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## Reported Crime Continues Encouraging Decline

According to preliminary figures from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) and released by the University of Memphis Public Safety Institute and Memphis Shelby Crime Commission, reported crime continued to decline across the board during the first quarter of 2026 (January-March).

Major violent crime includes the categories of murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. In Memphis, the major violent crime rate dropped 30.5 percent compared to the first quarter of 2025. In all of Shelby County, the decline was 29.3 percent. Major violent crime started trending down in 2024. The major violent crime rate in Memphis plummeted 40.4 percent compared to the first quarter of 2023. Countywide, the decline was 39.5 percent. Every category of major violent crime declined compared to the first quarter of 2025. Here's a breakdown by category:

### Memphis Major Violent Crime Rate

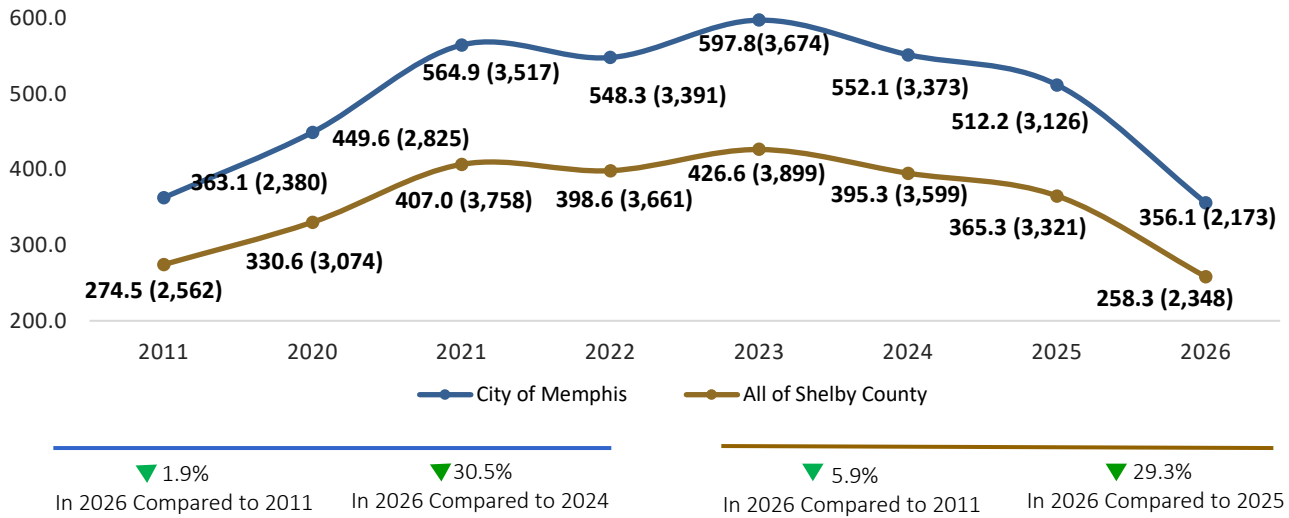
Murder: - 29.3 percent  
Rape: - 33.7 percent  
Robbery: - 49.2 percent  
Aggravated assault: - 27.3 percent

### All of Shelby County Major Violent Crime Rate

Murder: -28.3 percent  
Rape: - 23.3 percent  
Robbery: - 49.2 percent  
Aggravated assault: -26.3 percent

## Reported Major Violent Crime January - March

Rate Per 100,000 Population (and Total Number of Offenses)<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Includes murders, forcible rapes, robberies, and aggravated assaults. Source: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). The 2025 figures are preliminary.

