

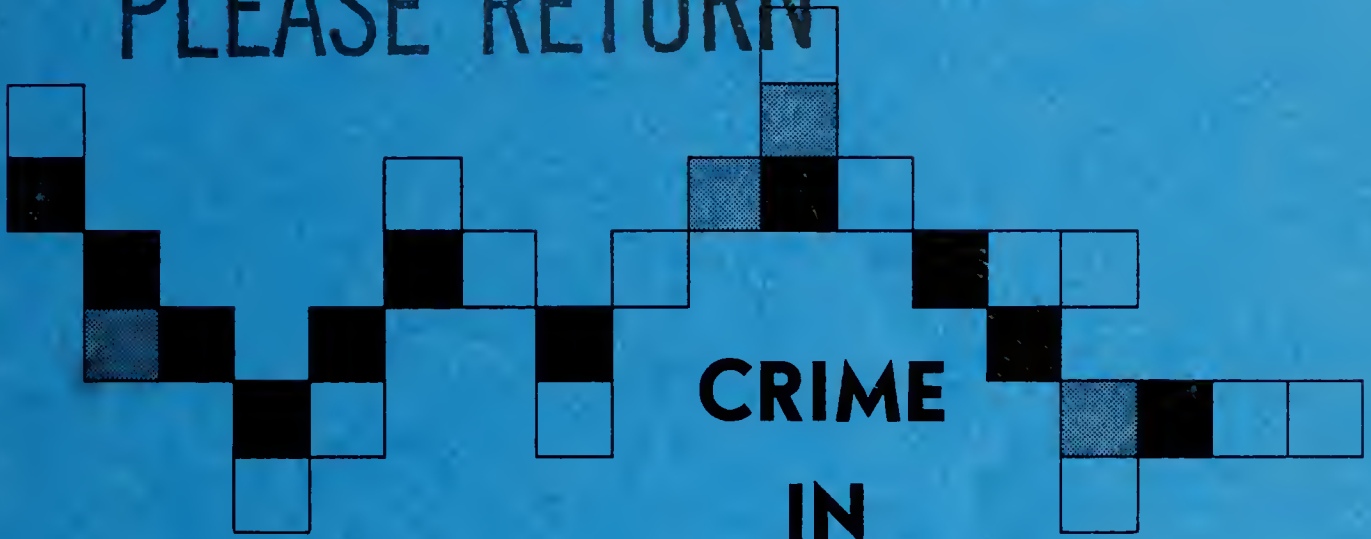
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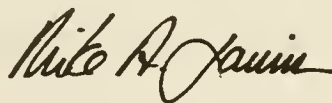
FOREWORD

Crime in Montana is an annual report prepared by the Criminal Justice Data Center of the Montana Board of Crime Control. It presents an overview of the nature and extent of crime in our state, and also includes a summary of index crimes referenced by the reporting law enforcement agency.

With our crime reporting program nine years old, we have achieved a level of reliability which enhances the utility of the data.

This publication would not be possible without the continuing support of the Montana criminal justice community, which voluntarily provides the source data.

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INTRODUCTION

This report by the Criminal Justice Data Center contains the most complete and accurate information currently available about crime in Montana. It contains an extensive collection of facts along with detailed analyses of the prevalence of different crimes, crime trends and crime by law enforcement agency; in short, the nature, extent and location of crime in the state.

While this report addresses not only the informational needs of law enforcement agencies, planners, local government officials and legislators, it should afford citizens an opportunity to assess the state's crime situation.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA CENTER

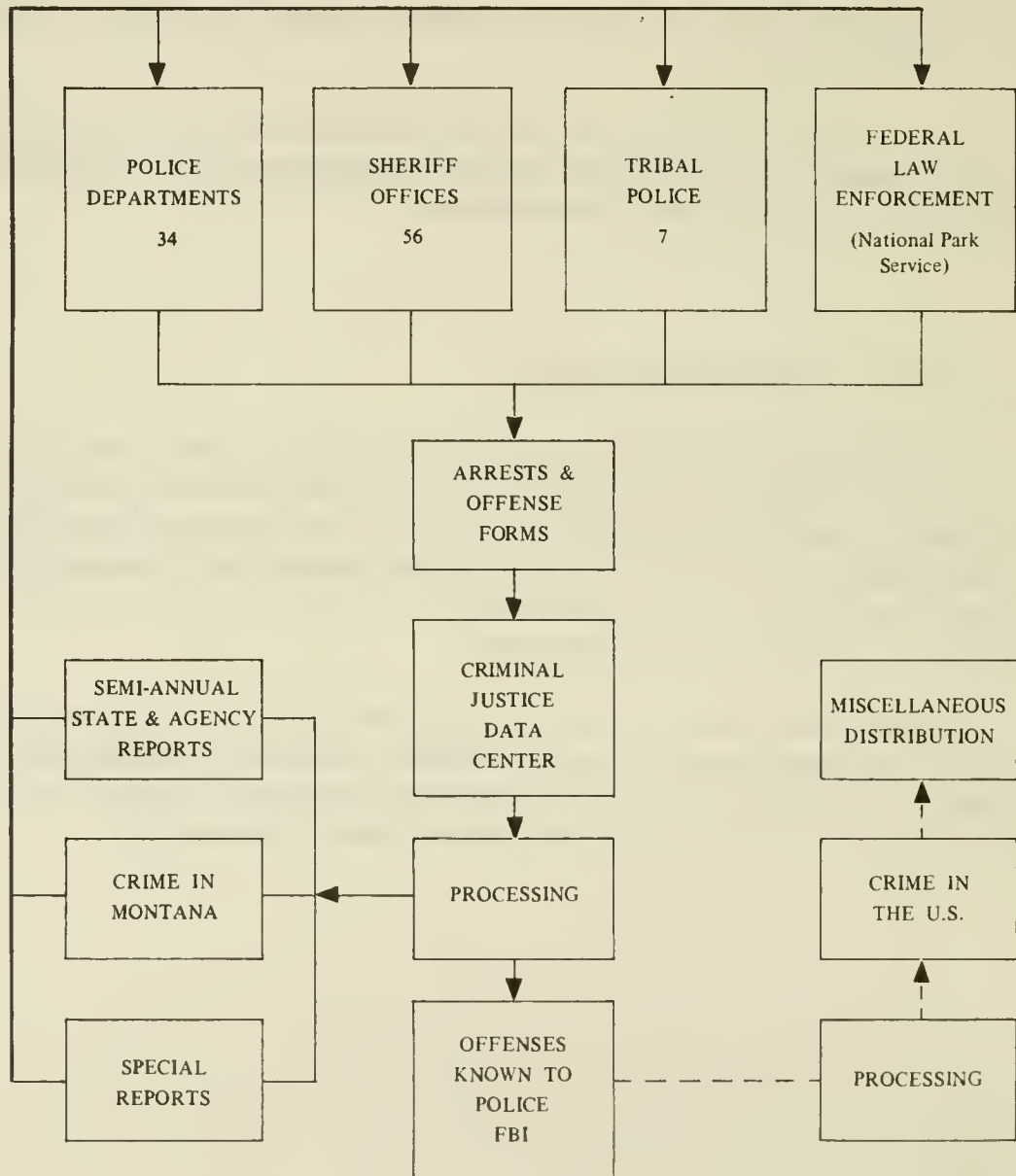
The major mission of the Montana Criminal Justice Data Center has been the development, implementation and maintenance of data collection systems to provide essential information both on crime as it occurs within the state and on the offenders who are apprehended and enter the criminal justice system, and a statistical analysis of criminal justice data. The Criminal Justice Data Center serves as a statewide clearinghouse for criminal justice information.

Criminal justice data is furnished to the Data Center by county law enforcement agencies, city police departments and government agencies such as the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the National Park Service. Although reporting is voluntary, nearly all law enforcement agencies participate, as shown on pages 21 through 29.

