

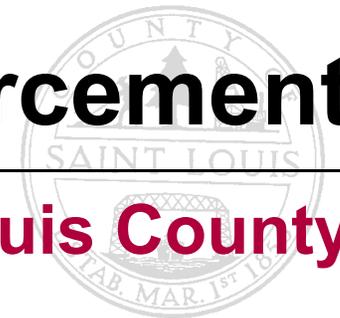


Sheriff's patrol vehicle, St. Louis County Sheriff's Department

# Law Enforcement

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**St. Louis County**



Duluth Bike Patrol, Rose Garden's, Duluth Police Department



Old Duluth Police Station, 1972, MN Historical Society



# Law Enforcement

## St. Louis County's 911 Communications and Employees

### 9-1-1 Communications\* St. Louis County

	1998	1999	2000	Percent Change 1998-2000
Chisholm	2,814	2,812	2,919	3.7%
Duluth: City	66,394	70,604	71,064	7.0%
Duluth: UMD	1,372	1,437	1,417	3.3%
Hermantown	5,071	5,190	4,970	-2.0%
Hibbing	4,396	4,790	4,553	3.6%
Virginia	3,391	3,417	3,732	10.1%
St. Louis County Sheriff	21,396	21,172	25,061	17.1%
Other Calls within St. Louis County	121,344	132,797	138,870	14.4%
<b>Total Calls in St. Louis County</b>	<b>226,178</b>	<b>242,219</b>	<b>252,586</b>	<b>11.7%</b>

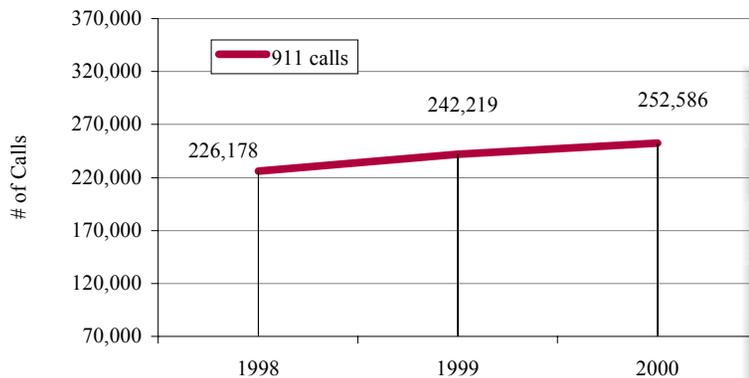
### Police Employees as of October 31, 1999\*\* St. Louis County

	Total #		Grand Total
	Sworn Employees (officers)	Civil Employees	
St. Louis County Sheriff	104	90	194
Duluth	141	30	171
University of MN P.D.	6	1	7
Hermantown	10	2	12
Hibbing	30	3	33
Virginia	24	1	25
Chisholm	11	1	12

*Source: Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Minnesota Uniform Crime Reports and Criminal Justice Information System.*

### Total 911 Calls

Emergency and Non-emergency 1998-2000  
St. Louis County



*Source: St. Louis County's 9-1-1 Communications Department.*

### Summary

- In 2000, the total 911 calls were 252,586.
- Between 1998 and 2000, total 911 calls increased 11.7% from 226,178 to 252,586.



911 operations, Duluth, 911 Communications Center

#### \* Note: 9-1-1 Communications

It provides both emergency and non-emergency public safety communication services county-wide through a consolidated system for dispatching over 180 law enforcement, fire, emergency medical and other public safety service agencies. Calls are answered and dispatched from two public safety answering points, one in Virginia and one in Duluth.

#### \*\* Note: Police Employees

There are no recommended ratios (rate per 1000) for Minnesota law enforcement agencies. The average ratio of law enforcement personnel for any given community may, and does, vary according to a number of community and policing factors. In St. Louis County, the number of civil employees may be higher than in similar sized communities, reflecting the presence of non-sworn jail correctional officers. Information on rate per 1000 for other similar sized communities in Minnesota can be found through the Criminal Justice Information System, maintained by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, a part of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. [www.dps.state.mn.us/bca/CJIS/documents/Crime99](http://www.dps.state.mn.us/bca/CJIS/documents/Crime99). The information is located in Tables 27 and 28.



