



Victoria Police Department



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Overview

The Victoria Police Department is dedicated to the delivery of quality service to the citizens of our community. In doing so, we strive to create a community-police partnership that will enhance communications within Victoria, helping all to discover and address problems and concerns that affect our daily lives.

The members of the Victoria Police Department endeavor to protect persons in our city from harm and from damage or loss of property. The officers of our department enforce laws and take post crime actions to identify and arrest suspected offenders, contributing to the ends of justice.

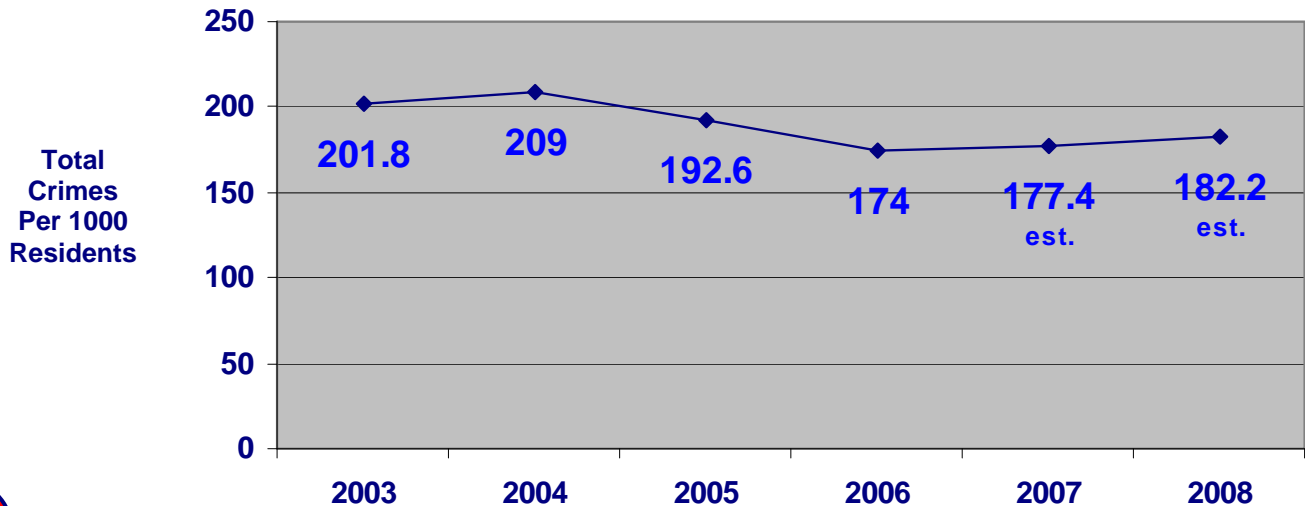
The City of Victoria is situated in the crossroads of south Texas, finding itself as a hub of daytime action for business and industry. As Victoria continues to grow, the Victoria Police Department finds that crime trends change as well. This crime report is a compilation of the various crime statistics and trends from the past year.

Historical Data – Total Class I & Class II Crimes

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Population	61,410	61,560	61,861	62,169	62,500	62,500
Total Crimes	12,394	12,866	11,914	10,817	11,088	11,392
Crimes per 1000 residents	201.8	209	192.6	174	177.4	182.2

Note: Population totals are estimates

Crime Rate - All Offenses



Uniform Crime Reporting National Incident-Based Reporting System

In reporting crime statistics to the state and federal level, the Victoria Police Department utilizes the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). In this system, law enforcement agencies collect and submit detailed information about crime incidents and arrests. Most local law enforcement agencies provide a monthly count of offenses and arrests for certain offense categories to their state UCR systems, which in turn report these totals to the FBI.

The Victoria Police Department reports violations of criminal law as either Class I or Class II crimes. The data presented on page 1 shows a yearly comparison of all crimes reported in Victoria – both Class I and Class II.

