

Durham Police Department
2006 Year-End Crime Report
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The Durham Police Department hit a five-year low in reported property crimes in 2006, but also registered a five-year high in reported violent crimes. The number of property crimes dropped 3 percent from 12,037 reported in 2005 to 11,677 reported in 2006. Violent crimes, fueled primarily by increases in robberies and aggravated assaults, rose 32 percent from 1,473 reported in 2005 to 1,947 in 2006.

The most notable decrease was in the number of reported murders, which dropped 57 percent from 35 reported in 2005 to 15 reported in 2006, which was a five-year low. There were also four homicides that were ruled as justifiable and will not count in Durham's UCR totals for 2006. One of the 15 murders was ruled self-defense in 2007, but will still count in the 2006 total. Two of the 15 murders were gang-related while robbery was the motive for five others. Six murders resulted from arguments and one was the result of child abuse. The motive for one murder is unknown. All four justifiable homicides were committed with firearms. Investigators also cleared 14 cold case homicides, including a 2005 quadruple murder, in 2006.

Burglaries and larcenies also reached five-year lows in 2006. The number of reported burglaries dropped 2 percent from 3,157 in 2005 to 3,084 in 2006. Larcenies fell 6 percent from 7,944 in 2005 to 7,475 in 2006.

The largest percentage increase – 56 percent – was in the number of reported robberies, which rose from 627 in 2005 to 975 in 2006. Aggravated assaults and rapes also increased by 18 percent in 2006 compared to the prior year. Motor vehicle thefts went up 19 percent from 936 in 2005 to 1,118 in 2006. Reported robberies, rapes, aggravated assaults and motor vehicle thefts reached five-year highs in 2006.

Clearance rates for all crime categories met or exceeded the FBI 2005 clearance rates for cities with populations of 100,000 to 250,000.

The categories of burglary, larceny, property crime and index crime hit fourth quarter five-year lows in 2006. Robbery, aggravated assault and violent crime were at five-year highs for the fourth quarter in 2006. The number of murders was the second-lowest fourth quarter total in the past five years and the number of rapes was the second-highest fourth quarter total during that time. The number of reported motor vehicle thefts was the third-highest total for the fourth quarter.

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Five-Year Crime Statistics**

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2006 Clearance Rate
<i>Murder</i>	30	22	32	35	14	173%
<i>Rape</i>	75	77	89	85	100	50%
<i>Robbery</i>	942	883	814	627	975	34%
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	760	682	626	726	857	54%
<i>Violent Crime</i>	1807	1664	1561	1473	1947	45%
<i>Burglary</i>	3088	3528	3249	3157	3084	20%
<i>Larceny</i>	8483	9027	8040	7944	7475	17%
<i>Motor Vehicle Theft</i>	1080	1066	946	936	1118	14%
<i>Property Crime</i>	12651	13621	12235	12037	11677	18%
<i>Total Index Crime</i>	14458	15285	13796	13510	13624	22%
<i>Violent Crime Clearance Rate</i>	36%	41%	40%	53%	45%	45%
<i>Property Crime Clearance Rate</i>	13%	16%	18%	18%	18%	18%
<i>Index Crime Clearance Rate</i>	16%	19%	21%	22%	22%	22%

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2005-2006 Crime Statistics**

	2005	2006	% Change
<i>Murder</i>	35	15	-57%
<i>Rape</i>	85	100	18%
<i>Robbery</i>	627	975	56%
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	726	857	18%
<i>Violent Crime</i>	1473	1947	32%
<i>Burglary</i>	3157	3084	-2%
<i>Larceny</i>	7944	7475	-6%
<i>Motor Vehicle Theft</i>	936	1118	19%
<i>Property Crime</i>	12037	11677	-3%
<i>Total Index Crime</i>	13510	13624	1%
<i>Violent Crime Clearance Rate</i>	53%	45%	-15%
<i>Property Crime Clearance Rate</i>	18%	18%	No Change
<i>Index Crime Clearance Rate</i>	22%	22%	No Change

