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The City of Harlingen
Crime Report



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City of Harlingen Crime Analysis

Crime Measurements

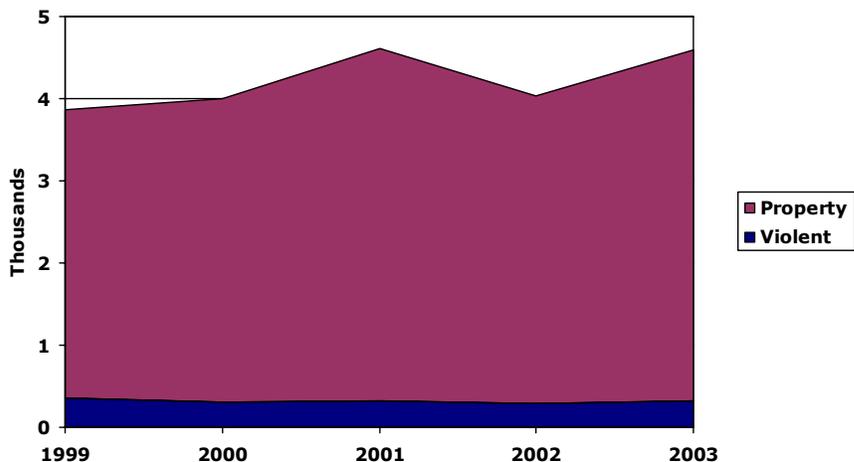
The City of Harlingen Police Department participates in the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. UCR makes possible the measurement and analysis of crime index.

Crime Index

Uniform Crime Reporting is the reporting of seven index crimes. The crimes in this group are all serious, either by their nature or because of the frequency of their occurrence. These crimes can be categorized as violent crimes or property crimes. Violent crimes include murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Property crimes include burglary, larceny/theft, and motor vehicle theft.

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Murder	1	3	5	5	2
Rape	21	32	36	26	14
Robbery	56	53	66	54	53
Aggravated Assault	270	218	221	204	256
Burglary	869	803	989	795	911
Larceny/Theft	2,460	2,670	3,045	2,730	3,171
Motor Vehicle Theft	187	213	249	227	181
Totals	3,864	3,992	4,611	4,041	4,588

Index Crimes 1999-2003



Crime Trends

Crime trends are analyzed using two separate methods, crime volume and crime rates. Crime volume is the collective sum of the seven indexed crimes. By comparing the volume of indexed crime from year to year, trends can be evaluated.

Crime rates on the other hand, are compiled to compensate for the changes in population and show the number of people affected by crime in a given population. Crime rates are usually expressed in the number of crimes per 100,000 residents.

Crime Volume

During the calendar year 2003, there was a total of 4,588 index offenses in the City of Harlingen. The crime index increased 13.5 percent when compared to 2002.

Harlingen Crime Volume by Offense				
Violent Crimes	Offense	2003	2002	% Change
	Murder	2	5	-60.0%
	Rape	14	26	-46.2%
	Robbery	53	54	-1.9%
	Aggravated Assault	256	204	25.5%
	Violent Crime Totals	325	289	12.5%
Property Crimes	Burglary	911	795	14.6%
	Larceny/Theft	3171	2730	16.2%
	Motor Vehicle Theft	181	227	-20.3%
	Property Crime Totals	4263	3752	13.6%
Index Crime Totals		4588	4041	13.5%

Crime Rate

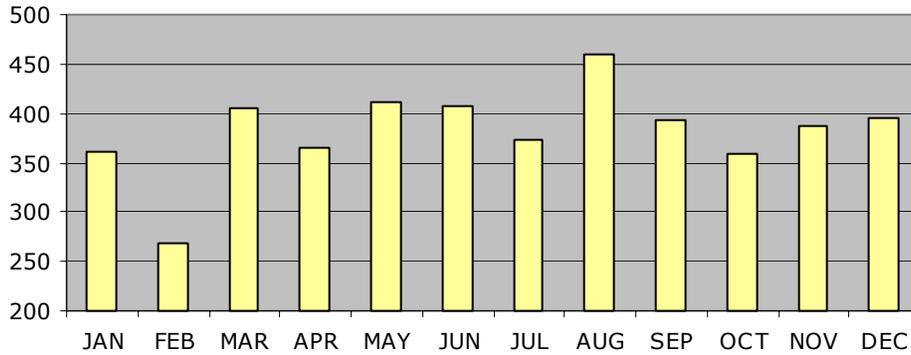
During the calendar year 2003, Harlingen's crime rate was 7,321.4 crimes per 100,000 persons.

Harlingen Crime Rate by Offense				
Violent Crimes	Offense	2003	2002	% Change
	Murder	3.2	8.3	-61.4%
	Rape	22.3	43.4	-48.6%
	Robbery	84.6	90.2	-6.2%
	Aggravated Assault	408.5	340.6	19.9%
	Violent Crime Totals	518.6	482.5	7.5%
Property Crimes	Burglary	1453.8	1327.5	9.5%
	Larceny/Theft	5060.2	4558.4	11.0%
	Auto Theft	288.8	379.0	-23.8%
	Property Crime Totals	6802.8	6264.9	8.6%
Index Crime Totals		7321.4	6747.4	8.5%

Annual Crime Trends

The highest month for crime was August with 459 index crimes reported. The lowest month of reported crime for 2003 was in February with 268 index crimes reported.

Index Crimes by Month 2003

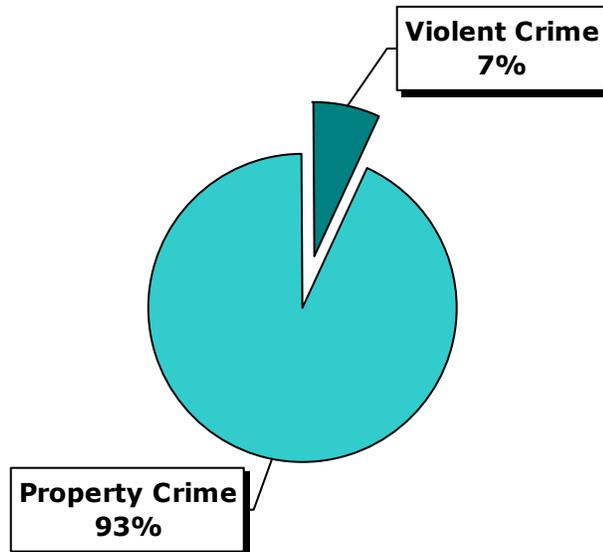


Type of Crime

Crime analysis usually looks at the two categories of crime mentioned before:

Violent crimes (or crimes against persons) and property crimes.

In 2003, 7 percent of the Crime Index was made up of violent crime and 93 percent was property crime.

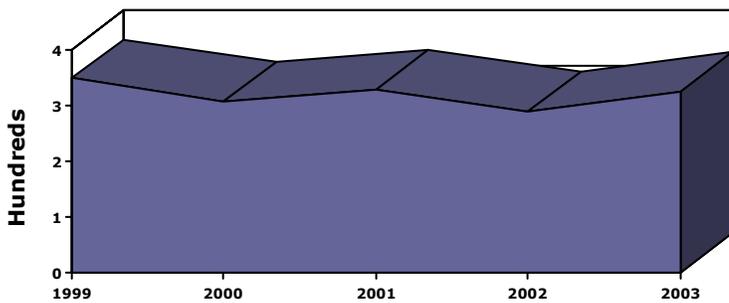


Type of Crime in Harlingen 2003

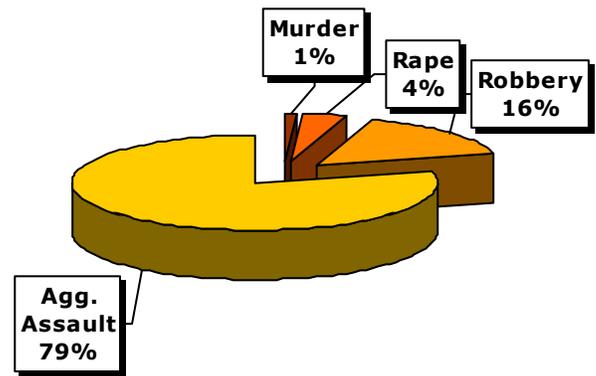
Violent Crimes

Violent crimes involve the element of personal confrontation between the perpetrator and the victim. Because of their nature, violent crimes are considered to be more serious than property crimes. In 2003, there were 325 violent crimes, which is an increase of 12.5 percent from 2002. The violent crime rate for 2003 was 518.6 crimes per 100,000 residents, which is an increase of 7.5 percent.

Violent Crimes 1999-2003



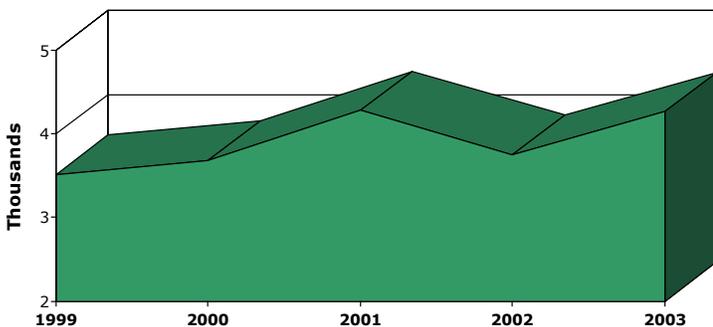
Violent Crimes by Offense 2003



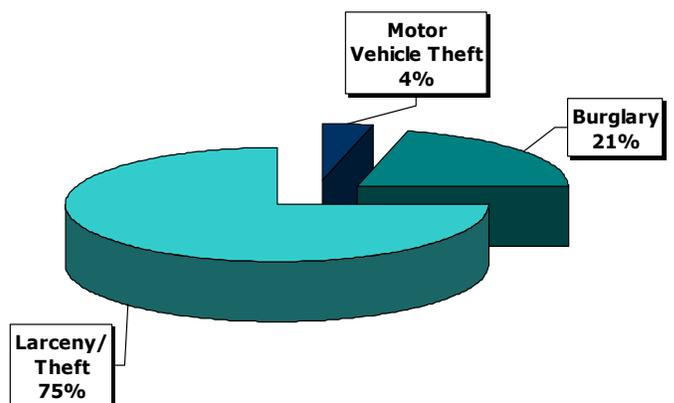
Property Crimes

The number of property crimes that occurred in 2003 was 4,263. Property crimes increased by 13.6 percent from 2002. Larceny/theft accounted for 75 percent of the property crime, followed by burglary at 21 percent, and then motor vehicle theft at 4 percent. The 2003 property crime rate was 6,802.8 property crimes per 100,000 citizens. This was an increase of 8.6 percent when compared to 2002.

