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# An Examination of Crime in Mesa County, Colorado

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## **Introduction and Key Findings**

Since 2019, crime in Colorado has skyrocketed to become a major issue for policy makers across the state. Ahead of local municipal elections, CSI is highlighting important issues, including crime, that voters care about at the local level. This report analyzes the current state of Mesa County through the lens of crime and crime rates. Common Sense Institute (CSI) focused data from Colorado Crime Statistics and the Mesa County Police Department.

One of the goals of the Common Sense Institute is to offset fear with facts. Media reports and anecdotal observations might not present the full picture. Data of actual crime events, especially when compared to the experiences of other jurisdictions and the entire state, can clarify the reality of a given community. Statewide crime statistics combine both urban and rural areas, and therefore vary from individual cities. The news about Mesa County shows a more optimistic picture than other cities as the crime rate has been declining. Within Mesa County, the majority of crime occurs in Grand Junction, though the share of crime in unincorporated areas is growing and the crime rate in these areas is rising slightly. These trends can be impacted by policy makers and other leaders who study the data collected and analyzed in this report.

The number of incidents of crime in Mesa County, represented by the red line in **Figure 1**, has averaged 8,506 since 2010 and fluctuated between 7,783 and 9,282. The volatility in total crime incidents was driven by changes in property crimes, including vandalism, burglary, shoplifting,

Incidents of Crime - Mesa County vs. Colorado

theft from motor vehicles, narcotic and drug violations, and theft of motor vehicles. The change in the annual number of incidents of crime in Mesa County contrasts with a steady increase in the incidents of crime at the state level.

#### FIGURE 1 - NUMBER OF CRIME INCIDENTS IN MESA COUNTY AND COLORADO

#### ■ Total Incidents - Mesa County, R-Axis ■ Total Incidents - Colorado, L-Axis 360,000 9,000 340,000 Number of Crime Incidents Mesa County Number of Crime Incidents Colorado 320,000 8,000 300,000 7,500 280,000 7,000 260,000 6,500 240,000 6,000 220,000 5,500

2013 2014 2015

2016

2017

Source: Colorado Crime Statistics

200.000

5,000

## **Report Key Findings**

#### Crime in Mesa County has risen slightly since 2010:

- From 2008 to 2020 the crime rate in Mesa County was higher than in Colorado. But in 2021, Colorado's crime rate exceeded Mesa County's.
- Mesa County's average monthly crime rate in 2022 was 5.252, lower than Colorado's 5.622. It has risen 3.3% since 2010 while Colorado's crime rate has increased by 30.1%.
- The 3.3% increase in the crime rate was primarily driven by a 54.6% increase in crimes against persons.
- The crime rate for crimes against property fell by 12.5%.
- The crime rate for crimes against society increased by 25.1%.
- The rate of auto theft, 0.193 per 1,000, is less than 1/3 of the state auto theft rate, 0.664 per 1,000.

#### Grand Junction is the primary source of crime:

- In 2022, crime in Mesa County is primarily driven by crime in Grand Junction with 60% of the incidents and 42.5% of the population, 34% of incidents occurred in unincorporated areas where there is 47.1% of the population. Fruita's share is 4.7% and Palisade accounts for 1.2% of all crime incidents, see table below.
- Incidents of crime in Fruita fell by 3.6% from 2018 to 2022.
- Incidents of crime in Palisade were flat over the period 2018 to 2022.
- Incidents in unincorporated areas have risen slightly, 0.5% from 2018 to 2022.

# Share of Crime Incidents, Share of Population, and Ratio of Share of Incidents to Share of Population in Mesa County by Jurisdiction

	Share of Mesa County Incidents	Share of Mesa County Population	Ratio of Share of Incidents to Share of Population
Grand Junction	60.0%	42.5%	1.41
Fruita	4.7%	8.6%	0.55
Palisade	1.2%	1.7%	0.70
Unincorporated Mesa County	34.0%	47.1%	0.72

### Arrests in Mesa County have Increased since 2010.

- Arrests in Mesa County have increased by 3.2% since 2010 and are driven primarily by arrests in unincorporated areas by the Mesa County Sheriff's Office.
- The arrest rate in Mesa County 2022 (arrestees/incidents) is flat relative to 2010 at 86.3%. The change in the arrest rate over the same period declined 0.2% in Grand Junction, increased 31.3% in Fruita, 41.8% in Palisade, and 36.5% in unincorporated areas.
- Spending per person on law enforcement in Mesa County has increased as the population has grown as can be seen in the following table.

