

CENTRAL 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	230	239	236	3.9 %	-1.3 %	192	205	213	83.5 %	85.8 %	90.3 %
	GROUP ASSEMBLIES	1800	28	42	28	50.0 %	-33.3 %	23	37	20	82.1 %	88.1 %	71.4 %
	HOMICIDE	1100	14	18	12	28.6 %	-33.3 %	10	15	10	71.4 %	83.3 %	83.3 %
	INTIMIDATION/THREATS	1700	877	877	904	0.0 %	3.1 %	763	754	836	87.0 %	86.0 %	92.5 %
	KIDNAPPING AND ABDUCTION	1200	8	14	11	75.0 %	-21.4 %	5	10	10	62.5 %	71.4 %	90.9 %
	MINOR ASSAULTS	1600	1264	1207	1154	-4.5 %	-4.4 %	1046	1000	1037	82.8 %	82.9 %	89.9 %
	ROBBERY	1300	92	96	94	4.3 %	-2.1 %	36	37	33	39.1 %	38.5 %	35.1 %
	SERIOUS ASSAULTS	1500	1237	1346	1478	8.8 %	9.8 %	1067	1155	1332	86.3 %	85.8 %	90.1 %
Total:			3750	3839	3917	2.4 %	2.0 %	3142	3213	3491	83.8 %	83.7 %	89.1 %

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	3	1	200.0 %	-66.7 %	0	2	0	0.0 %	66.7 %	0.0 %
	IMMORAL BEHAVIOUR	2400											
	IMMORAL BEHAVIOUR	2800	22	29	33	31.8 %	13.8 %	15	15	25	68.2 %	51.7 %	75.8 %
	IMMORAL BEHAVIOUR/MISCELLANEOUS	2900	3	4	5	33.3 %	25.0 %	1	0	1	33.3 %	0.0 %	20.0 %
	SEXUAL AFFRONTS	2200	31	22	41	-29.0 %	86.4 %	17	14	31	54.8 %	63.6 %	75.6 %
	SEXUAL ATTACKS	2600	188	207	242	10.1 %	16.9 %	93	109	167	49.5 %	52.7 %	69.0 %
Total:			245	265	322	8.2 %	21.5 %	126	140	224	51.4 %	52.8 %	69.6 %

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	1842	1607	1719	-12.8 %	7.0 %	1752	1532	1669	95.1 %	95.3 %	97.1 %
	DRUGS(CANNABIS ONLY)	3200	2136	1659	1718	-22.3 %	3.6 %	2033	1576	1619	95.2 %	95.0 %	94.2 %
	DRUGS (NEW DRUGS)	5900			42					38			90.5 %
	DRUGS (NOT CANNABIS)	3100	141	127	137	-9.9 %	7.9 %	133	122	128	94.3 %	96.1 %	93.4 %
	FAMILY OFFENCES	3700	36	25	83	-30.6 %	232.0 %	29	15	58	80.6 %	60.0 %	69.9 %
	FAMILY OFFENCES CONTINUED	3800	408	417	448	2.2 %	7.4 %	357	368	428	87.5 %	88.2 %	95.5 %
	GAMING	3400	1	2	1	100.0 %	-50.0 %	0	1	0	0.0 %	50.0 %	0.0 %
	SALE OF LIQUOR ACT 1989	3900	60	284	266	373.3 %	-6.3 %	57	280	262	95.0 %	98.6 %	98.5 %
	VAGRANCY OFFENCES	3600	15	13	19	-13.3 %	46.2 %	14	11	19	93.3 %	84.6 %	100.0 %
Total:			4639	4134	4433	-10.9 %	7.2 %	4375	3905	4221	94.3 %	94.5 %	95.2 %

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	4955	4841	4799	-2.3 %	-0.9 %	1108	927	1035	22.4 %	19.1 %	21.6 %
	CAR CONVERSION ETC	4200	2982	2987	3063	0.2 %	2.5 %	571	617	697	19.1 %	20.7 %	22.8 %
	DISHONESTY MISCELLANEOUS	4600			5					2			40.0 %
	FRAUD	4500	1590	1228	918	-22.8 %	-25.2 %	1061	831	588	66.7 %	67.7 %	64.1 %
	RECEIVING	4400	270	222	220	-17.8 %	-0.9 %	259	219	214	95.9 %	98.6 %	97.3 %
	THEFT	4300	10521	10972	10217	4.3 %	-6.9 %	2725	2550	2853	25.9 %	23.2 %	27.9 %
Total:			20318	20250	19222	-0.3 %	-5.1 %	5724	5144	5389	28.2 %	25.4 %	28.0 %

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	4069	3959	4113	-2.7 %	3.9 %	1246	1135	1356	30.6 %	28.7 %	33.0 %
	ENDANGERING	5200	24	20	16	-16.7 %	-20.0 %	19	18	14	79.2 %	90.0 %	87.5 %
Total:			4093	3979	4129	-2.8 %	3.8 %	1265	1153	1370	30.9 %	29.0 %	33.2 %

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	27	36	25	33.3 %	-30.6 %	15	19	14	55.6 %	52.8 %	56.0 %
	ARMS ACT OFFENCES	6800	247	234	231	-5.3 %	-1.3 %	203	203	197	82.2 %	86.8 %	85.3 %
	LITTERING	6200	29	19	22	-34.5 %	15.8 %	28	18	19	96.6 %	94.7 %	86.4 %
	POSTAL/RAIL/FIRE SERVICE ABUSES	6500	448	419	376	-6.5 %	-10.3 %	245	268	269	54.7 %	64.0 %	71.5 %
	TRESPASS	6100	1039	925	882	-11.0 %	-4.6 %	833	686	756	80.2 %	74.2 %	85.7 %
Total:			1790	1633	1536	-8.8 %	-5.9 %	1324	1194	1255	74.0 %	73.1 %	81.7 %

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
ADMINISTRATIVE	AGAINST JUSTICE	7100	930	786	793	-15.5 %	0.9 %	794	649	713	85.4 %	82.6 %	89.9 %
	AGAINST NATIONAL INTEREST	7500	3	2	1	-33.3 %	-50.0 %	3	1	0	100.0 %	50.0 %	0.0 %
	BIRTHS/DEATHS AND MARRIAGES	7200											
	BY - LAWS BREACHES	7600	42	44	97	4.8 %	120.5 %	28	33	93	66.7 %	75.0 %	95.9 %
	IMMIGRATION	7300	2	1	2	-50.0 %	100.0 %	1	0	2	50.0 %	0.0 %	100.0 %
	RACIAL	7400		1			-100.0 %		1			100.0 %	
Total:			977	834	893	-14.6 %	7.1 %	826	684	808	84.5 %	82.0 %	90.5 %

TOTAL			35,812	34,934	34,452	-2.5 %	-1.4 %	16,782	15,433	16,758	46.9 %	44.2 %	48.6 %
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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
New Plymouth	960.6	961.0	1,040.0	0.0 %	8.2 %
Palmerston North City	1,256.5	1,349.5	1,339.3	7.4 %	-0.8 %
Palmerston North Rural	843.8	769.8	790.8	-8.8 %	2.7 %
Ruapehu	1,155.5	1,077.3	994.3	-6.8 %	-7.7 %
Taranaki Rural	993.2	812.7	854.2	-18.2 %	5.1 %
Wanganui	1,162.9	1,129.6	907.1	-2.9 %	-19.7 %
TOTAL	1,047.5	1,023.6	1,007.8	-2.3 %	-1.5 %

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
VIOLENCE	GRIEVOUS ASSAULTS	1400	6.7	7.0	6.9
	GROUP ASSEMBLIES	1800	0.8	1.2	0.8
	HOMICIDE	1100	0.4	0.5	0.4
	INTIMIDATION/THREATS	1700	25.7	25.7	26.4
	KIDNAPPING AND ABDUCTION	1200	0.2	0.4	0.3
	MINOR ASSAULTS	1600	37.0	35.4	33.8
	ROBBERY	1300	2.7	2.8	2.7
	SERIOUS ASSAULTS	1500	36.2	39.4	43.2
VIOLENCE			109.7	112.5	114.6

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
SEXUAL OFFENCES	ABNORMAL SEX	2700	0.0	0.1	0.0
	IMMORAL BEHAVIOUR	2400			
	IMMORAL BEHAVIOUR	2800	0.6	0.8	1.0
	IMMORAL BEHAVIOUR/MISCELLANEOUS	2900	0.1	0.1	0.1
	SEXUAL AFFRONTS	2200	0.9	0.6	1.2
	SEXUAL ATTACKS	2600	5.5	6.1	7.1
SEXUAL OFFENCES			7.2	7.8	9.4

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	53.9	47.1	50.3
	DRUGS(CANNABIS ONLY)	3200	62.5	48.6	50.3
	DRUGS (NEW DRUGS)	5900			1.2
	DRUGS (NOT CANNABIS)	3100	4.1	3.7	4.0
	FAMILY OFFENCES	3700	1.1	0.7	2.4
	FAMILY OFFENCES CONTINUED	3800	11.9	12.2	13.1
	GAMING	3400	0.0	0.1	0.0
	SALE OF LIQUOR ACT 1989	3900	1.8	8.3	7.8
	VAGRANCY OFFENCES	3600	0.4	0.4	0.6
DRUGS AND ANTI SOCIAL OFFENCES			135.7	121.1	129.7

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	144.9	141.8	140.4
	CAR CONVERSION ETC	4200	87.2	87.5	89.6
	DISHONESTY MISCELLANEOUS	4600			0.1
	FRAUD	4500	46.5	36.0	26.9
	RECEIVING	4400	7.9	6.5	6.4
	THEFT	4300	307.7	321.5	298.9
DISHONESTY			594.3	593.3	562.3

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	119.0	116.0	120.3
	ENDANGERING	5200	0.7	0.6	0.5
PROPERTY DAMAGE			119.7	116.6	120.8

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
PROPERTY ABUSES	ANIMALS	6300	0.8	1.1	0.7
	ARMS ACT OFFENCES	6800	7.2	6.9	6.8
	LITTERING	6200	0.8	0.6	0.6
	POSTAL/RAIL/FIRE SERVICE ABUSES	6500	13.1	12.3	11.0
	TRESPASS	6100	30.4	27.1	25.8
PROPERTY ABUSES			52.4	47.8	44.9

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
ADMINISTRATIVE	AGAINST JUSTICE	7100	27.2	23.0	23.2
	AGAINST NATIONAL INTEREST	7500	0.1	0.1	0.0
	BIRTHS/DEATHS AND MARRIAGES	7200			
	BY - LAWS BREACHES	7600	1.2	1.3	2.8
	IMMIGRATION	7300	0.1	0.0	0.1
	RACIAL	7400		0.0	
ADMINISTRATIVE			28.6	24.4	26.1

DISTRICT RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION, BY CATEGORIES