Property Crimes 1999-2003



Property Crimes by Offense 2003



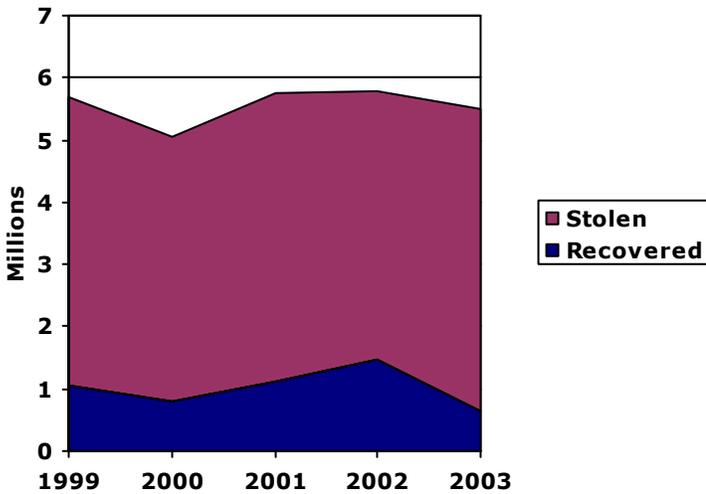
Stolen Property Value

The total reported value of property stolen during 2003 in the City of Harlingen was \$4,854,834. The amount stolen in 2002 was \$4,336,960. This represents an increase of a 11.9 percent

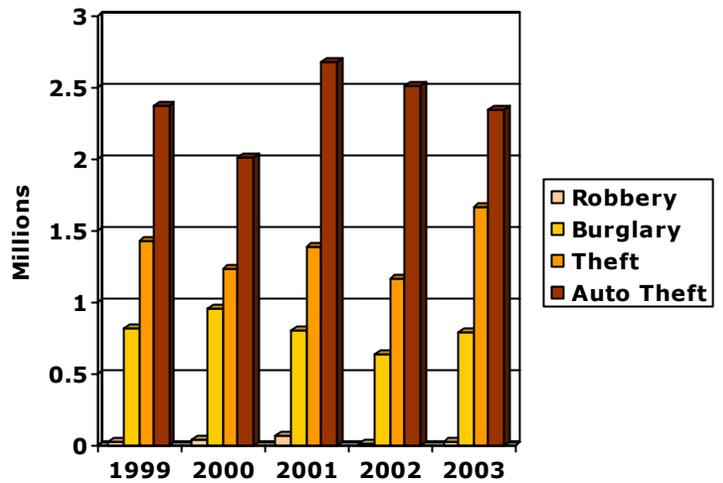
Value of Property Stolen and Recovered in 2003

Property Type	Stolen Value	Recovered
Currency, Notes, Etc.	315,766	7,079
Jewelry & Precious Metals	280,258	17,477
Clothing & Furs	75,112	10,897
Stolen Motor Vehicles	2,485,695	430,732
Office Equipment	133,502	19,460
Televisions, Stereos, Etc.	342,376	22,203
Firearms	25,458	2,750
Household Goods	120,646	2,527
Consumable Goods	31,872	2,764
Livestock	0	0
Miscellaneous	1,044,149	120,397
Total	\$4,854,834	\$636,286

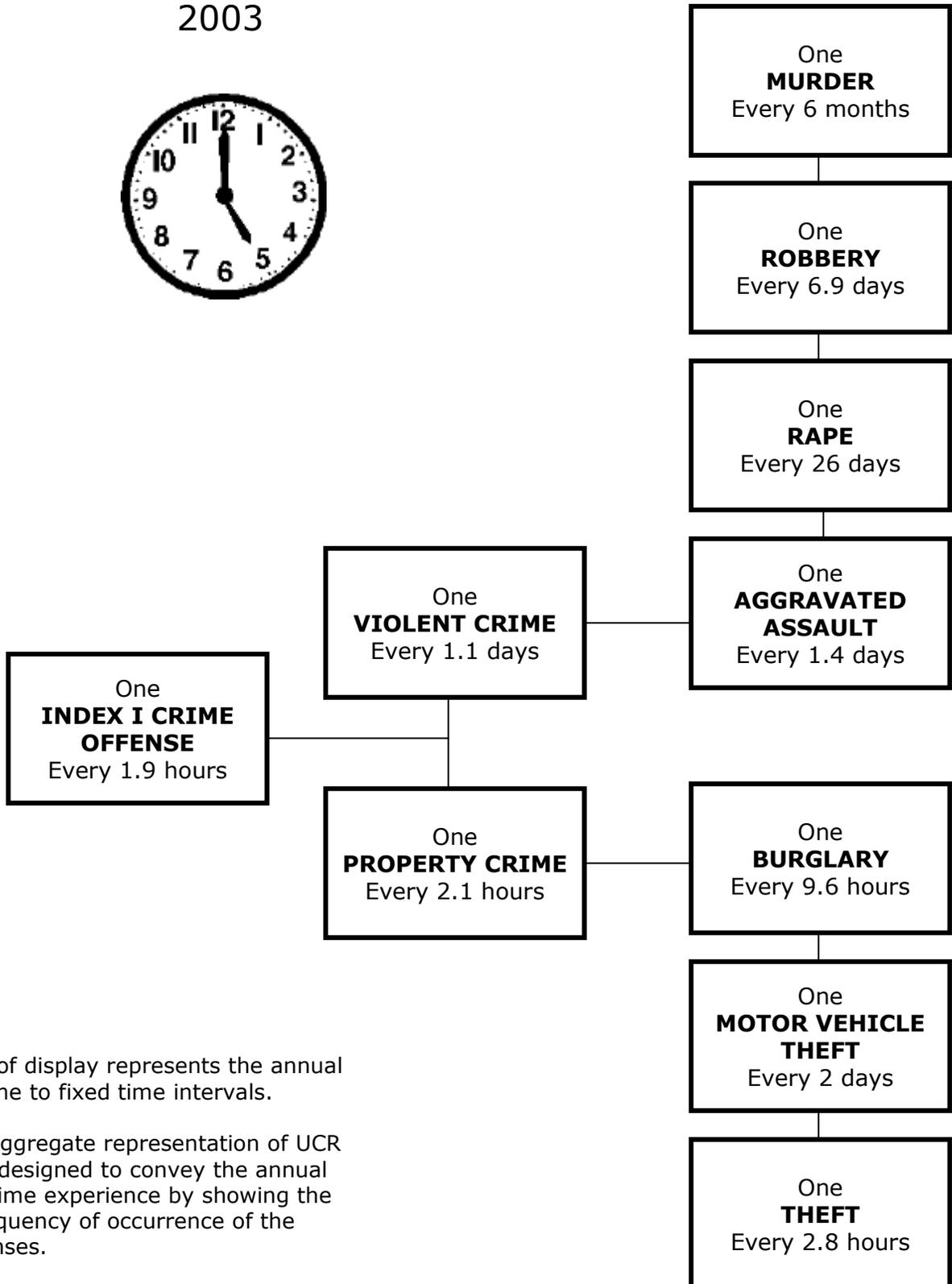
Total Property Lost 1999-2003



Property Value Lost to Crime 1999-2003



Harlingen Index Crime Clock 2003



This mode of display represents the annual ratio of crime to fixed time intervals.

This is an aggregate representation of UCR data. It is designed to convey the annual reported crime experience by showing the relative frequency of occurrence of the Index Offenses.

Crime in Harlingen

Comparison of Index Crimes for the Past Five Years

Year	Population	Index	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny / Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Total
1999	56413	Volume	1	21	58	270	837	2460	187	3834
		Rate	1.8	37.2	102.8	478.6	1483.7	4360.7	331.5	6796.3
2000	57564	Volume	4	30	52	217	802	2802	202	4109
		Rate	6.9	52.1	90.3	377.0	1393.2	4867.6	350.9	7138.1
2001	58715	Volume	5	36	66	221	989	3045	249	4611
		Rate	8.5	61.3	112.4	376.4	1684.4	5186.1	424.1	7853.2
2002	59889	Volume	5	26	54	204	795	2730	227	4041
		Rate	8.3	43.4	90.2	340.6	1327.5	4558.4	379	6747.5
2003	*62665	Volume	2	14	53	256	911	3171	181	4588
		Rate	3.2	22.3	84.6	408.5	1453.8	5060.2	288.8	7321.4

This chart lists the crime volume and crime rate for the City of Harlingen for the past five years. The "rate" reflects the number of crime reported per 100,000 residents.

* Population figures were obtained from the City of Harlingen Planning Department - population growth estimates.

Harlingen Crime Facts at a Glance 2003

- In 2003, there was an estimated 4,588 index offenses reported in Harlingen.
- The crime rate for the City of Harlingen was 7,321.4 index offenses per 100,000 inhabitants.
- During 2003, the Harlingen Police Department processed 3,004 arrests.
- Harlingen officers cleared 13.7 percent of all index crimes by arrest.
- Of the violent crimes reported, 30 percent were cleared by arrest.
- Of the property crimes reported, 12.5 percent were cleared by arrest.
- The value of stolen property totaled \$4,854,834.
- The offense of larceny/theft accounted for 75 percent of all index crimes.
- There were 256 aggravated assaults reported of which 43 percent were committed using strong-arm tactics.
- There were 181 motor vehicle thefts reported, for a total loss of \$2,348,881.

Index Crime Analysis

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Murder

Definition

Murder and non-negligent manslaughter is defined in the UCR program as the willful killing of one human being by another.

This offense category includes any death as a direct result of a fight, argument, quarrel, assault or commission of a crime. Attempted murder and assaults with the intent to kill are not counted as murder, but are included in UCR as aggravated assaults. Suicides, accidental deaths, and justifiable homicides are also excluded from the murder classification.

The classification of this offense as well as for all Index Crimes, is based solely on police investigation and not upon determinations by courts, medical examiners, coroners, juries or other judicial bodies.

Analysis

Volume

The reported number of murders in Harlingen in 2003 was 2. There was a 60% decrease in the number of murders when compared to 2002.

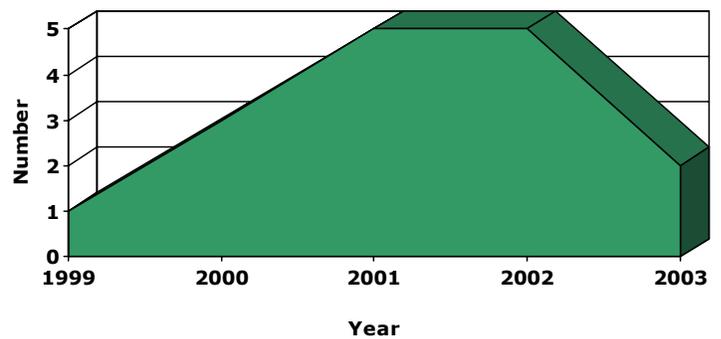
Rate

The murder rate for Harlingen in 2003 was 3.2 murders committed for every 100,000 persons.

Clearance

In 2003, one case was exceptionally cleared. This case was a murder/suicide where an arrest was not possible.

Murder 1999-2003



Case Synopsis

There were two murders in the City of Harlingen in 2003.

In January 2003 at approximately 2:00 am, a 42 year old Hispanic female was shot and killed by a 47 year old Hispanic. That same morning at approximately 2:30 am, the suspect committed suicide.

In October 2003, a 72 year old White male was found shot and killed. This case is under investigation.

Rape

Definition

Rape is defined in the UCR program as the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Statistics reported in this crime category include assaults to commit forcible rape. Rapes or attempts accomplished by force or threat of force are classified as forcible regardless of the age of the female victim. Statutory rape (rape against a female under the age of consent) and sexual assaults on males are excluded.

Analysis

Volume

The number of rapes (or attempted rapes) committed in Harlingen in 2003 was 14. This represents a decrease of 46.2 percent when compared to 2002. The month of May had the most reported rapes.

