

# City of Kankakee



**2016**

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## TOTAL CRIME INDEX 2016

The Total Crime Index for the City of Kankakee saw a decrease in 2016. The Total Crime Index dropped 3.75% from 2015. The Total Crime Index is comprised of the crimes of Murder, Criminal Sexual Assault, Aggravated Battery, Theft, Auto Theft, and Arson. Our Total Crime Index is 1297 compared to 1346 for 2015. The Total Crime Index is derived from the sum of all the above listed crimes.

Comparing our current number 1297 to 10 years ago in 2006 at 1742 we still show a marked decrease, even at the lower 2005 numbers. At the 5 year mark of 2011 our mark was 1562, we are lower in 2016 at 1297. The leveling out of our Total Crime Index is continuing with totals fluctuating within 200 points in the last 7 years. Over the past 23 years the Kankakee Police Department has worked diligently to reduce crime in our neighborhoods. The last 18 years show the steady reductions as the officer's efforts continue to show improvement. Kankakee's high mark came in 1991 when the Total Crime index was 4219, and the low was recorded in 2013 at 1288. After the high mark in 1991, the Kankakee Police Department engaged the entire department in a change of culture starting in 1994, where the department shifted its focus from a reactionary response system, to a proactive problem solving, community oriented policing philosophy. The retraining of the entire department took approximately 2 years, and in 1996 the Kankakee Police Department implemented Community Oriented Policing as its main philosophy to address the needs of the community in crime fighting. This philosophy is still used as the main platform for policing in the City of Kankakee, and you can see the results by looking at the enclosed 30 year graphic enclosed in this report.

Some factors that affect our Total Crime Index are the state wide unemployment rate of 5.6% and the local unemployment of 6.5 %. Another factor is the incarceration rate in Kankakee County, which indicates that we have many more people returning from the Illinois Department of Corrections as opposed to the

number of people we are sending to them. There were 3642 people booked into Jerome Combs Detention Center in 2016, of that 113 people were sent to the Illinois Department of corrections, while there were 555 people released back to Kankakee County. The number of persons booked and sent to DOC are down from 2015, but the number of people released back to Kankakee County is up.

Another trend that has an impact on our numbers is that retail merchants, even the smallest businesses, are employing the use of video surveillance inside and outside of their stores, to catch retail thieves. The Kankakee Police has tapped into this resource and checks nearby businesses for video surveillance equipment when a crime is committed close to the business. Numerous crimes have been solved as a result of private video surveillance equipment. Private Citizens have also begun to deploy and utilize video surveillance equipment on their private residences and have welcomed its use by police officers to solve crimes in their neighborhoods. The Kankakee Police Department also uses its own 2 portable video systems it deploys into the neighborhoods to address issues that arise. This Public / Private partnership has proven to be invaluable and with the addition of more and more cameras deployed it can only increase the probability of a crime occurring on video.

The City of Kankakee saw an increase in 4 categories in 2016, Murder increased from 3 to 5 in 2016. Criminal Sexual Assault increased from 24 to 28 in 2016. Robbery increased from 67 to 75 in 2016. Finally Auto Theft increased from 47 to 48 in 2016. All other categories Aggravated Battery, Burglary, Theft, and Arson saw a reduction in number for 2016.

Included in this report is a 30 year break down of our Total Crime Index, which shows a steady reduction in overall crime over that time. The Community as well as the Police Department have seen various changes over those 3 decades. The Kankakee Police Department has completely transformed in that period of time to what it is today, a highly regarded, nationally accredited, medium sized

department with a very strong and deep commitment to the community it serves. Kankakee Police Officers are given the ability and the authority to pursue any avenue for a solution to a problem in a neighborhood using any City Department to accomplish the task. They are afforded tools such as Nuisance Abatement laws, Chronic Nuisance Ordinance, and the use of Courtesy Citations to allow compliance of City Ordinances and State Laws. This kind of City wide cooperation between City Departments plays a crucial role in problem solving as it shows a united goal City wide, to bring a better quality of life to its residents.

There are 13 active community groups that function within the City of Kankakee, and Officers from the Kankakee Police Department routinely attend their monthly meetings to work with neighborhood leaders and residents to assist them with problems and answer questions concerning their neighborhoods. The officers also attend meetings to reinforce our commitment to Community Policing / Problem Solving as the foundation of our philosophy.

## **PERSONNEL**

The Kankakee Police Department hired 5 new Police Officers in 2016, Jack Klasey was hired on 3-22-16, Thomas Ritter was hired on 3-23-16, Elizabeth Ortiz was hired on 3-24-16, Thomas Martin was hired on 6-20-16, and Jeffrey Krause 9-14-16. Elizabeth Ortiz left the Kankakee Police Department on 9-7-16 to take a job with another agency, and by 12-31-16 she was no longer employed in the police profession.

The Kankakee Police Department had 4 Officers retire from its ranks during 2016. Sgt. Greg Gear retired 1-8-16, Lt. Pat Kane retired 1-15-16, Sgt. Wayne Trudeau retired 2-15-16, and Sgt. Rich Sims retired 5-16-16. Ptlmn. Brendan Wood left the police Department to take a job in the private sector.

On 1-6-16 Paul Berge was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sgt. Berge is a 10 year veteran of the Kankakee Police Department, having worked in Patrol and KAMEG. He is currently assigned as a supervisor on the 3rd shift.

## ACTIVITIES

In January and February of 2016 all Police Department personnel participated in annual in house training to meet State mandated requirements. Officers are trained in Self Defense Tactics, Use of Force, Handcuffing Techniques, Taser Recertification, Ethics, Victim's Rights, All Hazards Plan, Safety Disk Water Rescue, River Rescue Plan, Suspect "Show Up" Procedure, Legal Update, Felony Traffic Stops, and Policy and Procedure Training. Supervisory Personnel received training in the proper techniques of deploying "Stop Sticks", which are deployed to disable a vehicles tires on the rare occasion of a vehicle pursuit.

The Kankakee Police Departments Social Media Sites and Web Page continue to receive lots of activity, and continue to grow, both in information output and information received. Our posts and tweets are viewed and responded to by tens of thousands of friends and followers. Our Nixle Account, which is used to distribute information on missing and endangered persons, as well as traffic information and community messages, reaches 15,000 persons with each post.

