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## **Police Report Shows Crime Increase for 2010**

The Springfield Police Department's [Uniform Crime Report for 2010](#) (PDF) shows a rise in the number of murders occurring in the city. From 2009 to 2010, the number went from 6 in 2009 to 11 in 2010. A total of 120 forcible rapes were reported in 2010, up from 112 in 2009. The number of robberies shows a small increase of 3.68%. Aggravated assaults show a 13.72% increase from 780 in 2009 to 887 in 2010. The number of burglaries citywide has decreased by 5.45% from 2,314 in 2009 down to 2,188 in 2010. The number of larceny/thefts shows an increase of 10.73% and overall theft from vehicles shows an increase of 19.67% from 839 in 2009 to 1,004 in 2010.

Clearance rates for crimes against persons increased by 1.3%, while the clearance rates for property crimes dropped 2.7% compared to the same time last year.

Police remind citizens that simple prevention techniques will have an impact on many property crimes.

- Lock doors on both your home and cars.
- Do not leave valuable items such as money, checkbooks, and cell phones in your car.
- At night, park on well lighted parking lots and streets.
- When on vacation have someone regularly check your home.
- Talk with your neighbors about crime issues in your neighborhood and report suspicious activity to the police.

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