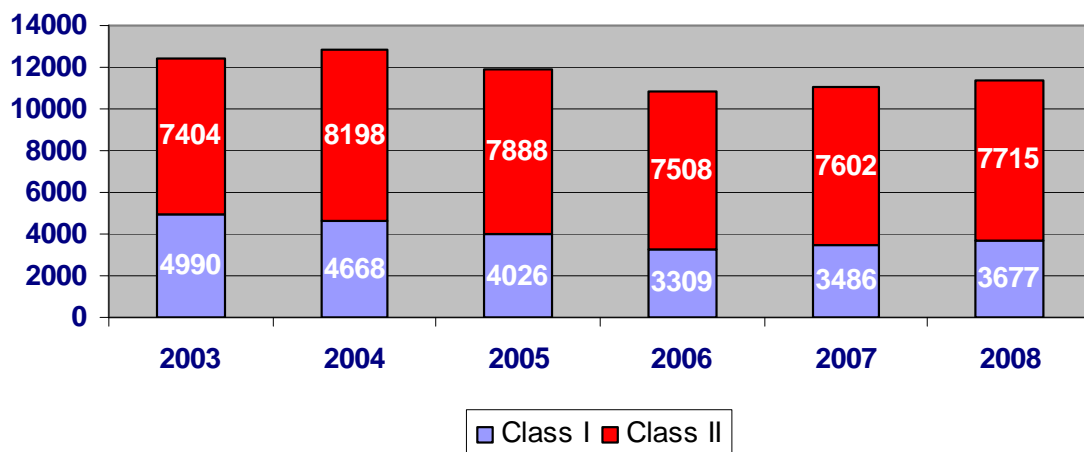
The Class I crimes reported by the Victoria Police Department are murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft, and motor vehicle theft.

Class II crimes encompass all other offenses which include criminal mischief / vandalism, DUI, drugs/narcotics, forgery / counterfeit, fraud, liquor law violations, runaway, sex offenses, simple assault, terroristic threat / intimidation, trespassing, weapons law violations and other miscellaneous offenses.

Crime Rate Changes from Prior Year

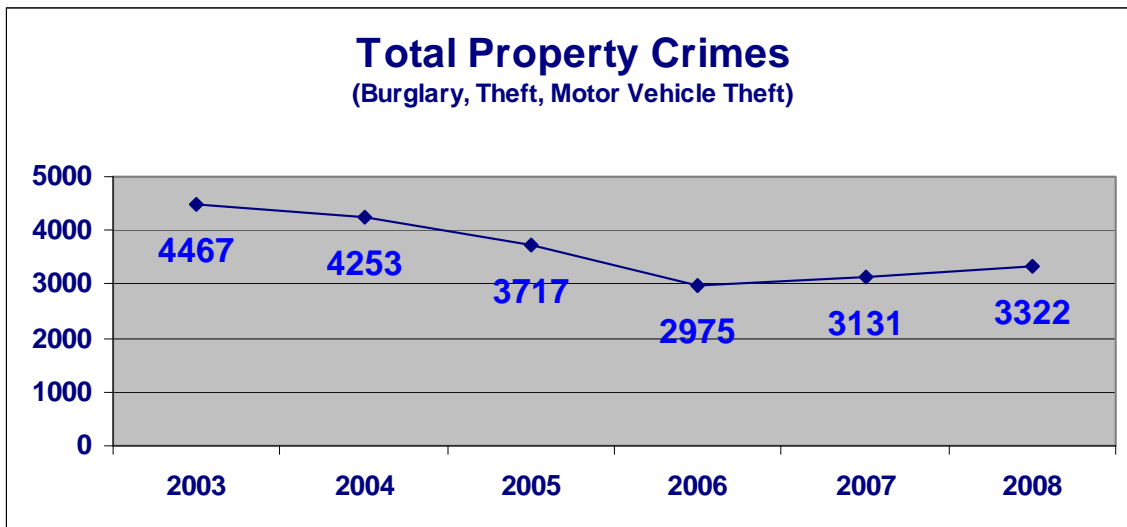
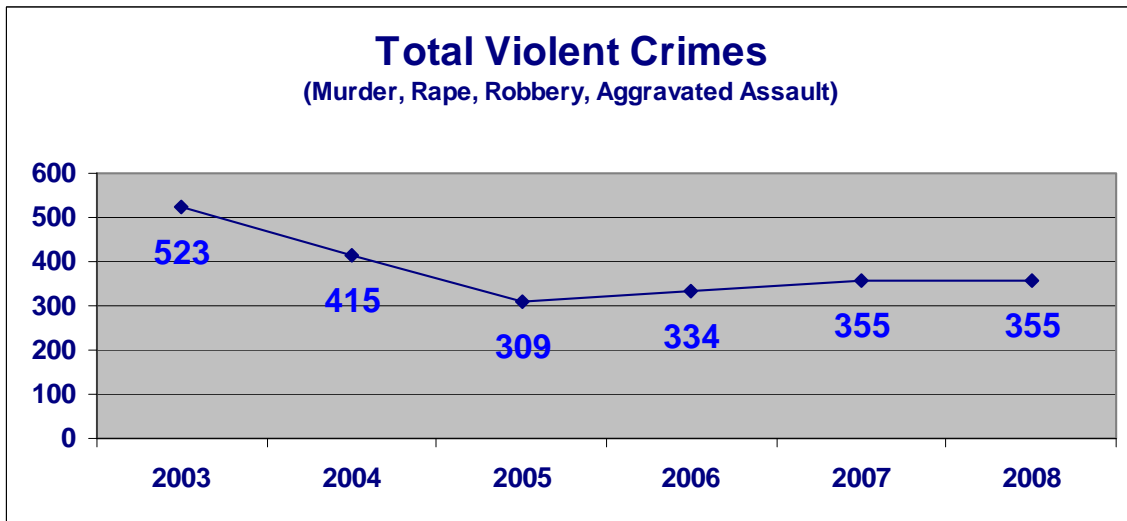
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Class I Crimes: % Changed	- 6.45 %	- 13.75 %	- 17.80 %	+ 5.35 %	+ 5.48 %
Class II Crimes: % Changed	+ 10.72 %	- 3.78 %	- 4.82 %	+ 1.25 %	+ 1.49 %

