How Does Rochester Compare to Other Cities?

Across the 24 cities within the sample, there was enormous variation in terms of both number of homicides and homicide rates per 100,000.

- Compared with the other 23 cities in this study, Rochester ranked 12th in terms of homicide rate with a rate of 20.02 per 100,000, indicating a moderately high homicide rate.
- Rochester ranked higher than some larger cities, such as LA, which has often been viewed as more violent.
- Chicago featured the highest number of homicides in this sample (762), however its rate of 28.08 is still comparable to that of Rochester.
- Over one third of the sample cities experienced a decrease or no change in number of homicides, and many of the increases were not substantial.

Homicide Rates Over Time

In the above chart, the red line indicates the rate per 100,000 from year to year while the blue line shows the overall trend in homicide rate.

The rate of homicides in Rochester, NY have risen from 11.86 per 100,000 in 1969 to 20.02 in 2016, indicating an increase over time in the problem of homicides within the city.

The number of homicides in Rochester have been relatively consistent over this time period, however the population has been steadily decreasing, resulting in greater homicide rates.

The increased homicide rate from 1991 to 1998 was associated with the expansion of crack cocaine experienced in many American cities during the 1990s.

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