

BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT CRIME STATISTICS 2003



**A Summary of
Recorded and Resolved Offence
Statistics**

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REPORT NOTES:

An incident that is reported to or detected by Police where Police believe an offence is likely to have been committed is counted as a Recorded Offence.

A Recorded Offence is considered to be a Resolved Offence by Police when an offender is identified and dealt with. (E.g. warned, cautioned, prosecuted, etc.)

Resolution Rate is the percentage of Recorded Offences that are resolved.

Statistics reported in this document are derived from the Justice sector Law Enforcement System (L.E.S.). These Official Crime Statistics present a snapshot of data in L.E.S. relating to offences within a given year, as at the date 14 days following the end of that year.

If an offence is resolved 15 days or more after the end of the year it will not appear in the Official Crime Statistics for that or any other year. Resolution Rate therefore undercounts the number of cases that Police have resolved. This phenomenon has a more marked impact for some types of offences than others, such as offences that require long investigations (E.g. many serial crimes, burglaries and murders).

From time to time, changes occur to Police offence codes. These changes occur for reasons such as changes in legislation or the desire to gain more specificity in statistics for certain types of offences. Caution should therefore be observed when interpreting step-increases and decreases in the number of recorded offences of a certain type.

Significant changes to use of Police offence codes in 2003 include:

A new offence class 5900 - Drugs (new drugs) as part of the Drugs and Antisocial offence category. This class has been introduced to specifically capture offences under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975 where the drugs involved are Methamphetamine, Amphetamine, Ecstasy, and Fantasy type substances. Previously, such offences were recorded within the offence class 3100 - Drugs (not cannabis).

A new offence code within the offence class 3900 - Sale of Liquor Act 1989 has been created to specifically capture breach of liquor ban offences. Previously, these were captured within the more general offence class 7600 - ByLaw Breaches.

The Crimes Amendment Act 2003 broadened the scope of offences that are classified as 'Burglary' in Police statistics.

The derivation of figures presented as "RECORDED OFFENCES PER 10,000 POPULATION" in the tables on pages 4 and 16-28 of the original version of this report contained an error. The error has been corrected in this report.

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME, BY CATEGORY

Years ending 31 December

Offence Category	Offence Class Description	Offence Class Code	Recorded 2001	Recorded 2002	Recorded 2003	% Variance 01-02	% Variance 02-03	Resolved 2001	Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2001	Percent Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2003
VIOLENCE	GRIEVOUS ASSAULTS	1400	236	248	303	5.1 %	22.2 %	199	197	252	84.3 %	79.4 %	83.2 %
	GROUP ASSEMBLIES	1800	21	30	17	42.9 %	-43.3 %	13	20	11	61.9 %	66.7 %	64.7 %
	HOMICIDE	1100	5	17	2	240.0 %	-88.2 %	2	14	2	40.0 %	82.4 %	100.0 %
	INTIMIDATION/THREATS	1700	819	783	856	-4.4 %	9.3 %	669	636	708	81.7 %	81.2 %	82.7 %
	KIDNAPPING AND ABDUCTION	1200	17	15	15	-11.8 %	0.0 %	9	8	8	52.9 %	53.3 %	53.3 %
	MINOR ASSAULTS	1600	1110	1138	1125	2.5 %	-1.1 %	843	863	908	75.9 %	75.8 %	80.7 %
	ROBBERY	1300	96	120	108	25.0 %	-10.0 %	38	51	49	39.6 %	42.5 %	45.4 %
	SERIOUS ASSAULTS	1500	1262	1384	1517	9.7 %	9.6 %	982	1089	1289	77.8 %	78.7 %	85.0 %
Total:			3566	3735	3943	4.7 %	5.6 %	2755	2878	3227	77.3 %	77.1 %	81.8 %

Offence Category	Offence Class Description	Offence Class Code	Recorded 2001	Recorded 2002	Recorded 2003	% Variance 01-02	% Variance 02-03	Resolved 2001	Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2001	Percent Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2003
SEXUAL OFFENCES	ABNORMAL SEX	2700	1		1	-100.0 %		0		0	0.0 %		0.0 %
	IMMORAL BEHAVIOUR	2800	19	12	15	-36.8 %	25.0 %	12	8	12	63.2 %	66.7 %	80.0 %
	IMMORAL BEHAVIOUR/MISCELLANEOUS	2900		1	2		100.0 %		0	0		0.0 %	0.0 %
	SEXUAL AFFRONTS	2200	40	50	43	25.0 %	-14.0 %	20	23	19	50.0 %	46.0 %	44.2 %
	SEXUAL ATTACKS	2600	211	203	175	-3.8 %	-13.8 %	128	101	107	60.7 %	49.8 %	61.1 %
Total:			271	266	236	-1.8 %	-11.3 %	160	132	138	59.0 %	49.6 %	58.5 %

Offence Category	Offence Class Description	Offence Class Code	Recorded 2001	Recorded 2002	Recorded 2003	% Variance 01-02	% Variance 02-03	Resolved 2001	Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2001	Percent Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2003
DRUGS AND ANTI SOCIAL C	DISORDER	3500	2003	2087	2427	4.2 %	16.3 %	1750	1829	2161	87.4 %	87.6 %	89.0 %
	DRUGS(CANNABIS ONLY)	3200	2595	2660	1991	2.5 %	-25.2 %	2217	2176	1878	85.4 %	81.8 %	94.3 %
	DRUGS (NEW DRUGS)	5900			75					53			70.7 %
	DRUGS (NOT CANNABIS)	3100	155	310	188	100.0 %	-39.4 %	143	237	165	92.3 %	76.5 %	87.8 %
	FAMILY OFFENCES	3700	28	44	40	57.1 %	-9.1 %	20	34	36	71.4 %	77.3 %	90.0 %
	FAMILY OFFENCES CONTINUED	3800	388	482	603	24.2 %	25.1 %	291	400	548	75.0 %	83.0 %	90.9 %
	GAMING	3400	2	3	2	50.0 %	-33.3 %	1	1	2	50.0 %	33.3 %	100.0 %
	SALE OF LIQUOR ACT 1989	3900	119	69	896	-42.0 %	1198.6 %	115	62	887	96.6 %	89.9 %	99.0 %
	VAGRANCY OFFENCES	3600	22	18	14	-18.2 %	-22.2 %	19	16	12	86.4 %	88.9 %	85.7 %
Total:			5312	5673	6236	6.8 %	9.9 %	4556	4755	5742	85.8 %	83.8 %	92.1 %

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME, BY CATEGORY

Years ending 31 December

Offence Category	Offence Class Description	Offence Class Code	Recorded 2001	Recorded 2002	Recorded 2003	% Variance 01-02	% Variance 02-03	Resolved 2001	Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2001	Percent Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2003
DISHONESTY	BURGLARY	4100	5936	5652	5890	-4.8 %	4.2 %	1031	1145	1239	17.4 %	20.3 %	21.0 %
	CAR CONVERSION ETC	4200	3159	3254	3118	3.0 %	-4.2 %	595	754	794	18.8 %	23.2 %	25.5 %
	DISHONESTY MISCELLANEOUS	4600			60					58			96.7 %
	FRAUD	4500	1353	1366	1249	1.0 %	-8.6 %	742	666	684	54.8 %	48.8 %	54.8 %
	RECEIVING	4400	235	255	302	8.5 %	18.4 %	230	247	296	97.9 %	96.9 %	98.0 %
	THEFT	4300	12772	12349	11991	-3.3 %	-2.9 %	2604	2844	2764	20.4 %	23.0 %	23.1 %
Total:			23455	22876	22610	-2.5 %	-1.2 %	5202	5656	5835	22.2 %	24.7 %	25.8 %

Offence Category	Offence Class Description	Offence Class Code	Recorded 2001	Recorded 2002	Recorded 2003	% Variance 01-02	% Variance 02-03	Resolved 2001	Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2001	Percent Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2003
PROPERTY DAMAGE	DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY	5100	3560	3294	3809	-7.5 %	15.6 %	913	937	1085	25.6 %	28.4 %	28.5 %
	ENDANGERING	5200	8	18	18	125.0 %	0.0 %	5	11	15	62.5 %	61.1 %	83.3 %
Total:			3568	3312	3827	-7.2 %	15.5 %	918	948	1100	25.7 %	28.6 %	28.7 %

Offence Category	Offence Class Description	Offence Class Code	Recorded 2001	Recorded 2002	Recorded 2003	% Variance 01-02	% Variance 02-03	Resolved 2001	Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2001	Percent Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2003
PROPERTY ABUSES	ANIMALS	6300	41	55	54	34.1 %	-1.8 %	24	27	34	58.5 %	49.1 %	63.0 %
	ARMS ACT OFFENCES	6800	266	298	268	12.0 %	-10.1 %	231	247	224	86.8 %	82.9 %	83.6 %
	LITTERING	6200	52	70	54	34.6 %	-22.9 %	38	61	48	73.1 %	87.1 %	88.9 %
	POSTAL/RAIL/FIRE SERVICE ABUSES	6500	383	325	336	-15.1 %	3.4 %	149	120	155	38.9 %	36.9 %	46.1 %
	TRESPASS	6100	966	1102	1130	14.1 %	2.5 %	675	794	843	69.9 %	72.1 %	74.6 %
Total:			1708	1850	1842	8.3 %	-0.4 %	1117	1249	1304	65.4 %	67.5 %	70.8 %

Offence Category	Offence Class Description	Offence Class Code	Recorded 2001	Recorded 2002	Recorded 2003	% Variance 01-02	% Variance 02-03	Resolved 2001	Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2001	Percent Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2003
ADMINISTRATIVE	AGAINST JUSTICE	7100	2285	1542	959	-32.5 %	-37.8 %	1858	1225	782	81.3 %	79.4 %	81.5 %
	AGAINST NATIONAL INTEREST	7500		1			-100.0 %		1			100.0 %	
	BIRTHS/DEATHS AND MARRIAGES	7200	1	1		0.0 %	-100.0 %	0	1		0.0 %	100.0 %	
	BY - LAWS BREACHES	7600	32	849	476	2553.1 %	-43.9 %	20	836	471	62.5 %	98.5 %	98.9 %
	IMMIGRATION	7300	29	6	9	-79.3 %	50.0 %	28	5	9	96.6 %	83.3 %	100.0 %
Total:			2347	2399	1444	2.2 %	-39.8 %	1906	2068	1262	81.2 %	86.2 %	87.4 %

TOTAL			40,227	40,111	40,138	-0.3 %	0.1 %	16,614	17,686	18,608	41.3 %	44.1 %	46.4 %
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DISTRICT RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION, BY AREA
Years ending 31 December

Area Description	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2001	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2002	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2003	% Rate Variance 01-02	% Rate Variance 02-03
Rotorua	1,621.1	1,552.9	1,743.2	-4.2 %	12.3 %
Taupo	1,411.4	1,387.9	1,393.6	-1.7 %	0.4 %
Tauranga	1,300.7	1,309.8	1,129.2	0.7 %	-13.8 %
Western Bay of Plenty	1,110.4	1,056.3	1,003.6	-4.9 %	-5.0 %
Whakatane	1,186.3	1,306.8	1,199.5	10.2 %	-8.2 %
TOTAL	1,323.3	1,306.3	1,290.5	-1.3 %	-1.2 %

DISTRICT RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION, BY CATEGORIES

Years ending 30 June

Offence Category	Offence Class	Offence Class Code	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2001	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2002	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2003
VIOLENCE	GRIEVOUS ASSAULTS	1400	7.8	8.1	9.7
	GROUP ASSEMBLIES	1800	0.7	1.0	0.5
	HOMICIDE	1100	0.2	0.6	0.1
	INTIMIDATION/THREATS	1700	26.9	25.5	27.5
	KIDNAPPING AND ABDUCTION	1200	0.6	0.5	0.5
	MINOR ASSAULTS	1600	36.5	37.1	36.2
	ROBBERY	1300	3.2	3.9	3.5
	SERIOUS ASSAULTS	1500	41.5	45.1	48.8
VIOLENCE			117.3	121.6	126.8

Offence Category	Offence Class	Offence Class Code	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2001	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2002	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2003
SEXUAL OFFENCES	ABNORMAL SEX	2700	0.0		0.0
	IMMORAL BEHAVIOUR	2800	0.6	0.4	0.5
	IMMORAL BEHAVIOUR/MISCELLANEOUS	2900		0.0	0.1
	SEXUAL AFFRONTS	2200	1.3	1.6	1.4
	SEXUAL ATTACKS	2600	6.9	6.6	5.6
SEXUAL OFFENCES			8.9	8.7	7.6