Commander Jay Etzel and Sgt. Tim Kreissler hosted the 27<sup>th</sup> session of the Citizens Police Academy in the fall of 2016, with 12 residents attending. The academy consists of classes held one a week for 10 weeks, and allows attendees an insider's view of the Kankakee Police department. Demonstrations are given by SWAT, Detective Bureau, States Attorney's Office, Patrol Procedure, Nuisance Abatement, Code Enforcement, and the Coroner's Office. Students are offered the opportunity to Ride Along with an officer during a normal patrol shift as part

of the curriculum. The class also tours the KanComm Communications Center, the Jerome Combs Detention Center and the Coroner's Office. A graduation ceremony is held at the end of the 10 week course, and all graduates are invited to join the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association, which allows them the opportunity to volunteer for Police and City Sponsored activities.

Juvenile Detective Mark Miramontes hosted a Hispanic Citizens Police Academy class with 27 students that went thru the exact same course as the regular Academy only given all in Spanish. This is the second Hispanic class given. The success of this class has brought about another class in the near future. We are hoping for as good or better turnout for the next one.

Patrolwoman Morgen Golden also hosted a Senior Citizen's Police Academy at the high rise, 300 E. River. Again this is the same class with an emphasis on Sr. Services and safety. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> class given for seniors.

On March 27, 2016 Chief Regnier, Deputy Chief Passwater, Commander Chris Kidwell, Commander Jay Etzel and Lt. Donell Austin traveled to St. Louis MI, to receive the 3<sup>rd</sup> award from CALEA for the Kankakee Police Department. 2016 was a highly unusual year for CALEA Accreditation as Lt. Pat Kane retired in late 2015 leaving the department to replace him with an on-site re-accreditation visit from CALEA assessors just a few weeks away. Lt. Jay Etzel stepped in to fill the opening as the CALEA Manager, and then the retirement of Deputy Chief John Gerard, moved Lt. Etzel into the Investigations Commander spot and then and Commander Passwater was appointed into the Deputy Chief position. Freshly promoted Lt. Donell Austin was tapped to fill the CALEA Manger position. Within 3 weeks both Etzel and Austin were sent to the CALEA conference to receive the manager training, and returned to immediately face the on-site visit from CALEA. Both officers performed fantastically and the Kankakee Police Department was recommended for its 3<sup>rd</sup> award. Words cannot explain the relief the entire command staff felt upon receiving the recommendation. I cannot praise

Commander Etzel and Lt. Austin enough for getting our department over this large hurdle. Without their desire and fortitude our award could have taken much longer. As you know the Kankakee Police Department is one of a very small number of police departments that possess dual accreditation, both nationally and at the state level. This is an accomplishment of which we are truly proud and give great effort in maintaining. This presents our Police Department as a cut above the rest, and sets us as a standard by which other departments attempt to match.

### **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

The Kankakee Police Department has collected and reported the required criteria for the Illinois Traffic Stop Study since its inception in 2005. The results of this mandated study are reported to the Illinois Department of Transportation, who in turn publishes them on their web site yearly for review. We have also placed the published results in this report for your review. In the back section of this report you will find the past 3 years numbers from the study and how we issue citations in our community. The Traffic Stop Study specifically looks for disparity in traffic stops from one ethnicity to another. Our numbers indicate that the Kankakee Police Department does not single out any one gender or race to issue traffic citations or make stops.

The Kankakee Police Department answered 52,727 calls for service in 2016. This number is 872 calls for service more than the 51,855 from 2015. Of those calls 53% of them were called in by the public, and 47% were officer initiated activity. The City of Kankakee Police arrested 1369 persons in 2016, 1309 adults, and 60 juveniles. Officers issued 3145 traffic citations in 2016, along with 787 written warnings, 336 Courtesy Citations, and 2273 City Ordinance Violations. Patrol Officers performed 3514 foot patrols in 2016, and completed 4432 case reports.

Officers resorted to Use of Force 13 times in 2016, while answering those 52,727 call for service, which works out to 1 use of force for every 4,000 calls for service. Use of Force involves any type of increased force to overcome the resistance an individual whether it be by Hands, Baton, Taser or Firearm. None of the above uses of force involves the use of a firearm by an Officer of the Kankakee Police Department. No Kankakee Police Officer has used Deadly Force in the defense of him or another in over 10 years.

There were 27 Citizen Complaints lodged against officers in 2016, that were investigated by the City Inspector, of that 7 were sustained, 4 were unfounded, and 16 were not sustained. To put Citizen Complaints into perspective, 27 complaints is 1 complaint for every 1900 calls the officers are answering.

There were 29 people shot and injured in Kankakee in 2016. Of those 29 people, 22 were Black Males or 76%, 3 were Black Females or 7%, 2 were Multiracial Males or 7%, 1 Multiracial Female or 3%, 1 White Male and 1 Hispanic Male each at 3%. African American Males made up 76% of the shooting victims, while all others accounted for 24%. Of those 29 shooting victims, the suspected shooters were 15 Black Males or 51% and 14 were unknown or 49%.

### **SPECIALTY UNITS AND TASK FORCES**

During the 2016 year the Kankakee Police Department had 6 officers assigned to the Kankakee Metropolitan Enforcement Group (KAMEG). Kankakee Police had had 3 of the 6 officer's salaries attached to grants funded by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. The grants funded about 50% of the 3 officer's salaries annually. KAMEG is a multi-jurisdictional Task Force consisting of officers from Kankakee, Bourbonnais, Illinois State Police and the Illinois National Guard. Kankakee officers accounted for 65% of the total manpower at KAMEG. In June of 2016 the Kankakee County Sheriff's Police were approached to assign a Deputy to KAMEG. In order to make the offer viable to the Sheriff's Office, the Kankakee



Police department offered one of our 3 grants to the Sheriff to supplement the officer's salary. In October of 2016 the Kankakee County Sheriff assigned a Deputy to KAMEG. KAMEG consists of 2 divisions, the Covert undercover unit and the street suppression unit. The Covert Unit is the traditional model of a drug unit, making small narcotic purchases from street level dealers, while working their way up the dealer's chain of command making larger and larger purchases in an attempt to reach the larger supplier at the top of the organization. The Street Suppression Unit deals mostly with street level / street corner dealers, and acts as an immediate response team to an area where intensive patrol and enforcement action is needed. Their goal is to curtail violent criminal activity related to gangs, drug and guns. KAMEG opened 188 cases in 2016, made 165 arrests, seized 35 firearms, and executed 64 search warrants. KAMEG Seized 9,599.6 grams of Cannabis, 5484 Cannabis Plants, 48, 949.6 grams of Powder Cocaine, 141.2 grams of Crack Cocaine, 257.3 grams of Methamphetamine, 26.8 grams of Heroin, 17.3 grams of Ecstasy, and 131 assorted illegally held prescription pills.

