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## 2018 Crime In Texas - Executive

According to data compiled by the Department of Public Safety's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program, the overall major crime rate (the number of crimes per 100,000 population) in Texas for 2018 decreased 6.7% compared to 2017. The violent crime rate decreased 5%: murder decreased by 7.5%; rape rate increased by 2.5%; robbery decreased by 13.2%; and aggravated assault decreased by 2.9%. The overall property crime rate decreased by 7%, burglary decreased by 13%; larceny-theft decreased by 6.6%. Motor vehicle theft increased by 2.2%. Overall, the state index crime volume decreased 5.4% compared to 2017.

The total number of juvenile arrests in 2018 decreased 11.2% from 2017, and adult arrests decreased 2.5%.

The number of assaults on police officers in 2018 showed a 1.4% increase from 2017. Three law enforcement officers were reported killed feloniously in the line of duty, while five died in duty-related accidents in 2018.

In 2018, Texas law enforcement agencies reported 380 incidents of hate crimes involving 436 victims, 430 offenders, and 388 unique offenses. This marks an incident increase of 100.0% over 2017.

Law enforcement agencies reported 197,023 family violence incidents involving 212,885 victims and 207,360 offenders in 2018—an incident increase of 0.9% in family violence occurrences compared to the year before.

Sexual assault data showed 19,816 sexual assault incidents involving 20,592 victims and 20,532 offenders resulting in an incident increase of 9.4% from 2017.

### **STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF CRIME**

#### ***The UCR Program***

In an effort to produce reliable crime statistics for law enforcement administration, scholars, researchers, members of the media, and the public at large seeking information on crime in Texas, the TXDPS UCR program collects crime data from local law enforcement agencies. The UCR program utilizes two different reporting methodologies: Summary reporting (SRS) and the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). The Summary Reporting System collects data on ten index crimes. By contrast, NIBRS collects a total of 52 offenses. Summary data (and Summary data derived from NIBRS reporting agencies) is used in a statistical summary tool referred to as the Crime Index. Although arson is an index crime in that the number of reported offenses is collected, arson is not included in the Crime Index.

"We are pleased with the decrease in both the volume and rate of violent crime in Texas for the first time in two years and the continuing decrease in the index crime rate in 2018," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "We continue to be concerned with the strong nexus between criminal gangs and violent crimes including the trafficking of drugs and sex which impacts public safety and cannot be easily quantified until the statewide adoption of National Incident Based Reporting (NIBRS) has been completed. The Mexican Cartels continue to work closely with Texas-based gangs to support their drug and human smuggling and trafficking operations throughout the state and several longtime rival gangs are now working together to increase profits derived from drug and sex trafficking.

Furthermore, we are concerned with the dramatic increase in the number of hate crimes reported in 2018 and although some of the increases are likely attributable to UCR training and the increase in NIBRS reporting agencies, it warrants close attention.

We believe that the Texas law enforcement community can continue to reduce violent crime, by focusing resources on the state's most violent gangs. The Texas Anti-Gang centers established across the state, as part of Governor Greg Abbott's public safety strategy, combines local, state and enforcement and prosecutorial resources into a unified effort to detect, interdict, and prosecute those gangs that constitute the most significant criminal threat to Texans. DPS will continue to work closely with our local, state, and federal partners to proactively combat these predatory criminal organizations and we will continue to support local crime prevention operations in high crime areas when called upon."

#### ***Index Crime Rate***

The crime rate reported by UCR is defined as the number of crimes committed per 100,000 population. This mechanism allows comparisons between periods of time to be made without being affected by population swings. For 2018, the Texas Crime Rate was 2,776.6 crimes per 100,000 population, a 6.7% decrease from 2017. The crime rate is based on the total Texas UCR reporting agency populations of 28,701,845.

#### ***Index Crime Volume***

The total number of Index Crimes reported for 2018 was 796,924. This volume of crime represents a decrease of 5.4% when compared to 2017.

#### ***Participation***

The Texas UCR program, though voluntary, experiences a high rate of participation with a total of 1,179 law enforcement agencies either directly reporting UCR data to the Department or being covered-by their county Sheriff. At the close of 2018, there were 318 NIBRS agencies approved and reporting. The FBI provides yearly population totals for UCR participating agencies (based on current Census data estimations.)

# 2018 CRIME DASHBOARD

## CRIME BY VOLUME<sup>1</sup>

Offense	2018	2017	% Change
Murder	1,324	1,412	-6.2%
Rape	14,891	14,332	3.9%
Robbery	28,273	32,120	-12.0%
Aggravated Assault	74,165	75,347	-1.6%
<b>Violent Crime Total</b>	<b>118,653</b>	<b>123,211</b>	<b>-3.7%</b>
Burglary	117,513	133,145	-11.7%
Larceny-Theft	491,028	518,414	-5.3%
Motor Vehicle Theft	69,730	67,285	3.6%
<b>Property Crime Total</b>	<b>678,271</b>	<b>718,844</b>	<b>-5.6%</b>
<b>Index Crime Total</b>	<b>796,924</b>	<b>842,055</b>	<b>-5.4%</b>

