

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 1999, violent crimes showed a decrease from the previous year. There were 1,283 reported offenses during 1999 — compared with 1,570 for 1998. This decrease of 287 crimes reported represents a decrease of 18.3%.

The 1999 crime rate for violent crime is 1.04 offenses per 1,000 population. Violent crimes represent 3.6% of all reported index crimes. Police cleared 857 violent crimes for a 60.7 clearance rate.

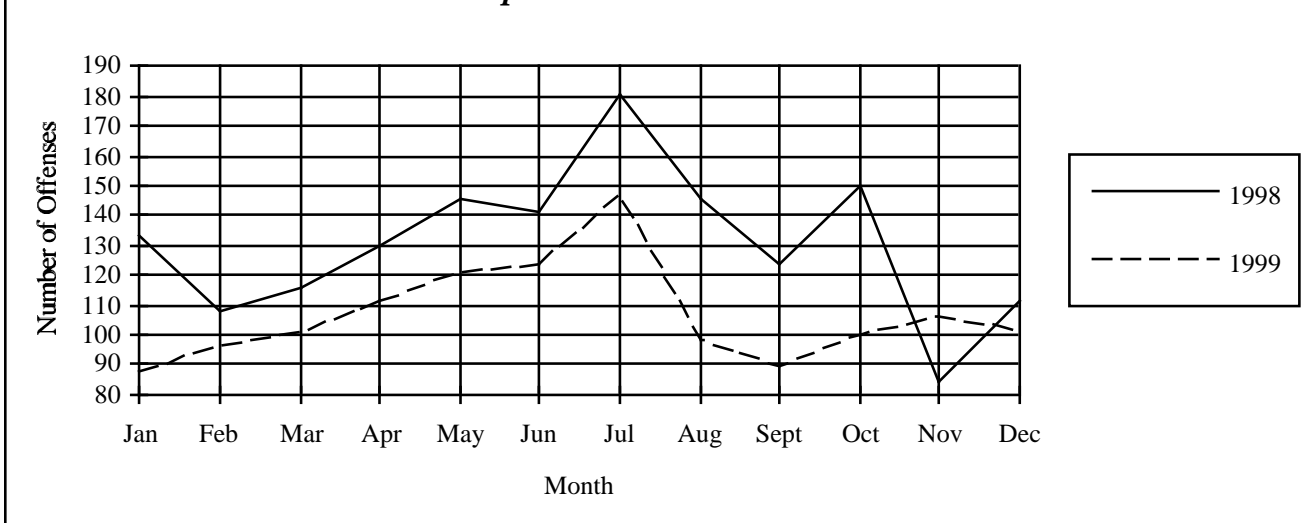
Crime Clock



Number of Offenses — Comparative Data 1998–1999

	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Totals
1998	26	229	263	1,052	1,570
1999	25	273	196	789	1,283
Number Change	-1	44	-67	-263	-287
Percent Change	-3.8%	19.2%	-25.5%	-25.0%	-18.3%

Violent Crimes — Comparative Data 1998–1999



Violent Crime by County

(State Violent Crime Rate: 1.04)

