**Trends in Crime**

Analyze your chosen graph, complete research to get a more complete picture of the potential crime trend, and deliver a final verdict about the trend your graph indicates.

**Graph**

Insert a picture of your chosen graph below.

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What crime trend does the graph indicate?

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Identify and describe any misleading techniques used to display the data.

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**Research**

Insert two additional graphs that relate to this crime trend. Try to find graphs that are from credible sources, and see if you can find data from a broader range of years than the original graph to get the whole picture.

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| Graph 1: | Graph 2: |
| Source: | Source: |
| How do these graphs compare to your original graph? Do they support the trend or put the trend into question? Explain. |

What are the causes for this crime trend? Write an essential question that gets to the heart of the issue. Then, find two separate sources that explain why this crime trend is or is not valid. Answer the question using each source.

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| Essential Question: |
| Answer 1: | Answer 2: |
| Source: | Source: |

**Verdict**

Based upon your research, does your crime trend have strong support or questionable support?

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Fully explain your reasoning for your final verdict.

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