## CRIME RATE BY OFFENSE<sup>1</sup>

Offense	2018	2017	% Change
Murder	4.6	5.0	-7.5%
Rape	51.9	50.6	2.5%
Robbery	98.5	113.5	-13.2%
Aggravated Assault	258.4	266.2	-2.9%
<b>Violent Crime Total</b>	<b>413.4</b>	<b>435.3</b>	<b>-5.0%</b>
Burglary	409.4	470.4	-13.0%
Larceny-Theft	1,710.8	1,831.6	-6.6%
Motor Vehicle Theft	242.9	237.7	2.2%
<b>Property Crime Total</b>	<b>2,363.2</b>	<b>2,539.7</b>	<b>-7.0%</b>
<b>Index Crime Total</b>	<b>2,776.6</b>	<b>2,975.0</b>	<b>-6.7%</b>

## HATE CRIME<sup>2</sup>

	2018	2017	% Change
Incidents	380	190	100.0%
Victims	436	229	90.4%
Offenders	430	209	105.7%
Offenses	388	194	100.0%

## FAMILY VIOLENCE<sup>1</sup>

	2018	2017	% Change
Incidents	197,023	195,315	0.9%
Victims	212,885	212,307	0.3%
Offenders	207,360	207,231	0.1%

## SEXUAL ASSAULT<sup>1</sup>

	2018	2017	% Change
Incidents	19,816	18,112	9.4%
Victims	20,592	18,750	9.8%
Offenders	20,532	18,774	9.4%

## ARRESTS BY OFFENSE<sup>1</sup>

	2018	2017	% Change
Murder	783	886	-11.6%
Aggravated Assault	27,072	22,508	20.3%
Motor Vehicle Theft	5,416	5,567	-2.7%
Driving Under the Influence	73,978	69,372	6.6%
Drunkenness	58,865	67,277	-12.5%
Drug Possession	125,754	128,003	-1.8%
Drug Sale & Manufacturing	22,693	19,228	18.0%

## LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED

- Three Texas law enforcement officers were reported killed feloniously in the line of duty due to criminal action during 2018.
- Five Texas law enforcement officers were reported killed in duty-related accidents.
- There were 4,617 officers assaulted during 2018 compared to 4,553 in 2017. This represents an increase of 1.4%

## JUVENILE / ADULT ARRESTS<sup>1</sup> 2005-2018

Year	Juveniles	% Change	Adults	% Change
2018	41,208	-11.2%	740,562	-2.5%
2017	46,414	-7.1%	759,550	0.1%
2016	49,957	-5.3%	758,674	-2.3%
2015	52,744	-8.2%	776,307	-5.4%
2014	57,447	-18.6%	820,942	-5.2%
2013	70,561	-23.4%	865,797	-10.2%
2012	92,164	-7.0%	964,051	-0.1%
2011	99,114	-15.1%	964,689	-6.1%
2010	116,698	-9.3%	1,027,480	-4.6%
2009	128,654	-4.4%	1,076,548	1.9%
2008	134,575	-1.2%	1,056,580	2.0%
2007	136,206	-3.2%	1,036,295	3.8%
2006	140,716	-0.7%	998,493	3.5%
2005	141,734	-7.6%	965,153	-1.0%

<sup>1</sup>All percentages rounded to the nearest tenth.

<sup>2</sup>The increase in Hate Crime bias is attributed by both DPS training on proper UCR procedures, and an increased percentage of NIBRS agencies; as NIBRS is more efficient at capturing this data through more detailed reporting.



Agency	Population	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Total	%Change
Number of Offenses - 2018		0	22	10	45	94	599	44	814	
<b>GRAPEVINE PD</b>	<b>55,130</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		1	14	19	73	114	1,066	85	1,372	
Number of Offenses - 2018		0	7	16	64	91	1,061	136	1,375	0.2
<b>HARLINGEN PD</b>	<b>65,525</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		0	18	32	183	523	2,079	91	2,926	
Number of Offenses - 2018		2	48	50	168	456	2,266	75	3,065	4.8
<b>HAYS CO SO</b>	<b>93,055</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		2	37	13	93	192	503	75	915	
Number of Offenses - 2018		2	17	8	108	175	449	32	791	-13.6
<b>HENDERSON CO SO</b>	<b>50,989</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		5	46	9	141	377	393	61	1,032	
Number of Offenses - 2018		3	40	6	104	234	329	48	764	-26.0
<b>HUNT CO SO</b>	<b>50,608</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Number of Offenses - 2018		1	27	4	224	126	210	54	646	N/A
<b>JOHNSON CO SO</b>	<b>75,900</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		2	22	5	160	248	424	99	960	
Number of Offenses - 2018		1	35	7	170	164	420	91	888	-7.5
<b>KAUFMAN CO SO</b>	<b>74,563</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		2	28	7	79	200	368	91	775	
Number of Offenses - 2018		2	50	8	75	160	331	79	705	-9.0
<b>LEANDER PD</b>	<b>53,637</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		NA/	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Number of Offenses - 2018		0	27	3	18	44	443	14	549	N/A
<b>LIBERTY CO SO</b>	<b>59,062</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Number of Offenses - 2018		2	46	4	125	237	331	98	843	N/A
<b>LITTLE ELM PD</b>	<b>50,547</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Number of Offenses - 2018		1	37	7	43	39	216	20	363	N/A
<b>LONGVIEW PD</b>	<b>81,660</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		7	62	101	229	613	1,927	238	3,177	
Number of Offenses - 2018		7	56	48	221	584	1,721	200	2,837	-10.7
<b>MANSFIELD PD</b>	<b>70,851</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		0	21	20	37	154	612	42	886	
Number of Offenses - 2018		0	31	15	27	93	624	49	839	-5.3
<b>MISSION PD</b>	<b>85,368</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		0	27	30	41	231	1,700	74	2,103	
Number of Offenses - 2018		0	35	27	32	150	1,380	64	1,688	-19.7
<b>MISSOURI CITY PD</b>	<b>75,628</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		2	23	46	78	133	767	69	1,118	
Number of Offenses - 2018		5	21	27	49	96	674	45	917	-18.0
<b>NEW BRAUNFELS PD</b>	<b>82,739</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		1	33	29	130	221	952	148	1,514	
Number of Offenses - 2018		2	43	22	174	215	896	90	1,442	-4.8

