

Virginia Monthly Crime Trends

January–March, 2012



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Note: The Criminal Justice Services Board recently recommended that DCJS add data for individual Virginia localities in its quarterly crime and arrest reports. DCJS is currently working to add this data and will post it on the DCJS website as soon as it is available.

Virginia Crime and Arrest Report

January through March 2012 (Preliminary)

This report is a “first look” at major crimes and arrests reported by Virginia law enforcement agencies statewide through the first three months of 2012, 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 crime and arrest counts 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 2012 through March 2012 compared to the same time period in 2011:

- The number of violent crimes dropped by 9.7%. The number of violent crime arrests dropped by 6.8%.
- The number of property crimes dropped by 7.2%. Total property crime arrests decreased by 5.7%, however, there was an increase in arrests for burglary (+2.7%).
- Drug arrests decreased by 2.5%.

This information is preliminary (VSP will continue collecting 2012 crime and arrest reports through March 2013) and the counts 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:

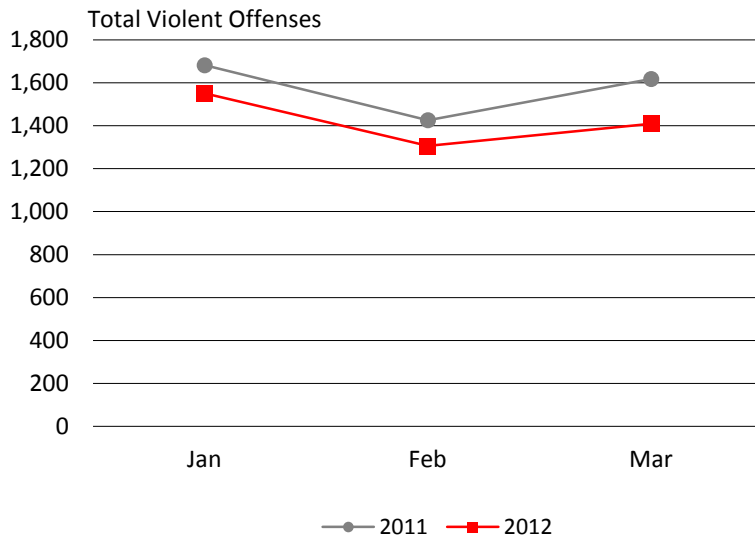
- *Virginia Crime Trends*, from the Department of Criminal Justice Services.
<http://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/common/links.cfm?code=5&Program=research>
- *Crime in Virginia*, from the Department of State Police.
http://www.vsp.state.va.us/Crime_in_Virginia.shtm
- For similar information on national crime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

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Total Number of Violent Offenses and Arrests Reported by Month, 1Q 2011 and 2012

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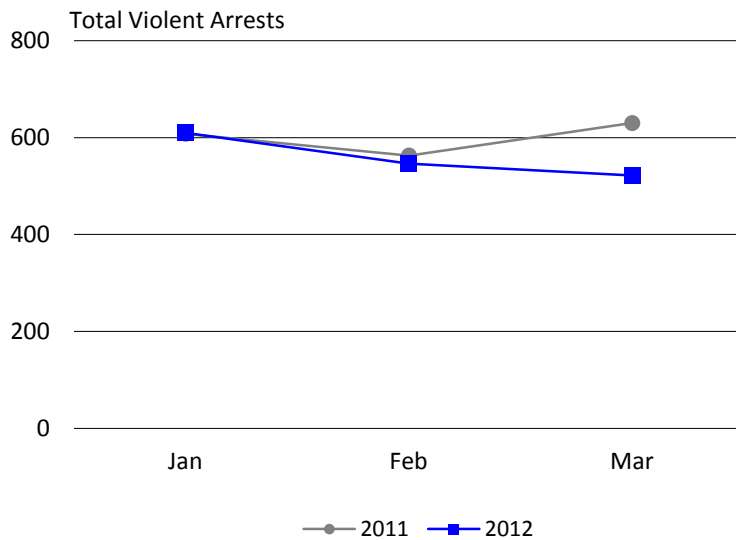


