Virginia Index Crime and Drug Arrest Trends 2015–2024

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Source note

Statistics found in this report are based on crime and arrest counts obtained from the Virginia Crime Repository, an online data portal administered by the Data Analysis and Reporting Team of the Virginia State Police, on July 11, 2025. The portal is available to the public at https://va.beyond2020.com.

Executive Summary

This report examines Virginia's rates of index crimes and drug arrests for 2024 in a ten-year context (2015–2024). Index crimes are a specific set of crimes that are used as the basis for violent and property crime rates. The violent crime rate is based on the index crimes of murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. The property crime rate is based on the index crimes of burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft. Drug arrest statistics found in this report represent arrests for illegal drug possession, distribution, and production. Rates are presented for total drug arrests and for marijuana arrests and non-marijuana arrests specifically. The report also presents supplemental information on county-level differences in the rates of violent crime, property crime, and drug arrests and on the involvement of firearms in violent index crimes statewide. The report's essential findings are presented below, and additional details can be found in subsequent tables and figures.

Violent Crime – Summary

Violent crime (total) rate..... There were 222.3 violent index crimes per 100,000 Virginia residents in 2024. This was a drop of 9% from the previous year and a break from the preceding five-year increase.

At the county/city level, violent crime rates ranged from 39.8 to 1,051.3 with a median of 181.6 for 2024. A majority (65%) of counties/cities experienced a net increase in their violent crime rate between 2015 and 2024.

Statewide, 36% of violent index crimes involved a firearm in 2024. This percentage fluctuated throughout the ten years between 2015 and 2024. The percentage for 2024 was 2 points lower than the previous year but 3 points higher than in 2015.

Murder rate..... There were 4.9 murders per 100,000 Virginia residents in 2024. The rate dropped 21% over the last year and 34% over the last two years.

Statewide, 88% of murders involved a firearm in 2024. This was the highest percentage of the ten-year period. The percentage for 2024 was up 5 points from the previous year and up approximately 14 points from 2015.

Rape rate..... There were 28.6 rapes per 100,000 Virginia residents in 2024. This was a drop of 10% from the previous year and a continuation of a general downward trend that has brought the rate down 24% since 2017.

Firearm involvement was rare for rapes. 1% of rapes were known to have involved a firearm in 2024, and this percentage fluctuated by less than a percentage point throughout the ten-year period.

Robbery rate.....There were 33.5 robberies per 100,000 Virginia residents in 2024. This was a drop of 13% from the previous year and was the lowest annual rate for the ten-year period.

Statewide, 41% of robberies involved a firearm in 2024. This was the lowest percentage of the ten-year period. The percentage for 2024 was approximately 3 points lower than in 2023 and 15 points lower than in 2015.

Aggravated assault rate.....There were 155.2 aggravated assaults per 100,000 Virginia residents in 2024. This was a drop of 7% over the last year and a break from the preceding six-year increase.

Statewide, 40% of aggravated assaults involved a firearm in 2024. This was 2 percentage points lower than the previous year but 11 points higher than in 2015.

Property Crime – Summary

Property crime (total) rate .....There were 1,602.1 property index crimes per 100,000 Virginia residents in 2024. This was a drop of 6% from the previous year. The rate remains somewhat elevated (up 8%) relative to 2021.

At the county/city level, property crime rates ranged from 260.5 to 9,454.4 with a median of 978.0 for 2024. The vast majority of counties/cities (87%) experienced a net decrease in their property crime rate between 2015 and 2024.

Burglary rate.....There were 107.2 burglaries per 100,000 Virginia residents in 2024. This was a drop of 12% from the previous year and was the lowest annual rate for the ten-year period.

Larceny rate.....There were 1,347.0 larcenies per 100,000 Virginia residents in 2024. This was a drop of 4% from the previous year, although the rate remains elevated (up 10%) relative to 2021.

Motor vehicle theft rate .....There were 147.8 motor vehicle thefts per 100,000 Virginia residents in 2024. This was a 16% decrease from the previous year and a break from the preceding four-year increase.

Drug Arrests – Summary

Drug arrest (total) rate .....There were 192.2 drug arrests per 100,000 Virginia residents aged ten years or older in 2024. This was a 9% decrease from the previous year, although the rate remains elevated (up 5%) relative to 2022.

At the county/city level, drug arrest rates ranged from 16.8 to 1,844.6 with a median of 193.5 for 2024. The vast majority of counties/cities (85%) experienced a net decrease in their drug arrest rate between 2015 and 2024.

Marijuana arrest rate..... There were 18.7 marijuana arrests per 100,000 Virginia residents aged ten years or older in 2024. This was a 14% decrease from the previous year and was the lowest annual rate for the ten-year period.

Non-marijuana drug arrest rate..... There were 173.5 non-marijuana drug arrests per 100,000 Virginia residents aged ten years or older in 2024. This was a 9% decrease from the previous year, although the rate remains elevated (up 6%) relative to 2022.

Tables and Figures

Table 2. Definitions of Violent Crimes

Violent crime (total)	This rate represents the total of murders, rapes, robberies, and aggravated assaults per 100,000 residents. See below for individual crime definitions and enumeration details.
Murder	The willful and unlawful killing of another human being. Includes non-negligent manslaughter. Rates represent the number of murder victims per 100,000 residents.
Rape	Non-consensual penetration of a person's vagina or anus or the non-consensual penetration of a person's mouth with a sexual organ or object. Includes cases where consent cannot be given due to the victim's age or impairment. Rates represent the number of rape and attempted rape victims per 100,000 residents.
Robbery	Theft through violent force or by putting the victim in fear of immediate harm. Rates represent the number of robbery and attempted robbery offenses per 100,000 residents.
Aggravated assault	An unlawful attack on another person involving a weapon or the infliction, threat, or risk of severe bodily injury. Rates represent the number of aggravated assault victims per 100,000 residents.

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Table 3. Violent Crimes per Annuum: Virginia, 2015–2024

	Count					*Rate (crimes per 100,000 residents)*				
Year	*Murder*	*Rape*	*Robbery*	*Agg. Assault*	*Total*	*Murder*	*Rape*	*Robbery*	*Agg. Assault*	*Total*
2015	382	2,613	4,475	9,476	16,946	4.6	31.1	53.3	112.9	201.9
2016	471	3,026	4,811	10,468	18,776	5.6	35.8	56.9	123.9	222.2
2017	443	3,193	4,341	10,139	18,116	5.2	37.5	51.0	119.2	213.0
2018	415	3,205	3,639	10,378	17,637	4.9	37.5	42.6	121.4	206.3
2019	444	3,090	3,545	11,210	18,289	5.2	35.9	41.2	130.4	212.7
2020	539	2,621	2,988	12,506	18,654	6.2	30.3	34.6	144.6	215.7
2021	582	2,929	2,951	13,352	19,814	6.7	33.8	34.1	154.3	228.9
2022	642	2,858	3,384	14,079	20,963	7.4	32.9	38.9	161.9	241.0
2023	542	2,784	3,352	14,601	21,279	6.2	31.9	38.4	167.3	243.8
2024	430	2,522	2,953	13,678	19,583	4.9	28.6	33.5	155.2	222.3

