



Data Use

REPORTING DATES

Each year, the Michigan Incident Crime Reporting data is “frozen” on a specific date for purposes of publishing the annual *Crime in Michigan* report. The frozen set was created on March 11, 2020, for the 2019 *Crime in Michigan* publication. Any new crime data or updates to previous data submitted by agencies after the “frozen” date is not published in the report.

MICHIGAN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES - Total number of active police agencies: 572

Agency Type:

Sheriff = 83

Michigan State Police = 1

Police Departments = 488

PROPER USE OF DATA

It should be noted that agencies that were unable to submit complete data by March 11, 2020, will show artificially low crime counts in this report. This may happen when an agency experiences a disruption to the submission of their crime data, for example during a period of transition between records management systems or when programmatic/technical complications interrupt data transfer processes. Therefore, users are cautioned against performing trend analysis or ranking agencies/cities based on their crime data, especially for those agencies/cities that indicate a significant increase or decrease in crime counts from one year to the next.

Users should also take into account the following factors when analyzing changes in the volume and types of crimes: missing data, population density, urbanization, composition of the population, stability of the population, modes of transportation, economic conditions, cultural characteristics, family cohesiveness, climate, strength and policies of the criminal justice system, and crime reporting practices of the citizenry.

When used properly, the data provided in this report can significantly contribute to management and planning activities at local, state, and federal levels, especially by state officials, law enforcement agencies, the legislature, and nonprofit organizations. Questions on the proper use of Michigan Incident Crime Reporting statistics can be directed to the Michigan Incident Crime Reporting Unit of the Michigan State Police, Criminal Justice Information Center, at 517-284-3326.

MONTHS REPORTED

The *months reported* figure indicates the number of months that an agency submitted data to the state program. Data users should view this with caution, since a month of data does not necessarily indicate that an agency has reported all activity for that month. It should not be assumed that changes in data indicate an actual change in crime; it may be a change in reporting. Users should check with the individual departments or with the state program before assuming that changes are indicative of actual trends.

HATE CRIME STATISTICS

A Hate/Bias crime is 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*. Hate Crimes are not separate, distinct crimes, but rather traditional offenses motivated by the offender's bias. The Hate Crime statistics reported to the MICR program may have some reporting inconsistencies. The decision to classify an offense as a hate crime is left to the discretion of the responding law enforcement officer. It is believed that different interpretations of this definition have led to over-reporting by some agencies and under-reporting by others. For this reason, Hate Crime statistics should be used cautiously. In addition, the Other Bias category cannot be verified and consequently all incidents reported as Other Bias have been removed.



MICHIGAN INCIDENT CRIME REPORTING STATUS

Michigan Incident Crime Reporting is Michigan’s incident-based reporting system in which data is collected on each single crime occurrence. The National Incident Based Reporting System is the result of efforts by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and various law enforcement organizations to improve and modernize the Uniform Crime Reporting program. In 2005, all Michigan law enforcement agencies were required to start submitting their crimes using the Michigan Incident Crime Reporting system. Additional information on this program can be obtained by contacting the Michigan Incident Crime Reporting Unit at 517-284-3318.

2019 Non-reporting Agencies

Agency	Months Reported
Baraga Police Department	0
Bellaire Police Department	0
Bellevue Police Department	0
Byron Police Department	0
Cass County Sheriff's Office	0
Central Lake Police Department	0
Dundee Police Department	0
Elk Rapids Police Department	0
Erie Township Police Department	0
Freeport Police Department	0
Gagetown Police Department	0
Home Township Police Department	0
Hopkins Police Department	0
Lake County Sheriff's Office	0
L'Anse Police Department	0
Luna Pier Police Department	0
Mancelona Police Department	0
Manton Police Department	0
Peck Police Department	0
Union City Police Department	0
Woodland Township Police Department	0