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2012 Mid-Year Crime Stats for Rochester, NY

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Key Challenges in 2012

- Mid-year Increases in violent crime:
 - **Summer Shooting Spike**
 - 15 more shooting victims this May & June than last year
 - **6 more homicides than last year**
 - **Robberies up 18% against previous year- still 3rd fewest in 25 years**

Key Midyear Part I Crime Successes

- **Lowest mid-year property crime total in 25 years, driven by:**
 - 6.4% reduction in Burglary
 - Lowest level of Larceny in 25 years
 - Lowest level of Motor Vehicle theft in 25 years
- **Overall Assaults down 4.5% from 2011**
- **Overall Part I Crime down 5.1% from 2011**

2012 Part I Crime (Jan-June)

Crime Type	2011	2012	% Change	5 Yr. Avg	2012 % Change from 5 Yr. Avg.
Murder	14	20	42.9%	19	5.3%
Rape	41	46	12.2%	45	2.2%
Robbery	310	366	18.1%	467	-21.7%
Agg. Assault	539	515	-4.5%	522	-1.3%
<i>Violent Crime Total</i>	904	947	4.8%	1,053	-10.1%
Burglary	1,368	1,280	-6.4%	1,208	6.0%
Larceny	3,345	3,092	-7.6%	3,405	-9.2%
MV Theft	310	304	-1.9%	711	-57.3%
<i>Property Crime Total</i>	5,023	4,676	-6.9%	5,324	-12.2%
Total Part I Crime	5,927	5,623	-5.1%	6,377	-11.8%

2012 Shooting Victims (Jan-June)

- +73% from 2011
- +12% from 10 Yr. Average

Context:

- 2011 was best year in last 10 years
- 2 periods of consecutive above-average months:
 - Dec 11-Jan 12
 - May 12- June 12
- Last 2 month period of above-average shooting victims: June -July 08



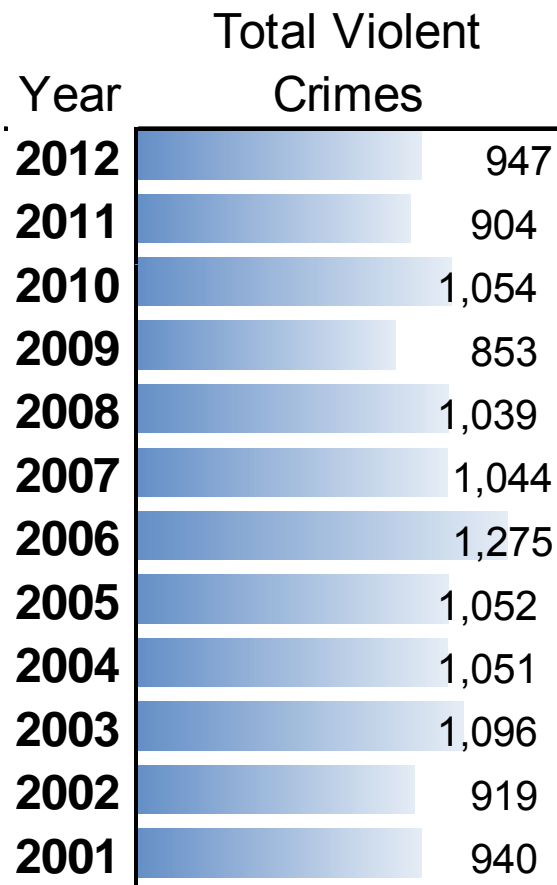
Historical Context (Jan-June 2012)

Crime Type	5-Year Rank	10-Year Rank
Murder	Highest (Tie)	5th Highest (Tie)
Rape	2nd Highest	6th Highest
Robbery	3rd	3rd Lowest
Agg. Assault	3rd	5th Highest
Violent Crime	3rd	3rd Lowest
Burglary	3rd	3rd Highest
Larceny	Lowest	Lowest
MV Theft	Lowest	Lowest
Property Crime	Lowest	Lowest
Total Part I Crime	Lowest	Lowest

**Note: Due to a change in how Aggravated Assaults are reported, Agg. Assault data prior to 2005 are not comparable to Agg. Assault data from 2005 to present. Per a clarification in UCR standards, the state began mandating the reporting of the threat of injury with a weapon (known as "Menacing 2nd" in NYS Penal Law) as an Aggravated Assault in 2005. Prior to that, Menacing was listed as a Simple Assault, a Part II crime.*

