

**HAMILTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S
OFFICE
CRIME ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR 2012**



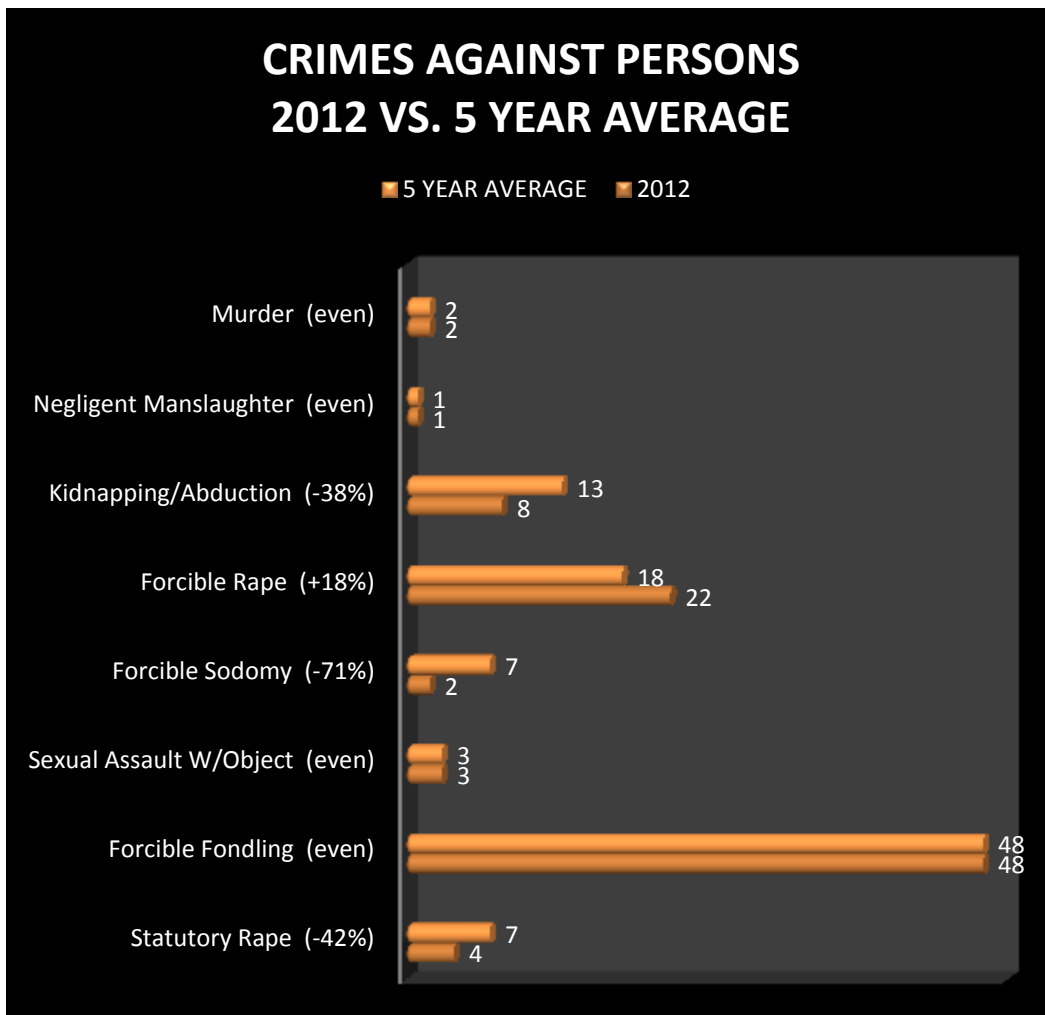
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Crime Analysis - 2012

