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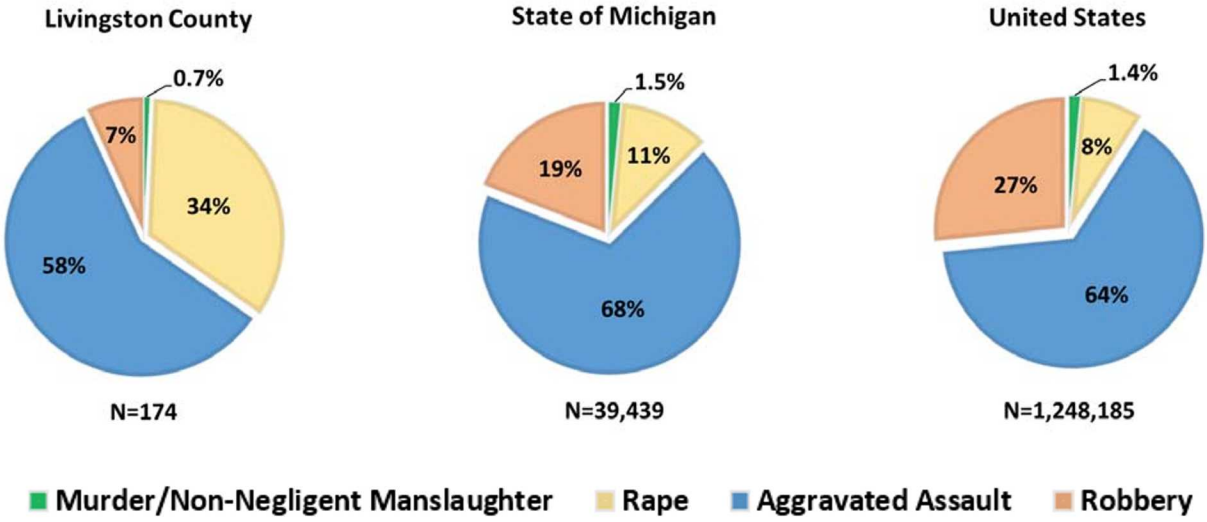
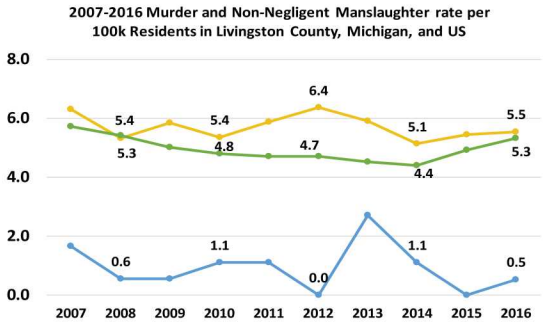
Violent Crimes

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) there are 4 categories of violent crimes: Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter, Aggravated Assault, Rape, and Robbery. Each of these crimes include offenses that involve force or threat of force. The FBI has reported that in 2016 there were an estimated 1.2 million violent crimes reported in the United States. This is a 4.1 percent increase in violent crimes from the 2015 estimate. Despite the lower than average rates of all violent crime compared to both the state of Michigan and the United States, Livingston County had a significantly higher proportion of the rape component of those crimes.



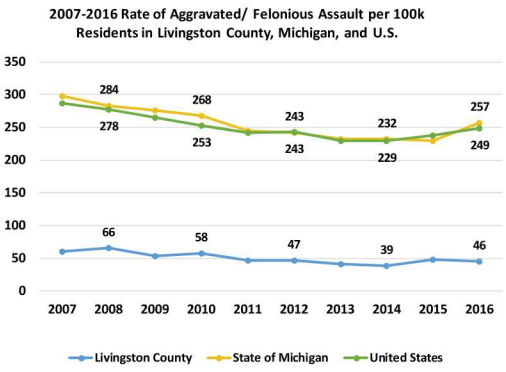
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter (M/NNM)

The classification of murder and non-negligent manslaughter is determined by the police investigation itself rather than by a judicial body. These cases make up less than 2% of all violent crimes reported. In Livingston County there was 1 reported case of M/NNM in 2016, an increase from 0 reported cases in 2015. In Michigan the reported M/NNM rate for 2016 remained the same as the previous year at 6 murders for every 100,000 persons (550 cases). In 2016 the United States faced its highest murder rate since 2008 at approximately 5.3 murders per 100,000 persons.



