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Crime statistics provide a helpful reflection of the state of public safety. When used correctly, these statistics can help us predict trends, identify issues and promote the wellbeing of our community. Researchers, policy makers, media and politicians use these numbers to make statements about the perceived safety of citizens and the job elected officials and law enforcement are doing to make communities safer.

This report includes crime statistics for the City of Atlanta, compiled from UCR data since 2002. The report provides citizens and other stakeholders with an accurate picture of crime trends in the city.

Crime Statistics Overview

- In 2013, there were 33,045 major crimes committed in the City of Atlanta. The figure represents a decrease of 3.6 percent from calendar year 2012.
- The long-term trend indicates a decrease in crime of more than 33 percent since 2002.
- The UCR indicates 5,517 violent crimes occurred in the City of Atlanta, a decrease of four percent from 2012.
- When considering 5- and 10-year trends, the 2013 violent crime total was 25 percent below the 2008 level and 35 percent below the 2003 level.
- There were an estimated 12 violent crimes per 100,000 inhabitants in 2013. The rate indicates a reduction in violent crime compared to the estimated rate for 2012.
- Aggravated assaults accounted for 53.7 percent of violent crimes and 9 percent of total crimes reported in 2013.
- Robbery offenses accounted for 42.8 percent of violent crime offenses; rape accounted for 1.9 percent; and murder accounted for 1.5 percent.
- In 2013, 84 persons were murdered in the City of Atlanta. This is a 1.2 percent increase from 2012, but a 44.7 percent drop from 2002 numbers of 152 murders.
- There were 27,528 property crime offenses in the City of Atlanta in 2013.
- The 2-year trend showed that property crime declined 3.6 percent in 2013 when compared to 2012. The long-term trend showed that property crime offenses declined 30.28 percent in 2013 when compared to 2002.
- The rate of property crime was at 62 per 100,000 inhabitants, a 3.6 percent decrease when compared to 2012.
- **Total Crime dropped 30 percent in Atlanta from 2002-2012 compared to only 14 percent nationally.**

