

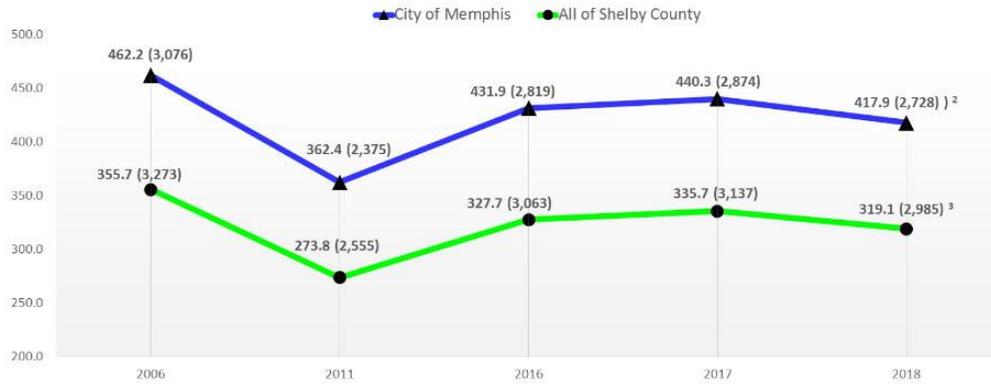


LOCAL VIOLENT CRIME DROPS DURING FIRST QUARTER of 2018 COMPARED TO LAST YEAR

During the first quarter of 2018 (January - March), the major violent crime rate dropped in both Memphis and all of Shelby County compared to the first quarter of last year, according to preliminary figures from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). Driven by a 37.8 percent reduction in murders and a 10.6 percent reduction in reported robberies, the major violent crime actually dropped more in the city of Memphis than in Shelby County as a whole. The overall crime rate dropped as well in both Memphis and countywide. Major property crimes increased slightly, driven by a substantial increase in auto thefts.

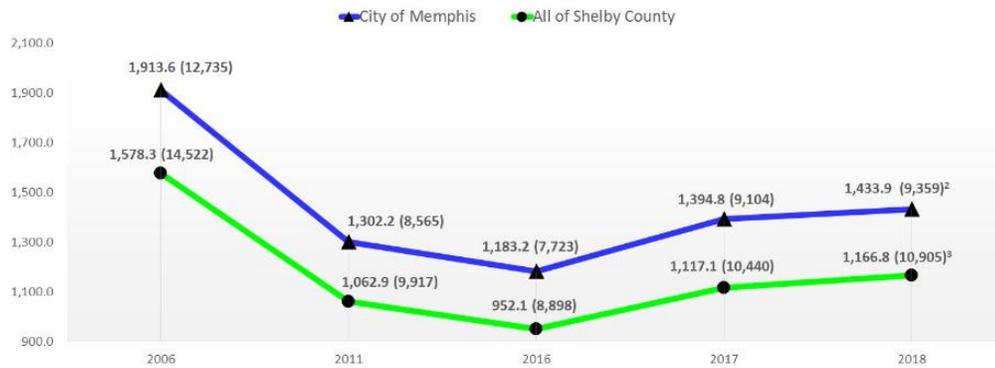
The charts below show the major violent crime, major property crime, and overall crime rates and raw numbers during the first quarter of 2018 compared to certain previous years.

**MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME
JANUARY - MARCH
(Incidents Per 100,000 Population and Numbers)¹**



