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Annual Report of 1999 UCR Data Collection: Crime in Texas 1999 Overview

The number of major crimes committed in Texas decreased slightly in 1999, according to data compiled by the Texas Department of Public Safety, Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

Crime volume was down by 0.06 percent in 1999 compared with 1998. Of the seven index crimes, robbery, aggravated assault and theft showed slight increases.

Despite an increase in overall volume of violent crimes, murder decreased 9.3 percent, from 1,343 cases in 1998 to 1,218 cases in 1999.

Property crime declined from 898,291 offenses in 1998 to 896,817 for 1999.

The crime rate – the number of crimes per 100,000 population in Texas – declined 1.5 percent in 1999. The violent crime rate was 561.0 compared with 564.7 the year before – a 0.7 percent drop. The property crime rate decreased 1.6 percent, from 4564.0 in 1998 to 4474.2 in 1999.

The total arrests in Texas declined 2.3 percent in 1999. The number of juvenile arrests dropped 10.2 percent, while adult arrests declined 0.8 percent. Although overall arrests were down, DWI and drug abuse violations increased 9.8 percent and 5.0 percent respectively.

The Texas Uniform Crime Reporting Program also collects statistics on hate crimes and family violence incidents. In 1999, Texas law enforcement agencies reported 267 incidents of hate crime involving 262 victims and 302 offenders. Also, 177,176 incidents of family violence were reported involving 192,202 victims and 186,265 offenders.

Statistical Crime Analysis

Index Crimes

To track variations in crime, UCR summarizes crime information as the Crime Index. The seven crimes that make up the Crime Index are murder, rape, robbery, aggravated as-

sault, burglary, theft and motor vehicle theft. For each of these crimes, UCR collects reports of crimes, while for non-index crimes the program tracks only reports of actual arrests.

Index Crime Volume

The total estimated number of Index Crimes reported for 1999 was 1,009,253. This volume of crime represents a decrease of 0.06 percent when compared to 1998.

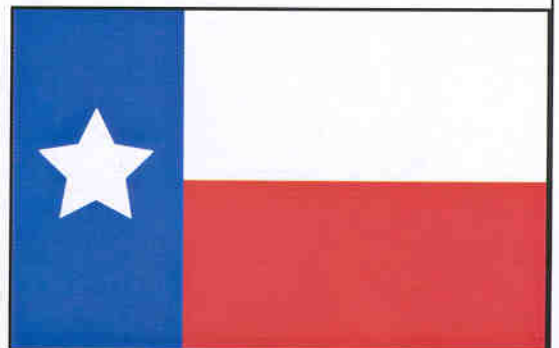
Index Crime Rate

The crime rate reported by UCR is defined as the number of crimes committed per 100,000 population. This mechanism allows comparisons between periods of time to be made without being affected by population swings. For 1999, the Texas Index Crime Rate was 5035.2 crimes per 100,000 population. This rate decreased 1.5 percent compared to 1998. The crime rate is based on the 1999 Texas population of 20,044,000.

Property Value

The value of property stolen during the commission of Index Crimes in 1999 was more than \$1.5 billion.

The value of stolen property recovered by Texas law enforcement agencies in 1999 was more than \$598 million.



Texas Crime Volume By Offense

Offense	1999	1998	% Change
Murder	1,218	1,343	-9.3%
Rape	7,629	7,914	-3.6%
Robbery	29,424	28,672	+2.6%
Aggravated Assault	74,165	73,648	+0.7%
VIOLENT CRIME TOTAL	112,436	111,577	+0.8%
Burglary	190,347	194,872	-2.3%
Theft	614,478	606,805	+1.3%
Motor Vehicle Theft	91,992	96,614	-4.8%
PROPERTY CRIME TOTAL	896,817	898,291	-0.2%
INDEX CRIME TOTAL	1,009,253	1,009,868	-0.06%

Arson

In 1999, reported arson offenses decreased 0.7 percent from 1998. Property damage from arson was reported at over \$111 million in 1999.

- 8,397 arsons in 1999
- 8,457 arsons in 1998

Texas Peace Officers Killed or Assaulted

- Five Texas law enforcement officers were killed feloniously in the line of duty due to criminal action during 1999.
- Three Texas law enforcement officers were killed in duty-related accidents during 1999.
- There was a 0.4 percent decrease in the number of assaults on Texas officers in 1999 when compared to 1998.
- ♦ 5,018 Texas officers were assaulted in 1999.
- ♦ 5,039 Texas officers were assaulted in 1998.

