

CENTRAL DISTRICT CRIME STATISTICS 2008



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

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REPORT NOTES:

Statistics reported in this document are derived from the Police National Intelligence Application (N.I.A) These Official Crime Statistics present a snapshot of data in N.I.A. relating to offences within a given year, as at the date 14 days following the end of that year.

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.

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).

Note that the Population Estimates have been revised for 2002 to 2006 as a result of the 2006 Census. In previous reports population estimates were based on the 2001 Census. Crime rates reported in this report for those years may differ from those previously reported as a result.

Legislation changes during 2008 have generally had negligible impact on total recorded crime statistics. However, expanded graffiti legislation under sections 11A and 11B of the Summary Offences Act 1981, have resulted in new offence codes being created to capture some of the graffiti offences more explicitly, and to create a new offence for being in possession of graffiti implements without reasonable excuse. The net impact of this legislation change would be a very small increase in the number of offences recorded.

When comparing 2008 Statistics with previous years, the reader should also refer to "Report Notes" published in previous years' reports, as previous changes 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 2006	Recorded 2007	Recorded 2008	Variance 06-07	Variance 07-08	Resolved 2006	Resolved 2007	Resolved 2008	Percent Resolved 2006	Percent Resolved 2007	Percent Resolved 2008
Violence	Grievous Assaults	330	360	408	9.1 %	13.3 %	292	338	364	88.5 %	93.9 %	89.2 %
	Group Assemblies	22	29	36	31.8 %	24.1 %	20	25	30	90.9 %	86.2 %	83.3 %
	Homicide	6	5	13	-16.7 %	160.0 %	6	5	13	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
	Intimidation And Threats	983	996	1,086	1.3 %	9.0 %	881	902	954	89.6 %	90.6 %	87.8 %
	Kidnapping And Abduction	13	24	16	84.6 %	-33.3 %	7	23	13	53.8 %	95.8 %	81.3 %
	Minor Assaults	1,138	1,287	1,353	13.1 %	5.1 %	947	1,093	1,157	83.2 %	84.9 %	85.5 %
	Robbery	136	141	122	3.7 %	-13.5 %	64	66	67	47.1 %	46.8 %	54.9 %
	Serious Assaults	1,494	1,790	1,876	19.8 %	4.8 %	1,315	1,563	1,616	88.0 %	87.3 %	86.1 %
Violence		4,122	4,632	4,910	12.4 %	6.0 %	3,532	4,015	4,214	85.7 %	86.7 %	85.8 %

Offence Category	Offence Class Description	Recorded 2006	Recorded 2007	Recorded 2008	Variance 06-07	Variance 07-08	Resolved 2006	Resolved 2007	Resolved 2008	Percent Resolved 2006	Percent Resolved 2007	Percent Resolved 2008
Sexual	Abnormal Sex	4	4	7	0.0 %	75.0 %	3	4	4	75.0 %	100.0 %	57.1 %
	Immoral Behaviour	31	42	33	35.5 %	-21.4 %	24	34	20	77.4 %	81.0 %	60.6 %
	Immoral Behaviour/Miscellaneous	8	8	7	0.0 %	-12.5 %	4	4	2	50.0 %	50.0 %	28.6 %
	Sexual Affronts	30	29	25	-3.3 %	-13.8 %	16	16	16	53.3 %	55.2 %	64.0 %
	Sexual Attacks	151	164	223	8.6 %	36.0 %	97	107	150	64.2 %	65.2 %	67.3 %
Sexual		224	247	295	10.3 %	19.4 %	144	165	192	64.3 %	66.8 %	65.1 %

Offence Category	Offence Class Description	Recorded 2006	Recorded 2007	Recorded 2008	Variance 06-07	Variance 07-08	Resolved 2006	Resolved 2007	Resolved 2008	Percent Resolved 2006	Percent Resolved 2007	Percent Resolved 2008
Drugs & AntiSocial	Disorder	1,378	1,541	1,658	11.8 %	7.6 %	1,327	1,473	1,576	96.3 %	95.6 %	95.1 %
	Drugs (Cannabis Only)	1,056	1,128	1,385	6.8 %	22.8 %	998	1,077	1,331	94.5 %	95.5 %	96.1 %
	Drugs (New Drugs)	82	125	80	52.4 %	-36.0 %	76	115	78	92.7 %	92.0 %	97.5 %
	Drugs (Not Cannabis)	68	51	37	-25.0 %	-27.5 %	68	49	35	100.0 %	96.1 %	94.6 %
	Family Offences	17	20	16	17.6 %	-20.0 %	10	16	13	58.8 %	80.0 %	81.3 %
	Family Offences Continued	387	421	465	8.8 %	10.5 %	353	379	429	91.2 %	90.0 %	92.3 %
	Gaming			1					1			100.0 %
	Sale Of Liquor Act	369	306	390	-17.1 %	27.5 %	360	296	382	97.6 %	96.7 %	97.9 %
	Vagrancy Offences	3	2	7	-33.3 %	250.0 %	3	1	7	100.0 %	50.0 %	100.0 %
Drugs & AntiSocial		3,360	3,594	4,039	7.0 %	12.4 %	3,195	3,406	3,852	95.1 %	94.8 %	95.4 %

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

Offence Category	Offence Class Description	Recorded 2006	Recorded 2007	Recorded 2008	Variance 06-07	Variance 07-08	Resolved 2006	Resolved 2007	Resolved 2008	Percent Resolved 2006	Percent Resolved 2007	Percent Resolved 2008
Dishonesty	Burglary	5,175	5,314	5,141	2.7 %	-3.3 %	986	1,103	947	19.1 %	20.8 %	18.4 %
	Car Conversion Etc	2,512	1,913	1,800	-23.8 %	-5.9 %	620	422	415	24.7 %	22.1 %	23.1 %
	Dishonesty/Miscellaneous	30	23	42	-23.3 %	82.6 %	5	8	21	16.7 %	34.8 %	50.0 %
	Fraud	671	523	792	-22.1 %	51.4 %	453	342	594	67.5 %	65.4 %	75.0 %
	Receiving	202	215	216	6.4 %	0.5 %	200	212	211	99.0 %	98.6 %	97.7 %
	Theft	9,717	8,949	8,474	-7.9 %	-5.3 %	2,523	2,461	2,289	26.0 %	27.5 %	27.0 %
Dishonesty		18,307	16,937	16,465	-7.5 %	-2.8 %	4,787	4,548	4,477	26.1 %	26.9 %	27.2 %

Offence Category	Offence Class Description	Recorded 2006	Recorded 2007	Recorded 2008	Variance 06-07	Variance 07-08	Resolved 2006	Resolved 2007	Resolved 2008	Percent Resolved 2006	Percent Resolved 2007	Percent Resolved 2008
Property Damage	Destruction Of Property	4,928	5,104	5,242	3.6 %	2.7 %	1,389	1,553	1,582	28.2 %	30.4 %	30.2 %
	Endangering	18	26	24	44.4 %	-7.7 %	16	23	19	88.9 %	88.5 %	79.2 %
Property Damage		4,946	5,130	5,266	3.7 %	2.7 %	1,405	1,576	1,601	28.4 %	30.7 %	30.4 %

Offence Category	Offence Class Description	Recorded 2006	Recorded 2007	Recorded 2008	Variance 06-07	Variance 07-08	Resolved 2006	Resolved 2007	Resolved 2008	Percent Resolved 2006	Percent Resolved 2007	Percent Resolved 2008
Property Abuse	Animals	25	27	36	8.0 %	33.3 %	21	20	21	84.0 %	74.1 %	58.3 %
	Arms Act Offences	260	257	273	-1.2 %	6.2 %	214	218	233	82.3 %	84.8 %	85.3 %
	Littering	27	20	34	-25.9 %	70.0 %	22	20	27	81.5 %	100.0 %	79.4 %
	Postal/rail/fire Service Abuses	257	261	233	1.6 %	-10.7 %	178	182	147	69.3 %	69.7 %	63.1 %
	Trespass	653	626	700	-4.1 %	11.8 %	555	491	568	85.0 %	78.4 %	81.1 %
Property Abuse		1,222	1,191	1,276	-2.5 %	7.1 %	990	931	996	81.0 %	78.2 %	78.1 %

Offence Category	Offence Class Description	Recorded 2006	Recorded 2007	Recorded 2008	Variance 06-07	Variance 07-08	Resolved 2006	Resolved 2007	Resolved 2008	Percent Resolved 2006	Percent Resolved 2007	Percent Resolved 2008
Administrative	Against Justice	597	764	744	28.0 %	-2.6 %	537	739	720	89.9 %	96.7 %	96.8 %
	By Law Breaches	229	251	231	9.6 %	-8.0 %	223	247	230	97.4 %	98.4 %	99.6 %
	Immigration	1		1	-100.0 %		1		1	100.0 %		100.0 %
	Justice (Special)	10	13	19	30.0 %	46.2 %	8	10	18	80.0 %	76.9 %	94.7 %
	Racial		1			-100.0 %		1			100.0 %	
Administrative		837	1,029	995	22.9 %	-3.3 %	769	997	969	91.9 %	96.9 %	97.4 %

TOTAL		33,018	32,760	33,246	-0.8 %	1.5 %	14,822	15,638	16,301	44.9 %	47.7 %	49.0 %
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DISTRICT RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION, BY AREA
Years ending 31 December

Area Description	Recorded per 10,000 pop 2006	Recorded per 10,000 pop 2007	Recorded per 10,000 pop 2008	Percent Variance 06-07	Percent Variance 07-08
New Plymouth	989.5	992.6	991.6	0.3 %	-0.1 %
Palmerston North City	1,227.7	1,143.3	1,106.9	-6.9 %	-3.2 %
Palmerston North Rural	774.9	842.3	852.5	8.7 %	1.2 %
Ruapehu	698.8	790.5	959.6	13.1 %	21.4 %
Taranaki Rural	802.0	770.4	788.0	-3.9 %	2.3 %
Wanganui	962.3	930.2	984.8	-3.3 %	5.9 %
TOTAL	957.0	950.7	963.3	-0.7 %	1.3 %

DISTRICT RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION, BY CATEGORY

Years ending 31 December

Offence Category	Offence Class	Recorded per 10,000 pop 2006	Recorded per 10,000 pop 2007	Recorded per 10,000 pop 2008
Violence	Grievous Assaults	9.6	10.4	11.8
	Group Assemblies	0.6	0.8	1.0
	Homicide	0.2	0.1	0.4
	Intimidation And Threats	28.5	28.9	31.5
	Kidnapping And Abduction	0.4	0.7	0.5
	Minor Assaults	33.0	37.3	39.2
	Robbery	3.9	4.1	3.5
	Serious Assaults	43.3	51.9	54.4
Violence		119.5	134.4	142.3

Offence Category	Offence Class	Recorded per 10,000 pop 2006	Recorded per 10,000 pop 2007	Recorded per 10,000 pop 2008
Sexual	Abnormal Sex	0.1	0.1	0.2
	Immoral Behaviour	0.9	1.2	1.0
	Immoral Behaviour/Miscellaneous	0.2	0.2	0.2
	Sexual Affronts	0.9	0.8	0.7
	Sexual Attacks	4.4	4.8	6.5
Sexual		6.5	7.2	8.5

Offence Category	Offence Class	Recorded per 10,000 pop 2006	Recorded per 10,000 pop 2007	Recorded per 10,000 pop 2008
Drugs & AntiSocial	Disorder	39.9	44.7	48.0
	Drugs (Cannabis Only)	30.6	32.7	40.1
	Drugs (New Drugs)	2.4	3.6	2.3
	Drugs (Not Cannabis)	2.0	1.5	1.1
	Family Offences	0.5	0.6	0.5
	Family Offences Continued	11.2	12.2	13.5
	Gaming			0.0
	Sale Of Liquor Act	10.7	8.9	11.3
	Vagrancy Offences	0.1	0.1	0.2
Drugs & AntiSocial		97.4	104.3	117.0

DISTRICT RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION, BY CATEGORY

Years ending 31 December

Offence Category	Offence Class	Recorded per 10,000 pop 2006	Recorded per 10,000 pop 2007	Recorded per 10,000 pop 2008
Dishonesty	Burglary	150.0	154.2	149.0
	Car Conversion Etc	72.8	55.5	52.2
	Dishonesty/Miscellaneous	0.9	0.7	1.2
	Fraud	19.4	15.2	22.9
	Receiving	5.9	6.2	6.3
	Theft	281.6	259.7	245.5
Dishonesty		530.6	491.5	477.1

Offence Category	Offence Class	Recorded per 10,000 pop 2006	Recorded per 10,000 pop 2007	Recorded per 10,000 pop 2008
Property Damage	Destruction Of Property	142.8	148.1	151.9
	Endangering	0.5	0.8	0.7
Property Damage		143.4	148.9	152.6