Years ending 30 June

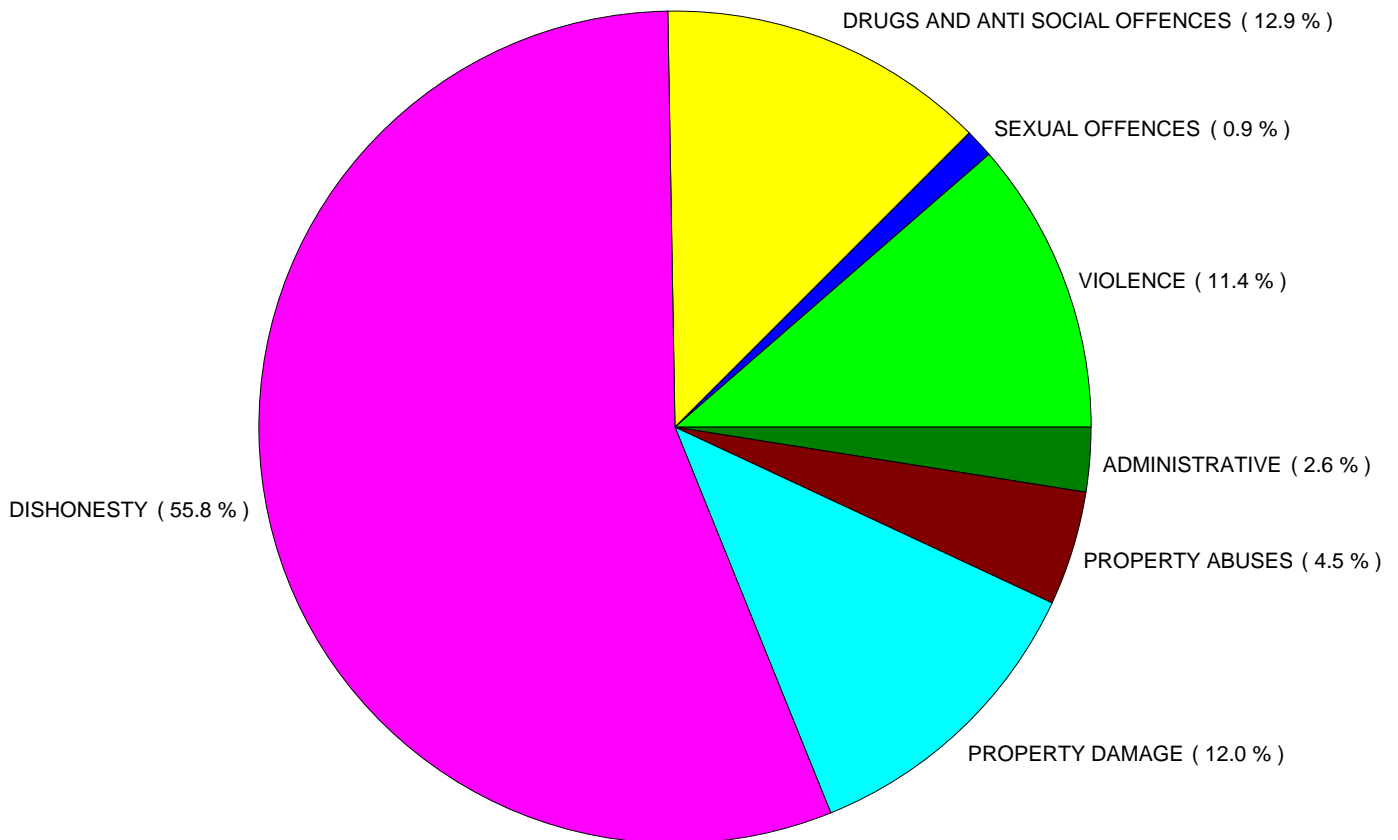
Offence Category	Offence Class	Offence Class Code	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2001	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2002	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2003
TOTAL			1047.5	1023.6	1007.8

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	10.5 %	3,750	11.0 %	3,839	11.4 %	3,917
SEXUAL OFFENCES	0.7 %	245	0.8 %	265	0.9 %	322
DRUGS AND ANTI SOCIAL OFFENCES	13.0 %	4,639	11.8 %	4,134	12.9 %	4,433
DISHONESTY	56.7 %	20,318	58.0 %	20,250	55.8 %	19,222
PROPERTY DAMAGE	11.4 %	4,093	11.4 %	3,979	12.0 %	4,129
PROPERTY ABUSES	5.0 %	1,790	4.7 %	1,633	4.5 %	1,536
ADMINISTRATIVE	2.7 %	977	2.4 %	834	2.6 %	893
Total:	100.0 %	35,812	100.0 %	34,934	100.0 %	34,452

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
New Plymouth	6,634	6,657	0.3 %	7254	9.0 %	3,320	50.0 %	3,575	53.7 %	4,128	56.9 %
Palmerston North City	9,965	10,816	8.5 %	10894	0.7 %	3,854	38.7 %	3,704	34.2 %	4,193	38.5 %
Palmerston North Rural	7,084	6,449	-9.0 %	6614	2.6 %	3,462	48.9 %	2,976	46.1 %	3,305	50.0 %
Ruapehu	2,155	1,950	-9.5 %	1758	-9.8 %	1,088	50.5 %	924	47.4 %	869	49.4 %
Taranaki Rural	3,506	2,829	-19.3 %	2953	4.4 %	1,913	54.6 %	1,503	53.1 %	1,807	61.2 %
Wanganui	6,468	6,233	-3.6 %	4979	-20.1 %	3,145	48.6 %	2,751	44.1 %	2,456	49.3 %
Total:	35,812	34,934	-2.5 %	34,452	-1.4 %	16,782	46.9 %	15,433	44.2 %	16,758	48.6 %

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
New Plymouth	781	851	9.0 %	909	6.8 %	631	80.8 %	697	81.9 %	801	88.1 %
Palmerston North City	867	901	3.9 %	869	-3.6 %	640	73.8 %	691	76.7 %	734	84.5 %
Palmerston North Rural	836	726	-13.2 %	845	16.4 %	727	87.0 %	639	88.0 %	765	90.5 %
Ruapehu	248	230	-7.3 %	201	-12.6 %	222	89.5 %	210	91.3 %	177	88.1 %
Taranaki Rural	392	350	-10.7 %	428	22.3 %	363	92.6 %	308	88.0 %	392	91.6 %
Wanganui	626	781	24.8 %	665	-14.9 %	559	89.3 %	668	85.5 %	622	93.5 %
Total:	3,750	3,839	2.4 %	3,917	2.0 %	3,142	83.8 %	3,213	83.7 %	3,491	89.1 %

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
New Plymouth	34	79	132.4 %	93	17.7 %	17	50.0 %	42	53.2 %	67	72.0 %
Palmerston North City	55	75	36.4 %	64	-14.7 %	26	47.3 %	28	37.3 %	42	65.6 %
Palmerston North Rural	57	30	-47.4 %	65	116.7 %	29	50.9 %	21	70.0 %	43	66.2 %
Ruapehu	16	17	6.3 %	11	-35.3 %	11	68.8 %	8	47.1 %	4	36.4 %
Taranaki Rural	25	32	28.0 %	50	56.3 %	13	52.0 %	22	68.8 %	37	74.0 %
Wanganui	58	32	-44.8 %	39	21.9 %	30	51.7 %	19	59.4 %	31	79.5 %
Total:	245	265	8.2 %	322	21.5 %	126	51.4 %	140	52.8 %	224	69.6 %

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
New Plymouth	1,114	1,225	10.0 %	1,370	11.8 %	1,047	94.0 %	1,163	94.9 %	1,324	96.6 %
Palmerston North City	987	991	0.4 %	998	0.7 %	916	92.8 %	914	92.2 %	964	96.6 %
Palmerston North Rural	821	654	-20.3 %	739	13.0 %	767	93.4 %	615	94.0 %	691	93.5 %
Ruapehu	334	228	-31.7 %	250	9.6 %	310	92.8 %	216	94.7 %	215	86.0 %
Taranaki Rural	498	396	-20.5 %	578	46.0 %	485	97.4 %	377	95.2 %	558	96.5 %
Wanganui	885	640	-27.7 %	498	-22.2 %	850	96.0 %	620	96.9 %	469	94.2 %
Total:	4,639	4,134	-10.9 %	4,433	7.2 %	4,375	94.3 %	3,905	94.5 %	4,221	95.2 %

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
New Plymouth	3,403	3,091	-9.2 %	3,458	11.9 %	1,070	31.4 %	987	31.9 %	1,091	31.6 %
Palmerston North City	6,522	7,356	12.8 %	7,357	0.0 %	1,586	24.3 %	1,452	19.7 %	1,728	23.5 %
Palmerston North Rural	3,876	3,674	-5.2 %	3,494	-4.9 %	1,200	31.0 %	1,053	28.7 %	1,046	29.9 %
Ruapehu	1,090	1,070	-1.8 %	906	-15.3 %	288	26.4 %	290	27.1 %	262	28.9 %
Taranaki Rural	1,737	1,360	-21.7 %	1,192	-12.4 %	552	31.8 %	462	34.0 %	423	35.5 %
Wanganui	3,690	3,699	0.2 %	2,815	-23.9 %	1,028	27.9 %	900	24.3 %	839	29.8 %
Total:	20,318	20,250	-0.3 %	19,222	-5.1 %	5,724	28.2 %	5,144	25.4 %	5,389	28.0 %

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
New Plymouth	833	858	3.0 %	848	-1.2 %	238	28.6 %	273	31.8 %	331	39.0 %
Palmerston North City	916	888	-3.1 %	1,055	18.8 %	235	25.7 %	190	21.4 %	274	26.0 %
Palmerston North Rural	970	918	-5.4 %	958	4.4 %	324	33.4 %	291	31.7 %	334	34.9 %
Ruapehu	227	199	-12.3 %	211	6.0 %	70	30.8 %	62	31.2 %	62	29.4 %
Taranaki Rural	464	405	-12.7 %	422	4.2 %	165	35.6 %	102	25.2 %	152	36.0 %
Wanganui	683	711	4.1 %	635	-10.7 %	233	34.1 %	235	33.1 %	217	34.2 %
Total:	4,093	3,979	-2.8 %	4,129	3.8 %	1,265	30.9 %	1,153	29.0 %	1,370	33.2 %

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
New Plymouth	353	350	-0.8 %	373	6.6 %	226	64.0 %	245	70.0 %	321	86.1 %
Palmerston North City	411	359	-12.7 %	361	0.6 %	291	70.8 %	249	69.4 %	301	83.4 %
Palmerston North Rural	390	336	-13.8 %	325	-3.3 %	295	75.6 %	257	76.5 %	252	77.5 %
Ruapehu	137	154	12.4 %	128	-16.9 %	107	78.1 %	96	62.3 %	101	78.9 %
Taranaki Rural	190	138	-27.4 %	116	-15.9 %	167	87.9 %	107	77.5 %	94	81.0 %
Wanganui	309	296	-4.2 %	233	-21.3 %	238	77.0 %	240	81.1 %	186	79.8 %
Total:	1,790	1,633	-8.8 %	1,536	-5.9 %	1,324	74.0 %	1,194	73.1 %	1,255	81.7 %

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
New Plymouth	116	203	75.0 %	203	0.0 %	91	78.4 %	168	82.8 %	193	95.1 %
Palmerston North City	207	246	18.8 %	190	-22.8 %	160	77.3 %	180	73.2 %	150	78.9 %
Palmerston North Rural	134	111	-17.2 %	188	69.4 %	120	89.6 %	100	90.1 %	174	92.6 %
Ruapehu	103	52	-49.5 %	51	-1.9 %	80	77.7 %	42	80.8 %	48	94.1 %
Taranaki Rural	200	148	-26.0 %	167	12.8 %	168	84.0 %	125	84.5 %	151	90.4 %
Wanganui	217	74	-65.9 %	94	27.0 %	207	95.4 %	69	93.2 %	92	97.9 %
Total:	977	834	-14.6 %	893	7.1 %	826	84.5 %	684	82.0 %	808	90.5 %