Total Violent Offenses

2011 total: 4,726

2012 total: 4,268

Percent change: -9.7%



Total Violent Arrests

2011 total: 1,801

2012 total: 1,678

Percent change: -6.8%

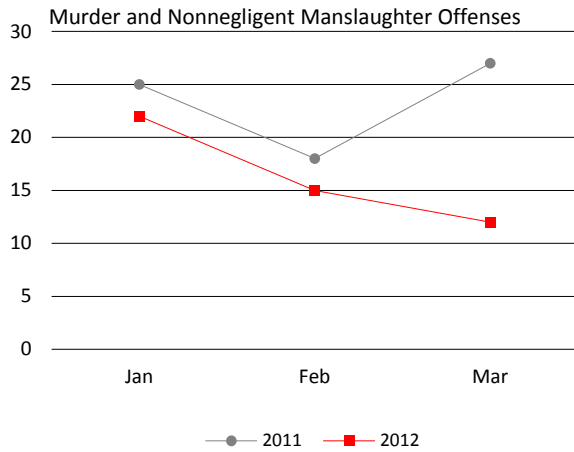


Virginia Violent Crime

Number of Violent Offenses and Arrests Reported by Offense Type and Month, 1Q 2011 and 2012

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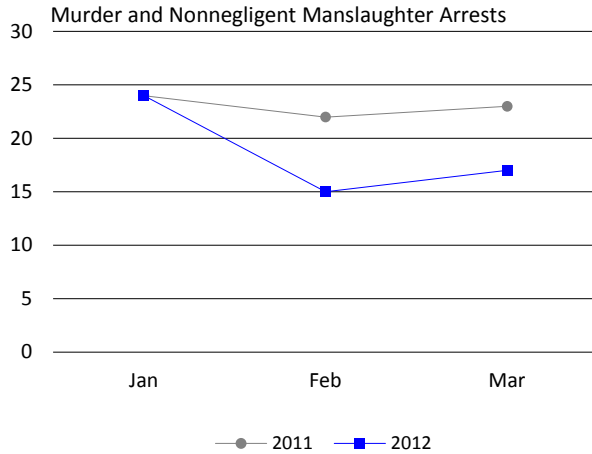
Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter



2011 total: 70

2012 total: 49

Percent change: -30.0%

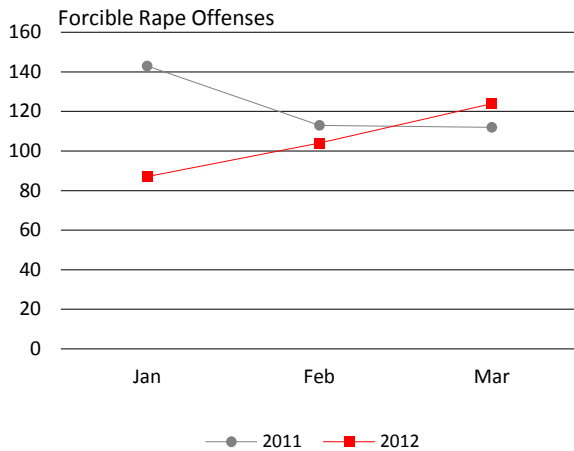


2011 total: 69

2012 total: 56

Percent change: -18.8%

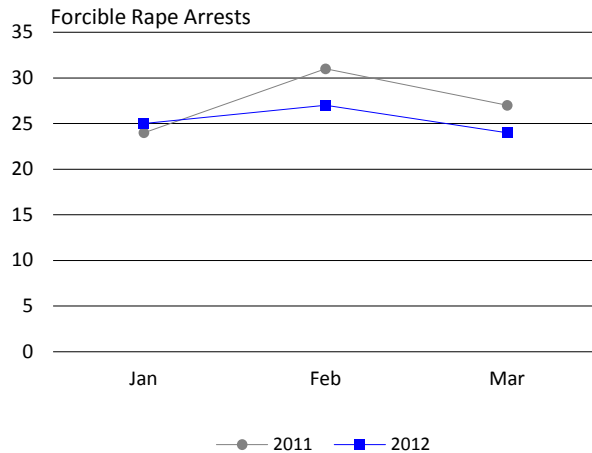
Forcible Rape



2011 total: 368

2012 total: 315

Percent change: -14.4%



2011 total: 82

2012 total: 76

Percent change: -7.3%

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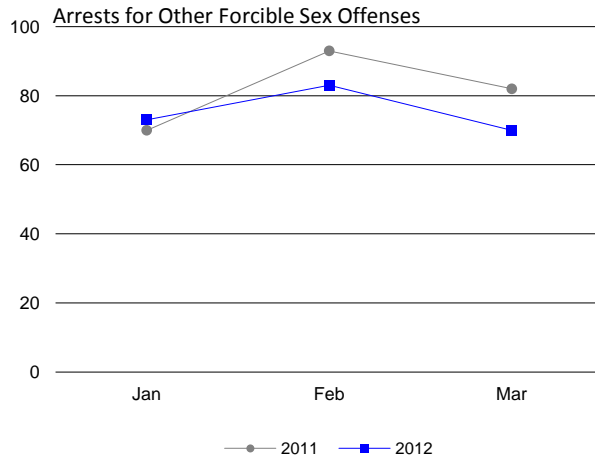
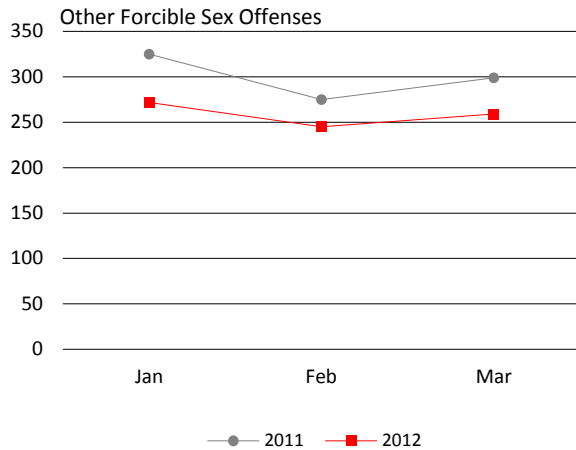
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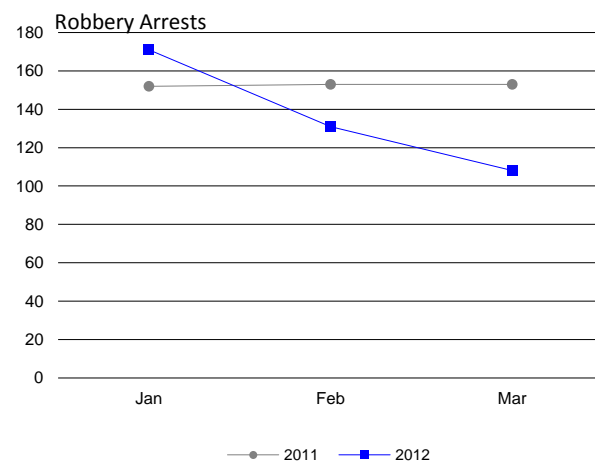
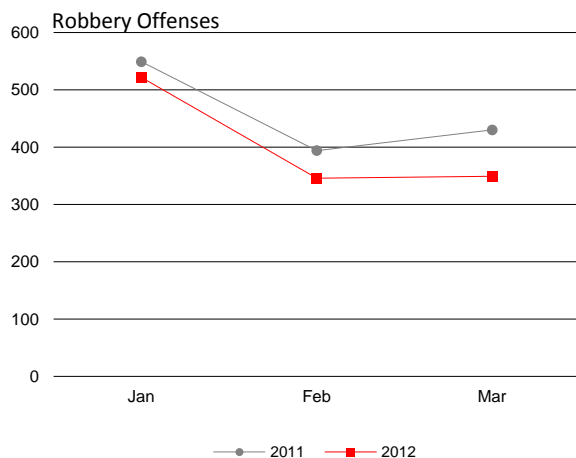
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Other Forcible Sex Offenses



