# CENTRAL DISTRICT CRIME STATISTICS 2004



## 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 2004 include:

The Local Government Act 2002 Ammendment Act 2004 increased Police powers of Arrest for Breaches of Liquor Bans. This may be reflected in the 2004 Liquor Ban Breach Offence counts (grouped in the Sale of Liquor Act 1989 Offence Class. Note also that prior to July 2003, Breach of Liquor Ban Offences were included in the ByLaw Breaches Class. (within the Administrative Category)

The Maritime Security Act 2004 came into force on the 6th of April 2004. New offences for this and related acts were added within the Immigration Class.

Justice (Special) Offences in 2004 resulted from the Sentencing Amendment Act 2004 and the Parole (Extended Supervision) Amendment Act 2004 both of which came into force on the 7th of July 2004.

When comparing 2004 Statistics with 2003 and previous years, the reader should also refer to "Report Notes" published with the 2003 Statistics, as changes during 2003 significantly affect year on year trends.

## SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME, BY CATEGORY Years ending 31 December

Offence Category	Offence Class Description	Recorded 2002	Recorded 2003	Recorded 2004	% Variance 02-03	% Variance 03-04	Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Resolved 2004	Percent Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2004
VIOLENCE	GRIEVOUS ASSAULTS	239	236	271	-1.3 %	14.8 %	205	213	250	85.8 %	90.3 %	92.3 %
	GROUP ASSEMBLIES	42	28	18	-33.3 %	-35.7 %	37	20	14	88.1 %	71.4 %	77.8 %
	HOMICIDE	18	12	16	-33.3 %	33.3 %	15	10	12	83.3 %	83.3 %	75.0 %
	INTIMIDATION/THREATS	877	904	752	3.1 %	-16.8 %	754	836	674	86.0 %	92.5 %	89.6 %
	KIDNAPPING AND ABDUCTION	14	11	11	-21.4 %	0.0 %	10	10	10	71.4 %	90.9 %	90.9 %
	MINOR ASSAULTS	1,207	1,154	1,110	-4.4 %	-3.8 %	1,000	1,037	969	82.9 %	89.9 %	87.3 %
	ROBBERY	96	94	72	-2.1 %	-23.4 %	37	33	40	38.5 %	35.1 %	55.6 %
	SERIOUS ASSAULTS	1,346	1,478	1,385	9.8 %	-6.3 %	1,155	1,332	1,242	85.8 %	90.1 %	89.7 %
Total:		3,839	3,917	3,635	2.0 %	-7.2 %	3,213	3,491	3,211	83.7 %	89.1 %	88.3 %

Offence Category	Offence Class Description	Recorded 2002	Recorded 2003	Recorded 2004	% Variance 02-03	% Variance 03-04	Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Resolved 2004	Percent Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2004
SEXUAL OFFENCES	ABNORMAL SEX	3	1	2	-66.7 %	100.0 %	2	0	2	66.7 %	0.0 %	100.0 %
	IMMORAL BEHAVIOUR	29	33	25	13.8 %	-24.2 %	15	25	13	51.7 %	75.8 %	52.0 %
	IMMORAL BEHAVIOUR/MISCELLANEOUS	4	5	3	25.0 %	-40.0 %	0	1	2	0.0 %	20.0 %	66.7 %
	SEXUAL AFFRONTS	22	41	23	86.4 %	-43.9 %	14	31	16	63.6 %	75.6 %	69.6 %
	SEXUAL ATTACKS	207	242	186	16.9 %	-23.1 %	109	167	110	52.7 %	69.0 %	59.1 %
Total:		265	322	239	21.5 %	-25.8 %	140	224	143	52.8 %	69.6 %	59.8 %

Offence Category	Offence Class Description	Recorded 2002	Recorded 2003	Recorded 2004	% Variance 02-03	% Variance 03-04	Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Resolved 2004	Percent Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2004
DRUGS AND ANTI SOCIAL (	DISORDER	1,607	1,719	1,405	7.0 %	-18.3 %	1,532	1,669	1,337	95.3 %	97.1 %	95.2 %
	DRUGS(CANNABIS ONLY)	1,659	1,718	1,082	3.6 %	-37.0 %	1,576	1,619	1,047	95.0 %	94.2 %	96.8 %
	DRUGS (NEW DRUGS)		42	89		111.9 %		38	80		90.5 %	89.9 %
	DRUGS (NOT CANNABIS)	127	137	69	7.9 %	-49.6 %	122	128	68	96.1 %	93.4 %	98.6 %
	FAMILY OFFENCES	25	83	27	232.0 %	-67.5 %	15	58	25	60.0 %	69.9 %	92.6 %
	FAMILY OFFENCES CONTINUED	417	448	428	7.4 %	-4.5 %	368	428	401	88.2 %	95.5 %	93.7 %
	GAMING	2	1	_	-50.0 %	-100.0 %	1	0		50.0 %	0.0 %	
	SALE OF LIQUOR ACT 1989	284	266	194	-6.3 %	-27.1 %	280	262	189	98.6 %	98.5 %	97.4 %
	VAGRANCY OFFENCES	13	19	5	46.2 %	-73.7 %	11	19	5	84.6 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Total:		4,134	4,433	3,299	7.2 %	-25.6 %	3,905	4,221	3,152	94.5 %	95.2 %	95.5 %

#### SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME, BY CATEGORY

#### **Years ending 31 December**

Offence Category	Offence Class Description	Recorded 2002	Recorded 2003	Recorded 2004	% Variance 02-03	% Variance 03-04	Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Resolved 2004	Percent Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2004
DISHONESTY	BURGLARY	4,841	4,799	4,548	-0.9 %	-5.2 %	927	1,035	1,045	19.1 %	21.6 %	23.0 %
	CAR CONVERSION ETC	2,987	3,063	2,200	2.5 %	-28.2 %	617	697	496	20.7 %	22.8 %	22.5 %
	DISHONESTY MISCELLANEOUS		5	22		340.0 %		2	13		40.0 %	59.1 %
	FRAUD	1,228	918	852	-25.2 %	-7.2 %	831	588	600	67.7 %	64.1 %	70.4 %
	RECEIVING	222	220	194	-0.9 %	-11.8 %	219	214	185	98.6 %	97.3 %	95.4 %
	THEFT	10,972	10,217	9,133	-6.9 %	-10.6 %	2,550	2,853	2,668	23.2 %	27.9 %	29.2 %
Total:		20,250	19,222	16,949	-5.1 %	-11.8 %	5,144	5,389	5,007	25.4 %	28.0 %	29.5 %

Offence Category	Offence Class Description	Recorded 2002	Recorded 2003	Recorded 2004	% Variance 02-03	% Variance 03-04	Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Resolved 2004	Percent Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2004
PROPERTY DAMAGE	DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY	3,959	4,113	3,895	3.9 %	-5.3 %	1,135	1,356	1,166	28.7 %	33.0 %	29.9 %
	ENDANGERING	20	16	14	-20.0 %	-12.5 %	18	14	11	90.0 %	87.5 %	78.6 %
Total:		3,979	4,129	3,909	3.8 %	-5.3 %	1,153	1,370	1,177	29.0 %	33.2 %	30.1 %

