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 2016, violent crimes showed an increase from the previous year. There were 1,669 reported offenses during 2016 — compared with 1,623 for 2015. This increase of 46 crimes reported represents an increase of 2.8%.

The 2016 crime rate for violent crime is 1.25 offenses per 1,000 population. Violent crimes represent 7.0% of all reported index crimes. Police cleared 1,068 violent crimes for a 64.0% clearance rate.
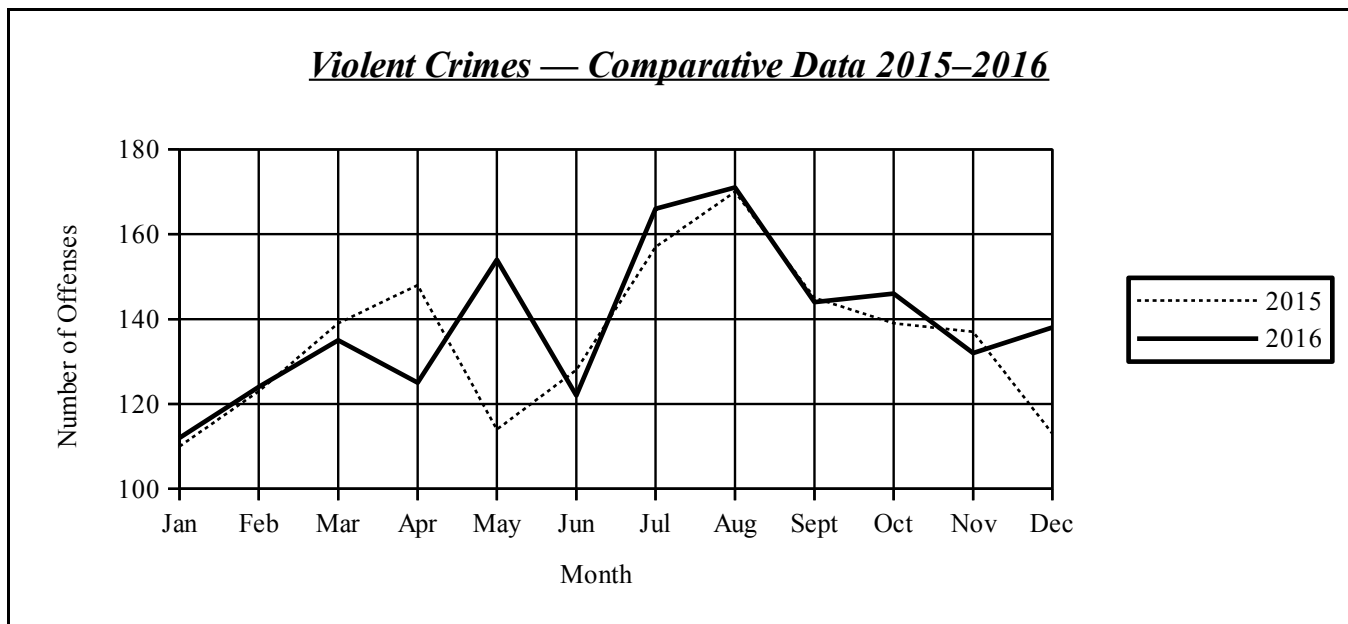
Crime Clock

1 Violent
Crime every
5 hours,
16 minutes

Number of Offenses — Comparative Data 2015–2016					
	Murder	**Rape**	**Robbery**	**Aggravated Assault**	**Totals**
2015	23	373	311	916	1,623
2016	18	383	266	1,002	1,669
Number Change	–5	10	–45	86	46
Percent Change	–21.7%	2.7%	–14.5%	9.4%	2.8%

Violent Crimes — Comparative Data 2015–2016

Violent Crime by County

(State Violent Crime Rate: 1.25)