

Annual Crime Report Summary

For 2015



"Building a Safer Gulfport Together"



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Executive Summary:

The Gulfport Police Communications center fielded **139,232** calls for service during 2015. This represents an **8%** increase in calls for service when compared to 2014 in which **129,363** calls for service to the public were recorded. An increase of **11%** in documented police reports was also noted in 2015 with **16,459** when compared to 2014 with **14,789**.

Violent Crimes, *defined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's as Murder, Forcible Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault*, as a whole have increased **10%** through 2015 when compared to 2014 and also increased **16%** compared to the previous five year average. More specifically, Homicides increased **14%** with eight (**8**) being reported in 2015 where seven (**7**) were reported during 2014. Homicides were also up **14%** percent when compared to the five year average. Aggravated assaults increased **66%** compared to 2014 and increased **45%** compared to the previous five-year average. Robberies are down **4%** in 2015 compared to the same time period of 2014 but have increased **2%** compared to the previous five-year average. Reported Forcible Rapes increased **5%** when compared to 2014 but remained the same when compared to the previous five year average.

Property crimes increased remained the same when compared to 2014 but decreased **1%** when compared to the previous five-year average. Auto Theft is showing a **19%** increase from 2014 and also increasing **18%** in comparison to the five year average. Larcenies remained the same but increased **7%** when compared to the five year average. However Burglaries are showing a **1%** decrease during 2015 and decreased 27% on comparison with the previous five-year average.

Crime	2015	2014		5-Yr Ave.	
	Total	Total	% of Δ	Total	% of Δ
Violent Crimes	198	180	10%	171	16%
Homicide	8	7	14%	7	14%
Forcible Rape	23	22	5%	23	0%
Robbery	86	90	-4%	84	2%
Aggravated Assault	81	61	33%	56	45%
Property Crimes	3654	3638	0%	3673	-1%
Burglary	614	622	-1%	836	-27%
Larceny	2870	2873	0%	2693	7%
Auto Theft	170	143	19%	144	18%
Total Group A Crimes	8537	7826	9%	7867	9%



Introduction

Data Source

On a national level, statistical information about crime is collected and reported in two ways. The first way is through the **Uniform Crime Reporting Program**. The UCR program is a nationwide, cooperative statistical effort of more than 17,000 city, university and college, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies voluntarily reporting data on crimes brought to their attention. Since 1930, the FBI has administered the UCR program and continued to assess and monitor the nature and type of crime in the nation. The program's primary objective is to generate reliable information for use in law enforcement administration, operation, and management; however, its data has over the years become one of the country's leading social indicators. Criminologists, sociologists, legislators, municipal planners, the media, and other students of criminal justice use the data for varied research and planning purposes.

*In 2010 the Gulfport Police Department became the first law enforcement agency in the state of Mississippi certified by the FBI to report crime statistics using the **National Incident Based Reporting System or NIBRS**. This allows for a more timely reporting method that is software driven and reported directly to the FBI. Based on this the Gulfport Police Department will be using NIBRS for all future crime reporting. The crime numbers represented in this report were verified by the FBI on **01/05/2016**. These are crimes reported in 2015 and, as investigations develop new information, are subject to change. *More information on NIBRS reporting can be found on the Gulfport Police Department website at www.gulfportpolice.net**

While we recognize that many crimes go unreported to law enforcement authorities, on a local level, we do not have the resources to collect that data. As a result, the information in this report is based solely on crimes that were reported to the NIBRS program.

Reports released by the Gulfport Police Department previously have been scored using the UCR program which is limited reporting information compared to NIBRS. For this report we will compare the two major crime categories of Violent Crimes and Property Crimes to previous periods. Murder, Forcible Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated assault will be considered as Violent crimes. The category of Property crimes will contain Burglary, Larceny, and Auto theft.

In this report the reader will find the use of Group A Crimes. These have been defined by the FBI as: *Arson, Assault offenses, Bribery, Burglary/breaking and entering, Counterfeiting/forgery, Destruction/damage/vandalism of property, Drug/narcotic offenses, Embezzlement, Extortion/blackmail, Fraud offenses, Gambling offenses, Homicide offenses, Kidnapping/abduction, Larceny/theft offenses, Motor vehicle theft, Pornography/obscene material, Prostitution offenses, Robbery, Sex offenses (forcible and non forcible), Stolen property offenses, and Weapon law violations.*

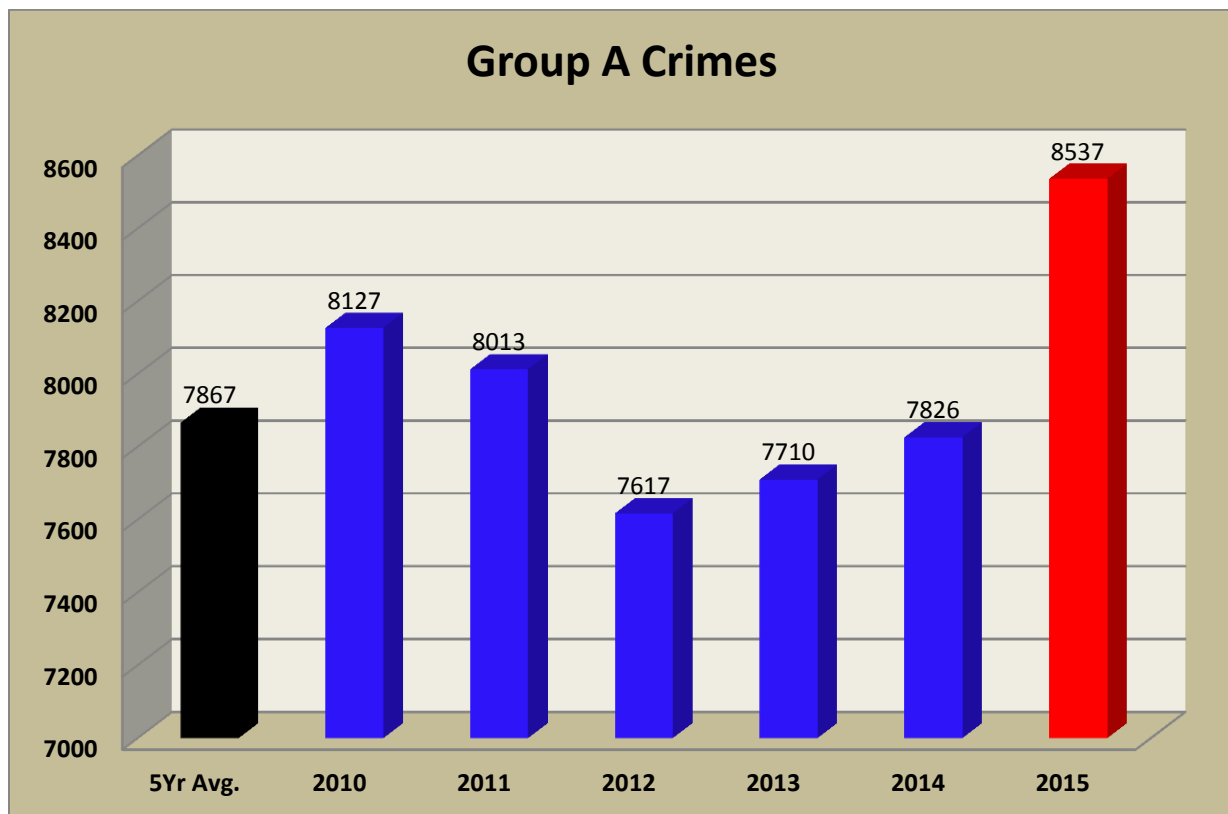


Group A Crimes:

For the calendar year of 2015, Group A crimes increased **9%** from 2014 and also **9%** when compared to the previous 5 year average.

Group A Crimes							
	5Yr Avg.	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total	7867	8127	8013	7617	7710	7826	8537
% of Δ			-1%	-5%	1%	2%	9%

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Factors Affecting Crime

It is generally assumed the reader of this report understands that many factors affect crime in a community. Some factors which are known to affect the volume and type of crime are:

1. Population density
2. Variations in composition of the population
3. Stability of population with respect to resident's mobility, commuting patterns, and transient factors.
4. Economic conditions, including median income, poverty level, and job availability.
5. Cultural factors and educational, recreational, and religious characteristics.
6. Family conditions with respect to divorce and family cohesiveness.
7. Effective strength of law enforcement agencies.
8. Policies of other components of the criminal justice system.
9. Citizens' attitudes toward crime
10. Crime reporting practices of the citizenry.

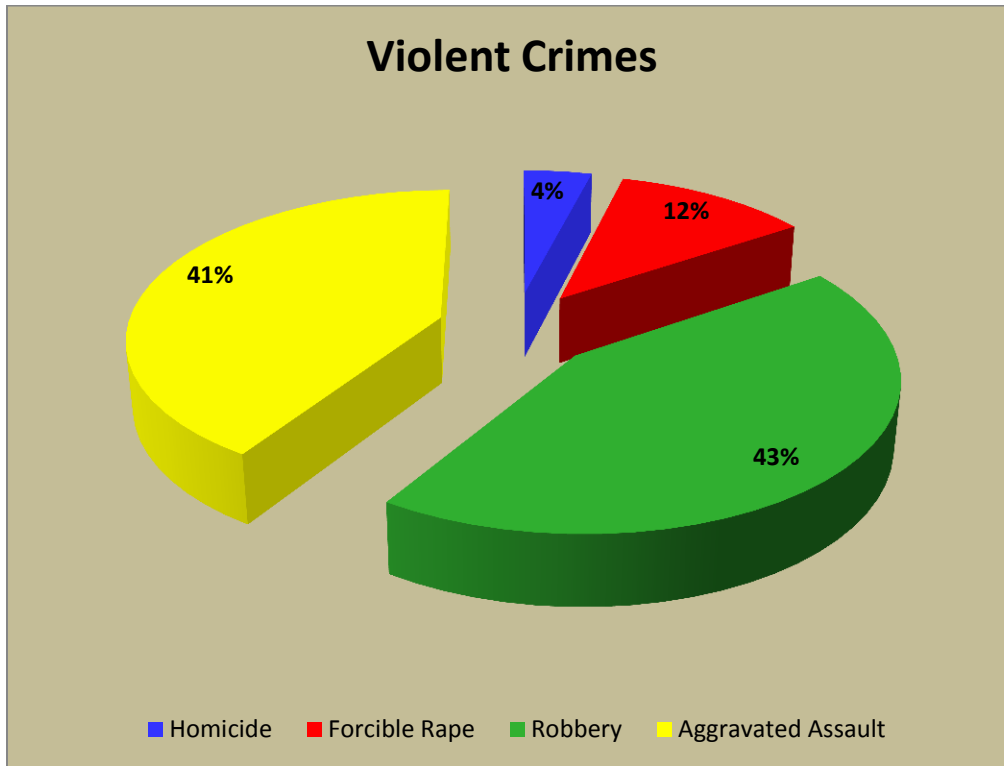
With regard to the effective strength of law enforcement, the reader should consider that an agency that significantly increases its enforcement efforts might see an increase in reported crime instead of a decrease.