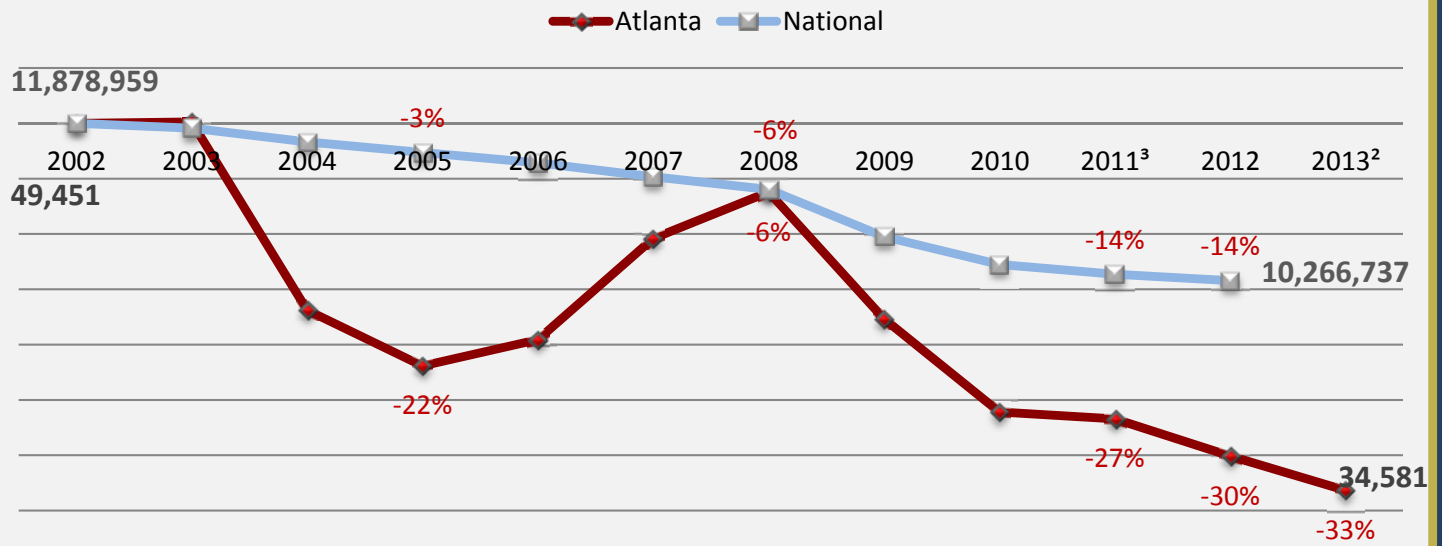
About the Uniform Crime Report

The Uniform Crime Reporting program was established in 1929 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to create reliable and uniform crime statistics for the nation. The FBI is tasked with collecting, publishing, and archiving statistics from law enforcement agencies across the nation. The FBI warns against ranking and comparing cities using crime statistics given that every city faces unique factors and challenges that may contribute to its crime, e.g., population, socioeconomic makeup, demographics, commuter population, etc. Making quick comparisons of crime statistics can create misleading perceptions of crime and safety in a given area.



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% Decrease – Yearly Comparison to 2002



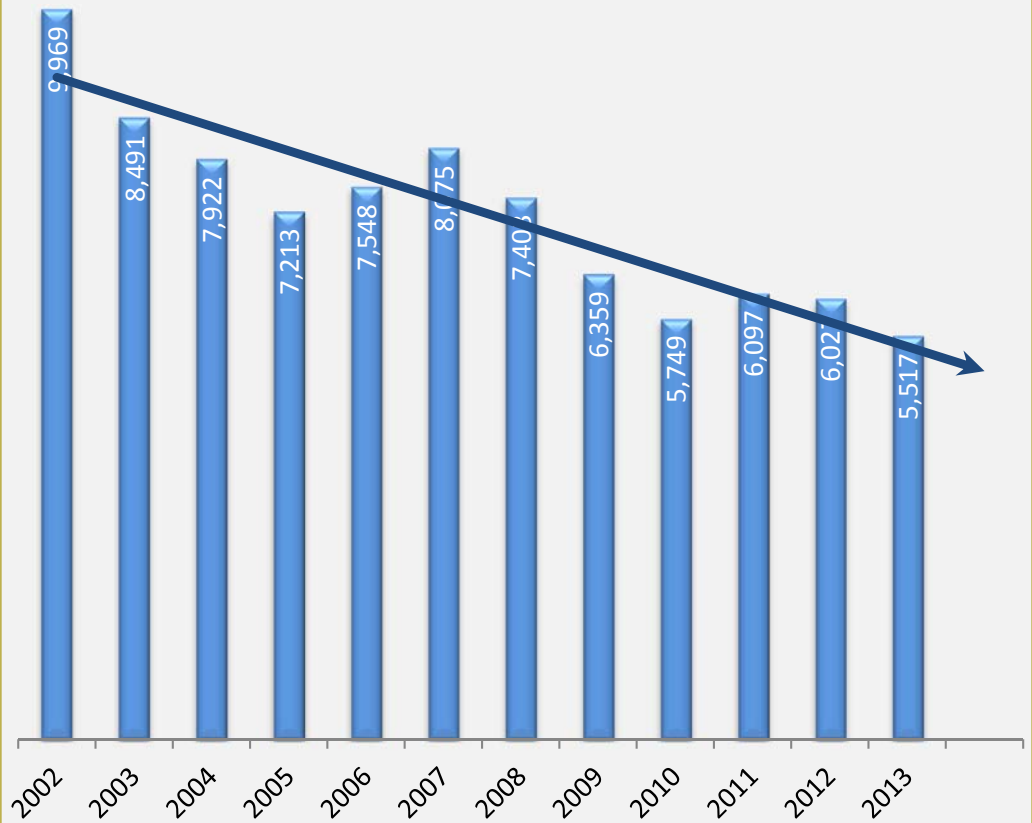
Part 1 crime fell 30% in Atlanta from 2002-2012 compared to a 14% drop nationally.