Change in Population and Spending per Person on Law Enforcement						
	Change in Population since 2018	Change in Spending per Persons since 2018				
Grand Junction (Police Dept.)	4.8%	22.4%				
Fruita (Police Dept.)	-1.5%	8.6%				
Palisade (Police Dept.)	2.7%	1.7%				
Mesa County (Sheriff's Dept)*	3.0%	11.5				

<sup>\*</sup>This estimate is from 2019 to 2022, based on data availability

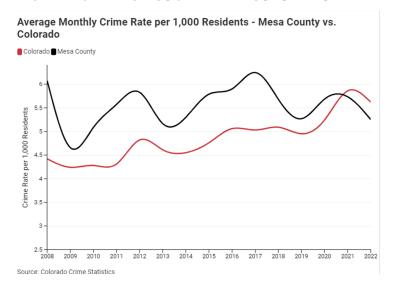
## From 2014 to 2022 average annual spending increased in each law enforcement jurisdiction as follows:

- Grand Junction spending growth exceeded population growth by 4.7 to 1.
- Fruita spending growth exceeded population growth by approximately 10 to 1.
- Palisade spending growth was below population growth by 37%.
- Mesa County spending by the Mesa County Sheriff's Department outpaced population growth in unincorporated Mesa County by a ratio of 3.8 to 1.

## **Crime Rates in Mesa County**

The data in this section comes from Colorado Crime Statistics. Figure 2 shows the evolution of the average monthly crime rates in Mesa County and Colorado since 2010. The average monthly crime rate per 1,000 residents in Mesa County has risen by 3.3% from 5.09 per 1,000 residents in 2010 to 5.25 in 2022. As of 2022. Mesa County's crime rate (5.252) is 6.6% lower than Colorado's (5.62). In 2010, Mesa County's crime rate, 5.085 was 18.8% higher than for Colorado, 4.282. Since 2010, Mesa County's crime rate was generally above Colorado until 2021, with large fluctuations in some years.

# FIGURE 2 – AVERAGE MONTHLY CRIME RATE PER 1,000 RESIDENTS IN MESA COUNTY AND COLORADO



#### FIGURE 3 – AVERAGE MONTHLY RATES OF CRIME AGAINST PERSONS PER 1,000 RESIDENTS IN MESA COUNTY AND COLORADO

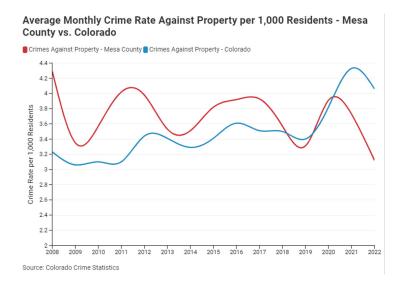
Average Monthly Crime Rate Against Person per 1,000 Residents - Mesa County vs. Colorado



**Figure 3** shows the average monthly rates of crime against persons per 1,000 residents in Mesa County and Colorado. From 2010 to 2022, Mesa County's rate of crime against persons rose by 54.6% from 0.79 to 1.22 while Colorado's rose by 49% from 0.69 to 1.03. Crimes against persons are a primary driver for the overall increase in the crime rate. Aggravated and simple assault saw increases of 27.7% and 61.9% respectively and robbery increased 66.7%. Table A1 in the appendices provides details on all crimes against persons.

Figure 4 shows the average monthly rate of crime against property per 1,000 residents in Mesa County and Colorado. From 2010 to 2022, Mesa County's rate declined by 12.5% from 3.57 to 3.12 while Colorado's rose by 30% from 3.1 to 4.06. The majority of the difference between Mesa County and Colorado is because auto theft rates and thefts related to automobiles are much higher along the Front Range than in Mesa County. In 2022, the auto theft rate in Mesa County was 0.193 per 1,000 residents, an increase of 81.3% since 2010, whereas in Denver it was 1.72 per 1,000 residents, an increase of 276% since 2010. Table **A1** in the appendices provides details on all crimes against property.

