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Reported Crime Drops Across the Board

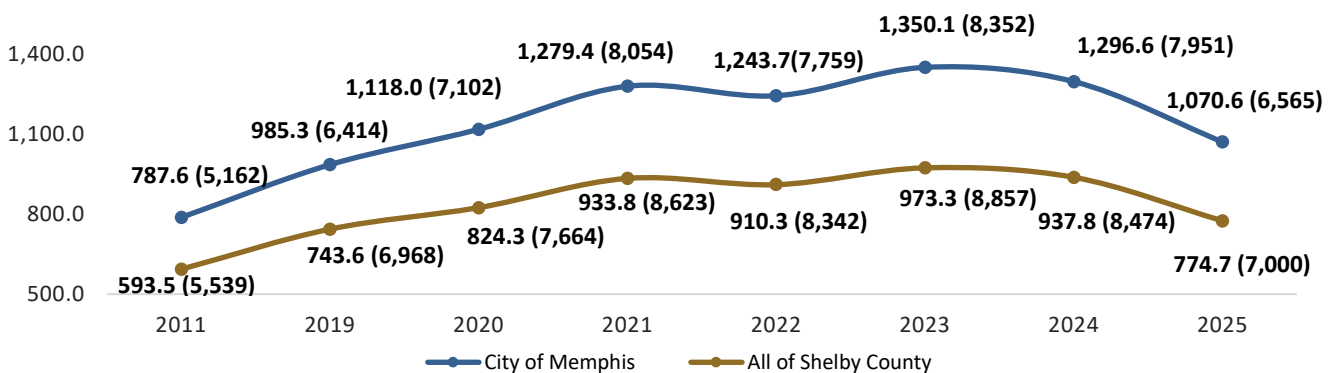
Based on preliminary data from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) released by the University of Memphis Public Safety Institute and the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission, in the first half of this year, reported crime dropped across the board in every major category compared to last year.

Major violent crime includes reported murder, forcible rape, aggravated assault, and robbery. The major violent crime rate dropped 17.4 percent in both Memphis and all of Shelby County. In Memphis, that includes a decline of 4.3 percent in reported murder (4.9 percent countywide), 32.4 percent in forcible rape (34.0 percent countywide), 17.1 percent in aggravated assault (17.0 percent throughout the county), and 17.9 percent in robbery (17.0 percent countywide).