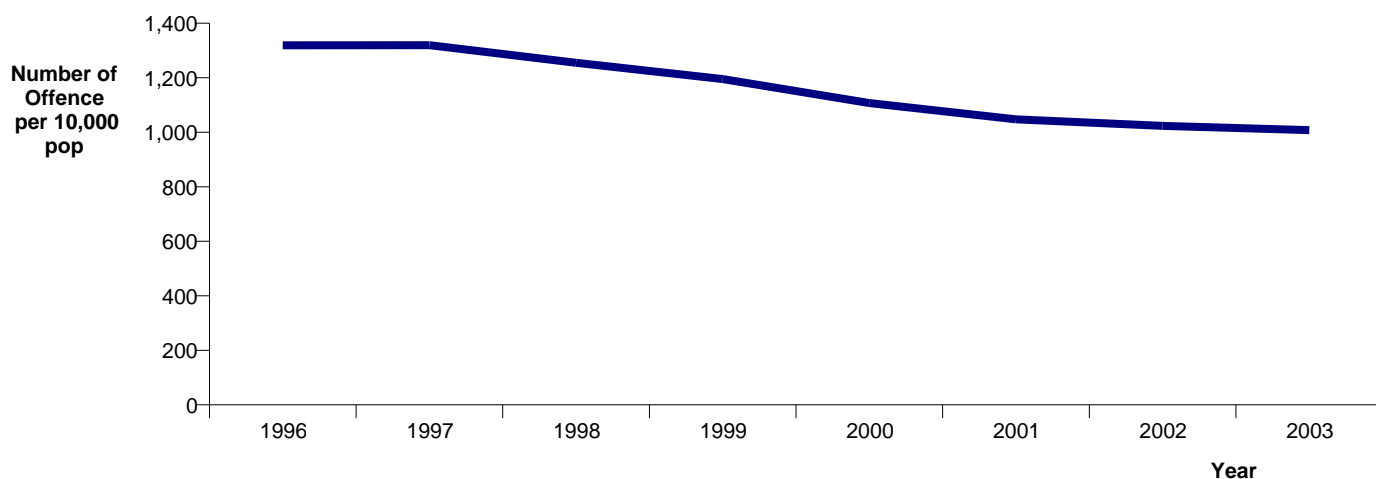
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Years ending 31 December

TOTAL CRIME

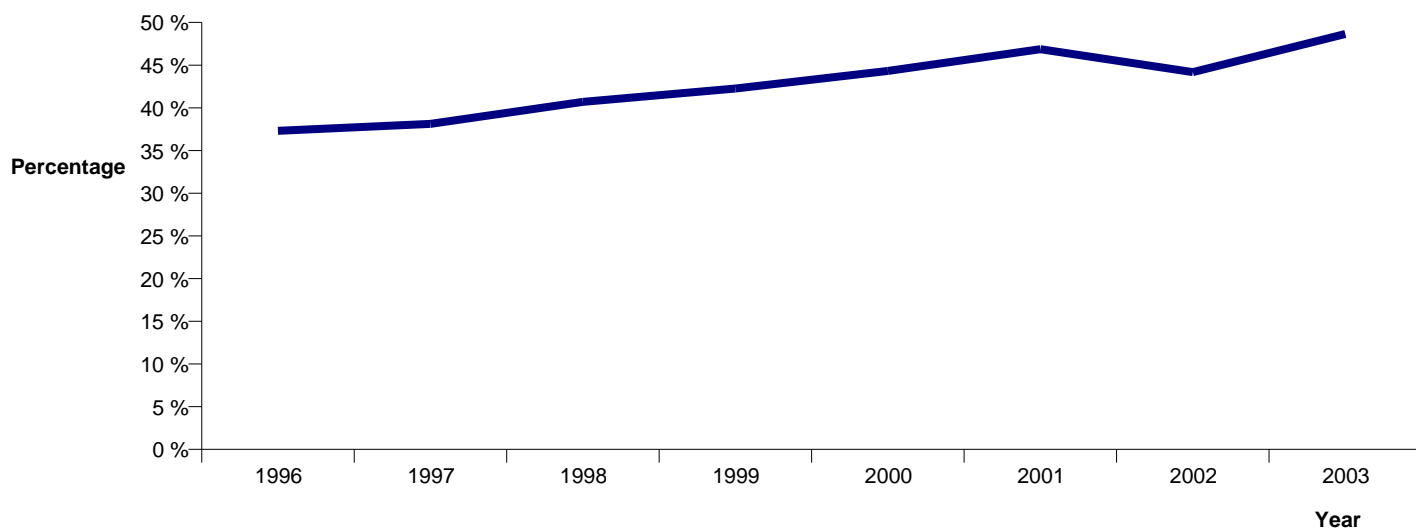
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1996	46415		1,319.1		17319	37.3 %	
1997	46300	-0.2 %	1,319.6	0.0 %	17647	38.1 %	0.8 %
1998	43804	-5.4 %	1,254.8	-4.9 %	17830	40.7 %	2.6 %
1999	41479	-5.3 %	1,195.4	-4.7 %	17528	42.3 %	1.6 %
2000	38210	-7.9 %	1,107.2	-7.4 %	16938	44.3 %	2.1 %
2001	35812	-6.3 %	1,047.5	-5.4 %	16782	46.9 %	2.5 %
2002	34934	-2.5 %	1,023.6	-2.3 %	15433	44.2 %	-2.7 %
2003	34452	-1.4 %	1,007.8	-1.5 %	16758	48.6 %	4.5 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)



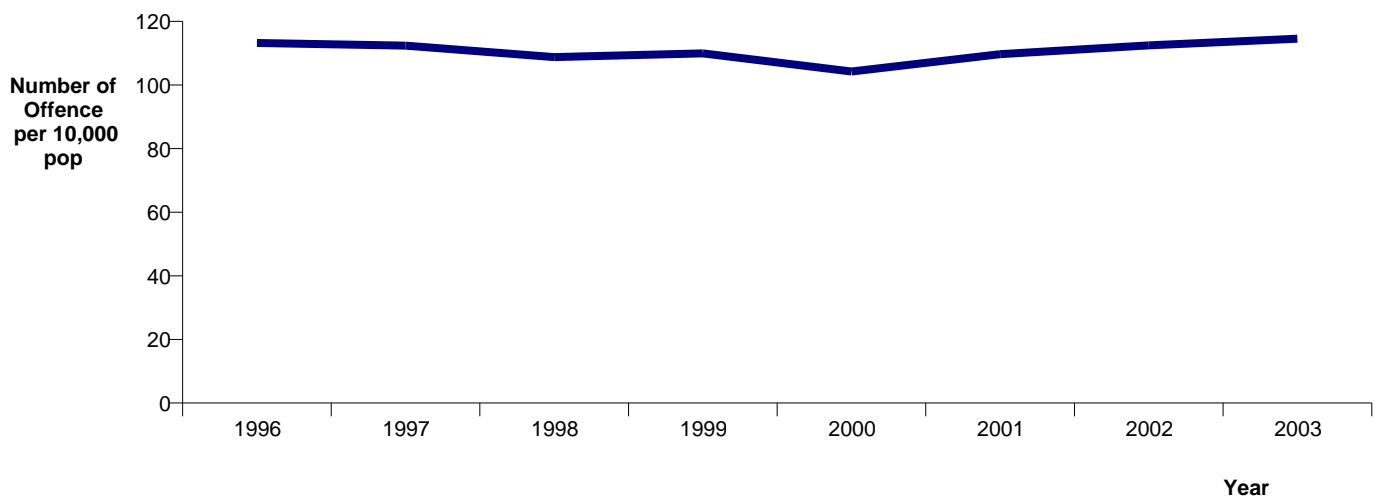
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Years ending 31 December

VIOLENCE

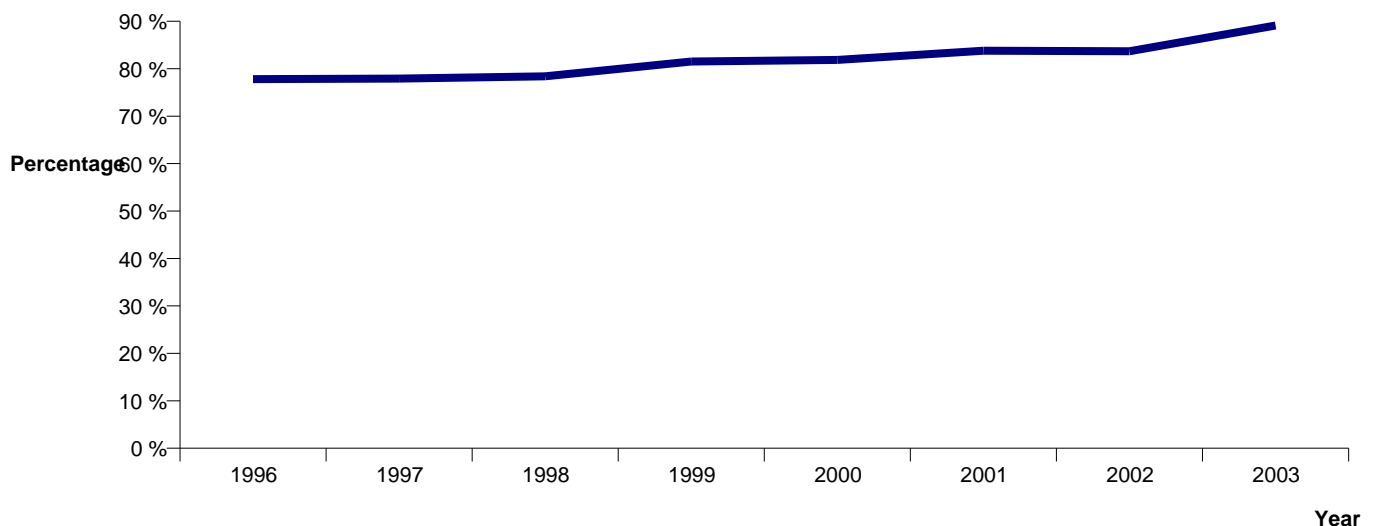
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1996	3984		113.2		3100	77.8 %	
1997	3943	-1.0 %	112.4	-0.7 %	3072	77.9 %	0.1 %
1998	3798	-3.7 %	108.8	-3.2 %	2978	78.4 %	0.5 %
1999	3815	0.4 %	109.9	1.1 %	3110	81.5 %	3.1 %
2000	3598	-5.7 %	104.3	-5.2 %	2945	81.9 %	0.3 %
2001	3750	4.2 %	109.7	5.2 %	3142	83.8 %	1.9 %
2002	3839	2.4 %	112.5	2.6 %	3213	83.7 %	-0.1 %
2003	3917	2.0 %	114.6	1.9 %	3491	89.1 %	5.4 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)