As a result of the numerous factors that affect reported crime, this report will be limited to presenting only the numbers of specific crimes reported. We will not try to draw a correlation between the volume of crimes reported and any other social factor. Furthermore, the reader should use great caution against comparing crime trends presented in this report and those of other jurisdictions. Finally, the differences in methodology for gathering data make it unwise to compare the Uniform Crime Report to the National Crime Victimization Survey.

Intended Use

The purpose of this report is to present the reader with a larger picture of crime as it is reported within the city limits of Gulfport, MS. ***We will look specifically at public safety issues during calendar year 2015 and compare them to past periods.***

Violent Crimes:



Definitions

Violent crime is comprised of four offenses:

- 1.) Murder and non-negligent homicide
- 2.) Forcible rape
- 3.) Robbery
- 4.) Aggravated assault

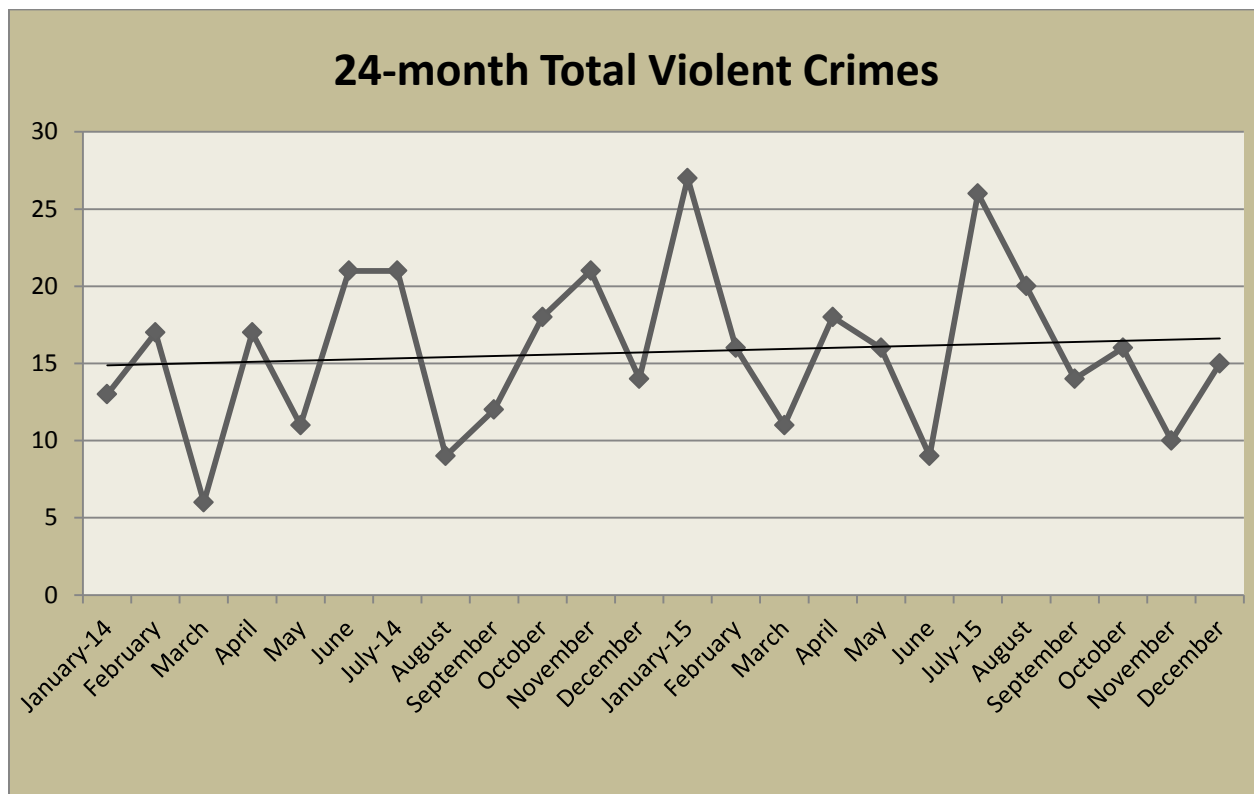


Violent Crimes: (Homicide, Forcible Rape, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault)

During 2015 violent crimes, as defined in this report, comprised only **2%** of all reported Group A crimes. When viewed together, violent crimes were up **10%** compared to 2014 and increased **16%** compared to the previous five-year average.

Violent Crimes							
	5Yr Avg.	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total	171	162	195	135	182	180	198
% of Δ			20%	-31%	35%	-1%	10%

The 24 month chart below shows a slight upward trend during the past 24 months in Violent Crimes overall in the City of Gulfport.

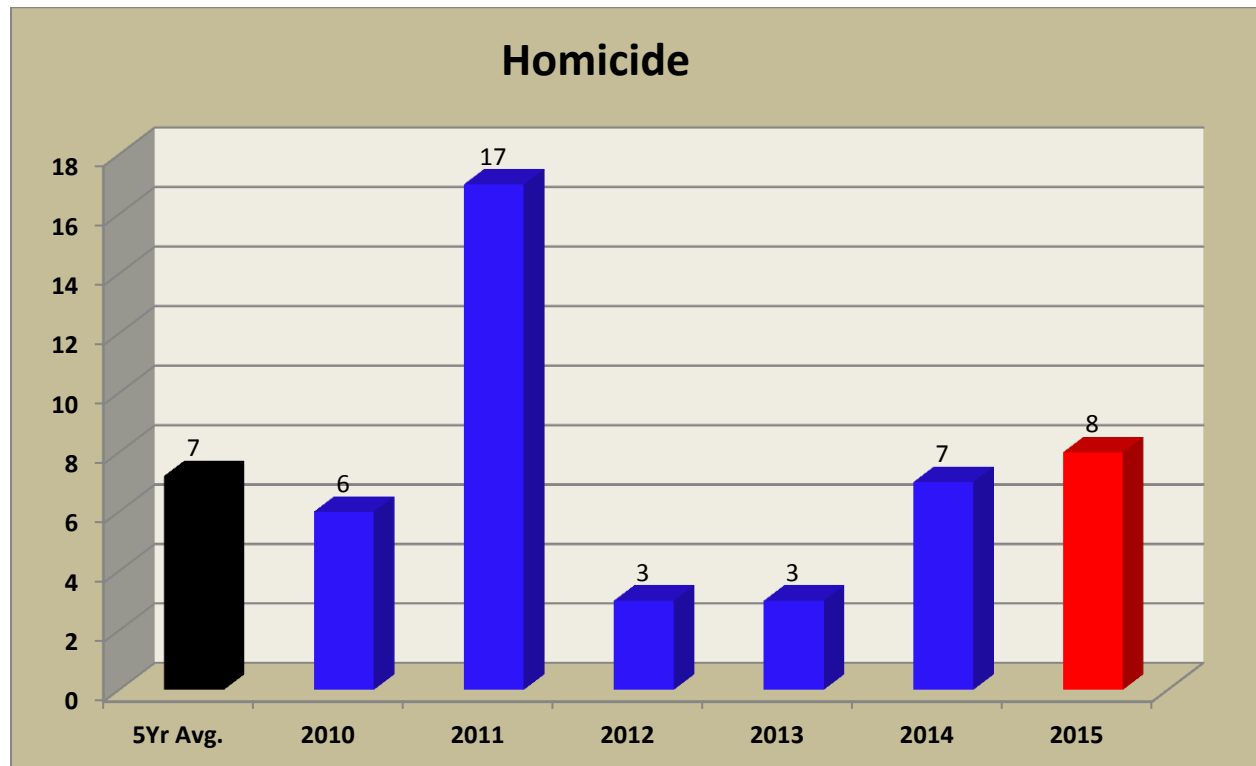




Homicide:

Homicides during 2015 increased **14%** with eight (8) reported compared to 2014 with seven (7) being reported. The five year average also showed a **14%** increase when compared to 2015.

Homicide							
	5Yr Avg.	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total	7	6	17	3	3	7	8
% of Δ			183%	-82%	0%	133%	14%

