

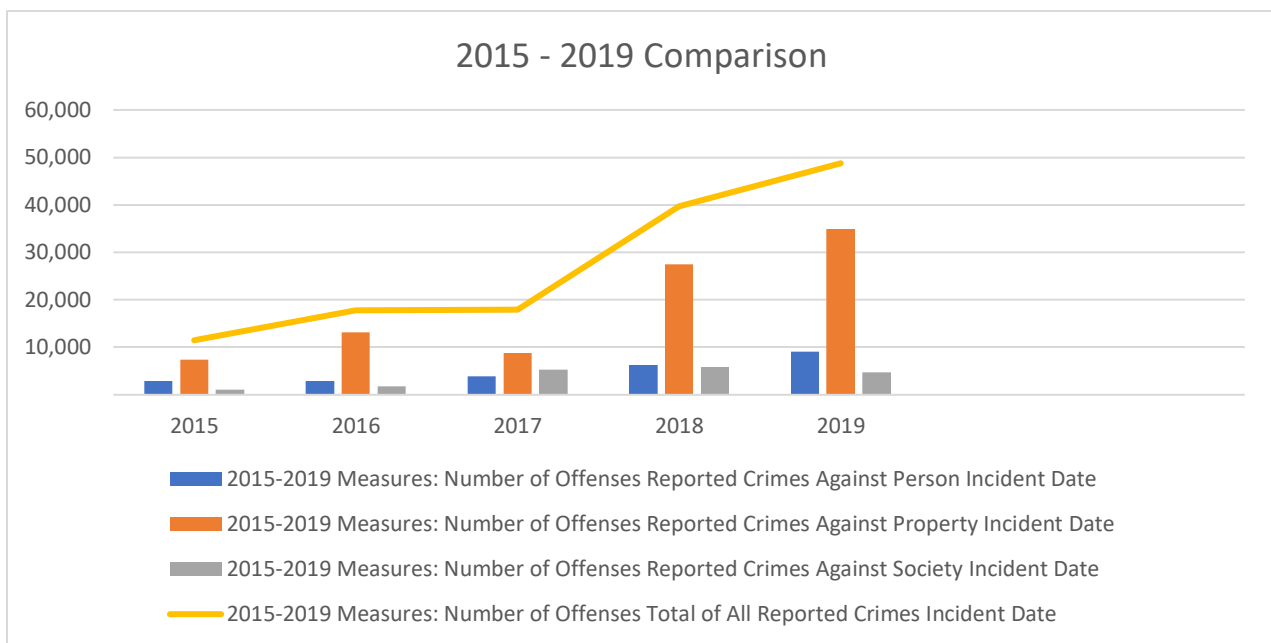


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### 2019 VERMONT CRIME REPORT SUMMARY

The 2019 Vermont Crime Report is been made available by the Vermont Crime Information Center at the Department of Public Safety. The report contains an analysis of crime reported by law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Vermont during calendar year 2019. Crimes reported to state police, municipal police, sheriff departments, and other state law enforcement agencies are summarized in the report.

Please note, with improvements to the record management systems and with the start of concentrated trainings at the supervisory level there is a more accurate accounting of the crimes reported in 2019.



### Total Crime

The Crime Report indicates that the total number of reported Group ‘A’ and Group ‘B’ crimes in 2019 increased by 50.2% from 2018. This decrease is seen more prominently in Group ‘B’ arrests.

In 2019, reported Group 'A' crimes increased by 102.2% when compared to 2018 the most notable increase was reported Robbery 385 up from 71 reported in 2018. The second largest increase was reported Larcenies from 15,320 up from 8832 in 2018. Reported Group 'B' crimes decreased by 24.3%. This decrease was seen in less arrests in the Trespass Offenses category.

Group 'A' crimes are considered crimes that are more serious and are counted whenever a complaint is received by law enforcement. Group 'B' crimes are a group of eleven less serious crimes, which are only reported when an arrest is made. Of the Group 'B' crimes the only increase was Bad checks up 1 from 6 from 5 in 2018.

### **Crimes Against Persons**

Reported crimes committed against persons increased .2% from 2018. Reported Negligent Manslaughter increased 500% from 1 to 6 and reported Kidnapping increased by 53.9% from 76 to 117 this was a result of training regarding holding someone against their will in Domestic situations. Forcible Rape decreased by (13.3%) from 270 to 234. Additionally, reported Intimidation offenses increased 11.2% from 393 to 437.