The Kankakee Police Department assigns 1 officer full time to Tri-County Stolen Auto Task Force (TCAT). This unit is funded by the Illinois Insurance companies, from each insurance policy written in the state of Illinois, and is administered through the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. This unit funds 1 officer (Zack Johnston) at about 75% of his salary. TCAT covers, Kankakee, Will and Grundy Counties. Since July of 2015 the Unit has not given a full reimbursement for Ptlmn. Johnston's salary due to the fact that the State of Illinois swept the funding for all Stolen Auto Task Forces in the State of Illinois, leaving them with no funding. The funding is available from the insurance companies, however they will not give it to the state until there is legislation in place preventing the funding from being swept and placed in the general fund, and there is an actual budget for the State of Illinois. TCAT is the only remaining Task Force in operation in the State. All others have liquidated their accounts and closed their doors. TCAT has remained viable due to good fiscal management, and participating agencies willingness to remain together due to need. The City of Kankakee, Kankakee County, the City of Joliet and the Village of Romeoville are the only remaining participants in TCAT. We are all receiving \$750.00 a month reimbursement until there are no funds left in the account. It is the plan that

even if TCAT folds, there is a need for a stolen auto investigators in Kankakee, and Kankakee County, and both are committed to continue even if the funding goes away. TCAT opened 73 cases in 2016, Recovered 43 Stolen Vehicles with in the City of Kankakee, made 34 arrests, 19 which were juveniles, and 15 adults.

The Kankakee Police Department is a parent member of Project Safe Neighborhoods, (PSN), which is a federally funded Task Force sponsored by the United States Attorney's Office, Central District, Urbana Division. The Kankakee Police along with Agents from Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, (ATF), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and the United States Marshal Service (USMS), work in a coordinated effort to rid the streets and neighborhoods of Illegal Firearms, with a special focus on Armed Career Criminals. The Kankakee Police Department assigns one full time officer to PSN, Sgt. Peter Nicholos, while ATF also assigns one full time Agent. Agents from PSN were responsible for opening 51 cases in 2016. They had 20 Federal arrests, along with 4 arrests on State and Local charges. PSN seized 24 weapons, and 14.8 ounces of crack cocaine. Several assault type weapons and 2 sawed off shot gun were seized as well as hundreds of rounds of Ammunition. Also in 2016 they spearheaded an investigation that netted 8 local leaders of the Latin Kings Street Gang who are currently jailed awaiting trial on Federal Weapons violations.

Attached are the Traffic Stop Data Sheets from this Year and the 2 previous years, and the Total Crime Index numbers since 1985, along with a graph for each category for your comparison.

I would like to thank the City Council, each Alderman and Alderwomen for their continued support during the last year. Without your support and guidance our Police Department would not be a Nationally Recognized model for Policing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We are very proud of our dual Accreditation through CALEA and ILEAP and hold our commitment to Community Policing as the true philosophy and foundation of our Police Department. Your officers are the best trained, best equipped, professional officers you will find. Again thank for your support.

## TRAFFIC WARNINGS AND CITATIONS

2014 Traffic Warning and Citations			
	Warnings	Citations	Total
Caucasian/Male	66	339	405
Caucasian/Female	75	261	336
African American/Male	66	248	314
African American/Female	46	217	263
Hispanic/Male	15	98	113
Hispanic/Female	15	73	88
Asian/Male	1	5	6
Asian/Female	0	2	2
Other	3	2	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>1245</b>	<b>1532</b>

2015 Traffic Warning and Citations			
	Warnings	Citations	Total
Caucasian/Male	94	347	441
Caucasian/Female	84	281	365
African American/Male	92	317	409
African American/Female	73	252	325
Hispanic/Male	17	80	97
Hispanic/Female	16	71	87
Asian/Male	0	2	2
Asian/Female	1	1	2
Other	1	2	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>1353</b>	<b>1731</b>

2016 Traffic Warning and Citations			
	Warnings	Citations	Total
Caucasian/Male	171	275	446
Caucasian/Female	157	265	422
African American/Male	241	349	590
African American/Female	142	231	373
Hispanic/Male	41	99	140
Hispanic/Female	31	54	85
Asian/Male	1	4	5
Asian/Female	1	7	8
Other	2	5	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>1289</b>	<b>2076</b>

YEAR	MURDER	CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT	ROBBERY	AGGRAVATED ASSAULT/ BATTERY	BURGLARY	THEFT	AUTO THEFT	ARSON	TOTAL
1985	4	35	174	262	812	2048	192	5	3532
1986	2	21	145	414	942	1967	234	15	3740
1987	3	30	164	408	916	1904	241	28	3694
1988	6	28	182	359	830	1881	181	41	3508
1989	7	34	131	363	837	1822	189	35	3418
1990	8	45	200	414	825	2255	208	43	3998
1991	7	68	218	386	1138	2059	314	29	4219
1992	10	66	249	347	937	1853	356	45	3863
1993	18	51	242	896	1169	1249	326	43	3994
1994	22	70	191	899	1008	1446	232	48	3916
1995	10	43	178	350	552	1452	284	17	2886
1996	8	62	137	208	525	1435	167	29	2571
1997	11	53	103	165	415	1408	101	21	2277
1998	3	43	69	150	443	1242	105	14	2069
1999	6	54	58	153	413	1077	150	20	1931
2000	9	38	111	165	340	863	113	21	1660
2001	8	32	99	124	377	1050	125	37	1852
2002	2	40	83	120	355	1039	77	24	1740
2003	2	34	98	120	441	908	80	18	1701
2004	2	42	90	102	289	972	68	14	1579
2005	2	42	82	118	331	956	77	14	1622
2006	4	25	106	126	391	997	72	21	1742
2007	3	22	106	114	381	1021	54	18	1719
2008	1	18	100	150	370	865	62	12	1578
2009	2	22	98	102	271	760	51	10	1316
2010	4	42	99	99	339	741	53	11	1388
2011	4	31	110	108	391	849	53	16	1562
2012	6	26	72	135	352	812	45	25	1473
2013	4	23	71	105	286	754	37	8	1288
2014	6	28	93	94	292	906	34	15	1468
2015	3	24	67	114	271	801	47	19	1346
2016	5	28	75	82	252	795	48	12	1297

