



## **CRIME IN THE U.S. 2007**

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On September 15, 2008, the Federal Bureau of Investigation released *Crime in the United States 2007*. 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 2007, law enforcement agencies active in the UCR program represented 94.6 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 1.4 percent from 2006 to 2007. The East North Central region showed a rate decrease of 1.5 percent. In Ohio, the rate decreased 2.0 percent, from 350.3 per 100,000 population to 343.2 per 100,000 population. Ohio's violent crime rate is still much lower than the nation's rate of 466.9.

- Murder and non-negligent manslaughter. The murder rate decreased 1.3 percent for the U.S. and 3.3 percent in the East North Central region. In Ohio, the murder rate decreased 4.2 percent.
- Forcible rape. Rape decreased 3.2 percent in the U.S. and 4.6 percent in the East North Central region. The rape rate decreased 2.0 percent in Ohio.
- Robbery. Robbery rates decreased 1.2 percent in the U.S. and 2.7 percent in the East North Central region. Ohio showed a decrease of 4.6 percent in robbery from 166.8 to 159.2 per 100,000 population. Ohio's rate is higher than that of the U.S. (147.6) and the region (147.0).
- Aggravated Assault. Aggravated assault rates decreased 1.3 percent in the U.S. and 0.3 percent in the East North Central region. In Ohio, the aggravated assault rate increased 1.1 percent. Ohio's rate (140.7) is less than that of the region (243.1) and less than half that of the U.S. (283.8).

**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 2.1 percent, from 3334.5 per 100,000 to 3263.5 per 100,000. In the East North Central region, property crime decreased 3.8 percent. In Ohio, the overall property crime rate decreased 6.1 percent.

- Burglary. The burglary rate decreased 0.9 percent in the U.S. and decreased 2.2 percent in the East North Central region. In Ohio, the burglary rate decreased 5.6 percent to 859.1 per 100,000 population. This rate is higher than that of the U.S. (722.5) and is the highest in the East North Central region.
- Larceny-theft. Larceny-theft rates decreased 1.3 percent in the U.S. and decreased 3.1 percent in the East North Central region. In Ohio, the larceny-theft rate decreased 5.8 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 8.8 percent in the U.S. and 11.4 percent in the East North Central region. In Ohio, the rate decreased 9.7 percent to 294.6 per 100,000—a rate lower than that of the East North Central region (308.2) and the U.S. (363.3).
- The following tables display 2006-2007 crime rate changes for the U.S., the East North Central region, Ohio, and Ohio's largest cities<sup>3</sup>.

**Change in crime rate (per 100,000 population) from 2006 to 2007**

OFFENSES	OHIO	NATIONAL/REGIONAL
<b>Violent Crime Totals</b> Ohio: Decrease of 2.0%.	Cincinnati: Decrease of 11.4%. Cleveland: Decrease of 5.3%. Columbus: Increase of 4.8%. Dayton: Decrease of 5.1%. Toledo: Increase of 7.0%. Youngstown: Decrease of 16.8%.	<b>National:</b> Decrease of 1.4%. <b>East North Central:</b> Decrease of 1.5%. Michigan reported the largest decrease (-4.7%).
Murder Ohio: Decrease of 4.2%.	Cincinnati: Decrease of 34.2%. Cleveland: Increase of 23.5%. Columbus: Decrease of 24.5%. Dayton: Decrease of 22.6%. Toledo: Decrease of 62.2%. Youngstown: Increase of 33.5%.	<b>National:</b> Decrease of 1.3%. <b>East North Central:</b> Decrease of 3.3%. Michigan reported the largest decrease (-5.0%), while Wisconsin was the only state to report an increase (+10.7%).
Forcible Rape Ohio: Decrease of 2.0%.	Cincinnati: No change. Cleveland: Decrease of 13.5%. Columbus: Increase of 12.1%. Dayton: Decrease of 1.1%. Toledo: Decrease of 9.1%. Youngstown: Increase of 8.1%.	<b>National:</b> Decrease of 3.2%. <b>East North Central:</b> Decrease of 4.6%. Michigan reported a 12.9% decrease. Wisconsin reported the largest increase (+7.3%).
Robbery Ohio: Decrease of 4.6%.	Cincinnati: Decrease of 22.0%. Cleveland: Decrease of 3.5%. Columbus: Increase of 4.9%. Dayton: Decrease of 5.4%. Toledo: Decrease of 0.1%. Youngstown: Decrease of 21.3%.	<b>National:</b> Decrease of 1.2%. <b>East North Central:</b> Only Indiana reported an increase (+8.1%), while others reported decreases ranging from -2.5% to -5.4%.
Aggravated Assault Ohio: Increase of 1.1%.	Cincinnati: Increase of 11.1%. Cleveland: Decrease of 8.2%. Columbus: Increase of 3.6%. Dayton: Decrease of 4.5%. Toledo: Increase of 14.0%. Youngstown: Decrease of 19.0%.	<b>National:</b> Decrease of 1.3%. <b>East North Central:</b> Decrease of 0.3%. Illinois and Michigan reported decreases, while Ohio, Wisconsin, and Indiana reported increases ranging from +1.1% (Ohio) to +6.8% (Indiana).

