



Section 2

Crime Summary

Facts at a Glance

- There were 118,892 serious crimes reported, with a 26% clearance rate (page 61).
- The 1998 crime rate for the State of Arkansas was established at 4,290 serious crimes for every 100,000 inhabitants (pages 14 and 61).
- 211,946 arrests were made in the state. Ten percent of these involved persons under 18 years of age (pages 74 and 75).
- The value of property stolen amounted to \$112,053,921 in 1998. Recovered property was estimated to be \$44,022,964 with a recovery rate of 39% (page 65).
- The areas of theft which decreased the most in 1998 included clothing/fur (-34%) and jewels/precious medals (-17%). Significant increases in the value of property stolen included the areas of livestock (32%) and office equipment (11%). Stolen motor vehicles had a 74% recovery rate, the highest of any category (page 65).
- Firearms were used in 42% of all murder/non-negligent manslaughters reported (page 25), 51% of all robberies (page 37) and 22% of the aggravated assaults (page 39).
- 881 reported rapes occurred during 1998. This is the lowest number of reported rapes since 1988 (page 28).
- 34% of the 2,436 reported robberies took place on the street or highway (page 37).
- 8,868 aggravated assaults were reported during 1998. Of these, 3,589 (41%) were committed by the use of hands, fists, or feet (page 39).
- Residential burglaries accounted for 71% of all burglaries reported. The estimated value of property stolen in all burglaries is \$23 million, with almost one-third of this taken in day time residential burglaries (page 41).
- 7,149 motor vehicle thefts were reported. Compared to 1997, the number of these thefts decreased 9%. The number of vehicles recovered decreased 14% (pages 44 and 45).
- For the year of 1998, there was one Arkansas law enforcement officer killed by felonious means while on duty (page 50).
- There were 294 assaults on officers reported and 50% of these resulted in personal injury to the officer (page 51).

Crime Summary 1998

The data compiled for the Crime Summary is based only on agencies which reported in 1997 and 1998. Therefore, these totals will be different from the totals for 1998.

Crime Index

	1997	1998	Percent Change
Violent Crime	13,216	12,292	-7.0%
Murder	249	199	-20.1%
Forcible Rape	1,078	878	-18.6%
Robbery	2,801	2,429	-13.3%
Aggravated Assault	9,088	8,786	-3.3%
Property Crime	105,260	95,678	-9.1%
Burglary	25,304	23,260	-8.1%
Theft	71,507	64,761	-9.4%
Motor Vehicle Theft	7,867	7,092	-9.9%
Arson	582	565	-2.9%
Total Index	118,476	107,970	-8.9%

Arrests

	1997	1998	Percent Change
Juvenile Arrests	21,692	19,993	-7.8%
Adult Arrests	188,921	191,596	1.4%
Total	210,613	211,589	0.5%

Property

	1997	1998	Percent Change
Property Stolen	\$118,754,751	\$111,633,483	-6.0%
Property Recovered	\$46,456,018	\$43,871,182	-5.6%

