



Violent and Property Offenses in Anchorage, 2003–2007

First initiated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1930 to measure the volume of crime in the United States, the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program collects monthly information from nearly 18,000 law enforcement agencies on eight serious crimes (called Part I offenses) and more than twenty less serious offenses (called Part II offenses). Part I offenses include four violent crimes (murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) and four property crimes (burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson). These eight offenses are the most frequently cited crimes statistics in the United States. In 2007 police agencies from all fifty states and the District of Columbia participated in the UCR program. Approximately 95 percent of the total population of the United States lived within the jurisdictions of participating agencies.

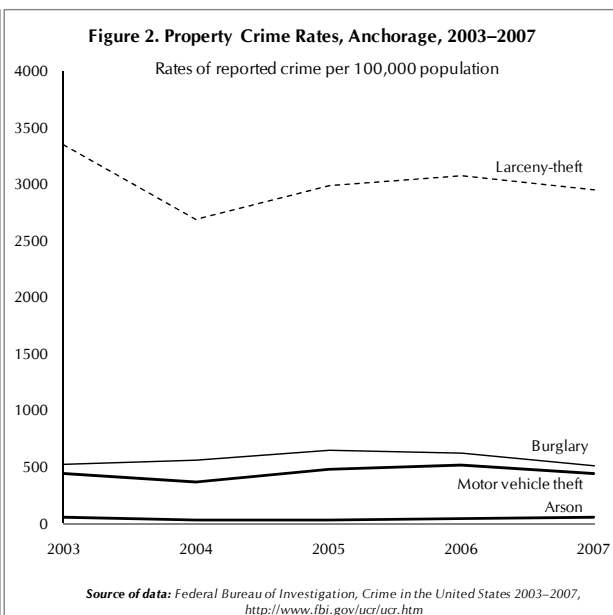
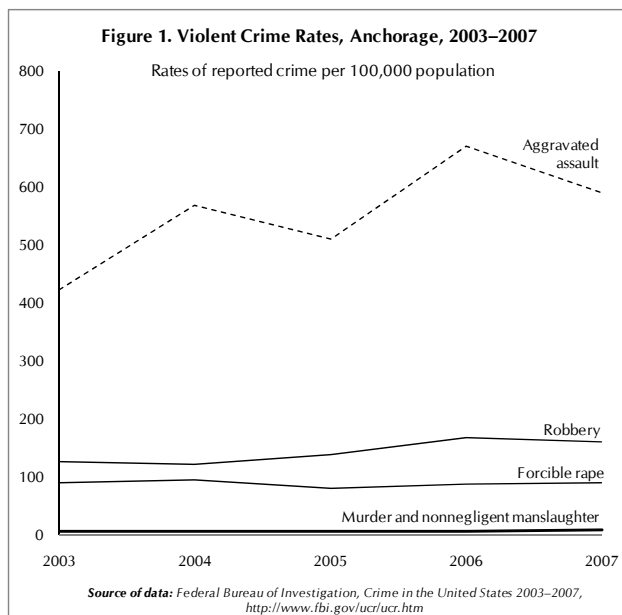
Presented in Figure 1 and Figure 2 are the Part I crime rates (per 100,000 population) for Anchorage from 2003 to 2007. Precise numbers of offenses known to police, total population figures for Anchorage, and the resulting crime rate calculations are detailed in Table 1 and Table 2.

Definitions

Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter. The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human by another. Classification of this offense is made by police and is not the result of a court, coroner, medical examiner, jury or other judicial body.

Forcible rape. The carnal knowledge of a female forcibly against her will. This definition includes attempts and assaults with intent to rape, regardless of a victim’s age.

Robbery. The taking, or attempted taking, of 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.



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Aggravated assault. An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purposes of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This offense typically involves the use of a weapon likely to produce death or serious physical injury. Attempts involving the use of a gun, knife, or other weapon are included in this classification.

Burglary. The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft.

Larceny-theft. The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession, or constructive possession of another. Attempts are included. Acts of fraud and embezzlement are excluded.

Motor vehicle theft. The theft or attempted theft of a motorized vehicle.

Arson. Any willful or malicious burning, or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling, house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, or personal property of another. Only fires determined to have been willfully set — not those labeled as “suspicious” or of “unknown origin” — are included.

**Table 1. Number of Violent and Property Crimes Known to Police,
Anchorage, 2003–2007**

Year	Population	Violent crime				Total	Property crime				Total
		Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault		Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft	Arson	
2003	271,085	17	244	340	1,143	1,744	1,418	9,091	1,197	128	11,834
2004	273,714	15	263	331	1,555	2,164	1,523	7,354	1,024	82	9,983
2005	276,109	16	224	384	1,407	2,031	1,783	8,248	1,334	76	11,441
2006	277,692	17	248	465	1,862	2,592	1,733	8,543	1,445	106	11,827
2007	284,142	22	257	453	1,673	2,405	1,454	8,397	1,256	145	11,252

Source of data: Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States 2003–2007*, <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm>

**Table 2. Rates of Violent and Property Crimes Known to Police,
Anchorage, 2003–2007**

Rates of reported crime per 100,000 population.

Year	Population	Violent crime				Total	Property crime				Total
		Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault		Burglary	Larceny-theft	Motor vehicle theft	Arson	
2003	271,085	6.27	90.01	125.42	421.64	643.34	523.08	3,353.56	441.56	47.22	4,365.42
2004	273,714	5.48	96.09	120.93	568.11	790.61	556.42	2,686.75	374.11	29.96	3,647.24
2005	276,109	5.79	81.13	139.08	509.58	735.58	645.76	2,987.23	483.14	27.53	4,143.65
2006	277,692	6.12	89.31	167.45	670.53	933.41	624.07	3,076.43	520.36	38.17	4,259.04
2007	284,142	7.74	90.45	159.43	588.79	846.41	511.72	2,955.21	442.03	51.03	3,959.99

Source of data: Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Crime in the United States 2003–2007*, <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm>

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