

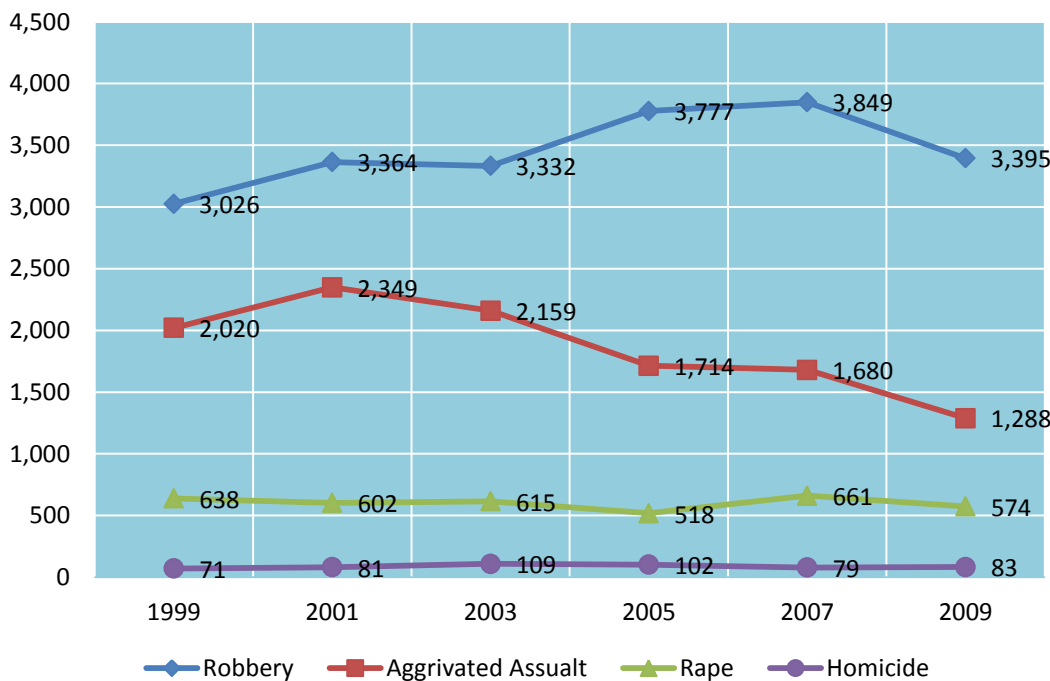
# Violent Crime

**Table 1. Uniform Crime Index Violent Crime Offenses; Columbus, 2000-2009**

Jurisdiction	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Columbus Division of Police	5,994	6,378	6,505	6,141	6,134	6,111	5,948	6,269	5,821	5,340

- The number of violent crime offenses in the City of Columbus was 5,340 in 2009, which is the lowest number since 2000. Columbus witnessed a high of 6,505 violent crimes in 2002.
- The FBI's Uniform Crime Index reported other Franklin County cities had the following numbers of violent crimes in 2008: Whitehall, 171; Reynoldsburg, 73; Westerville, 44; Hilliard, 33; Bexley, 21; Worthington, 20; Gahanna, 18; Dublin, 14.

**Chart 1. City of Columbus Select Violent Crime Offenses, 1999-2009**



- Between 2001 and 2009, the number of aggravated assaults in Columbus steadily decreased by 1,061 offenses.
- Robbery offenses increased from 3,026 to 3,849 (21.4%) between 1999 and 2007 before decreasing to 3,395 in 2009.
- Although the trend has remained somewhat stable, reported rape offenses decreased, whereas homicide offenses increased between 1999 and 2009.

## About the Data

### Data Sources:

- Columbus Division of Police, 2000-2008 Annual Reports (Columbus crime data)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation, Uniform Crime Index, 2000-2008

### Definitions:

- **Violent crime:** Homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault

### Explanations and Caveats:

- The FBI's Index of Crime is a compilation of reports from state and local law enforcement agencies.

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