

# Virginia, U.S. and Bordering States Index Crime and Drug Arrest Trends 2008–2017

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Note: Richmond City submitted incomplete crime and arrest records to the Uniform Crime Reporting program for the months of June 2016 and for May 2017. Because of these partial submissions, Richmond City crime and arrest statistics were not included in Virginia totals in both of the FBI publications *Crime in the U.S. 2016* and *Crime in the U.S. 2017*.

### Introduction

The DCJS report *Virginia Index Crime and Drug Arrest Trends 2008-2017* described how violent and property index crimes decreased in Virginia over the last decade, how these decreases occurred across different regions and localities in Virginia over this period, and how drug arrest rates increased over the ten years. It also showed decreases in Virginia overall violent and property crime rates and increases in drug arrest rates from 2016 to 2017.

Understanding crime in Virginia also requires knowing how crime in Virginia compares to crime in the U.S. and other states in the region. *Virginia, U.S. and Bordering States Index Crime and Drug Arrest Trends* 2008–2017 provides these comparisons. Virginia's ten-year and one-year crime trends and drug arrest trends are compared with trends from the U.S. and from the five states that border Virginia (Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, and West Virginia).

Crimes included in this report are the violent and property index offenses, considered the most serious crimes. These are the violent crimes of murder/non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault, and the property crimes of burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft. Trends are shown for all violent crimes combined and all property crimes combined, rather than for each individual type of violent and property crime.<sup>1</sup>

All of the crime and arrest rates used in this report come from *Crime in the United States* (CIUS), published annually by the U.S. Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation.<sup>2</sup>

### **Violent Crime**

• In 2017, Virginia's violent crime rate ranked 47<sup>th</sup> out of the 50 states in the U.S. Only Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont reported a violent crime rate lower than Virginia.

- Over the decade 2008-2017, the number of violent crimes in Virginia dropped by 11%. Virginia's violent crime rate decreased by 19%, and consistently remained below the U.S. violent crime rate.
- Since 2008, Virginia's violent crime rate has been lower than the rate for any of the five states that border Virginia.
- From 2016 to 2017, total violent crime rates decreased by less than 1% nationwide. Virginia's rate also decreased by less than 1%, from 208.4 crimes per 100,000 in 2016 to 208.2 crimes per 100,000 in 2017. Violence rates increased in all but one of the 5 states bordering Virginia.

<sup>1</sup> For more details on Virginia trends for specific types of violent and property crime, and drug arrests, see *Virginia Index Crime and Drug Arrests Trends 2008-2017.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Virginia crime and arrests rates published by the FBI in CIUS may differ slightly from rates published in the DCJS *Virginia Index Crime and Drug Arrest Trends 2008-2017* due to differences how the FBI and DCJS calculate Virginia crime and arrest statistics. For consistency, all Virginia and national data used in this report is based on the FBI's calculations. See page 13 for details.

### **Property Crime**

- Virginia's property crime rate ranked 40 out of 50 states in 2017.
- Total property index crime rates trended downward over the decade for Virginia, the U.S., and the five states bordering Virginia. Virginia's property index crime rate was lower than the U.S. and bordering states in all years except 2010.
- Virginia's property crime rate decreased by 29% over the decade.
- Property crime rates decreased by almost 4% in both Virginia and the U.S. from 2016 to 2017.

### **Drug Arrests**

- The drug arrest rate in Virginia ranked 31 out of 50 states in 2008. In 2017, Virginia's ranking was 19.
- From 2008 to 2017 drug arrest rates increased in Virginia, West Virginia, and Tennessee, but decreased across the U.S. and in the other three bordering states. Virginia's drug arrest rate was consistently lower than the U.S. rate in all years except 2017.
- Virginia's drug arrest rate increased by almost 14% from 2016 to 2017.

## How did the change in Virginia's total number of violent index crimes compare with the change in total numbers for the U.S. and for the five states that border Virginia?