# Law Enforcement

## St. Louis County's Police Jurisdictions

### Crime Factors:

The current method of reporting crime results has a number of limitations to its accuracy. Crimes that are not reported to either law enforcement agencies or to the state are not included in state reporting.

Extraneous factors also have an impact on measurement and analysis of crime. These factors include, but are not limited to:

- density and size of the community population
- composition of the population, particularly with reference to age, sex and race
- economic status and mores of the population
- relative stability of the population
- educational, recreational and religious characteristics
- effective strength of the police force
- standards governing appointments to the police force
- policies of law enforcement agencies
- prosecuting officials and courts
- attitude of public toward law enforcement problems
- administrative and investigative efficiency of law enforcement agencies

*Source: Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Minnesota Uniform Crime Reports and Criminal Justice Information System.*

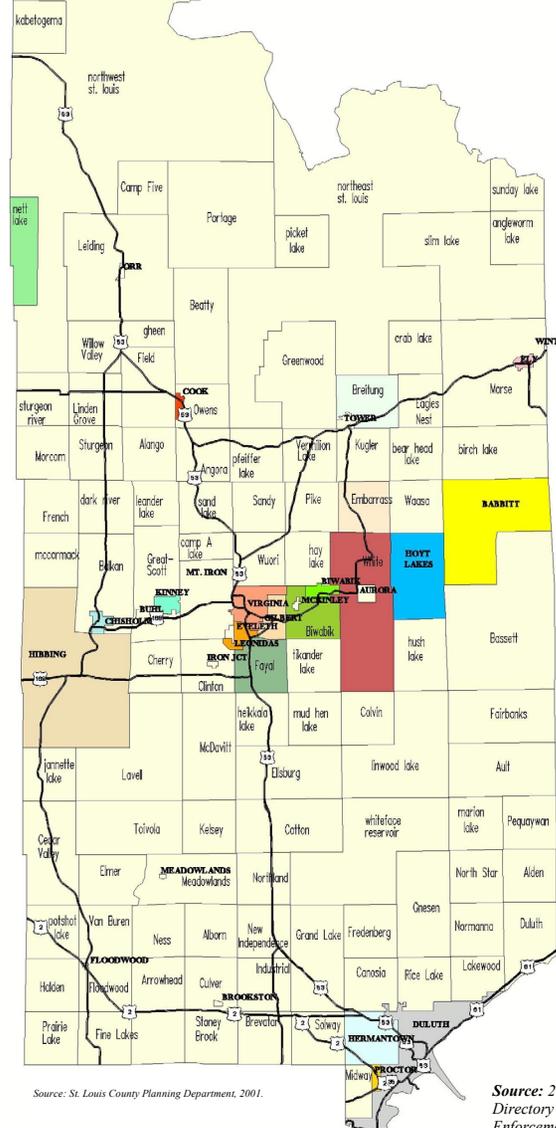
### Summary

- There are 15 city police departments and 5 township police departments. St. Louis County Sheriffs cover the balance of the county with three contracts to provide services to Aurora, Buhl and Mt. Iron.
- There are two tribal police departments, Nett Lake and Fond du Lac.
- St. Louis County Sheriffs Department have four offices in St. Louis County. These offices are located in Duluth, Ely, Hibbing and Virginia.



Off-road patrol, Sheriff's Department

## Police Jurisdictions St. Louis County



*Source: St. Louis County Planning Department, 2001.*

*Source: 2000 National Directory of Law Enforcement Administrators.*

## Law Enforcement St. Louis County

### St. Louis County Sheriff's Department

Offices:  
Duluth  
Ely  
Hibbing  
Virginia

### Contract for Services:

Aurora  
Buhl (pending)  
Mt. Iron

### City Police Departments

Babbitt  
Biwabik  
Chisholm  
Cook  
Duluth  
Ely  
Eveleth  
Floodwood  
Gilbert  
Hermantown  
Hibbing  
Hoyt Lakes  
Kinney  
Proctor  
Virginia

