

U.S. Urban Homicide Rate

1926 - 1935

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CITY	1926		1927		1928		1929		1930		1931		1932		1933		1934		1935		1936**
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New York City...	340	5.7	366	6.1	401	6.7	425	6.2	494	7.1	586	8.3	580	8.0	541	7.4	458	6.1	447	5.9	279
Chicago.....	510	16.7	413	13.3	498	15.8	401	12.1	489	14.4	489	14.1	452	12.8	510	14.2	487	13.3	351	9.4	162
Boston.....	31	3.9	31	3.9	27	3.4	23	3.0	15	1.9	28	3.6	20	2.5	32	4.0	29	3.6	32	4.0	9
Philadelphia.....	173	8.6	170	8.4	182	8.8	173	8.9	150	7.7	141	7.2	154	7.8	133	6.7	97	4.8	121	6.0	81
Cleveland.....	120	12.5	114	11.7	134	13.3	120	13.4	153	17.0	121	13.3	125	13.5	144	15.4	120	12.7	103	10.8	64
Detroit.....	327	25.3	249	18.7	228	16.5	257	16.9	209	13.3	177	10.8	162	9.6	130	7.4	102	5.6	105	5.6	49
Milwaukee.....	21	4.1	18	3.4	16	2.9	17	3.0	23	4.0	21	3.5	18	3.0	13	2.1	10	1.6	4	0.6	8
Seattle.....	10	2.4	5	1.3	21	5.5	23	6.4	23	6.3	18	4.8	24	6.4	22	5.8	21	5.4	24	6.1	11
San Francisco.....	49	8.6	44	7.6	36	6.2	40	6.4	41	6.4	52	8.0	46	6.9	43	6.4	51	7.4	30	4.3	13
Los Angeles.....	84	6.5	91	6.6	70	4.7	77	6.5	83	6.6	92	7.0	116	8.4	110	7.6	93	6.2	111	7.0	52
Denver.....	13	4.6	20	6.9	17	5.8	24	8.4	27	9.4	18	6.2	30	10.2	24	8.1	18	6.0	25	8.2	26
St. Louis.....	154	18.6	136	16.2	138	16.3	105	12.8	138	16.8	131	15.8	119	14.3	141	16.8	130	15.4	103	12.1	60
Kansas City, Mo.....			102	26.6	99	25.3	97	24.6	91	22.7	96	23.5	85	20.4	89	21.0	89	20.6	101	22.9	
New Orleans.....	141	33.7	136	32.0	111	25.9	124	27.4	106	23.0	123	26.3	100	21.1	96	19.9	105	21.6	114	23.1	63
Memphis.....	75	42.4	124	69.3	115	60.5	127	51.6	150	58.8	138	52.2	148	54.2	143	52.8	164	56.5	147	49.1	43
Macon, Ga.....	9	15.2	16	26.6	22	35.9	16	29.8	17	31.6	24	44.5	18	33.3	24	44.4	36	66.7	29	53.5	
Nashville.....	40	29.2	39	28.3	39	27.9	333	21.9	58	37.6	58	36.7	33	20.4	60	36.4	81	48.0	84	48.8	37
Montgomery.....											29	42.8	30	43.6	29	41.5	35	49.2	33	45.6	
Atlanta.....			108	43.4	115	45.1	130	49.1	143	52.6	144	49.5	122	39.7	154	47.6	178	52.3	162	45.2	54
Dallas.....	65	32.0	31	14.7	56	25.7	39	15.4	62	23.6	66	24.2	81	29.7	64	22.7	92	31.4			78
Mobile.....	19	28.4	17	25.1	18	25.9	21	31.1	21	30.7	24	34.7	25	35.8	24	34.0	27	37.9			
Jacksonville, Fla.....	104	75.9	75	54.0	74	52.6	66	52.1	45	34.5	65	48.5	72	52.2	67	47.4	72	49.6	66	44.3	23
National Total.....			9,470	8.7	10,050	8.6	9,989	8.5	10,617	9.0	11,134	9.4	11,035	9.2	12,123	9.6	12,055	9.5	12,000	8.1	

*Approximate. **1st nine months only. Incomplete.

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