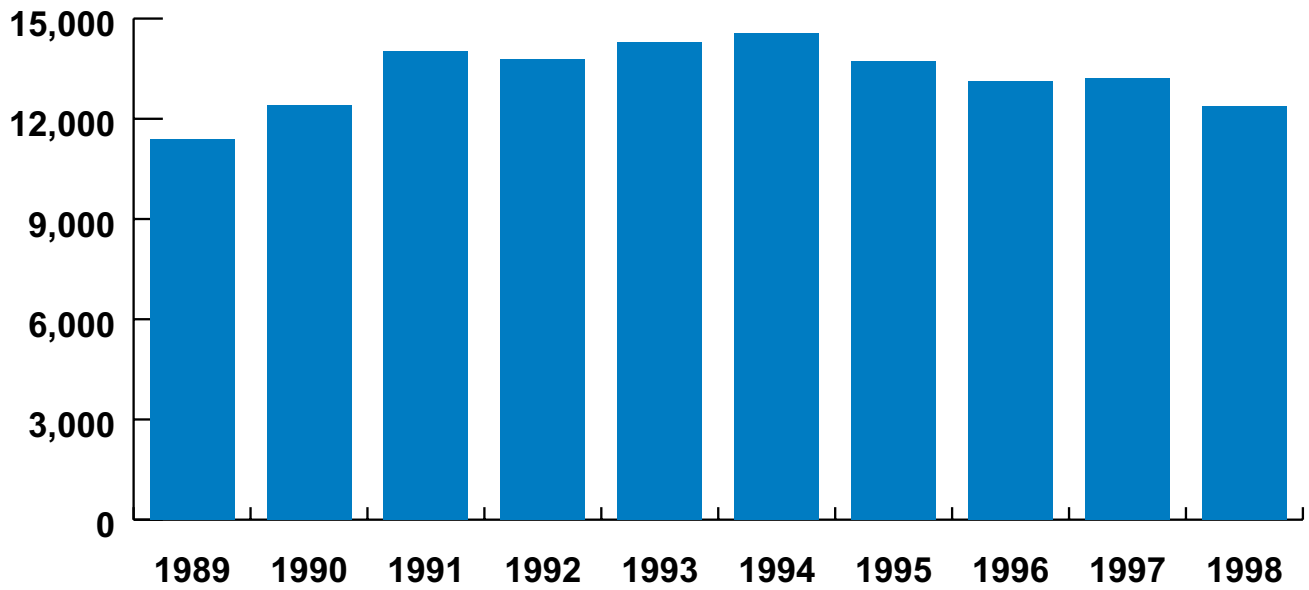
Uniform Crime Reporting 1989 - 1998

Year	Population	Reporting Population	Index Offenses	Offense % Change	Crime Rate ¹	Rate % Change
1989	2,406,000	2,393,770 (98.2%)	109,911	7.3%	4,591.5	7.6%
1990	2,350,725	2,339,794 (99.5%)	114,372	4.1%	4,888.1	6.5%
1991	2,350,725	2,346,274 (99.8%)	122,984	7.5%	5,241.7	7.2%
1992	2,350,725	2,347,570 (99.9%)	114,569	-6.8%	4,880.3	-6.9%
1993	2,399,000	2,396,140 (99.9%)	116,689	1.9%	4,869.9	-0.2%
1994	2,424,000	2,421,864 (99.9%)	117,997	1.1%	4,872.2	0.0%
1995	2,453,000	2,452,724 (100.0%)	116,869	-1.0%	4,764.9	-2.2%
1996	2,510,000	2,498,432 (99.5%)	118,213	1.2%	4,731.5	-0.7%
1997	2,523,000	2,510,606 (99.5%)	118,892	0.6%	4,735.6	0.1%
1998	2,539,000	2,532,564 (99.7%)	108,634	-8.6%	4,289.5	-9.4%