Reported Major Violent Crime

January - June

Rate Per 100,000 Population (and Total Number of Offenses)¹

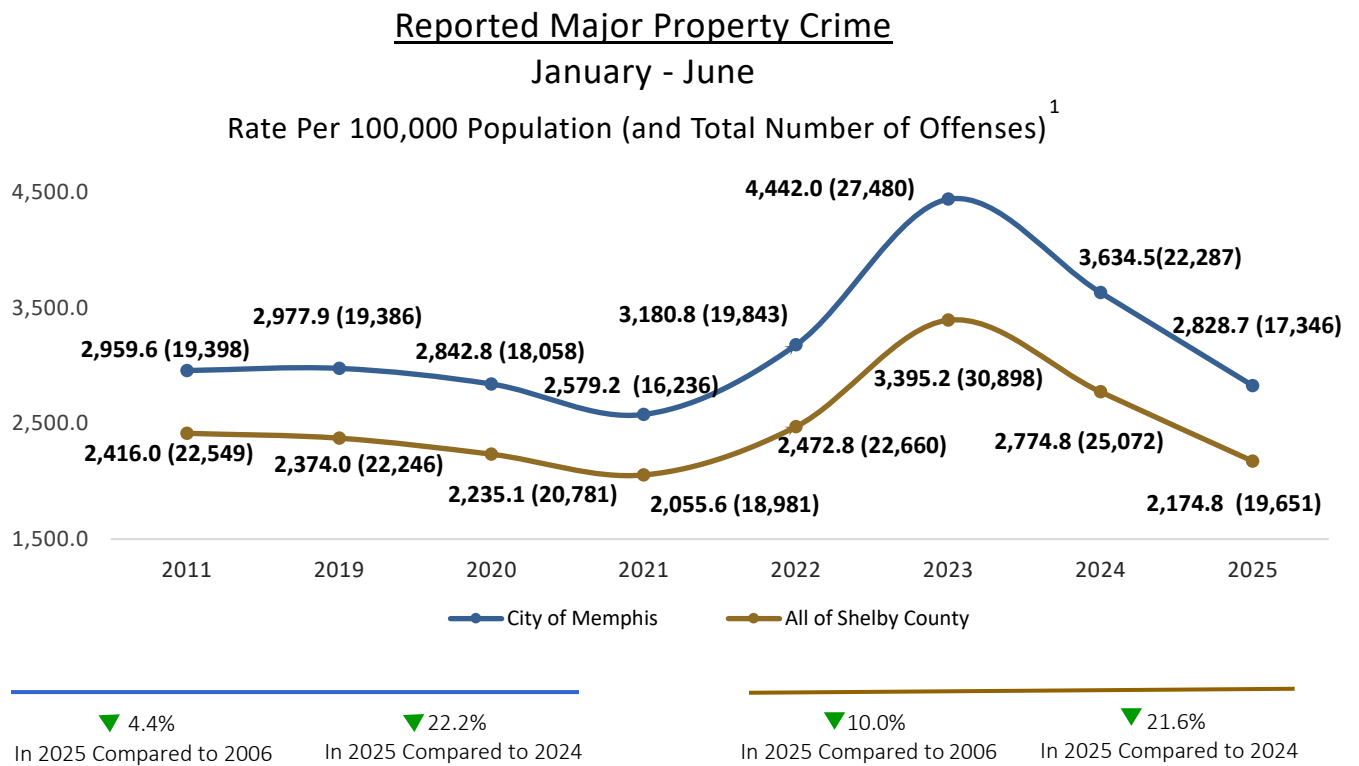


▲ 35.9% In 2025 Compared to 2006 ▼ 17.4% In 2025 Compared to 2024

▲ 30.5% In 2025 Compared to 2006 ▼ 17.4% In 2025 Compared to 2024

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

Major property crime includes reported burglary, vehicle theft, and other felony theft. The major property crime rate declined 22.2 percent in Memphis compared to the first half of 2024 and 21.6 percent countywide. The decline was led by a 36.4 percent drop in reported vehicle theft in Memphis (36.6 percent countywide). Reported burglary dropped 23.4 percent in Memphis compared to the first half of last year and 22.0 percent countywide. Other reported felony theft declined 16.2 percent in Memphis and 15.6 percent in all of Shelby County.



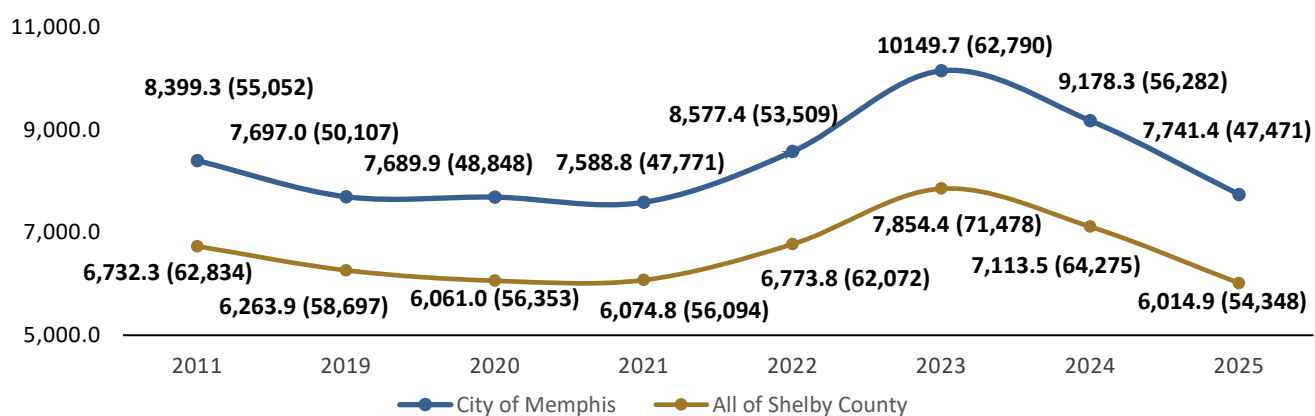
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The overall crime rate is determined by the TBI tracking 54 different categories of reported crime (including the four major violent crime and three major property crime categories noted above). In Memphis, the overall crime rate dropped 15.7 percent compared to the first half of 2024 and 15.4 percent countywide. And the overall crime rate involving offenses with guns declined 12.4 percent in both Memphis and the entire county.

Reported Overall Crime

January – June

Rate Per 100,000 Population (and Total Number of Offenses)¹



▼ 7.8% In 2025 Compared to 2006
▼ 15.7% In 2025 Compared to 2024

▼ 10.7% In 2025 Compared to 2006
▼ 15.4% In 2025 Compared to 2024

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 2025 TBI figures are preliminary.

