

# 2014 Release of FBI Uniform Crime Reports for Oregon

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On Monday September 28, 2015 the FBI released the 2014 Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) for Oregon and all other states in the US. This report, titled *Crime in the United States, 2014*, shows the number of property index and violent index crimes reported in all states. Unfortunately this report does not include UCR data for the city of Eugene in 2014. Given that Eugene is the second most populous city in Oregon, this is a substantial omission in the 2014 FBI Uniform Crime Reports.

The Oregon Uniform Crime Reporting (OUCR) Program, housed within Oregon State Police, provides the FBI with UCR data from law enforcements agencies in the state. The OUCR Program provided the FBI with UCR data from the city of Eugene before the required deadline, and it's not clear why it was not included in the 2014 UCR data release. The FBI will edit the Oregon data to include data from the city of Eugene, and this will be available at a later date. The OUCR Program provided the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) with a preliminary estimate of UCR data for the city of Eugene in 2014. The CJC has added this data to the reported property index and violent index crimes reported by the FBI for Oregon. This provides a revised estimate of Oregon's index crime rates that includes reported crime from the city of Eugene.

**Violent index crimes** include murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Of these, aggravated assault is the most common violent index crime and usually has the most effect on the violent index crime rate.

**Property index crimes** include burglary, motor vehicle theft, and larceny-theft. The most common property index crime is larceny-theft, of which approximately 75% are misdemeanors. Larceny theft is the crime that usually has the largest effect on the index property crime rate.

Table 1 below shows the change in the violent index crime rate from 2013 to 2014. The Oregon estimate contains the values reported by the FBI, and is missing reported crime data from the city of Eugene. The Oregon Revised estimate adds a preliminary estimate of UCR data for the city of Eugene. The CJC recommends using the Oregon Revised estimate to track statewide changes in reported violent index crime, since this estimate includes data from the city of Eugene. The estimates for the Western States and US Total are as reported by the FBI.

Change in Violent Index Crime Rates from 2013 to 2014	Oregon		Western States (As Reported by FBI)	US Total (As Reported by FBI)
	Oregon* (As Reported by FBI)	Oregon Revised**		
<b>Murder</b>	-2.3%	-1.6%	-3.8%	-1.2%
<b>Rape</b>	-1.5%	2.5%	2.6%	1.8%
<b>Robbery</b>	-13.5%	-6.3%	-6.8%	-6.3%
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	-1.1%	4.8%	0.6%	1.3%
<b>Index Violent Crime Total</b>	-4.3%	1.6%	-1.4%	-0.9%

Table 1

\*As reported by the FBI, with Eugene reported crime data missing

\*\*A preliminary estimate of Eugene reported crime data has been added to the 2014 index crime rates

The Oregon Revised estimate shows that the total index violent crime rate increased 1.6% from 2013 to 2014. This is driven by an increase in the aggravated assault rate of 4.8%. The rate for robbery dropped 6.3% from 2013 to 2014, while the murder rate dropped 1.6% and the rate of reported rape increased 2.5%. The total index violent crime rate dropped 1.4% in the Western States from 2013 to 2014, and dropped 0.9% nationwide.

Table 2 below shows the same definitions for the change in the property index rate from 2013 to 2014. The Oregon Revised estimate is recommended since the estimate includes data for the city of Eugene. From 2013 to 2014, the total property index crime rate dropped 4.3%. The larceny-theft rate drop 2.9% in the same time period, while the burglary rate dropped 13%. The motor vehicle theft rate increased 0.8% from 2013 to 2014. The total index property crime rate dropped 6.2% in the Western States from 2013 to 2014, and dropped 5% nationwide.

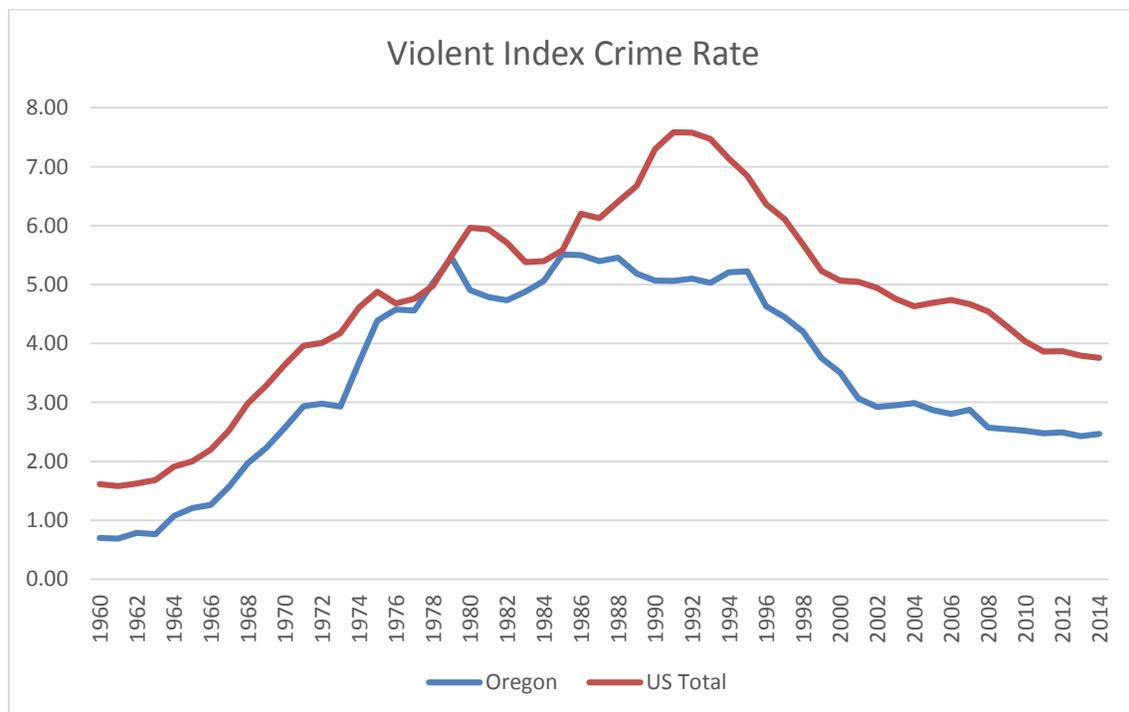
Change in Property Index Crime Rates from 2013 to 2014	Oregon		Western States (As Reported by FBI)	US Total (As Reported by FBI)
	Oregon* (As Reported by FBI)	Oregon Revised**		
<b>Burglary</b>	-18.1%	-13.0%	-11.7%	-11.1%
<b>Larceny-Theft</b>	-8.2%	-2.9%	-4.6%	-3.4%
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	-4.7%	0.8%	-5.1%	-2.3%
<b>Index Property Crime Total</b>	-9.6%	-4.3%	-6.2%	-5.0%