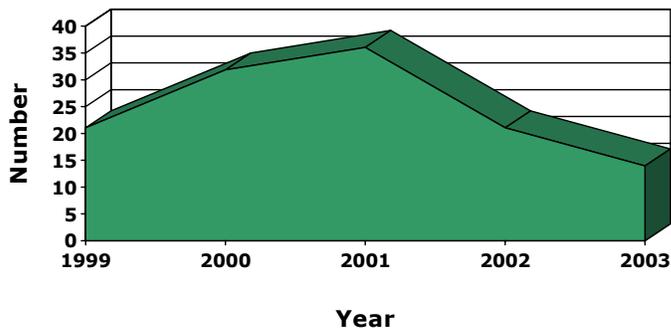
Rate

The rape rate for Harlingen was 22.3 percent per 100,000 persons. The rape rate decreased 48.6 percent from 2002.

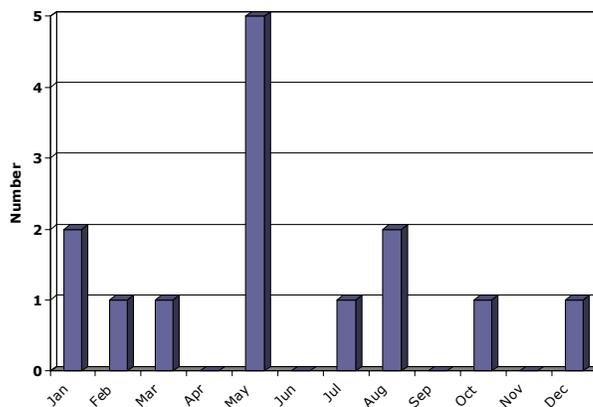
Nature of Rape

Forcible rape differs from other violent crimes because in many cases the victim is hesitant to report the offense to police. The rigors of court procedures, embarrassment and fear of any accompanying stigma exert a deterrent effect upon the victim's willingness to contact the police. The presence of prior relationship between the victim and offender may make the determination of force difficult to establish, while the usual clandestine nature of this crime presents a problem in verification. As attitudes toward the reporting of rape change, trends in the number of reported offenses can be expected to change correspondingly.

Rape 1999-2003



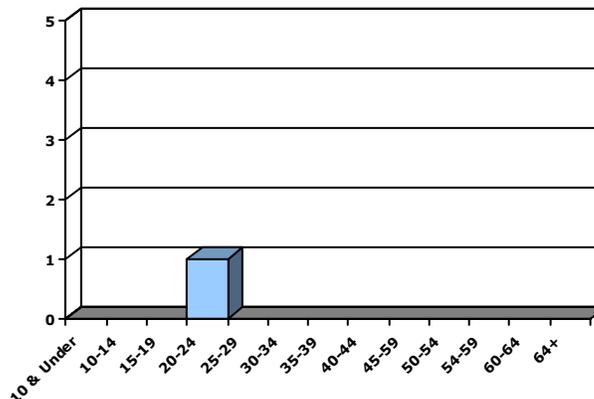
Rape Offenses by Month 2003



Persons Arrested

One 20 year old male was arrested for rape in 2003. Of the 14 reported rapes, one was cleared by arrest and 4 were exceptionally cleared.

Rape Arrestees by Age 2003



Robbery

Definition

Robbery is defined in the UCR program as the taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force, threat of force or violence, or by putting the victim in fear.

Robbery is a violent crime that frequently results in injury to the victim. Included in this category are assaults to commit robbery and attempted robberies.

Analysis

Volume

The number of robberies committed in Harlingen in 2003 was 53. This represents a decrease of 1.9 percent when compared to 2002. The month of August had the highest number of robberies, and February had the lowest with no reported robberies.

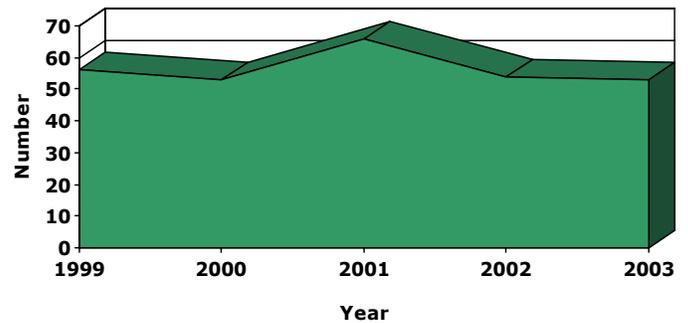
Rate

The robbery rate for Harlingen in 2003 was 84.6 robberies for every 100,000 persons. The change in the rate of robbery from 2002 was a decrease of 6.2 percent.

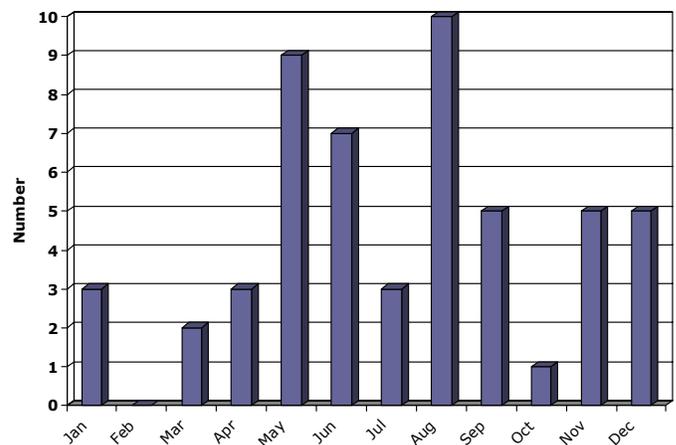
Persons Arrested

The number of persons arrested for robbery in 2003 totaled 37. Of the 37 arrested, 32 were males and 5 were females. The age group representing the largest number of robbery arrestees for males was the 15-19 year old group and for females was the 30-34 year old group.

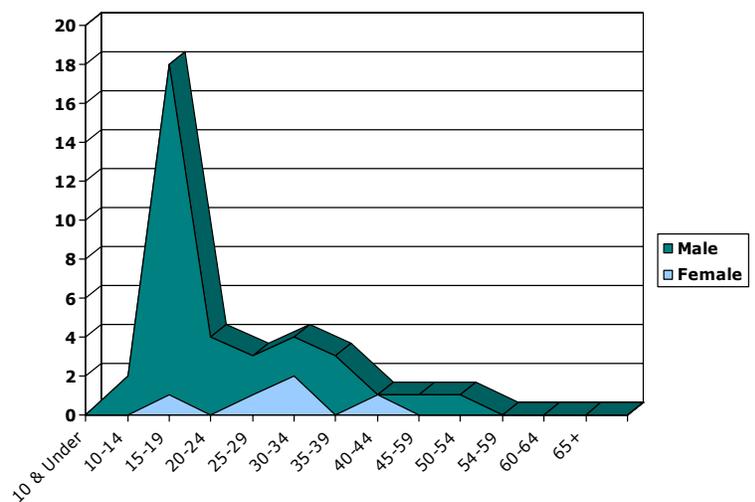
Robbery 1999-2003



Robberies by Month 2003



Robbery Arrestees by Age and Gender

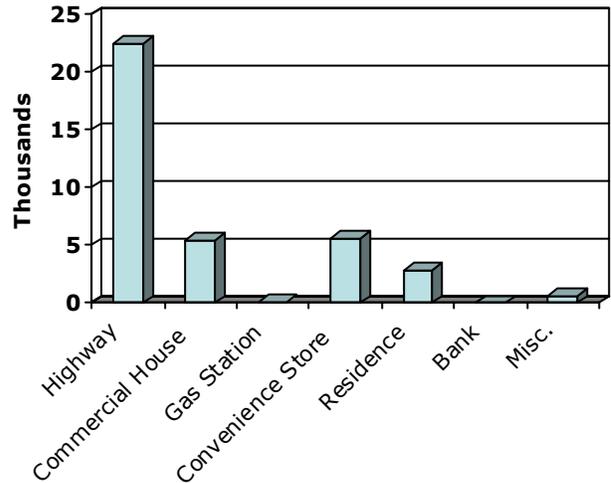


Nature of Robbery

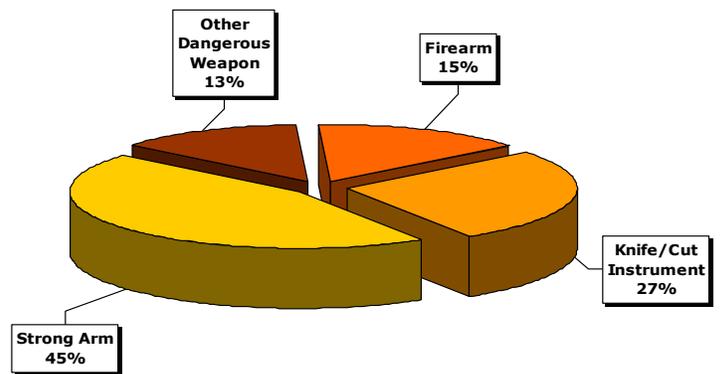
In 2003, property loss during the commission of robberies amounted to \$37,137. The amount stolen in dollar value during robberies averaged \$700.70 per incident.

Of all reported robberies in 2003, 45 percent were committed using strong arm tactics. Knives and/or cutting instruments were used in 27 percent of reported robberies. Firearms were used in 15 percent of the robberies, and other dangerous weapons were used in 13 percent.

Robbery Value Losses by Location 2003



Robbery Weapons 2003



Aggravated Assault

Definition

Aggravated Assault is defined in the UCR program as an unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm. Statistics for aggravated assault include attempts to commit aggravated assault.

Analysis

Volume

The number of aggravated assaults committed in 2003 was 256. This represents a 25.5 percent increase from the 204 reported in 2002. More aggravated assaults occurred in August than any other month and February had the fewest aggravated assaults.

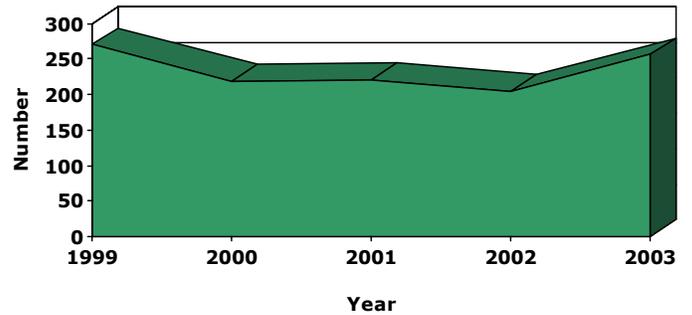
Rate

The aggravated assault rate for Harlingen in 2003 was 408.5 per 100,000 persons. The rate increased 19.9 percent from 2002.

