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Crime Drops Through Third Quarter of This Year

MEMPHIS – The University of Memphis Public Safety Institute and the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission released preliminary figures from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) through the third quarter of 2019 (January-September) which show drops in reported major violent crime, major property crime, domestic violence and overall crime.

Reported major violent crime declined by 3.2 percent in Memphis and 4.4 percent countywide compared to last year, driven by a very significant decline in reported robberies. (18.1 percent in Memphis and 17.9 percent countywide). The major violent crime figure includes murders, rapes, robberies and aggravated assaults.

The major property crime figure includes burglaries, motor vehicle thefts and other felony thefts. Through the third quarter of the year, the major property crime rate dropped 6.2 percent in Memphis and 7.4 percent countywide compared to last year. Declines occurred in all three categories, including significant declines in reported burglaries – down 12.5 percent in Memphis and 14.0 percent countywide – and auto thefts – dropping 9.6 percent in Memphis and 8.6 percent throughout Shelby County.

An encouraging decline in reported domestic violence which began in 2018 continued, with a reduction of 5.8 percent in Memphis and a 5.0 percent drop countywide.

The overall crime rate is determined by using reported crimes in 54 different categories (called Group A crimes by the TBI). The overall crime rate dropped significantly through the third quarter of the year compared to last year – a decline of 6.0 percent in Memphis and 6.8 percent countywide.

“We can be encouraged that things are moving in the right direction. We have a long way to go, though, to get where we need to be. Every citizen deserves to live in a safe neighborhood, regardless of income level or zip code. The good news is that we have in place a Safe Community plan designed to achieve that. We must have a commitment to get it done,” said Bill Gibbons, president of the Crime Commission and executive director of the Public Safety Institute.

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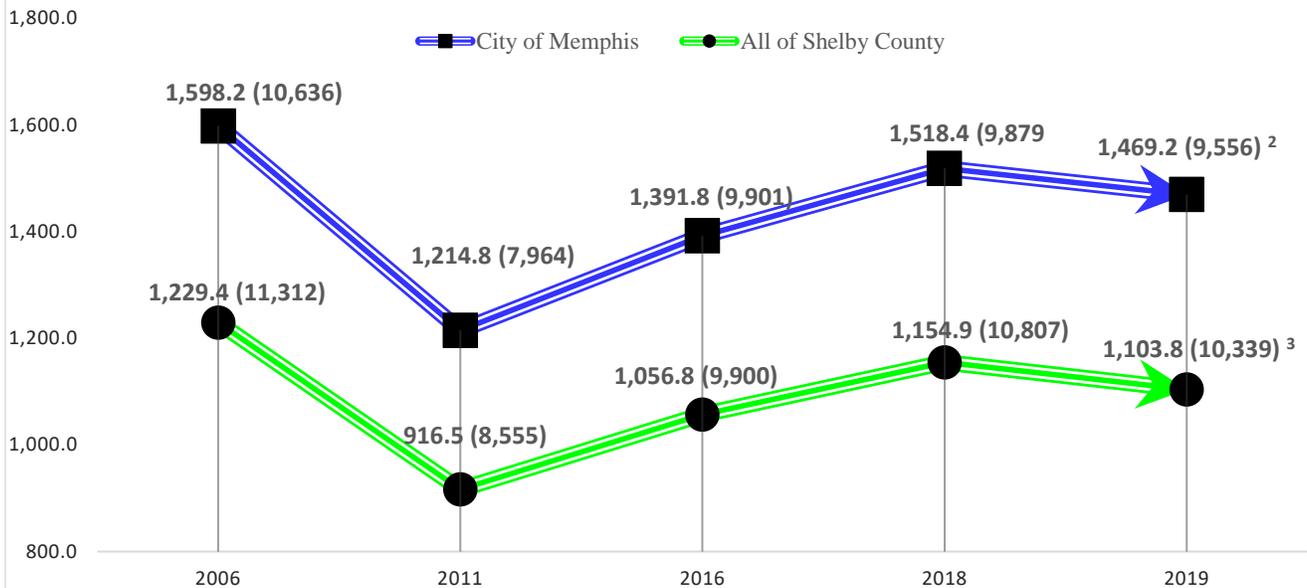
About the Crime Statistics: In measuring overall crime rates and trends, the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission and the Public Safety Institute use data reported by local enforcement agencies to the Tennessee Incident Based Reporting System (TIBRS), which was developed and is maintained by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. An incident is defined in TIBRS as “one or more offenses committed by the same offender or group of offenders acting in concert, at the same time and place.” Reported major violent crime and domestic violence offenses, however, uniquely refer to a victim count versus an incident count. All rates are calculated based on per 100,000 population.