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Table 4. Violent Crime Trends: Virginia, 2015–2024

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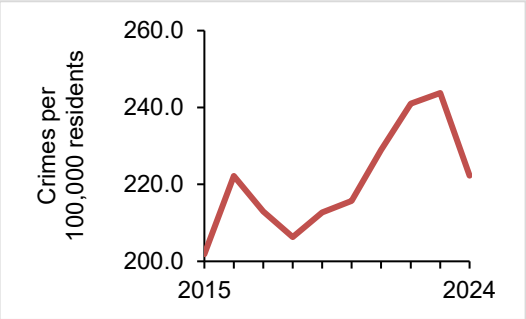

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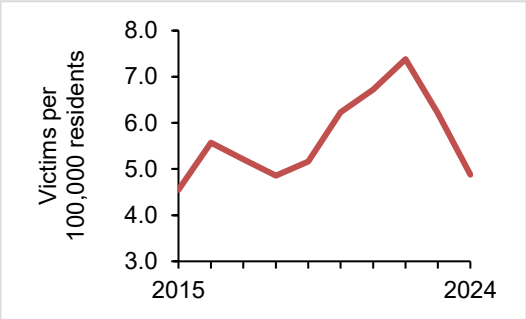

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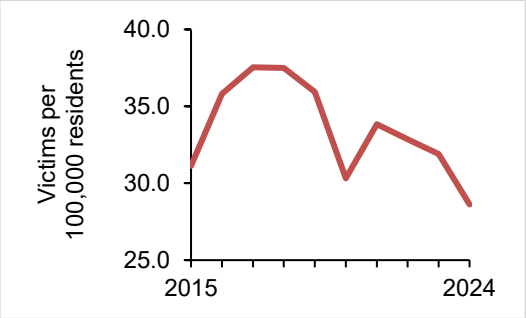

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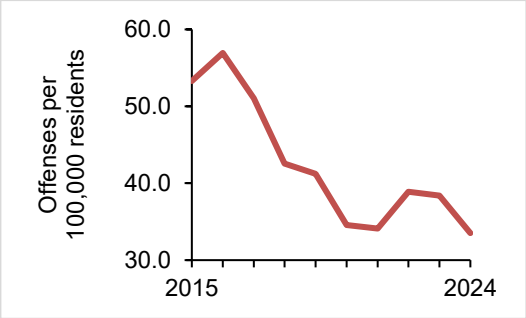

Aggravated Assault Rate

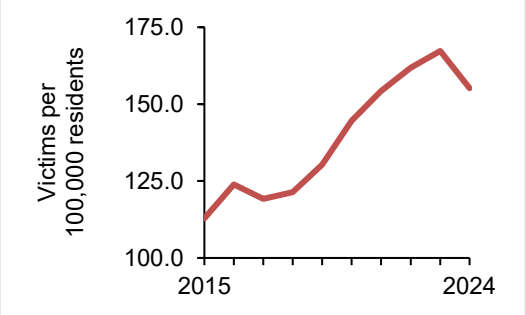

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Table 5. Violent Crime (Total) Rates: Virginia Counties and Independent Cities, 2015–2024

	Crimes per 100k res.			Crimes per 100k res.			Crimes per 100k res.	
Name	*2015*	*2024*	*Name*	*2015*	*2024*	*Name*	*2015*	*2024*
Accomack Co.	237.5	191.1	Frederick Co.	112.2	76.8	Orange Co.	72.6	245.0
Albemarle Co.	99.8	110.4	Fredericksburg	445.4	645.8	Page Co.	112.9	102.0
Alexandria	197.0	222.1	Galax	313.7	279.5	Patrick Co.	204.7	264.9
Alleghany Co.	239.9	280.3	Giles Co.	156.1	138.5	Petersburg	803.0	1,041.3
Amelia Co.	232.6	183.4	Gloucester Co.	111.5	69.2	Pittsylvania Co.	109.1	123.9
Amherst Co.	95.8	232.1	Goochland Co.	93.7	120.1	Poquoson	81.7	308.5
Appomattox Co.	77.1	129.5	Grayson Co.	117.3	111.8	Portsmouth	681.7	788.5
Arlington Co.	137.1	306.9	Greene Co.	122.2	59.9	Powhatan Co.	38.2	131.8
Augusta Co.	121.0	137.4	Greensville Co.	121.8	221.2	Prince Edward Co.	181.6	377.0
Bath Co.	41.6	188.0	Halifax Co.	205.3	207.2	Prince George Co.	116.3	332.9
Bedford Co.	114.9	131.1	Hampton	275.1	259.5	Prince William Co.	183.9	257.5
Bland Co.	87.4	176.2	Hanover Co.	128.9	208.9	Pulaski Co.	207.7	296.0
Botetourt Co.	105.2	146.6	Harrisonburg	238.9	242.6	Radford	331.6	225.5
Bristol	267.2	448.2	Henrico Co.	148.3	171.7	Rappahannock Co.	68.6	147.3
Brunswick Co.	153.2	141.3	Henry Co.	253.8	205.2	Richmond City	538.7	353.2
Buchanan Co.	168.5	146.9	Highland Co.	0.0	131.3	Richmond Co.	76.7	183.0
Buckingham Co.	157.7	215.1	Hopewell	350.6	403.4	Roanoke City	348.2	616.1
Buena Vista	89.6	45.2	Isle Of Wight Co.	154.5	168.1	Roanoke Co.	215.0	207.3
Campbell Co.	135.2	124.0	James City Co.	97.1	138.1	Rockbridge Co.	124.6	181.6
Caroline Co.	158.3	204.4	King & Queen Co.	113.7	147.9	Rockingham Co.	91.4	88.5
Carroll Co.	111.8	114.7	King George Co.	100.2	166.4	Russell Co.	211.0	296.4
Charles City Co.	112.1	231.2	King William Co.	96.8	159.4	Salem	86.1	39.8
Charlotte Co.	100.7	69.9	Lancaster Co.	125.1	385.0	Scott Co.	125.9	211.5
Charlottesville	367.9	315.0	Lee Co.	101.4	143.5	Shenandoah Co.	131.4	160.2
Chesapeake	410.5	351.0	Lexington	82.3	190.7	Smyth Co.	176.2	184.1
Chesterfield Co.	162.1	167.9	Loudoun Co.	80.5	97.9	Southampton Co.	156.2	112.6
Clarke Co.	35.0	89.9	Louisa Co.	154.2	77.2	Spotsylvania Co.	192.8	238.1
Colonial Heights	261.7	511.9	Lunenburg Co.	231.2	199.0	Stafford Co.	191.4	233.5
Covington	181.6	181.0	Lynchburg	346.7	355.8	Staunton	154.0	157.9
Craig Co.	61.2	42.0	Madison Co.	45.3	157.3	Suffolk	235.6	380.2
Culpeper Co.	118.7	78.9	Manassas	221.4	275.0	Surry Co.	249.4	61.0
Cumberland Co.	120.1	110.2	Manassas Park	74.1	74.1	Sussex Co.	168.3	262.7
Danville	611.4	370.0	Martinsville	391.1	437.1	Tazewell Co.	168.8	181.5
Dickenson Co.	129.4	74.4	Mathews Co.	68.2	107.1	Virginia Beach	144.1	98.5
Dinwiddie Co.	246.3	355.5	Mecklenburg Co.	234.0	224.2	Warren Co.	168.9	196.5
Emporia	569.4	1,051.3	Middlesex Co.	72.9	110.3	Washington Co.	114.0	148.0
Essex Co.	173.2	240.1	Montgomery Co.	112.0	147.9	Waynesboro	207.6	252.9
Fairfax City	169.1	137.3	Nelson Co.	40.4	148.8	Westmoreland Co.	122.6	153.9
Fairfax Co.	93.3	105.9	New Kent Co.	146.1	171.6	Williamsburg	77.0	216.7
Falls Church	154.1	94.5	Newport News	441.3	748.5	Winchester	279.8	221.9
Fauquier Co.	104.1	71.1	Norfolk	583.6	453.5	Wise Co.	255.2	152.2
Floyd Co.	51.8	53.0	Northampton Co.	172.1	214.0	Wythe Co.	136.9	53.7
Fluvanna Co.	122.8	95.1	Northumberland Co.	206.4	127.0	York Co.	181.3	191.0
Franklin City	380.8	479.7	Norton	381.1	238.3			
Franklin Co.	158.9	146.0	Nottoway Co.	161.8	242.9			