Violent index crimes are murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape (legacy definition), robbery, and aggravated assault. Murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, and aggravated assault are counts of victims. Robbery is counts of offenses.

		Numb	er of viole	nt crimes			
			North				West
Year	U.S.	Tennessee	Carolina	Maryland	Virginia	Kentucky	Virginia
2008	1,382,012	44,897	43,099	35,393	19,882	12,646	4,968
2009	1,318,398	42,041	37,929	33,623	17,879	11,159	5,396
2010	1,246,248	38,921	34,653	31,620	17,087	10,528	5,830
2011	1,203,564	38,944	33,774	28,797	15,923	10,406	5,861
2012	1,214,462	41,550	34,464	28,055	15,564	9,752	5,869
2013	1,163,146	37,655	33,152	27,734	15,524	8,737	5,371
2014	1,165,383	39,178	32,087	26,186	15,462	8,783	5,368
2015	1,197,704	39,690	34,107	26,980	15,552	9,181	5,979
2016	1,248,185	41,374	37,006	27,910	17,530	9,841	6,368
2017	1,247,321	43,755	37,364	30,273	17,632	10,056	6,368
10-year % change	-9.7%	-2.5%	-13.3%	-14.5%	-11.3%	-20.5%	+28.2%
1-year % change	-0.1%	+5.8%	+1.0%	+8.5%	+0.6%	+2.2%	+0.0%

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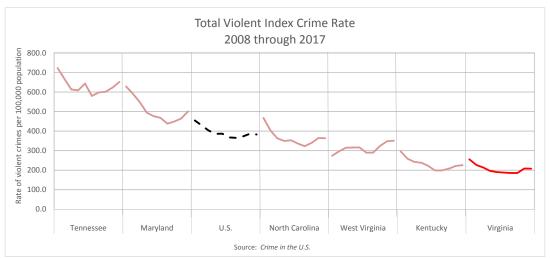
Source: Crime in the U.S. 2017

From 2008 to 2017, the number of violent crimes declined in the U.S., Virginia, and all but one of the states bordering Virginia. The number of violent crimes in Virginia declined by 11% over the ten-year period.

While the volume of violence decreased in Virginia from 2008-2017, there were slightly more violent offenses reported in 2017 than in 2016. The number of violent crimes reported in Virginia increased by less than 1% (102 offenses) from 2016 to 2017. The number of violent crimes also increased or was constant in each of the bordering states, while the overall number of violent crimes nationwide decreased by less than 1% from 2016 to 2017.

## How did Virginia's total violent index crime rate compare with rates for the U.S. and rates for the five states bordering Virginia?

The total violent index crime rate is the total number of violent index crimes reported per 100,000 population.



Total violent index crime rates trended downward over the decade for Virginia, the U.S., and all but one of the states that border Virginia (West Virginia). Each year from 2008 to 2017, Virginia's violent index crime rate was consistently lower than the national rate and the rates of each of the five bordering states.

	Violent	crime rate	e per 10	0,000 pop	ulation		
				North	West		
Year	Tennessee	Maryland	U.S.	Carolina	Virginia	Kentucky	Virginia
2008	722.4	628.2	454.5	467.3	273.8	296.2	255.9
2009	667.7	589.9	429.4	404.3	296.5	258.7	226.8
2010	613.3	547.7	403.6	363.4	314.6	242.6	213.6
2011	608.2	494.1	386.3	349.8	315.9	238.2	196.7
2012	643.6	476.8	386.9	353.4	316.3	222.6	190.1
2013	579.7	467.8	367.9	336.6	289.7	198.8	187.9
2014	598.2	438.2	365.5	322.7	290.1	199.0	185.7
2015	601.3	449.2	372.6	339.6	324.2	207.5	185.5
2016	622.1	463.9	386.3	364.7	347.8	221.8	208.4
2017	651.5	500.2	382.9	363.7	350.7	225.8	208.2
10-year % change	-9.8%	-20.4%	-15.8%	-22.2%	+28.1%	-23.8%	-18.6%
1-year % change	+4.7%	+7.8%	-0.9%	-0.3%	+0.8%	+1.8%	-0.1%
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1-year=2016-2017 Source: *Crime in the U.S. 2017* 