MONTANA UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING PROGRAM

Montana became involved in the National Uniform Crime Reporting program in September, 1978, when the F.B.I. transferred the responsibility of data collection from its Uniform Crime Reporting Division to the Board of Crime Control's Data Center. This transfer has enhanced crime data collection by giving the state more control over the crime reporting and closer contact with local law enforcement.

Illustration 1.
MONTANA CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA CENTER
ARRESTS AND OFFENSES STATISTICS SYSTEM



The development of Montana's Uniform Crime Reporting program has encouraged law enforcement participation in record keeping, data collection, and data analysis and its use. The law enforcement agencies are wholly responsible for compiling and completing their own crime reports and submitting them to the Data Center. On a monthly basis, law enforcement agencies (as shown on the previous page) report the number of offenses that become known, property stolen by type, value and classification, age, sex and race of persons arrested, homicides, arsons and law enforcement officers killed or assaulted.

The Montana Uniform Crime Reporting program involves two distinct data systems: the Arrest Information System and the Offense Information System. The Arrest Information System compiles and summarizes felony and misdemeanor arrests by age, race and sex of the offender, time of day and the day, week and month on which the arrest occurred. The Offense Information System summarizes the type of crimes actually being committed and reported to law enforcement agencies.

Nearly all of the law enforcement agencies in the state participate by reporting the incidence of serious crimes and arrests on a monthly basis. A reporting summary and crime rate by contributor is included on pages 21 through 29. The reporting agencies include all 56 sheriff departments, seven tribal police departments, the National Park Service at Glacier Park, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and 34 local police departments. In addition, many small police departments and campus police units report to the sheriff departments in their counties and the data is forwarded to the Data Center. Several law enforcement agencies have combined during the year while others have elected to do their own jurisdictional crime reporting.

A particularly important service of the Montana Crime Reporting program is statistical feedback to contributors. Data is returned to them in the form of computerized summaries of offenses and arrests, showing crime by offense and arrest categories, clearances, volume of arrests and offenses — all of which is useful to departments in terms of resource distribution, identification of needs and problems, manpower deployment, budget allocations and public relations.

CRIME IN MONTANA—1979

CRIME FACTORS

The amount and type of crime reported in this section is based on offenses reported to the police and does not measure those offenses which the law enforcement community never becomes aware of. A considerable volume of crime is not reported to law enforcement agencies because the victims may consider the offenses against them of very little consequence, they believe there is very little the police can do about them, or they fear publicity of a police investigation or retaliation from offenders. Recent national victimization surveys indicate that the actual number of certain index offenses committed may be fully double the number that are made known to police.

A report on the number and types of crime alone doesn't tell the whole story of criminal activity within the state. Other factors which may influence the type and volume of crime are:

- density and size of community
- composition of the population with reference to age, race and sex
- economic status of the population
- stability of population such as seasonal workers and tourism
- educational, recreational and religious characteristics
- effective strength of the police force
- policies of the prosecuting officials and the courts
- attitude of the public toward law and law enforcement

STATISTICAL METHOD OF REPORTING

Several statistical measurements are used to make the crime data more meaningful: *crime index*, *crime rate* and *crime seriousness*. These are discussed below.

CRIME INDEX

The crime index has been used nationwide for many years as a standard for comparing the amount and extent of serious crime.

The index includes seven crimes divided into two groups. The sub-classification allows comparison and contrast of the groups.

Violent Crimes	Homicide
	Rape
	Robbery
	Assault
Property Crimes	Burglary
	Larceny/Theft
	Motor Vehicle Theft

These seven crimes are recognized as the most serious crimes in our society and the most likely to be reported to law enforcement. The numerous other felony and serious misdemeanor offenses are not included in the crime index but are included and reported on page 8, Illustration 3.

The crime index is only an indication of the amount and type of crime occurring in a jurisdiction. It is not an absolute measure. If multiple crimes were committed during an incident and reported, only the most serious is recorded in the index.

CRIME RATE

One of the most commonly used statistical measurements is the crime rate, which calculates the number of incidents which occur for every 100,000 residents. The crime rate is useful in comparing the amount of crime in two areas with unequal populations.

The crime rate is calculated by dividing the total number of serious crimes (usually it is the seven major index crimes) by the population or estimated population and multiplying the answer by 100,000 as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Number of Crimes}}{\text{Population of Law Enforcement Jurisdiction}} \times 100,000 = \text{Rate per 100,000}$$

According to the F.B.I. and Bureau of the Census, Montana's 1979 population is 786,000. This is the figure on which the crime rates are based in the following illustration.

Illustration 2.
1979 MONTANA INDEX OFFENSE CRIME RATES

Violent Crimes			Property Crimes		
Index Offenses	Number Of Offenses	Rate Per 100,000 Population	Index Offenses	Number Of Offenses	Rate Per 100,000 Population
Homicide	41	5.2	Burglary	6,826	804.8
Rape	183	23.3	Larceny/Theft	24,304	3,092.1
Robbery	261	33.2	Motor Vehicle Theft	<u>2,404</u>	<u>305.9</u>
Assault	<u>1,361</u>	<u>173.2</u>			
Total	1,846	234.9	Total	<u>33,034</u>	<u>4,202.8</u>
GRAND TOTAL				<u>34,880</u>	<u>4,437.7</u>

Comparison of the amount of crime and estimated population for the state shows a crime rate of 4,438. This means that 4,438 out of every 100,000 Montanans were victims of a major crime - or more simply:

4,438.0 crimes per 100,000 persons
444.0 crimes per 10,000 persons
44.0 crimes per 1,000 persons
4.4 crimes per 100 persons

Out of every 100 Montanans, 4.4 were victims of an index crime. In 1978, the level of victimization was 4.0 per 100 persons.

CRIME INCIDENCE COMPARISON

A comparison of the number of crimes reported in 1979 to that reported in the previous year provides a measure of the fluctuation in criminal activity.

The number of index crimes increased this year after three continuous years of decrease. The total of 34,880 index crimes reported in 1979 is 3,634 greater than the 31,246 reported in the previous year. A comparison by index crime for 1978 and 1979 is shown in the following illustration with the percent of change in the column at the right.

Illustration 3.
CRIME INCIDENCE COMPARISON
1978-1979

Offense	1978	1979	Percent Change
Homicide	37	41	10.8
Rape	146	183	25.3
Robbery	259	261	.8
Aggravated Assault	1,519	1,361	- 10.4
Total Offenses Against Persons	1,961	1,846	- 5.9
Burglary	6,270	6,326	.9
Larceny/Theft	20,563	24,304	19.7
Motor Vehicle Theft	2,452	2,404	- 2.0
Total Offenses Against Property	29,285	33,034	12.8
Total 7 Major Offenses	31,246	34,880	11.6
Negligent Manslaughter	14	5	- 64.3
Other Assaults	1,232	1,797	45.9
Arson	136	174	27.9
Forgery and Counterfeiting	491	595	21.2
Fraud	1,336	1,674	25.3
Embezzlement	10	9	- 10.0
Stolen Property	191	408	113.6
Vandalism	9,442	11,332	20.0
Weapons	381	345	- 9.5
Prostitution	12	22	83.3
Sex Offenses	303	308	1.7
Drugs	882	818	- 7.3
Gambling	14	45	221.4
Offenses Against Family	1,003	525	- 47.7
Total Other Offenses	15,447	18,057	16.9
GRAND TOTAL	46,693	52,937	13.4

The major increase was in property crimes. Burglary and larceny/theft increased by .9 percent and 19.7 percent respectively. Overall, a 12.8 percent increase in property crime occurred in 1979.

While property crime increased 12.8 percent, reported violent crimes of rape and homicide also increased by 25.3 and 10.8 percent respectively. Aggravated assault recorded a 10.4 percent decrease, causing the whole volume of crimes against persons to decrease by 5.9%.

