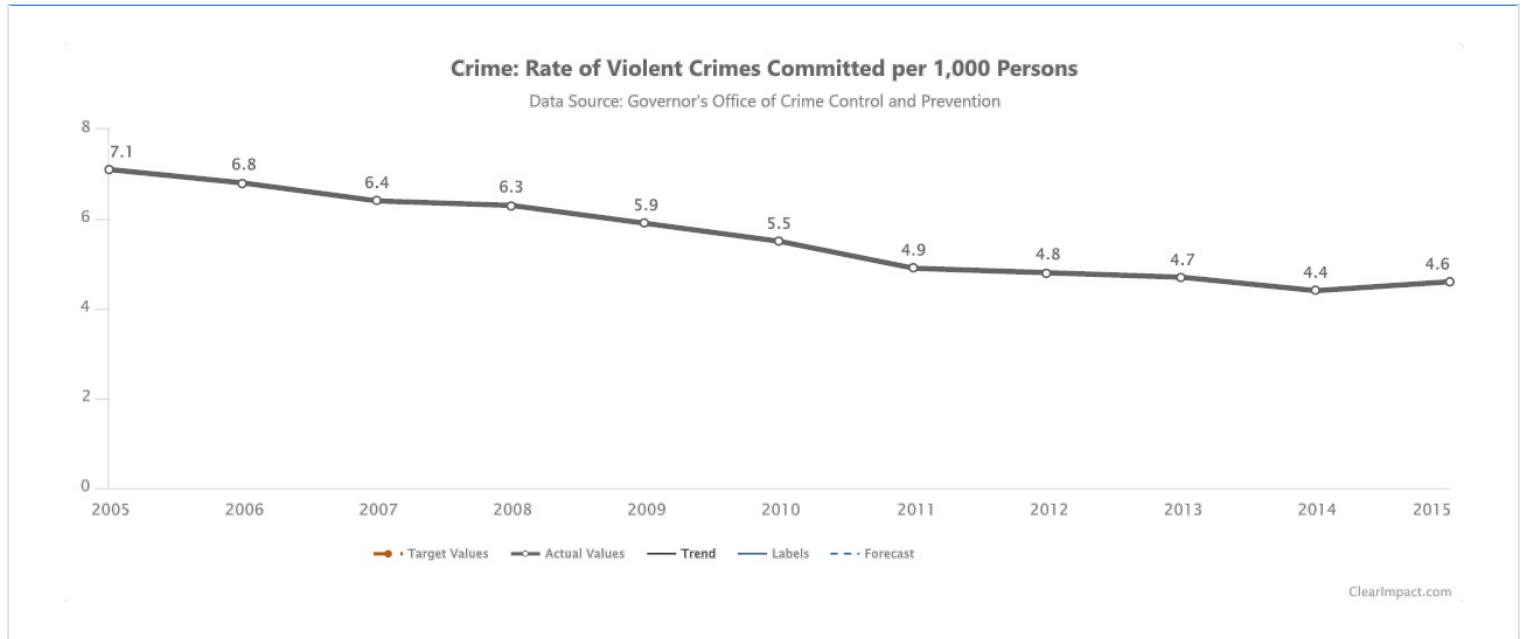


R Communities are Safe for Children, Youth and Families (Statewide)

I Crime: Rate of Violent Crimes Committed per 1,000 Persons



Story Behind the Curve

Overall, the number of violent crimes in Maryland decreased by more than 35% between 2005 and 2015. While this decline in Maryland's violent crime rate has closed the gap significantly between Maryland's rate and that of the United States as a whole, the violent crime rate in Maryland remains 24% higher than the national rate.

The 2015 rate of 4.6 is for violent crimes per 1,000 persons in all of Maryland. In examining jurisdictional data for 2015, the highest violent crime rates occurred in Baltimore City, Dorchester County, Baltimore County, and Wicomico County. Calvert, Carroll, Montgomery, Queen Anne's, and Garrett Counties achieved a violent crime rate less than 2.0 per 1,000 persons.

According to the [Maryland State Child Fatality Review Team's 2016 Annual Legislative Report](#), 17.2% of children's deaths (0 through 17 years old) were due to homicide in 2015. Overall, the number of deaths due to homicide for children in that age group increased by 16% between 2011 and 2015.

Data Discussion

The rate of violent crimes that are committed per 1,000 persons.