In 2008, Virginia's total violent index crime rate was 255.9 violent crimes per 100,000, and in 2017 the total violent index crime rate in Virginia was 208.2 violent crimes per 100,000, a decrease of almost 19%. The total violent index crime rate for the U.S. decreased by 16% over the decade.

From 2016 to 2017, total violent index crime rates decreased nationwide and in one of the states bordering Virginia. Virginia's total violent index crime rate decreased by less than 1%, from 208.4 violent crimes per 100,000 in 2016 to 208.2 violent crimes per 100,000 in 2017.

## How did Virginia's total violent index crime rate compare with rates for all other states?

In 2008, Virginia ranked 41 out of 50 states for violent index crime rate. In 2017, Virginia ranked 47. In 2017 only three states---Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont---reported violent index crime rates lower than Virginia.

States violent index crime rate and relative rank, 2008, 2016 and 2017 Source: *Crime in the U.S.* 

	1	Rate per 100,000			Rank (1=highest rate)			
_	2008	2016	2017	2008	2016	2017		
u.s.	454.5	386.3	382.9					
Alabama	452.8	521.4	524.2	19	7	8		
Alaska	651.9	764.3	829.0	7	1	1		
Arizona	447.0	458.0	508.0	21	12	9		
Arkansas	503.4	530.8	554.9	15	6	6		
California	503.8	436.3	449.3	14	14	15		
Colorado	343.1	325.7	368.1	26	28	23		
Connecticut	297.8	221.5	228.0	31	45	44		
Delaware	703.4	499.7	453.4	4	9	13		
Florida	688.9	420.3	408.0	5	18	20		
Georgia	478.9	388.0	357.2	17	21	26		
Hawaii	272.6	297.2	250.6	37	30	38		
Idaho	228.6	219.0	226.4	44	46	45		
Illinois	525.4	426.4	438.8	11	16	17		
Indiana	333.8	394.9	399.0	27	20	21		
lowa	283.8	280.3	293.4	34	34	34		
Kansas	410.6	368.7	413.0	22	23	19		
Kentucky	296.2	221.8	225.8	32	44	46		
Louisiana	656.2	555.7	557.0	6	5	4		
Maine	117.5	115.4	121.0	50	50	50		
Maryland	628.2	463.9	500.2	9	11	11		
Massachusetts	449.0	369.1	358.0	20	22	25		
Michigan	501.5	438.8	450.0	16	13	14		
Minnesota	262.8	231.5	238.3	38	41	40		
Mississippi	284.9	268.0	285.7	33	36	35		
Missouri	504.4	508.4	530.3	13	8	7		
Montana	258.1	352.6	377.1	39	26	22		
Nebraska	303.7	277.6	305.9	30	35	31		
Nevada	724.5	663.1	555.9	2	3	5		
New Hampshire	157.2	185.6	198.7	48	48	48		
New Jersey	326.5	240.9	228.8	29	38	43		
New Mexico	649.9	682.8	783.5	8	2	2		
New York	398.1	367.7	356.7	24	24	27		
North Carolina	467.3	364.7	363.7	18	25	24		
North Dakota	166.5	239.7	281.3	47	39	37		
Ohio	348.2	287.8	297.5	25	33	33		
Oklahoma	526.7	436.3	456.2	10	14	12		
Oregon	257.2	253.3	281.8	40	37	36		
Pennsylvania	410.0	307.0	313.3	23	29	30		
Rhode Island	249.4	228.1	232.2	42	43	42		
South Carolina	729.7	488.2	506.2	1	10	10		
South Dakota	201.4	403.4	433.6	46	19	18		
Tennessee	722.4	622.1	651.5	3	4	3		
Texas	507.9	421.8	438.9	12	17	16		
Utah	221.8	229.5	238.9	45	42	39		
Vermont	135.9	149.7	165.8	49	49	49		
Virginia	255.9	208.4	208.2	49	4 <i>9</i>	49 <b>47</b>		
Washington	331.2	291.0	304.5	28	32	32		
West Virginia				36	27			
west Auguna	273.8	347.8	350.7	30	21	28		
Wisconsin	274.0	296.9	319.9	35	31	29		