The volume increase in the larceny/theft crime category accounted for the general crime trend increase in all the seven major index offenses.

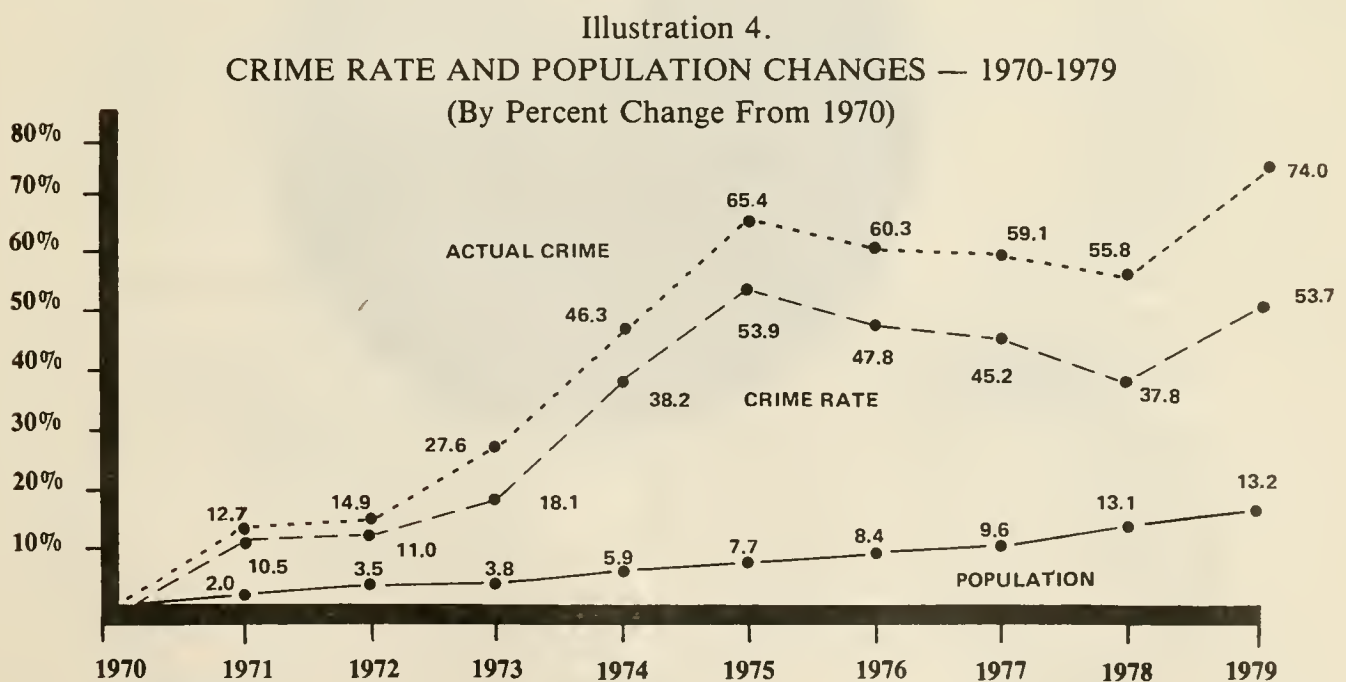
In addition, high volume increases are noted in non-index offenses of vandalism at 20 percent increase, and buying, selling, receiving stolen property at 113.6 percent increase.

Illustration 3 on the previous page shows the specific changes in the seven major index crimes as well as the other felony and serious misdemeanor classifications.

CRIME AND POPULATION

In order to demonstrate the crime trend and the population trend over a period of years, a percent change is calculated using 1970 as the base year. In 1970, Montana recorded 20,052 index crimes with a crime rate of 2,887.6 per 100,000 and a population of 694,409. The rapid increase in crime in the earlier years of this decade corresponds to very small increases in the state population. By 1979, the crime rate had increased 53.7 percent over 1970 while the state population had grown only 13.2 percent in that same period.

Illustration 4 indicates a leveling off and decrease in the overall crime picture from the 1975 peak through 1978; however, the 1979 increases are reflected in percentage changes which surpass the 1975 peak. The population trend shows a steady increase to an estimated 786,000 in 1979.



CRIME OFFENSE PROFILE

The circle graph below shows the proportion of each index crime to the total of all the index crimes reported in 1979.

Three property crimes — burglary, larceny/theft and motor vehicle theft — account for 94.7 percent of all major crimes reported in 1979. Violent crimes of homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault accounted for 5.3 percent of the index offenses.

Illustration 5.
CRIME PROFILE - 1979

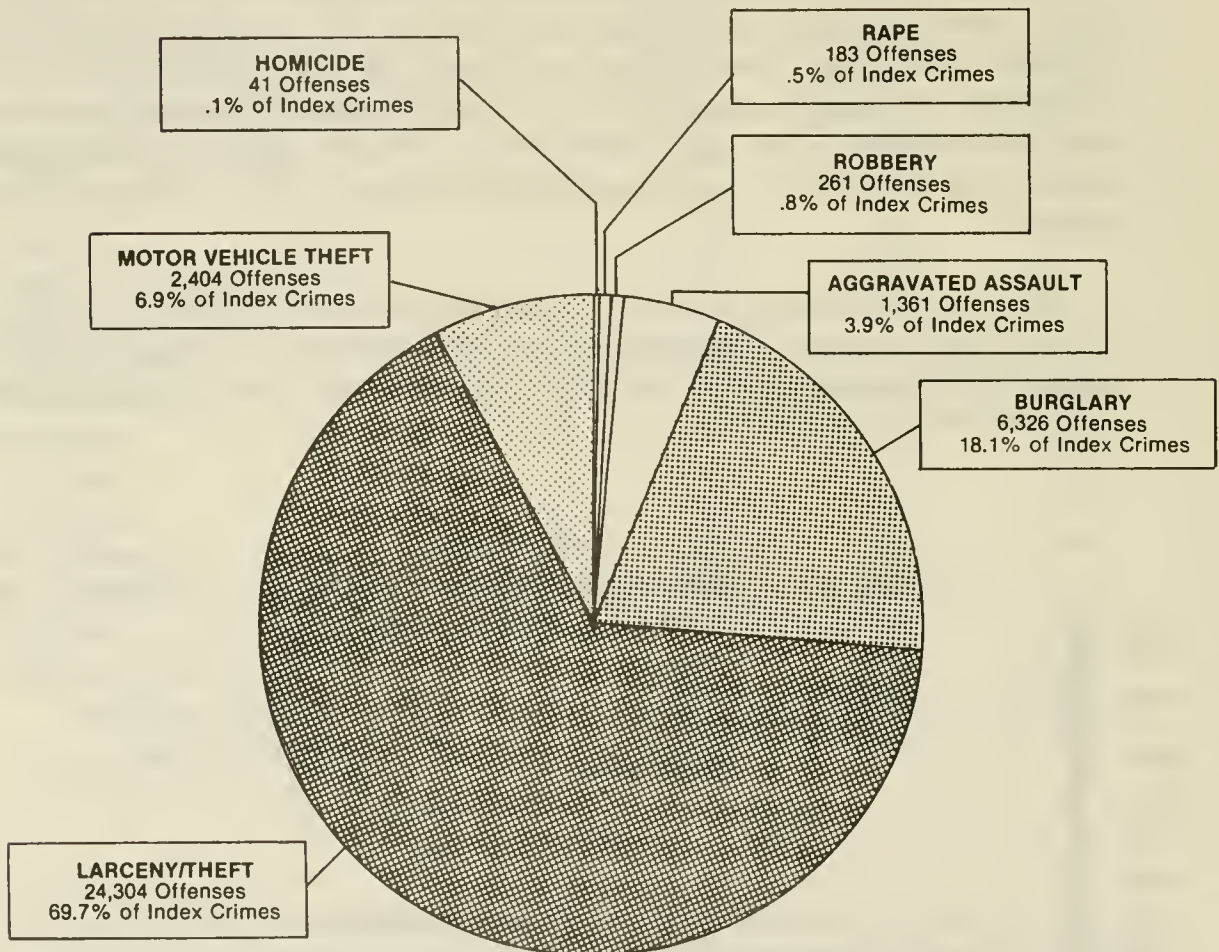
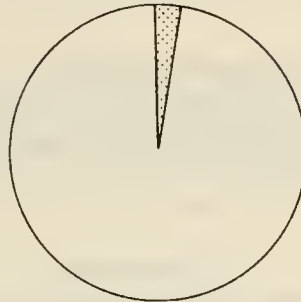


