



Crime in Rochester 2012

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Introduction

The FBI's Uniform Crime Report tracks crime across the United States based on local police data. The UCR provides detailed statistics for major violent and property crimes by year.

Violent crimes include:

- Murder
- Rape
- Robbery
- Aggravated Assault

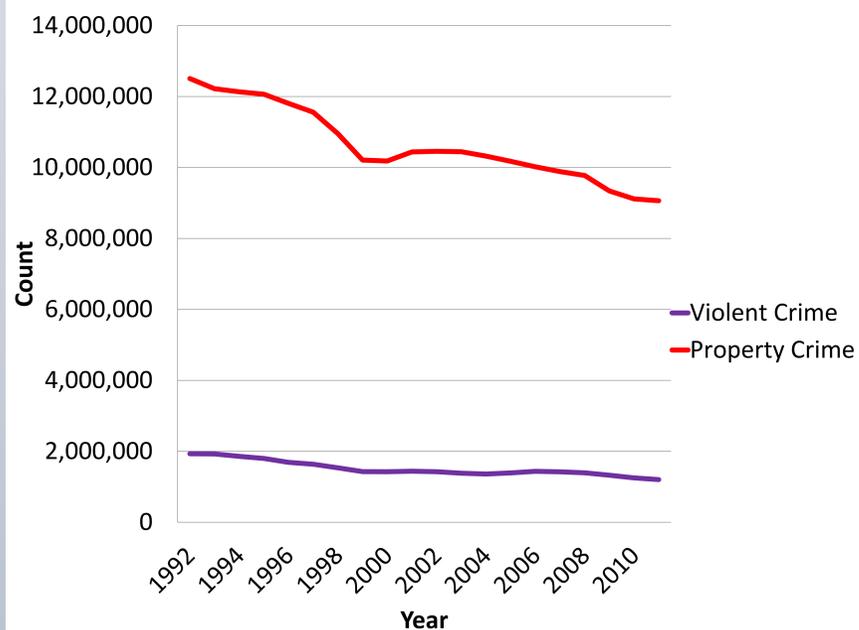
Property crimes include:

- Burglary
- Larceny
- Motor Vehicle Theft

Violent crimes are much more serious, but property offenses actually occur much more often.

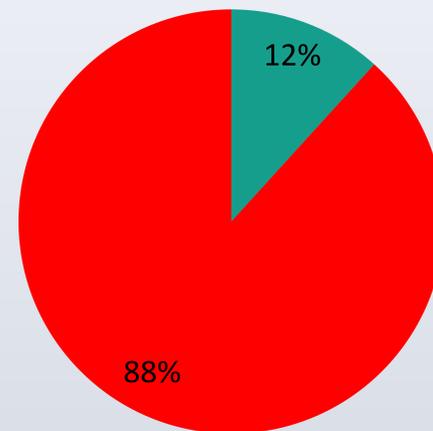
Crime in the United States peaked in the early 1990s, but ever since has been steadily declining.

Crime in the US 1992-2011



Crime in the United States 2011
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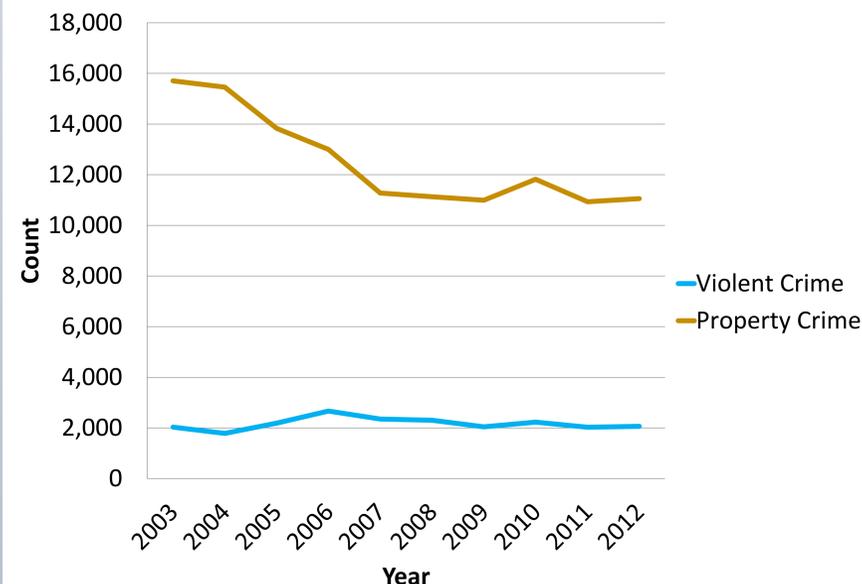
Violent Crime Property Crime



History of Crime in Rochester

Since 2003, property crimes in Rochester have declined. Violent crime has fluctuated slightly throughout the years, but the number of violent crimes in 2012 is almost identical to the amount of violent crime in 2003.

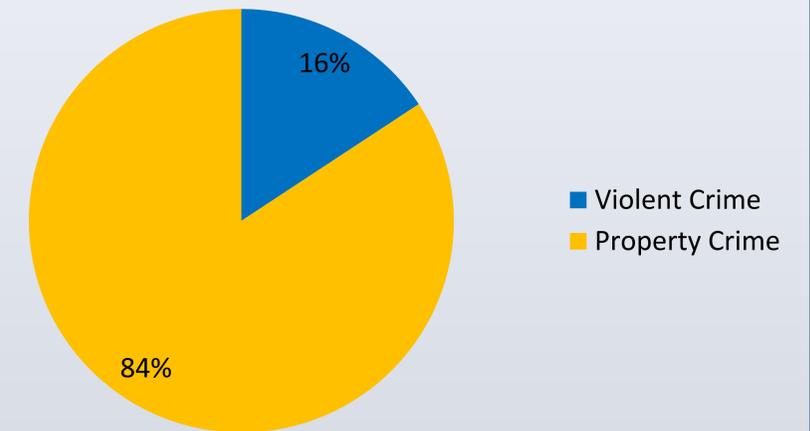
Rochester Crime Trends



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There were a total of 13,115 total index crimes reported to police in 2012. Property crime makes up most of these offenses.

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Conclusion

Crime trends in Rochester seem to mirror those in the US overall. Although we tend to give the most attention to violent crime, in reality, property offenses makes up the vast majority of all crime. When examining the years 2003 to 2012, there were an average of 2,168 violent crimes in Rochester. The city averaged 12,520 property crimes in this same period. Using these averages, property crime accounted for almost six times the number of offenses as violent crime. While violent crime receives the most attention from both police and the public, it occurs much less frequently than property crime.

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