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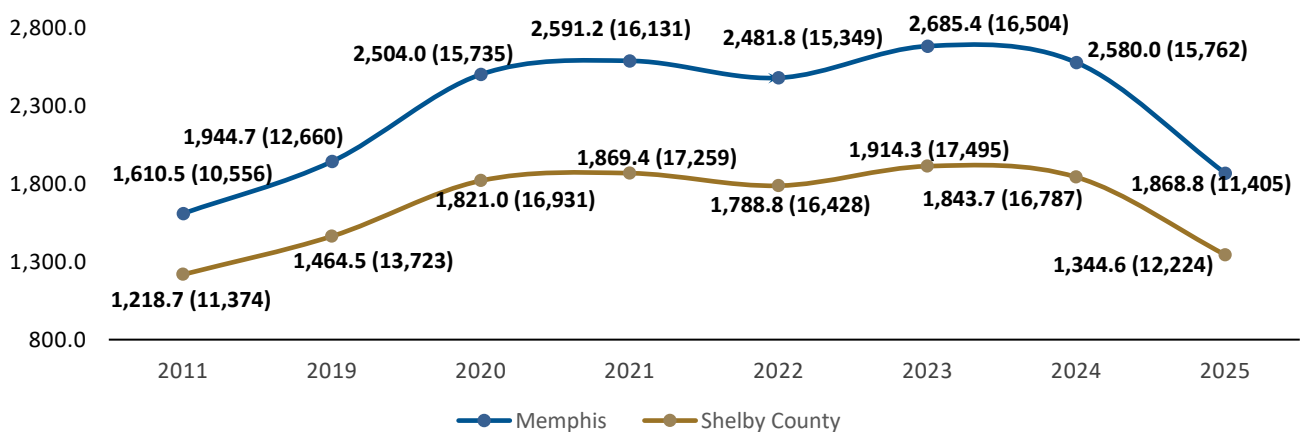
2025 TBI Figures Show Across the Board Declines in Major Crime Categories

The University of Memphis Public Safety Institute and the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission have released preliminary figures from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) for 2025 showing across the board declines in major crime categories.

Major violent crime includes victims of reported murders, rapes, robberies, and aggravated assaults. In Memphis, the major violent crime rate dropped 27.6 percent compared to 2024 and, significantly, was lower than all eight previous years (2017-2024). Countywide, the major violent crime rate dropped 27.1 percent compared to 2024, again lower than any of the previous eight years.

Reported Major Violent Crime January - December

Rate Per 100,000 Population (and Total Number of Offenses)¹



▲ 16.0% In 2025 Compared to 2011
▼ 27.6% In 2025 Compared to 2024

▲ 10.3% In 2025 Compared to 2011
▼ 27.1% In 2025 Compared to 2024

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

2025 Memphis Major Violent Crime Rates Compared to 2024

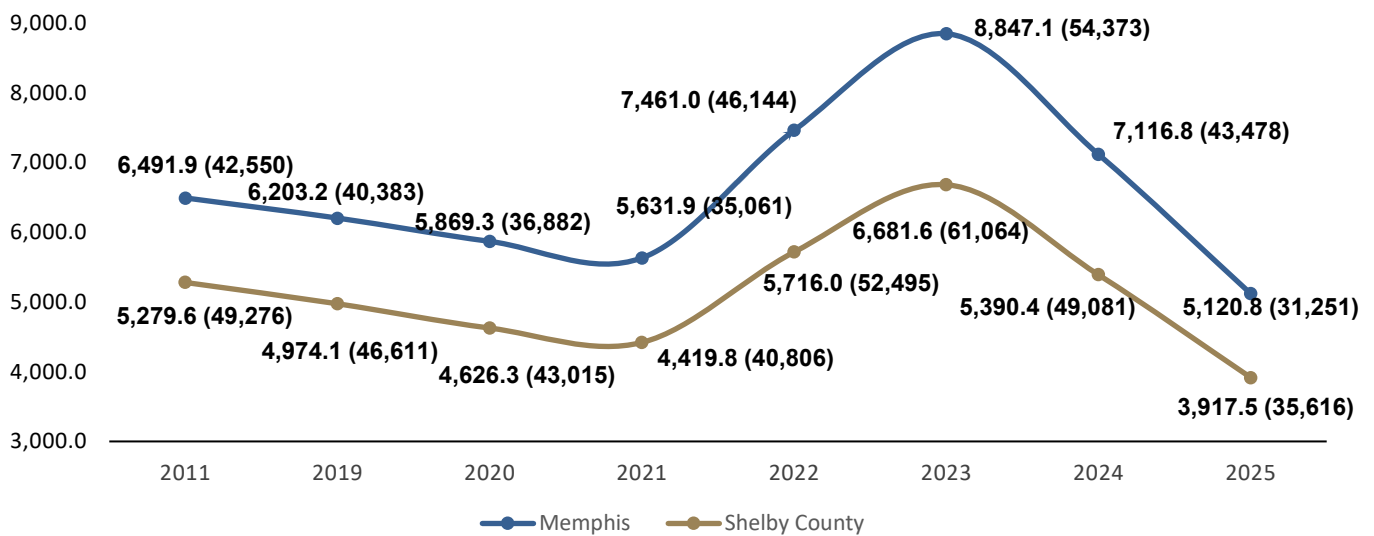
- Overall major violent crime: - 27.6 percent
- Murder: -25.0 percent
- Rape: - 28.0 percent
- Robbery: - 31.1 percent
- Aggravated assault: - 27.0 percent

