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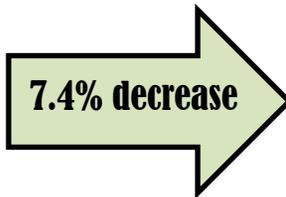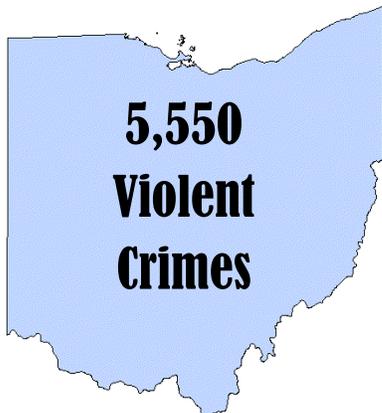Alan Wedd, M.S.

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Overview

❖ This report provides information about crimes occurring in major Ohio cities during the fourth quarter (October 1st – December 31st) of 2017. The cities included in this report are Akron, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo, and Youngstown.

❖ Data for this report are taken from the Ohio Incident-Based Reporting System (OIBRS). OIBRS is a voluntary crime reporting program that allows Ohio law enforcement agencies to electronically submit crime statistics to state and federal government agencies.

❖ The data included in this report consist of the seven most severe categories of offenses collected by the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. These offenses are known as Part 1 crimes, and are divided in to two categories: violent crimes (murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) and property crimes (burglary, larceny/theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson[1]).

❖ Data from the fourth quarter of 2017 are compared to the fourth quarter of 2016 to provide context.

Disclaimer: Data included in this report are preliminary, and only as accurate as the data provided by local law enforcement agencies.

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[1] Arson data are omitted from this report due to limited reporting of offenses.

