



Virginia Index Crime and Drug Arrest Trends 2010–2019

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Executive Summary

This report describes Virginia violent and property index crime and drug arrest trends, for the decade 2010–2019. Understanding these trends is important because the numbers of crimes and arrests reported are “leading indicators” for other parts of the criminal justice system, including prosecutions, court caseloads, and correctional populations. They also provide public safety officials with information to guide policies, legislation and resources aimed at preventing and reducing future crime.

Data in this report is drawn from crimes and arrests reported by Virginia law enforcement agencies to the Virginia State Police Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) data repository. The index offenses, considered the most serious crimes, are the violent crimes of murder/non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault, and the property crimes of burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft (see Appendix for more details on the data source and offense definitions).

Crime and arrest trends are presented across time and geography. For historical context, 30-year crime trends are shown, although primary attention is given to trends over the last decade. This context is important, because single year-to-year variations in crime can be too volatile to inform statewide policies and legislation. Geography is important because crime trends are not the same everywhere in Virginia. Therefore, trends are presented at three geographic levels: statewide, by the seven Virginia State Police divisions, and by locality.

The major findings of the report follow.

Violent Index Crime Trends

The volume of violent index crime in Virginia decreased over the last decade. The *number* of violent crimes dropped by 2% from 2010 to 2019, and the *rate* of violent crimes (per 100,000 population) decreased by 8%. This decrease was due entirely to a significant drop in the number of robberies reported. The number of homicides, forcible rapes, and aggravated assaults increased from 2010 to 2019.

- Murder, forcible rape, and aggravated assault were the violent index crimes that increased in both number and rate from 2010 to 2019.
- The number of murders increased from 369 in 2010 to 428 in 2019, a 16% increase. The murder rate increased by 9% during this time.
- The number of forcible rapes increased, from 1,531 in 2010 to 1,758 in 2019, a 15% increase. The rate of forcible rapes increased by 8%.
- The number of robberies dropped significantly, from 5,659 in 2010 to 3,526 in 2019, a 38% decrease. The robbery rate dropped by 41%. The overall decrease in violence across Virginia from 2010 to 2019 was wholly attributed to the decrease in robberies.
- The number of aggravated assaults increased from 9,518 in 2010 to 11,004 in 2019, a 16% increase. The aggravated assault *rate* increased by 9%.

The decrease in the total number of violent crimes occurred during a decade when Virginia’s population increased by 6%, from over 8 million in 2010 to over 8.5 million in 2019.

More recent trends in violence are mixed. The total violent index crime rate decreased continuously from 2011 through 2013, remained essentially unchanged in 2014 and 2015, increased in 2016, decreased in 2017 and again in 2018, then increased in 2019.

From 2018 to 2019 the total violent index crime rate increased by 5%, from 187.1 violent crimes per 100,000 population in 2018 to 195.8 in 2019. The same mixed trend continued for the individual types of violent crime.

- The number of murders increased from 391 in 2018 to 428 in 2019, a 9% increase. The murder rate also increased by 9%.
- The number of forcible rapes decreased from 1,828 in 2018 to 1,758 in 2019, a 4% decrease. The forcible rape rate also decreased by 4%.
- The number of robberies decreased from 3,619 in 2018 to 3,526 in 2019, a 3% decrease. The robbery rate also decreased by 3%.
- The number of aggravated assaults increased from 10,102 victims in 2018 to 11,004 in 2019, a 9% increase. The aggravated assault rate increased by 9%.

Property Index Crime Trends

Property crime in Virginia dropped over the past decade. The total *number* of property crimes decreased by 25% from 2010 to 2019, and the *rate* of property crimes (per 100,000 population) decreased by 29%.

- The number of burglaries declined from 30,040 in 2010 to 13,749 in 2019, a 54% decrease. The burglary rate decreased significantly by 57%.
- The number of larcenies dropped from 145,576 in 2010 to 116,709 in 2019, a 20% decrease. The larceny rate decreased by 25%.
- The number of motor vehicle thefts dropped from 9,504 in 2010 to 9,034 in 2018, a 5% decrease. The motor vehicle theft rate decreased by 11%.

More recent trends in property crime show that from 2018 to 2019, the number and rate of property crimes overall decreased by 1%.

- The number of burglaries declined from 14,906 in 2018 to 13,749 in 2019, an 8% decrease. The burglary rate decreased by 8%.
- The number of larcenies increased from 115,974 in 2018 to 116,709 in 2019, a 1% increase. The larceny rate decreased by less than 1%.
- The number of motor vehicle thefts decreased from 9,518 in 2018 to 9,034 in 2019, a 5% decrease, and the motor vehicle theft rate also decreased by 5%.
- The decrease in property crime rates statewide is slowing. This is being driven by the recent increase in the number larceny-theft offenses.

Drug Arrest Trends

Due to the covert nature of drug use and distribution, there is no direct measure of drug offenses in Virginia during the last decade. Instead, the criminal justice system's primary measure of drug offending is the number of arrests reported for illegal drug sales and possession.

The total *number* of arrests for drug sale and possession rose by 28% from 2010 to 2019, and the *rate* of drug arrests (per 100,000 arrest-age population) increased by 19%.

- Marijuana arrests accounted for the majority of all drug arrests in each year from 2010 to 2019, and the number of marijuana arrests increased by 2% over this period, from 21,367 in 2010 to 26,089 in 2019. Over the decade, the number of marijuana arrests peaked in 2018 at 24,645 arrests, then decreased by 9% in 2019 to 26,089 arrests.
- In 2010, there were 5,216 arrests where a stimulant was the primary drug seized, and in 2019 the number had risen to 8,436 arrests, a 62% increase. Excluding marijuana, arrests for all stimulants had the largest increase in number from 2010 to 2019. This increase was the result of increases in the number of arrests for methamphetamine/amphetamines/other stimulants which increased from 546 in 2010 to 3,993 in 2019, a 631% increase. At the same time, arrests for cocaine rose by 20% and arrests for crack decreased by 29%. From 2018 to 2019, arrests for each type of stimulant increased, and total arrests for all types of stimulants increased by 19%.
- Arrests for heroin and other opioids (both prescription and illicit), while increasing sharply over the last decade, have more recently decreased. From 2010 to 2019 the number of arrests for all opioids (including heroin and fentanyl) increased by 32%, from 2,801 arrests in 2010 to 3,689 in 2019. The increasing trend in arrests for all opioids leveled off after 2015. While the number of arrests for heroin increased by 133% over the decade, from 976 in 2010 to 2,270 in 2019, the number of arrests for heroin decreased by less than 1% from 2018 to 2019. The number of arrests for other narcotics (including fentanyl) increased by 5% from 2018 to 2019.
- Arrests for barbiturates, hallucinogens and all other drugs increased by 7% from 2010 (1,199 arrests) to 2019 (1,283 arrests).
- Adults were consistently arrested for drug violations at a higher rate than juveniles. While the adult drug arrest rate increased by 22% over the decade, juvenile drug arrest rates declined by 27%. From 2018 to 2019, drug arrest rates decreased for both juveniles and adults.

Violent Index Crime

Violent crimes are murder/non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.¹ The total number of violent crimes reported decreased by 2% over the decade while the total state population increased by 6% over the ten-year period.

Change in number and rate of violent index crime in Virginia, 2010–2019

Year	Number of violent crimes					Violent crime rate per 100,000 population				
	Murder*	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Total	Murder*	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Total
2010	369	1,531	5,659	9,518	17,077	4.6	19.1	70.5	118.6	212.8
2011	306	1,537	5,427	8,702	15,972	3.78	19.0	67.0	107.4	197.1
2012	316	1,449	4,708	9,077	15,550	3.9	17.7	57.5	110.9	190.0
2013	317	1,431	4,547	9,019	15,314	3.84	17.3	55.0	109.2	185.4
2014	337	1,453	4,283	9,379	15,452	4.0	17.5	51.4	112.6	185.6
2015	383	1,499	4,438	9,223	15,543	4.6	17.9	52.9	110.0	185.4
2016	480	1,707	4,778	10,240	17,205	5.7	20.3	56.8	121.7	204.5
2017	454	1,816	4,349	10,014	16,633	5.4	21.4	51.3	118.2	196.4
2018	391	1,828	3,619	10,102	15,940	4.6	21.5	42.5	118.6	187.1
2019	428	1,758	3,526	11,004	16,716	5.0	20.6	41.3	128.9	195.8
10-yr % change	+16%	+15%	-38%	+16%	-2%	+9%	+8%	-41%	+9%	-8%
1-yr % change	+9%	-4%	-3%	+9%	+5%	+9%	-4%	-3%	+9%	+5%

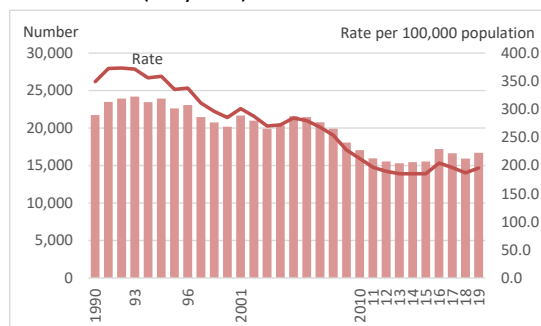
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*Includes non-negligent manslaughter

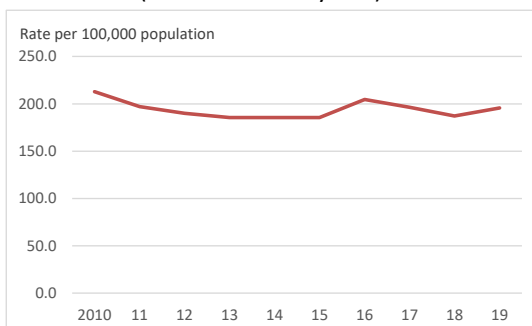
More recently, the number of violent crimes across Virginia have increased. From 2018 to 2019, the overall total number of violent crimes reported increased by 5%. The number of murder and aggravated assault victims each increased by 9% from 2018 to 2019, while the number of victims of forcible rape and robbery decreased from 2018 to 2019.