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## How did the change in Virginia's total number of property index crimes compare with the change in total numbers for the U.S. and for the five states bordering Virginia?

Property index crimes are burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft. The total property index crime rate is the total number of property index crimes reported per 100,000 population.

		Numb	er of prope	erty crimes	5		
				North			West
Year	U.S.	Kentucky	Maryland	Carolina	Tennessee	Virginia	Virginia
2008	1,382,012	110,314	198,165	372,961	251,245	195,634	46,607
2009	1,318,398	108,401	182,422	344,098	236,365	191,453	45,981
2010	1,246,248	110,709	173,051	328,719	232,132	186,196	41,500
2011	1,203,564	118,358	166,699	340,562	230,261	182,141	42,189
2012	1,214,462	111,826	162,031	328,594	217,664	176,985	43,878
2013	1,163,146	103,857	157,913	308,049	206,629	170,654	39,013
2014	1,165,383	99,166	149,859	285,697	200,447	160,720	37,648
2015	1,197,704	96,362	139,048	276,183	193,796	156,470	37,251
2016	1,248,185	97,158	137,445	277,765	189,835	156,412	37,487
2017	1,247,321	94,833	134,496	261,486	197,488	151,855	33,630
10-year % change	-9.7%	-14.0%	-32.1%	-29.9%	-21.4%	-22.4%	-27.8%
1-year % change	-0.1%	-2.4%	-2.1%	-5.9%	+4.0%	-2.9%	-10.3%

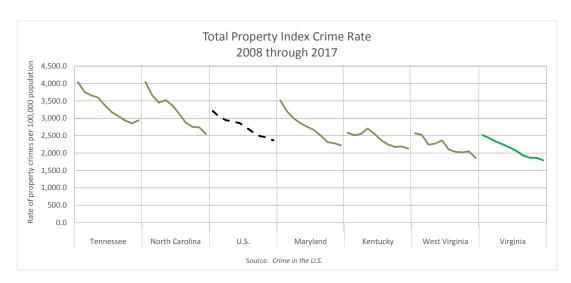
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Source: Crime in the U.S. 2017

The number of reported property crimes declined in the U.S., Virginia and all of the states bordering Virginia from 2008 to 2017.

From 2016 to 2017, the number of reported property crimes declined by 3% in Virginia, and also declined in the U.S. and all but one of the states bordering Virginia (Tennessee).

### How did Virginia's total property index crime rate compare with rates for the U.S. and rates for the five states bordering Virginia?



Total property index crime rates trended downward over the decade for Virginia, the U.S. and each of the five states bordering Virginia. Compared to the areas shown, Virginia had the lowest property index crime rate in 2008, 2009, and each year 2011 through 2017.