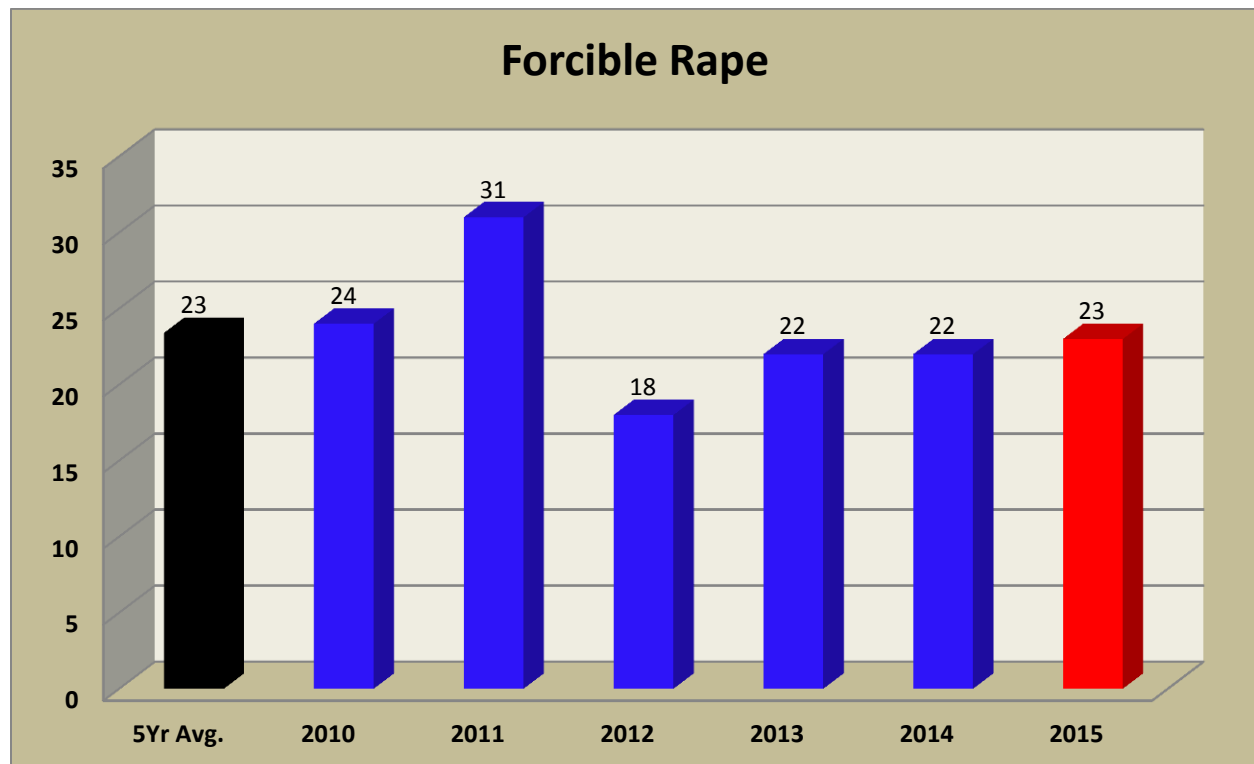




Forcible Rape:

Rapes reported in 2015 increased 5% when compared to 2014 but remained the same when compared to the five-year average.

Forcible Rape							
	5Yr Avg.	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total	23	24	31	18	22	22	23
% of Δ			29%	-42%	22%	0%	5%

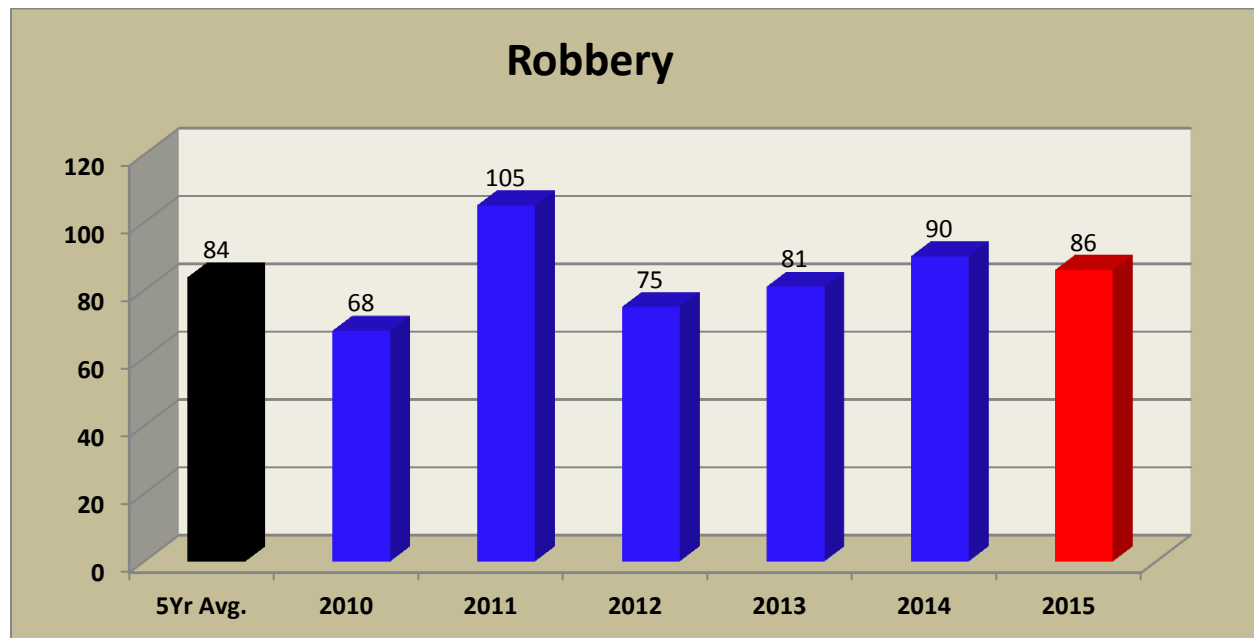




Robbery:

During this reporting period of 2015 Robbery decreased **4%** when compared to 2014 and increased **2%** when compared to the previous five year average.

Robbery							
	5Yr Avg.	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total	84	68	105	75	81	90	86
% of Δ			54%	-29%	8%	11%	-4%

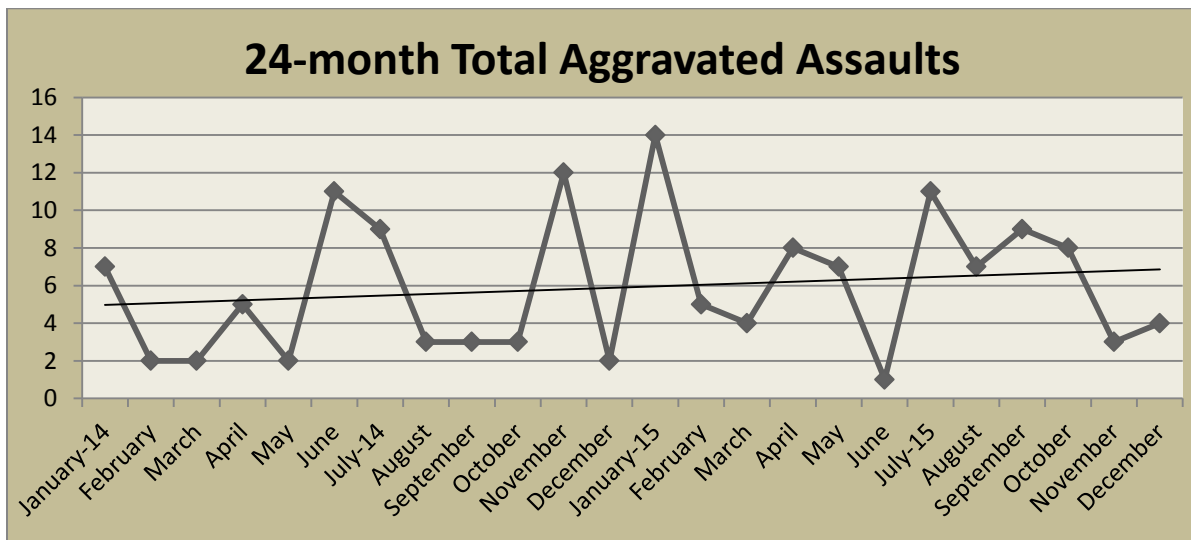
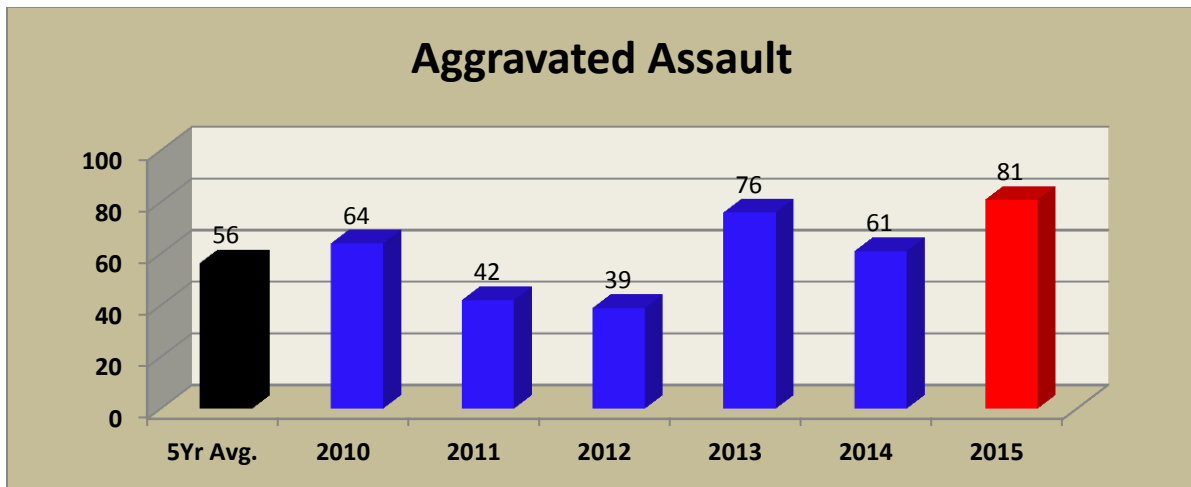




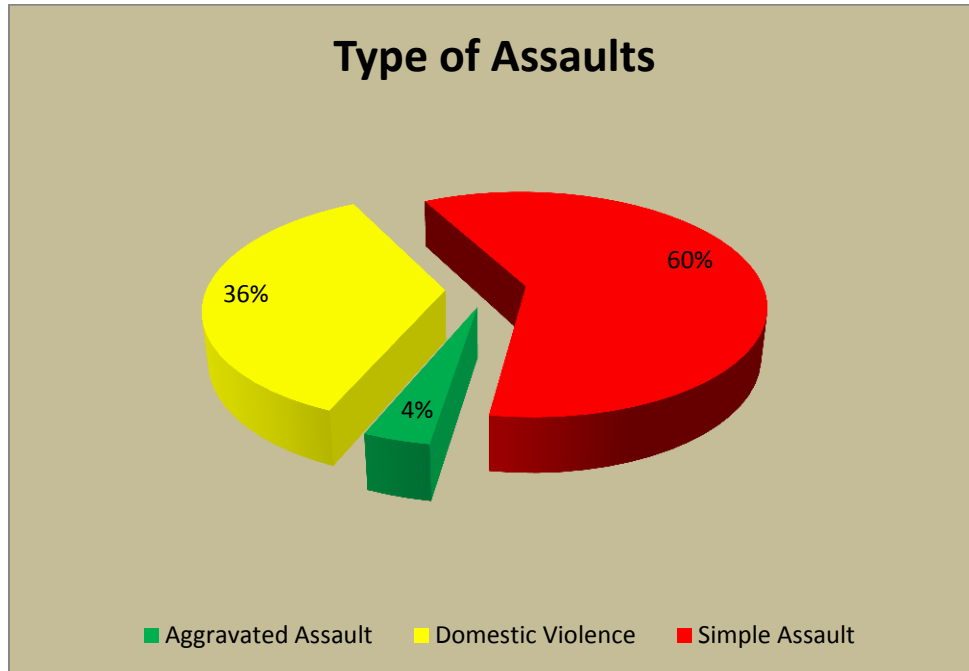
Aggravated Assaults:

Through 2015 Aggravated Assaults increased **33%** compared to 2014 and showed an increase of **45%** when compared to the previous five year average.