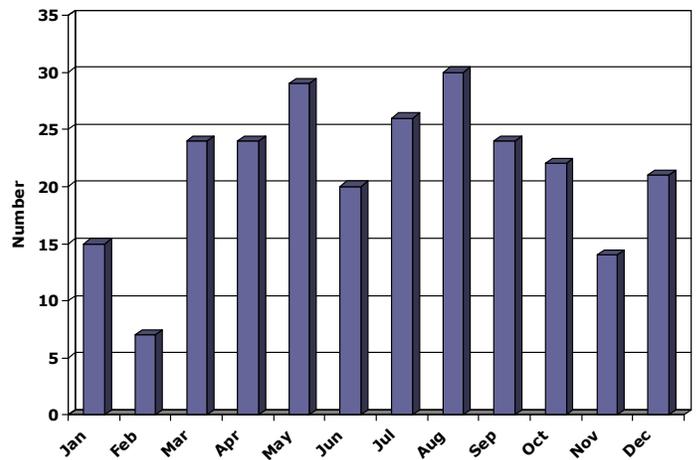
Persons Arrested

The number of persons arrested for Aggravated Assault in 2003 totaled 59. Of the 59 that were arrested, 52 were males and 7 were females. The age group representing the largest number of aggravated assault arrestees was the 15-19 year old age group for males and 25-29 year old age group for females.

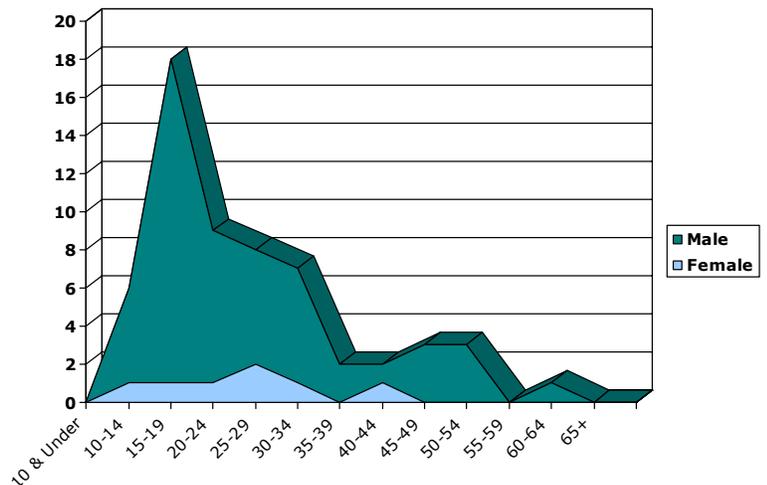
Aggravated Assaults 1999-2003



Aggravated Assaults by Month



Aggravated Assaults Arrestees by Age and Gender 2003

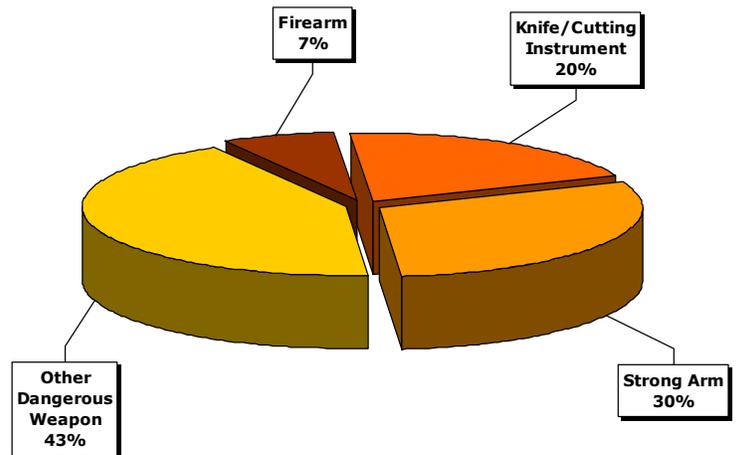


Nature of Aggravated Assaults

Of all aggravated assaults, 43 percent were committed using other dangerous weapons and 30 percent using strong-arm tactics. Knives or cutting instruments were used in 20 percent of the aggravated assaults, and firearms were used in the remaining 7 percent.

The use or attempted use of a dangerous weapon in an assault or the serious injury inflicted by hands, fists or feet is what separates this index offense from assaults categorized as "simple assaults." Citizens of Harlingen reported 1,061 simple assaults in 2003.

Aggravated Assaults Weapons



Burglary

Definition

Burglary is defined in the UCR program as the unlawful entry of a structure with the intent to commit a felony or a theft. While the use of force to gain entry is not required to classify an offense as burglary, attempted forcible entries to commit burglary are counted in these crime statistics.

Analysis

Volume

The number of burglaries committed in Harlingen in 2003 was 911. This represents a 14.6 percent increase when compared to the burglaries committed in 2002. More burglaries were committed in August and November than any other month. The month with the fewest burglaries was February.

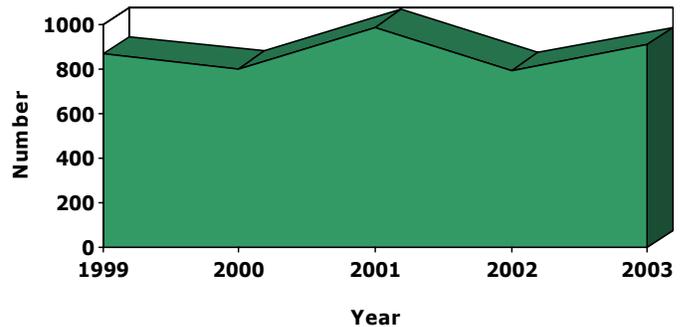
Rate

The 2003 burglary rate was 1,453.8 burglaries for every 100,000 persons. The change in the rate of burglary from 2002 shows an increase of 9.5 percent.

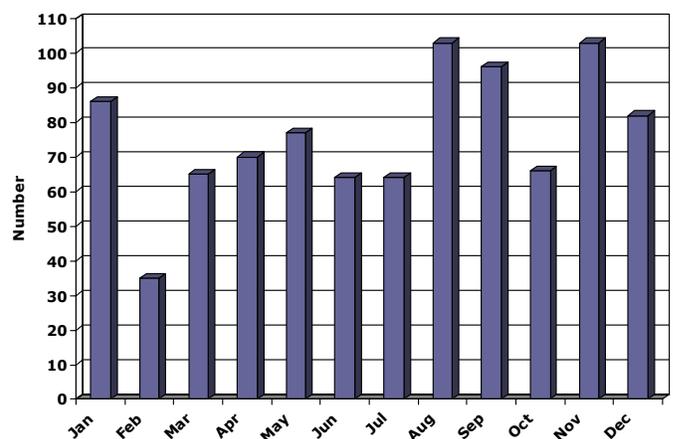
Persons Arrested

In 2003, 148 people were arrested for burglary. Of the people arrested, 129 were male and 19 were female. The age group with the largest number of burglary arrestees was the 15-19 year old group for both males and females.

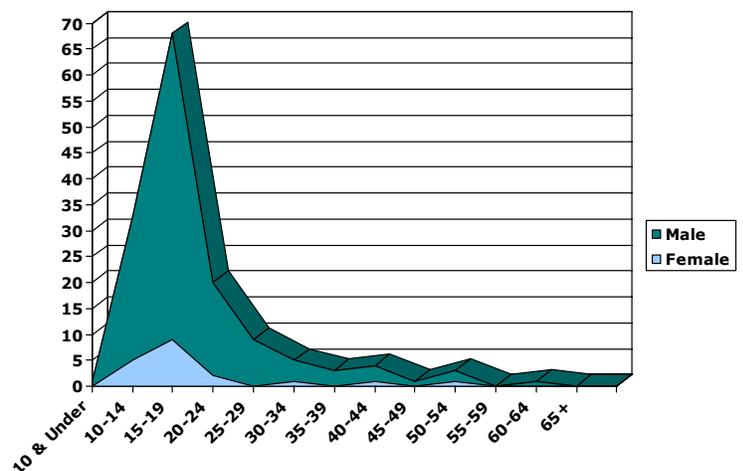
Burglary 1999-2003



Burglary by Month 2003



Burglary Arrestees by Age and Gender 2003



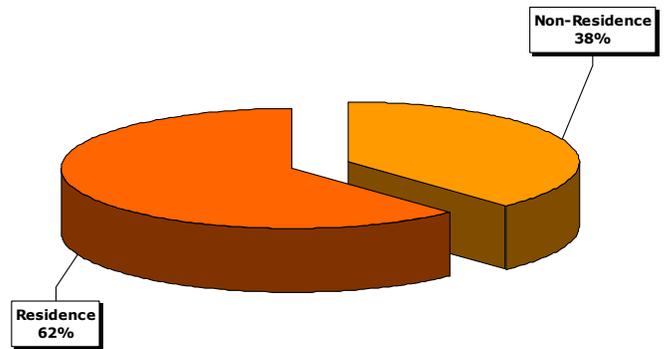
Nature of Burglary

In 2003, 62 percent of all reported burglaries occurred at residences and 38 percent occurred in non-residences. Of all reported burglaries, forcible entry accounted for 69 percent. 18 percent of the burglaries were unlawful entries without force and 4 percent were attempted forcible entries. Of the offenses for which the time of occurrence was known, 37.2 percent occurred at night and 36.3 percent occurred in the day.

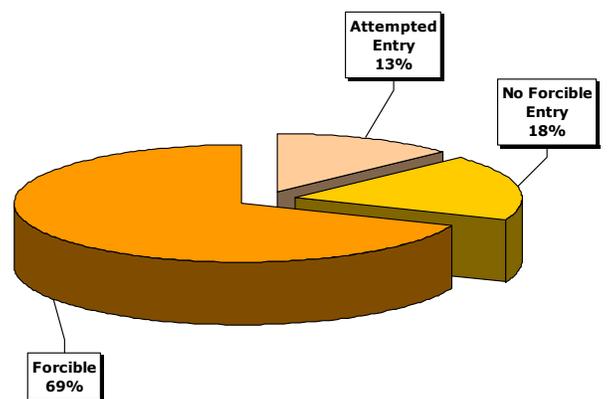
Value

In 2003, Harlingen burglary victims suffered losses totaling \$792,369. This total represented an increase of 24.3 percent compared to 2002.

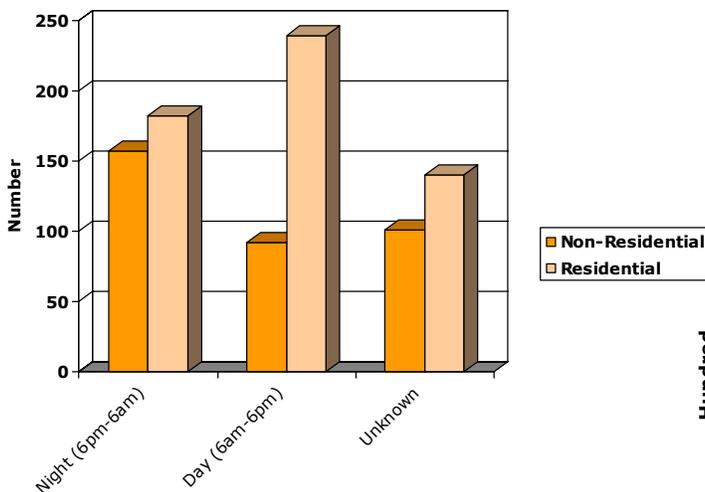
Burglary by Location 2003



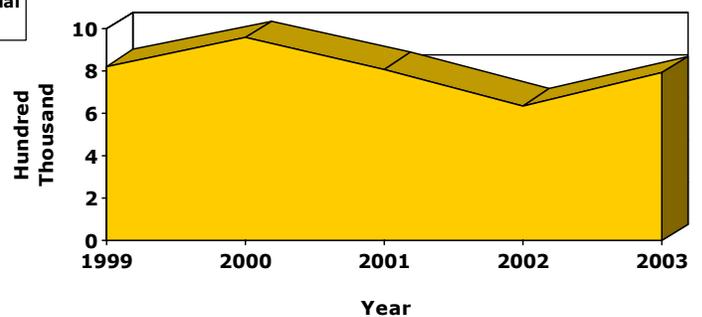
Burglary by Methods 2003



Burglary Offenses by Time of Day 2003



Value Lost to Burglary 1999-2003



Larceny/Theft

Definition

Larceny/theft is defined in the UCR program as the unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another. Larceny/theft includes crimes such as shoplifting, pocket-picking, purse snatching, thefts from motor vehicles, theft of motor vehicle parts and accessories, bicycle thefts, and other things of value in which no use of force, violence or fraud occurs. In the UCR Program, this crime classification does not include embezzlement, "con" games, forgery and the passing of worthless checks. Motor vehicle theft is not included in this category as it is a separate index crime offense.