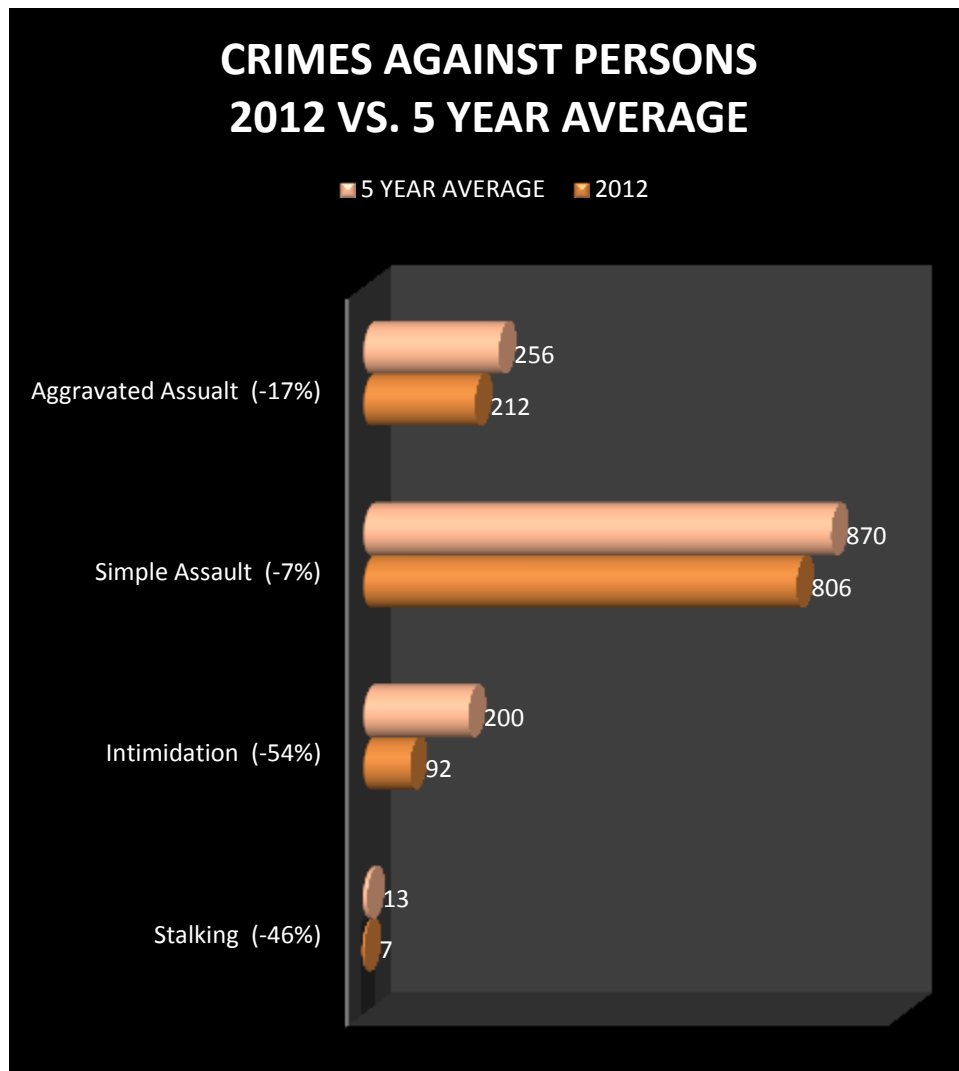
The following report is a basic crime analysis for crimes reported through the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office. The following graphs show a decrease in certain types of crimes and an increase in certain types of crimes. Each graph will have a written explanation based on crimes reported in 2012 compared to the previous 5 year average for those same crimes. NOTE: The 5 Year Average is based on Calendar Years 2007 through 2011

This report is not intended to be all inclusive in nature, as it does not contain Intelligence driven analysis, this report is exclusively statistical.



The above graph depicts TIBRS Group A offenses (major offenses) against a person. As depicted above, 2012 Crimes against Persons compared to the analysis of the 5 year Crime Trend