2016

2017

32,321 Part 1 Crimes

7.1% decrease →

30,037 Part 1 Crimes

5,550 Violent Crimes

7.4% decrease →

5,137 Violent Crimes

26,771 Property Crimes
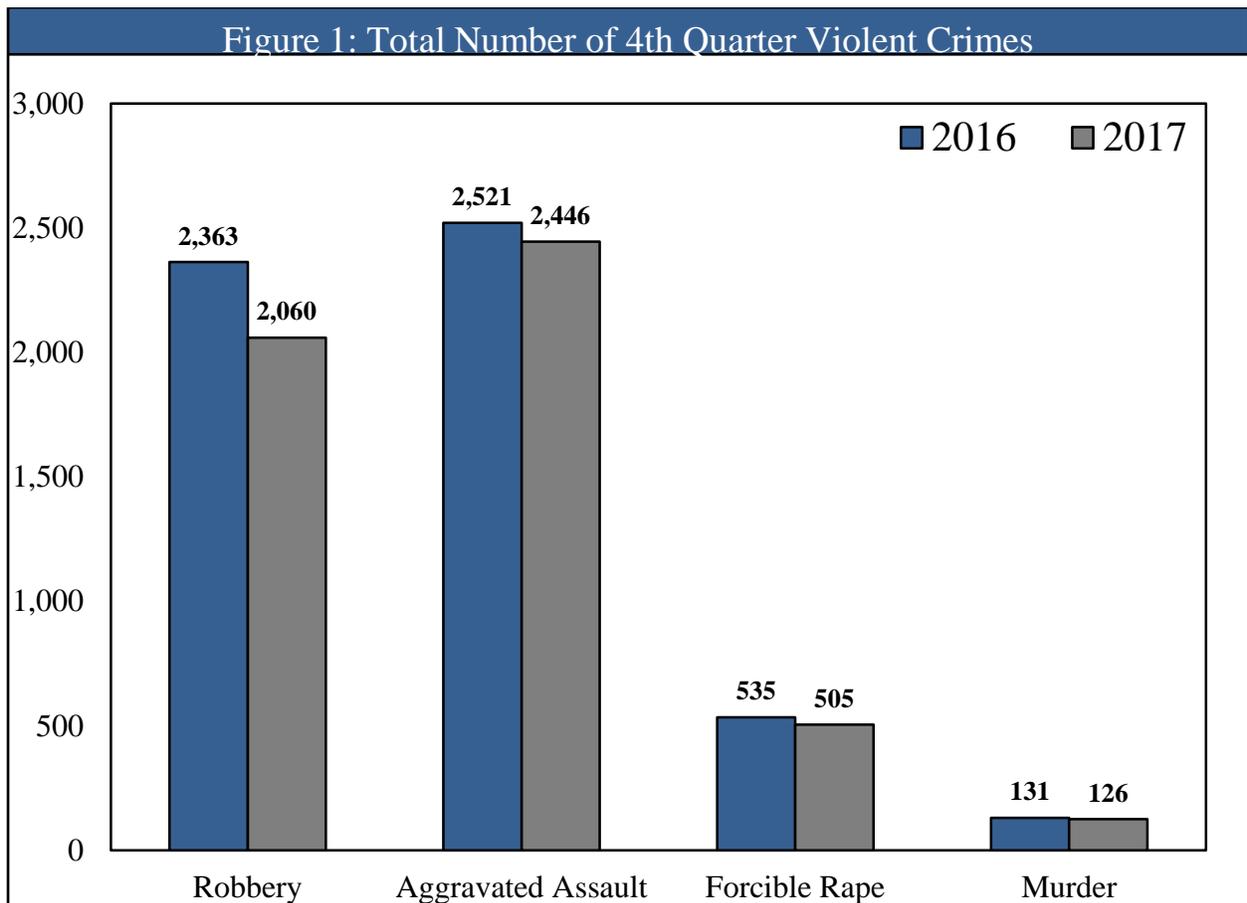
7.0% decrease →

24,900 Property Crimes

Summary

❖ A total of 30,037 Part 1 crimes were reported in major Ohio cities during the fourth quarter of 2017. This represents a 7.1% decrease from the 32,321 Part 1 crimes reported during the fourth quarter of 2016.

❖ The 5,137 violent crimes reported in the fourth quarter of 2017 represent a 7.4% decrease from the 5,550 violent crimes reported in the fourth quarter of 2016.

❖ The 24,900 property crimes reported in the fourth quarter of 2017 represent a 7.0% decrease from the 26,771 property crimes reported in the fourth quarter of 2016.

❖ Akron, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo, and Youngstown reported a decrease in violent crime from the fourth quarter of 2016 to the fourth quarter of 2017.

❖ Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo, and Youngstown reported a decrease in property crime from the fourth quarter of 2016 to the fourth quarter of 2017.

Violent Crime

❖ According to the UCR Program, violent crimes are offenses that involve force or the threat of force. Four different offenses are categorized as violent crimes: murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

❖ Robberies, aggravated assaults, forcible rapes, and murders decreased from the fourth quarter of 2016 to the fourth quarter of 2017.

Figure 1: Total Number of 4th Quarter Violent Crimes

Table 1: Robbery, Q4, 2016 & 2017					
City	2016 Total	2016 Rate	2017 Total	2017 Rate	% Change
Akron	108	54.58	96	48.52	11.1% decrease
Canton	47	65.01	57	78.84	21.3% increase
Cincinnati	349	117.05	285	95.58	18.3% decrease
Cleveland	906	232.59	781	200.50	13.8% decrease
Columbus	507	60.65	487	58.26	3.9% decrease
Dayton	172	121.98	112	79.43	34.9% decrease
Toledo	223	79.35	205	72.95	8.1% decrease
Youngstown	51	78.39	37	56.87	27.5% decrease
Total	**2,363**	**103.60**	**2,060**	**90.32**	**12.8% decrease**

- ❖ Robberies decreased by 12.8% during the fourth quarter of 2017[2].
- ❖ Akron, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo, and Youngstown reported a decrease in robberies.

Table 2: Aggravated Assault, Q4, 2016 & 2017					
City	2016 Total	2016 Rate	2017 Total	2017 Rate	% Change
Akron	219	110.68	227	114.73	3.7% increase
Canton	125	172.90	138	190.88	10.4% increase
Cincinnati	299	100.28	323	108.33	8.0% increase
Cleveland	694	178.17	774	198.71	11.5% increase
Columbus	356	42.59	340	40.67	4.5% decrease
Dayton	211	149.64	194	137.59	8.1% decrease
Toledo	546	194.28	400	142.33	26.7% decrease
Youngstown	71	109.13	50	76.85	29.6% decrease
Total	**2,521**	**110.53**	**2,446**	**107.24**	**3.0% decrease**

- ❖ Aggravated assaults decreased by 3.0% during the fourth quarter of 2017.
- ❖ Columbus, Dayton, Toledo, and Youngstown reported a decrease in aggravated assaults.

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[2] % change is calculated based on rate. Rate describes the total number of offenses per 100,000 people and is rounded to the nearest hundredth. Rounding may lead to discrepancies for column and row totals.