Offence Category	Offence Class	Recorded per 10,000 pop 2006	Recorded per 10,000 pop 2007	Recorded per 10,000 pop 2008
Property Abuse	Animals	0.7	0.8	1.0
	Arms Act Offences	7.5	7.5	7.9
	Littering	0.8	0.6	1.0
	Postal/rail/fire Service Abuses	7.4	7.6	6.8
	Trespass	18.9	18.2	20.3
Property Abuse		35.4	34.6	37.0

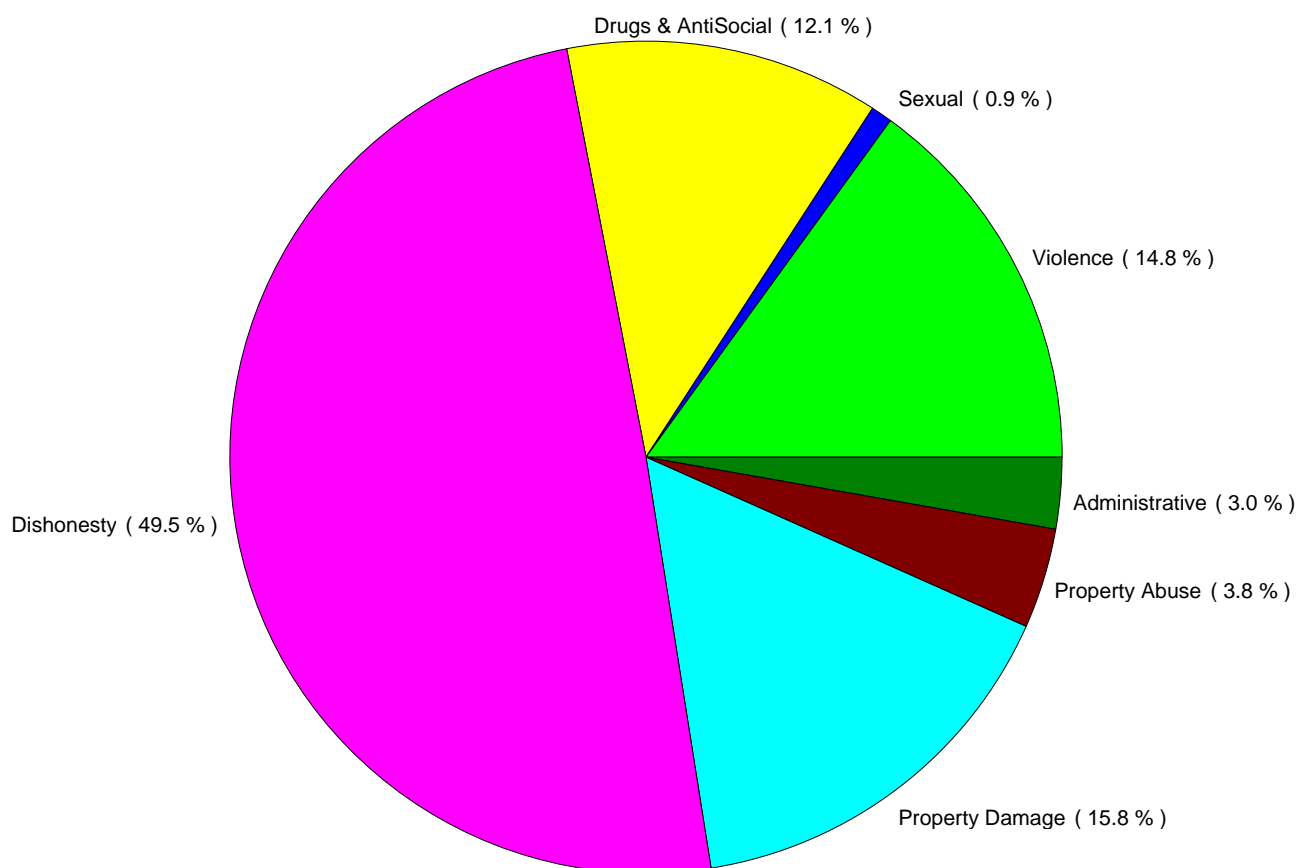
Offence Category	Offence Class	Recorded per 10,000 pop 2006	Recorded per 10,000 pop 2007	Recorded per 10,000 pop 2008
Administrative	Against Justice	17.3	22.2	21.6
	By Law Breaches	6.6	7.3	6.7
	Immigration	0.0		0.0
	Justice (Special)	0.3	0.4	0.6
	Racial		0.0	
Administrative		24.3	29.9	28.8

TOTAL		957.0	950.7	963.3
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PROPORTION OF RECORDED CRIME BY CATEGORY
Years ending 31 December

Offence Category Description	Proportions Recorded 2006	Recorded 2006	Proportions Recorded 2007	Recorded 2007	Proportions Recorded 2008	Recorded 2008
Violence	12.5 %	4,122	14.1 %	4,632	14.8 %	4,910
Sexual	0.7 %	224	0.8 %	247	0.9 %	295
Drugs & AntiSocial	10.2 %	3,360	11.0 %	3,594	12.1 %	4,039
Dishonesty	55.4 %	18,307	51.7 %	16,937	49.5 %	16,465
Property Damage	15.0 %	4,946	15.7 %	5,130	15.8 %	5,266
Property Abuse	3.7 %	1,222	3.6 %	1,191	3.8 %	1,276
Administrative	2.5 %	837	3.1 %	1,029	3.0 %	995
Total:	100.0 %	33,018	100.00 %	32,760	100.0 %	33,246

TOTAL DISTRICT CRIME BY CATEGORY FOR 2008
(ending 31 December)



SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME, BY AREA

Years ending 31 December

TOTAL CRIME

Area Description	Recorded 2006	Recorded 2007	Recorded 2008	Variance 06-07	Variance 07-08	Resolved 2006	Resolved 2007	Resolved 2008	Percent Resolved 2006	Percent Resolved 2007	Percent Resolved 2008
New Plymouth	7,095	7,147	7,173	0.7 %	0.4 %	3,574	3,700	3,864	50.4 %	51.8 %	53.9 %
Palmerston North City	10,201	9,535	9,297	-6.5 %	-2.5 %	3,870	3,722	3,727	37.9 %	39.0 %	40.1 %
Palmerston North Rural	6,477	7,029	7,120	8.5 %	1.3 %	2,609	3,334	3,467	40.3 %	47.4 %	48.7 %
Ruapehu	1,241	1,381	1,662	11.3 %	20.3 %	749	811	961	60.4 %	58.7 %	57.8 %
Taranaki Rural	2,750	2,620	2,677	-4.7 %	2.2 %	1,406	1,491	1,561	51.1 %	56.9 %	58.3 %
Wanganui	5,254	5,048	5,317	-3.9 %	5.3 %	2,614	2,580	2,721	49.8 %	51.1 %	51.2 %
Total:	33,018	32,760	33,246	-0.8 %	1.5 %	14,822	15,638	16,301	44.9 %	47.7 %	49.0 %

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME CATEGORY, BY AREA

Years ending 31 December

VIOLENCE

Area Description	Recorded 2006	Recorded 2007	Recorded 2008	Variance 06-07	Variance 07-08	Resolved 2006	Resolved 2007	Resolved 2008	Percent Resolved 2006	Percent Resolved 2007	Percent Resolved 2008
New Plymouth	929	1,052	999	13.2 %	-5.0 %	770	908	835	82.9 %	86.3 %	83.6 %
Palmerston North City	1,046	1,141	1,093	9.1 %	-4.2 %	842	868	844	80.5 %	76.1 %	77.2 %
Palmerston North Rural	803	1,028	1,145	28.0 %	11.4 %	678	896	1,015	84.4 %	87.2 %	88.6 %
Ruapehu	182	215	258	18.1 %	20.0 %	178	208	244	97.8 %	96.7 %	94.6 %
Taranaki Rural	375	439	480	17.1 %	9.3 %	345	415	441	92.0 %	94.5 %	91.9 %
Wanganui	787	757	935	-3.8 %	23.5 %	719	720	835	91.4 %	95.1 %	89.3 %
Total:	4,122	4,632	4,910	12.4 %	6.0 %	3,532	4,015	4,214	85.7 %	86.7 %	85.8 %

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME CATEGORY, BY AREA

Years ending 31 December

SEXUAL

Area Description	Recorded 2006	Recorded 2007	Recorded 2008	Variance 06-07	Variance 07-08	Resolved 2006	Resolved 2007	Resolved 2008	Percent Resolved 2006	Percent Resolved 2007	Percent Resolved 2008
New Plymouth	57	77	93	35.1 %	20.8 %	42	48	58	73.7 %	62.3 %	62.4 %
Palmerston North City	59	52	79	-11.9 %	51.9 %	35	31	54	59.3 %	59.6 %	68.4 %
Palmerston North Rural	37	41	53	10.8 %	29.3 %	17	25	29	45.9 %	61.0 %	54.7 %
Ruapehu	3	12	8	300.0 %	-33.3 %	2	10	8	66.7 %	83.3 %	100.0 %
Taranaki Rural	24	37	29	54.2 %	-21.6 %	14	35	21	58.3 %	94.6 %	72.4 %
Wanganui	44	28	33	-36.4 %	17.9 %	34	16	22	77.3 %	57.1 %	66.7 %
Total:	224	247	295	10.3 %	19.4 %	144	165	192	64.3 %	66.8 %	65.1 %

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME CATEGORY, BY AREA

Years ending 31 December

DRUGS & ANTISOCIAL

Area Description	Recorded 2006	Recorded 2007	Recorded 2008	Variance 06-07	Variance 07-08	Resolved 2006	Resolved 2007	Resolved 2008	Percent Resolved 2006	Percent Resolved 2007	Percent Resolved 2008
New Plymouth	1,158	1,180	1,218	1.9 %	3.2 %	1,086	1,106	1,170	93.8 %	93.7 %	96.1 %
Palmerston North City	726	686	839	-5.5 %	22.3 %	695	650	795	95.7 %	94.8 %	94.8 %
Palmerston North Rural	554	706	691	27.4 %	-2.1 %	517	659	649	93.3 %	93.3 %	93.9 %
Ruapehu	178	117	253	-34.3 %	116.2 %	175	114	242	98.3 %	97.4 %	95.7 %
Taranaki Rural	243	346	400	42.4 %	15.6 %	235	336	383	96.7 %	97.1 %	95.8 %
Wanganui	501	559	638	11.6 %	14.1 %	487	541	613	97.2 %	96.8 %	96.1 %
Total:	3,360	3,594	4,039	7.0 %	12.4 %	3,195	3,406	3,852	95.1 %	94.8 %	95.4 %

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME CATEGORY, BY AREA

Years ending 31 December

DISHONESTY

Area Description	Recorded 2006	Recorded 2007	Recorded 2008	Variance 06-07	Variance 07-08	Resolved 2006	Resolved 2007	Resolved 2008	Percent Resolved 2006	Percent Resolved 2007	Percent Resolved 2008
New Plymouth	3,288	3,124	3,202	-5.0 %	2.5 %	976	920	1,104	29.7 %	29.4 %	34.5 %
Palmerston North City	6,286	5,476	5,302	-12.9 %	-3.2 %	1,342	1,121	1,048	21.3 %	20.5 %	19.8 %
Palmerston North Rural	3,766	3,691	3,530	-2.0 %	-4.4 %	889	980	954	23.6 %	26.6 %	27.0 %
Ruapehu	604	711	713	17.7 %	0.3 %	214	286	225	35.4 %	40.2 %	31.6 %
Taranaki Rural	1,386	1,189	1,067	-14.2 %	-10.3 %	470	397	419	33.9 %	33.4 %	39.3 %
Wanganui	2,977	2,746	2,651	-7.8 %	-3.5 %	896	844	727	30.1 %	30.7 %	27.4 %
Total:	18,307	16,937	16,465	-7.5 %	-2.8 %	4,787	4,548	4,477	26.1 %	26.9 %	27.2 %

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME CATEGORY, BY AREA

Years ending 31 December

PROPERTY DAMAGE

Area Description	Recorded 2006	Recorded 2007	Recorded 2008	Variance 06-07	Variance 07-08	Resolved 2006	Resolved 2007	Resolved 2008	Percent Resolved 2006	Percent Resolved 2007	Percent Resolved 2008
New Plymouth	1,216	1,240	1,189	2.0 %	-4.1 %	370	330	312	30.4 %	26.6 %	26.2 %
Palmerston North City	1,352	1,336	1,206	-1.2 %	-9.7 %	298	277	278	22.0 %	20.7 %	23.1 %
Palmerston North Rural	984	1,132	1,216	15.0 %	7.4 %	230	411	406	23.4 %	36.3 %	33.4 %
Ruapehu	165	220	297	33.3 %	35.0 %	79	94	125	47.9 %	42.7 %	42.1 %
Taranaki Rural	545	471	582	-13.6 %	23.6 %	184	192	193	33.8 %	40.8 %	33.2 %
Wanganui	684	731	776	6.9 %	6.2 %	244	272	287	35.7 %	37.2 %	37.0 %
Total:	4,946	5,130	5,266	3.7 %	2.7 %	1,405	1,576	1,601	28.4 %	30.7 %	30.4 %

