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TBI Crime Figures Show Declines in 2024

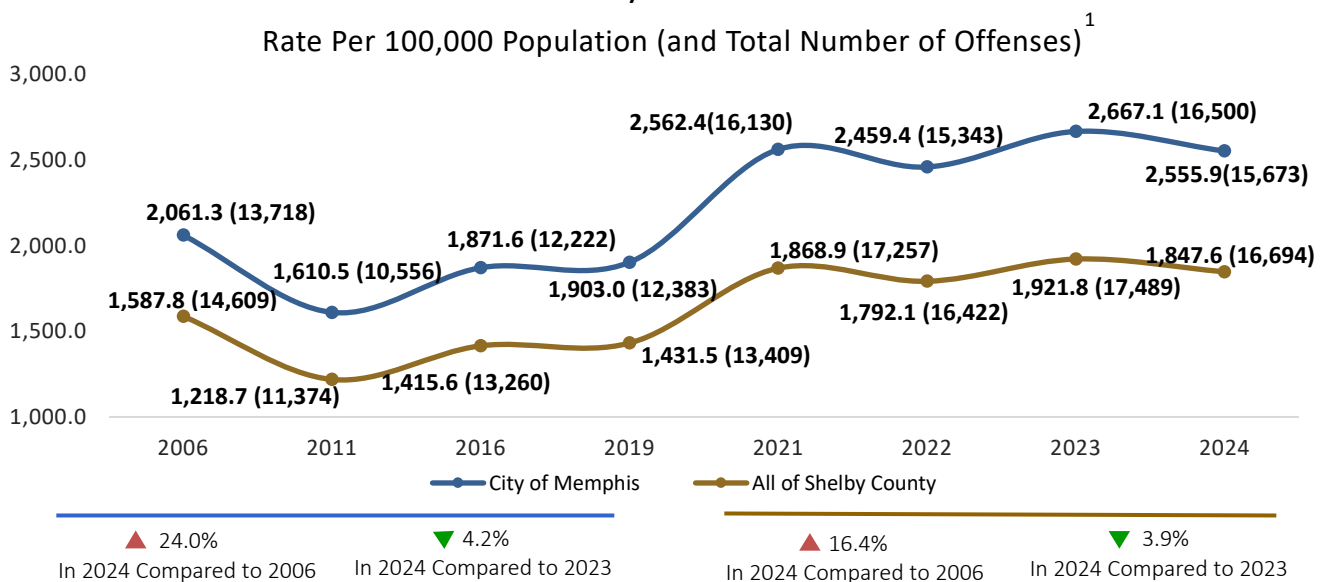
According to preliminary data from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) released by the University of Memphis Public Safety Institute and the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission, major violent crime, major property crime, and overall crime all declined in 2024 compared to 2023 in both Memphis and countywide.

The major violent crime rate is determined by the number of reported murders, forcible rapes, robberies, and aggravated assaults per 100,000 population. In Memphis, the violent crime rate declined 4.2 percent compared to 2023 and dropped 3.9 percent countywide. This includes significant declines of 29.5 percent in murders in Memphis (28.6 percent countywide) and 22.3 percent in reported robberies (also 22.3 percent countywide). Reported rapes were also down – 8.1 percent in Memphis and 5.2 percent countywide. Reported aggravated assaults remained steady, with a slight increase of less than one percent. (The lack of decline in aggravated assaults kept the decrease in the overall violent crime rate down because aggravated assaults make up about 80 percent of reported major violent crimes.)