Offence Category	Offence Class Description	Recorded 2002	Recorded 2003	Recorded 2004	% Variance 02-03	% Variance 03-04	Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Resolved 2004	Percent Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2004
PROPERTY ABUSES	ANIMALS	36	25	23	-30.6 %	-8.0 %	19	14	10	52.8 %	56.0 %	43.5 %
•	ARMS ACT OFFENCES	234	231	223	-1.3 %	-3.5 %	203	197	194	86.8 %	85.3 %	87.0 %
	LITTERING	19	22	13	15.8 %	-40.9 %	18	19	12	94.7 %	86.4 %	92.3 %
	POSTAL/RAIL/FIRE SERVICE ABUSES	419	376	293	-10.3 %	-22.1 %	268	269	215	64.0 %	71.5 %	73.4 %
	TRESPASS	925	882	661	-4.6 %	-25.1 %	686	756	559	74.2 %	85.7 %	84.6 %
Total:		1,633	1,536	1,213	-5.9 %	-21.0 %	1,194	1,255	990	73.1 %	81.7 %	81.6 %

Offence Category	Offence Class Description	Recorded 2002	Recorded 2003	Recorded 2004	% Variance 02-03	% Variance 03-04	Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Resolved 2004	Percent Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2004
ADMINISTRATIVE	AGAINST JUSTICE	786	793	626	0.9 %	-21.1 %	649	713	555	82.6 %	89.9 %	88.7 %
	AGAINST NATIONAL INTEREST	2	1	2	-50.0 %	100.0 %	1	0	2	50.0 %	0.0 %	100.0 %
	BIRTHS/DEATHS AND MARRIAGES	•										
	BY - LAWS BREACHES	44	97	217	120.5 %	123.7 %	33	93	213	75.0 %	95.9 %	98.2 %
	IMMIGRATION	1	2	5	100.0 %	150.0 %	0	2	3	0.0 %	100.0 %	60.0 %
	RACIAL	1			-100.0 %		1			100.0 %		
Total:		834	893	850	7.1 %	-4.8 %	684	808	773	82.0 %	90.5 %	90.9 %
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TOTAL		34,934	34,452	30,094	-1.4 %	-12.6 %	15,433	16,758	14,453	44.2 %	48.6 %	48.0 %

## DISTRICT RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION, BY AREA Years ending 31 December

Area Description	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2002	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2003	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2004	% Rate Variance 02-03	% Rate Variance 03-04
New Plymouth	961.0	1,040.0	878.1	8.2 %	-15.6 %
Palmerston North City	1,349.5	1,339.3	1,119.2	-0.8 %	-16.4 %
Palmerston North Rural	769.8	790.8	705.0	2.7 %	-10.9 %
Ruapehu	1,077.3	994.3	804.6	-7.7 %	-19.1 %
Taranaki Rural	812.7	854.2	748.8	5.1 %	-12.3 %
Wanganui	1,129.6	907.1	904.5	-19.7 %	-0.3 %
TOTAL	1,023.6	1,007.8	881.6	-1.5 %	-12.5 %

## DISTRICT RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION, BY CATEGORIES Years ending 30 June

Offence Category	Offence Class	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2002	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2003	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2004
VIOLENCE	GRIEVOUS ASSAULTS	7.0	6.9	7.9
	GROUP ASSEMBLIES	1.2	0.8	0.5
	HOMICIDE	0.5	0.4	0.5
	INTIMIDATION/THREATS	25.7	26.4	22.0
	KIDNAPPING AND ABDUCTION	0.4	0.3	0.3
	MINOR ASSAULTS	35.4	33.8	32.5
	ROBBERY	2.8	2.7	2.1
	SERIOUS ASSAULTS	39.4	43.2	40.6
VIOLENCE		112.5	114.6	106.5

Offence Category	Offence Class	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2002	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2003	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2004
SEXUAL OFFENCES	ABNORMAL SEX	0.1	0.0	0.1
	IMMORAL BEHAVIOUR	0.8	1.0	0.7
	IMMORAL BEHAVIOUR/MISCELLANEOUS	0.1	0.1	0.1
	SEXUAL AFFRONTS	0.6	1.2	0.7
	SEXUAL ATTACKS	6.1	7.1	5.4
SEXUAL OFFENCES		7.8	9.4	7.0

Offence Category	Offence Class	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2002	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2003	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2004
DRUGS AND ANTI SOCIAL OFFENCES	DISORDER	47.1	50.3	41.2
·	DRUGS(CANNABIS ONLY)	48.6	50.3	31.7
·	DRUGS (NEW DRUGS)		1.2	2.6
	DRUGS (NOT CANNABIS)	3.7	4.0	2.0
	FAMILY OFFENCES	0.7	2.4	0.8
	FAMILY OFFENCES CONTINUED	12.2	13.1	12.5
·	GAMING	0.1	0.0	
	SALE OF LIQUOR ACT 1989	8.3	7.8	5.7
	VAGRANCY OFFENCES	0.4	0.6	0.1
DRUGS AND ANTI SOCIAL OFFENCES		121.1	129.7	96.6

## DISTRICT RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION, BY CATEGORIES Years ending 30 June

Offence Category	Offence Class	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2002	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2003	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2004
DISHONESTY	BURGLARY	141.8	140.4	133.2
	CAR CONVERSION ETC	87.5	89.6	64.4
	DISHONESTY MISCELLANEOUS		0.1	0.6
	FRAUD	36.0	26.9	25.0
	RECEIVING	6.5	6.4	5.7
	THEFT	321.5	298.9	267.6
DISHONESTY		593.3	562.3	496.5

Offence Category	Offence Class	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2002	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2003	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2004
PROPERTY DAMAGE	DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY	116.0	120.3	114.1
	ENDANGERING	0.6	0.5	0.4
PROPERTY DAMAGE		116.6	120.8	114.5

Offence Category	Offence Class	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2002	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2003	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2004
PROPERTY ABUSES	ANIMALS	1.1	0.7	0.7
	ARMS ACT OFFENCES	6.9	6.8	6.5
	LITTERING	0.6	0.6	0.4
	POSTAL/RAIL/FIRE SERVICE ABUSES	12.3	11.0	8.6
	TRESPASS	27.1	25.8	19.4
PROPERTY ABUSES		47.8	44.9	35.5

Offence Category	Offence Class	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2002	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2003	Recorded per 10,000 popn 2004
ADMINISTRATIVE	AGAINST JUSTICE	23.0	23.2	18.3
	AGAINST NATIONAL INTEREST	0.1	0.0	0.1
	BIRTHS/DEATHS AND MARRIAGES			
	BY - LAWS BREACHES	1.3	2.8	6.4
	IMMIGRATION	0.0	0.1	0.1
	RACIAL	0.0		
ADMINISTRATIVE		24.4	26.1	24.9