	Proper	ty crime r	ate per 1	100,000 po	pulation		
		North				West	
Year	Tennessee	Carolina	U.S.	Maryland	Kentucky	Virginia	Virginia
2008	4,042.6	4,044.1	3,212.5	3,517.6	2,583.9	2,568.6	2,518.1
2009	3,754.1	3,668.1	3,036.1	3,200.7	2,512.7	2,526.7	2,428.8
2010	3,657.9	3,447.3	2,941.9	2,997.3	2,551.3	2,239.6	2,327.2
2011	3,595.9	3,526.8	2,908.7	2,860.2	2,708.8	2,273.9	2,249.6
2012	3,371.4	3,369.5	2,859.2	2,753.5	2,552.9	2,364.9	2,162.1
2013	3,180.9	3,128.0	2,730.7	2,663.5	2,362.9	2,103.9	2,065.9
2014	3,060.6	2,873.1	2,596.1	2,507.5	2,246.9	2,034.7	1,930.3
2015	2,936.2	2,750.1	2,487.0	2,315.0	2,177.6	2,020.0	1,866.5
2016	2,854.1	2,737.5	2,450.7	2,284.5	2,189.7	2,047.2	1,859.4
2017	2,940.6	2,545.3	2,362.2	2,222.3	2,129.1	1,852.0	1,792.9
10-year % change	-27.3%	-37.1%	-26.5%	-36.8%	-17.6%	-27.9%	-28.8%
1-year % change	+3.0%	-7.0%	-3.6%	-2.7%	-2.8%	-9.5%	-3.6%

1-year=2016-2017 Source: *Crime in the U.S. 2017* 

Virginia's total property index crime rate decreased by 29% over the decade, with 2,518.1 property crimes per 100,000 population reported in 2008 and 1,792.9 reported in 2017. Like Virginia, the five bordering states and the U.S. all had decreasing property index crime rates from 2008 to 2017.

Virginia, the U.S., and four of five bordering states continued to report decreases in property index crime rates from 2016 to 2017. Property crime rates decreased by almost 4% in both Virginia and the U.S. from 2016 to 2017.

## How did Virginia's total property index crime rate compare with rates for all other states?

Virginia's property index crime rate ranked 39 in 2008 and ranked 40 in 2017.

States property index crime rate and relative rank, 2008, 2016 and 2017 Source: *Crime in the U.S.* 

	Rate per 100,000			Rank (1=highest rate)			
•	2008	<u>2016</u>	2017	2008	<u>2016</u>	2017	
U.S.	3,212.5	2,450.7	2,362.2				
Alabama	4,082.9	2,947.8	2,957.3	4	13	8	
Alaska	2,932.3	3,353.0	3,542.1	28	3	2	
Arizona	4,291.0	2,978.4	2,914.9	1	10	10	
Arkansas	3,835.1	3,268.6	3,078.6	10	5	6	
California	2,940.3	2,553.0	2,496.7	25	27	24	
Colorado	2,849.0	2,740.7	2,701.6	31	19	18	
Connecticut	2,458.7	1,808.0	1,769.9	40	42	41	
Delaware	3,585.3	2,766.0	2,440.6	14	17	25	
Florida	4,140.8	2,686.8	2,512.4	3	22	23	
Georgia	4,015.5	3,004.5	2,860.2	7	7	12	
Hawaii	3,571.2	2,992.7	2,829.5	15	8	14	
Idaho	2,101.2	1,744.2	1,635.4	46	43	44	
Illinois	2,932.6	2,049.0	2,011.4	27	34	34	
Indiana	3,335.8	2,589.4	2,416.9	22	24	27	
Iowa	2,420.9	2,086.0	2,125.3	42	33	33	
Kansas	3,377.2	2,695.5	2,800.9	20	21	15	
Kentucky	2,583.9	2,189.7	2,129.1	36	31	32	
Louisiana	3,823.1	3,297.7	3,366.8	11	4	3	
Maine	2,452.4	1,645.7	1,507.1	41	46	47	
Maryland	3,517.6	2,284.5	2,222.3	16	29	29	
Massachusetts	2,400.1	1,561.1	1,437.0	44	47	48	
Michigan	2,934.8	1,909.9	1,800.0	26	39	39	
Minnesota	2,850.6	2,133.3	2,191.5	30	32	31	
Mississippi	2,940.4	2,768.1	2,733.9	24	16	17	
Missouri	3,663.7	2,799.1	2,833.9	13	15	13	
Montana	2,603.0	2,683.5	2,591.6	35	23	20	
Nebraska	2,878.6	2,263.3	2,274.0	29	30	28	
Nevada	3,447.5	2,586.6	2,612.4	17	25	19	
New Hampshire	2,091.9	1,512.9	1,381.8	47	50	50	
New Jersey	2,091.9	1,512.9	1,555.5	47	49	45	
New Mexico				9	1	1	
New York	3,909.2 1,993.5	3,937.1 1,545.6	3,941.7 1,514.2	48	48	46	
North Carolina	4,044.1			5	20	22	
North Dakota		2,737.5	2,545.3	49	28	30	
Ohio	1,894.4 3,411.7	2,295.9	2,197.8 2,419.1	19	26	26	
Oklahoma	3,442.4	2,577.5 2,982.9	2,419.1	18	9	11	
		2,964.4	2,986.5	23	11	7	
Oregon Pennsylvania	3,282.2 2,410.2	1,742.7		43	44	43	
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Rhode Island	2,840.6	1,898.7	1,751.6	32	40	42	
South Carolina South Dakota	4,234.2	3,243.8	3,195.9	2	6 36	4 35	
	1,645.6	1,980.6	1,876.2	50			
Tennessee	4,042.6	2,854.1	2,940.6	6	14	9	
Texas	3,985.6 3,357.4	2,759.8	2,562.6	8	18	21	
Utah	•	2,951.5	2,780.2	21	12	16	
Vermont	2,538.5	1,697.4	1,436.7	38	45	49	
Virginia	2,518.1	1,859.4	1,792.9	39	41	40	
Washington	3,758.4	3,494.1	3,173.6	12	2	5	
West Virginia	2,568.6	2,047.2	1,852.0	37	35	36	
Wisconsin	2,756.4	1,933.3	1,808.3	33	38	38	
Wyoming	2,717.3	1,957.3	1,830.4	34	37	37	

