

OPM - Criminal Justice Policy & Planning Division

Violent Crime Rates

Highlights

OPM CJPPD recently updated its analysis of 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 2012-2016.

Despite increasing by 2.6% in 2016, Connecticut's violent crime rate (reported violent crimes per 100,000 residents) has dropped more than any other state since 2012, falling 20%.

Connecticut's Violent Crime rate went from the 18th lowest in the nation in 2012 to 6th in 2015 and 5th lowest in 2016.

Tables

Violent Crime Rate-percent change

State	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2012-2016
Connecticut	-8%	-10%	-7%	3%	-20%
New Jersey	0%	-10%	-2%	-4%	-16%
Florida	-4%	15%	-14%	-7%	-12%
Pennsylvania	-6%	-6%	0%	0%	-11%
South Carolina	-9%	-2%	0%	0%	-10%
New Hampshire	4%	-12%	3%	-2%	-8%
Delaware	-9%	-2%	3%	1%	-8%
New York	-3%	-3%	0%	-1%	-7%
Massachusetts	0%	-4%	0%	-3%	-7%
Rhode Island	2%	-15%	11%	-2%	-6%
Oklahoma	-6%	-9%	6%	5%	-5%
Maryland	0%	-6%	5%	0%	-1%
Tennessee	-8%	4%	2%	2%	-1%
Ohio	-3%	-2%	4%	1%	0%
Michigan	-1%	-6%	-2%	9%	1%
Maine	8%	-4%	2%	-5%	1%
Washington	-3%	-2%	0%	6%	1%
North Dakota	11%	-3%	-3%	-2%	2%
Kentucky	-6%	0%	6%	4%	3%
Georgia	-1%	1%	1%	4%	5%
Illinois	-3%	-8%	5%	13%	5%
Minnesota	2%	-2%	6%	0%	5%
California	-5%	-2%	8%	4%	5%
North Carolina	-4%	-3%	5%	8%	5%
Texas	0%	-1%	2%	5%	6%

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State	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2012-2016
Kansas	-4%	2%	13%	-4%	7%
Oregon	-2%	-4%	14%	0%	7%
Wisconsin	-1%	3%	5%	1%	8%
Mississippi	7%	0%	-2%	2%	8%
Iowa	3%	0%	1%	5%	9%
Arizona	-3%	-4%	3%	15%	10%
Idaho	3%	-1%	2%	6%	10%
Vermont	-13%	-20%	20%	33%	11%
Nevada	-1%	5%	10%	-3%	11%
Colorado	-1%	1%	3%	8%	11%
West Virginia	-5%	-1%	15%	3%	12%
Nebraska	2%	6%	-3%	7%	12%
Virginia	3%	-1%	2%	9%	14%
Louisiana	5%	-1%	5%	5%	14%
Missouri	-4%	2%	13%	4%	15%
Utah	10%	-6%	11%	2%	17%
Arkansas	-1%	4%	10%	4%	17%
Indiana	4%	2%	5%	5%	17%
Alabama	-4%	-1%	11%	13%	18%
Wyoming	3%	-6%	13%	10%	21%
New Mexico	11%	-4%	10%	7%	26%
Hawaii	5%	2%	-4%	25%	27%
South Dakota	0%	1%	18%	9%	29%
Montana	3%	12%	9%	4%	32%
Alaska	6%	0%	15%	10%	33%

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 United States 2012-2016

Total percent change (2012 – 2016) = ((rate of violent crime per 100k in 2016)/(rate of violent crime per 100k in 2012))-1. For underlying data, see page 2

Violent crime rates per 100k residents by state 2012-2016, with rankings in 2012 and 2016

State	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2012 Rank	2016 Rank	Percent Change 2012-2016
Alabama	450	431	427	473	532	37	44	18%
Alaska	604	639	636	731	804	48	50	33%
Arizona	429	416	400	410	470	36	39	10%
Arkansas	470	463	480	530	551	40	45	17%
California	424	403	396	428	445	35	36	5%
Colorado	307	305	309	318	343	23	23	11%
Connecticut	284	262	237	221	227	18	5	-20%
Delaware	551	501	489	504	509	45	42	-8%
Florida	487	469	541	463	430	43	33	-12%
Georgia	380	375	377	381	398	30	30	5%
Hawaii	243	254	259	248	309	10	21	27%
Idaho	210	215	212	217	230	6	6	10%
Illinois	416	403	370	388	436	34	35	5%
Indiana	345	360	365	384	405	26	31	17%
Iowa	266	273	274	276	291	16	16	9%
Kansas	357	343	349	395	380	29	29	7%
Kentucky	225	211	212	224	232	8	7	3%
Louisiana	496	521	515	540	566	44	46	14%
Maine	122	133	128	130	124	1	1	1%
Maryland	477	475	446	470	472	42	40	-1%
Massachusetts	407	406	391	390	377	32	28	-7%
Michigan	455	452	427	421	459	39	38	1%
Minnesota	231	234	229	243	243	9	9	5%
Mississippi	260	278	279	274	281	15	15	8%
Missouri	451	434	443	499	519	38	43	15%
Montana	279	288	324	353	368	17	25	32%
Nebraska	259	265	280	273	291	14	17	12%
Nevada	609	605	636	698	678	49	48	11%
New Hampshire	215	223	196	202	198	7	3	-8%
New Jersey	290	289	261	256	245	20	12	-16%
New Mexico	560	623	597	657	703	46	49	26%
New York	406	394	382	380	376	31	27	-7%
North Carolina	354	341	330	346	372	27	26	5%
North Dakota	246	273	265	258	251	11	13	2%
Ohio	302	291	285	296	300	22	18	0%
Oklahoma	474	446	406	429	450	41	37	-5%
Oregon	247	243	232	265	265	12	14	7%
Pennsylvania	356	335	314	315	316	28	22	-11%
Rhode Island	253	257	219	243	239	13	8	-6%
South Carolina	561	509	498	500	502	47	41	-10%
South Dakota	324	323	327	385	418	25	32	29%
Tennessee	639	586	608	619	633	50	47	-1%
Texas	409	410	406	413	434	33	34	6%
Utah	208	229	216	239	243	5	10	17%
Vermont	142	124	99	119	158	2	2	11%
Virginia	192	198	196	200	218	3	4	14%
Washington	298	290	285	286	302	21	19	1%
West Virginia	320	305	302	348	358	24	24	12%
Wisconsin	284	281	290	304	306	19	20	8%
Wyoming	201	208	196	222	244	4	11	21%