Number and rate of total violent index crime

1990–2019 (30 years)



2010–2019 (most recent 10 years)



The statewide total violent crime rate² decreased by 8% from 2010 to 2019, from a decade high rate of 212.8 violent crimes per 100,000 population in 2010 to 195.8 in 2019. The total violent crime rate trend was mixed, decreasing continuously from 2011 through 2013, remaining essentially constant from 2014 to 2015, increasing in 2016, followed by a decrease in 2018, then increasing in 2019.

¹ Murder, forcible rape, and aggravated assault crimes are the actual number of victims reported. Robberies are the number of crimes reported.

² The violent crime rate is the number of crimes reported per 100,000 population.

Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter

The murder rate across Virginia increased by 9% over the decade, from 4.6 homicide victims per 100,000 total population in 2010 to 5.0 homicide victims per 100,000 population in 2019. The statewide murder rate trend was mixed. More recently, there was an increase in the homicide rate, from 4.6 victims per 100,000 population in 2018 to 5.0 in 2019. The 2011 murder rate of 3.78 victims per 100,000 population was the lowest rate since 1990.

Forcible Rape

From 2010 to 2019, the rate of violent sexual assault in Virginia increased by 8%, from 19.1 victims per 100,000 population reported in 2010 to 20.6 reported in 2019. The rate decreased by 4% from 2018 to 2019.

Robbery

Over the decade, the statewide robbery rate decreased by 41%, from 70.5 robberies per 100,000 population in 2010 to 41.3 in 2019. While robbery was the violent offense with the largest ten-year rate decrease, the decrease is slowing, with a 3% decrease in the robbery rate from 2018 (rate 42.5) to 2019 (rate 41.3). The 2019 Virginia robbery rate was the lowest since 1990.

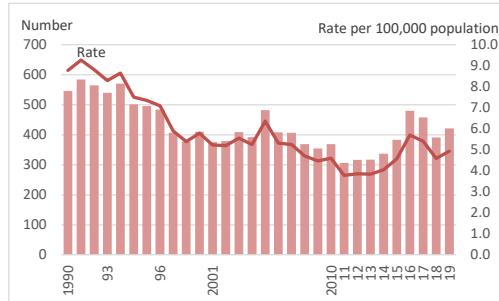
Aggravated Assault

Between 2010 and 2019, 6 out of every 10 violent index crime reported was an aggravated assault. Over the decade, the aggravated assault victimization rate across Virginia increased by 9% from 118.6 victims per 100,000 population in 2010 to 128.9 in 2019. From 2018 to 2019, the aggravated assault victimization rate also increased by 9%, from 118.6 in 2018 to 128.9 in 2019.

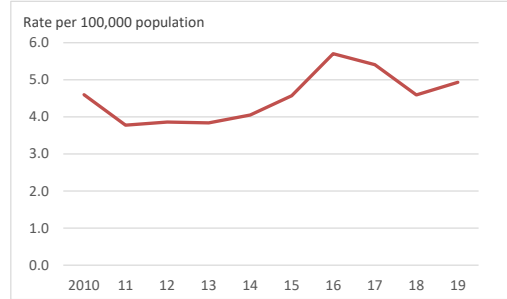
Number and rate of violent index crime by crime type

Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter

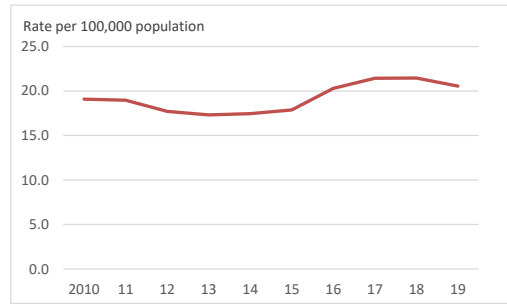
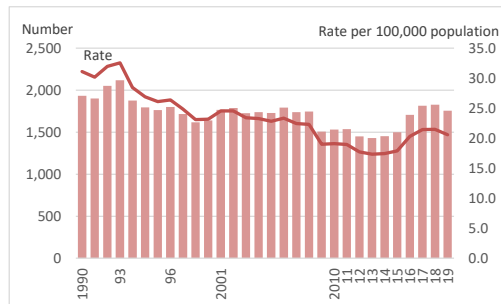
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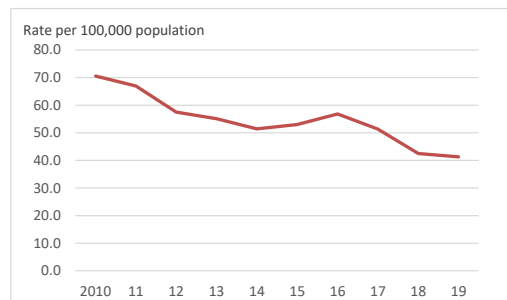
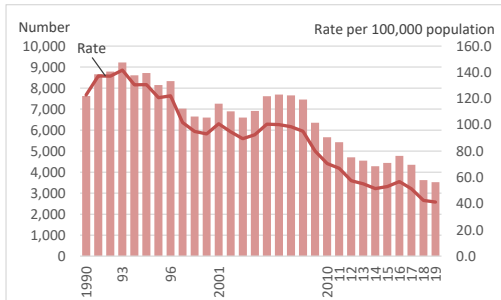
2010–2019 (most recent 10 years)



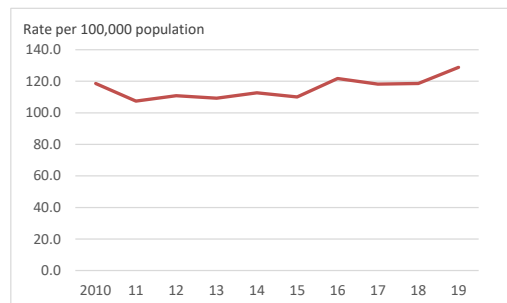
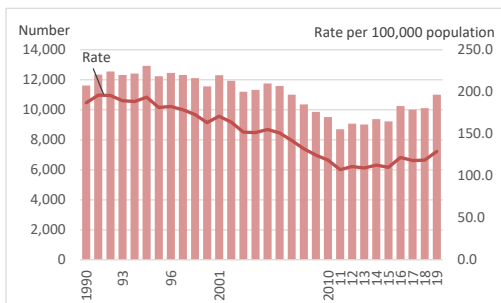
Forcible Rape



Robbery



Aggravated Assault

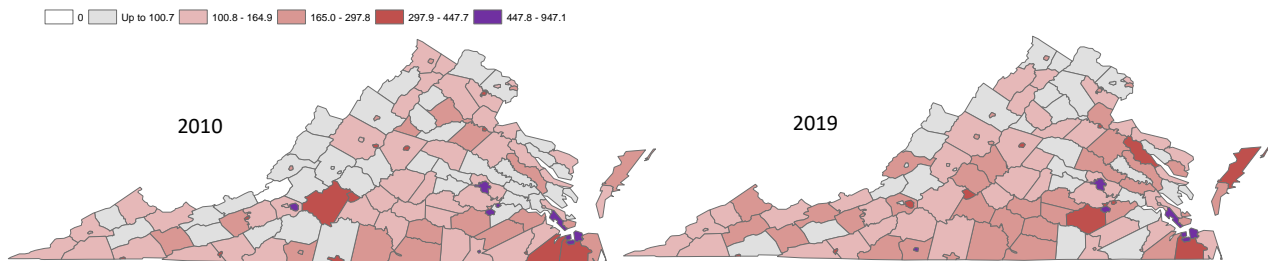


Violent Index Crime Rates by Area

2010 locality violent crime rates ranged from a low rate of 0 violent crimes per 100,000 population to a high rate of 909.4. By comparison, 2019 locality violent crime rates ranged from a low locality rate of 22.2 violent crimes per 100,000 population to a locality high rate of 947.1. The highest violent crime rates were in cities, and most of the high rate localities in 2010 were also the localities with the highest rates in 2019. Fifteen of the 20 localities with the highest 2010 violent crime rates had lower violent crime rates in 2019.

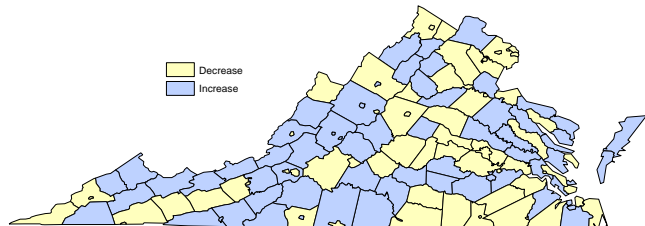
The change in locality violent crime rates is shown in the maps below where many localities with darker shading (indicating higher rates) in the 2010 map are shaded noticeably lighter in the 2019 map.

Total violent index crime rate per 100,000 population, by locality and year



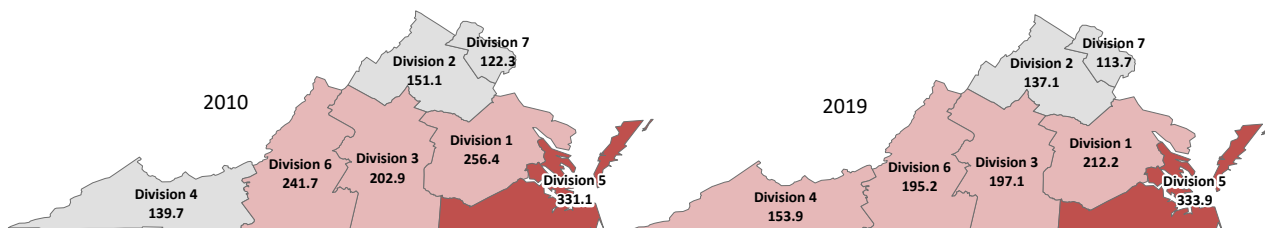
Total violent crime rates decreased in 26 of Virginia's 38 cities and in 41 of Virginia's 95 counties over the ten-year period.