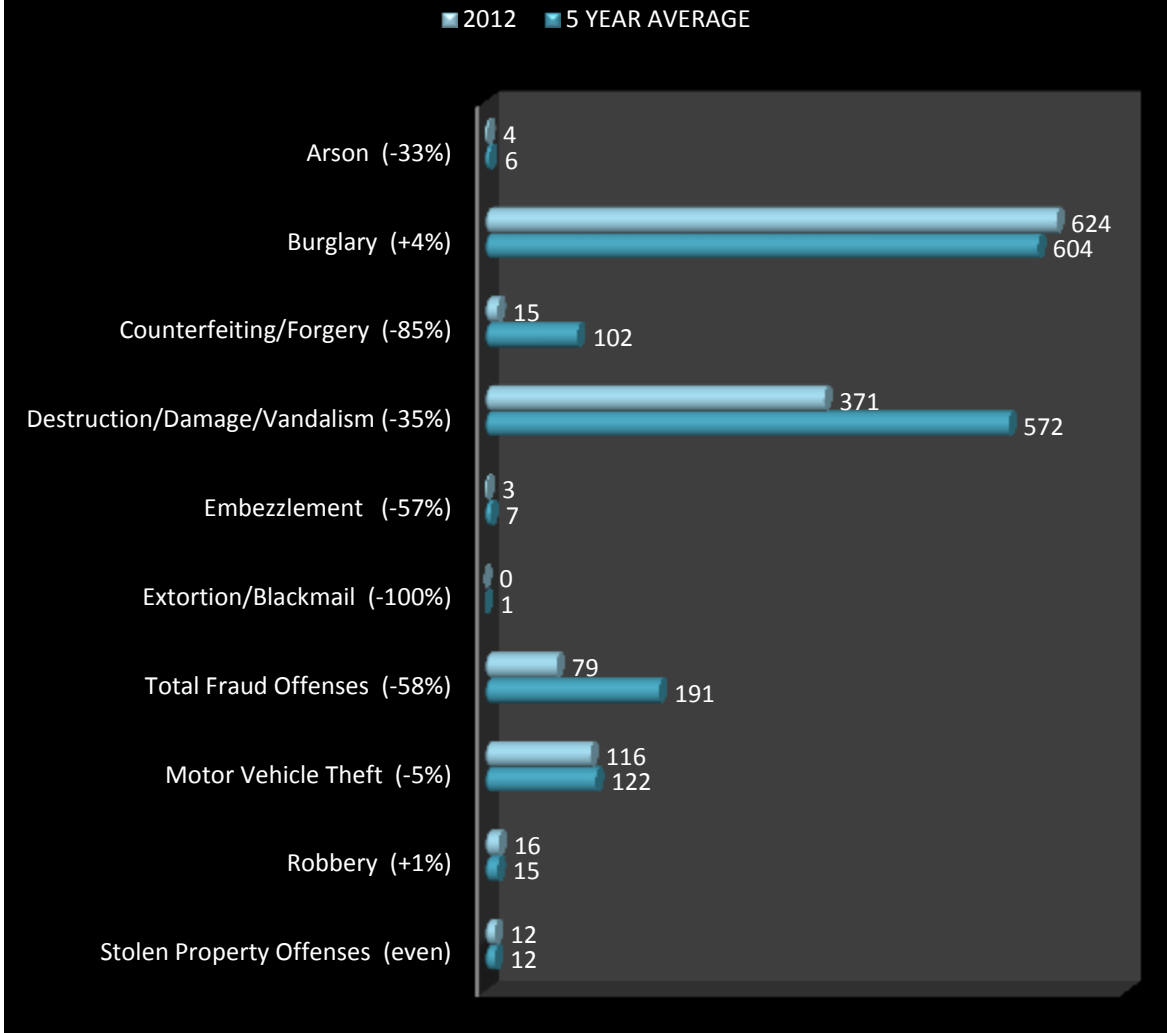
for calendar years 2007–2011 show that these categories of crimes have generally remained the same for the past 6 years, with the exceptions of Forcible Rape going up 18%, and Kidnapping/Abduction going down 38%, Forcible Sodomy going down 71%, and Statutory Rape going down 42%



When taking into account the actual crimes reported for 2012 compared to an averaging of the statistics for the preceding 5 years, the analysis shows that in 2012 all these crime areas decreased in varying degrees between 7% to 54%.

It should be noted that the Sheriff’s Office reasoning for the Intimidation Category decreasing so dramatically (54%), is due to pro-active policing, and the amount of education that is being provided to victims.