### Township Police Departments

Biwabik  
Breitung  
Embarrass  
Fayal  
White

### Tribal Police

Nett Lake Police  
Fond du Lac Police



# Law Enforcement

## St. Louis County's Part I Offenses

### Offenses, Clearances, Percent Cleared Part I Offenses Selected Cities

	1997		1998		1999	
	Reported		Reported		Cleared	Percent Cleared
<b>St. Louis County Sheriff</b>						
Homicide	1	0	1	1	1	100
Rape	26	26	14	5	5	36
Robbery	1	1	2	-	-	-
Assault	37	45	27	17	17	63
Burglary	446	430	327	49	49	15
Larceny	431	521	456	75	75	16
Auto Theft	79	73	63	24	24	38
Arson	10	3	7	1	1	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>1,099</b>	<b>897</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Duluth P.D.</b>						
Homicide	3	0	5	4	4	80
Rape	87	89	70	9	9	13
Robbery	93	77	68	17	17	25
Assault	223	205	180	95	95	53
Burglary	673	578	477	48	48	10
Larceny	3,292	2,984	2,735	640	640	23
Auto Theft	291	247	221	55	55	25
Arson	16	6	12	3	3	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,678</b>	<b>4,186</b>	<b>3,768</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Hermantown P.D.</b>						
Homicide	0	0	0	-	-	-
Rape	3	1	1	-	-	-
Robbery	2	1	2	2	2	100
Assault	9	5	3	2	2	67
Burglary	38	20	20	-	-	-
Larceny	189	171	218	65	65	30
Auto Theft	23	12	14	2	2	14
Arson	1	2	1	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>27</b>

### Offenses, Clearances, Percent Cleared Part I Offenses Selected Cities

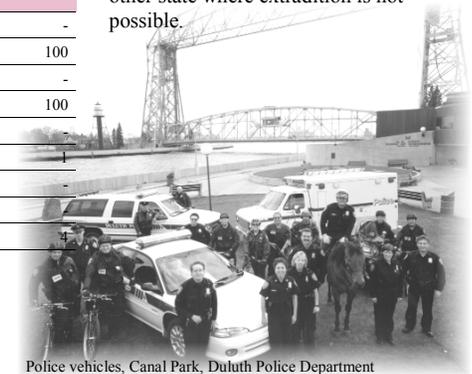
	1997		1998		1999	
	Reported		Reported		Cleared	Percent Cleared
<b>Hibbing P. D.</b>						
Homicide	0	0	0	-	-	-
Rape	6	7	5	5	5	100
Robbery	3	3	1	1	1	100
Assault	5	9	11	10	10	91
Burglary	39	70	64	21	21	33
Larceny	171	191	190	31	31	16
Auto Theft	11	30	21	7	7	33
Arson	1	3	1	1	1	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Virginia P. D.</b>						
Homicide	1	0	0	-	-	-
Rape	12	8	8	2	2	25
Robbery	8	8	2	1	1	50
Assault	11	14	22	14	14	64
Burglary	80	108	65	12	12	18
Larceny	380	375	355	113	113	32
Auto Theft	23	32	28	15	15	54
Arson	0	5	1	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Chisholm P. D.</b>						
Homicide	0	0	0	-	-	-
Rape	2	1	1	1	1	100
Robbery	0	0	0	-	-	-
Assault	0	1	2	2	2	100
Burglary	8	12	10	-	-	-
Larceny	75	92	92	1	1	1
Auto Theft	5	4	8	-	-	-
Arson	1	0	0	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

### Part I Offenses

- Part I Offenses reflect information on eight "serious" crime classifications and it is generally referred to as the "Crime Index" measurement. The crimes of murder, rape, aggravated assault, and robbery are also known as "violent crimes". The crimes of burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and arson are labeled as "property crimes".
- Part II Offenses are "less serious" crime classifications; 16 of the 20 are presented.

### Cleared Offenses:

The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension defines "cleared" to mean the offender has been identified and that there are two possible outcomes. First, the offense has been cleared by arrest of the offender who can be prosecuted; or secondly, the offense has been exceptionally cleared. Examples of exceptionally cleared include: the offender can not or will not be prosecuted due to death; imprisonment; or is in another state where extradition is not possible.



Police vehicles, Canal Park, Duluth Police Department

Source: Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Minnesota Uniform Crime Reports and Criminal Justice Information System.