Aggravated Assault							
	5Yr Avg.	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total	56	64	42	39	76	61	81
% of Δ			-34%	-7%	95%	-20%	33%



Division of Assaults:



Definitions

Assaults in this section are comprised of three types:

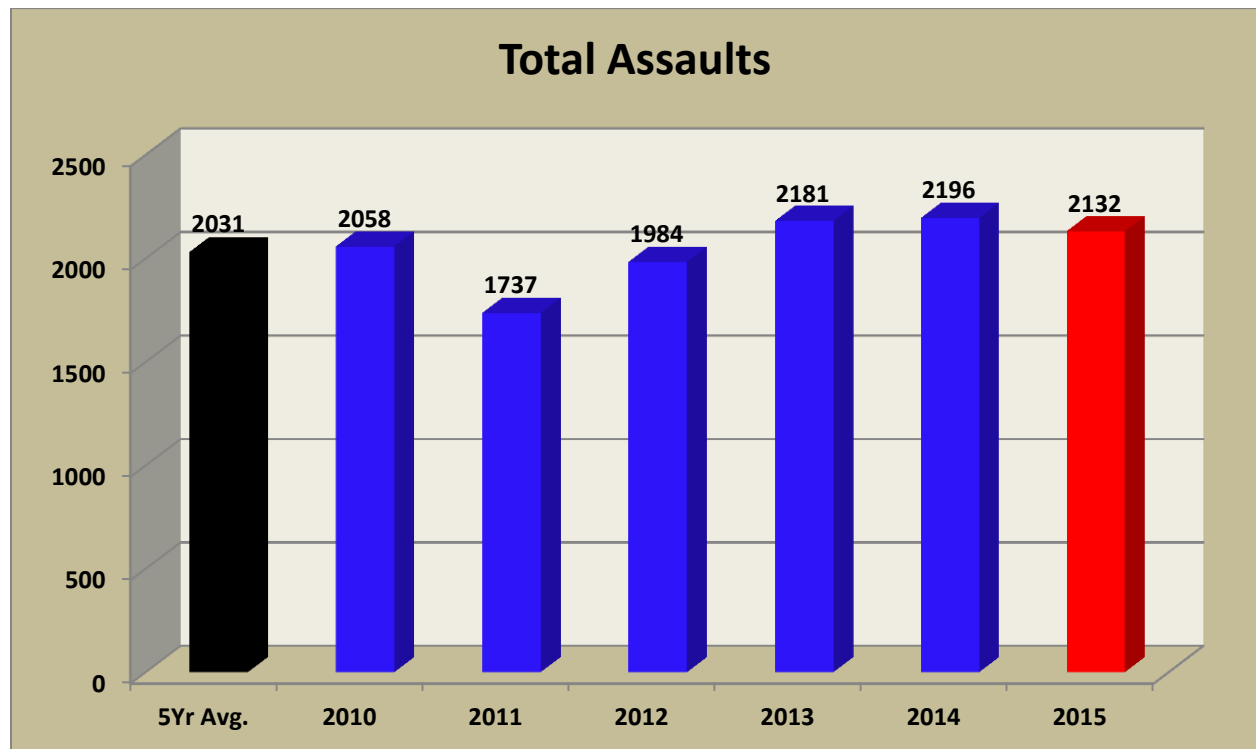
- 1.) Aggravated assault (*cumulative totals found in Violent Crimes*)
- 2.) Domestic Violence
- 3.) Simple Assault



Total Physical Assaults:

Total assaults and all other subdivisions of assaults were down **3%** in 2015 when compared to 2014 but were up **5%** when compared to the previous five-year average.

Total Physical Assaults							
	5Yr Avg.	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total	2031	2058	1737	1984	2181	2196	2132
% of Δ			-16%	14%	10%	1%	-3%

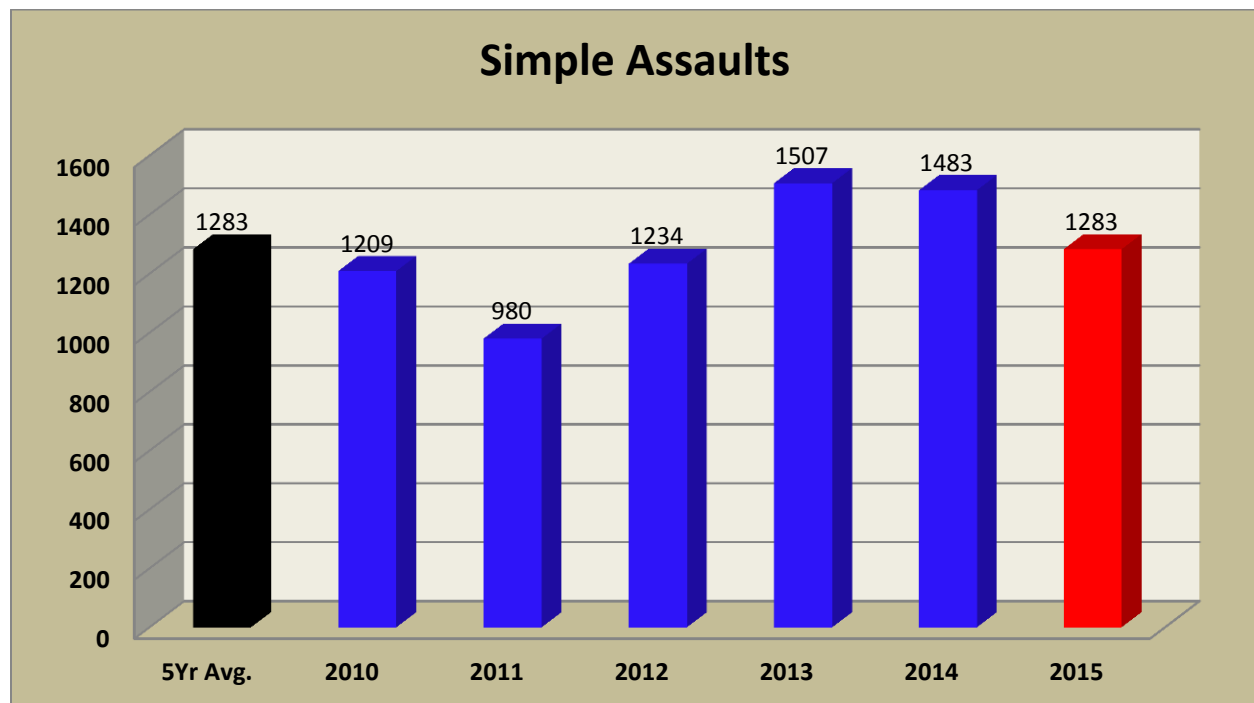




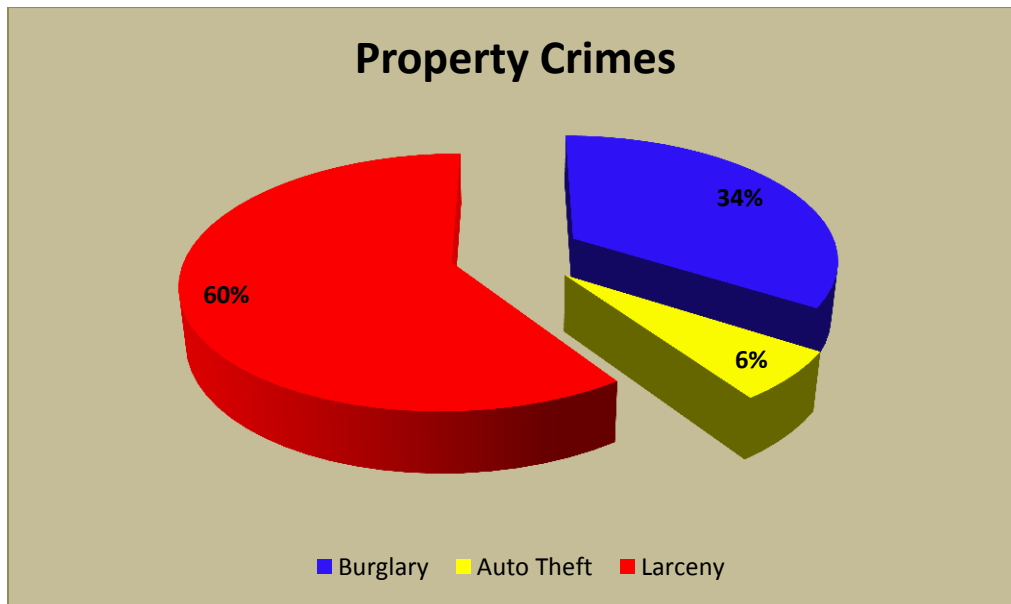
Simple Assaults:

Simple Assaults decreased **13%** in 2015 when compared to 2014 but remained the same when compared to the previous five-year average.

Simple Assault							
	5Yr Avg.	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total	1283	1209	980	1234	1507	1483	1283
% of Δ			-19%	26%	22%	-2%	-13%



Property Crimes:



Definition

Property crime includes the offenses of:

1. Burglary
2. Larceny-theft
3. Motor vehicle theft

The object of the theft-type offenses is the taking of money or property, but there is no force or threat of force against the victims. Although arson is a crime that involves the destruction of property, we will not include it in this section.



Total Property Crimes:

Property crimes as a whole remained the same by the end of 2015 when compared to 2014. A decrease of **1%** was noted when compared to the previous five year average.