Class I and Class II Crimes



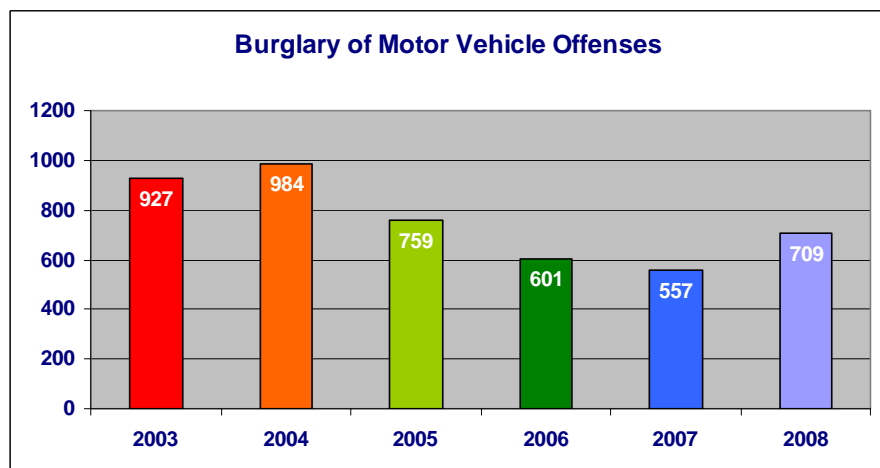
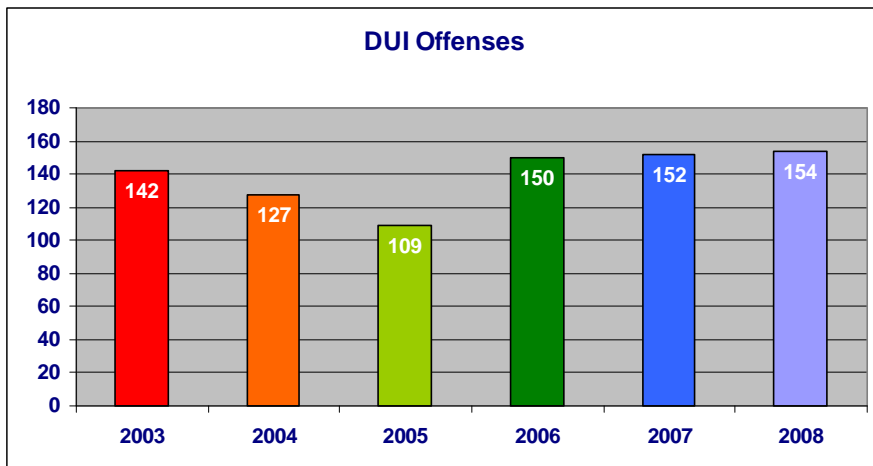
The following is a comparative summary of the total Class I crimes reported in Victoria during the past six years.