Offence Category	Offence Class	Offence Class Code	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2001	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2002	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2003
DRUGS AND ANTI SOCIAL OFFENCES	DISORDER	3500	65.9	68.0	78.0
	DRUGS(CANNABIS ONLY)	3200	85.4	86.6	64.0
	DRUGS (NEW DRUGS)	5900			2.4
	DRUGS (NOT CANNABIS)	3100	5.1	10.1	6.0
	FAMILY OFFENCES	3700	0.9	1.4	1.3
	FAMILY OFFENCES CONTINUED	3800	12.8	15.7	19.4
	GAMING	3400	0.1	0.1	0.1
	SALE OF LIQUOR ACT 1989	3900	3.9	2.2	28.8
	VAGRANCY OFFENCES	3600	0.7	0.6	0.5
DRUGS AND ANTI SOCIAL OFFENCES			174.7	184.8	200.5

DISTRICT RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION, BY CATEGORIES

Years ending 30 June

Offence Category	Offence Class	Offence Class Code	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2001	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2002	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2003
DISHONESTY	BURGLARY	4100	195.3	184.1	189.4
	CAR CONVERSION ETC	4200	103.9	106.0	100.2
	DISHONESTY MISCELLANEOUS	4600			1.9
	FRAUD	4500	44.5	44.5	40.2
	RECEIVING	4400	7.7	8.3	9.7
	THEFT	4300	420.1	402.2	385.5
DISHONESTY			771.5	745.0	726.9

Offence Category	Offence Class	Offence Class Code	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2001	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2002	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2003
PROPERTY DAMAGE	DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY	5100	117.1	107.3	122.5
	ENDANGERING	5200	0.3	0.6	0.6
PROPERTY DAMAGE			117.4	107.9	123.0

Offence Category	Offence Class	Offence Class Code	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2001	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2002	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2003
PROPERTY ABUSES	ANIMALS	6300	1.3	1.8	1.7
	ARMS ACT OFFENCES	6800	8.8	9.7	8.6
	LITTERING	6200	1.7	2.3	1.7
	POSTAL/RAIL/FIRE SERVICE ABUSES	6500	12.6	10.6	10.8
	TRESPASS	6100	31.8	35.9	36.3
PROPERTY ABUSES			56.2	60.2	59.2

Offence Category	Offence Class	Offence Class Code	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2001	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2002	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2003
ADMINISTRATIVE	AGAINST JUSTICE	7100	75.2	50.2	30.8
	AGAINST NATIONAL INTEREST	7500		0.0	
	BIRTHS/DEATHS AND MARRIAGES	7200	0.0	0.0	
	BY - LAWS BREACHES	7600	1.1	27.6	15.3
	IMMIGRATION	7300	1.0	0.2	0.3
ADMINISTRATIVE			77.2	78.1	46.4

DISTRICT RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION, BY CATEGORIES

Years ending 30 June

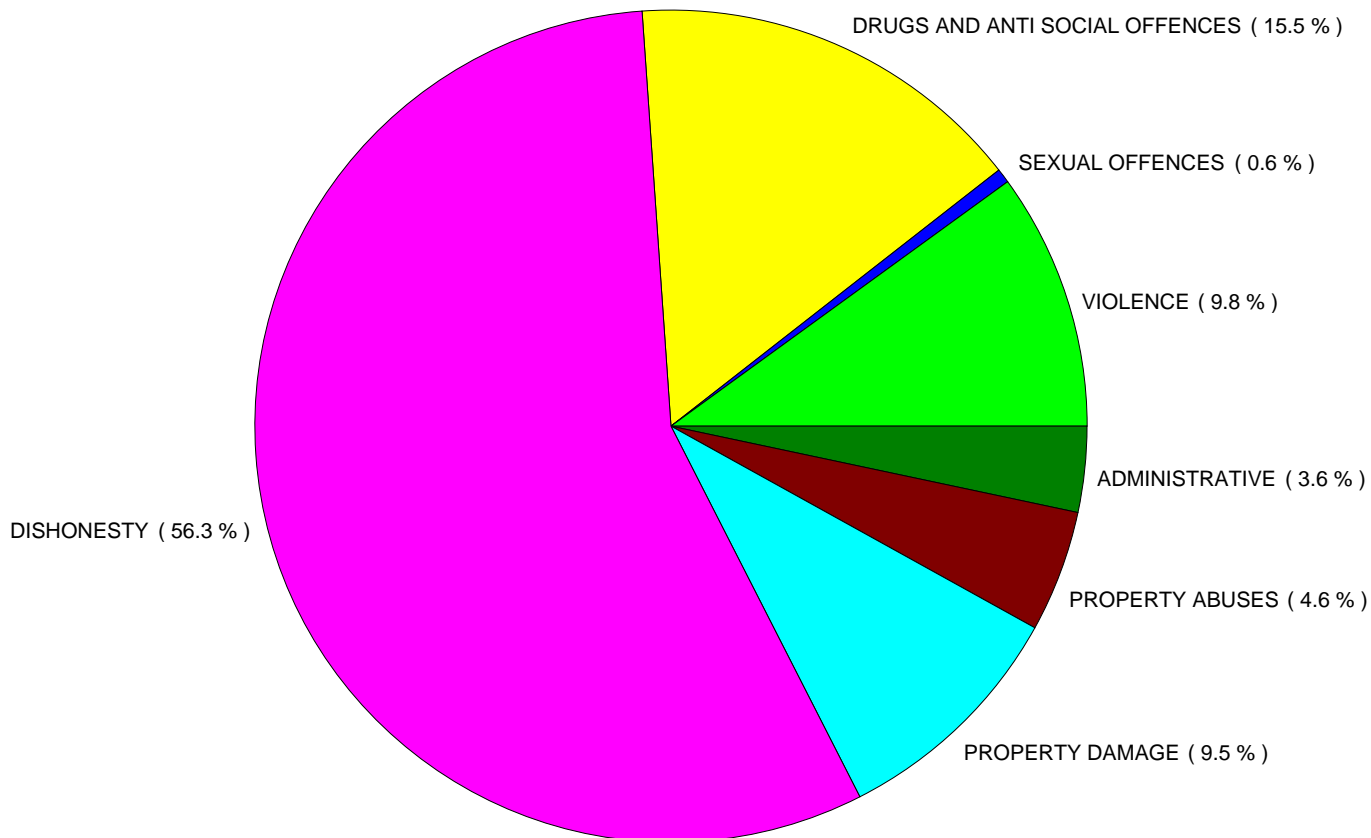
Offence Category	Offence Class	Offence Class Code	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2001	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2002	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2003
TOTAL			1323.3	1306.3	1290.5

PROPORTION OF RECORDED CRIME BY CATEGORIES

Years ending 31 December

Offence Category Description	Proportions Recorded 2001	Recorded 2001	Proportions Recorded 2002	Recorded 2002	Proportions Recorded 2003	Recorded 2003
VIOLENCE	8.9 %	3,566	9.3 %	3,735	9.8 %	3,943
SEXUAL OFFENCES	0.7 %	271	0.7 %	266	0.6 %	236
DRUGS AND ANTI SOCIAL OFFENCES	13.2 %	5,312	14.1 %	5,673	15.5 %	6,236
DISHONESTY	58.3 %	23,455	57.0 %	22,876	56.3 %	22,610
PROPERTY DAMAGE	8.9 %	3,568	8.3 %	3,312	9.5 %	3,827
PROPERTY ABUSES	4.2 %	1,708	4.6 %	1,850	4.6 %	1,842
ADMINISTRATIVE	5.8 %	2,347	6.0 %	2,399	3.6 %	1,444
Total:	100.0 %	40,227	100.0 %	40,111	100.0 %	40,138

TOTAL DISTRICT CRIME BY CATEGORY FOR 2003 (ending 31 December)



SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME, BY AREA

Years ending 31 December

TOTAL CRIME

Area Description	Recorded 2001	Recorded 2002	% Variance 01-02	Recorded 2003	% Variance 02-03	Resolved 2001	Percent Resolved 2001	Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2003
Rotorua	11,341	10,911	-3.8 %	12288	12.6 %	4,143	36.5 %	4,496	41.2 %	5,219	42.5 %
Taupo	8,018	7,865	-1.9 %	7921	0.7 %	3,653	45.6 %	3,494	44.4 %	3,625	45.8 %
Tauranga	5,645	5,750	1.9 %	5025	-12.6 %	2,388	42.3 %	2,501	43.5 %	2,508	49.9 %
Western Bay of Plenty	9,556	9,349	-2.2 %	9186	-1.7 %	3,925	41.1 %	4,487	48.0 %	4,448	48.4 %
Whakatane	5,667	6,236	10.0 %	5718	-8.3 %	2,505	44.2 %	2,708	43.4 %	2,808	49.1 %
Total:	40,227	40,111	-0.3 %	40,138	0.1 %	16,614	41.3 %	17,686	44.1 %	18,608	46.4 %

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME CATEGORY, BY AREA

Years ending 31 December

VIOLENCE

Area Description	Recorded 2001	Recorded 2002	% Variance 01-02	Recorded 2003	% Variance 02-03	Resolved 2001	Percent Resolved 2001	Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2003
Rotorua	913	1,105	21.0 %	1,243	12.5 %	629	68.9 %	762	69.0 %	973	78.3 %
Taupo	683	728	6.6 %	809	11.1 %	573	83.9 %	602	82.7 %	661	81.7 %
Tauranga	474	443	-6.5 %	483	9.0 %	381	80.4 %	347	78.3 %	405	83.9 %
Western Bay of Plenty	952	804	-15.5 %	829	3.1 %	784	82.4 %	679	84.5 %	691	83.4 %
Whakatane	544	655	20.4 %	579	-11.6 %	388	71.3 %	488	74.5 %	497	85.8 %
Total:	3,566	3,735	4.7 %	3,943	5.6 %	2,755	77.3 %	2,878	77.1 %	3,227	81.8 %

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME CATEGORY, BY AREA

Years ending 31 December

SEXUAL OFFENCES

Area Description	Recorded 2001	Recorded 2002	% Variance 01-02	Recorded 2003	% Variance 02-03	Resolved 2001	Percent Resolved 2001	Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2003
Rotorua	89	87	-2.2 %	72	-17.2 %	67	75.3 %	36	41.4 %	37	51.4 %
Taupo	52	47	-9.6 %	48	2.1 %	34	65.4 %	26	55.3 %	31	64.6 %
Tauranga	33	37	12.1 %	62	67.6 %	15	45.5 %	20	54.1 %	42	67.7 %
Western Bay of Plenty	50	49	-2.0 %	26	-46.9 %	33	66.0 %	33	67.3 %	14	53.8 %
Whakatane	47	46	-2.1 %	28	-39.1 %	11	23.4 %	17	37.0 %	14	50.0 %
Total:	271	266	-1.8 %	236	-11.3 %	160	59.0 %	132	49.6 %	138	58.5 %

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME CATEGORY, BY AREA

Years ending 31 December

DRUGS AND ANTI SOCIAL OFFENCES

Area Description	Recorded 2001	Recorded 2002	% Variance 01-02	Recorded 2003	% Variance 02-03	Resolved 2001	Percent Resolved 2001	Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2003
Rotorua	1,484	1,578	6.3 %	1,751	11.0 %	1,196	80.6 %	1,341	85.0 %	1,545	88.2 %
Taupo	1,187	1,113	-6.2 %	1,209	8.6 %	1,134	95.5 %	960	86.3 %	1,137	94.0 %
Tauranga	588	721	22.6 %	853	18.3 %	535	91.0 %	572	79.3 %	810	95.0 %
Western Bay of Plenty	1,030	1,265	22.8 %	1,602	26.6 %	914	88.7 %	1,129	89.2 %	1,478	92.3 %
Whakatane	1,023	996	-2.6 %	821	-17.6 %	777	76.0 %	753	75.6 %	772	94.0 %
Total:	5,312	5,673	6.8 %	6,236	9.9 %	4,556	85.8 %	4,755	83.8 %	5,742	92.1 %