Reported Major Violent Crime

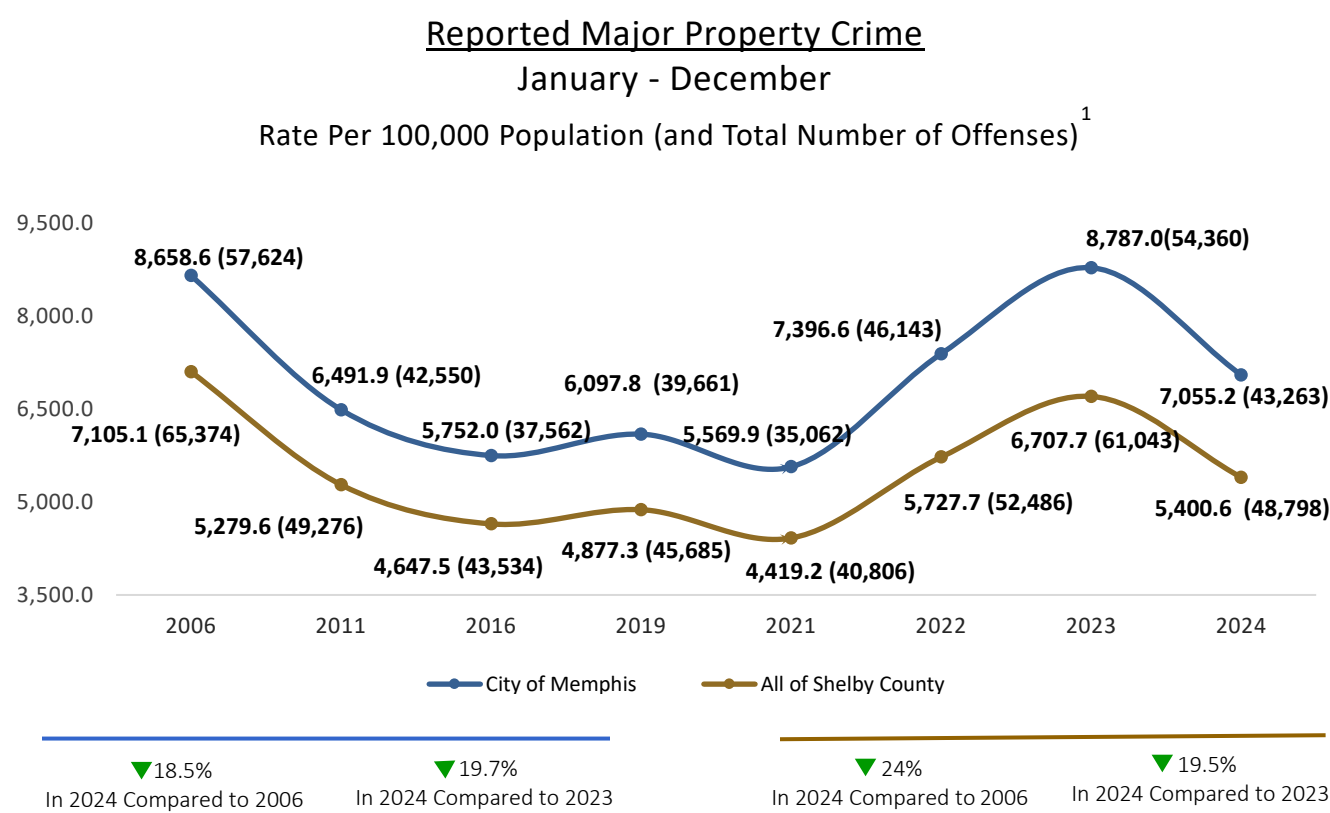
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Rate Per 100,000 Population (and Total Number of Offenses)¹



