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Director



This constitutes the 42nd Crime in Michigan annual report prepared by the Uniform Crime Reporting Program pursuant to PA 319 of 1968, as amended.

The Department of State Police appreciates the cooperation and support of all the police departments, sheriffs' offices, and specialized law enforcement agencies that provide offense and arrest data for this report. Statewide in 2000, 89% of all law enforcement agencies submitted complete data. Congratulations to the 55 agencies who increased their reporting this year.

Improvements in reporting have resulted in a large increase in the reported number of law enforcement officers assaulted. This is due to changes in the data verification process, and is not an accurate indication of a change in assaults. The reporting change is indicative of an increased emphasis within many reporting agencies for accurate statistics. The efforts of these agencies to produce accurate data greatly contributes to the important issue of officer safety.

In past years, Uniform Crime Reporting data has been published using only actual figures. Beginning with the 1999 report, however, state totals are now calculated by combining actual figures with estimates of missing data. The estimation process has been adapted from that used by the FBI (see Appendix C). The estimation will help to ensure an accurate portrayal of crime trends, and will minimize fluctuations due to reporting discrepancies.

This report, when analyzed, can significantly contribute to management and planning activities at local, state, and federal levels, especially by state officials, the law enforcement community, the Legislature, and nonprofit organizations.

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