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Violent Crime



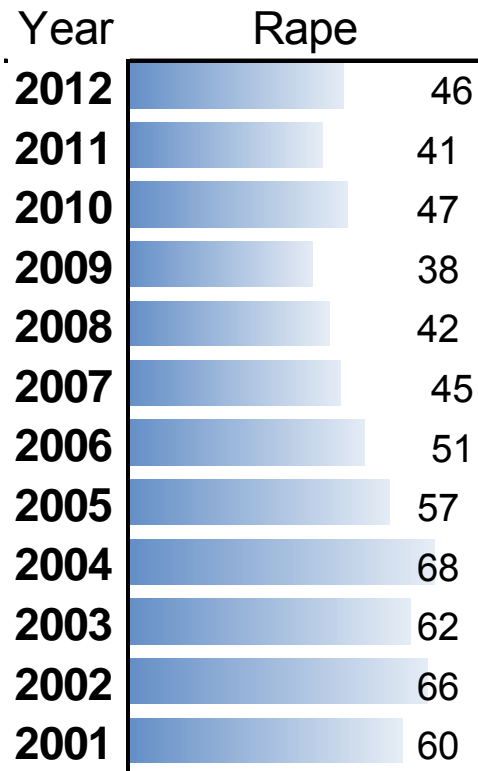
- Increase from 2011 driven by increases in:
 - Homicide
 - Rape
 - Robbery
 - Non-fatal shootings

Murder

Year	Murder
2012	20
2011	14
2010	20
2009	11
2008	17
2007	25
2006	22
2005	22
2004	16
2003	27
2002	21
2001	19

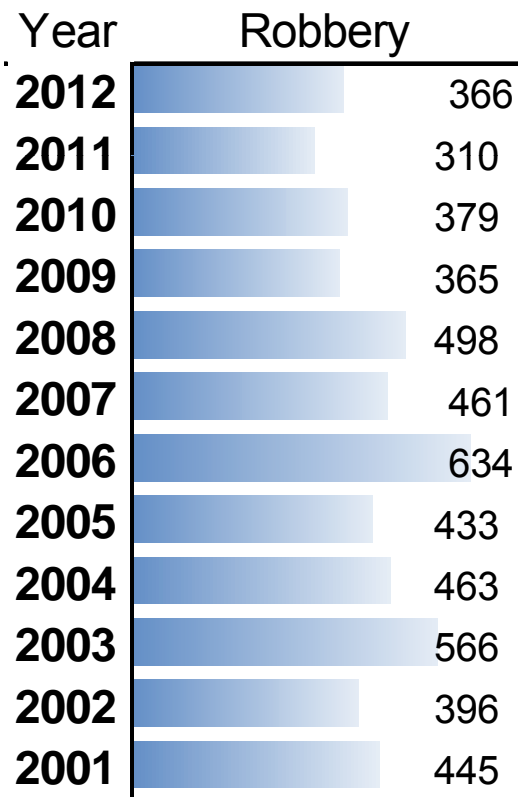
- 10 of 20 Murder occurred in May or June
- 65% involve a firearm
- In at least 13 of the 20 murders, the victim is believed to have known the suspect
- 6 of 20 murders are domestic related (4 involving the Grape St. arson)
- In at least four incidents the murder may be part of a pattern of retaliatory violence

Rape



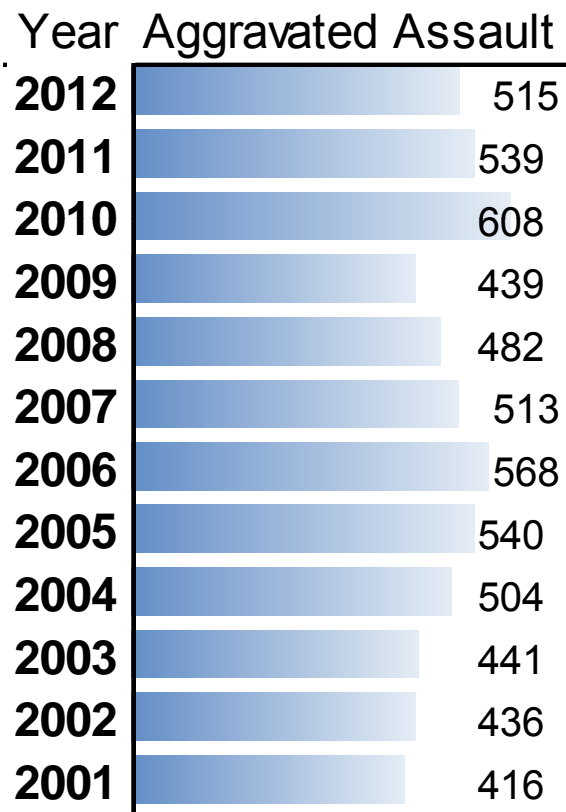
- 2012 midyear total is 8% higher than the 5 yr. midyear average, but 11% lower than the 10 yr. midyear average
- 59% of 2012 rapes involved a suspect known to the victim