About the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission (www.memphiscrime.org): Memphis Shelby Crime Commission is an independent, non-profit 501(c) (3) organization that “quarterbacks” the work of the Safe Community Plan and its partners. It is funded through the generous contributions of many private sector donors. Ben Adams, CEO of Baker Donelson law firm, serves as chair of the board, and Bill Gibbons serves as president of the Commission.

About the Safe Community Plan (www.memphiscrime.org): Launched in 2007, the Safe Community Plan, an action plan spearheaded by the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission, is a community-based crime reduction initiative. Implementation of the Safe Community Plan is chaired by Shelby County District Attorney General Amy Weirich.

About the Public Safety Institute (www.memphis.edu/psi/): The Public Safety Institute of the University of Memphis is an interdisciplinary part of the University community committed to identifying and advancing best practices in the field of public safety. It is housed in the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy. Bill Gibbons serves as executive director.

MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME JANUARY - SEPTEMBER (Incidents Per 100,000 Population and Numbers)¹



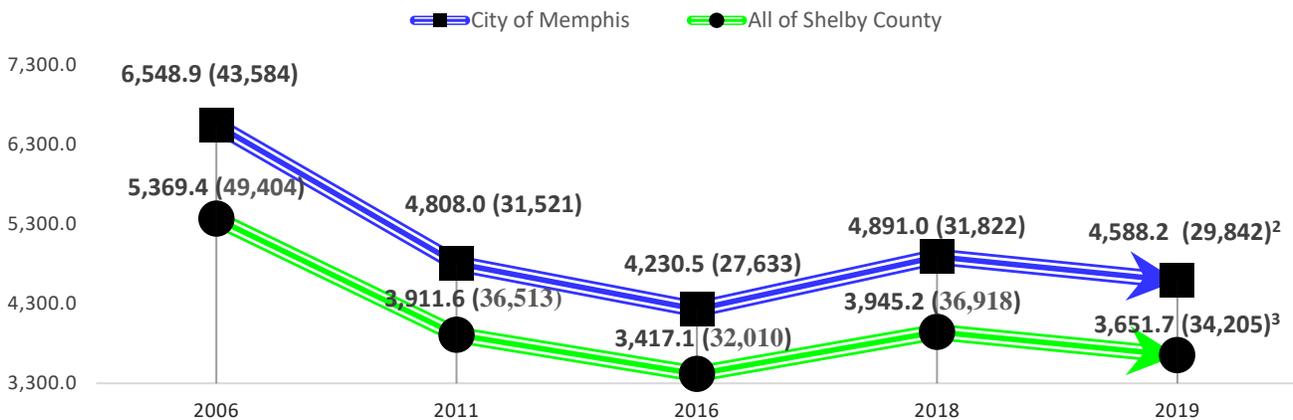
¹ Includes murders, forcible rapes, robberies, and aggravated assaults.

Source: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). The 2019 TBI figures are preliminary.

² The 2019 figure is a decrease of 8.1 percent from 2006 and an decrease of 3.2 percent from 2018 in the city of Memphis.

³ The 2019 figure is a decrease of 10.2 percent from 2006 and a decrease of 4.4 percent from 2018 in all of Shelby County.

MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME JANUARY - SEPTEMBER (Incidents Per 100,000 Population and Numbers)¹



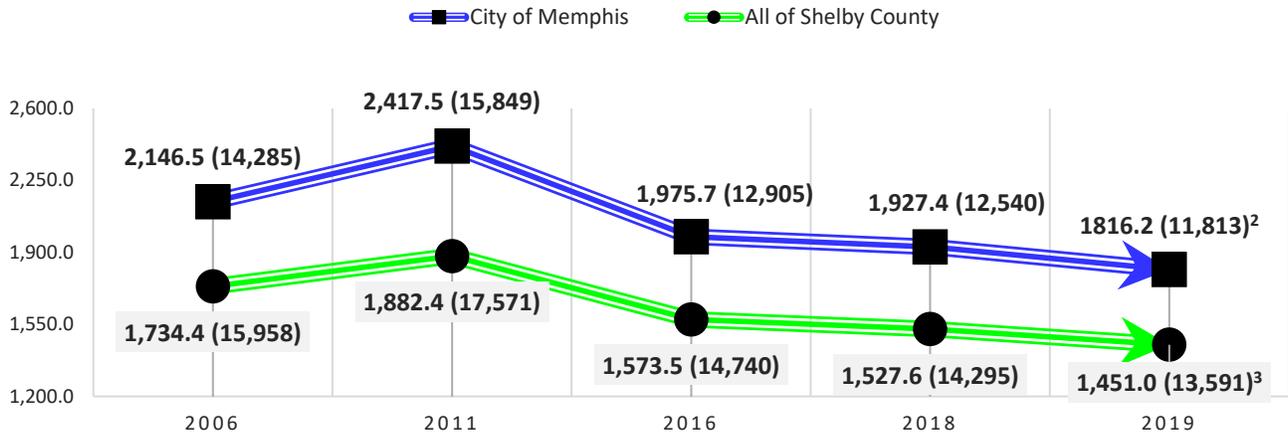
¹ Includes burglaries, motor vehicle thefts, and other felony thefts.