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME CATEGORY, BY AREA

Years ending 31 December

PROPERTY ABUSE

Area Description	Recorded 2006	Recorded 2007	Recorded 2008	Variance 06-07	Variance 07-08	Resolved 2006	Resolved 2007	Resolved 2008	Percent Resolved 2006	Percent Resolved 2007	Percent Resolved 2008
New Plymouth	269	274	278	1.9 %	1.5 %	196	194	202	72.9 %	70.8 %	72.7 %
Palmerston North City	357	289	293	-19.0 %	1.4 %	288	224	226	80.7 %	77.5 %	77.1 %
Palmerston North Rural	235	291	328	23.8 %	12.7 %	187	230	260	79.6 %	79.0 %	79.3 %
Ruapehu	66	67	78	1.5 %	16.4 %	58	60	64	87.9 %	89.6 %	82.1 %
Taranaki Rural	116	101	94	-12.9 %	-6.9 %	100	81	81	86.2 %	80.2 %	86.2 %
Wanganui	179	169	205	-5.6 %	21.3 %	161	142	163	89.9 %	84.0 %	79.5 %
Total:	1,222	1,191	1,276	-2.5 %	7.1 %	990	931	996	81.0 %	78.2 %	78.1 %

SUMMARY OF DISTRICT RECORDED AND RESOLVED CRIME CATEGORY, BY AREA

Years ending 31 December

ADMINISTRATIVE

Area Description	Recorded 2006	Recorded 2007	Recorded 2008	Variance 06-07	Variance 07-08	Resolved 2006	Resolved 2007	Resolved 2008	Percent Resolved 2006	Percent Resolved 2007	Percent Resolved 2008
New Plymouth	178	200	194	12.4 %	-3.0 %	134	194	183	75.3 %	97.0 %	94.3 %
Palmerston North City	375	555	485	48.0 %	-12.6 %	370	551	482	98.7 %	99.3 %	99.4 %
Palmerston North Rural	98	140	157	42.9 %	12.1 %	91	133	154	92.9 %	95.0 %	98.1 %
Ruapehu	43	39	55	-9.3 %	41.0 %	43	39	53	100.0 %	100.0 %	96.4 %
Taranaki Rural	61	37	25	-39.3 %	-32.4 %	58	35	23	95.1 %	94.6 %	92.0 %
Wanganui	82	58	79	-29.3 %	36.2 %	73	45	74	89.0 %	77.6 %	93.7 %
Total:	837	1,029	995	22.9 %	-3.3 %	769	997	969	91.9 %	96.9 %	97.4 %

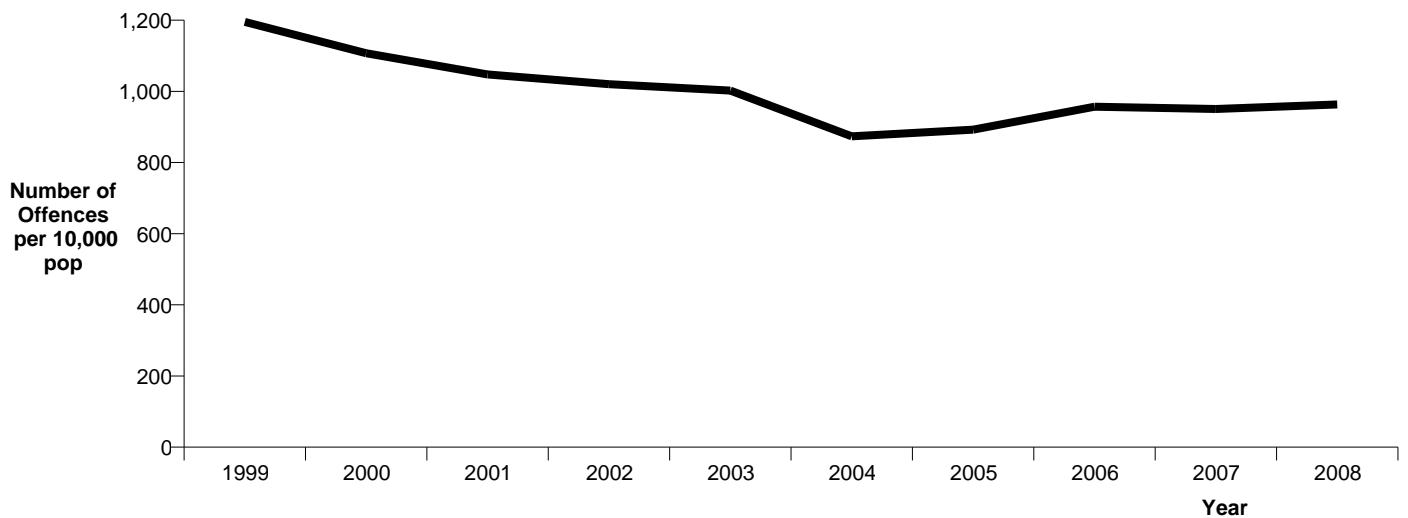
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Years ending 31 December

TOTAL CRIME

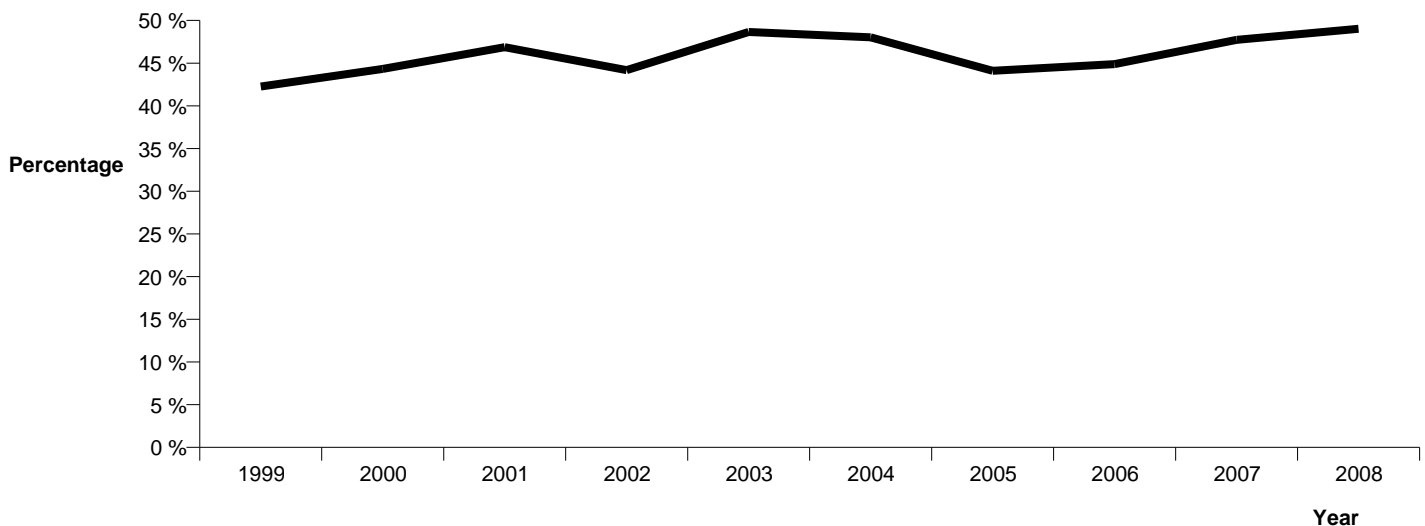
Calendar Year	Recorded Offences	Variation in Recorded Offences	Recorded Offences Per 10,000 Population	Variation In Recorded Offences Per 10,000 Population	Total Resolved Offences	Resolution Rate	Variation In Resolution Rate
1999	41,479		1,195.4		17,528	42.3 %	
2000	38,210	-7.9 %	1,107.2	-7.4 %	16,938	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 %	1,020.1	-2.6 %	15,433	44.2 %	-2.7 %
2003	34,452	-1.4 %	1,002.2	-1.8 %	16,758	48.6 %	4.5 %
2004	30,094	-12.6 %	873.6	-12.8 %	14,453	48.0 %	-0.6 %
2005	30,731	2.1 %	892.6	2.2 %	13,555	44.1 %	-3.9 %
2006	33,018	7.4 %	957.0	7.2 %	14,822	44.9 %	0.8 %
2007	32,760	-0.8 %	950.7	-0.7 %	15,638	47.7 %	2.8 %
2008	33,246	1.5 %	963.3	1.3 %	16,301	49.0 %	1.3 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)



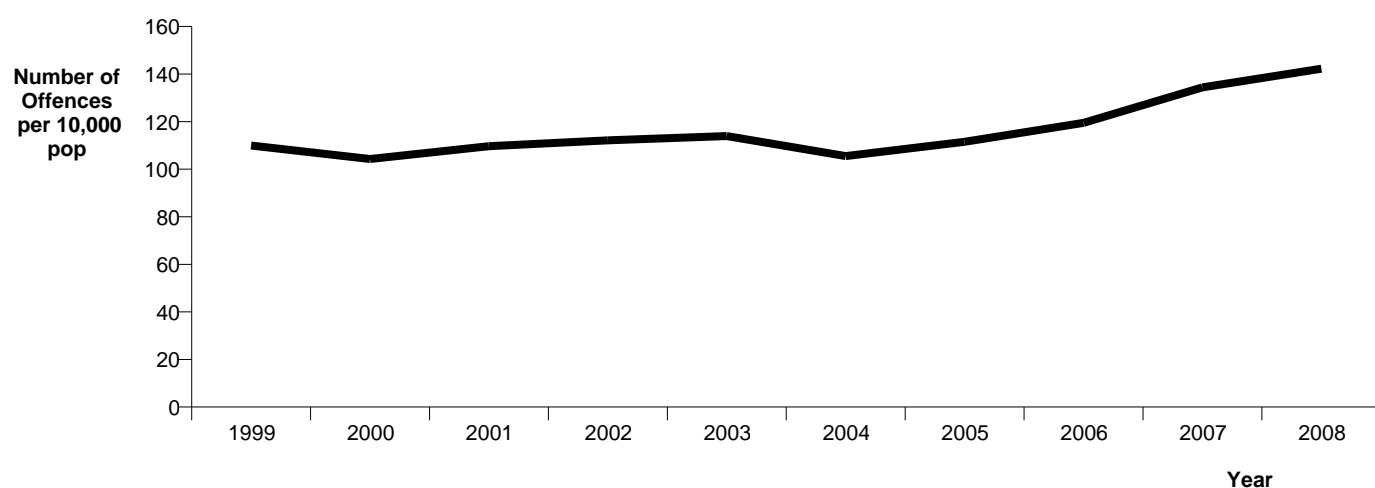
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Years ending 31 December

VIOLENCE

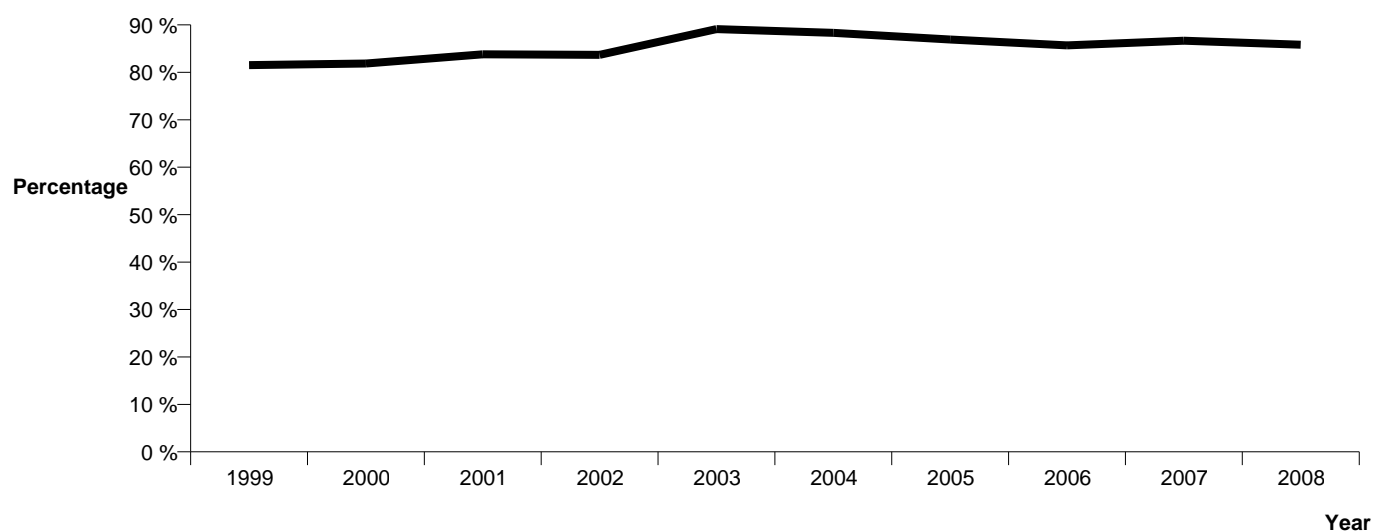
Calendar Year	Recorded Offences	Variation in Recorded Offences	Recorded Offences Per 10,000 Population	Variation In Recorded Offences Per 10,000 Population	Total Resolved Offences	Resolution Rate	Variation In Resolution Rate
1999	3,815		109.9		3,110	81.5 %	
2000	3,598	-5.7 %	104.3	-5.2 %	2,945	81.9 %	0.3 %
2001	3,750	4.2 %	109.7	5.2 %	3,142	83.8 %	1.9 %
2002	3,839	2.4 %	112.1	2.2 %	3,213	83.7 %	-0.1 %
2003	3,917	2.0 %	113.9	1.6 %	3,491	89.1 %	5.4 %
2004	3,635	-7.2 %	105.5	-7.4 %	3,211	88.3 %	-0.8 %
2005	3,840	5.6 %	111.5	5.7 %	3,338	86.9 %	-1.4 %
2006	4,122	7.3 %	119.5	7.1 %	3,532	85.7 %	-1.2 %
2007	4,632	12.4 %	134.4	12.5 %	4,015	86.7 %	1.0 %
2008	4,910	6.0 %	142.3	5.8 %	4,214	85.8 %	-0.9 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)



