



## **CRIME IN THE U.S. 2008**

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On September 14, 2009, the Federal Bureau of Investigation released *Crime in the United States 2008*. This annual publication is a compilation of statistics collected by the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program, which is a nationwide, cooperative statistical effort of more than 17,000 city, university and college, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies voluntarily reporting data on crimes brought to their attention. During 2008, law enforcement agencies active in the UCR program represented 94.9 percent of the total population.

Data for Ohio, the East North Central region of the Midwest<sup>1</sup>, and the U.S. are summarized below.

**Violent Crime.** Violent crime includes murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. The overall rate (per 100,000 population) of violent crime in the U.S. decreased 2.7 percent from 2007 to 2008. The East North Central region showed a rate decrease of 2.5 percent. In Ohio, the rate increased 1.5 percent, from 343.2 per 100,000 population to 348.2 per 100,000 population. Ohio's violent crime rate is still much lower than the nation's rate of 454.5.

- Murder and non-negligent manslaughter. The murder rate decreased 4.7 percent for the U.S. and 5.6 percent in the East North Central region. In Ohio, the murder rate increased 5.1 percent.
- Forcible rape. Rape decreased 2.4 percent in the U.S. and 1.5 percent in the East North Central region. The rape rate decreased 0.9 percent in Ohio.
- Robbery. Robbery rates decreased 1.5 percent in the U.S. and increased 0.3 percent in the East North Central region. Ohio showed an increase of 2.3 percent in robbery from 159.2 to 163.0 per 100,000 population. Ohio's rate is higher than that of the U.S. (145.3) and the region (147.4).
- Aggravated Assault. Aggravated assault rates decreased 3.2 percent in the U.S. and 4.2 percent in the East North Central region. In Ohio, the aggravated assault rate increased 1.0 percent. Ohio's rate (142.1) is less than that of the region (232.8) and nearly half that of the U.S. (274.6).

**Property Crime.** Property crime consists of burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft<sup>2</sup>. The property crime rate in the U.S. decreased 1.6 percent, from 3263.5 per 100,000 to 3212.5 per 100,000. In the East North Central region, property crime decreased 1.8 percent. In Ohio, the overall property crime rate decreased 1.3 percent.

- Burglary. The burglary rate increased 1.2 percent in the U.S. and increased 2.2 percent in the East North Central region. In Ohio, the burglary rate increased 3.9 percent to 892.8 per 100,000 population. This rate is higher than that of the U.S. (730.8) and is the highest in the East North Central region.
- Larceny-theft. Larceny-theft rates decreased 0.5 percent in the U.S. and decreased 1.8 percent in the East North Central region. In Ohio, the larceny-theft rate decreased 1.4 percent.

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<sup>1</sup> The East North Central region consists of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

<sup>2</sup> Arson is also considered a property crime; however, the UCR program does not have sufficient data to estimate arson offenses.

- Motor vehicle theft. Motor vehicle theft decreased 13.4 percent in the U.S. and 11.7 percent in the East North Central region. In Ohio, the rate decreased 15.7 percent to 248.4 per 100,000—a rate lower than that of the East North Central region (272.3) and the U.S. (314.7).
- The following tables display 2007-2008 crime rate changes for the U.S., the East North Central region, Ohio, and Ohio’s largest cities.