The reported domestic violence rate dropped 6.0 percent in Memphis compared to 2024 and 6.1 percent countywide.

In the major violent crime categories of forcible rape and robbery, the crime rate fell below the pre-pandemic level of 2019. In the other two categories of murder and aggravated assault, the rate remained above the pre-pandemic 2019 level. For the three major property crime categories, reported burglary and felony theft other than vehicle theft fell significantly below the 2019 level, but reported vehicle theft remained above the 2019 pre-pandemic level while still moving in the right direction significantly.

Based on the preliminary TBI figures, the crime rate for each category is determined by the number of reported crimes per 100,000 population based on the latest U.S. Census estimate. However, in addition, the Public Safety Institute and the Crime Commission release the actual raw numbers of reported crime in each category based on the TBI data.

Attached to the media release are detailed tables showing both the crime rates per 100,000 and the raw numbers of reported crimes by category for Memphis and all of Shelby County for eight years.

“We have good reason to be encouraged by the across the board drop in reported crime. We are not yet where we need to be, though. Through a continued and determined focus on both those at the highest risk of committing crime as well as specific areas where community members are most likely to be victims, we can continue to see significant declines,” said Bill Gibbons, executive director of the 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): 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): 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/): 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

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Memphis, TN - TIBRS' GROUP A OFFENSES																
CRIME RATES (Offenses per 100,000 Population*)																
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Murder ²	8.2	13.8	18.7	20.7	19.2	27.0	22.7	21.7	163.3%	56.9%	15.8%	5.0%	12.8%	-19.7%	-4.3%	
Rape ^{2,3}	44.2	39.9	37.2	33.2	34.0	39.3	40.8	27.6	-37.7%	-31.0%	-25.8%	-17.0%	-18.9%	-29.8%	-32.4%	
Aggravated Assault ^{2,4}	519.8	751.3	894.0	1084.4	1003.6	1054.1	1062.4	881.1	69.5%	17.3%	-1.4%	-18.7%	-12.2%	-16.4%	-17.1%	
Robbery	215.3	180.2	168.1	141.2	186.9	229.7	170.7	140.2	-34.9%	-22.2%	-16.6%	-0.7%	-25.0%	-38.9%	-17.9%	
MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME³	787.6	985.3	1118.0	1279.4	1243.7	1350.1	1296.6	1070.6	35.9%	8.7%	-4.2%	-16.3%	-13.9%	-20.7%	-17.4%	
Burglary	893.6	551.9	440.8	355.7	453.0	534.1	450.1	344.7	-61.4%	-37.5%	-21.8%	-3.1%	-23.9%	-35.5%	-23.4%	
Theft Offenses	1832.1	2128.9	2058.2	1843.1	2165.0	2599.6	2269.7	1902.5	3.8%	-10.6%	-7.6%	3.2%	-12.1%	-26.8%	-16.2%	
Motor Vehicle Theft	233.9	297.1	343.8	380.5	562.8	1308.4	914.7	581.5	148.6%	95.7%	69.1%	52.8%	3.3%	-55.6%	-36.4%	
MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME	2959.6	2977.9	2842.8	2579.2	3180.8	4442.0	3634.5	2828.7	-4.4%	-5.0%	-0.5%	9.7%	-11.1%	-36.3%	-22.2%	
Simple Assault ⁵	1811.5	1229.7	1101.7	1026.4	1045.6	1129.9	1150.2	1108.1	-38.8%	-9.9%	0.6%	8.0%	6.0%	-1.9%	-3.7%	
Drug/Narcotic Violations ⁶	416.4	226.6	254.6	290.2	316.6	192.0	201.9	203.4	-51.2%	-10.2%	-20.1%	-29.9%	-35.8%	5.9%	0.7%	
Weapon Law Violations ⁶	104.1	95.2	191.7	263.1	310.3	241.2	373.9	385.8	270.8%	305.1%	101.2%	46.7%	24.3%	60.0%	3.2%	
Domestic Violence	1589.0	1204.6	1148.3	1198.9	1138.9	1198.0	1250.0	1174.5	-26.1%	-2.5%	2.3%	-2.0%	3.1%	-2.0%	-6.0%	
Total Group A Offenses ⁷	8399.3	7697.0	7689.9	7588.8	8577.4	10149.7	9178.3	7741.4	-7.8%	0.6%	0.7%	2.0%	-9.7%	-23.7%	-15.7%	
Total Group A Offenses Involving Firearm ⁷		745.5	969.3	1270.7	1286.2	1316.0	1380.9	1209.7		62.3%	24.8%	-4.8%	-5.9%	-8.1%	-12.4%	