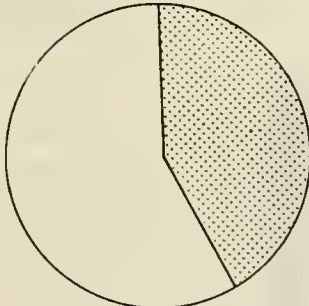
Illustration 6.
CRIME CLOCKS - 1979

INDEX CRIMES



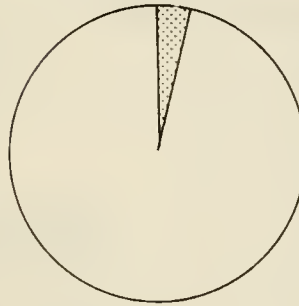
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VIOLENT CRIMES



One every 5 hrs.

PROPERTY CRIMES



One every 16 min.

HOMICIDE

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7	8	9			

One every 9 days

RAPE

1	2				

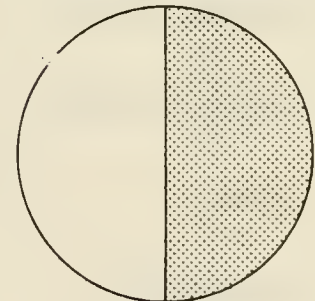
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ROBBERY

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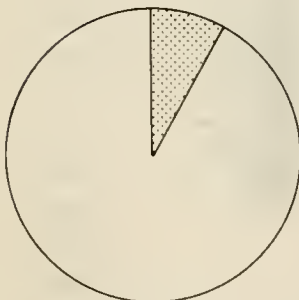
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AGGRAVATED ASSAULT



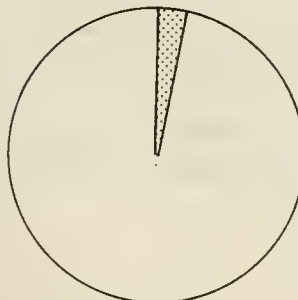
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BURGLARY



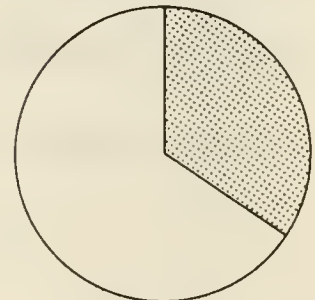
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LARCENY/THEFT



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MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT



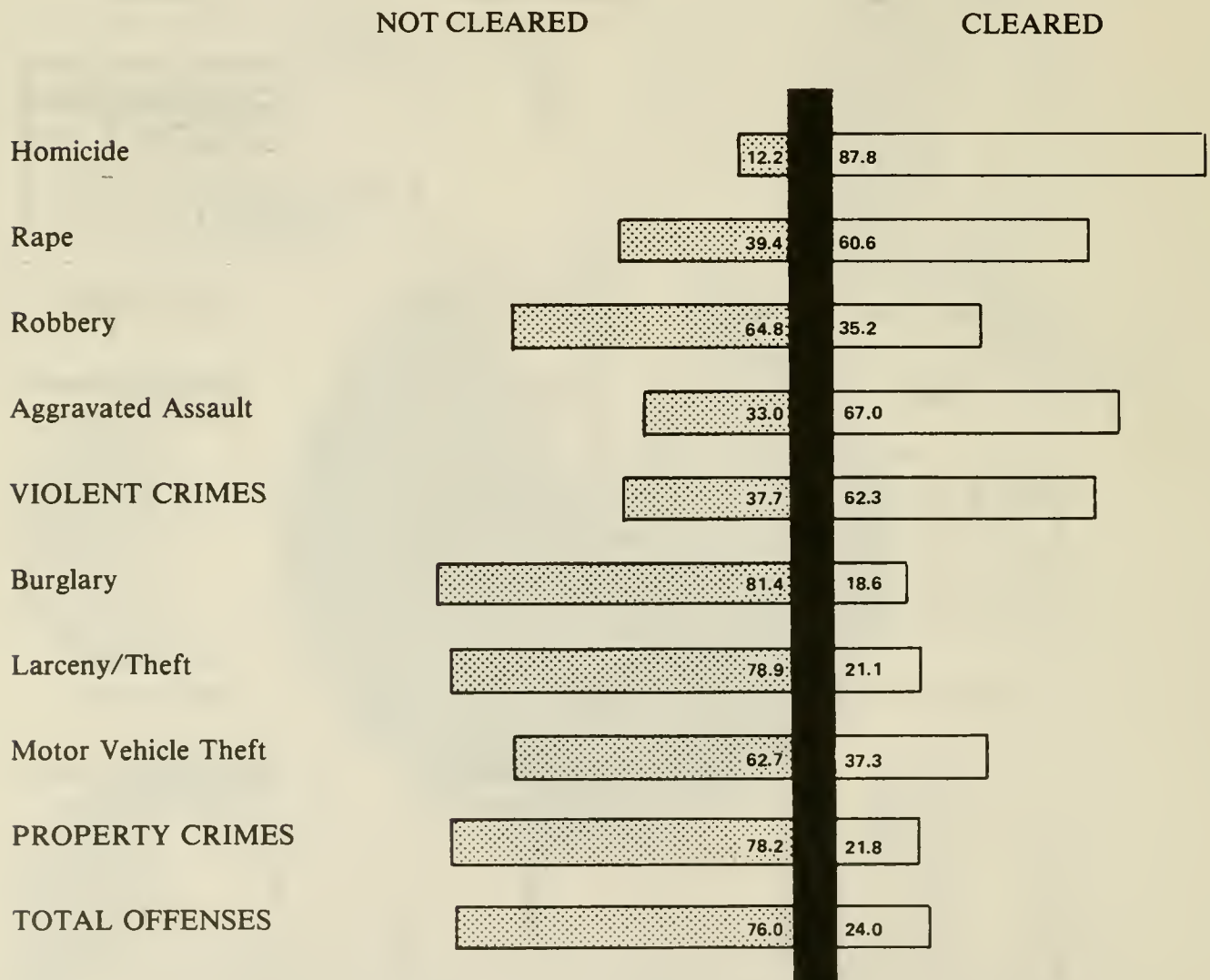
One every 4 hrs.

CLEARANCES

An offense is considered cleared when a law enforcement agency has identified the offender and gathered sufficient evidence and filed a charge. The arrest of one person can clear several crimes or conversely, several persons may be arrested in the process of clearing one crime.

The following illustration shows the percent of offenses cleared by arrest. Note that property crimes — burglary, larceny/theft and motor vehicle theft — have the lowest percent of clearance, while violent crimes or crimes against persons have a higher percentage of clearance.

Illustration 7.
PERCENT OF OFFENSES CLEARED BY ARREST
1979



CRIME BY COUNTY

The crime rate for each county in Montana is listed below. Eight counties are above the statewide average of 4,437.7 crimes reported per 100,000. These eight counties contain 50.7 percent of the total state population and were the scene of 71.3 percent of known index crimes.

As shown on the map on the following page, the eight counties are not a geographical high-crime area; rather, they correspond to high population areas of the state. Only two of the eight counties, Wheatland and Mineral, have low populations. In such sparsely populated jurisdictions, any fluctuation in the number of crimes creates a major impact on the crime rate.