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### How did the change in Virginia's total number of drug arrests compare with the change in numbers for the U.S. and for the five states bordering Virginia?

Drug offenses are defined as the unlawful cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale, purchase, use, possession, transportation, or importation of any controlled drug or narcotic substance (drug arrest rates reported here exclude arrests for drug equipment violations). The drug arrest rate is the number of arrests for drug offenses per 100,000 arrest-age population (ages 10 and older). Drug arrest statistics can reflect law enforcement anti-drug activities and are not an accurate indicator of drug prevalence.

		Numbei	r of drug	arrests			
						North	West
Year	U.S.	Tennessee	Virginia	Maryland	Kentucky	Carolina	Virginia
2008	1,304,098	34,686	32,513	57,288	7,952	36,571	4,249
2009	1,305,191	35,812	29,780	51,629	18,553	33,062	6,167
2010	1,273,963	37,512	33,666	44,888	18,277	33,170	6,235
2011	1,175,083	40,911	35,416	41,022	21,383	42,225	6,798
2012	1,200,538	43,448	38,038	39,733	21,141	38,240	6,647
2013	1,209,661	46,923	39,536	34,006	21,830	35,470	6,651
2014	1,223,505	41,493	36,988	37,780	21,644	34,695	5,994
2015	1,144,021	38,486	33,558	26,154	22,106	21,487	6,187
2016	1,250,650	44,185	39,132	30,692	23,308	18,247	6,267
2017	1,275,812	47,826	42,060	28,992	26,397	25,902	7,277
10-year % change	-2.2%	+37.9%	+29.4%	-49.4%	+232.0%	-29.2%	+71.3%
1-year % change	+2.0%	+8.2%	+7.5%	-5.5%	+13.3%	+42.0%	+16.1%

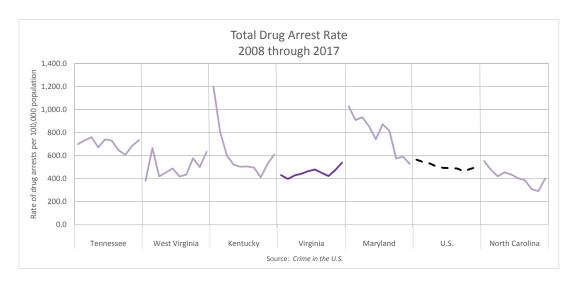
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Source: Crime in the U.S. 2017

From 2008 to 2017, the number of drug arrests dropped in the U.S., Maryland and North Carolina while the number of drug arrests in Virginia increased by 29%.

