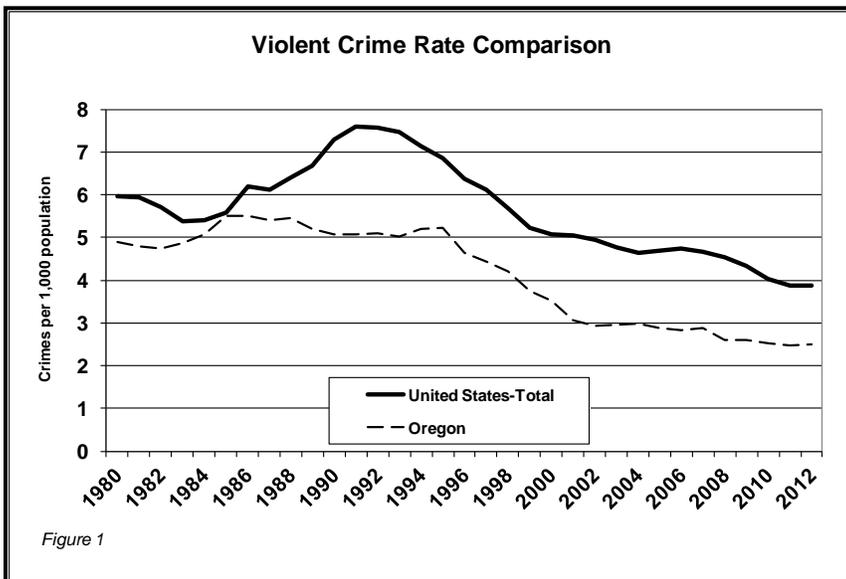


2012 Release of FBI Uniform Crime Reports for Oregon

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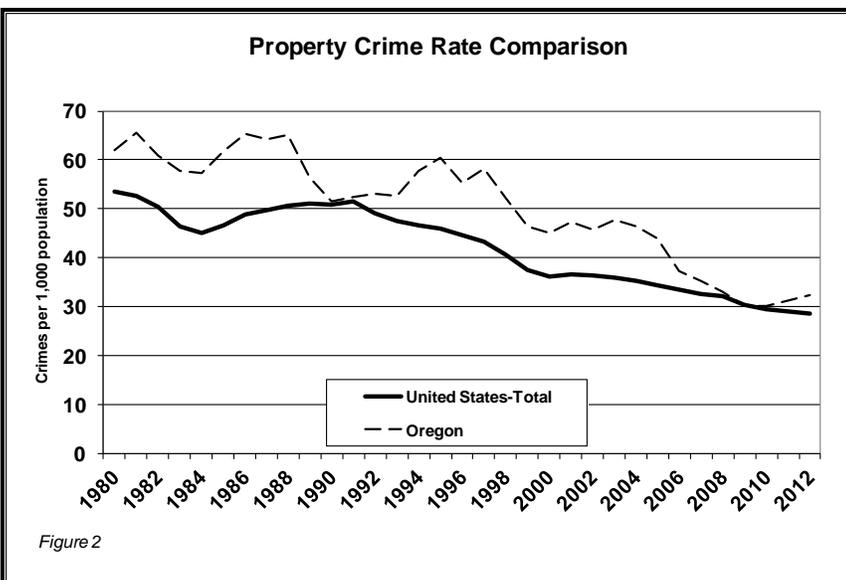
On Monday September 16, 2013 the FBI released the 2012 Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) for Oregon and all other states in the US. This report shows the number of property index and violent index crimes reported in 2012 in the state. According to the report:

- In 2012, Oregon ranked 16th 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 started to increase, while the violent crime rate has slightly dropped.
- Violent crime in Oregon dropped 14 percent from 2007 to 2012.
- Oregon's property crime rate dropped 9 percent from 2007 to 2012.



Violent index crimes include murder, forcible 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, arson, and larceny-theft. The most common property index crime is larceny-theft, of which about 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. Oregon's violent and property crime rates follow a similar trend as the rest of the nation. 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.

Change in Violent Index Crime Rates from 2011 to 2012	Oregon	Western States	US Total
Murder	8.6%	0.6%	0.4%
Forcible Rape	-8.7%	-1.8%	-0.5%
Robbery	7.0%	3.6%	-0.8%
Aggravated Assault	-2.0%	1.9%	0.4%
Index Violent Crime Total	-0.7%	2.1%	-0.1%

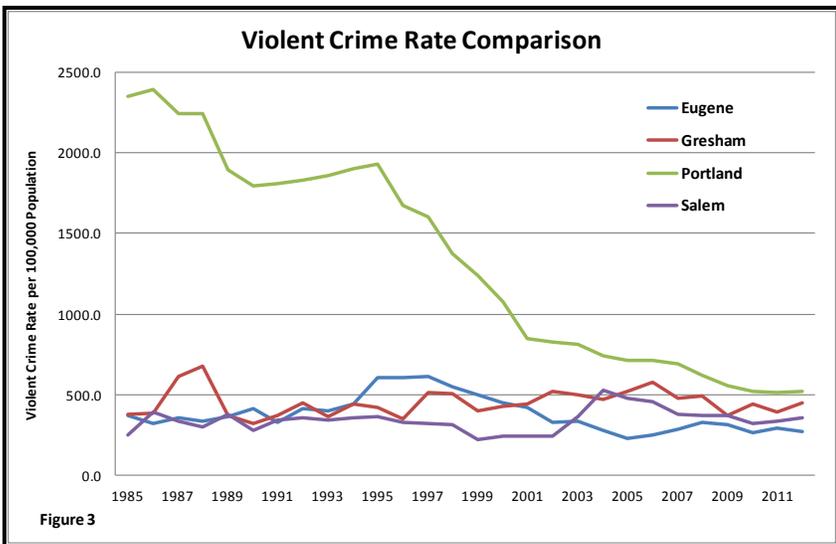
Table 1

increased. In the Western States the violent crime rate increased just over two percent from the previous year, while the entire nation was nearly flat.

The percent changes for the index property crime rates are shown in Table 2 to the right. In Oregon all property crimes show an increase, with motor vehicle theft and burglary showing substantial increases. In the Western States all property crimes also show increases from the previous year, while the nation shows a 1.6 percent drop.

Change in Property Index Crime Rates from 2011 to 2012	Oregon	Western States	US Total
Burglary	4.9%	3.7%	-4.4%
Larceny-Theft	0.9%	3.4%	-0.7%
Motor Vehicle Theft	11.2%	9.1%	-0.1%
Index Property Crime Total	2.3%	4.1%	-1.6%

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 2012. Portland stands out with a 78 percent drop in violent crime. Violent crime in Gresham increased 19 percent over the same time period and in Salem increased 43 percent. Eugene saw a 26 percent drop in violent crime. Figure 4 shows the property index crime rate in Oregon's four largest cities from 1985 to 2012. All four cities saw a substantial drop in the property crime rate, with Portland having the largest drop of 65 percent. Salem's violent crime rate dropped 53 percent, Eugene's 37 percent, and Gresham's 27 percent.