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME CATEGORY, BY AREA

Years ending 31 December

DISHONESTY

Area Description	Recorded 2001	Recorded 2002	% Variance 01-02	Recorded 2003	% Variance 02-03	Resolved 2001	Percent Resolved 2001	Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2003
Rotorua	6,887	6,248	-9.3 %	7,304	16.9 %	1,342	19.5 %	1,408	22.5 %	1,690	23.1 %
Taupo	4,277	4,233	-1.0 %	4,190	-1.0 %	1,052	24.6 %	1,018	24.0 %	1,125	26.8 %
Tauranga	3,551	3,593	1.2 %	2,841	-20.9 %	858	24.2 %	933	26.0 %	780	27.5 %
Western Bay of Plenty	5,709	5,335	-6.6 %	5,127	-3.9 %	1,075	18.8 %	1,328	24.9 %	1,321	25.8 %
Whakatane	3,031	3,467	14.4 %	3,148	-9.2 %	875	28.9 %	969	27.9 %	919	29.2 %
Total:	23,455	22,876	-2.5 %	22,610	-1.2 %	5,202	22.2 %	5,656	24.7 %	5,835	25.8 %

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME CATEGORY, BY AREA

Years ending 31 December

PROPERTY DAMAGE

Area Description	Recorded 2001	Recorded 2002	% Variance 01-02	Recorded 2003	% Variance 02-03	Resolved 2001	Percent Resolved 2001	Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2003
Rotorua	825	845	2.4 %	997	18.0 %	221	26.8 %	279	33.0 %	343	34.4 %
Taupo	1,037	895	-13.7 %	1,100	22.9 %	209	20.2 %	198	22.1 %	225	20.5 %
Tauranga	372	330	-11.3 %	368	11.5 %	120	32.3 %	99	30.0 %	135	36.7 %
Western Bay of Plenty	786	643	-18.2 %	741	15.2 %	215	27.4 %	207	32.2 %	234	31.6 %
Whakatane	548	599	9.3 %	621	3.7 %	153	27.9 %	165	27.5 %	163	26.2 %
Total:	3,568	3,312	-7.2 %	3,827	15.5 %	918	25.7 %	948	28.6 %	1,100	28.7 %

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME CATEGORY, BY AREA

Years ending 31 December

PROPERTY ABUSES

Area Description	Recorded 2001	Recorded 2002	% Variance 01-02	Recorded 2003	% Variance 02-03	Resolved 2001	Percent Resolved 2001	Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2003
Rotorua	439	503	14.6 %	517	2.8 %	246	56.0 %	311	61.8 %	334	64.6 %
Taupo	400	438	9.5 %	372	-15.1 %	294	73.5 %	320	73.1 %	272	73.1 %
Tauranga	180	181	0.6 %	206	13.8 %	112	62.2 %	130	71.8 %	142	68.9 %
Western Bay of Plenty	385	416	8.1 %	455	9.4 %	291	75.6 %	303	72.8 %	337	74.1 %
Whakatane	304	312	2.6 %	292	-6.4 %	174	57.2 %	185	59.3 %	219	75.0 %
Total:	1,708	1,850	8.3 %	1,842	-0.4 %	1,117	65.4 %	1,249	67.5 %	1,304	70.8 %

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME CATEGORY, BY AREA

Years ending 31 December

ADMINISTRATIVE

Area Description	Recorded 2001	Recorded 2002	% Variance 01-02	Recorded 2003	% Variance 02-03	Resolved 2001	Percent Resolved 2001	Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2003
Rotorua	704	545	-22.6 %	404	-25.9 %	442	62.8 %	359	65.9 %	297	73.5 %
Taupo	382	411	7.6 %	193	-53.0 %	357	93.5 %	370	90.0 %	174	90.2 %
Tauranga	447	445	-0.4 %	212	-52.4 %	367	82.1 %	400	89.9 %	194	91.5 %
Western Bay of Plenty	644	837	30.0 %	406	-51.5 %	613	95.2 %	808	96.5 %	373	91.9 %
Whakatane	170	161	-5.3 %	229	42.2 %	127	74.7 %	131	81.4 %	224	97.8 %
Total:	2,347	2,399	2.2 %	1,444	-39.8 %	1,906	81.2 %	2,068	86.2 %	1,262	87.4 %

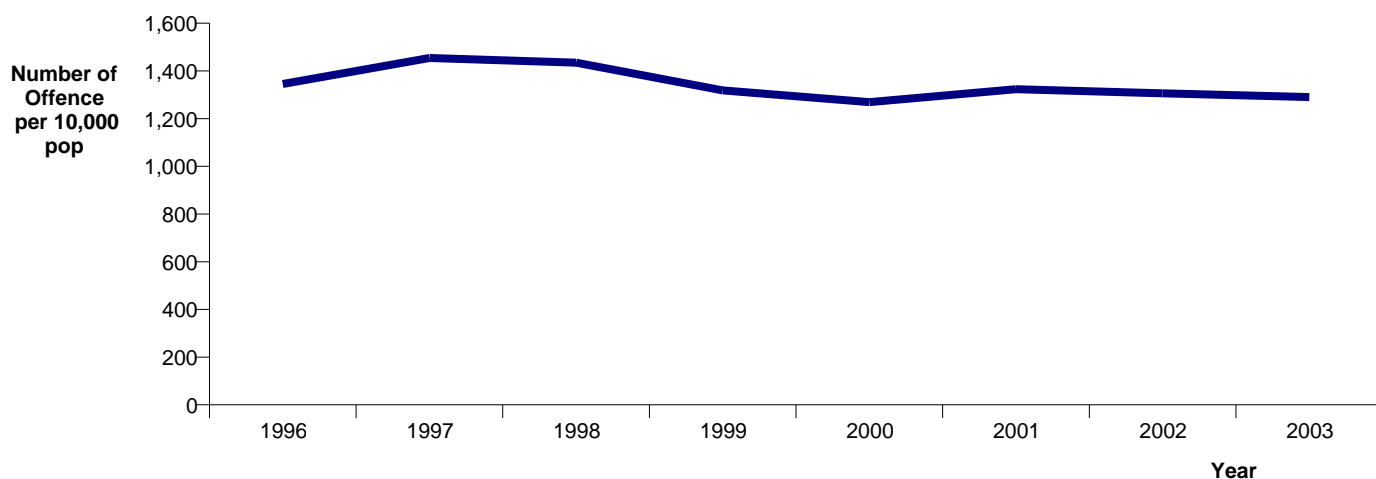
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Years ending 31 December

TOTAL CRIME

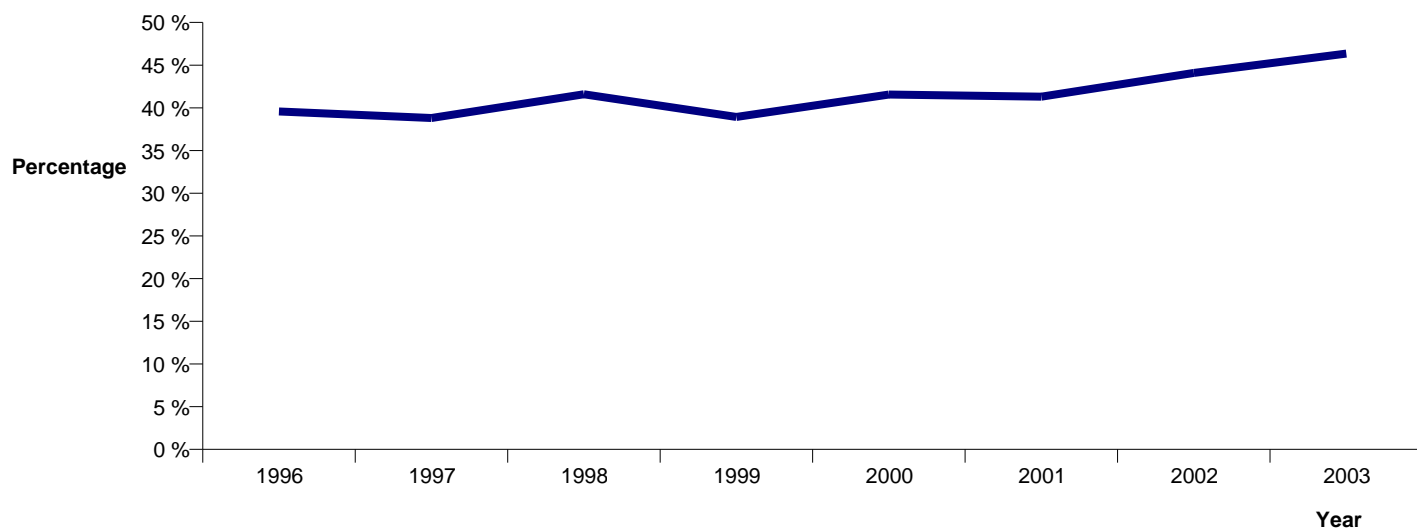
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1996	38802		1,345.4		15355	39.6 %	
1997	42670	10.0 %	1,454.3	8.1 %	16562	38.8 %	-0.8 %
1998	42709	0.1 %	1,434.5	-1.4 %	17764	41.6 %	2.8 %
1999	39597	-7.3 %	1,318.4	-8.1 %	15414	38.9 %	-2.7 %
2000	38405	-3.0 %	1,269.2	-3.7 %	15961	41.6 %	2.6 %
2001	40227	4.7 %	1,323.3	4.3 %	16614	41.3 %	-0.3 %
2002	40111	-0.3 %	1,306.3	-1.3 %	17686	44.1 %	2.8 %
2003	40138	0.1 %	1,290.5	-1.2 %	18608	46.4 %	2.3 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)



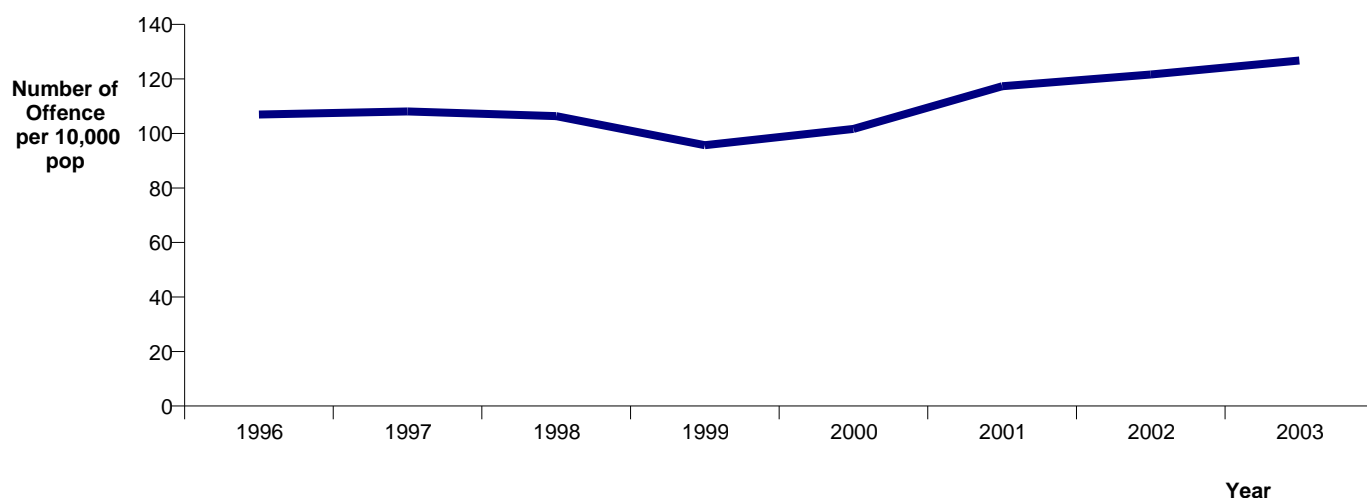
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Years ending 31 December

