Michigan Incident Crime Reporting
Note About the Data
January – December 2016 Crime Trends

This year's report included an extended time period for law enforcement agencies to submit their data, resulting in an increase in cases reported. This increase in the number of crimes reported during this extended submission period does not necessarily indicate an actual increase in crime rates, and must be considered in any evaluation of this report.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Unit, determines the date when all data submissions are to be finalized in their system for a given year. The original deadline date for the 2016 calendar year was March 27, 2017, which is consistent with historic final submission dates.

The FBI notified all states in the nation they were extending the state's data submission deadline to April 24, 2017, due to technical issues they were experiencing with their system. On April 21, 2017, the MSP requested an extension from the FBI because of technical issues with the National Incident-Based Reporting System data submissions to the new FBI system. MICR data was submitted on May 12, 2017. This extended reporting period allowed law enforcement agencies more time to review and finalize case submissions, resulting in an additional 22,985 crimes being submitted for the 2016 calendar year. Below is a chart which indicates how crime would have been reported if the data had been frozen on March 28, 2017, to produce the *Crime in Michigan* report.

Frozen Dates	Year	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Agg Assaults	Violent Crime	Burglary	Larceny	Motor Vehicle Thefts	Property Crimes	Arson	Crime Rate per 100K
3/28/2016	2015	572	6,311	7,821	25,952	40,656	39,111	130,895	16,008	186,014	1,999	2,307
*3/27/2017	2016	527	6,071	6,842	28,776	42,216	36,255	124,921	19,495	180,671	1,686	2,262
% of Change		-7.9%	-3.8%	-12.5%	10.9%	3.8%	-7.3%	-4.6%	21.8%	-2.9%	-15.7%	-2.0%

*Original FBI deadline date

It is also important to note that an additional 35 law enforcement agencies reported crime to the MICR Unit that did not report crime in 2015.

Therefore, users should take this under consideration when comparing the 2015 *Crime in Michigan* data to the 2016 *Crime in Michigan* data.