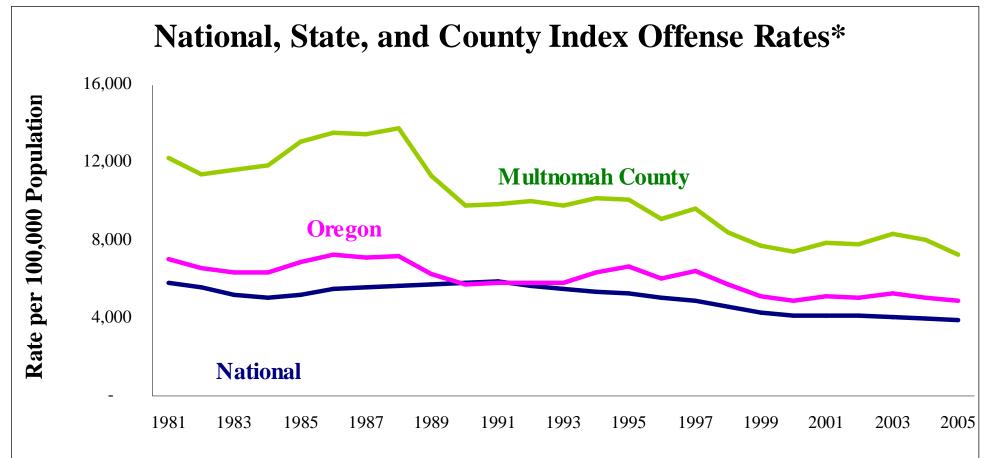
## NATIONAL, STATE, LOCAL CRIME RATE STATISTICS 1981-2005

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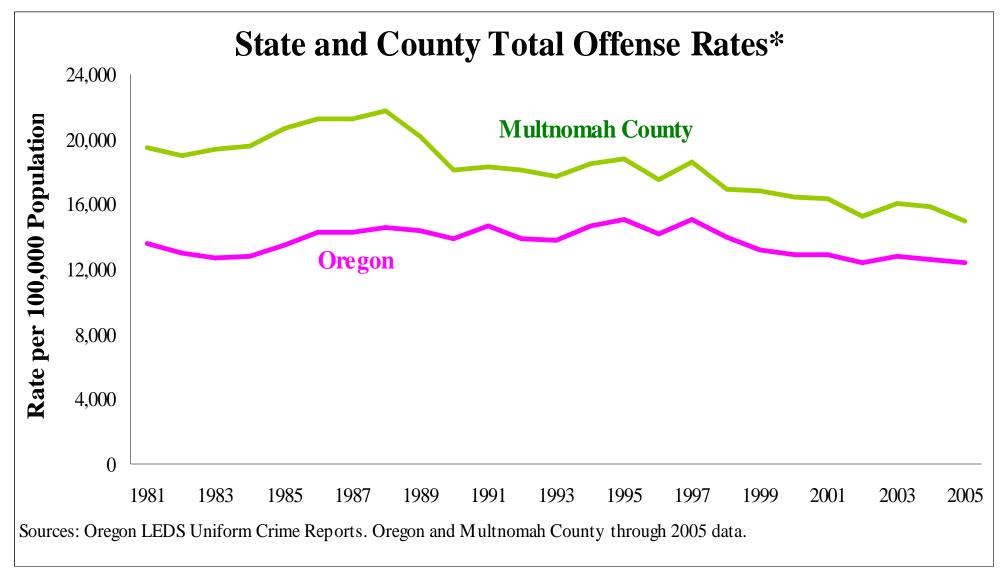
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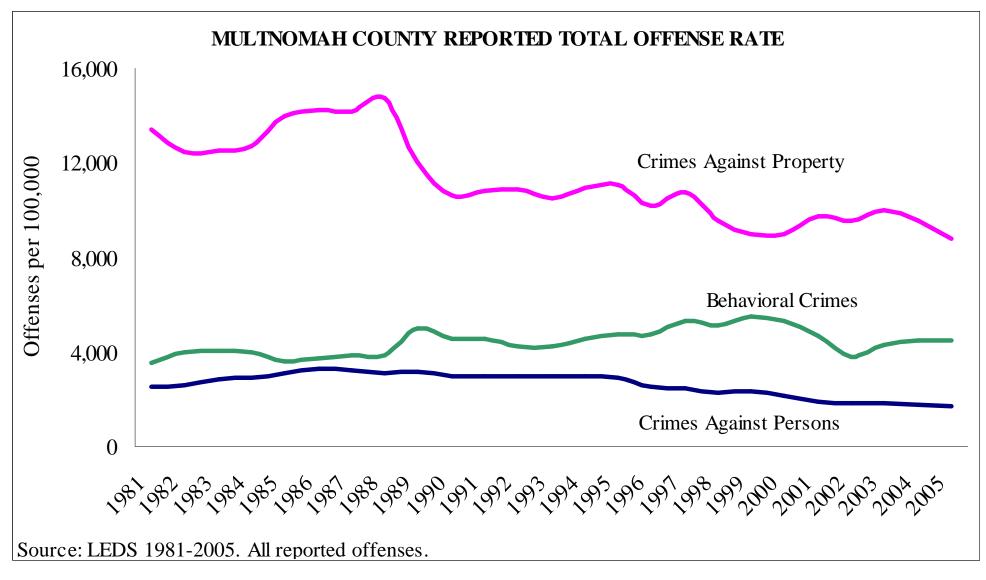


<sup>\*</sup> Index crimes are eight serious crimes (four person and four property crimes) reported to the FBI. Sources: FBI Uniform Crime Reports and Oregon LEDS. Oregon and Multnomah County though 2005. Crime rates correlate significantly Multnomah County-National (.76) and Multnomah County-Oregon (.94).

We have seen a gradual decline in Index Offense Rates overall. Index Crimes are Willful Murder, Forcible Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson. Though at both the Oregon and Multnomah County level we see fluctuation, the overall trend is down since a spike in the late 1990s. The National rates have had a steady decline without experiencing a lot of fluctuation. We are currently experiencing the lowest rates at all three levels in 20 years.



The State and County Total Offense Rates have both experienced ups and downs though they have shown a fairly steady decrease since 1997. The Offense Rates for both Multnomah County and Oregon State are the lowest they have been in 20 years.



The Crimes Against Persons rate has seen a steady decline, where as Behavioral Crimes has seen fluctuation as has the Crimes Against Property. But all numbers seem to be relatively low. Both the Crimes Against Persons and Crimes Against Property are at 20 year lows. The relatively high Behavioral Crime rate drags the overall rate up. Approximately 38% of Behavioral Crimes are drug related.