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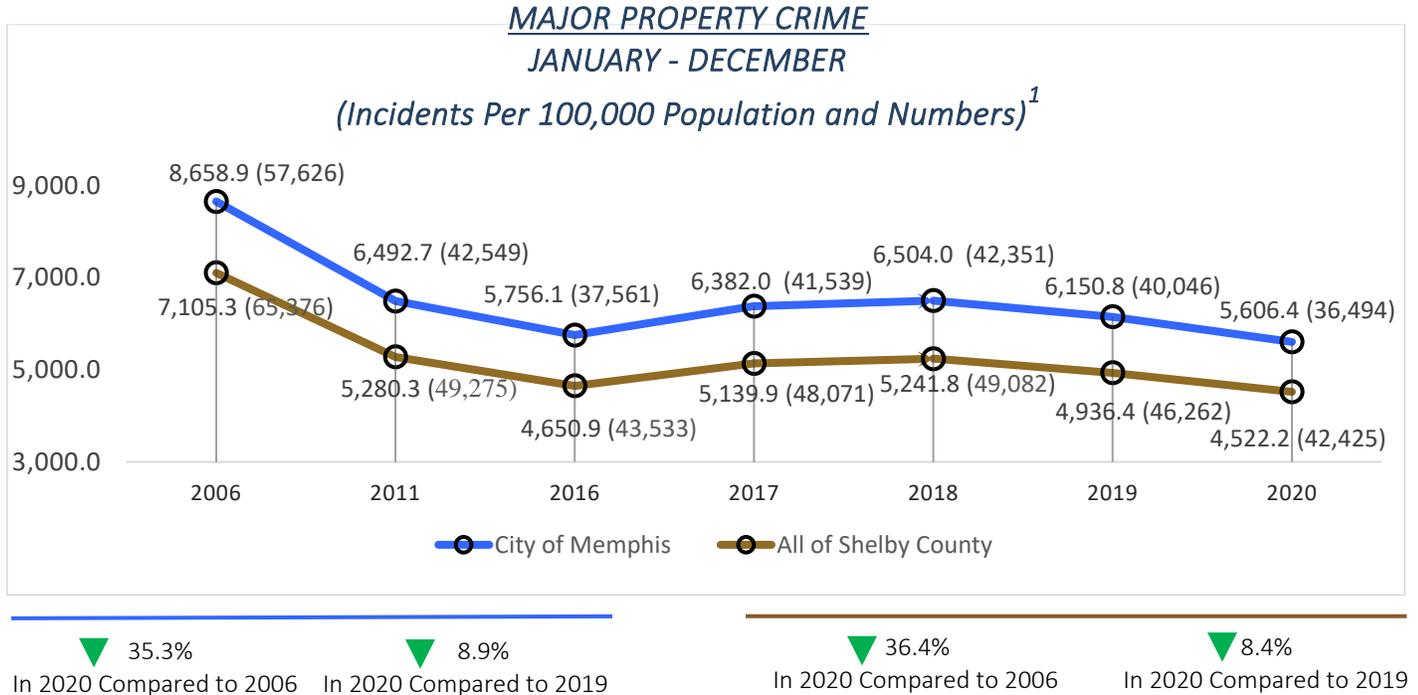
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Property Crime, Overall Crime Continue to Drop; Violent Crime, Including Gun Crime, Soars

Based on preliminary figures from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI), major property crime and overall crime continued a steady downward trend in 2020 both in Memphis and countywide. However, the community suffered from a significant increase in major violent crime, driven by murders and aggravated assaults. Reported gun crimes increased at a disturbing pace.

The major property crime rate includes reported burglaries, motor vehicle thefts and other felony thefts. The major property crime rate dropped 8.9% in Memphis and 8.4% countywide compared to 2019. Longer term, the decrease is even more encouraging – down 35.3% in Memphis and 36.4% countywide over a 15-year period (2006-2020).