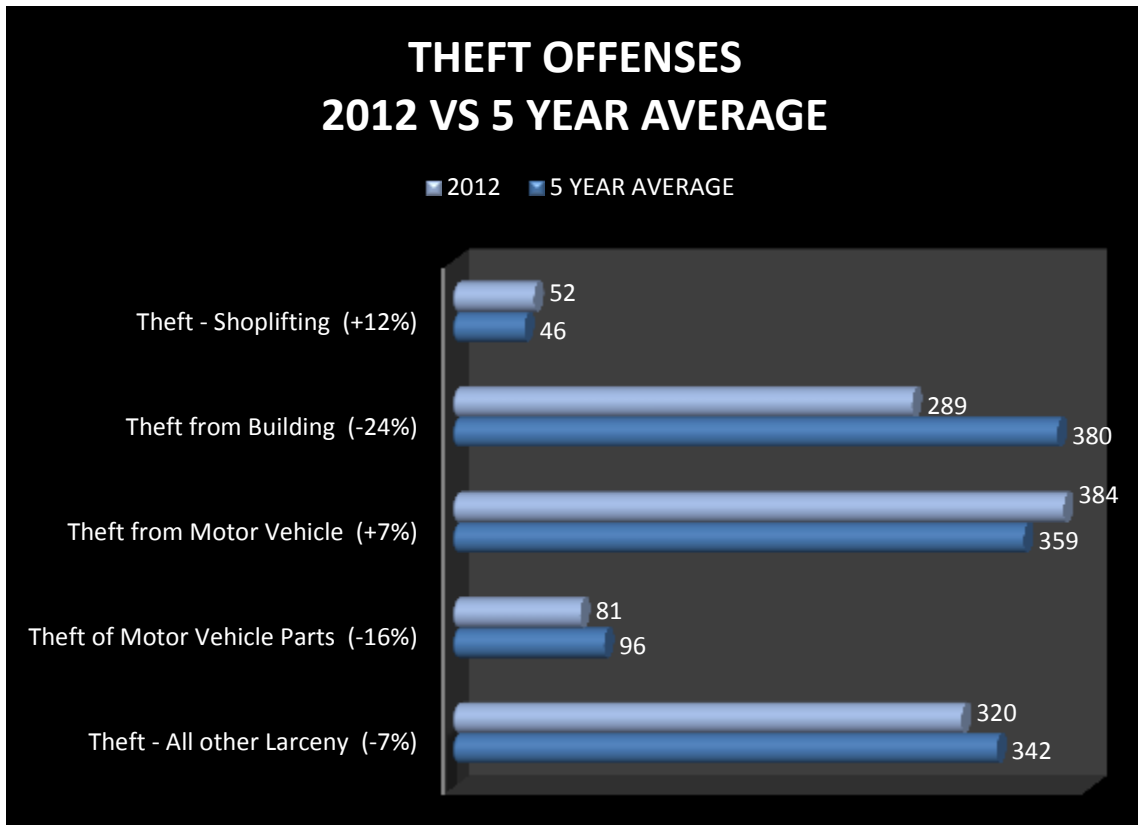
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY 2012 VS. 5 YEAR AVERAGE



An Analysis of 2012 Property Crimes compared to the previous 5 years in those same categories, show that in the year 2012, Property Crime decreased in most areas, with the exception of Stolen Property which remained the same, Robbery increased 1% and Burglary - which has increased 4%.

A comprehensive review of these categories leads the Sheriff's Office to believe that the increase in Burglary is related to the downward turn of the economy. Investigators are focusing on the issue to reduce the numbers in these categories. It should also be noted that due to the high number of Burglary and Theft from Motor Vehicle Crimes that were occurring, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office developed the concept of "Power Team Saturation Patrols" which had a large effect on these crime categories.

