

1997-98 Crime Data, Tennessee

The following table contains statistics from the crime reports published by four-year colleges and universities that enrolled 5,000 or more students in academic 1997-98. The crime data for 1998 cover calendar year 1998 or academic year 1998-99; the figures for 1997 cover calendar year 1997 or academic year 1997-98. Enrollment for 1997-98, as reported by the U.S. Department of Education, appears beside each institution's name.

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Austin Peay State U 1997 enrollment: 7,803

Reported Incidents										Arrests		
Forcible sex offenses	Nonforcible sex offenses	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Motor-vehicle theft	Arson	Hate crimes	Liquor-law violations	Drug	Weapons		
1998	1	0	1	2	18	2	0	--	4	14	9	
1997	2	0	0	1	33	3	0	--	0	5	3	

East Tennessee State U 1997 enrollment: 11,596

Reported Incidents										Arrests		
Forcible sex offenses	Nonforcible sex offenses	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Motor-vehicle theft	Arson	Hate crimes	Liquor-law violations	Drug	Weapons		
1998	3	0	0	0	3	1	2	--	76	21	4	
1997	1	0	1	3	3	1	0	--	8	1	0	

Middle Tennessee State U 1997 enrollment: 18,366

Reported Incidents										Arrests		
Forcible sex offenses	Nonforcible sex offenses	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Motor-vehicle theft	Arson	Hate crimes	Liquor-law violations	Drug	Weapons		
1998	2	0	1	49	16	3	0	0	0	6	0	
1997	2	0	2	91	25	10	0	--	0	5	1	

Assault figures include simple assaults.

Tennessee State U 1997 enrollment: 8,625

Reported Incidents										Arrests		
Forcible sex offenses	Nonforcible sex offenses	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Motor-vehicle theft	Arson	Hate crimes	Liquor-law violations	Drug	Weapons		
1998	1	0	2	7	10	6	0	--	0	6	3	
1997	0	0	2	4	34	16	0	--	0	6	1	

Tennessee Tech U 1997 enrollment: 8,262

Reported Incidents										Arrests		
Forcible sex offenses	Nonforcible sex offenses	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Motor-vehicle theft	Arson	Hate crimes	Liquor-law violations	Drug	Weapons		
1998	0	0	0	26	4	1	0	--	3	8	1	
1997	0	0	0	10	18	1	0	--	3	3	1	

Statistics cover academic years instead of calendar years. Assault figures include simple assaults.

U of Memphis 1997 enrollment: 19,851

Reported Incidents										Arrests		
Forcible sex offenses	Nonforcible sex offenses	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Motor-vehicle theft	Arson	Hate crimes	Liquor-law violations	Drug	Weapons		
1998	2	1	2	4	18	19	--	--	13	2	2	
1997	1	0	5	4	26	17	--	--	8	2	0	

U of Tennessee, Chattanooga 1997 enrollment: 8,528

Reported Incidents										Arrests		
Forcible sex offenses	Nonforcible sex offenses	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Motor-vehicle theft	Arson	Hate crimes	Liquor-law violations	Drug	Weapons		
1998	6	0	15	54	81	24	0	--	31	14	2	
1997	3	0	14	28	28	12	0	--	14	25	0	

Assault figures include simple assaults.

U of Tennessee, Knoxville 1997 enrollment: 25,401

Reported Incidents										Arrests		
Forcible sex offenses	Nonforcible sex offenses	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Motor-vehicle theft	Arson	Hate crimes	Liquor-law violations	Drug	Weapons		
1998	5	0	3	4	25	68	3	--	156	22	4	
1997	7	0	3	7	52	74	0	--	10	13	4	

U of Tennessee, Martin 1997 enrollment: 5,997

Reported Incidents										Arrests		
Forcible sex offenses	Nonforcible sex offenses	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Motor-vehicle theft	Arson	Hate crimes	Liquor-law violations	Drug	Weapons		
1998	5	0	3	4	25	68	3	--	156	22	4	
1997	7	0	3	7	52	74	0	--	10	13	4	

1998	0	1	0	0	4	1	0	--	66	14	2
1997	1	0	0	1	3	3	1	--	70	13	2

Arrest figures include referrals.

Vanderbilt U										1997 enrollment: 10,210	
Reported Incidents										Arrests	
	Forcible sex offenses	Nonforcible sex offenses	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Burglary	Motor-vehicle theft	Arson	Hate crimes	Liquor-law violations	Drug	Weapons
1998	6	0	5	0	66	18	1	0	21	15	8
1997	7	0	9	1	20	47	1	--	38	11	3

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Under the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act of 1990, and later amendments, colleges and universities are required to publish statistics in 10 categories: incidents of murder, forcible or nonforcible sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, and motor-vehicle theft; and arrests for liquor-, drug-, and weapons-law violations. The law was amended by the Higher Education Act of 1992 to replace the rape statistics with data for forcible and nonforcible sex offenses. Many institutions now report those, but some continue to report rape only.

Under legislation passed in 1998, the campus-security act was renamed the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, and it was amended to require institutions to also disclose annually the number of incidents of manslaughter, arson, and hate crimes, and disciplinary referrals for liquor-, drug-, and weapons-law violations. Institutions are required to begin including statistics for those categories in their 1999 reports, but many institutions included the figures in their 1998 reports.

Because of inconsistencies, the statistics for sex crimes are hard to compare. Nonforcible offenses are supposed to include only incest and statutory rape, but some colleges mistakenly reported other offenses in the category.

Some institutions also included in their arrest data tickets or citations that were considered "arrests," even though they did not involve a person's being taken into custody.

Dashes instead of numbers in an institution's statistics indicate that information was not available. In many cases, the institution did not provide data for a certain category.

The composition of the sample has changed slightly from the previous year because some colleges fell below the enrollment threshold, and others met it.

Experts on campus crime warn that comparisons among institutions must be undertaken with caution. The crime reports do not consider the nature of the institutions (rural or urban, residential or commuter). In addition, institutions with highly professional police departments may pursue crime more aggressively than do those that handle most incidents through a campus judicial system. High numbers may not mean that a campus is less safe than others.

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