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Overview

The Victoria Police Department is dedicated to providing quality service to the citizens and guests of our community. Our mission is to reduce crime and the fear of crime through outstanding police service in partnership with the community.

Members of the Victoria Police Department endeavor to protect persons in our community from harm and from damage or loss of property. While members of the Victoria Police Department continue traditional criminal investigative methods, new initiatives were undertaken in 2010 in order to achieve our mission. Some of these initiatives include utilization of social networking, improvements in the Crime Stoppers Program and crime specific public service announcements broadcasted on the Internet and local media outlets.

The City of Victoria is located at the crossroads of South Texas, making it the regional epicenter of business, medical, educational, and industrial activities. As Victoria continues to grow and prosper, the Victoria Police Department will work to change policing methods to best meet the needs of the citizens and guests of our community. This report is a compilation of various crime statistics and trends.

Historical Data – Total Class I & Class II Crimes

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Population	61,410	61,560	61,861	62,169	62,500	62,500	62,788	62,788
Total Crimes	12,394	12,866	11,914	10,817	11,088	11,483	12,702	10,549
Crimes per 1000 residents	201.8	209	192.6	174	177.4	183.7	202.3	168

Note: The 2009 and 2010 population estimates were taken from the publication – Crime in Texas – 2009



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.

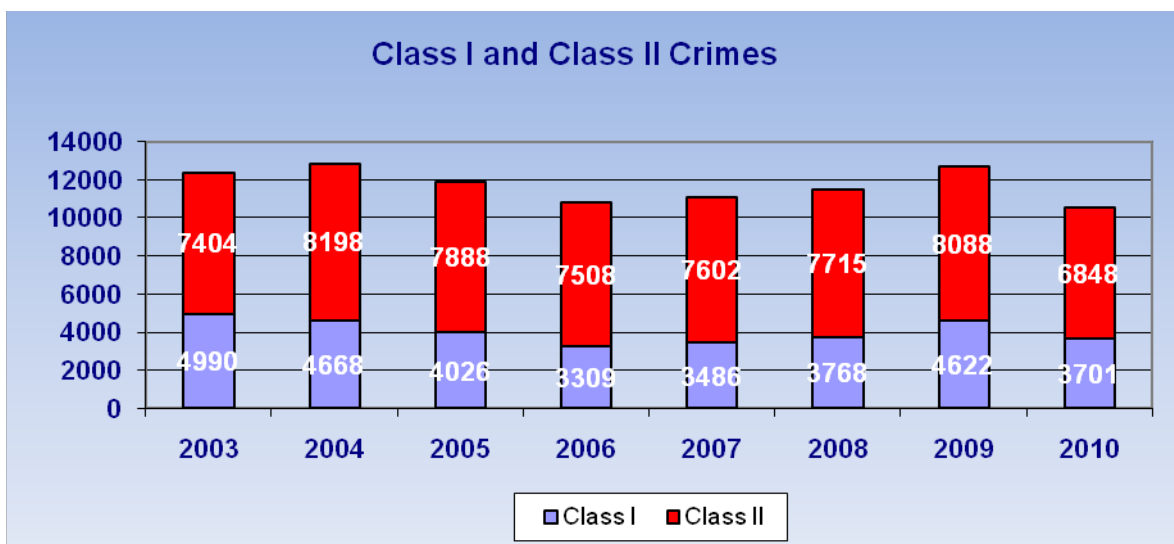
The Victoria Police Department reports violations of criminal law as either Class I or Class II crimes. The data presented on page 1 shows a yearly comparison of all crimes reported in Victoria – both Class I and Class II.

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.