2005-2006 4th Quarter Crime Statistics

<i>4th Quarter Comparison</i>	<i>4Q 2005</i>	<i>4Q 2006</i>	<i>% Change</i>
<i>Murder</i>	12	4	-67%
<i>Rape</i>	20	18	-10%
<i>Robbery</i>	182	274	51%
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	156	192	23%
<i>Violent Crime</i>	370	488	32%
<i>Burglary</i>	863	693	-20%
<i>Larceny</i>	1891	1682	-11%
<i>Motor Vehicle Theft</i>	226	239	6%
<i>Property Crime</i>	2980	2614	-12%
<i>Total Index Crime</i>	3350	3102	-7%
<i>Violent Crime Clearance Rate</i>	49%	51%	4%
<i>Property Crime Clearance Rate</i>	16%	20%	25%
<i>Index Crime Clearance Rate</i>	20%	25%	25%

Five-Year 4th Quarter Crime Statistics

<i>Fourth Quarter Comparisons</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2005</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>4Q Average</i>
<i>Murder</i>	5	3	8	12	4	6
<i>Rape</i>	14	14	20	20	18	17
<i>Robbery</i>	224	213	181	182	274	215
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	147	142	134	156	192	154
<i>Violent Crime</i>	390	372	343	370	488	393
<i>Burglary</i>	893	926	895	863	693	854
<i>Larceny</i>	2066	2217	1981	1891	1682	1967
<i>Motor Vehicle Theft</i>	271	250	230	226	239	243
<i>Property Crime</i>	3230	3393	3106	2980	2614	3065
<i>Total Index Crime</i>	3620	3765	3449	3350	3102	3457

*2005-2006 Special Operations Division
Drug/ Weapons Seizures*

	2005	2006
Crack Cocaine	4 lbs 5 oz	2.6 kilograms
Powder Cocaine	219 lbs 7 oz	31 kilograms
Heroin	418 grams	65 grams
Marijuana	4,781 lbs	679 lbs
U.S. Currency	\$933,317.55	\$515,148
Firearms	175	231
Drug Raids	223	196

2006 Traffic Fatalities

Date	Location	Vehicles	Work Zone	Cause	Deaths
1/14/06	Page/Lumley	2	No	Stop Sign	1
1/19/06	15-501/Garrett	2	No	Fell Asleep	1
1/28/06	I-40/Miami	3	Yes	DWI	1
3/10/06	1100 Blk Midland	1	No	Speed	1
4/3/06	I-40 near Miami	3	Yes	DWI	1
6/3/06	I-540	1	No	Speed	1
7/4/06	Angier/Elm	1	No	Pothole	1
8/28/06	Trinity/Glendale	1	No	C & R	1
9/9/06	700 Blk Cook	Car/Ped	No	Walking in Road	1
9/29/06	2809 Holloway	Car/Ped	No	Playing in Drive	1
10/5/06	Lakewood/Vickers	2	No	Red Light	1
10/17/06	I-40 near Fayetteville	2	No	DWI	2
10/20/06	Red Oak/Lane	2	No	Backing Truck	1
10/31/06	Erwin/LaSalle	Car/Ped	No	Crossing Road	1
11/13/06	100 Blk Higbee	Truck/Ped	No	Backing Truck	1

2002-2006 Durham Police Department Firearms Statistics

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Homicides w/Firearms	28 (90%)	12 (55%)	23 (72%)	27 (77%)	15 (79%)
Aggravated Assault w/Firearms	257 (34%)	285 (42%)	265 (42%)	286 (39%)	318 (37%)
Armed Robbery w/Firearms	638 (86%)	607 (85%)	534 (85%)	390 (83%)	709 (73%)
Totals	923	904	822	703	1042
Handguns Seized	604	526	581	513	599
Other Firearms Seized	37	21	19	31	2
Rifles Seized	107	101	108	99	91
Shotguns Seized	88	105	108	106	122
Total Firearms Seized	836	753	816	749	814

The number of violent crimes (homicides, aggravated assaults and armed robberies) committed with firearms increased 48 percent from 703 committed in 2005 to 1,042 in 2006.