Change in violent index crime rate by locality, 2010 to 2019



Violent crime rates decreased in Virginia State Police divisions 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7 from 2010 to 2019, and increased in Divisions 4 and 5.

Total violent index crime rate by State Police division and year, 2010 and 2019



Total violent crime rate per 100,000 population by locality

	2010	2019
VIRGINIA	227.9	187.1

COUNTIES	2010	2019
Accomack Co	186.8	377.5
Albemarle Co	134.1	118.9
Alleghany Co	92.5	188.4
Amelia Co	164.9	190.2
Amherst Co	93.6	237.3
Appomattox Co	139.7	106.8
Arlington Co	157.2	119.5
Augusta Co	103.4	124.4
Bath Co	21.2	72.3
Bedford Co	358.0	101.3
Bland Co	73.3	191.1
Botetourt Co	78.3	98.7
Brunswick Co	132.0	67.8
Buchanan Co	133.2	214.2
Buckingham Co	163.6	128.3
Campbell Co	153.1	174.9
Caroline Co	153.9	218.1
Carroll Co	109.8	144.3
Charles City Co	96.4	57.4
Charlotte Co	111.4	176.8
Chesterfield Co	155.8	124.1
Clarke Co	163.8	54.7
Craig Co	0.0	78.0
Culpeper Co	200.8	83.6
Cumberland Co	129.5	120.8
Dickenson Co	100.7	139.7
Dinwiddie Co	178.6	315.3
Essex Co	107.5	356.1
Fairfax Co	96.8	90.6
Fauquier Co	107.1	74.4
Floyd Co	65.2	101.6
Fluvanna Co	73.8	110.0
Franklin Co	90.7	128.5
Frederick Co	123.5	92.9
Giles Co	80.9	101.7
Gloucester Co	48.7	91.0
Goochland Co	96.5	46.3
Grayson Co	135.8	160.8
Greene Co	271.1	60.5
Greensville Co	147.1	141.1
Halifax Co	193.6	197.6
Hanover Co	79.1	167.0
Henrico Co	162.6	135.7
Henry Co	288.4	243.3
Highland Co	87.2	45.7
Isle of Wight Co	116.2	118.6
James City Co	93.6	109.8
King & Queen Co	200.9	199.3

COUNTIES	2010	2019
King George Co	109.8	108.1
King William Co	62.6	93.3
Lancaster Co	70.4	292.4
Lee Co	125.3	106.7
Loudoun Co	78.3	91.4
Louisa Co	129.2	98.4
Lunenburg Co	209.4	205.0
Madison Co	75.2	105.6
Mathews Co	78.0	34.0
Mecklenburg Co	214.0	179.8
Middlesex Co	109.4	151.2
Montgomery Co	126.9	143.1
Nelson Co	66.7	207.6
New Kent Co	97.1	181.9
Northampton Co	129.0	213.5
Northumberland Co	113.3	157.1
Nottoway Co	119.9	203.5
Orange Co	80.5	116.1
Page Co	120.6	163.2
Patrick Co	119.1	187.4
Pittsylvania Co	78.6	130.9
Powhatan Co	85.5	67.4
Prince Edward Co	162.6	232.4
Prince George Co	75.8	179.9
Prince William Co	158.0	157.3
Pulaski Co	215.3	211.6
Rappahannock Co	53.3	54.3
Richmond Co	97.2	22.2
Roanoke Co	139.5	223.0
Rockbridge Co	40.4	159.5
Rockingham Co	65.5	63.5
Russell Co	83.2	233.2
Scott Co	121.0	125.2
Shenandoah Co	64.2	160.5
Smyth Co	198.8	172.7
Southampton Co	145.4	85.1
Spotsylvania Co	213.2	121.9
Stafford Co	160.3	202.1
Surry Co	297.8	46.7
Sussex Co	233.3	107.5
Tazewell Co	117.4	160.1
Warren Co	114.6	122.0
Washington Co	107.5	80.0
Westmoreland Co	80.2	133.2
Wise Co	141.9	117.7
Wythe Co	99.1	76.7
York Co	128.9	108.4

CITIES	2010	2019
Alexandria C	196.0	181.9
Bristol C	336.1	310.2
Buena Vista C	15.1	77.2
Charlottesville C	447.7	319.5
Chesapeake C	389.7	442.3
Colonial Heights C	253.1	345.4
Covington C	184.5	90.3
Danville C	394.1	274.7
Emporia C	523.5	224.5
Fairfax C	154.9	70.8
Falls Church C	104.4	68.4
Franklin C	429.8	188.3
Fredericksburg C	421.2	375.4
Galax C	353.3	409.6
Hampton C	292.5	282.5
Harrisonburg C	187.5	198.1
Hopewell C	909.4	337.3
Lexington C	56.7	134.3
Lynchburg C	426.5	378.5
Manassas C	350.3	238.5
Manassas Park C	124.5	80.1
Martinsville C	283.8	509.8
Newport News C	528.2	579.2
Norfolk C	601.0	549.1
Norton C	125.8	125.6
Petersburg C	613.9	752.9
Poquoson C	57.6	179.3
Portsmouth C	638.8	947.1
Radford C	419.5	268.5
Richmond C	748.7	465.2
Roanoke C	699.5	379.3
Salem C	136.6	90.9
Staunton C	134.3	220.6
Suffolk C	312.2	286.6
Virginia Beach C	187.2	126.2
Waynesboro C	336.9	234.2
Williamsburg C	148.5	147.1
Winchester C	217.3	181.6

County and city ranking of total violent crime rate per 100,000 population, by year

Counties are ranked against other counties (highest rate ranked 1, lowest rate ranked 95)

Cities are ranked against other cities (highest rate ranked 1, lowest rate ranked 38)

COUNTIES	2010	2019
Accomack Co	14	1
Albemarle Co	33	55
Alleghany Co	68	22
Amelia Co	16	21
Amherst Co	66	6
Appomattox Co	30	64
Arlington Co	23	54
Augusta Co	58	49
Bath Co	94	83
Bedford Co	1	69
Bland Co	84	20
Botetourt Co	78	70
Brunswick Co	35	84
Buchanan Co	34	11
Buckingham Co	18	47
Campbell Co	26	28
Caroline Co	25	10
Carroll Co	52	39
Charles City Co	65	88
Charlotte Co	51	27
Chesterfield Co	24	50
Clarke Co	17	89
Craig Co	95	80
Culpeper Co	11	78
Cumberland Co	36	53
Dickenson Co	59	42
Dinwiddie Co	15	3
Essex Co	55	2
Fairfax Co	63	76
Fauquier Co	57	82
Floyd Co	88	68
Fluvanna Co	83	59
Franklin Co	69	46
Frederick Co	42	73
Giles Co	73	67
Gloucester Co	92	75
Goochland Co	64	92
Grayson Co	32	32
Greene Co	4	87
Greensville Co	27	41
Halifax Co	13	19
Hanover Co	76	30
Henrico Co	19	43
Henry Co	3	5
Highland Co	70	93
Isle of Wight Co	48	56
James City Co	66	60
King & Queen Co	10	18

COUNTIES	2010	2019
King George Co	52	62
King William Co	90	72
Lancaster Co	85	4
Lee Co	41	65
Loudoun Co	78	74
Louisa Co	37	71
Lunenburg Co	9	15
Madison Co	82	66
Mathews Co	80	94
Mecklenburg Co	7	26
Middlesex Co	54	38
Montgomery Co	40	40
Nelson Co	86	14
New Kent Co	62	24
Northampton Co	38	12
Northumberland Co	50	37
Nottoway Co	45	16
Orange Co	74	58
Page Co	44	31
Patrick Co	46	23
Pittsylvania Co	77	45
Powhatan Co	71	85
Prince Edward Co	19	8
Prince George Co	81	25
Prince William Co	22	36
Pulaski Co	6	13
Rappahannock Co	91	90
Richmond Co	61	95
Roanoke Co	31	9
Rockbridge Co	93	35
Rockingham Co	87	86
Russell Co	72	7
Scott Co	43	48
Shenandoah Co	89	33
Smyth Co	12	29
Southampton Co	28	77
Spotsylvania Co	8	52
Stafford Co	21	17
Surry Co	2	91
Sussex Co	5	63
Tazewell Co	47	34
Warren Co	49	51
Washington Co	55	79
Westmoreland Co	75	44
Wise Co	29	57
Wythe Co	60	81
York Co	39	61

CITIES	2010	2019
Alexandria C	25	26
Bristol C	19	15
Buena Vista C	38	36
Charlottesville C	9	14
Chesapeake C	15	7
Colonial Heights C	23	12
Covington C	28	34
Danville C	14	18
Emporia C	8	22
Fairfax C	29	37
Falls Church C	35	38
Franklin C	10	25
Fredericksburg C	12	11
Galax C	16	8
Hampton C	21	17
Harrisonburg C	26	24
Hopewell C	1	13
Lexington C	37	30
Lynchburg C	11	10
Manassas C	17	20
Manassas Park C	34	35
Martinsville C	22	5
Newport News C	7	3
Norfolk C	6	4
Norton C	33	32
Petersburg C	5	2
Poquoson C	36	28
Portsmouth C	4	1
Radford C	13	19
Richmond C	2	6
Roanoke C	3	9
Salem C	31	33
Staunton C	32	23
Suffolk C	20	16
Virginia Beach C	27	31
Waynesboro C	18	21
Williamsburg C	30	29
Winchester C	24	27

Property Index Crime

Property crimes are burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft. There were over 45,000 fewer property crimes reported in Virginia in 2019 than in 2010, a 25% decrease in the number of offenses.