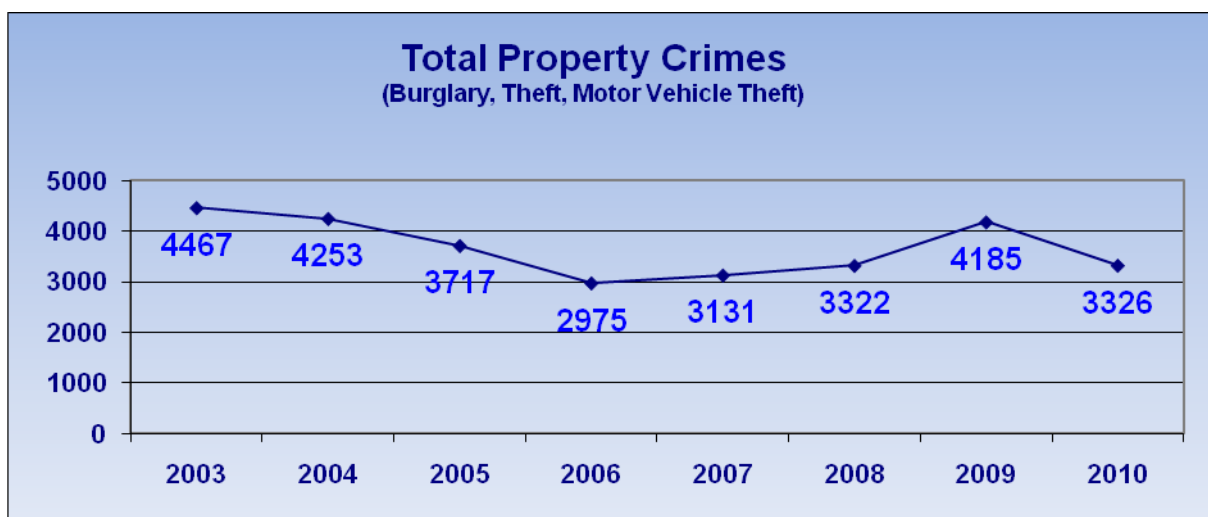
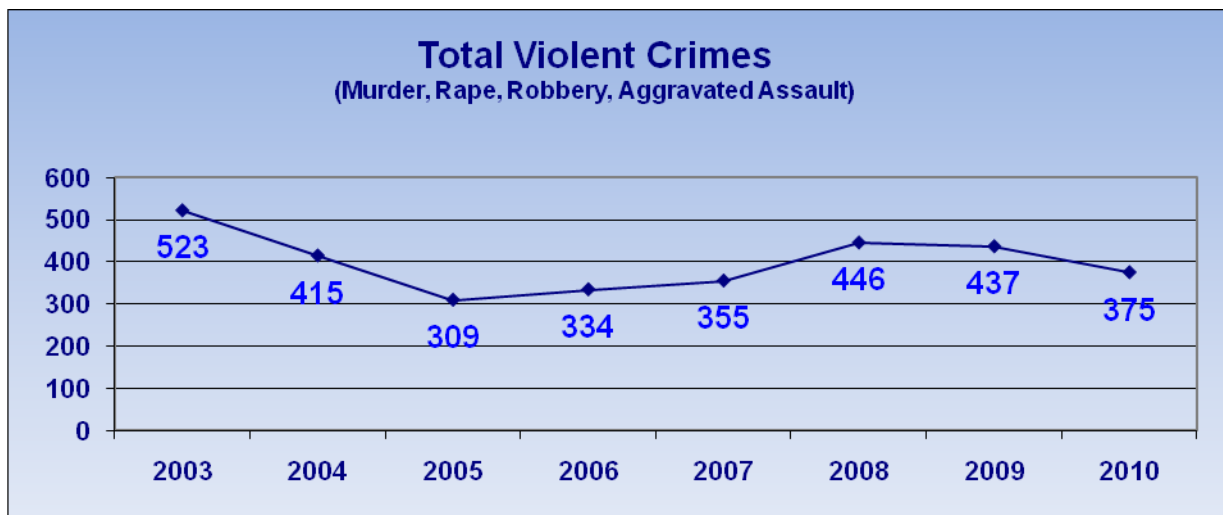
Crime Rate Changes from Prior Year

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Class I Crimes: % Changed	- 13.75 %	- 17.80 %	+ 5.35 %	+ 8.09 %	+ 22.66 %	- 19.93 %
Class II Crimes: % Changed	- 3.78 %	- 4.82 %	+ 1.25 %	+ 1.49 %	+ 4.83 %	- 15.33 %