Table 2

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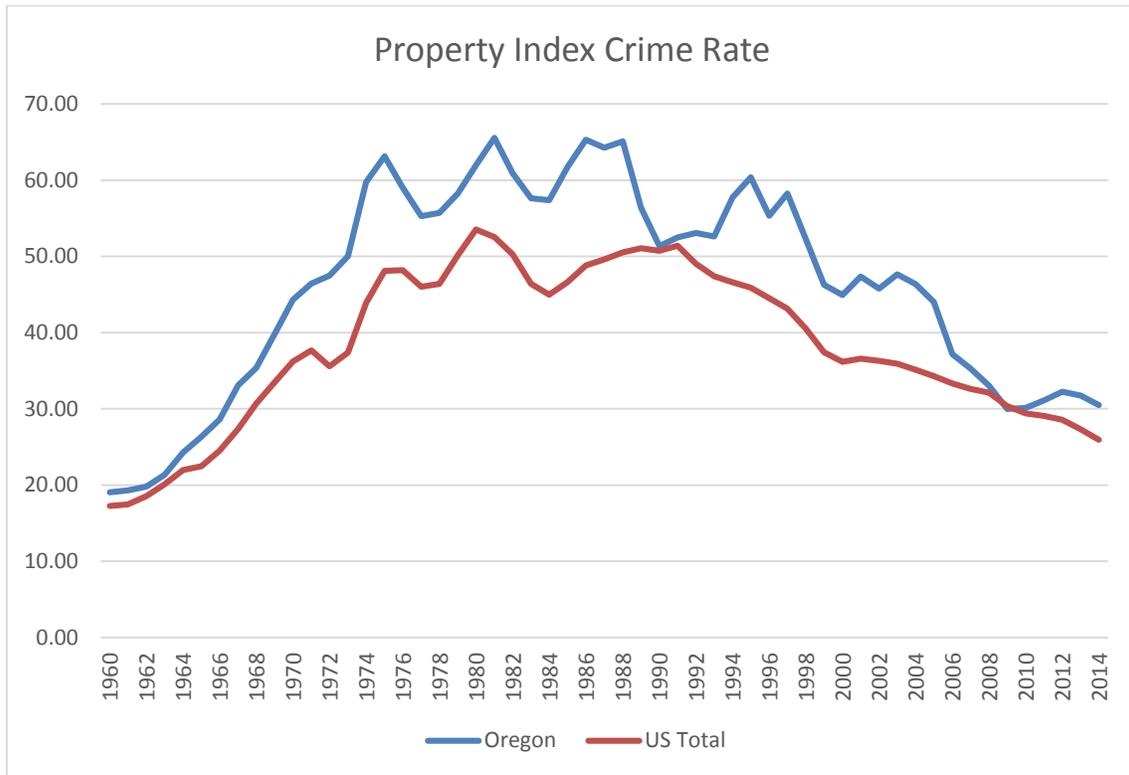
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The violent and property index crime rates for Oregon are available from 1960 to 2014. Graphs 1 and 2 below show the violent and property index crime rates for Oregon and the US Total over this 54 year period. The Oregon Revised estimates are used for the 2014 index crime rates, to include data from the city of Eugene. Both the Oregon and US Total violent index crime rate has dropped substantially since the early 1990s, with Oregon's rate historically lower than the US Total. Oregon's violent index crime rate dropped 52.6% from 1994 to 2014, while the nationwide rate dropped 47.4%. The property index crime rate also dropped substantially since the early 1990s for Oregon and the US Total, with Oregon's rate historically higher than the US Total. From 1994 to 2014, Oregon's property index crime rate dropped 47.2%, while the nationwide rate dropped 44.3%.



**Graph 1**

*A preliminary estimate of Eugene reported crime data has been added to the 2014 index crime rates.*



**Graph 2**

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