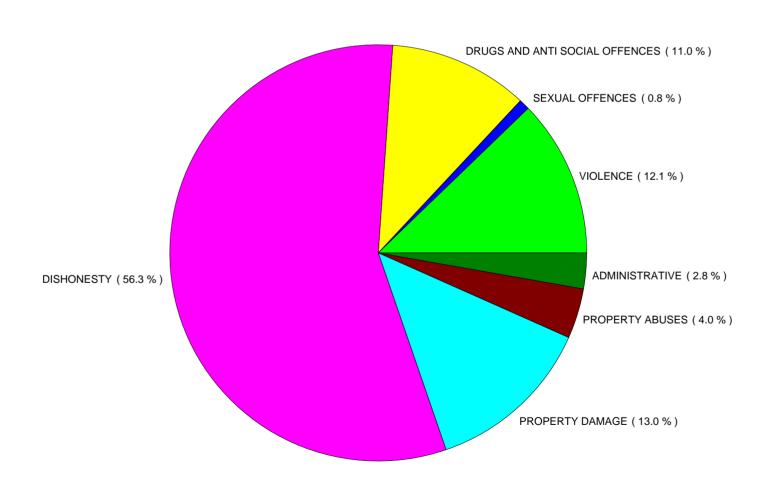
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#### PROPORTION OF RECORDED CRIME BY CATEGORIES

Years ending 31 December

Offence Category Description	Proportions Recorded 2002	Recorded 2002	Proportions Recorded 2003	Recorded 2003	Proportions Recorded 2004	Recorded 2004
VIOLENCE	11.0 %	3,839	11.4 %	3,917	12.1 %	3,635
SEXUAL OFFENCES	0.8 %	265	0.9 %	322	0.8 %	239
DRUGS AND ANTI SOCIAL OFFENCES	11.8 %	4,134	12.9 %	4,433	11.0 %	3,299
DISHONESTY	58.0 %	20,250	55.8 %	19,222	56.3 %	16,949
PROPERTY DAMAGE	11.4 %	3,979	12.0 %	4,129	13.0 %	3,909
PROPERTY ABUSES	4.7 %	1,633	4.5 %	1,536	4.0 %	1,213
ADMINISTRATIVE	2.4 %	834	2.6 %	893	2.8 %	850
Total:	100.0 %	34,934	100.0 %	34,452	100.0 %	30,094

## TOTAL DISTRICT CRIME BY CATEGORY FOR 2004 (ending 31 December)



#### **Years ending 31 December**

#### TOTAL CRIME

Area Description	Recorded 2002	Recorded 2003	% Variance 02-03	Recorded 2004	% Variance 03-04	Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2003	Resolved 2004	Percent Resolved 2004
New Plymouth	6,657	7,254	9.0 %	6,135	-15.4 %	3,575	53.7 %	4,128	56.9 %	3,338	54.4 %
Palmerston North City	10,816	10,894	0.7 %	9,223	-15.3 %	3,704	34.2 %	4,193	38.5 %	3,780	41.0 %
Palmerston North Rural	6,449	6,614	2.6 %	5,866	-11.3 %	2,976	46.1 %	3,305	50.0 %	2,734	46.6 %
Ruapehu	1,950	1,758	-9.8 %	1,379	-21.6 %	924	47.4 %	869	49.4 %	760	55.1 %
Taranaki Rural	2,829	2,953	4.4 %	2,567	-13.1 %	1,503	53.1 %	1,807	61.2 %	1,391	54.2 %
Wanganui	6,233	4,979	-20.1 %	4,924	-1.1 %	2,751	44.1 %	2,456	49.3 %	2,450	49.8 %
Total:	34,934	34,452	-1.4 %	30,094	-12.6 %	15,433	44.2 %	16,758	48.6 %	14,453	48.0 %

#### **Years ending 31 December**

#### VIOLENCE

Area Description	Recorded 2002	Recorded 2003	% Variance 02-03	Recorded 2004	% Variance 03-04	Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2003	Resolved 2004	Percent Resolved 2004
New Plymouth	851	909	6.8 %	831	-8.6 %	697	81.9 %	801	88.1 %	705	84.8 %
Palmerston North City	901	869	-3.6 %	808	-7.0 %	691	76.7 %	734	84.5 %	684	84.7 %
Palmerston North Rural	726	845	16.4 %	727	-14.0 %	639	88.0 %	765	90.5 %	641	88.2 %
Ruapehu	230	201	-12.6 %	204	1.5 %	210	91.3 %	177	88.1 %	195	95.6 %
Taranaki Rural	350	428	22.3 %	372	-13.1 %	308	88.0 %	392	91.6 %	359	96.5 %
Wanganui	781	665	-14.9 %	693	4.2 %	668	85.5 %	622	93.5 %	627	90.5 %
Total:	3,839	3,917	2.0 %	3,635	-7.2 %	3,213	83.7 %	3,491	89.1 %	3,211	88.3 %

#### Years ending 31 December

#### SEXUAL OFFENCES

Area Description	Recorded 2002	Recorded 2003	% Variance 02-03	Recorded 2004	% Variance 03-04	Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2003	Resolved 2004	Percent Resolved 2004
New Plymouth	79	93	17.7 %	49	-47.3 %	42	53.2 %	67	72.0 %	20	40.8 %
Palmerston North City	75	64	-14.7 %	62	-3.1 %	28	37.3 %	42	65.6 %	44	71.0 %
Palmerston North Rural	30	65	116.7 %	53	-18.5 %	21	70.0 %	43	66.2 %	28	52.8 %
Ruapehu	17	11	-35.3 %	12	9.1 %	8	47.1 %	4	36.4 %	10	83.3 %
Taranaki Rural	32	50	56.3 %	27	-46.0 %	22	68.8 %	37	74.0 %	18	66.7 %
Wanganui	32	39	21.9 %	36	-7.7 %	19	59.4 %	31	79.5 %	23	63.9 %
Total:	265	322	21.5 %	239	-25.8 %	140	52.8 %	224	69.6 %	143	59.8 %

#### **Years ending 31 December**

#### DRUGS AND ANTI SOCIAL OFFENCES

Area Description	Recorded 2002	Recorded 2003	% Variance 02-03	Recorded 2004	% Variance 03-04	Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2003	Resolved 2004	Percent Resolved 2004
New Plymouth	1,225	1,370	11.8 %	923	-32.6 %	1,163	94.9 %	1,324	96.6 %	876	94.9 %
Palmerston North City	991	998	0.7 %	868	-13.0 %	914	92.2 %	964	96.6 %	834	96.1 %
Palmerston North Rural	654	739	13.0 %	505	-31.7 %	615	94.0 %	691	93.5 %	479	94.9 %
Ruapehu	228	250	9.6 %	166	-33.6 %	216	94.7 %	215	86.0 %	159	95.8 %
Taranaki Rural	396	578	46.0 %	337	-41.7 %	377	95.2 %	558	96.5 %	327	97.0 %
Wanganui	640	498	-22.2 %	500	0.4 %	620	96.9 %	469	94.2 %	477	95.4 %
Total:	4,134	4,433	7.2 %	3,299	-25.6 %	3,905	94.5 %	4,221	95.2 %	3,152	95.5 %