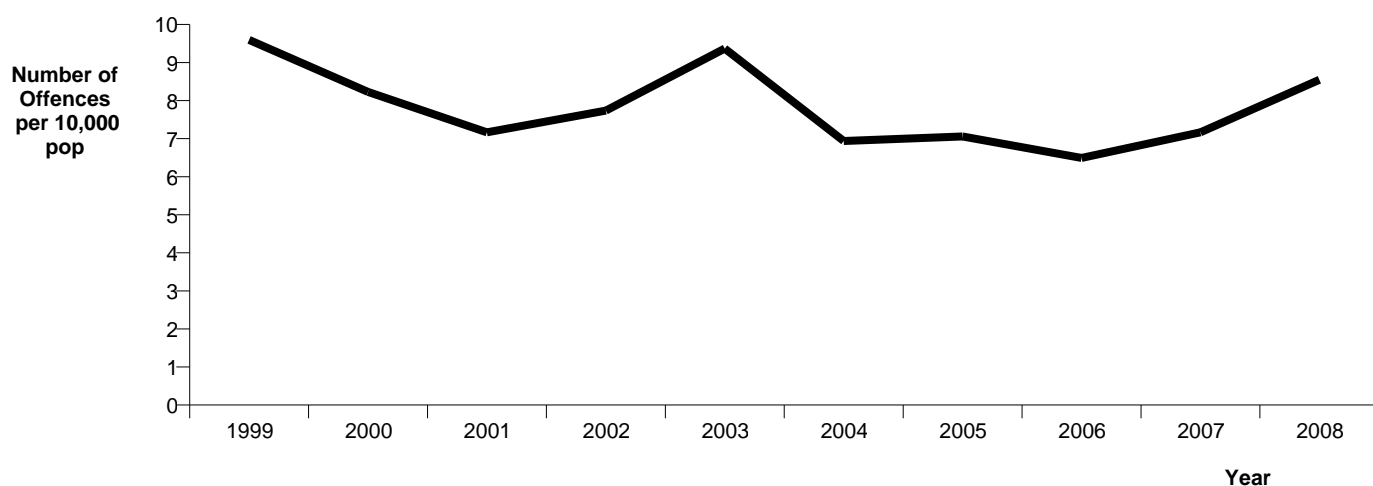
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SEXUAL

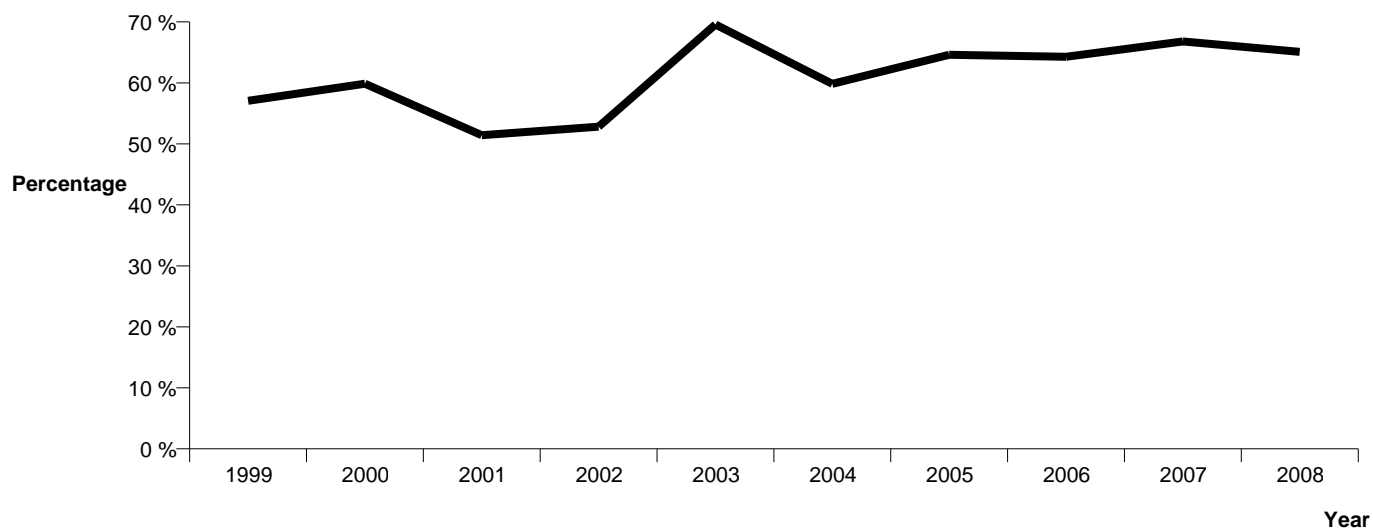
Calendar Year	Recorded Offences	Variation in Recorded Offences	Recorded Offences Per 10,000 Population	Variation In Recorded Offences Per 10,000 Population	Total Resolved Offences	Resolution Rate	Variation In Resolution Rate
1999	333		9.6		190	57.1 %	
2000	284	-14.7 %	8.2	-14.2 %	170	59.9 %	2.8 %
2001	245	-13.7 %	7.2	-12.9 %	126	51.4 %	-8.4 %
2002	265	8.2 %	7.7	8.0 %	140	52.8 %	1.4 %
2003	322	21.5 %	9.4	21.0 %	224	69.6 %	16.7 %
2004	239	-25.8 %	6.9	-25.9 %	143	59.8 %	-9.7 %
2005	243	1.7 %	7.1	1.7 %	157	64.6 %	4.8 %
2006	224	-7.8 %	6.5	-8.0 %	144	64.3 %	-0.3 %
2007	247	10.3 %	7.2	10.4 %	165	66.8 %	2.5 %
2008	295	19.4 %	8.5	19.2 %	192	65.1 %	-1.7 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)



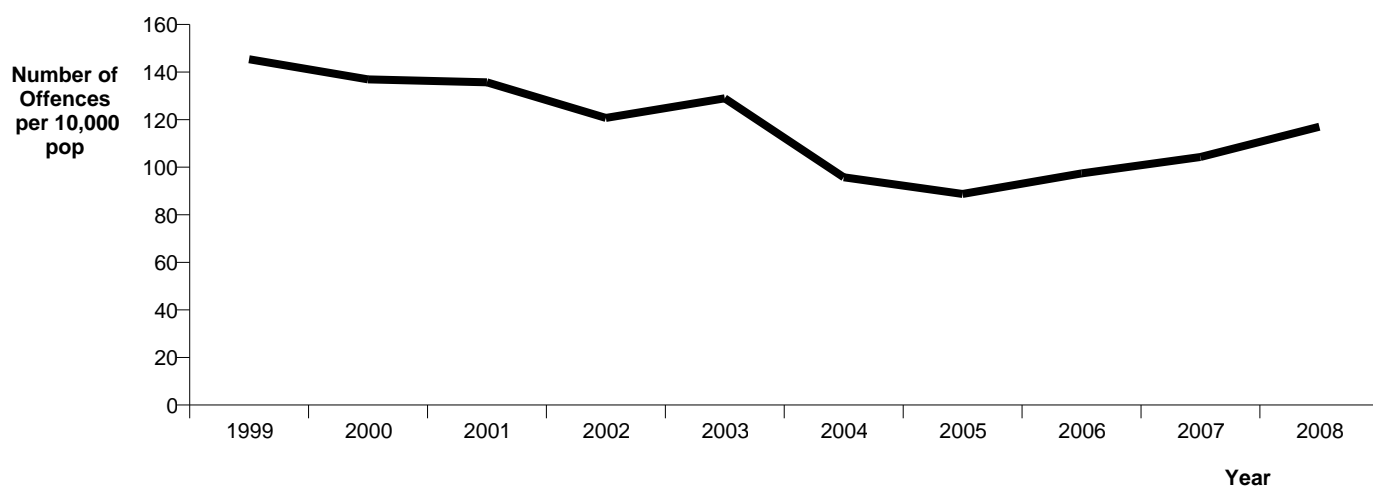
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DRUGS & ANTISOCIAL

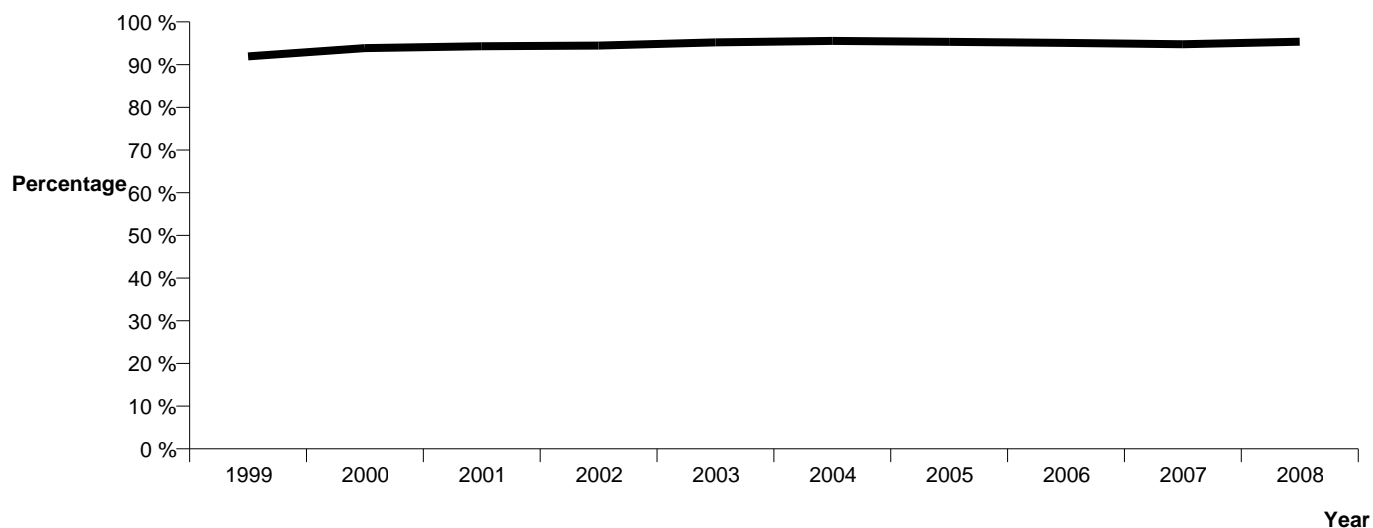
Calendar Year	Recorded Offences	Variation in Recorded Offences	Recorded Offences Per 10,000 Population	Variation In Recorded Offences Per 10,000 Population	Total Resolved Offences	Resolution Rate	Variation In Resolution Rate
1999	5,045		145.4		4,637	91.9 %	
2000	4,725	-6.3 %	136.9	-5.8 %	4,435	93.9 %	1.9 %
2001	4,639	-1.8 %	135.7	-0.9 %	4,375	94.3 %	0.4 %
2002	4,134	-10.9 %	120.7	-11.0 %	3,905	94.5 %	0.2 %
2003	4,433	7.2 %	128.9	6.8 %	4,221	95.2 %	0.8 %
2004	3,299	-25.6 %	95.8	-25.7 %	3,152	95.5 %	0.3 %
2005	3,056	-7.4 %	88.8	-7.3 %	2,913	95.3 %	-0.2 %
2006	3,360	9.9 %	97.4	9.7 %	3,195	95.1 %	-0.2 %
2007	3,594	7.0 %	104.3	7.1 %	3,406	94.8 %	-0.3 %
2008	4,039	12.4 %	117.0	12.2 %	3,852	95.4 %	0.6 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)