VIOLENCE

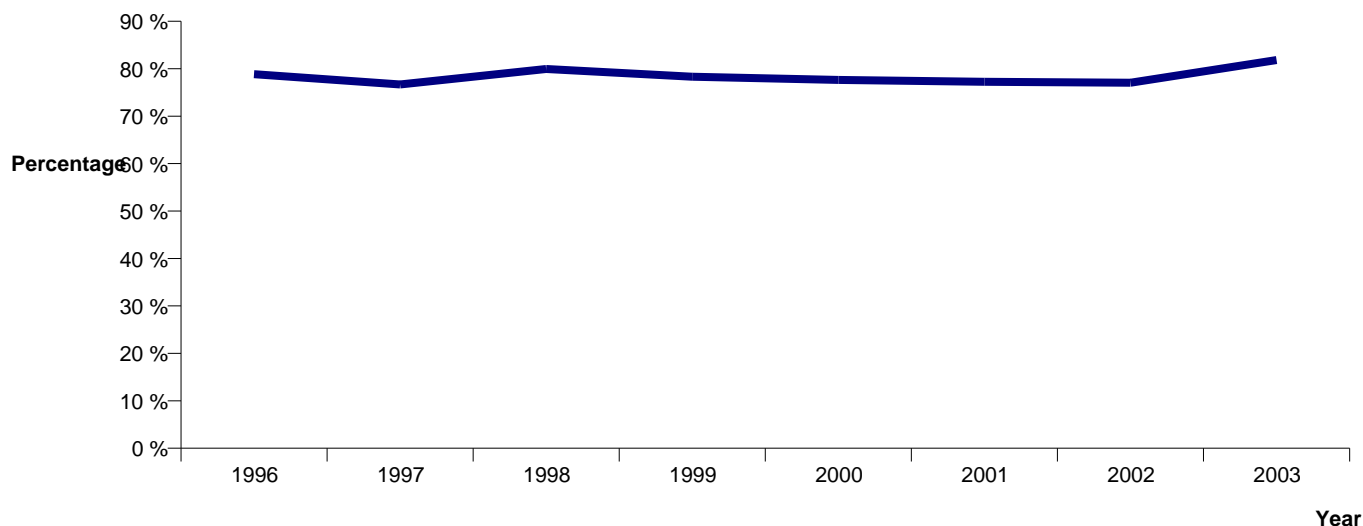
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1996	3084		106.9		2432	78.9 %	
1997	3171	2.8 %	108.1	1.1 %	2432	76.7 %	-2.2 %
1998	3167	-0.1 %	106.4	-1.6 %	2532	79.9 %	3.3 %
1999	2874	-9.3 %	95.7	-10.0 %	2251	78.3 %	-1.6 %
2000	3076	7.0 %	101.7	6.2 %	2388	77.6 %	-0.7 %
2001	3566	15.9 %	117.3	15.4 %	2755	77.3 %	-0.4 %
2002	3735	4.7 %	121.6	3.7 %	2878	77.1 %	-0.2 %
2003	3943	5.6 %	126.8	4.2 %	3227	81.8 %	4.8 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)



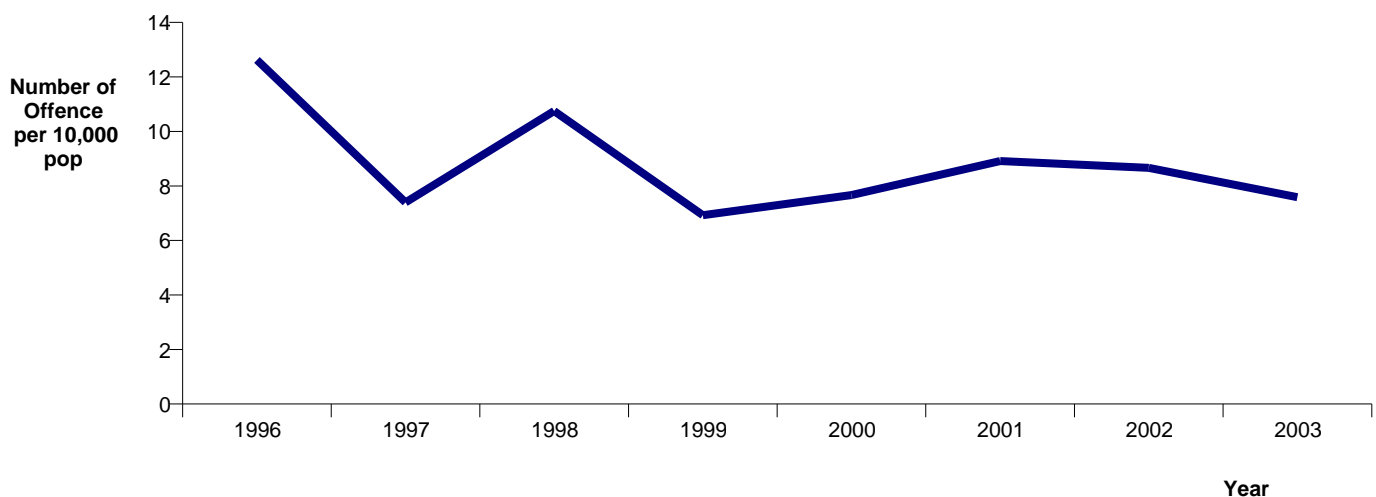
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SEXUAL OFFENCES

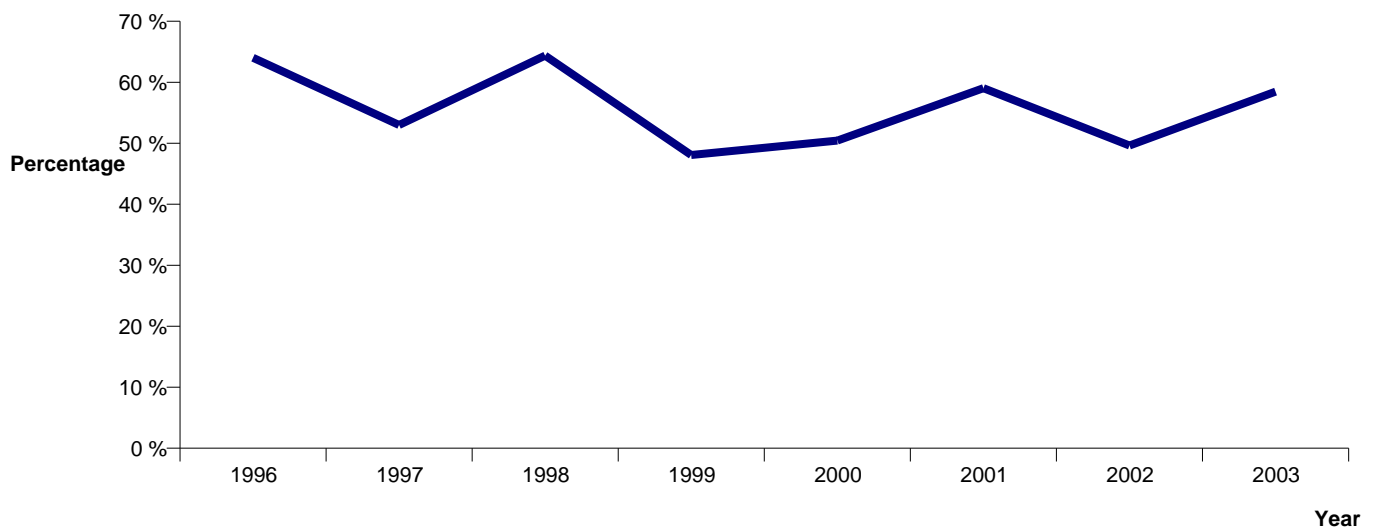
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1996	364		12.6		233	64.0 %	
1997	217	-40.4 %	7.4	-41.4 %	115	53.0 %	-11.0 %
1998	320	47.5 %	10.7	45.3 %	206	64.4 %	11.4 %
1999	208	-35.0 %	6.9	-35.6 %	100	48.1 %	-16.3 %
2000	232	11.5 %	7.7	10.7 %	117	50.4 %	2.4 %
2001	271	16.8 %	8.9	16.3 %	160	59.0 %	8.6 %
2002	266	-1.8 %	8.7	-2.8 %	132	49.6 %	-9.4 %
2003	236	-11.3 %	7.6	-12.4 %	138	58.5 %	8.9 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

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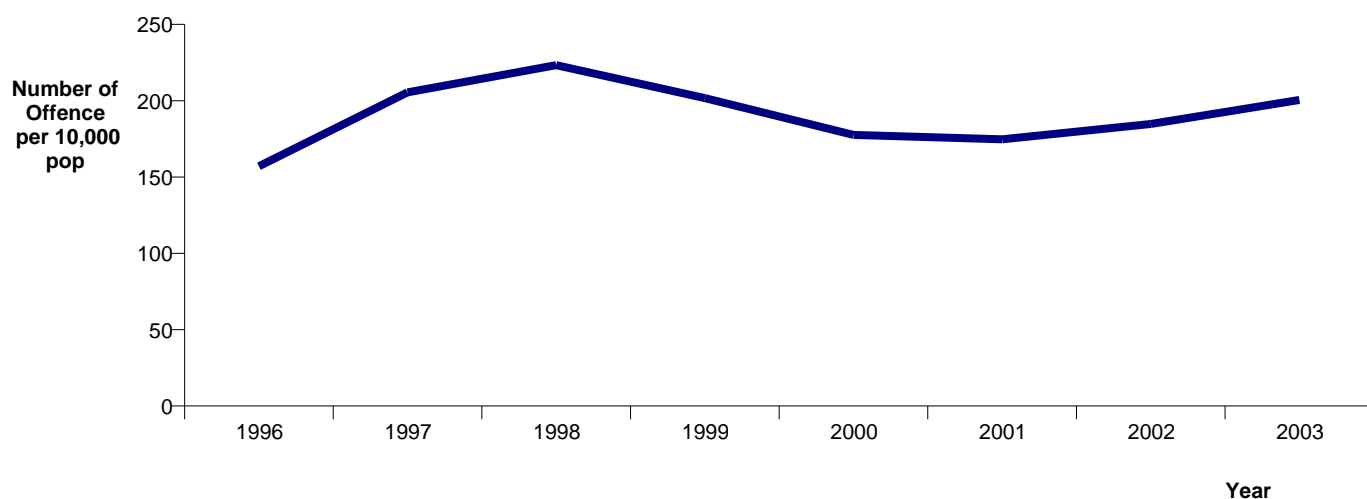
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DRUGS AND ANTI SOCIAL OFFENCES

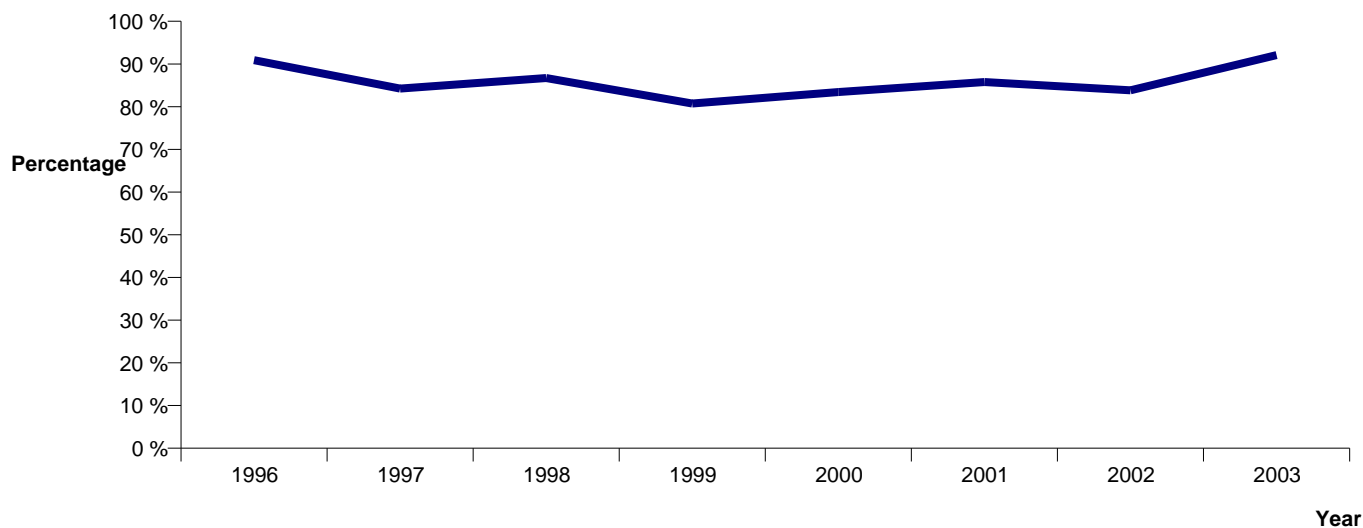
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1996	4529		157.0		4116	90.9 %	
1997	6030	33.1 %	205.5	30.9 %	5080	84.2 %	-6.6 %
1998	6648	10.2 %	223.3	8.7 %	5764	86.7 %	2.5 %
1999	6060	-8.8 %	201.8	-9.6 %	4893	80.7 %	-6.0 %
2000	5375	-11.3 %	177.6	-12.0 %	4484	83.4 %	2.7 %
2001	5312	-1.2 %	174.7	-1.6 %	4556	85.8 %	2.3 %
2002	5673	6.8 %	184.8	5.7 %	4755	83.8 %	-1.9 %
2003	6236	9.9 %	200.5	8.5 %	5742	92.1 %	8.3 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)



