

Virginia Monthly Crime Trends

January–December, 2011



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Virginia Crime and Arrest Report

January through December 2011 (Preliminary)

This report is a “snapshot” of major crimes and arrests reported by Virginia law enforcement agencies from January 2011 through December 2011, and for the same months in the preceding year. Together, this shows how the number of crimes and arrests reported in the current year compares to the previous year.

This information is reported by local law enforcement agencies monthly to the Virginia Department of State Police (VSP), which compiles and reports the data to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The data is also provided to the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS). There is about a two-month lag in the reporting due to the time it takes for the data to be collected by local agencies, reported to and compiled by the VSP, and then analyzed by DCJS.

The types of crimes and arrests shown in this report are:

- Violent offenses and arrests: murder/non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape and other forcible sex offenses, robbery, and aggravated assault.
- Property offenses and arrests: burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, fraud, destruction-damage-vandalism, and “all other property offenses.”
- Drug arrests are for both drug/narcotics violations and drug equipment violations.

Basic findings

From January 2011 through December 2011 compared to the same time period in 2010:

- The number of violent crimes dropped by 5.8%. The number of violent crime arrests dropped by 10.3%.
- The number of property crimes dropped by 4.8%. Property crime arrests increased by 0.1%. The increase in property crime arrests was driven by increases in arrests for larceny (+2.9%) and burglary (+1.4%).
- Drug arrests increased by 2.1%.

This information is preliminary (VSP will continue collecting 2011 crime and arrest reports through March 2012) and the rates are subject to change. For a more detailed examination of crime and arrest trends in Virginia, including data for individual localities, refer to these publications which are published annually:

- *Virginia Crime Trends 2001 - 2010*, from the Department of Criminal Justice Services. <http://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/common/links.cfm?code=5&Program=research>
- *Crime in Virginia 2010*, from the Department of State Police. http://www.vsp.state.va.us/Crime_in_Virginia.shtm
- For similar information on national crime trends, refer to *Crime in United States 2010*, from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. <http://www.fbi.gov/stats-services/crimestats>

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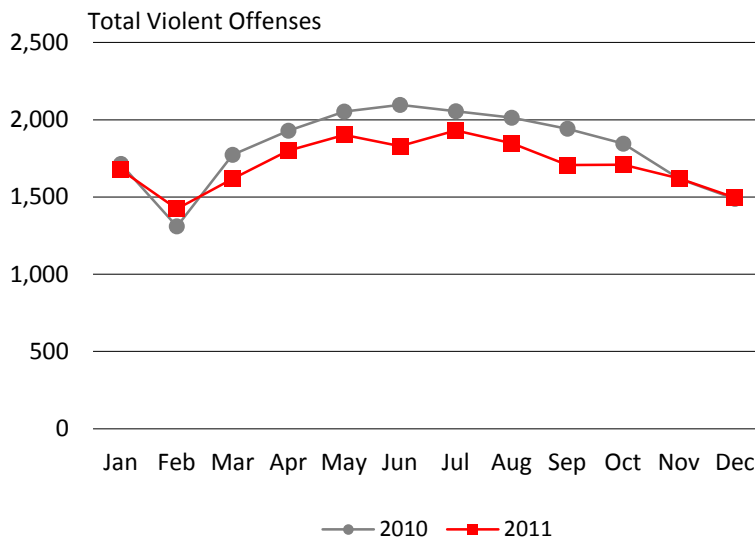
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Violent offenses are murder/non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape and other forcible sex offenses, robbery, and aggravated assault. Violent offenses are reported here as counts of victims.