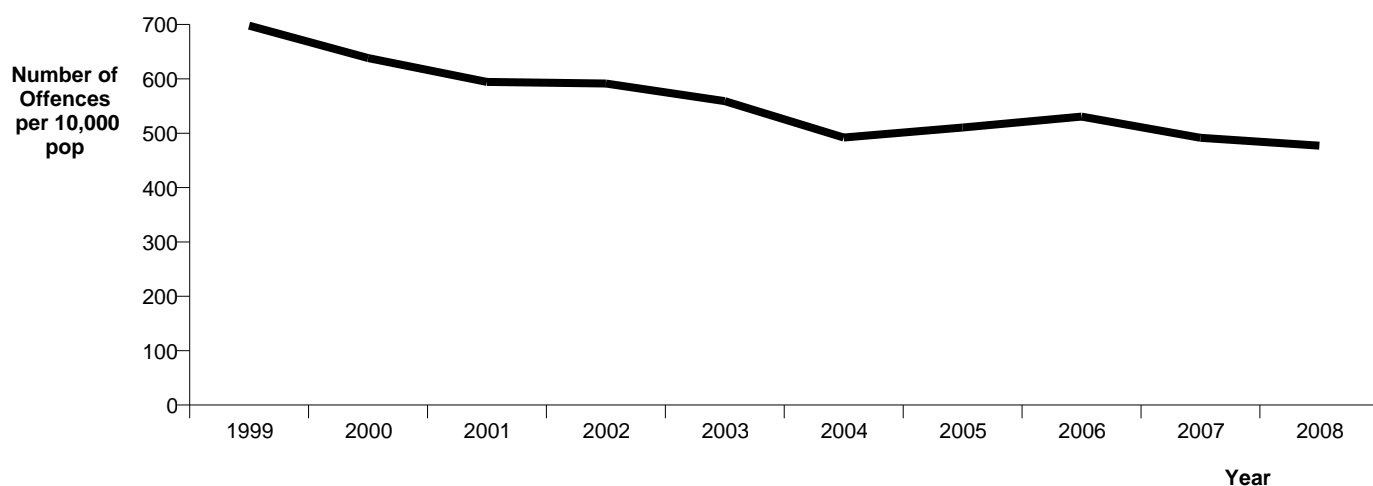
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DISHONESTY

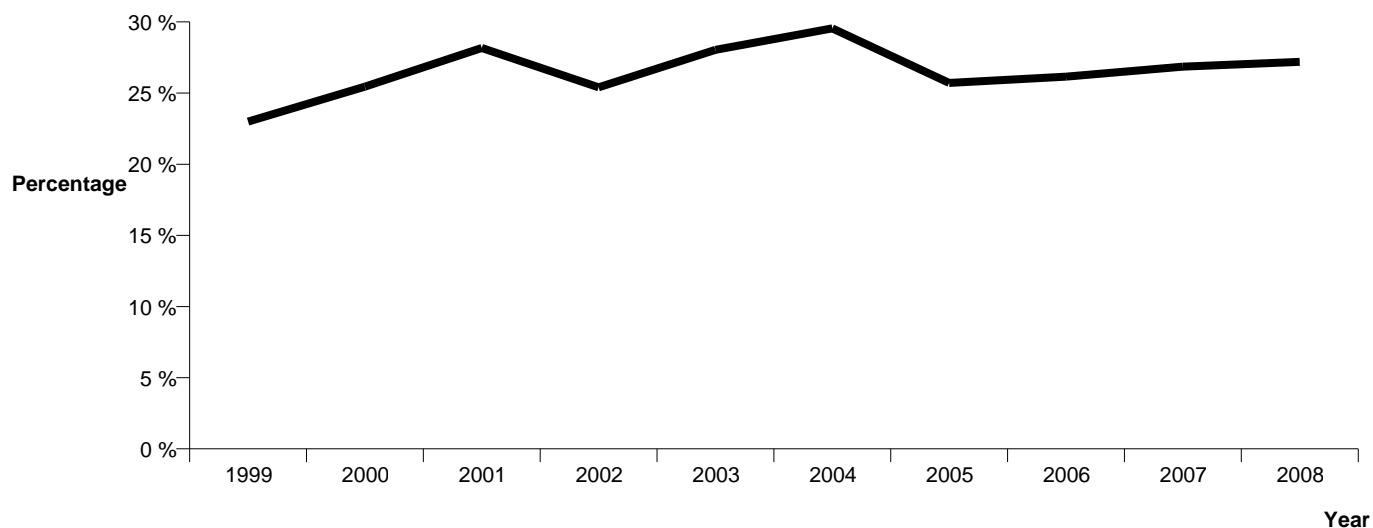
Calendar Year	Recorded Offences	Variation in Recorded Offences	Recorded Offences Per 10,000 Population	Variation In Recorded Offences Per 10,000 Population	Total Resolved Offences	Resolution Rate	Variation In Resolution Rate
1999	24,219		698.0		5,568	23.0 %	
2000	22,025	-9.1 %	638.2	-8.6 %	5,605	25.4 %	2.5 %
2001	20,318	-7.8 %	594.3	-6.9 %	5,724	28.2 %	2.7 %
2002	20,250	-0.3 %	591.3	-0.5 %	5,144	25.4 %	-2.8 %
2003	19,222	-5.1 %	559.1	-5.4 %	5,389	28.0 %	2.6 %
2004	16,949	-11.8 %	492.0	-12.0 %	5,007	29.5 %	1.5 %
2005	17,576	3.7 %	510.5	3.8 %	4,520	25.7 %	-3.8 %
2006	18,307	4.2 %	530.6	3.9 %	4,787	26.1 %	0.4 %
2007	16,937	-7.5 %	491.5	-7.4 %	4,548	26.9 %	0.7 %
2008	16,465	-2.8 %	477.1	-2.9 %	4,477	27.2 %	0.3 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)



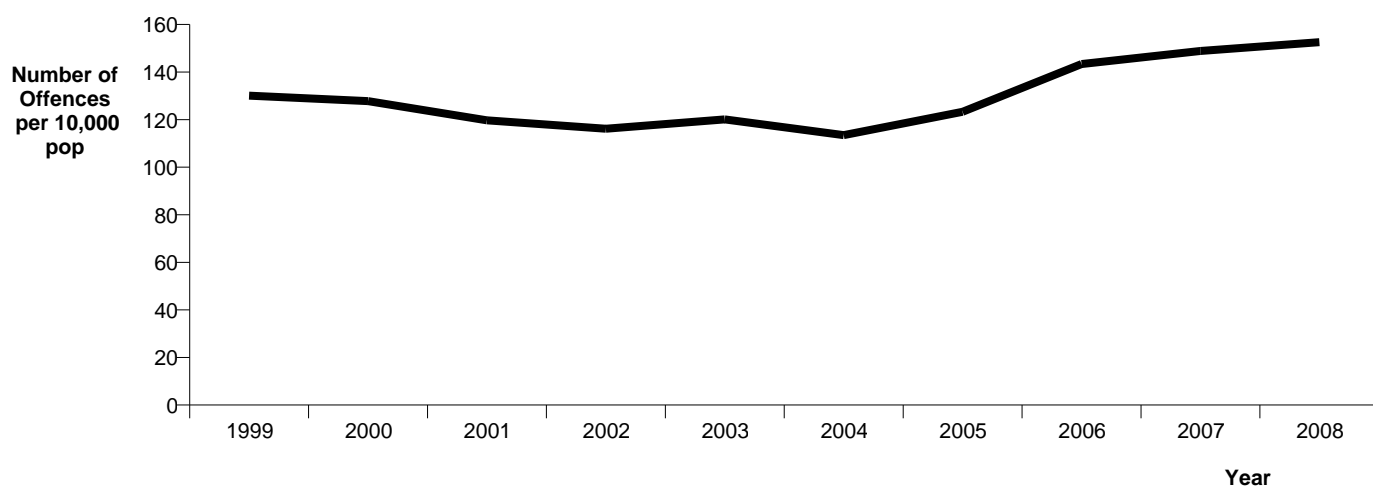
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PROPERTY DAMAGE

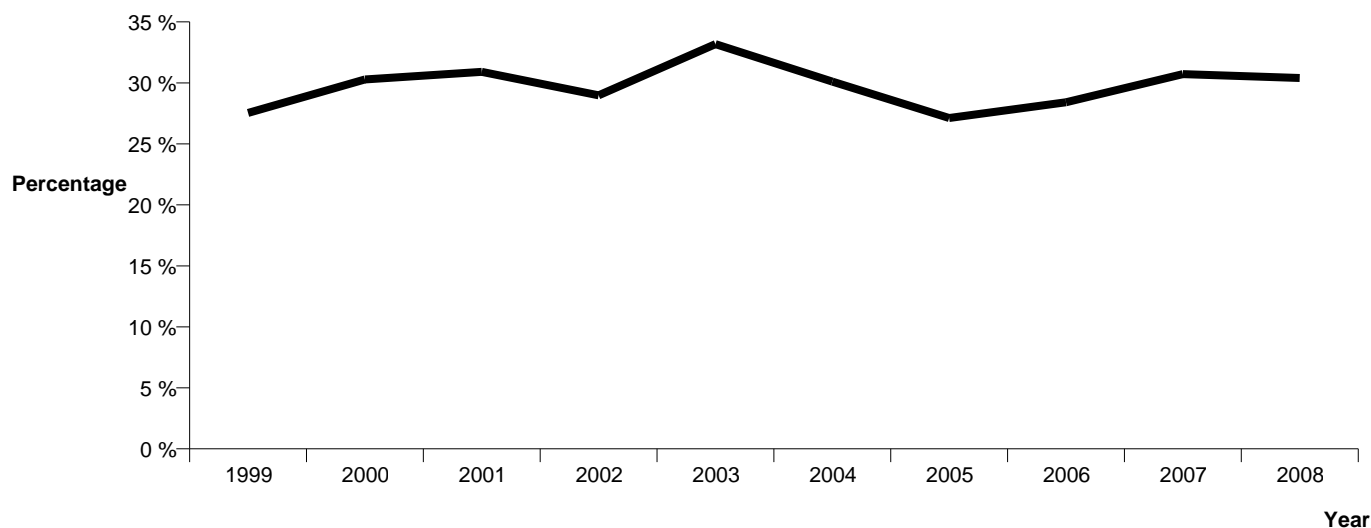
Calendar Year	Recorded Offences	Variation in Recorded Offences	Recorded Offences Per 10,000 Population	Variation In Recorded Offences Per 10,000 Population	Total Resolved Offences	Resolution Rate	Variation In Resolution Rate
1999	4,513		130.1		1,243	27.5 %	
2000	4,409	-2.3 %	127.8	-1.8 %	1,335	30.3 %	2.7 %
2001	4,093	-7.2 %	119.7	-6.3 %	1,265	30.9 %	0.6 %
2002	3,979	-2.8 %	116.2	-2.9 %	1,153	29.0 %	-1.9 %
2003	4,129	3.8 %	120.1	3.4 %	1,370	33.2 %	4.2 %
2004	3,909	-5.3 %	113.5	-5.5 %	1,177	30.1 %	-3.1 %
2005	4,244	8.6 %	123.3	8.6 %	1,151	27.1 %	-3.0 %
2006	4,946	16.5 %	143.4	16.3 %	1,405	28.4 %	1.3 %
2007	5,130	3.7 %	148.9	3.8 %	1,576	30.7 %	2.3 %
2008	5,266	2.7 %	152.6	2.5 %	1,601	30.4 %	-0.3 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)



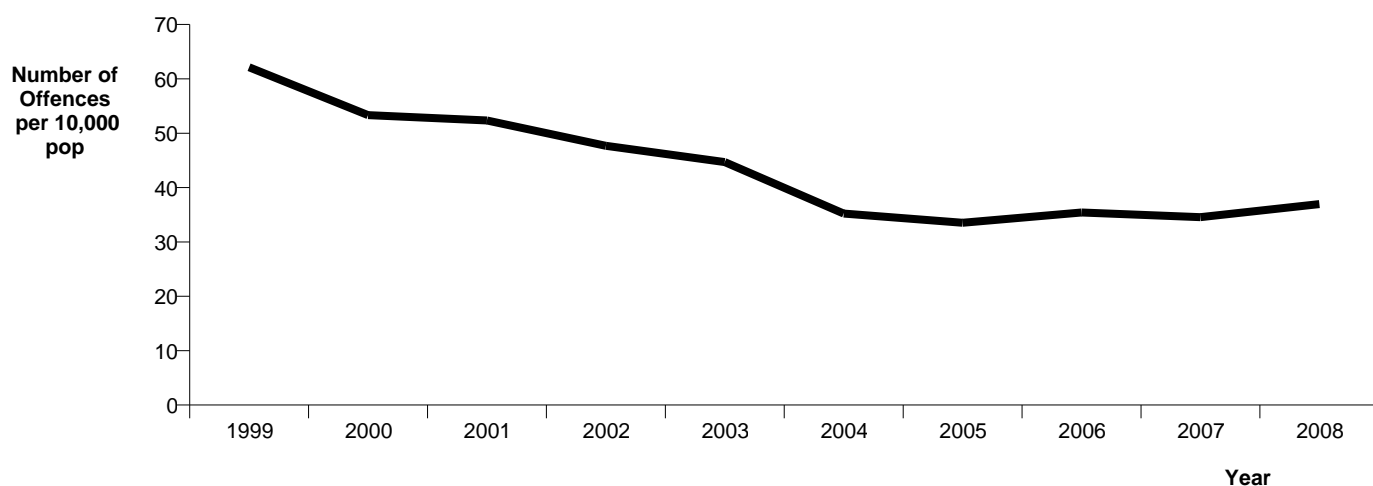
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PROPERTY ABUSE