Change in number and rate of property index crime in Virginia, 2010–2019

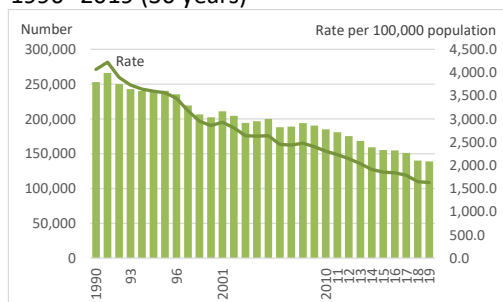
Year	Number of property crimes				Property crime rate per 100,000 population			
	Burglary	Larceny	Motor Vehicle Theft	Total	Burglary	Larceny	Motor Vehicle Theft	Total
2010	30,040	145,576	9,504	185,120	374.3	1,814.0	118.4	2,306.8
2011	30,157	142,244	8,707	181,108	372.1	1,755.1	107.4	2,234.7
2012	28,564	138,832	8,072	175,468	348.9	1,696.0	98.6	2,143.5
2013	26,116	134,686	7,660	168,462	316.2	1,630.5	92.7	2,039.4
2014	22,423	130,009	6,801	159,233	269.3	1,561.4	81.7	1,912.4
2015	20,868	127,452	7,300	155,620	248.9	1,520.4	87.1	1,856.4
2016	19,724	126,490	8,691	154,905	234.5	1,503.7	103.3	1,841.5
2017	18,365	124,081	8,969	151,415	216.8	1,464.9	105.9	1,787.7
2018	14,906	115,974	9,518	140,398	175.0	1,361.6	111.7	1,648.3
2019	13,749	116,709	9,034	139,492	161.1	1,367.3	105.8	1,634.3
10-yr % change	-54%	-20%	-5%	-25%	-57%	-25%	-11%	-29%
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1-yr = 2018 to 2019

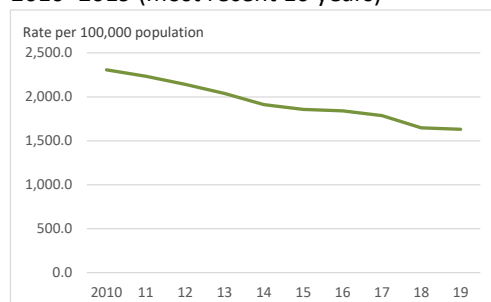
The total property crime *rate* decreased by 29% over the decade, with 2,306.8 property crimes per 100,000 total population reported in 2010, and 1,634.3 property crimes reported in 2019.

Number and rate of total property index crime

1990–2019 (30 years)



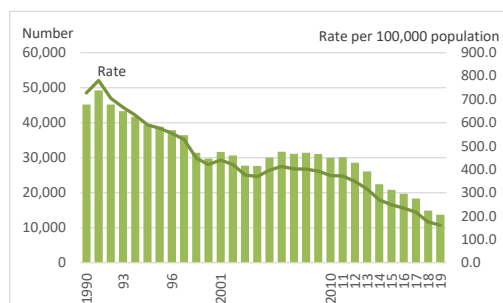
2010–2019 (most recent 10 years)



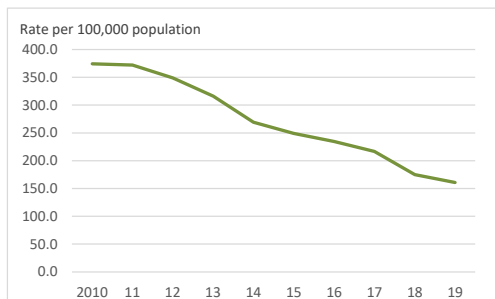
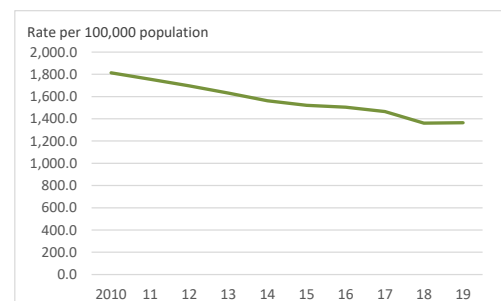
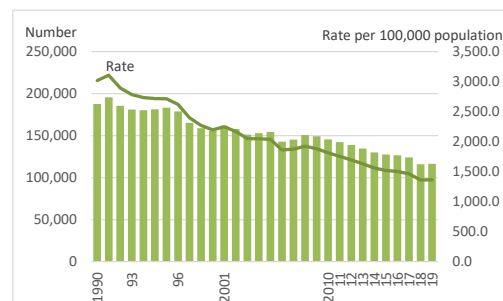
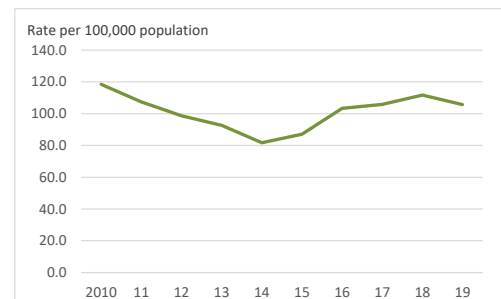
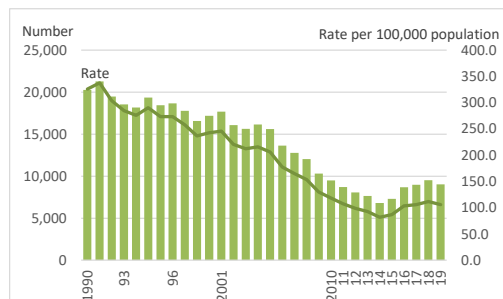
Virginia's total property index crime rate decreased continuously from 2010 through 2019. The decade high rate occurred in 2010, with 2,306.8 property crimes reported per 100,000 population. The decade low rate occurred in 2019, when 1,634.3 property crimes were reported per 100,000 population. The 2019 property crime rate was the lowest since 1990. The decline in the total property crime rate flattened from 2018 to 2019 as a result of a slight increase in the larceny rate from 2018 to 2019.

Number and rate of property index crime by crime type

1990–2019 (30 years)

Burglary

2010–2019 (most recent 10 years)

**Larceny****Motor Vehicle Theft****Burglary**

The burglary rate statewide decreased by 57%, from a 2010 rate of 374.3 burglaries per 100,000 population to 161.1 burglaries per 100,000 population in 2019. Burglary rates decreased continuously over the decade. From 2018 to 2019 the rate decreased by 8%, down from 175.0 burglaries per 100,000 population reported in 2018 to 161.1 in 2019.

Larceny

Larcenies occurred at rates about six times higher than burglaries and sixteen times higher than motor vehicle thefts. The larceny rate across Virginia decreased by 25% from 2010 to 2019 and increased by less than 1% from 2018 to 2019.

Motor Vehicle Theft

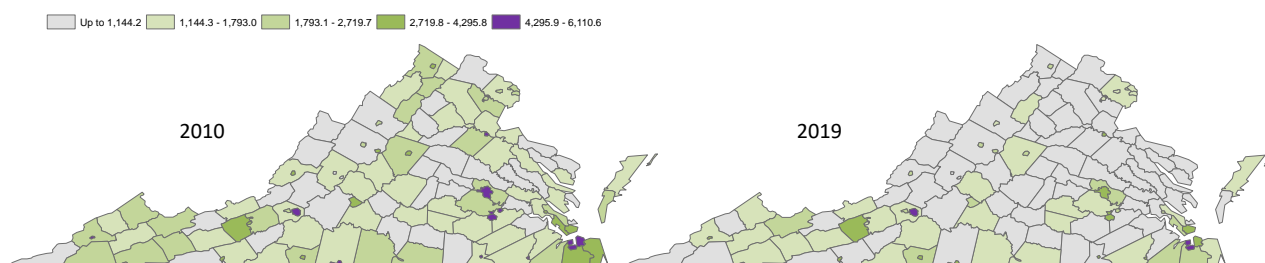
The motor vehicle theft (MVT) rate decreased by 11% from 2010 to 2019. Rates decreased continuously from 2010 through 2014, reaching an historic low rate of 81.7 thefts per 100,000 population in 2014. The motor vehicle theft rate then increased continuously from 2015 to 2018. From 2018 to 2019, the MVT rate decreased by 5%, from 111.7 thefts per 100,000 population in 2018, to 105.8 in 2019.

Property Index Crime Rates by Area

In 2010, total property crime rates in Virginia localities ranged from a low of 361.2 property crimes per 100,000 population to a high rate of 6,110.6 property crimes per 100,000 population. 2019 locality property crime rates ranged from a low rate of 168.8 property crimes per 100,000 population to a high rate of 5,843.3 property crimes per 100,000 population. Property crime rates were generally higher in cities than in counties.

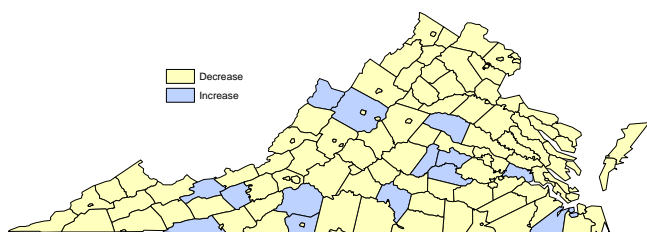
The reduction in property crime rates is shown in the maps below where many localities with dark shading (indicating higher rates) in the 2010 map are shaded noticeably lighter in the 2019 map.