Analysis

Volume

The number of thefts committed in Harlingen in 2003 was 3,171 making this the largest crime category of the Index Crimes. The volume of theft increased 16.2 percent when compared to 2002. More thefts were committed in June than any other month. The fewest thefts occurred in February. It is reasonable to expect that many offenses in this category, particularly where the value of goods stolen is small, are never reported to police agencies.

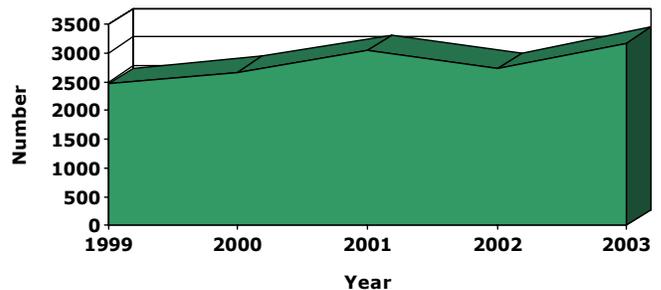
Rate

The 2003 theft rate for Harlingen was 5,060.2 thefts per 100,000 persons. The change in theft rate from 2002 was an increase of 11 percent.

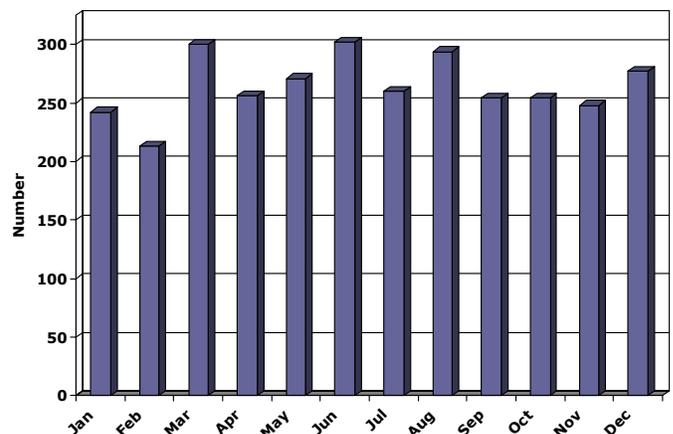
Persons Arrested

The number of persons arrested for theft in 2003 totaled 368. Of the subjects arrested, 142 were female and 226 were male. The age group with the largest number of arrests for theft was the 15-19 year old group for both males and females.

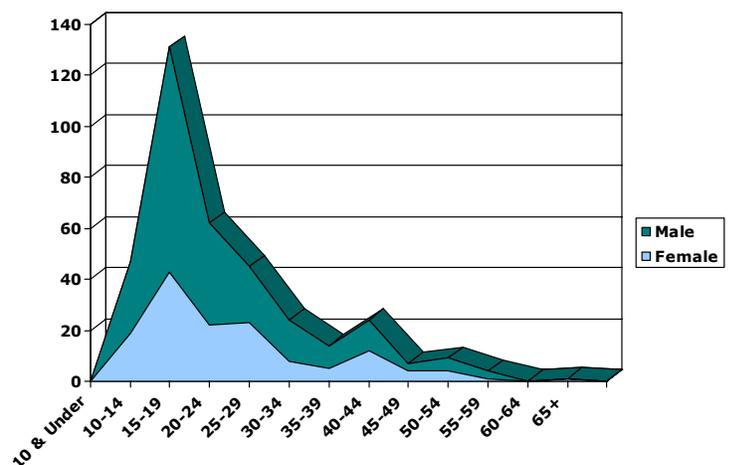
Larceny/Theft 1999-2003



Larceny/Theft by Month 2003



Larceny/Theft Arrestees by Age and Gender 2003



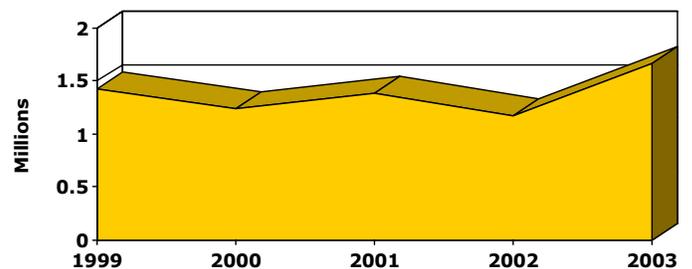
Nature of Larceny/Theft

In 2003, theft victims suffered losses totaling \$1,667,447. This is a 42.3 percent increase when compared to 2002. The average dollar loss per theft in 2003 was \$525.84.

For data collection, larceny/theft is divided into nine categories: pocket-picking, purse snatching, shoplifting, thefts from motor vehicles, theft of motor vehicle parts, theft of bicycles, theft from buildings, theft from coin-operated machines, and all other thefts (except motor vehicles).

Value of Property Stolen in Larceny/Theft - 2003	
Type of Theft	Property Value
Pick Pocket	\$4,608
Purse Snatching	\$1946
Shoplifting	\$84,150
From Autos	\$257,565
Auto Parts	\$122,942
Bicycles	\$20,164
From Buildings	\$336,299
From Coin-Operated Machines	\$13,515
Other	\$826,258
Total	\$1,667,447

**Value Lost to Larceny/Theft
1999-2003**



Motor Vehicle Theft

Definition

Motor Vehicle Theft is defined in the UCR program as the theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle, including joyriding. A motor vehicle is defined as a self-propelled vehicle that travels on the surface but not on rails. Specifically excluded from this category are motor boats, construction equipment, airplanes, and farming equipment

Analysis

Volume

The number of motor vehicle thefts committed in Harlingen in 2003 was 181. The volume of motor vehicle theft declined 20.3 percent when compared to 2002. More motor vehicle thefts were committed in May and August than any other month, while the fewest occurred in December.

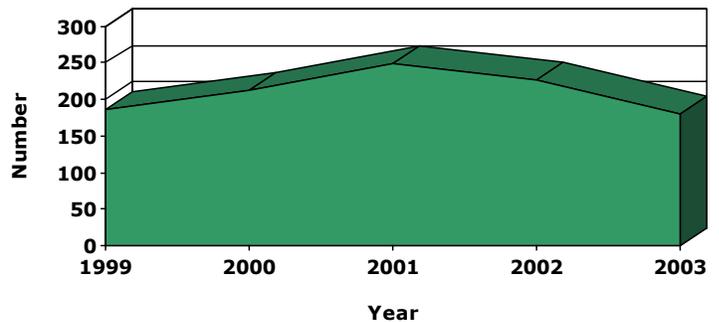
Rate

The motor vehicle theft rate for Harlingen in 2003 was 288.8 thefts per 100,000 persons. The rate decreased 23.8 percent when compared to 2002.

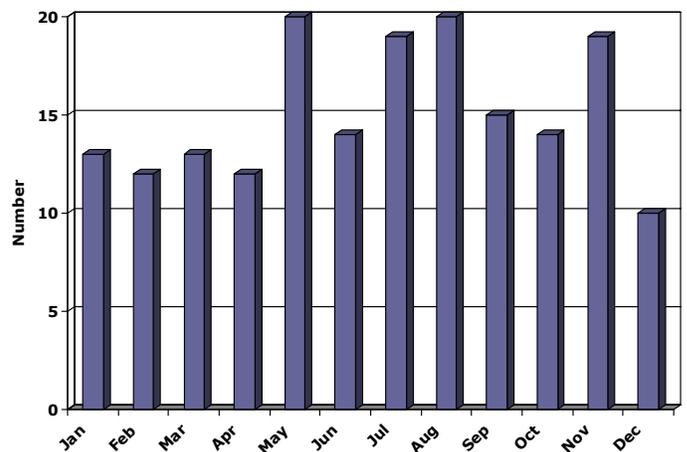
Persons Arrested

The number of persons arrested for motor vehicle theft in 2003 totaled 16. Of the 13 arrested, 10 were male and 6 were female. The age group representing the largest number of arrests was the 15-19 year old group for females.

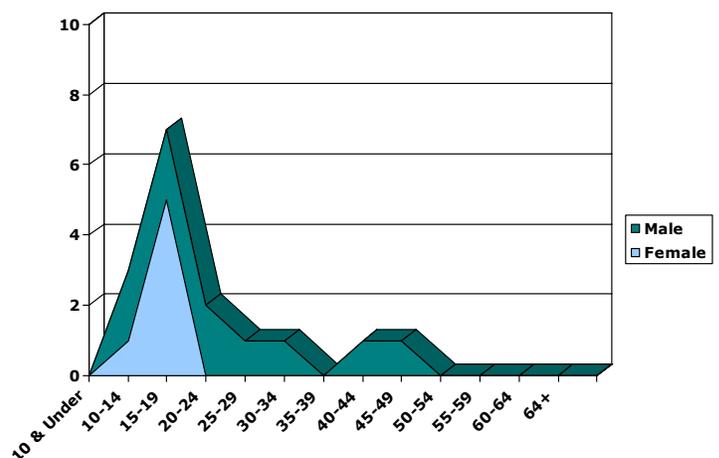
Motor Vehicle Theft 1999-2003



Motor Vehicle Thefts by Month



Motor Vehicle Thefts Arrestees by Age and Gender 2003

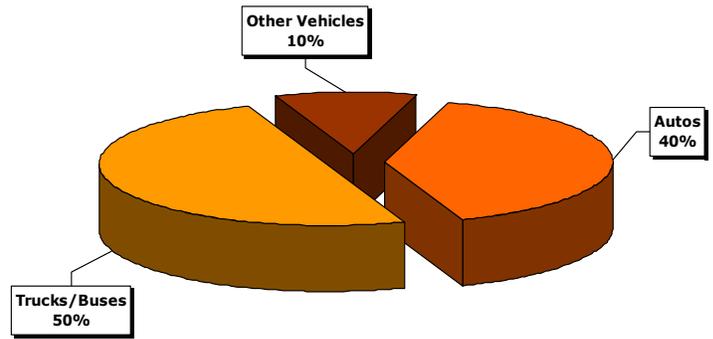


Nature of Motor Vehicle Theft

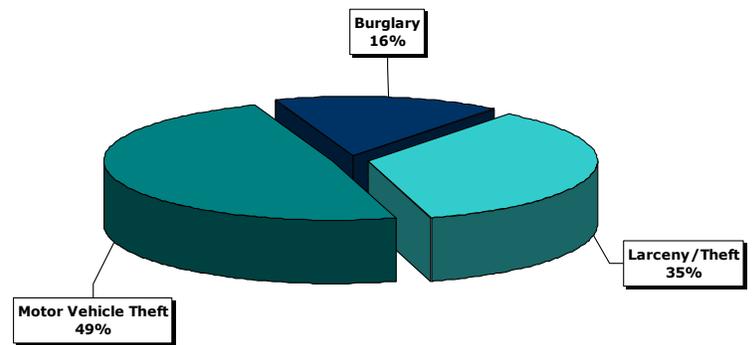
In 2003, motor vehicle theft victims suffered losses totaling \$2,348,881. The average dollar loss per vehicle was \$12,977.24. Of the types of motor vehicles reported to be stolen, 50 percent were trucks/buses, 40 percent were autos, and the remaining 10 percent were classified as "other vehicles."