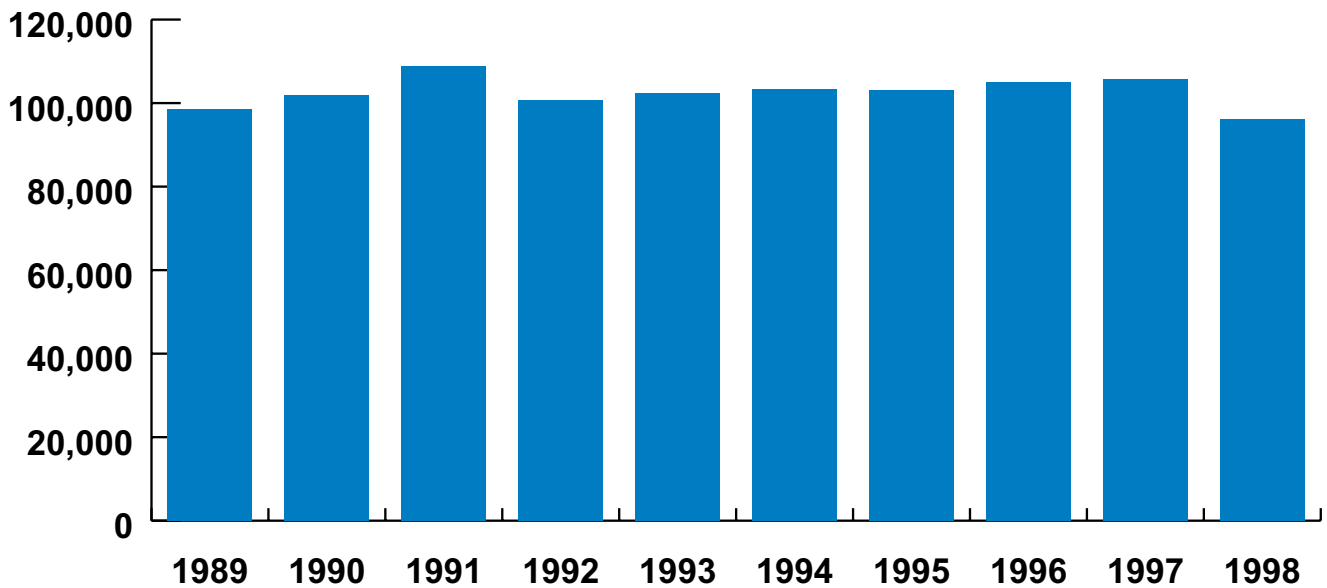
¹ Crime Rate is calculated per 100,000.