Total property index crime rate per 100,000 population, by locality and year



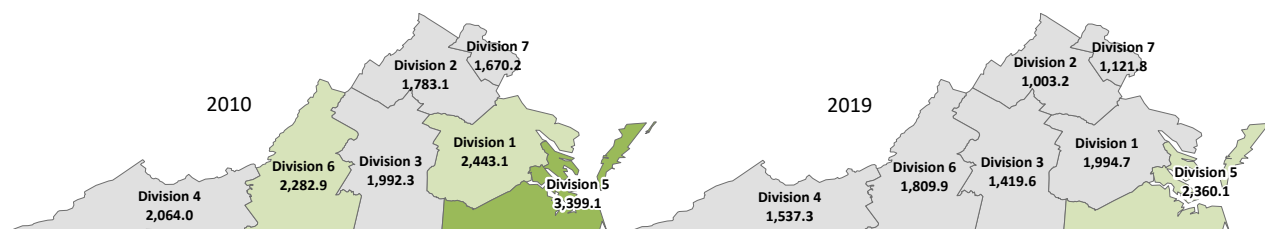
Total property crime rates decreased in 36 of Virginia's 38 cities and in 82 of Virginia's 95 counties over the 10-year period.

Change in total property index crime rate, 2010–2019



Property crime rates decreased in all Virginia State Police divisions from 2010 to 2019.

Total property index crime rate by State Police division and year, 2010 and 2019



Total property index crime rate per 100,000 population by locality

	2010	2019
VIRGINIA	2,307.0	1,634.3

COUNTIES	2010	2019
Accomack Co	1,793.0	1,380.1
Albemarle Co	2,114.2	1,329.0
Alleghany Co	1,628.1	901.7
Amelia Co	1,217.0	1,262.8
Amherst Co	1,475.5	1,151.7
Appomattox Co	631.9	546.8
Arlington Co	2,110.7	1,303.0
Augusta Co	1,008.4	1,060.1
Bath Co	995.6	168.8
Bedford Co	1,062.2	857.0
Bland Co	542.4	621.0
Botetourt Co	1,048.6	742.1
Brunswick Co	1,067.6	560.7
Buchanan Co	1,868.7	1,495.0
Buckingham Co	1,180.6	728.9
Campbell Co	1,619.9	1,443.0
Caroline Co	1,514.0	803.9
Carroll Co	1,664.2	768.7
Charles City Co	482.0	574.5
Charlotte Co	915.3	1,035.4
Chesterfield Co	2,205.3	1,658.2
Clarke Co	1,317.2	663.5
Craig Co	423.6	409.3
Culpeper Co	1,493.4	817.4
Cumberland Co	408.4	412.8
Dickenson Co	1,366.0	474.9
Dinwiddie Co	1,689.6	1,037.0
Essex Co	1,371.0	1,059.1
Fairfax Co	1,533.7	1,206.3
Fauquier Co	1,330.7	556.0
Floyd Co	1,049.7	552.4
Fluvanna Co	1,017.3	597.7
Franklin Co	1,393.0	1,491.7
Frederick Co	1,890.8	1,079.4
Giles Co	1,491.8	1,483.3
Gloucester Co	1,586.7	1,071.0
Goochland Co	836.1	673.6
Grayson Co	802.0	1,112.5
Greene Co	1,306.9	994.0
Greensville Co	1,209.2	696.9
Halifax Co	2,312.3	1,704.5
Hanover Co	1,130.0	963.2
Henrico Co	2,482.6	2,386.8
Henry Co	1,931.6	2,189.6
Highland Co	523.3	547.9
Isle of Wight Co	1,760.0	1,007.8
James City Co	1,429.6	909.5
King & Queen Co	918.5	441.3

COUNTIES	2010	2019
King George Co	1,685.5	793.7
King William Co	882.1	653.1
Lancaster Co	1,346.0	679.1
Lee Co	1,057.1	794.1
Loudoun Co	1,144.2	708.5
Louisa Co	967.6	1,002.9
Lunenburg Co	1,062.3	385.4
Madison Co	789.5	505.2
Mathews Co	980.8	656.6
Mecklenburg Co	1,966.1	1,206.4
Middlesex Co	1,367.5	1,077.3
Montgomery Co	2,317.3	1,265.5
Nelson Co	1,461.7	1,118.6
New Kent Co	1,499.3	874.8
Northampton Co	1,887.2	768.6
Northumberland Co	947.2	578.8
Nottoway Co	1,565.3	1,280.2
Orange Co	1,010.6	612.7
Page Co	1,871.3	1,397.4
Patrick Co	1,591.3	1,550.4
Pittsylvania Co	1,219.6	792.0
Powhatan Co	876.1	957.8
Prince Edward Co	1,574.9	1,105.2
Prince George Co	1,410.0	951.7
Prince William Co	1,850.7	1,014.0
Pulaski Co	3,022.8	3,088.7
Rappahannock Co	800.2	257.8
Richmond Co	647.8	310.3
Roanoke Co	1,599.2	1,487.5
Rockbridge Co	1,315.3	1,049.9
Rockingham Co	788.5	766.3
Russell Co	1,529.0	1,158.5
Scott Co	2,118.2	1,140.7
Shenandoah Co	1,595.8	1,077.6
Smyth Co	2,012.7	1,508.1
Southampton Co	1,648.4	1,162.7
Spotsylvania Co	1,915.5	593.2
Stafford Co	1,598.8	933.4
Surry Co	836.6	249.1
Sussex Co	1,683.1	914.1
Tazewell Co	2,553.5	1,825.3
Warren Co	2,268.4	1,110.4
Washington Co	2,349.3	1,488.6
Westmoreland Co	882.5	649.5
Wise Co	1,941.4	1,391.0
Wythe Co	1,685.3	1,429.4
York Co	1,843.9	1,283.0

COUNTIES	2010	2019
Alexandria C	2,296.5	1,486.6
Bristol C	3,366.2	2,314.8
Buena Vista C	361.2	277.9
Charlottesville C	3,882.4	2,378.0
Chesapeake C	3,354.3	2,262.7
Colonial Heights C	4,567.2	4,150.8
Covington C	3,371.9	2,076.6
Danville C	5,085.8	3,668.5
Emporia C	5,521.8	3,685.0
Fairfax C	2,469.4	1,436.4
Falls Church C	2,449.4	1,388.8
Franklin C	6,110.6	3,652.6
Fredericksburg C	4,764.0	3,003.2
Galax C	4,196.7	4,017.6
Hampton C	3,933.6	3,004.2
Harrisonburg C	2,191.2	1,750.4
Hopewell C	4,533.6	2,121.7
Lexington C	807.6	604.4
Lynchburg C	3,403.1	2,195.5
Manassas C	2,627.3	1,518.8
Manassas Park C	1,397.6	881.1
Martinsville C	3,259.8	2,724.2
Newport News C	3,680.8	2,535.4
Norfolk C	5,602.7	3,639.7
Norton C	6,039.3	3,315.7
Petersburg C	5,037.0	3,419.9
Poquoson C	1,110.7	741.6
Portsmouth C	5,662.1	5,843.3
Radford C	3,289.0	1,282.3
Richmond C	4,595.0	3,824.5
Roanoke C	4,898.2	4,406.8
Salem C	2,719.7	2,225.2
Staunton C	2,233.5	1,901.2
Suffolk C	2,422.3	2,463.4
Virginia Beach C	2,992.5	1,754.5
Waynesboro C	3,074.6	2,103.4
Williamsburg C	3,457.5	1,859.0
Winchester C	4,295.8	2,343.5

County and city ranking of total property index crime rate per 100,000 population, by year

Counties are ranked against other counties (highest rate ranked 1, lowest rate ranked 95)

Cities are ranked against other cities (highest rate ranked 1, lowest rate ranked 38)

COUNTIES	2010	2019
Accomack Co	23	18
Albemarle Co	10	19
Alleghany Co	31	54
Amelia Co	60	24
Amherst Co	46	29
Appomattox Co	90	85
Arlington Co	11	20
Augusta Co	73	39
Bath Co	74	95
Bedford Co	67	56
Bland Co	91	75
Botetourt Co	70	65
Brunswick Co	65	81
Buchanan Co	20	9
Buckingham Co	62	66
Campbell Co	32	14
Caroline Co	42	58
Carroll Co	29	62
Charles City Co	93	80
Charlotte Co	79	43
Chesterfield Co	8	6
Clarke Co	56	71
Craig Co	94	90
Culpeper Co	44	57
Cumberland Co	95	89
Dickenson Co	53	87
Dinwiddie Co	25	42
Essex Co	51	40
Fairfax Co	40	26
Fauquier Co	55	82
Floyd Co	69	83
Fluvanna Co	71	77
Franklin Co	50	10
Frederick Co	17	35
Giles Co	45	13
Gloucester Co	37	38
Goochland Co	84	70
Grayson Co	85	32
Greene Co	58	47
Greensville Co	61	68
Halifax Co	6	5
Hanover Co	64	48
Henrico Co	3	2
Henry Co	15	3
Highland Co	92	84
Isle of Wight Co	24	45
James City Co	48	53
King & Queen Co	78	88

COUNTIES	2010	2019
King George Co	26	60
King William Co	81	73
Lancaster Co	54	69
Lee Co	68	59
Loudoun Co	63	67
Louisa Co	76	46
Lunenburg Co	66	91
Madison Co	87	86
Mathews Co	75	72
Mecklenburg Co	13	25
Middlesex Co	52	37
Montgomery Co	5	23
Nelson Co	47	31
New Kent Co	43	55
Northampton Co	18	63
Northumberland Co	77	79
Nottoway Co	39	22
Orange Co	72	76
Page Co	19	16
Patrick Co	36	7
Pittsylvania Co	59	61
Powhatan Co	82	49
Prince Edward Co	38	34
Prince George Co	49	50
Prince William Co	21	44
Pulaski Co	1	1
Rappahannock Co	86	93
Richmond Co	89	92
Roanoke Co	33	12
Rockbridge Co	57	41
Rockingham Co	88	64
Russell Co	41	28
Scott Co	9	30
Shenandoah Co	35	36
Smyth Co	12	8
Southampton Co	30	27
Spotsylvania Co	16	78
Stafford Co	34	51
Surry Co	83	94
Sussex Co	28	52
Tazewell Co	2	4
Warren Co	7	33
Washington Co	4	11
Westmoreland Co	80	74
Wise Co	14	17
Wythe Co	27	15
York Co	22	21