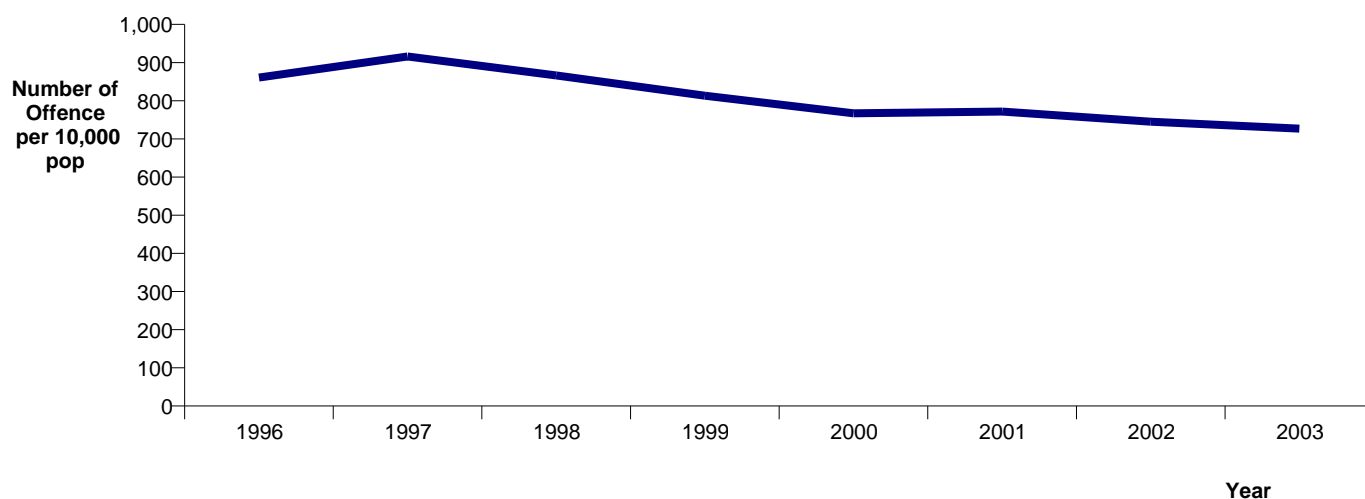
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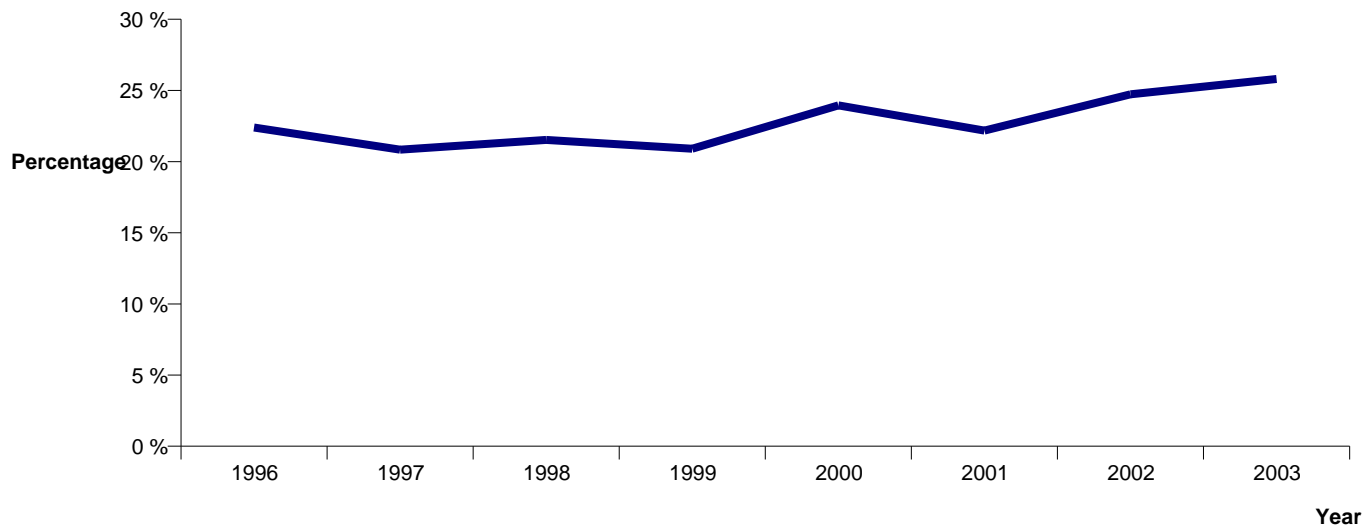
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1996	24827		860.8		5559	22.4 %	
1997	26871	8.2 %	915.8	6.4 %	5600	20.8 %	-1.6 %
1998	25793	-4.0 %	866.4	-5.4 %	5551	21.5 %	0.7 %
1999	24420	-5.3 %	813.1	-6.2 %	5105	20.9 %	-0.6 %
2000	23215	-4.9 %	767.2	-5.6 %	5559	23.9 %	3.0 %
2001	23455	1.0 %	771.5	0.6 %	5202	22.2 %	-1.8 %
2002	22876	-2.5 %	745.0	-3.4 %	5656	24.7 %	2.5 %
2003	22610	-1.2 %	726.9	-2.4 %	5835	25.8 %	1.1 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

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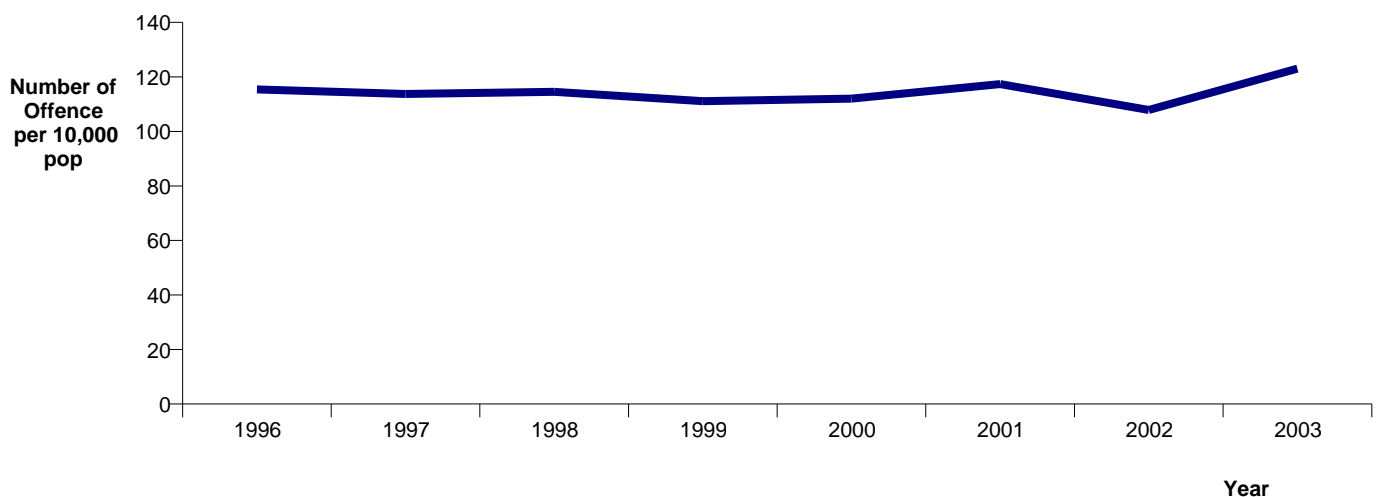
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PROPERTY DAMAGE

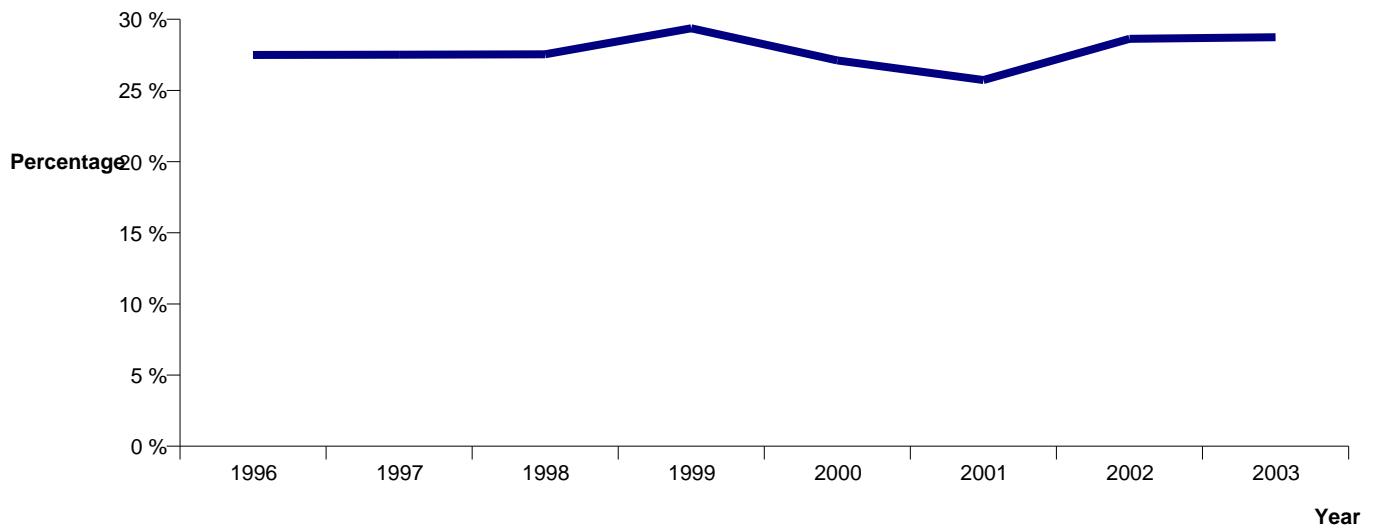
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1996	3328		115.4		915	27.5 %	
1997	3337	0.3 %	113.7	-1.4 %	918	27.5 %	0.0 %
1998	3410	2.2 %	114.5	0.7 %	939	27.5 %	0.0 %
1999	3337	-2.1 %	111.1	-3.0 %	980	29.4 %	1.8 %
2000	3390	1.6 %	112.0	0.8 %	919	27.1 %	-2.3 %
2001	3568	5.3 %	117.4	4.8 %	918	25.7 %	-1.4 %
2002	3312	-7.2 %	107.9	-8.1 %	948	28.6 %	2.9 %
2003	3827	15.5 %	123.0	14.1 %	1100	28.7 %	0.1 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

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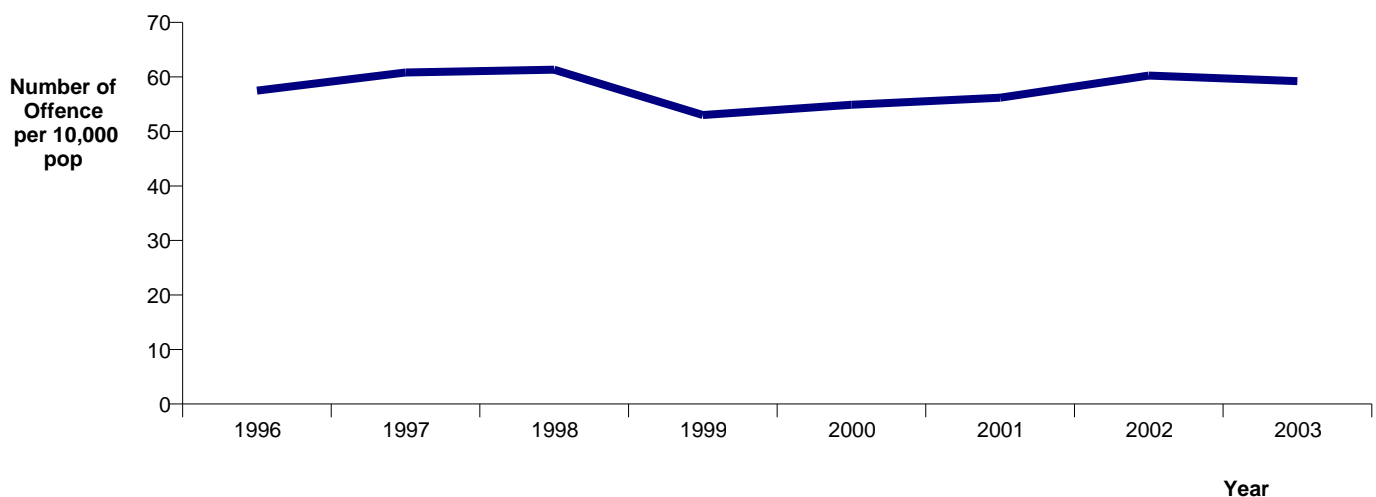
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PROPERTY ABUSES