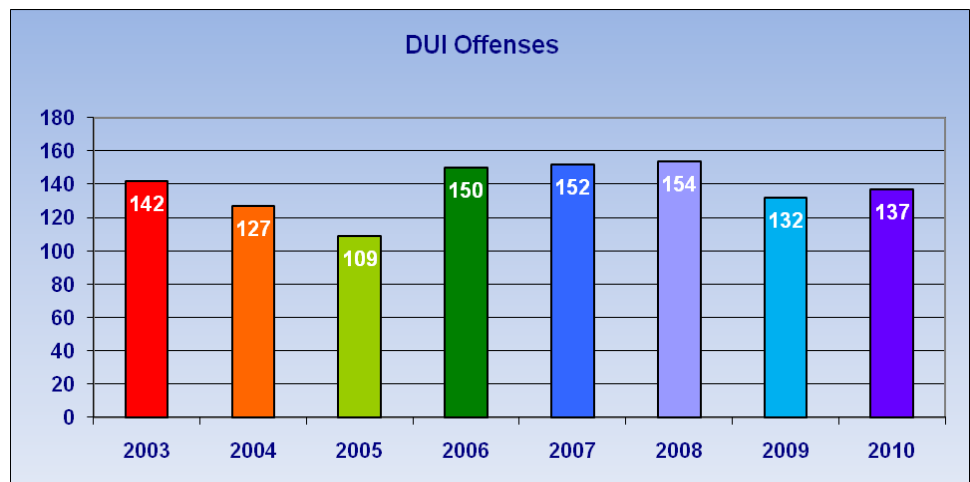
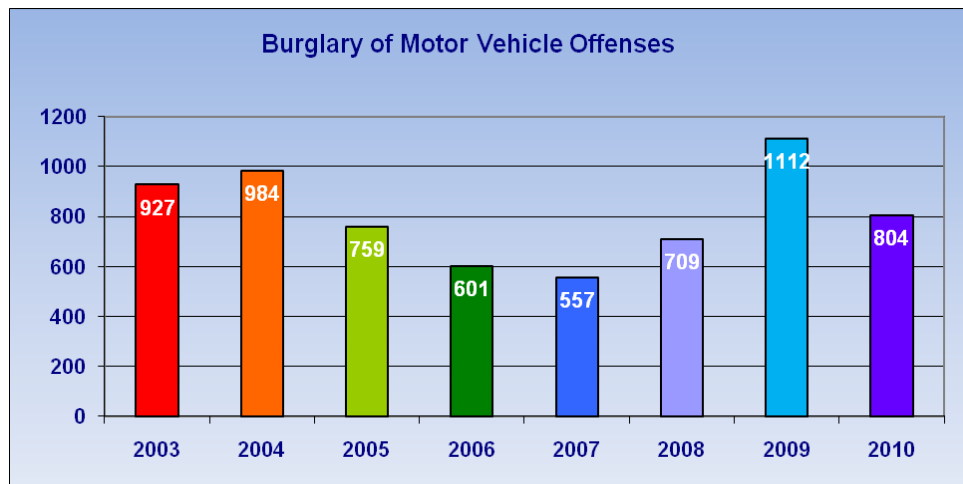
The following is a comparative summary of the total Class I crimes reported in Victoria during the past eight years.

Total Class I Crimes									
Crime Category	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	% Change from 2009
Murder	8	6	2	4	2	2	1	7	+ 600 %
Rape	44	31	36	32	37	42	36	33	- 8.3 %
Robbery	110	92	58	90	76	69	81	73	- 9.9 %
Aggravated Assault	361	286	213	208	240	333	319	262	- 17.9 %
Burglary	858	863	838	687	674	811	1049	790	- 24.7 %
Theft	3420	3213	2727	2125	2331	2413	3041	2437	- 19.9 %
MV Theft	189	177	152	163	126	98	95	99	+ 4.2 %
Total Class I Crimes	4990	4668	4026	3309	3486	3768	4622	3701	- 19.93 %



