



# 2022 Release of FBI Uniform Crime Reports for Oregon

Oregon Criminal Justice Commission

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On March 6, 2023, the FBI released the Preliminary Uniform Crime Report (UCR) for calendar year 2022, which includes crime data reported to law enforcement agencies for US cities with a population of over 100,000 individuals between January and December of last year.<sup>1</sup> This preliminary report provides counts of violent and property index crimes for the included cities.<sup>2</sup> Calculations of the volume and rate of violent and property index crimes at the state and national level are not contained in this release but will be included in the annual FBI *Crime in the United States* report, which is normally released in the fall of each year.

## Preliminary 2022 Crime Data

The Preliminary UCR data release includes violent and property index crime data reported to law enforcement agencies from January through December 2022. Table 1 compares these full-year 2021 and 2022 crime counts for Oregon's six most populous cities.

Overall, Oregon's most populated cities have experienced a nearly 9 percent decrease in violent index crime from 2021 to 2022, largely influenced by significant decreases in Bend, Eugene, and Portland. This is compared to the 11.8 percent increase in violent crime between 2020 and 2021,<sup>3</sup> which indicates that the concerning increase in violent crime during the COVID-19 pandemic may be reversing, at least in those locales. Two Oregon cities, Hillsboro and Salem, reported increases in violent crime. With regards to property index crimes, Oregon's six most populated cities reported a decrease of nearly 3 percent overall from 2021 to 2022. Each city listed reported a decrease in property index crime, apart from Hillsboro, which saw an 18 percent increase in this area comparing 2021 to 2022. In total, this preliminary data appears to continue the steady year-over-year decreasing trend in property crimes stretching back several decades across the state.

**Table 1. January to December FBI Preliminary UCR, 2021 and 2022**

| Location  | Violent Crime |       |          | Property Crime |        |          |
|-----------|---------------|-------|----------|----------------|--------|----------|
|           | 2021          | 2022  | % Change | 2021           | 2022   | % Change |
| Bend      | 186           | 158   | -15.1%   | 1,647          | 1,635  | -0.7%    |
| Eugene    | 723           | 596   | -17.6%   | 6,495          | 5,470  | -15.8%   |
| Gresham   | 504           | 482   | -4.4%    | 3,268          | 3,237  | -1.0%    |
| Hillsboro | 282           | 304   | 7.8%     | 2,281          | 2,691  | 17.9%    |
| Portland  | 4,902         | 4,382 | -10.6%   | 37,500         | 36,725 | -2.1%    |
| Salem     | 823           | 848   | 3.0%     | 6,453          | 6,393  | -0.9%    |
| Total     | 7,420         | 6,770 | -8.8%    | 57,644         | 56,151 | -2.6%    |

<sup>1</sup> <https://cde.ucr.cjis.gov/LATEST/webapp/#/pages/explorer/crime/quarterly>

<sup>2</sup> Violent index crimes include murder and non-negligent manslaughter, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault; property index crimes include burglary, larceny/theft, and motor vehicle theft.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.oregon.gov/cjc/CJC%20Document%20Library/2021%20FBI%20UCR%20Oregon%20Report.pdf>

## Regional and National Context

Table 2 reports the Preliminary 2022 UCR data for Western states for January through December of 2021 and 2022. While rates for Oregon’s cities with a population of 100,000 or higher were reported previously, in Table 2 comparisons are made using the sum of data in all reporting cities for each state during each period. While there is a high degree of inconsistency in some of this data due to a lack of representation in states such as Montana and California, the data provided show varying patterns for violent and property crime trends across the Western states.

As shown in Table 2, violent crime decreased in most of the Western states over calendar year 2022, with the largest decreases occurring in Idaho, Montana, and Oregon. Rates of property crime decreased in the same states that reported decreases in violent index crime, apart from New Mexico, which showed an increase in property crime and a decrease in violent crime across this time period.

**Table 2. January to December FBI Preliminary UCR -- Western States, 2021 and 2022**

| All Reporting Cities* | Violent Crime |        |          | Property Crime |         |          |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------|----------|----------------|---------|----------|
|                       | 2021          | 2022   | % Change | 2021           | 2022    | % Change |
| Oregon                | 7,420         | 6,770  | -8.8%    | 57,644         | 56,151  | -2.6%    |
| Arizona               | 4,131         | 4,106  | -0.6%    | 24,851         | 23,193  | -6.7%    |
| California            | 15,166        | 14,878 | -1.9%    | 64,571         | 62,962  | -2.5%    |
| Colorado              | 19,393        | 20,856 | 7.5%     | 116,742        | 119,860 | 2.7%     |
| Idaho                 | 1,305         | 1,139  | -12.7%   | 5,633          | 5,062   | -10.1%   |
| Montana               | 1,184         | 1,076  | -9.1%    | 5,296          | 5,057   | -4.5%    |
| Nevada                | 11,912        | 12,364 | 3.8%     | 63,713         | 66,788  | 4.8%     |
| New Mexico            | 9,170         | 8,632  | -5.9%    | 31,345         | 32,669  | 4.2%     |
| Utah                  | 3,216         | 3,130  | -2.7%    | 22,363         | 20,916  | -6.5%    |
| Washington            | 11,120        | 12,344 | 11.0%    | 82,650         | 89,137  | 7.8%     |

While Alaska and Hawaii are also considered Western states, there was no data reported for major cities in these areas. Additionally, Montana only had one major city report for this preliminary UCR.

