



**Glossary**

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**ADULT** - The definition of an adult differs under Federal and Michigan law. Under Federal law an adult is a person who is 18 years of age or older. Under Michigan law, an adult is a person who is 17 years of age or older. In this report, the definition of an adult follows Michigan law.

**AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** - An unlawful attack by one person upon another wherein 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.

**ANIMAL CRUELTY** - Intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly taking an action that mistreats or kills any animal without just cause, such as torturing, tormenting, mutilation, maiming, poisoning, or abandonment.

**ARREST** - To seize, hold, summon or cite by legal authority. Arrest data counts the number of persons.

**ARSON** – To unlawfully and intentionally damage, or attempt to damage, any real or personal property by fire or incendiary device.

**ATTEMPTED BURGLARY** - An unlawful attempt to enter a structure with the intent to commit a felony or a theft.

**ATTEMPTED RAPE** - The failed attempt to gain the carnal knowledge of a person, forcibly and against his/her will, or where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity. This crime is included in the Rape classification.

**AUTOMATIC WEAPON** - Any firearm which shoots, or is designed to shoot, more than one shot at a time by a single pull of the trigger without manual reloading.

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**BIAS CRIME (HATE CRIME)** - A criminal offense committed against a person or property which is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias against a race, religion, ethnic/national origin, sexual orientation, or disability group.

**BURGLARY** - The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. Breaking and entering into motor vehicles is not included in this classification. It is included in the Larceny offenses.

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**CLEARANCE** - The solving of a particular crime, either by the arrest of the offender or through exceptional means.

**CLEARANCE BY ARREST** - When an offender has been identified with sufficient evidence to be formally charged.

**COMMERCIALIZED SEX – PROSTITUTION** - Illegal activities related to engaging in normal or deviate, heterosexual or homosexual, sexual acts for profit or gain.

**COMPUTER HACKING/INVASION** - Wrongfully gaining access to another person or institution's computer software, hardware, or networks without authorized permissions or security clearances.

**CRIME ANALYSIS** - Systematic, analytical processes used to provide timely and pertinent information concerning crime patterns and trends to aide in the deployment of resources for the prevention and suppression of criminal activities.



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**CRIME RATE** - Relates the incidence of crime to population so that it can be compared uniformly without regard to population size. In this report, rates are calculated by dividing the number of crimes by the population of the service jurisdiction. The calculated number is then multiplied by 100,000.

**CSC – 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE** - Please read Michigan Compiled Law ([MCL 750.520b](#)).

**CSC – 2<sup>ND</sup> DEGREE** - Please read [MCL 750.520c](#).

**CSC – 3<sup>RD</sup> DEGREE** - Please read [MCL 750.520d](#).

**CSC – 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE** - Please read [MCL 750.520e](#).

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**DISORDERLY CONDUCT** - An offense which disturbs the peace and tranquility of the community in general.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** - The occurrence of any of the following acts by a person that is not an act of self-defense: causing or attempting to cause physical or mental harm to a family or household member; placing a family or household member in fear of physical or mental harm; causing or attempting to cause a family or household member to engage in involuntary sexual activity by force, threat of force, or duress; and/or engaging in activity toward a family or household member that would cause a reasonable person to feel terrorized, frightened, intimidated, threatened, harassed, or molested.

**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE** - The driving or operating of any vehicle while under the influence of liquor or drugs.

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**EMBEZZLEMENT** - The illegal taking, misapplying, or misappropriating of money, or other things of value which have been entrusted to one's care, custody, or control.

**EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE** - Is reported when an investigation has established an offender, there is enough information to support an arrest, and the location of the offender is known, but there is a reason outside the control of law enforcement that prevents arresting, charging, and prosecuting the offender.

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**FAMILY & CHILDREN** - Non-violent offenses by a member of the family or legal guardian which threatens the unity, physical, mental, economic welfare, or morals of members of the family.

**FATAL INJURY** - Any injury which results in death.

**FIREARM** - A general term referring to all types of handguns, rifles, and shot guns.

**FORCED ENTRY (BURGLARY)** - Forcibly entering a structure to commit a felony or a theft.

**FORCIBLE RAPE** – Penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim.

**FORGERY & COUNTERFEITING** - The making, altering, uttering, or possessing with intent to defraud, anything false in the semblance of that which is true.

**FRAUD** - The conversion and obtaining of money or property by false pretense.

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**GAMBLING** - Unlawfully engaging in playing, operating, or assisting in operating a game of chance for money or some other stake.

**GUN** - A general term referring to all types of handguns, rifles, and shot guns.



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**HATE CRIME (BIAS CRIME)** - A criminal offense committed against a person or property which is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias against a race, religion, ethnic/national origin, sexual orientation, or disability group.

**HETEROSEXUAL** - Of or relating to persons who experience a sexual attraction toward, and responsiveness to, members of the opposite sex.

**HOMICIDE (MURDER)** - The willful killing of one human being by another. Deaths caused by negligence, attempts to kill, assaults to kill, suicides, accidental deaths, and justifiable homicides are excluded from this category.

**HOMOSEXUAL** - Of or relating to persons who experience a sexual attraction toward, and responsiveness to, members of the same sex.

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING** - Commercial Sex Acts and Involuntary Servitude are illegal activities related to engaging in the trafficking of individuals for recruitment or in the sex trade(s).