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Buena Vista C	38	38
Charlottesville C	16	17
Chesapeake C	22	20
Colonial Heights C	11	3
Covington C	20	25
Danville C	6	7
Emporia C	5	6
Fairfax C	29	32
Falls Church C	30	33
Franklin C	1	8
Fredericksburg C	9	13
Galax C	14	4
Hampton C	15	12
Harrisonburg C	34	29
Hopewell C	12	23
Lexington C	37	37
Lynchburg C	19	22
Manassas C	28	30
Manassas Park C	35	35
Martinsville C	24	14
Newport News C	17	15
Norfolk C	4	9
Norton C	2	11
Petersburg C	7	10
Poquoson C	36	36
Portsmouth C	3	1
Radford C	23	34
Richmond C	10	5
Roanoke C	8	2
Salem C	27	21
Staunton C	33	26
Suffolk C	31	16
Virginia Beach C	26	28
Waynesboro C	25	24
Williamsburg C	18	27
Winchester C	13	18

Drug Arrests

The total number of drug arrests³ in Virginia increased by 28% from 2010 to 2019. Over the decade, the total number of drug arrests statewide averaged over 38,500 annually, with a ten-year low of 34,381 reported in 2010 and a decade-high of 46,752 in 2018. There were over 2,700 fewer drugs arrests in 2019 than in 2018.

Change in number and rate of drug arrests in Virginia, 2010–2019⁴

Year	Number of drug arrests			Drug arrest rate		
	Juvenile	Adult	Total	Juvenile	Adult	Total
2010	2,572	31,809	34,381	309.1	517.4	492.6
2011	2,728	33,729	36,457	329.0	540.3	515.5
2012	2,802	35,319	38,121	338.3	558.0	532.6
2013	2,545	37,217	39,762	306.8	581.9	550.3
2014	2,299	35,191	37,490	275.5	545.0	514.2
2015	2,042	33,096	35,138	244.0	508.2	478.1
2016	2,065	37,419	39,484	245.7	572.0	534.9
2017	2,382	43,175	45,557	282.8	654.1	612.1
2018	2,167	44,585	46,752	256.6	670.7	624.0
2019	1,903	42,133	44,036	226.4	631.2	586.0
10-yr % change	-26%	+32%	+28%	-27%	+22%	+19%
1-yr % change	-12%	-5%	-6%	-12%	-6%	-6%

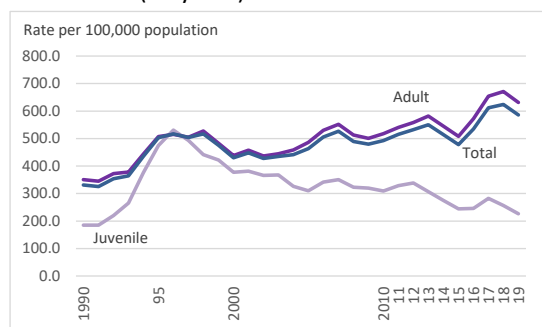
Rate per 100,000 population (juveniles age 10-17 or adults age 18+)

1-yr=2018 to 2019

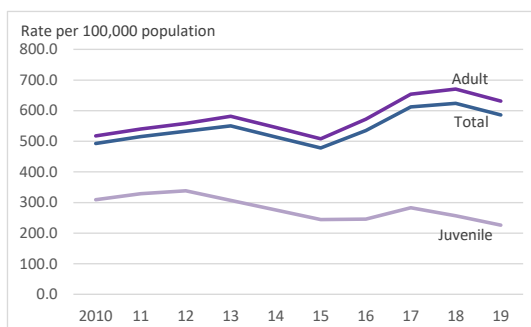
The total drug arrest *rate* increased by 19% from 2010 to 2019, with 492.6 arrests per 100,000 total arrest age population reported in 2010 and 586.0 reported in 2019. Total drug arrest rates increased continuously from 2010 to 2013, decreased in 2014 and 2015, then increased in 2016, 2017, and 2018, then decreased in 2019. The drug arrest rate for juveniles decreased by 27% over the ten-year period while the drug arrest rate for adults increased by 22%.

Total drug arrest rate per 100,000 population age 10 and older by age group

1990–2019 (30 years)



2010–2019 (most recent 10 years)



Unlike violent and property index crime rates which have decreased since 1990, drug arrest rates have increased with the adult drug arrest rates consistently driving the trend for total drug arrest rates.

³ Drug arrests covered here include arrests for possession or sale-manufacture of illicit drugs and exclude arrests for drug equipment violations. Drug arrests are an indicator of police enforcement activity and are not an indicator of drug prevalence.

⁴ This table shows the total number of drug arrests reported statewide whether or not the primary drug type seized was known at the time of arrest.

Arrests by Known Primary Drug Type

Marijuana (includes Hashish)

The majority of drug arrests (in which the drug type was known) from 2010 to 2019 involved marijuana, ranging from 62% of drug arrests in 2010 to 59% of drug arrests in 2019. While the share of all drug arrests involving marijuana declined over the decade, the number of marijuana arrests increased by 22%, from 21,367 arrests in 2010 to 26,089 in 2019. More recently, arrests for marijuana decreased: from 2018 to 2019 the number of marijuana arrests dropped by 9%, from 28,645 in 2018 to 26,089 in 2019. Virginia has legalized possession and cultivation of small amounts of marijuana for personal use, effective July 1, 2024, and the legalization is expected to have a large impact on drug arrests overall.

Stimulants (Cocaine, Crack, Methamphetamine/Amphetamine and other)

The number of arrests for all stimulants increased by 62% from 5,216 in 2010 to 8,436 in 2019. This class of drugs had the largest percentage increase in number of arrests compared to the other drug groups. The increase in arrests was led entirely (correct to say *entirely* – isn't it also being led by increase in cocaine?) by a large increase in arrests for methamphetamine/other amphetamines, from 546 arrests in 2010 to 3,993 in 2019, a 631% increase. At the same time, arrests for crack decreased by 29% while arrests for cocaine increased by 20%.

After a continuous decline from 2010 to 2014, arrests for all stimulants began to increase in 2015 and increased steadily through 2019.

From 2018 to 2019, arrests for stimulants overall increased by 19% and arrests increased for each type of stimulant. Methamphetamine/amphetamine arrests increased by 33%, from 3,010 arrests in 2018 to 3,993 in 2019, arrests for cocaine increased by 12%, from 2,429 in 2018 to 2,726 in 2019, and arrests for crack increased by 4%, from 1,648 in 2018 to 1,717 in 2019.

Opioids (Heroin, Opium, Morphine, and other narcotics both prescription and illicit)

Drug arrest statistics over the decade reflected the focus across the Commonwealth on decreasing the abuse of opioids. From 2010 to 2019 arrests for all types of opioids increased by 32%, from 2,801 arrests in 2010 to 3,689 arrests in 2019. Arrests for heroin led this increase: there were 976 heroin arrests in 2010 and 2,270 in 2019, a 133% increase. The number of arrests for other narcotics (which include prescription narcotics such as fentanyl as well as illicit fentanyl) decreased by 21%, from 1,671 in 2010 to 1,316 in 2019. The overall increasing trend in arrests for all opioids leveled off in 2016, did not change substantially in 2017, decreased by 13% in 2018 then increased by 55 arrests in 2019.

From 2018 to 2019, the total number of arrests for all opioids increased slightly, from 3,634 in 2018 to 3,689 in 2019, a 2% increase. Over this one year period, the number of arrests for heroin decreased by less than 1% while by the number of arrests for other narcotics (including fentanyl) increased by 5%, suggesting that the more recent increases in arrests for opioids are driven by law enforcement seizures of other narcotics more so than heroin.

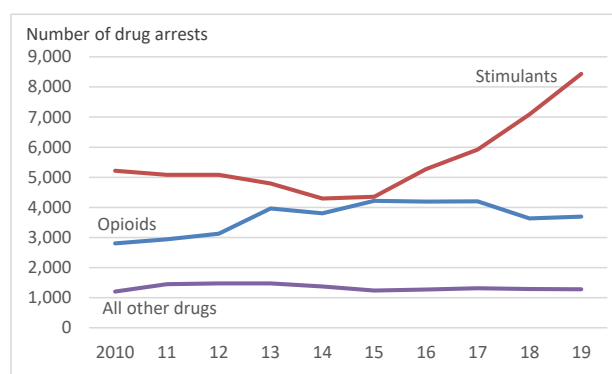
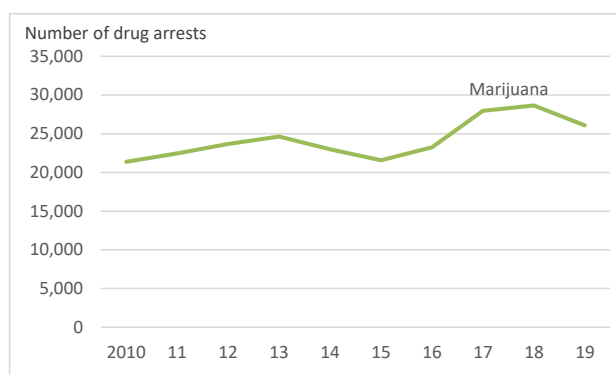
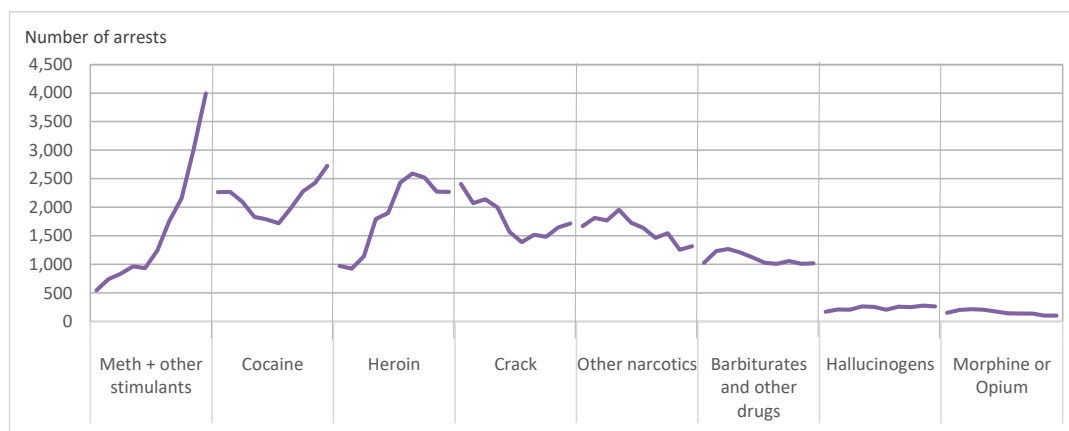
All Other Drugs (Barbiturates, LSD, PCP, Depressants, Synthetic and “Club” Drugs)

