

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 shows the annual change in each state's violent crime rate, as well as the total change from 2012-2017.

Connecticut's violent crime rate (reported violent crimes per 100,000 residents) has fallen more than 19% since 2012, one of the largest drops in the nation, second only to New Jersey.

Connecticut's Violent Crime rate went from the 18th lowest in the nation in 2012 to 8th in 2017.

Please note that the columns will not sum across. The first five columns represent year over year change. The last column compares the violent crime rate in 2012 vs 2017.

Tables

Violent crime rate - percent change

State	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2012-2017	State	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2012-2017
New Jersey	0%	-10%	-2%	-5%	-6%	-21%	Texas	0%	-1%	1%	5%	1%	7%
Connecticut	-8%	-9%	-7%	3%	0%	-20%	Idaho	3%	-2%	3%	6%	-2%	8%
Delaware	-9%	-3%	3%	1%	-11%	-18%	Virginia	3%	0%	1%	10%	-5%	9%
Florida	-4%	-2%	1%	-7%	-5%	-16%	West Virginia	-5%	4%	10%	4%	-3%	10%
New York	-3%	-2%	-1%	-2%	-5%	-12%	Mississippi	7%	0%	-2%	3%	1%	10%
Massachusetts	0%	-3%	-1%	-2%	-6%	-12%	Iowa	3%	0%	1%	6%	0%	10%
Pennsylvania	-6%	-6%	0%	0%	-1%	-12%	Louisiana	5%	-1%	5%	5%	-1%	12%
South Carolina	-9%	-2%	0%	1%	0%	-10%	Wisconsin	-1%	4%	5%	1%	4%	13%
Nevada	-1%	5%	10%	-3%	-18%	-9%	Oregon	-2%	7%	2%	1%	5%	14%
Rhode Island	2%	-15%	11%	-2%	-3%	-8%	North Dakota	11%	-1%	-5%	-2%	12%	14%
New Hampshire	4%	-11%	2%	-1%	-1%	-8%	Utah	10%	-4%	9%	2%	-2%	15%
Georgia	-1%	3%	-1%	2%	-9%	-6%	Indiana	4%	2%	5%	4%	0%	16%
Oklahoma	-6%	-7%	4%	6%	0%	-4%	Kansas	-4%	3%	12%	2%	3%	16%
Ohio	-3%	-2%	4%	4%	-3%	-1%	Alabama	-4%	-1%	11%	13%	-2%	16%
Maine	8%	-4%	2%	-4%	-2%	-1%	Vermont	-13%	-17%	16%	14%	21%	17%
Michigan	-1%	-5%	-2%	10%	-2%	-1%	Missouri	-4%	2%	12%	4%	2%	18%
Kentucky	-6%	2%	4%	5%	-4%	0%	Wyoming	3%	-6%	13%	10%	-3%	18%
Tennessee	-8%	4%	1%	3%	2%	2%	Arkansas	-1%	4%	10%	5%	0%	18%
Washington	-3%	-1%	0%	6%	0%	2%	Nebraska	2%	4%	-1%	9%	3%	18%
North Carolina	-4%	-3%	5%	7%	-2%	3%	Arizona	-3%	-6%	4%	15%	8%	19%
Hawaii	5%	-7%	5%	-2%	4%	3%	Colorado	-1%	1%	3%	8%	7%	20%
Minnesota	2%	-2%	6%	0%	-1%	3%	South Dakota	0%	2%	17%	10%	3%	34%
Maryland	0%	-6%	5%	2%	4%	5%	Montana	3%	14%	8%	6%	1%	35%
Illinois	-3%	-8%	4%	13%	0%	5%	Alaska	6%	-1%	15%	10%	3%	37%
California	-5%	-2%	8%	4%	1%	6%	New Mexico	11%	-4%	10%	6%	12%	40%

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Notes: 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 2012-2017. Data may not match prior years since the FBI makes occasional updates. This analysis uses the most recently available data.

Total percent change calculation in far right column "2012-2017": ((rate of violent crime per 100k in 2017/(rate of violent crime per 100k in 2012))-1.

Violent crime rates per 100k residents by state 2012-2017, with rankings in 2012 and 2017

State	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2012 Rank	2017 Rank	Percent Change 2012-2017
Alabama	450	431	428	473	532	524	37	43	16%
Alaska	604	639	636	731	805	829	48	50	37%
Arizona	429	416	393	410	471	508	36	42	19%
Arkansas	470	463	480	530	554	555	40	45	18%
California	424	403	396	428	445	449	35	36	6%
Colorado	307	305	308	318	344	368	23	28	20%
Connecticut	284	262	239	221	228	228	18	7	-20%
Delaware	551	501	488	504	510	453	45	38	-18%
Florida	487	469	459	463	429	408	43	31	-16%
Georgia	380	375	386	381	390	357	30	25	-6%
Hawaii	243	254	237	248	242	251	10	13	3%
Idaho	210	215	210	217	231	226	6	6	8%
Illinois	416	403	371	388	437	439	34	34	5%
Indiana	345	360	365	384	400	399	26	30	16%
Iowa	266	273	273	276	293	293	16	17	10%
Kansas	357	343	353	395	401	413	29	32	16%
Kentucky	225	211	215	224	236	226	8	5	0%
Louisiana	496	521	516	540	565	557	44	47	12%
Maine	122	133	128	130	124	121	1	1	-1%
Maryland	477	475	448	470	482	500	42	40	5%
Massachusetts	407	406	395	390	381	358	32	26	-12%
Michigan	455	452	429	421	461	450	39	37	-1%
Minnesota	231	234	229	243	242	238	9	11	3%
Mississippi	260	278	278	274	282	286	15	16	10%
Missouri	451	434	443	499	521	530	38	44	18%
Montana	279	288	329	353	374	377	17	29	35%
Nebraska	259	265	276	273	297	306	14	20	18%
Nevada	609	605	636	698	678	556	49	46	-9%
New Hampshire	215	223	198	202	200	199	7	3	-8%
New Jersey	290	289	261	256	244	229	20	8	-21%
New Mexico	560	623	598	657	699	784	46	49	40%
New York	406	394	385	380	375	357	31	24	-12%
North Carolina	354	341	329	346	372	364	27	27	3%
North Dakota	246	273	270	258	252	281	11	14	14%
Ohio	302	291	286	296	308	298	22	18	-1%
Oklahoma	474	446	414	429	455	456	41	39	-4%
Oregon	247	243	259	265	269	282	12	15	14%
Pennsylvania	356	335	315	315	316	313	28	21	-12%
Rhode Island	253	257	220	243	239	232	13	9	-8%
South Carolina	561	509	498	500	507	506	47	41	-10%
South Dakota	324	323	328	385	422	434	25	33	34%
Tennessee	639	586	611	619	639	652	50	48	2%
Texas	409	410	407	413	434	439	33	35	7%
Utah	208	229	220	239	243	239	5	12	15%
Vermont	142	124	103	119	137	166	2	2	17%
Virginia	192	198	198	200	220	208	3	4	9%
Washington	298	290	286	286	304	305	21	19	2%
West Virginia	320	305	316	348	363	351	24	23	10%
Wisconsin	284	281	291	304	307	320	19	22	13%
Wyoming	201	208	195	222	245	238	4	10	18%