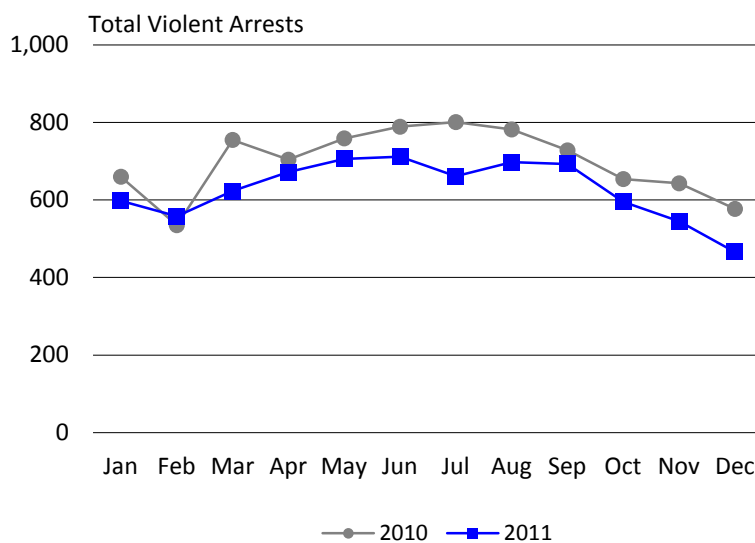


Total Violent Offenses

2010 total: 21,835

2011 total: 20,560

Percent
change: -5.8%



Total Violent Arrests

2010 total: 8,387

2011 total: 7,527

Percent
change: -10.3%



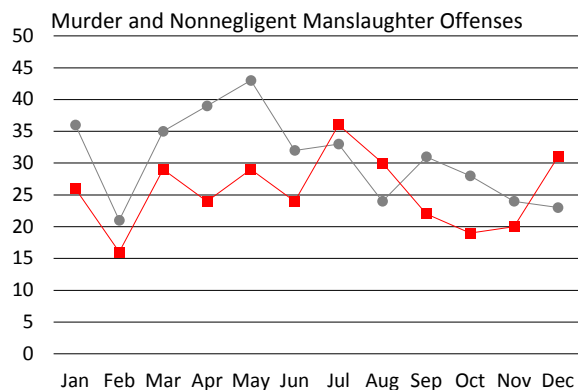
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Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter

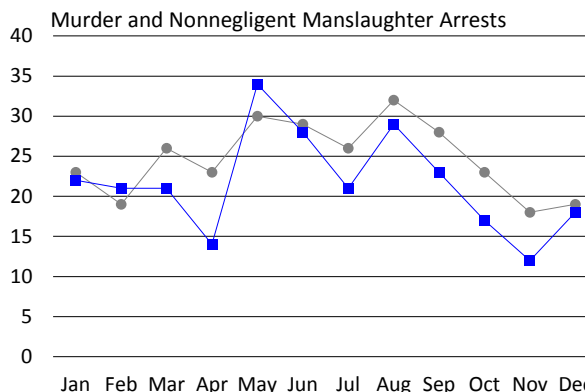


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2010 total: 369

2011 total: 306

Percent change: -17.1%



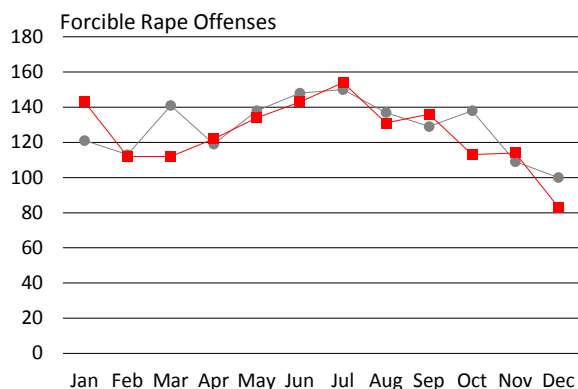
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2010 total: 296

