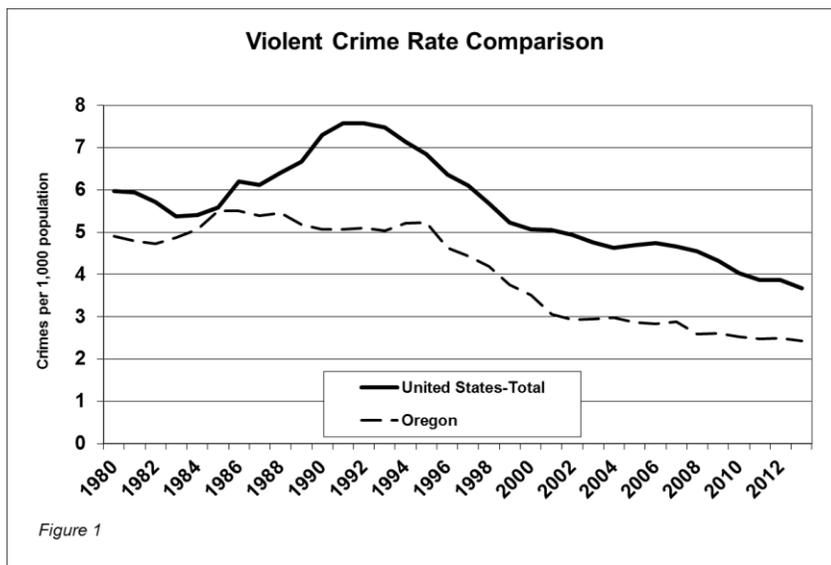


2013 Release of FBI Uniform Crime Reports for Oregon

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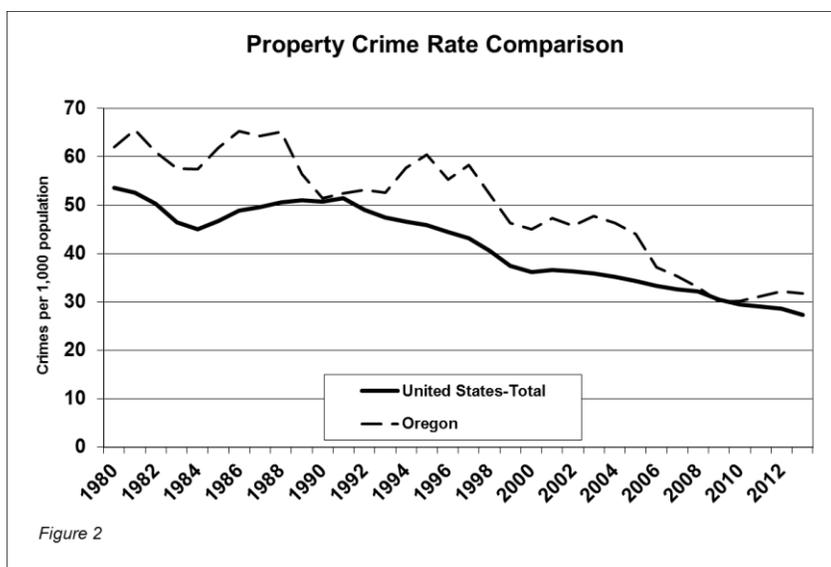
On Monday November 10, 2014 the FBI released the 2013 Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) for Oregon and all other states in the US. This report shows the number of property index and violent index crimes reported in 2013 in the state. According to the report:

- In 2013, Oregon ranked 12th in the nation for the property index crime rate and 40th in the nation for the violent index crime rate.
- Violent and property crime rates have been dropping overall in Oregon since the mid-1990s. In recent years the property crime rate has slightly increased while the violent crime rate has slightly dropped.
- Violent crime in Oregon dropped 15 percent from 2005 to 2013.
- Oregon's property crime rate dropped 28 percent from 2005 to 2013.



Violent index crimes include murder, forcible rape¹, 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, arson, and larceny-theft. The most common property index crime is larceny-theft, of which approximately 75 percent are misdemeanors, and is the crime that usually has the largest effect on the index property crime rate.