The "other vehicles" classification includes all other motor vehicles such as snowmobiles, motorcycles, motor scooters, trail bikes, mopeds, golf carts, and the like.

Motor Vehicle Theft by Type Stolen



Motor Vehicle Theft as a Percentage of Property Crime by Value 2003



Selected Non-Index Crimes

Selected Non-Index Crimes

DWI

Definition

Driving While Under the Influence (DWI) is defined in the UCR program as the driving or operating of any motor vehicle or common carrier while under the influence of liquor or narcotics.

Analysis

Volume

As with Part II non-index crimes, information on the number of reported crimes is not collected by the UCR Program for this offense. However, the number of persons arrested for this crime is collected.

The number of arrests for DWI in Harlingen in 2003 was 492. The volume of arrests decreased 31.9% from 2002.

Rate

The 2003 DWI arrest rate was 785.13 per 100,000 persons. The DWI arrest rate decreased 34.9% when compared to 2002.

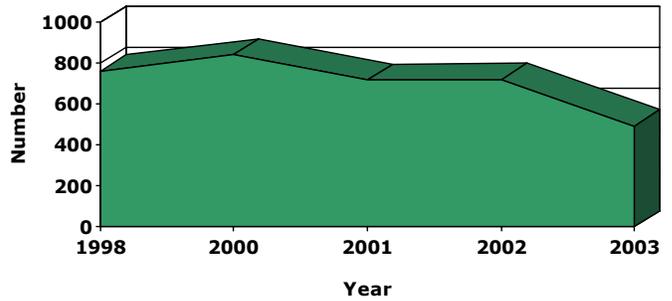
Persons Arrested

Of the 492 people arrested for DWI in 2003, 445 were males and 47 were female. The age group with the highest number of DWI arrests was the 20-24 year old group for males.

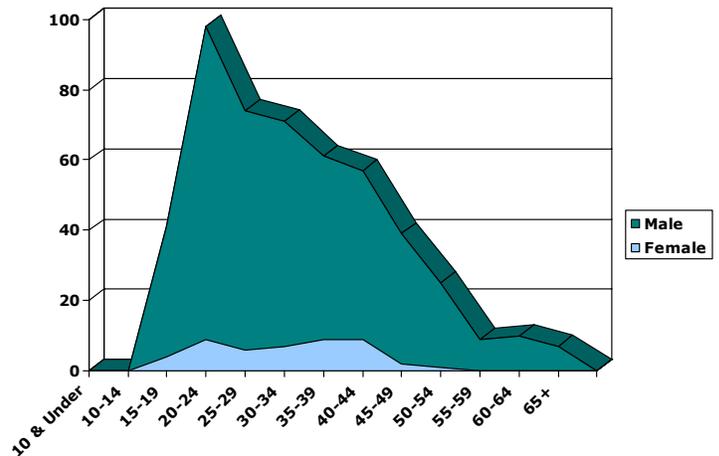
Nature of DWI Arrests

Any consideration of the number and rate of DWI arrests must be reconciled with the fact that many factors control the ability of law enforcement officers to detect drunken drivers. Among the significant factors which drive the DWI arrest rate are these: media coverage of the DWI problem, public awareness, availability of funds for patrol officer overtime, and the skill and training in DWI detection of officers.

DWI Arrests 1999-2003



DWI Arrestees by Age and Gender



Drug Abuse Arrests

Definition

For UCR purposes, drug abuse encompasses all violations of the narcotic drug laws. These are offenses such as unlawful possession, sale, use, growing and manufacturing of narcotic drugs.

In this report, these violations are summarized to include all drug abuse arrests (grand total drug abuse), sale and manufacturing arrests, and drug possession arrests.

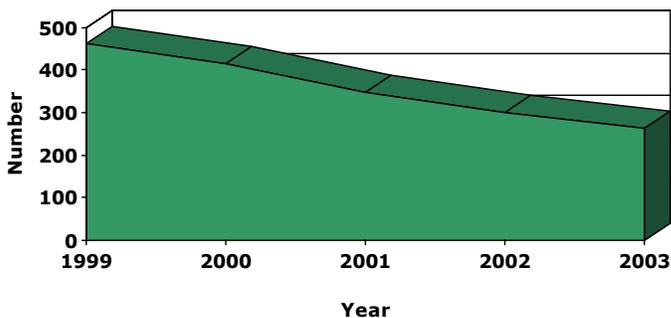
The reported number of arrests for drug abuse violations in 2003 totaled 272.

As with all Part II non-index crimes, information on the number of reported crimes is not collected for the UCR program. However, the number of persons arrested for these crimes is collected.

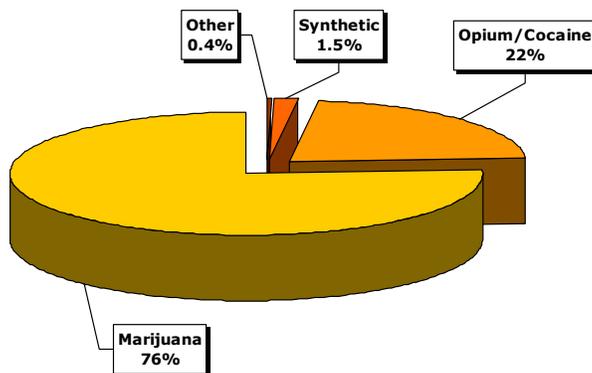
Persons Arrested

For 2003, 9 arrests were made for the sale and/or manufacturing of narcotics. The number of arrests for possession of drugs in 2003 was 263. Of those arrested for possession, 218 were male and 45 were female. The largest number of possession arrests came from marijuana at 76 percent, followed by cocaine at 22 percent, synthetic/manufactured drugs at 1.5 percent, and other dangerous non-narcotic drugs at 0.4 percent.

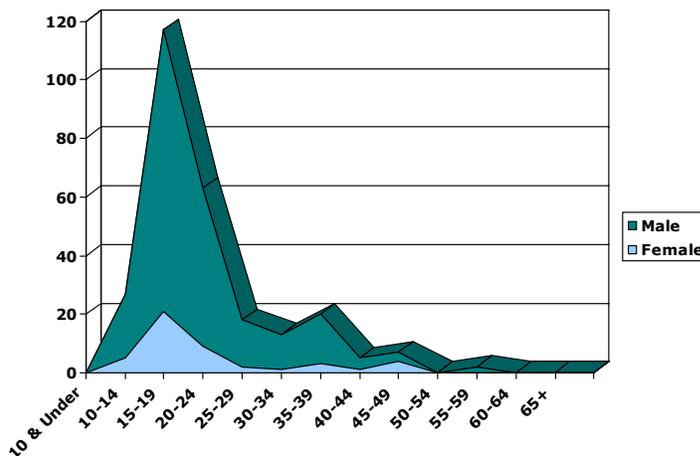
**Drug Possession Arrests
1999-2003**



Drug Possession Arrests by Drug Type 2003



Drug Abuse Arrestees by Age and Gender 2003



Drug Seizures

Purpose

Drug Seizure information is presented in compliance with Article 4476-15, §5.14 V.A.C.S. and its requirement that "All law enforcement agencies in this state shall file monthly with the (DPS) Director a report of all arrests for drug offense made and quantities of controlled substances seized by them during the preceding month."

Quantities

The following chart displays the quantity of illegal drugs seized by the Special Investigations Unit and Uniformed Services Division of the Harlingen Police Department. Amounts are rounded. Dose units refer to one pill, tablet, capsule or other single user quantity.

Type and Quantity of Drugs Seized		
Class	Type	Quantity
Cannabinoids	Marijuana	4,296 pounds
Opiates	Heroin	0
Cocaine	Cocaine	11 pounds
	Crack	0
Hallucinogens	Designer Drugs	540 pills
Other Drugs	Barbiturates	0
	Amphetamines	0
	Methamphetamines	2 pounds

Weapons Arrests

Definition

A weapon arrest is the violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment, or use of firearms, cutting instruments, explosives, incendiary devices, or other deadly weapons. As with all Part II non-index crimes, the UCR program collects only reports of arrests for this offense.

Analysis

Volume

In 2003, 25 arrests for weapon violations were reported. The number of arrests increased by 13.6 percent compared to 2002.

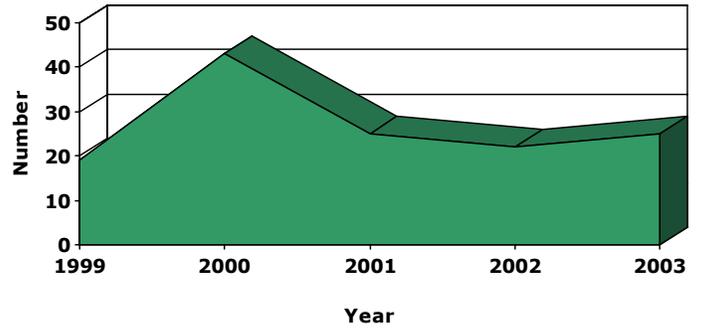
Rate

The weapons arrest rate for 2003 was 39.9 arrests per 100,000 persons.

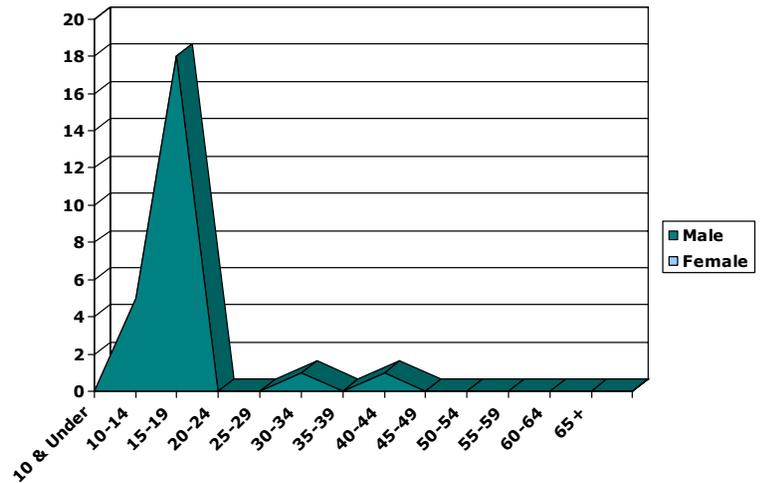
Persons Arrested

All 25 arrests were males. The age group with the highest number of weapon violations was the 15-19 year old group.

