



**State of Arkansas
Annual Crime Summary
January-December 1996**

Slightly more than 118,000 index crimes were reported to law enforcement agencies throughout Arkansas during the year, an increase of 1% compared to last year.

For this period of 1996, violent crime (murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault) decreased 4% compared to 1995. Murder showed the largest decrease (-15%), followed by robbery (-8%), and aggravated assault (-4%). The only violent crime showing an increase was rape (+13%).

Property crime (burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft and arson) has increased 2% compared to last year. The number of thefts alone increased from 69,589 in 1995 to 72,789 in 1996, an increase of 5%. Burglary and motor vehicle theft are down 3%.

Compared to 1995, total arrests increased 4%, from 195,060 in 1995 to 202,490 in 1996. Arrests for violent crime offenses increased only 1%. Driving under the influence (DUI) arrests decreased 3% and arrests for weapon possession decreased 16%. The largest increases were for drug arrests; a 7% increase overall, with sale of marijuana arrests up 14%; marijuana possession arrests up 17%, and cocaine possession arrests up 14%.

The value of property stolen in connection with index crimes amounted to \$107 million resulting in an increase from last year of 3%. Recovered property for 1996 amounted to \$45.4 million resulting in a recovery rate of 42%. The value of stolen motor vehicles was \$48.4 million with \$36.3 million recovered, a recovery rate of 75%.

Although burglary offenses decreased 3% from 1995, the value of stolen property taken during this crime increased slightly with the main increase occurring in day time residential burglary, up 4%.

There were 313 assaults on law enforcement officers, a decrease of 25% from 1995. Forty percent (40%) of the officers sustained injuries compared to 48% in 1995. Almost one-third of the assaults occurred during a response to a disturbance call.

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CRIME TRENDS

January-December 1996

The following tables portray the level of crime reported by the Arkansas law enforcement agencies to the Arkansas Crime Information Center. To be included in this trend an agency must have submitted reports for 1995 and 1996. The data for 1996 is preliminary.

Fourth Quarter Only

Offense	Oct.-Dec. 1995	Oct.-Dec. 1996	Crime Trend
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	65	52	-20.0%
Forcible Rape	217	188	-13.4%
Robbery	827	788	-4.7%
Aggravated Assault	2,097	2,028	-3.3%
Violent Crime Index	3,206	3,056	-4.7%
Burglary	6,690	6,259	-6.4%
Theft	17,401	18,318	+5.3%
Motor Vehicle Theft	2,001	2,043	+2.1%
Arson	171	154	-9.9%
Property Crime Index	26,263	26,774	+1.9%
TOTAL CRIME INDEX	29,469	29,830	+1.2%

Year to Date

Offense	Jan.-Dec. 1995	Jan.-Dec. 1996	Crime Trend
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	258	219	-15.1%
Forcible Rape	920	1,043	+13.4%
Robbery	3,113	2,857	-8.2%
Aggravated Assault	9,397	8,989	-4.3%
Violent Crime Index	13,688	13,108	-4.2%
Burglary	24,620	23,808	-3.3%
Theft	69,585	72,789	+4.6%
Motor Vehicle Theft	8,050	7,817	-2.9%
Arson	663	626	-5.6%
Property Crime Index	102,918	105,040	+2.1%
TOTAL CRIME INDEX	116,606	118,148	+1.3%