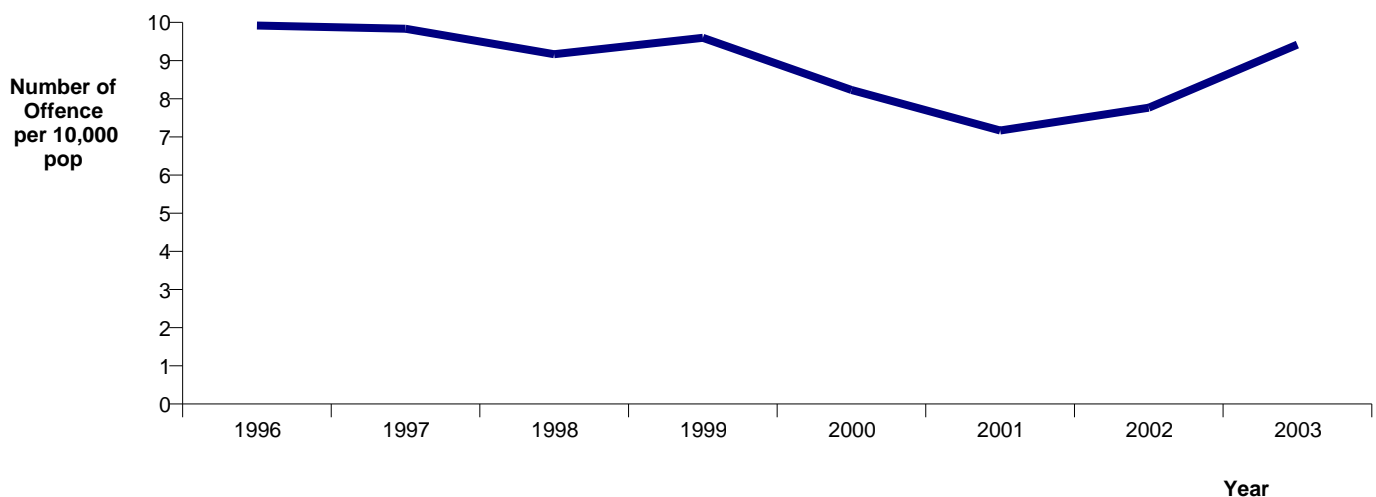
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SEXUAL OFFENCES

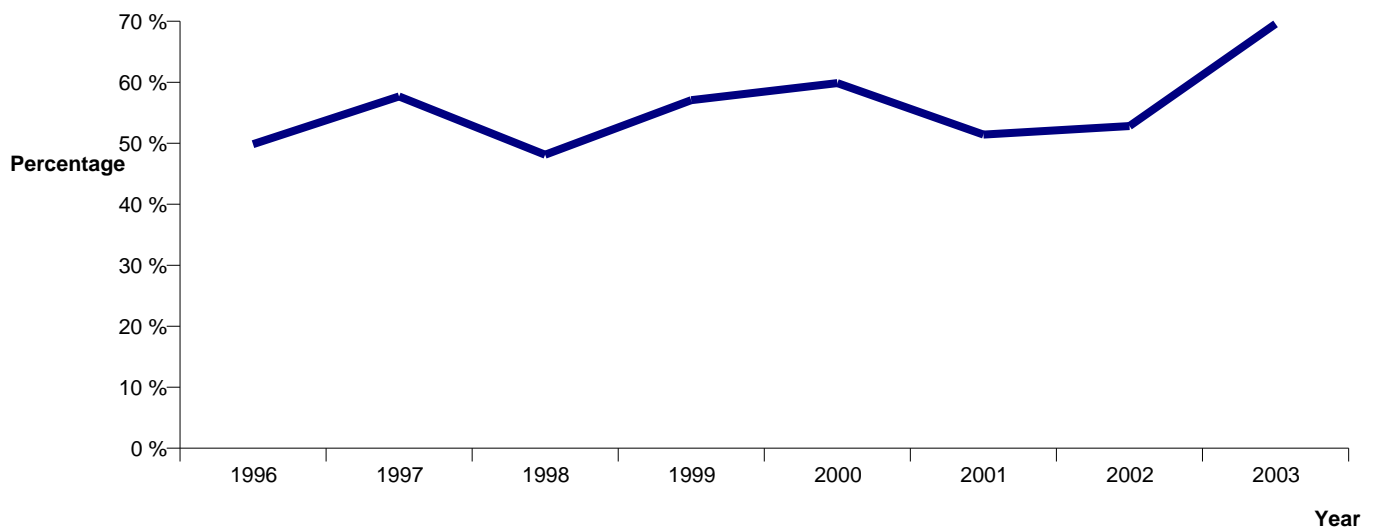
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1996	349		9.9		174	49.9 %	
1997	345	-1.1 %	9.8	-0.9 %	199	57.7 %	7.8 %
1998	320	-7.2 %	9.2	-6.8 %	154	48.1 %	-9.6 %
1999	333	4.1 %	9.6	4.7 %	190	57.1 %	8.9 %
2000	284	-14.7 %	8.2	-14.2 %	170	59.9 %	2.8 %
2001	245	-13.7 %	7.2	-12.9 %	126	51.4 %	-8.4 %
2002	265	8.2 %	7.8	8.4 %	140	52.8 %	1.4 %
2003	322	21.5 %	9.4	21.3 %	224	69.6 %	16.7 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)



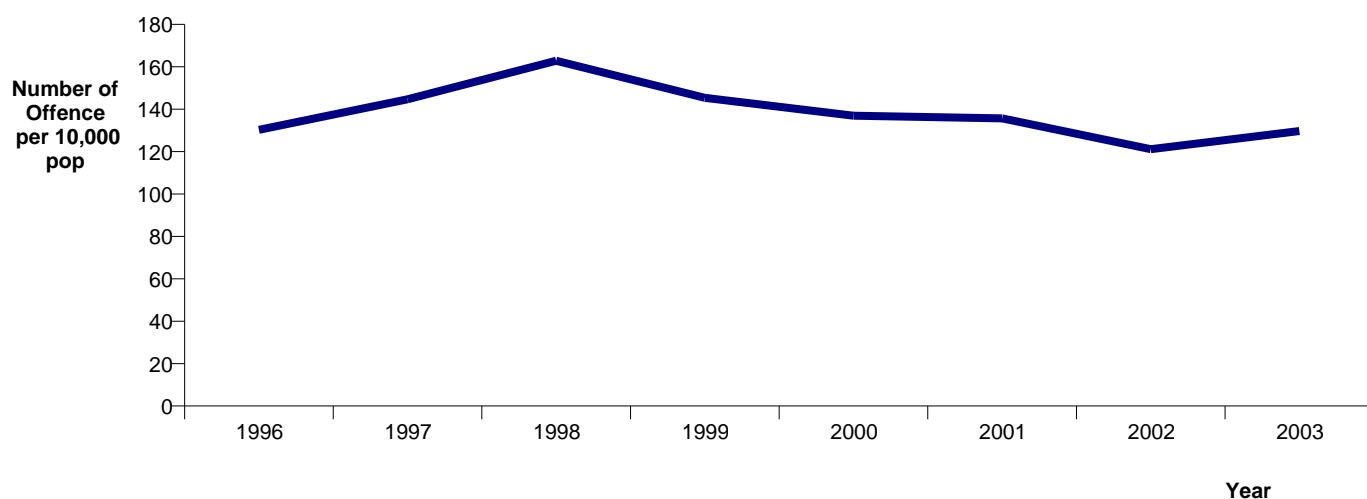
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DRUGS AND ANTI SOCIAL OFFENCES

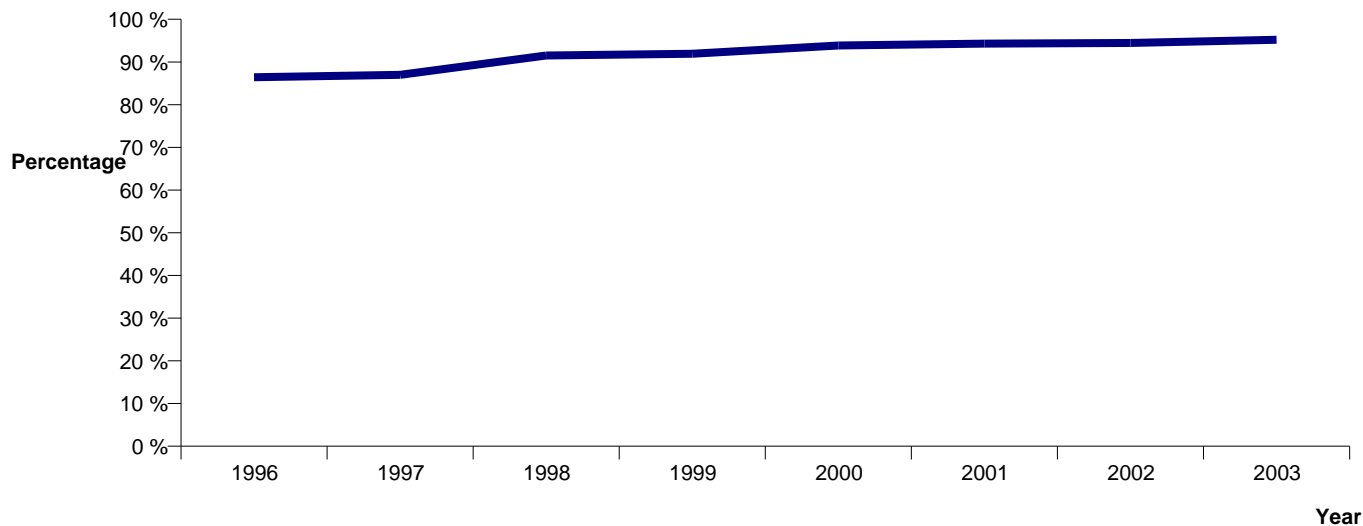
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1996	4584		130.3		3962	86.4 %	
1997	5076	10.7 %	144.7	11.1 %	4415	87.0 %	0.5 %
1998	5686	12.0 %	162.9	12.6 %	5204	91.5 %	4.5 %
1999	5045	-11.3 %	145.4	-10.7 %	4637	91.9 %	0.4 %
2000	4725	-6.3 %	136.9	-5.8 %	4435	93.9 %	1.9 %
2001	4639	-1.8 %	135.7	-0.9 %	4375	94.3 %	0.4 %
2002	4134	-10.9 %	121.1	-10.7 %	3905	94.5 %	0.2 %
2003	4433	7.2 %	129.7	7.1 %	4221	95.2 %	0.8 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)



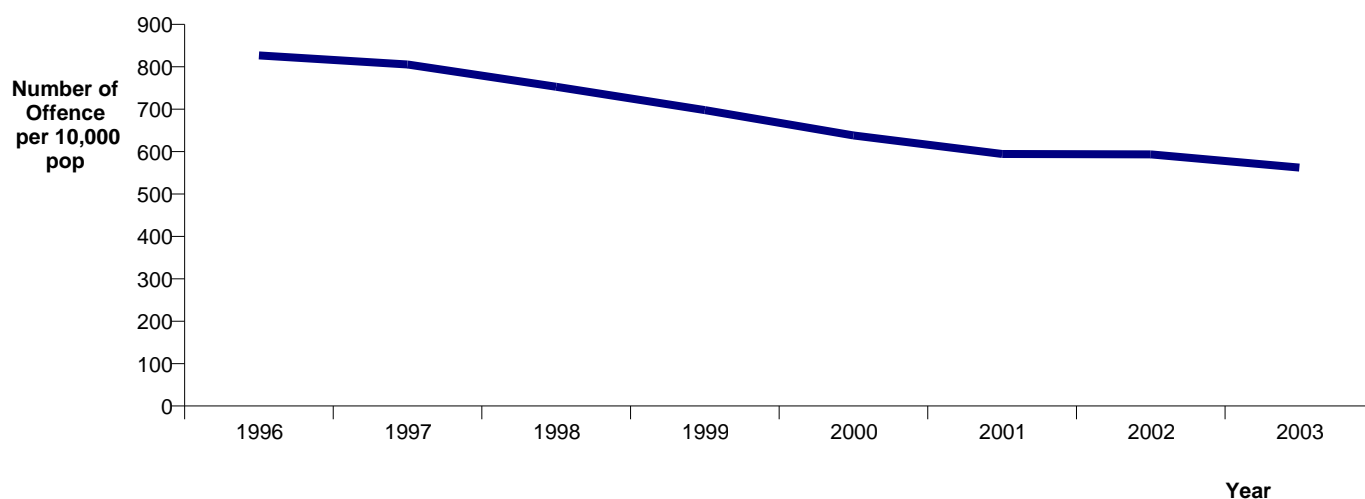
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DISHONESTY

