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## Decline in Reported Crime Continues

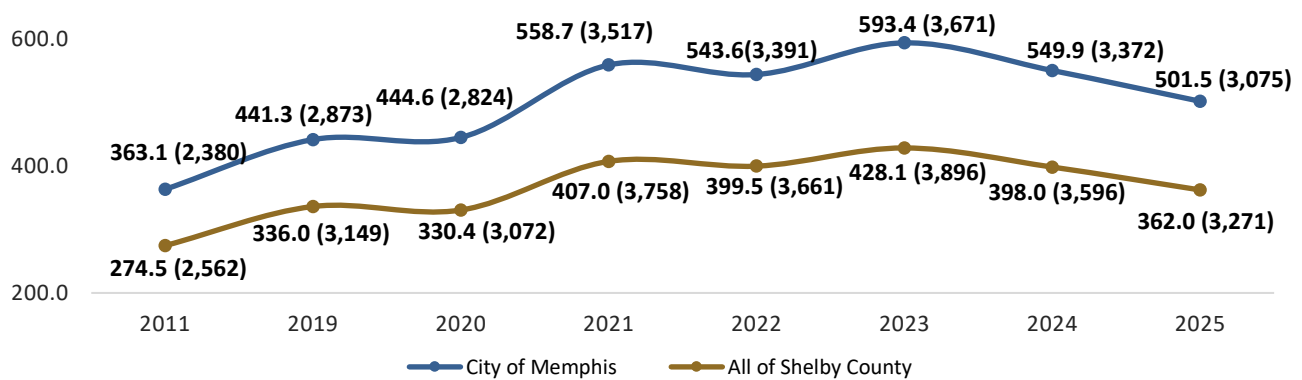
The decline in most categories of crime in 2024 continued during the first quarter of 2025 (January-March) according to preliminary figures from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation released by the University of Memphis Public Safety Institute and the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission.

In Memphis, based on reported crimes, the major violent crime rate declined 8.8 percent compared to the first quarter of 2024. The major violent crime rate is calculated based on murders, rapes, aggravated assaults, and robberies. Countywide, the major violent crime rate dropped 9.0 percent. Especially encouraging was the drop in reported aggravated assaults of 6.8 percent in Memphis and 6.9 percent countywide. Reported aggravated assaults make up about 80 percent of all reported major violent crimes.

### Reported Major Violent Crime

January - March

Rate Per 100,000 Population (and Total Number of Offenses)<sup>1</sup>



▲ 38.1% In 2025 Compared to 2006  
▼ 8.8% In 2025 Compared to 2024

▲ 16.4% In 2025 Compared to 2006  
▼ 9% In 2025 Compared to 2024

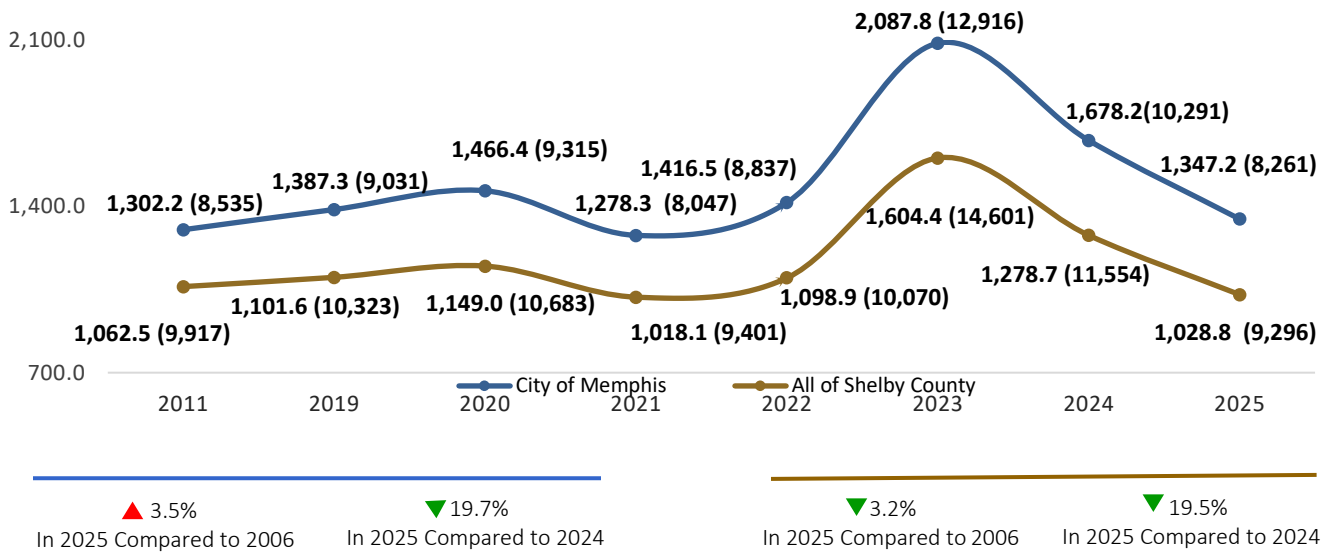
<sup>1</sup>Includes murders, forcible rapes, robberies, and aggravated assaults. Source: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). The 2025 figures are preliminary.