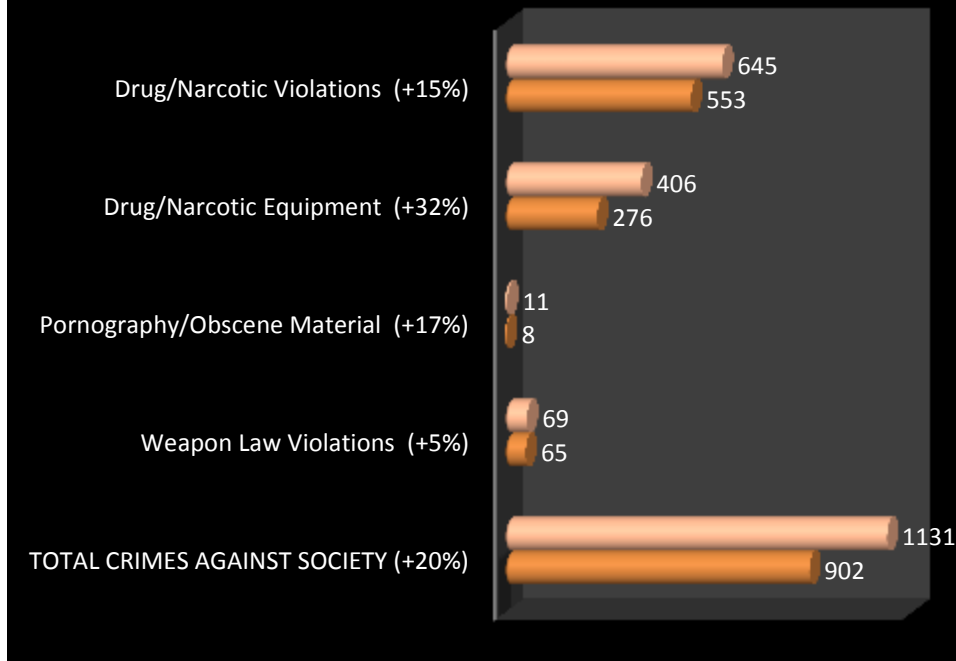
The following Graph will continue with Property Crimes as they pertain to Theft.



As can be seen in the above graph, most of the Theft categories have decreased with the exception of Theft from Motor Vehicles which increased 7% and Shoplifting which increased 12%.

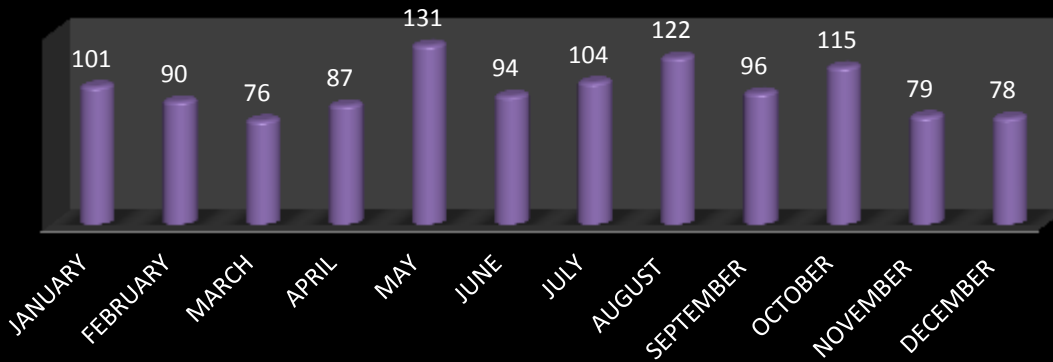
CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY 2012 VS. 5 YEAR AVERAGE

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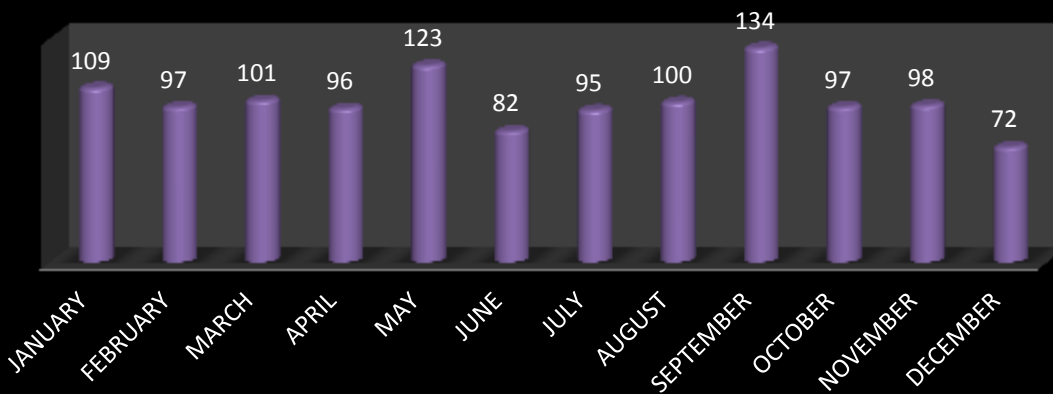
When we look at the comparison between 2012 and the preceding 5 year average, it is obvious that Crimes against Society are on the increase. Actual Drug/Narcotic Violations have increased 15 percent, and Drug/Narcotic Equipment violations are up 32 percent. Other areas are also becoming more prevalent, such as Pornography/Obscene Material Violations increasing 17 percent and Weapon Law Violations increasing 5 percent. The aggregate category of Crimes Against Society has increased in 2012 20% over the previous 5 year average.