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Figure 1. Violent Crime (Total) Rates: Virginia Counties and Independent Cities, 2015

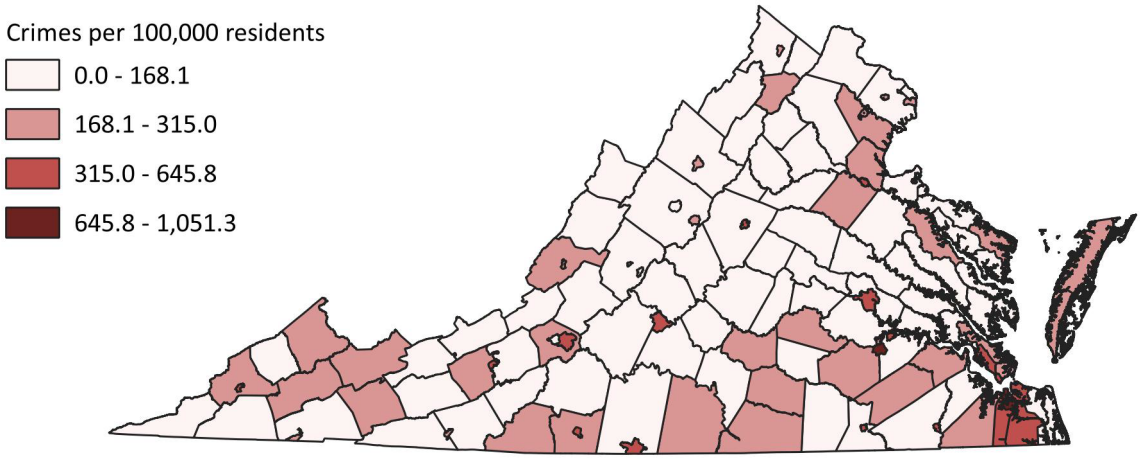
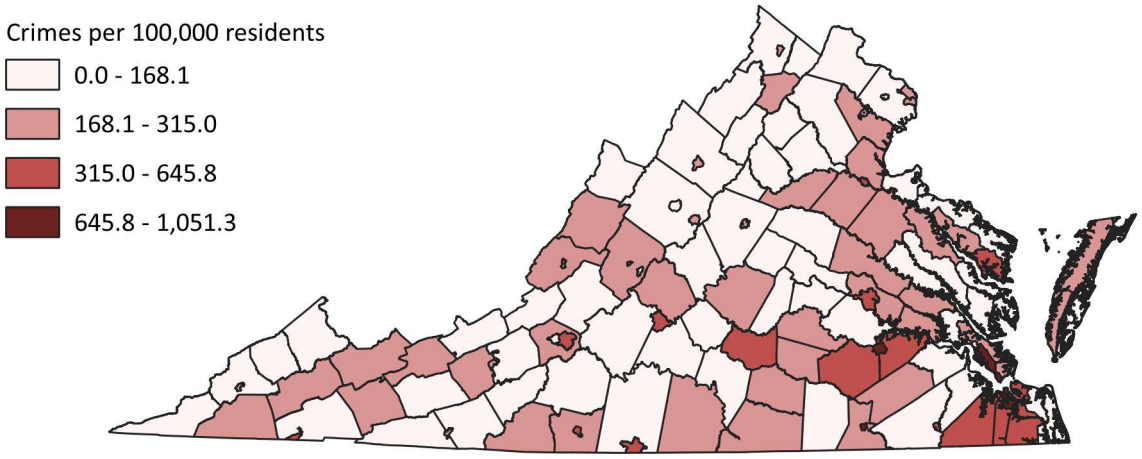


Figure 2. Violent Crime (Total) Rates: Virginia Counties and Independent Cities, 2024



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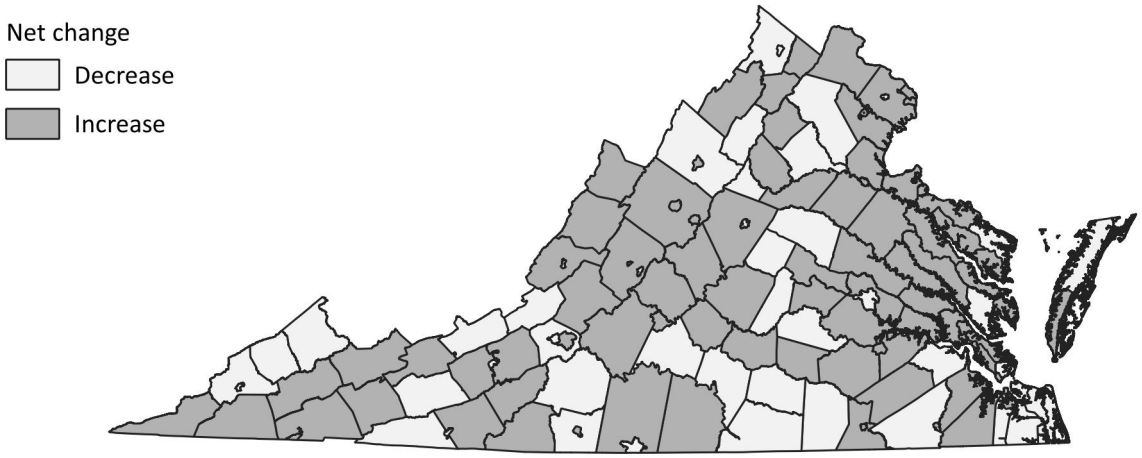

Table 6. Frequency of Violent Crime by Firearm: Virginia, 2015–2024

	Count of Firearm-Involved					*% Firearm-Involved**				
Year	*Murder*	*Rape*	*Robbery*	*Agg. Assault*	*Total*	*Murder*	*Rape*	*Robbery*	*Agg. Assault*	*Total*
2015	266	31	2,423	2,701	5,421	73%	1%	56%	29%	33%
2016	340	37	2,614	3,370	6,361	76%	1%	57%	33%	35%
2017	322	38	2,349	3,203	5,912	77%	1%	56%	33%	34%
2018	319	36	1,853	3,228	5,436	81%	1%	53%	32%	32%
2019	332	40	1,789	3,710	5,871	80%	1%	52%	34%	33%
2020	430	33	1,503	5,232	7,198	82%	1%	52%	43%	40%
2021	450	32	1,416	6,011	7,909	81%	1%	50%	46%	42%
2022	533	30	1,549	6,269	8,381	86%	1%	48%	46%	42%
2023	437	41	1,441	5,906	7,825	83%	2%	45%	42%	38%
2024	363	23	1,178	5,321	6,885	88%	1%	41%	40%	36%

Sources: Virginia Crime Repository

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*Firearm involvement status was not available for all of the crimes represented in Table 3 of this report. Percentages on this table (Table 6) are based on crimes for which firearm involvement status *was* known (i.e., known whether or not the crime involved a firearm).