Robbery



- 3rd Lowest mid-year total in 25 years
- 2012 midyear total is 19% below the 10 yr. midyear average

Aggravated Assault



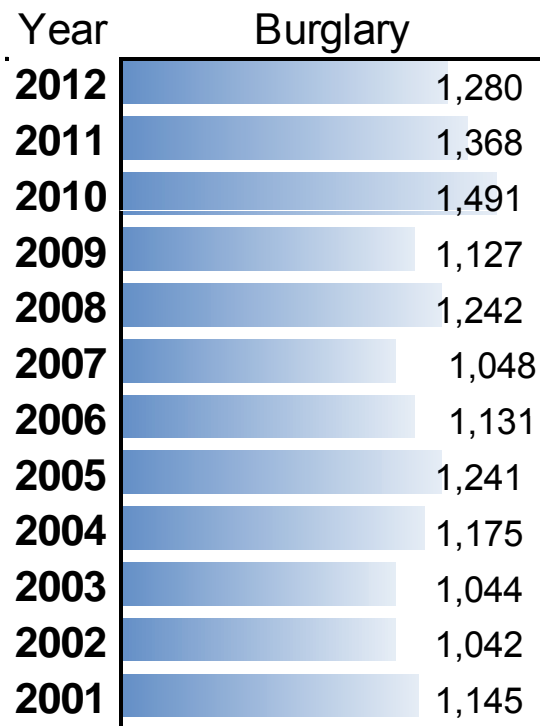
- -4.5% from 2011 mid-year, midyear declining trend for two years
- Despite increase in shootings, serious assaults involving other weapons or beatings are down against last year
- 2/3^{rds} of serious assaults continue to be non-random
 - Half of all Agg. Assaults involve a threat of violence with a weapon (Menacing 2nd)
 - Indicative of Interpersonal Disputes
 - No actual Assault occurs
- Due to a reporting change, data prior to 2005 is not comparable to current totals

Property Crime

Year	Total Property Crimes
2012	4,676
2011	5,023
2010	5,294
2009	4,853
2008	4,997
2007	5,167
2006	6,308
2005	6,725
2004	7,163
2003	7,140
2002	6,951
2001	6,669

- Lowest midyear level in 25 years
- Declines from midyear 2011 in all three crime types

Burglary



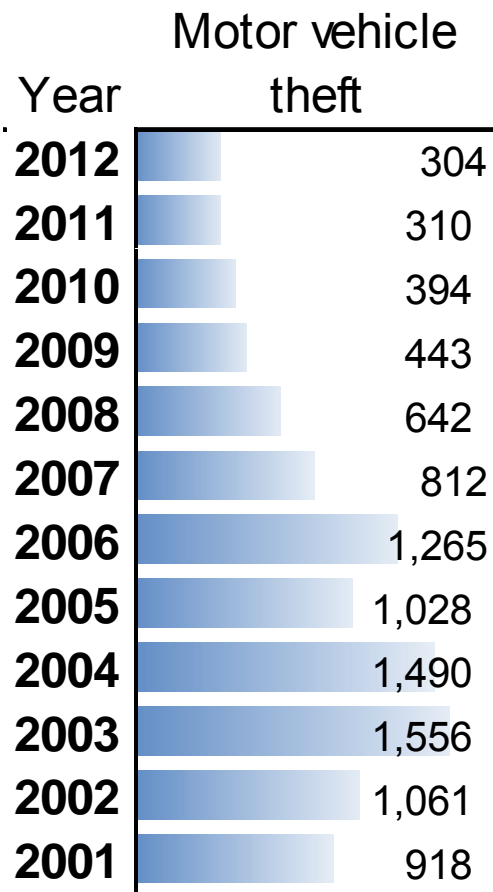
- Midyear burglary total still 2% above 5 year avg., but have seen a midyear downward trend since the 10-year high of 2010.

