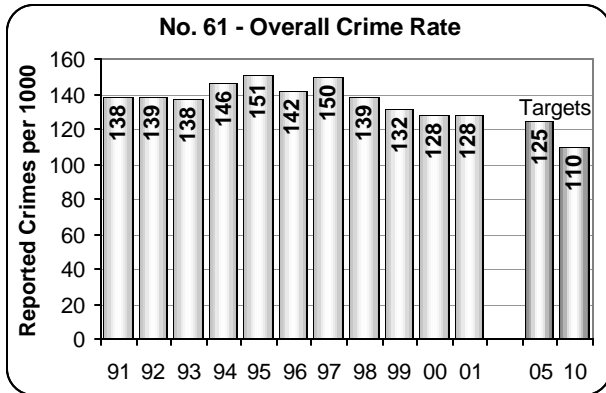


# Public Safety

## PUBLIC SAFETY BENCHMARKS

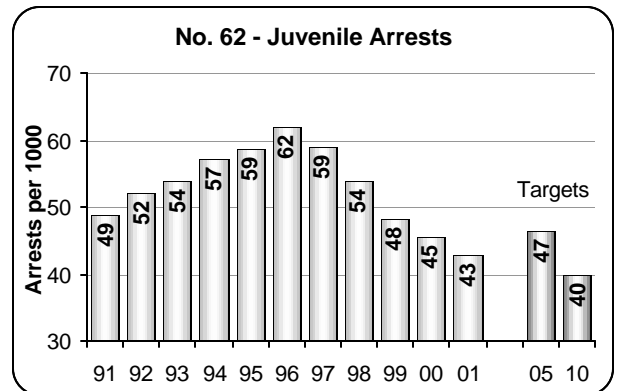
The key Oregon Benchmarks for public safety are: reported crime and juvenile arrests.

Benchmark 61 – Overall **reported crimes** per 1,000 Oregonians: a. person crimes, b. property crimes, c. behavior crimes – measures the number of crimes reported to law enforcement in a calendar year. Reported crimes are one measure of the actual amount of this activity present in the community at large.



Total **juvenile arrests** per 1,000 juvenile Oregonians per year: a. person crimes, b. property crimes, Benchmark 62, measures the extent to which younger Oregonians (anyone younger than 18 at the time of the arrest) are engaging in illegal activities.

This is important because juvenile crime harms society and places the perpetrator at great risk. Juvenile crime is often part of a pattern of behavior that leads to other social problems later in life, including substance abuse, teen pregnancy, school dropout, and violence.



The other public safety benchmarks include:

- **Student Weapons** – Benchmark 63: Percent of students who carry weapons.
- **Recidivism** – Benchmark 64: Percent of paroled adult offenders convicted of a new felony within three years of initial release.
- **Juvenile Recidivism** – Benchmark 65: Percent of juveniles with a new criminal referral to a county juvenile department within 12 months of the initial criminal offense.
- **Cooperative Policing** – Benchmark 66: Percent of counties that have completed a strategic cooperative policing agreement.
- **Emergency Preparedness** – Benchmark 67: Percent of Oregon counties with the capability to respond to an emergency and to assist communities to recover fully from the effects.