The total number of arrests for barbiturates, hallucinogens, and all other drugs increased by 7% over the decade, from 1,199 arrests in 2010 to 1,283 in 2019. From 2018 to 2019, arrests for these drugs decreased by less than 1%.

Number of Virginia drug arrests by primary drug type, 2010–2019

Year	Marijuana	Stimulants				Opioids				All other drugs			Drug type unknown at arrest	Total drug arrests
	and Hashish	Crack	Cocaine	Meth and other	Total	Other narcotics	Heroin	Morphine and opium	Total	Barbiturates and other	Hallucinogens	Total		
2010	21,367	2,407	2,263	546	5,216	1,671	976	154	2,801	1,030	169	1,199	3,798	34,381
2011	22,461	2,072	2,268	743	5,083	1,812	926	200	2,938	1,235	212	1,447	4,528	36,457
2012	23,690	2,141	2,100	838	5,079	1,769	1,139	214	3,122	1,270	206	1,476	4,754	38,121
2013	24,631	1,998	1,832	965	4,795	1,956	1,798	207	3,961	1,207	264	1,471	4,904	39,762
2014	22,985	1,569	1,789	934	4,292	1,729	1,897	176	3,802	1,120	254	1,374	5,037	37,490
2015	21,574	1,391	1,719	1,243	4,353	1,638	2,436	143	4,217	1,030	206	1,236	3,758	35,138
2016	23,252	1,520	1,990	1,762	5,272	1,464	2,592	140	4,196	1,012	259	1,271	5,493	39,484
2017	27,953	1,482	2,277	2,157	5,916	1,544	2,518	137	4,199	1,059	252	1,311	6,178	45,557
2018	28,645	1,648	2,429	3,010	7,087	1,255	2,275	104	3,634	1,011	276	1,287	6,099	46,752
2019	26,089	1,717	2,726	3,993	8,436	1,316	2,270	103	3,689	1,020	263	1,283	4,539	44,036
10-yr % change	+22%	-29%	+20%	+631%	+62%	-21%	+133%	-33%	+32%	-1%	+56%	+7%	+20%	+28%
1-yr % change	-9%	+4%	+12%	+33%	+19%	+5%	-0.2%	-1%	+2%	+1%	-5%	-0.3%	-26%	-6%

1-yr = 2018 to 2019

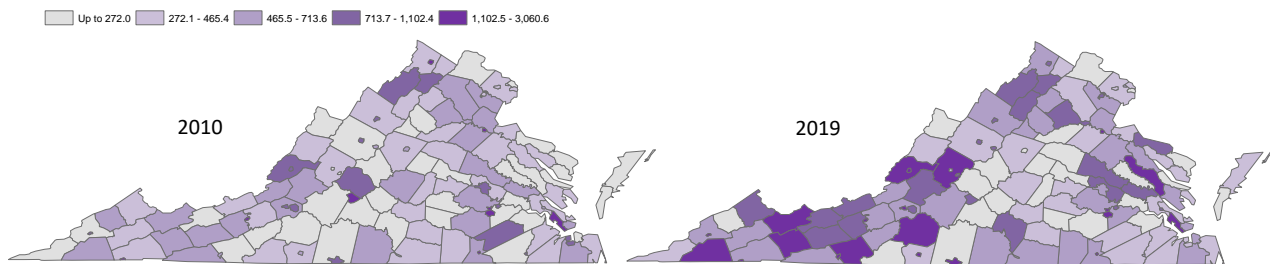
Number of drug arrests by primary drug group, 2010–2019**Number of drug arrests by drug type (excluding marijuana), 2010–2019**

Drug Arrests by Area

The maps below illustrate how drug arrest rates changed from 2010 to 2019 in each Virginia locality and in each State Police division.

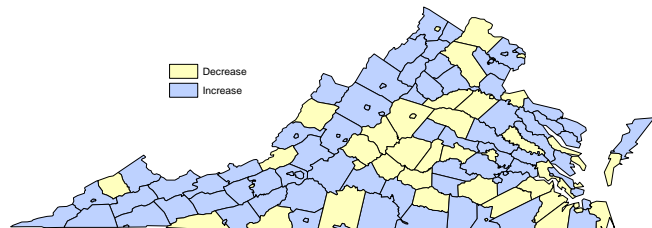
Locality drug arrest rates in 2010 ranged from a low rate of 15.2 arrests to a high rate of 2,133.1 arrests per 100,000 arrest-age population, and in 2019 rates ranged from 85.5 to 3,060.6 arrests per 100,000 population. Note the increase in drug arrests rates along the southwestern corridor of Virginia.

Drug arrest rate per 100,000 population, by locality and year



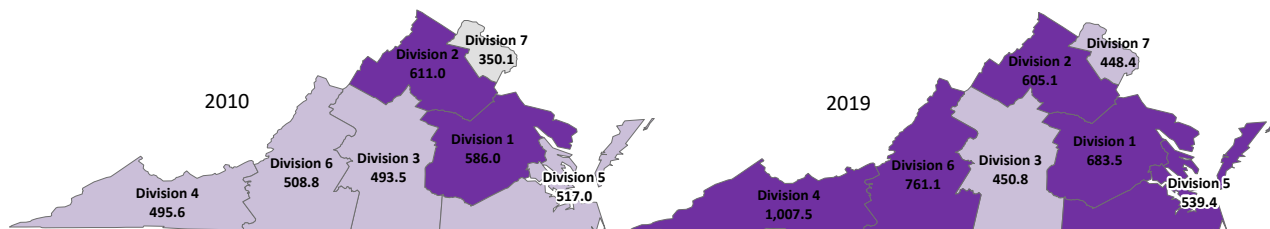
Drug arrest rates increased in 30 out of 95 counties, and in 14 of Virginia's 38 cities.

Change in drug arrest rate, 2010–2019



Drug arrest rates decreased in State Police Divisions 2 and 3, and increased in all other divisions.

Drug arrest rate by State Police division and year, 2010 and 2019



Drug arrest rate per 100,000 arrest-age population (ages 10 and older) by locality

	2010	2019
VIRGINIA	492.6	586.0

COUNTIES	2010	2019
Accomack Co	259.9	384.0
Albemarle Co	366.8	301.2
Alleghany Co	749.9	1,394.9
Amelia Co	250.6	325.0
Amherst Co	811.4	212.1
Appomattox Co	181.3	135.0
Arlington Co	215.9	310.0
Augusta Co	175.3	363.4
Bath Co	411.6	369.2
Bedford Co	119.5	491.1
Bland Co	177.4	896.2
Botetourt Co	556.4	918.9
Brunswick Co	318.3	506.0
Buchanan Co	421.9	715.8
Buckingham Co	513.5	346.7
Campbell Co	176.7	233.8
Caroline Co	308.9	569.5
Carroll Co	246.4	1,150.8
Charles City Co	15.2	93.5
Charlotte Co	251.8	786.6
Chesterfield Co	599.9	620.8
Clarke Co	369.3	422.1
Craig Co	498.5	488.9
Culpeper Co	613.3	737.1
Cumberland Co	316.6	223.9
Dickenson Co	481.8	124.6
Dinwiddie Co	647.9	113.5
Essex Co	406.0	657.3
Fairfax Co	330.1	455.3
Fauquier Co	662.0	335.6
Floyd Co	44.5	501.5
Fluvanna Co	142.4	212.4
Franklin Co	258.6	1,207.8
Frederick Co	397.9	520.6
Giles Co	444.9	913.2
Gloucester Co	298.7	521.8
Goochland Co	179.9	248.1
Grayson Co	582.8	529.8
Greene Co	209.2	536.0
Greensville Co	581.2	657.9
Halifax Co	532.7	682.2
Hanover Co	632.0	1,078.0
Henrico Co	366.9	730.0
Henry Co	342.4	390.6
Highland Co	138.8	148.9
Isle of Wight Co	397.1	338.9
James City Co	435.5	304.2
King & Queen Co	178.4	1,180.5