2011 total: 260

Percent change: -12.2%

Forcible Rape

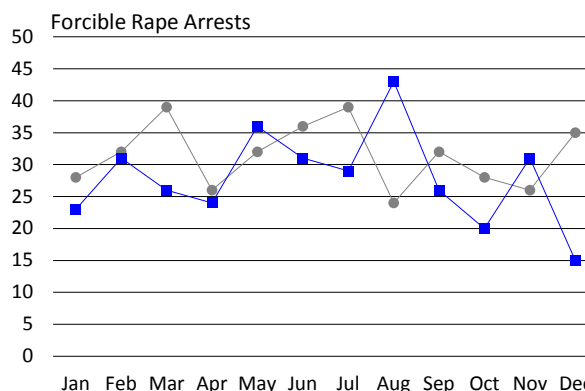


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2010 total: 1,543

2011 total: 1,497

Percent change: -3.0%



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2010 total: 377

2011 total: 335

Percent change: -11.1%

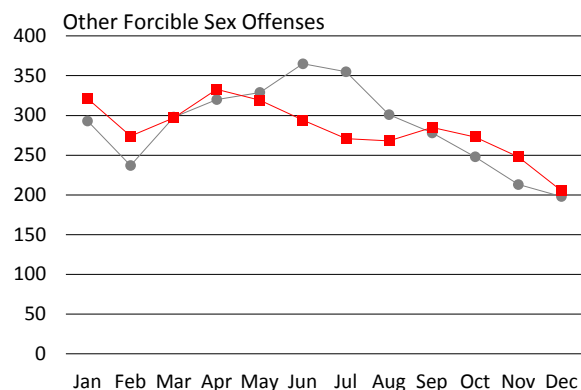
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Other Forcible Sex Offenses

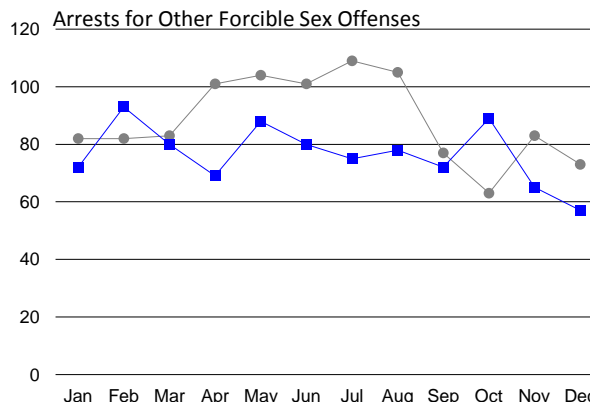


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2010 total: 3,435

2011 total: 3,388

Percent change: -1.4%



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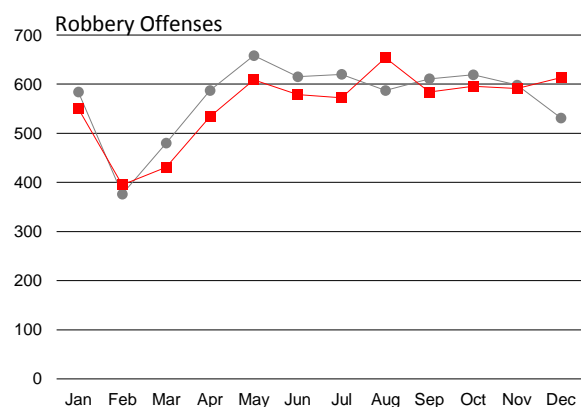
2010 total: 1,063