**KANKAKEE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT  
PART I INDEX CRIMES**

**December  
2016**

ENSE	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	Total
Arson	4	3	1		2	1	1	12
Assault		1		3			1	5
Battery-Aggravated	17	9	1	3	8	2	15	55
Battery-Domestic	5	3	2	2	4	3	11	30
Burglary	43	58	24	32	25	36	36	254
Burglary From Motor Vehicle	7	28	14	8	16	19	5	97
Criminal Sexual Assault	6	1	1	3	7	3	4	25
Homicide	1	1	2		1			5
Motor Vehicle Theft	9	9	2	4	4	5	18	51
Robbery	7	7		1	6	6	3	30
Robbery-Armed	5	10	4	3	7	5	11	45
Sex Offenses		1				1	1	3
Theft	90	73	51	68	100	30	55	469
Theft From Motor Vehicle	10	8	5	6	19	12	15	75
Theft-Retail	9	4	7	85	61		7	173
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>1329</b>

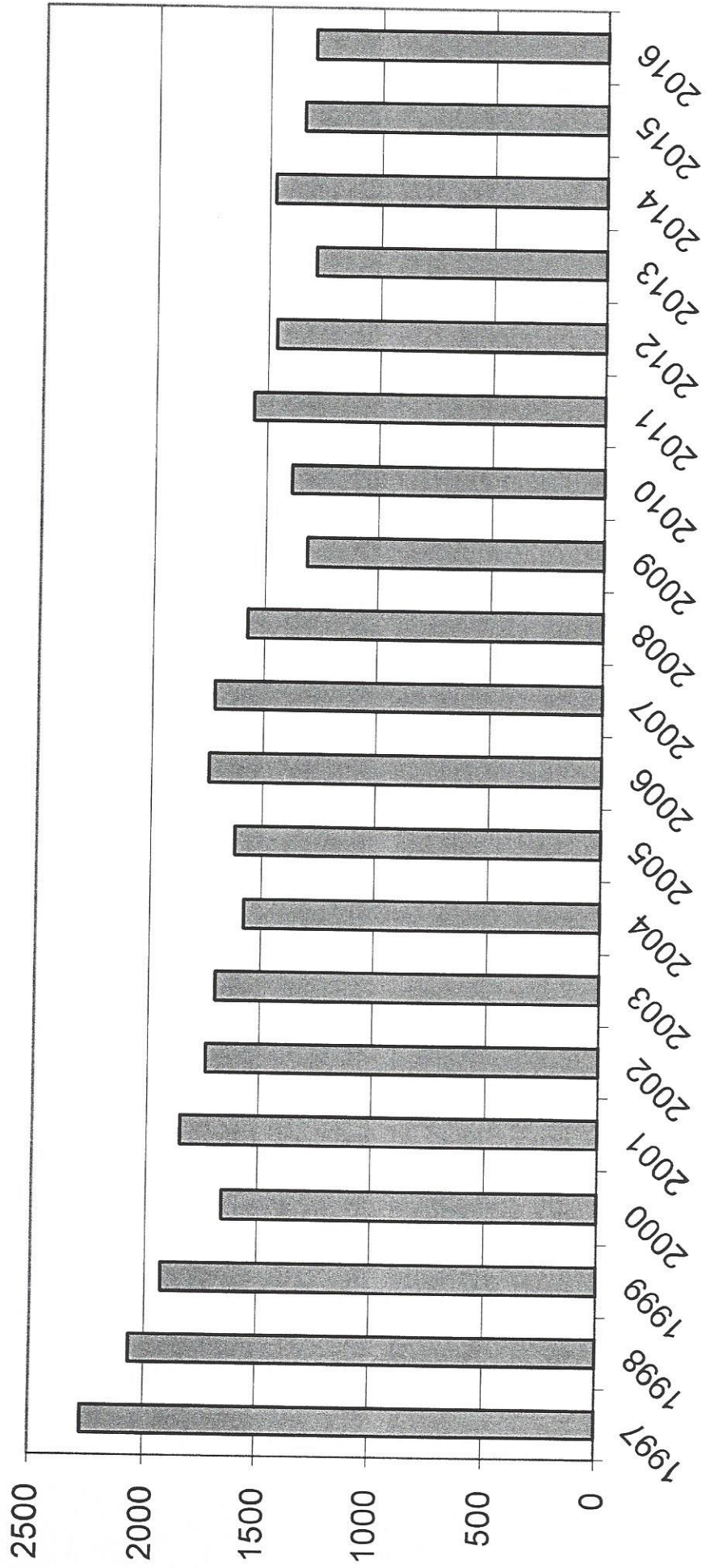
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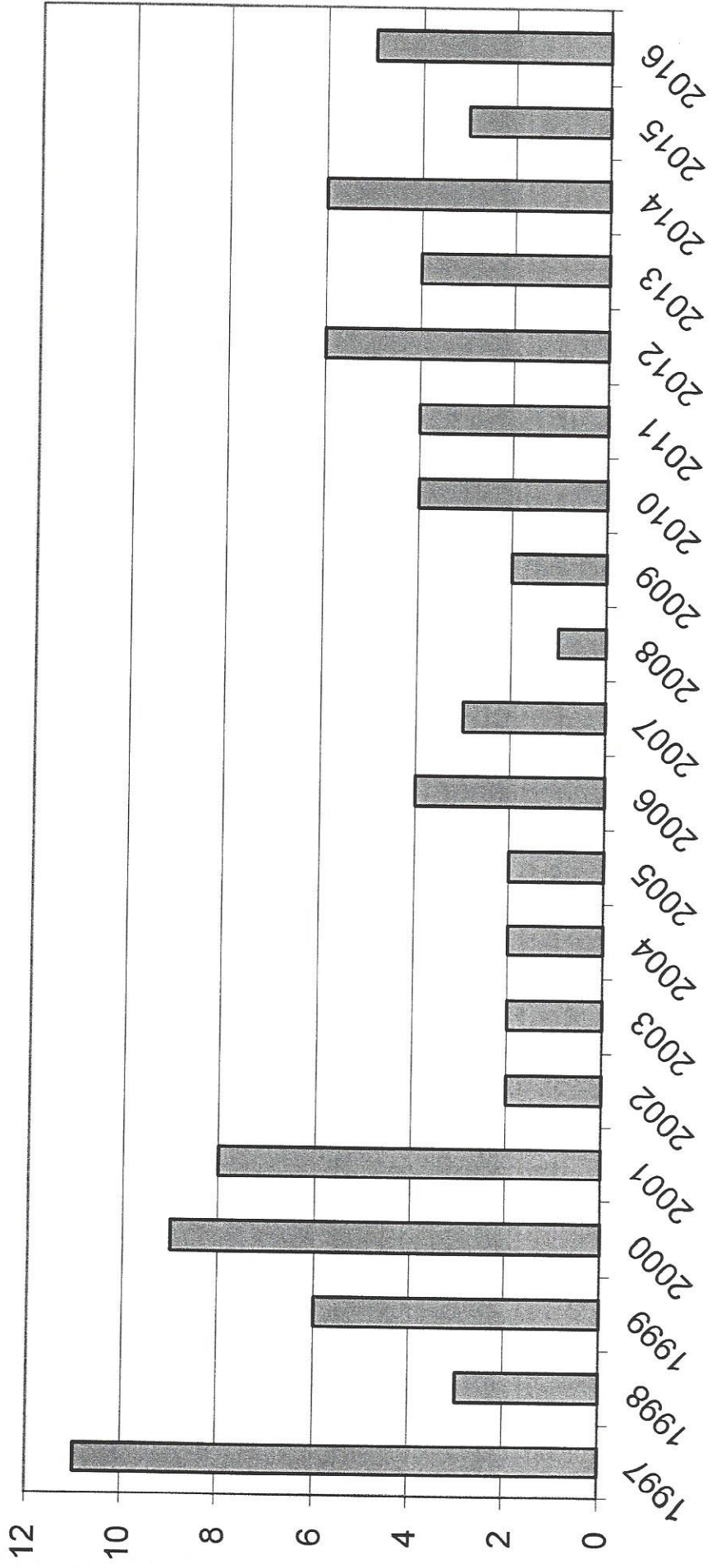
**2016**