**Change in crime rate (per 100,000 population) from 2007 to 2008**

OFFENSES	OHIO	NATIONAL/REGIONAL
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Violent Crime Totals</b></p> <p>Ohio: Increase of 1.5%.</p>	<p>Akron: Increase of 22.1%</p> <p>Cincinnati: Increase of 17.1%</p> <p>Cleveland: Decrease of 2.5%</p> <p>Columbus: Decrease of 9.1%</p> <p>Dayton: Increase of 5.6%</p> <p>Toledo: Decrease of 7.1%</p> <p>Youngstown: Increase of 1.0%</p>	<p><b>National:</b> Decrease of 2.7%.</p> <p><b>East North Central:</b> Decrease of 2.5%. Michigan reported the largest decrease (-6.4%). Increases were reported by Indiana (+0.1%) and Ohio (+1.5%).</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Murder</p> <p>Ohio: Increase of 5.1%.</p>	<p>Akron: Decrease of 22.0%</p> <p>Cincinnati: Increase of 15.8%</p> <p>Cleveland: Increase of 15.0%</p> <p>Columbus: Increase of 35.1%</p> <p>Dayton: Increase of 33.3%</p> <p>Toledo: Increase of 29.3%</p> <p>Youngstown: Decrease of 22.8%</p>	<p><b>National:</b> Decrease of 4.7%.</p> <p><b>East North Central:</b> Decrease of 5.6%. Double-digit decreases were reported by Michigan (-19.3%) and Wisconsin (-20.6%). Illinois and Ohio reported increases of 4.7% and 5.1%, respectively.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Forcible Rape</p> <p>Ohio: Decrease of 0.9%.</p>	<p>Akron: Decrease of 3.2%</p> <p>Cincinnati: Decrease of 14.1%</p> <p>Cleveland: Increase of 14.8%</p> <p>Columbus: Decrease of 8.9%</p> <p>Dayton: Decrease of 8.7%</p> <p>Toledo: Decrease of 18.4%</p> <p>Youngstown: Decrease of 25.4%</p>	<p><b>National:</b> Decrease of 2.4%.</p> <p><b>East North Central:</b> Decrease of 1.5%. No states reported an increase in rape. Wisconsin had the greatest decrease (-8.9%).</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Robbery</p> <p>Ohio: Increase of 2.3%.</p>	<p>Akron: Increase of 10.7%</p> <p>Cincinnati: Increase of 23.3%</p> <p>Cleveland: Decrease of 4.0%</p> <p>Columbus: Decrease of 8.7%</p> <p>Dayton: Increase of 8.8%</p> <p>Toledo: Increase of 5.4%</p> <p>Youngstown: Increase of 1.8%</p>	<p><b>National:</b> Decrease of 1.5%</p> <p><b>East North Central:</b> Increase of 0.3%. Michigan, Indiana, and Wisconsin reported decreases in robbery, while Ohio and Illinois reported increases.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Aggravated Assault</p> <p>Ohio: Increase of 1.0%.</p>	<p>Akron: Increase of 43.6%</p> <p>Cincinnati: Increase of 15.3%</p> <p>Cleveland: Decrease of 3.4%</p> <p>Columbus: Decrease of 12.2%</p> <p>Dayton: Increase of 3.4%</p> <p>Toledo: Decrease of 13.3%</p> <p>Youngstown: Increase of 5.8%</p>	<p><b>National:</b> Decrease of 3.2%.</p> <p><b>East North Central:</b> Decrease of 4.2%. Increases were reported in Ohio (+1.0%) and Indiana (+4.0%).</p>

OFFENSES	OHIO	NATIONAL/REGIONAL
<p><b>Property Crime Totals</b> Ohio: Decrease of 1.3%.</p>	<p>Akron: Increase of 3.1% Cincinnati: Decrease of 1.4% Cleveland: Decrease of 5.8% Columbus: Decrease of 8.2% Dayton: Decrease of 8.8% Toledo: Decrease of 12.1% Youngstown: Increase of 9.9%</p>	<p><b>National:</b> Decrease of 1.6% <b>East North Central:</b> Decrease of 1.8%. All states reported a decrease in overall property crime, ranging from 0.1% (Illinois) to 4.3% (Michigan).</p>
<p>Burglary Ohio: Increase of 3.9%.</p>	<p>Akron: Increase of 14.6% Cincinnati: Increase of 2.0% Cleveland: Increase of 2.1% Columbus: Increase of 0.2% Dayton: Decrease of 0.2% Toledo: Increase of 2.9% Youngstown: Increase of 10.5%</p>	<p><b>National:</b> Increase of 1.2% <b>East North Central:</b> Increase of 2.2%. Decreases were noted in two states, Michigan (-1.0%) and Wisconsin (-1.8%).</p>
<p>Larceny-Theft Ohio: Decrease of 1.4%.</p>	<p>Akron: Increase of 1.4% Cincinnati: Decrease of 0.1% Cleveland: Decrease of 3.0% Columbus: Decrease of 10.4% Dayton: Decrease of 9.0% Toledo: Decrease of 17.2% Youngstown: Increase of 9.2%</p>	<p><b>National:</b> Decrease of 0.5% <b>East North Central:</b> Decrease of 1.8%. All states reported a decrease in larceny-theft, ranging from 0.8% (Illinois) to 3.5% (Michigan).</p>
<p>Motor Vehicle Theft Ohio: Decrease of 15.7%.</p>	<p>Akron: Decrease of 20.3% Cincinnati: Decrease of 19.7% Cleveland: Decrease of 20.9% Columbus: Decrease of 16.5% Dayton: Decrease of 25.7% Toledo: Decrease of 26.5% Youngstown: Increase of 10.5%</p>	<p><b>National:</b> Decrease of 13.4%. <b>East North Central:</b> Decrease of 11.7%. All states posted relatively large decreases, ranging from -4.2% (Illinois) to -15.7% (Ohio).</p>
<p>Arson Ohio: not available.</p>	<p>Akron: No change Cincinnati: Increase of 2.7% Cleveland: Decrease of 4.6% Columbus: Increase of 27.9% Dayton: Increase of 0.9% Toledo: Decrease of 16.3% Youngstown: Increase of 1.0%</p>	<p>Arson data are not available for a regional or national comparison.</p>