The major property crime rate also saw a significant decrease compared to the first quarter of 2024, dropping 19.7 percent in Memphis and 19.5 percent for all of Shelby County. That included double digit drops in reported burglaries (30.4 percent in Memphis and 28.7 percent countywide), vehicle thefts (35.6 percent in Memphis and 35.2 percent countywide), and other felony thefts (10.8 percent in Memphis and 11.2 percent for the entire county).

### Reported Major Property Crime

January - March

Rate Per 100,000 Population (and Total Number of Offenses)<sup>1</sup>



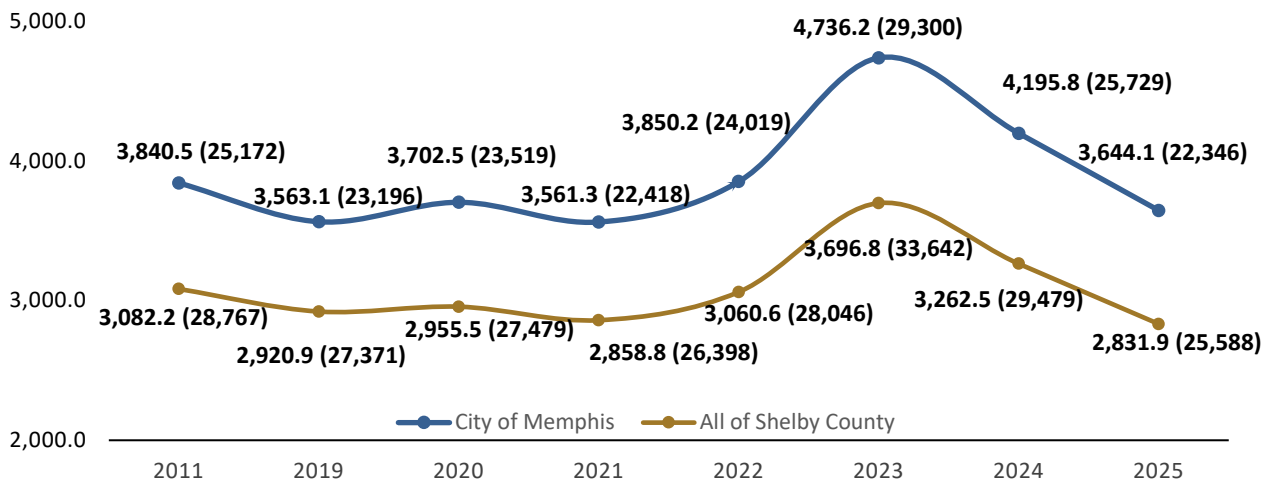
<sup>1</sup>Includes burglaries, motor vehicle thefts, and other felony thefts. Source: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). The 2025 TBI figures are preliminary.

The TBI also measures overall crime by tracking 54 different categories (Including the major violent crime and major property crime categories). In Memphis, the overall crime rate declined 13.1 percent compared to the first quarter of 2024. In all of Shelby County, it declined 13.2 percent.

## Reported Overall Crime

January – March

Rate Per 100,000 Population (and Total Number of Offenses)<sup>1</sup>



▼ 5.1% In 2025 Compared to 2006  
▼ 13.1% In 2025 Compared to 2024

▼ 18.1% In 2025 Compared to 2006  
▼ 13.2% In 2025 Compared to 2024

<sup>1</sup> 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 2025 TBI figures are preliminary.

Reported domestic violence also dipped compared to 2024 – 4.1 percent in Memphis and 4.4 percent countywide.