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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 ²	54	90	119	130	120	167	139	133	146.3%	47.8%	11.8%	2.3%	10.8%	-20.4%	-4.3%	
Rape ^{3,3}	290	260	236	209	212	243	250	169	-41.7%	-35.0%	-28.4%	-19.1%	-20.3%	-30.5%	-32.4%	
Aggravated Assault ^{2,4}	3,407	4,891	5,679	6,826	6,261	6,521	6,515	5,403	58.6%	10.5%	-4.9%	-20.8%	-13.7%	-17.1%	-17.1%	
Robbery	1,411	1,173	1,068	889	1,166	1,421	1,047	860	-39.1%	-26.7%	-19.5%	-3.3%	-26.2%	-39.5%	-17.9%	
MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME³	5,162	6,414	7,102	8,054	7,759	8,352	7,951	6,565	27.2%	2.4%	-7.6%	-18.5%	-15.4%	-21.4%	-17.4%	
Burglary	5,857	3,593	2,800	2,239	2,826	3,304	2,760	2,114	-63.9%	-41.2%	-24.5%	-5.6%	-25.2%	-36.0%	-23.4%	
Theft Offenses	12,008	13,859	13,074	11,602	13,506	16,082	13,918	11,666	-2.8%	-15.8%	-10.8%	0.6%	-13.6%	-27.5%	-16.2%	
Motor Vehicle Theft	1,533	1,934	2,184	2,395	3,511	8,094	5,609	3,566	132.6%	84.4%	63.3%	48.9%	1.6%	-55.9%	-36.4%	
MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME	19,398	19,386	18,058	16,236	19,843	27,480	22,287	17,346	-10.6%	-10.5%	-3.9%	6.8%	-12.6%	-36.9%	-22.2%	
Simple Assault ⁵	11,873	8,005	6,998	6,461	6,523	6,990	7,053	6,795	-42.8%	-15.1%	-2.9%	5.2%	4.2%	-2.8%	-3.7%	
Drug/Narcotic Violations ⁶	2,729	1,475	1,617	1,827	1,975	1,188	1,238	1,247	-54.3%	-15.5%	-22.9%	-31.7%	-36.9%	5.0%	0.7%	
Weapon Law Violations ⁶	682	620	1,218	1,656	1,936	1,492	2,293	2,366	246.9%	281.6%	94.3%	42.9%	22.2%	58.6%	3.2%	
Domestic Violence	10,415	7,842	7,294	7,547	7,105	7,411	7,665	7,202	-30.8%	-8.2%	-1.3%	-4.6%	1.4%	-2.8%	-6.0%	
Total Group A Offenses⁷	55,052	50,107	48,848	47,771	53,509	62,790	56,282	47,471	-13.8%	-5.3%	-2.8%	-0.6%	-11.3%	-24.4%	-15.7%	
Total Group A Offenses Involving Firearm⁷		4,853	6,157	7,999	8,024	8,141	8,468	7,418		52.9%	20.5%	-7.3%	-7.6%	-8.9%	-12.4%	

