

Wichita Police Department

2008 State of Public Safety Fact Sheet

- Total All Crimes 2007 74,824
- Total All Crimes 2008 70,751 -5.7%

Index Crimes	2007	2008	% Change
Homicides	43	35	-18.6. %
Rapes	270	286	5.9%
Agg. Assaults	1461	1399	-4.2%
Robbery	564	492	-12.8%
Burglary	4247	4147	-2.4%
Larceny	14407	14819	2.9%
Auto Theft	2049	1854	-9.5%

Crime Clearance Rates

Crimes Against Persons	National Average FBI 2007 Statistics	WPD Clearance Rate 2008
Agg. Assaults	48.7%	70.2%
Homicides	58.3%	81.8%
Rapes	38.2%	75.1%

Crimes Against Property	National Average FBI 2007 Statistics	WPD Clearance Rate 2008
Auto Theft	9.3%	17.9%
Burglary	11.0%	17.3%
Larceny	16.8%	22.5%
Robbery	22.7%	38.0%

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Gang Suppression Efforts

791 Gang members arrested

140 Guns seized

- ✓ Gang involved homicides decreased from 23 to 15
- ✓ Gang related Aggravated assault cases decreased from 182 to 166
- ✓ Charges brought against gang members increased from 413 to 424

Traffic Crash Information

Traffic Fatalities	2008	2007	Increase/Decrease
Total Fatalities	21	16	31.3%
Injury Crashes	2536	2603	-2.6%
DUI Accidents	390	466	-16.3%
Pedestrian Crashes	72	103	-30.1%
Motorcycle Crashes	168	155	8.4%
Motorcycle Fatalities	6	1	500%
Miscellaneous Crashes	7551	7355	-2.7%

Top Five Causes for Traffic Crashes

1. Under the influence of drugs
2. Under the influence of alcohol
3. Fail to yield right of way
4. Disregarding traffic signs, signals or markings
5. Exceeding posted speed limit

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Important Facts

- In 2008, major crimes were mostly down. This indicates WPD's policy of focused deterrence and partnering with citizens throughout the community to reduce crime and the fear of crime is paying off.

- While Wichita's homicide rate in 2008 declined more than 19%, the number of young children who were murdered went up significantly. The death of one child is tragic. The citizens of Wichita must be aware of possible child abuse, and if they see it happening, call 9-1-1.

- Citizens must utilize child community resources:
 - Parent Helpline 1-800-332-6378
 - 24 hour Crisis Intervention services (316) 660-7500
 - Catholic Charities (316) 263-6941
 - Comcare (316) 660-7540
 - Wichita Child Guidance Center (316) 686-6671

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□ Police Department Expectations for 2009:

1. Continue to work with the City Council to approve the proposed Wichita Safe and Secure Initiative and the initiation of a 5th patrol bureau within the next few years.
2. Continue to monitor and keep abreast of “technology” crimes such as identity theft, fraud, and internet crimes against children.
3. The Comprehensive Gang Plan will guide the Police Department’s focused efforts.
 - ✓ Continue aggressive suppression efforts by police department.
 - ✓ Continue to partner with federal law enforcement agencies targeting specific gang members.
 - ✓ Work with the community to develop and implement focus on early intervention and prevention with children.
4. Continue to implement the Comprehensive Traffic Safety Plan:
 - ✓ Emphasis on traffic safety – impacts quality of life.
 - ✓ Education, and awareness, and
 - ✓ Enforcement of traffic laws.
5. Enhance drug enforcement investigations, with an increased emphasis on neighborhoods.
6. Victim cooperation is imperative to solving crimes and preventing crimes.