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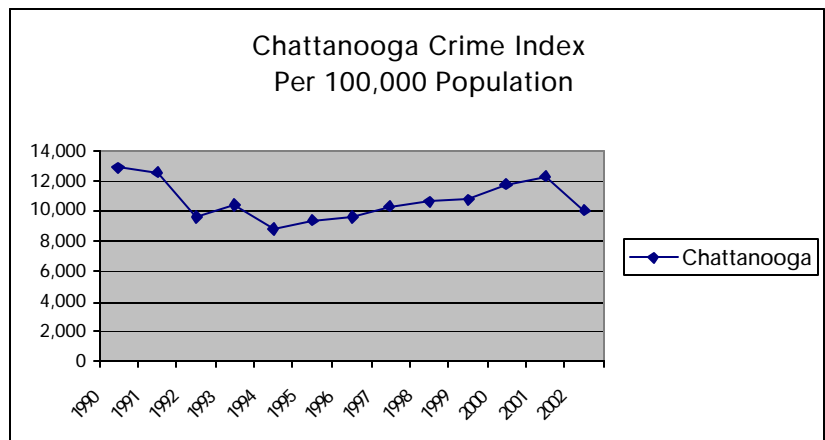
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## Public Safety – Crime

### Indicator - Crime Index Per 100,000 Population

Trend	Chattanooga's crime rate declined between 1990 and 1994. Since 1994, the crime rate has increased by 14.0%. In 2002, the violent crime index was 1513.5; the property crime index was 8,433.7.
Comparisons	The Tennessee statewide crime index for 2002 was 5,018.9 per 100,000 population.
Discussion	<p>Crime Index: The incidence of crimes for every 100,000 persons living in the county. Crimes are recorded under two major categories—violent and property. The overall index covers both of these. Violent Crime Index: Incidence per 100,000 population of murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.</p> <p>Property Crime Index: Incidence per 100,000 population of breaking and entering, larceny, and motor vehicle theft.</p> <p>Index data for the entire county are not included due to the fact that many incorporated areas of the county frequently did not report enough information.</p> <p>There were 15,867 crimes in Chattanooga in 2002.</p>

Year	Chattanooga
1990	12,880.2
1991	12,540.8
1992	9,600.3
1993	10,428.0
1994	8,782.5
1995	9,406.0
1996	9,590.3
1997	10,326.1
1998	10,640.0
1999	10,679.6
2000	11,782.7
2001	12,310.4
2002	10,010.3

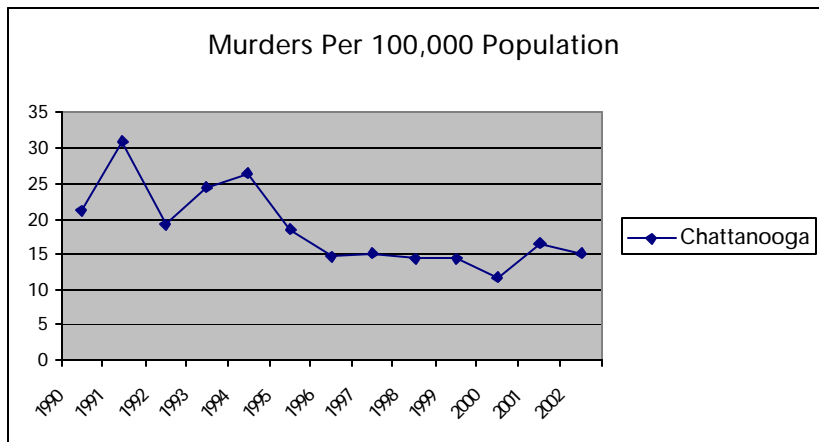


Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation

## Indicator - Murders Per 100,000 Population

Trend	After six years of declining murder rates, the murder rate increased 30.0% between 2000 and 2002.
Comparisons	Tennessee had 7.2 murders per 100,000 population in 2002.
Discussion	Index data for the entire county are not included due to the fact that many incorporated areas of the county frequently did not report enough information.  There were 24 murders in Chattanooga in 2002.

Year	Chattanooga
1990	21.0
1991	31.0
1992	19.1
1993	24.5
1994	26.4
1995	18.4
1996	14.7
1997	15.1
1998	14.5
1999	14.5
2000	11.8
2001	16.6
2002	15.1