CRIMES REPORTED AGAINST PERSONS MONTHLY 2011



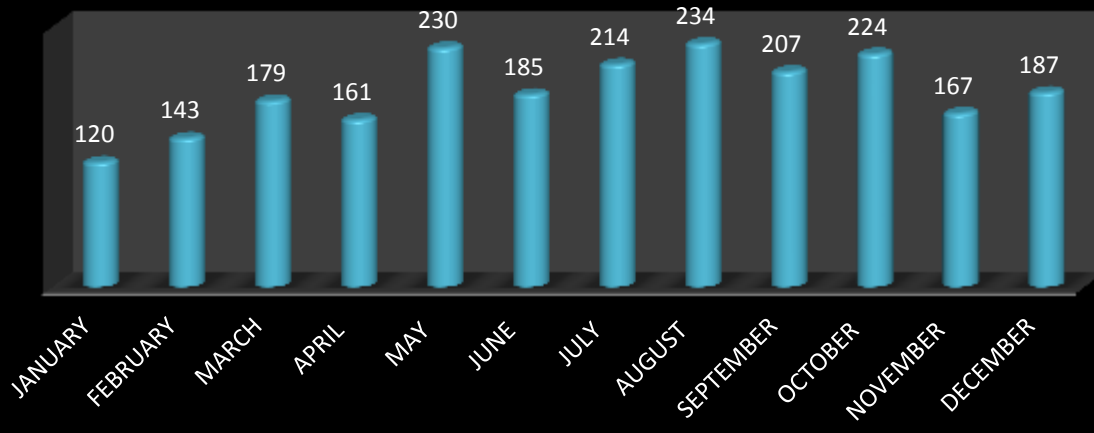
The above graph for **2011** shows that the top 3 reporting months for Crimes against Persons are May, August and October.

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS MONTHLY - 2012



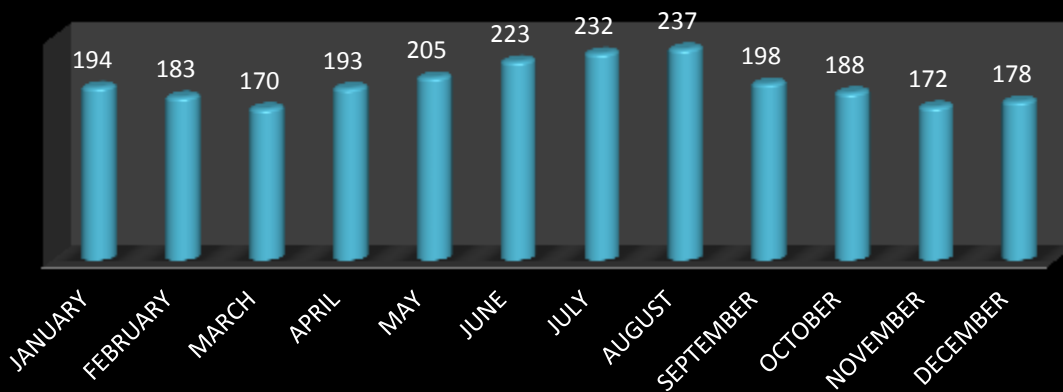
The above graph for **2012** shows that the top two reporting months for Crimes against Persons were May and September. There were a total of 1,209 Reports of Crimes Against Persons in 2012, and the clearance rates for these Investigations were 57%

