

Table 1: Murder and Crime in 30 Largest Cities (2014-2015) (updated 12/23/15)

City	2014 Total Murders	2015 Projected Total Murders	Projected Percent Change in Murders	2015 Projected Murder Rate per 100,000	2014 Crime Rate per 100,000	2015 Projected Crime Rate per 100,000	Percent Change in Crime Rate
New York, N.Y. ¹	333	356	6.8%	4.2	2,113	2,105	-0.4%*
Los Angeles, Calif. ²	260	292	12.2%	7.4	2,440	2,838	16.3%*
Chicago, Ill. ³	411	472	15.0%	17.4	3,503	3,071	-12.3%
Houston, Tex. ⁴	242	313	29.5%	14.0	5,601	5,344	-4.6%
Philadelphia, Pa. ⁵	248	252	1.6%	16.2	4,328*	4,087	-5.6%
Phoenix, Ariz. ⁶	114	112	-1.4%	7.3	4,211	4,168	-1.0%*
San Antonio, Tex. ⁷	103	118	14.7%	8.2	5,848	5,547	-5.1%
San Diego, Calif. ⁸	32	35	10.0%	1.9	2,292	2,385	4.1%
Dallas, Tex. ⁹	116	127	9.5%	9.9	4,164	4,043	-2.9%
San Jose, Calif. ¹⁰	32	28	14.3%	2.7	2,709*	2,796	3.2%
Austin, Tex. ¹¹	32	43	35.3%	4.7	4,432	4,159	-6.2%
Jacksonville, Fla. ¹²	96	102	5.8%	12.0	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
San Francisco, Calif.	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
Indianapolis, Ind.	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
Columbus, Ohio	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
Fort Worth, Tex. ¹³	55	52	-5.5%	6.4	4,731	4,456	-5.8%
Charlotte, N.C. ¹⁴	47	69	46.7%	8.5	4,369	4,830	10.6%
Detroit, Mich. ¹⁵	314	285	-5.6%	40.3	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
El Paso, Tex.	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
Seattle, Wash. ¹⁶	26	27	4.8%	4.1	6,627	6,019	-9.2%*
Denver, Colo. ¹⁷	31	53	72.4%	8.1	3,695	4,128	11.7%*
Memphis, Tenn. ¹⁸	129	124	-3.9%	18.9	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
Washington, D.C. ¹⁹	105	172	64.0%	26.1	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
Boston, Mass. ²⁰	53	40	-25.0%	6.1	3,302	Unavailable	Unavailable*
Nashville, Tenn.	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
Baltimore, Md. ²¹	211	343	62.8%	55.1	5,962	6,300	4.6%
Oklahoma City, Okla. ²²	45	70	54.9%	11.2	5,094	4,646	-8.8%
Portland, Ore. ²³	26	20	-22.1%	3.2	5,227	4,234	-24.8%
Las Vegas, Nev. ²⁴	122	122	0.0%	8.2	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
Louisville, Ky. ²⁵	56	83	25.8%	12.4	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
AVERAGE	-	-	+14.6%	10.1	-	-	-5.5%

Source: Police department and city reports available as of December 23, 2015. See footnotes for each city for specifics. (Projections were rounded, so percentages may not precisely match projected totals.)

Updated Table 1 shows the same conclusions as the November report, *Crime in 2015: A Preliminary Analysis*, with slightly different percentages:

- Crime overall in the 30 largest cities in 2015 remained roughly the same as in 2014. In fact, the projection shows a decrease of 5.5 percent, meaning the crime rate will remain less than half of what it was in 1990.
- The 2015 murder rate is projected to be 14.6 percent higher than last year in the 30 largest cities, with 18 cities experiencing increases and 7 decreases. However, in absolute terms, murder rates are so low that a small numerical increase leads to a large percentage change. Even with the 2015 increase, murder rates are roughly the same as they were in 2012 — in fact, they are slightly lower. Since murder rates vary widely from year to year, one year’s increase is not evidence of a coming wave of violent crime.
- A handful of cities have seen sharp rises in murder rates. Just two cities, Baltimore and Washington, D.C., account for almost 50 percent of the national increase in murders. These serious increases seem to be localized, rather than part of a national pandemic, suggesting community conditions are a major factor. The preliminary report examined five cities with particularly high murder rates — Baltimore, Detroit, Milwaukee, New Orleans, and St. Louis — and found these cities also had significantly lower incomes, higher poverty rates, higher unemployment, and falling populations than the national average.

The original report is available [here](#).

**January 26, 2016: Indicates corrections made due to transcription or calculation errors.*

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