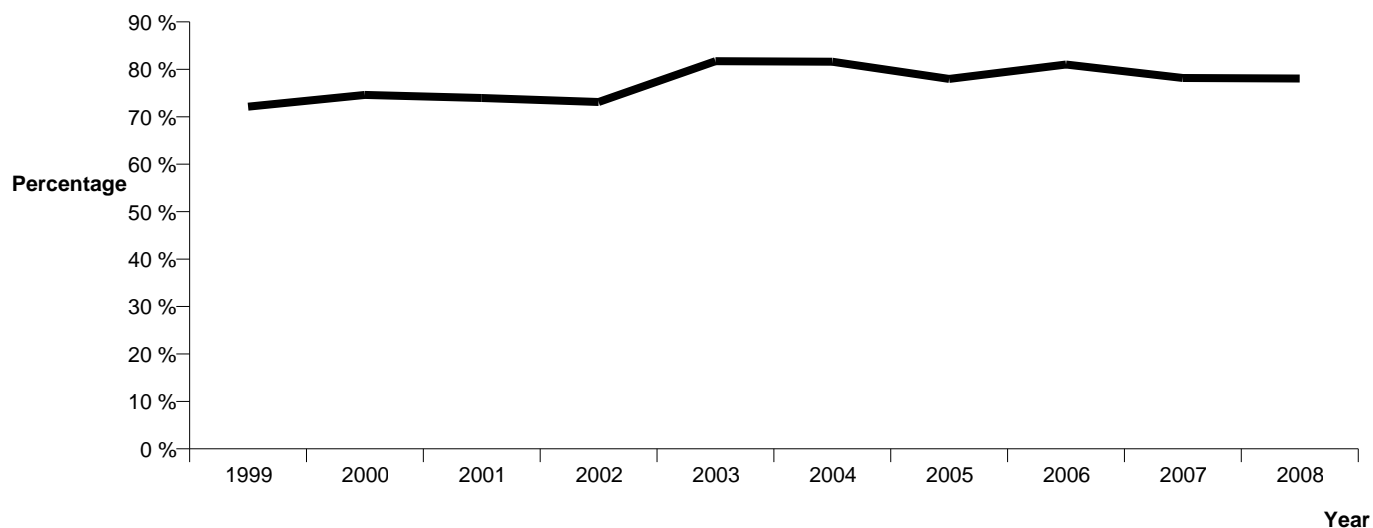
Calendar Year	Recorded Offences	Variation in Recorded Offences	Recorded Offences Per 10,000 Population	Variation In Recorded Offences Per 10,000 Population	Total Resolved Offences	Resolution Rate	Variation In Resolution Rate
1999	2,156		62.1		1,555	72.1 %	
2000	1,840	-14.7 %	53.3	-14.2 %	1,373	74.6 %	2.5 %
2001	1,790	-2.7 %	52.4	-1.8 %	1,324	74.0 %	-0.7 %
2002	1,633	-8.8 %	47.7	-8.9 %	1,194	73.1 %	-0.8 %
2003	1,536	-5.9 %	44.7	-6.3 %	1,255	81.7 %	8.6 %
2004	1,213	-21.0 %	35.2	-21.2 %	990	81.6 %	-0.1 %
2005	1,154	-4.9 %	33.5	-4.8 %	900	78.0 %	-3.6 %
2006	1,222	5.9 %	35.4	5.7 %	990	81.0 %	3.0 %
2007	1,191	-2.5 %	34.6	-2.4 %	931	78.2 %	-2.8 %
2008	1,276	7.1 %	37.0	7.0 %	996	78.1 %	-0.1 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)



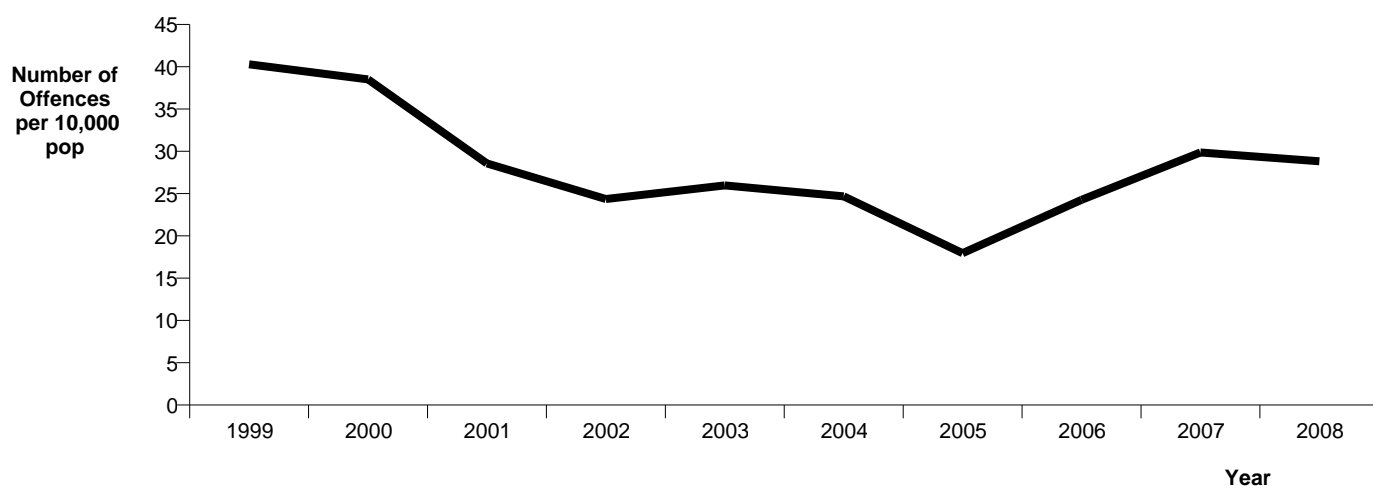
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ADMINISTRATIVE

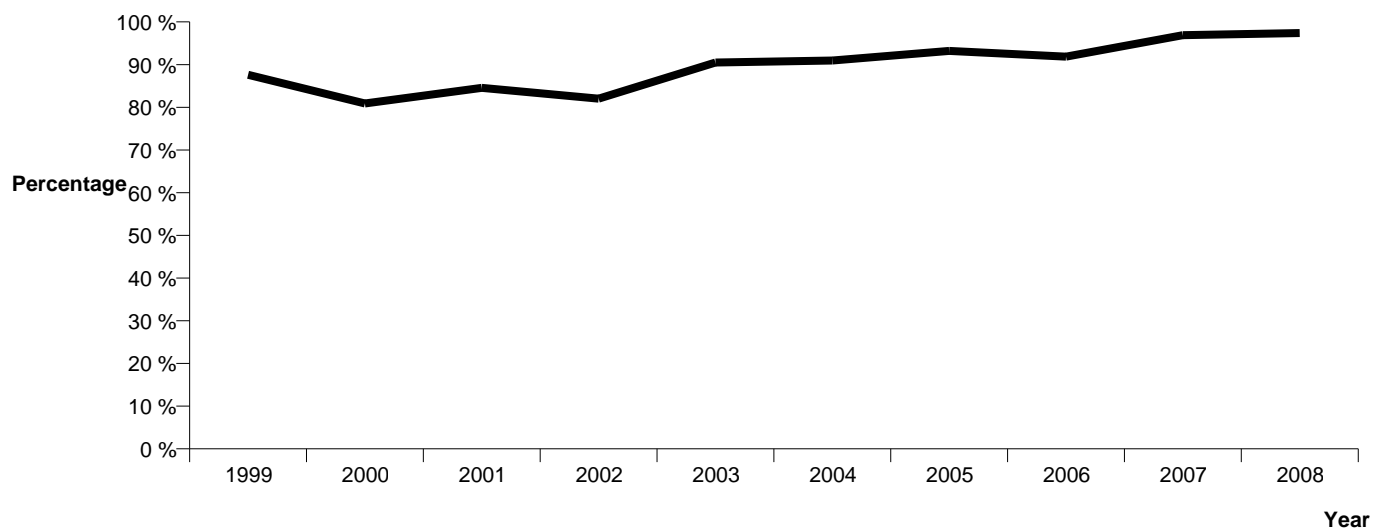
Calendar Year	Recorded Offences	Variation in Recorded Offences	Recorded Offences Per 10,000 Population	Variation In Recorded Offences Per 10,000 Population	Total Resolved Offences	Resolution Rate	Variation In Resolution Rate
1999	1,398		40.3		1,225	87.6 %	
2000	1,329	-4.9 %	38.5	-4.4 %	1,075	80.9 %	-6.7 %
2001	977	-26.5 %	28.6	-25.8 %	826	84.5 %	3.7 %
2002	834	-14.6 %	24.4	-14.8 %	684	82.0 %	-2.5 %
2003	893	7.1 %	26.0	6.7 %	808	90.5 %	8.5 %
2004	850	-4.8 %	24.7	-5.0 %	773	90.9 %	0.5 %
2005	618	-27.3 %	17.9	-27.3 %	576	93.2 %	2.3 %
2006	837	35.4 %	24.3	35.2 %	769	91.9 %	-1.3 %
2007	1,029	22.9 %	29.9	23.1 %	997	96.9 %	5.0 %
2008	995	-3.3 %	28.8	-3.5 %	969	97.4 %	0.5 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)