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**IDENTITY THEFT** - Wrongfully obtaining and using another person's personal data (name, date of birth, social security number, driver's license number, etc.)

**INCAPACITATING INJURY** - Any serious injury, other than fatal, that prevents normal activities and generally requires hospitalization.

**INCIDENT** - One or more offenses committed by a person or group of persons acting together, at the same time and place.

**INTIMIDATION/STALKING** - To unlawfully place another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words and/or other conduct; without displaying a weapon or subjecting the victim to an actual physical attack.

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**JURISDICTION** - The geographical range of authority. This term can also be used to refer to an agency.

**JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE** - The killing of a felon by a law enforcement officer in the line of duty or by a private citizen during the commission of a felony.

**JUVENILE** - The definition of a juvenile differs for Federal and Michigan law. Under Federal law a juvenile is a person who is under 18, and under Michigan law a juvenile is a person who is under 17. In this report, the definition of a juvenile follows Michigan law.

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**KNIFE** - Any type of cutting instrument used as a weapon.

### -L-

**LARCENY** - The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another.

**LIQUOR LAWS** - Unlawfully acquiring, manufacturing, transporting, selling, or possessing intoxicating alcoholic liquor.

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**MICR** - Michigan Incident Crime Reporting is Michigan's incident-based reporting system in which data is collected on each single crime occurrence. MICR provides data to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Reporting through the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS).



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**MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT** - The theft or attempted theft of a self-propelled vehicle that runs on land and not on rails. "Joyriding" is included in this classification. "Carjacking" is not included in this classification. It is classified as a Robbery.

**MURDER (HOMICIDE)** - The willful killing of one human being by another. Deaths that are caused by negligence, attempt to kill, assault to kill, suicide, accidental death, and justifiable homicide are excluded from this category.

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**NARCOTIC LAWS** - The unlawful possession, use, sale, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs.

**NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER** - Deaths that are determined by police investigation to be primarily caused by gross negligence (except motor vehicle accidents which are included in the offense category "All Other").

**NIBRS** - National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) is the Federal Bureau of Investigation's incident based reporting system in which data is collected on each single crime occurrence. NIBRS data was designed to be generated as a by-product of local, state, and federal automated records systems. Michigan provides data to NIBRS through MICR.

**NON-AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** - An unlawful physical attack by one person upon another, where no weapon is present and no severe injury occurs.

**NON-INCAPACITATING INJURY** - Any injury that is evident to others at the scene, but not serious enough to prevent normal activities or require hospitalization.

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**OFFENSE** - An unlawful act which has been reported to a law enforcement agency.

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**PERCENT CHANGE** - Calculated by taking the number of offenses for the current year, minus the number of offenses for the previous year, divided by the number of offenses for the previous year, and multiplied by 100.

**PERSONAL WEAPON** - Where the offender uses a part of their body as the weapon (hands, fists, feet, etc.).

**POSSIBLE INJURY** – Victim has no visible injury but complains of pain or had momentary unconsciousness.

**PROPERTY CRIMES** - Consists of Burglary, Larceny-Theft, and Motor Vehicle Theft. The object of the theft-type offense is the taking of money or property, but there is no force or threat of force against the victim. Arson is occasionally included in this category.

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**RAPE** - The penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim. Assault to rape and attempted rape are included in this classification. Other types of sexual penetration are not included.

**RETAIL FRAUD** - The theft or misrepresentation to obtain money or property with the intent to defraud while in a store or in its immediate vicinity while the store is open to the public.

**ROBBERY** - The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or putting the victim in fear.

**RUNAWAYS** - Juveniles who have run away from family or an institution.



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**SEX OFFENSES** - Illegal acts done for sexual stimulation or gratification, or involving display or exposure of sexual organs. Rape and prostitution are not included in this classification.

**STATISTICAL** - A collection and study of numerical data.

**STOLEN PROPERTY** - The buying, receiving, selling, possessing, concealing, or transporting of any property with the knowledge that it has been unlawfully taken outside of the reporting agency's jurisdiction.

### -T-

**TOTAL CRIME** - All criminal activity reported.

**TRENDS** - The fluctuation of crime data from year-to-year which provides an added perspective to study crime. See also percent change.

### -U-

**UCR** - Uniform Crime Reporting is a city, county, state, and federal law enforcement program which provides a nationwide view of crime based on the submission of crime information by law enforcement agencies throughout the country. This term also refers to the summary system of reporting.

**UNLAWFUL ENTRY (BURGLARY)** - Entering a structure to commit a felony or a theft.

### -V-

**VAGRANCY** - Vagabonding, begging, loitering, etc.

**VANDALISM** - The willful or malicious destruction, injury, disfiguring, or defacing of any public or private property, real or personal, without consent of the owner or person having control.

**VICTIM** - The injured party of an offense.

**VICTIM CRIME** - The offense type committed against the victim, i.e. Murder.

**VIOLENT CRIMES** - Consists of Murder, Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault. All violent crimes involve force or threat of force.

### -W-

**WEAPONS OFFENSE** - The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment, or use of firearms or other deadly weapons.

### -Z-

**ZERO POPULATION** - Population is only shown once. Police departments showing a zero population indicate that those areas are being serviced by the county sheriff or Michigan State Police (MSP). Colleges, universities, metro parks, and airports have no permanent residents and will also show a zero population. MSP has jurisdiction over the entire state and will show a zero population because either the sheriff or local police department already shows the population.