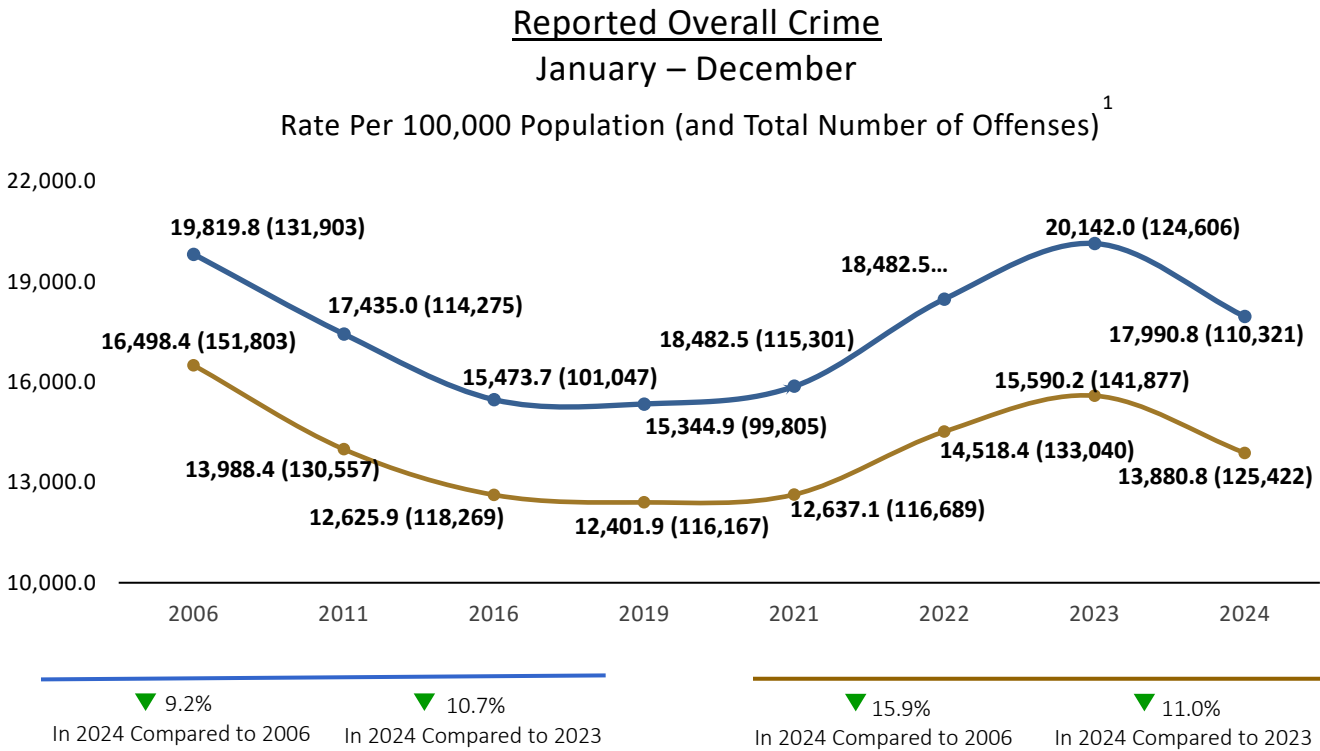
¹Includes murders, forcible rapes, robberies, and aggravated assaults. Source: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). The 2024 figures are preliminary.

The major property crime rate includes the number of reported burglaries, vehicle thefts, and other felony thefts per 100,000 population. The major property crime rate dropped an encouraging 19.7 percent in Memphis and 19.5 percent countywide. All three categories showed declines. The drop was led by a 37.3 percent decline in reported vehicle thefts in Memphis compared to 2023 and a 35.6 percent decrease countywide. Reported burglaries dropped 19.2 percent in Memphis and 20.4 percent throughout the county. And felony theft offenses dropped 11.0 percent in Memphis and 11.6 percent in all of Shelby County. (This category includes many thefts from vehicle break-ins.)



¹Includes burglaries, motor vehicle thefts, and other felony thefts. Source: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). The 2024 TBI figures are preliminary.

The overall “Group A” crime rate is determined by the TBI using 54 different types of crime. In Memphis, the overall crime rate dropped 10.7 percent and declined 11.0 percent countywide compared to 2023.



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 2024 TBI figures are preliminary.

However, reported domestic violence offenses increased slightly in 2024 compared to 2023 – by 2.2 percent in Memphis and 1.7 percent throughout the county. (The aggravated assault numbers include domestic violence aggravated assaults.)