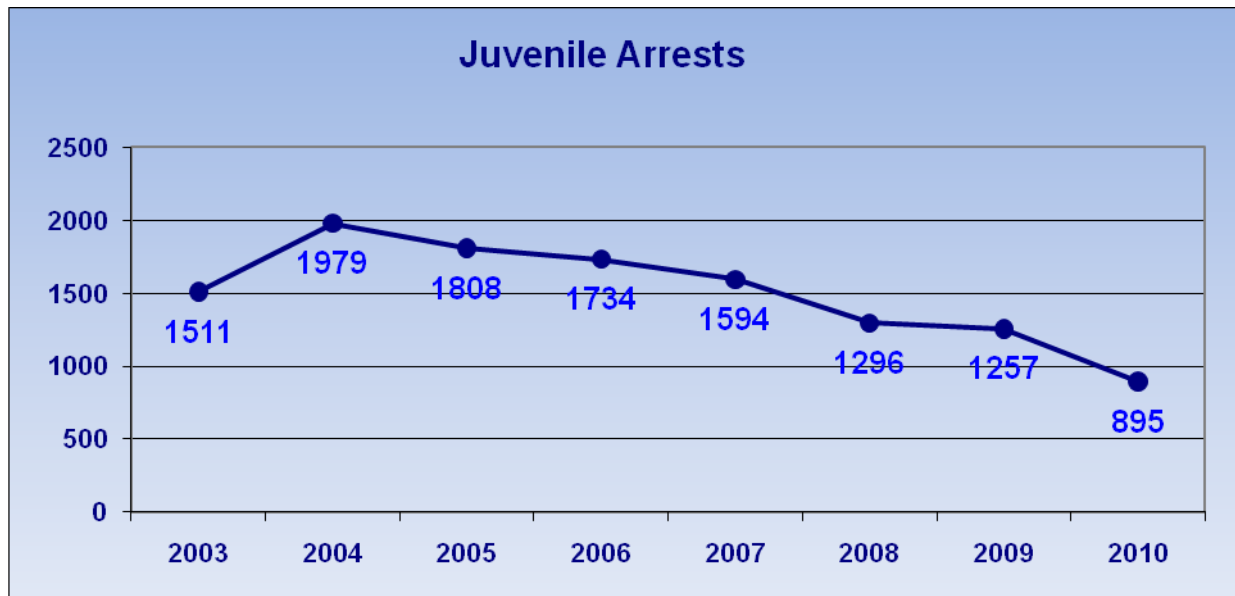
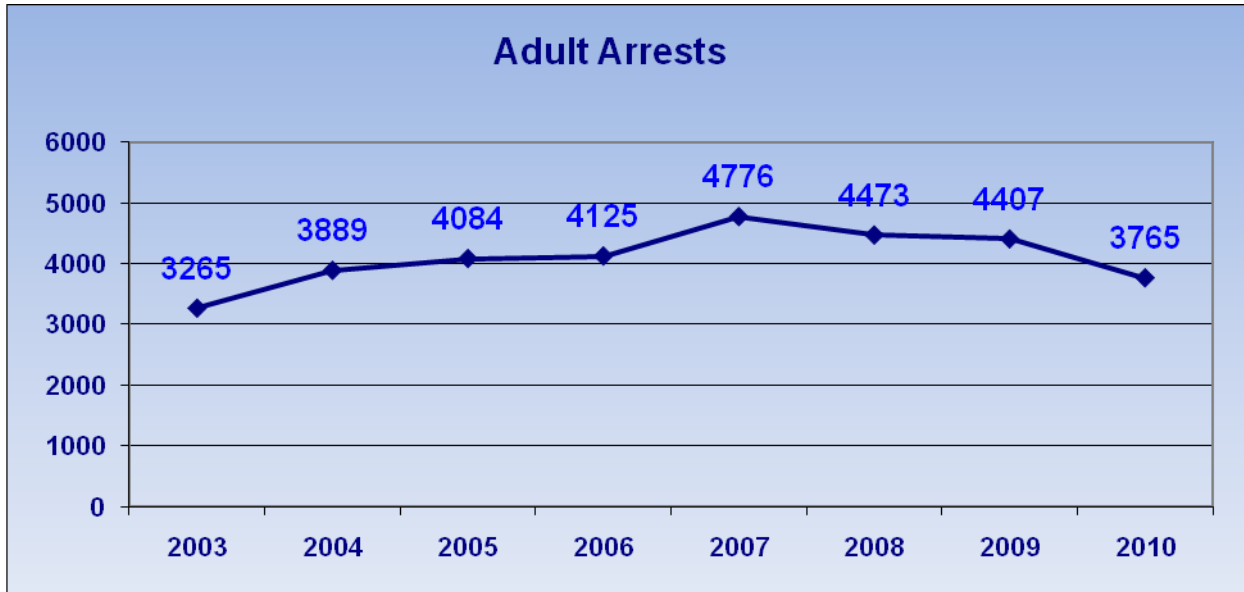
The following is a summary of the total Class II crimes reported in Victoria, comparing 2009 with 2010.

