Florida Crime at a Glance

A breakdown of crime trends from 1997 to 2017 and an evaluation of crime by type to show a brief analysis of crime in Florida.

The following data comes from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement’s Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) system; the system provides standardized annual and semi-annual reports on crime statistics based on data gathered from across the state.

The crimes recorded by the UCR are classified as Index Crimes; Index Crimes are composed of Violent Crimes and Property Crimes. Violent Crimes are categorized as: Murder, Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault. Property Crimes are categorized as: Burglary, Larceny, and Motor Vehicle Theft.

From 1997 to 2017, Florida experienced a 58.9% decrease in the total rate of reported Index Crimes per 100,000 population.

In Florida, the overall number of reported crimes has decreased from 1997 to 2017. The number of Violent Crimes reported has decreased from 146,929 in 1997 to 85,558 in 2017 causing the Violent Crime rate to decrease by 58.2%, from 998.6 offenses (per 100,000 population) in 1997 to 417.7 in 2017. The number of Property Crimes reported has decreased from 922,956 in 1997 to 526,816 in 2017 causing the Property Crime rate to decrease by 59.0%, from 6,273.1 offenses (per 100,000 population) in 1997 to 2,517.8 in 2017. Florida’s population increased 39.2% during the twenty-year period.

Changes in Violent Crime and Property Crime by crime type from 2016 to 2017

All Violent Crimes, with the exception of Rape which increased 4.6%, decreased from 2016 to 2017.

Every Property Crime has decreased from 2016 to 2017.

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