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Part I (Index) Crime:

Murder
Forcible Rape
Robbery
Aggravated Assault
Burglary
Larceny
Motor Vehicle Theft

Part II Crime:

Manslaughter
Kidnap/Abduction
Arson
Simple Assault
Drug Arrest
Bribery
Embezzlement
Fraud
Counterfeit/Forgery
Extortion/Blackmail
Intimidation
Prostitution
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses
Stolen Property
Driving under the Influence
Destruction/Vandalism
Gambling
Weapons Violations
Liquor Law Violations
Miscellaneous

2012 Semi-Annual Uniform Crime Report

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On November 1, 2012, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) released the 2012 Semi-Annual Uniform Crime Report for the January – June 2012 reporting period. The semi-annual report provides a snapshot of the amount of crime committed in the first six months of the year, as well as some insight into what to expect from the annual report. The annual report is typically released in April or May of the following year. This update provides a brief comparison of the data that was reported in the 2011 and 2012 semi-annual reports.

Crime Index:

The crime index includes Part I crimes of murder, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft offenses. Offense data is not collected for Part II crimes except for simple assault, arson, and manslaughter. Part II crimes are quality of life offenses such as prostitution, gambling, and liquor law violations. All sixty-seven counties provided data and forty-six of these counties experienced a decline in the number of index crimes from the prior semi-annual report. Statewide there was a 3.8% decrease in Part I crimes with a decline in all categories except for murder and forcible rape. The crime volume also declined slightly for both Palm Beach (.3%) and Broward County (2.4%).

Violent Crime:

Violent crimes include murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault offenses. There was a 5.3% decrease in violent offenses across the state while murder (1.5%) and forcible rape (.1%) increased statewide. Palm Beach County and Broward County both had a slight increase of .1% in violent crimes. A marked increase of 7.3% in robberies occurred in Palm Beach County, while Broward's robberies dropped 7.2%. In addition, there was a notable reduction in murders (22.2%) for Palm Beach County from 36 in 2011 to 28 in 2012. In contrast, there was a significant increase in murders (85.7%) for Broward County from 21 in the first six months of 2011 to 39 for the same period in 2012.

Non-Violent Crime:

Non-violent crimes also known as property crimes include burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft offenses. The state experienced a 3.6% decline in these offenses. Palm Beach County also had a slight decrease of .4% and Broward County had a 2.7% decline. With the exception of a 1.5% increase for larceny, all of the other non-violent offenses in Palm Beach County declined. There was also a significant decrease of 5.9% for burglaries. All non-violent offenses declined in Broward County except for a slight increase of .2% in motor vehicle thefts.

Palm Beach County

Year	Murder	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Violent Crimes Total	Burglary	Larceny	Motor Vehicle Theft	Non-Violent Crimes Total	Index Crimes Total
2011	36	185	855	2,195	3,271	5,329	15,627	1,305	22,261	25,532
2012	28	182	917	2,148	3,275	5,012	15,869	1,296	22,177	25,452
Percent Change	-22.2%	-1.6%	7.3%	-2.1%	0.1%	-5.9%	1.5%	-0.7%	-0.4%	-0.3%

Broward County

Year	Murder	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Violent Crimes Total	Burglary	Larceny	Motor Vehicle Theft	Non-Violent Crimes Total	Index Crimes Total
2011	21	257	1,621	2,403	4,302	8,641	23,316	2,222	34,179	38,481
2012	39	228	1,505	2,533	4,305	8,436	22,603	2,227	33,266	37,571
Percent Change	85.7%	-11.3%	-7.2%	5.4%	0.1%	-2.4%	-3.1%	0.2%	-2.7%	-2.4%

Florida

Year	Murder	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Violent Crimes Total	Burglary	Larceny	Motor Vehicle Theft	Non-Violent Crimes Total	Index Crimes Total
2011	472	2,682	12,228	34,107	49,489	80,170	224,779	18,902	323,851	373,340
2012	479	2,684	11,247	32,471	46,881	75,502	218,016	18,652	312,170	359,051
Percent Change	1.5%	0.1%	-8.0%	-4.8%	-5.3%	-5.8%	-3.0%	-1.3%	-3.6%	-3.8%