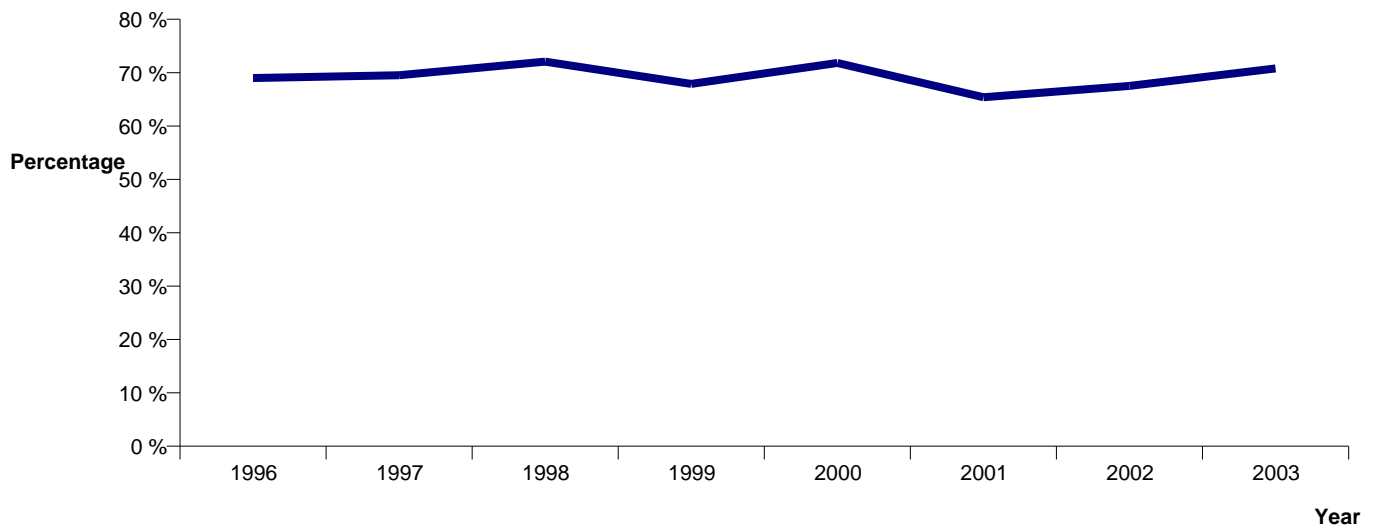
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1996	1658		57.5		1144	69.0 %	
1997	1784	7.6 %	60.8	5.8 %	1240	69.5 %	0.5 %
1998	1826	2.4 %	61.3	0.9 %	1316	72.1 %	2.6 %
1999	1592	-12.8 %	53.0	-13.6 %	1081	67.9 %	-4.2 %
2000	1661	4.3 %	54.9	3.6 %	1193	71.8 %	3.9 %
2001	1708	2.8 %	56.2	2.4 %	1117	65.4 %	-6.4 %
2002	1850	8.3 %	60.2	7.2 %	1249	67.5 %	2.1 %
2003	1842	-0.4 %	59.2	-1.7 %	1304	70.8 %	3.3 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

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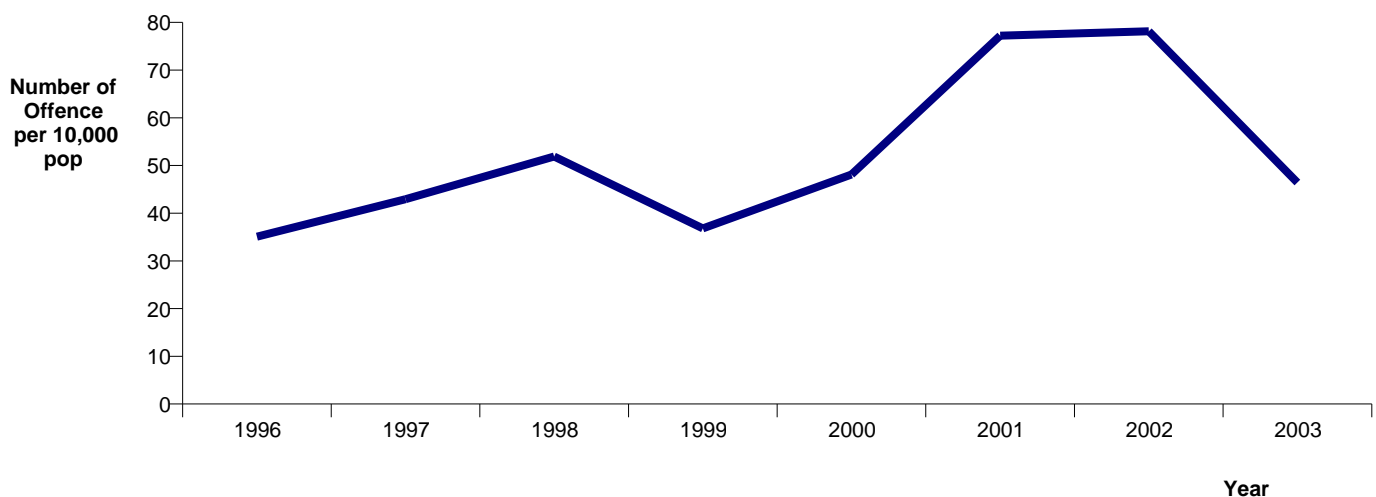
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ADMINISTRATIVE

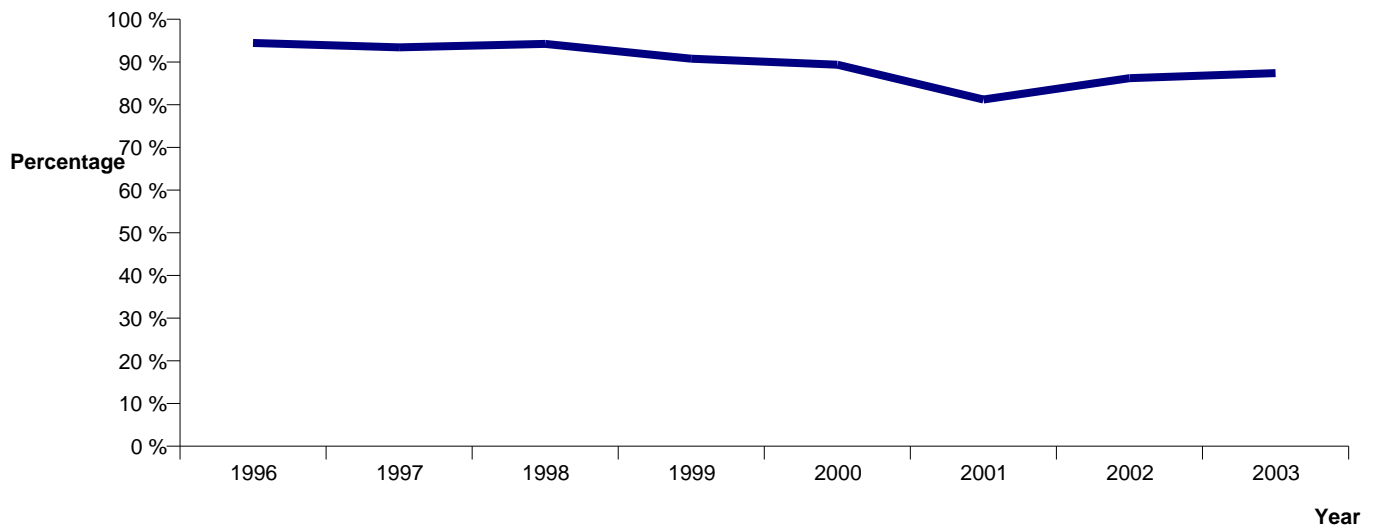
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1996	1012		35.1		956	94.5 %	
1997	1260	24.5 %	42.9	22.4 %	1177	93.4 %	-1.1 %
1998	1545	22.6 %	51.9	20.8 %	1456	94.2 %	0.8 %
1999	1106	-28.4 %	36.8	-29.0 %	1004	90.8 %	-3.5 %
2000	1456	31.6 %	48.1	30.7 %	1301	89.4 %	-1.4 %
2001	2347	61.2 %	77.2	60.5 %	1906	81.2 %	-8.1 %
2002	2399	2.2 %	78.1	1.2 %	2068	86.2 %	5.0 %
2003	1444	-39.8 %	46.4	-40.6 %	1262	87.4 %	1.2 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

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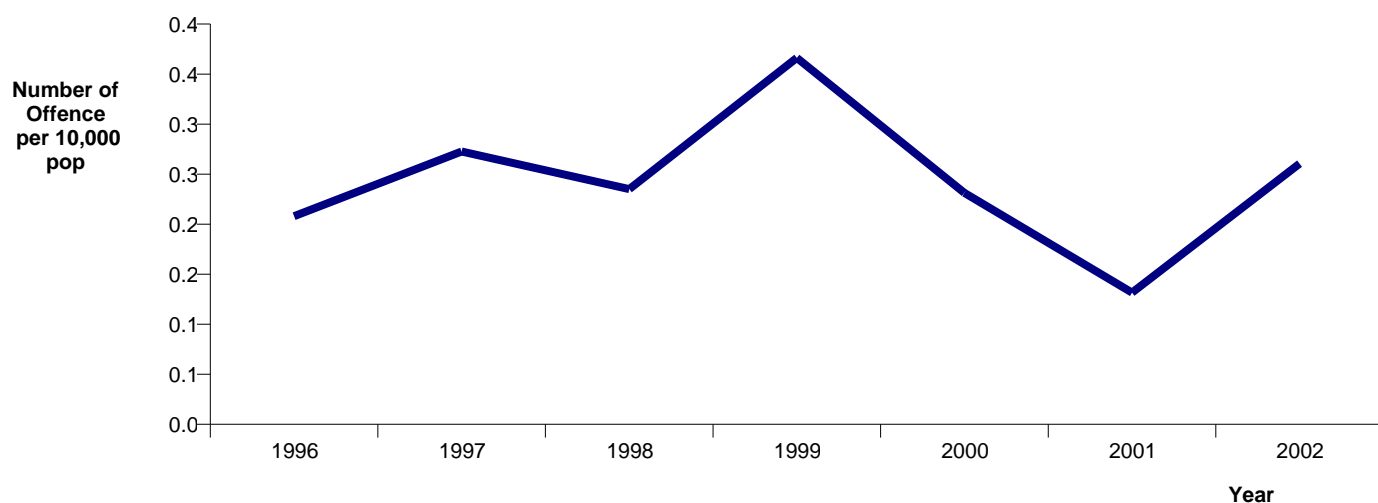
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MURDER *