OFFENSE	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Arson	1			4	1	2		1	2	1			12
Assault/Battery	6	5	9	7	7	7	9	5	11	6	2	8	82
Burglary	19	23	24	16	18	22	27	28	26	20	17	12	252
Criminal Sexual Assault		2	2	2	3	4		5	4	3	1	2	28
Homicide				4			1						5
Motor Vehicle Theft	5	3	1	5	3	5	3	6	1	7	3	6	48
Robbery	7	8	8	6	2	5	10	8	5	6	4	6	75
Theft	73	61	71	56	72	61	89	89	62	68	52	41	795
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1297</b>

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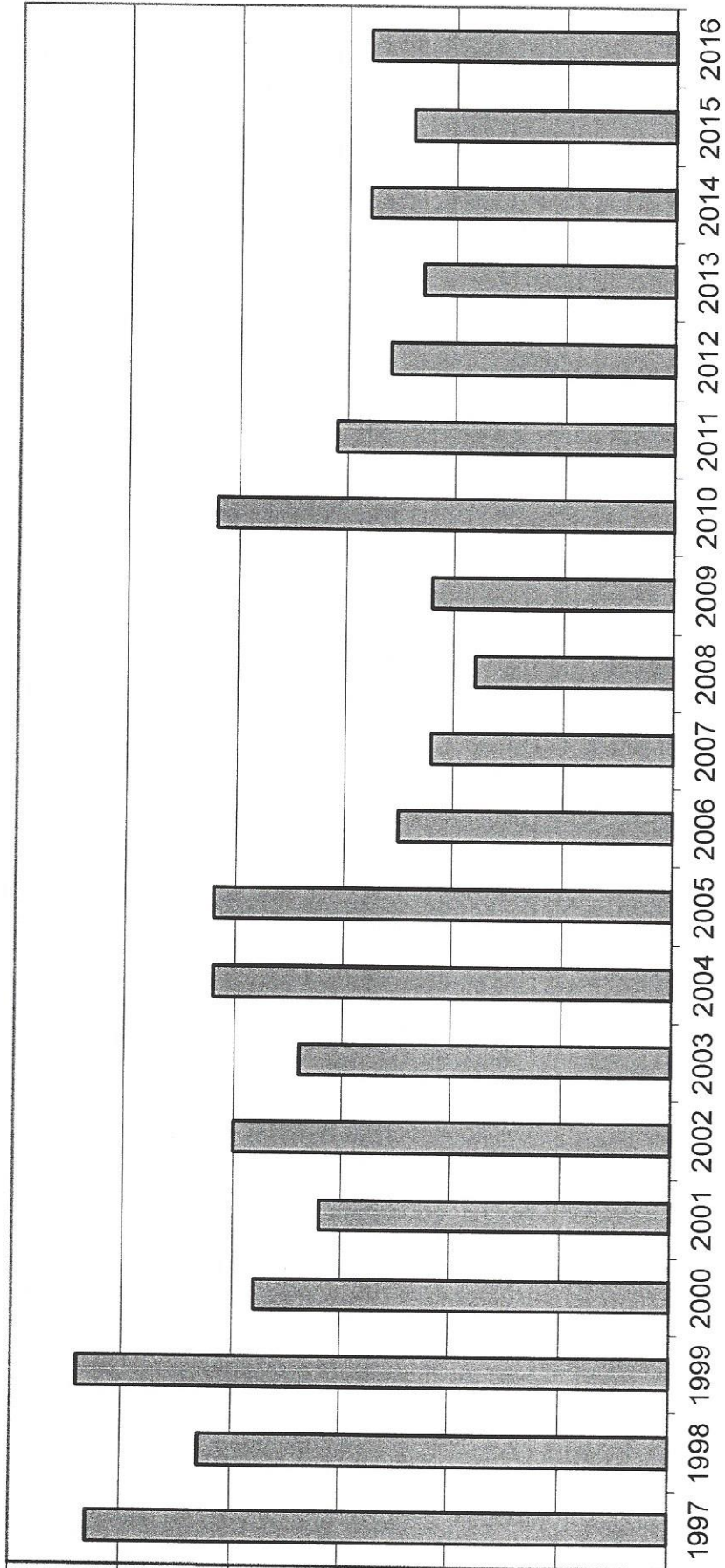