Source: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). The 2019 TBI figures are preliminary.

² The 2019 figure is a decrease of 29.9 percent from 2006 and a decrease of 6.2 percent from 2018 in the city of Memphis.

³ The 2019 figure is a decrease of 32.0 percent from 2006 and a decrease of 7.4 percent from 2018 in all of Shelby County.

REPORTED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES JANUARY - SEPTEMBER (RATE PER 100,000 POPULATION AND NUMBERS)¹

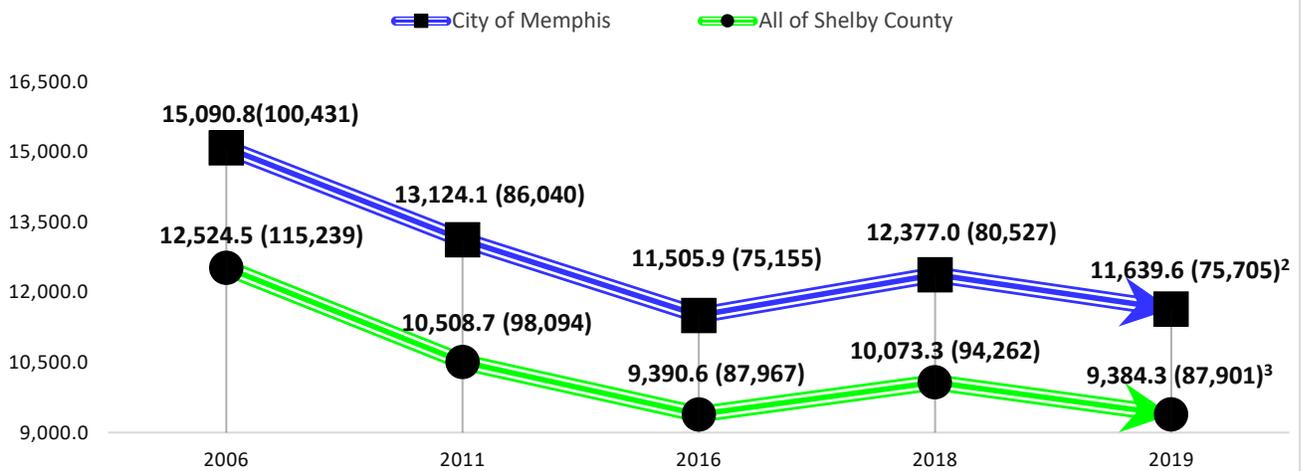


¹ Source: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). The 2019 TBI figures are preliminary.

² The 2019 figure is a decrease of 15.4 percent from 2006 and a decrease of 5.8 percent from 2018 in the city of Memphis.

³ The 2019 figure is a decrease of 16.3 percent from 2006 and a decrease of 5.0 percent from 2018 in all of Shelby County.

OVERALL CRIME JANUARY - SEPTEMBER (Incidents Per 100,000 Population and Numbers)¹



¹ The overall crime rate is measured by 54 separate types of "Group A crimes" tracked by the T.B.I. Source: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). The 2019 TBI figures are preliminary.

² The 2019 figure is a 22.9 percent decrease from 2006 and a 6.0 percent decrease from 2018 in the city of Memphis.

³ The 2018 figure is a 25.1 percent decrease from 2006 and a 6.8 percent decrease from 2018 for all of Shelby County.