Figures 1 and 2 show the U.S. and Oregon violent and property crime rates since 1980. Following a similar trend as the rest of the nation, Oregon's violent and property crime rates have steadily dropped over time. However Oregon's violent crime rate has historically been lower than the national rate while Oregon's property crime rate has been higher than the national rate. As these two graphs show, both property and violent crime rates in Oregon have been dropping overall for nearly two decades.

¹ In 2013, the FBI UCR Program initiated the collection of rape data within the Summary Reporting System under a revised definition. The term "forcible" was removed from the offense name, and the definition changed to the revised UCR definition below.

Legacy UCR definition of rape: The carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will.

Revised UCR definition of rape: Penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.

Change in Violent Index Crime Rates from 2012 to 2013	Oregon	Western States	US Total
Murder	-12.8%	-5.4%	-5.2%
Rape (definition change)	24.9%	-2.3%	-7.0%
Robbery	-1.7%	-5.0%	-3.5%
Aggravated Assault	-6.7%	-5.5%	-5.6%
Index Violent Crime Total	-1.7%	-5.1%	-5.1%

Table 1

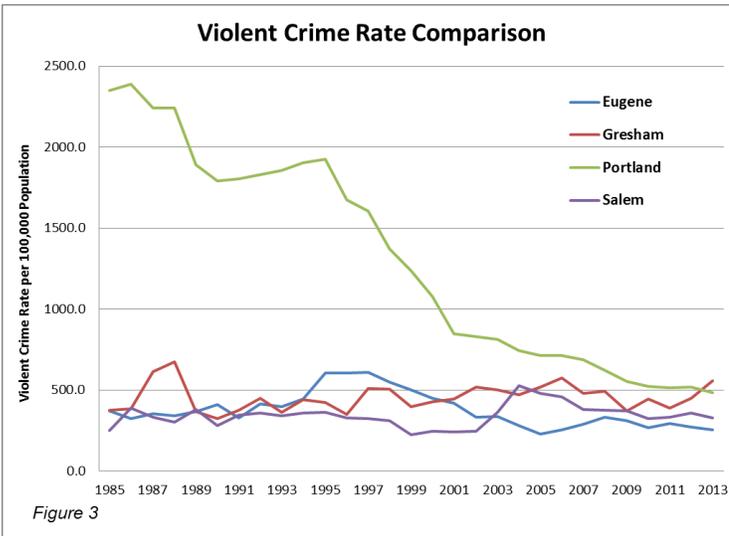
In 2013, Oregon's violent crime rate decreased 1.7 percent from the previous year and the property crime rate decreased by 2.1 percent. Table 1 to the left shows the percent change from 2012 to 2013 for violent index crimes rates in Oregon, Western states, and the entire United States. In Oregon all crimes except rape showed a drop from the previous

year. In Western states and in the nation as a whole, the violent crime rate dropped 5.1 percent from the previous year.

The percent changes for the index property crime rates are shown in Table 2 to the right. In Oregon all property crimes showed a drop from the previous year. In Western states all property crimes also showed a drop from the previous year, while the nation showed a 4.8 percent drop.

Change in Property Index Crime Rates from 2012 to 2013	Oregon	Western States	US Total
Burglary	-6.5%	-5.6%	-9.3%
Larceny-Theft	-0.8%	-1.6%	-3.4%
Motor Vehicle Theft	-4.5%	-1.3%	-4.0%
Index Property Crime Total	-2.1%	-2.5%	-4.8%

Table 2



Violent and property crime in Oregon vary by region and city. Figure 3 to the right shows the violent crime in Oregon's four largest cities from 1985 to 2013. Portland stands out with a 79 percent drop in violent crime. Violent crime in Gresham increased 47 percent over the same time period and increased 31 percent in Salem. Eugene saw a 31 percent drop in violent crime. Figure 4 shows the property index crime rate in Oregon's four largest cities from 1985 to 2013. All four cities saw a substantial drop in the property crime rate with Portland having the largest drop of 67 percent. Property crime rates dropped 52 percent in Salem, 38 percent in Eugene, and 32 percent in Gresham.