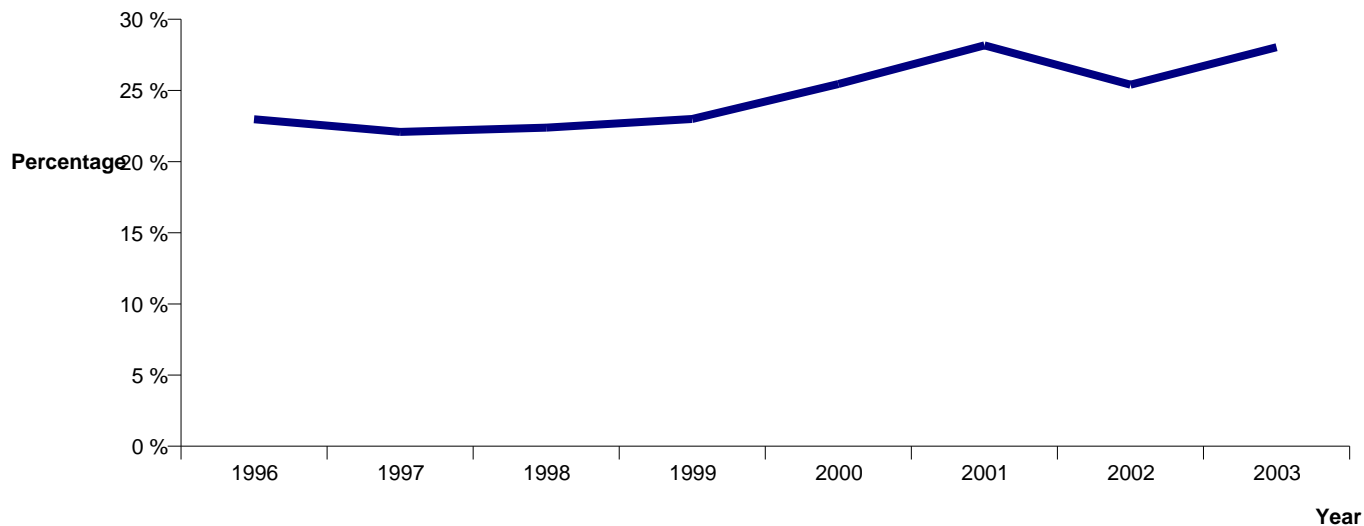
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1996	29097		826.9		6686	23.0 %	
1997	28264	-2.9 %	805.6	-2.6 %	6242	22.1 %	-0.9 %
1998	26285	-7.0 %	753.0	-6.5 %	5885	22.4 %	0.3 %
1999	24219	-7.9 %	698.0	-7.3 %	5568	23.0 %	0.6 %
2000	22025	-9.1 %	638.2	-8.6 %	5605	25.4 %	2.5 %
2001	20318	-7.8 %	594.3	-6.9 %	5724	28.2 %	2.7 %
2002	20250	-0.3 %	593.3	-0.2 %	5144	25.4 %	-2.8 %
2003	19222	-5.1 %	562.3	-5.2 %	5389	28.0 %	2.6 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

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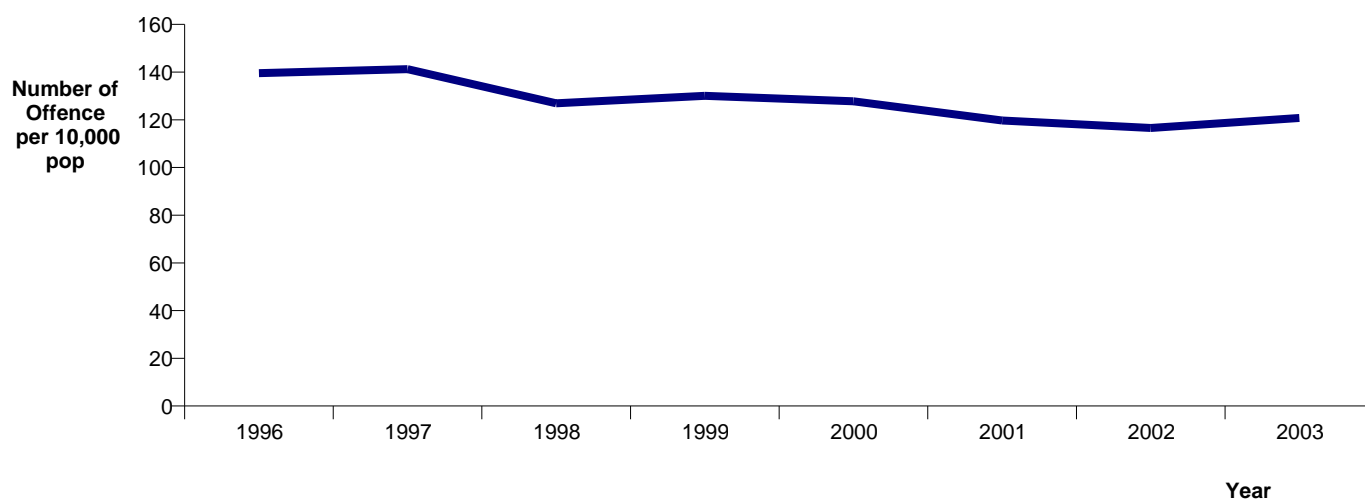
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PROPERTY DAMAGE

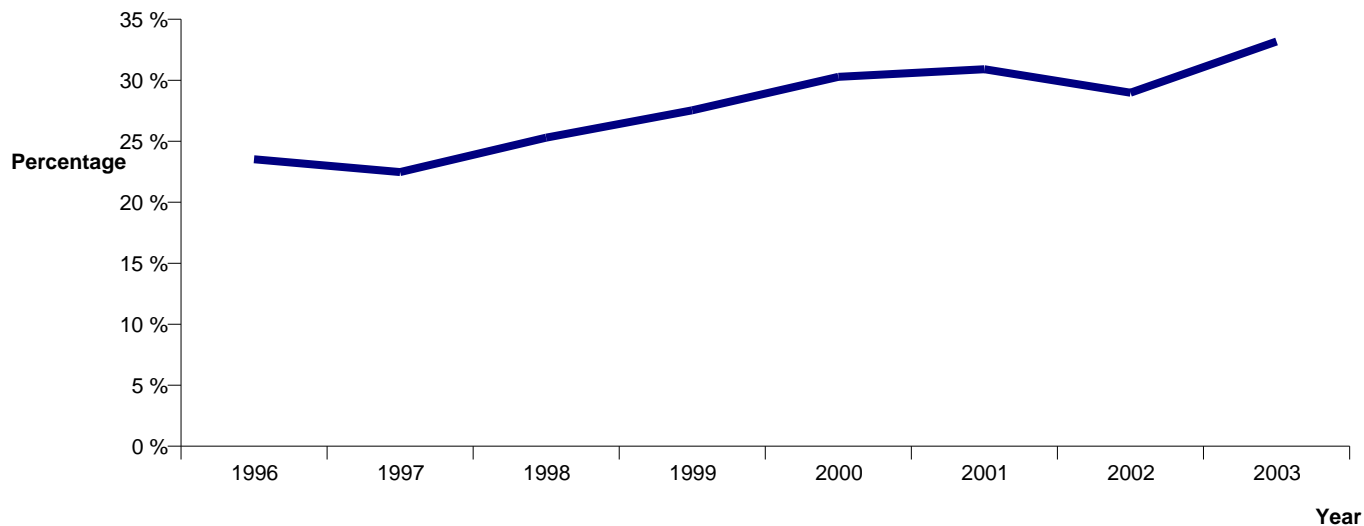
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1996	4910		139.5		1155	23.5 %	
1997	4956	0.9 %	141.3	1.2 %	1114	22.5 %	-1.0 %
1998	4431	-10.6 %	126.9	-10.1 %	1121	25.3 %	2.8 %
1999	4513	1.9 %	130.1	2.5 %	1243	27.5 %	2.2 %
2000	4409	-2.3 %	127.8	-1.8 %	1335	30.3 %	2.7 %
2001	4093	-7.2 %	119.7	-6.3 %	1265	30.9 %	0.6 %
2002	3979	-2.8 %	116.6	-2.6 %	1153	29.0 %	-1.9 %
2003	4129	3.8 %	120.8	3.6 %	1370	33.2 %	4.2 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

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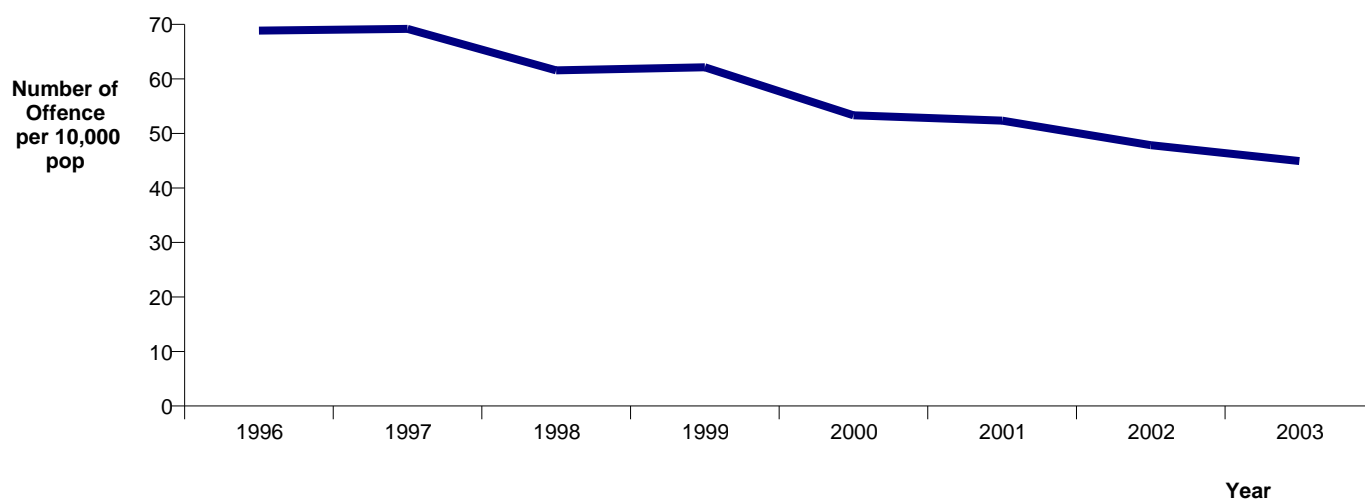
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PROPERTY ABUSES