Table 2.2 Memphis, TN: Crime Rates: 2006, 2011, 2016, 2018, & 2019

Operation Safe Community - Crime Trend Report									
Memphis, TN - TIBRS' GROUP A OFFENSES									
CRIME RATES (Offenses per 100,000 Population*)									
January 1 - September 30, 2006, 2011, 2016, 2018, & 2019									
Selected Offenses of Interest									
Offense Type	2006	2011	2016	2018	2019	% Change 2006-19	% Change 2011-19	% Change 2016-19	% Change 2018-19
Murder	18.2	13.4	22.0	20.3	20.4	12.5%	52.3%	-7.2%	0.8%
Rape ²	61.0	61.8	65.2	64.6	51.7	-15.3%	-16.4%	-20.8%	-20.0%
Aggravated Assault ³	909.4	798.2	932.8	1083.9	1110.8	22.2%	39.2%	19.1%	2.5%
Robbery	609.6	341.4	371.7	349.7	286.3	-53.0%	-16.1%	-23.0%	-18.1%
MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME³	1598.2	1214.8	1391.8	1518.4	1469.2	-8.1%	20.9%	5.6%	-3.2%
Burglary	1874.9	1432.1	1046.0	972.2	851.0	-54.6%	-40.6%	-18.6%	-12.5%
Theft Offenses	3914.1	2984.5	2824.5	3402.3	3270.1	-16.5%	9.6%	15.8%	-3.9%
Motor Vehicle Theft	759.9	391.4	360.1	516.6	467.1	-38.5%	19.3%	29.7%	-9.6%
MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME	6548.9	4808.0	4230.5	4891.0	4588.2	-29.9%	-4.6%	8.5%	-6.2%
Simple Assault ⁴	2514.2	2753.1	2073.7	2003.8	1828.4	-27.3%	-33.6%	-11.8%	-8.8%
Drug/Narcotic Violations ⁵	563.9	603.7	416.7	397.9	339.6	-39.8%	-43.7%	-18.5%	-14.7%
Weapon Law Violations ⁶	167.8	159.9	125.7	152.2	138.2	-17.6%	-13.5%	10.0%	-9.2%
Domestic Violence	2146.5	2417.5	1975.7	1927.4	1816.2	-15.4%	-24.9%	-8.1%	-5.8%
Total Group A Offenses	15090.8	13124.1	11505.9	12377.0	11639.6	-22.9%	-11.3%	1.2%	-6.0%
Total Group A Offenses Involving Firearm*			1001.1	1131.8	1104.4			10.3%	-2.4%

* Due to changes in reporting offenses involving firearms, TIBRS figures are not comparable to data prior to 2016.

* Rates and population figures are based on 2006, 2011, 2016, and 2018 U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates. The latest estimates available, 2018 Estimates, are used to calculate the 2019 population estimates based on the UCR methodology which are then used for calculating the rates for 2019.

POPULATION	2006	2011	2016	2018	2019
	665,512	655,590	653,184	650,618	650,410

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Murder	121	88	144	132	133	9.9%	51.1%	-7.6%	0.8%
Rape ²	406	405	426	420	336	-17.2%	-17.0%	-21.1%	-20.0%
Aggravated Assault ³	6,052	5,233	6,093	7,052	7,225	19.4%	38.1%	18.6%	2.5%
Robbery	4,057	2,238	2,428	2,275	1,862	-54.1%	-16.8%	-23.3%	-18.2%
MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME³	10,636	7,964	9,091	9,879	9,556	-10.2%	20.0%	5.1%	-3.3%
Burglary	12,478	9,389	6,832	6,325	5,535	-55.6%	-41.0%	-19.0%	-12.5%
Theft Offenses	26,049	19,566	18,449	22,136	21,269	-18.4%	8.7%	15.3%	-3.9%
Motor Vehicle Theft	5,057	2,566	2,352	3,361	3,038	-39.9%	18.4%	29.2%	-9.6%
MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME	43,584	31,521	27,633	31,822	29,842	-31.5%	-5.3%	8.0%	-6.2%
Simple Assault ⁴	16,732	18,049	13,545	13,037	11,892	-28.9%	-34.1%	-12.2%	-8.8%
Drug/Narcotic Violations ⁵	3,753	3,958	2,722	2,589	2,209	-41.1%	-44.2%	-18.8%	-14.7%
Weapon Law Violations ⁵	1,117	1,048	821	990	899	-19.5%	-14.2%	9.5%	-9.2%
Domestic Violence	14,285	15,849	12,905	12,540	11,813	-17.3%	-25.5%	-8.5%	-5.8%
Total Group A Offenses	100,431	86,040	75,155	80,527	75,705	-24.6%	-12.0%	0.7%	-6.0%
Total Group A Offenses Involving Firearm⁶			6,539	7,364	7,183			9.8%	-2.5%