Crime Trend 1989 - 1998

Violent Crime

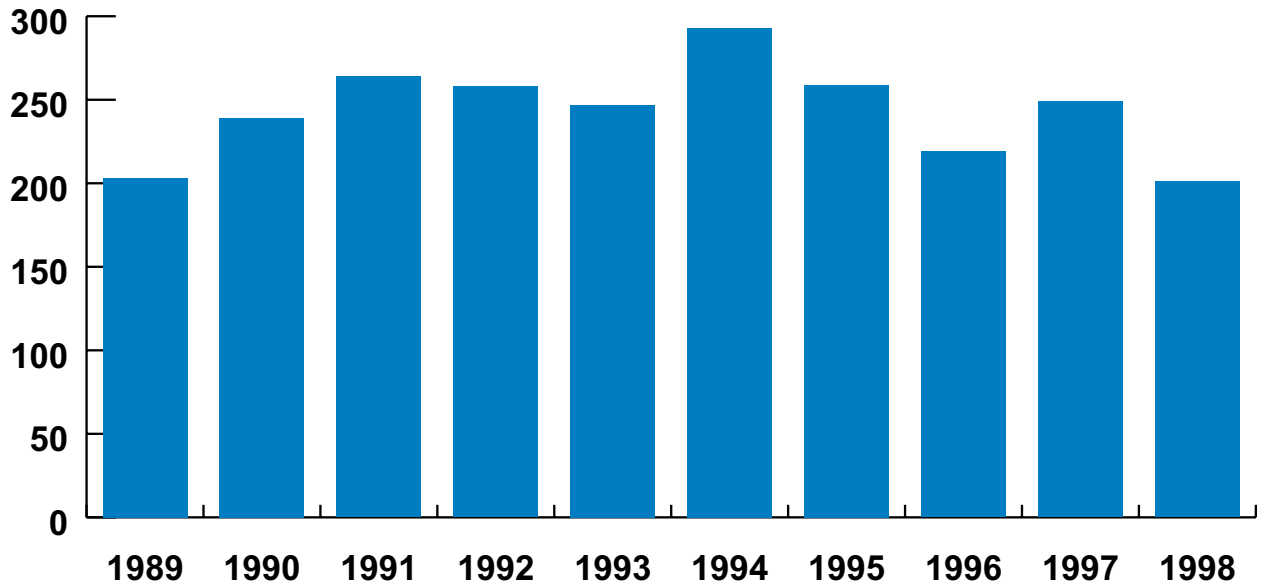


Property Crime

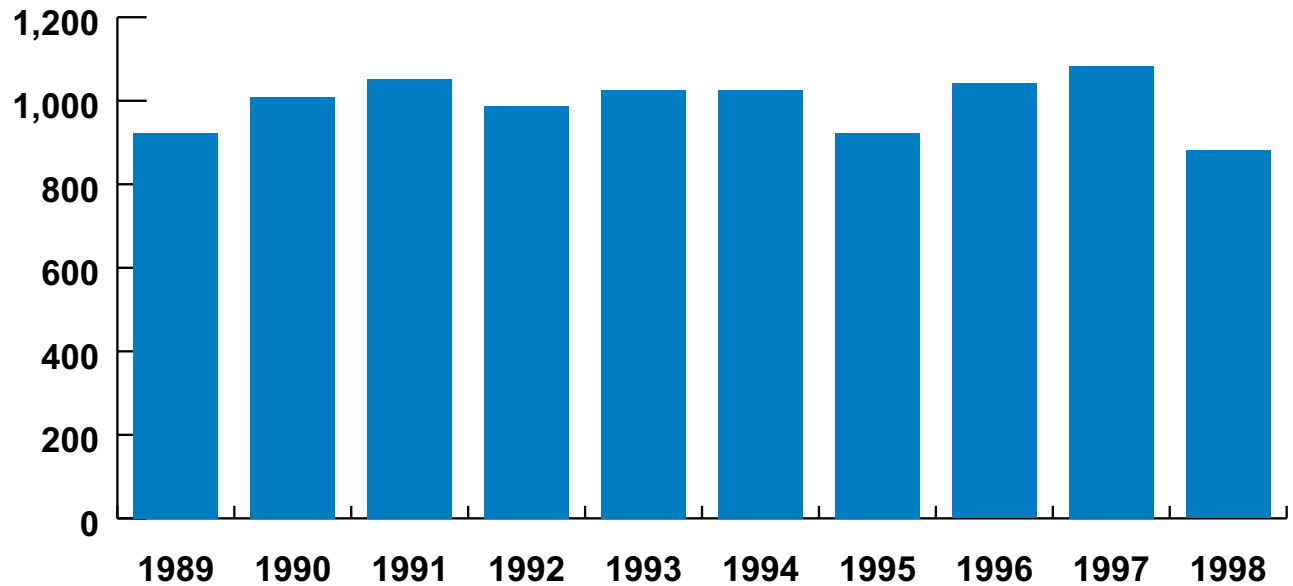


Crime Trend 1989 - 1998