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY REPORTED MONTHLY 2011

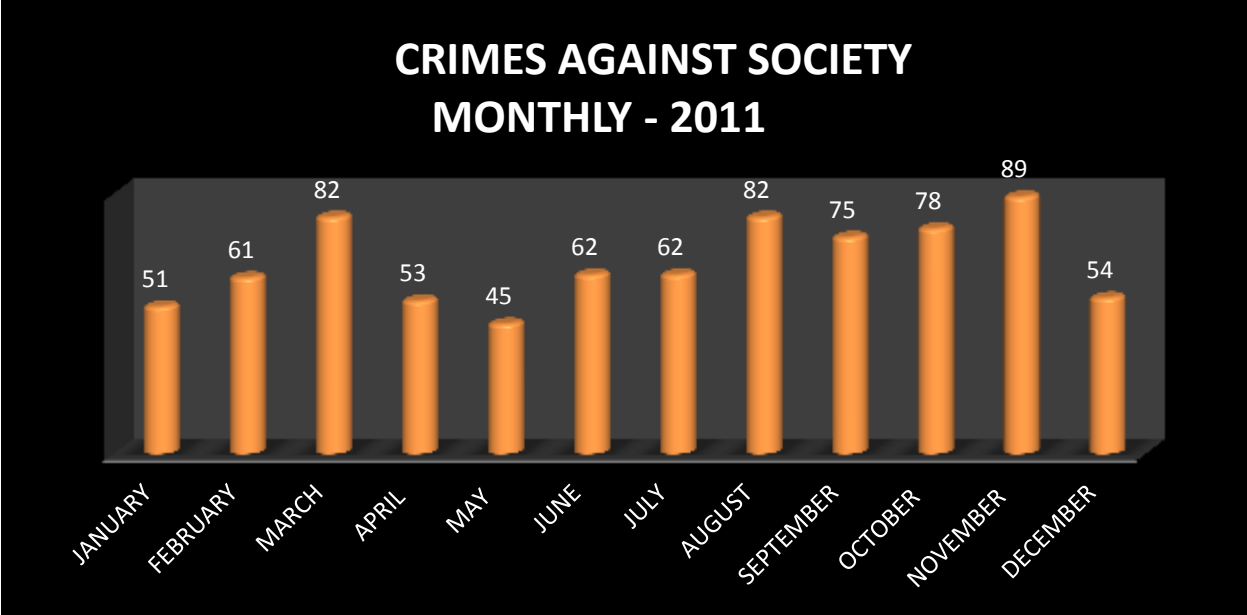


The above graph shows that in **2011** the top 3 reporting months for Crimes against Property are May, August and October. Total reported Crimes against Property for **2011** was **2,365**.

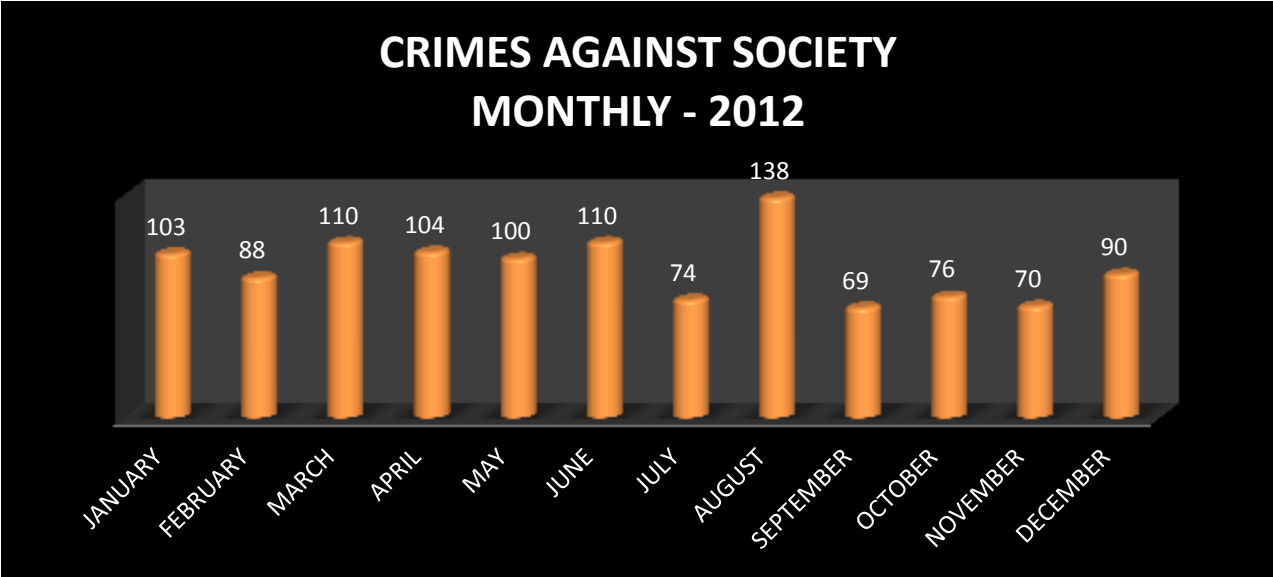
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY MONTHLY - 2012