In some categories (murders, aggravated assaults, vehicle thefts, overall crime, and crimes involving firearms), the 2025 crime rate remains above pre-pandemic 2019 levels. In other categories (rapes, robberies, burglaries, and felony thefts other than vehicle thefts), the 2025 crime rate is below the pre-pandemic 2019 level.

“The trend lines continue to be encouraging. We have a long way to go, though, to get where we need to be. Now is not the time to slow down but rather time to scale up and sustain best practices we know can work such focusing on those responsible for much of our crime, intervening to head off violent acts of retaliation, and data-driven hot spot policing,” said Bill Gibbons, executive director of the U of M Public Safety Institute and president of the Crime Commission.

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**About the Crime Statistics:** In measuring crime rates and trends, the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission and the Public Safety Institute use primarily preliminary 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.” Certain types of violent crimes 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](http://www.memphiscrime.org)):** The Memphis Shelby Crime Commission is an independent, non-profit 501(c) (3) organization that “quarterbacks” the work of the Safe Community Action Plan. It is funded through the generous contributions of many private sector donors. Ben Adams, chairman emeritus of Baker Donelson law firm, serves as chair of the board, and Bill Gibbons serves as president of the Commission.

**About the Safe Community Action Plan ([www.memphiscrime.org](http://www.memphiscrime.org)):** Launched initially in 2007, the Safe Community Action Plan, development of which is spearheaded by the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission, is a community-based crime reduction and prevention initiative. The current Safe Community Action Plan (2022-2026) is in its fourth year. Implementation of the Safe Community Action Plan is chaired by Shelby County Sheriff Floyd Bonner.

**About the Public Safety Institute ([www.memphis.edu/psi/](http://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 through applied research. It is housed in the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy. Bill Gibbons serves as executive director, Dr. Amaia Iratzoqui serves as research director, and Dr. James McCutcheon serves as the senior research developer.

Table 2.2 Memphis, TN: Crime Rates: 2011, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, & 2025

Operation Safe Community - Crime Trend Report															
Memphis, TN - TIBRS <sup>1</sup> GROUP A OFFENSES															
CRIME RATES (Offenses per 100,000 Population <sup>2</sup> )															
January 1 - March 31, 2011, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, & 2025															
Selected Offenses of Interest															
Offense Type	2011	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Change 2011-25	% Change 2019-25	% Change 2020-25	% Change 2021-25	% Change 2022-25	% Change 2023-25	% Change 2024-25
Murder <sup>2</sup>	3.8	5.8	7.4	9.5	9.1	13.6	10.8	10.8	182.2%	84.4%	45.5%	12.9%	17.8%	-20.7%	0.0%
Rape <sup>2,3</sup>	23.3	21.5	21.3	15.3	14.3	21.5	18.8	11.7	-49.7%	-45.4%	-44.8%	-23.0%	-17.7%	-45.4%	-37.4%
Aggravated Assault <sup>2,4</sup>	234.2	332.3	327.8	467.5	430.6	462.1	439.7	409.6	74.9%	23.3%	25.0%	-12.4%	-4.9%	-11.4%	-6.8%
Robbery	101.8	81.7	88.2	66.4	89.6	96.2	80.7	69.3	-31.9%	-15.2%	-21.4%	4.4%	-22.7%	-27.9%	-14.1%
<b>MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>363.1</b>	<b>441.3</b>	<b>444.6</b>	<b>558.7</b>	<b>543.6</b>	<b>593.4</b>	<b>549.9</b>	<b>501.5</b>	<b>38.1%</b>	<b>13.6%</b>	<b>12.8%</b>	<b>-10.2%</b>	<b>-7.7%</b>	<b>-15.5%</b>	<b>-8.8%</b>
Burglary	402.5	273.9	222.9	162.2	206.1	250.9	218.7	152.2	-62.2%	-44.4%	-31.7%	-6.2%	-26.2%	-39.4%	-30.4%
Theft Offenses	798.4	973.1	1060.1	911.1	970.9	1208.3	1027.9	917.1	14.9%	-5.8%	-13.5%	0.7%	-5.5%	-24.1%	-10.8%
Motor Vehicle Theft	101.3	140.2	183.4	205.1	239.5	628.6	431.7	277.9	174.3%	98.1%	51.5%	35.5%	16.0%	-55.8%	-35.6%
<b>MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME</b>	<b>1302.2</b>	<b>1387.3</b>	<b>1466.4</b>	<b>1278.3</b>	<b>1416.5</b>	<b>2087.8</b>	<b>1678.2</b>	<b>1347.2</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>-2.9%</b>	<b>-8.1%</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>-4.9%</b>	<b>-35.5%</b>	<b>-19.7%</b>
Simple Assault <sup>6</sup>	840.7	562.2	558.9	457.2	464.1	543.5	525.8	520.4	-38.1%	-7.4%	-6.9%	13.8%	12.1%	-4.2%	-1.0%
Drug/Narcotic Violations <sup>6</sup>	226.1	124.4	120.0	141.1	160.8	99.9	98.7	95.4	-57.8%	-23.3%	-20.5%	-32.4%	-40.7%	-4.5%	-3.3%
Weapon Law Violations <sup>6</sup>	47.8	49.8	81.7	125.2	136.7	109.6	165.7	176.8	270.2%	255.2%	116.4%	41.2%	29.3%	61.3%	6.7%
Domestic Violence	730.5	546.5	550.4	535.2	510.7	569.2	568.3	545.2	-25.4%	-0.3%	-0.9%	1.9%	6.7%	-4.2%	-4.1%
Total Group A Offenses <sup>7</sup>	3840.5	3563.1	3702.5	3561.3	3850.2	4736.2	4195.8	3644.1	-5.1%	2.3%	-1.6%	2.3%	-5.4%	-23.1%	-13.1%
Total Group A Offenses Involving Firearm <sup>7</sup>		343.2	370.6	570.0	557.0	575.6	584.5	572.4		66.8%	54.5%	0.4%	2.8%	-0.6%	-2.1%