Property Crimes							
	5Yr Avg.	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total	3673	3719	3692	3726	3588	3638	3654
% of Δ			-1%	1%	-4%	1%	0%

The trend line shows an upward trend of property crimes on the 24 month comparison.

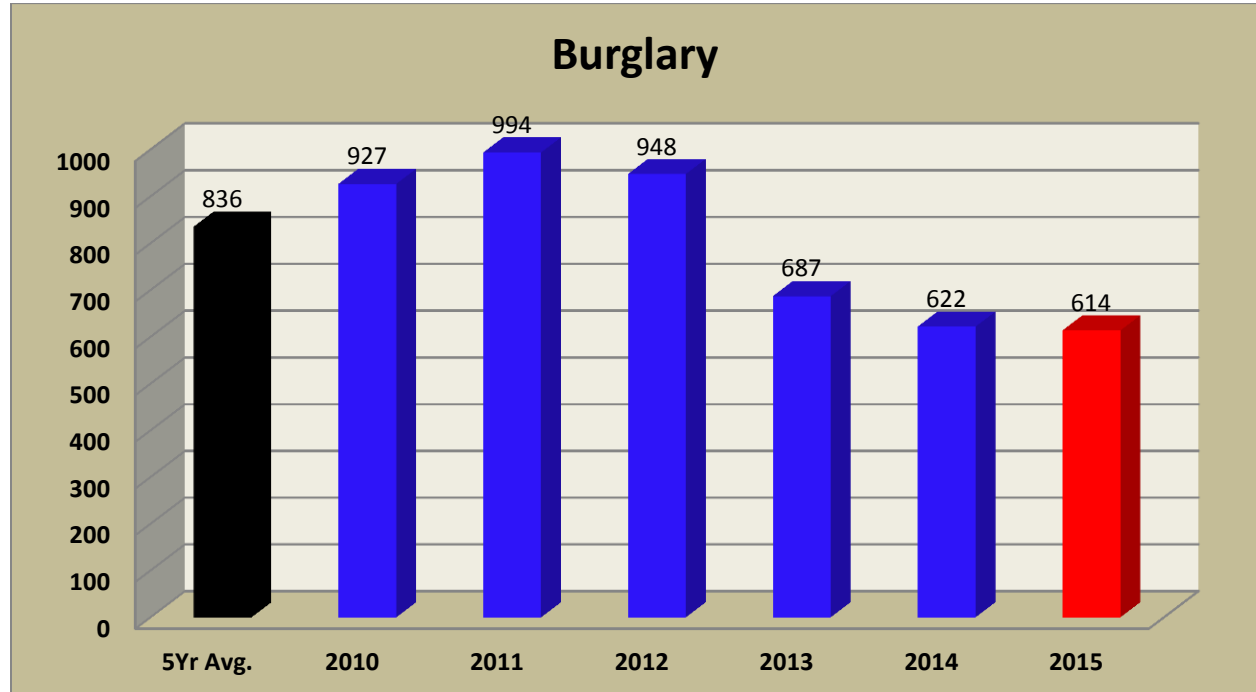




Burglary:

During 2015 Burglaries decreased **1%** compared to 2014 and have also decreased **27%** when compared to the previous five year average.

Burglary							
	5Yr Avg.	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total	836	927	994	948	687	622	614
% of Δ			7%	-5%	-28%	-9%	-1%

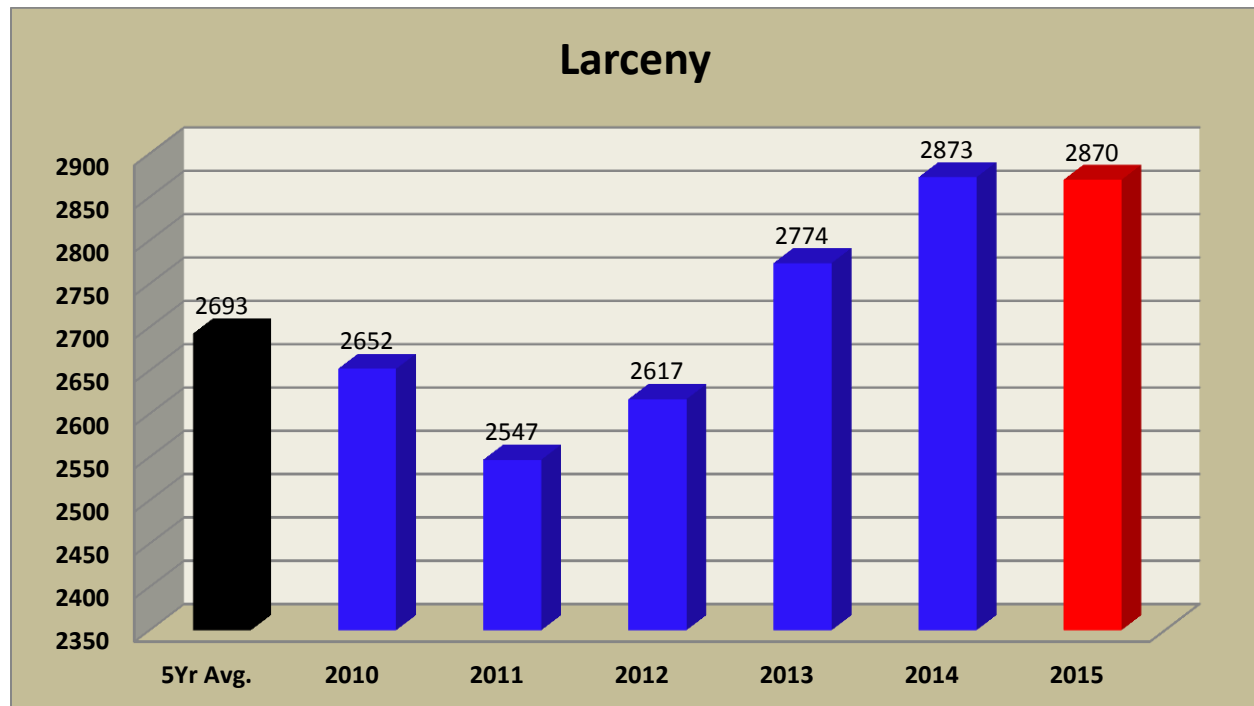




Larceny:

For 2015, Larcenies showed a less than **1%** increase when compared to 2014 but a **7%** increase when compared to the previous five year average.

Larceny							
	5Yr Avg.	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total	2693	2652	2547	2617	2774	2873	2870
% of Δ			-4%	3%	6%	4%	0%

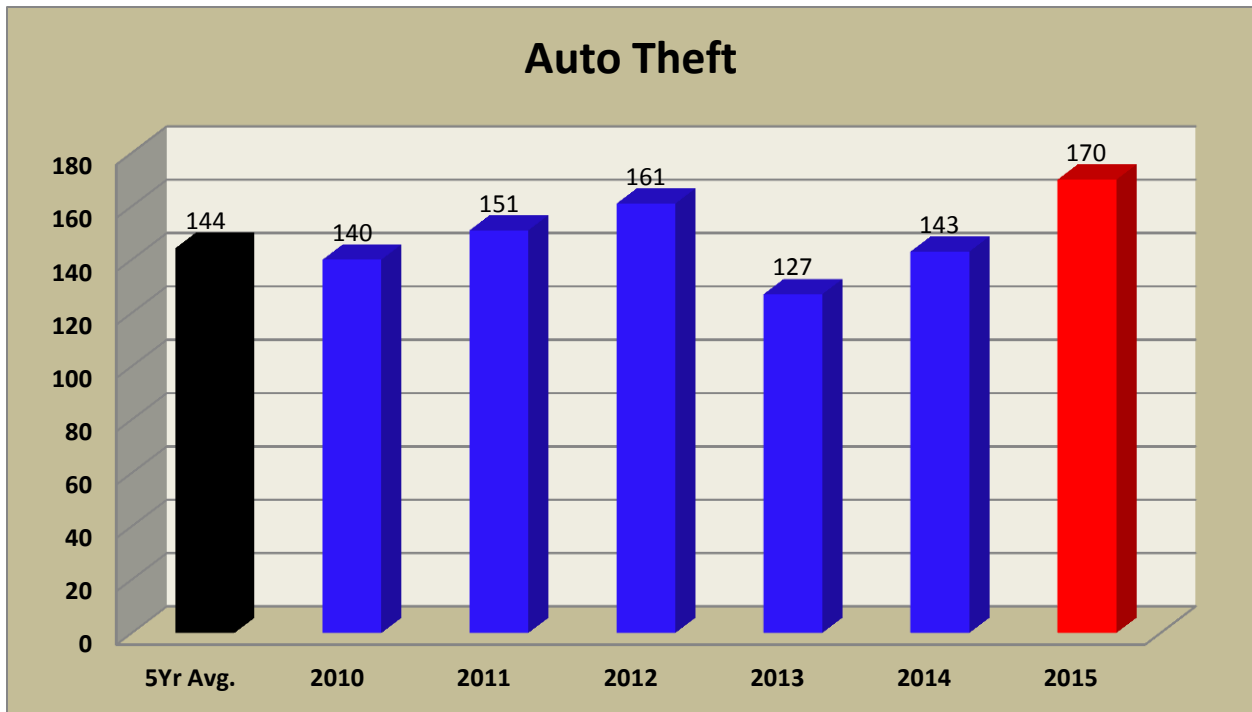




Auto Theft:

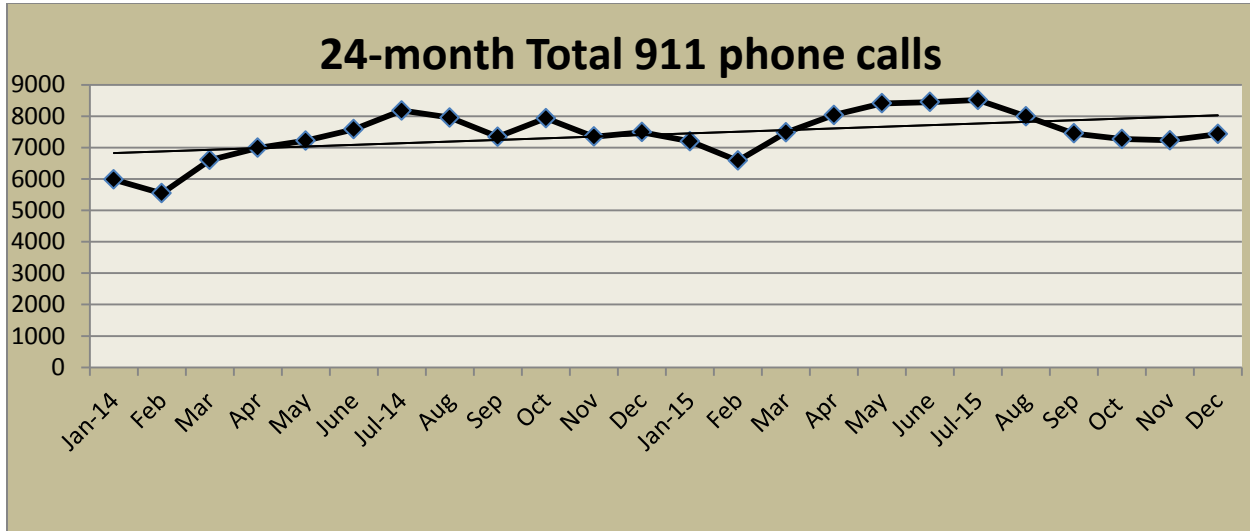
Auto thefts showed an increase of **19%** from 2014 and an increase of **18%** when compared to the previous five year average.