# Law Enforcement

## St. Louis County's Part I Offenses



### Offenses, Clearances, Percent Cleared Part I Offenses St. Louis County Total

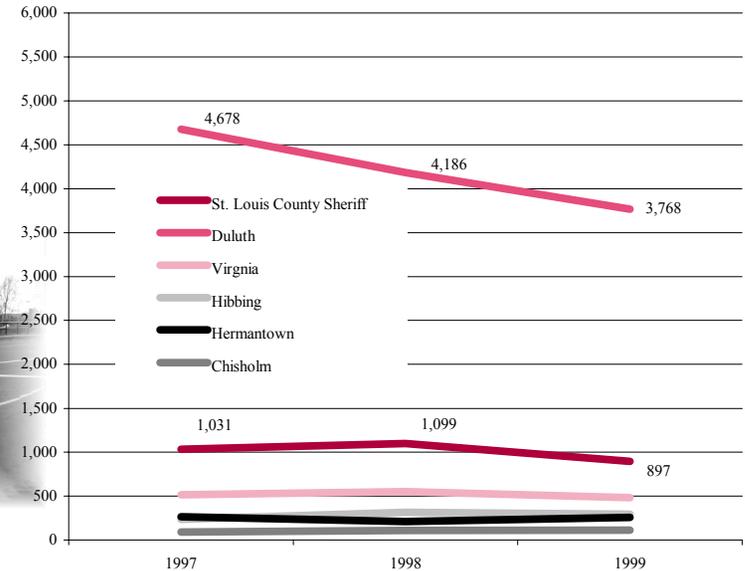
	1997	1998	1999	
	Reported		Cleared	Percent Cleared
Homicide	5	2	6	83
Rape	148	146	112	23
Robbery	109	95	77	27
Assault	303	301	268	57
Burglary	1,452	1,338	1,061	14
Larceny	5,298	4,952	4,628	22
Auto Theft	481	434	386	28
Arson	37	29	5	22
Total	7,833	7,297	6,561	23



Investigation unit, Sheriff's Department

### Reported Offenses of Cities of 5,000- Part I

St. Louis County Sheriff, Duluth, Hibbing, Virginia, Hermantown, Chisholm P.D.'s



### Summary

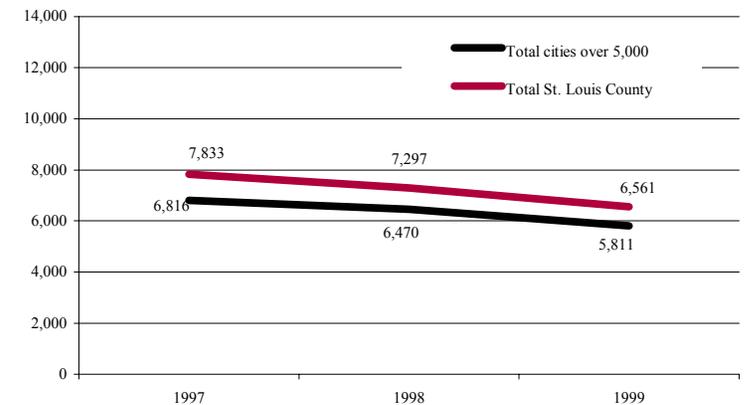


Horse patrol, Canal Park, Duluth Police Department

- In 1999, St. Louis County had a total reported Part I offenses of 6,561.
- Between 1997-1999, St. Louis County experienced a 16.2% decline in the total reported Part I offenses.
- In 1999, cities over 5,000 in population had a total reported Part I offenses of 5,811.
- Between 1997-1999, cities over 5,000 in population experienced a 14.7% decline in the total reported Part I offenses.
- In 1999, of cities over 5,000 in population, Duluth represented 3,768 out of 5,811 reported Part I offenses.
- Between 1997-1999, Duluth experienced a 19.5% decline in the total reported Part I offenses.
- Between 1997-1999, St. Louis County Sheriff's Department experienced a 13.0% decline in the total reported Part I offenses.

### Total Reported Offenses Part I

Total St. Louis County and Cities Over 5,000



Source: Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Minnesota Uniform Crime Reports and Criminal Justice Information System.



# Law Enforcement

## St. Louis County's Part II Offenses

Source: Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Minnesota Uniform Crime Reports and Criminal Justice Information System.