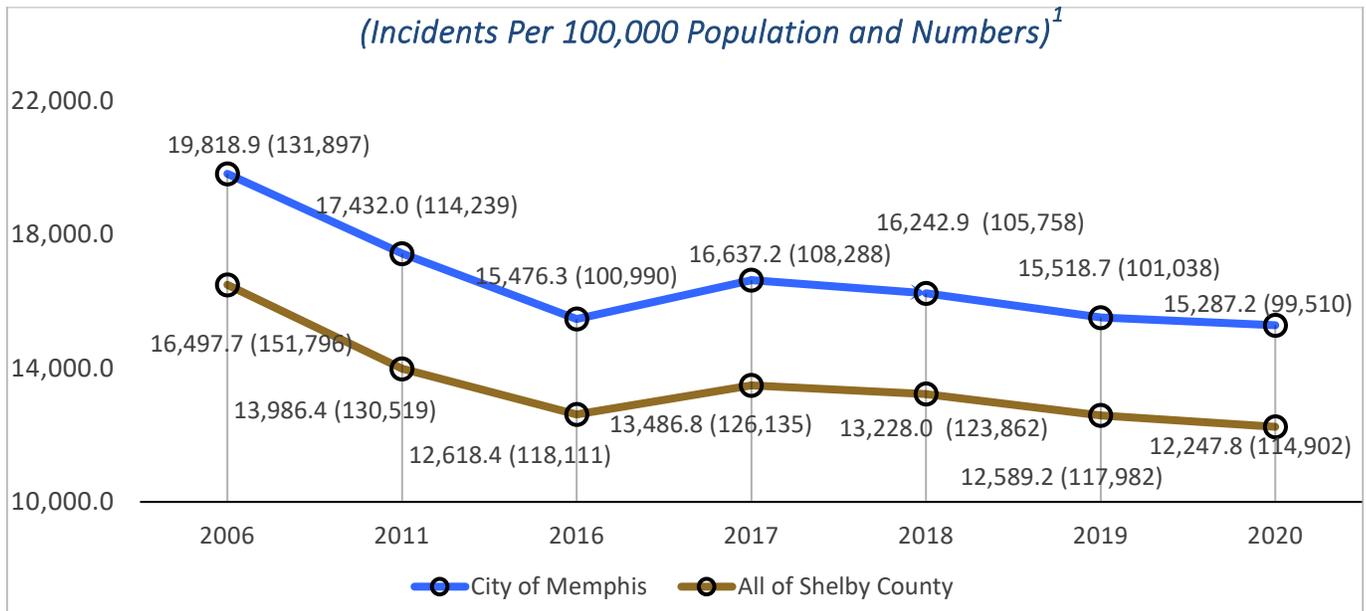


¹ Includes burglaries, motor vehicle thefts, and other felony thefts.
Source: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). The 2020 TBI figures are preliminary.

The decrease is driven by a plummeting burglary rate. In Memphis, reported burglaries dropped 26.1% compared to 2019 (possibly driven by more people staying at home during the COVID-19 pandemic). However, it is a continuation of a longer downward trend. Since 2006, the burglary rate in Memphis has dropped 66.1%!

The overall crime rate is determined by 54 separate categories tracked by the TBI. Compared to 2019, the overall crime rate dropped 1.5% in Memphis and 2.7% in all of Shelby County. Looking at the longer trend, overall crime was down 22.9% in Memphis compared to 15 years earlier (2006) and 25.8% countywide.