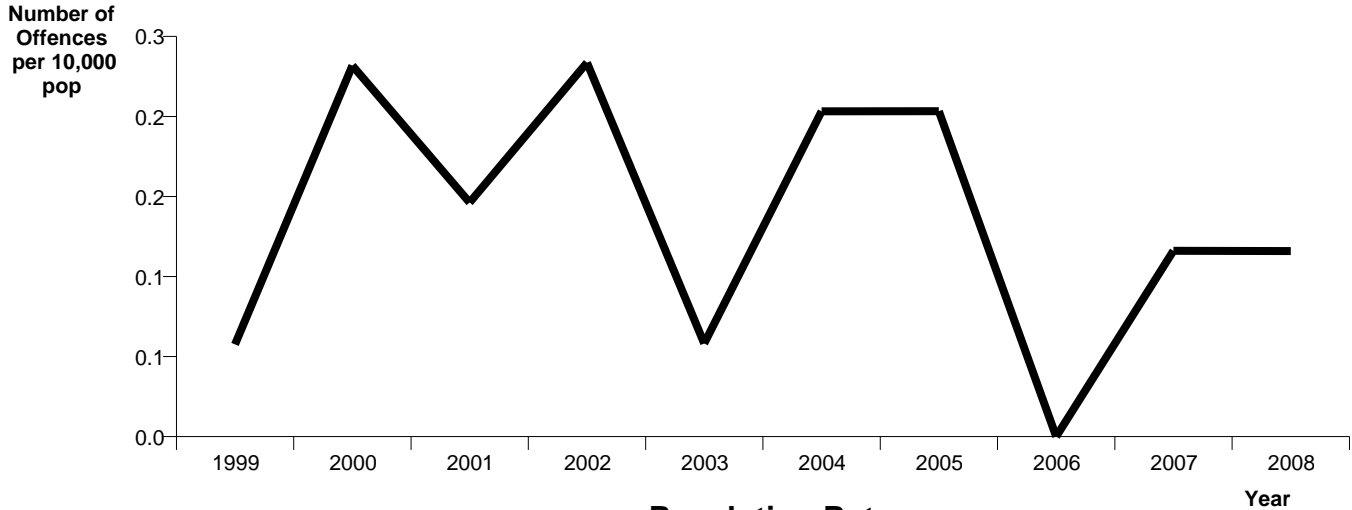


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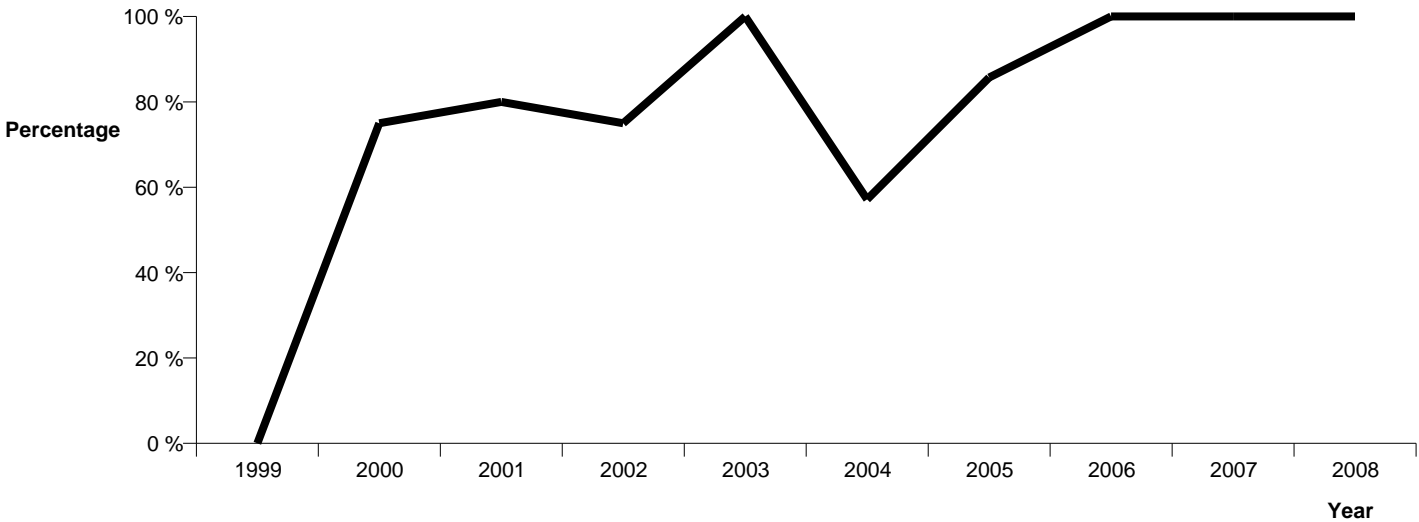
MURDER*

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
1999	2		0.1		0	0.0 %	
2000	8	300.0 %	0.2	302.2 %	6	75.0 %	75.0 %
2001	5	-37.5 %	0.1	-36.9 %	4	80.0 %	5.0 %
2002	8	60.0 %	0.2	59.7 %	6	75.0 %	-5.0 %
2003	2	-75.0 %	0.1	-75.1 %	2	100.0 %	25.0 %
2004	7	250.0 %	0.2	249.3 %	4	57.1 %	-42.9 %
2005	7	0.0 %	0.2	0.1 %	6	85.7 %	28.6 %
2006	0	-100.0 %	0.0	-100.0 %	0	100.0 %	14.3 %
2007	4		0.1		4	100.0 %	0.0 %
2008	4	0.0 %	0.1	-0.2 %	4	100.0 %	0.0 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



**Resolution Rate
(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)**



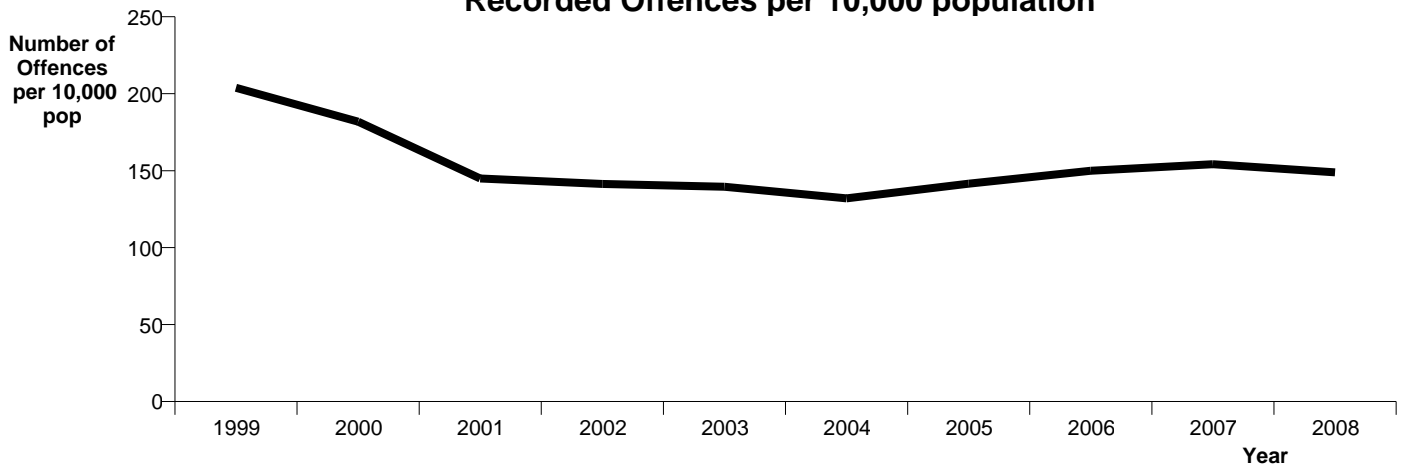
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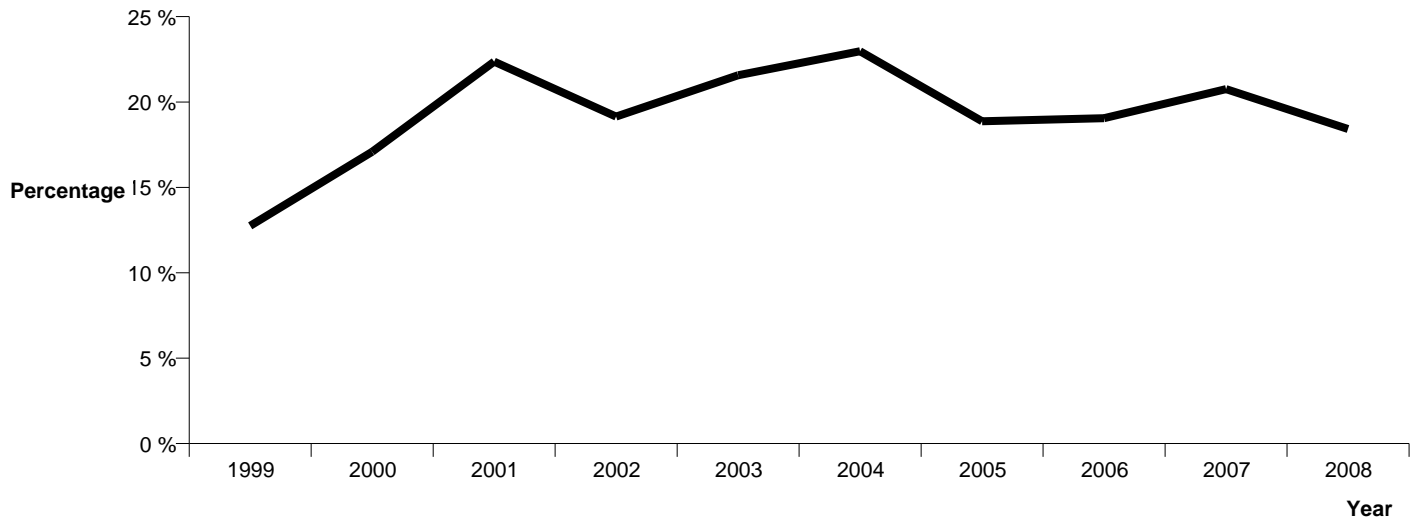
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1999	7,074		203.9		902	12.8 %	
2000	6,276	-11.3 %	181.9	-10.8 %	1,072	17.1 %	4.3 %
2001	4,955	-21.0 %	144.9	-20.3 %	1,108	22.4 %	5.3 %
2002	4,841	-2.3 %	141.4	-2.5 %	927	19.1 %	-3.2 %
2003	4,799	-0.9 %	139.6	-1.3 %	1,035	21.6 %	2.4 %
2004	4,548	-5.2 %	132.0	-5.4 %	1,045	23.0 %	1.4 %
2005	4,874	7.2 %	141.6	7.2 %	920	18.9 %	-4.1 %
2006	5,175	6.2 %	150.0	6.0 %	986	19.1 %	0.2 %
2007	5,314	2.7 %	154.2	2.8 %	1,103	20.8 %	1.7 %
2008	5,141	-3.3 %	149.0	-3.4 %	947	18.4 %	-2.3 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)



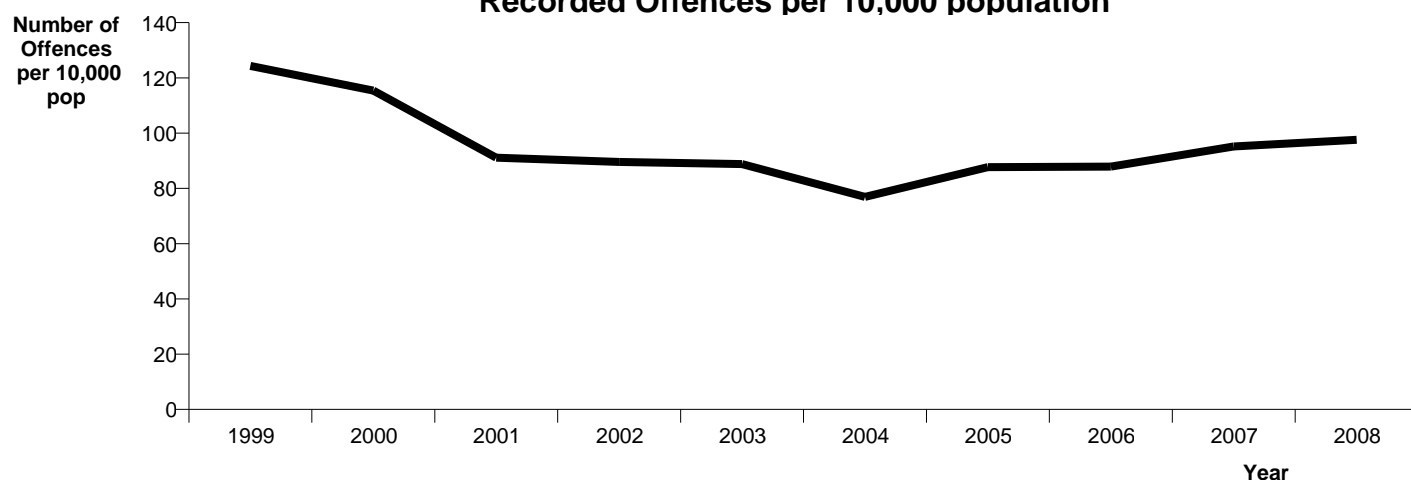
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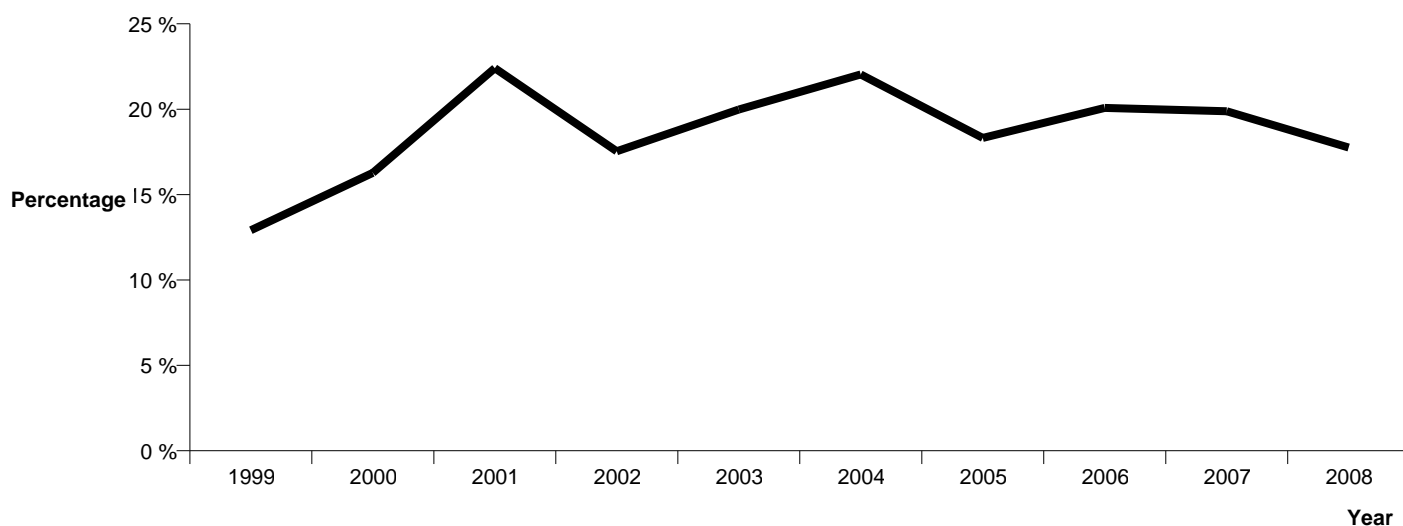
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1999	4,314		124.3		557	12.9 %	
2000	3,983	-7.7 %	115.4	-7.2 %	648	16.3 %	3.4 %
2001	3,116	-21.8 %	91.1	-21.0 %	698	22.4 %	6.1 %
2002	3,068	-1.5 %	89.6	-1.7 %	538	17.5 %	-4.9 %
2003	3,053	-0.5 %	88.8	-0.9 %	610	20.0 %	2.4 %
2004	2,650	-13.2 %	76.9	-13.4 %	584	22.0 %	2.1 %
2005	3,019	13.9 %	87.7	14.0 %	553	18.3 %	-3.7 %
2006	3,033	0.5 %	87.9	0.3 %	609	20.1 %	1.8 %
2007	3,280	8.1 %	95.2	8.3 %	652	19.9 %	-0.2 %
2008	3,368	2.7 %	97.6	2.5 %	598	17.8 %	-2.1 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