“We should be encouraged by the decreases we saw in most categories in 2024. Overall, the trend is good. As reflected in the 2019 crime data, though, we remain above pre-pandemic levels of major violent crime by a significant degree, major property crime, and the overall crime rate. We have a long way to go to get where we need to be, especially with violent crimes that involve guns,” said Bill Gibbons, executive director of the U of M Public Safety Institute and president of the Crime Commission.

“To a large degree, we know what we need to do to keep the encouraging 2024 crime trend moving in the right direction. We must focus especially on the limited number of perpetrators responsible for a large part of our crime either directly or indirectly through their influence over others. We need to scale up intervention efforts to head off retaliatory acts. And we must continue data-driven hot spot policing. If we continue to do these things and do them well, we can drive down crime a lot more,” Gibbons added.

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: 2006, 2011, 2016, 2021, 2022, 2023, & 2024

Operation Safe Community - Crime Trend Report												
Memphis, TN - TIBRS ¹ GROUP A OFFENSES												
CRIME RATES (Offenses per 100,000 Population*)												
January 1 - December 31, 2006, 2011, 2016, 2021, 2022, 2023, & 2024												
Selected Offenses of Interest												
Offense Type	2006	2011	2016	2021	2022	2023	2024	% Change 2006-24	% Change 2011-24	% Change 2016-24	% Change 2021-24	% Change 2023-24
Murder	22.5	18.0	31.4	48.8	40.6	56.4	39.8	76.5%	121.0%	26.8%	-18.4%	-29.5%
Rape ²	80.8	85.0	93.0	69.7	68.1	76.6	70.4	-12.9%	-17.1%	-24.2%	1.0%	-8.1%
Aggravated Assault ²	1155.5	1034.0	1254.6	2116.9	1978.7	2082.2	2094.4	81.3%	102.6%	66.9%	-1.1%	0.6%
Robbery	802.4	473.6	492.6	326.9	372.1	452.0	351.3	-56.2%	-25.8%	-28.7%	7.4%	-22.3%
MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME ³	2061.3	1610.5	1871.6	2562.4	2459.4	2667.1	2555.9	24.0%	58.7%	36.6%	-0.3%	-4.2%
Burglary	2487.0	1978.2	1404.1	808.1	934.1	1091.9	881.9	-64.5%	-55.4%	-37.2%	9.1%	-19.2%
Theft Offenses	5152.4	3984.1	3839.7	3951.9	4692.1	5129.8	4566.0	-11.4%	14.6%	18.9%	15.5%	-11.0%
Motor Vehicle Theft	1019.2	529.6	508.2	809.9	1770.5	2565.3	1607.3	57.7%	203.5%	216.2%	98.5%	-37.3%
MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME	8658.6	6491.9	5752.0	5569.9	7396.6	8787.0	7055.2	-18.5%	8.7%	22.7%	26.7%	-19.7%
Simple Assault ⁴	3271.0	3581.6	2736.6	2076.4	2126.3	2259.5	2306.7	-29.5%	-35.6%	-15.7%	11.1%	2.1%
Drug/Narcotic Violations ⁵	756.6	791.5	537.8	594.6	624.2	371.3	416.2	-45.0%	-47.4%	-22.6%	-30.0%	12.1%
Weapon Law Violations ⁶	226.6	211.3	164.2	532.0	606.4	509.0	763.4	236.9%	261.3%	365.0%	43.5%	50.0%
Domestic Violence	2787.2	3157.9	2638.6	2393.2	2300.3	2426.5	2480.9	-11.0%	-21.4%	-6.0%	3.7%	2.2%
Total Group A Offenses ⁸	19819.8	17435.0	15473.7	15868.8	18482.5	20142.0	17990.8	-9.2%	3.2%	16.3%	13.4%	-10.7%
Total Group A Offenses Involving Firearms ⁹			1343.6	2553.2	2537.8	2624.1	2751.8			104.8%	7.8%	4.9%