COUNTIES	2010	2019
King George Co	465.4	422.6
King William Co	231.6	165.9
Lancaster Co	76.8	348.9
Lee Co	183.9	293.0
Loudoun Co	265.9	237.1
Louisa Co	292.3	197.2
Lunenburg Co	398.5	329.1
Madison Co	127.8	639.9
Mathews Co	426.9	283.3
Mecklenburg Co	452.1	555.5
Middlesex Co	179.4	165.1
Montgomery Co	416.0	671.1
Nelson Co	222.4	88.5
New Kent Co	501.3	750.8
Northampton Co	272.0	239.1
Northumberland Co	115.6	196.9
Nottoway Co	149.4	198.2
Orange Co	408.1	268.8
Page Co	310.6	784.0
Patrick Co	372.6	155.8
Pittsylvania Co	233.6	189.5
Powhatan Co	349.3	346.4
Prince Edward Co	405.9	380.2
Prince George Co	187.3	472.0
Prince William Co	540.0	713.0
Pulaski Co	603.5	762.1
Rappahannock Co	420.5	607.8
Richmond Co	285.5	315.9
Roanoke Co	510.0	634.2
Rockbridge Co	348.6	1,115.2
Rockingham Co	279.1	596.5
Russell Co	419.3	613.4
Scott Co	566.3	3,060.6
Shenandoah Co	864.4	995.3
Smyth Co	488.7	1,413.8
Southampton Co	211.6	275.3
Spotsylvania Co	703.4	311.3
Stafford Co	526.3	590.0
Surry Co	205.9	85.5
Sussex Co	844.8	352.1
Tazewell Co	713.6	1,244.6
Warren Co	773.9	843.1
Washington Co	415.1	710.9
Westmoreland Co	115.4	825.5
Wise Co	263.7	636.1
Wythe Co	663.5	804.9
York Co	420.0	464.9

CITIES	2010	2019
Alexandria C	346.1	238.8
Bristol C	1,197.4	1,998.4
Buena Vista C	51.2	822.1
Charlottesville C	599.9	91.7
Chesapeake C	546.6	657.2
Colonial Heights C	1,838.3	2,136.8
Covington C	967.9	1,159.7
Danville C	1,048.8	1,268.5
Emporia C	2,133.1	1,471.5
Fairfax C	279.5	292.2
Falls Church C	279.6	533.9
Franklin C	869.3	533.0
Fredericksburg C	1,259.5	1,241.4
Galax C	691.5	2,483.7
Hampton C	606.3	628.3
Harrisonburg C	819.7	1,000.5
Hopewell C	1,025.7	1,074.0
Lexington C	180.3	292.7
Lynchburg C	1,322.7	1,035.9
Manassas C	340.9	852.1
Manassas Park C	735.6	965.0
Martinsville C	491.7	2,127.3
Newport News C	1,187.4	1,164.2
Norfolk C	227.1	519.1
Norton C	951.0	1,939.5
Petersburg C	1,161.8	2,105.0
Poquoson C	396.0	346.8
Portsmouth C	752.2	302.4
Radford C	1,257.4	1,164.9
Richmond C	1,102.4	653.1
Roanoke C	919.5	920.1
Salem C	889.2	1,119.2
Staunton C	760.9	923.0
Suffolk C	447.5	387.5
Virginia Beach C	408.8	397.5
Waynesboro C	482.0	807.9
Williamsburg C	504.9	1,006.3
Winchester C	1,393.2	835.7

County and city ranking of drug arrest rates per 100,000 arrest-age population, by year

Counties are ranked against other counties (highest rate ranked 1, lowest rate ranked 95)

Cities are ranked against other cities (highest rate ranked 1, lowest rate ranked 38)

COUNTIES	2010	2019
Accomack Co	65	54
Albemarle Co	49	70
Alleghany Co	5	3
Amelia Co	68	65
Amherst Co	3	81
Appomattox Co	79	90
Arlington Co	73	68
Augusta Co	85	57
Bath Co	39	56
Bedford Co	90	46
Bland Co	83	13
Botetourt Co	18	11
Brunswick Co	54	44
Buchanan Co	33	23
Buckingham Co	22	60
Campbell Co	84	78
Caroline Co	57	38
Carroll Co	69	7
Charles City Co	95	93
Charlotte Co	67	17
Chesterfield Co	14	33
Clarke Co	47	52
Craig Co	25	47
Culpeper Co	12	21
Cumberland Co	55	79
Dickenson Co	27	91
Dinwiddie Co	10	92
Essex Co	41	29
Fairfax Co	53	50
Fauquier Co	9	63
Floyd Co	94	45
Fluvanna Co	87	80
Franklin Co	66	5
Frederick Co	44	43
Giles Co	30	12
Gloucester Co	58	42
Goochland Co	80	75
Grayson Co	15	41
Greene Co	75	40
Greensville Co	16	28
Halifax Co	20	26
Hanover Co	11	9
Henrico Co	48	22
Henry Co	52	53
Highland Co	88	89
Isle of Wight Co	45	62
James City Co	31	69
King & Queen Co	82	6

COUNTIES	2010	2019
King George Co	28	51
King William Co	71	86
Lancaster Co	93	59
Lee Co	78	71
Loudoun Co	63	77
Louisa Co	59	83
Lunenburg Co	43	64
Madison Co	89	30
Mathews Co	32	72
Mecklenburg Co	29	39
Middlesex Co	81	87
Montgomery Co	37	27
Nelson Co	72	94
New Kent Co	24	20
Northampton Co	62	76
Northumberland Co	91	84
Nottoway Co	86	82
Orange Co	40	74
Page Co	56	18
Patrick Co	46	88
Pittsylvania Co	70	85
Powhatan Co	50	61
Prince Edward Co	42	55
Prince George Co	77	48
Prince William Co	19	24
Pulaski Co	13	19
Rappahannock Co	34	35
Richmond Co	60	66
Roanoke Co	23	32
Rockbridge Co	51	8
Rockingham Co	61	36
Russell Co	36	34
Scott Co	17	1
Shenandoah Co	1	10
Smyth Co	26	2
Southampton Co	74	73
Spotsylvania Co	7	67
Stafford Co	21	37
Surry Co	76	95
Sussex Co	2	58
Tazewell Co	6	4
Warren Co	4	14
Washington Co	38	25
Westmoreland Co	92	15
Wise Co	64	31
Wythe Co	8	16
York Co	35	49

CITIES	2010	2019
Alexandria C	32	37
Bristol C	7	5
Buena Vista C	38	23
Charlottesville C	24	38
Chesapeake C	25	25
Colonial Heights C	2	2
Covington C	13	12
Danville C	11	8
Emporia C	1	7
Fairfax C	35	36
Falls Church C	34	28
Franklin C	17	29
Fredericksburg C	5	9
Galax C	22	1
Hampton C	23	27
Harrisonburg C	18	17
Hopewell C	12	14
Lexington C	37	35
Lynchburg C	4	15
Manassas C	33	21
Manassas Park C	21	18
Martinsville C	27	3
Newport News C	8	11
Norfolk C	36	30
Norton C	14	6
Petersburg C	9	4
Poquoson C	31	33
Portsmouth C	20	34
Radford C	6	10
Richmond C	10	26
Roanoke C	15	20
Salem C	16	13
Staunton C	19	19
Suffolk C	29	32
Virginia Beach C	30	31
Waynesboro C	28	24
Williamsburg C	26	16
Winchester C	3	22

Appendix

Notes on the data used in this report

Data in this report are from crimes and arrests reported by Virginia law enforcement agencies to the Virginia State Police Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) data repository, which publishes an annual *Crime in Virginia* report.

The crime and arrest figures in this report may differ slightly from those in *Crime in Virginia*. For example, the UCR data repository may receive last-minute data updates from the local agencies that are not available to the DCJS Research Center. Additionally, The DCJS Research Center estimated missing crime and arrest counts for the years 2000–2009 because during this time some law enforcement agencies reported incomplete data as they transitioned from summary-based crime and arrest reporting to incident-based reporting. The Research Center also estimated missing crime and arrest counts for 2017 and 2018, as some agencies had missing data due to technical issues at the agency or at the statewide UCR repository. *Crime in Virginia* contains crime and arrest reports to the Virginia State Police with any missing data noted, but does not estimate the missing data.

The following definitions are used for violent index crimes:

- Murder/non-negligent manslaughter is the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.
- Rape is penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration of a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim, whether or not force was used. Rape excludes statutory rape. (Note: The UCR redefined rape in 2013 to include victims of additional types of violent sexual assault). Because this is an historical report, the legacy definition of forcible rape is used throughout.
- Robbery is the taking, or attempting to take, anything of value under confrontational circumstances from the control, custody or care of another person by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear of immediate harm.
- Aggravated assault is an unlawful attack by one person upon another where the offender uses a weapon or displays it in a threatening manner, or the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness. This includes assault with disease.

The following definitions are used for property index crimes:

- Burglary is the unlawful entry into a building or other structure with the intent to commit a felony or a theft.
- Larceny is the unlawful taking, carrying, leading or riding away of property from the possession, or constructive possession, or another person.
- Motor vehicle theft is the theft of a self-propelled vehicle that runs on the surface of land and not on rails. It includes automobiles, buses, recreational vehicles, trucks, and other motor vehicles, e.g., motorcycles, trail bikes, golf carts, snowmobiles, and mopeds.

Crime rates used in this report are the number of crimes reported per 100,000 total (all ages) population. Crime rates are used to allow for comparisons between localities with different population sizes.

Arrest rates used in this report are the number of arrests reported per 100,000 total *arrest-age* population. The arrest age population is individuals ages 10 and older. Juvenile arrest rates are calculated per the juvenile population ages 10 to 17, and adult arrest rates are calculated per the adult population ages 18 and older. U.S. Census Bureau population estimates were used to calculate all rates. For clarity, all crime and arrest *counts* are shown as whole numbers, and all crime and arrest *rates* are shown as decimal numbers.

In this report, crimes and arrests reported by towns are included with those reported by the surrounding county. The city of Bedford became a town effective July 1, 2013. For consistency, the crimes and arrests reported by the former city of Bedford are included in the totals for Bedford County for each year 2010 through 2019.