Major property crime includes the categories of burglary, vehicle theft, and other felony theft. In Memphis, the major property crime rate dropped 45.0 percent compared to the first quarter of 2025. In all of Shelby County, the major property crime rate declined 44.6 percent compared to the first quarter of 2025. Compared to the first quarter of 2023, the major property crime rate declined 63.9 percent in Memphis and 63.8 percent in all of Shelby County. Here's a breakdown by category compared to the first quarter of 2025:

### Memphis Major Property Crime Rate

Burglary: - 33.7 percent  
 Vehicle theft: - 66.5 percent  
 Other felony theft: - 40.5 percent

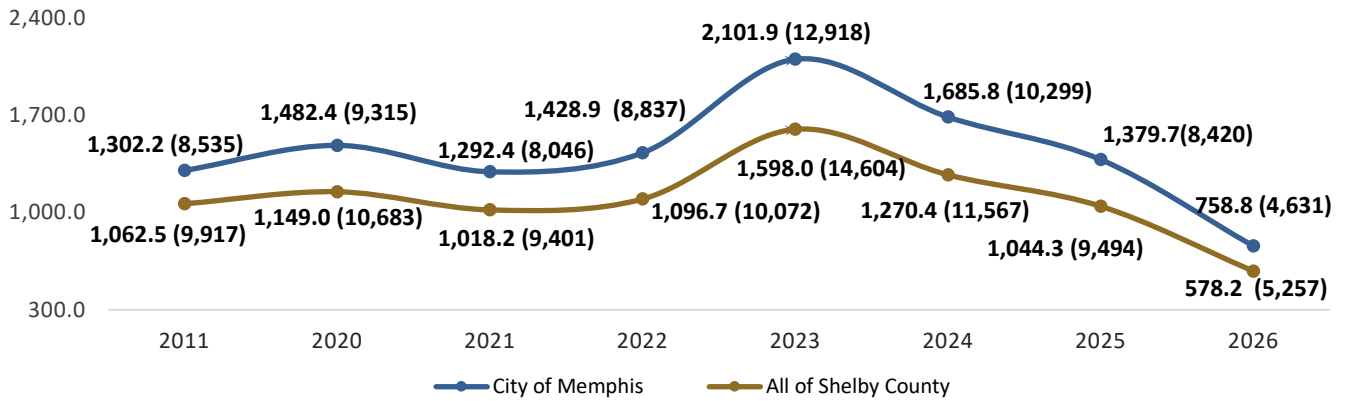
### All of Shelby County Major Property Crime Rate

Burglary: - 34.5 percent  
 Vehicle theft: - 66.8 percent  
 Other felony theft: - 39.8 percent

## Reported Major Property Crime

January - March

Rate Per 100,000 Population (and Total Number of Offenses)<sup>1</sup>



▼ 41.7%  
In 2026 Compared to 2011
▼ 45.0%  
In 2026 Compared to 2024
▼ 45.6%  
In 2026 Compared to 2011
▼ 44.6%  
In 2025 Compared to 2025

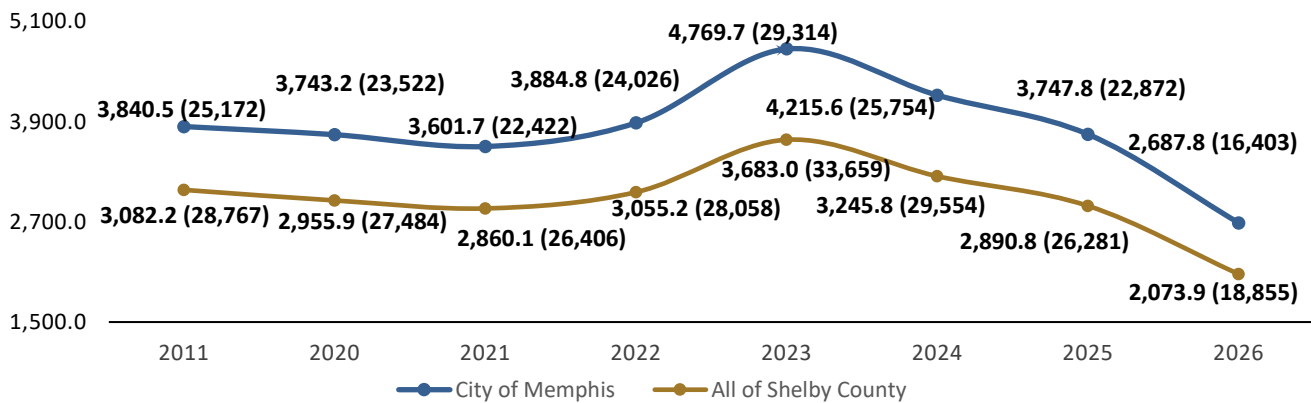
<sup>1</sup> Includes burglaries, motor vehicle thefts, and other felony thefts. Source: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI). The 2025 TBI figures are preliminary.