2011 total: 918

Percent change: -13.6%



Robbery

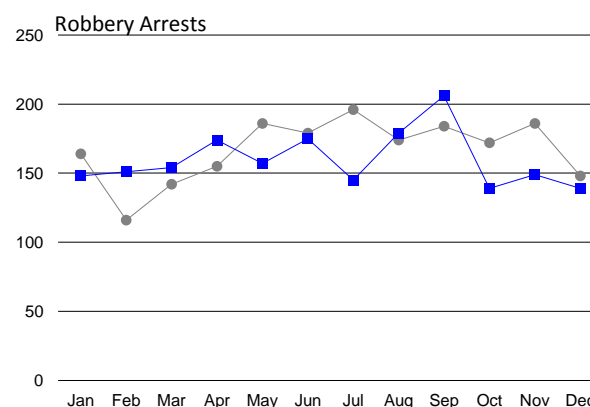


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2010 total: 6,866

2011 total: 6,708

Percent change: -2.3%



—●— 2010 —■— 2011

2010 total: 2,002

2011 total: 1,916

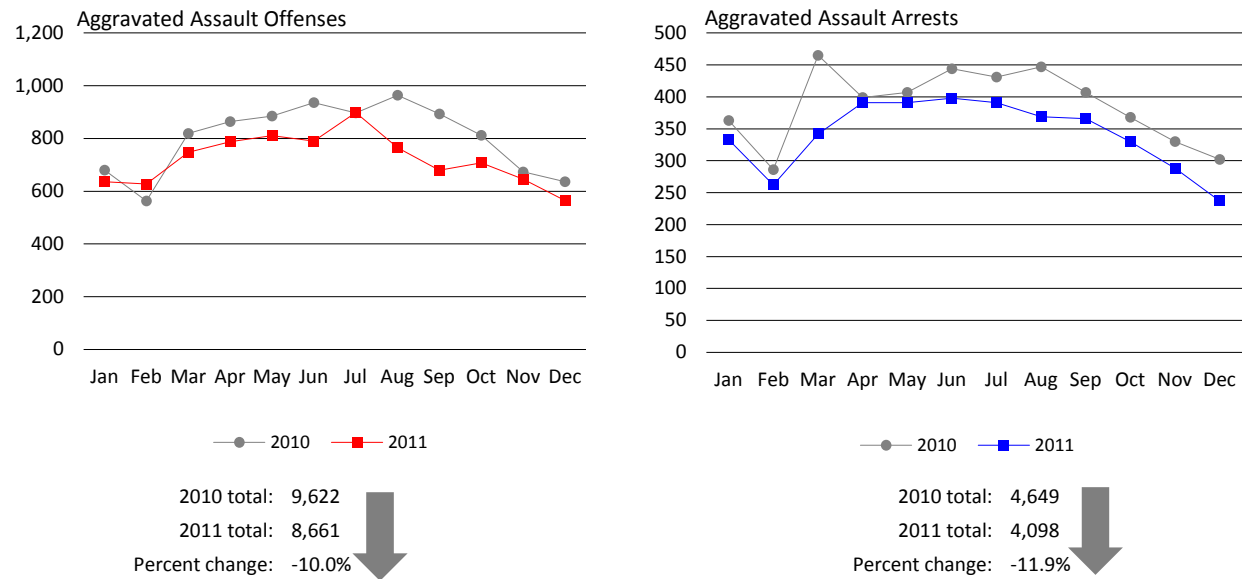
Percent change: -4.3%



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Aggravated Assault



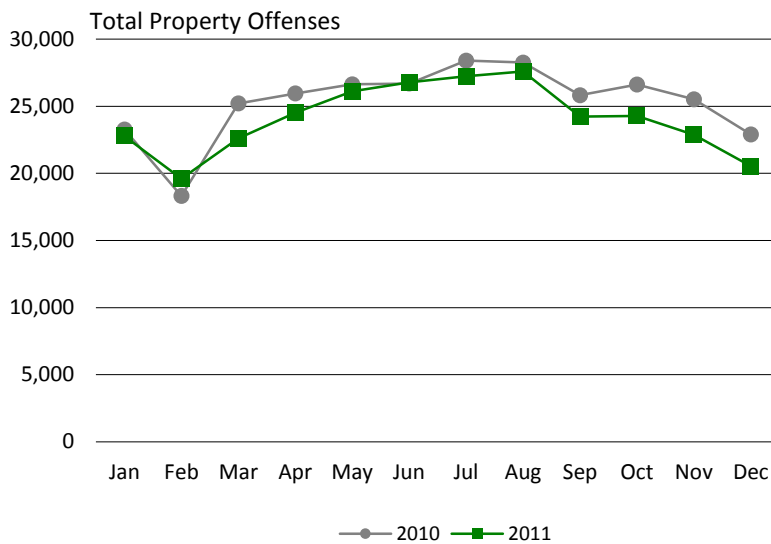
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IBR Group A property offenses are burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, fraud, destruction-damage-vandalism, and 6 property offenses grouped here as "All Other Property Offenses" (arson, extortion/blackmail, counterfeiting/forgery, embezzlement, stolen property offenses and bribery).

