

CRIME

GOAL: Adults in Calhoun County will utilize formal and informal support systems to avoid delinquent behavior

RATIONALE FOR CHOOSING INDICATOR: Crime affects the quality of life in a community. Conversely, a community’s capacity to develop and maintain strong systems of social relationships may positively impact the rates of crime and delinquency. It is critical that community members continue working together to achieve shared values and solve social problems. The Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Uniform Crime Report defines violent crime as those crimes which involve force or threat, and includes the offenses of murder and negligent manslaughter, rape, robbery and aggravated assault. ⁱ The rate of violent crime in Calhoun County decreased from 2014 to 2015 (dropping from 669 to 639 per 100,000 population), and remained stable from 2015 to 2016. ⁱⁱ Summary crime statistics for Calhoun County are shown below, and are available by individual law enforcement agencies from the Michigan Incident Crime Reporting system, which can be found at <http://www.micrstats.state.mi.us/MICR/Reports/Reports02.aspx>.

CALHOUN COUNTY INCIDENTS, OFFENSES AND NUMBER OF ARRESTS: 2016 ⁱⁱⁱ				
	Number of Incidents	Number of Offenses	MV Stolen, Premises Entered or Number of Victims	Number of Arrests
Crimes Against Persons	2,898	2,978	3,335	963
Crimes Against Property	6,015	6,222	160	510
Crimes Against Society	2,407	2,785	0	1,499
Crimes Against All Other	2,752	3,444	0	2,213

Crimes Against Persons include offenses such as murder, negligent homicide, manslaughter, kidnapping, sexual penetration and forcible contact, non-aggravated assault, aggravated/felonious assault, intimidation/stalking and human trafficking.

Crimes Against Property include offenses such as robbery, burglary, larceny, arson, extortion, bribery, motor vehicle theft, forgery, fraud (credit card/ATM, impersonation, welfare, bad checks, identity theft), embezzlement, stolen property, damage to property and retail fraud.

Crimes Against Society include offenses such as justifiable homicide, controlled substance violations, obscenity, family abuse/neglect and non-support, gambling, prostitution, weapons offenses, disorderly conduct, trespassing, vagrancy and disturbing the peace.

Crimes Against All Other include a variety of offenses such as obstructing police, hit and run motor vehicle accident, invasion of privacy, smuggling, conspiracy, escape/flight and many other miscellaneous crimes.

ⁱ Uniform Crime Report. Federal Bureau of Investigations. https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2013/crime-in-the-u.s.-2013/violent-crime/violent-crime-topic-page/violentcrimemain_final, accessed December 13, 2016.

ⁱⁱ Calhoun County Performance Dashboard. Calhoun County. https://www.calhouncountymi.gov/assets/1/7/2016_Performance_Dashboard.pdf, accessed August 30, 2017.

ⁱⁱⁱ Michigan Incident Crime Reporting. Michigan State Police. <http://www.micrstats.state.mi.us/MICR/Reports/Report02.aspx>, accessed October 4, 2017.