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

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Murder	8.3	10.0	13.1	15.1	13.9	18.1	15.9	16.2	139.3%	61.1%	15.9%	0.7%	9.4%	-20.7%	-4.8%
Rape ³	35.8	32.2	29.6	28.7	27.2	30.3	32.2	21.2	-40.8%	-34.1%	-27.8%	-20.8%	-21.8%	-28.9%	-34.0%
Aggravated Assault ⁴	395.8	588.2	880.5	781.5	738.8	781.5	770.8	838.5	81.8%	12.8%	-3.2%	-18.2%	-13.2%	-18.0%	-17.0%
Robbery	155.8	133.2	121.2	100.5	132.5	182.3	118.1	98.8	-36.5%	-25.8%	-18.6%	-1.7%	-35.4%	-38.1%	-17.0%
MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME⁵	583.5	748.8	824.3	833.8	810.3	873.3	837.8	774.7	30.5%	4.2%	-8.0%	-17.0%	-14.8%	-20.4%	-17.4%
Burglary	705.2	425.5	338.4	287.1	348.5	401.1	333.8	260.4	-63.1%	-38.8%	-23.0%	-8.3%	-24.8%	-35.1%	-22.0%
Theft Offenses	1628.1	1710.8	1828.4	1477.0	1704.1	2028.4	1748.5	1475.2	-3.5%	-13.8%	-8.6%	-1.1%	-13.4%	-27.2%	-15.8%
Motor Vehicle Theft	182.7	237.8	267.3	291.5	422.2	967.8	892.5	438.3	140.5%	84.7%	84.3%	50.7%	4.0%	-54.8%	-38.8%
MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME	2418.0	2374.0	2235.1	2055.8	2472.8	3395.2	2774.8	2174.8	-10.0%	-8.4%	-2.7%	5.8%	-12.1%	-35.8%	-21.8%
Simple Assault ⁴	1417.9	1024.3	884.5	831.3	878.5	820.2	842.8	895.9	-36.8%	-12.6%	1.3%	7.8%	1.8%	-2.6%	-5.0%
Drug/Narcotic Violations ⁵	384.4	248.4	245.8	300.4	308.8	201.2	208.7	212.8	-41.8%	-14.3%	-13.4%	-28.2%	-31.1%	5.8%	2.8%
Weapon Law Violations ⁵	84.0	88.1	150.4	218.2	248.0	194.7	288.1	293.7	248.7%	233.2%	95.3%	34.0%	19.4%	50.8%	1.8%
Domestic Violence	1231.7	965.2	908.8	980.5	884.1	820.2	868.8	905.1	-26.5%	-8.2%	-0.2%	-5.8%	1.2%	-1.8%	-8.1%
Total Group A Offenses⁵	6732.3	6269.8	6081.0	6074.8	8773.8	7854.4	7113.5	6014.9	-10.7%	-4.0%	-0.8%	-1.0%	-11.2%	-23.4%	-15.4%
Total Group A Offenses Involving Firearms⁶		564.7	715.7	930.3	944.9	954.8	999.3	875.3		55.0%	22.6%	-5.9%	-7.4%	-8.3%	-12.4%

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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	50	84	122	139	127	174	144	137	132.2%	45.7%	12.3%	-1.4%	7.9%	-21.3%	-4.9%
Rape ²	334	302	274	247	249	278	291	192	-42.5%	-38.4%	-29.9%	-22.3%	-22.9%	-30.4%	-34.0%
Aggravated Assault ³	3,894	5,324	6,141	7,309	6,752	6,930	6,963	5,778	58.4%	8.5%	-5.9%	-20.9%	-14.4%	-18.6%	-17.0%
Robbery	1,452	1,248	1,127	928	1,214	1,477	1,076	893	-38.5%	-28.4%	-20.8%	-3.8%	-28.4%	-39.5%	-17.0%
MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME ²	5,539	6,968	7,664	8,623	8,342	8,857	8,474	7,000	28.4%	0.5%	-8.7%	-18.8%	-16.1%	-21.0%	-17.4%
Burglary	6,582	3,987	3,146	2,651	3,175	3,650	3,016	2,353	-64.3%	-41.0%	-25.2%	-11.2%	-25.9%	-35.5%	-22.0%
Theft Offenses	14,262	16,031	15,150	13,638	15,616	18,441	15,799	13,329	-8.5%	-16.9%	-12.0%	-2.3%	-14.6%	-27.7%	-15.6%
Motor Vehicle Theft	1,705	2,228	2,485	2,692	3,869	8,807	6,257	3,969	132.8%	78.1%	59.7%	47.4%	2.6%	-54.9%	-38.6%
MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME	22,549	22,246	20,781	18,981	22,660	30,898	25,072	19,651	-12.9%	-11.7%	-5.4%	3.5%	-13.3%	-38.4%	-21.6%
Simple Assault ⁴	13,234	9,598	8,224	7,676	8,059	8,374	8,519	8,095	-38.8%	-15.7%	-1.6%	5.5%	0.4%	-3.3%	-5.0%
Drug/Narcotic Violations ⁵	3,401	2,328	2,285	2,774	2,830	1,831	1,868	1,923	-43.5%	-17.4%	-15.8%	-30.7%	-32.0%	5.0%	2.9%
Weapon Law Violations ⁴	784	826	1,388	2,024	2,254	1,772	2,612	2,654	238.5%	221.3%	89.8%	31.1%	17.7%	49.8%	1.6%
Domestic Violence	11,496	9,045	8,429	8,869	8,193	8,374	8,707	8,178	-28.9%	-9.6%	-3.0%	-7.8%	-0.2%	-2.3%	-6.1%
Total Group A Offenses ⁶	62,834	58,697	56,353	56,094	62,072	71,478	64,275	54,348	-13.5%	-7.4%	-3.6%	-3.1%	-12.4%	-24.0%	-15.4%
Total Group A Offenses Involving Firearms ⁴		5,292	6,636	8,590	8,659	8,689	9,029	7,909		49.5%	19.2%	-7.9%	-8.7%	-9.0%	-12.4%

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