#### FIGURE 4 – AVERAGE MONTHLY RATES OF CRIME AGAINST PROPERTY PER 1,000 RESIDENTS IN MESA COUNTY AND COLORADO



# FIGURE 5 – AVERAGE MONTHLY RATES OF CRIME AGAINST SOCIETY PER 1,000 RESIDENTS IN MESA COUNTY AND COLORADO

Average Monthly Crime Rate Against Society per 1,000 Residents - Mesa County vs. Colorado

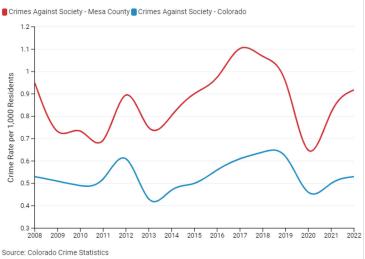


Figure 5 shows the average monthly rate of crime against society per 1,000 residents in Mesa County and Colorado. From 2010 to 2022, Mesa County's rate increased by 25.1% from 0.73 to 0.92 while Colorado's rose by 7.1% from 0.49 to 0.53. Crimes against society include drug/narcotic violations, gambling and betting violations, pornography, prostitution, and weapons violations.

Table A1 in the appendix provides specific statistics for all categories of crimes against society.

Crimes against society include all crimes that are not crimes against persons or property. These include drug and narcotic violations, illegal betting and wagering, illegal gambling operations, illegal pornography, prostitution, and weapons violations.

**Table 1** shows average monthly crime rates by major crime category in 2014, 2018, and 2022, as well as their changes from 2014 to 2018 and from 2018 to 2022. The overall crime rate in Mesa County increased by 7.2% from 2014 to 2018 and decreased by 7.6% from 2018 to 2022. Crime against persons rose by 16.5% from 2018 to 2022, triple the increase between 2014 and 2018 (5.3%). Crime against property increased by 1.9% from 2014 to 2018 and then declined by 12.7% from 2018 to 2022. Crime against society decreased by 14.0% from 2018 to 2022 after increasing by 33.0% from 2014 to 2018.

Some of the larger increases occurred in robbery, which increased by 66.7% from 2018 to 2022 after a 52.6% decline between 2014 and 2018, intimidation, which rose by 63.0% from 2018 to 2022 after an 89.5% increase between 2014 and 2018, aggravated assault, which increased by 14.7% from 2018 to 2022 following a 6.1% decrease between 2014 and 2018, and auto theft increased by 22.8% from 2018 to 2022 concurrent with a statewide increase. A more comprehensive version of **Table 1** showing all categories of crime is provided in **Table A1** in the appendix.

Table 1 – Mesa County and Colorado Average Monthly Crime Rate per 1,000 Residents							
Average Monthly Crime Ra by Category of Crime	te	2014	2018	2022	2014-2018	2018-2022	
Crime Rate	Colorado	4.55	5.09	5.57	11.8%	10.5%	
	Mesa County	5.30	5.68	5.25	7.2%	-7.6%	
Crimes Against Person	Colorado	0.797	0.953	1.031	19.7%	8.1%	
	Mesa County	0.991	1.043	1.215	5.3%	16.5%	
Crimes Against Property	Colorado	3.285	3.498	4.059	6.5%	16.0%	
ermies Agamse i Toperty	Mesa County	3.51	3.57	3.12	1.9%	-12.7%	
Crimes Against Society	Colorado	0.468	0.636	0.532	35.8%	-16.4%	
Crimes Agamst Society	Mesa County	0.803	1.068	0.918	33.0%	-14.0%	
Sexual Assault	Colorado	0.088	0.109	0.090	24.8%	-17.6%	
Sexual Assault	Mesa County	0.103	0.106	0.098	2.4%	-7.1%	
Dahhami	Colorado	0.047	0.056	0.063	19.6%	11.9%	
Robbery	Mesa County	0.032	0.015	0.025	-52.6%	66.7%	
Assumption of Associate	Colorado	0.158	0.213	0.293	34.9%	38.0%	
Aggravated Assault	Mesa County	0.193	0.181	0.208	-6.1%	14.7%	
Weenene Lew Violetien	Colorado	0.065	0.087	0.116	33.3%	33.7%	
Weapons Law Violation	Mesa County	0.088	0.092	0.099	4.8%	8.2%	
D	Colorado	0.355	0.314	0.319	-11.5%	1.6%	
Burglary	Mesa County	0.310	0.310	0.267	0.0%	-14.0%	
Th - 6. C	Colorado	0.338	0.427	0.465	26.4%	9.0%	
Theft from Motor Vehicles	Mesa County	0.353	0.446	0.293	26.5%	-34.4%	
	Colorado	0.061	0.082	0.093	34.2%	13.3%	
Intimidation	Mesa County	0.048	0.090	0.147	89.5%	63.0%	
	Colorado	0.200	0.330	0.664	65.0%	101.3%	
Auto Theft	Mesa County	0.127	0.158	0.193	24.3%	22.8%	