<sup>1</sup> 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, 2021, 2022, and 2023 U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates. The latest estimates available, 2023 Estimates, are used to calculate the 2024 and 2025 population estimates based on the UCR methodology which is then used for calculating the rates for 2024 and 2025.

POPULATION	2011	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	655,434	650,998	635,225	629,493	623,840	618,639	613,207	613,207

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Murder <sup>2</sup>	25	38	47	60	57	84	66	66	164.0%	73.7%	40.4%	10.0%	15.8%	-21.4%	0.0%
Rape <sup>2,3</sup>	153	140	135	96	89	133	115	72	-52.9%	-48.6%	-46.7%	-25.0%	-19.1%	-45.9%	-37.4%
Aggravated Assault <sup>2,4</sup>	1,535	2,163	2,082	2,943	2,686	2,859	2,696	2,512	63.6%	16.1%	20.7%	-14.6%	-6.5%	-12.1%	-6.8%
Robbery	667	532	560	418	559	595	495	425	-36.3%	-20.1%	-24.1%	1.7%	-24.0%	-28.6%	-14.1%
<b>MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2,380</b>	<b>2,873</b>	<b>2,824</b>	<b>3,517</b>	<b>3,391</b>	<b>3,671</b>	<b>3,372</b>	<b>3,075</b>	<b>29.2%</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>-12.6%</b>	<b>-9.3%</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>-8.8%</b>
Burglary	2,638	1,783	1,416	1,021	1,286	1,552	1,341	933	-64.6%	-47.7%	-34.1%	-8.6%	-27.4%	-39.9%	-30.4%
Theft Offenses	5,233	6,335	6,734	5,735	6,057	7,475	6,303	5,624	7.5%	-11.2%	-16.5%	-1.9%	-7.1%	-24.8%	-10.8%
Motor Vehicle Theft	664	913	1,165	1,291	1,494	3,889	2,647	1,704	156.6%	86.6%	46.3%	32.0%	14.1%	-56.2%	-35.6%
<b>MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME</b>	<b>8,535</b>	<b>9,031</b>	<b>9,315</b>	<b>8,047</b>	<b>8,837</b>	<b>12,916</b>	<b>10,291</b>	<b>8,261</b>	<b>-3.2%</b>	<b>-8.5%</b>	<b>-11.3%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>-6.5%</b>	<b>-36.0%</b>	<b>-19.7%</b>
Simple Assault <sup>5</sup>	5,510	3,660	3,550	2,878	2,895	3,362	3,224	3,191	-42.1%	-12.8%	-10.1%	10.9%	10.2%	-5.1%	-1.0%
Drug/Narcotic Violations <sup>6</sup>	1,482	810	762	888	1,003	618	605	585	-60.5%	-27.8%	-23.2%	-34.1%	-41.7%	-5.3%	-3.3%
Weapon Law Violations <sup>6</sup>	313	324	519	788	853	678	1,016	1,084	246.3%	234.6%	108.9%	37.6%	27.1%	59.9%	6.7%
Domestic Violence	4,788	3,558	3,496	3,369	3,186	3,521	3,485	3,343	-30.2%	-6.0%	-4.4%	-0.8%	4.9%	-5.1%	-4.1%
Total Group A Offenses <sup>7</sup>	25,172	23,196	23,519	22,418	24,019	29,300	25,729	22,346	-11.2%	-3.7%	-5.0%	-0.3%	-7.0%	-23.7%	-13.1%
Total Group A Offenses Involving Firearm <sup>7</sup>		2,234	2,354	3,588	3,475	3,561	3,584	3,510		57.1%	49.1%	-2.2%	1.0%	-1.4%	-2.1%