TEXAS ARREST TOTALS

Texas Arrests	1999	1998	% Change
Murder	855	912	-6.3%
Aggravated Assault	22,211	22,726	-2.3%
Motor Vehicle Theft	9,320	9,896	-5.8%
Driving Under the Influence	92,895	84,570	+9.8%
Drunkennes	160,346	166,604	-3.8%
Drug Possession	95,610	90,684	+5.4%
Sale & Manufacturing	10,906	10,746	+1.5%
Total Drug Offenses	106,516	101,430	+5.0%
Weapons; Carrying-Possessing	11,759	12,795	-8.1%
State Total	1,073,388	1,099,09	-2.3%

Texas Crime Rate by Offense

Offense	1999	1998	% Change
Murder	6.1	6.8	-10.3%
Rape	38.1	40.1	-5.0%
Robbery	146.8	145.1	+1.2%
Aggravated Assault	370.0	372.7	-0.7%
VIOLENT CRIME TOTAL	561.0	564.7	-0.7%
Burglary	949.6	986.2	-3.7%
Theft	3065.6	3070.9	-0.2%
Motor Vehicle Theft	459.0	488.9	-6.1%
PROPERTY CRIME TOTAL	4474.2	4546.0	-1.6%
INDEX CRIME TOTAL	5035.2	5110.7	-1.5%

The UCR Program

In an effort to quantify the increases and decreases in the number of crimes committed in Texas, the Uniform Crime Reporting program (UCR) collects reports of crimes and arrests from Texas law enforcement agencies. This information is printed in *Crime in Texas* and in periodic special news releases.

Data Estimation

Although the Texas UCR program enjoys a high rate of participation among Texas' law enforcement community, not every agency reports its crime information. To provide data that is comparable to other years, it is necessary to estimate the information for non-reporting agencies. In 1999, 950 law enforcement agencies participated in the UCR program.

TEXAS ARREST TOTALS 1990-1999

Year	Juveniles	% Change	Adults	% Change
1999	155,925	-10.3	917,463	-0.8
1998	173,905	-4.3	925,189	-1.8
1997	181,625	-2.4	942,223	+0.4
1996	186,103	+1.7	938,758	+1.3
1995	182,956	+2.4	926,791	-1.7
1994	178,677	+15.6	942,481	+3.1
1993	154,524	+11.5	914,404	+2.2
1992	138,620	+3.8	894,739	+2.9
1991	133,569	+7.6	869,512	-0.7
1990	124,135	+12.0	875,805	+10.3

Hate Crime

The Texas Hate Crime Act defines hate crimes as crimes motivated by prejudice and hatred including incidents for which statistics are kept under the federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act. The federal law defines hate crimes as crimes that manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity or disability.

The Texas Hate Crimes Act directed every law enforcement agency within Texas to report bias offenses to the Department of Public Safety.

Volume

The total number of reported Texas hate crime incidents in 1999 was 267. This represents a decrease of 15.5 percent when compared to 1998. These incidents involved 262 victims, 302 offenders, and resulted in a total of 286 offenses.

HATE CRIME	1999	1998	% Change
Reported Incidents	267	316	-15.5%
Reported Victims	262	299	-12.4%
Reported Offenders	302	375	-19.5%
Reported Offenses	286	330	-13.3%

Bias Motivation

The largest percentage of hate crime reports were racial in nature. The second most commonly reported bias motivation was sexual orientation. The third most common form of hate crime was religious, the fourth most common bias was ethnicity/national origin, and the fifth most common bias was disability.