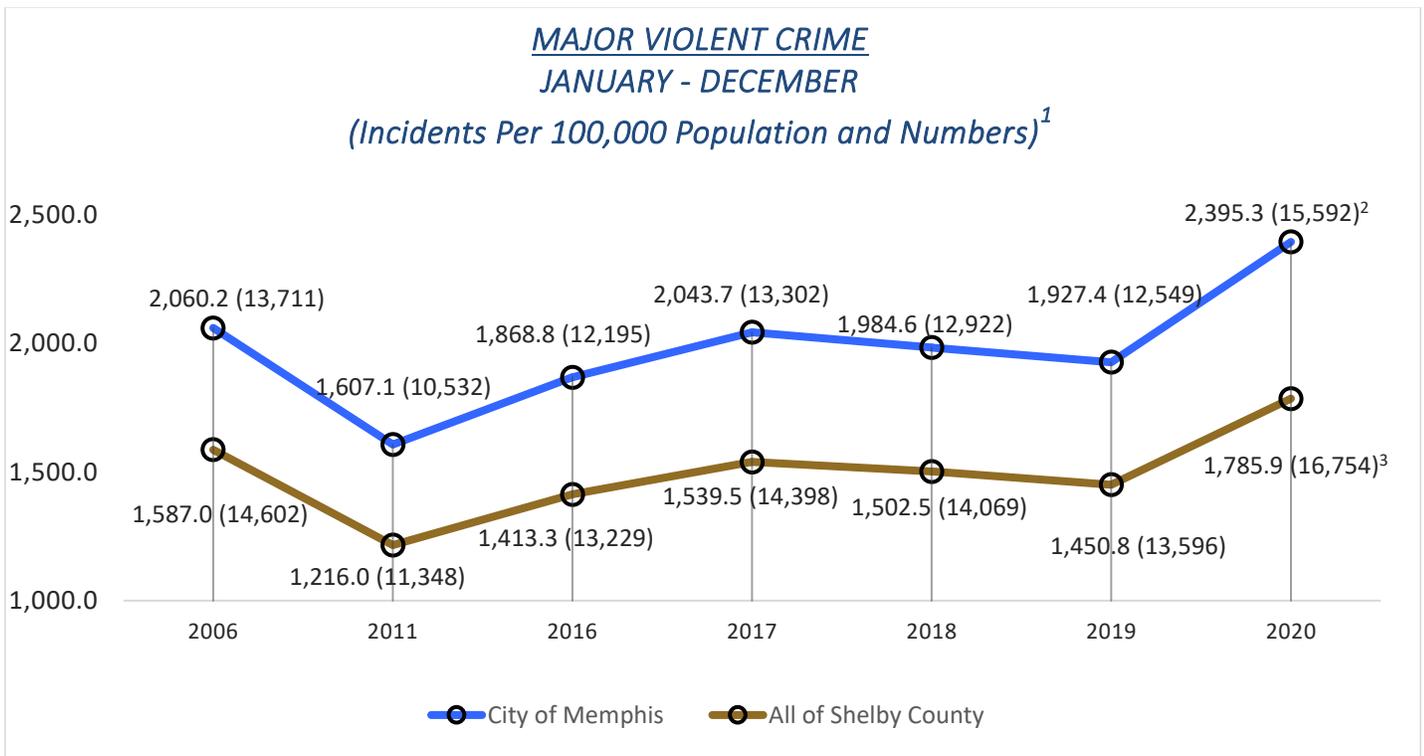
OVERALL CRIME
JANUARY - DECEMBER



▼ 22.9%	▼ 1.5%	▼ 25.8%	▼ 2.7%
In 2020 Compared to 2006	In 2020 Compared to 2019	In 2020 Compared to 2006	In 2020 Compared to 2019

¹ The overall crime rate is measured by 54 separate types of “Group A crimes” tracked by the T.B.I.
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The biggest and most serious challenge remains violent crime, driven by gun violence. The major violent crime rate includes murders, rapes, robberies and aggravated assaults. In Memphis, the violent crime rate soared in 2020 compared to 2019 – up 24.3%. Countywide, the increase was 23.1%. Murders increased 49.0% in Memphis compared to 2019 and 45.9% countywide. Reported aggravated assaults jumped by a disturbing 35.4% in Memphis and 34.3% countywide. At the same time, though, reported robberies dropped 12.1% in Memphis and 13.8% throughout Shelby County.



▲ 16.3% In 2020 Compared to 2006
 ▲ 24.3% In 2020 Compared to 2019
 ▲ 12.5% In 2020 Compared to 2006
 ▲ 23.1% In 2020 Compared to 2019

¹ Includes murders, forcible rapes, robberies, and aggravated assaults.
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Murders and aggravated assaults often involve perpetrators and victims who know each other. On the other hand, robberies usually involve perpetrators and victims who do not know each other. (Other cities saw alarming increases in murders in 2020. For example, according to The New York Times, murders increased 44% in New York City last year.)

Gun violence is a critical factor in the jump in violent crime. For example, according to the Memphis Police Department (MPD), of the record breaking 332 homicides in 2020, 262 of them (79%) were with a gun. According to data from MPD, there were 6,454 reported violent incidents involving guns in 2020 – a 24.6% jump compared to 2019. Just as disturbing is that gun crimes made 66.6% of all reported violent incidents compared to 60.5% of all reported violent incidents in 2019.

The TBI reports the number of gun offenses. One “incident” can involve multiple “offenses.” For example, if an aggravated assault incident involves three victims, the TBI counts three offenses. For 2020, preliminary TBI figures show 14,154 offenses involving guns in Memphis compared to 9,402 in 2019 – a disturbing 49.6% jump.