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Table 1.2 Shelby County, TN: Crime Rates: 2011, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, & 2025

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Shelby County, TN - TIBRS' GROUP A OFFENSES																
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Murder	2.8	4.1	5.3	7.0	6.3	10.0	7.3	7.5	170.2%	85.6%	42.8%	6.9%	18.9%	-24.7%	3.0%	
Rape <sup>2</sup>	18.1	17.5	16.7	12.0	11.2	16.3	14.9	8.5	-52.9%	-51.3%	-48.9%	-29.1%	-24.2%	-47.6%	-43.0%	
Aggravated Assault <sup>3</sup>	179.4	253.3	245.4	340.5	318.1	333.8	319.0	296.8	65.5%	17.2%	20.9%	-12.8%	-6.7%	-11.1%	-6.9%	
Robbery	74.3	61.1	63.0	47.4	63.8	68.0	56.8	49.1	-33.8%	-19.6%	-22.0%	3.6%	-23.0%	-27.8%	-13.5%	
<b>MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>274.5</b>	<b>336.0</b>	<b>330.4</b>	<b>407.0</b>	<b>399.5</b>	<b>428.1</b>	<b>398.0</b>	<b>362.0</b>	<b>31.9%</b>	<b>7.7%</b>	<b>9.6%</b>	<b>-11.0%</b>	<b>-9.4%</b>	<b>-15.4%</b>	<b>-9.0%</b>	
Burglary	319.5	211.1	170.9	136.3	157.1	188.0	160.9	114.7	-64.1%	-45.7%	-32.9%	-15.9%	-27.0%	-39.0%	-28.7%	
Theft Offenses	663.4	782.0	837.8	726.6	761.8	946.7	792.5	703.4	6.0%	-10.0%	-16.0%	-3.2%	-7.7%	-25.7%	-11.2%	
Motor Vehicle Theft	79.6	108.5	140.3	155.2	180.0	469.8	325.3	210.7	164.7%	94.2%	50.2%	35.8%	17.1%	-55.1%	-35.2%	
<b>MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME</b>	<b>1062.5</b>	<b>1101.6</b>	<b>1149.0</b>	<b>1018.1</b>	<b>1098.9</b>	<b>1604.4</b>	<b>1278.7</b>	<b>1028.8</b>	<b>-3.2%</b>	<b>-6.6%</b>	<b>-10.5%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>-6.4%</b>	<b>-35.9%</b>	<b>-19.5%</b>	
Simple Assault <sup>4</sup>	660.3	476.6	458.3	370.9	402.7	451.7	436.6	432.3	-34.5%	-9.3%	-5.7%	16.5%	7.4%	-4.3%	-1.0%	
Drug/Narcotic Violations <sup>5</sup>	193.7	135.6	126.9	144.6	156.3	103.7	102.3	100.0	-48.4%	-26.2%	-21.2%	-30.8%	-36.0%	-3.6%	-2.2%	
Weapon Law Violations <sup>5</sup>	38.4	44.8	67.0	103.6	109.7	88.1	129.8	133.6	248.3%	198.0%	99.4%	28.9%	21.8%	51.6%	2.9%	
Domestic Violence	565.9	438.4	435.2	429.6	404.9	436.9	438.6	419.1	-25.9%	-4.4%	-3.7%	-2.4%	3.5%	-4.1%	-4.4%	
Total Group A Offenses <sup>6</sup>	3082.2	2920.9	2955.5	2858.8	3060.6	3696.8	3262.5	2831.9	-8.1%	-3.0%	-4.2%	-0.9%	-7.5%	-23.4%	-13.2%	
Total Group A Offenses Involving Firearm <sup>6</sup>		260.6	276.4	415.8	409.3	417.5	425.4	412.4		58.2%	49.2%	-0.8%	0.7%	-1.2%	-3.1%	

