

OPM - Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division

Violent Crime Rates

Highlights

- OPM CJPPD recently analyzed data published in the FBI's annual *Crime in the United States*. The adjacent table depicts the annual change in each state's violent crime rate, as well as the total change from 2012-2015.
- Connecticut's violent crime rate (reported violent crimes per 100,000 residents) has dropped more than any other state since 2012, falling 23%. By way of comparison, the national violent crime rate (highlighted) fell by 4% during the same time period.
- Due to the consistent decline over the three year period, Connecticut's Violent Crime rate went from 19th in the nation in 2012 to 6th in 2015.

Tables

Change in Violent Crime Rate

| State | 2012-2013 | 2013-2014 | 2014-2015 | 2012-2015 |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Connecticut | -7% | -9% | -8% | -23% |
| Vermont | -15% | -15% | 15% | -17% |
| New Jersey | -1% | -10% | -2% | -12% |
| Oklahoma | -6% | -6% | 2% | -10% |
| South Carolina | -9% | -2% | 1% | -10% |
| Pennsylvania | -4% | -6% | 0% | -10% |
| Delaware | -10% | -1% | 2% | -9% |
| Michigan | -1% | -5% | -3% | -9% |
| Illinois | -8% | -2% | 3% | -7% |
| New York | -3% | -2% | -1% | -7% |
| Florida | -3% | -2% | 1% | -5% |
| Tennessee | -8% | 3% | 0% | -5% |
| Arizona | -3% | -6% | 4% | -4% |
| Maryland | -1% | -5% | 2% | -4% |
| Rhode Island | 2% | -15% | 10% | -4% |
| US - Total | -5% | -2% | 3% | -4% |
| Washington | -2% | -1% | 0% | -4% |
| Massachusetts | 2% | -4% | -1% | -4% |
| Ohio | -5% | 0% | 2% | -3% |
| North Dakota | 10% | 0% | -11% | -2% |
| North Carolina | -3% | -4% | 5% | -2% |
| Kentucky | -6% | 3% | 2% | -2% |
| Georgia | -3% | 5% | -2% | 0% |
| California | -5% | -1% | 8% | 1% |
| Texas | 0% | 0% | 1% | 1% |
| Virginia | 3% | 1% | -1% | 3% |

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| State | 2012-2013 | 2013-2014 | 2014-2015 | 2012-2015 |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Idaho | 4% | -3% | 2% | 4% |
| Colorado | 0% | 0% | 4% | 4% |
| Oregon | 3% | 2% | 0% | 5% |
| Alabama | -4% | -1% | 10% | 5% |
| Minnesota | 2% | -2% | 6% | 5% |
| Mississippi | 5% | 1% | -1% | 6% |
| Nebraska | 1% | 5% | 0% | 6% |
| Maine | 5% | -1% | 2% | 6% |
| New Hampshire | 15% | -8% | 1% | 6% |
| West Virginia | -5% | 5% | 7% | 7% |
| Iowa | 3% | 1% | 5% | 8% |
| Louisiana | 4% | -1% | 5% | 9% |
| Wisconsin | -1% | 5% | 5% | 9% |
| Kansas | -4% | 4% | 11% | 10% |
| Wyoming | 2% | -5% | 14% | 10% |
| Missouri | -4% | 2% | 12% | 10% |
| Arkansas | -2% | 4% | 9% | 11% |
| Indiana | 3% | 2% | 6% | 12% |
| Nevada | -1% | 5% | 9% | 15% |
| Utah | 9% | -2% | 8% | 15% |
| New Mexico | 10% | -2% | 10% | 17% |
| South Dakota | -2% | 4% | 17% | 19% |
| Alaska | 6% | -1% | 15% | 21% |
| Hawaii | 5% | -6% | 24% | 23% |
| Montana | -7% | 30% | 6% | 28% |

Note: These figures represent the annual percent change in each state's violent crime rate. Analysis excludes Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. Source: FBI, *Crime in the US*