Major property crime includes reported burglaries, vehicle thefts, and other felony thefts. In Memphis, the major property crime rate declined 28.0 percent compared to 2024 and was lower than the previous nine years (2016-2024). Countywide, the major property crime rate declined 27.3 percent compared to 2024. Like Memphis, the countywide rate was lower than any of the previous nine years. (Annual major property crime TBI figures were not maintained prior to 2016.)

Reported Major Property Crime

January - December

Rate Per 100,000 Population (and Total Number of Offenses)¹



▼ 21.1%
In 2025 Compared to 2011

▼ 28.0%
In 2025 Compared to 2024

▼ 25.8%
In 2025 Compared to 2011

▼ 27.3%
In 2025 Compared to 2024

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

2025 Memphis Major Property Crime Rates Compared to 2024

- Overall major property crime: - 28.0 percent
 - Burglary: - 22.3 percent
 - Vehicle theft: - 41.5 percent
 - Other felony theft: - 24.4 percent
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The TBI also measures an overall crime rate composed of 54 separate categories of crime called Group A crimes. In Memphis, this overall crime rate was also lower than any of the previous nine years, specifically lower than 2024 by 19.5 percent. This was true for all of Shelby County as well, with an 18.9 percent decline compared to 2024. (Annual overall crime TBI figures were not maintained prior to 2016.)

Also, the TBI measures offenses involving firearms. In Memphis, reported offenses involving firearms dropped 25.3 percent compared to 2024 and 24.9 percent compared to 2024 countywide.

Reported domestic violence offenses also dropped in 2025 compared to 2024 but not by as much as the other major categories. In Memphis, the decline compared to 2024 was 4.7 percent, and countywide it was 5.2 percent.

“In many respects, 2025 was a breakthrough year in our community’s efforts to reduce and prevent crime. Significant declines began in 2024 and continued at a faster pace in 2025. The rate of decline improved even more in the latter part of 2025, aided no doubt by federal and state assistance in investigating and solving crimes and serving outstanding felony arrest warrants,” said Bill Gibbons, executive director of the Public Safety Institute and president of the Crime Commission.

Gibbons noted the significant reduction in murders, reported firearms offenses, and reported vehicle thefts as especially encouraging signs in making the community safer. “We have a long way to go to be as safe as we need to be. Based on TBI data, we still had over 11,000 reported victims of violent crime in Memphis in 2025. That’s way too many to accept things as they are,” he stated.

Gibbons singled out domestic violence as an especially challenging area to confront. The Tennessee Office of Criminal Justice Programs has awarded the Public Safety Institute a grant to head up a coordinated community response to domestic violence, part of which is to create a strategic plan to address this challenge.

Earlier this year, the Memphis Police Department (MPD) issued 2025 crime numbers which differ slightly from the TBI figures. That’s because, with some exceptions such as murders, MPD uses an incident count method while the TBI counts the number of victims. However, the trend lines are the same, and both methods are valid measurements.

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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): 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): 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 fifth 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/): 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 Iratzoqui serves as research director, and Dr. James McCutcheon serves as the senior research developer.

