

A Note on Violent Crime

In "City and Suburban Crime Trends in Metropolitan America" the definition of *violent crime* includes five categories, in keeping with the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics definition: murder, rape/sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated and simple assault. However, when the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) reports on violent crime, simple assaults are excluded from their estimates. For comparison purposes, the table below presents trends in violent crime across cities and suburbs in the nation's 100 largest metropolitan areas using the FBI definition.

	Violent Crime Rates in 1990			Violent Crime in 2000			Violent Crime in 2008		
	All	City	Suburb	All	City	Suburb	All	City	Suburb
Akron, OH	498	1,169	161	165	281	112	334	932	86
Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY	338	1,062	238	314	1,168	206	313	1,107	219
Albuquerque, NM	943	1,335	218	906	1,149	508	768	898	550
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ	191	374	157	241	645	172	252	750	172
Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, GA	951	4,514	482	554	3,016	306	525	1,512	421
Augusta-Richmond County, GA-SC	669	881	512	424	391	445	423	589	330
Austin-Round Rock, TX	561	722	364	372	489	245	351	538	194
Bakersfield, CA	823	971	756	460	290	551	542	638	483
Baltimore-Towson, MD	1,181	2,448	615	1,069	2,463	592	760	1,597	498
Baton Rouge, LA	858	1,868	266	665	1,148	440	605	1,200	366
Birmingham-Hoover, AL	775	1,556	477	455	1,216	226	584	1,427	364
Boise City-Nampa, ID	307	379	261	288	357	243	236	274	218
Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH	588	2,255	271	421	1,145	286	396	1,005	283
Bradenton-Sarasota-Venice, FL	792	1,613	712	655	933	630	637	909	614
Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT	524	1,353	165	359	885	134	327	796	136
Buffalo-Cheektowaga-Tonawanda, NY	680	1,615	338	420	1,262	151	474	1,380	198
Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL	513	339	564	590	208	705	469	222	560
Charleston-North Charleston-Summerville, SC	929	1,006	915	765	754	768	727	777	716
Charlotte-Gastonia-Concord, NC-SC	1,330	2,306	715	804	1,201	453	660	933	436
Chattanooga, TN-GA	947	2,275	224	774	1,763	295	609	1,094	370
Chicago-Naperville-Joliet, IL-IN-WI	1,195	2,721	328	567	1,507	68	465	1,135	136
Cincinnati-Middletown, OH-KY-IN	450	1,235	266	252	847	139	352	1,270	190
Cleveland-Elyria-Mentor, OH	574	1,820	192	341	1,264	86	374	1,421	105
Colorado Springs, CO	376	421	277	376	456	214	482	527	410
Columbia, SC	1,076	2,027	870	747	1,332	618	747	899	715
Columbus, OH	600	1,115	188	445	856	123	423	838	119
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	1,158	2,073	476	616	1,108	289	479	813	277
Dayton, OH	504	1,697	182	351	1,252	136	336	1,095	169
Denver-Aurora-Broomfield, CO	678	1,128	366	347	564	214	381	580	264
Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA	472	728	251	235	361	145	347	692	152
Detroit-Warren-Livonia, MI	977	2,449	426	734	2,088	305	652	1,802	310
El Paso, TX	927	992	485	705	781	335	437	462	317
Fresno, CA	995	1,243	729	738	901	560	457	587	321
Grand Rapids-Wyoming, MI	650	1,599	256	458	1,069	236	439	1,029	244
Greensboro-High Point, NC	638	1,011	309	520	862	206	520	824	223
Greenville-Mauldin-Easley, SC	798	1,209	717	724	1,552	632	670	1,013	634
Harrisburg-Carlisle, PA	418	2,205	197	221	927	147	316	1,662	187
Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, CT	531	2,939	193	325	1,226	198	294	1,206	167
Honolulu, HI	288	288	--	263	263	--	284	284	--
Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown, TX	889	1,397	500	682	1,123	375	695	1,130	421
Indianapolis-Carmel, IN	594	1,288	182	494	863	98	628	1,205	107
Jackson, MS	443	864	112	453	1,045	106	388	951	120
Jacksonville, FL	1,436	1,832	588	919	1,116	554	804	997	504
Kansas City, MO-KS	1,081	2,791	268	575	1,529	217	600	1,534	298
Knoxville, TN	476	1,208	149	567	1,077	367	510	1,083	302
Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL	1,134	1,415	1,075	601	579	605	478	570	461
Las Vegas-Paradise, NV	636	733	158	587	600	543	835	992	423
Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway, AR	1,069	2,058	587	548	1,035	341	719	1,267	507
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA	1,496	2,257	1,042	797	1,231	549	525	677	439
Louisville, KY-IN	408	859	255	339	796	211	414	685	142
Madison, WI	267	321	224	193	336	92	239	389	136
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, TX	493	551	476	483	366	509	361	285	378
Memphis, TN-MS-AR	942	1,489	239	958	1,480	345	1,205	1,927	420
Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL	1,644	3,467	1,340	911	1,778	795	764	1,200	693
Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, WI	520	1,002	144	440	957	98	549	1,231	115
Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI	238	486	154	350	1,019	158	292	1,071	105
Modesto, CA	799	641	926	691	512	822	547	699	447
Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro--Franklin, TN	798	1,378	277	929	1,635	412	775	1,396	380
New Haven-Milford, CT	866	3,070	442	314	1,391	200	305	1,796	152
New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, LA	1,331	2,259	730	730	1,068	533	618	1,028	480
New York-Newark-Edison, NY-NJ-PA	1,229	2,438	359	523	965	204	370	595	206
Ogden-Clearfield, UT	217	515	152	218	574	145	156	467	101
Oklahoma City, OK	696	1,217	310	559	915	302	626	1,174	243
Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA	539	935	191	514	811	211	408	606	202