Source: Colorado Crime Statistics

## **Crime Rates in Mesa County by Jurisdiction**

**Figure 6** shows the average monthly crime rates per 1,000 residents in Mesa County and all jurisdictions within Mesa County. Crimes rates in Mesa County closely track those of Colorado. However, within the county, Grand Junction crime rates are higher than the county and Colorado and are the primary driver of crimes rate in the County.

From 2014 to 2018, Mesa County experienced a 7.2% increase in the crime rate. The crime rate in Grand Junction increased 6.8%, in Fruita it increased 70.9%, Palisade's crime increased 81.2%, and in unincorporated area it increased 25.4%.

From 2018 to 2022, crime rates went down in all jurisdictions in Mesa County. The crime rate in Mesa County decreased 7.6%, in Grand Junction it 10.3%, in Fruita it fell 56%, Palisade experienced a 77.8% decline, and in unincorporated Mesa County (Mesa County Sheriff) it fell 6.1%

FIGURE 6 - AVERAGE MONTHLY CRIME RATES PER
1,000 RESIDENTS - MESA COUNTY AND OTHER MESA
COUNTY JURISDICTIONS

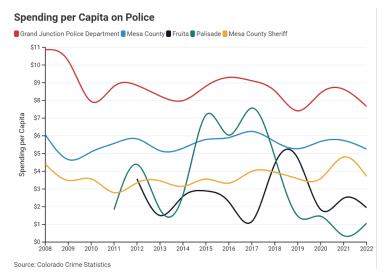
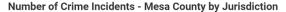


Table 2 – Average Monthly Crime Rate per 1,000 Residents by Jurisdiction							
City/Jurisdiction	2014	2018	2022	Change 2014-2018	Change 2018-2022		
Mesa County	5.30	5.68	5.25	7.2%	-7.6%		
Grand Junction Police Department	7.99	8.54	7.66	6.8%	-10.3%		
Fruita	2.58	4.41	1.94	70.9%	-56.0%		
Palisade	2.66	4.82	1.07	81.2%	-77.8%		
Mesa County Sheriff's Office	3.15	3.95	3.71	25.4%	-6.1%		

# **Number of Crime Incidents in Mesa County by Jurisdiction**

As shown in **Figure 7,** the majority of crime incidents occur in Grand Junction followed by unincorporated Mesa County.

# FIGURE 7 - NUMBER OF CRIME INCIDENTS - MESA COUNTY BY JURISDICTION



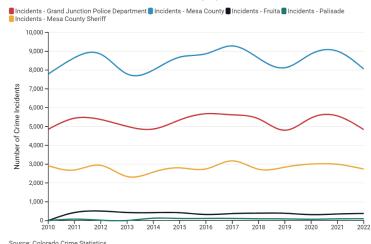


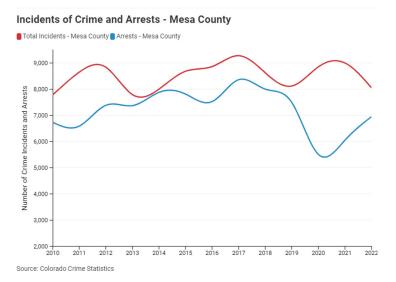
Table 3 – Number of Crime Incidents by Jurisdiction						
City/Jurisdiction	2014	2018	2022	Change 2014-2018	Change 2018-2022	
Mesa County	8,002	8,629	8,054	7.8%	-6.7%	
Grand Junction Police Department	4,865	5,409	4,835	11.2%	-10.6%	
Fruita	424	394	380	-7.1%%	-3.6%	
Palisade	126	98	98	-22.2%	-0.0%	
Mesa County Sheriff's Office	2,578	2,728	2,741	5.8%	0.5%	