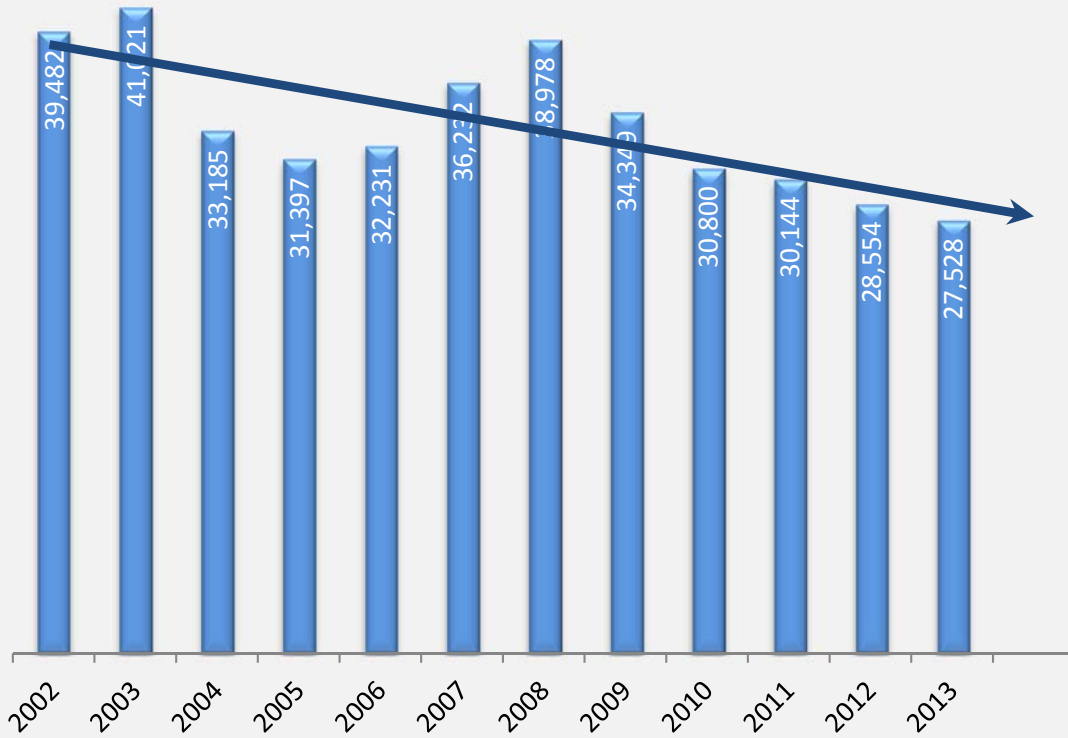


Violent crimes are those offenses which involve force or threat of force. The FBI's UCR Program tracks four violent crime offenses: murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