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	933,321	937,070	929,763	923,382	916,357	910,042	903,562	903,562

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Murder	26	38	49	65	58	91	66	68	161.5%	78.9%	38.8%	4.6%	17.2%	-25.3%	3.0%
Rape <sup>2</sup>	169	164	155	111	103	148	135	77	-54.4%	-53.0%	-50.3%	-30.6%	-25.2%	-48.0%	-43.0%
Aggravated Assault <sup>3</sup>	1,674	2,374	2,282	3,144	2,915	3,038	2,882	2,682	60.2%	13.0%	17.5%	-14.7%	-8.0%	-11.7%	-6.9%
Robbery	693	573	586	438	585	619	513	444	-35.9%	-22.5%	-24.2%	1.4%	-24.1%	-28.3%	-13.5%
<b>MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2,562</b>	<b>3,149</b>	<b>3,072</b>	<b>3,758</b>	<b>3,661</b>	<b>3,896</b>	<b>3,596</b>	<b>3,271</b>	<b>27.7%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>-13.0%</b>	<b>-10.7%</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>	<b>-9.0%</b>
Burglary	2,982	1,978	1,589	1,259	1,440	1,711	1,454	1,036	-65.3%	-47.6%	-34.8%	-17.7%	-28.1%	-39.5%	-28.7%
Theft Offenses	6,192	7,328	7,790	6,709	6,981	8,615	7,161	6,356	2.6%	-13.3%	-18.4%	-5.3%	-9.0%	-26.2%	-11.2%
Motor Vehicle Theft	743	1,017	1,304	1,433	1,649	4,275	2,939	1,904	156.3%	87.2%	46.0%	32.9%	15.5%	-55.5%	-35.2%
<b>MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME</b>	<b>9,917</b>	<b>10,323</b>	<b>10,683</b>	<b>9,401</b>	<b>10,070</b>	<b>14,601</b>	<b>11,554</b>	<b>9,296</b>	<b>-6.3%</b>	<b>-9.9%</b>	<b>-13.0%</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>	<b>-7.7%</b>	<b>-36.3%</b>	<b>-19.5%</b>
Simple Assault <sup>4</sup>	6,163	4,466	4,261	3,425	3,690	4,111	3,945	3,906	-36.6%	-12.5%	-8.3%	14.0%	5.9%	-5.0%	-1.0%
Drug/Narcotic Violations <sup>5</sup>	1,808	1,271	1,180	1,335	1,432	944	924	904	-50.0%	-28.9%	-23.4%	-32.3%	-36.9%	-4.2%	-2.2%
Weapon Law Violations <sup>5</sup>	358	420	623	957	1,005	802	1,173	1,207	237.2%	187.4%	93.7%	26.1%	20.1%	50.5%	2.9%
Domestic Violence	5,282	4,108	4,046	3,967	3,710	3,976	3,963	3,787	-28.3%	-7.8%	-6.4%	-4.5%	2.1%	-4.8%	-4.4%
<b>Total Group A Offenses<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>28,767</b>	<b>27,371</b>	<b>27,479</b>	<b>26,398</b>	<b>28,046</b>	<b>33,642</b>	<b>29,479</b>	<b>25,588</b>	<b>-11.1%</b>	<b>-6.5%</b>	<b>-6.9%</b>	<b>-3.1%</b>	<b>-8.8%</b>	<b>-23.9%</b>	<b>-13.2%</b>
<b>Total Group A Offenses Involving Firearm<sup>6</sup></b>		<b>2,442</b>	<b>2,570</b>	<b>3,839</b>	<b>3,751</b>	<b>3,799</b>	<b>3,844</b>	<b>3,726</b>		<b>52.6%</b>	<b>45.0%</b>	<b>-2.9%</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>	<b>-1.9%</b>	<b>-3.1%</b>

<sup>6</sup> Due to changes in reporting offenses involving firearms, TIBRS figures are not comparable to data prior to 2016.