Robbery



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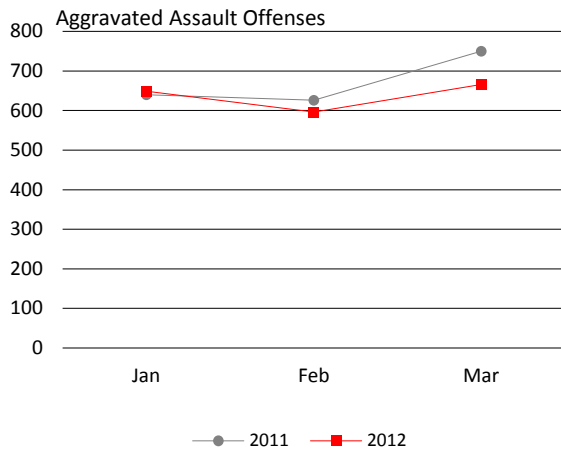
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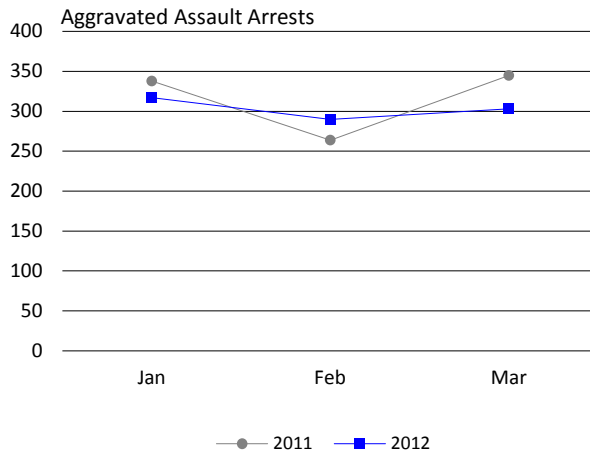
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Aggravated Assault



2011 total: 2,016
2012 total: 1,911
Percent change: -5.2%



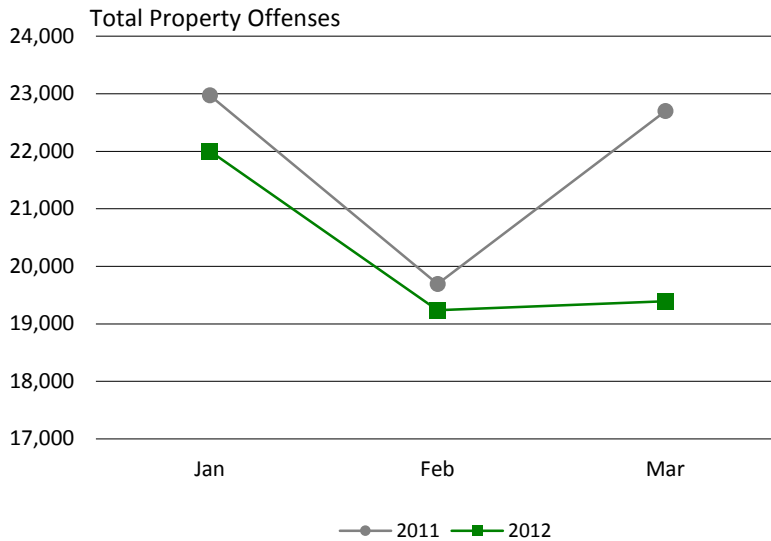
2011 total: 947
2012 total: 910
Percent change: -3.9%



Total Number of Property Offenses and Arrests Reported by Month, 1Q 2011 and 2012

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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).

