

SECTION I - CRIME TRENDS

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Violent Crimes/Property Crimes

Please note the following while reviewing this section:

The Downstate Offense Total is the sum of data reported by sheriffs' offices, police departments (other than the Chicago Police Department), colleges, universities and the Secretary of State's Office.

The Chicago Police Department Total is the data reported only by the Chicago Police Department.

The State Offense Total is the sum of the Chicago Police Department and Downstate Illinois.

Each category of offense information reflects data for offenses that occurred between January 1, 1997, and December 31, 1997. Due to late or adjusted data, 1996 figures reflected in this publication are not comparable with those figures published in Crime in Illinois 1996.

The 1996 and 1997 crime rates for this section were calculated using the 1996 estimated population statistics or figures obtained from a special census. The statistics indicated in this section are the most recent complete population census figures available for each year. Section II, Crime Index Offense/Crime Rate, contains a more detailed explanation.

State Totals Crime Index Offenses 1995-1997

	INDEX OFFENSE	YEAR	NUMBER OF OFFENSES	% VOLUME CHANGE	CRIME RATE PER 100,000	% CHANGE
VIOLENT CRIMES	Murder	1995	1,225		10.4	
		1996	1,170	-4.5	9.8	-5.8
		1997	1,096	-6.3	9.2	-6.1
	Criminal Sexual Assault	1995	7,234		61.2	
		1996	6,746	-6.7	56.6	-7.5
		1997	6,578	-2.5	55.1	-2.7
	Robbery	1995	39,194		331.4	
		1996	35,302	-9.9	296.1	-10.7
		1997	33,181	-6.0	277.9	-6.1
	Aggravated Assault, Aggravated Battery, Attempted Murder and Ritual Mutilation	1995	72,115		609.8	
1996		66,238	-8.1	555.5	-8.9	
1997		63,944	-3.5	535.6	-3.6	
Subtotal	1995	119,768		1,012.7		
	1996	109,456	-8.6	918.0	-9.4	
	1997	104,799	-4.3	877.8	-4.4	
PROPERTY CRIMES	Burglary	1995	107,202		906.5	
		1996	106,230	-0.9	891.0	-1.7
		1997	103,550	-2.5	867.3	-2.7
	Theft	1995	366,194		3,096.5	
		1996	365,859	-0.1	3,068.5	-0.9
		1997	358,383	-2.0	3,001.8	-2.2
	Motor Vehicle Theft	1995	62,286		526.7	
		1996	57,880	-7.1	485.4	-7.8
		1997	55,927	-3.4	468.4	-3.5
	Arson	1995	3,793		32.1	
1996		3,861	+1.8	32.4	+0.9	
1997		3,636	-5.8	30.5	-5.9	
Subtotal	1995	539,475		4,561.7		
	1996	533,830	-1.0	4,477.3	-1.9	
	1997	521,496	-2.3	4,368.0	-2.4	
Crime Index Total		1995	659,243		5,574.4	
		1996	643,286	-2.4	5,395.3	-3.2
		1997	626,295	-2.6	5,245.8	-2.8

Downstate Illinois Crime Index Offenses 1995-1997

	INDEX OFFENSE	YEAR	NUMBER OF OFFENSES	% VOLUME CHANGE	CRIME RATE PER 100,000	% CHANGE
VIOLENT CRIMES	Murder	1995	401		4.4	
		1996	381	-5.0	4.1	-6.8
		1997	339	-11.0	3.7	-9.8
	Criminal Sexual Assault	1995	4,338		47.7	
		1996	3,994	-7.9	43.4	-9.0
		1997	4,033	+1.0	43.8	+0.9
VIOLENT CRIMES	Robbery	1995	9,108		100.1	
		1996	8,442	-7.3	91.7	-8.4
		1997	7,892	-6.5	85.6	-6.7
	Aggravated Assault, Aggravated Battery, Attempted Murder and Ritual Mutilation	1995	32,910		361.9	
		1996	29,141	-11.5	316.7	-12.5
		1997	27,425	-5.9	297.5	-6.1
VIOLENT CRIMES	Subtotal	1995	46,757		514.1	
		1996	41,958	-10.3	456.0	-11.3
		1997	39,689	-5.4	430.6	-5.6
PROPERTY CRIMES	Burglary	1995	66,963		736.3	
		1996	65,755	-1.8	714.6	-2.9
		1997	62,918	-4.3	682.6	-4.5
	Theft	1995	244,707		2,690.7	
		1996	246,367	+0.7	2,677.5	-0.5
		1997	238,774	-3.1	2,590.4	-3.3
PROPERTY CRIMES	Motor Vehicle Theft	1995	26,089		286.9	
		1996	23,789	-8.8	258.5	-9.9
		1997	22,320	-6.2	242.1	-6.3
	Arson	1995	2,292		25.2	
		1996	2,301	+0.4	25.0	-0.8
		1997	2,092	-9.1	22.7	-9.2
PROPERTY CRIMES	Subtotal	1995	340,051		3,739.1	
		1996	338,212	-0.5	3,675.6	-1.7
		1997	326,104	-3.6	3,537.9	-3.7
CRIME INDEX TOTAL	Crime Index Total	1995	386,808		4,253.2	
		1996	380,170	-1.7	4,131.6	-2.9
		1997	365,793	-3.8	3,968.5	-3.9

Chicago Police Department Crime Index Offenses 1995-1997

	INDEX OFFENSE	YEAR	NUMBER OF OFFENSES	% VOLUME CHANGE	CRIME RATE PER 100,000	% CHANGE
VIOLENT CRIMES	Murder	1995	824		30.2	
		1996	789	-4.2	29.0	-4.0
		1997	757	-4.1	27.8	-4.1
	Criminal Sexual Assault	1995	2,896		106.0	
		1996	2,752	-5.0	101.1	-4.6
		1997	2,545	-7.5	93.5	-7.5
VIOLENT CRIMES	Robbery	1995	30,086		1,101.3	
		1996	26,860	-10.7	986.9	-10.4
		1997	25,289	-5.8	929.2	-5.8
	Aggravated Assault, Aggravated Battery, Attempted Murder and Ritual Mutilation	1995	39,205		1,435.2	
		1996	37,097	-5.4	1,363.1	-5.0
		1997	36,519	-1.6	1,341.8	-1.6
VIOLENT CRIMES	Subtotal	1995	73,011		2,672.7	
		1996	67,498	-7.6	2,480.1	-7.2
		1997	65,110	-3.5	2,392.4	-3.5
PROPERTY CRIMES	Burglary	1995	40,239		1,473.0	
		1996	40,475	+0.6	1,487.2	+1.0
		1997	40,632	+0.4	1,493.0	+0.4
	Theft	1995	121,487		4,447.2	
		1996	119,492	-1.6	4,390.6	-1.3
		1997	119,609	+0.1	4,394.9	+0.1
PROPERTY CRIMES	Motor Vehicle Theft	1995	36,197		1,325.1	
		1996	34,091	-5.8	1,252.6	-5.5
		1997	33,607	-1.4	1,234.8	-1.4
	Arson	1995	1,501		54.9	
		1996	1,560	+3.9	57.3	+4.4
		1997	1,544	-1.0	56.7	-1.0
PROPERTY CRIMES	Subtotal	1995	199,424		7,300.2	
		1996	195,618	-1.9	7,187.8	-1.5
		1997	195,392	-0.1	7,179.4	-0.1
CRIME INDEX TOTAL	Crime Index Total	1995	272,435		9,972.9	
		1996	263,116	-3.4	9,667.9	-3.1
		1997	260,502	-1.0	9,571.8	-1.0