Offenses, Clearances, Percent Cleared Part II Offenses					
	1997	1998	1999		
	Reported		Cleared	Percent Cleared	
<b>St. Louis Co. Sheriff</b>					
Other Assaults	374	418	360	252	70
Forgery/Counterfeiting	26	19	21	11	52
Fraud	120	74	93	40	43
Embezzlement	-	-	1	1	100
Stolen Property	17	7	9	5	56
Vandalism	422	513	447	106	24
Weapons	31	39	22	12	55
Prostitution	1	-	1	1	100
Other Sex Offenses	47	40	44	21	48
Narcotics	171	188	125	80	64
Gambling	-	-	-	-	-
Family/Children	31	43	49	13	27
Driving Under the Influence	162	247	292	279	96
Liquor Laws	114	175	124	120	97
Disorderly Conduct	498	592	403	322	80
Other Offenses	294	437	396	234	59
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,308</b>	<b>2,792</b>	<b>2,387</b>	<b>1,497</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Duluth P.D.</b>					
Other Assaults	1,160	929	744	447	60
Forgery/Counterfeiting	162	138	110	12	11
Fraud	148	149	213	50	23
Embezzlement	-	-	-	-	-
Stolen Property	54	47	27	19	70
Vandalism	1,667	1,075	884	124	14
Weapons	276	142	76	40	53
Prostitution	10	4	7	7	100
Other Sex Offenses	196	133	135	31	23
Narcotics	412	452	524	421	80
Gambling	2	18	5	-	-
Family/Children	133	77	48	6	13
Driving Under the Influence	438	375	508	485	95
Liquor Laws	655	633	360	353	98
Disorderly Conduct	4,133	1,360	650	534	82
Other Offenses	712	622	591	494	84
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,158</b>	<b>6,154</b>	<b>4,882</b>	<b>3,023</b>	<b>62</b>

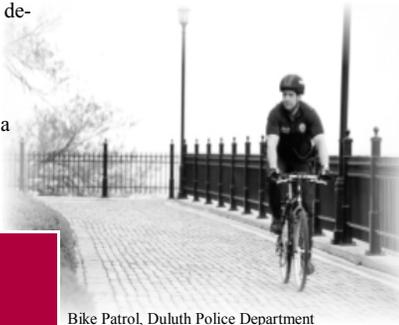
Offenses, Clearances, Percent Cleared Part II Offenses					
	1997	1998	1999		
	Reported		Cleared	Percent Cleared	
<b>Hibbing P.D.</b>					
Other Assaults	66	61	75	64	85
Forgery/Counterfeiting	4	3	6	6	100
Fraud	5	13	5	5	100
Embezzlement	-	-	-	-	-
Stolen Property	1	2	5	5	100
Vandalism	51	77	77	16	21
Weapons	3	12	6	6	100
Prostitution	-	-	-	-	-
Other Sex Offenses	8	12	8	8	100
Narcotics	10	27	28	28	100
Gambling	-	-	-	-	-
Family/Children	3	3	-	-	-
Driving Under the Influence	96	112	89	89	100
Liquor Laws	35	58	91	91	100
Disorderly Conduct	50	56	60	60	100
Other Offenses	48	51	47	45	96
<b>Total</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>Virginia P.D.</b>					
Other Assaults	143	136	95	64	67
Forgery/Counterfeiting	21	25	17	9	53
Fraud	95	43	67	38	57
Embezzlement	-	-	-	-	-
Stolen Property	5	6	5	5	100
Vandalism	243	306	226	12	5
Weapons	8	5	-	-	-
Prostitution	1	-	-	-	-
Other Sex Offenses	6	6	1	-	-
Narcotics	23	42	26	26	100
Gambling	1	1	-	-	-
Family/Children	50	79	48	2	4
Driving Under the Influence	144	128	120	111	93
Liquor Laws	169	145	137	129	94
Disorderly Conduct	221	210	143	122	85
Other Offenses	218	445	770	411	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,348</b>	<b>1,577</b>	<b>1,655</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>56</b>