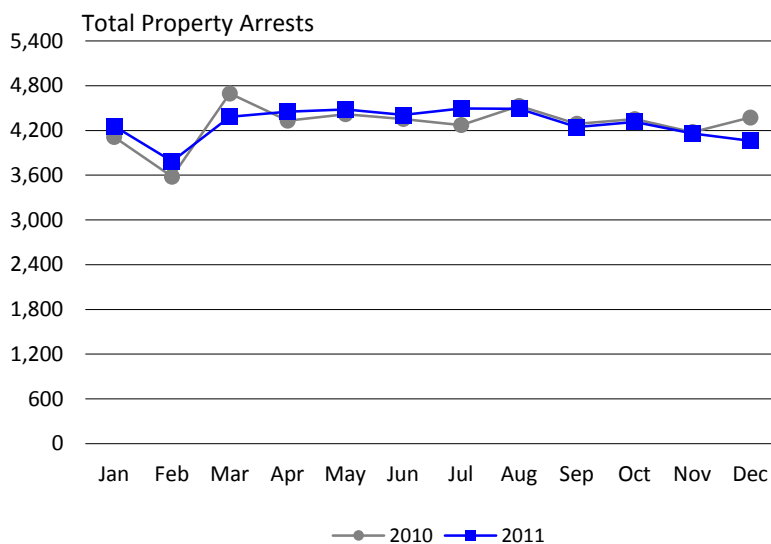


Total Property Offenses

2010 total: 303,613

2011 total: 289,185

Percent
change: -4.8%



Total Property Arrests

2010 total: 51,489

2011 total: 51,543

Percent
change: +0.1%

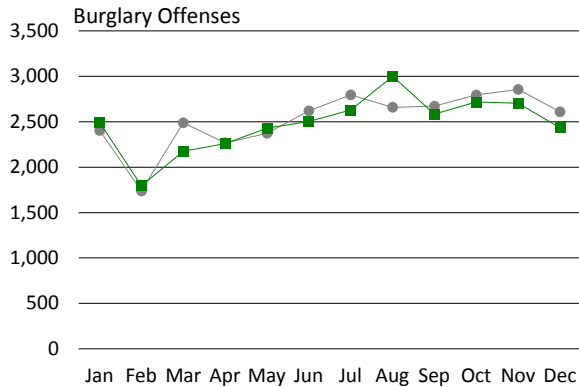
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Burglary

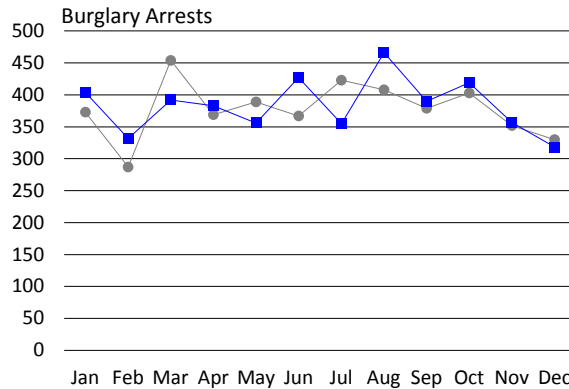


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2010 total: 30,284

2011 total: 29,724

Percent change: -1.8%



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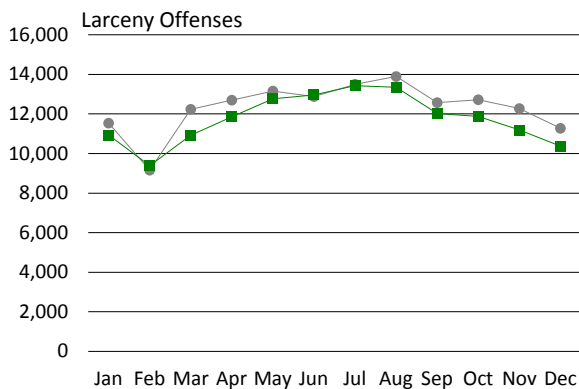
2010 total: 4,534

2011 total: 4,599

Percent change: +1.4%



Larceny

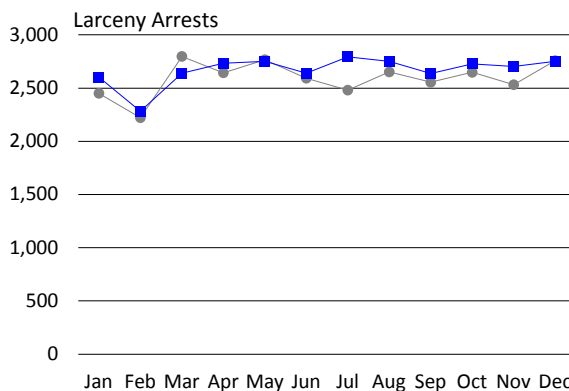


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2010 total: 147,903

2011 total: 141,076

Percent change: -4.6%



—●— 2010 —■— 2011

2010 total: 31,101

2011 total: 32,014

Percent change: +2.9%



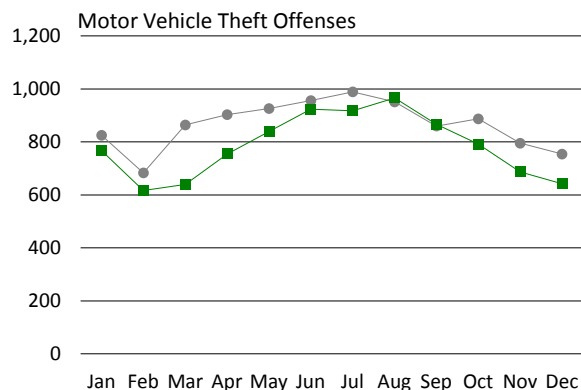
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Motor Vehicle Theft