Table 7. Firearm Involvement Trends for Violent Index Crimes: Virginia, 2015–2024

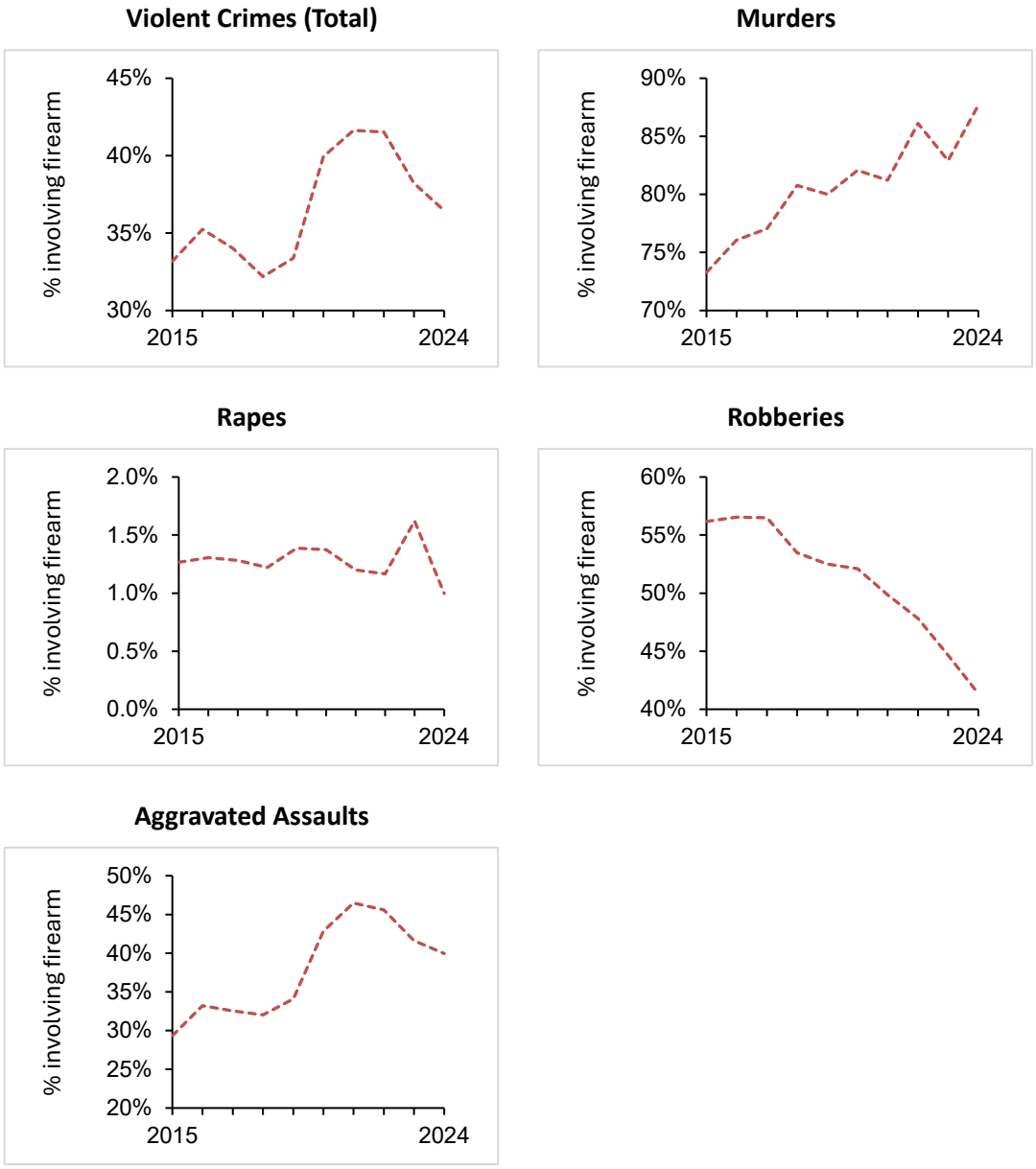

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Table 8. Definitions of Property Crimes

Property crime (total)	This rate represents the total of burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft crimes per 100,000 residents. See below for individual crime definitions and enumeration details.
Burglary	Unlawful entry into a structure for the purpose of committing a theft or felony. Rates represent the number of burglary and attempted burglary offenses per 100,000 residents.
Larceny	The unlawful taking of an object of value. Excludes cases of robbery, burglary, fraud, and embezzlement. Technically a group of eight distinct offenses—pocket-picking, purse-snatching, shoplifting, theft from a building, theft from a coin-operated machine, theft from a vehicle, theft of motor vehicle parts/accessories, and other larcenies. Rates represent the number of larceny and attempted larceny offenses per 100,000 residents.
Motor vehicle theft	Theft of an entire automobile, truck, recreational vehicle, motorcycle, etc. Rates represent the number of motor vehicle theft and attempted motor vehicle theft offenses per 100,000 residents.

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Table 9. Property Crimes per Annuum: Virginia, 2015–2024

	Count				*Rate (crimes per 100,000 residents)*			
Year	*Burglary*	*Larceny*	*MV Theft*	*Total*	*Burglary*	*Larceny*	*MV Theft*	*Total*
2015	21,223	130,109	8,445	159,777	252.8	1,549.9	100.6	1,903.3
2016	20,051	129,063	10,069	159,183	237.3	1,527.5	119.2	1,884.0
2017	18,509	126,242	10,460	155,211	217.6	1,484.1	123.0	1,824.6
2018	15,223	118,473	11,061	144,757	178.1	1,385.8	129.4	1,693.2
2019	14,071	118,672	10,642	143,385	163.6	1,380.1	123.8	1,667.6
2020	11,522	106,058	11,350	128,930	133.2	1,226.5	131.3	1,491.1
2021	10,561	105,850	11,797	128,208	122.0	1,222.9	136.3	1,481.2
2022	11,017	126,366	14,252	151,635	126.7	1,453.0	163.9	1,743.5
2023	10,627	122,584	15,435	148,646	121.7	1,404.3	176.8	1,702.9
2024	9,445	118,690	13,025	141,160	107.2	1,347.0	147.8	1,602.1