Offenses, Clearances, Percent Cleared Part II Offenses					
	1997	1998	1999		
	Reported		Cleared	Percent Cleared	
<b>Hermantown P.D.</b>					
Other Assaults	60	46	58	27	47
Forgery/Counterfeiting	10	7	11	1	9
Fraud	20	20	28	7	25
Embezzlement	-	-	-	-	-
Stolen Property	2	-	1	-	-
Vandalism	76	87	104	11	11
Weapons	15	19	12	1	8
Prostitution	-	-	-	-	-
Other Sex Offenses	2	4	6	-	-
Narcotics	9	23	25	23	92
Gambling	1	1	1	-	-
Family/Children	8	9	2	-	-
Driving Under the Influence	29	37	85	84	99
Liquor Laws	10	12	11	11	100
Disorderly Conduct	134	114	138	64	46
Other Offenses	79	61	68	22	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Chisholm P.D.</b>					
Other Assaults	22	26	22	21	95
Forgery/Counterfeiting	1	-	2	-	-
Fraud	-	46	80	-	-
Embezzlement	-	-	-	-	-
Stolen Property	-	-	-	-	-
Vandalism	113	160	153	3	2
Weapons	1	-	-	-	-
Prostitution	-	-	-	-	-
Other Sex Offenses	-	1	-	-	-
Narcotics	7	14	4	2	50
Gambling	-	-	-	-	-
Family/Children	-	-	-	-	-
Driving Under the Influence	28	44	40	40	100
Liquor Laws	11	37	28	28	100
Disorderly Conduct	12	7	6	6	100
Other Offenses	6	11	14	13	93
<b>Total</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>32</b>



### Summary

- In 1999, St. Louis County had a total reported Part II offenses of 12,201.
- Between 1997-1999, St. Louis County experienced a 27.7% decline in the total reported Part II offenses.
- In 1999, cities over 5,000 in population had a total reported Part II offenses of 10,320.
- Between 1997-1999, cities over 5,000 in population experienced a 30.5% decline in the total reported Part II offenses.
- In 1999, cities over 5,000 in population, Duluth represented 4,882 out of 10,320 reported Part II offenses.
- Between 1997-1999, St. Louis County Sheriff's Department experienced a 3.4% increase in the total reported Part II offenses.



Bike Patrol, Duluth Police Department

### Offenses, Clearances, Percent Cleared Part II Offenses St. Louis County Total

	1997		1998		1999	
	Reported		Reported		Cleared	Percent Cleared
Other Assaults	2,063	1,815	1,589	1,039	65	
Forgery/Counterfeiting	257	217	180	43	24	
Fraud	473	464	594	194	33	
Embezzlement	-	-	1	1	100	
Stolen Property	83	65	50	35	70	
Vandalism	3,110	2,639	2,335	339	15	
Weapons	346	227	122	64	52	
Prostitution	13	4	9	8	89	
Other Sex Offenses	281	205	213	68	32	
Narcotics	694	824	804	644	80	
Gambling	4	20	6	-	-	
Family/Children	267	243	187	39	21	
Driving Under the Influence	999	1,079	1,286	1,232	96	
Liquor Laws	1,169	1,232	944	915	97	
Disorderly Conduct	5,497	2,765	1,793	1,373	77	
Other Offenses	1,629	1,810	2,088	1,362	65	
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,885</b>	<b>13,609</b>	<b>12,201</b>	<b>7,356</b>	<b>60</b>	

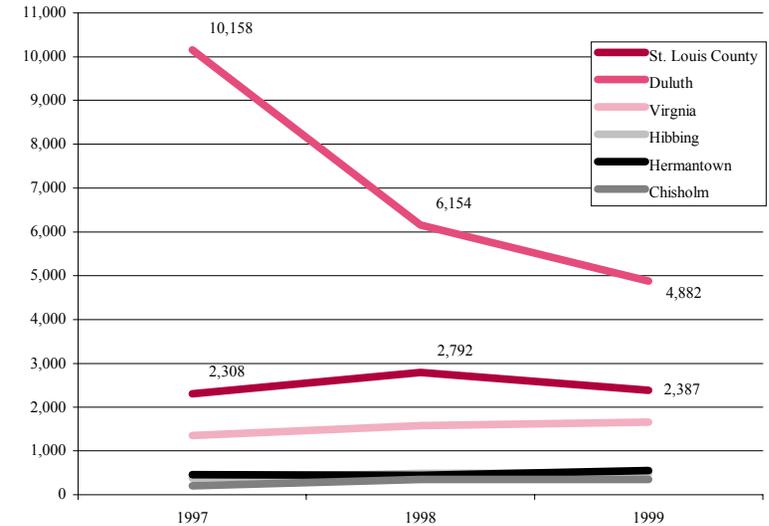
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D.A.R.E. patrol, Sheriff's Department