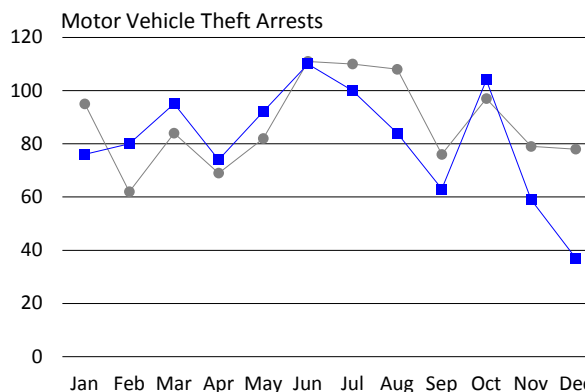


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2010 total: 10,393

2011 total: 9,413

Percent change: -9.4%



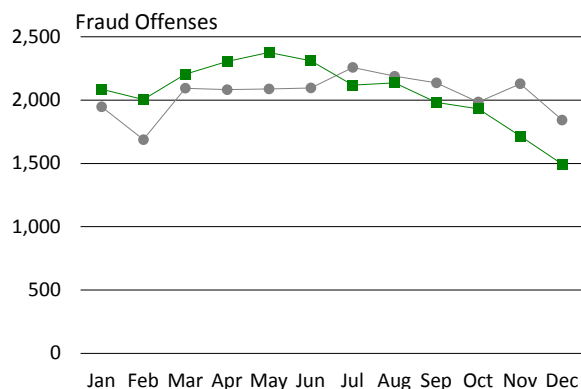
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2010 total: 1,051

2011 total: 974

Percent change: -7.3%

Fraud

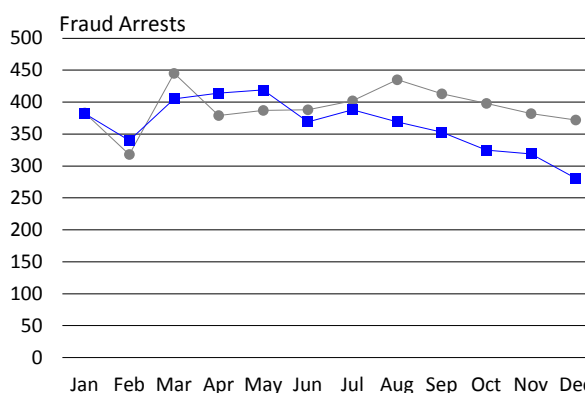


—●— 2010 —■— 2011

2010 total: 24,544

2011 total: 24,667

Percent change: +0.5%



—●— 2010 —■— 2011

2010 total: 4,702

2011 total: 4,364

Percent change: -7.2%

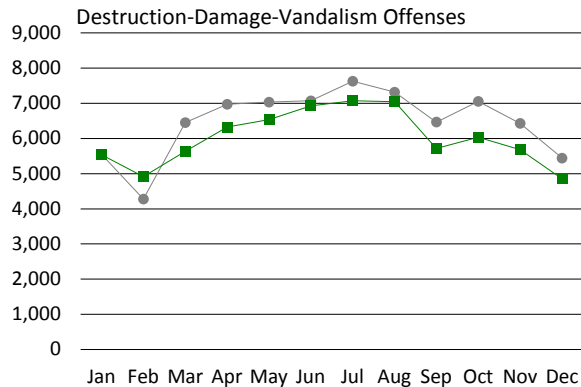
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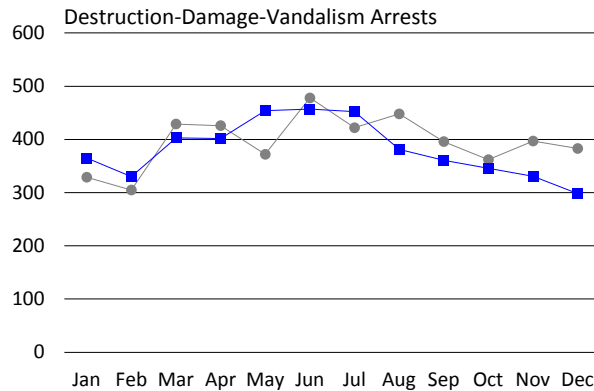
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Destruction-Damage-Vandalism