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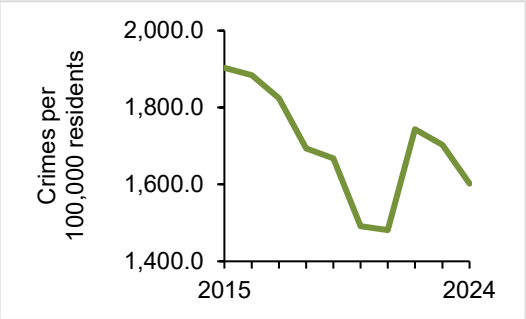

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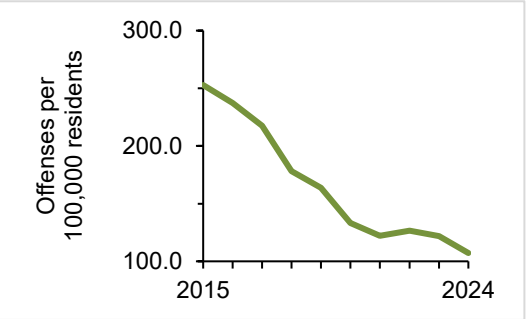

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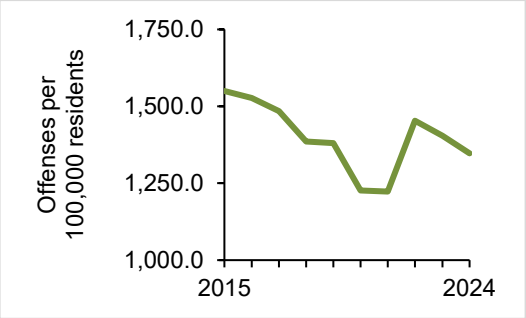

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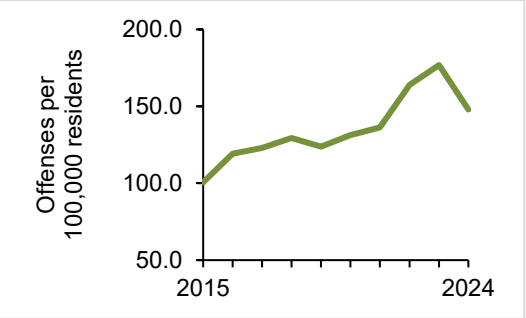

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Name	*2015*	*2024*	*Name*	*2015*	*2024*	*Name*	*2015*	*2024*
Accomack Co.	1,501.2	931.4	Frederick Co.	1,535.7	949.7	Orange Co.	947.2	569.9
Albemarle Co.	1,321.2	1,339.7	Fredericksburg	4,273.2	3,268.0	Page Co.	1,234.0	675.9
Alexandria	1,836.6	2,675.7	Galax	4,704.9	4,281.3	Patrick Co.	1,200.3	1,053.9
Alleghany Co.	1,193.3	914.3	Giles Co.	1,295.2	1,258.7	Petersburg	3,014.8	2,923.9
Amelia Co.	1,116.7	579.6	Gloucester Co.	1,590.3	1,099.5	Pittsylvania Co.	714.5	626.3
Amherst Co.	1,032.0	1,008.0	Goochland Co.	802.9	527.5	Poquoson	1,216.8	686.4
Appomattox Co.	829.3	541.4	Grayson Co.	734.4	848.3	Portsmouth	4,966.5	4,016.2
Arlington Co.	1,440.3	2,065.7	Greene Co.	1,104.9	1,022.2	Powhatan Co.	767.6	561.6
Augusta Co.	961.6	725.3	Greensville Co.	591.5	718.8	Prince Edward Co.	1,876.7	1,685.3
Bath Co.	415.6	282.0	Halifax Co.	1,628.5	1,176.2	Prince George Co.	967.9	881.4
Bedford Co.	1,100.2	626.9	Hampton	3,259.9	2,951.9	Prince William Co.	1,282.1	1,479.6
Bland Co.	975.7	512.5	Hanover Co.	1,251.9	911.6	Pulaski Co.	2,288.0	1,797.1
Botetourt Co.	823.6	694.3	Harrisonburg	2,308.4	1,543.6	Radford	1,663.9	936.8
Bristol	2,427.5	3,209.8	Henrico Co.	2,532.9	2,015.2	Rappahannock Co.	452.7	294.6
Brunswick Co.	748.5	699.5	Henry Co.	2,338.1	1,219.1	Richmond City	3,932.7	3,203.3
Buchanan Co.	1,631.4	1,322.4	Highland Co.	311.9	787.7	Richmond Co.	613.5	355.2
Buckingham Co.	1,010.4	890.3	Hopewell	2,927.4	2,127.6	Roanoke City	3,852.8	4,029.0
Buena Vista	656.7	331.7	Isle Of Wight Co.	1,160.4	733.3	Roanoke Co.	1,499.5	1,206.3
Campbell Co.	1,452.4	1,103.2	James City Co.	1,450.8	932.5	Rockbridge Co.	1,219.5	907.8
Caroline Co.	1,067.5	767.2	King & Queen Co.	1,079.9	502.7	Rockingham Co.	771.5	472.1
Carroll Co.	1,304.2	688.2	King George Co.	1,439.2	881.4	Russell Co.	1,201.5	1,033.4
Charles City Co.	420.2	385.3	King William Co.	834.9	488.7	Salem	2,102.0	1,645.5
Charlotte Co.	789.1	602.9	Lancaster Co.	1,626.5	788.4	Scott Co.	1,228.5	1,523.0
Charlottesville	2,438.8	2,817.8	Lee Co.	1,610.8	1,129.1	Shenandoah Co.	1,410.0	890.0
Chesapeake	2,556.9	1,783.9	Lexington	878.4	517.7	Smyth Co.	1,652.0	1,059.4
Chesterfield Co.	1,981.9	1,429.7	Loudoun Co.	878.9	742.9	Southampton Co.	1,077.2	962.4
Clarke Co.	1,083.8	456.2	Louisa Co.	1,326.6	789.3	Spotsylvania Co.	1,512.7	629.7
Colonial Heights	5,137.7	3,318.8	Lunenburg Co.	613.9	497.6	Stafford Co.	1,316.8	779.9
Covington	2,426.9	1,285.1	Lynchburg	2,210.1	1,753.4	Staunton	1,997.6	1,540.2
Craig Co.	122.3	629.5	Madison Co.	815.3	679.4	Suffolk	2,610.3	1,621.3
Culpeper Co.	1,156.5	869.6	Manassas	1,816.7	1,945.8	Surry Co.	645.6	625.2
Cumberland Co.	310.3	260.5	Manassas Park	864.5	752.7	Sussex Co.	992.8	1,141.8
Danville	4,097.6	2,805.6	Martinsville	2,984.2	1,221.0	Tazewell Co.	1,988.8	1,394.8
Dickenson Co.	1,151.5	416.9	Mathews Co.	897.5	808.8	Virginia Beach	2,216.4	1,673.0
Dinwiddie Co.	1,203.5	777.9	Mecklenburg Co.	1,722.4	1,127.5	Warren Co.	1,732.3	1,066.3
Emporia	4,727.4	2,779.8	Middlesex Co.	1,267.2	872.9	Washington Co.	1,983.1	1,262.9
Essex Co.	1,759.2	1,239.1	Montgomery Co.	1,185.6	1,105.5	Waynesboro	2,690.1	1,582.5
Fairfax City	1,765.7	3,556.1	Nelson Co.	1,199.5	1,176.6	Westmoreland Co.	1,515.4	605.5
Fairfax Co.	1,338.8	1,517.0	New Kent Co.	1,611.6	604.3	Williamsburg	1,277.7	1,262.0
Falls Church	1,826.7	1,462.1	Newport News	3,084.0	2,507.9	Winchester	3,845.0	2,229.1
Fauquier Co.	1,055.3	488.2	Norfolk	3,826.6	3,528.0	Wise Co.	1,924.4	1,171.7
Floyd Co.	776.9	344.6	Northampton Co.	1,376.7	493.8	Wythe Co.	1,342.0	978.0
Fluvanna Co.	756.2	468.6	Northumberland Co.	767.8	702.6	York Co.	1,909.8	1,307.9
Franklin City	5,296.6	2,792.1	Norton	6,224.6	9,454.4			
Franklin Co.	1,229.5	873.9	Nottoway Co.	1,835.6	1,131.2			