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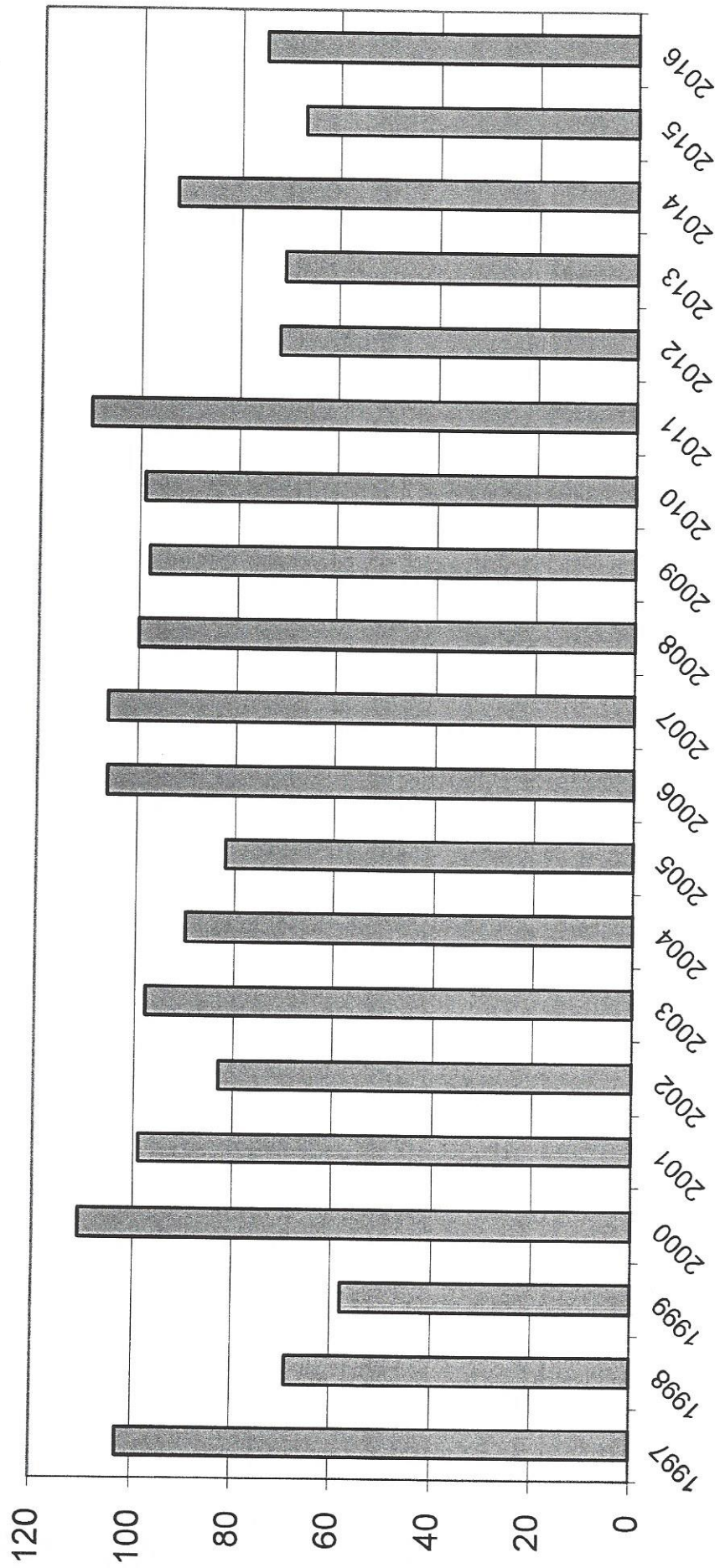