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

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POPULATION	2006	2011	2016	2021	2022	2023	2024
	665,512	655,434	653,026	629,493	623,840	618,639	613,207

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Murder	150	118	205	307	253	349	244	62.7%	106.8%	19.0%	-20.5%	-30.1%
Rape ²	538	557	607	439	425	474	432	-19.7%	-22.4%	-28.8%	-1.6%	-8.9%
Aggravated Assault ²	7,690	6,777	8,193	13,326	12,344	12,881	12,843	67.0%	89.5%	56.8%	-3.6%	-0.3%
Robbery	5,340	3,104	3,217	2,058	2,321	2,796	2,154	-59.7%	-30.6%	-33.0%	4.7%	-23.0%
MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME ³	13,718	10,556	12,222	16,130	15,343	16,500	15,673	14.3%	48.5%	28.2%	-2.8%	-5.0%
Burglary	16,551	12,966	9,169	5,087	5,827	6,755	5,408	-67.3%	-58.3%	-41.0%	6.3%	-19.9%
Theft Offenses	34,290	26,113	25,074	24,877	29,271	31,735	27,999	-18.3%	7.2%	11.7%	12.5%	-11.8%
Motor Vehicle Theft	6,783	3,471	3,319	5,098	11,045	15,870	9,856	45.3%	184.0%	197.0%	93.3%	-37.9%
MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME	57,624	42,550	37,562	35,062	46,143	54,360	43,263	-24.9%	1.7%	15.2%	23.4%	-20.4%
Simple Assault ⁴	21,769	23,475	17,871	13,071	13,265	13,978	14,145	-35.0%	-39.7%	-20.8%	8.2%	1.2%
Drug/Narcotic Violations ⁵	5,035	5,188	3,512	3,743	3,894	2,297	2,552	-49.3%	-50.8%	-27.3%	-31.8%	11.1%
Weapon Law Violations ⁵	1,508	1,385	1,072	3,345	3,783	3,149	4,681	210.4%	238.0%	336.7%	39.8%	48.7%
Domestic Violence	18,549	20,698	17,231	15,065	14,350	15,011	15,213	-18.0%	-26.5%	-11.7%	1.0%	1.3%
Total Group A Offenses ⁶	131,903	114,275	101,047	99,893	115,301	124,606	110,321	-16.4%	-3.5%	9.2%	10.4%	-11.5%
Total Group A Offenses Involving			8,774	16,072	15,832	16,234	16,874			92.3%	5.0%	3.9%

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Selected Offenses of Interest												
Offense Type	2006	2011	2016	2021	2022	2023	2024	% Change 2006-24	% Change 2011-24	% Change 2016-24	% Change 2021-24	% Change 2023-24
Murder	16.6	13.3	23.8	34.7	28.8	39.7	28.3	70.4%	113.3%	19.0%	-18.2%	-28.6%
Rape ³	65.6	68.6	73.0	56.5	55.5	57.9	54.9	-16.4%	-19.9%	-24.8%	-2.9%	-5.2%
Aggravated Assault ⁴	906.6	794.2	958.7	1544.6	1444.1	1506.6	1517.5	67.4%	91.1%	58.3%	-1.8%	0.7%
Robbery	598.8	342.6	360.1	233.1	263.7	317.6	246.8	-58.8%	-28.0%	-31.5%	5.9%	-22.3%
MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME ⁵	1587.8	1218.7	1415.6	1868.9	1792.1	1921.8	1847.6	16.4%	51.6%	30.5%	-1.1%	-3.9%
Burglary	2011.8	1564.0	1094.2	634.9	710.9	820.1	652.4	-67.6%	-58.3%	-40.4%	2.8%	-20.4%
Theft Offenses	4291.7	3306.0	3149.6	3160.7	3698.9	3988.8	3524.5	-17.9%	6.6%	11.9%	11.5%	-11.6%
Motor Vehicle Theft	801.5	409.6	403.6	623.6	1317.9	1898.8	1223.7	52.7%	198.7%	203.2%	96.2%	-35.6%
MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME	7105.1	5279.6	4647.5	4419.2	5727.7	6707.7	5400.6	-24.0%	2.3%	16.2%	22.2%	-19.5%
Simple Assault ⁴	2699.3	2810.5	2244.0	1721.8	1760.1	1857.3	1876.1	-30.5%	-33.2%	-16.4%	9.0%	1.0%
Drug/Narcotic Violations ⁶	760.6	692.6	536.6	583.0	600.1	393.5	407.8	-46.4%	-41.1%	-24.0%	-30.0%	3.6%
Weapon Law Violations ⁶	194.8	173.0	151.2	435.8	486.7	410.1	581.9	198.8%	236.3%	285.0%	33.5%	41.9%
Domestic Violence	2258.2	2463.7	2098.5	1905.0	1787.6	1873.2	1905.5	-15.6%	-22.7%	-9.2%	0.0%	1.7%
Total Group A Offenses ⁸	16498.4	13988.4	12625.9	12637.1	14518.4	15590.2	13880.8	-15.9%	-0.8%	9.9%	9.8%	-11.0%
Total Group A Offenses Involving Firearm ⁸			1008.4	1854.1	1861.7	1901.1	1983.6			96.7%	6.4%	4.3%