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Table 1.2 Shelby County, TN: Crime Rates: 2006, 2011, 2016, 2018, & 2019

Shelby County, TN - TIBRS' GROUP A OFFENSES									
CRIME RATES (Offenses per 100,000 Population*)									
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Selected Offenses of Interest									
Offense Type	2006	2011	2016	2018	2019	% Change 2006-19	% Change 2011-19	% Change 2016-19	% Change 2018-19
Murder	13.3	10.1	17.0	14.6	14.8	11.9%	47.4%	-12.6%	1.4%
Rape ²	49.5	49.7	51.6	51.4	41.7	-15.6%	-16.0%	-19.0%	-18.8%
Aggravated Assault ³	711.2	609.8	717.2	833.4	837.6	17.8%	37.4%	16.8%	0.5%
Robbery	455.5	246.9	271.1	255.4	209.6	-54.0%	-15.1%	-22.7%	-17.9%
MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME³	1229.4	916.5	1056.8	1154.9	1103.8	-10.2%	20.4%	4.4%	-4.4%
Burglary	1518.2	1128.9	815.2	763.4	656.2	-56.8%	-41.9%	-19.5%	-14.0%
Theft Offenses	3254.2	2479.4	2316.5	2771.4	2620.5	-19.5%	5.7%	13.1%	-5.4%
Motor Vehicle Theft	597.0	303.3	285.5	410.4	374.9	-37.2%	23.6%	31.3%	-8.6%
MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME	5369.4	3911.6	3417.1	3945.2	3651.7	-32.0%	-6.6%	6.9%	-7.4%
Simple Assault ⁴	2070.7	2154.6	1694.9	1643.6	1512.6	-27.0%	-29.8%	-10.8%	-8.0%
Drug/Narcotic Violations ⁵	555.0	523.9	406.8	414.5	350.9	-36.8%	-33.0%	-13.7%	-15.3%
Weapon Law Violations ⁵	143.4	129.1	113.8	135.0	119.3	-16.8%	-7.6%	4.8%	-11.6%
Domestic Violence	1734.4	1882.4	1573.5	1527.6	1451.0	-16.3%	-22.9%	-7.8%	-5.0%
Total Group A Offenses	12524.5	10508.7	9390.6	10073.3	9384.3	-25.1%	-10.7%	-0.1%	-6.8%
Total Group A Offenses Involving Firearm*			753.2	855.1	825.8			9.6%	-3.4%

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	920,106	933,457	936,759	935,764	936,686

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Murder	122	94	159	137	139	13.9%	47.9%	-12.6%	1.5%
Rape ²	455	464	483	481	391	-14.1%	-15.7%	-19.0%	-18.7%
Aggravated Assault ²	6,544	5,692	6,718	7,799	7,846	19.9%	37.8%	16.8%	0.6%
Robbery	4,191	2,305	2,540	2,390	1,963	-53.2%	-14.8%	-22.7%	-17.9%
MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME³	11,312	8,555	9,900	10,807	10,339	-8.6%	20.9%	4.4%	-4.3%
Burglary	13,969	10,538	7,636	7,144	6,147	-56.0%	-41.7%	-19.5%	-14.0%
Theft Offenses	29,942	23,144	21,700	25,934	24,546	-18.0%	6.1%	13.1%	-5.4%
Motor Vehicle Theft	5,493	2,831	2,674	3,840	3,512	-36.1%	24.1%	31.3%	-8.5%
MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME	49,404	36,513	32,010	36,918	34,205	-30.8%	-6.3%	6.9%	-7.3%
Simple Assault ⁴	19,053	20,112	15,877	15,380	14,168	-25.6%	-29.6%	-10.8%	-7.9%
Drug/Narcotic Violations ⁵	5,107	4,890	3,811	3,879	3,287	-35.6%	-32.8%	-13.7%	-15.3%
Weapon Law Violations ⁵	1,319	1,205	1,066	1,263	1,117	-15.3%	-7.3%	4.8%	-11.6%
Domestic Violence	15,958	17,571	14,740	14,295	13,591	-14.8%	-22.7%	-7.8%	-4.9%
Total Group A Offenses	115,239	98,094	87,967	94,262	87,901	-23.7%	-10.4%	-0.1%	-6.7%
Total Group A Offenses Involving Firearm*			7,056	8,002	7,735			9.6%	-3.3%

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