Table 2.2 Memphis, TN: Crime Rates: 2011, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, & 2025

Operation Safe Community - Crime Trend Report															
Memphis, TN - TIBRS ¹ GROUP A OFFENSES															
CRIME RATES (Offenses per 100,000 Population ¹)															
January 1 - December 31, 2011, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, & 2025															
Selected Offenses of Interest															
Offense Type	2011	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	% Change 2011-25	% Change 2019-25	% Change 2020-25	% Change 2021-25	% Change 2022-25	% Change 2023-25	% Change 2024-25
Murder ²	18.0	30.1	46.6	49.3	40.9	57.1	41.1	30.8	71.1%	2.3%	-33.9%	-37.5%	-24.7%	-46.1%	-25.0%
Rape ^{2,3}	85.0	81.3	76.4	70.7	69.7	77.8	75.3	54.2	-36.2%	-33.3%	-29.0%	-23.3%	-22.2%	-30.3%	-28.0%
Aggravated Assault ^{2,4}	1034.0	1454.2	2036.3	2140.6	1995.9	2095.6	2109.9	1540.1	49.0%	5.9%	-24.4%	-28.1%	-22.8%	-26.5%	-27.0%
Robbery	473.6	379.1	344.7	330.6	375.3	454.9	353.7	243.7	-48.5%	-35.7%	-29.3%	-26.3%	-35.1%	-46.4%	-31.1%
MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME³	1610.5	1944.7	2504.0	2591.2	2481.8	2685.4	2580.0	1868.8	16.0%	-3.9%	-25.4%	-27.9%	-24.7%	-30.4%	-27.6%
Burglary	1978.2	1145.3	880.5	817.1	942.3	1099.3	891.9	692.6	-65.0%	-39.5%	-21.3%	-15.2%	-26.5%	-37.0%	-22.3%
Theft Offenses	3984.1	4413.4	4251.0	3996.0	4733.0	5165.3	4610.8	3484.4	-12.5%	-21.1%	-18.0%	-12.8%	-26.4%	-32.5%	-24.4%
Motor Vehicle Theft	529.6	644.5	737.8	818.7	1785.7	2582.5	1614.1	943.8	78.2%	46.4%	27.9%	15.3%	-47.1%	-63.5%	-41.5%
MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME	6491.9	6203.2	5869.3	5631.9	7461.0	8847.1	7116.8	5120.8	-21.1%	-17.4%	-12.8%	-9.1%	-31.4%	-42.1%	-28.0%
Simple Assault ⁵	3581.6	2416.6	2150.3	2099.8	2144.8	2274.4	2325.2	2289.0	-36.1%	-5.3%	6.5%	9.0%	6.7%	0.6%	-1.6%
Drug/Narcotic Violations ⁶	791.5	467.6	519.1	601.2	629.6	373.7	422.8	459.1	-42.0%	-1.8%	-11.6%	-23.6%	-27.1%	22.8%	8.6%
Weapon Law Violations ⁶	211.3	187.3	453.9	538.0	611.7	512.5	772.0	685.3	224.3%	266.0%	51.0%	27.4%	12.0%	33.7%	-11.2%
Domestic Violence	3133.5	2384.8	2385.2	2403.9	2307.5	2428.9	2494.9	2378.5	-24.1%	-0.3%	-0.3%	-1.1%	3.1%	-2.1%	-4.7%
Total Group A Offenses ⁷	17434.7	15656.9	16036.9	16045.4	18646.2	20284.5	18160.0	14625.6	-16.1%	-6.6%	-8.8%	-8.8%	-21.6%	-27.9%	-19.5%
Total Group A Offenses Involving Firearm ⁷		1462.8	2277.9	2581.2	2559.7	2641.3	2773.5	2072.2		41.7%	-9.0%	-19.7%	-19.0%	-21.5%	-25.3%

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POPULATION	2011	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	655,434	650,998	628,388	622,541	618,468	614,587	610,919	610,271

SAFE COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN: Quarterly Crime Trends Report

