

DEFINITION

Arson is to unlawfully and intentionally damage, or attempt to damage, any real or personal property by fire or incendiary device.

ANALYSIS

VOLUME

The number of arson offenses reported in 2019 was 1,633. This is a reported decrease of seven percent from 2018 and an 18 percent decrease since 2015.

The largest number of offenses occurred in the month of April and the least amount were committed in February.

RATE

The crime rate for this offense was 16 for every 100,000 persons. In 2018, the crime rate was 18 per 100,000 persons.

CLEARANCES

Law enforcement agencies cleared 248 incidents by an arrest or exceptional clearance out of the 1,553 incidents reported. This calculates to a 16 percent clearance rate.

NATURE

In 2019, more arsons were committed on Saturday. The least amount of arsons occurred on Friday.

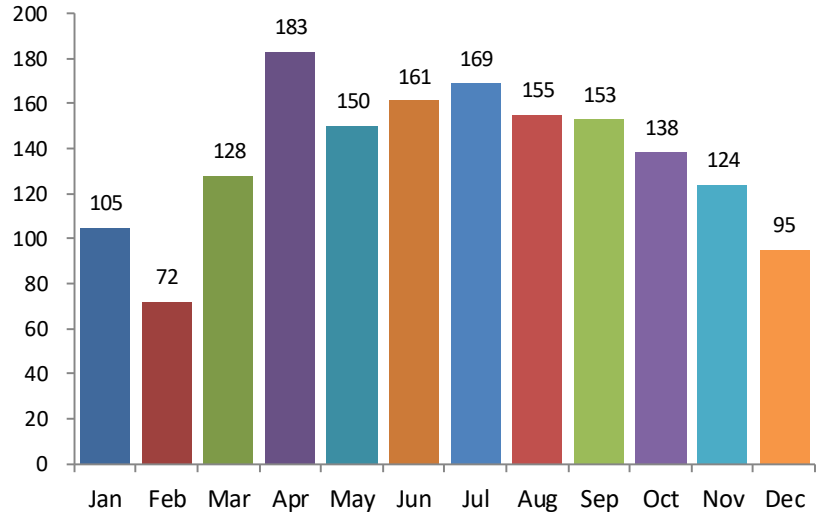
Sixty-five percent of the arsons occurred most often at a Residence/Home. Twelve percent of the arsons occurred at the location of Highway/Road/Alley/Street/Sidewalk.

OFFENDERS

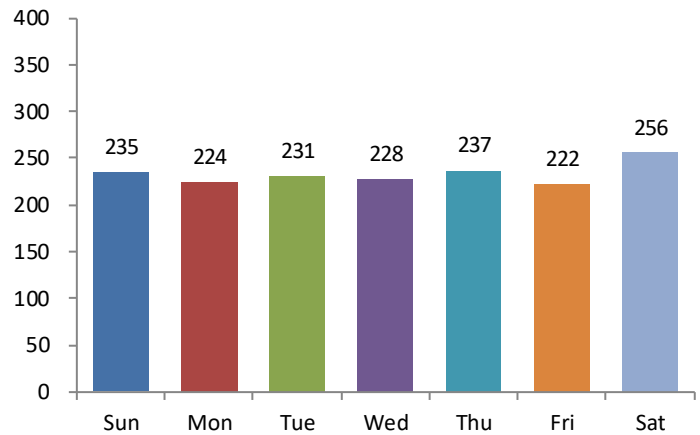
In 56 percent of the offenses reported to law enforcement agencies, the suspect or offender was Unknown. Among the offenses where offender information was known (799), 78 percent of the offenders were Males and 22 percent were Females.

White Males committed 42 percent of the arsons and Black/African American Males committed 31 percent. Black/African American Females committed 13 percent of the offenses and White Females committed eight percent.

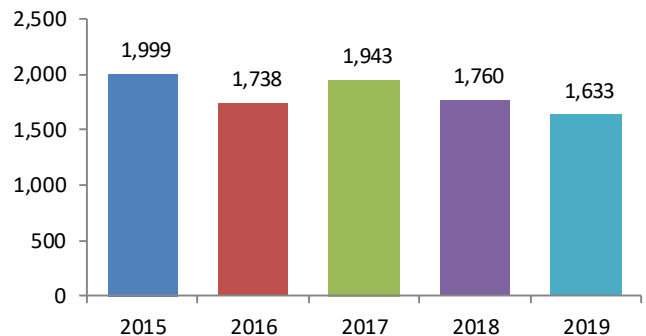
Offenses by Month



Offenses by Day



5-Year Trend
Number of Offenses



		Arrests By Age, Sex, and Race										Grand Total
		FEMALE				MALE						
		Black/African American	Unknown	White	Total	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Asian	Black/African American	Unknown	White	Total	
Age Group	Black/African American	Unknown	White	Total	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Asian	Black/African American	Unknown	White	Total	Grand Total	
Total Juveniles	10 & Under	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	11-12	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	5	5
	13-14	0	0	2	2	0	0	3	0	3	6	8
	15	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	3	7	8
	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	2
	17	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	5	6
	Total	2	0	3	5	0	0	9	2	14	25	30
Total Adults	18	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	5	6
	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	4	4
	20	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	3	5	6
	21	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	4	6	7
	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	4	4
	23	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	3	6	7
	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	4	4
	25-29	10	1	2	13	0	0	12	2	9	23	36
	30-34	8	0	2	10	1	0	10	0	16	27	37
	35-39	4	0	4	8	0	1	9	0	10	20	28
	40-44	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	7	11	11
	45-49	4	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	2	3	7
	50-54	1	0	1	2	0	0	3	1	0	4	6
	55-59	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	10	14	15
	60-64	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	5	5
	65 & Above	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	3	4
Total	31	1	11	43	1	1	57	4	81	144	187	
Grand Total:	33	1	14	48	1	1	66	6	95	169	217	