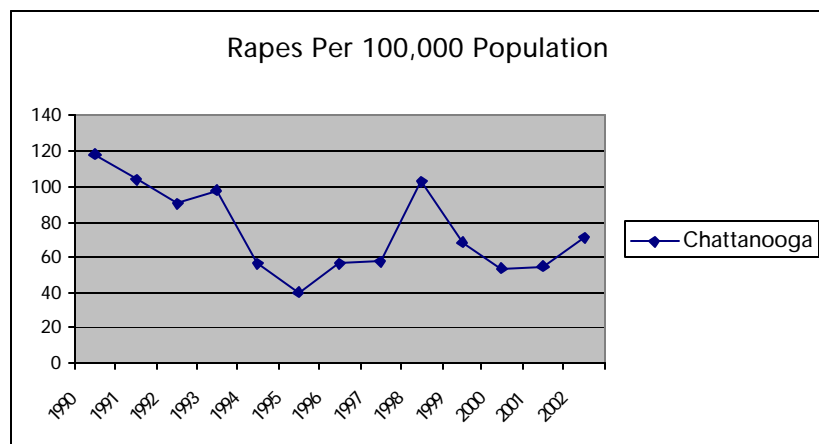


Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation

## Indicator - Rapes Per 100,000 Population

Trend	With a rate of 70.7 per 100,000 population, rapes increased 29.0% over the previous year. The last sharp increase was in 1998, when it spiked to 102.7 per 100,000 population.
Comparisons	Tennessee had a statewide rate of 39.5 rapes per 100,000 population in 2002.
Discussion	The only figures available are for reported cases of rape. Rape, however, is considered to be a significantly under-reported crime. Index data for the entire county are not included due to the fact that many incorporated areas of the county frequently do not report enough information.  There were 112 rapes in Chattanooga in 2002.

Year	Chattanooga
1990	118.1
1991	103.4
1992	90.1
1993	97.8
1994	56.5
1995	40.6
1996	56.1
1997	57.2
1998	102.7
1999	68.4
2000	53.3
2001	54.8
2002	70.7



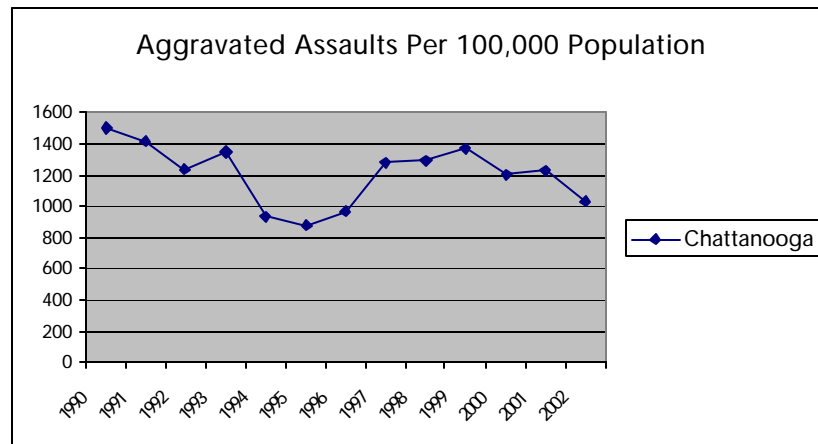
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### Indicator - Aggravated Assaults Per 100,000 Population

Trend	After increases from 1995 to 1999, aggravated assault decreased 24.4%.
Comparisons	Tennessee had a statewide rate of 507.8.4 aggravated assaults per 100,000 population in 2002.
Discussion	Index data for the entire county are not included due to the fact that many incorporated areas of the county frequently did not report enough information.  There were 1,638 aggravated assaults in Chattanooga in 2002.

Year	Chattanooga
1990	1505.9
1991	1411.9
1992	1240.6
1993	1352.2
1994	931.0
1995	871.3
1996	967.6
1997	1279.7
1998	1294.0
1999	1366.4
2000	1203.3
2001	1229.1
2002	1033.4

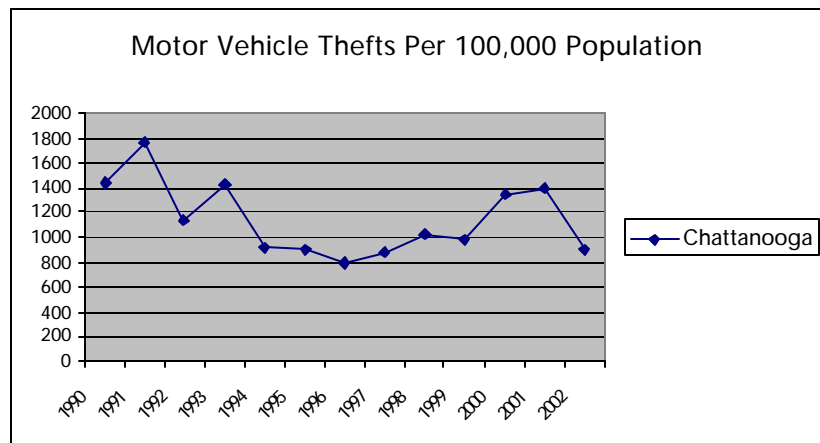


Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation

## Indicator - Motor Vehicle Thefts Per 100,000 Population

Trend	From 2001 to 2002, motor vehicle thefts per 100,000 decreased 24.4%. This follows a five-year increase of 77.6%.
Comparisons	Tennessee had a statewide rate of 457.8 motor vehicle thefts per 100,000 population in 2002.
Discussion	Index data for the entire county are not included due to the fact that many incorporated areas of the county frequently did not report enough information.  There were 1,432 motor vehicle thefts in Chattanooga in 200.