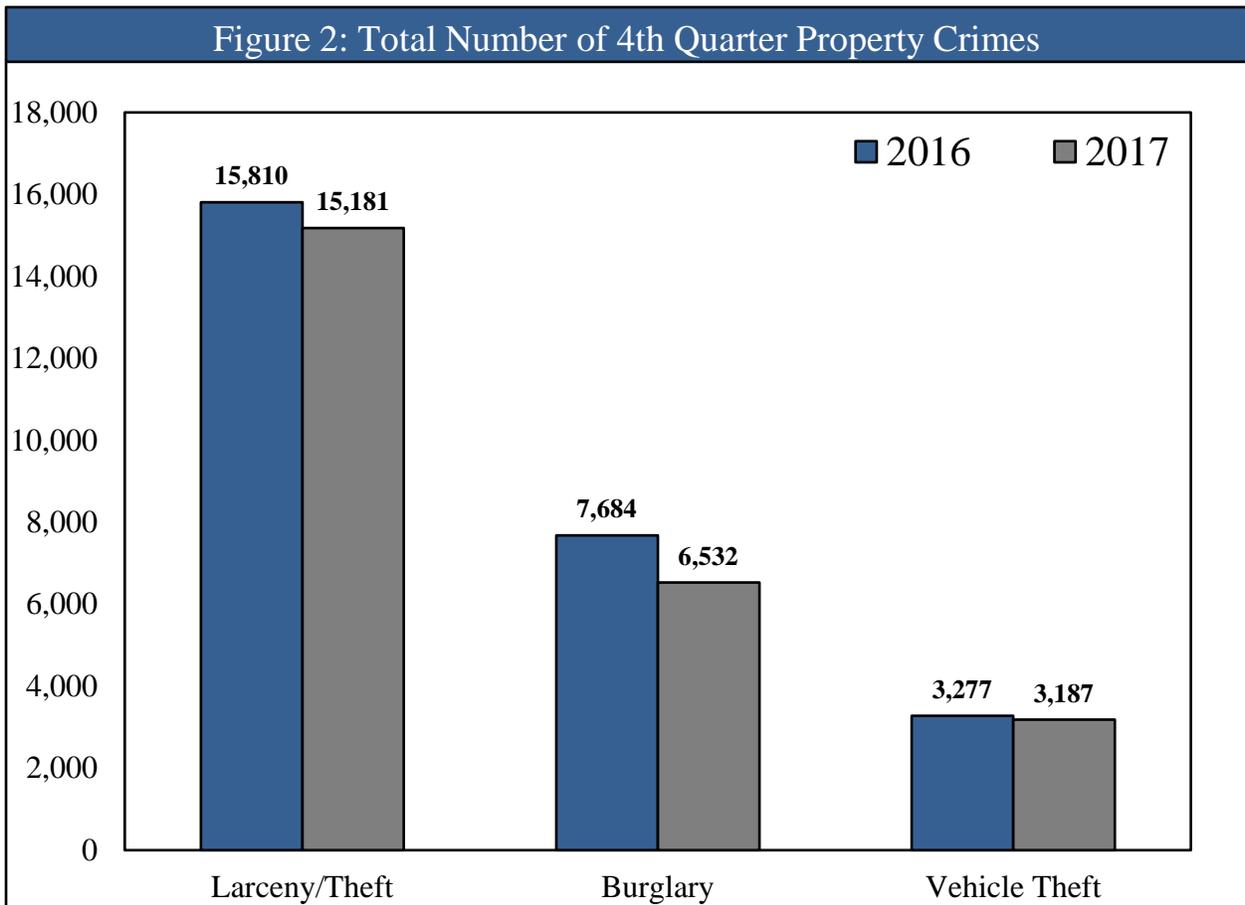| Table 3: Forcible Rape, Q4, 2016 & 2017				
City	2016 Total	2016 Rate	2017 Total	2017 Rate	% Change
Akron	45	22.74	39	19.71	13.3% decrease
Canton	18	24.90	27	37.35	50.0% increase
Cincinnati	48	16.10	68	22.81	41.7% increase
Cleveland	129	33.12	115	29.52	10.9% decrease
Columbus	184	22.01	183	21.89	0.5% decrease
Dayton	49	34.75	24	17.02	51.0% decrease
Toledo	55	19.57	39	13.88	29.1% decrease
Youngstown	7	10.76	10	15.37	42.9% increase
Total	**535**	**23.46**	**505**	**22.14**	**5.6% decrease**

- ❖ Forcible rapes decreased by 5.6% during the fourth quarter of 2017.
- ❖ Akron, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, and Toledo reported a decrease in forcible rape offenses.