Total Class I Crimes						
Crime Category	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Murder	8	6	2	4	2	2
Rape	44	31	36	32	37	42
Robbery	110	92	58	90	76	69
Aggravated Assault	361	286	213	208	240	242
Burglary	858	863	838	687	674	811
Theft	3420	3213	2727	2125	2331	2413
MV Theft	189	177	152	163	126	98
Total Class I Crimes	4990	4668	4026	3309	3486	3677



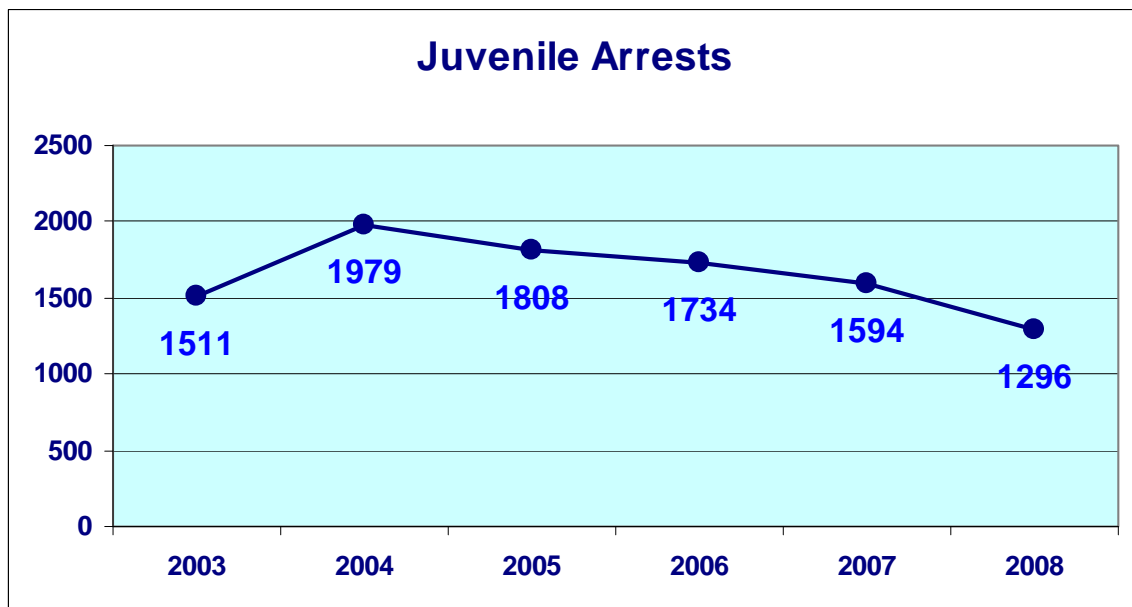
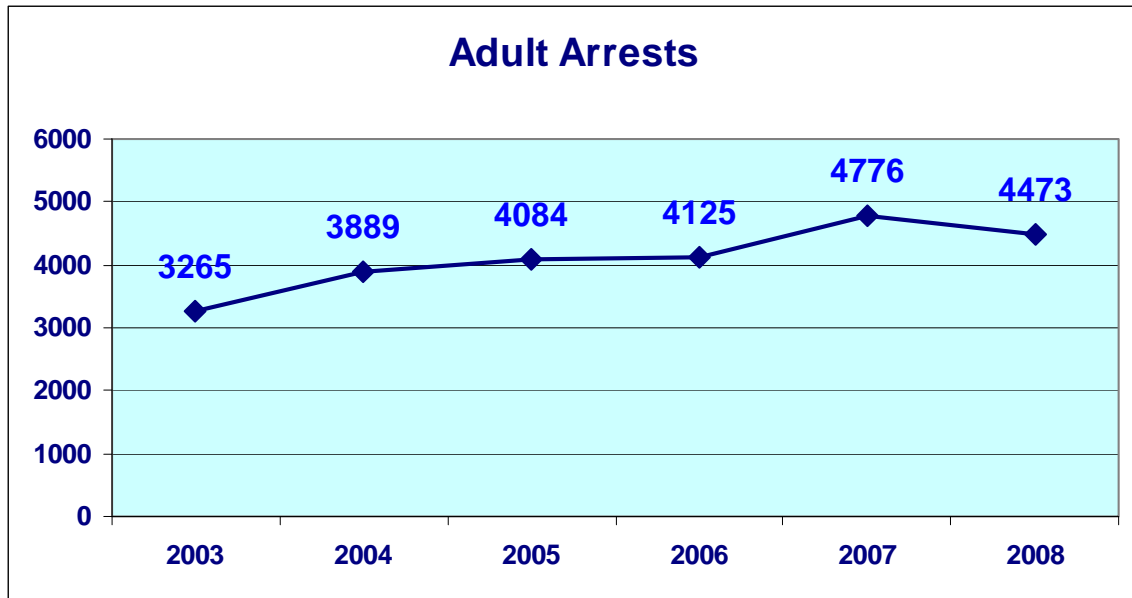
The following is a summary of the total Class II crimes reported in Victoria, comparing 2008 with 2007.