Finally, Table 3 reports Preliminary 2022 UCR data for all reporting cities with a population of over 500,000 individuals. These numbers are compared to the six reporting cities from Oregon, each of which has a population of over 100,000 individuals. For the largest cities that reported data during this period, there are varying patterns for violent and property crime trends.

Regarding violent crime, Oregon’s cities generally showed middling rates of change when compared to other US cities. Of Oregon’s reporting cities, Hillsboro saw the largest increase in violent crime with a 7.8 percent rise while Eugene showed the greatest decrease with a 17.6 percent drop. Across all major reporting cities, the former is most comparable to Denver, Colorado which had a violent crime increase of 8.6 percent from 2021 to 2022. Other major cities showed more significant rates of change than Oregon’s six reporting cities, such as El Paso, Texas (14.1 percent increase) and Milwaukee, Wisconsin (30.6 percent decrease). While most of Oregon’s cities showed middling rates of change in regard to property crime when compared to other major US cities, Hillsboro showed one of the highest increases with a 17.9 percent rise. The only major US city that reported a more significant increase in their property crime rate was San Antonio, Texas, which saw an increase of 20.3 percent from 2021 to 2022.

**Table 3. January to June FBI Preliminary UCR -- Oregon and Major Cities, 2021 and 2022**

| All Reporting Cities*      | Violent Crime |        |          | Property Crime |         |          |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------|----------|----------------|---------|----------|
|                            | 2021          | 2022   | % Change | 2021           | 2022    | % Change |
| Bend, OR                   | 186           | 158    | -15.1%   | 1,647          | 1,635   | -1%      |
| Eugene, OR                 | 723           | 596    | -17.6%   | 6,495          | 5,470   | -15.8%   |
| Gresham, OR                | 504           | 482    | -4.4%    | 3,268          | 3,237   | -1.0%    |
| Hillsboro, OR              | 282           | 304    | 7.8%     | 2,281          | 2,691   | 17.9%    |
| Portland, OR               | 4,902         | 4,382  | -10.6%   | 37,500         | 36,725  | -2.1%    |
| Salem, OR                  | 823           | 848    | 3.0%     | 6,453          | 6,393   | -0.9%    |
| Mesa, AZ                   | 2,103         | 2,163  | 2.9%     | 10,118         | 8,938   | -11.7%   |
| Fresno, CA                 | 4,875         | 4,401  | -9.7%    | 3,717          | 3,223   | -13.3%   |
| San Diego, CA              | 5,770         | 5,912  | 2.5%     | 27,724         | 24,821  | -10.5%   |
| Denver, CO                 | 6,918         | 7,511  | 8.6%     | 42,847         | 45,134  | 5.3%     |
| Indianapolis, IN           | 9,368         | 9,109  | -2.8%    | 30,362         | 29,932  | -1.4%    |
| Boston, MA                 | 3,921         | 3,798  | -3.1%    | 11,690         | 11,156  | -4.6%    |
| Detroit, MI                | 14,497        | 12,724 | -12.2%   | 22,645         | 25,005  | 10.4%    |
| Kansas City, MO            | 7,414         | 7,365  | -0.7%    | 21,632         | 23,485  | 8.6%     |
| Las Vegas MPD, NV          | 8,025         | 8,438  | 5.1%     | 43,047         | 47,735  | 10.9%    |
| Albuquerque, NM            | 8,087         | 7,442  | -8.0%    | 25,021         | 24,826  | -0.8%    |
| Charlotte-Mecklenburg, NC  | 7,502         | 7,119  | -5.1%    | 30,133         | 32,081  | 6.5%     |
| Columbus, OH               | 5,517         | 3,937  | -28.6%   | 29,852         | 29,861  | 0.0%     |
| Oklahoma City, OK          | 4,347         | 4,408  | 1.4%     | 25,693         | 21,126  | -17.8%   |
| Memphis, TN                | 15,813        | 13,091 | -17.2%   | 34,305         | 37,074  | 8.1%     |
| Metropolitan Nashville, TN | 8,228         | 6,855  | -16.7%   | 25,291         | 24,776  | -2.0%    |
| Austin, TX                 | 5,046         | 5,159  | 2.2%     | 34,161         | 33,887  | -0.8%    |
| Dallas, TX                 | 11,128        | 9,976  | -10.4%   | 46,671         | 48,230  | 3.3%     |
| El Paso, TX                | 1,816         | 2,072  | 14.1%    | 8,833          | 9,232   | 4.5%     |
| Fort Worth, TX             | 5,341         | 4,693  | -12.1%   | 25,002         | 25,241  | 1.0%     |
| Houston, TX                | 28,509        | 25,697 | -9.9%    | 96,447         | 102,908 | 6.7%     |
| San Antonio, TX            | 11,081        | 12,580 | 13.5%    | 61,223         | 73,657  | 20.3%    |
| Seattle, WA                | 5,922         | 6,027  | 1.8%     | 40,408         | 40,269  | -0.3%    |
| Milwaukee, WI              | 9,501         | 6,595  | -30.6%   | 25,063         | 15,446  | -38.4%   |