



2017 Release of FBI Uniform Crime Reports for Oregon

Oregon Criminal Justice Commission

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On Monday 24 September 24 2018, the FBI released the 2017 Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) for Oregon and all other states in the US. This report, titled *Crime in the United States, 2017*, shows the number of property index and violent index crimes reported in all states.

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 percent are misdemeanors. Larceny theft is the crime that usually has the largest effect on the index property crime rate.

Table 1 shows the change in the violent index crime rate from 2016 to 2017. The Oregon total index violent crime rate increased 4.8%. While the murder rate dropped by almost 12 percent, rates for each other index crime increased. Specifically, aggravated

Table 1. Change in Violent Index Crime Rates from 2016 to 2017

Violent Index Crime	Oregon	Western US	US Total
Murder	-11.6%	-0.1%	-1.4%
Rape	10.5%	4.1%	1.8%
Robbery	4.0%	1.4%	-4.7%
Aggravated Assault	3.9%	0.9%	0.3%
Index Violent Crime Total	4.8%	1.3%	-0.9%

assault increased 3.9 percent, robbery by 4.0 percent, and reported rape by 10.5 percent. This increase was not limited to Oregon, as Western States saw an overall increase in violent crime as well, which was a departure from the trend reported nationwide, where violent crime fell by 0.9 percent.

Table 2 reports the change in the property index rate from 2016 to 2017. The Oregon total property index crime rate increased modestly by 0.3 percent. Larceny-theft dropped by 4.2 percent, while the burglary rate increased 3.2

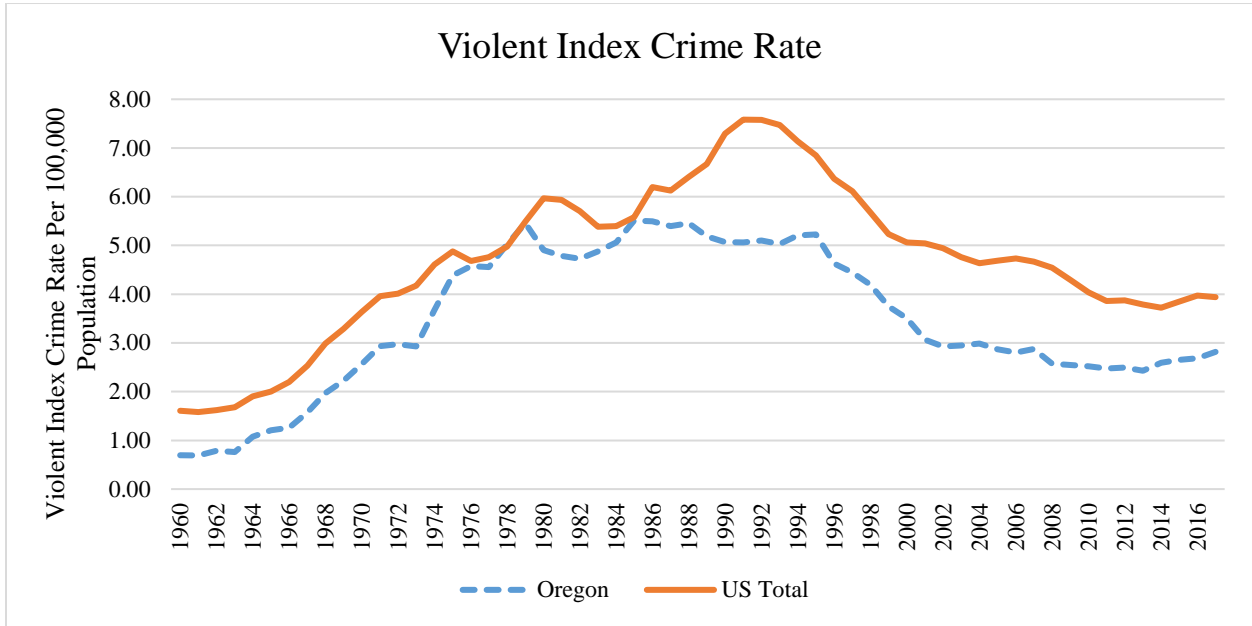
Table 2. Change in Property Index Crime Rates from 2016 to 2017

Property Index Crime	Oregon	Western US	US Total
Burglary	3.2%	-5.8%	-8.2%
Larceny-Theft	-4.2%	-2.3%	-2.9%
Motor Vehicle Theft	27.2%	-2.4%	0.0%
Index Property Crime Total	0.3%	-2.9%	-3.6%

percent. The most significant change was for motor vehicle theft, which increased by over 27 percent from 2016 to 2017. Oregon's patterns were different than those seen in the Western US as well as the US as a whole.

To provide additional context over a longer time period, Figures 1 and 2 display the violent and property index crime rates for Oregon and the US Total over the last 57 years from 1960 to 2017. Both the Oregon

and US Total violent index crime rate has dropped substantially since the 1990s, with Oregon’s rate historically lower than the US Total. Oregon’s violent index crime rate dropped nearly 37 percent from 1997 to 2017, while the nationwide rate dropped nearly 36 percent. As of 2017, Oregon ranks 36th in the nation for the violent index crime rate.



The property index crime rate also dropped substantially since the 1990s in Oregon as well as in US as a whole. Unlike violent crime, Oregon’s property crime rate has historically been higher than the US Total. From 1997 to 2017, Oregon’s property index crime rate dropped nearly 49 percent, while the nationwide rate dropped 45 percent. In 2017 Oregon ranks 7th in the nation for the property index crime rate.

