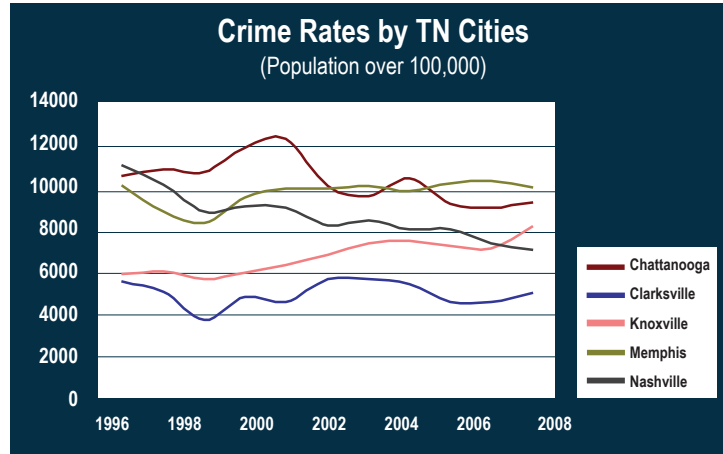


The Cost of Crime to Our Community And the Impact of Smart Reentry Programming



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During the past ten years, Chattanooga’s crime rate has been either the **highest** or the **second highest** in Tennessee...while Nashville’s has declined more than 30 percent, demonstrating what effective prisoner reentry programming can achieve.

With an average of two murders a month, two rapes a week, two robberies a day and a theft every 45 minutes, crime in the Scenic City is nearly **twice the national average**.

Last year we ranked **eighth highest in the nation** in the FBI Uniform Crime Report...a position driven by property crime that has spiraled out of control.

Property offenders commit more crimes and re-offend more often than other offenders.

When parolees re-offend, they spend an average of 171 days in the County Jail before being transferred to the Department of Corrections. This costs local tax payers \$9,578 apiece to lock them up...and is just the tip of the iceberg.

Repeat crime can be reduced by community and faith-based organizations that provide access to basic human services like housing and employment.

There are eight State sanctioned halfway houses in Knoxville, nine in Memphis, 55 in Nashville...and zero in Chattanooga.

The Cost of Crime to Our Community (cont.)

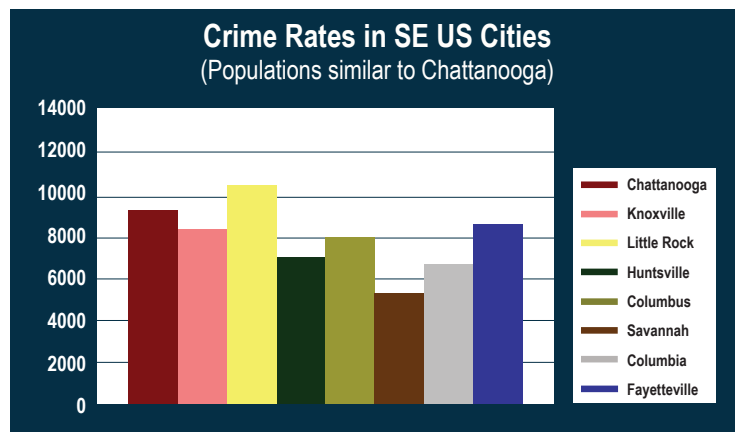
A small strategic investment in prisoner reentry programs can have a dramatic, long-term impact on public safety (See Reentry Collaborative in the box below.)

All it takes is organizing community service providers to better assist prisoners at the point of discharge and more rapidly intervening with those that are failing in the community.

	CEi Current	CEi Expanded	Reentry Collaborative
Number Served	250	400	800
Recidivism Rate	15%	20%	30%
Number of Recidivists	38	80	240
Total Improvement	131	190	300
Total Number of Crimes Prevented	525	760	1200
Resulting Crime Rate	9339	9188	8904
Percent Improvement*	3.5%	5%	7.7%
Additional Charitable Support Needed	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$150,000
Local Incarceration Savings	\$757,185	\$1,096,116	\$1,730,709

At our current funding level, we are able to prevent 525 crime...that's 525 fewer victims, 525 fewer police reports, 525 fewer cases clogging up the justice system.

Editors at Forbes estimate that a 30% reduction in our crime rate would improve our position on their list of Best Places for Business and Careers by 20-30 points.



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* After four years (the average period of incarceration), effective reentry programs enter a virtuous cycle as the number of prisoners coming home decreases because fewer were sent off.

