



BATON ROUGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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2006 CRIME STATS RELEASED

The number of major crimes in Baton Rouge in 2006 increased by 3.48% when compared to last year according to crime figures submitted to the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program.

Crimes Against Persons (murder, rape, robbery and assault) were up 9.56%, while Crimes Against Property (burglary, larceny, arson and motor vehicle theft) were up 2.36%.

Clearance (solve) rates rose from 19.2% overall to 20.79%, and remained above the national average for cities our size in every crime category except Arson.

The magnitude of Baton Rouge's population growth since Hurricane Katrina is still unresolved. Therefore it remains impossible to accurately determine the crime *rate* (the number of crimes measured against the current population). If the growth of the city's population was more than 3.48% in 2006 compared to 2005, then the crime *rate* has actually dropped.

It is also worth noting that even though overall major crime in 2006 was up slightly when compared to 2005, the total number of major crimes is actually still lower than every other previous year this decade (see attached graph).

A breakdown of individual crime categories also follows on a separate page.

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2006 UCR PART I CRIMES**

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>Change</u>
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	49	56	+14.29%
Manslaughter by Negligence	1	4	+300.00%
Rape	83	93	+12.05%
Robbery	993	1049	+5.64%
Assault	1573	1755	+11.57%
Burglary	3940	4021	+2.06%
Theft	8949	9209	+2.91%
Auto Theft	1492	1454	-2.55%
Arson	183	223	+21.86%
TOTAL MAJOR CRIMES	17263	17864	+3.48%

**CLEARANCE RATES
2006 UCR PART I CRIMES**

	<u>Baton Rouge</u>	<u>Most Recent National Average</u>
Murder & Non-Negligent Manslaughter	67.86%	58.60%
Manslaughter by Negligence	N/A	N/A
Rape	53.76%	38.10%
Robbery	28.12%	25.20%
Assault	52.48%	51.10%
Burglary	12.73%	11.00%
Theft	18.17%	16.90%
Auto Theft	13.14%	10.60%
Arson	13.45%	15.50%
TOTAL PART I CLEARANCE RATES	20.79%	17.90%

Baton Rouge 2000-2006 Part I Crimes