Murder

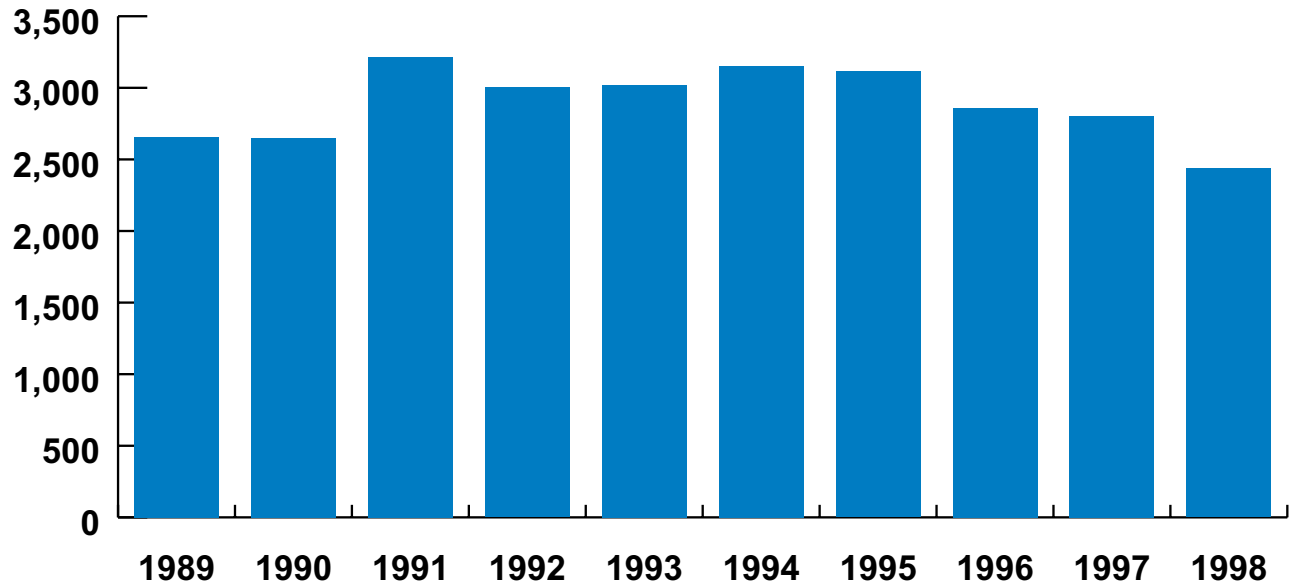


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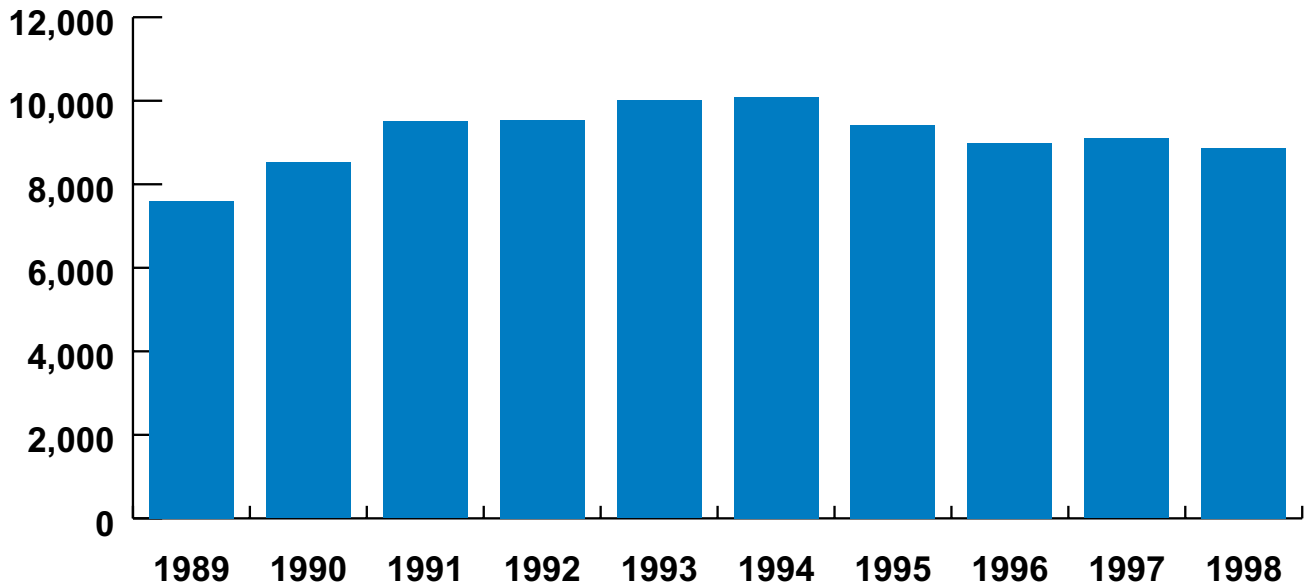