<sup>3</sup> Akron's data were not included in Crime in the United States 2006; therefore, the crime rate changes could not be calculated.

OFFENSES	OHIO	NATIONAL/REGIONAL
<p><b>Property Crime Totals</b> Ohio: Decrease of 6.1%.</p>	<p>Cincinnati: Decrease of 13.6%. Cleveland: Decrease of 1.5%. Columbus: Decrease of 1.8%. Dayton: Decrease of 9.0%. Toledo: Decrease of 11.2%. Youngstown: Decrease of 14.0%.</p>	<p><b>National:</b> Decrease of 2.1% <b>East North Central:</b> Decrease of 3.8%. Nearly all states reported decreases ranging from -2.8% to -6.1%. Wisconsin reported a slight increase.</p>
<p>Burglary Ohio: Decrease of 5.6%.</p>	<p>Cincinnati: Decrease of 4.0%. Cleveland: Decrease of 3.5%. Columbus: Decrease of 3.6%. Dayton: Decrease of 5.1%. Toledo: Decrease of 12.9%. Youngstown: Decrease of 14.0%.</p>	<p><b>National:</b> Decrease of 0.9% <b>East North Central:</b> Decrease of 2.2%. Michigan, Illinois, and Ohio reported decreases, while Indiana and Wisconsin reported increases.</p>
<p>Larceny-Theft Ohio: Decrease of 5.8%.</p>	<p>Cincinnati: Decrease of 15.2%. Cleveland: Decrease of 4.4%. Columbus: Decrease of 0.6%. Dayton: Decrease of 5.0%. Toledo: Decrease of 7.5%. Youngstown: Decrease of 9.6%.</p>	<p><b>National:</b> Decrease of 1.3% <b>East North Central:</b> Decrease of 3.1%. Only Wisconsin reported an increase (+1.0). Ohio reported the greatest decrease (-5.8%).</p>
<p>Motor Vehicle Theft Ohio: Decrease of 9.7%.</p>	<p>Cincinnati: Decrease of 27.8%. Cleveland: Increase of 6.8%. Columbus: Decrease of 3.3%. Dayton: Decrease of 26.2%. Toledo: Decrease of 25.3%. Youngstown: Decrease of 27.6%.</p>	<p><b>National:</b> Decrease of 8.8%. <b>East North Central:</b> Decrease of 11.4%. All states posted relatively large decreases, ranging from -5.0% (Wisconsin) to -15.5% (Michigan).</p>
<p>Arson Ohio: not available.</p>	<p>Cincinnati: Decrease of 20.4%. Cleveland: Increase of 5.8%. Columbus: Increase of 13.4%. Dayton: Increase of 4.7%. Toledo: Increase of 0.9%. Youngstown: Decrease of 6.2%.</p>	<p>Arson data are not available for a regional or national comparison.</p>