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Murder ²	118	196	293	307	253	351	251	188	59.3%	-4.1%	-35.8%	-38.8%	-25.7%	-46.4%	-25.1%	
Rape ^{2,3}	557	529	480	440	431	478	460	331	-40.6%	-37.4%	-31.0%	-24.8%	-23.2%	-30.8%	-28.0%	
Aggravated Assault ^{2,4}	6,777	9,467	12,796	13,326	12,344	12,879	12,890	9,399	38.7%	-0.7%	-26.5%	-29.5%	-23.9%	-27.0%	-27.1%	
Robbery	3,104	2,468	2,166	2,058	2,321	2,796	2,161	1,487	-52.1%	-39.7%	-31.3%	-27.7%	-35.9%	-46.8%	-31.2%	
MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME³	10,556	12,660	15,735	16,131	15,349	16,504	15,762	11,405	8.0%	-9.9%	-27.5%	-29.3%	-25.7%	-30.9%	-27.6%	
Burglary	12,966	7,456	5,533	5,087	5,828	6,756	5,449	4,227	-67.4%	-43.3%	-23.6%	-16.9%	-27.5%	-37.4%	-22.4%	
Theft Offenses	26,113	28,731	26,713	24,877	29,272	31,745	28,168	21,264	-18.6%	-26.0%	-20.4%	-14.5%	-27.4%	-33.0%	-24.5%	
Motor Vehicle Theft	3,471	4,196	4,636	5,097	11,044	15,872	9,861	5,760	65.9%	37.3%	24.2%	13.0%	-47.8%	-63.7%	-41.6%	
MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME	42,550	40,383	36,882	35,061	46,144	54,373	43,478	31,251	-26.6%	-22.6%	-15.3%	-10.9%	-32.3%	-42.5%	-28.1%	
Simple Assault ⁵	23,475	15,732	13,512	13,072	13,265	13,978	14,205	13,969	-40.5%	-11.2%	3.4%	6.9%	5.3%	-0.1%	-1.7%	
Drug/Narcotic Violations ⁶	5,188	3,044	3,262	3,743	3,894	2,297	2,583	2,802	-46.0%	-8.0%	-14.1%	-25.1%	-28.0%	22.0%	8.5%	
Weapon Law Violations ⁶	1,385	1,219	2,852	3,349	3,783	3,150	4,716	4,182	201.9%	243.1%	46.6%	24.9%	10.5%	32.8%	-11.3%	
Domestic Violence	20,538	15,525	14,988	14,965	14,271	14,928	15,242	14,515	-29.3%	-6.5%	-3.2%	-3.0%	1.7%	-2.8%	-4.8%	
Total Group A Offenses⁷	114,273	101,926	100,774	99,889	115,321	124,666	110,943	89,256	-21.9%	-12.4%	-11.4%	-10.6%	-22.6%	-28.4%	-19.5%	
Total Group A Offenses Involving Firearm⁷		9,523	14,314	16,069	15,831	16,233	16,944	12,646		32.8%	-11.7%	-21.3%	-20.1%	-22.1%	-25.4%	

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Murder	13.3	22.0	32.8	34.7	28.7	39.8	29.0	21.8	63.9%	-0.9%	-33.6%	-37.2%	-24.2%	-45.3%	-24.9%
Rape ²	68.6	65.4	58.3	56.8	56.1	58.2	57.9	41.8	-39.0%	-36.1%	-28.3%	-26.4%	-25.5%	-28.2%	-27.8%
Aggravated Assault ³	794.2	1098.4	1487.2	1544.9	1440.9	1500.0	1511.1	1111.5	40.0%	1.2%	-25.3%	-28.1%	-22.9%	-25.9%	-26.4%
Robbery	342.6	278.6	242.6	233.1	263.1	316.2	245.7	169.5	-50.5%	-39.2%	-30.1%	-27.3%	-35.6%	-46.4%	-31.0%
MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME³	1218.7	1464.5	1821.0	1869.4	1788.8	1914.3	1843.7	1344.6	10.3%	-8.2%	-26.2%	-28.1%	-24.8%	-29.8%	-27.1%
Burglary	1564.0	886.9	672.2	635.0	709.4	816.8	652.6	515.1	-67.1%	-41.9%	-23.4%	-18.9%	-27.4%	-36.9%	-21.1%
Theft Offenses	3306.0	3561.4	3385.1	3161.2	3691.5	3973.6	3521.5	2691.1	-18.6%	-24.4%	-20.5%	-14.9%	-27.1%	-32.3%	-23.6%
Motor Vehicle Theft	409.6	525.8	569.1	623.6	1315.1	1891.2	1216.3	711.3	73.7%	35.3%	25.0%	14.1%	-45.9%	-62.4%	-41.5%
MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME	5279.6	4974.1	4626.3	4419.8	5716.0	6681.6	5390.4	3917.5	-25.8%	-21.2%	-15.3%	-11.4%	-31.5%	-41.4%	-27.3%
Simple Assault ⁴	2810.5	2005.5	1710.7	1722.2	1756.2	1849.5	1870.6	1811.9	-35.5%	-9.7%	5.9%	5.2%	3.2%	-2.0%	-3.1%
Drug/Narcotic Violations ⁵	692.6	500.7	504.4	583.0	598.9	392.7	417.0	449.2	-35.1%	-10.3%	-10.9%	-23.0%	-25.0%	14.4%	7.7%
Weapon Law Violations ⁵	173.0	170.7	349.9	435.8	485.6	408.5	584.9	519.2	200.0%	204.1%	48.4%	19.1%	6.9%	27.1%	-11.2%
Domestic Violence	2441.9	1907.4	1873.5	1891.0	1772.0	1853.8	1895.3	1797.3	-26.4%	-5.8%	-4.1%	-5.0%	1.4%	-3.0%	-5.2%
Total Group A Offenses⁶	13988.1	12710.5	12570.0	12639.0	14490.2	15534.8	13884.7	11263.1	-19.5%	-11.4%	-10.4%	-10.9%	-22.3%	-27.5%	-18.9%
Total Group A Offenses Involving Firearm ^{6,7}		1101.8	1654.5	1864.1	1857.5	1893.0	1980.1	1488.0		35.0%	-10.1%	-20.2%	-19.9%	-21.4%	-24.9%