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POPULATION	2006	2011	2016	2021	2022	2023	2024
	920,106	933,321	936,716	923,382	916,357	910,042	903,562

SAFE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN: Quarterly Crime Trends Report

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Murder	153	124	223	320	264	361	256	67.3%	106.5%	14.8%	-20.0%	-29.1%
Rape ²	604	640	684	522	509	527	496	-17.9%	-22.5%	-27.5%	-5.0%	-5.9%
Aggravated Assault ³	8,342	7,412	8,980	14,263	13,233	13,711	13,712	64.4%	85.0%	52.7%	-3.9%	0.0%
Robbery	5,510	3,198	3,373	2,152	2,416	2,890	2,230	-59.5%	-30.3%	-33.9%	3.6%	-22.8%
MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME ⁴	14,609	11,374	13,260	17,257	16,422	17,489	16,694	14.3%	46.8%	25.9%	-3.3%	-4.5%
Burglary	18,511	14,597	10,250	5,863	6,514	7,463	5,895	-68.2%	-69.6%	-42.5%	0.5%	-21.0%
Theft Offenses	39,488	30,856	29,503	29,185	33,895	36,300	31,846	-19.4%	3.2%	7.9%	9.1%	-12.3%
Motor Vehicle Theft	7,375	3,823	3,781	5,758	12,077	17,280	11,057	49.9%	189.2%	192.4%	92.0%	-36.0%
MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME	65,374	49,276	43,534	40,806	52,486	61,043	48,798	-25.4%	-1.0%	12.1%	19.6%	-20.1%
Simple Assault ⁴	24,836	26,231	21,020	15,899	16,129	16,902	16,952	-31.7%	-35.4%	-19.4%	6.6%	0.3%
Drug/Narcotic Violations ⁵	6,998	6,464	5,026	5,383	5,499	3,581	3,685	-47.3%	-43.0%	-26.7%	-31.5%	2.9%
Weapon Law Violations ⁶	1,792	1,615	1,416	4,024	4,460	3,732	5,258	193.4%	225.6%	271.3%	30.7%	40.9%
Domestic Violence	20,778	22,994	19,657	17,590	16,381	17,047	17,217	-17.1%	-25.1%	-12.4%	-2.1%	1.0%
Total Group A Offenses ⁷	151,803	130,557	118,269	116,689	133,040	141,877	125,422	-17.4%	-3.9%	6.0%	7.5%	-11.6%
Total Group A Offenses Involving			9,446	17,213	17,060	17,301	17,923			89.7%	4.1%	3.6%

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