Total Class II Crimes			
Crime Category	2009	2010	% Change
Criminal Mischief / Vandalism	1318	981	- 25.6 %
DUI	132	137	+ 3.8 %
Drugs / Narcotics	566	549	- 3 %
Forgery / Counterfeit	106	71	- 33 %
Fraud	153	144	- 5.9 %
Liquor Law Violations	124	120	- 3.2 %
Runaway	258	226	- 12.4 %
Sex Offenses	46	47	+ 2.2 %
Simple Assault	1162	1013	- 12.8 %
Terroristic Threat / Intimidation	80	56	- 30 %
Trespassing	191	203	+ 6.3 %
Weapons Law Violations	63	38	- 39.7 %
All Other Offenses	3889	3263	- 16.1 %
Total Class II Crimes	8088	6848	- 15.33 %



Arrests

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Adult	3265	3899	4084	4125	4776	4473	4407	3765
Juvenile	1511	1979	1808	1734	1594	1296	1257	895
Total	4776	5868	5892	5859	6370	5769	5664	4660



2009 Class I Crime Rate Comparisons by City

The following table is a comparison of Victoria's 2009 Class I Crime Rate with the Class I 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 – 2009. Population estimates are also from that publication. The 2009 Class I Crime Rate for Victoria is the same as shown on page two of this document. The 2010 State of Texas Class I Crime Report was not available at the time of printing.

Note: Class I Crime Rate per 1,000 population for 2010 is estimated at 58.94.

City	Population	Total Class I Offenses	Officers / 1000 Population	Crime Rate / 1000 Population
Longview	77,663	6,171	2.25	79.46
Victoria	62,788	4,622	1.75	73.61
San Antonio	1,373,936	99,495	1.71	72.41
Harlingen	65,552	4,733	2.02	72.20
Austin	768,970	52,050	2.10	67.69
Edinburg	74,611	4,936	1.62	66.15
Galveston	57,040	3,678	2.92	64.48
Houston	2,273,771	146,526	2.33	64.44
Bryan	73,111	4,701	1.79	64.30
Corpus Christi	287,507	18,477	1.56	64.26
Tyler	99,279	6,376	1.88	64.22
Pharr	67,628	4,260	1.74	62.99
Baytown	70,764	4,331	2.21	61.20
Wichita Falls	100,884	6,138	1.99	60.84
Wharton	9,137	543	2.40	59.42
Gonzales	7,305	423	2.32	57.90
Port Arthur	55,725	3,077	2.27	55.21
Bay City	17,811	967	2.13	54.29
Seguin	26,705	1,441	1.87	53.96
Rockport	10,026	540	2.39	53.85
Killeen	120,670	6,263	2.09	51.90
Mission	69,997	3,549	1.87	50.70
San Angelo	92,269	4,579	1.72	49.62
Conroe	57,685	2,861	1.83	49.59
Odessa	99,770	4,896	1.70	49.07
Texas City	44,807	2,152	1.91	48.02
New Braunfels	55,584	2,291	1.83	41.21
Bedford	49,375	1,959	1.66	39.67
Temple	60,243	2,335	2.15	38.76