“We’ve identified evidenced-based practices that, if implemented correctly, will work to reduce violent gun crime significantly. We have leaders committed to them, but it takes resources,” said Bill Gibbons, Crime Commission president and executive director of the Public Safety Institute at the University of Memphis.

Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland recently announced a commitment of additional resources to address gun violence, calling it our “biggest challenge.” District Attorney Amy Weirich is taking the lead in implementing an evidence-based best practice called focused deterrence. Various evidence-based practices are part of the local Safe Community Plan, available for review at www.memphiscrime.org.

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About the Crime Statistics: In measuring overall crime rates and trends, the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission and the Public Safety Institute use 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 Plan and its partners. 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 Plan (www.memphiscrime.org): Launched in 2007, the Safe Community Plan, an action plan spearheaded by the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission, is a community-based crime reduction initiative. Implementation of the Safe Community Plan is chaired by Shelby County District Attorney General Amy Weirich.

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. It is housed in the School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy. Bill Gibbons serves as executive director.

Table 2.2 Memphis, TN: Crime Rates: 2006, 2011, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, & 2020

Operation Safe Community - Crime Trend Report											
Memphis, TN - TIBRS' GROUP A OFFENSES											
CRIME RATES (Offenses per 100,000 Population*)											
January 1 - December 31, 2006, 2011, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, & 2020											
Selected Offenses of Interest											
Offense Type	2006	2011	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	% Change 2006-20	% Change 2011-20	% Change 2016-20	% Change 2019-20
Murder ²	22.5	18.0	31.3	28.7	28.9	29.8	44.4	97.0%	146.6%	42.0%	49.0%
Rape ^{2,3}	79.6	81.3	89.2	95.7	81.7	75.6	62.4	-21.7%	-23.3%	-30.1%	-17.5%
Aggravated Assault ^{2,4}	1155.5	1034.1	1255.4	1382.7	1400.1	1445.5	1957.6	69.4%	89.3%	55.9%	35.4%
Robbery	802.5	473.6	493.0	536.5	474.0	376.6	330.9	-58.8%	-30.1%	-32.9%	-12.1%
MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME^{2,4}	2060.2	1607.1	1868.8	2043.7	1984.6	1927.4	2395.3	16.3%	49.0%	28.2%	24.3%
Burglary	2487.3	1978.5	1405.1	1433.3	1280.9	1140.9	843.1	-66.1%	-57.4%	-40.0%	-26.1%
Theft Offenses	5152.4	3984.5	3842.3	4321.1	4526.2	4376.3	4065.4	-21.1%	2.0%	5.8%	-7.1%
Motor Vehicle Theft	1019.2	529.6	508.6	627.6	697.4	633.6	697.9	-31.5%	31.8%	37.2%	10.2%
MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME	8658.9	6492.7	5756.1	6382.0	6504.5	6150.8	5606.4	-35.3%	-13.7%	-2.6%	-8.9%
Simple Assault ⁵	3271.0	3582.1	2738.0	2781.0	2598.8	2395.4	2066.7	-36.8%	-42.3%	-24.5%	-13.7%
Drug/Narcotic Violations ⁶	756.6	791.6	538.2	511.9	510.7	457.7	489.3	-35.3%	-38.2%	-9.1%	6.9%
Weapon Law Violations ⁶	226.6	211.3	164.3	197.3	199.0	184.5	429.1	89.4%	103.0%	161.2%	132.6%
Domestic Violence	2786.6	3156.4	2636.4	2762.9	2495.9	2388.2	2299.0	-17.5%	-27.2%	-12.8%	-3.7%
Total Group A Offenses⁷	19818.9	17432.0	15476.3	16637.2	16242.9	15518.7	15287.2	-22.9%	-12.3%	-1.2%	-1.5%
Total Group A Offenses Involving Firearm^{8,9}			1344.1	1537.6	1492.4	1453.3	2174.4			61.8%	49.6%

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POPULATION	2006	2011	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
	665,512	655,341	652,548	650,878	651,104	651,073	650,931