Aggravated Assault

The number of aggravated assault cases nationwide have increased by approximately 5.1% in the last year. There were an estimated 803,007 cases reported in 2016 that account for 64.3% of the violent crimes reported in the United States. Livingston County reported 86 cases of aggravated assault in 2016. This crime rate for Livingston County (45.6 per 100,000 residents) is approximately five times less than both the state and national averages.



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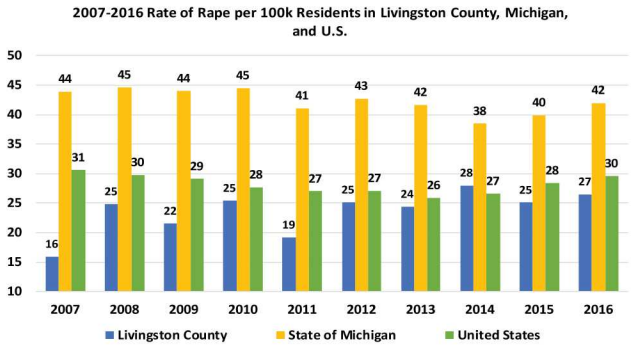
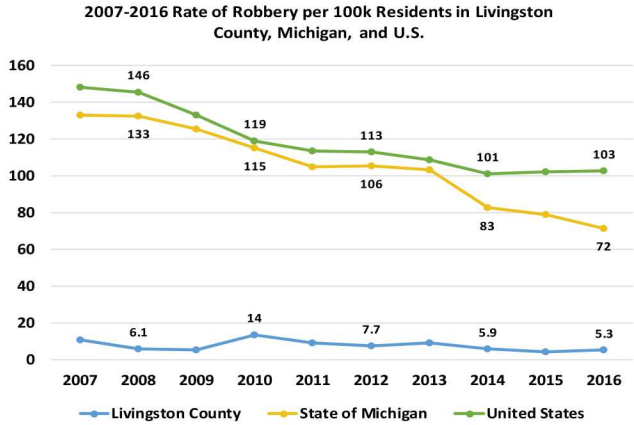
Rape

During 2016 there were 147 total reported violent crimes in Livingston County, and 34% of these crimes were reported as rape (50 cases). The state of Michigan reported only 11.2% of all violent crimes as rape. Compared to other violent crimes in the United States, rape accounts for only 7.7% of all total violent crimes. Due to the low amount of total violent crimes in Livingston county, rape as a proportion of violent crimes is three times higher than the state experience.



Robbery

Robbery is defined as 'taking or attempting to take anything of value from a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or putting the victim in fear,' whereas theft/larceny is the act of stealing something without force of another person. In 2016, nationwide there was approximately $465 million in losses reported due to robberies. In the United States, 26.6% of violent crimes committed were robberies (332,198 cases). The state of Michigan reported that 19.0% of their violent crimes were robberies (7,116 cases). Livingston County reported three to four times less robbery cases than the state and national estimates. There were only 10 robbery cases (6.8%) reported in 2016, which was a slight increase from 8 reported cases in 2015.



Crime Prevention Programs

Refuse To Be A Victim® - National crime prevention program that hosts seminars around the country to inform communities on prevention strategies and avoidance of attacks.

Smart Safe for Women – Self-defense class for women that teaches them techniques to stay safe regardless of age or fitness level.

Michigan Crime Victim Services Commission (CVSC) Programs

Crime Victim Compensation- Designed to reimburse innocent victims with financial aid due to the violent crime that occurred.

Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE)-Victims of sexual assault can have an exam done through a medical provider without having the exam be sent to their insurance company. LACASA operates Livingston County's SANE program (sexual assault nurse examiner) free of charge to those seeking an exam within 120 hours following an assault.

Crime Victim Assistance (VOCA) - A grant funded program that aids victims with services pertaining to emotional and physical needs of victims, navigating the criminal justice system, and stabilizing their life after victimization.

If you would like more information or to leave feedback, please visit: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LivHealthFeedback

Sources: 2007-2016 MICR; 2007-2016 FBI: UCR; Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

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