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Robbery

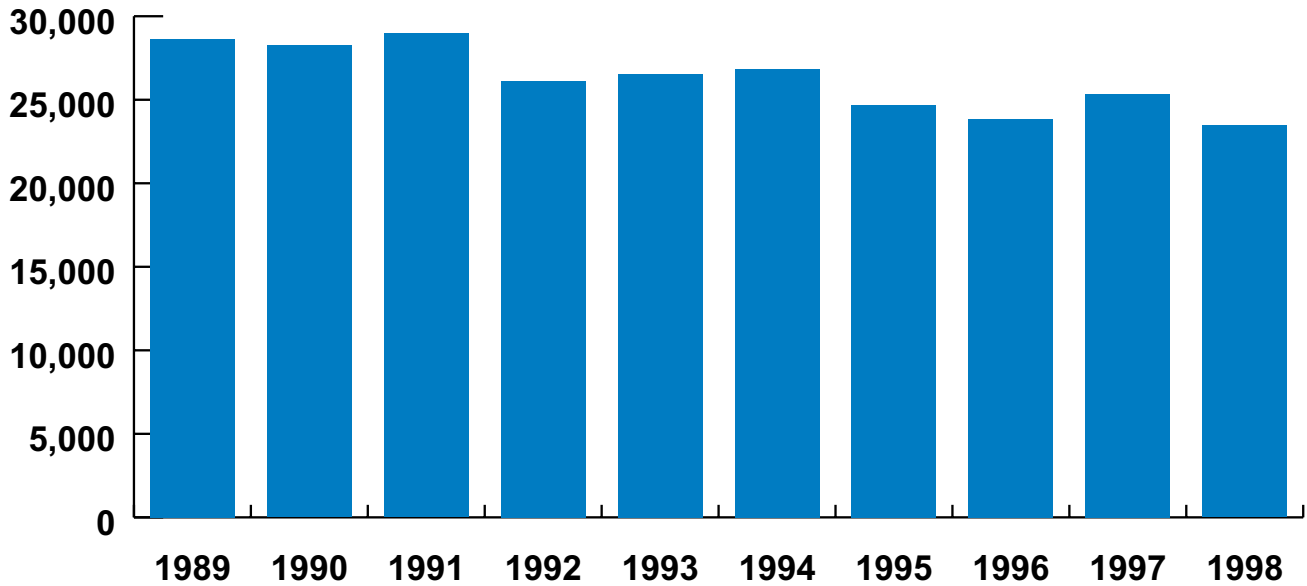


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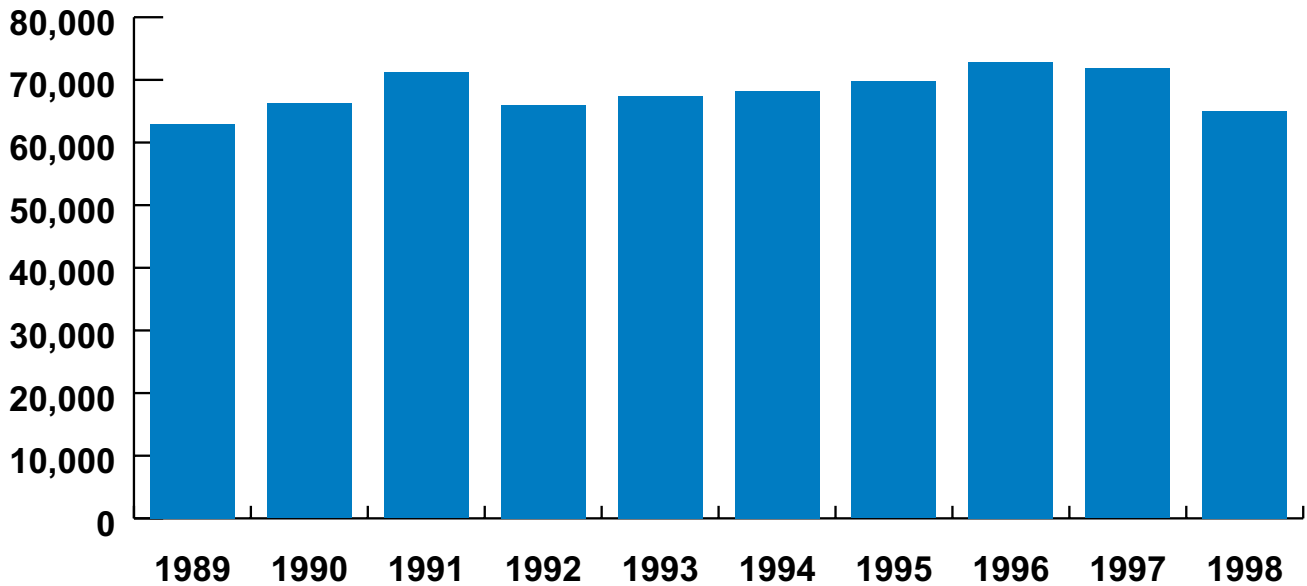