From 2016 to 2017, the number of drug arrests increased in the U.S., Virginia and all but one of the states that border Virginia.

## How did Virginia's total drug arrest rate compare with rates for the U.S. and rates for the five states bordering Virginia?



Drug arrest rates from 2008 to 2017 decreased for all areas shown except Virginia, Tennessee, and West Virginia.

	Drug	arrests pe	er 100,000	populatio	n		
		West					North
Year	Tennessee	Virginia	Kentucky	Virginia	Maryland	U.S.	Carolina
2008	701.0	383.0	1,203.4	431.0	1,027.7	564.8	553.0
2009	732.4	666.5	808.2	398.1	909.9	544.2	476.9
2010	760.5	418.9	600.7	428.1	934.3	530.6	420.6
2011	672.2	453.6	521.1	442.5	852.8	505.9	455.0
2012	741.0	489.6	504.3	465.1	742.4	494.2	435.5
2013	731.6	418.9	505.8	479.2	872.1	492.2	404.9
2014	647.3	434.4	496.2	450.0	816.8	489.0	385.7
2015	607.0	577.1	411.7	423.4	575.4	463.3	308.9
2016	684.6	500.8	526.8	473.4	590.5	486.4	291.0
2017	735.2	632.6	609.6	540.5	528.2	503.0	401.1
10-year % change	+4.9%	+65.2%	-49.3%	+25.4%	-48.6%	-10.9%	-27.5%
1-year % change	+7.4%	+26.3%	+15.7%	+14.2%	-10.6%	+3.4%	+37.8%
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1-year=2016-2017

Source: Crime in the U.S. 2017

The total drug arrest rate across Virginia rate increased by 25% from 2008 to 2017. The Virginia rate in 2008 was 431.0 drug arrests per 100,000 arrest-age population and in 2017 the drug arrest rate was 540.5. Drug arrest rates over the decade decreased nationwide by 11%.

Drug arrest rates increased for all but one of the areas shown from 2016 to 2017. The drug arrest rate in Virginia increased by 14% from 2016 to 2017, from a rate of 473.4 drug arrests per 100,000 arrest-age population in 2016 to a rate of 540.5 in 2017. The drug arrest rate increased by 3% nationwide over the one-year period.

## How did Virginia's total drug arrest rate compare with rates for the U.S. and rates for the five states bordering Virginia?

In 2008, Virginia ranked 31 out of 50 states for drug arrest rate. In 2017, Virginia ranked 19 out of 50 states.

States drug arrest rate and relative rank, 2008, 2016 and 2017 Source: Crime in the U.S.