TOTAL ARRESTS BY AGE, SEX, AND RACE

January-December 1996

OFFENSE	TOTAL ARRESTS	AGE		SEX		RACE		
		Juvenile	Adult	Male	Female	White	Black	Other
INDEX OFFENSES								
Murder	233	39	194	210	23	79	154	0
Forcible Rape	469	69	400	463	6	247	220	2
Robbery	939	277	662	848	91	244	689	6
Aggravated Assault	3,817	501	3,316	3,150	667	1,616	2,191	10
Burglary	3,390	1,263	2,127	3,112	278	1,936	1,441	13
Theft	16,318	4,913	11,405	10,641	5,677	9,294	6,902	122
Motor Vehicle Theft	654	300	354	552	102	416	233	5
Arson	120	41	79	120	18	80	39	1
SUBTOTAL - INDEX ARRESTS	25,940	7,403	18,537	19,078	6,862	13,912	11,869	159
OTHER OFFENSES								
Manslaughter by Negligence	19	1	18	15	4	17	2	0
Non-Aggravated Assault	8,501	941	7,560	6,839	1,662	4,872	3,598	31
Forgery/Counterfeiting	2,111	157	1,954	1,217	894	1,459	650	2
Fraud	18,295	117	18,178	9,160	9,135	14,309	3,930	56
Embezzlement	30	1	29	30	8	16	14	0
Stolen Property:Buy, Receive, Possess	2,324	454	1,870	1,875	449	1,200	1,111	13
Vandalism	1,316	430	886	1,077	239	795	515	6
Weapons: Carrying, Possession, etc.	2,573	371	2,202	2,314	259	1,359	1,202	12
Prostitution & Commercialized Vice	236	7	229	108	128	112	123	1
Sex Offenses (except Rape & Prostitution)	519	76	443	494	25	416	95	8
Gambling	143	19	124	133	10	21	122	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	1,218	10	1,208	985	223	963	251	4
Driving Under the Influence	19,142	294	18,848	16,659	2,483	15,397	3,616	129
Liquor Laws	3,803	648	3,155	3,208	595	2,673	1,109	21
Drunkenness	20,804	436	20,368	18,204	2,600	15,219	5,431	154
Disorderly Conduct	8,816	1,472	7,344	6,612	2,204	4,297	4,497	22
Vagrancy	1,106	23	1,083	830	263	267	814	0
All Other (except Traffic)	69,494	4,042	65,452	53,830	15,664	44,267	24,882	345
Suspicion	874	214	660	655	219	299	574	1
Curfew & Loitering Law Violations	1,954	1,954	-	1,505	449	984	923	47
Runaways	1,239	1,239	-	466	773	908	311	20
Subtotal - Other Offenses	164,517	12,906	151,609	126,229	38,286	109,875	53,770	872
SALE/MFG-NARCOTIC DRUGS								
Cocaine & Derivatives	1,169	46	1,123	998	171	305	861	3
Marijuana	1,413	100	1,313	1,164	249	1,045	363	5
Synthetic Narcotics	394	8	386	289	105	367	26	1
Dangerous-Non-Narcotic Drugs	58	2	56	35	23	49	9	0
Subtotal - Sale/Mfg	3,034	156	2,878	2,486	548	1,766	1,259	9
POSSESSION-NARCOTIC DRUGS								
Cocaine & Derivatives	1,743	165	1,578	1,500	243	590	1,145	8
Marijuana	6,389	953	5,436	5,437	952	4,508	1,845	36
Synthetic Narcotics	618	19	599	462	156	488	129	1
Dangerous-Non-Narcotic Drugs	249	19	230	181	68	200	48	1
Subtotal - Possession	8,999	1,156	7,843	7,580	1,419	5,786	3,167	46
TOTAL - DRUG ARRESTS	12,033	1,312	10,721	10,066	1,967	7,552	4,426	55
TOTAL ALL ARRESTS	202,490	21,621	180,867	155,373	47,115	131,339	70,065	1,086

ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN BY TYPE OF OFFENSE

January-December 1996

Stolen During Offense of	Number of Offenses	Value of Property Stolen
Robbery		
Highway	1,238	\$578,166
Commercial House	456	\$179,037
Service Station	57	\$16,239
Convenience Store	178	\$48,977
Residence	439	\$240,925
Bank	20	\$100,464
Miscellaneous	470	\$144,354
TOTAL	2,858	\$1,308,162
Burglary		
Day Time - Residential	6,928	\$7,102,705
Day Time - Non Residential	1,124	\$1,124,823
Night Time - Residential	6,072	\$5,361,482
Night Time - Non Residential	3,650	\$3,169,596
Time Unknown - Residential	4,423	\$4,624,331
Time Unknown - Non Residential	1,634	\$1,687,845
TOTAL	23,831	\$23,070,782
Theft		
Pocket Picking/Purse Snatching	712	\$218,338
Shoplifting	9,777	\$698,404
Thefts from Motor Vehicles	13,460	\$5,577,825
Motor Vehicle Parts & Accessories	6,468	\$2,176,322
All Other	42,403	\$25,829,121
TOTAL	72,820	\$34,500,010
Motor Vehicle Theft	7,822	\$47,999,074
Murder	219	\$1,251
Rape	1,043	\$30,347
GRAND TOTAL	108,593	\$106,899,626