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Orlando-Kissimmee, FL	1,064	2,497	842	877	2,115	720	820	1,674	713
Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura, CA	422	520	322	280	358	198	267	329	201
Palm Bay-Melbourne-Titusville, FL	704	519	738	580	879	522	673	530	706
Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD	712	1,349	451	640	1,503	332	623	1,441	357
Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ	729	905	437	555	663	399	454	578	314
Pittsburgh, PA	363	1,356	198	277	962	170	341	1,088	233
Portland-South Portland, ME	187	691	106	115	327	84	129	405	93
Portland-Vancouver-Beaverton, OR-WA	671	1,679	205	444	938	181	290	567	159
Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown, NY	416	1,310	370	236	639	216	276	1,331	230
Providence-New Bedford-Fall River, RI-MA	472	1,243	380	379	679	342	367	682	329
Provo-Orem, UT	136	161	124	94	126	81	96	156	76
Raleigh-Cary, NC	394	560	251	386	580	220	317	464	185
Richmond, VA	555	1,603	271	436	1,284	250	351	808	262
Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA	926	1,318	829	576	892	505	437	748	377
Rochester, NY	383	1,237	131	230	743	96	322	1,121	125
Sacramento--Arden-Arcade--Roseville, CA	718	1,022	601	522	694	459	526	862	378
Salt Lake City, UT	425	855	314	323	805	219	334	805	244
San Antonio, TX	530	612	368	554	692	275	574	719	278
San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, CA	803	1,086	598	489	587	413	432	478	398
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA	930	1,508	628	560	869	406	632	1,091	407
San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA	495	540	413	435	479	353	316	344	260
Scranton--Wilkes-Barre, PA	227	331	210	132	64	143	249	329	237
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA	653	1,429	313	442	797	300	383	616	294
Springfield, MA	628	2,173	166	871	1,842	596	540	1,264	338
St. Louis, MO-IL	866	3,450	398	436	2,281	164	458	2,077	225
Stockton, CA	818	1,245	484	815	1,265	473	903	1,504	449
Syracuse, NY	282	855	98	324	1,062	116	274	988	104
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	1,197	2,563	616	890	1,712	578	660	1,075	521
Toledo, OH	631	1,067	204	389	763	71	580	1,141	79
Tucson, AZ	683	912	338	658	937	279	519	807	201
Tulsa, OK	810	1,354	313	658	1,139	253	701	1,307	259
Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC	564	596	521	466	475	456	429	505	350
Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV	732	1,846	436	450	1,026	324	428	975	314
Wichita, KS	527	721	241	417	605	134	611	855	237
Worcester, MA	--	--	198	557	873	463	426	974	267
Youngstown-Warren-Boardman, OH-PA	411	1,367	240	229	1,181	82	325	1,008	227

*Data for the city of Worcester is missing in 1990.