The TBI also measures an overall crime rate composed of 54 different categories of Group A reported crimes. In Memphis, this overall crime rate dropped 28.3 percent compared to the first quarter of 2025 and 43.6 percent compared to the first quarter of 2023. In all of Shelby County, the declines were 28.3 percent compared to 2025 and 43.7 percent compared to 2023.

## Reported Overall Crime

January – March

Rate Per 100,000 Population (and Total Number of Offenses)<sup>1</sup>



▼ 30.0%  
In 2026 Compared to 2011
▼ 28.3%  
In 2026 Compared to 2024
▼ 32.7%  
In 2026 Compared to 2011
▼ 28.3%  
In 2025 Compared to 2025

<sup>1</sup> 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 2025 TBI figures are preliminary.

Reported domestic violence has been somewhat stagnant in recent years, but the 2026 first quarter figures show progress. Compared to the first quarter of 2025, the domestic violent rate dropped 9.2 percent in Memphis and 8.5 percent countywide. Compared to the first quarter of 2023, the declines were 11.3 percent in Memphis and 10.5 percent countywide.

“The trends lines are encouraging across the board. Now is not the time to let up. We must continue to implement steps that work, scale them up, and sustain them over time,” said Bill Gibbons, president of the Crime Commission and executive director of the U of M Public Safety Institute.

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**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](http://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](http://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/](http://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 Iratzoki serves as research director, and Dr. James McCutcheon serves as the senior research developer.

Table 2.2 Memphis, TN: Crime Rates: 2011, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, & 2026

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Murder <sup>2</sup>	3.8	7.5	9.6	9.2	13.7	10.8	9.5	6.7	76.1%	-10.2%	-30.3%	-27.1%	-50.8%	-37.8%	-29.3%	
Rape <sup>2,3</sup>	23.3	21.6	15.4	14.4	22.1	19.0	13.6	9.0	-61.4%	-58.4%	-41.6%	-37.4%	-59.3%	-52.5%	-33.7%	
Aggravated Assault <sup>2,4</sup>	234.2	331.3	472.7	434.3	465.2	441.3	420.1	305.3	30.3%	-7.9%	-35.4%	-29.7%	-34.4%	-30.8%	-27.3%	
Robbery	101.8	89.1	67.1	90.4	96.8	81.0	69.0	35.1	-65.5%	-60.7%	-47.8%	-61.2%	-63.8%	-56.7%	-49.2%	
<b>MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>363.1</b>	<b>449.6</b>	<b>564.9</b>	<b>548.3</b>	<b>597.8</b>	<b>552.1</b>	<b>512.2</b>	<b>356.1</b>	<b>-1.9%</b>	<b>-20.8%</b>	<b>-37.0%</b>	<b>-35.1%</b>	<b>-40.4%</b>	<b>-35.5%</b>	<b>-30.5%</b>	
Burglary	402.5	225.3	164.0	207.9	252.5	219.5	159.1	105.5	-73.8%	-53.2%	-35.7%	-49.2%	-58.2%	-51.9%	-33.7%	
Theft Offenses	798.4	1071.6	921.2	979.4	1216.6	1032.7	939.7	559.1	-30.0%	-47.8%	-39.3%	-42.9%	-54.0%	-45.9%	-40.5%	
Motor Vehicle Theft	101.3	185.4	207.2	241.6	632.8	433.6	280.9	94.2	-7.0%	-49.2%	-54.5%	-61.0%	-85.1%	-78.3%	-66.5%	
<b>MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME</b>	<b>1302.2</b>	<b>1482.4</b>	<b>1292.4</b>	<b>1428.9</b>	<b>2101.9</b>	<b>1685.8</b>	<b>1379.7</b>	<b>758.8</b>	<b>-41.7%</b>	<b>-48.8%</b>	<b>-41.3%</b>	<b>-46.9%</b>	<b>-63.9%</b>	<b>-55.0%</b>	<b>-45.0%</b>	
Simple Assault <sup>5</sup>	840.7	564.9	462.3	468.1	547.0	527.9	530.1	508.6	-39.5%	-10.0%	10.0%	8.7%	-7.0%	-3.6%	-4.0%	
Drug/Narcotic Violations <sup>6</sup>	226.1	121.3	142.6	162.2	100.6	99.2	101.8	122.4	-45.9%	0.9%	-14.2%	-24.5%	21.7%	23.4%	20.3%	
Weapon Law Violations <sup>6</sup>	47.8	82.6	126.6	137.9	110.3	166.5	180.9	127.2	166.3%	54.0%	0.5%	-7.8%	15.3%	-23.6%	-29.7%	
Domestic Violence	730.5	556.5	541.2	515.1	573.1	570.8	560.1	508.5	-30.4%	-8.6%	-6.0%	-1.3%	-11.3%	-10.9%	-9.2%	
Total Group A Offenses <sup>7</sup>	3840.5	3743.2	3601.7	3884.8	4769.7	4215.6	3747.8	2687.8	-30.0%	-28.2%	-25.4%	-30.8%	-43.6%	-36.2%	-28.3%	
Total Group A Offenses Involving Firearm <sup>7</sup>		374.6	576.3	561.9	579.4	586.8	585.8	389.2		3.9%	-32.5%	-30.7%	-32.8%	-33.7%	-33.6%	