The above graph shows that in **2012** the top 3 reporting months for Crimes against Property were June, July and August. The highest reported crime month in this category was August. As can clearly be seen by the above graph, in the early Spring (March) there was a low point in Property Crimes and then a gradual increase each month until the highest Month (August), then a gradual reduction each month into the Winter. Total reported Crimes against Property for 2012 was **2,373** which show a minute increase from 2011. Clearance Rates for Crimes Against Property Offenses were 15.3%.



As depicted above, the top 4 reporting months in **2011** for Crimes against Society were March, August and November.



As shown above, the top 3 reporting months in **2012** for Crimes against Society were March, June and August. During 2012 there was a total of 1,132 Crimes Against Society complaints and the HCSO Clearance Rate on these offenses was 81%.

CRIME ANALYSIS SUMMARY:

Calendar Year 2011 was the first year that the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office initiated proper Crime Analysis to assist in combating crime in this consistently growing County. The population in the unincorporated areas of Hamilton County has grown 16.9 percent since 2001. With this dramatic increase in population, crime will also be on the rise. The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has taken an extremely pro-active approach to protecting our citizens by utilizing modern policing methods to actively prevent crimes from happening.

The Sheriff's Office has developed and expanded its Community Policing efforts by expanding our Neighborhood Watch Associations which educates the public and helps citizens to protect themselves. The Sheriff's Office has initiated the much needed Crime Analysis Office to give up to date information on Crime and Crime trends so that the Patrol and Investigation Divisions are better able to concentrate their tactical forces on not only catching criminals, but actually preventing these criminals from committing crimes. This has come in the form of developing "Saturation Patrols" that concentrate Patrol Officers and Investigators in high crime areas. This has been extremely successful in the latter half of 2011, and assisted in the removal of dozens of professional criminals from the community.

Areas in which specific types of Crimes are on the rise:

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS:

1. Forcible Rape – up 18%. It is believed that the social stigma of reporting a rape is no longer so prevalent. It is most likely the case that there is better reporting regarding this crime category.

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY:

1. BURGLARY – UP 4%. The Sheriff's Office has developed Saturation Patrols and is educating the community through Neighborhood Watch to combat this crime.
2. ROBBERY – UP 1%. This is a miniscule rise in crime rate. The Robbery category is relatively steady at 15 – 16 per year.

THEFT CRIMES:

1. SHOPLIFTING – UP 12%. This category is predicted to go down appreciably in 2013 due to annexation of several business areas to the City of Chattanooga.
2. THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLES – UP 7%. Although this category is up slightly, the HCSO Patrol Division and Investigative Services Division is concentrating on solving crimes in this category. Current Clearance Rate on this Category of Crime is 46%.

CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY:

1. DRUG/NARCOTIC AND EQUIPMENT – UP 15% – 32%. These are mainly self-generated cases, where a Deputy initiates the case. This shows that the Agency is refocusing on Drug/Narcotic cases.
2. PORNOGRAPHY/OBSCENE MATERIALS: - UP 17%. The HCSO has dedicated Detectives working these types of cases now.
3. WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS – up 5%.

GANG RELATED CRIME

1. The formation of Organized Crime Gangs is becoming a serious problem within Hamilton County. Gang related shootings, drug dealing and organized crime is growing. It has been documented that there are 9 main categories of organized gangs within Hamilton County – The Bloods, the Crips, Gangster Disciples, Vice Lords, Hispanics, Asians, Motor Cycle Gangs, Hybrids and different Hate Groups have over 89 individual gangs associated within their groups. It has been documented that these gangs are traveling from the East and West Coast to the Hamilton County area in order to develop and expand their numbers.
2. The majority of the Gang Related Crime issues that the HCSO deals with is in the School System. There were 74 documented Gang Related Offenses in the School Systems where School Resource Officers are located.
3. The Sheriff's Office is expanding its Neighborhood Watch Program in order to further educate and train local community members on the nature of Gang Related Crime, and how to recognize and report this type of activity.