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Murder ²	150	118	204	187	188	194	289	92.7%	144.9%	41.7%	49.0%
Rape ^{2,3}	530	533	582	623	532	492	406	-23.4%	-23.6%	-30.2%	-17.5%
Aggravated Assault ^{2,4}	7,690	6,777	8,192	9,000	9,116	9,411	12,743	65.7%	88.0%	55.6%	35.4%
Robbery	5,341	3,104	3,217	3,492	3,086	2,452	2,154	-59.7%	-30.6%	-33.0%	-12.2%
MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME^{2,4}	13,711	10,532	12,195	13,302	12,922	12,549	15,592	13.7%	48.0%	27.9%	24.2%
Burglary	16,553	12,966	9,169	9,329	8,340	7,428	5,488	-66.8%	-57.7%	-40.1%	-26.1%
Theft Offenses	34,290	26,112	25,073	28,125	29,470	28,493	26,463	-22.8%	1.3%	5.5%	-7.1%
Motor Vehicle Theft	6,783	3,471	3,319	4,085	4,541	4,125	4,543	-33.0%	30.9%	36.9%	10.1%
MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME	57,626	42,549	37,561	41,539	42,351	40,046	36,494	-36.7%	-14.2%	-2.8%	-8.9%
Simple Assault ⁵	21,769	23,475	17,867	18,101	16,921	15,596	13,453	-38.2%	-42.7%	-24.7%	-13.7%
Drug/Narcotic Violations ⁶	5,035	5,188	3,512	3,332	3,325	2,980	3,185	-36.7%	-38.6%	-9.3%	6.9%
Weapon Law Violations ⁶	1,508	1,385	1,072	1,284	1,296	1,201	2,793	85.2%	101.7%	160.5%	132.6%
Domestic Violence	18,545	20,685	17,204	17,983	16,251	15,549	14,965	-19.3%	-27.7%	-13.0%	-3.8%
Total Group A Offenses⁷	131,897	114,239	100,990	108,288	105,758	101,038	99,510	-24.6%	-12.9%	-1.5%	-1.5%
Total Group A Offenses Involving Firearm⁷	8,771	10,008	9,717	9,462	14,154					61.4%	49.6%

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Murder	16.6	13.3	23.7	20.7	20.7	21.8	31.8	91.0%	139.1%	33.9%	45.9%
Rape ²	64.8	65.8	70.0	76.0	65.0	60.4	49.2	-24.0%	-25.2%	-29.6%	-18.5%
Aggravated Assault ³	906.6	794.3	959.3	1055.0	1072.0	1091.7	1466.1	61.7%	84.6%	52.8%	34.3%
Robbery	599.0	342.7	360.4	387.7	344.7	276.9	238.8	-60.1%	-30.3%	-33.7%	-13.8%
MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME³	1587.0	1216.0	1413.3	1539.5	1502.5	1450.8	1785.9	12.5%	46.9%	26.4%	23.1%
Burglary	2012.1	1564.2	1095.1	1102.1	1001.9	883.6	660.6	-67.2%	-57.8%	-39.7%	-25.2%
Theft Offenses	4291.7	3306.4	3151.9	3552.8	3688.5	3534.7	3315.5	-22.7%	0.3%	5.2%	-6.2%
Motor Vehicle Theft	801.5	409.7	403.9	485.0	551.4	518.1	546.2	-31.9%	33.3%	35.2%	5.4%
MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME	7105.3	5280.3	4650.9	5139.9	5241.8	4936.4	4522.2	-36.4%	-14.4%	-2.8%	-8.4%
Simple Assault ⁴	2699.3	2810.9	2245.2	2266.6	2148.9	1990.6	1687.8	-37.5%	-40.0%	-24.8%	-15.2%
Drug/Narcotic Violations ⁵	760.6	692.7	530.7	509.0	536.4	487.6	479.7	-36.9%	-30.8%	-9.6%	-1.6%
Weapon Law Violations ⁵	194.8	173.1	150.2	177.6	175.4	161.0	327.9	68.4%	89.5%	118.3%	103.6%
Domestic Violence	2258.0	2462.4	2096.9	2165.8	1986.5	1910.8	1851.7	-18.0%	-24.8%	-11.7%	-3.1%
Total Group A Offenses⁶	16497.7	13986.4	12618.4	13486.8	13228.0	12589.2	12247.8	-25.8%	-12.4%	-2.9%	-2.7%
Total Group A Offenses Involving Firearm⁶			1008.0	1153.8	1122.9	1087.3	1607.0			59.4%	47.8%

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