Table 4 – Share of Total Number of Crime Incidents by Jurisdiction							
City/Jurisdiction	2014	2018	2022	Change 2014-2018	Change 2018-2022		
Grand Junction Police Department	60.8%	62.7%	60.0%	3.1%	-4.2%		
Fruita	5.3%	4.6%	4.7%	-13.8%	3.3%		
Palisade	1.6%	1.1%	1.2%	-27.9%	7.1%		
Mesa County Sheriff's Office	32.2%	31.6%	34.0%	-1.9%	7.6%		

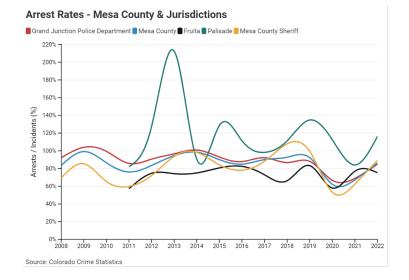
## **Arrests in Mesa County**

**Figure 8** shows the number of arrests and the number of incidents of crime in Mesa County. Over a period when the number of incidents of crime had been flat since 2010, the number of arrests in Mesa County rose from 2010 through 2017, before dropping 34.1% from 2017 to 2020. Following 2020, the number of arrests has increased by 26.2% but have not fully returned to pre-pandemic levels.

# FIGURE 8 - NUMBER OF ARRESTS VS. TOTAL INCIDENTS OF CRIME - MESA COUNTY



# FIGURE 9 – ARREST RATES BY JURISDICTION IN MESA COUNTY



**Figure 9** shows the arrest rates (arrests/incidents) by each law enforcement jurisdiction. Arrests rates tend to fluctuate from year to year for each jurisdiction though they are fairly stable for the entire period 2008 to 2022. Arrest rates plummeted in 2020 as result of the pandemic and have all rebounded towards long run averages.

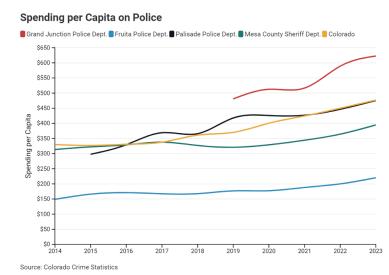
**Table 5** shows the arrest rates and changes in arrest rates, calculated as arrests/incidents, for all jurisdictions in Mesa County. The arrest rate for Mesa County is relatively unchanged over the period 2010 to 2022, while arrests rates in Grand Junction have decreased by 14.6% from 2010 to 2022. Over the same time period the arrest rate by the Mesa County Sheriff's Office has increased by 36.5% at a time when incidents in unincorporated areas fell by 6.1%. Arrest rates in Fruita and Palisade have increased 31.3% and 41.8% respectively, but they are both a very small share of the total incidents in the county.

Table 5 - Arrests Rates by Jurisdiction in Mesa County							
	2014	2018	2022	Change 2014-2018	Change 2018-2022	Change 2010-2022	
Mesa County	100.9%	86.7%	84.9%	-14.1%	-2.0%	-14.6%	
Grand Junction Police Department	98.5%	92.7%	86.3%	-5.9%	-6.9%	-0.2%	
Fruita	75.0%	66.2%	75.3%	-11.7%	13.6%	31.3%	
Palisade	90.5%	111.2%	116.3%	22.9%	4.6%	41.8%	
Mesa County Sheriff's Office	98.3%	107.9%	89.2%	9.7%	-17.4%	36.5%	

## **Per Capita Spending on Police**

Figure 10 shows estimated spending on policing per person per year by each of the law enforcement agencies in Mesa County and spending per person on law enforcement and in Colorado overall. Spending was pulled from annual reports for cities and the county and included personnel wages, benefits, purchased professional services and operating expenses. Spending per person by all law enforcement agencies has been increasing. From 2018 to 2022, spending per person by the Mesa County Sheriff's Office increased 11.4%, Fruita's increased 19.3%, Palisade's increased 22%. CSI was unable to acquire data in Grand Junction prior to 2019, so from 2019 to 2022, spending per person by the Grand Junction Police Department increased 22.5%.

# FIGURE 10 - PER CAPITA SPENDING ON POLICE IN MESA COUNTY JURISDICTIONS





The information in this report is intended to help voters and elected officials better understand the key areas of concern, so as to better focus policy and resource discussions. The crime rate in Mesa County has generally been higher than in Colorado until 2021. However, in contrast to Colorado, the crime rate in Mesa County, though very volatile from year to year, has declined slightly in the past 12 years, while Colorado's has increased dramatically. Grand Junction is the primary driver of crime though crime in unincorporated areas is increasing as well. Two concerning trends are the 11.3% increase in the violent crime rate and a 25.2% increase in the rate for crimes against society.