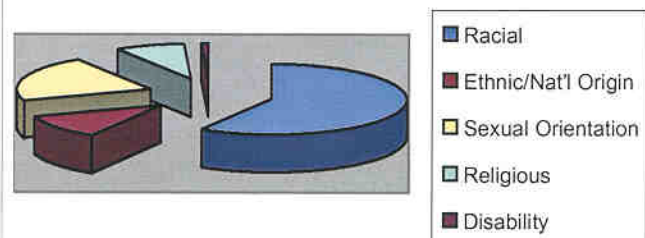
HATE CRIME BIAS MOTIVATION				
Bias Nature	Group %	Bias Type	Volume	% of Total
Racial	58.7%	Anti-White	35	12.2%
		Anti-Black	126	44.1%
		Anti-Am. Indian/Alaskan Native	3	1.0%
		Anti-Asian/Pacific Islander	2	0.7%
		Anti-Multi Racial	2	0.7%
Sexual Orientation	22.0%	Anti-Male Homosexual	42	14.7%
		Anti-Female Homosexual	10	3.5%
		Anti-Homo. (Male & Female)	11	3.9%
		Anti-Heterosexual	0	0.0%
		Anti-Bisexual	0	0.0%
Religious	10.2%	Anti-Jewish	20	7.0%
		Anti-Catholic	0	0.0%
		Anti-Protestant	3	1.0%
		Anti-Islamic (Moslem)	1	0.4%
		Anti-Other Religion	4	1.4%
Ethnicity/ National Origin	8.7%	Anti-Multi-Religious	1	0.4%
		Anti-Atheist/Agnostic	0	0.0%
		Anti-Arab	5	1.7%
Disability	0.4%	Anti-Hispanic	20	7.0%
		Anti-Other Ethnic\Nat'l Origin	0	0.0%
		Anti-Physical	1	0.4%
		Anti-Mental	0	0.0%
Total	100%	Total	286	100%

Location

Residences and homes were the most frequently occurring locations of bias crimes during 1999. The second most common locations were highways, roads, streets and alleys, and the third most common were schools and colleges.

Location	Volume	%
Air/Bus/Train Terminal	1	0.4%
Bank/Saving and Loan	0	0.0%
Bar/Night Club	5	1.7%
Church/Synagogue/Temple	8	2.8%
Commercial/Office Bldg	6	2.1%
Construction Site	0	0.0%
Convenience Store	5	1.7%
Department/Discount Store	2	0.7%
Drug Store/Doctor's Office/Hospital	2	0.7%
Field/Woods	1	0.4%
Government/Public Bldg	3	1.0%
Grocery/Supermarket	0	0.0%
Highway/Road/Street/Alley	66	23.1%
Hotel/Motel	5	1.7%
Jail/Prison	3	1.0%
Lake/Waterway	0	0.0%
Liquor Store	0	0.0%
Parking Lot/Garage	27	9.4%
Rental Storage Facility	0	0.0%
Residence/Home	100	35.0%
Restaurant	5	1.7%
School/College	34	11.9%
Service/Gas Station	2	0.7%
Specialty Store	1	0.4%
Other/Unknown	10	3.5%
TOTAL	286	100%

Hate Crime Bias Motivation



Offenders

In 1999, 302 offenders were involved in incidents of hate crimes. Hate crime incidents can be perpetrated by multiple offenders. The following chart displays the suspected offenders' race totaling to 267.

HATE CRIME OFFENDERS BY INCIDENT		
Suspected Offenders Races	Number	%
White	149	55.8%
Black	27	10.1%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	0.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	2	0.8%
Multi-Racial Group	4	1.5%
Unknown	85	31.8%
TOTAL	267	100%

Victims

Information on the victims of hate crimes is limited to victim type. While the bias motivation information identifies the offender's bias, the victim may not actually belong to the group the offender sought to harm. For this reason, information on the victim's group membership is not recorded.

Victim type, in the hate crime data collection program, is listed as: individual, business, financial institution, government, religious organization, society/public, other and unknown. Of the victim types, individuals were the main hate crime target.

HATE CRIME VICTIM TYPE BY OFFENSE		
Victim Type	Number	%
Individual	202	70.6%
Business	8	2.8%
Financial Institution	0	0.0%
Government	4	1.4%
Religious Organization	6	2.1%
Society/Public	12	4.2%
Other	54	18.9%
Unknown	0	0.0%
TOTAL	286	100%

Offenses

Offenses in the hate crime data collection program are defined in accordance with federal Uniform Crime Reporting definitions and do not necessarily conform to Texas state definitions. Complete offense definitions are available in the *Crime in Texas* annual publication or from UCR upon request.

Hate crime offense information falls into the eight index crimes – murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny theft, motor vehicle theft and arson—

plus simple assault, intimidation, and vandalism. Of these offense categories, aggravated assault, simple assault, intimidation and vandalism accounted for 96 percent of all bias crime offenses in 1999.