Auto Theft							
	5Yr Avg.	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total	144	140	151	161	127	143	170
% of Δ			8%	7%	-21%	13%	19%





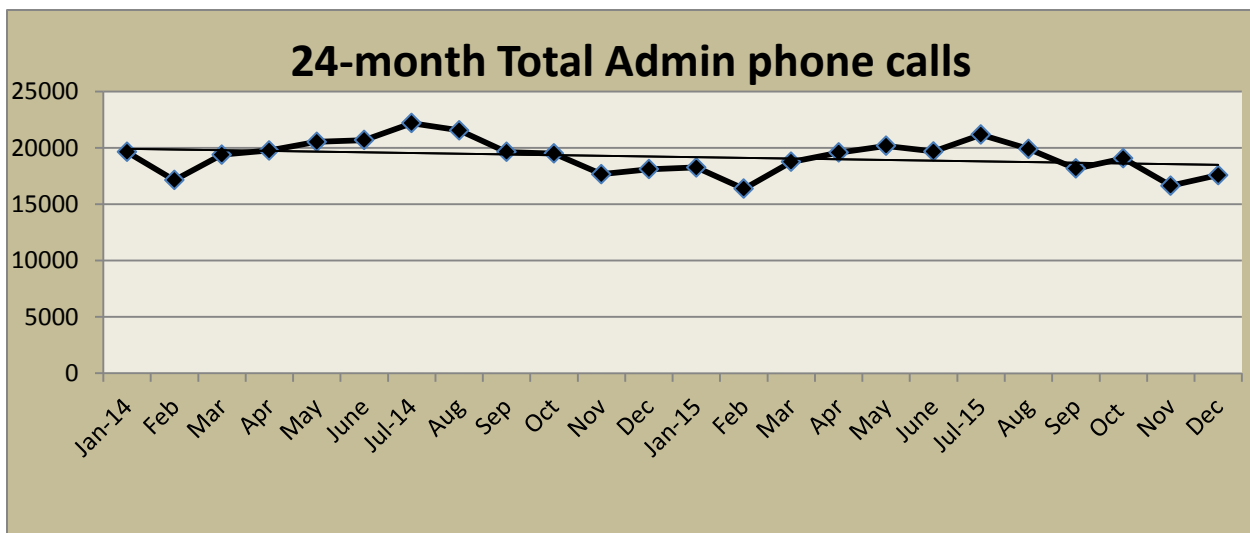
Gulfport Police Communications Center:



Definition

911 phone calls- Any phone call coming into the Center on one of four designated E911 phone lines

Admin phone calls- Any phone call coming into the Center through one of seven standard seven digit local phone lines.

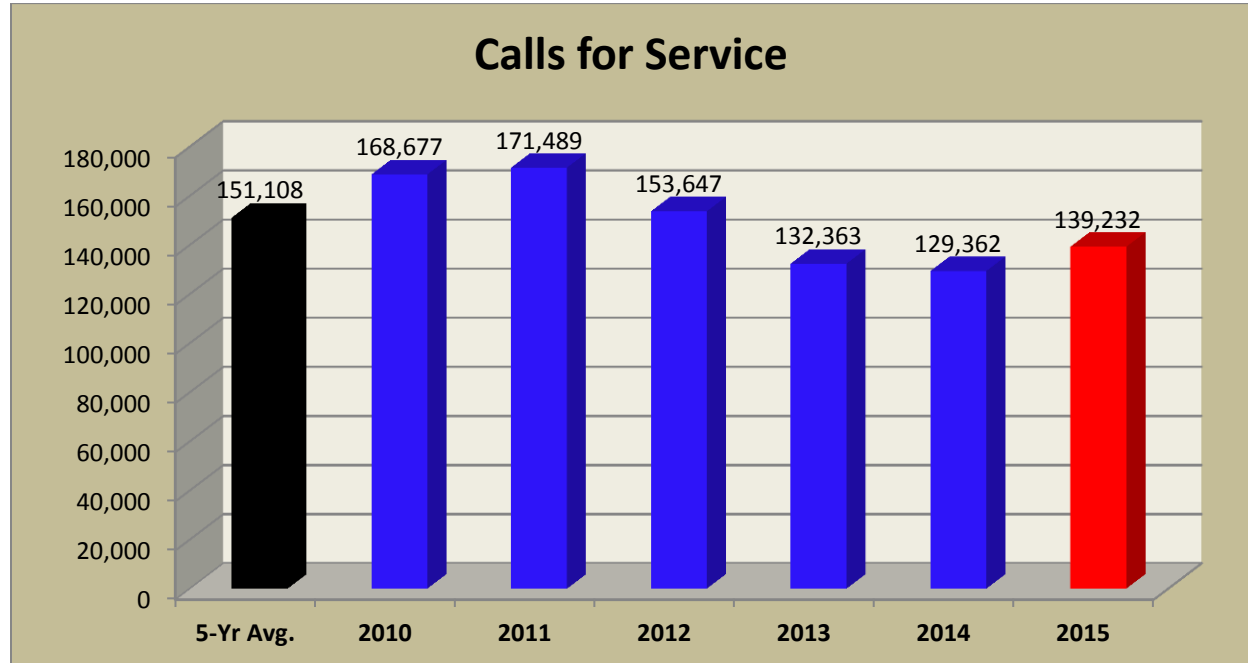




Calls for Service

During 2015, The Communications Center of the Gulfport Police Department fielded a total of **139,232** calls for service. That represents an **8%** increase when compared to 2014. In comparing to the previous five year average a **8%** decrease was noted.

CALLS FOR SERVICE							
MONTH	5-Yr Avg.	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
% of Δ			2%	-10%	-14%	-2%	8%

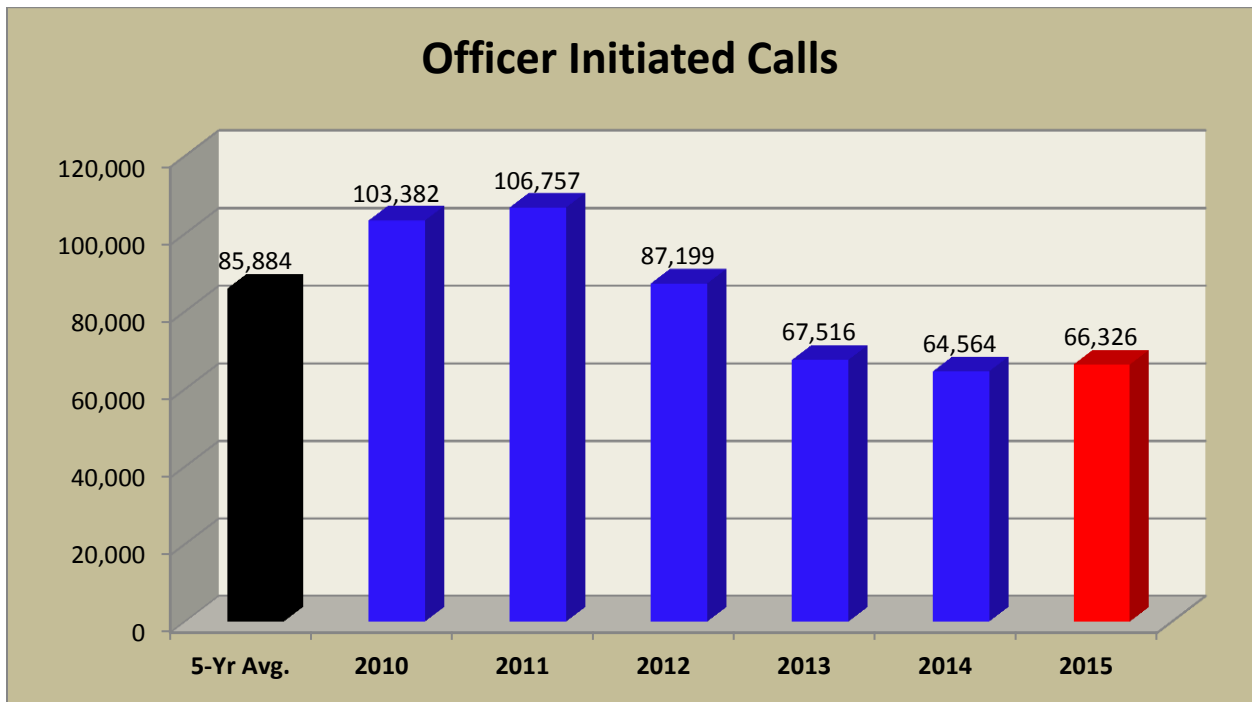




Officer Initiated Calls for Service:

Calls for Service that originated from a Police Officer increased **3%** from 2014. On the five year comparison they decreased **28%**.