Illustration 8.
CRIME RATE BY COUNTY
1979 Ranking

1.	Lewis & Clark	7536.3	29.	Stillwater	2030.5
2.	Missoula	7239.1	30.	Pondera	2024.4
3.	Cascade	6760.8	31.	Richland	1922.7
4.	Wheatland	6198.0	32.	Rosebud	1914.4
5.	Yellowstone	5992.5	33.	Liberty	1757.2
6.	Mineral	5097.2	34.	Daniels	1697.2
7.	Flathead	4939.8	35.	Deer Lodge	1616.0
8.	Gallatin	4512.4	36.	Chouteau	1554.5
STATE TOTAL		4437.7	37.	Meagher	1539.1
9.	Lincoln	4238.7	38.	Teton	1505.0
10.	Custer	4106.8	39.	Musselshell	1497.5
11.	Beaverhead	3912.2	40.	Phillips	1497.5
12.	Roosevelt	3834.7	41.	Treasure	1414.3
13.	Powell	3743.6	42.	Fallon	1372.6
14.	Hill	3678.2	43.	Powder River	1278.0
15.	Fergus	3650.7	44.	Judith Basin	1198.0
16.	Sweet Grass	3588.1	45.	Toole	1098.8
17.	Park	3409.6	46.	Blaine	998.4
18.	Ravalli	3155.9	47.	Garfield	998.3
19.	Dawson	3100.1	48.	Prairie	893.3
20.	Sanders	3065.4	49.	Madison	480.8
21.	Granite	2959.0	50.	Glacier	420.4
22.	Broadwater	2936.0	51.	Sheridan	153.6
23.	Silver Bow	2927.3	52.	McCone	152.3
24.	Lake	2880.5	53.	Petroleum	142.7
25.	Valley	2797.0	54.	Wibaux	124.8
26.	Jefferson	2692.8	55.	Carter	0
27.	Carbon	2114.2	56.	Golden Valley	0
28.	Big Horn	2061.4			

Illustration 9.
CRIME RATE PER 100,000 POPULATION - 1979
OFFENSES KNOWN TO POLICE

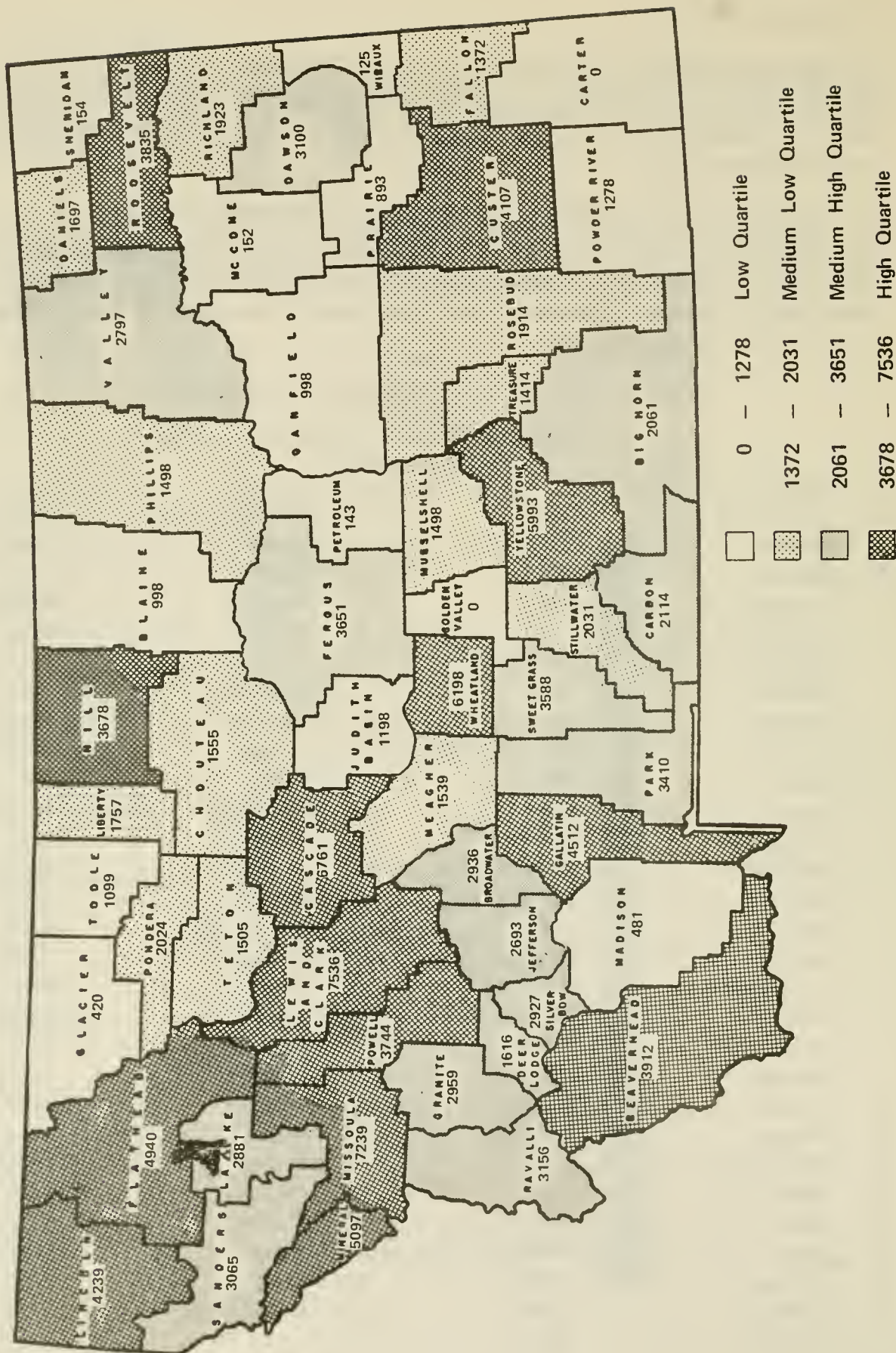


Illustration 10a.
CRIME INDEX REPORT

STATE SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 1, 1979, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1979

Population or Estimate: 786,000	Sq. Mi.: 146,869	Population Density: 5.4			
OFFENSE CLASSIFICATION	Number Of Actual Offenses	Crime Index Per 100,000 Population	Offense Occurs Every	Number Cleared By Arrest	Percent Cleared By Arrest
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	41	5.2	9 DA	36	87.8
Forcible Rape	183	23.3	2 DA	111	60.6
Robbery	261	33.2	1 DA	92	35.2
Aggravated Assault	1,361	173.2	6 HR	912	67.0
TOTAL OFFENSES AGAINST PERSONS	1,846 *	234.9 *	5 HR *	1,151 *	62.3 *
Burglary	6,326	804.8	1 HR	1,180	18.6
Larceny/Theft	24,304	3,092.1	22 MIN	5,147	21.1
Motor Vehicle Theft	2,404	305.9	4 HR	899	37.3
TOTAL OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY . . .	33,034 *	4,202.8 *	16 MIN *	7,226 *	21.8 *
TOTAL SEVEN MAJOR OFFENSES	34,880 *	4,437.7 *	15 MIN *	8,377 *	24.0 *
Manslaughter by Negligence	5	.6	2 MO	4	80.0
Other Assaults - Simple - Not Aggravated	1,797	228.6	5 HR	1,021	56.8
Arson	174	22.1	2 DA	67	38.5
Forgery and Counterfeiting	595	75.7	15 HR	252	42.3
Fraud	1,674	213.0	5 HR	671	40.0
Embezzlement	9	1.1	1 MO	5	55.5
Stolen Property: Buying, Receiving, Possessing	408	51.9	21 HR	174	42.6
Vandalism	11,332	1,441.7	46 MIN	1,402	12.3
Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, Etc.	345	43.9	1 DA	196	56.8
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	22	2.8	17 DA	19	86.3
Sex Offenses	308	39.2	1 DA	115	37.3
Narcotic Drug Laws	818	104.1	11 HR	716	87.5
Gambling	45	5.7	8 DA	38	84.4
Offenses Against Family and Children	525	66.8	17 HR	343	65.3
TOTAL OTHER OFFENSES	18,057 *	2,297.3 *	29 MIN *	5,023 *	27.8 *
GRAND TOTAL	52,937 *	6,735.0 *	10 MIN *	13,400 *	25.3 *

*Indicates sub-totals and totals.