# **Appendix**

Category of Crime	2014	2018	2022	Change 2014-2018	Change 2018-2022
Crimes against Person	0.99	1.04	1.22	5.3%	16.5%
Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.0%	0.0%
Negligent Manslaughter	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.0%	0.0%
Justifiable Homicide					
Kidnapping/Abduction	0.05	0.06	0.04	21.8%	-22.4%
Rape	0.05	0.04	0.04	-13.1%	-17.0%
Sodomy	0.01	0.01	0.01	-20.0%	0.0%
Sexual Assault with an Object	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.0%	100.0%
Fondling	0.04	0.06	0.05	30.8%	-16.2%
Incest	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.0%	0.0%
Statutory Rape	0.01	0.01	0.01	25.0%	-20.0%
Aggravated Assault	0.19	0.18	0.21	-6.1%	14.7%
Simple Assault	0.59	0.60	0.72	1.4%	18.8%
Intimidation	0.048	0.090	0.147	89.5%	63.0%
Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts			0.01		
Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude					
Crimes against Property	3.51	3.57	3.12	1.9%	-12.7%
Arson	0.03	0.03	0.02	3.3%	-22.6%
Bribery	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.0%	0.0%
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	0.310	0.310	0.267	0.0%	-14.0%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	0.08	0.09	0.07	17.4%	-19.4%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	0.87	0.85	0.86	-2.8%	2.2%
Embezzlement	0.01				
Extortion/Blackmail	0.01	0.01	0.02	30.0%	15.4%
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	0.03	0.04	0.07	19.5%	59.2%
Credit Card/Automated Teller Machine Fraud	0.04	0.05	0.02	43.2%	-60.3%
Impersonation	0.19	0.23	0.16	21.2%	-29.2%
Welfare Fraud			0.01		
Wire Fraud	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.0%	40.0%
Identity Theft		0.01	0.01		0.0%
Hacking/Computer Invasion		0.01	0.01		0.0%
Robbery	0.03	0.02	0.03	-52.6%	66.7%
Pocket-picking	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.0%	0.0%
Purse-snatching	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.0%	0.0%
Shoplifting	0.46	0.39	0.27	-14.7%	-30.4%
Theft from Building	0.26	0.20	0.22	-23.5%	11.1%
Theft from Coin Operated Machine or Device		0.01	0.01		

Table A1 -	Crime Ra	tes in Mes	a County		
Category of Crime	2014	2018	2022	Change 2014-2018	Change 2018-2022
Theft from Motor Vehicle	0.353	0.446	0.293	26.5%	-34.4%
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories	0.09	0.08	0.09	-10.4%	12.6%
All Other Larceny	0.62	0.65	0.51	4.3%	-20.8%
Motor Vehicle Theft	0.127	0.158	0.193	24.3%	22.8%
Stolen Property Offenses	0.02	0.03	0.02	63.6%	-17.5%
Crimes against Society	0.80	1.07	0.92	33.0%	-14.0%
Drug/Narcotic Violations	0.39	0.56	0.42	44.8%	-25.4%
Drug Equipment Violations	0.31	0.41	0.38	32.0%	-7.3%
Betting/Wagering	0.01				
Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling	0.01				
Gambling Equipment Violations	0.01				
Sports Tampering					
Pornography/Obscene Material	0.01	0.01	0.01	-14.3%	33.3%
Prostitution	0.02	0.01	0.01	-37.5%	0.0%
Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.0%	200.0%
Purchasing Prostitution					
Weapon Law Violations	0.09	0.09	0.10	4.8%	8.2%
Animal Cruelty		0.01	0.02		80.0%
Violent Crime	0.33	0.30	0.33	-8.1%	8.5%
Murder	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.0%	0.0%
Aggravated Assault	0.19	0.18	0.21	-6.1%	14.7%
Non-consensual Sex Offenses	0.10	0.11	0.10	2.4%	-7.1%
Robbery	0.03	0.02	0.03	-52.6%	66.7%
Total	5.30	5.68	5.25	0.0%	0.0%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Colorado Crime Statistics (state.co.us)