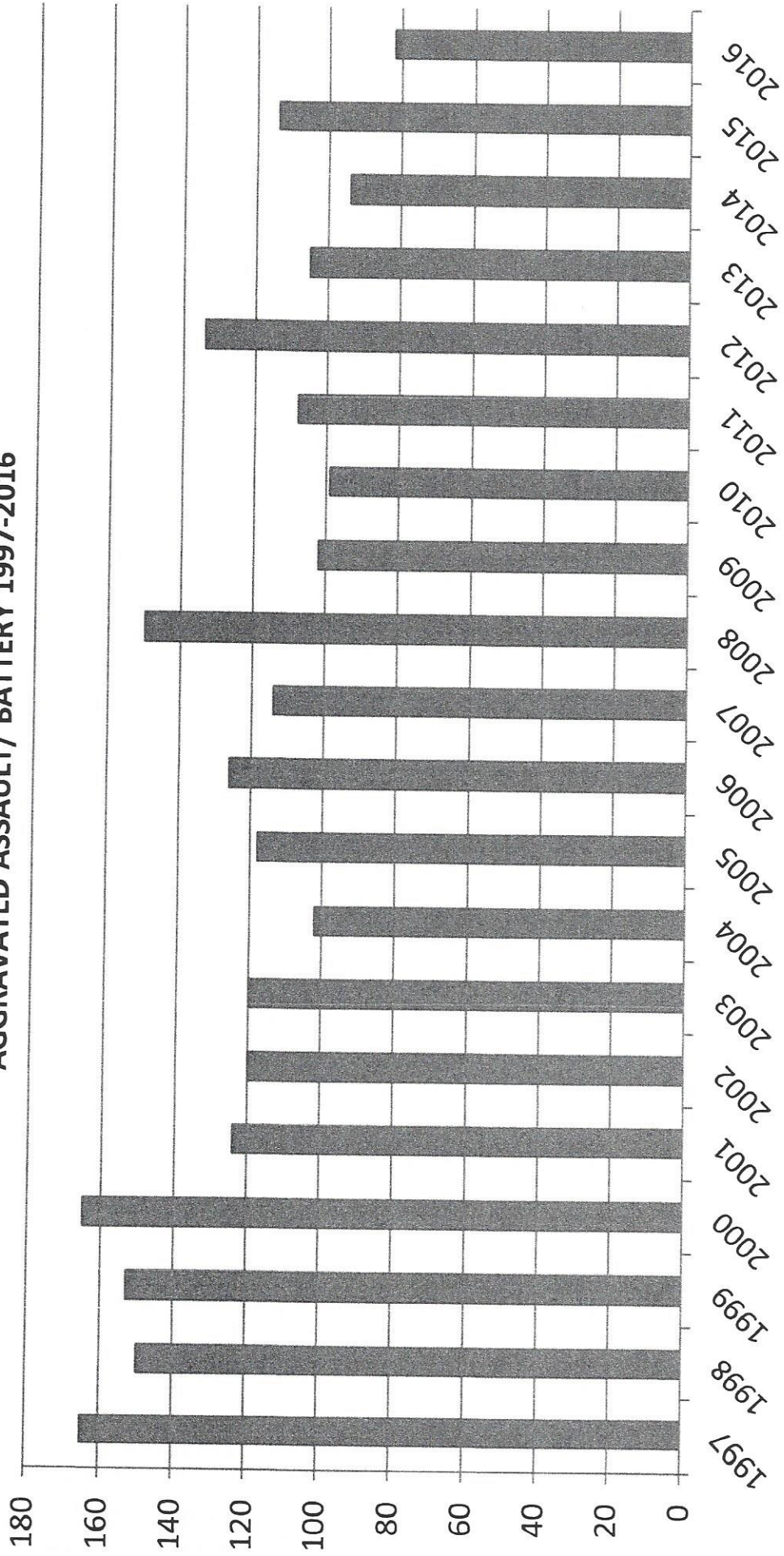
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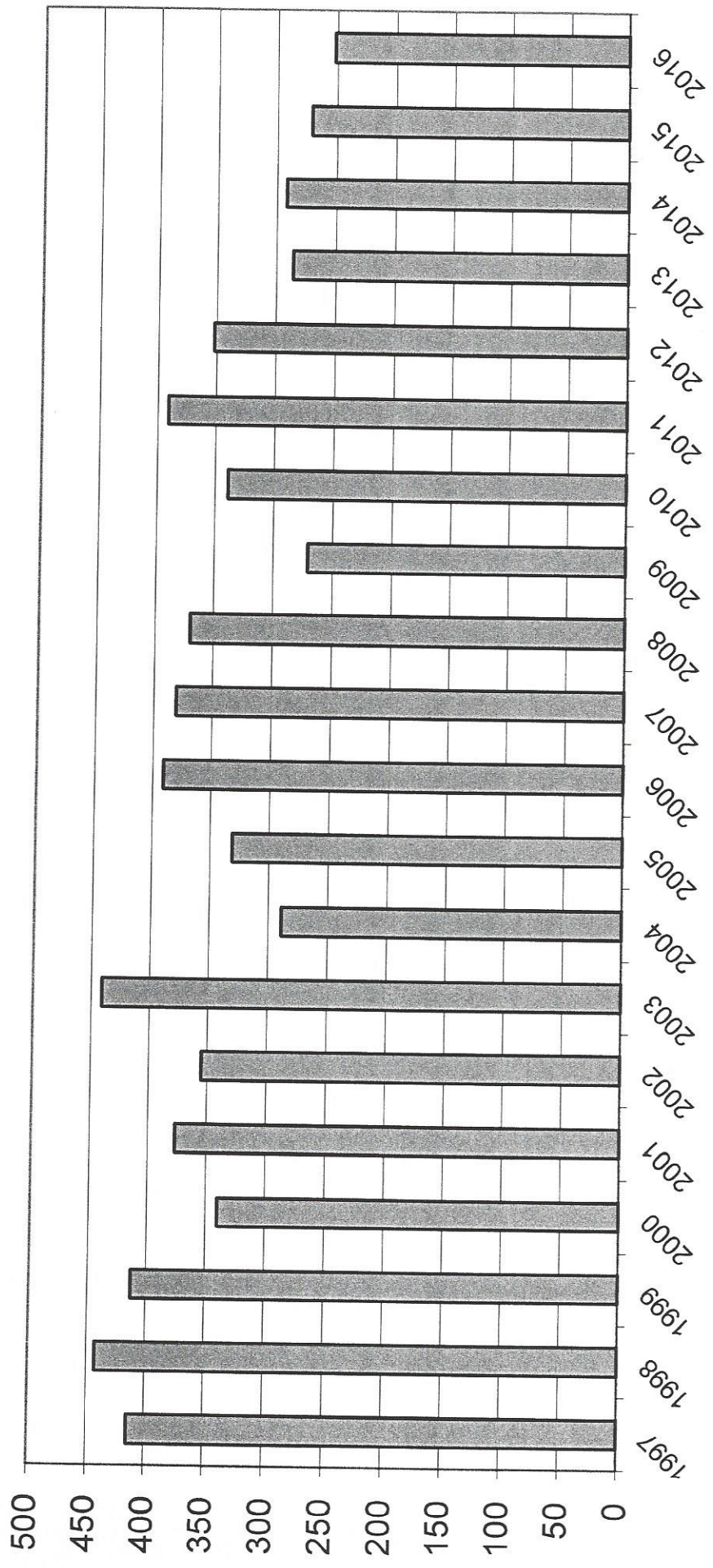
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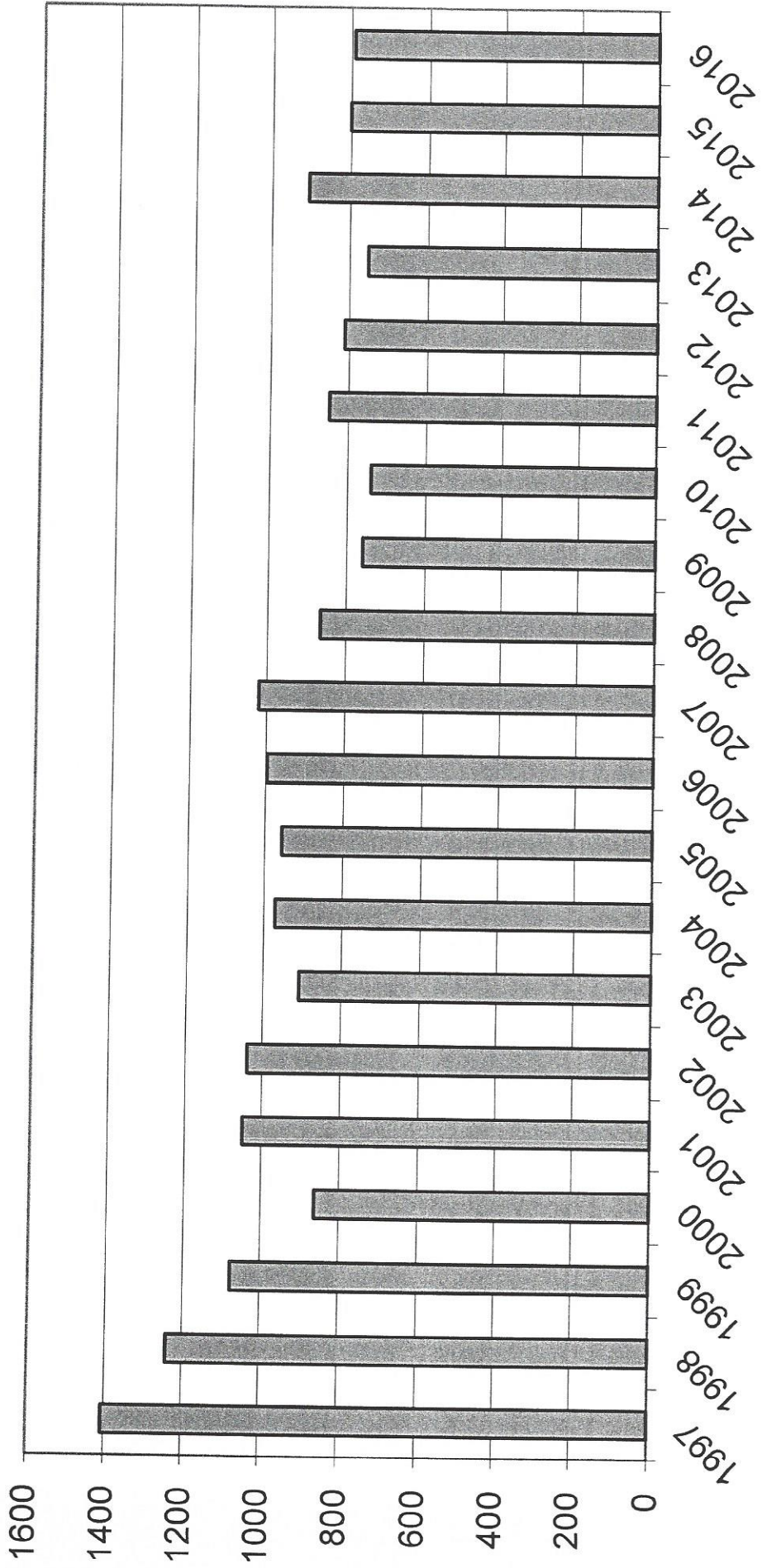