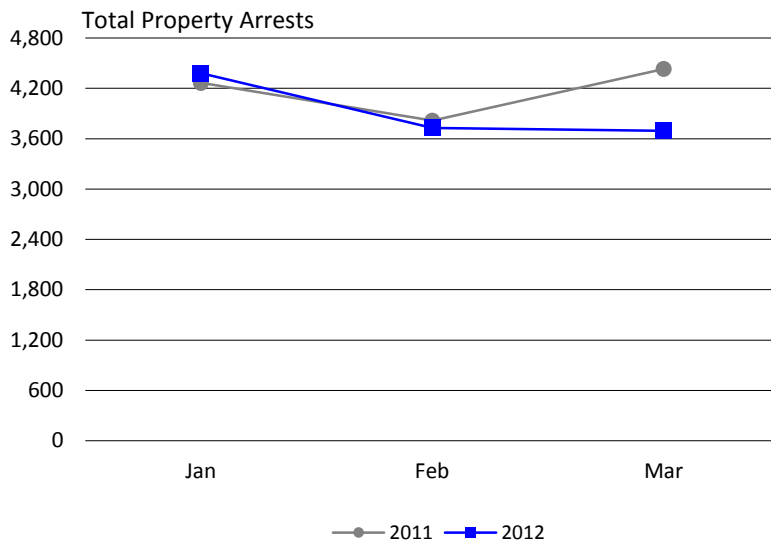


Total Property Offenses

2011 total: 65,366

2012 total: 60,637

Percent
change: -7.2%



Total Property Arrests

2011 total: 12,512

2012 total: 11,805

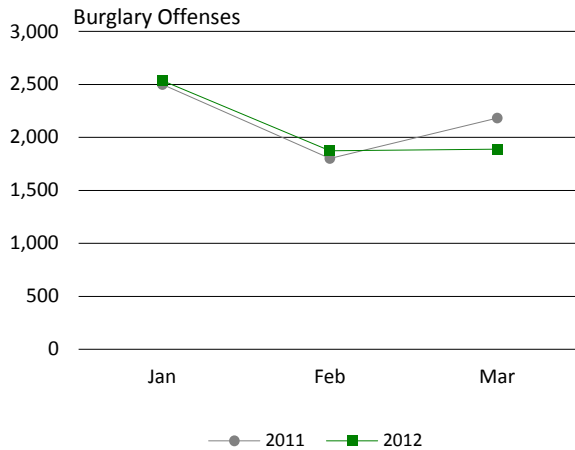
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change: -5.7%

Virginia Property Crime

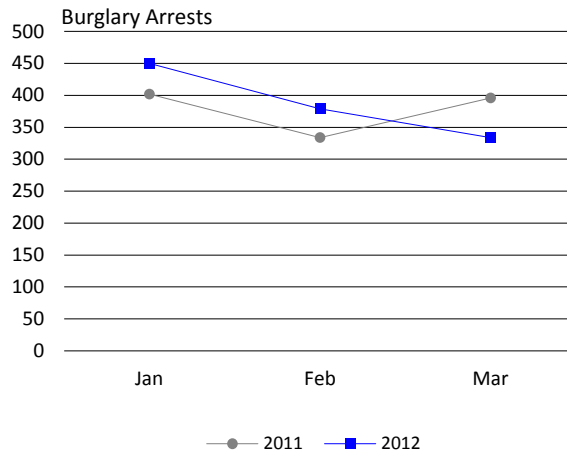
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Burglary



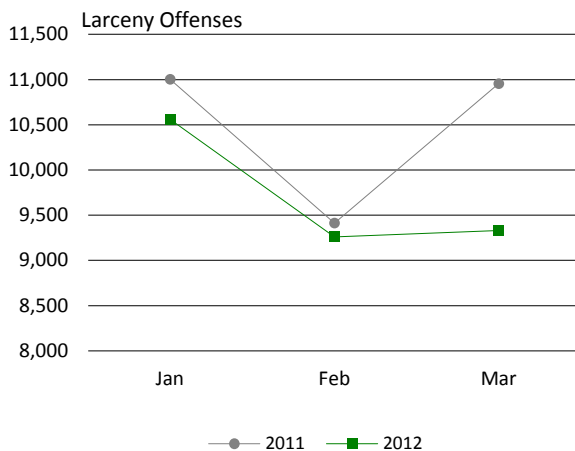
2011 total: 6,483
2012 total: 6,300
Percent change: -2.8%



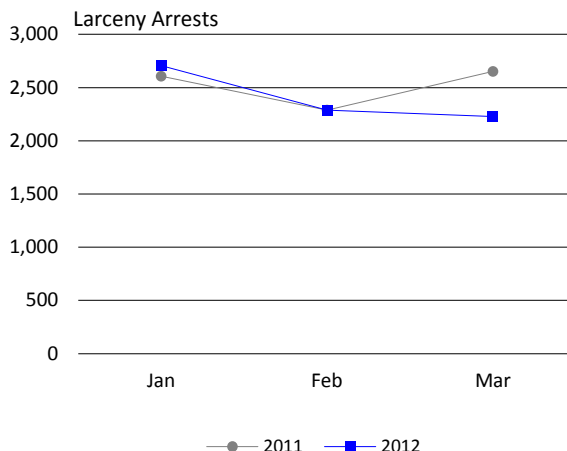
2011 total: 1,132
2012 total: 1,163
Percent change: +2.7%