Offenses	Volume	%
Murder	0	0.0%
Rape	0	0.0%
Robbery	4	1.4%
Aggravated Assault	43	15.0%
Burglary	4	1.4%
Larceny Theft	1	0.4%
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	0.4%
Arson	1	0.4%
Simple Assault	70	24.5%
Intimidation	83	29.0%
Vandalism	79	27.6%
TOTAL	286	100%

Hate Crime Locations



- Residence
- Church/Synagogue
- Parking Lot
- Bar/Club/Rest.
- Highway/Road
- Convenience Store
- Other
- School/College

Hate Crime Offenses



- Simple Assault
- Aggravated Assault
- Other
- Vandalism
- Intimidation

FAMILY VIOLENCE

The Texas Family Code defines family violence as an act by a member of a family or household against another member that is intended to result in physical harm, bodily injury, assault, or a threat that reasonably places the member in fear of imminent physical harm. The law excludes the reasonable discipline of a child. By definition "Family" includes individuals related by consanguinity (blood) or affinity, marriage or former marriage, biological parents of the same child, foster children, foster parents, and members or former members of the same household (including roommates).

Family Violence			
	1999	1998	% Change
Reported Incidents	177,176	175,725	+0.8%
Reported Victims	192,202	191,324	+0.5%
Reported Offenders	186,265	187,412	-0.6%

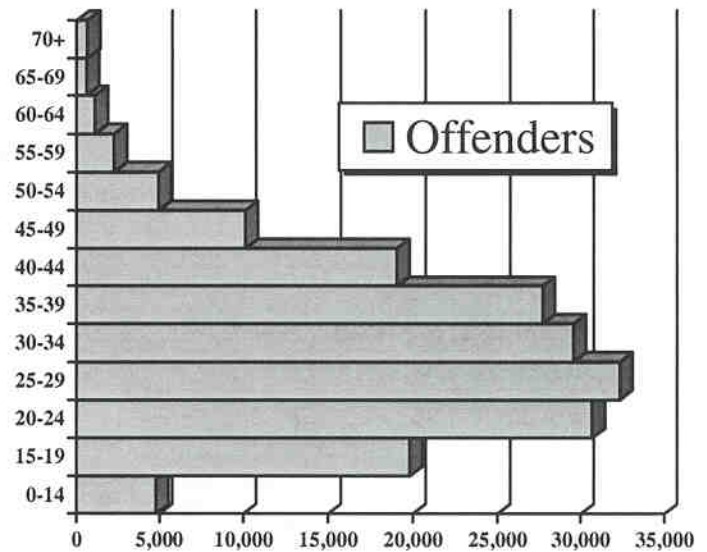
VICTIM'S RELATIONSHIP

Relationship Type	Group %	Relationship of Offender	Percent of Total
Marital	56.2%	Husband	5.7%
		Wife	25.8%
		Common-Law-Husband	3.3%
		Common-Law-Wife	17.4%
		Ex-Husband	0.8%
		Ex-Wife	3.2%
Parental/Child	15.7%	Father	1.9%
		Mother	5.0%
		Son	2.4%
		Daughter	3.4%
		Stepfather	0.8%
		Stepmother	0.3%
		Step-Son	0.8%
		Step-Daughter	1.0%
		Foster Parent	0.05%
		Foster Child	0.02%
		Grandfather	0.1%
		Grandmother	0.3%
		Grandson	0.09%
Granddaughter	0.2%		
Other Family	28.1%	Brother	2.9%
		Sister	3.7%
		Step-Brother	0.1%
		Step-Sister	0.1%
		Male Roommate	2.8%
		Female Roommate	8.4%
		Male In-Law	1.1%
		Female In-Law	1.4%
		Other Male Fam Member	2.1%
		Other Female Fam Member	4.5%
		Unknown Relationship - Male	0.07%
		Unknown Relationship - Femal	0.2%

Offenders

In 1999, a reported 186,265 offenders were involved in incidents of family violence.

