

There's a sense among some that La Crosse's crime rate is surging. Not so, according to stats reported by the La Crosse police department, at least not for many categories of crime. Between 2010 and 2011, the city reported a nine percent drop in violent crimes like rape and battery. Far different from seventeen percent increase of violent crimes reported nationwide for the same time period, according to new federal numbers. La Crosse, meanwhile did see about a nine percent increase in property crimes for the one year period. Still smaller than the 11 percent increase witnessed nationwide