#### Years ending 31 December

#### DISHONESTY

Area Description	Recorded 2002	Recorded 2003	% Variance 02-03	Recorded 2004	% Variance 03-04	Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2003	Resolved 2004	Percent Resolved 2004
New Plymouth	3,091	3,458	11.9 %	3,128	-9.5 %	987	31.9 %	1,091	31.6 %	1,164	37.2 %
Palmerston North City	7,356	7,357	0.0 %	5,737	-22.0 %	1,452	19.7 %	1,728	23.5 %	1,360	23.7 %
Palmerston North Rural	3,674	3,494	-4.9 %	3,317	-5.1 %	1,053	28.7 %	1,046	29.9 %	996	30.0 %
Ruapehu	1,070	906	-15.3 %	729	-19.5 %	290	27.1 %	262	28.9 %	241	33.1 %
Taranaki Rural	1,360	1,192	-12.4 %	1,275	7.0 %	462	34.0 %	423	35.5 %	381	29.9 %
Wanganui	3,699	2,815	-23.9 %	2,763	-1.8 %	900	24.3 %	839	29.8 %	865	31.3 %
Total:	20,250	19,222	-5.1 %	16,949	-11.8 %	5,144	25.4 %	5,389	28.0 %	5,007	29.5 %

#### Years ending 31 December

#### PROPERTY DAMAGE

Area Description	Recorded 2002	Recorded 2003	% Variance 02-03	Recorded 2004	% Variance 03-04	Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2003	Resolved 2004	Percent Resolved 2004
New Plymouth	858	848	-1.2 %	853	0.6 %	273	31.8 %	331	39.0 %	290	34.0 %
Palmerston North City	888	1,055	18.8 %	1,035	-1.9 %	190	21.4 %	274	26.0 %	239	23.1 %
Palmerston North Rural	918	958	4.4 %	872	-9.0 %	291	31.7 %	334	34.9 %	255	29.2 %
Ruapehu	199	211	6.0 %	173	-18.0 %	62	31.2 %	62	29.4 %	69	39.9 %
Taranaki Rural	405	422	4.2 %	342	-19.0 %	102	25.2 %	152	36.0 %	123	36.0 %
Wanganui	711	635	-10.7 %	634	-0.2 %	235	33.1 %	217	34.2 %	201	31.7 %
Total:	3,979	4,129	3.8 %	3,909	-5.3 %	1,153	29.0 %	1,370	33.2 %	1,177	30.1 %

#### Years ending 31 December

#### PROPERTY ABUSES

Area Description	Recorded 2002	Recorded 2003	% Variance 02-03	Recorded 2004	% Variance 03-04	Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2003	Resolved 2004	Percent Resolved 2004
New Plymouth	350	373	6.6 %	275	-26.3 %	245	70.0 %	321	86.1 %	216	78.5 %
Palmerston North City	359	361	0.6 %	290	-19.7 %	249	69.4 %	301	83.4 %	236	81.4 %
Palmerston North Rural	336	325	-3.3 %	242	-25.5 %	257	76.5 %	252	77.5 %	193	79.8 %
Ruapehu	154	128	-16.9 %	67	-47.7 %	96	62.3 %	101	78.9 %	60	89.6 %
Taranaki Rural	138	116	-15.9 %	110	-5.2 %	107	77.5 %	94	81.0 %	92	83.6 %
Wanganui	296	233	-21.3 %	229	-1.7 %	240	81.1 %	186	79.8 %	193	84.3 %
Total:	1,633	1,536	-5.9 %	1,213	-21.0 %	1,194	73.1 %	1,255	81.7 %	990	81.6 %

#### Years ending 31 December

#### ADMINISTRATIVE

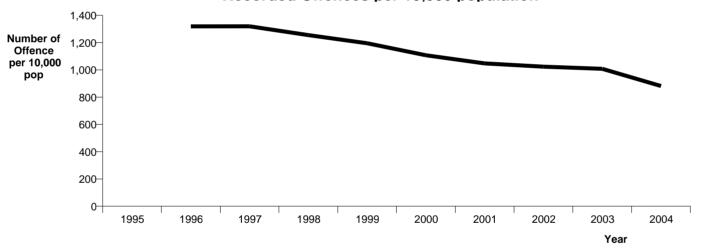
Area Description	Recorded 2002	Recorded 2003	% Variance 02-03	Recorded 2004	% Variance 03-04	Resolved 2002	Percent Resolved 2002	Resolved 2003	Percent Resolved 2003	Resolved 2004	Percent Resolved 2004
New Plymouth	203	203	0.0 %	76	-62.6 %	168	82.8 %	193	95.1 %	67	88.2 %
Palmerston North City	246	190	-22.8 %	423	122.6 %	180	73.2 %	150	78.9 %	383	90.5 %
Palmerston North Rural	111	188	69.4 %	150	-20.2 %	100	90.1 %	174	92.6 %	142	94.7 %
Ruapehu	52	51	-1.9 %	28	-45.1 %	42	80.8 %	48	94.1 %	26	92.9 %
Taranaki Rural	148	167	12.8 %	104	-37.7 %	125	84.5 %	151	90.4 %	91	87.5 %
Wanganui	74	94	27.0 %	69	-26.6 %	69	93.2 %	92	97.9 %	64	92.8 %
Total:	834	893	7.1 %	850	-4.8 %	684	82.0 %	808	90.5 %	773	90.9 %

## RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION AND RESOLUTION RATES Years ending 31 December

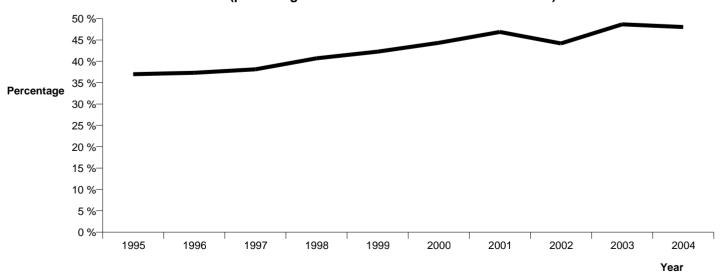
#### **TOTAL CRIME**

Calendar Year	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
1995	47,093				17,412	37.0 %	
1996	46,415	-1.4 %	1,319.1		17,319	37.3 %	0.3 %
1997	46,300	-0.2 %	1,319.6	0.0 %	17,647	38.1 %	0.8 %
1998	43,804	-5.4 %	1,254.8	-4.9 %	17,830	40.7 %	2.6 %
1999	41,479	-5.3 %	1,195.4	-4.7 %	17,528	42.3 %	1.6 %
2000	38,210	-7.9 %	1,107.2	-7.4 %	16,938	44.3 %	2.1 %
2001	35,812	-6.3 %	1,047.5	-5.4 %	16,782	46.9 %	2.5 %
2002	34,934	-2.5 %	1,023.6	-2.3 %	15,433	44.2 %	-2.7 %
2003	34,452	-1.4 %	1,007.8	-1.5 %	16,758	48.6 %	4.5 %
2004	30,094	-12.6 %	881.6	-12.5 %	14,453	48.0 %	-0.6 %

#### Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



#### **Resolution Rate**

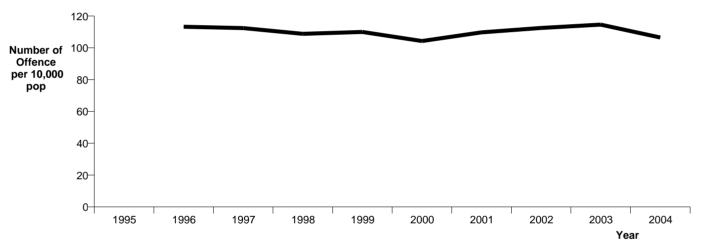


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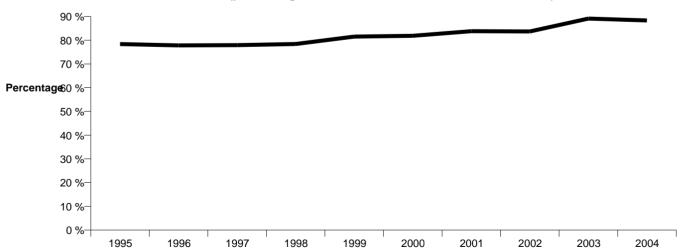
#### **VIOLENCE**

Calendar Year	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
1995	3,912				3,066	78.4 %	
1996	3,984	1.8 %	113.2		3,100	77.8 %	-0.6 %
1997	3,943	-1.0 %	112.4	-0.7 %	3,072	77.9 %	0.1 %
1998	3,798	-3.7 %	108.8	-3.2 %	2,978	78.4 %	0.5 %
1999	3,815	0.4 %	109.9	1.1 %	3,110	81.5 %	3.1 %
2000	3,598	-5.7 %	104.3	-5.2 %	2,945	81.9 %	0.3 %
2001	3,750	4.2 %	109.7	5.2 %	3,142	83.8 %	1.9 %
2002	3,839	2.4 %	112.5	2.6 %	3,213	83.7 %	-0.1 %
2003	3,917	2.0 %	114.6	1.9 %	3,491	89.1 %	5.4 %
2004	3,635	-7.2 %	106.5	-7.1 %	3,211	88.3 %	-0.8 %

#### Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



#### **Resolution Rate**

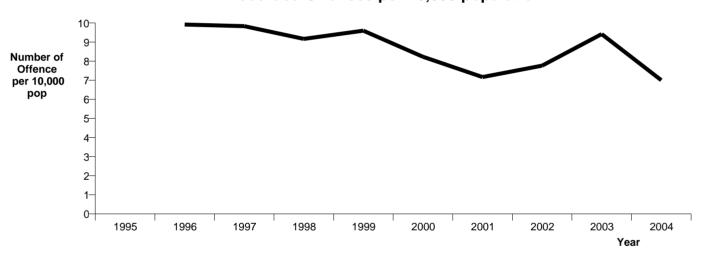


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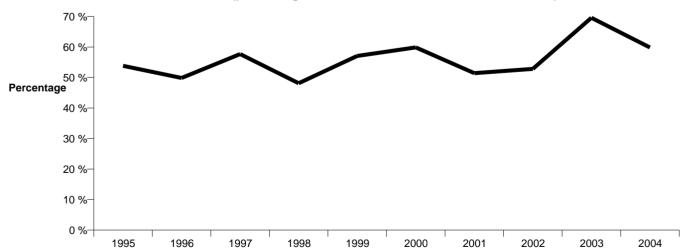
#### **SEXUAL OFFENCES**

Calendar Year	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
1995	405				218	53.8 %	
1996	349	-13.8 %	9.9		174	49.9 %	-4.0 %
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 %
2004	239	-25.8 %	7.0	-25.7 %	143	59.8 %	-9.7 %

#### Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



#### **Resolution Rate**

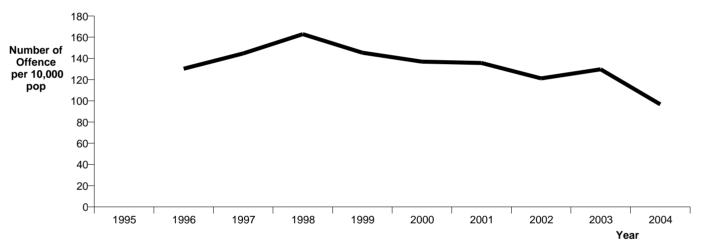


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#### DRUGS AND ANTI SOCIAL OFFENCES

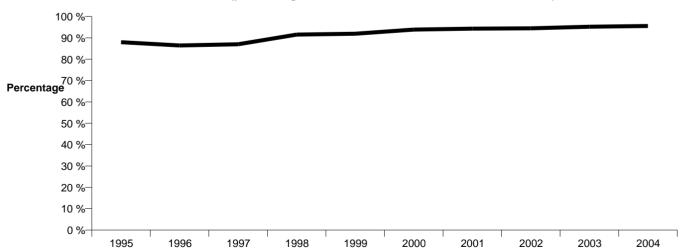
Calendar Year	Recorded Offences	Variation in Recorded Offences	Recorded Offences Per 10,000 Population	Variation In Recorded Offences Per 10,000 Population	Total Resolved Offences	Resolution Rate	Variation In Resolution Rate
1995	4,256				3,743	87.9 %	
1996	4,584	7.7 %	130.3		3,962	86.4 %	-1.5 %
1997	5,076	10.7 %	144.7	11.1 %	4,415	87.0 %	0.5 %
1998	5,686	12.0 %	162.9	12.6 %	5,204	91.5 %	4.5 %
1999	5,045	-11.3 %	145.4	-10.7 %	4,637	91.9 %	0.4 %
2000	4,725	-6.3 %	136.9	-5.8 %	4,435	93.9 %	1.9 %
2001	4,639	-1.8 %	135.7	-0.9 %	4,375	94.3 %	0.4 %
2002	4,134	-10.9 %	121.1	-10.7 %	3,905	94.5 %	0.2 %
2003	4,433	7.2 %	129.7	7.1 %	4,221	95.2 %	0.8 %
2004	3,299	-25.6 %	96.6	-25.5 %	3,152	95.5 %	0.3 %

#### Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



#### **Resolution Rate**

#### (percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)



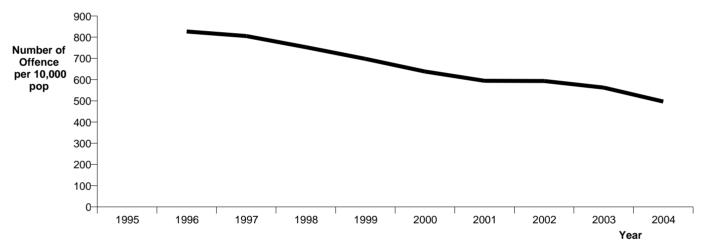
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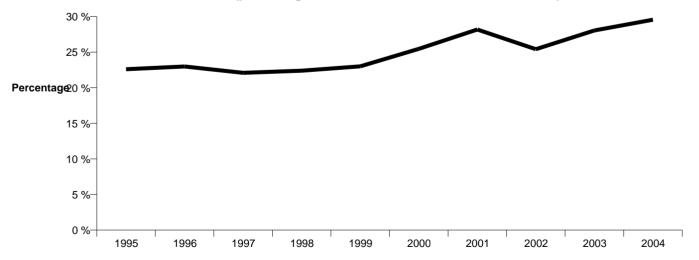
#### **DISHONESTY**

Calendar Year	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
1995	30,208				6,823	22.6 %	
1996	29,097	-3.7 %	826.9		6,686	23.0 %	0.4 %
1997	28,264	-2.9 %	805.6	-2.6 %	6,242	22.1 %	-0.9 %
1998	26,285	-7.0 %	753.0	-6.5 %	5,885	22.4 %	0.3 %
1999	24,219	-7.9 %	698.0	-7.3 %	5,568	23.0 %	0.6 %
2000	22,025	-9.1 %	638.2	-8.6 %	5,605	25.4 %	2.5 %
2001	20,318	-7.8 %	594.3	-6.9 %	5,724	28.2 %	2.7 %
2002	20,250	-0.3 %	593.3	-0.2 %	5,144	25.4 %	-2.8 %
2003	19,222	-5.1 %	562.3	-5.2 %	5,389	28.0 %	2.6 %
2004	16,949	-11.8 %	496.5	-11.7 %	5,007	29.5 %	1.5 %

#### Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



#### **Resolution Rate**

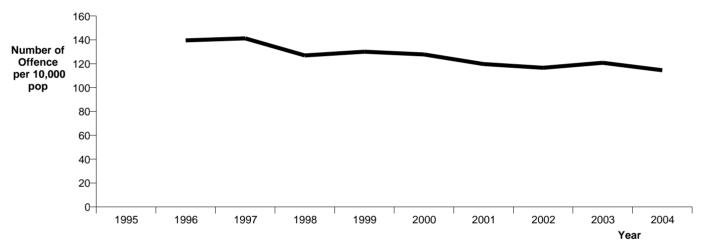


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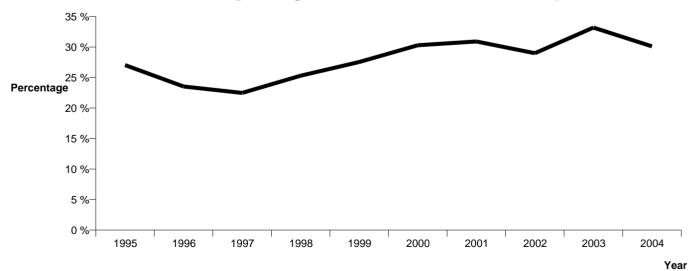
#### PROPERTY DAMAGE

Calendar Year	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
1995	5,194				1,404	27.0 %	
1996	4,910	-5.5 %	139.5		1,155	23.5 %	-3.5 %
1997	4,956	0.9 %	141.3	1.2 %	1,114	22.5 %	-1.0 %
1998	4,431	-10.6 %	126.9	-10.1 %	1,121	25.3 %	2.8 %
1999	4,513	1.9 %	130.1	2.5 %	1,243	27.5 %	2.2 %
2000	4,409	-2.3 %	127.8	-1.8 %	1,335	30.3 %	2.7 %
2001	4,093	-7.2 %	119.7	-6.3 %	1,265	30.9 %	0.6 %
2002	3,979	-2.8 %	116.6	-2.6 %	1,153	29.0 %	-1.9 %
2003	4,129	3.8 %	120.8	3.6 %	1,370	33.2 %	4.2 %
2004	3,909	-5.3 %	114.5	-5.2 %	1,177	30.1 %	-3.1 %

#### Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



#### **Resolution Rate**

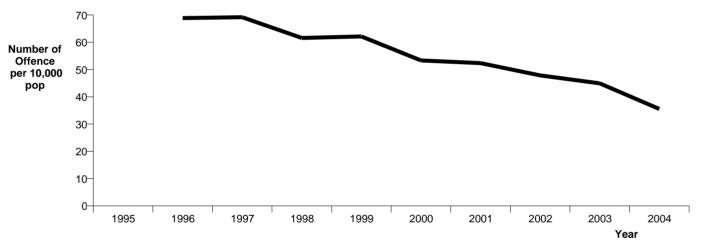


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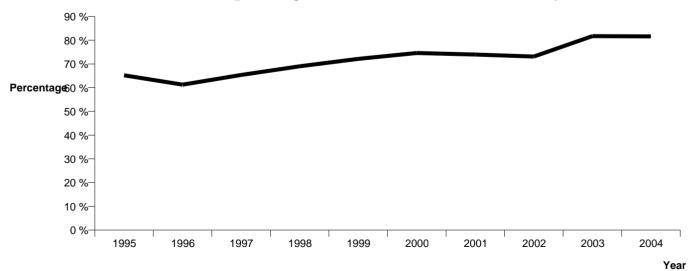
#### **PROPERTY ABUSES**

Calendar Year	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
1995	2,364				1,542	65.2 %	
1996	2,423	2.5 %	68.9		1,485	61.3 %	-3.9 %
1997	2,427	0.2 %	69.2	0.5 %	1,586	65.3 %	4.1 %
1998	2,149	-11.5 %	61.6	-11.0 %	1,483	69.0 %	3.7 %
1999	2,156	0.3 %	62.1	0.9 %	1,555	72.1 %	3.1 %
2000	1,840	-14.7 %	53.3	-14.2 %	1,373	74.6 %	2.5 %
2001	1,790	-2.7 %	52.4	-1.8 %	1,324	74.0 %	-0.7 %
2002	1,633	-8.8 %	47.8	-8.6 %	1,194	73.1 %	-0.8 %
2003	1,536	-5.9 %	44.9	-6.1 %	1,255	81.7 %	8.6 %
2004	1,213	-21.0 %	35.5	-20.9 %	990	81.6 %	-0.1 %

#### Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



#### **Resolution Rate**

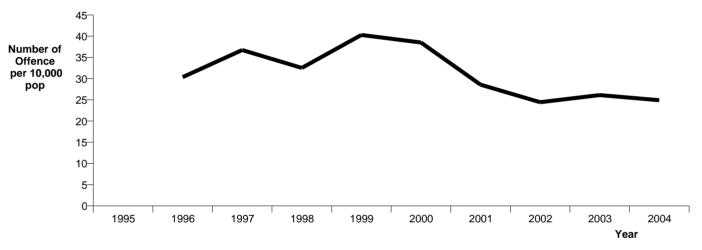


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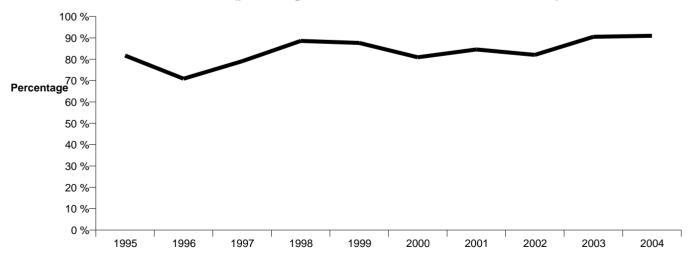
#### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

Calendar Year	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
1995	754				616	81.7 %	
1996	1,068	41.6 %	30.4		757	70.9 %	-10.8 %
1997	1,289	20.7 %	36.7	21.0 %	1,019	79.1 %	8.2 %
1998	1,135	-11.9 %	32.5	-11.5 %	1,005	88.5 %	9.5 %
1999	1,398	23.2 %	40.3	23.9 %	1,225	87.6 %	-0.9 %
2000	1,329	-4.9 %	38.5	-4.4 %	1,075	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 %
2004	850	-4.8 %	24.9	-4.7 %	773	90.9 %	0.5 %

#### Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



#### **Resolution Rate**



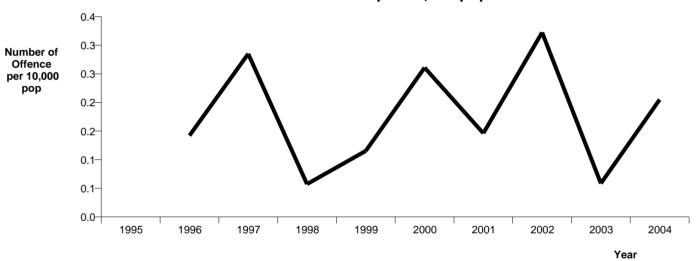
## RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION AND RESOLUTION RATES FOR SELECTED OFFENCES

Years ending 31 December

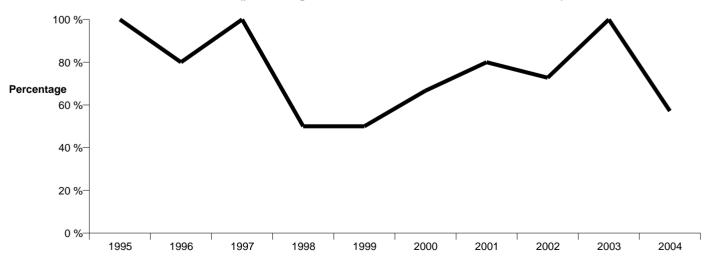
#### **MURDER** \*

Calendar Year	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
1995	2				2	100.0 %	
1996	5	150.0 %	0.1		4	80.0 %	-20.0 %
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 %
2004	7	250.0 %	0.2	250.5 %	4	57.1 %	-42.9 %

#### Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



#### **Resolution Rate**



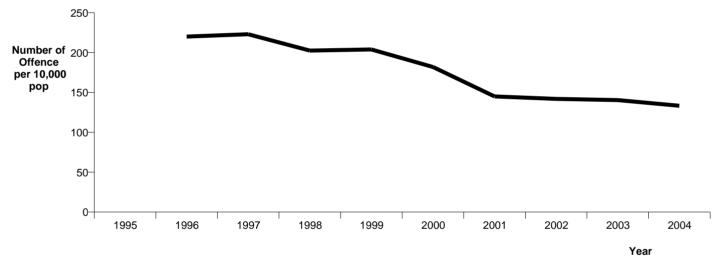
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## RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION AND RESOLUTION RATES FOR SELECTED OFFENCES Years ending 31 December

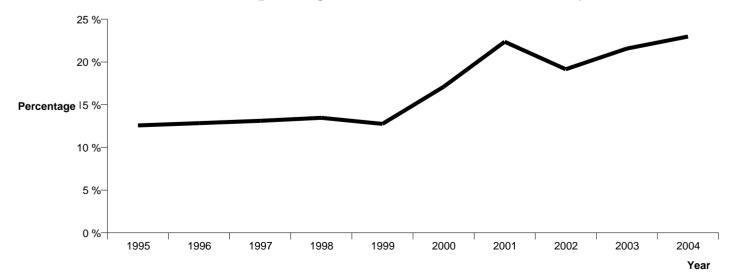
#### **BURGLARY**

Calendar Year	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
1995	7,581				953	12.6 %	
1996	7,742	2.1 %	220.0		994	12.8 %	0.3 %
1997	7,821	1.0 %	222.9	1.3 %	1,025	13.1 %	0.3 %
1998	7,067	-9.6 %	202.4	-9.2 %	951	13.5 %	0.4 %
1999	7,074	0.1 %	203.9	0.7 %	902	12.8 %	-0.7 %
2000	6,276	-11.3 %	181.9	-10.8 %	1,072	17.1 %	4.3 %
2001	4,955	-21.0 %	144.9	-20.3 %	1,108	22.4 %	5.3 %
2002	4,841	-2.3 %	141.8	-2.1 %	927	19.1 %	-3.2 %
2003	4,799	-0.9 %	140.4	-1.0 %	1,035	21.6 %	2.4 %
2004	4,548	-5.2 %	133.2	-5.1 %	1,045	23.0 %	1.4 %

#### Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



#### **Resolution Rate**



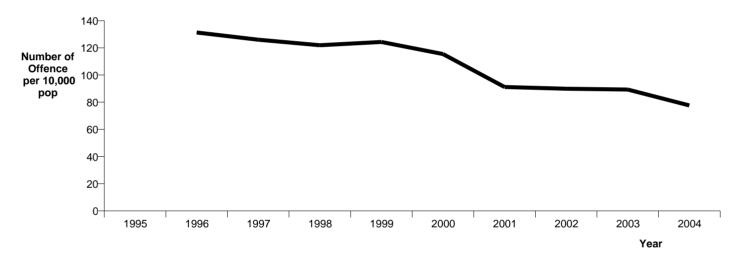
## RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION AND RESOLUTION RATES FOR SELECTED OFFENCES