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POPULATION	2011	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	933,321	937,070	929,788	923,255	918,382	913,909	910,530	909,140

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Murder	124	206	305	320	264	364	264	198	59.7%	-3.9%	-35.1%	-38.1%	-25.0%	-45.6%	-25.0%	
Rape ²	640	613	542	524	515	532	527	380	-40.6%	-38.0%	-29.9%	-27.5%	-26.2%	-28.6%	-27.9%	
Aggravated Assault ³	7,412	10,293	13,828	14,263	13,233	13,709	13,759	10,105	36.3%	-1.8%	-26.9%	-29.2%	-23.6%	-26.3%	-26.6%	
Robbery	3,198	2,611	2,256	2,152	2,416	2,890	2,237	1,541	-51.8%	-41.0%	-31.7%	-28.4%	-36.2%	-46.7%	-31.1%	
MAJOR VIOLENT CRIME¹	11,374	13,723	16,931	17,259	16,428	17,495	16,787	12,224	7.5%	-10.9%	-27.8%	-29.2%	-25.6%	-30.1%	-27.2%	
Burglary	14,597	8,311	6,250	5,863	6,515	7,465	5,942	4,683	-67.9%	-43.7%	-25.1%	-20.1%	-28.1%	-37.3%	-21.2%	
Theft Offenses	30,856	33,373	31,474	29,186	33,902	36,315	32,064	24,466	-20.7%	-26.7%	-22.3%	-16.2%	-27.8%	-32.6%	-23.7%	
Motor Vehicle Theft	3,823	4,927	5,291	5,757	12,078	17,284	11,075	6,467	69.2%	31.3%	22.2%	12.3%	-46.5%	-62.6%	-41.6%	
MAJOR PROPERTY CRIME	49,276	46,611	43,015	40,806	52,495	61,064	49,081	35,616	-27.7%	-23.6%	-17.2%	-12.7%	-32.2%	-41.7%	-27.4%	
Simple Assault ⁴	26,231	18,793	15,906	15,900	16,129	16,903	17,032	16,473	-37.2%	-12.3%	3.6%	3.6%	2.1%	-2.5%	-3.3%	
Drug/Narcotic Violations ⁵	6,464	4,692	4,690	5,383	5,500	3,589	3,797	4,084	-36.8%	-13.0%	-12.9%	-24.1%	-25.7%	13.8%	7.6%	
Weapon Law Violations ⁵	1,615	1,600	3,253	4,024	4,460	3,733	5,326	4,720	192.3%	195.0%	45.1%	17.3%	5.8%	26.4%	-11.4%	
Domestic Violence	22,791	17,874	17,420	17,459	16,274	16,942	17,257	16,340	-28.3%	-8.6%	-6.2%	-6.4%	0.4%	-3.6%	-5.3%	
Total Group A Offenses ⁶	130,554	119,106	116,874	116,690	133,075	141,974	126,424	102,397	-21.6%	-14.0%	-12.4%	-12.2%	-23.1%	-27.9%	-19.0%	
Total Group A Offenses Involving Firearm ⁶		10,325	15,383	17,210	17,059	17,300	18,029	13,528		31.0%	-12.1%	-21.4%	-20.7%	-21.8%	-25.0%	

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