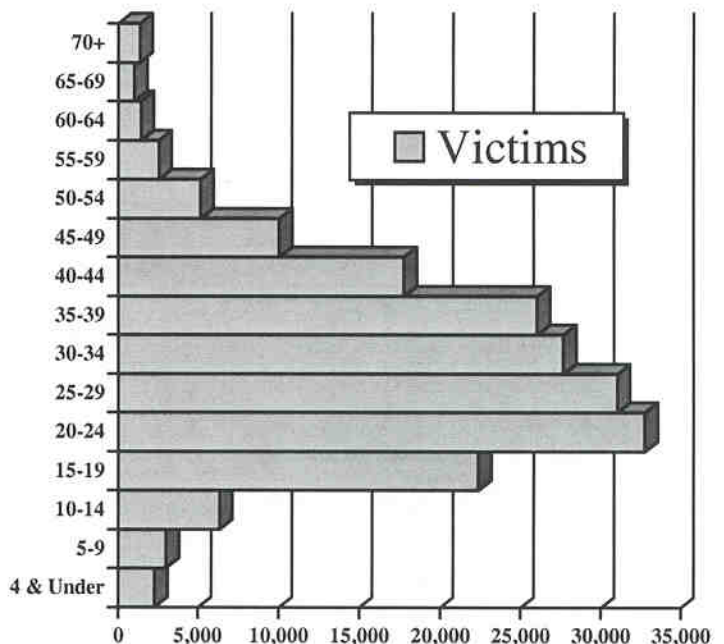
Family Violence Offenders by Known Age



Victims

Incidents of family violence in 1999 involved a reported 192,202 victims.

Family Violence Victims by Known Age



Officers

Potential assaults on peace officers are a serious problem inherent to police intervention and investigation of family violence. In 1999, during the course of reported family violence incidents, 564 Texas law officers were assaulted. By contrast, during this same period 5,018 assaults were made on law officers during all types of police activity.

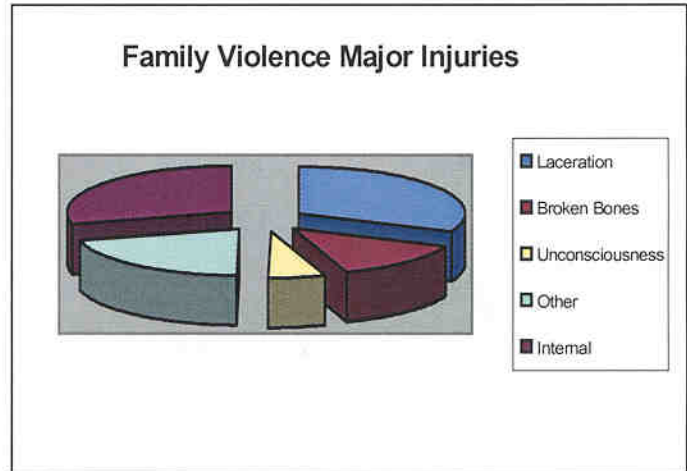
Offenses

Family violence offense information falls into six general categories: assaults, homicides, kidnapping/abductions, robberies, forcible sex offenses, and non-forcible sex offenses. Of the six main categories, assaults accounted for 98 percent of all offenses.

Family Violence Offenses			
Type	Group	Offense	%
Assaults	98.1%	Aggravated Assault	15.6%
		Simple Assault	72.1%
		Intimidation	10.4%
Homicides	0.09%	Murder & Nonnegligent Manslaugh-	0.08%
		Negligent Manslaughter	0.004%
		Justifiable Homicide	0.001%
Kidnapping	0.1%	Kidnapping/Abduction	0.1%
Robbery	0.1%	Robbery	0.1%
Forcible Sex Offenses	1.5%	Forcible Rape	0.5%
		Forcible Sodomy	0.2%
		Sexual Assault with Object	0.08%
Non-Forcible Sex Offenses	0.07%	Forcible Fondling	0.7%
		Incest	0.04%
		Statutory Rape	0.03%

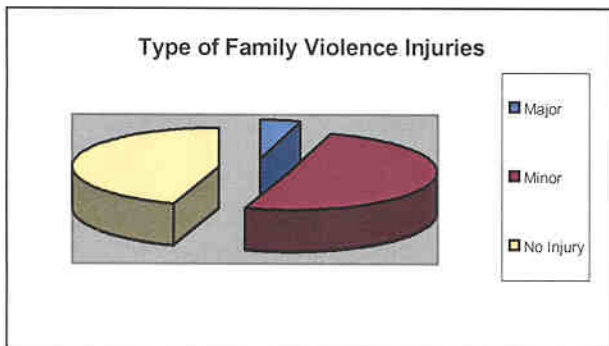
Major injuries were reported in 4 percent of the cases.

Of the apparent major injuries, severe lacerations were the most common at 32 percent, possible internal injuries were reported in 29 percent of the reports; and apparent broken bones were noted in 13 percent of the cases.



