

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 2010, violent crimes showed an increase from the previous year. There were 1,589 reported offenses during 2010 — compared with 1,540 for 2009. This increase of 49 crimes reported represents an increase of 3.2%.

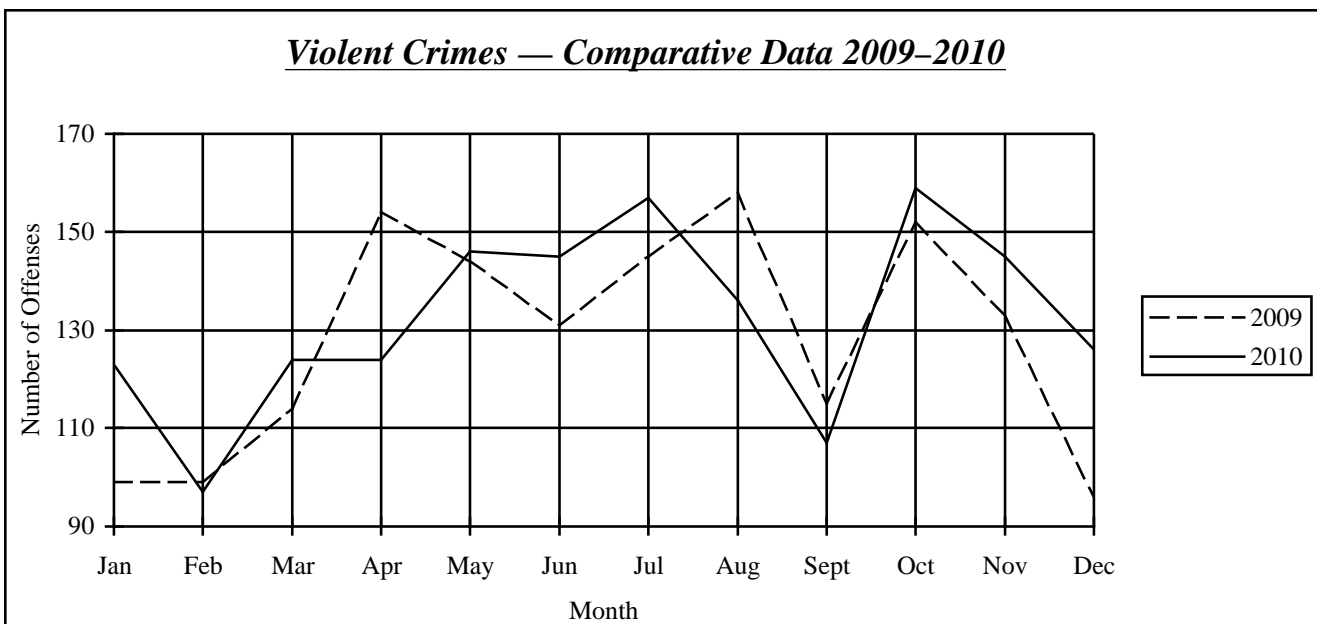
The 2010 crime rate for violent crime is 1.20 offenses per 1,000 population. Violent crimes represent 4.6% of all reported index crimes. Police cleared 935 violent crimes for a 58.8 clearance rate.



Number of Offenses — Comparative Data 2009–2010

	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Totals
2009	26	374	398	742	1,540
2010	24	389	416	760	1,589
Number Change	-2	15	18	18	49
Percent Change	-7.7%	4.0%	4.5%	2.4%	3.2%

Violent Crimes — Comparative Data 2009–2010



Violent Crime by County

(State Violent Crime Rate: 1.20)

