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| **FACT CHECK: Crime in Virginia Increased On McAuliffe’s Watch** |
| The murder [rate increased by 43%](https://d150hb04.na1.hubspotlinks.com/Btc/V%2B113/d150hB04/VW2Kwf2BF-0mW51lLq135jhFlW430FVB4y19tdN2L_pzS3lScmV1-WJV7CgXF7W5SgT4X6S67H4W8TzSCY2qF_K2W2-3H-t583Fg9W65177L2tcbDpW3bqPXP1JyNJpW8CBqpq4nm7h-W6y77gF8T_X4CW5P-ss_8-qD2FW69d-HJ48fgh8W6ty0tf6QSyMRV-CR3-93Y51zW2T6dYr3s9xk0W7TLbqm3VNR79W80cfZR6H2kx8W7D73fW5_dszhVsb_Gw3stM2fW1sgqQy6bsbRgW1z_D1n2RdVP8N60tLq1_M6kJW59dbz43mfS-JN1lr2lxjNWPKW5XWgqX55mwGPN2v8J1V5j5BHW5SQy8M2xjcqFW7q-pbH6R5kLPW2LM5G65J0SXt388T1) when Terry McAuliffe was governor.* 2013: 3.9 murders per 100,000 people.
* 2014: 4.2 murders per 100,000 people.
* 2015: 4.7 murders per 100,000 people.
* 2016: 5.7 murders per 100,000 people.
* 2017: 5.6 murders per 100,000 people.

Virginia’s [rape rate increased by 25.7%](https://d150hb04.na1.hubspotlinks.com/Btc/V%2B113/d150hB04/VW2Kwf2BF-0mW51lLq135jhFlW430FVB4y19tdN2L_pzS3lScmV1-WJV7CgDN2W7pn3Ch2DBWXhW9cY1g45cGsJKVbRj406pKJJ5W85vyZh72b9-zW70dDfq77ss_PMB0wwRvX5v6W44lhvg7Thw_6W3z6PF43hcgQ-Vr1qQv6QNyP9W8vYfSq3FHsTpW1Zz5KG8sfrY4W2Rx4Mq7Ry6V-N76fmWw4HCSvW1GS6JF7dxTXQW4983SJ8xDnZdW8RB82S6Z4SWjW79_gC64r76jcW13xg1k5Nd4dyW5fx3RJ2kclrdW35GgM53RLkH-W8ZsJD87NGZ6_W7m1xr14QH55fW8Y_rXF7cnBW4W966d4t7l2hRfW6Tlsn-7m0nZzVhz1Gz8dYbKK350W1) when Terry McAuliffe was governor.* 2013: 28.4 rapes per 100,000 people.
* 2014: 29 rapes per 100,000 people.
* 2015: 29.9 rapes per 100,000 people.
* 2016: 33.6 rapes per 100,000 people.
* 2017: 35.7 rapes per 100,000 people.

Virginia’s [assault rate increased](https://d150hb04.na1.hubspotlinks.com/Btc/V%2B113/d150hB04/VW2Kwf2BF-0mW51lLq135jhFlW430FVB4y19tdN2L_pzS3lScmV1-WJV7CgLBwW8jhHDn2XHxR7W4ljGdW2hbZ_hW34fC9f52JGnbW922ZCf2zhQkFW1zrvNc4s5PNfW1Fkh4_7fjGMbW6MyPVV7Pc42JW6jDWRr8BCrzNV8ngJP3kg1zNW7Wn4qL7HtFmTW8jX05r5Q5ZSkW1wJQqD4_KlccW278JwX8BM662W7Tvww06by-jgW5P_xWV6sZtKGW8fp0bZ53VBFBW4CGSxL7vMgwNW46FV9j1kVrs2W21xm-06rgWZ_W1XVJm_95n0-0W1YJSvD6F2TZJW4qKFqH8ZJkrjW7mhMvB9l6LGkW5lJtTJ1ZhjbZW8pS_zv2MrwM2W6vc9KY4pWmH438vm1).* 2013: 110.2 assault rate per 100,000 people.
* 2014: 113.6 assault rate per 100,000 people.
* 2015: 111.8 assault rate per 100,000 people.
* 2016: 123.1 assault rate per 100,000 people.
* 2017: 117.9 assault rate per 100,000 people.

Now, Virginia is home to [4 of the top 65](https://d150hb04.na1.hubspotlinks.com/Btc/V%2B113/d150hB04/VW2Kwf2BF-0mW51lLq135jhFlW430FVB4y19tdN2L_pzy3lSc3V1-WJV7CgFxsW6TWC536RTh-kW3T93bR8MRxv_N74fFHsHgGWbN56c8x4vdbf_W4NyPZl42Ys51W7VFQ-p4X6V9jW7hf0Cd1PBbhyW6MDzY-4jzM66W2vbJJ839xd7hW2JcQ5M4V_46LVtg4b_4kfTH0W13H5XF3zgG9FW95j1SB137r11W44LgLR4kJCpnW1YQBP92tSlK5VXJbK02Nc6c1W7yqHfd6rD4fCN49spw_Zhx6NW6QHSLg96hhJhN8zVrpsYDg0nW7H-bLT89n9ZXW4ZsYMv6zrc62W1KnZpl8SypGFVDtfCy5PMm3B3kTH1) deadliest cities in the United States* Hampton, VA: 11.26 murders per 100,000 (#65)
* Newport News, VA: 13.53 murders per 100,000 (#50)
* Norfolk, VA: 14.83 murders per 100,000 (#43)
* Richmond, VA: 23.84 murders per 100,000 (#11)

**Now, the murder rate in Virginia is at the highest level in over**[two decades](https://d150hb04.na1.hubspotlinks.com/Btc/V%2B113/d150hB04/VW2Kwf2BF-0mW51lLq135jhFlW430FVB4y19tdN2L_pzS3lScmV1-WJV7CgFHZW2gHstL5NW3-0W5hRtFy7c_6LrW5JZgmv4q-1rCW1cFljW4MR0jlW72WV-N9bNKChW3rWgSR2z7_HyVCZZQx2grSYHW24pW9K8R7F5lW1rH3Hr4067M_W5KG7048sjFC6W6Gd3PN7JxbmtVHxXVD53y-vpW30DS124dyNW6W1c20CQ1Ddm2sW8sMv6S88h6F3VZ_MKP98QPJZW2G5d_R3SNrgnW3mPlCr7_W9LxN5HR-nTw_tGPW8HfTKb6xNZW7W5F4vY17KGTS1W2mmzms8ZVnZBW16JdYm4KZlp1W7GM0qS50V12lW2F8P_-9bWcvwW3T3V7g5ybjMk37bX1).* “Police reported 537 homicides in 2020, up from 455 in 2019, bringing the rate per 100,000 residents to just over 6 — a number last seen in 1998,” reported Virginia Mercury.
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