Years ending 31 December

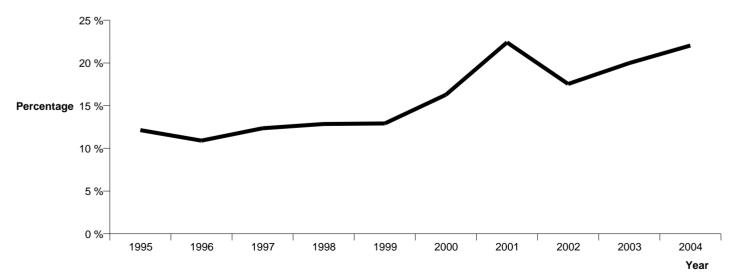
#### **DWELLING BURGLARY**

Calendar Year	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
1995	4,500				546	12.1 %	
1996	4,620	2.7 %	131.3		504	10.9 %	-1.2 %
1997	4,421	-4.3 %	126.0	-4.0 %	546	12.4 %	1.4 %
1998	4,256	-3.7 %	121.9	-3.2 %	547	12.9 %	0.5 %
1999	4,314	1.4 %	124.3	2.0 %	557	12.9 %	0.1 %
2000	3,983	-7.7 %	115.4	-7.2 %	648	16.3 %	3.4 %
2001	3,116	-21.8 %	91.1	-21.0 %	698	22.4 %	6.1 %
2002	3,068	-1.5 %	89.9	-1.4 %	538	17.5 %	-4.9 %
2003	3,053	-0.5 %	89.3	-0.7 %	610	20.0 %	2.4 %
2004	2,650	-13.2 %	77.6	-13.1 %	584	22.0 %	2.1 %

#### Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate (percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)

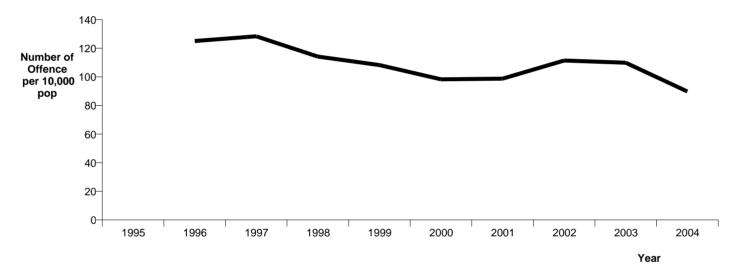


## RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION AND RESOLUTION RATES FOR SELECTED OFFENCES Years ending 31 December

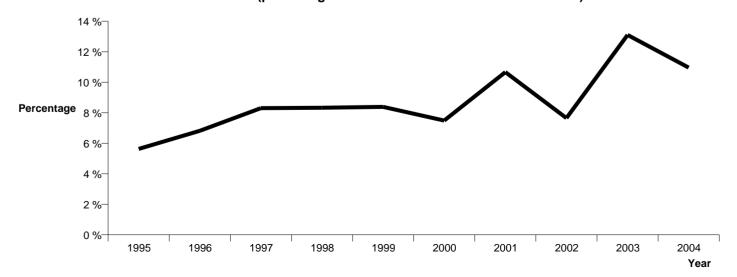
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Calendar Year	Recorded Offences	Variation in Recorded Offences	Recorded Offences Per 10,000 Population	Variation In Recorded Offences Per 10,000 Population	Total Resolved Offences	Resolution Rate	Variation In Resolution Rate
1995	4,528				255	5.6 %	
1996	4,400	-2.8 %	125.0		300	6.8 %	1.2 %
1997	4,504	2.4 %	128.4	2.7 %	374	8.3 %	1.5 %
1998	3,986	-11.5 %	114.2	-11.1 %	332	8.3 %	0.0 %
1999	3,757	-5.7 %	108.3	-5.2 %	315	8.4 %	0.1 %
2000	3,391	-9.7 %	98.3	-9.2 %	254	7.5 %	-0.9 %
2001	3,375	-0.5 %	98.7	0.5 %	360	10.7 %	3.2 %
2002	3,803	12.7 %	111.4	12.9 %	291	7.7 %	-3.0 %
2003	3,756	-1.2 %	109.9	-1.4 %	492	13.1 %	5.4 %
2004	3,065	-18.4 %	89.8	-18.3 %	336	11.0 %	-2.1 %

#### Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



#### **Resolution Rate**

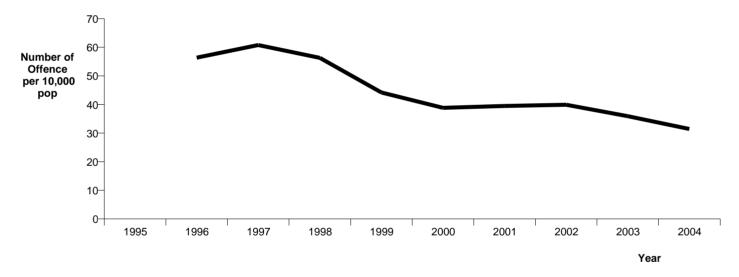


## RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION AND RESOLUTION RATES FOR SELECTED OFFENCES Years ending 31 December

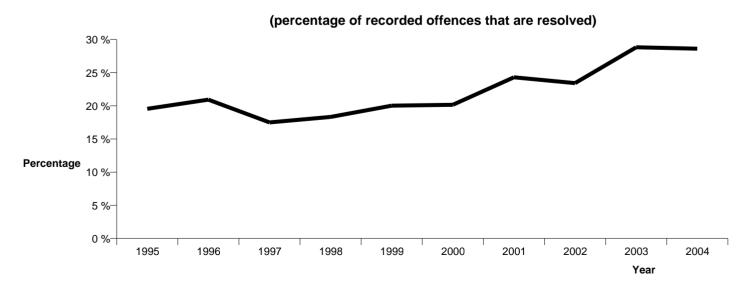
#### CAR THEFT & UNLAWFUL TAKING/CONVERSION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Calendar Year	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
1995	2,261	•			442	19.5 %	
1996	1,983	-12.3 %	56.4		415	20.9 %	1.4 %
1997	2,132	7.5 %	60.8	7.8 %	373	17.5 %	-3.4 %
1998	1,965	-7.8 %	56.3	-7.4 %	360	18.3 %	0.8 %
1999	1,533	-22.0 %	44.2	-21.5 %	307	20.0 %	1.7 %
2000	1,340	-12.6 %	38.8	-12.1 %	270	20.1 %	0.1 %
2001	1,350	0.7 %	39.5	1.7 %	328	24.3 %	4.1 %
2002	1,362	0.9 %	39.9	1.1 %	319	23.4 %	-0.9 %
2003	1,228	-9.8 %	35.9	-10.0 %	354	28.8 %	5.4 %
2004	1,073	-12.6 %	31.4	-12.5 %	307	28.6 %	-0.2 %

#### Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



#### **Resolution Rate**



#### **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.

Population			
351,870			
350,860			
349,090			
346,990			
345,090			
341,890			
341,290			
341,870			
341,350			