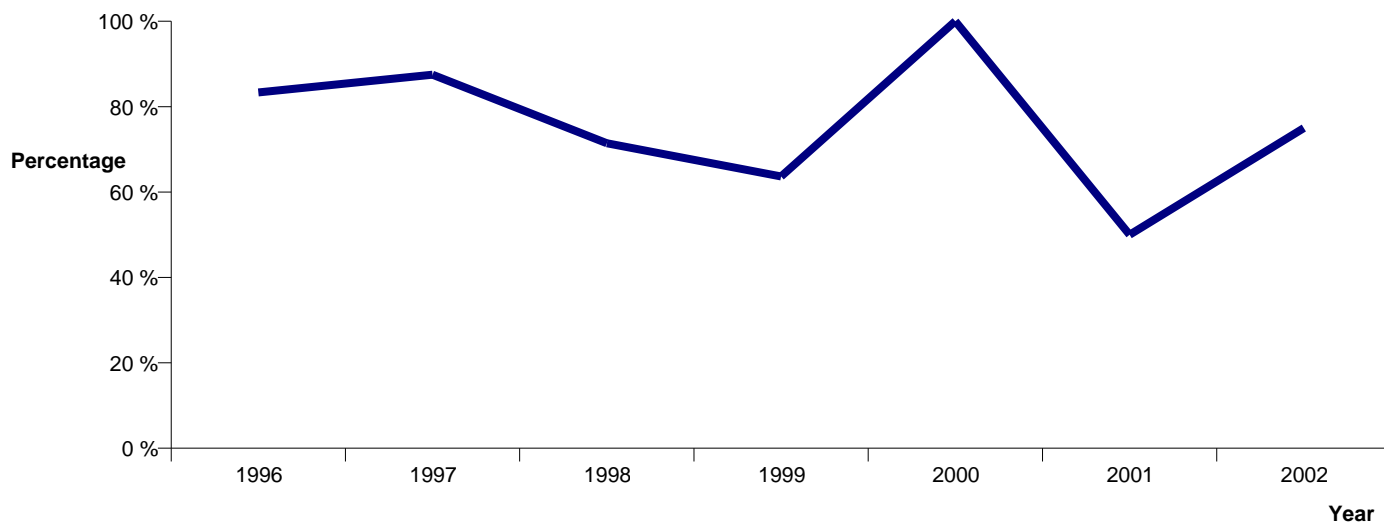
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1996	6		0.2		5	83.3 %	
1997	8	33.3 %	0.3	31.1 %	7	87.5 %	4.2 %
1998	7	-12.5 %	0.2	-13.8 %	5	71.4 %	-16.1 %
1999	11	57.1 %	0.4	55.8 %	7	63.6 %	-7.8 %
2000	7	-36.4 %	0.2	-36.8 %	7	100.0 %	36.4 %
2001	4	-42.9 %	0.1	-43.1 %	2	50.0 %	-50.0 %
2002	8	100.0 %	0.3	98.0 %	6	75.0 %	25.0 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)



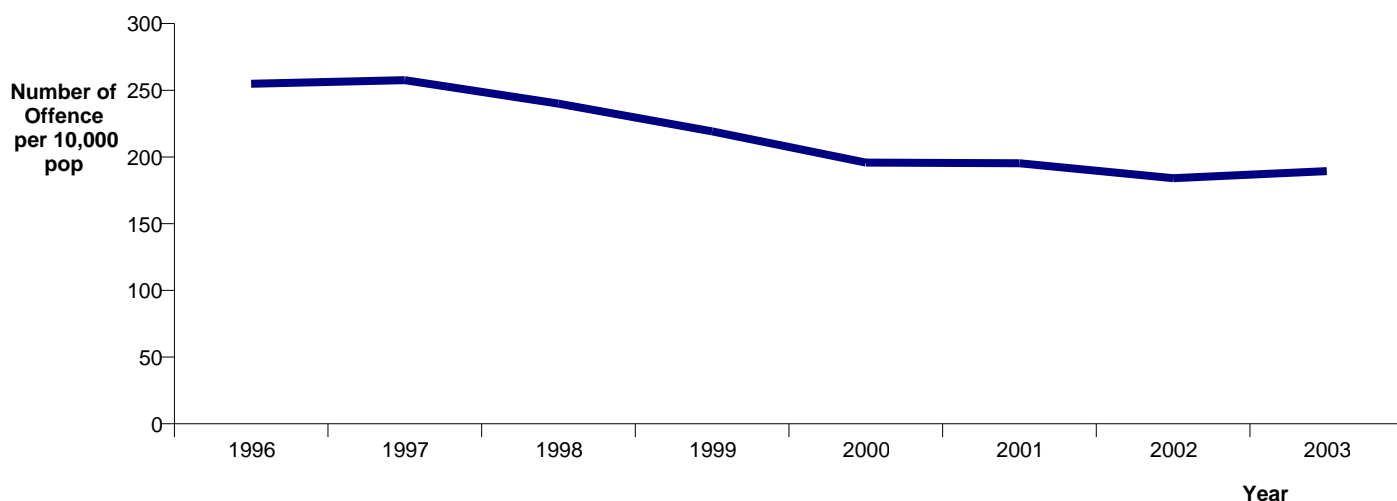
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BURGLARY

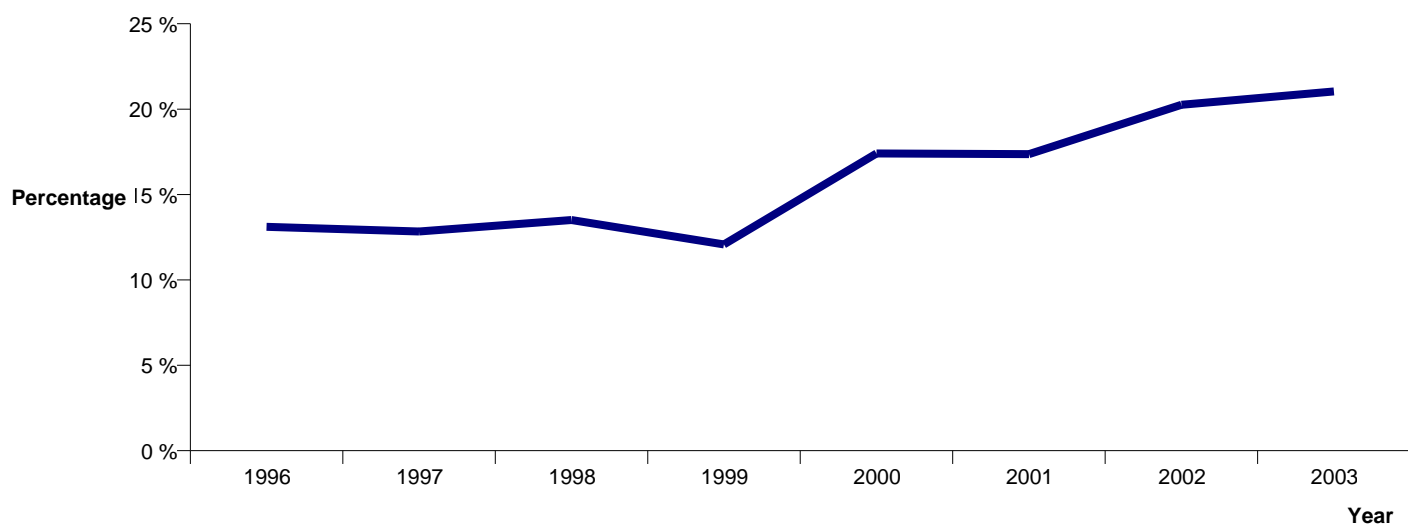
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1996	7352		254.9		964	13.1 %	
1997	7557	2.8 %	257.6	1.0 %	970	12.8 %	-0.3 %
1998	7144	-5.5 %	240.0	-6.8 %	965	13.5 %	0.7 %
1999	6583	-7.9 %	219.2	-8.7 %	795	12.1 %	-1.4 %
2000	5924	-10.0 %	195.8	-10.7 %	1031	17.4 %	5.3 %
2001	5936	0.2 %	195.3	-0.3 %	1031	17.4 %	-0.0 %
2002	5652	-4.8 %	184.1	-5.7 %	1145	20.3 %	2.9 %
2003	5890	4.2 %	189.4	2.9 %	1239	21.0 %	0.8 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

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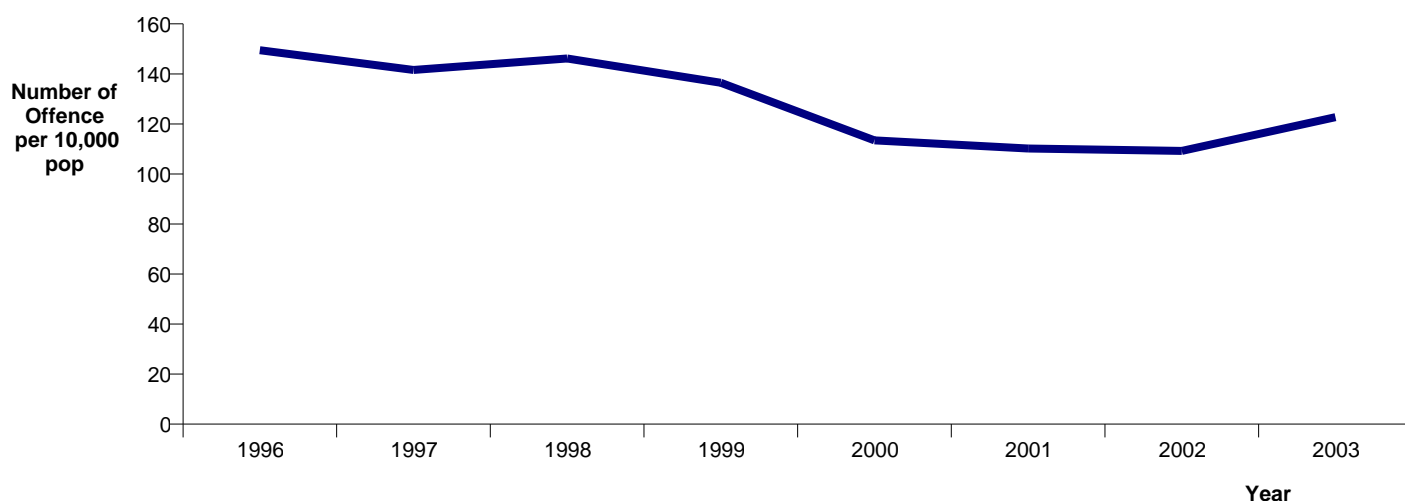
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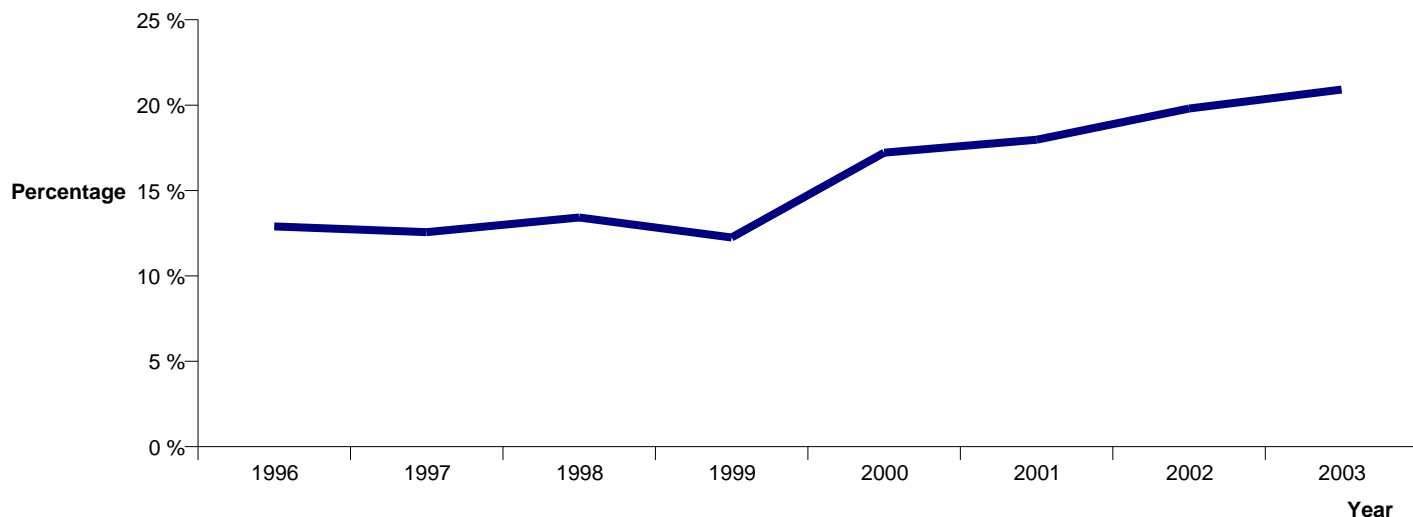
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1996	4311		149.5		556	12.9 %	
1997	4154	-3.6 %	141.6	-5.3 %	522	12.6 %	-0.3 %
1998	4351	4.7 %	146.1	3.2 %	584	13.4 %	0.9 %
1999	4098	-5.8 %	136.4	-6.6 %	502	12.2 %	-1.2 %
2000	3432	-16.3 %	113.4	-16.9 %	591	17.2 %	5.0 %
2001	3349	-2.4 %	110.2	-2.9 %	602	18.0 %	0.8 %
2002	3353	0.1 %	109.2	-0.9 %	664	19.8 %	1.8 %
2003	3816	13.8 %	122.7	12.4 %	798	20.9 %	1.1 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