Illustration 10b.
OFFENSES KNOWN TO THE POLICE
 STATE SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 1, 1979, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1979

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	Offenses Reported Or Known By Police	Unfounded Offenses	Actual Offenses	Number of Offenses Cleared By Arrest	Number of Offenses Cleared By Arrest Under 18
Criminal Homicide	47 *	1 *	46 *	40 *	1 *
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter ..	42	1	41	36	1
† Manslaughter By Negligence	5	0	5	4	0
Forcible Rape	211 *	28 *	183 *	111 *	12 *
Rape By Force	150	24	126	83	8
Attempts To Commit Forcible Rape	61	4	57	28	4
Robbery	275 *	14 *	261 *	92 *	11 *
Firearm	121	3	118	48	9
Knife Or Cutting Instrument	33	1	32	10	0
Other Dangerous Weapon	18	0	18	4	0
Strong-Arm: Hands, Fists, Feet, Etc.	103	10	93	30	2
Assault	3,256 *	98 *	3,158 *	1,933 *	257 *
Firearm	281	10	271	192	11
Knife Or Cutting Instrument	197	8	189	124	20
Other Dangerous Weapon	246	7	239	164	16
Hands, Fists, Feet, Etc.-Aggravated Injury .	687	25	662	432	59
† Other Assaults - Simple - Not Aggravated ..	1,845	48	1,797	1,021	151
TOTAL OFFENSES AGAINST PERSONS	3,789 *	141 *	3,648 *	2,176 *	281 *
Burglary	6,683 *	357 *	6,326 *	1,180 *	527 *
Forcible Entry	4,311	239	4,072	858	364
Unlawful Entry - No Force	1,863	80	1,783	285	144
Attempted Forcible Entry	509	38	471	37	19
Larceny/Theft	24,953 *	649 *	24,304 *	5,147 *	1,927 *
Motor Vehicle Theft	2,728 *	324 *	2,404 *	899 *	265 *
Autos	1,648	216	1,432	568	167
Trucks and Buses	662	86	576	211	53
Other Vehicles	418	22	396	120	45
TOTAL OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY ...	34,364 *	1,330 *	33,034 *	7,226 *	2,719 *
TOTAL OFFENSES AGAINST PERSONS & PROPERTY	38,153 *	1,471 *	36,682 *	9,402 *	3,000 *

†Not Included in the UCR 7 major offenses.

*Indicates sub-totals and totals.

Illustration 10b. (Con't.)
OFFENSES KNOWN TO THE POLICE
 STATE SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 1, 1979, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1979

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	Offenses Reported Or Known By Police	Unfounded Offenses	Actual Offenses	Number of Offenses Cleared By Arrest	Offenses Cleared By Arrest Under 18
Arson	177 *	3 *	174 *	67 *	37 *
Forgery and Counterfeiting	603 *	8 *	595 *	252 *	87 *
Fraud	1,692 *	18 *	1,674 *	671 *	39 *
Embezzlement	9 *	0 *	9 *	5 *	0 *
Stolen Property: Buying, Receiving, Possessing	410 *	2 *	408 *	174 *	76 *
Vandalism	11,471 *	139 *	11,332 *	1,402 *	545 *
Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, Etc.	352 *	7 *	345 *	196 *	28 *
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	25 *	3 *	22 *	19 *	4 *
Sex Offenses	322 *	14 *	308 *	115 *	23 *
Narcotic Drug Laws	840 *	22 *	818 *	716 *	226 *
Opiates	26	0	26	25	3
Marijuana	691	11	680	607	210
Dangerous Drugs	64	3	61	49	6
Other	59	8	51	35	7
Gambling	52 *	7 *	45 *	38 *	13 *
Offenses Against Family and Children	554 *	29 *	525 *	343 *	91 *
TOTAL OTHER OFFENSES	16,507 *	252 *	16,255 *	3,998 *	1,169 *
GRAND TOTAL	54,660 *	1,723 *	52,937 *	13,400 *	4,169 *

*Indicates sub-totals and totals.

OFFENSE SUMMARY

- * For the first time in three years, the index for seven major crimes has increased. Offenses against property increased 12.8 percent while offenses against persons decreased 5.9 percent.
- * Crimes against property accounted for 94.7 percent of all reported offenses.
- * Crimes against persons accounted for 5.3 percent of all reported offenses.
- * An index of crime occurs every 15 minutes with a property crime occurring every 16 minutes. Violent crime occurs every 5 hours.
- * From 1970 through 1979, the number of crimes increased 74 percent while the estimated population increased only 13.2 percent.
- * Crime rates relate the incidence of crime to population. The crime rate can be considered a victim risk rate because it demonstrates the risk of becoming a crime victim. Thus, of every 100 Montanans, 4.4 were victims of an index crime and 6.7 were victims of an index crime and serious crime combined.
- * Of the 34,880 major offenses known, only one of every four was cleared, either by arrest or exceptional means.

CRIME PROJECTION

STATISTICAL METHOD

The number of recorded index offenses in Montana has increased from 20,025 in 1970 to 34,800 in 1979. This change indicates a 74 percent increase. Much of this increase can be attributed to better and more sophisticated reporting methods by the law enforcement agencies. In addition, the increased population also has an influence on the number of crimes.

The illustration on the following page shows the trend increases and decreases in crime from 1970 as well as a projection to 1983 based on previous years.

Two methods are used in developing the crime projection. The first, a straight-line method, uses the average yearly increase of 6.6 percent for a nine-year period from 1970 to 1979. This increment, accumulated each year, indicates that crimes will reach 45,036 in 1983.

