



**Palm Beach County  
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# **CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRENDS**

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# Key Points

## **Palm Beach County saw a slight increase in crime rates from 2015 to 2016**

- Overall Index Crime Rate increased by 2% in 2016 going from 47,572 to 48,613
- Murder rate decreased by 21.65% offenses decreased to 76 in 2016 from 97 in 2015
- Forcible sex offenses rate declined 2%, offenses decreased to 511 in 2016 from 520 in 2015
- Robbery rate increased by 6%, offenses increased from 1650 to 1753
- Aggravated assaults rate increased by 3% offenses increased from 4089 to 4195
- Burglary rate increased 2% offenses increased from 7646 to 7770
- Larceny rate increased 2% offences increased from 30,376 to 30,926
- Vehicle theft rate increased 6% offenses increased from 3194 to 3382

## **Palm Beach County Arrests continue to decline**

- Total number of arrests declined by 16 %
- Juvenile number arrests declined by 18%

# Index Offenses - Change 2015 to 2016

<p><b>Murder</b> ↓</p> <p>2015-97 2016-76 -27%</p>	<p><b>Rape</b> ↓</p> <p>2015-520 2016-511 -2%</p>	<p><b>Robbery</b> ↑</p> <p>2015-1650 2016-1753 6%</p>	<p><b>Aggravated Assault</b> ↑</p> <p>2015-4089 2016-4195 2%</p>
<p><b>Burglary</b> ↑</p> <p>2015-7646 2016-7770 2%</p>	<p><b>Larceny</b> ↑</p> <p>2015-30,376 2016-30,926 2%</p>	<p><b>Vehicle Theft</b> ↑</p> <p>2015-3194 2016-3382 .05%</p>	<p><b>Total Crime Index</b> ↑</p> <p>2015-47,572 2016-48,613 2%</p>

SOURCE: Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Crime in Florida, Florida uniform crime report, 1995-2016 [Computer program]. Tallahassee, FL: FDLE. Florida Statistical Analysis Center.

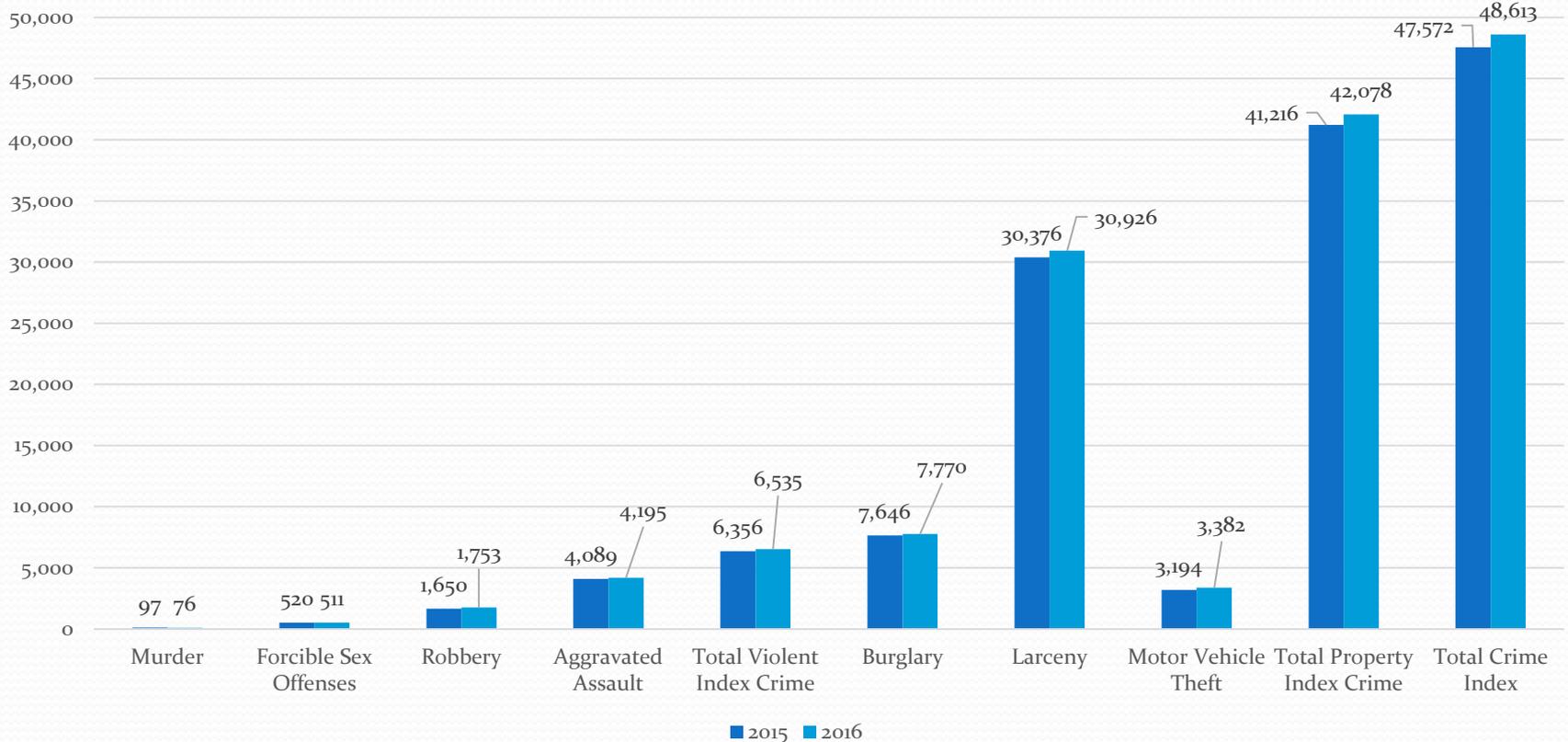
# Index Offenses Rate – Change 2015 to 2016