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POPULATION	2011	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
	655,434	628,388	622,541	618,468	614,587	610,919	610,271	610,271

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Murder <sup>2</sup>	25	47	60	57	84	66	58	41	64.0%	-12.8%	-31.7%	-28.1%	-51.2%	-37.9%	-29.3%
Rape <sup>2,3</sup>	153	136	96	89	136	116	83	55	-64.1%	-59.6%	-42.7%	-38.2%	-59.6%	-52.6%	-33.7%
Aggravated Assault <sup>2,4</sup>	1,535	2,082	2,943	2,686	2,859	2,696	2,564	1,863	21.4%	-10.5%	-36.7%	-30.6%	-34.8%	-30.9%	-27.3%
Robbery	667	560	418	559	595	495	421	214	-67.9%	-61.8%	-48.8%	-61.7%	-64.0%	-56.8%	-49.2%
<b>MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>2,380</b>	<b>2,825</b>	<b>3,517</b>	<b>3,391</b>	<b>3,674</b>	<b>3,373</b>	<b>3,126</b>	<b>2,173</b>	<b>-8.7%</b>	<b>-23.1%</b>	<b>-38.2%</b>	<b>-35.9%</b>	<b>-40.9%</b>	<b>-35.6%</b>	<b>-30.5%</b>
Burglary	2,638	1,416	1,021	1,286	1,552	1,341	971	644	-75.6%	-54.5%	-36.9%	-49.9%	-58.5%	-52.0%	-33.7%
Theft Offenses	5,233	6,734	5,735	6,057	7,477	6,309	5,735	3,412	-34.8%	-49.3%	-40.5%	-43.7%	-54.4%	-45.9%	-40.5%
Motor Vehicle Theft	664	1,165	1,290	1,494	3,889	2,649	1,714	575	-13.4%	-50.6%	-55.4%	-61.5%	-85.2%	-78.3%	-66.5%
<b>MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME</b>	<b>8,535</b>	<b>9,315</b>	<b>8,046</b>	<b>8,837</b>	<b>12,918</b>	<b>10,299</b>	<b>8,420</b>	<b>4,631</b>	<b>-45.7%</b>	<b>-50.3%</b>	<b>-42.4%</b>	<b>-47.6%</b>	<b>-64.2%</b>	<b>-55.0%</b>	<b>-45.0%</b>
Simple Assault <sup>5</sup>	5,510	3,550	2,878	2,895	3,362	3,225	3,235	3,104	-43.7%	-12.6%	7.9%	7.2%	-7.7%	-3.8%	-4.0%
Drug/Narcotic Violations <sup>6</sup>	1,482	762	888	1,003	618	606	621	747	-49.6%	-2.0%	-15.9%	-25.5%	20.9%	23.3%	20.3%
Weapon Law Violations <sup>6</sup>	313	519	788	853	678	1,017	1,104	776	147.9%	49.5%	-1.5%	-9.0%	14.5%	-23.7%	-29.7%
Domestic Violence	4,788	3,497	3,369	3,186	3,522	3,487	3,418	3,103	-35.2%	-11.3%	-7.9%	-2.6%	-11.9%	-11.0%	-9.2%
Total Group A Offenses <sup>7</sup>	25,172	23,522	22,422	24,026	29,314	25,754	22,872	16,403	-34.8%	-30.3%	-26.8%	-31.7%	-44.0%	-36.3%	-28.3%
Total Group A Offenses Involving Firearm <sup>7</sup>		2,354	3,588	3,475	3,561	3,585	3,575	2,375		0.9%	-33.8%	-31.7%	-33.3%	-33.8%	-33.6%