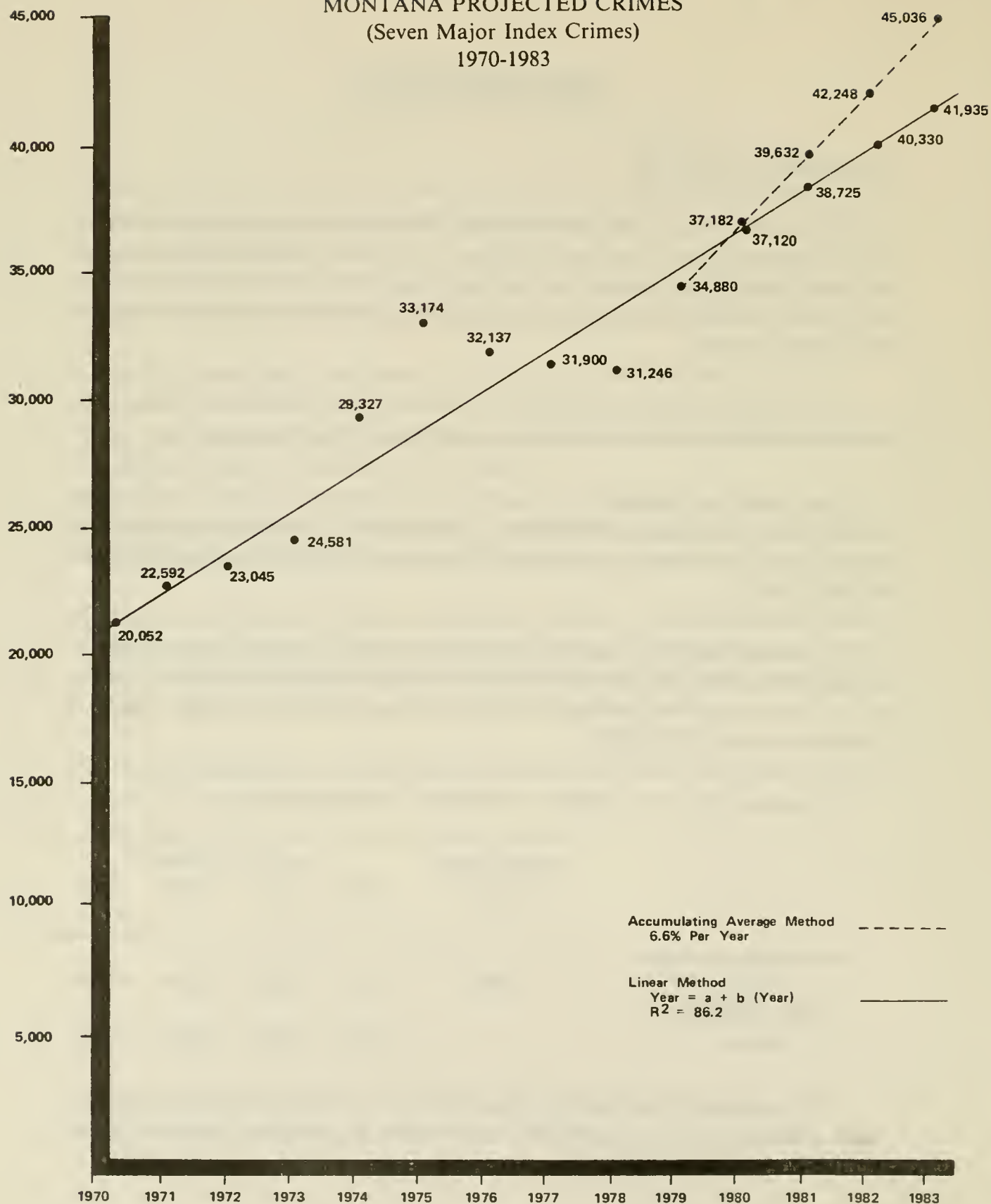
The second projection method, linear least squares regression, plots on the illustration the number of crimes for the nine-year period. Using the regression formula, $y = a + bx$, a line is then projected to 1983. By this method, the number of crimes is projected to be 41,935 in 1983.

A summary of the two projection methods is shown as follows:

	Actual Crimes in 1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Accumulation Average Method	34,880	37,182	39,632	42,248	45,036
Linear Regression Method		37,120	38,725	40,330	41,935

It is important to note that the projections are not point estimations but rather trend estimates. Thus, it is predictable that Montana can anticipate crimes in 1983 to be between 45,036 and 41,935 if present trends continue.

Illustration 11.
MONTANA PROJECTED CRIMES
(Seven Major Index Crimes)
1970-1983



MONTANA INDEX CRIMES BY CONTRIBUTOR

This section is a summary of offenses reported to each law enforcement agency. Several crime rates may appear to be extreme for some jurisdictions; however, this is because in communities with low populations, any fluctuation in the number of crimes creates a major impact on the crime rate.

The population estimates are provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation through the Bureau of Census. This estimate is the best available but may be somewhat tenuous as actual population figures from the 1980 census will soon be available.

AGENCY	MONTHS CONTRIBUTED	1979 POPULATION ESTIMATE	CRIME RATE PER 100,000	TOTAL OFFENSES	HOMICIDE	RAPE	ROBBERY	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	BURGLARY	LARCENY/ THEFT	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT
BEAVERHEAD COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	4,132	1,718.3	71	2	1		4	2	58	4
Dillon	12	4,482	5,934.9	266		3	2	9	27	210	15
TOTAL		8,614	3,912.2	337	2	4	2	13	29	268	19
BIG HORN COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	5,858	2,372.8	139		1	1	22	42	53	20
Crow Tribe	A	4,960	1,693.5	84		2		21	24	37	
TOTAL		10,818	2,061.4	223		3	1	43	66	90	20
BLAINE COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	4,409	521.7	23				7	3	4	9
Ft. Belknap	A	1,770	2,259.9	40	1	2		11	19	7	
Harlem	12	1,333	900.2	12				3	5	2	2
TOTAL		7,512	998.4	75	1	2		21	27	13	11
BROADWATER COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	3,406	2,936.0	100				6	21	65	8
TOTAL		3,406	2,936.0	100				6	21	65	8
CARBON COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	6,459	1,625.6	105				4	46	51	4
Red Lodge	12	2,055	3,649.6	75				3	23	42	7
TOTAL		8,514	2,114.2	180				7	69	93	11
CARTER COUNTY											
Sheriff	0	1,903		0							
TOTAL		1,903		0							
CASCADE COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	23,876	1,109.9	265	1	8	1	19	95	113	28
Great Falls	12	61,935	8,969.1	5,555	1	10	60	166	1,126	3,741	451
Cascade City	5	732	4,235.0	31				7	4	18	2
TOTAL		86,543	6,760.8	5,851	2	18	61	192	1,225	3,872	481

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CHOUTEAU COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	5,120	1,816.4	93				7	28	48	10
Fort Benton	6	1,892	845.7	16					7	9	
TOTAL		7,012	1,554.5	109				7	35	57	10
CUSTER COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	3,274	2,290.8	75			2	3	15	46	9
Miles City	12	9,948	4,704.5	468			3	2	74	348	41
TOTAL		13,222	4,106.8	543			5	5	89	394	50
DANIELS COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	3,005	1,697.2	51					12	37	2
TOTAL		3,005	1,697.2	51					12	37	2
DAWSON COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	5,380	2,081.8	112				1	25	85	1
Glendive	12	6,039	4,007.3	242				12	42	170	18
TOTAL		11,419	3,100.1	354				13	67	255	19
DEER LODGE COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	13,923	1,616.0	225				3	51	163	8
TOTAL		13,923	1,616.0	225				3	51	163	8
FALLON COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	1,301	691.8	9				1	1	6	1
Baker	12	2,706	1,699.9	46				1	13	25	7
TOTAL		4,007	1,372.6	55				2	14	31	8
FERGUS COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	6,521	2,238.9	146	1	1		10	16	106	12
Lewistown	12	6,901	4,984.8	344		2		40	49	238	15
TOTAL		13,422	3,650.7	490	1	3		50	65	344	27

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FLATHEAD COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	27,037	4,482.7	1212	1	16	3	40	320	741	91
Columbia Falls	12	3,207	4,271.9	137	1		2	6	14	108	6
Kalispell	12	16,067	5,259.2	845	2	2	2	32	118	636	53
Whitefish	12	3,772	7,423.1	280		1	1	19	29	201	29
TOTAL		50,083	4,939.8	2474	4	19	8	97	481	1,686	179
GALLATIN COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	18,608	1,703.6	317			1	17	60	216	23
Bozeman	12	20,848	6,552.2	1366		4	3	21	169	1,078	91
West Yellowstone	12	811	16,522.8	134			1	6	17	100	10
TOTAL		40,267	4,512.4	1817		4	5	44	246	1,394	124
GARFIELD COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	1,803	998.3	18	1				2	12	3
TOTAL		1,803	998.3	18	1				2	12	3
GLACIER COUNTY											
Sheriff	0	1,282		0							
Blackfeet Tribe	A	6,272	765.3	48	2	2	2	6	18	18	
Cut Bank	0	1,282		0							
TOTAL		11,419	420.4	48	2	2	2	6	18	18	
GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY											
Sheriff	0	1,002		0							
TOTAL		1,002		0							
GRANITE COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	2,805	2,959.0	83			1	9	25	47	1
TOTAL		2,805	2,959.0	83			1	9	25	47	1
HILL COUNTY											
Sheriff	12	6,302	2,269.1	143				15	35	88	5
Rocky Boy Tribe	A	1,873	1,868.7	35		6		4	7	18	
Havre	12	10,856	4,808.4	522		2	1	42	39	383	55
TOTAL		19,031	3,678.2	700		8	1	61	81	489	60