Total Class II Crimes			
Crime Category	2007	2008	% Change
Criminal Mischief / Vandalism	1005	1057	+ 5.2 %
DUI	152	154	+ 1.3 %
Drugs / Narcotics	521	588	+ 12.9 %
Forgery / Counterfeit	109	95	- 12.8 %
Fraud	190	142	- 25.3 %
Liquor Law Violations	216	178	- 17.6 %
Runaway	256	246	- 3.9 %
Sex Offenses	52	52	0 %
Simple Assault	972	1070	+ 10.1 %
Terroristic Threat / Intimidation	70	73	+ 4.3 %
Trespassing	147	151	+ 2.7 %
Weapons Law Violations	63	49	-22.2 %
All Other Offenses	3849	3860	+ 0.3 %
Total Class II Crimes	7602	7715	+ 1.49 %



Arrests

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Adult	3265	3899	4084	4125	4776	4473
Juvenile	1511	1979	1808	1734	1594	1296
Total	4776	5868	5892	5859	6370	5769



The following table is a comparison of Victoria's 2007 Crime Rate with the Crime Rates of other Texas Cities. The rates for the other cities were derived from data provided by the State of Texas in the publication – Crime in Texas – 2007.

The “total offenses” below reflect the total Class I Crimes.

City	Population	Total Offenses	Crime Rate/1,000
Bay City	18,211	1,550	85.11
Longview	77,003	5,927	76.97
Harlingen	64,984	4,880	75.09
Wichita Falls	98,717	7,411	75.07
Corpus Christi	286,428	21,099	73.66
Galveston	57,590	4,046	70.25
San Antonio	1,316,882	91,470	69.45
Austin	716,817	49,324	68.81
Houston	2,169,544	147,890	68.16
Killeen	104,188	6,495	62.33
Pharr	63,666	3,945	61.96
Bryan	67,484	4,138	61.31
Gonzales	7,534	458	60.79
Texas City	45,574	2,711	59.48
Edinburg	69,708	4,046	58.04
Temple	55,057	3,182	57.79
Rockport	9,464	534	56.42
Victoria	62,500	3,486	55.77
San Angelo	88,285	4,793	54.29
Tyler	95,596	5,053	52.85
Conroe	51,582	2,662	51.60
Seguin	25,203	1,283	50.90
Odessa	95,839	4,831	50.40
Port Arthur	55,481	2,670	49.74
Baytown	69,040	3,422	49.56
Wharton	9,355	459	49.06
New Braunfels	51,860	2,236	43.11
Bedford	48,974	1,985	40.53
Mission	66,216	2,665	40.24