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Murder <sup>2</sup>	2.8	5.3	7.0	6.3	10.0	7.2	6.6	4.7	69.8%	-10.3%	-32.8%	-25.1%	-52.5%	-34.7%	-28.3%	
Rape <sup>2,3</sup>	18.1	16.9	12.0	11.2	16.5	15.0	9.9	7.6	-58.1%	-55.1%	-36.9%	-32.3%	-54.1%	-49.6%	-23.3%	
Aggravated Assault <sup>2,4</sup>	179.4	245.4	340.5	317.4	332.4	316.6	300.3	221.3	23.4%	-9.8%	-35.0%	-30.3%	-33.4%	-30.1%	-26.3%	
Robbery	74.3	63.0	47.4	63.7	67.7	56.3	48.5	24.6	-66.8%	-60.9%	-48.1%	-61.3%	-63.6%	-56.3%	-49.2%	
<b>MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>274.5</b>	<b>330.6</b>	<b>407.0</b>	<b>398.6</b>	<b>426.6</b>	<b>395.3</b>	<b>365.3</b>	<b>258.3</b>	<b>-5.9%</b>	<b>-21.9%</b>	<b>-36.5%</b>	<b>-35.2%</b>	<b>-39.5%</b>	<b>-34.7%</b>	<b>-29.3%</b>	
Burglary	319.5	170.9	136.4	156.8	187.2	160.0	118.8	77.8	-75.7%	-54.5%	-43.0%	-50.4%	-58.5%	-51.4%	-34.5%	
Theft Offenses	663.4	837.8	726.8	760.4	943.0	787.2	714.7	430.5	-35.1%	-48.6%	-40.8%	-43.4%	-54.3%	-45.3%	-39.8%	
Motor Vehicle Theft	79.6	140.2	155.1	179.6	467.8	323.1	210.7	70.0	-12.1%	-50.1%	-54.9%	-61.0%	-85.0%	-78.3%	-66.8%	
<b>MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME</b>	<b>1062.5</b>	<b>1149.0</b>	<b>1018.2</b>	<b>1096.7</b>	<b>1598.0</b>	<b>1270.4</b>	<b>1044.3</b>	<b>578.2</b>	<b>-45.6%</b>	<b>-49.7%</b>	<b>-43.2%</b>	<b>-47.3%</b>	<b>-63.8%</b>	<b>-54.5%</b>	<b>-44.6%</b>	
Simple Assault <sup>3</sup>	660.3	458.3	371.0	401.8	449.8	433.7	434.9	406.6	-38.4%	-11.3%	9.6%	1.2%	-9.6%	-6.2%	-6.5%	
Drug/Narcotic Violations <sup>5</sup>	193.7	126.9	144.7	156.0	103.3	103.2	108.1	110.8	-42.8%	-12.7%	-23.5%	-29.0%	7.2%	7.3%	2.4%	
Weapon Law Violations <sup>5</sup>	38.4	67.0	103.7	109.4	87.8	129.8	136.2	94.0	145.2%	40.4%	-9.3%	-14.1%	7.2%	-27.6%	-30.9%	
Domestic Violence	565.9	435.3	429.7	404.0	435.2	435.8	426.0	389.6	-31.2%	-10.5%	-9.3%	-3.6%	-10.5%	-10.6%	-8.5%	
Total Group A Offenses <sup>7</sup>	3082.2	2955.9	2860.1	3055.2	3683.0	3245.8	2890.8	2073.9	-32.7%	-29.8%	-27.5%	-32.1%	-43.7%	-36.1%	-28.3%	
Total Group A Offenses Involving Firearm <sup>7</sup>		276.4	415.8	408.4	415.7	423.4	418.0	277.7		0.5%	-33.2%	-32.0%	-33.2%	-34.4%	-33.6%	