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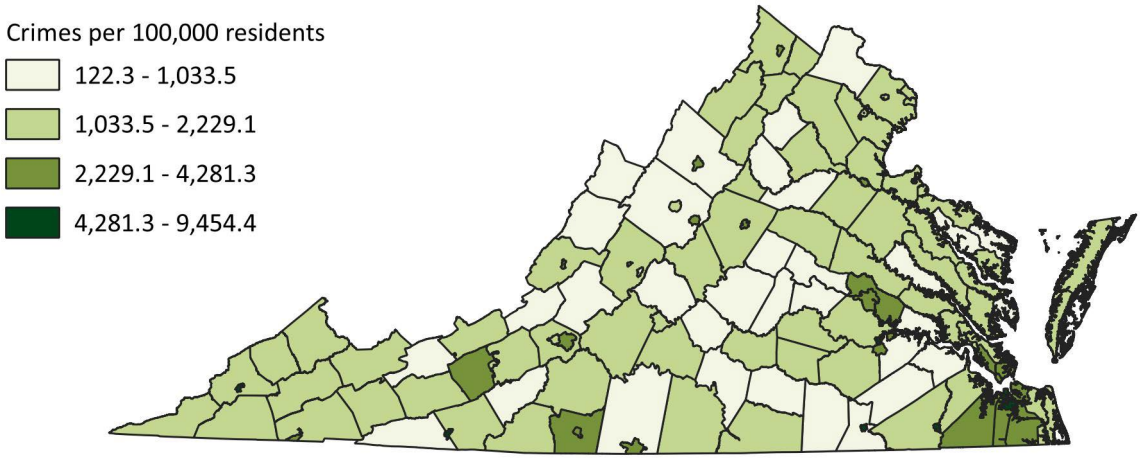
Figure 4. Property Crime (Total) Rates: Virginia Counties and Independent Cities, 2015



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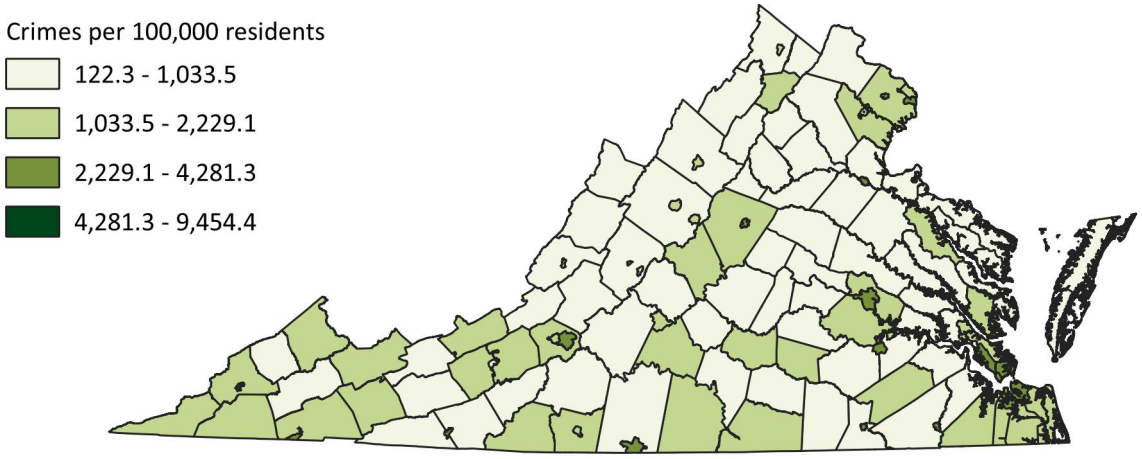

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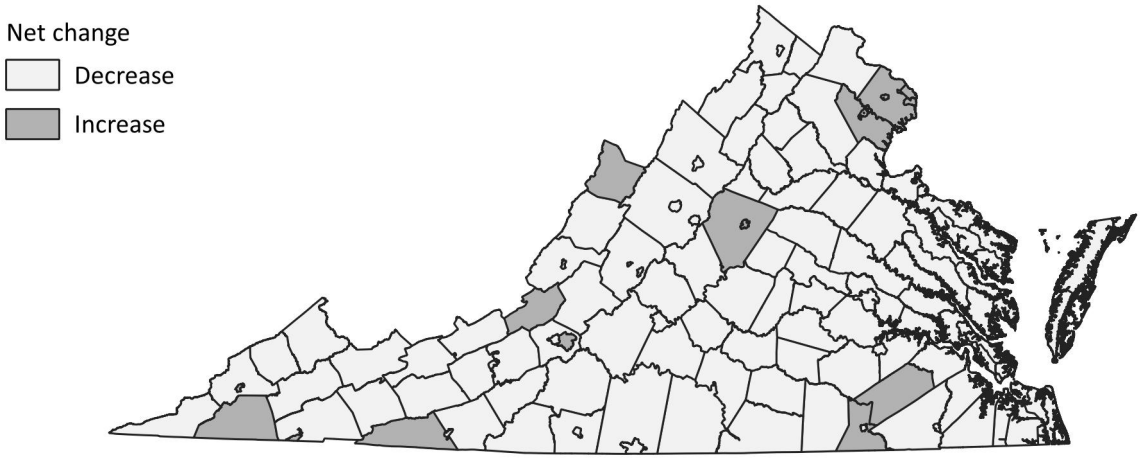

Table 12. Definitions of Drug Arrests

Drug arrests (total)	Covers arrests for illegal drug possession, use, purchase, distribution, sale, transportation, importation, manufacture, or cultivation, regardless of drug type. Rates represent the number of drug arrests per 100,000 residents aged ten years or older.
Marijuana arrests	Consists of arrests for illegal marijuana possession, use, purchase, distribution, sale, transportation, importation, manufacture, or cultivation, including arrests involving a combination of marijuana and other drugs. Rates represent the number of marijuana arrests per 100,000 residents aged ten years or older.
Other drug arrests	Consists of arrests for illegal drug possession, use, purchase, distribution, sale, transportation, importation, manufacture, or cultivation that did not involve marijuana. Rates represent the number of non-marijuana drug arrests per 100,000 residents aged ten years or older.