Resolution Rate

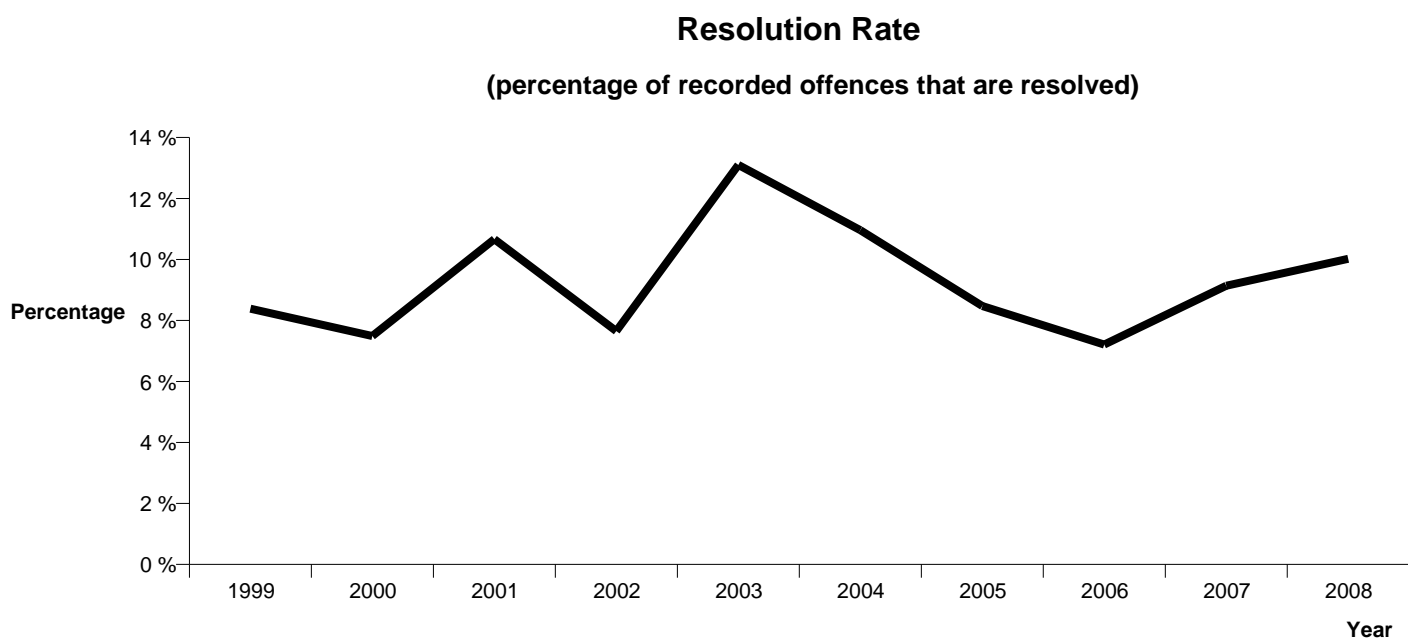
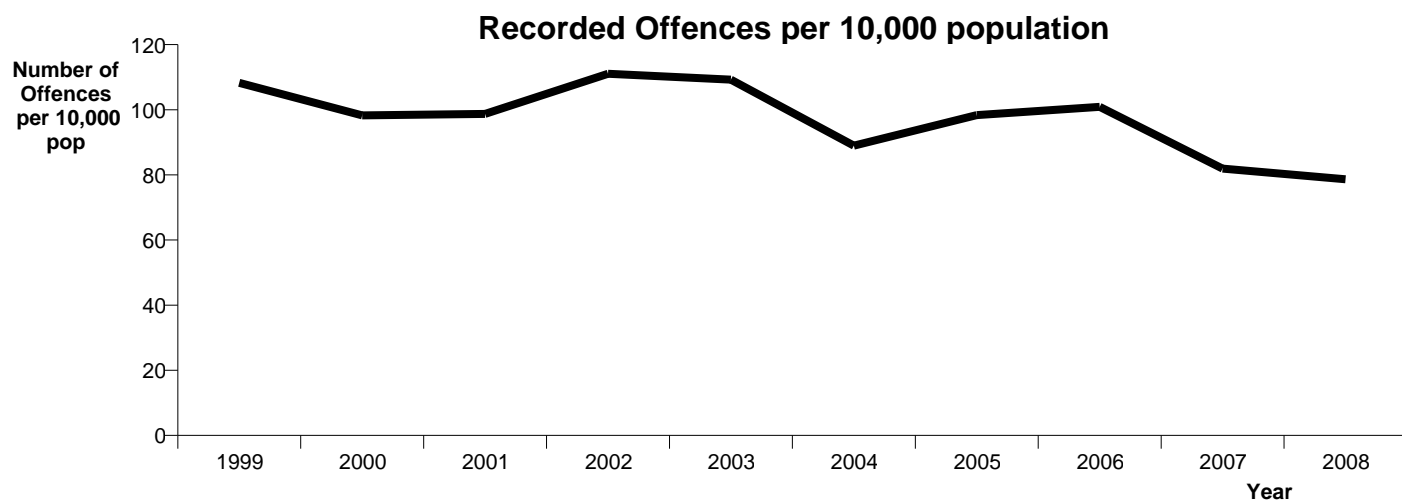
(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)



**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
1999	3,757		108.3		315	8.4 %	
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 %	111.1	12.5 %	291	7.7 %	-3.0 %
2003	3,756	-1.2 %	109.3	-1.6 %	492	13.1 %	5.4 %
2004	3,065	-18.4 %	89.0	-18.6 %	336	11.0 %	-2.1 %
2005	3,386	10.5 %	98.3	10.5 %	287	8.5 %	-2.5 %
2006	3,481	2.8 %	100.9	2.6 %	251	7.2 %	-1.3 %
2007	2,823	-18.9 %	81.9	-18.8 %	258	9.1 %	1.9 %
2008	2,714	-3.9 %	78.6	-4.0 %	272	10.0 %	0.9 %

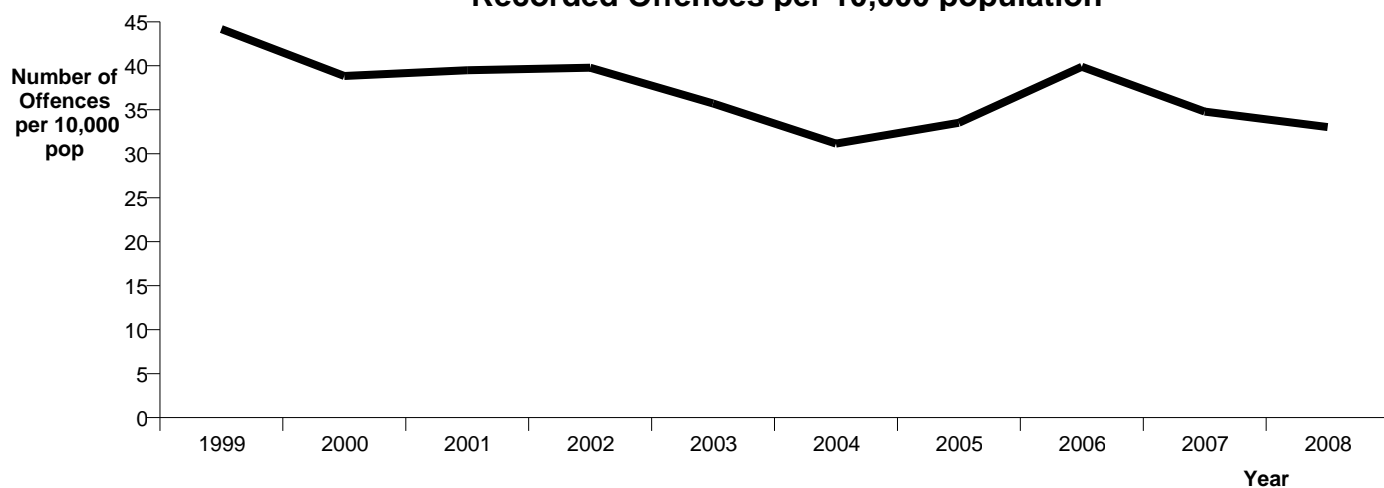


**RECORDED CRIME PER 10,000 POPULATION AND RESOLUTION RATES
FOR SELECTED OFFENCES
Years ending 31 December**

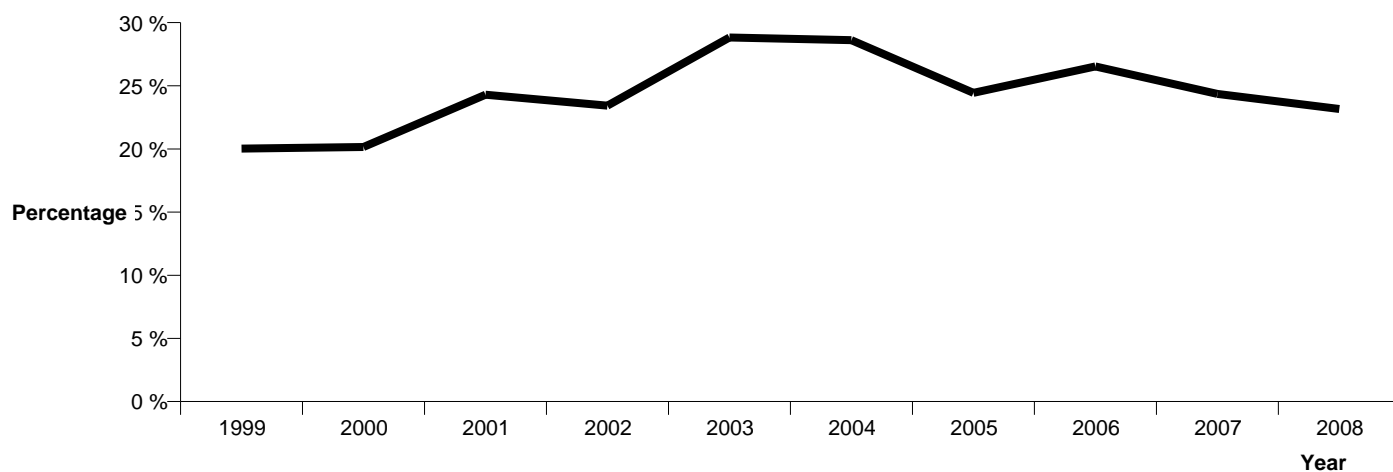
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Calendar Year	Recorded Offences	Variation in Recorded Offences	Recorded Offences Per 10,000 Population	Variation In Recorded Offences Per 10,000 Population	Total Resolved Offences	Resolution Rate	Variation In Resolution Rate
1999	1,533		44.2		307	20.0 %	
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 %	39.8	0.7 %	319	23.4 %	-0.9 %
2003	1,228	-9.8 %	35.7	-10.2 %	354	28.8 %	5.4 %
2004	1,073	-12.6 %	31.1	-12.8 %	307	28.6 %	-0.2 %
2005	1,154	7.5 %	33.5	7.6 %	282	24.4 %	-4.2 %
2006	1,376	19.2 %	39.9	19.0 %	365	26.5 %	2.1 %
2007	1,199	-12.9 %	34.8	-12.8 %	292	24.4 %	-2.2 %
2008	1,140	-4.9 %	33.0	-5.1 %	264	23.2 %	-1.2 %

Recorded Offences per 10,000 population



**Resolution Rate
(percentage of recorded offences that are resolved)**



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.

Note that 2002-2008 estimates are based on the 2001 and 2006 Census data. Estimates have been revised since the previous publication of this report.

Year	Population
1999	346,990
2000	345,090
2001	341,890
2002	342,440
2003	343,780
2004	344,480
2005	344,290
2006	345,020
2007	344,600
2008	345,130