



2023 Release of FBI Uniform Crime Reports for Oregon

Oregon Criminal Justice Commission

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On March 18, 2024, the FBI released the Preliminary Uniform Crime Report (UCR) for January through December 2023, which includes crime data reported to law enforcement agencies for US cities with a population of over 100,000 individuals.¹ This preliminary report provides counts of violent and property index crimes for the included cities.² Calculations of the volume and rate of violent and property index crimes at the state and national level are not contained in this release but will be included in the annual FBI Crime in the United States report, which is normally released in the Fall of each year.

Oregon Cities' Preliminary 2023 Crime Data

The Preliminary UCR includes violent and property index crime data reported to law enforcement agencies from January through December 2023. Table 1 compares these 2022 and 2023 crime counts for Oregon's six most populous cities.

Overall, Oregon's most populated cities have experienced an almost 11 percent decrease in violent index crime from 2022 to 2023. This is compared to the nearly 12 percent increase from 2020 to 2021³, and the 9 percent decrease from 2021 to 2022.⁴ Each city listed saw a decrease in violent index crime, apart from Bend, which saw an increase in this area from 2022 to 2023. Overall, property index crime decreased at the same rate as violent index crime, with the most significant reductions occurring in Salem, Eugene, and Portland. In total, this preliminary data appears to continue the steady year-over-year decreasing trend in property crimes stretching back several decades across the state.

Table 1. January to December FBI Preliminary UCR, 2022 and 2023

Location	Violent Crime			Property Crime		
	2022	2023	% Change	2022	2023	% Change
Bend	159	189	18.9%	1,677	1,630	-2.8%
Eugene	679	561	-17.4%	6,020	5,134	-14.7%
Gresham	496	420	-15.3%	3,297	3,224	-2.2%
Hillsboro	330	310	-6.1%	2,723	2,657	-2.4%
Portland	4,885	4,384	-10.3%	40,478	36,105	-10.8%
Salem	872	773	-11.4%	6,535	5,528	-15.4%
Total	7,421	6,637	-10.6%	60,730	54,278	-10.6%

¹ <https://cde.ucr.cjis.gov/LATEST/webapp/#/pages/explorer/crime/quarterly>

² Violent index crimes include murder and non-negligent manslaughter, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault; property index crimes include burglary, larceny/theft, and motor vehicle theft.

³ <https://www.oregon.gov/cjc/CJC%20Document%20Library/2021%20FBI%20UCR%20Oregon%20Report.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.oregon.gov/cjc/CJC%20Document%20Library/2022%20Preliminary%20UCR%20Q4%20Final%20Draft.pdf>

Regional and National Context

Table 2 reports the Preliminary 2023 UCR data for Western states for January through December of 2022 and 2023. While rates for Oregon’s cities with a population of 100,000 or higher were reported previously, in Table 2 comparisons are made using the sum of data in all reporting cities for each state during each period. While there is a high degree of inconsistency in some of this data due to a lack of representation in states such as Alaska and Montana, the data provided show varying patterns for violent and property crime trends across the Western states.

As shown in Table 2, violent crime decreased in most of the Western states between 2022 and 2023, with the largest decreases occurring in New Mexico, Nevada, and Oregon. Rates of property crime also decreased in the majority of Western states, with Montana and Utah showing the largest decreases—though notably Montana had particular reporting concerns with only one large city reporting for 2023.

While it is difficult to make direct comparisons due to reporting concerns, Oregon and Nevada showed similar rates of change for violent index crime between 2022 and 2023, reporting 10.6 and 11.4 percent declines respectively. Oregon and Washington showed similar reductions in property crime, reporting 10.6 and 9.9 percent decreases respectively.

Table 2. January to December Preliminary UCR -- Western States, 2022 and 2023

All Reporting Cities*	Violent Crime			Property Crime		
	2022	2023	% Change	2022	2023	% Change
Oregon	7,421	6,637	-10.6%	60,730	54,278	-10.6%
Alaska	3,291	3,026	-8.1%	7,900	8,242	4.3%
Arizona	20,483	19,771	-3.5%	94,560	82,449	-12.8%
California**	48,182	48,400	0.5%	32,288	33,016	2.3%
Colorado	20,554	19,272	-6.2%	117,845	106,687	-9.5%
Idaho	807	845	4.7%	3,744	3,534	-5.6%
Montana	1,105	1,073	-2.9%	5,108	4,326	-15.3%
Nevada	12,970	11,490	-11.4%	69,666	73,144	5.0%
New Mexico	8,965	7,792	-13.1%	34,876	30,649	-12.1%
Utah	3,364	3,095	-8.0%	22,248	19,145	-13.9%
Washington	8,407	8,075	-3.9%	65,458	58,959	-9.9%

*While Hawaii is also considered a Western state, no cities reported in this area. In addition, Alaska and Montana only had one city each report for this UCR.