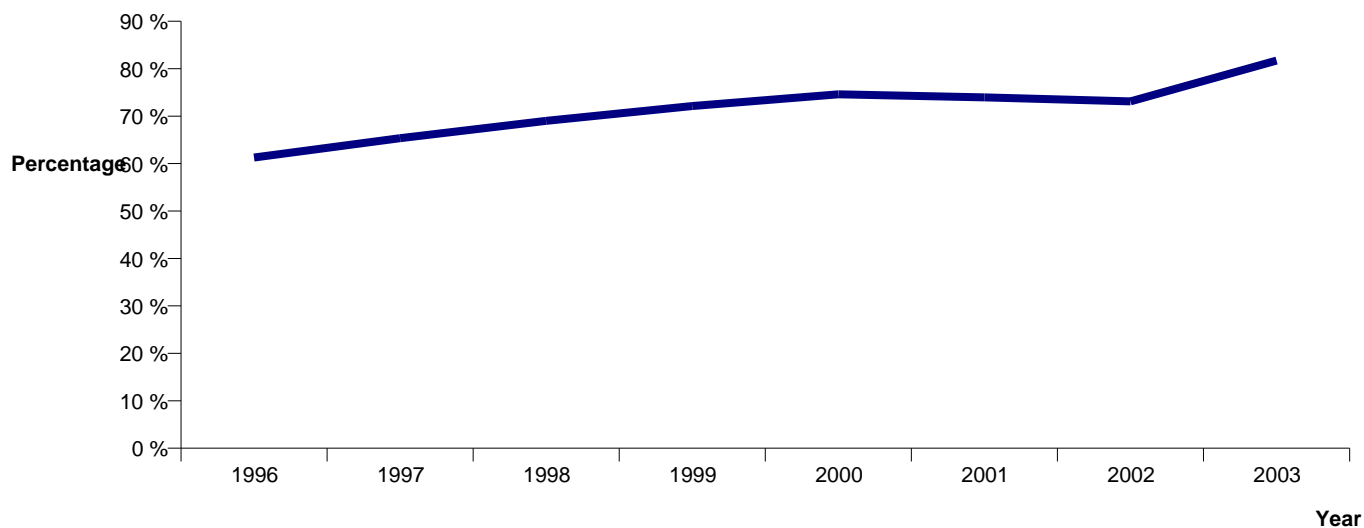
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1996	2423		68.9		1485	61.3 %	
1997	2427	0.2 %	69.2	0.5 %	1586	65.3 %	4.1 %
1998	2149	-11.5 %	61.6	-11.0 %	1483	69.0 %	3.7 %
1999	2156	0.3 %	62.1	0.9 %	1555	72.1 %	3.1 %
2000	1840	-14.7 %	53.3	-14.2 %	1373	74.6 %	2.5 %
2001	1790	-2.7 %	52.4	-1.8 %	1324	74.0 %	-0.7 %
2002	1633	-8.8 %	47.8	-8.6 %	1194	73.1 %	-0.8 %
2003	1536	-5.9 %	44.9	-6.1 %	1255	81.7 %	8.6 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

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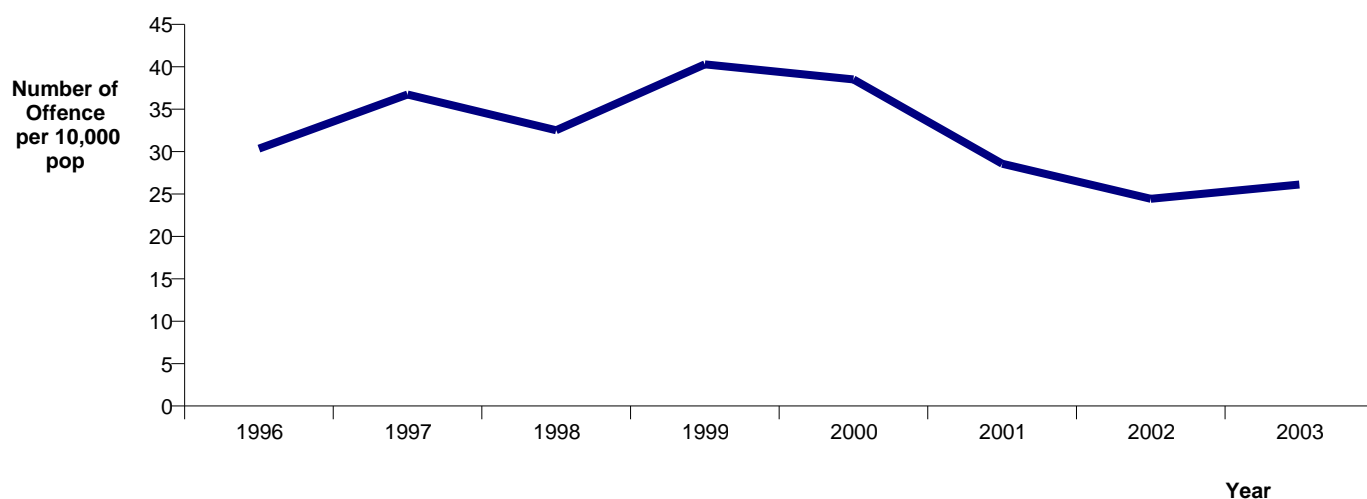
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ADMINISTRATIVE

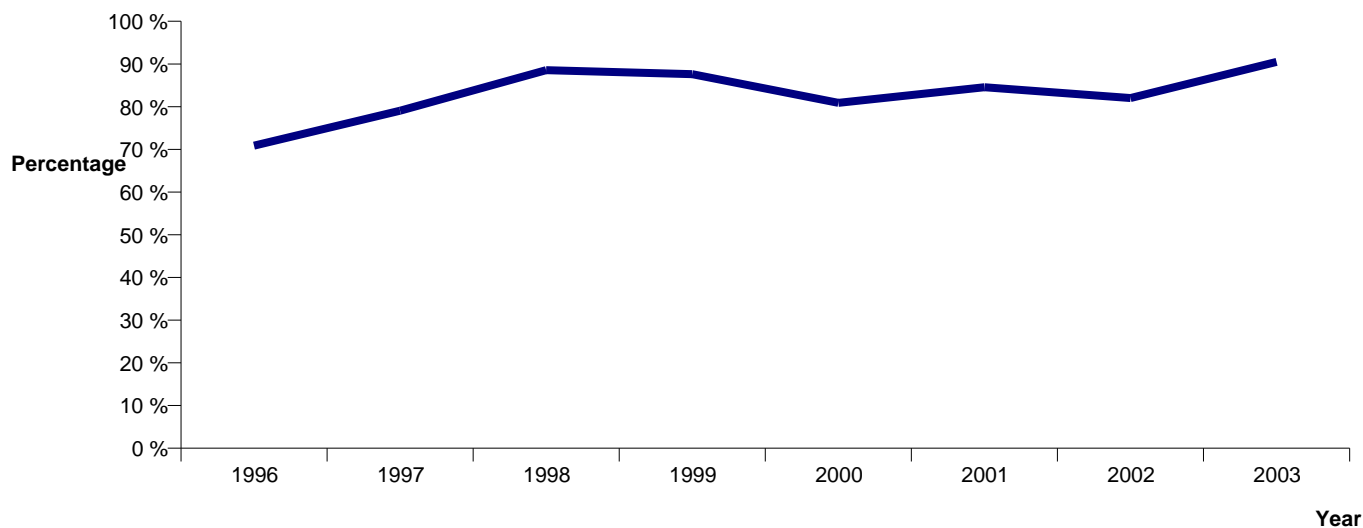
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1996	1068		30.4		757	70.9 %	
1997	1289	20.7 %	36.7	21.0 %	1019	79.1 %	8.2 %
1998	1135	-11.9 %	32.5	-11.5 %	1005	88.5 %	9.5 %
1999	1398	23.2 %	40.3	23.9 %	1225	87.6 %	-0.9 %
2000	1329	-4.9 %	38.5	-4.4 %	1075	80.9 %	-6.7 %
2001	977	-26.5 %	28.6	-25.8 %	826	84.5 %	3.7 %
2002	834	-14.6 %	24.4	-14.5 %	684	82.0 %	-2.5 %
2003	893	7.1 %	26.1	6.9 %	808	90.5 %	8.5 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

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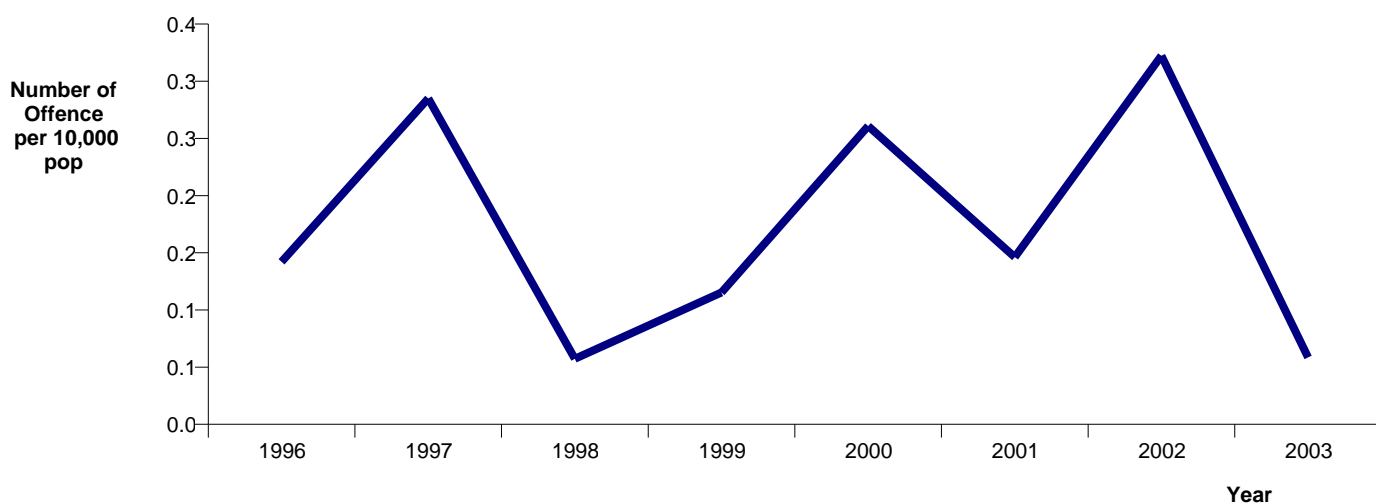
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MURDER *

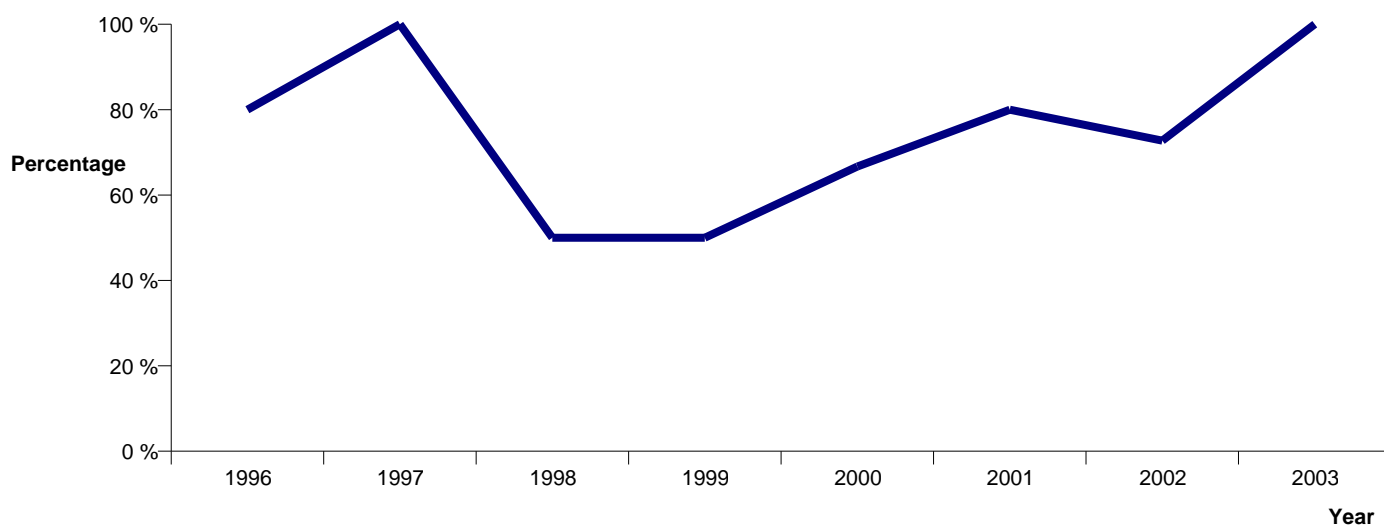
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1996	5		0.1		4	80.0 %	
1997	10	100.0 %	0.3	100.6 %	10	100.0 %	20.0 %
1998	2	-80.0 %	0.1	-79.9 %	1	50.0 %	-50.0 %
1999	4	100.0 %	0.1	101.2 %	2	50.0 %	0.0 %
2000	9	125.0 %	0.3	126.2 %	6	66.7 %	16.7 %
2001	5	-44.4 %	0.1	-43.9 %	4	80.0 %	13.3 %
2002	11	120.0 %	0.3	120.4 %	8	72.7 %	-7.3 %
2003	2	-81.8 %	0.1	-81.8 %	2	100.0 %	27.3 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

