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OREGON CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

2009 FBI Preliminary Semi-Annual Crime Statistics

Overview

According to the FBI Preliminary Uniform Crime Report, crime is down across the nation for the first six months of 2009. Violent crime fell by 4.4 percent nationally and 3.3 percent in the West. Property crime also had a decrease of 6.1 percent nationally and 6.7 percent in the West.

The report provides data on Oregon cities with 100,000 or more population which includes Eugene, Gresham, Portland and Salem. These four cities account for just under 960,000 people or 25 percent of the state. Portland experienced the largest crime decreases of the four cities with an 8.6 percent decrease in the number of violent crimes and a 15.7 percent decrease in the number of property crimes. Salem had a decrease of 7.3 percent in property crime and an increase of 3.6 percent in violent crime. Eugene continued to have increases in both property and violent crime, with a large increase of 15.6 percent in the number of property crimes and a 3.9 percent increase in the number of violent crimes. Finally, Gresham had the largest violent crime decrease of the four cities of 26 percent and an increase of 8.6 percent in the number of property crimes. The four city total saw decreases that were larger than the nation with a 7.7 percent decrease in violent crimes and a 7.3 percent decrease in property crimes.

January to June FBI Preliminary Uniform Crime Report						
	Violent Crime			Property Crime		
	2008	2009	% Change	2008	2009	% Change
Portland	1,651	1,509	-8.6%	14,610	12,323	-15.7%
Salem	279	289	3.6%	3,357	3,111	-7.3%
Eugene	228	237	3.9%	4,033	4,663	15.6%
Gresham	235	174	-26.0%	1,785	1,943	8.9%
4 City Total	2,393	2,209	-7.7%	23,785	22,040	-7.3%
West	N/A	N/A	-3.3%	N/A	N/A	-6.7%
Nation	N/A	N/A	-4.4%	N/A	N/A	-6.1%

The Criminal Justice Commission's purpose is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of state and local criminal justice systems by providing a centralized and impartial forum for statewide policy development and planning.



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