



## The FBI Releases 2012 Crime Statistics for Washington State

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Yesterday, the FBI released its annual *Crime in the United States* report for American cities. Nationally, the violent crime rate increased slightly—by 0.7 percent—in 2012 compared to 2011. Property crime fell for the 10th year in a row, dropping by 0.9 percent.

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program collects data on specific violent crimes (murder & non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault) and specific property crimes (burglary, larceny-theft and motor vehicle theft). In 2012, five of the seven categories saw decreases nationally; only the number of murders and aggravated assaults increased, and those increases were slight (0.4 percent for each per 100,000 people).

Highlights from cities with populations of more than 100,000 people in Washington—comparing—comparing 2012 to 2011—are:

- The rate of violent crime for Washington's cities increased by 0.1 percent (per 100,000 people), and its property crime rate increased by 2.2 percent (per 100,000 people) from 2011 to 2012.
- In Seattle, there was a decrease in the number of burglaries. There were slight increases in the numbers of murders/non-negligent manslaughters and robberies, and increases in the numbers of rapes, aggravated assaults, larceny thefts and motor vehicle thefts.
- In Bellevue, there was a decrease in the number of larceny thefts. There were slight increases in the numbers of murders/non-negligent manslaughters (from 1 to 2) and rapes, and increases in the numbers of robberies, aggravated assaults, burglaries, and motor vehicle thefts.
- In Everett, there was a significant decrease in the number of and larceny thefts, and decreases in the numbers of murders/non-negligent manslaughters, rapes, and aggravated assaults. There was a slight increase in the number of burglaries, and increases in the numbers of robberies and motor vehicle thefts.
- In Kent, there were decreases in the numbers of robberies and aggravated assaults. There was a slight increase in the number of murders/non-negligent manslaughters (from 1 to 2), and increases in the numbers of rapes, burglaries, larceny thefts, and motor vehicle thefts.
- In Spokane, there was a decrease in the number of rapes. There were increases in the numbers of murders/non-negligent manslaughters, robberies, aggravated assaults, burglaries, larceny thefts, and motor vehicle thefts.
- In Tacoma, there were decreases in the number of rapes and motor vehicle thefts. There was a slight increase in the number of murders/non-negligent manslaughters (from 11 to 12), and increases in the numbers of robberies, aggravated assaults, burglaries, and larceny thefts.
- In Vancouver, there were decreases in the numbers of murders/non-negligent manslaughters, rapes, robberies, and larceny thefts. There were increases in aggravated assaults, burglaries, and motor vehicle thefts.

The breakdown for these Washington state cities is:

| <b>BELLEVUE</b>                     | <b>2011</b> | <b>2012</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Murder & non-negligent manslaughter | 1           | 2           |
| Forcible Rape                       | 23          | 26          |
| Robbery                             | 58          | 67          |
| Aggravated Assault                  | 58          | 66          |
| Burglary                            | 607         | 685         |
| Larceny-theft                       | 2,775       | 2,649       |
| Motor vehicle theft                 | 157         | 169         |

  

| <b>EVERETT</b>                      | <b>2011</b> | <b>2012</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Murder & non-negligent manslaughter | 5           | 1           |
| Forcible rape                       | 49          | 46          |
| Robbery                             | 143         | 182         |
| Aggravated assault                  | 253         | 252         |
| Burglary                            | 1,163       | 1,165       |
| Larceny-theft                       | 5,415       | 4,281       |
| Motor vehicle theft                 | 925         | 970         |

  

| <b>KENT</b>                         | <b>2011</b> | <b>2012</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Murder & non-negligent manslaughter | 1           | 2           |
| Forcible Rape                       | 60          | 68          |
| Robbery                             | 210         | 194         |
| Aggravated Assault                  | 306         | 279         |
| Burglary                            | 1,223       | 1,239       |
| Larceny-theft                       | 2,977       | 3,365       |

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| Motor vehicle theft | 789 | 864 |
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**SEATTLE**

|                                     | <b>2011</b> | <b>2012</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Murder & non-negligent manslaughter | 20          | 23          |
| Forcible rape                       | 100         | 119         |
| Robbery                             | 1,418       | 1,421       |
| Aggravated assault                  | 2,126       | 2,183       |
| Burglary                            | 6,807       | 6,523       |
| Larceny-theft                       | 21,585      | 21,852      |
| Motor vehicle theft                 | 3,400       | 3,556       |

**SPOKANE**

|                                     | <b>2011</b> | <b>2012</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Murder & non-negligent manslaughter | 4           | 13          |
| Forcible Rape                       | 84          | 81          |
| Robbery                             | 484         | 537         |
| Aggravated Assault                  | 732         | 738         |
| Burglary                            | 3,030       | 3,827       |
| Larceny-theft                       | 10,231      | 12,600      |
| Motor vehicle theft                 | 1,778       | 2,095       |

**TACOMA**

|                                     | <b>2011</b> | <b>2012</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Murder & non-negligent manslaughter | 11          | 12          |
| Forcible Rape                       | 125         | 93          |
| Robbery                             | 446         | 486         |
| Aggravated Assault                  | 925         | 1,024       |
| Burglary                            | 2,709       | 2,965       |
| Larceny-theft                       | 7,228       | 7,995       |

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| Motor vehicle theft | 2,125 | 1,906 |
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| <b>VANCOUVER</b>                    | <b>2011</b> | <b>2012</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Murder & non-negligent manslaughter | 9           | 5           |
| Forcible Rape                       | 102         | 72          |
| Robbery                             | 185         | 172         |
| Aggravated Assault                  | 337         | 343         |
| Burglary                            | 950         | 1,044       |
| Larceny-theft                       | 4,629       | 4,343       |
| Motor vehicle theft                 | 868         | 1,091       |

For specific information on other cities within Washington, please refer to the attached crime table or visit [http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2012/crime-in-the-u.s.-2012/tables/8tabledatadecpdf/table-8-state-cuts/table\\_8\\_offenses\\_known\\_to\\_law\\_enforcement\\_by\\_washington\\_by\\_city\\_2012.xls](http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2012/crime-in-the-u.s.-2012/tables/8tabledatadecpdf/table-8-state-cuts/table_8_offenses_known_to_law_enforcement_by_washington_by_city_2012.xls).

Across the nation, more than 18,000 city, county, state, federal, college/university and tribal law enforcement agencies voluntarily contribute data to this annual report.

The FBI simply compiles the information as it is provided from local jurisdictions. **You will need to contact those local jurisdictions for any analysis of the numbers listed above.** Also note that the report features a prominent message cautioning against using the statistics to rank cities or counties. Such rankings can lead to simplistic or incomplete analyses, overlooking the many variables impacting crime and its reporting.

The FBI has been producing the Uniform Crime Report since 1930. View the entire 2012 report here: <http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s/2012/crime-in-the-u.s.-2012>.

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