OFFICER INITIATED CALLS							
MONTH	5-Yr Avg.	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Totals:	85,884	103,382	106,757	87,199	67,516	64,564	66,326
% of Δ			3%	-18%	-23%	-4%	3%

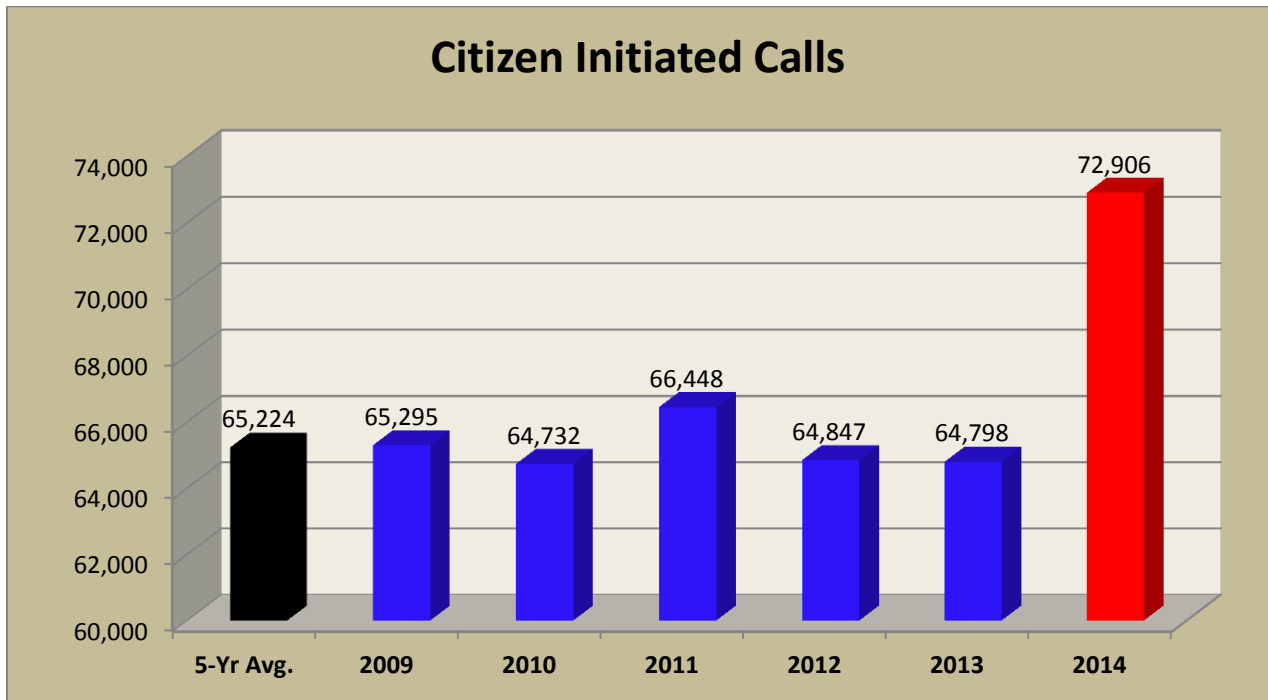




Citizen Initiated Calls for Service:

Calls for Service at the request of the general public increased **13%** when compared to 2014. An increase of **12%** was noted when compared to the five year average.

CITIZEN INITIATED CALLS							
MONTH	5-Yr Avg.	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Totals:	65,224	65,295	64,732	66,448	64,847	64,798	72,906
% of Δ			-1%	3%	-2%	0%	13%

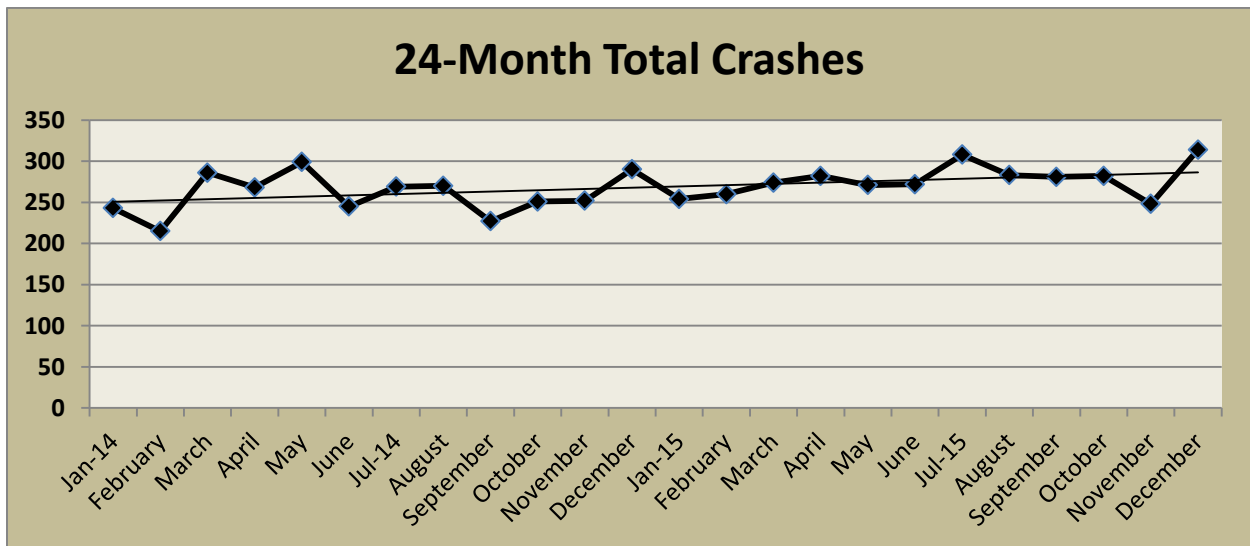
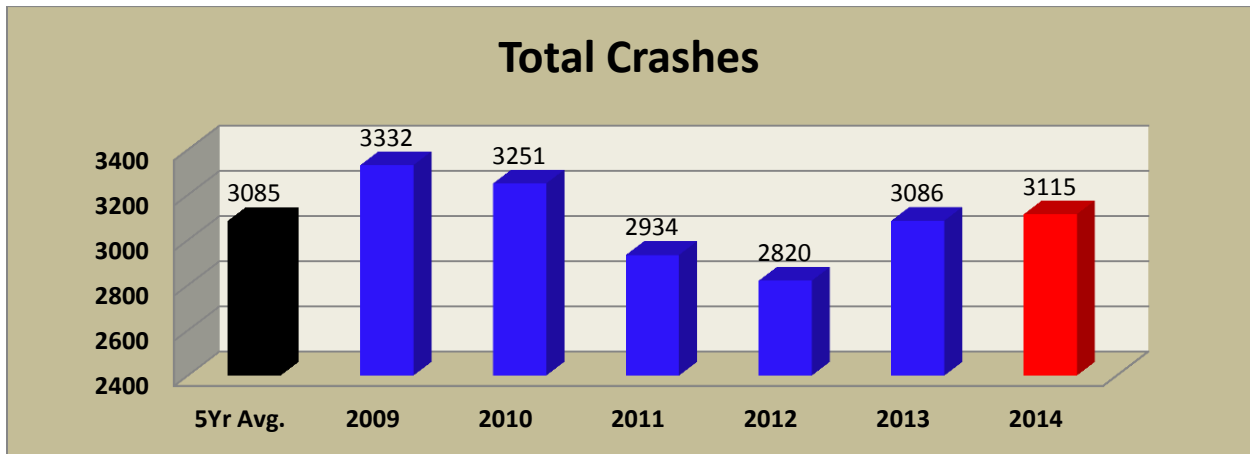




Traffic Data:

Total crashes for 2015 increased **1%** when compared to 2014 and increased **1%** compared to the previous five-year average.

Total Crashes							
MONTH	5Yr Avg.	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Totals	3041	3251	2934	2820	3086	3115	3329
% of Δ			-10%	-4%	9%	1%	7%

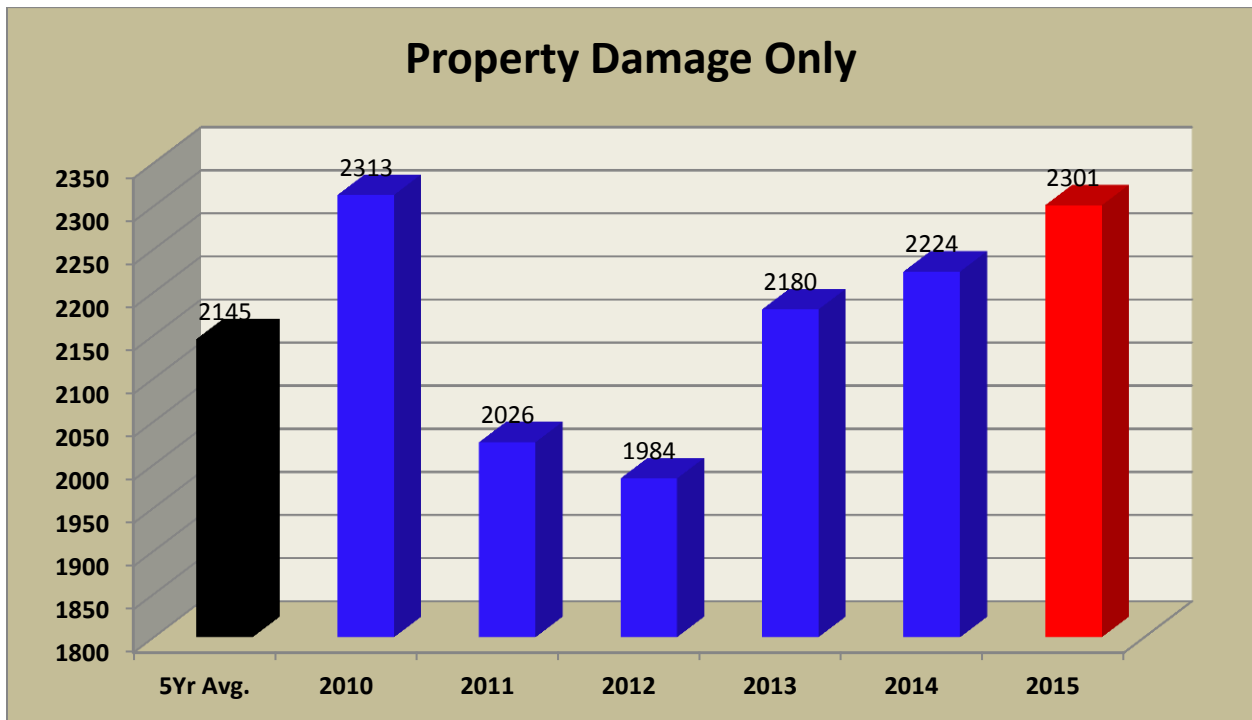




Property Damage Only Crashes:

Crashes involving property damage only increased **3%** compared to 2014 and increased **7%** compared to the previous five-year average.