Weapons Arrests 1999-2003



Weapons Arrestees by Age and Gender 2003



Calls for Service

Harlingen Calls for Service Clock 2003



One
CALL FOR SERVICE
Every 6.5 minutes

One
INTOXICATION CALL
Every 12.7 hours

One
MISCELLANEOUS
Every 1 hour

One
REPOSSESSION
Every 1.2 days

One
SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE
Every 49.8 minutes

One
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT
Every 2.5 hours

One
TRAFFIC RELATED
Every 29.1 minutes

One
ALARM CALL
Every 1.2 hour

One
ANIMAL RELATED
Every 9.5 hours

One
ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC
Every 55.3 minutes

One
CRIME AGAINST A PERSON
Every 2.4 hours

One
CRIME AGAINST PROPERTY
Every 1 hour

One
DISTURBANCE
Every 1.2 hours

One
DRUG RELATED
Every 20.6 hours

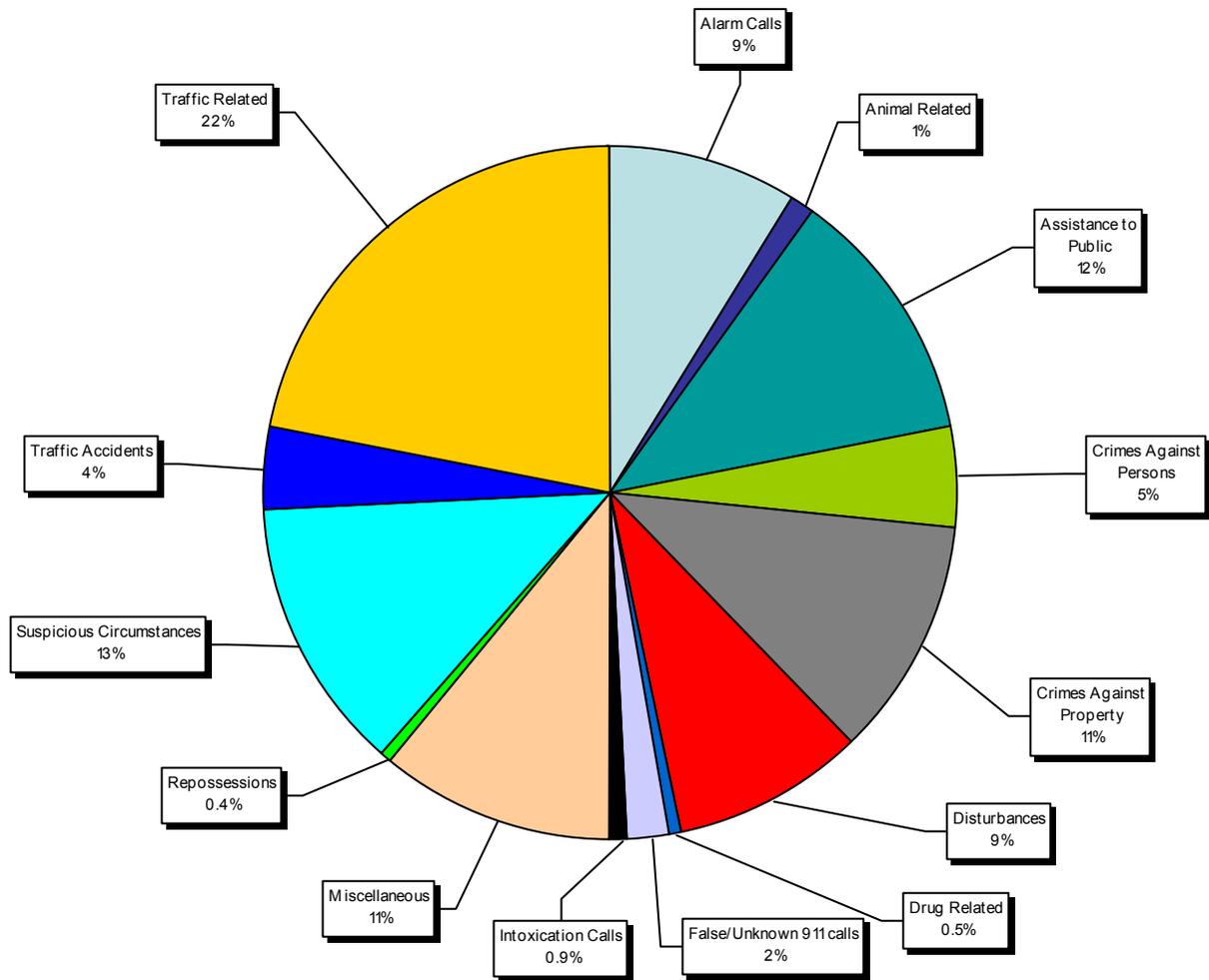
One
FALSE/UNKNOWN 911 CALL
Every 5.6 hours

During 2003, the Harlingen Police Department responded to 81,064 calls for service.

This mode of display represents the annual ratio of calls for service to fixed time intervals.

This is an aggregate representation of UCR data, it is designed to convey the annual service call experience by showing the relative frequency of occurrence.

Calls for Service 2003



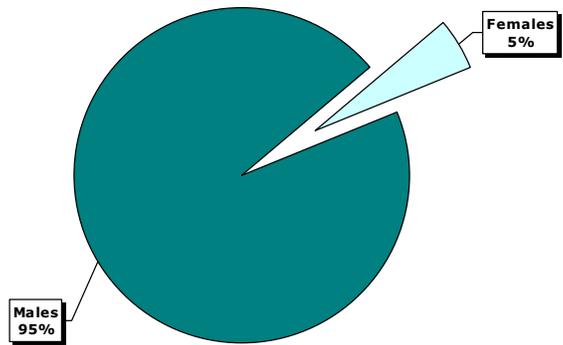
Law Enforcement Personnel

Law Enforcement Personnel 2003

Commissioned Personnel

In 2003, the Harlingen Police Department employed 110 full-time sworn officers. The average number of officers per 1000 citizens of Harlingen is 1.75. Of the 110 officers, 95 percent were male and 5 percent were female. The Harlingen Police Department is currently authorized 117 sworn officers and for 2003 was at 94 percent full strength.

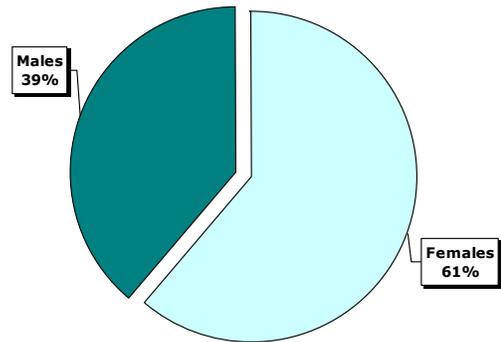
Percentage of Male and Female Sworn Officers



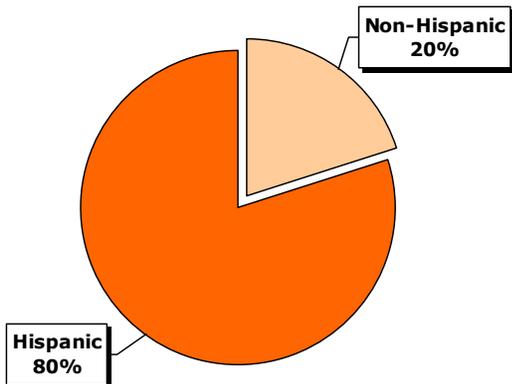
Civilian Personnel

The Harlingen Police Department employed 33 civilian employees in 2003 which included Records Clerks, Communications Personnel, Administrative Technicians, Booking Officers, and Information Technology Personnel. Of the 33 civilians employed last year, 39 percent were male and 61 percent were female. The Harlingen Police Department is authorized 37 civilian employees.

Percentage of Male and Female Civilian Employees



Employee Ethnicity



Harlingen Arrest Data 2003

Summary of Arrest Data 2003

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	JUVENILE	ADULT	TOTAL
Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0
Manslaughter by negligence	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	1	1
Robbery	9	28	37
Aggravated Assault	13	46	59
Burglary-Breaking & Entering	71	77	148
Larceny -Theft (except auto theft)	100	268	368
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	9	16
Other Assaults	41	304	345
Arson	1	3	4
Forgery and Counterfeiting	0	12	12
Fraud	2	5	7
Embezzlement	0	0	0
Stolen Property;Buying, Receiving, Possessing	0	0	0
Vandalism	56	57	113
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	17	8	25
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	0	9	9
Sex Offenses (except forcible rape & prostitution)	1	37	38
Drug Abuse Violations GRAND TOTAL	80	192	272
(1) Sale/Manufacturing SUBTOTAL	0	9	9
Opium or Cocaine & their derivatives	0	0	0
Marijuana	0	9	9
Synthetic/Manufactured Drugs	0	0	0
Other-Dangerous non-narcotic drugs	0	0	0
(2) Possession SUBTOTAL	80	183	263
Opium or Cocaine & their derivatives	10	49	59
Marijuana	67	132	199
Synthetic/Manufactured Drugs	2	2	4
Other-Dangerous non-narcotic drugs	1	0	1
Gambling TOTAL	0	0	0
Bookmaking (horse & sport book)	0	0	0
Numbers and Lottery	0	0	0
All Other Gambling	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	8	8
Driving Under the Influence	4	488	492
Liquor Laws	4	21	25
Drunkenness	16	558	574
Disorderly Conduct	31	50	81
Vagrancy	0	0	0
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	40	299	339
Curfew and Loitering	0	N/A	0
Runaways	31	N/A	31
TOTAL	524	2480	3004

Male Juvenile Arrests 2003

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	<10	10-12	13-14	15	16	Total
Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	1	1	5	2	9
Aggravated Assault	0	2	3	4	3	12
Burglary-Breaking & Entering	1	2	26	16	17	62
Larceny -Theft (except auto theft)	0	6	22	14	18	60
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	2	0	1	3
Other Assaults	0	1	15	7	5	28
Arson	0	0	0	0	1	1
Forgery and Counterfeiting	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud	0	0	0	1	1	2
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property;Buying, Receiving, Possessing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	1	4	25	10	10	50
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	0	0	5	9	3	17
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses (except forcible rape & prostitution)	1	0	0	0	0	1
Drug Abuse Violations GRAND TOTAL	0	1	21	14	26	62
(1) Sale/Manufacturing SUBTOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
Opium or Cocaine & their derivatives	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marijuana	0	0	0	0	0	0
Synthetic/Manufactured Drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other-Dangerous non-narcotic drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0
(2) Possession SUBTOTAL	0	1	21	14	26	62
Opium or Cocaine & their derivatives	0	0	3	0	2	5
Marijuana	0	1	18	12	24	55
Synthetic/Manufactured Drugs	0	0	0	1	0	1
Other-Dangerous non-narcotic drugs	0	0	0	1	0	1
Gambling TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bookmaking (horse & sport book)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Numbers and Lottery	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Other Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	0	0	0	0
Driving Under the Influence	0	0	0	0	4	4
Liquor Laws	0	0	0	1	3	4
Drunkenness	0	0	1	6	4	11
Disorderly Conduct	0	4	2	6	8	20
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	0	6	14	9	7	36
Curfew and Loitering	0	0	0	0	0	0
Runaways	0	3	3	0	3	9
TOTAL	3	30	140	102	116	391