Year	Chattanooga
1990	1,439.0
1991	1,765.4
1992	1,132.5
1993	1,430.9
1994	922.4
1995	904.7
1996	790.0
1997	876.8
1998	1,033.3
1999	980.9
2000	1,340.4
2001	1,403.1
2002	903.4



Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation

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[Total Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents Per 100,000 Population](#)

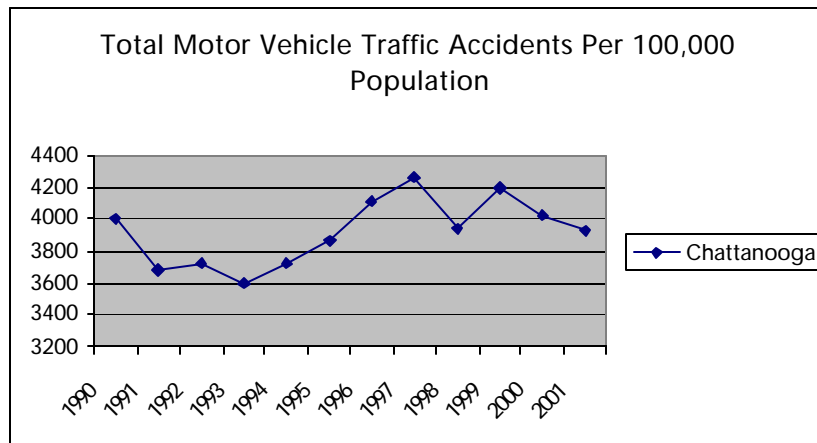
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## Public Safety - Vehicle Safety

### Indicator - Total Motor Vehicle Traffic Accidents Per 100,000 Population

Trend	While increasing 18.5% from 1993 to 1997, the rate of traffic accidents has decreased by 7.8% since 1997.
Comparisons	In 2001, Hamilton County had 12,074 traffic accidents. In the state, the total number of motor vehicle accidents in 2000 was 175,630. This is a rate of 3056.7 per 100,000 population.
Discussion	<p>The metropolitan areas of the state tend to have higher rates than other parts of the state. Factors include the traffic density, the number of miles driven, and the conditions of roads and highways.</p> <p>Of the 175,630 traffic accidents in the state in 2000, the drivers in 9,404 (5.4%) were listed as "had been drinking"; 1,103 (0.6%) as "apparently drugged"; and 5,849 (3.3%) as "ability impaired." Please note, however, that these categories are not mutually exclusive; a single driver could be listed under more than one category.</p>

Year	Chattanooga
1990	4,003
1991	3,684
1992	3,725
1993	3,596
1994	3,725
1995	3,862
1996	4,114
1997	4,262
1998	3,935
1999	4,200
2000	4,020
2001	3,928

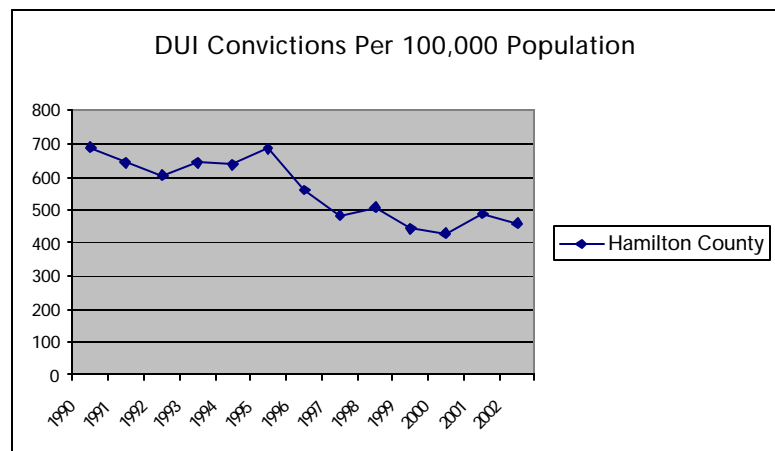


Source: Tennessee Department of Safety

## Indicator - DUI Convictions Per 100,000 Population

Trend	With the exception of 1993 and 1995, DUI convictions per 100,000 have decreased annually since 1990. Between 1990 and 2002, DUI's have decreased by 33.5% in Hamilton County.
Comparisons	In 2002, the Tennessee Department of Safety reports 20,878 DUI convictions, or a rate of 360.6 per 100,000 population.
Discussion	<p>DUI: Driving under the influence (of alcohol or other drugs). Arrest rates may vary with the degree of enforcement as well as with the incidence of the offence.</p> <p>Convictions reflect the year of the offense, and conviction rates generally take about five years to stabilize. The numbers of convictions fluctuate due to trial continuations and delays. For this reason, Conviction rates for the most recent four or five years may be understated.</p> <p>In 2002, Hamilton County had 1,420 DUI convictions.</p> <p>Index data are for the entire county and for Chattanooga. This includes the jurisdictions of the County Sheriff's Office, all municipal police departments, and the police department of Chattanooga.</p>

Year	Hamilton County
1990	691.0
1991	638.8
1992	604.0
1993	641.5
1994	637.4
1995	684.9
1996	557.3
1997	482.6
1998	507.7
1999	445.5
2000	429.4
2001	486.4
2002	459.2



Source: Tennessee Department of Safety