	R	Rate per 100,00	00	Rank (1=highest rate)			
_	2008	2016	2017	2008	2016	2017	
U.S.	564.8	486.4	503.0				
Alabama	437.0	268.2	301.4	30	42	40	
Alaska	257.5	136.2	136.4	47	50	50	
Arizona	533.8	474.2	519.1	20	25	25	
Arkansas	479.0	564.8	634.5	24	16	12	
California	735.2	561.4	538.3	6	17	21	
Colorado	409.5	295.3	327.0	34	39	39	
Connecticut	499.9	265.1	259.3	21	43	43	
Delaware	675.2	451.1	417.4	9	30	30	
Florida	874.1	557.0	593.6	5	18	16	
Georgia	578.7	485.8	494.9	15	24	28	
Hawaii	176.6	180.2	190.8	n/a	45	45	
Idaho	384.2	606.2	549.6	36	13	18	
Illinois	1,527.2	451.1	382.6	1	30	33	
Indiana	486.7	419.0	617.8	23	33	14	
lowa	307.2	339.8	359.0	45	38	35	
Kansas	361.5	434.1	504.8	40	32	26	
Kentucky	1,203.4	526.8	609.6	2	20	15	
Louisiana	726.5	658.0	687.7	7	9	10	
Maine	439.7	408.7	255.2	29	34	44	
Maryland	1,027.7	590.5	528.2	3	14	23	
Massachusetts	340.6	151.8	150.1	43	49	49	
Michigan	366.7	399.9	338.0	39	35	37	
Minnesota	358.6	294.0	358.4	42	40	36	
Mississippi	897.6	752.7	740.9	4	3	5	
Missouri	649.3	722.4	710.6	10	4	8	
Montana	173.7	254.5	276.8	50	44	42	
Nebraska	638.4	689.8	361.1	11	6	34	
Nevada	584.8	468.4	332.9	14	27	38	
	316.3	654.5	592.3	44	10	17	
New Hampshire New Jersey	631.3	703.9	727.4	12	5	7	
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New Mexico New York	422.8	462.0	288.6 690.6	32 16	28 12	9	
North Carolina	574.0	615.6		19	41	31	
	553.0	291.0	401.1		8	4	
North Dakota	304.7	676.2	752.9	46 28			
Ohio	445.4	361.0	395.4	17	37 15	32 22	
Oklahoma	564.8	590.4	528.4				
Oregon	458.2	367.9	418.7	26	36	29	
Pennsylvania	467.8	453.7	504.3	25	29	27	
Rhode Island	360.8	166.5	190.0	41	48	46	
South Carolina	414.3	626.1	823.1	33	11	3	
South Dakota	380.0	1,002.0	1,219.5	38	1 7	1	
Tennessee	701.0	684.6	735.2	8	7	6	
Texas	585.6	518.0	526.5	13	21	24	
Utah	388.8	539.4	663.5	35	19	11	
Vermont	223.0	170.2	189.4	48	46	47	
Virginia	431.0	473.4	540.5	31	26	19	
Washington	492.3	169.9	180.1	22	47	48	
West Virginia	383.0	500.8	632.6	37	22	13	
Wisconsin	452.6	496.6	539.9	27	23	20	
Wyoming	562.3	815.3	847.8	18	2	2	

Virginia crime and arrest rates from CIUS may differ slightly from rates published by Virginia State Police and DCJS.

#### **Notes on Data**

This document supplements *Virginia Index Crime and Drug Arrest Trends 2008-2017*, which also is produced by the DCJS Research Center. *Virginia Index Crime and Drug Arrest Trends 2008-2017* describes trends for Virginia, Virginia localities, and Virginia State Police divisions using Uniform Crime Reports submitted by local Virginia law enforcement agencies to the central repository managed by the Virginia Department of State Police. The crime and arrest rates presented in this report come from *Crime in the United States* (CIUS), published annually by the U.S. Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The rates published in CIUS and shown in this report may differ from rates published by DCJS in *Virginia Index Crime and Drug Arrest Trends* 2008-2017. The differences are largely attributed to:

- (1) Different methodologies used to estimate missing or underreported crime or arrest data.
- (2) The FBI may "freeze" the crime data reported in CIUS later than the data reported in *Virginia Index Crime and Drug Arrest Trends* resulting in small differences in the number of crimes used to calculate the rates.
- (3) Population estimates used to calculate rates may be of a differing vintage due to FBI publishing deadlines.
- (4) DCJS calculates Virginia arrest rates using the Virginia "arrest age" population of persons 10 years and older, which is often considered the "age of criminal responsibility." However, the FBI calculates all state arrest rates using the total population (age one year and older).