Weapons

The most common weapon involved in family violence cases was physical force through the use of hands, feet and fists (strong arm), which accounts for 76 percent of the incidents. The Texas Family Violence law considers the use of threats and intimidation to be serious enough to report and, thus, 10 percent of the reports were listed as involving no weapons. Knives or cutting instruments (4 percent), blunt objects (3 percent), firearms (2 percent) and other (5 percent) account for the remaining cases. Considered as other weapons were motor vehicles, poison, explosives, fire, drugs, unknown, and miscellaneous weapons.



Injuries

Considering the injuries sustained by victims of family violence, it should be noted that the police officer who responds to the disturbance call determines the extent of injuries. Therefore, all injuries are considered to be apparent injuries at the time of the report. If later medical attention indicates that the injuries were more or less severe than noted by the responding officer, this information is not included in the family violence report. The majority of reported injuries (51 percent) were minor; in 45 percent of family violence reports "no injury" was recorded.



**Crime In Texas Cities 50,000 to 100,000 Population
1999 vs 1998**

Agency	Year	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Total	% Change
Baytown PD	1999	3	42	88	140	553	2,188	239	3,253	-3.8%
	1998	3	28	59	154	610	2,208	321	3,383	
Bedford PD	1999	0	24	23	75	246	1,172	111	1,651	+4.9%
	1998	1	16	27	88	272	1,057	113	1,574	
Bryan PD	1999	2	71	57	257	769	2,738	209	4,103	+1.2%
	1998	3	51	52	275	890	2,614	171	4,056	
College Station PD	1999	2	35	14	73	273	1,928	97	2,422	-4.3%
	1998	0	37	30	64	414	1,938	48	2,531	
Denton PD	1999	2	51	74	196	530	2,305	139	3,297	-7.6%
	1998	1	45	48	223	496	2,595	160	3,568	
Galveston PD	1999	7	34	174	253	936	3,301	557	5,262	-0.9%
	1998	8	40	166	151	841	3,602	502	5,310	
Harlingen PD	1999	1	21	58	270	837	2,460	187	3,834	-0.1%
	1998	0	0	59	246	827	2,451	255	3,838	
Killeen PD	1999	2	52	113	362	1,290	2,935	256	5,010	-5.5%
	1998	10	63	143	357	1,292	3,191	248	5,304	
Lewisville PD	1999	2	29	41	107	489	2,314	254	3,236	0.0%
	1998	2	16	46	91	446	2,393	243	3,237	
Longview PD	1999	6	62	121	204	889	3,063	442	4,787	-3.3%
	1998	4	85	139	271	871	3,145	435	4,950	
Missouri City PD	1999	0	13	44	43	324	912	69	1,405	+9.0%
	1998	0	14	44	41	354	758	78	1,289	
North Richland Hills PD	1999	0	17	27	71	327	1,603	201	2,246	-3.2%
	1998	0	6	46	79	343	1,654	193	2,321	
Odessa PD	1999	4	10	82	464	931	3,101	190	4,782	-15.3%
	1998	3	20	85	720	935	3,656	228	5,647	
Port Arthur PD	1999	5	24	126	271	752	1,433	296	2,907	-6.9%
	1998	8	28	123	301	939	1,426	297	3,122	
Richardson PD	1999	6	12	76	173	703	2,453	221	3,644	+6.3%
	1998	2	9	54	168	599	2,366	229	3,427	
Round Rock PD	1999	0	20	20	51	160	722	80	1,053	-6.8%
	1998	0	15	19	78	178	787	53	1,130	
San Angelo PD	1999	4	62	31	264	656	3,263	134	4,414	-13.4%
	1998	4	46	31	249	730	3,863	172	5,095	
Sugar Land PD	1999	1	3	61	46	303	1,439	105	1,958	-4.2%
	1998	2	5	43	46	274	1,545	129	2,044	
Temple PD	1999	1	22	49	124	620	2,106	263	3,185	-8.1%
	1998	5	7	69	142	517	2,455	271	3,466	
Victoria PD	1999	2	25	61	354	650	2,178	105	3,375	+2.8%
	1998	5	24	37	362	673	2,061	121	3,283	

