

County Fact Sheet Data Notes

Census Data Definitions

Households - Includes all the persons who occupy a housing unit as their usual place of residence. A housing unit is a house, an apartment, a mobile home, a group of rooms, or a single room that is occupied (or if vacant, is intended for occupancy) as separate living quarters. Separate living quarters are those in which the occupants live and eat separately from any other persons in the building and which have direct access from outside the building or through a common hall. The occupants may be a single family, one person living alone, two or more families living together, or any other group of related or unrelated persons who share living arrangements. (People not living in households are classified as living in group quarters.)

Median Household Income - Includes the income of the householder and all other individuals 15 years old and over in the household, whether they are related to the householder or not. Because many households consist of only one person, average household income is usually less than average family income. Although the household income statistics cover the past 12 months, the characteristics of individuals and the composition of households refer to the time of interview. Thus, the income of the household does not include amounts received by individuals who were members of the household during all or part of the past 12 months if these individuals no longer resided in the household at the time of interview. Similarly, income amounts reported by individuals who did not reside in the household during the past 12 months but who were members of the household at the time of interview are included. However, the composition of most households was the same during the past 12 months as at the time of interview. The median divides the income distribution into two equal parts: one-half of the cases falling below the median income and one-half above the median. For households and families, the median income is based on the distribution of the total number of households and families including those with no income. The median income for individuals is based on individuals 15 years old and over with income. Median income for households, families, and individuals is computed on the basis of a standard distribution.

Miles of Roadway - Number of miles of state maintained roadways in a county as recorded by Missouri Department of Transportation.

Crime Data Definitions

Total Crime Index: The frequency of both violent and property crimes.

Violent Crime - The frequency of murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault offenses.

Property Crime - The frequency of burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

Murder - The willful killing of one human being by another. Deaths caused by negligence, suicide, accident, justifiable homicide, and attempts to murder (i.e., aggravated assault) are not included in this offense classification.

Rape - The forcible carnal knowledge of a female and against her will. Assaults or attempts to commit rape by force or threat of force are included in this classification. However, statutory rape (without force), sex attacks on males, and other types of sex offenses are not included prior to 2013.

Robbery - The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear. This offense involves a theft or larceny but is aggravated by the element of force or threat of force.

Aggravated Assault - An unlawful attack or attempted attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. All assaults or attempted assaults by one person upon another with the intent to kill, maim, or inflict severe bodily injury with the use of any dangerous weapon fall in this offense classification.

Burglary - The unlawful entry or attempted unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft.

Theft - The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another. Crimes such as shoplifting, pocket-picking, purse-snatching, thefts from (but not of) motor vehicles, thefts of motor vehicle parts or accessories, bicycle thefts, etc., in which no use of force, violence, or fraud occurs are included in this crime offense. It does not include embezzlement, confidence games, forgery, or worthless checks.

Motor Vehicle Theft - Theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle. By definition, a motor vehicle is a self-propelled vehicle that runs on the surface and not on rails, including automobiles, trucks, buses, motorcycles, motor scooters, snowmobiles, etc.

Arson - Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc. Only fires determined through investigation to have been willfully or maliciously set are classified as arsons. Fires of suspicious or unknown origins are not included in this crime classification.

Total Arrests - The frequency of Index arrests and Part II arrests

Total Index Arrests - The frequency of arrests for murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

Total Part II Arrests - The frequency of arrests for simple assault, forgery/counterfeiting, fraud, embezzlement, stolen property, vandalism, weapons offenses, prostitution/vice, drug sale/manufacture, drug possession, gambling, family offenses, DUI, BUI, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, vagrancy, runaway, or other offenses.

Domestic Violence Incidents - Those incidents reported to law enforcement regardless whether or not an arrest was made that includes any dispute arising between spouses, persons with children in common regardless of whether they reside together, persons related by blood, persons related by marriage, non-married persons currently residing together, and non-married persons who have resided together in the past. Domestic violence incidents are reported when an officer believes a dispute crosses an abuse threshold as indicated by harassment, stalking, coercion, assault, sexual assault, battery, or unlawful imprisonment. Domestic violence incidents are reported by the highest ranked relationship between victim and offender, regardless of the number of persons or multiple relationships present during an incident.

Crash Data Definitions

Total - The number of fatal, personal injury and property damage only crashes. In accordance with state statute, law enforcement agencies are required to investigate traffic crashes on public roadways if they involve a death or personal injury or property damage over \$500.00.

Speed - The number of crashes in which one or more drivers of motorized vehicles were exceeding the speed limit or driving too fast for conditions and, in the opinion of the investigating law enforcement officer, the driver error contributed to the cause of the crash.

Drinking - The number of crashes in which one or more drivers or pedestrians were drinking and, in the opinion of the investigating officer, their intoxicated condition contributed to the cause of the crash.

Young Driver - The number of crashes in which one or more drivers of motorized vehicles directly involved in the traffic crash were under the age of 21.

Mature Driver - The number of crashes in which one or more drivers of motorized vehicles directly involved in the traffic crash were aged of 55 or older.

Motorcycle - The number of crashes in which one or more motorcycles were involved. Mopeds and all terrain vehicles (ATV's) are not considered motorcycles for the purpose of this analysis.

Commercial Motor Vehicle - The number of crashes in which one or more commercial motor vehicles were directly involved. Commercial motor vehicles include trucks having a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating of 10,001 pounds or more, buses or school buses having occupant capacities of 16 or more, and vehicles displaying hazardous material placards.

Aggressive Driving - The number of crashes in which one or more drivers of motor vehicles who were exceeding the speed limit, driving too fast for conditions, passing improperly, violated a signal / sign, driving on wrong side of roadway and not passing, following too close, improperly signaled, improperly changed lanes, or failed to yield.

Persons Killed - The number of persons killed in crashes. This number may be greater than the number of fatal crashes as a single crash can involve multiple deaths.

Persons Killed / Safety Device Not Used - The number of persons killed in crashes who were not wearing a safety device.

Persons Injured - The number of persons injured in crashes. This number may be greater than the number of injury crashes as a single crash can involve multiple persons injured.

Persons Injured / Safety Device Not Used - The number of persons injured in crashes who were not wearing a safety device.

Registered Sex Offenders

Compliant - The number of sex offenders that have registered or maintained their registry as required by state law.

Non Compliant - The number of sex offenders that have not registered or maintained their registry as required by state law. This number includes sex offender absconders who are not compliant and whose address of residence is unknown.