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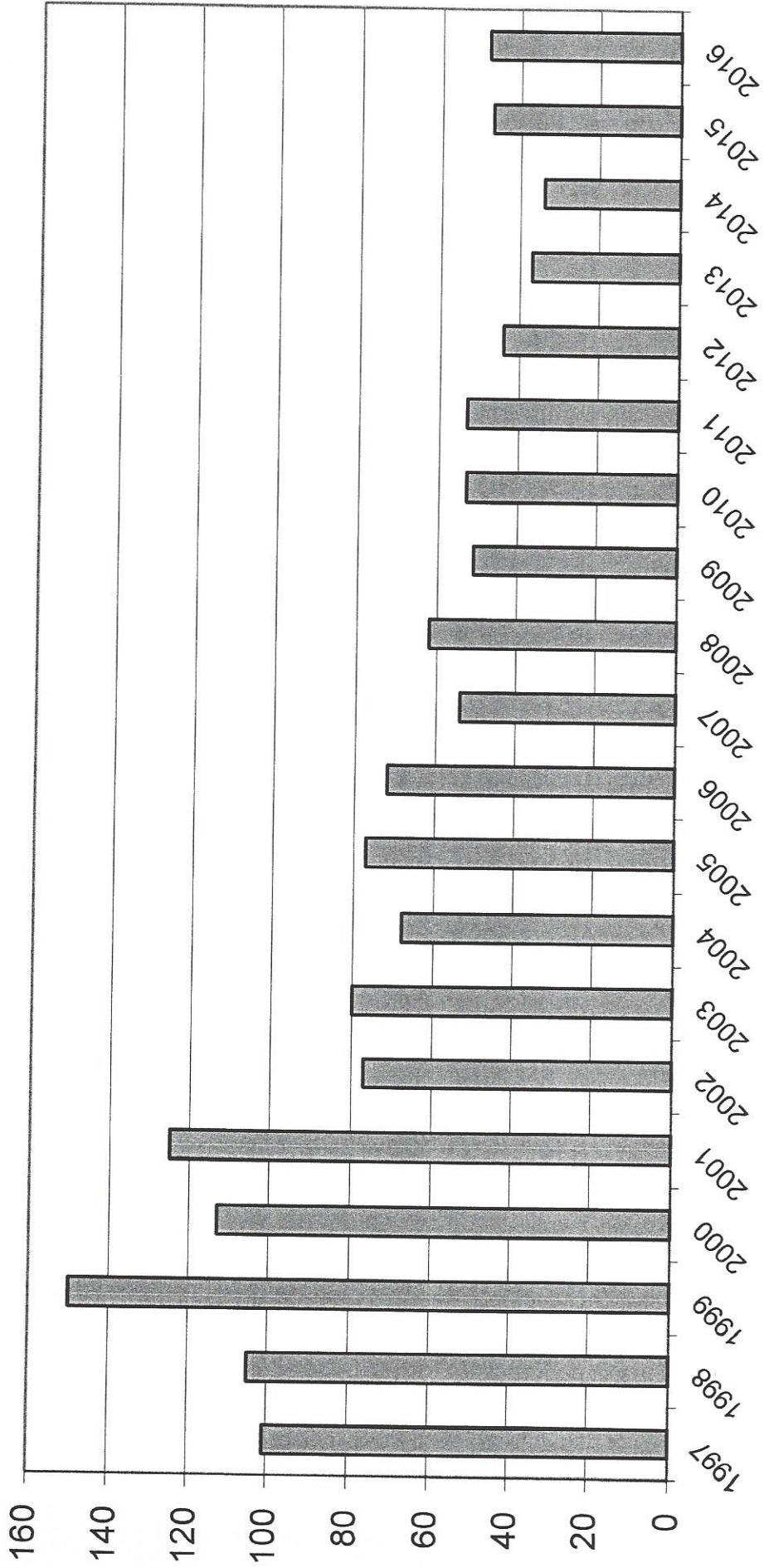
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# AUTO THEFT 1997-2016



# ARSON 1997-2016