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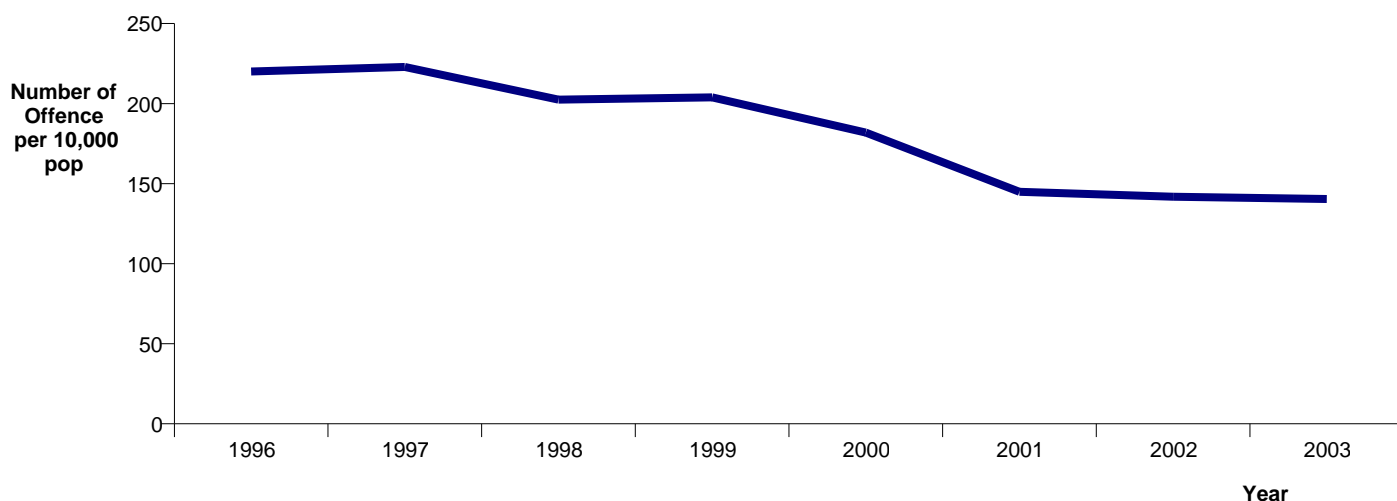
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BURGLARY

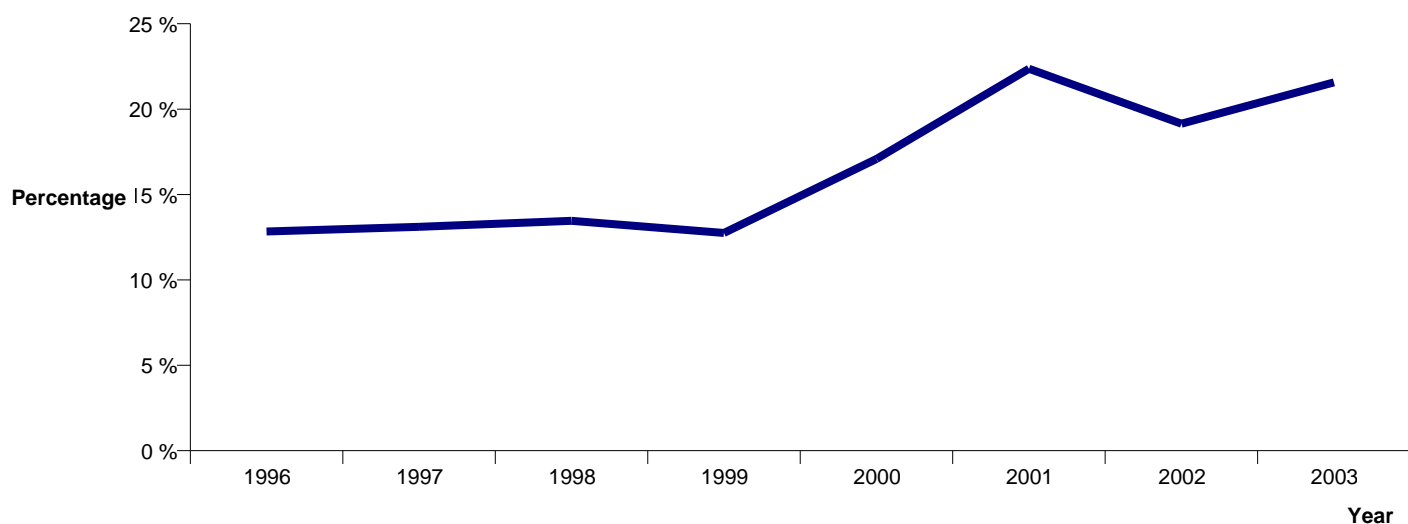
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1996	7742		220.0		994	12.8 %	
1997	7821	1.0 %	222.9	1.3 %	1025	13.1 %	0.3 %
1998	7067	-9.6 %	202.4	-9.2 %	951	13.5 %	0.4 %
1999	7074	0.1 %	203.9	0.7 %	902	12.8 %	-0.7 %
2000	6276	-11.3 %	181.9	-10.8 %	1072	17.1 %	4.3 %
2001	4955	-21.0 %	144.9	-20.3 %	1108	22.4 %	5.3 %
2002	4841	-2.3 %	141.8	-2.1 %	927	19.1 %	-3.2 %
2003	4799	-0.9 %	140.4	-1.0 %	1035	21.6 %	2.4 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

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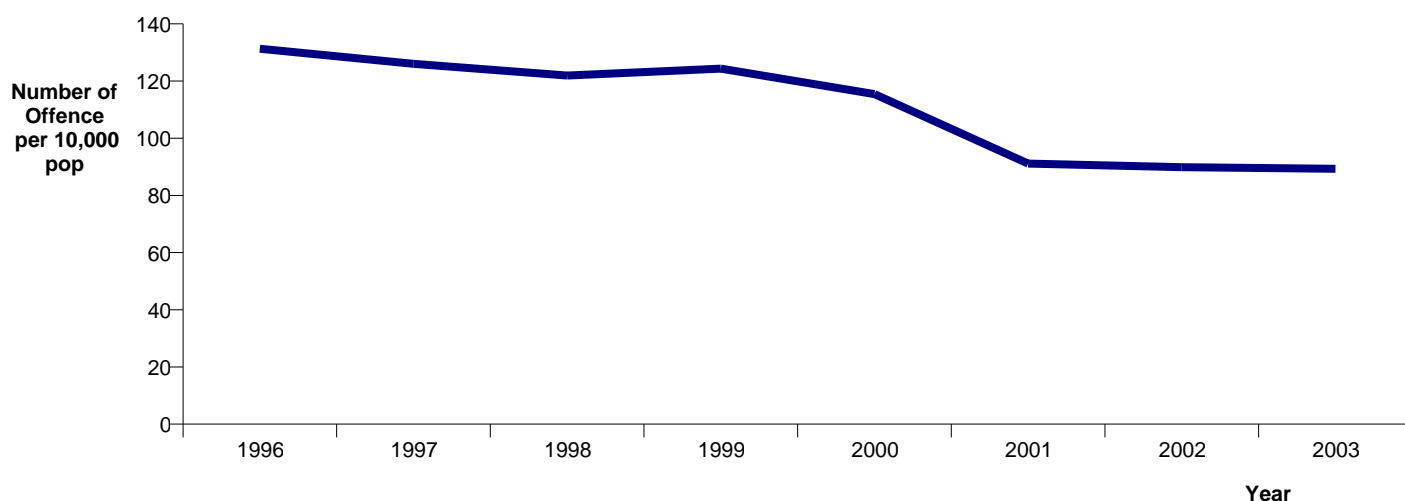
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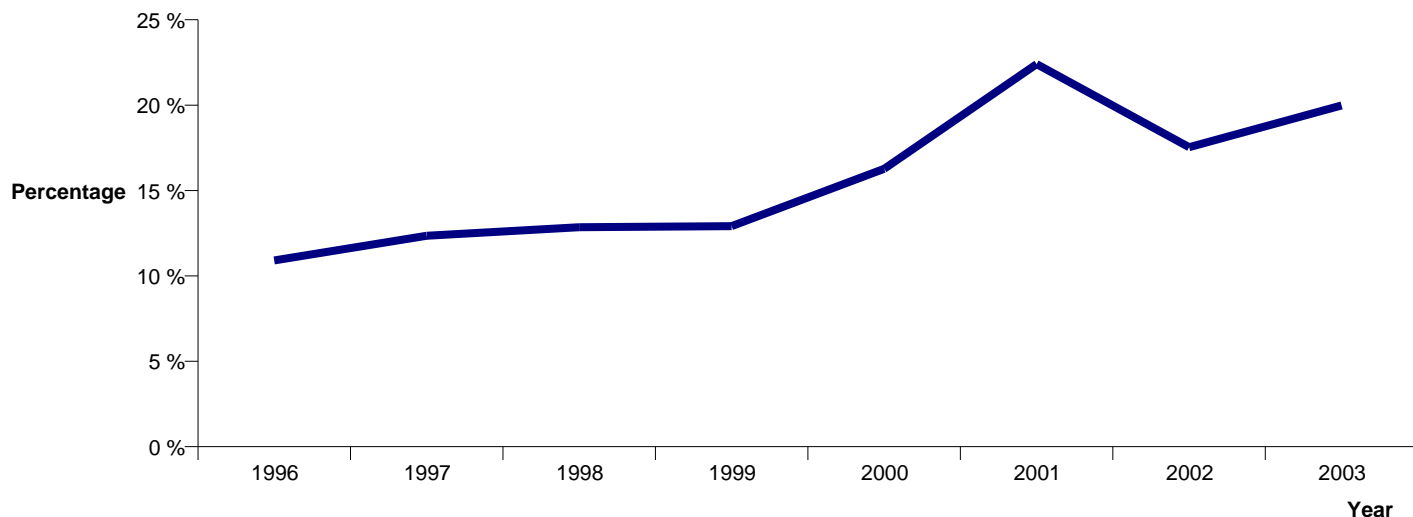
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1996	4620		131.3		504	10.9 %	
1997	4421	-4.3 %	126.0	-4.0 %	546	12.4 %	1.4 %
1998	4256	-3.7 %	121.9	-3.2 %	547	12.9 %	0.5 %
1999	4314	1.4 %	124.3	2.0 %	557	12.9 %	0.1 %
2000	3983	-7.7 %	115.4	-7.2 %	648	16.3 %	3.4 %
2001	3116	-21.8 %	91.1	-21.0 %	698	22.4 %	6.1 %
2002	3068	-1.5 %	89.9	-1.4 %	538	17.5 %	-4.9 %
2003	3053	-0.5 %	89.3	-0.7 %	610	20.0 %	2.4 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