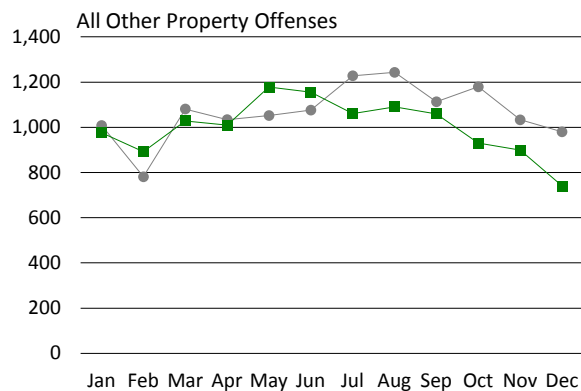


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 2010 total: 77,681
 2011 total: 72,285
 Percent change: -6.9%

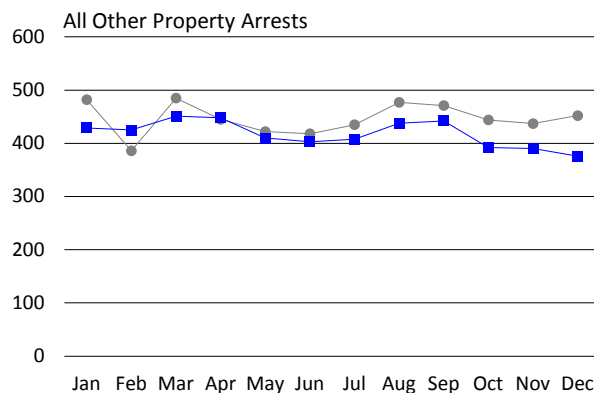


—●— 2010 —■— 2011
 2010 total: 4,747
 2011 total: 4,580
 Percent change: -3.5%

All Other Property Offenses



—●— 2010 —■— 2011
 2010 total: 12,808
 2011 total: 12,020
 Percent change: -6.2%



—●— 2010 —■— 2011
 2010 total: 5,354
 2011 total: 5,012
 Percent change: -6.4%

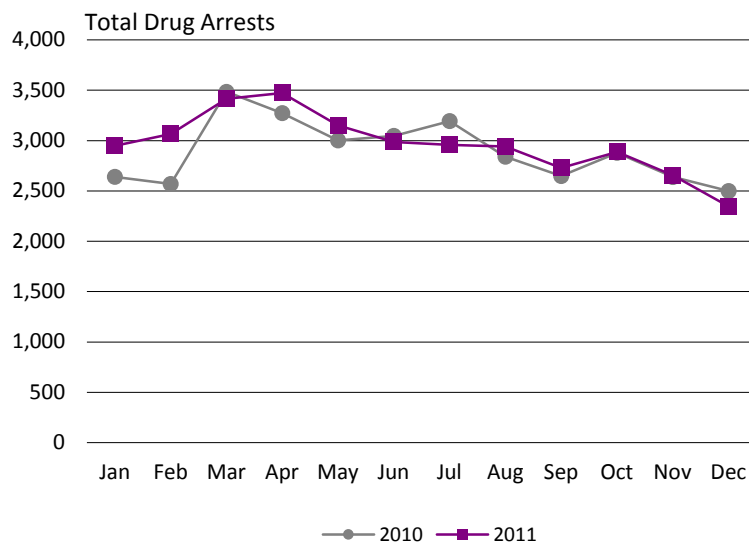
Total Number of Drug Arrests Reported by Month (Through December), 2010 and 2011

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Includes arrests for both drug/narcotic violations and drug equipment violations

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Total Drug Arrests

2010 total: 34,713

2011 total: 35,555

Percent

change: +2.4%





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