<b>Murder</b>  2015-7.04 2016-5.46 -21.65%	<b>Forcible Sex Offenses</b>  2015-37.72 2016-36.72 -2%	<b>Robbery</b>  2015-119.70 2016-125.96 6%	<b>Aggravated Assault</b>  2015-296.64 2016-301.42 3%
<b>Burglary</b>  2015-554.69 2016-558.29 2%	<b>Larceny</b>  2015-2203.69 2016-2222.11 2%	<b>Vehicle Theft</b>  2015-231.69 2016-243 6%	<b>Total Crime Index</b>  2015-47,572 2016-48,613 2%

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# Index Offenses Palm Beach County 2015 to 2016

Crime Offences (Number)



# Index Offenses 2015 to 2016

Agency	PERSON CRIMES				PROPERTY CRIMES		
	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Motor Vehicle Theft
Atlantis			↓	↑	↓	↓	↓
Belle Glade	↑	↓	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
Boca Raton		↓	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
Boynton Beach	↓	↓	↑	↓	↑	↑	↑
Florida Atlantic University		↓	↑	↑	↓	↓	
Delray Beach	↑	↑	↓	↓	↑	↑	↑
Greenacres	↓	↑	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Gulfstream					↑	↑	↓
Highland Beach			↓	↑	↑	↓	↑
Hypoluxo			↓	↑	↓	↓	↑
Juno Beach			↓	↑	↓	↑	↓
Jupiter	↓	↓	↑	↑	↓	↑	↑
Jupiter Inlet Colony					↑		↑
Lake Clarke Shores			↑		↓	↑	
Lake Park		↓	↑	↑	↑	↓	↑
Lake Worth	↑	↓	↓				
Lantana			↑	↑	↓	↑	↑
Manalapan				↓	↓	↓	↓
Mangonia Park		↑	↓	↓	↓	↑	↓
Noth Palm Beach		↓	↑		↑	↓	↑
Ocean Ridge			↓	↓	↓	↑	↓
Pahokee	↓	↓	↑	↓	↓	↑	↑
Palm Beach			↓	↓	↑	↓	↓
Palm Beach County	↓	↓	↑	↓	↑	↑	↑
Palm Beach County School		↑	↑	↓	↑	↑	↑
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office		↓	↓	↓	↑	↑	↑
Palm Beach Gardens	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓	↓	↑
Palm Beach Shores	↑			↑	↑	↑	
Palm Springs		↓		↓	↓	↓	
Riviera Beach	↓	↑	↓	↑	↓	↓	↓
Royal Palm			↓	↑	↓	↓	↑
South Bay	↓	↓	↑	↑	↓	↓	↓
South Palm Beach					↓	↓	↑
Tequesta			↓	↓	↑	↑	↓
Wellington	↑		↑	↓	↑	↓	↑
West Palm Beach	↓	↑	↑	↓	↑	↑	↓

# Index Offense Rate Change 2007 to 2016

<b>Murder</b> ↓  2007-7.41 2016-5.46 -26.34%	<b>Forcible Sex Offenses</b> ↑  2007-35.28 2016-36.72 4.0%	<b>Robbery</b> ↓  2007-243.39 2016-125.96 -48.246%	<b>Aggravated Assault</b> ↓  2007-423 2016-301.42 -28.74%
<b>Burglary</b> ↓  2007-1055.26 2016-558.29 -47.092%	<b>Larceny</b> ↓  2007-2828.88 2016-2222.11 -21.442%	<b>Vehicle Theft</b> ↓  2007-426.93 2016-243 -43.08%	<b>Total Crime Index</b> ↓  2007-5020 2016-3493 -30.42%

Note: Beginning in 2013, Forcible Sodomy is reported as Forcible Rape in Florida's UCR.

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# Glossary of Terms

**Offenses:** Crimes (attempted or committed) reported to law enforcement agencies. Collected for Part I crimes only.

**Index Crime:** Seven major crime classifications of the most serious offenses selected to serve as a gauge in measuring fluctuations in the overall volume and rate of crime. Further categorized as Index Violent Crimes and Index Non-Violent Crimes.

**Index Violent Crimes:** Crimes against persons including murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

**Index Non-Violent/Property Crimes:** Crimes against property including burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft.

**Index Rate:** Total index crimes per 100,000 population.

**Arrests:** Arrests of persons made by law enforcement agencies, including notice to appear. Collected for Part I and Part II crimes.

**Arrest Rate:** Total number of arrests per 100,000 population.

**Part I Crimes:** Major crime classifications including murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft.

**Part II Crimes:** Crime classifications not already designated in Part I crimes including manslaughter, kidnapping/ abduction, arson, simple assault, drug arrest, bribery, embezzlement, fraud, counterfeit/forgery, extortion/ blackmail, intimidation, prostitution, non-forcible sex, stolen property, dui, destruction/vandalism, gambling, weapons violations, liquor law violations, and miscellaneous (combined category for prostitution & commercial vice, offenses against family & child, vagrancy, suspicion, curfew & loitering, and runaway).

**Defendants Filed:** Number of defendants against whom a sworn complaint, notice to appear, information, or indictment is filed before the circuit and county courts.

**Defendants Disposed:** Number defendants for whom a final judicial decision is rendered terminating a criminal proceeding by an acquittal, a dismissal, or a judgment stating the specific sentence (in the case of a conviction).

**Average Daily Population:** Annual ADP is obtained by adding the average monthly ADPs for the current year, divided by 12 months. Monthly ADP is calculated by adding the total daily population for the month, divided by the total number days in the current month.

**Incarceration Rate:** Incarceration Rate per thousand population is calculated by dividing the annual ADP by the county population for current year, multiplied by 1,000.

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