

**Manassas City Police Department
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2012 Annual Statistical Report Released

Although the population in Manassas has been steadily increasing, the crime index has been at its lowest in recent years compared to the last decade.

An Overview

- The crime rate in Manassas City for 2012 was 27 crimes per 1,000 persons, or 3 person crimes per 1,000 persons and 24 property crimes per 1,000 persons. These rates are slightly lower than national crime rates reported by the FBI for 2011 (4 person crimes and 29 property crimes per 1,000 persons).
- Calls for service initiated by police officers increased 30%—a result of proactive patrol officers in the neighborhoods, handling crime and disorder BEFORE residents needed to call for our services. Calls for service initiated by citizens decreased 5%; when combined there were 17% more calls for service in 2012 than in 2011.
- The *Part I Offenses (serious and violent crime)* increased 8% on account of increases in aggravated assaults and larceny, specifically thefts from vehicles.
- *Overall Crime (and other incidents reported to police)* increased 9% due to an increase in simple assaults and other incidents which officers routinely document, to include illegal drug or alcohol possession, juvenile cases, and found property reports.
- There were 91 fewer reports of Domestic Violence, a 26% decrease.

**Please note: be cautious when interpreting percentage increases or decreases for small numbers because minimal numerical changes can cause large percentage changes.*

Reports of Part I Crimes (compared to 2011)	Arrest/Warrant %	(2011 National Clearance %)
:		(arrest or exceptionally cleared)
Murder: Decreased by 25 percent (from 4 to 3)	100%	(64.8%)
Rape: Decreased by 32 percent (from 22 to 15)	100%	(41.2%)
Robbery: no change, 51 incidents in 2011 and 2012	47%	(28.7%)
Aggravated Assault: Increased by 17 percent (from 46 to 54)	70%	(56.9%)
Burglary: Decreased by 4 percent (from 123 to 118)	29%	(12.7%)
Larceny: Increased by 14 percent (from 680 to 776)	7.5% [75% no leads]	(21.5%)
Auto Theft: Decreased by 16 percent (from 69 to 58)	7.5%	(11.9%)
		<i>[16% unfounded; of the remaining 80% were recovered]</i>

Crime statistics in the City of Manassas are tracked in accordance with the national standards administered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program. The program’s main objective is to generate a reliable set of criminal statistics for use in law enforcement. The entire Annual Report may be viewed at: <http://www.manassascity.org/police>.