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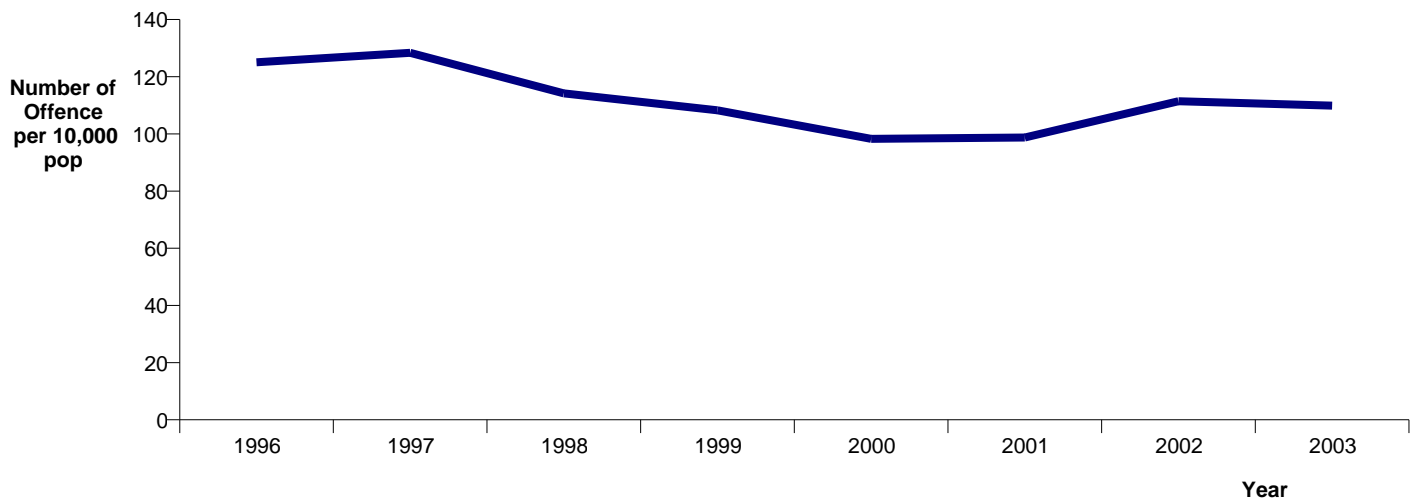


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Years ending 31 December**

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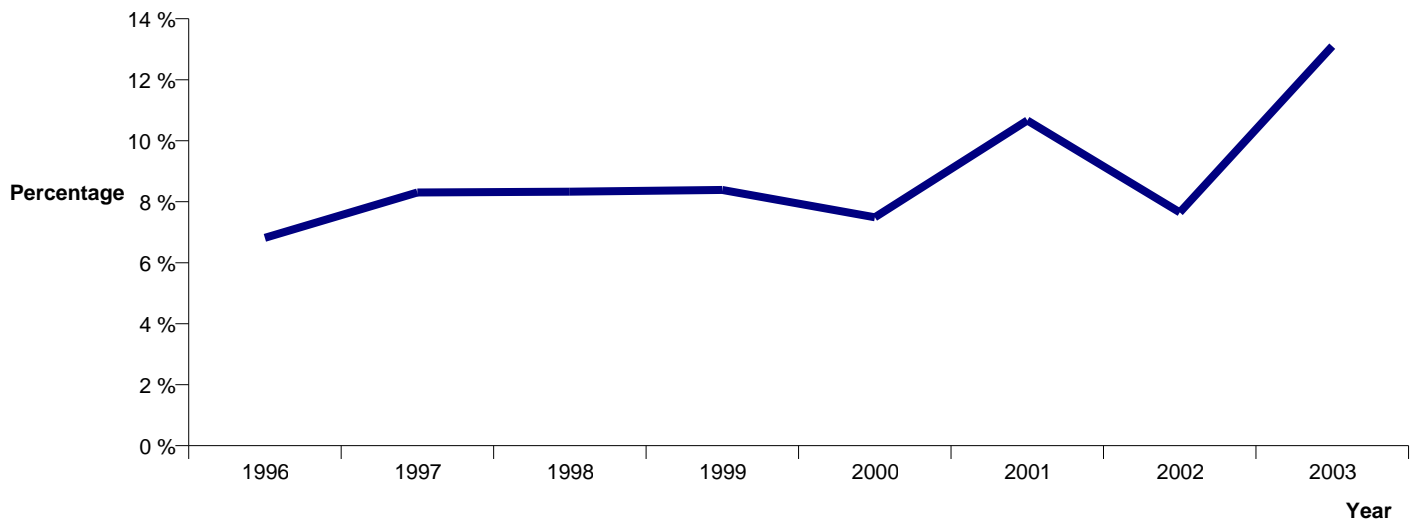
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1996	4400		125.0		300	6.8 %	
1997	4504	2.4 %	128.4	2.7 %	374	8.3 %	1.5 %
1998	3986	-11.5 %	114.2	-11.1 %	332	8.3 %	0.0 %
1999	3757	-5.7 %	108.3	-5.2 %	315	8.4 %	0.1 %
2000	3391	-9.7 %	98.3	-9.2 %	254	7.5 %	-0.9 %
2001	3375	-0.5 %	98.7	0.5 %	360	10.7 %	3.2 %
2002	3803	12.7 %	111.4	12.9 %	291	7.7 %	-3.0 %
2003	3756	-1.2 %	109.9	-1.4 %	492	13.1 %	5.4 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)

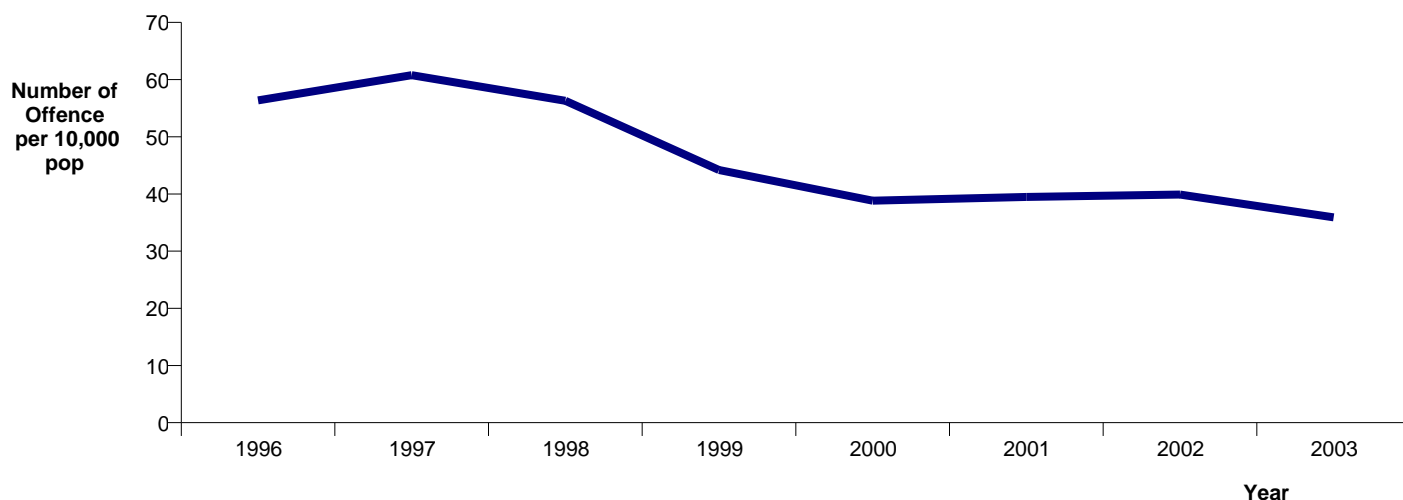


**RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION AND RESOLUTION RATES
FOR SELECTED OFFENCES
Years ending 31 December**

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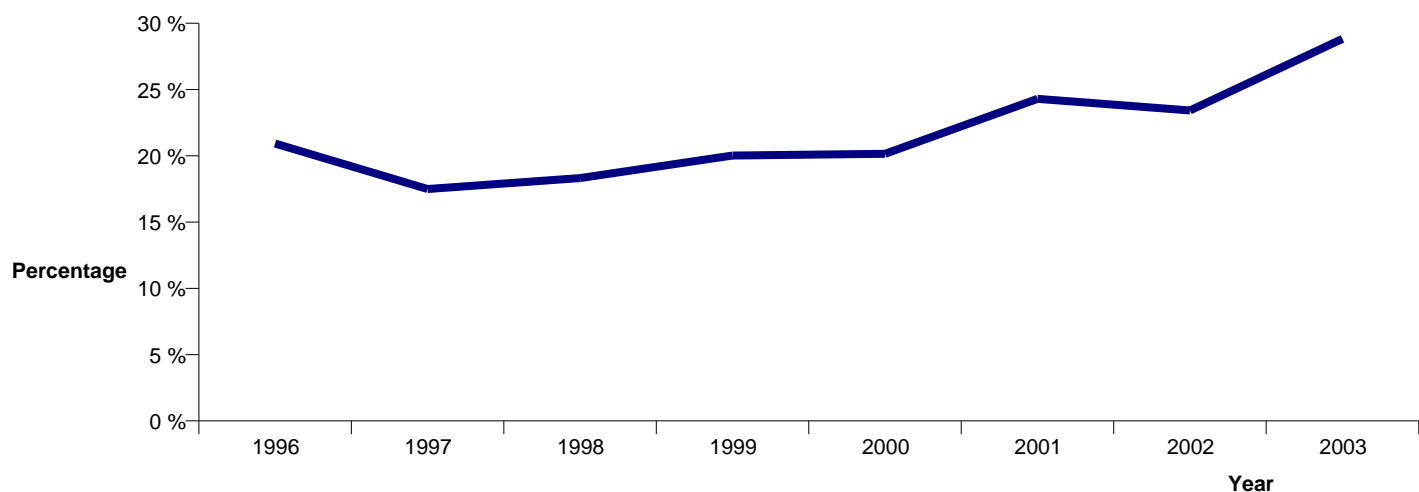
CALENDAR YEAR	TOTAL RECORDED OFFENCES	VARIATION IN RECORDED OFFENCES	RECORDED OFFENCES PER 10,000 POPULATION	VARIATION IN RECORDED OFFENCES PER 10,000 POPULATION	TOTAL RESOLVED OFFENCES	RESOLUTION RATE	VARIATION IN RESOLUTION RATE
1996	1983		56.4		415	20.9 %	
1997	2132	7.5 %	60.8	7.8 %	373	17.5 %	-3.4 %
1998	1965	-7.8 %	56.3	-7.4 %	360	18.3 %	0.8 %
1999	1533	-22.0 %	44.2	-21.5 %	307	20.0 %	1.7 %
2000	1340	-12.6 %	38.8	-12.1 %	270	20.1 %	0.1 %
2001	1350	0.7 %	39.5	1.7 %	328	24.3 %	4.1 %
2002	1362	0.9 %	39.9	1.1 %	319	23.4 %	-0.9 %
2003	1228	-9.8 %	35.9	-10.0 %	354	28.8 %	5.4 %

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	351,870
1997	350,860
1998	349,090
1999	346,990
2000	345,090
2001	341,890
2002	341,290
2003	341,870