Larceny



2011 total: 31,371
2012 total: 29,150
Percent change: -7.1%



2011 total: 7,548
2012 total: 7,220
Percent change: -4.3%

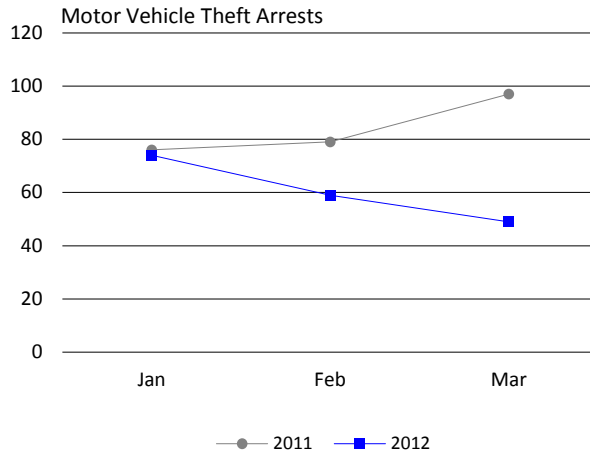
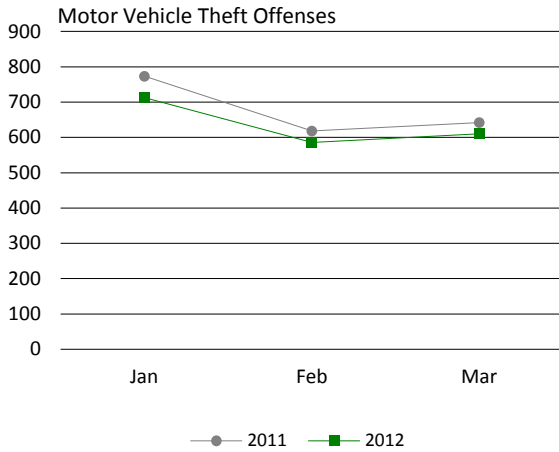


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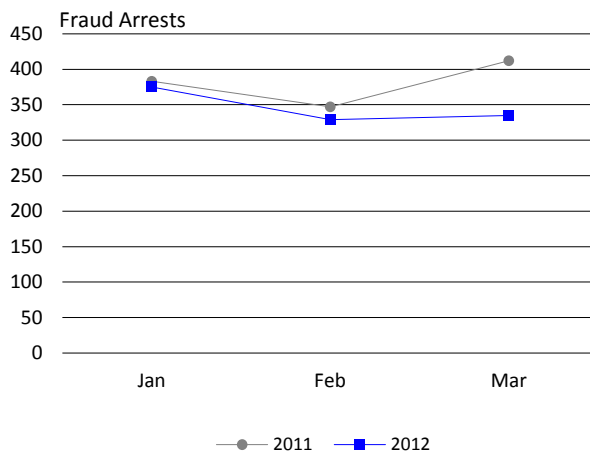
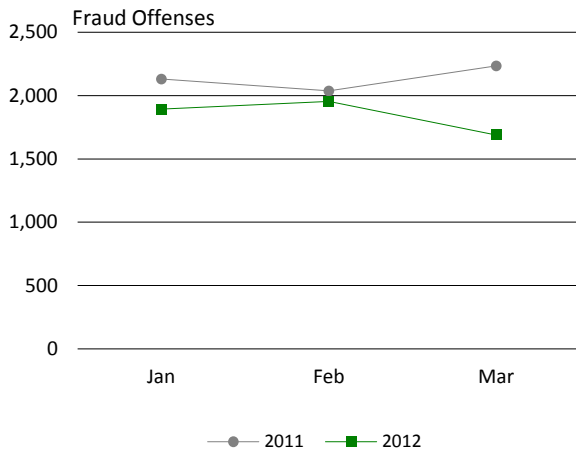
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Motor Vehicle Theft