Note: This report uses crime and arrest counts obtained from the Virginia Crime Repository. All counts conform to the offense definitions and enumeration methods of the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Definitions provided above are paraphrased for a general audience. For technical definitions, please consult the *Virginia Crime Repository Offenses Glossary* (https://va.beyond2020.com) or the latest version of the *NIBRS User Manual* (https://le.fbi.gov).

Table 13. Counts and Rates of Drug Arrests per Annuum: Virginia, 2015–2024

	Count			*Rate (crimes per 100k res. age 10+)*		
Year	*Marijuana*	*Non-Marijuana*	*Total*	*Marijuana*	*Non-Marijuana*	*Total*
2015	21,886	14,332	36,218	298.5	195.5	494.0
2016	23,584	15,937	39,521	319.5	215.9	535.5
2017	28,201	17,276	45,477	379.2	232.3	611.5
2018	28,899	18,373	47,272	386.4	245.7	632.1
2019	26,530	18,302	44,832	353.0	243.5	596.6
2020	13,786	14,718	28,504	181.1	193.4	374.5
2021	2,532	12,978	15,510	33.1	169.8	203.0
2022	1,477	12,596	14,073	19.3	164.2	183.5
2023	1,686	14,704	16,390	21.8	190.4	212.2
2024	1,462	13,537	14,999	18.7	173.5	192.2

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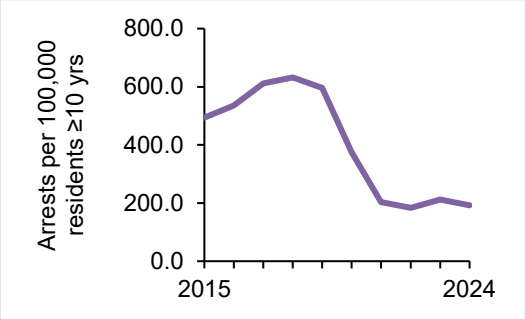
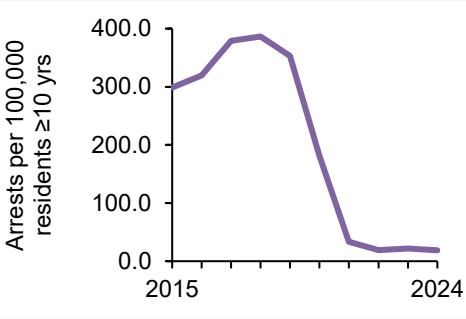
Table 14. Drug Arrest Rate Trends: Virginia, 2015–2024

Drug Arrest (Total) Rate



Marijuana Arrest Rate



Non-Marijuana Drug Arrest Rate

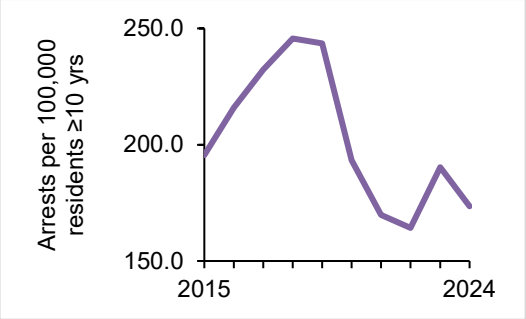


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Table 15. Drug Arrest (Total) Rates: Virginia Counties and Independent Cities, 2015–2024

	Arrests per 100k res. aged 10+			*Arrests per 100k res. aged 10+*			*Arrests per 100k res. aged 10+*	
Name	*2015*	*2024*	*Name*	*2015*	*2024*	*Name*	*2015*	*2024*
Accomack Co.	306.7	86.6	Frederick Co.	533.9	184.3	Orange Co.	560.9	108.1
Albemarle Co.	366.5	43.7	Fredericksburg	1,301.5	619.4	Page Co.	402.1	742.7
Alexandria	358.5	84.9	Galax	1,447.1	1,434.1	Patrick Co.	67.4	303.2
Alleghany Co.	387.6	602.8	Giles Co.	565.6	302.2	Petersburg	725.3	279.2
Amelia Co.	97.1	139.9	Gloucester Co.	420.4	130.5	Pittsylvania Co.	173.4	84.7
Amherst Co.	179.4	134.4	Goochland Co.	109.3	50.0	Poquoson	184.6	166.4
Appomattox Co.	247.5	167.8	Grayson Co.	248.0	476.2	Portsmouth	490.0	121.6
Arlington Co.	378.6	104.8	Greene Co.	258.1	249.8	Powhatan Co.	264.0	47.9
Augusta Co.	182.5	286.0	Greensville Co.	724.2	116.9	Prince Edward Co.	638.4	128.2
Bath Co.	438.3	327.2	Halifax Co.	418.6	150.4	Prince George Co.	321.9	227.5
Bedford Co.	284.4	165.7	Hampton	571.8	249.9	Prince William Co.	504.7	203.3
Bland Co.	299.6	471.0	Hanover Co.	612.9	183.9	Pulaski Co.	602.8	381.2
Botetourt Co.	797.6	418.5	Harrisonburg	760.2	462.9	Radford	951.0	112.6
Bristol	467.0	1,844.6	Henrico Co.	436.6	208.7	Rappahannock Co.	521.8	203.6
Brunswick Co.	287.1	83.2	Henry Co.	208.6	374.1	Richmond City	828.5	108.2
Buchanan Co.	645.3	146.9	Highland Co.	97.4	93.6	Richmond Co.	299.3	36.3
Buckingham Co.	595.6	166.3	Hopewell	1,096.0	338.9	Roanoke City	607.0	267.6
Buena Vista	814.6	379.8	Isle Of Wight Co.	515.1	79.5	Roanoke Co.	496.2	240.1
Campbell Co.	109.3	268.0	James City Co.	237.4	79.1	Rockbridge Co.	903.9	402.2
Caroline Co.	636.3	155.9	King & Queen Co.	909.2	81.8	Rockingham Co.	285.2	215.5
Carroll Co.	528.0	194.8	King George Co.	452.8	157.2	Russell Co.	476.2	389.0
Charles City Co.	31.0	49.0	King William Co.	245.3	71.1	Salem	533.7	367.5
Charlotte Co.	425.3	422.2	Lancaster Co.	190.7	49.0	Scott Co.	471.8	911.7
Charlottesville	521.2	37.3	Lee Co.	189.8	495.8	Shenandoah Co.	688.2	209.9
Chesapeake	559.3	189.3	Lexington	561.5	70.9	Smyth Co.	501.4	449.0
Chesterfield Co.	699.6	227.6	Loudoun Co.	211.6	62.4	Southampton Co.	226.4	55.1
Clarke Co.	383.5	42.5	Louisa Co.	547.8	45.2	Spotsylvania Co.	481.6	82.5
Colonial Heights	2,692.9	583.9	Lunenburg Co.	378.9	64.6	Stafford Co.	615.7	269.1
Covington	395.7	1,301.4	Lynchburg	968.7	406.5	Staunton	927.0	461.7
Craig Co.	299.9	203.3	Madison Co.	188.5	211.4	Suffolk	497.8	144.7
Culpeper Co.	704.3	225.8	Manassas	668.9	376.9	Surry Co.	231.1	16.8
Cumberland Co.	357.4	33.4	Manassas Park	727.0	228.7	Sussex Co.	563.9	50.8
Danville	1,471.3	473.5	Martinsville	1,190.2	630.3	Tazewell Co.	780.6	664.1
Dickenson Co.	243.8	413.6	Mathews Co.	812.0	50.6	Virginia Beach	457.8	139.5
Dinwiddie Co.	159.7	73.6	Mecklenburg Co.	405.1	184.1	Warren Co.	850.1	577.4
Emporia	2,500.0	86.8	Middlesex Co.	50.9	30.2	Washington Co.	396.9	420.1
Essex Co.	242.0	238.6	Montgomery Co.	369.2	272.5	Waynesboro	810.8	347.1
Fairfax City	369.9	27.3	Nelson Co.	172.0	195.4	Westmoreland Co.	921.7	97.7
Fairfax Co.	373.4	103.0	New Kent Co.	432.8	193.5	Williamsburg	629.6	357.3
Falls Church	370.1	30.1	Newport News	485.3	224.1	Winchester	1,383.6	469.0
Fauquier Co.	452.3	143.7	Norfolk	364.8	130.1	Wise Co.	300.3	180.6
Floyd Co.	86.4	317.3	Northampton Co.	326.5	63.8	Wythe Co.	1,242.2	237.6
Fluvanna Co.	163.2	61.8	Northumberland Co.	648.7	43.4	York Co.	325.6	127.7
Franklin City	502.8	286.9	Norton	566.6	1,141.6			
Franklin Co.	626.0	520.5	Nottoway Co.	280.6	64.3			