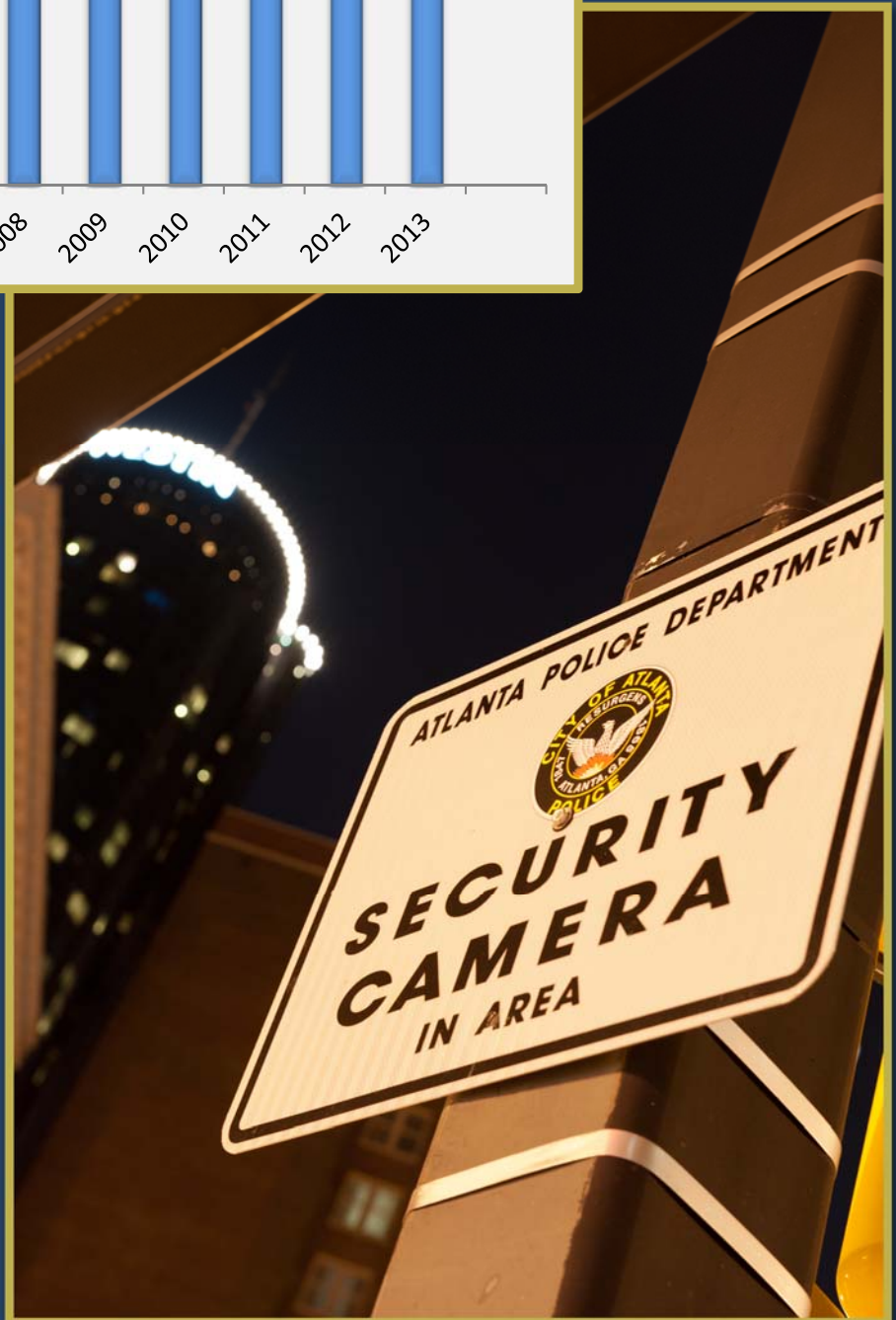
Violent Crimes

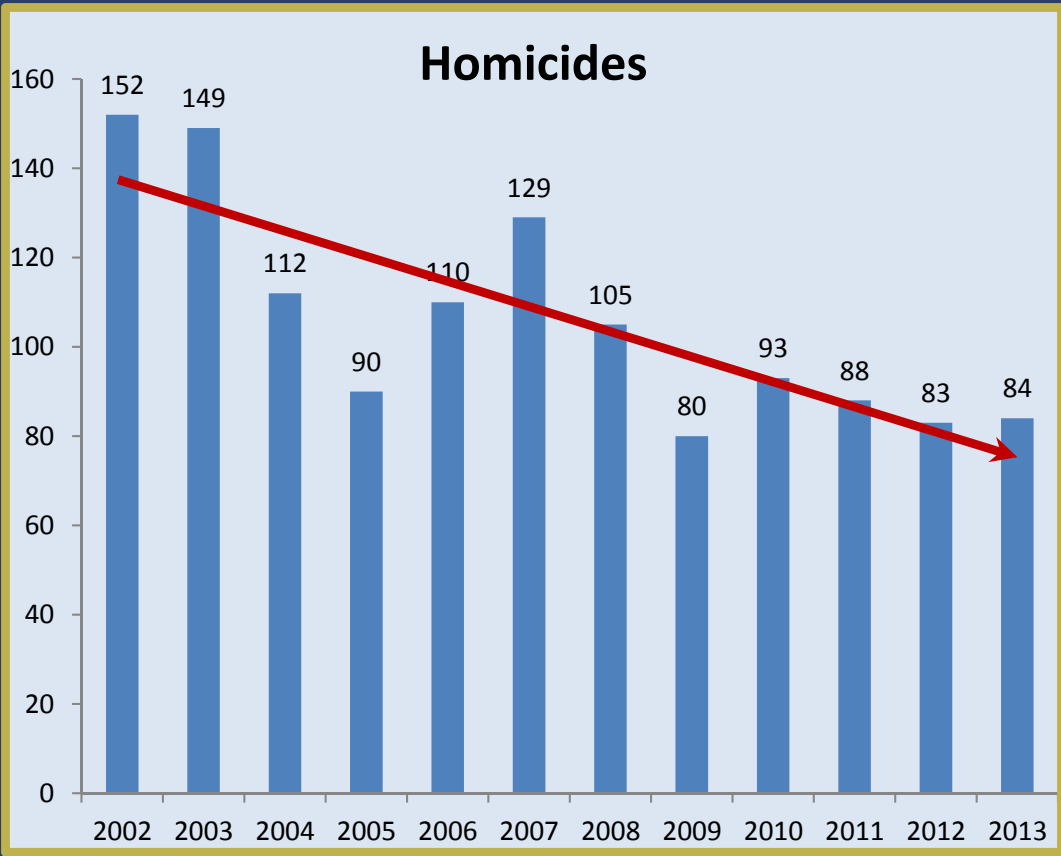


Property Crimes



Property crime includes the offenses of burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson.





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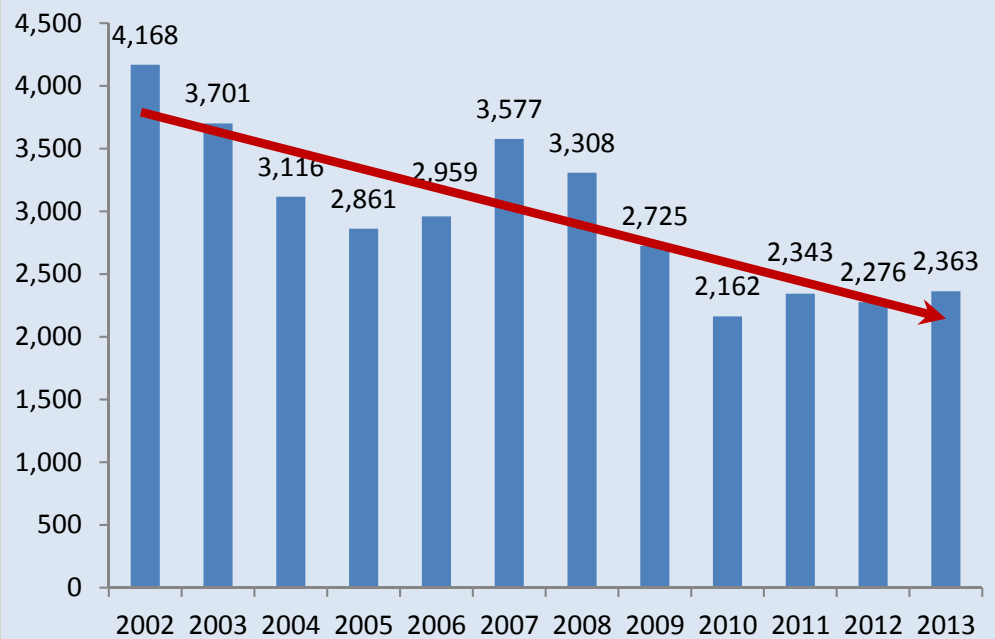
This is a 1.2 % increase from 2012, but a 44.7% drop from 2002.