**Crime In Texas Cities over 100,000 Population
1999 vs 1998**

Agency	Year	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated	Burglary	Larceny Theft	Motor Vehicle	Total	% Change
Abilene PD	1999	12	36	123	324	1,023	3,207	255	4,980	-10.6%
	1998	5	52	129	362	1,246	3,561	218	5,573	
Amarillo PD	1999	10	56	234	921	1,772	9,832	703	13,528	+1.9%
	1998	12	66	245	942	1,963	9,326	726	13,280	
Arlington PD	1999	11	109	546	1,285	3,180	12,556	1,720	19,407	-0.6%
	1998	13	138	506	1,202	2,974	12,703	1,984	19,520	
Austin PD	1999	27	242	1,023	1,684	6,996	27,257	2,794	40,023	+2.1%
	1998	31	219	1,097	1,678	6,952	26,133	3,083	39,193	
Beaumont PD	1999	12	160	351	800	2,051	5,903	805	10,082	+8.5%
	1998	9	201	346	670	1,993	5,256	819	9,294	
Brownsville PD	1999	4	26	166	587	1,227	6,289	351	8,650	+10.1%
	1998	14	24	168	698	1,346	5,141	469	7,860	
Carrollton PD	1999	0	12	59	168	734	2,291	317	3,581	-8.4%
	1998	2	28	82	293	797	2,390	319	3,911	
Corpus Christi PD	1999	15	194	388	1,888	3,521	12,859	1,510	20,375	-9.5%
	1998	17	143	352	1,583	3,858	15,227	1,330	22,510	
Dallas PD	1999	191	663	6,357	8,224	19,629	52,026	17,854	104,944	+4.3%
	1998	252	724	5,878	9,078	18,755	49,281	16,626	100,594	
El Paso PD	1999	14	185	715	3,366	2,496	27,052	2,307	36,135	+1.0%
	1998	17	241	823	3,293	2,632	26,124	2,657	35,787	
Fort Worth PD	1999	67	286	1,447	2,446	7,506	21,703	3,899	37,354	+5.2%
	1998	64	293	1,357	2,615	7,422	19,626	4,114	35,491	
Garland PD	1999	1	48	151	295	1,779	5,747	830	8,851	-0.2%
	1998	1	45	152	307	1,758	5,755	852	8,870	
Grand Prairie PD	1999	8	54	131	272	996	4,178	1,059	6,698	-3.9%
	1998	9	36	172	335	1,135	4,130	1,155	6,972	
Houston PD	1999	241	748	8,350	12,180	24,744	66,068	19,445	131,776	+3.1%
	1998	254	654	7,711	11,564	23,065	64,070	20,499	127,817	
Irving PD	1999	5	56	184	492	1,291	6,143	1,041	9,212	-2.6%
	1998	9	69	181	527	1,397	6,266	1,005	9,454	
Laredo PD	1999	8	57	167	597	1,853	9,494	1,116	13,292	+1.2%
	1998	11	68	219	538	1,930	8,957	1,412	13,135	
Lubbock PD	1999	14	124	307	1,949	2,352	7,410	696	12,852	+4.5%
	1998	15	132	241	1,615	2,654	7,010	632	12,299	
McAllen PD	1999	5	15	120	236	1,261	5,363	906	7,906	-1.2%
	1998	7	14	110	192	1,305	5,470	905	8,003	
Mesquite PD	1999	3	3	99	336	541	4,560	610	6,152	+4.3%
	1998	1	1	73	321	607	4,217	678	5,898	
Midland PD	1999	1	77	54	227	732	2,394	166	3,651	-9.9%
	1998	2	79	66	209	798	2,640	256	4,050	
Pasadena PD	1999	7	46	135	481	1,111	3,852	701	6,333	-0.9%
	1998	8	44	175	832	1,160	3,447	724	6,390	
Plano PD	1999	0	37	93	664	1,384	5,427	290	7,895	-3.5%
	1998	4	47	107	666	1,478	5,546	334	8,182	
San Antonio PD	1999	96	599	1,674	3,971	10,944	53,898	5,595	76,777	-0.8%
	1998	89	734	1,780	2,366	11,984	53,301	7,154	77,408	
Waco PD	1999	12	93	258	675	1,871	5,858	1,022	9,789	+2.7%
	1998	11	111	282	722	1,886	5,566	957	9,535	
Wichita Falls PD	1999	3	56	122	431	1,030	3,866	465	5,973	+1.4%
	1998	6	83	124	511	942	3,860	365	5,891	