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POPULATION	2011	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
	933,321	929,788	923,255	918,382	913,909	910,530	909,140	909,140

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Murder <sup>2</sup>	26	49	65	58	91	66	60	43	65.4%	-12.2%	-33.8%	-25.9%	-52.7%	-34.8%	-28.3%	
Rape <sup>2,3</sup>	169	157	111	103	151	137	90	69	-59.2%	-56.1%	-37.8%	-33.0%	-54.3%	-49.6%	-23.3%	
Aggravated Assault <sup>2,4</sup>	1,674	2,282	3,144	2,915	3,038	2,883	2,730	2,012	20.2%	-11.8%	-36.0%	-31.0%	-33.8%	-30.2%	-26.3%	
Robbery	693	586	438	585	619	513	441	224	-67.7%	-61.8%	-48.9%	-61.7%	-63.8%	-56.3%	-49.2%	
<b>MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2,562</b>	<b>3,074</b>	<b>3,758</b>	<b>3,661</b>	<b>3,899</b>	<b>3,599</b>	<b>3,321</b>	<b>2,348</b>	<b>-8.4%</b>	<b>-23.6%</b>	<b>-37.5%</b>	<b>-35.9%</b>	<b>-39.8%</b>	<b>-34.8%</b>	<b>-29.3%</b>	
Burglary	2,982	1,589	1,259	1,440	1,711	1,457	1,080	707	-76.3%	-55.5%	-43.8%	-50.9%	-58.7%	-51.5%	-34.5%	
Theft Offenses	6,192	7,790	6,710	6,983	8,618	7,168	6,498	3,914	-36.8%	-49.8%	-41.7%	-43.9%	-54.6%	-45.4%	-39.8%	
Motor Vehicle Theft	743	1,304	1,432	1,649	4,275	2,942	1,916	636	-14.4%	-51.2%	-55.6%	-61.4%	-85.1%	-78.4%	-66.8%	
<b>MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME</b>	<b>9,917</b>	<b>10,683</b>	<b>9,401</b>	<b>10,072</b>	<b>14,604</b>	<b>11,567</b>	<b>9,494</b>	<b>5,257</b>	<b>-47.0%</b>	<b>-50.8%</b>	<b>-44.1%</b>	<b>-47.8%</b>	<b>-64.0%</b>	<b>-54.6%</b>	<b>-44.6%</b>	
Simple Assault <sup>5</sup>	6,163	4,261	3,425	3,690	4,111	3,949	3,954	3,697	-40.0%	-13.2%	7.9%	0.2%	-10.1%	-6.4%	-6.5%	
Drug/Narcotic Violations <sup>6</sup>	1,808	1,180	1,336	1,433	944	940	983	1,007	-44.3%	-14.7%	-24.6%	-29.7%	6.7%	7.1%	2.4%	
Weapon Law Violations <sup>6</sup>	358	623	957	1,005	802	1,182	1,238	855	138.8%	37.2%	-10.7%	-14.9%	6.6%	-27.7%	-30.9%	
Domestic Violence	5,282	4,047	3,967	3,710	3,977	3,968	3,873	3,542	-32.9%	-12.5%	-10.7%	-4.5%	-10.9%	-10.7%	-8.5%	
Total Group A Offenses <sup>7</sup>	28,767	27,484	26,406	28,058	33,659	29,554	26,281	18,855	-34.5%	-31.4%	-28.6%	-32.8%	-44.0%	-36.2%	-28.3%	
Total Group A Offenses Involving Firearm <sup>7</sup>		2,570	3,839	3,751	3,799	3,855	3,800	2,525		-1.8%	-34.2%	-32.7%	-33.5%	-34.5%	-33.6%	

<sup>7</sup> Due to changes in reporting offenses involving firearms, TIBRS figures are not comparable to data prior to 2016.