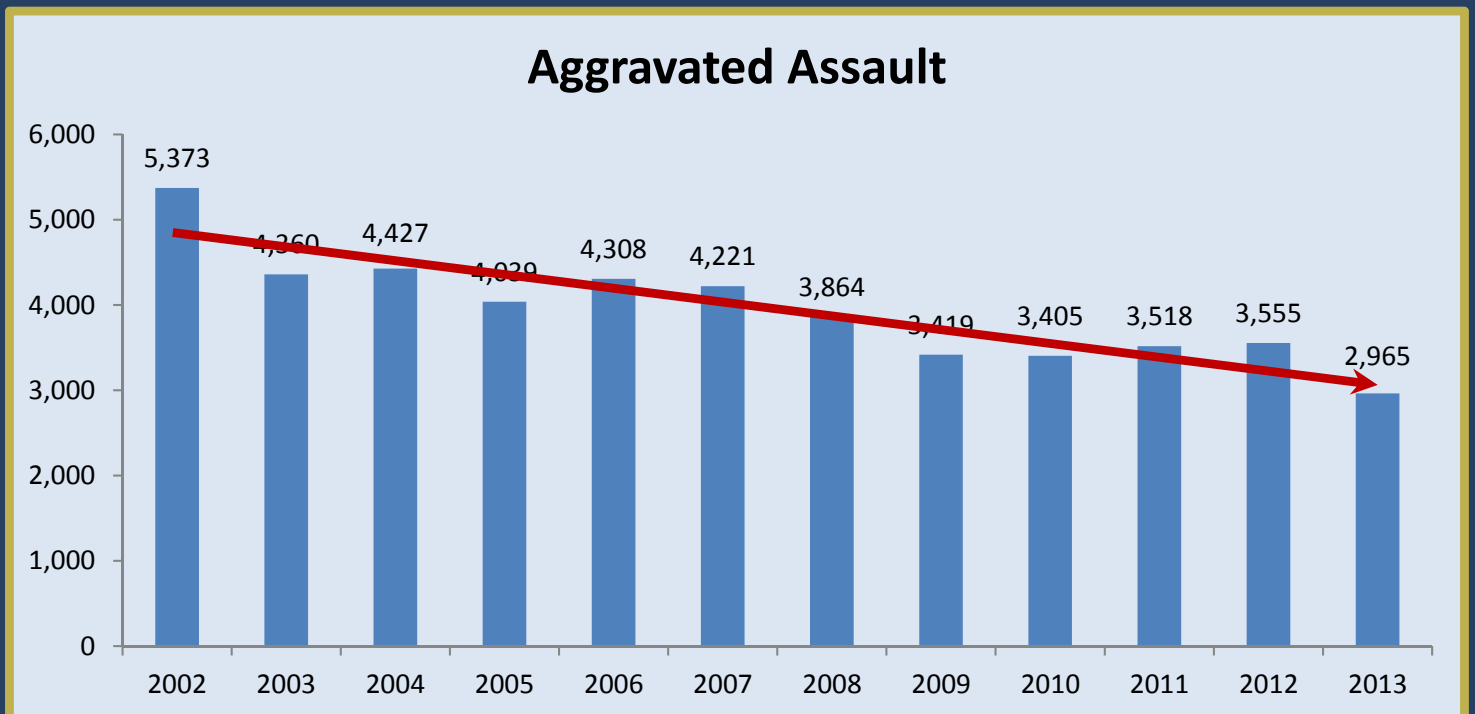
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Robberies