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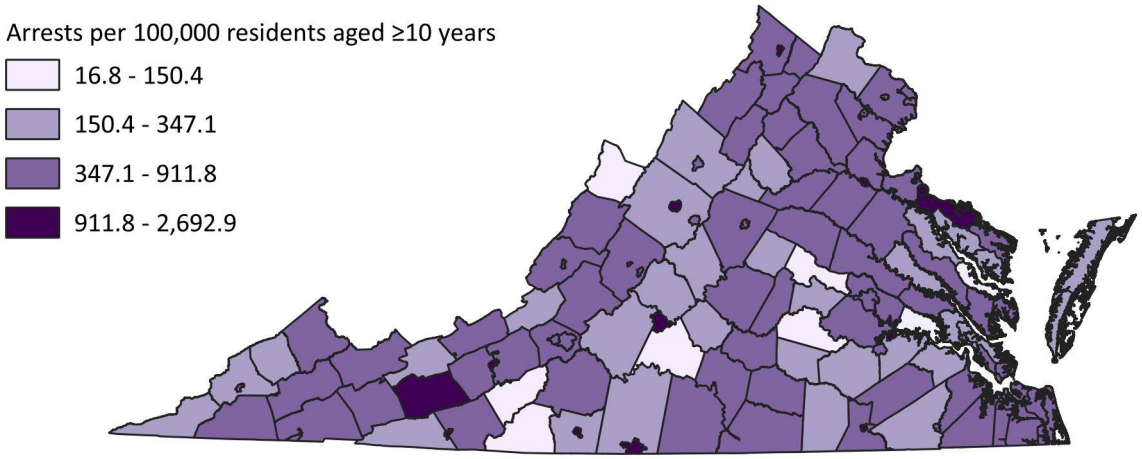

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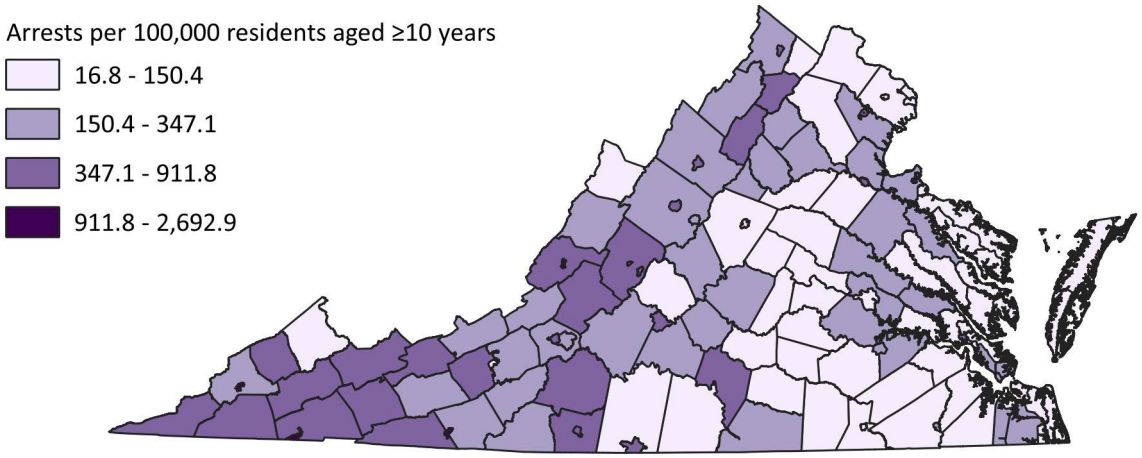
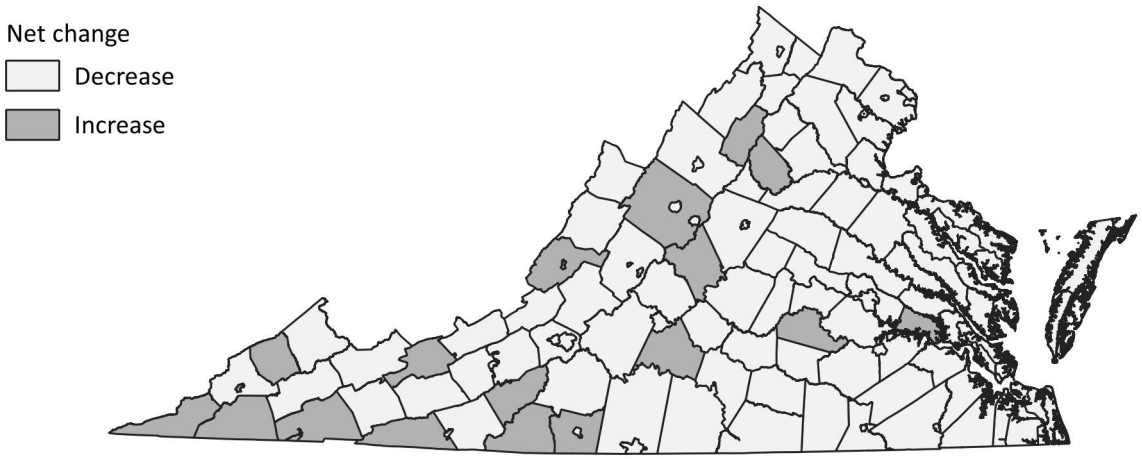
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