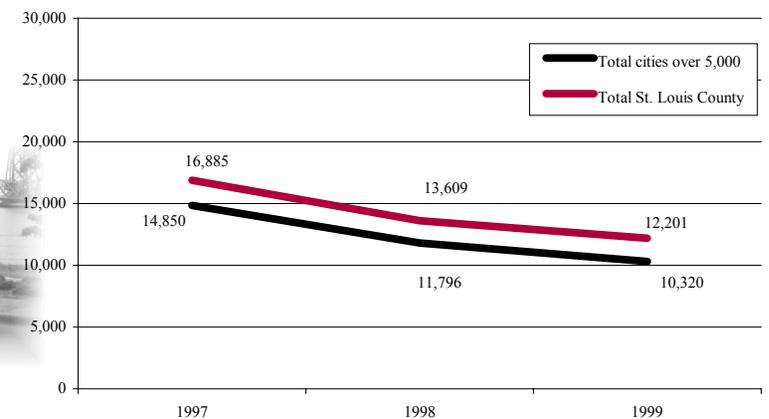
### Reported Offenses of Cities over 5,000- Part II

St. Louis County Sheriff, Duluth, Hibbing, Virginia, Hermantown, Chisholm P.D.'s



### Total Reported Offenses- Part II

Total St. Louis County and Cities Over 5,000



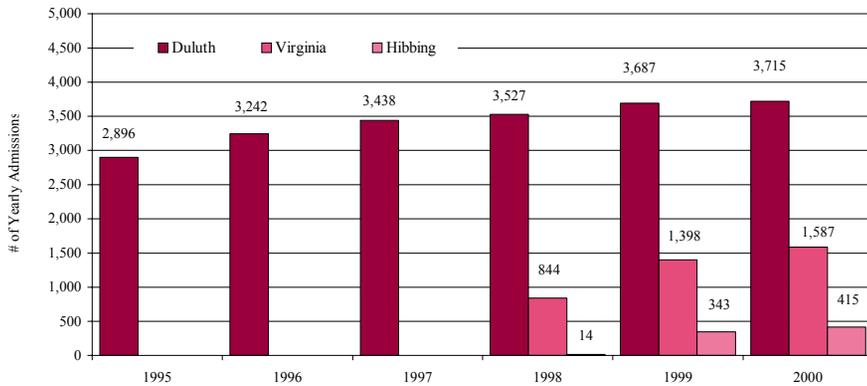


# Law Enforcement

## St. Louis County's Jail

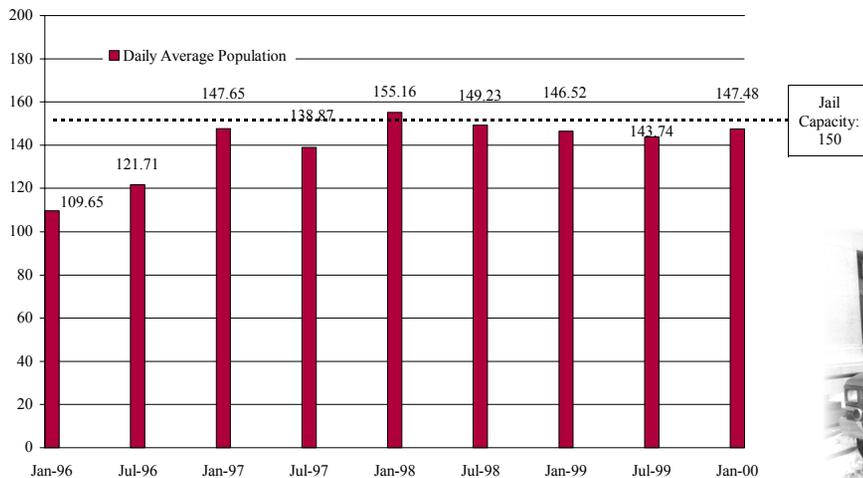
### Admissions 1995-2000

St. Louis County Jail



### Daily Average Population (DAP) 1995-2000

St. Louis County Jail



### Admissions 1995-2000

St. Louis County Jail

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Duluth	2,896	3,242	3,438	3,527	3,687	3,715
Virginia	-	-	-	844	1,398	1,587
Hibbing	-	-	-	14	343	415

### Summary

- Admissions at the St. Louis County Jail (Duluth) increased 22% over the past five years, or an average of 4.4% per year.
- Increases in the jail population have continued despite some reductions in populations served. After mid-1998, all traffic-related warrants were no longer admitted to the jail. Prior to that time, these warrants accounted for between 5-8% of the annual admissions to the jail.
- The 1998 figures for the Virginia and Hibbing Lock-ups represent only a partial year of operation. Between 1999 and 2000, admissions increased by 13.5% for the Virginia Lock-up and by 20.9% for the Hibbing Lock-up.