Larceny

Year	Larceny
2012	3,092
2011	3,345
2010	3,409
2009	3,283
2008	3,113
2007	3,307
2006	3,912
2005	4,456
2004	4,498
2003	4,540
2002	4,848
2001	4,606

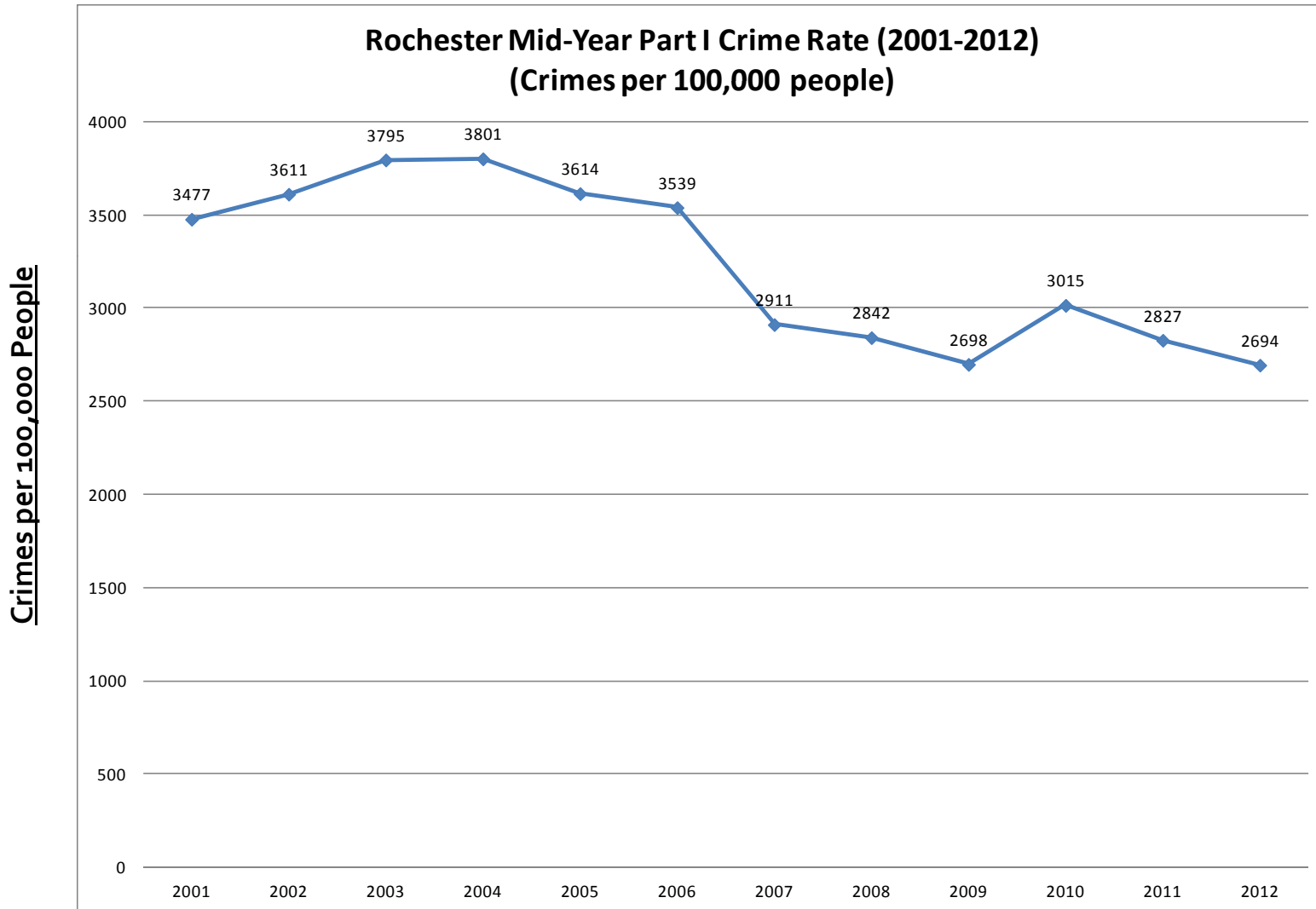
- Lowest mid year total in 25 years
- Downtown car-break ins down 27% from last year

Motor Vehicle Theft



- Lowest mid-year total in 25 years, four consecutive years of record lows

Perception vs. Reality (Part 1 Crime)



Perception vs. Reality (Violent Crime)

