

**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 2017, violent crimes showed a decrease from the previous year. There were 1,591 reported offenses during 2017 — compared with 1,669 for 2016. This decrease of 78 crimes reported represents a decrease of 4.7%.

The 2017 crime rate for violent crime is 1.19 offenses per 1,000 population. Violent crimes represent 7.3% of all reported index crimes. Police cleared 1,015 violent crimes for a 63.8% clearance rate.

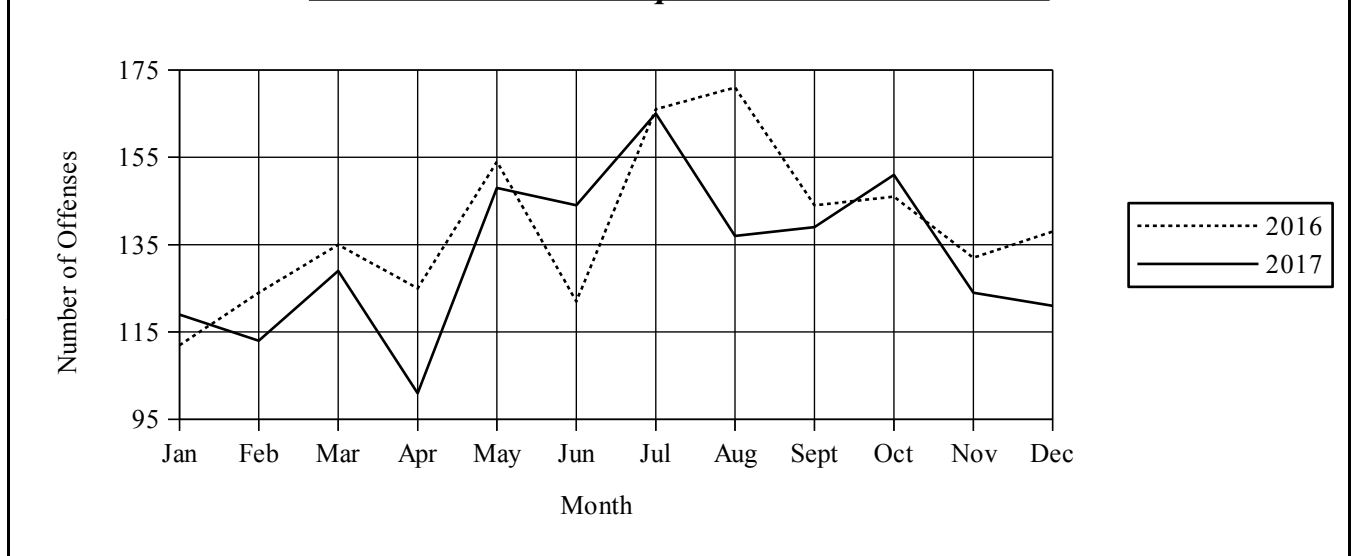
**Crime Clock**



***Number of Offenses — Comparative Data 2016–2017***

	<b>Murder</b>	<b>Rape</b>	<b>Robbery</b>	<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	<b>Totals</b>
2016	18	383	266	1,002	1,669
2017	21	448	247	875	1,591
Number Change	3	65	-19	-127	-78
Percent Change	16.7%	17.0%	-7.1%	-12.7%	-4.7%

***Violent Crimes — Comparative Data 2016–2017***



### Violent Crime by County

(State Violent Crime Rate 1.19)