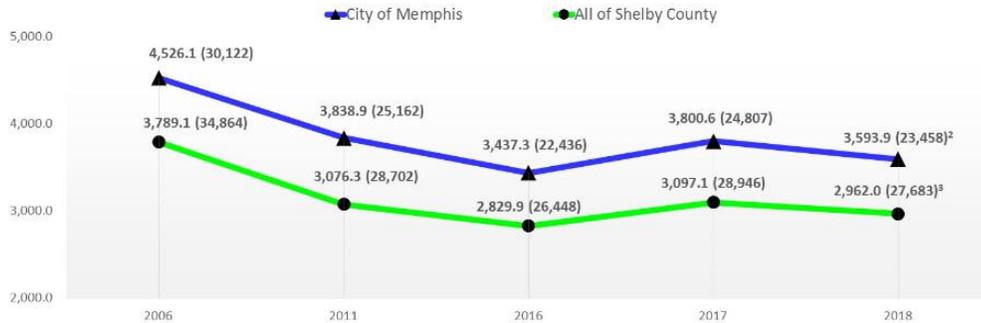
¹ Includes murders, forcible rapes, robberies, and aggravated assaults.
Source: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). The 2018 TBI figures are preliminary.
² The 2018 figure is a decrease of 9.6 percent from 2006 and an decrease of 5.1 percent from 2017 in the City of Memphis.
³ The 2018 figure is a decrease of 10.3 percent from 2006 and an decrease of 4.9 percent from 2017 in all of Shelby County.

**MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME
JANUARY - MARCH
(Incidents Per 100,000 Population and Numbers)¹**



¹ Includes burglaries, motor vehicle thefts, and other felony thefts.
Source: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). The 2018 TBI figures are preliminary.
² The 2018 figure is a 25.1 percent decrease from 2006 and a 2.8 percent increase from 2017 in the city of Memphis.
³ The 2018 figure is a 26.1 percent decrease from 2006 and a 4.5 percent increase from 2017 in all of Shelby County.

**OVERALL CRIME
JANUARY - MARCH
(Incidents Per 100,000 Population and Numbers)¹**



¹ The overall crime rate is measured by 54 separate categories of "Group A crimes" tracked by the T.B.I.
Source: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). The 2018 TBI figures are preliminary.
² The 2018 figure is a 20.6 percent decrease from 2006 and a 5.4 percent decrease from 2017 in the city of Memphis.
³ The 2018 figure is a 21.8 percent decrease from 2006 and a 4.4 percent decrease from 2017 for all of Shelby County.

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MEMPHIS SHELBY CRIME COMMISSION 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

The Memphis Shelby Crime Commission's 2017 Annual Report is now available online. Catch up on the most recent progress of the goals and objectives of the Operation: Safe Community crime plan. The Annual Report also contains the 2017 year end statistics on crime trends. To view the full report go to <https://memphiscrime.org/wp-content/uploads/2017MSCCAnnualReport.pdf>.

JUNE 14 SYMPOSIUM "Helping Others Helps Your Company"

On Thursday, June 14, Memphis area employers will have the opportunity to learn how they can tap into sources of skilled, qualified workers while at the same time expanding opportunities for ex-offenders and creating a pathway for their success in our community.

With a growing economy, many companies are looking for skilled workers. The symposium will provide information to employers about how they can consider ex-offenders for employment who have benefited from special training and skills development.

The symposium will be held from 8 a.m. - noon at the Fogelman Executive Conference Center on the University of Memphis main campus. Speakers will include TN Department of Correction Commissioner Tony Parker, TN Department of Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Burns Phillips, Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland, and Shelby County Mayor Mark Luttrell.

The symposium is sponsored by the U of M Public Safety Institute, the TN Department of Correction and the Crime Commission.

SAVE THE DATE ! More information will be available soon.

TRAINING UNDERWAY FOR NEW MPD RECRUITS

Training is underway for the Memphis Police Department's (MPD's) new class of recruits, with graduation scheduled for August 16. The class is composed of seventy recruits, with eleven of them already serving as Police Service Technicians (PSTs).

As of March 31, MPD had 2,003 commissioned officers. This year marks the first time since 2011 that there has been a net increase in MPD officers over the previous year.

Resolving shortages in local law enforcement staffing is a key part of the Operation: Safe Community crime plan, along with insuring that officers are deployed in a data-driven manner.

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