Fraud



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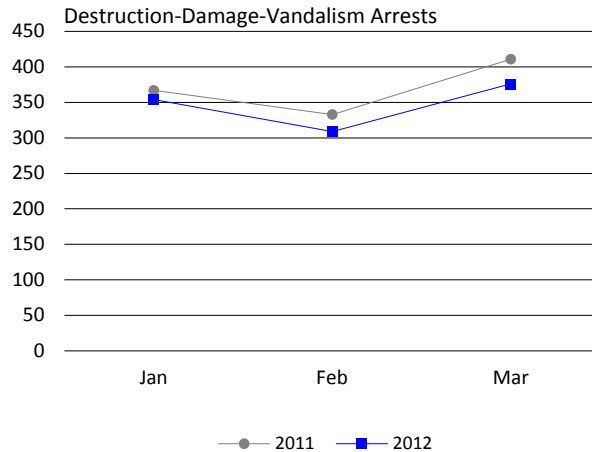
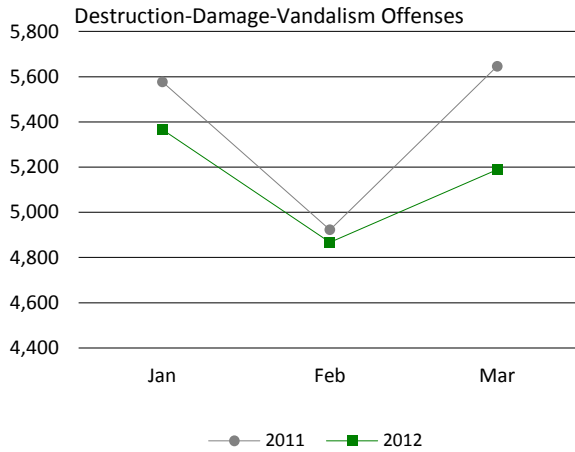
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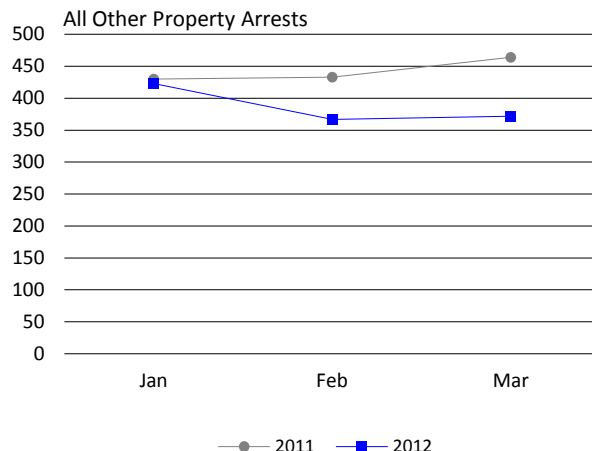
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Destruction-Damage-Vandalism



All Other Property Offenses



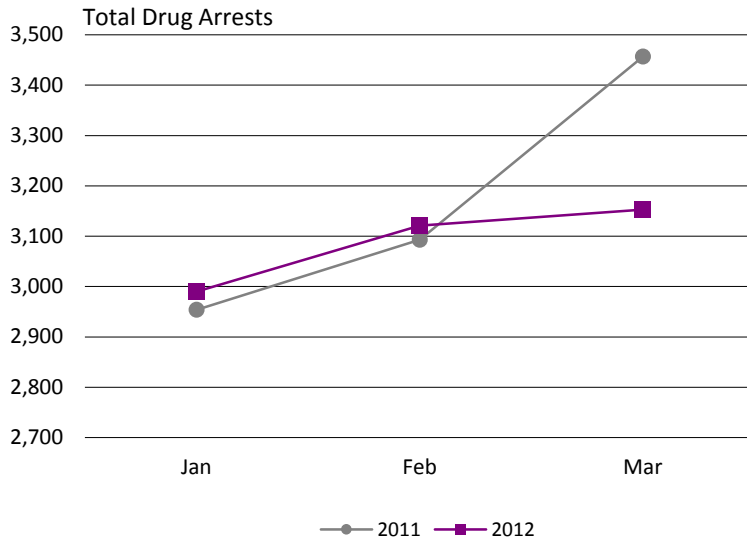
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Total Number of Drug Arrests Reported by Month, 1Q 2011 and 2012

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



Total Drug Arrests

2011 total: 9,504

2012 total: 9,264

Percent change: -2.5%





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