2006 Highlights

Cold Case Homicides

Durham police investigators cleared 14 cold case homicides from prior years, including a 2005 quadruple homicide on Alpine Road.

Illegal Firearms Initiative

A pilot program has been initiated that targets felons unlawfully pawning firearms at local businesses. If an individual's record is sufficient for federal prosecution, charges will be filed in the Middle District of North Carolina. Otherwise state charges will be filed. One of the first people arrested as part of this initiative recently received 51 months in federal prison.

State Leader in eTracing Guns

The Durham Police Department continues to lead the state in the number of firearms identified by use of eTrace, an innovative program initiated by ATF that determines the original owner and current owner of

a firearm. The department was responsible for electronically tracing 713 firearms in 2006.

Armory Arms Investigation

A search warrant was served at Armory Arms at 3315 Guess Road after an extensive investigation into illegal gun sales from the business. The business voluntarily surrendered their Federal Firearms License (FFL) – effectively ending the ability to sell firearms at the establishment. The owners are able to continue to sell their personal weapons but cannot place any firearms into inventory. Sharyn Duke was charged with Selling a Firearm to a Prohibited Person. Armory Arms was the largest provider of “crime guns” in Durham for the past several years.

New DPD Task Force – U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force

A Durham police investigator was assigned full-time to the U.S. Marshals Task Force in May 2006 and 171 fugitives were apprehended between May and December 2006. The fugitives included Durham’s most wanted fugitive, Tyrone Joseph Lacour, wanted for murder; Roderick Wooten, wanted for murder; and John Francis Dye, a rape suspect who was found in the Dominican Republic.

DPD Task Forces

The Durham Police Department had 11 officers assigned to seven federal task forces in 2006. The task forces focus on drug trafficking, firearms, wanted fugitives, violent crimes, cyber crimes, terrorism and illegal aliens.

Top 10 Offenders

In 2006, each patrol district named the top 10 offenders for the district (this includes property and violent crimes). Thirty-two out of the 50 named offenders were arrested in 2006. Many of the 32 offenders were arrested more than once in 2006. DPD is flagging STARS offenders, gang members and Top 10 criminals in each district so that officers can run their criminal histories to ensure that magistrates are aware of their records when setting bond

New Officers

The Durham Police Department hired 48 new officers in 2006. Nine of those officers are bilingual and eight have prior law enforcement experience.

Block Captain Workshop

The Crime Prevention Unit held its first Block Captain Workshop in January 2006 and more than 100 people attended. A second workshop was held in 2007.

Reorganization

The Durham Police Department underwent a reorganization in early 2006 to help the department run more effectively and efficiently. A Community Services Bureau was created to increase the focus on community policing.

PSN Gang Awareness Booklet

Project Safe Neighborhoods created a gang awareness booklet that has been used by law enforcement agencies and schools throughout the state.

90-Day Initiatives

The Police Department's five patrol districts developed 90-day initiatives in targeted areas from November through January. They worked with other City agencies to focus on quality of life as well as crime issues. The target areas included Turnkey (Walton and Wedgedale area) in District 1, Carriage House Apartments on Seven Oaks Road in District 2, Kent/Halley/Rosedale/Morehead area in District 3, South and Enterprise area in District 4, and East Main and Dillard area in Central District.

Gang Assessment

Funds were approved to conduct a gang assessment study of Durham to help officials assess the scope of the problem and develop possible solutions.

National Night Out

More than 80 Durham neighborhoods participated in the 2006 National Night Out program. Durham won a national award for its program.

ICE Team

The Police Department's Interstate Crime Enforcement (ICE) team had a very successful year in 2006. ICE officers conducted 3,892 traffic stops and searched 1,671 vehicles. They seized 14 weapons, 13 vehicles and more than \$226,000 in cash. They also confiscated more than \$500,000 worth of cocaine and \$116,000 worth of marijuana. ICE officers wrote more than 650 tickets and made 20 DWI arrests.