

PROPERTY CRIMES

Property crimes include burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and arson. These crimes do not involve the threat of violence, but entail property taken from one by another, or the destruction of property by arson.

Property crimes showed a decrease during 1998, falling by 1,079 reported offenses. The 1998 total of 36,483 represents a 2.9% decrease from the 1997 figure of 37,562.

Law enforcement agencies cleared 9,744 property crimes during 1998 for a 26.7% clearance rate. Property crimes represent 95.9% of all reported index crimes and account for a crime rate of 29.54 offenses per 1,000.

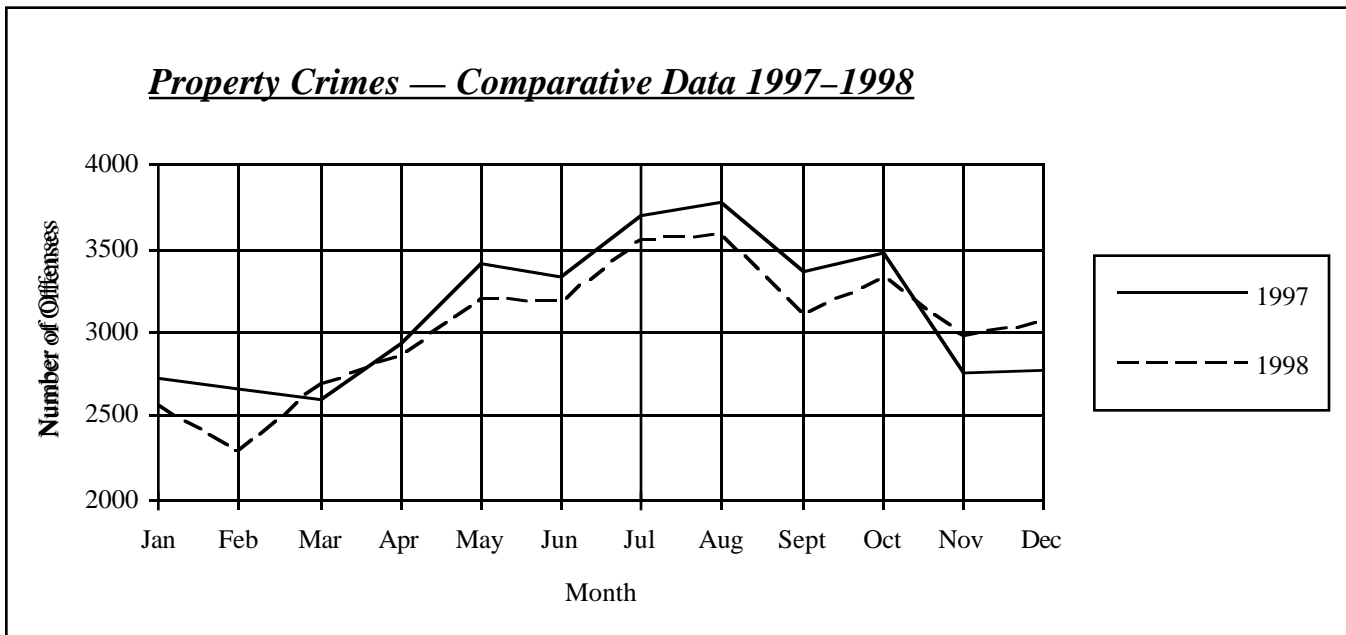
Crime Clock



Number of Offenses — Comparative Data 1997–1998

	Burglary	Larceny	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson	Totals
1997	8,218	27,449	1,642	253	37,562
1998	8,300	26,464	1,517	202	36,483
Number Change	82	-985	-125	-51	-1,079
Percent Change	1.0%	-3.6%	-7.6%	-20.2%	-2.9%

Property Crimes — Comparative Data 1997–1998



Property Crime by County

(State Property Crime Rate: 29.54)