**Orange, California (CA) reported for 2023 but did not report for 2022--in order to calculate more accurate rates of change, 2023 counts for Orange, CA are excluded from CA totals.

Finally, Table 3 uses the Preliminary 2023 UCR data to look at the change in violent and property crime rates as reported to law enforcement agencies from 2022 to 2023 for all reporting cities with a population of over 500,000 individuals. These numbers are compared to the six reporting cities from Oregon, each of which has a population of over 100,000 individuals. For the largest cities that reported data during this period, there are varying patterns for violent and property crime trends.

Regarding violent crime, Oregon’s reporting cities generally reflected the downward trends of other major cities within the United States. Of Oregon’s reporting cities, Bend was the only city to report an increase in violent crime while Eugene showed the greatest decrease with a 17.4 percent drop. Other major cities showed more significant rates of change than Oregon’s six reporting cities, such as Washington D.C. (40.8 percent increase) and San Antonio, Texas (21.8 percent decrease). While the US major cities outside of Oregon largely showed middling rates of change in regards to property crime, Oregon’s six

reporting cities all saw reported property crime decrease from 2022 to 2023. The Oregon cities which saw the largest decreases in property crime during this time period were Salem (15.4 percent decrease) and Eugene (14.7 percent decrease.). Across all major reporting cities, the former is most comparable to Albuquerque, New Mexico (15.2 percent decrease) with the latter also comparable to Phoenix, Arizona (13.2 percent decrease).

Table 3. FBI Preliminary UCR – Oregon and Major Cities, 2022 and 2023

All Reporting Cities	Violent Crime			Property Crime		
	2022	2023	% Change	2022	2023	% Change
Bend, OR	159	189	18.9%	1,677	1,630	-2.8%
Eugene, OR	679	561	-17.4%	6,020	5,134	-14.7%
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Salem, OR	872	773	-11.4%	6,535	5,528	-15.4%
Mesa, AZ	2,220	2,184	-1.6%	9,134	8,082	-11.5%
Phoenix, AZ	13,515	13,033	-3.6%	47,530	41,249	-13.2%
San Diego, CA	5,963	5,787	-3.0%	25,163	24,893	-1.1%
Denver, CO	7,571	7,247	-4.3%	45,391	40,782	-10.2%
Washington D.C.	5,020	7,069	40.8%	23,468	28,097	19.7%
Indianapolis, IN	9,491	8,990	-5.3%	30,135	32,121	6.6%
Baltimore, MD	9,484	8,092	-14.7%	19,210	22,976	19.6%
Detroit, MI	12,698	12,565	-1.0%	28,124	28,958	3.0%
Kansas City, MO	7,564	7,245	-4.2%	24,081	24,896	3.4%
Las Vegas MPD, NV	8,632	7,712	-10.7%	48,791	50,555	3.6%
Albuquerque, NM	7,765	6,680	-14.0%	26,980	22,875	-15.2%
New York, NY	61,293	53,687	-12.4%	176,361	192,219	9.0%
Charlotte-Mecklenburg, NC	7,131	7,109	-0.3%	32,260	37,800	17.2%
Columbus, OH	4,149	3,360	-19.0%	31,868	23,055	-27.7%
Philadelphia, PA	16,343	15,153	-7.3%	67,570	78,048	15.5%
Memphis, TN	15,067	16,076	6.7%	44,963	52,892	17.6%
Metropolitan Nashville, TN	8,304	7,500	-9.7%	26,622	29,573	11.1%
Austin, TX	5,240	4,859	-7.3%	34,809	31,393	-9.8%
Dallas, TX	10,105	8,681	-14.1%	49,121	51,939	5.7%
El Paso, TX	2,142	2,161	0.9%	9,415	10,325	9.7%
Fort Worth, TX	4,810	4,738	-1.5%	26,117	25,631	-1.9%
Houston, TX	26,181	24,275	-7.3%	104,852	98,569	-6.0%
San Antonio, TX	13,015	10,175	-21.8%	74,466	79,526	6.8%
Seattle, WA	6,133	5,790	-5.6%	41,821	36,902	-11.8%
Milwaukee, WI	8,556	7,114	-16.9%	18,381	13,759	-25.1%