Property Damage Only Crashes							
MONTH	5Yr Avg.	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Totals	2145	2313	2026	1984	2180	2224	2301
% of Δ			-12%	-2%	10%	2%	3%

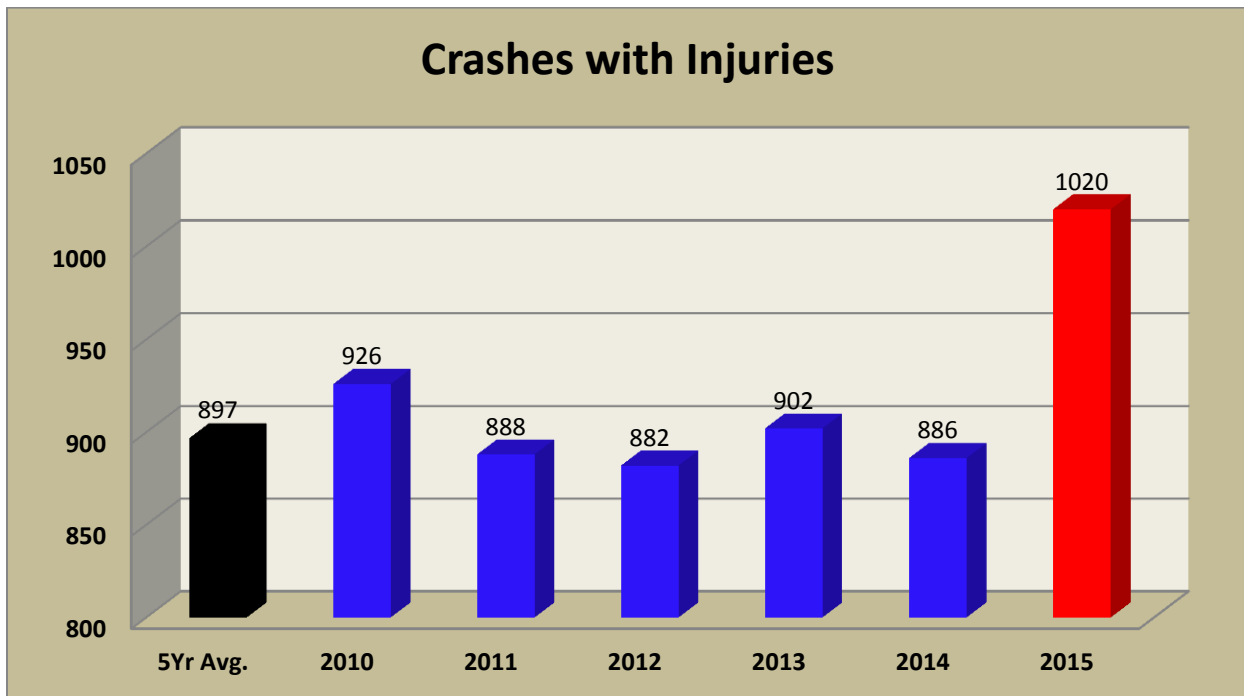




Crashes with Injuries:

Crashes involving injuries increased **15%** during 2015 when compared to 2014 and also increased **14%** comparing to the previous five-year average.

Crashes with Injuries							
MONTH	5Yr Avg.	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Totals	897	926	888	882	902	886	1020
% of Δ			-4%	-1%	2%	-2%	15%

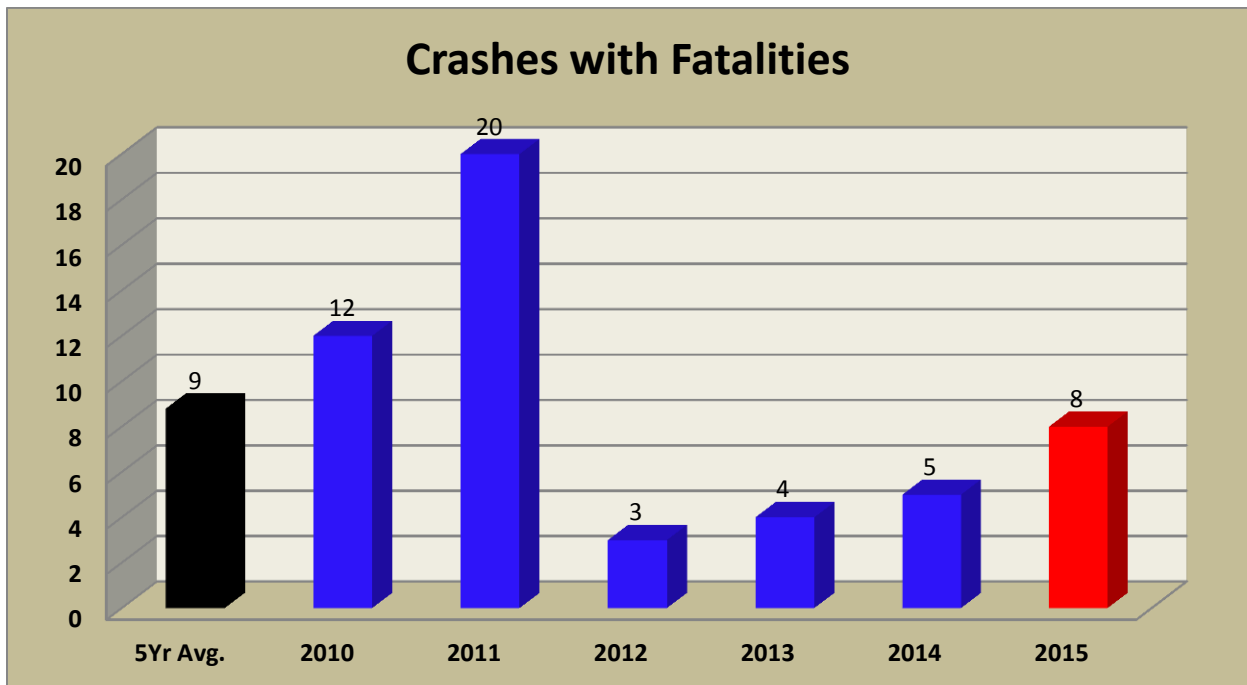




Fatality Crashes:

Crashes resulting in deaths increased **60%** in 2015 when compared to 2014 but decreased **11%** in comparison with the previous five-year average.

Crashes with Fatalities							
MONTH	5Yr Avg.	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Totals	9	12	20	3	4	5	8
% of Δ			67%	-85%	33%	25%	60%

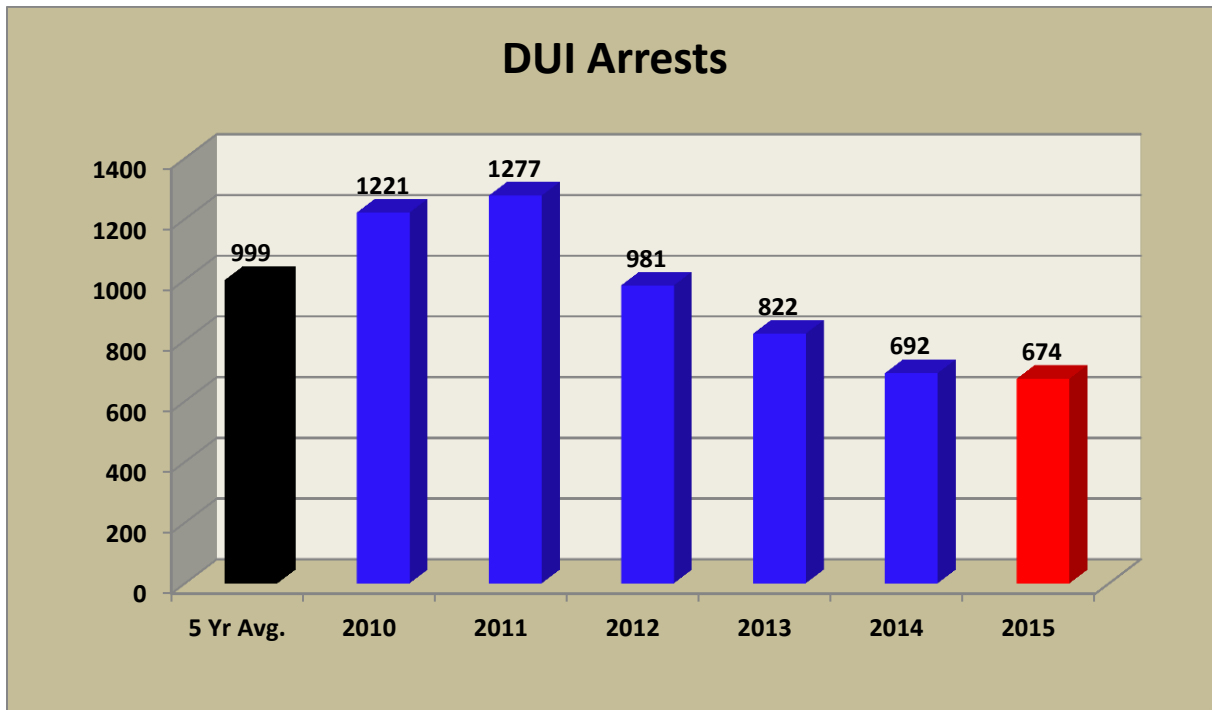




DUI Arrests:

Arrests for driving under the influence decreased **3%** in 2015 compared to 2014 and were down **33%** compared to the previous five-year average.

DUI Arrests							
MONTH	5 Yr Avg.	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Totals	999	1221	1277	981	822	692	674
% of Δ			5%	-23%	-16%	-16%	-3%





Alcohol related crashes:

Alcohol related crashes increased **32%** when compared to 2014. A decrease of **15%** was noted when compared to the previous five year average. Alcohol related crashes made up **3%** of all crashes in the City of Gulfport for 2015.

Alcohol related crashes							
MONTH	5Yr Avg.	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Totals	120	119	130	123	135	92	102
% of Δ		-11%	9%	-5%	10%	-32%	11%

