.8%	2.3%	1.8%	2.6%

**Violent Crimes — Comparative Data 2014–2015**



## Violent Crime by County

(State Violent Crime Rate: 1.22)