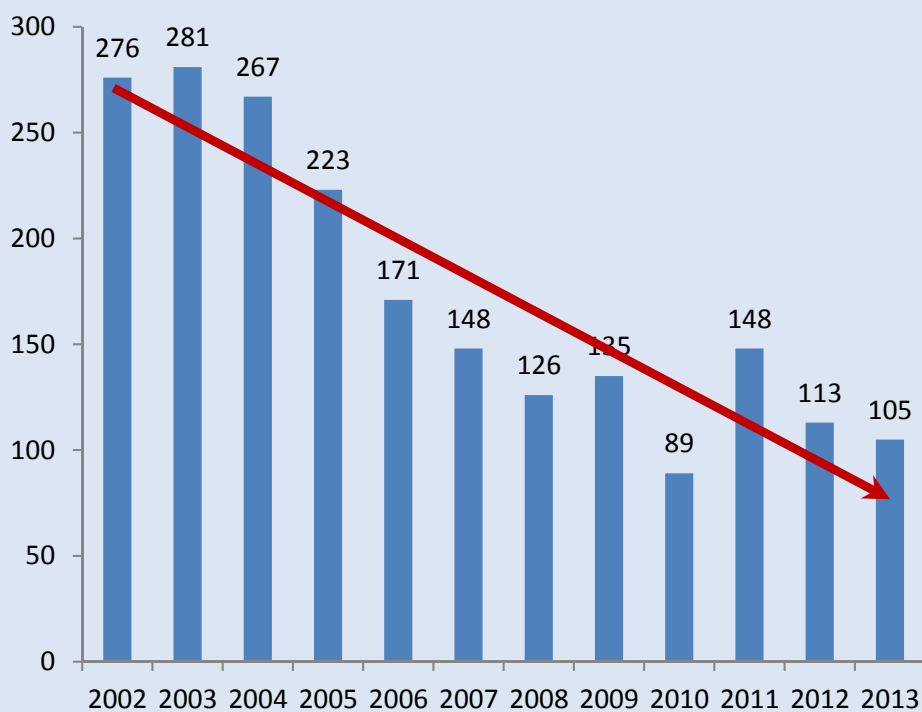


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Rape



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2013 Crime Statistics

Table 1

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2002-2013 | 2012-2013 |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Atlanta | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Homicide | 152 | 149 | 112 | 90 | 110 | 129 | 105 | 80 | 93 | 88 | 83 | 84 | -45.39% | -44.74% |
| Rape | 276 | 281 | 267 | 223 | 171 | 148 | 126 | 135 | 89 | 148 | 113 | 105 | -59.08% | -61.96% |
| Robbery | 4,168 | 3,701 | 3,116 | 2,861 | 2,959 | 3,577 | 3,308 | 2,725 | 2,162 | 2,343 | 2,276 | 2,363 | -45.39% | -43.31% |
| Aggravated Assault | 5,373 | 4,360 | 4,427 | 4,039 | 4,308 | 4,221 | 3,864 | 3,419 | 3,405 | 3,518 | 3,555 | 2,965 | -33.84% | -44.82% |
| Violent Crimes | 9,969 | 8,491 | 7,922 | 7,213 | 7,548 | 8,075 | 7,403 | 6,359 | 5,749 | 6,097 | 6,027 | 5,517 | -39.54% | -44.66% |
| Total Violent Crime % Change | | -15% | -7% | -9% | 5% | 7% | -8% | -14% | -10% | 6% | -1% | -8% | | |
| Property Crimes | 39,482 | 41,021 | 33,185 | 31,397 | 32,231 | 36,232 | 38,978 | 34,349 | 30,800 | 30,144 | 28,554 | 27,528 | -27.68% | -30.28% |
| Total Property Crime % Change | | 4% | -19% | -5% | 3% | 12% | 8% | -12% | -10% | -2% | -5% | -4% | | |
| Total Crimes | 49,451 | 49,512 | 41,107 | 38,610 | 39,779 | 44,307 | 46,381 | 40,708 | 36,549 | 36,241 | 34,581 | 33,045 | -30.07% | -33.18% |
| Atl. Yr/Yr. Total Crime % Change | | 0% | -17% | -6% | 3% | 11% | 5% | -12% | -10% | -1% | -5% | -4% | | |
| Atlanta | | 0% | -17% | -22% | -20% | -10% | -6% | -18% | -26% | -27% | -30% | -33% | | |
| Population ² | 443,050 | 457,228 | 471,859 | 486,958 | 502,541 | 518,622 | 533,016 | 540,922 | 420,003 | 425,533 | 443,775 | 443,775 | 0.16% | 0.16% |