Based on reported data 9031 individuals were victims of crimes against persons in Vermont in 2018; 1090 of the victims were acquaintances. Fifty Seven percent of victims of crimes against persons were women. Men and women in the age group 30 - 39 were more frequently the victims of violent crime than any other age group. Victims under the age of ten years old were the least likely to be victims of violent crime. In 18% of crimes against persons where defendant/victim relationship information was known the defendant was an acquaintance, intimate partner or family member of the victim. This number has remained the same from 2018. In approximately 91% of the violent crime incidents, the victim received either no injuries or minor injuries. Dangerous weapons including firearms were used in 2.59% of crimes involving a victim; this number is up 1% from 2017. Approximately 50% of crimes against persons in Vermont occurred in residences, this is a decrease of 10% for these types of incidents. Highways or roads were the second most frequent locations for crimes against persons.

Domestic violence incidents involving intimate partners that were reported to the state program decreased by 10% during 2019. Most domestic violence crimes involve simple assaults 55.4% and aggravated assaults 28%.

### **Property Crime**

Overall reported property crime in Vermont increased by 13.6% in 2019. Residences remain the top target at 61% reported forced entry, 39% no force was necessary to gain access. Most of the reported residential burglaries are continuing to occur between Noon and 4:00 P.M.

Burglaries saw a slight decrease of reported incidents during 2019 down 13.7%. Within this category, increases are most notable in extortion/Blackmail up 90%. This increase could be due to training on NIBRS offenses and definitions. There was a notable increase in Arson to 49 up

from 41 in 2018. Discount and Department Stores continue to be the most frequent targets for shoplifting incidents at 31.1%, followed by grocery stores at 28.8%. This is the second year to see a 5% increase for this location. Convenience stores at 14.5% stayed the same from 2018. The most common monetary assessments of shoplifting incidents involved values of \$0 - \$25 attributing to 36.8%. The highest percentage of reported stolen property 13.6% was classified as Other Property. Second highest at 10.9% was Money. Consumable goods were 9.5% of these crimes which ties in with the convenience store location.

In Vermont the total property loss in 2019 due to criminal activity reported to law enforcement agencies statewide was \$17,910,150.00 a \$8,354,696.00 decrease from 2018. Property values are determined in accordance with the FBI's 'Guidelines for Property Valuation' found in the NIBRS Manual, page 107. Reported Larcenies in 2019 account for the largest single monetary loss at \$5,222,040.00 million, followed by Destruction of Property/Vandalism at \$2,211,530.00 million and Arson \$1,477,841.00 million.

### **Drug Crime**

Reported Drug offense crimes decreased by 23.9% to 1298 incidents from 1706 incidents in 2018. With the decriminalization of marijuana, the Drug Equipment Violations has dropped from 183 in 2018 to 27 in 2019 an 85.2% decrease. Heroin is 23.5% of the drug offenses followed by Other drugs at 19.4% followed then by Marijuana at 18.9%.

The most notable decreases in drug types were Morphine and PCP both down 88.9% from 2018.

There were no reported increases in any of the drug offenses or types for the year 2019.

### **National and Regional Comparisons**

In order to gauge the level and types of violent crimes occurring across the nation, the FBI has developed the Violent Crime Index. The Index is based on a sample of the violent crimes in a state. The Index only includes the number of murders, robberies, aggravated assaults, and rapes. Figures reported by the FBI indicate that the National Violent Crime Index showed a decrease of (0.5%) from 2018. The Violent Crime Index for the Northeast was at 13.1% down .1% from 2018. The Violent Crime Index in Vermont indicated an increase of 9.3% based upon definitions utilized in this calculation.

The FBI has also developed a Property Crime Index, which is comprised of the number of burglaries, thefts, and motor vehicle thefts reported in a jurisdiction. Figures from the FBI indicate that the National Property Crime Index decrease of (3.3%) from 2017. The Northeast reported a reported an increase of less than 1% from 2018. The Property Crime Index in Vermont reported an increase of less than 1% from 2018.

Any differences in what the FBI publishes and what is seen in Vermont's report is due to the publication date of the FBI's data and the extraction of data date that was used for this report.

### **Federal Bureau of Investigations Crime Data Explorer**

Interested readers can access the complete 2019 Vermont Crime Report by accessing the Crime Data Explorer website at <https://crime-data-explorer.fr.cloud.gov/> and selecting Vermont on the map or by using the drop-down menu. Over sixteen years of crime data are now available on the website.

Crime Data Explorer makes it easy for the public to view standard crime reports and maps. Crime Data Explorer reports contain information on the time and day when crimes occur, crime location type, the amount of property crime loss, victim injuries, bias motivation, statistical information on the age, gender, and race of both victims and defendants and other crime circumstance data of interest to the public, law enforcement, public administrators, legislators, and researchers.