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JEFFERSON COUNTY Sheriff TOTAL	12	7,613 7,613	2,692.8 2,692.8	205 205		2 2	2 2	14 14	36 36	130 130	21 21
JUDITH BASIN COUNTY Sheriff TOTAL	12	3,005 3,005	1,198.0 1,198.0	36 36					11 11	25 25	
LAKE COUNTY Sheriff St. Ignatius Flathead Tribe Ronan TOTAL	12 8 A 12	12,531 983 3,325 1,491 18,330	2,386.1 2,950.2 1,894.7 9,188.5 2,880.5	299 29 63 137 528	2 2 4	3 1 1 5	3 1 1 5	6 6 7 4 23	94 12 16 37 159	174 8 36 86 304	17 2 9 28
LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY Sheriff East Helena Helena TOTAL	12 12 12	9,919 2,260 28,889 41,068	5,766.7 3,141.6 8,487.7 7,536.3	572 71 2,452 3,095	1 1	4 11 15	2 23 25	20 2 49 71	122 23 372 517	378 41 1,864 2,283	45 5 133 183
LIBERTY COUNTY Sheriff TOTAL	12	2,504 2,504	1,757.2 1,757.2	44 44				3 3	5 5	32 32	4 4
LINCOLN COUNTY Sheriff Libby TOTAL	12 12	14,152 2,976 17,128	3,335.2 8,534.9 4,238.7	472 254 726	2 2	7 1 8	3 3	23 6 29	105 37 142	295 204 499	37 6 43
MCCONE COUNTY Sheriff TOTAL	12	2,704 2,704	480.8 480.8	13 13				1 1	6 6	5 5	1 1
MADISON COUNTY Sheriff TOTAL	2	5,910 5,910	152.3 152.3	9 9				1 1	1 1	5 5	2 2

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MEAGHER COUNTY Sheriff TOTAL	12	2,404 2,404	1,539.1 1,539.1	37 37					13 13	21 21	3 3
MINERAL COUNTY Sheriff TOTAL	12	3,806 3,806	5,097.2 5,097.2	194 194		2 2	2 2	10 10	29 29	140 140	11 11
MISSOULA COUNTY Sheriff Missoula TOTAL	12 12	39,819 29,996 69,815	3,121.6 12,705.0 7,239.1	1,243 3,811 5,054		7 16 23	6 27 33	101 76 177	203 371 574	846 3,160 4,006	80 161 241
MUSSELSHELL COUNTY Sheriff TOTAL	12	4,808 4,808	1,497.5 1,497.5	72 72	2 2				22 22	43 43	5 5
PARK COUNTY Sheriff Livingston TOTAL	12 12	5,737 7,285 13,022	3,259.5 3,527.8 3,409.6	187 257 444		2 2	2 2	8 1 9	42 66 108	128 163 291	9 23 32
PETROLEUM COUNTY Sheriff TOTAL	4	701 701	142.7 142.7	1 1						1 1	
PHILLIPS COUNTY Sheriff Malta TOTAL	12 12	3,155 2,254 5,409	2,345.5 310.6 1,497.5	74 7 81		1 1		3 3	20 3 23	45 3 48	5 1 6
PONDERA COUNTY Sheriff Conrad Valer TOTAL	12 12 9	2,360 4,082 770 7,212	3,220.3 1,567.9 779.2 2,024.4	76 64 6 146				3 3	11 3 1 15	55 55 3 113	7 6 2 15

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POWDER RIVER COUNTY Sheriff TOTAL	12	2,504 2,504	1,278.0 1,278.0	32 32				3 3	5 5	20 20	4 4
POWELL COUNTY Deer Lodge-Powell County Combined TOTAL	12	7,613 7,613	3,743.6 3,743.6	285 285	1 1	1 1	1 1	12 12	41 41	221 221	8 8
PRAIRIE COUNTY Sheriff TOTAL	12	1,903 1,903	893.3 893.3	17 17		1 1		1 1	11 11	3 3	1 1
RAVALLI COUNTY Sheriff Stevensville Hamilton TOTAL	12 11 12	16,525 1,236 3,374 21,135	2,124.1 4,126.2 7,854.2 3,155.9	351 51 265 667	1 1 1	1 2 2	2 2	22 2 17 41	73 9 23 105	217 35 215 467	35 4 10 49
RICHLAND COUNTY Sheriff Sidney TOTAL	6 12	5,750 5,068 10,818	278.3 3,788.5 1,922.7	16 192 208		1 1 1		1 13 14	34 34 34	12 114 126	3 29 32
ROOSEVELT COUNTY Sheriff Fort Peck Tribe Poplar TOTAL	12 A 12	4,035 5,131 1,552 10,718	5,526.6 2,065.9 5,283.5 3,834.7	223 106 82 411	2 2 4 4	2 7 1 10	1 1	8 10 2 20	47 25 43 115	134 61 33 228	30 3 3 33
ROSEBUD COUNTY Sheriff Northern Cheyenne TOTAL	12 A	6,564 3,152 9,716	2,102.4 1,522.8 1,914.4	138 48 186	1 2 3	2 6 8		10 18 28	12 14 26	99 8 107	14 14
SANDERS COUNTY Sheriff TOTAL	12	8,514 8,514	3,065.5 3,065.5	261 261	1 1		2 2	21 21	47 47	176 176	14 14

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SHERIDAN COUNTY Sheriff TOTAL	12	5,209 5,209	153.6 153.6	8 8					6 6	2 2	
SILVER BOW COUNTY Butte-Silver Bow Consolidation TOTAL	12	39,866 39,866	2,927.3 2,927.3	1,167 1,167		7 7	11 11	62 62	195 195	795 795	97 97
STILLWATER COUNTY Sheriff TOTAL	12	5,910 5,910	2,030.5 2,030.5	120 120		1 1	2 2	8 8	21 21	84 84	4 4
SWEET GRASS COUNTY Sheriff TOTAL	12	3,205 3,205	3,588.1 3,588.1	115 115			1 1	7 7	19 19	88 88	
TETON COUNTY Sheriff TOTAL	12	6,711 6,711	1,505.0 1,505.0	101 101			1 1	3 3	26 26	64 64	7 7
TOOLE COUNTY Sheriff TOTAL	12	5,409 5,409	1,090.8 1,090.8	59 59				8 8	11 11	33 33	7 7
TREASURE COUNTY Sheriff TOTAL	4	1,202 1,202	1,414.3 1,414.3	17 17	1 1			7 7	3 3	5 5	1 1
VALLEY COUNTY Sheriff Glasgow TOTAL	12 12	7,056 5,064 12,120	1,799.9 4,186.4 2,797.0	127 212 339	1 1		1 1 2	7 4 11	21 7 28	80 184 264	17 16 33
WHEATLAND COUNTY Sheriff TOTAL	12	2,404 2,404	6,198.0 6,198.0	149 149		2 2	1 1	27 27	29 29	81 81	9 9

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WIBAUX COUNTY Sheriff TOTAL	12	1,603 1,603	124.8 124.8	2 2							2 2
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY Sheriff	12	24,511	5,005.9	1,227	2	11	7	95	225	781	106
Laurel	12	5,538	4,333.7	240				2	50	171	17
Billings	12	74,222	6,441.5	4,781	4	18	72	68	1,029	3,261	329
TOTAL		104,271	5,992.1	6,248	6	29	79	165	1,304	4,213	452
GLACIER NATIONAL PARK	A			70					16	53	1
STATE TOTAL		786,000	4,437.7	34,880	41	183	261	1,361	6,326	24,304	2,404

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