Table 4: Murder, Q4, 2016 & 2017				
City	2016 Total	2016 Rate	2017 Total	2017 Rate	% Change
Akron	6	3.03	12	6.06	100.0% increase
Canton	2	2.77	4	5.53	100.0% increase
Cincinnati	12	4.02	15	5.03	25.0% increase
Cleveland	48	12.32	35	8.99	27.1% decrease
Columbus	33	3.95	42	5.02	27.3% increase
Dayton	13	9.22	4	2.84	69.2% decrease
Toledo	14	4.98	7	2.49	50.0% decrease
Youngstown	3	4.61	7	10.76	133.3% increase
Total	**131**	**5.74**	**126**	**5.52**	**3.8% decrease**

- ❖ Murders decreased by 3.8% during the fourth quarter of 2017.
- ❖ Cleveland, Dayton, and Toledo reported a decrease in murders.

Property Crimes

❖ According to the UCR Program, property crimes are offenses involving the taking of money or property without force or the threat of force against a victim. Three different offenses are categorized as property crime: burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft.

❖ Larcenies/thefts, burglaries, and motor vehicle thefts decreased between the fourth quarter of 2016 and the fourth quarter of 2017.

Figure 2: Total Number of 4th Quarter Property Crimes

Table 5: Larceny/Theft, Q4, 2016 & 2017				
City	2016 Total	2016 Rate	2017 Total	2017 Rate	% Change
Akron	1,428	721.73	1,452	733.86	1.7% increase
Canton	628	868.64	697	964.08	11.0% increase
Cincinnati	2,666	894.14	2,592	869.32	2.8% decrease
Cleveland	3,955	1,015.35	3,544	909.84	10.4% decrease
Columbus	5,765	689.63	5,713	683.41	0.9% decrease
Dayton	1,053	746.79	872	618.43	17.2% decrease
Youngstown	315	484.15	311	478.01	1.3% decrease
Total	**15,810**	**790.55**	**15,181**	**759.10**	**4.0% decrease**

❖ Larceny/theft offenses decreased by 4.0% during the fourth quarter of 2017[3].
❖ Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, and Youngstown reported a decrease in the total number of larceny/theft offenses.

Table 6: Burglary, Q4, 2016 & 2017				
City	2016 Total	2016 Rate	2017 Total	2017 Rate	% Change
Akron	656	331.55	681	344.18	3.8% increase
Canton	272	376.23	269	372.08	1.1% decrease
Cincinnati	1,041	349.14	731	245.17	29.8% decrease
Cleveland	1,984	509.34	1,608	412.81	19.0% decrease
Columbus	2,044	244.51	1,771	211.85	13.4% decrease
Dayton	598	424.10	484	343.26	19.1% decrease
Toledo	875	311.35	773	275.06	11.7% decrease
Youngstown	214	328.92	215	330.45	0.5% increase
Total	**7,684**	**336.89**	**6,532**	**286.38**	**15.0% decrease**

❖ Burglaries decreased by 15.0% during the fourth quarter of 2017.
❖ Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, and Toledo reported a decrease in burglaries.

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[3] Data for Toledo larceny/theft offenses are not available.

City	2016 Total	2016 Rate	2017 Total	2017 Rate	% Change
Table 7: Motor Vehicle Theft, Q4, 2016 & 2017					
Akron	184	93.00	208	105.13	13.0% increase
Canton	77	106.51	72	99.59	6.5% decrease
Cincinnati	371	124.43	392	131.47	5.7% increase
Cleveland	1,206	309.61	935	240.04	22.5% decrease
Columbus	960	114.84	1,170	139.96	21.9% increase
Dayton	187	132.62	189	134.04	1.1% increase
Toledo	217	77.22	169	60.14	22.1% decrease
Youngstown	75	115.27	52	79.92	30.7% decrease
Total	**3,277**	**143.67**	**3,187**	**139.73**	**2.7% decrease**

- ❖ Motor vehicle thefts decreased by 2.7% during the fourth quarter of 2017.
- ❖ Canton, Cleveland, Toledo, and Youngstown reported an increase in motor vehicle thefts.

Figure 3: Violent Crime Rate Since 2006

Figure 4: Property Crime Rate Since 2006