### St. Louis County Jail

The St. Louis County Sheriff's Department is responsible for the operation of the St. Louis County Jail and two lock-up facilities.

The St. Louis County Jail is located on 26 acres between Arrowhead and Swan Lake Roads in Duluth and opened its doors in July of 1995. The operating capacity of the jail is 150 beds.

In May of 1998, the Virginia Lock-up opened. It is a 12-bed, 72-hour holding facility staffed by one person.

The Hibbing Lock-up facility opened in November of 1998. This facility, used only on weekends, is an 8-bed, 72-hour holding facility staffed by one person.

### Daily Average Population

St. Louis County Jail

	Jan 1996	July 1996	Jan 1997	July 1997	Jan 1998	July 1998	Jan 1999	July 1999	Jan 2000
Daily Average Pop.	109.65	121.71	147.65	138.87	155.16	149.23	146.52	143.74	147.48



Transport vehicle, Sheriff's Department

### Summary

- The St. Louis County Jail's daily average population (DAP) continues to climb at a steady rate. The rated or operating capacity of the jail is 150 beds. Daily average populations do not reflect high counts or low counts. Since January, 1998 the jail has consistently operated at or above capacity.

Source: St. Louis County Sheriff's Department.



### Northeast Regional Corrections Center

Arrowhead Regional Corrections (ARC) provides all corrections services for the Arrowhead region of Northeast Minnesota, which includes the counties of Carlton, Cook, Koochiching, Lake and St. Louis.

These services include the operation of the Northeast Regional Corrections Center (NERCC). NERCC is licensed to incarcerate 150 adult male residents sentenced by the courts in one of the counties it serves.

NERCC has been operating at capacity for the past two years.

As a result, people who have been sentenced are put on a waiting list. They may remain on probation, either on supervised release or on their own recognizance, or they may be incarcerated in their county's jail system. This has created a backlog at the St. Louis County Jail. St. Louis County residents on the waiting list may be housed at the county jail, if space is available, or space may be purchased from another county's jail.

*Source: Northeast Regional Corrections Center.*

### Daily Average Population Northeast Regional Corrections Center

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Average Daily Pop.	117.03	118.83	117.77	134.53	150	150



N.E.R.C.C. sign, Planning Department

#### Summary

- Between 1995 - 1997, the maximum capacity at the center was 120. The Daily Average Population remained below that figure during those years.
- In 1998, the maximum capacity increased to 150 beds.
- The Average Daily Population of NERCC has been at their licensed capacity of 150 for both 1999 and 2000.

### Total Yearly Intakes Northeast Regional Corrections Center

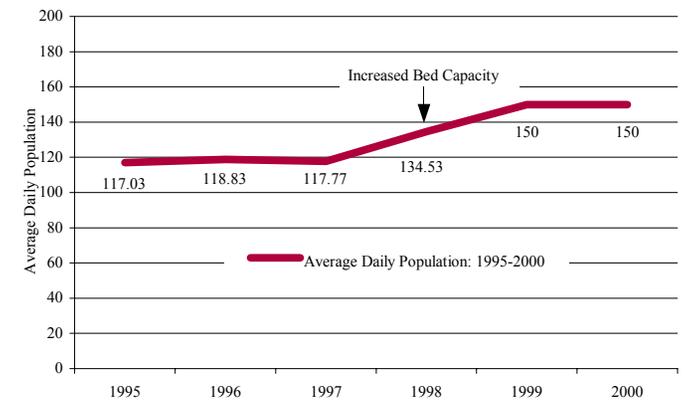
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Total Yearly Intakes	380	384	380	447	481	481

#### Summary

- The increase in Intakes between 1997 and 1998 reflects the increase in maximum bed capacity from 120 to 150.
- The figures for 1999 and 2000 reflect NERCC operating at maximum capacity during those years.

### Average Daily Population

Northeast Regional Corrections Center



### Total Yearly Intakes

Northeast Regional Corrections Center