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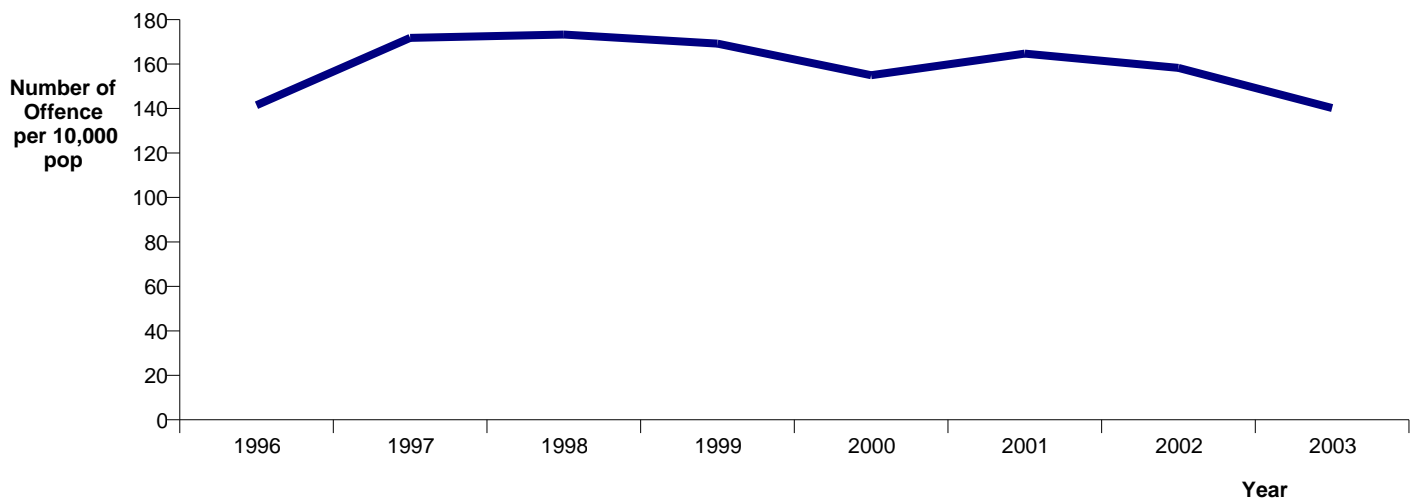


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Years ending 31 December**

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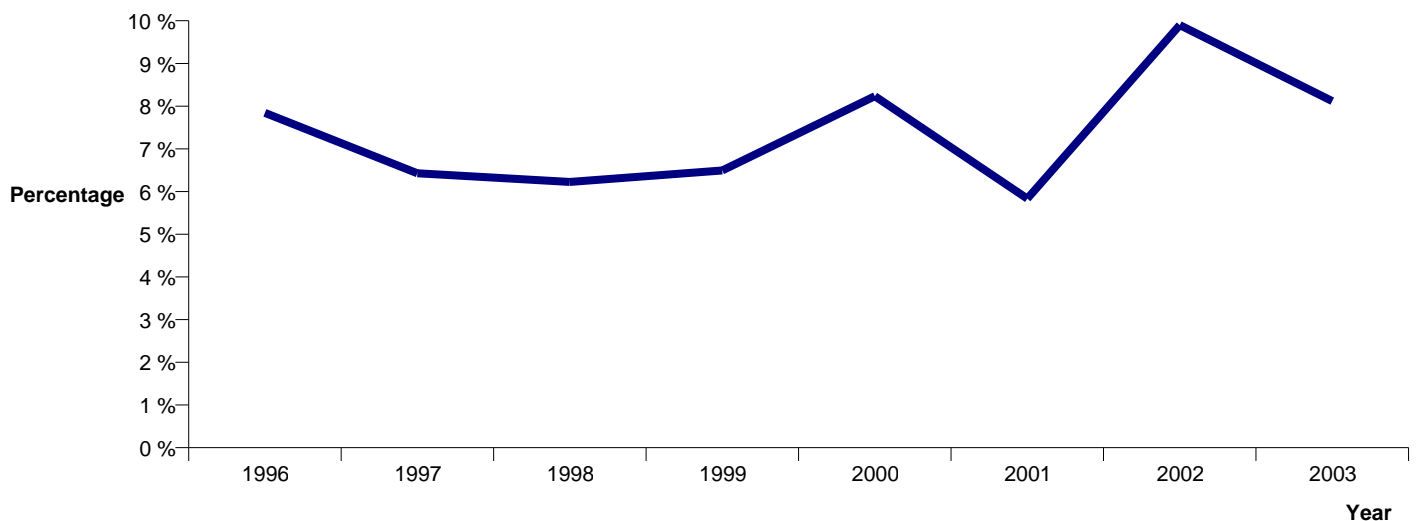
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1996	4080		141.5		320	7.8 %	
1997	5040	23.5 %	171.8	21.4 %	324	6.4 %	-1.4 %
1998	5158	2.3 %	173.3	0.9 %	321	6.2 %	-0.2 %
1999	5081	-1.5 %	169.2	-2.4 %	330	6.5 %	0.3 %
2000	4689	-7.7 %	155.0	-8.4 %	386	8.2 %	1.7 %
2001	5006	6.8 %	164.7	6.3 %	292	5.8 %	-2.4 %
2002	4860	-2.9 %	158.3	-3.9 %	481	9.9 %	4.1 %
2003	4361	-10.3 %	140.2	-11.4 %	354	8.1 %	-1.8 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)

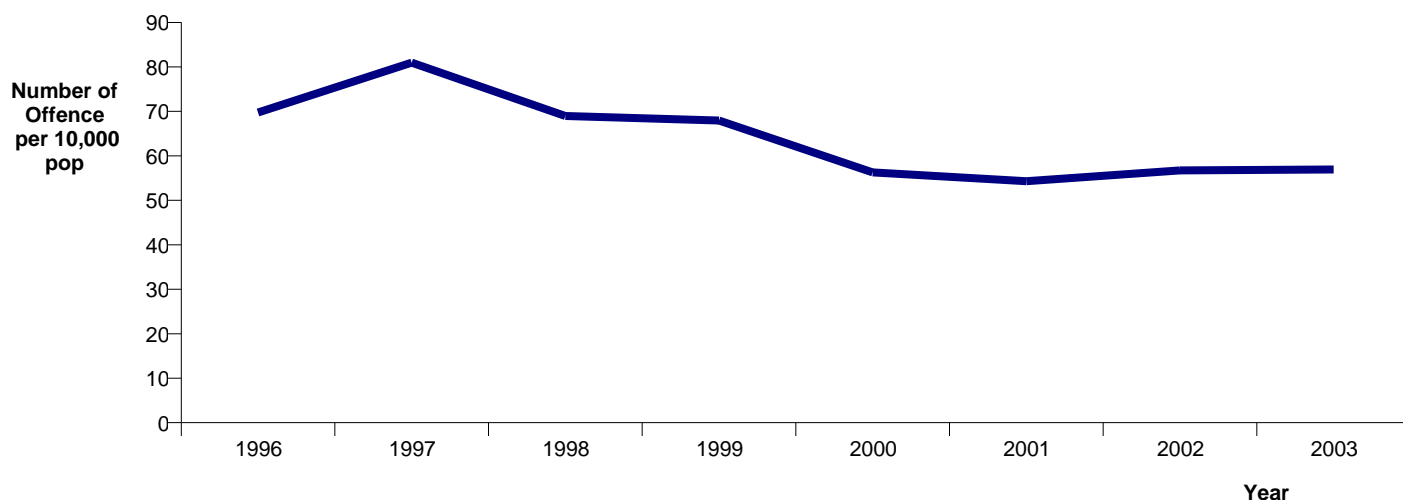


**RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION AND RESOLUTION RATES
FOR SELECTED OFFENCES
Years ending 31 December**

CAR THEFT & UNLAWFUL TAKING/CONVERSION OF MOTOR VEHICLES*

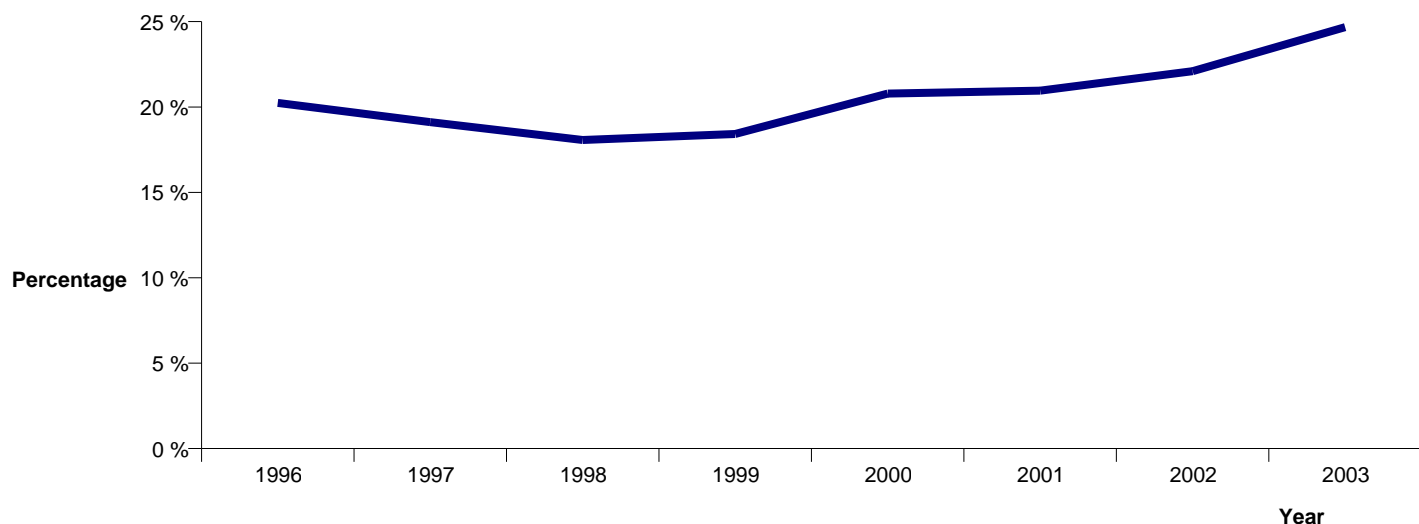
CALENDAR YEAR	TOTAL RECORDED OFFENCES	VARIATION IN RECORDED OFFENCES	RECORDED OFFENCES PER 10,000 POPULATION	VARIATION IN RECORDED OFFENCES PER 10,000 POPULATION	TOTAL RESOLVED OFFENCES	RESOLUTION RATE	VARIATION IN RESOLUTION RATE
1996	2011		69.7		407	20.2 %	
1997	2375	18.1 %	80.9	16.1 %	454	19.1 %	-1.1 %
1998	2053	-13.6 %	69.0	-14.8 %	371	18.1 %	-1.0 %
1999	2041	-0.6 %	68.0	-1.5 %	376	18.4 %	0.4 %
2000	1703	-16.6 %	56.3	-17.2 %	354	20.8 %	2.4 %
2001	1651	-3.1 %	54.3	-3.5 %	346	21.0 %	0.2 %
2002	1742	5.5 %	56.7	4.5 %	385	22.1 %	1.1 %
2003	1771	1.7 %	56.9	0.4 %	437	24.7 %	2.6 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)



* Note that Figures presented on this page refer to a broader definition of offences than was included in previous years. Previously only offences against section 226 of the Crimes Act 1961 were included. This year theft of motor vehicle under section 223 of the Crimes Act 1961 has also been included.

Population Data

Population data is used in this release to calculate crime rates. These data are estimated population figures as at 30 June each year obtained from Statistics New Zealand.

The estimated resident population is based on the census usually resident population count, with adjustments for residents missed or counted more than once by the census (net census undercount), and for residents temporarily overseas on census night.

These population estimates exclude an increasing number of international students who are studying in New Zealand for less than 12 months.

Calendar Years	Population Estimate as at 31 December
1996	288,410
1997	293,410
1998	297,720
1999	300,350
2000	302,600
2001	304,000
2002	307,060
2003	311,030