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 ³ | 2012 | 2013 ³ | 2002-2011 | 2002-2012 | 2011-2012 | % Change | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| National | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Homicide | 16,229 | 16,528 | 16,148 | 16,740 | 17,309 | 17,128 | 16,465 | 15,399 | 14,722 | 14,661 | 14,827 | N/A | -9.66% | -8.64% | 1.13% | 1.13% | |
| Rape | 95,235 | 93,883 | 95,089 | 94,347 | 94,472 | 92,160 | 90,750 | 89,241 | 85,593 | 84,175 | 84,376 | N/A | -11.61% | -11.40% | 0.24% | 0.24% | |
| Robbery | 420,806 | 414,235 | 401,470 | 417,438 | 449,246 | 447,324 | 443,563 | 408,742 | 369,089 | 354,746 | 354,520 | N/A | -15.70% | -15.75% | -0.06% | -0.06% | |
| Aggravated Assault | 891,407 | 859,030 | 847,381 | 862,220 | 874,096 | 866,358 | 843,683 | 812,514 | 781,844 | 752,423 | 760,739 | N/A | -15.59% | -14.66% | 1.11% | 1.11% | |
| Total Violent Crimes | 1,423,677 | 1,383,676 | 1,360,088 | 1,390,745 | 1,435,123 | 1,422,970 | 1,394,461 | 1,325,896 | 1,251,248 | 1,206,005 | 1,214,462 | N/A | -15.29% | -14.70% | 0.70% | 0.70% | |
| Total Violent Crime % Change | | -3% | -2% | 2% | 3% | -1% | -2% | -5% | -6% | -4% | 1% | N/A | | | | | |
| Property Crimes | 10,455,277 | 10,442,862 | 10,319,386 | 10,174,754 | 10,019,601 | 9,882,212 | 9,774,152 | 9,337,060 | 9,112,625 | 9,052,743 | 8,975,438 | N/A | -13.41% | -14.15% | -0.85% | -0.85% | |
| Total Property Crime % Change | | 0% | -1% | -1% | -2% | -1% | -1% | -4% | -2% | -1% | -1% | N/A | | | | | |
| Total Crimes | 11,878,954 | 11,826,538 | 11,679,474 | 11,565,499 | 11,454,724 | 11,305,182 | 11,168,613 | 10,662,956 | 10,363,873 | 10,258,748 | 10,189,900 | N/A | -13.64% | -14.22% | -0.67% | -0.67% | |
| Nat.: Yr/Yr. Total Crime % Change | | 0% | -1% | -1% | -1% | -1% | -1% | -5% | -3% | -1% | -1% | N/A | | | | | |
| National | | 0% | -2% | -3% | -4% | -5% | -6% | -10% | -13% | -14% | -14% | N/A | | | | | |
| Population | 287,973,924 | 290,788,976 | 293,656,842 | 296,507,061 | 299,398,484 | 301,621,157 | 304,059,724 | 307,006,550 | 309,330,219 | 311,591,917 | 313,914,040 | | 8.20% | 9.01% | 0.75% | 0.75% | |

The data in this report is compiled from the FBI's Uniform Crime Report (UCR). APD's crime statistics were taken directly from APD's UCR submissions.

¹The FBI publishes national crime statistics towards the end of the year; therefore, national 2013 crime statistics are not available and not included in this report.

²U.S. Census Bureau 2012 Population Estimate - 2013 estimates not available at time of publishing.

³The UCR crime figures have been adjusted.

ABOUT THE ATLANTA POLICE FOUNDATION

The Atlanta Police Foundation is a non-profit public/private partnership focused on advancing public safety in Atlanta. In partnership with the City of Atlanta, the Atlanta Police Department and the business community, the APF provides research on policing best practices, strategic direction and resources to help the APD incubate innovation, keep pace with technology, and meet strategic time-sensitive needs that help drive down crime and make Atlanta a safer city.

Our Vision

The City of Atlanta – the Capital of the southeast – is a world-class destination at the heart of a thriving metropolitan area. This fast-growing city is a global transportation hub and has emerged as a vital banking center and world headquarters for many Fortune 500 companies.

For more than three decades, Atlanta was regarded as one of the nation's most dangerous cities. In the past eleven years – thanks to the engagement of business, civic and philanthropic communities— the Atlanta Police Foundation and its stakeholders have been dedicated to enhancing Atlanta's public safety agenda and improving the Atlanta Police Department to become a world-class policing agency. Today, Atlanta is the safest it has been in more than 40 years.

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