Female Juvenile Arrests 2003

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	<10	10-12	13-14	15	16	Total
Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	1	0	0	0	1
Burglary-Breaking & Entering	0	2	3	1	3	9
Larceny -Theft (except auto theft)	0	5	14	15	6	40
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	1	2	1	4
Other Assaults	0	3	4	1	5	13
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forgery and Counterfeiting	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud	0	0	0	0	0	0
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property;Buying, Receiving, Possessing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	0	0	5	1	0	6
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses (except forcible rape & prostitution)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations GRAND TOTAL	0	0	5	8	5	18
(1) Sale/Manufacturing SUBTOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
Opium or Cocaine & their derivatives	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marijuana	0	0	0	0	0	0
Synthetic/Manufactured Drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other-Dangerous non-narcotic drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0
(2) Possession SUBTOTAL	0	0	5	8	5	18
Opium or Cocaine & their derivatives	0	0	3	1	1	5
Marijuana	0	0	2	6	4	12
Synthetic/Manufactured Drugs	0	0	0	1	0	1
Other-Dangerous non-narcotic drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gambling TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bookmaking (horse & sport book)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Numbers and Lottery	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Other Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	0	0	0	0
Driving Under the Influence	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor Laws	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drunkenness	0	0	1	2	2	5
Disorderly Conduct	0	2	5	1	3	11
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	0	1	1	0	2	4
Curfew and Loitering	0	0	0	0	0	0
Runaways	0	3	10	7	2	22
TOTAL	0	17	49	38	29	133

Male Adult Arrests 2003

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25-29	Total
Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Robbery	4	4	2	0	1	2	1	0	2	16
Aggravated Assault	3	5	2	3	0	1	2	2	6	24
Burglary-Breaking & Entering	9	12	5	6	4	2	3	3	9	53
Larceny -Theft (except auto theft)	18	24	14	6	11	10	9	4	22	118
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	4
Other Assaults	9	8	7	6	5	13	17	11	53	129
Arson	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Forgery and Counterfeiting	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	6
Fraud	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property;Buying, Receiving, Possessing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	12	2	6	2	0	1	2	3	12	40
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses (except forcible rape & prostitution)	1	3	1	6	3	0	4	1	12	31
Drug Abuse Violations GRAND TOTAL	27	18	11	10	11	11	12	10	16	126
(1) Sale/Manufacturing SUBTOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	6
Opium or Cocaine & their derivatives	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marijuana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	6
Synthetic/Manufactured Drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other-Dangerous non-narcotic drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(2) Possession SUBTOTAL	27	18	11	10	11	11	12	8	12	120
Opium or Cocaine & their derivatives	7	4	0	0	4	1	1	4	4	25
Marijuana	20	14	11	10	7	10	11	4	8	95
Synthetic/Manufactured Drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other-Dangerous non-narcotic drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gambling TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bookmaking (horse & sport book)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Numbers and Lottery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Other Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Driving Under the Influence	3	12	18	15	17	18	25	14	68	190
Liquor Laws	3	1	4	4	2	1	0	1	1	17
Drunkenness	12	7	11	17	23	10	17	11	68	176
Disorderly Conduct	3	3	3	1	3	4	0	3	3	23
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	15	15	12	6	10	14	13	4	38	127
TOTAL	122	118	102	86	92	88	108	67	313	1096

Male Adult Arrests 2003 (cont.)

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65+	Total
Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	2	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	7
Aggravated Assault	6	2	1	3	3	0	1	0	16
Burglary-Breaking & Entering	4	3	3	1	2	0	1	0	14
Larceny -Theft (except auto theft)	16	9	12	3	5	3	0	0	48
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
Other Assaults	34	31	28	13	10	3	2	1	122
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forgery and Counterfeiting	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Fraud	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property;Buying, Receiving, Possessing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	4	3	0	0	0	2	1	1	11
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses (except forcible rape & prostitution)	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	6
Drug Abuse Violations GRAND TOTAL	12	17	4	3	0	2	0	0	38
(1) Sale/Manufacturing SUBTOTAL	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Opium or Cocaine & their derivatives	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marijuana	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Synthetic/Manufactured Drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other-Dangerous non-narcotic drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(2) Possession SUBTOTAL	11	16	4	3	0	2	0	0	36
Opium or Cocaine & their derivatives	4	7	3	3	0	0	0	0	17
Marijuana	6	9	1	0	0	2	0	0	18
Synthetic/Manufactured Drugs	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Other-Dangerous non-narcotic drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gambling TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bookmaking (horse & sport book)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Numbers and Lottery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Other Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3
Driving Under the Influence	64	52	48	37	24	9	10	7	251
Liquor Laws	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Drunkenness	73	59	63	43	31	31	8	6	314
Disorderly Conduct	1	0	2	4	1	0	0	4	12
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	46	29	28	17	8	6	2	3	139
TOTAL	267	212	195	126	86	57	25	23	991

Female Adult Arrests 2003

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25-29	Total
Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Aggravated Assault	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	4
Burglary-Breaking & Entering	0	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	7
Larceny -Theft (except auto theft)	7	7	8	7	6	4	4	1	23	67
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Other Assaults	0	3	1	6	3	0	4	1	12	30
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forgery and Counterfeiting	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Fraud	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property;Buying, Receiving, Possessing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	4
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Sex Offenses (except forcible rape & prostitution)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations GRAND TOTAL	3	0	5	3	1	3	2	0	2	19
(1) Sale/Manufacturing SUBTOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Opium or Cocaine & their derivatives	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marijuana	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Synthetic/Manufactured Drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other-Dangerous non-narcotic drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(2) Possession SUBTOTAL	3	0	5	3	1	3	1	0	2	18
Opium or Cocaine & their derivatives	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	4
Marijuana	2	0	4	3	1	2	0	0	2	14
Synthetic/Manufactured Drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other-Dangerous non-narcotic drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gambling TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bookmaking (horse & sport book)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Numbers and Lottery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Other Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Driving Under the Influence	1	2	1	3	3	0	1	2	6	19
Liquor Laws	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Drunkness	3	0	7	4	3	1	3	0	2	23
Disorderly Conduct	2	3	1	3	1	1	0	0	1	12
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	1	0	1	3	2	4	2	3	5	21
TOTAL	20	21	26	32	24	13	17	7	55	215

Female Adult Arrests 2003 (cont.)

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65+	Total
Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Aggravated Assault	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Burglary-Breaking & Entering	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
Larceny -Theft (except auto theft)	8	5	12	4	4	1	0	1	35
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Assaults	8	8	4	2	0	1	0	0	23
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forgery and Counterfeiting	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	4
Fraud	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property;Buying, Receiving, Possessing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	2	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	8
Sex Offenses (except forcible rape & prostitution)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations GRAND TOTAL	1	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	9
(1) Sale/Manufacturing SUBTOTAL	0	0	0						
Opium or Cocaine & their derivatives	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marijuana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Synthetic/Manufactured Drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other-Dangerous non-narcotic drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(2) Possession SUBTOTAL	1	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	9
Opium or Cocaine & their derivatives	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	3
Marijuana	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	5
Synthetic/Manufactured Drugs	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Other-Dangerous non-narcotic drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gambling TOTAL	0	0	0						
Bookmaking (horse & sport book)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Numbers and Lottery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Other Gambling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Driving Under the Influence	7	9	9	2	1	0	0	0	28
Liquor Laws	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drunkenness	11	7	13	3	9	2	0	0	45
Disorderly Conduct	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Vagrancy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	1	3	4	4	0	0	0	0	12
TOTAL	44	41	48	22	15	6	0	2	178

Appendices

Uniform Crime Reporting Offenses

Offenses in Uniform Crime Reporting are divided into two groups designated as Part I and Part II offenses. Offense and arrest information is reported for the Part I offenses, while only arrest information is reported for Part II offenses.

Part I Offenses

Criminal Homicide – (a) Murder and non-negligent manslaughter: All willful felonious homicides as distinguished from deaths caused by negligence. Excluded are attempts to kill, assaults, to kill, suicides, accidental deaths and justifiable homicides. Justifiable homicides are limited to: the killing of a person by a law enforcement officer in the line of duty; and the killing of a person in the act of committing a felony by a private citizen; (b) Manslaughter by negligence: any death which the police investigation established was primarily attributable to gross negligence of some individual other than the victim.

Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter – The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another. This includes any death due to injuries received in a fight, argument, quarrel, assault, or commission of a crime. Suicides, accidental deaths, assaults to murder, traffic fatalities and attempted murders are not included.

Justifiable Homicide – The killing of a person by a law enforcement officer in the line of duty; or the killing (during the commission of a felony) of a felon by a private citizen.

Manslaughter by Negligence – The killing of another person through gross negligence.

Forcible Rape – The carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will.

Robbery – The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

Aggravated Assault – An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.

Burglary – The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft. This includes breaking and entering with intent to commit a larceny; housebreaking; safe cracking; and all attempts at these offenses.

Larceny/Theft – The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another. This includes pocket-picking, purse-snatching, shoplifting, theft from motor vehicles, theft of motor vehicle parts and accessories, theft of bicycles, theft from buildings, theft from coin-operated machines, and all thefts that don't fit into the above mentioned categories.

Motor Vehicle Theft – The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle, which is defined as a self-propelled vehicle that runs on land surface and not on rails.

Glossary of Terms

Adult – In Texas, an adult is a person 17 years of age or over. National law provides that adults are age 18 or over. Unless otherwise indicated, this publication follows the state definition.

Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means – For Uniform Crime Reporting purposes, an offense is cleared by arrest or solved when at least one person is arrested, charged with the commission of an offense and turned over to court for prosecution. In certain situations, police are not able to follow these three steps and, if the following four conditions can be met, the offense can be cleared exceptionally: (1) the investigation has definitely established the identity of the offender; (2) there is enough information to support an arrest, charge, and turning over to the court for prosecution; (3) the exact location of the offender is known so that he could be taken into custody; (4) there is some reason outside the police control that prevents the arresting, charging, and prosecuting of the offender.

Crime Index – The sum of seven index offenses used to measure the extent, fluctuation and distribution of a crime in a given geographical area. Crime classifications used in the Crime Index are: murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny/theft and motor vehicle theft. While arson is also an index offense, it is not part of the Crime Index.

Crime Rate – The number of offenses per 100,000 inhabitants. To calculate a crime rate, divide the population by 100,000 and then divide the number of offenses by that answer. The crime rate is useful in determining the relative frequency of crime without regard to fluctuations in population.

Index Crime – A crime for which reports of offenses committed are collected. Index crimes are murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny/theft, motor vehicle theft and arson.

Juvenile – In Texas, a juvenile is a person 16 years of age or under.

Non-Violent Crime – Property crimes; the index offenses of burglary, larceny/theft and motor vehicle theft.

Personal Weapon – The use of hands, feet, fists and teeth as a weapon to commit a crime; also termed strong-arm weapon.

Strong-Arm Weapons – The use of hands, feet, fists and teeth as a weapon to commit a crime. Also termed personal weapon.

Threat – A declared intent to inflict bodily harm on a person.

Violent Crime – Consists of the Index Offenses of murder, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault. Also referred to as crimes against persons.