Agency	Population	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Total	%Change
<b>NORTH RICHLAND HILLS PD</b>	<b>71,498</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		2	31	34	80	208	1,064	101	1,520	
Number of Offenses - 2018		1	13	27	65	154	1,127	123	1,510	-0.7
<b>PARKER CO SO</b>	<b>90,981</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		2	39	5	67	259	468	51	891	
Number of Offenses - 2018		2	40	6	88	224	523	78	961	7.9
<b>PFLUGERVILLE PD</b>	<b>65,789</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		1	31	15	55	127	794	44	1,067	
Number of Offenses - 2018		0	10	11	61	110	615	72	879	-17.6
<b>PHARR PD</b>	<b>80,814</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		4	44	33	123	268	1,343	62	1,877	
Number of Offenses - 2018		2	58	26	152	244	1,280	61	1,823	-2.9
<b>PORT ARTHUR PD</b>	<b>55,643</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		6	15	110	247	767	1,111	153	2,409	
Number of Offenses - 2018		13	20	96	261	504	807	134	1,835	-23.8
<b>ROWLETT PD</b>	<b>63,863</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		1	20	23	97	133	875	71	1,220	
Number of Offenses - 2018		1	19	17	83	95	759	76	1,050	-13.9
<b>SAN MARCOS PD</b>	<b>66,157</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		5	50	47	120	278	1,064	169	1,733	
Number of Offenses - 2018		1	84	43	138	272	1,057	101	1,696	-2.1
<b>SUGAR LAND PD</b>	<b>89,919</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		0	15	36	20	158	1,075	56	1,360	
Number of Offenses - 2018		0	15	45	22	186	1,288	63	1,619	19.0
<b>TEMPLE PD</b>	<b>75,706</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		5	63	65	105	409	1,482	236	2,365	
Number of Offenses - 2018		12	72	55	103	349	1,442	197	2,230	-5.7
<b>VICTORIA PD</b>	<b>67,766</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		4	48	49	116	639	1,661	105	2,622	
Number of Offenses - 2018		5	64	50	194	375	1,554	97	2,339	-10.8
<b>WISE CO SO</b>	<b>50,587</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Number of Offenses - 2018		3	23	6	75	103	211	41	462	N/A
<b>WYLIE PD</b>	<b>51,051</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Number of Offenses - 2018		0	21	9	27	31	357	20	465	N/A

<sup>1</sup>All percentages rounded to the nearest tenth.

### Texas Cities with over 100,000 Population - 2018 vs. 2017<sup>1</sup>

\*\*Agencies that did not meet the 50,000 population requirement last year were not included in the publication\*\*

Agency	Population	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Total	%Change
<b>ABILENE PD</b>	<b>122,480</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		4	98	138	394	1,077	2,594	259	4,564	
Number of Offenses - 2018		8	131	104	382	734	2,567	232	4,158	-8.9









Agency	Population	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Total	%Change
Number of Offenses - 2018		8	82	87	269	393	2,650	166	3,655	
<b>WACO PD</b>	<b>138,091</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		5	117	108	460	957	3,741	191	5,579	-1.0
Number of Offenses - 2018		2	130	122	501	1,099	3,342	327	5,523	
<b>WICHITA FALLS PD</b>	<b>104,738</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		4	78	127	165	725	2,294	238	3,631	-0.3
Number of Offenses - 2018		5	78	139	165	602	2,381	251	3,621	
<b>WILLIAMSON CO SO</b>	<b>137,906</b>									
Number of Offenses - 2017		0	43	9	132	307	1,066	119	1,676	-1.7
Number of Offenses - 2018		2	58	18	126	312	1,052	80	1,648	

<sup>1</sup>All percentages rounded to the nearest tenth.