Crime Trend 1989 - 1998

Burglary

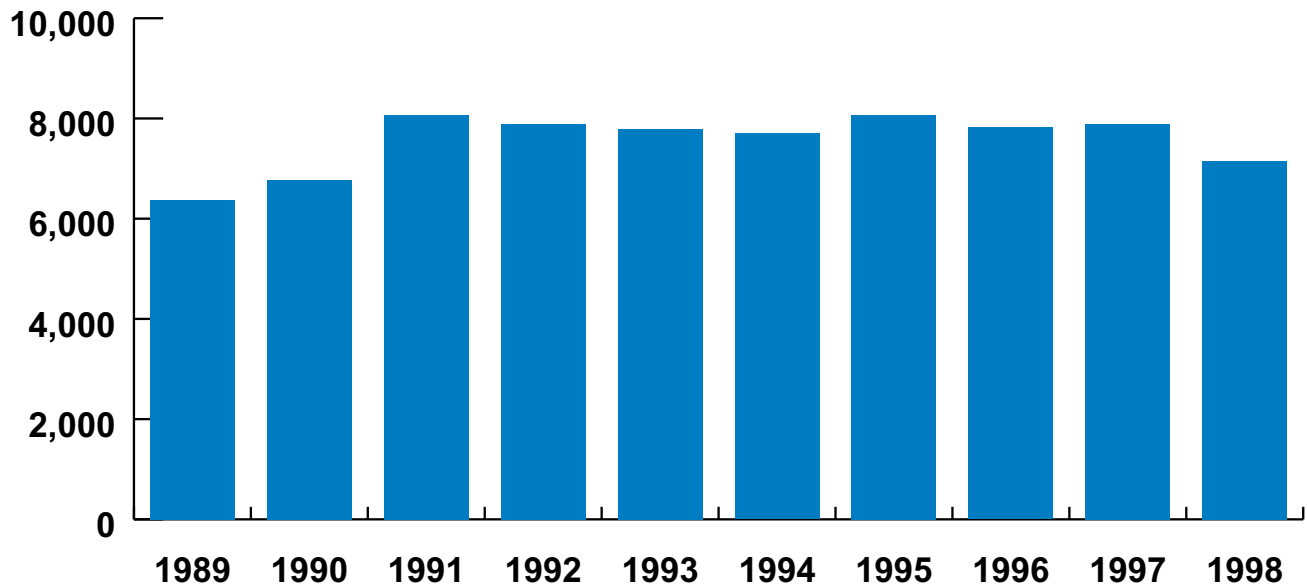


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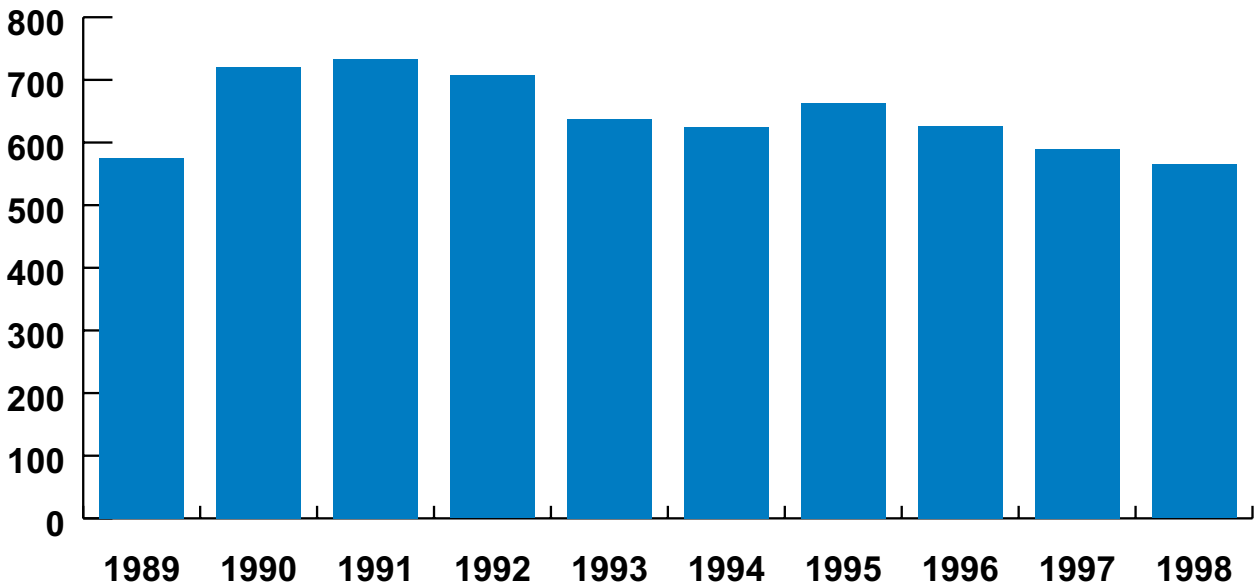


Crime Trend 1989 - 1998

Motor Vehicle theft



Arson



Crime Index by Month

Month	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Agg. Assault	Burglary	Theft	MV Theft	Arson	Offense Total
Jan	18	66	277	688	2,151	5,508	617	55	9,380
Feb	10	59	141	645	1,740	4,863	495	42	7,995
Mar	30	72	185	687	1,804	5,149	546	46	8,519
Apr	15	78	172	699	1,840	5,290	572	36	8,702
May	17	75	215	874	1,960	5,801	640	61	9,643
Jun	14	85	207	823	2,006	5,749	574	54	9,512
Jul	18	81	211	895	2,132	5,889	661	60	9,947
Aug	14	98	203	810	2,087	5,691	694	52	9,649
Sep	15	70	182	817	1,930	5,587	659	65	9,325
Oct	16	77	212	732	1,989	5,362	597	26	9,011
Nov	15	68	201	582	1,921	5,097	565	35	8,484
Dec	19	52	230	616	1,892	5,096	529	33	8,467
Year Total	201	881	2,436	8,868	23,452	65,082	7,149	565	108,634

Metropolitan Crime

The eight largest law enforcement jurisdictions in Arkansas represent 23 percent of the state's population. These agencies have a population of more than 50,000 and

Agency	Population
Benton County Sheriff's Office	61,229
Fayetteville	53,474
Fort Smith Police Department	76,543
Jonesboro	53,549
Little Rock Police Department	176,377
North Little Rock Police Department	60,619
Pine Bluff Police Department	54,062
Pulaski County Sheriff's Office	57,499
Total	593,352

Crime Index

Offense	Total for Metro Area	State Total	Percent of State Total
Violent Crime	5,258	12,386	42.5%
Murder	65	201	32.3%
Forcible Rape	402	881	45.6%
Robbery	1,505	2,436	61.8%
Aggravated Assault	3,286	8,868	37.1%
Property Crime	39,097	96,248	40.6%
Burglary	8,758	23,452	37.3%
Theft	26,883	65,082	41.3%
Motor Vehicle Theft	3,209	7,149	44.9%
Arson	247	565	43.7%
Total	44,355	108,634	40.8%

