

**Durham Police Department
2012 Second Quarter Report
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The Durham Police Department reported five percent decreases in Part 1 violent crime (homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault), Part 1 property crime (larceny, burglary and motor vehicle theft) and overall Part 1 crime (violent plus property crime) during the first six months of 2012 compared to the same period in 2011. [The numbers used in this report are preliminary numbers and may change slightly when the final statistics are completed].

<i>Part 1 Violent Crime</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2011-2012 % Change</i>
<i>Homicide</i>	14	17	11	-35%
<i>Rape</i>	38	35	45	29%
<i>Robbery</i>	339	307	264	-14%
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	438	486	484	<1%
<i>Violent Crime</i>	829	845	805	-5%

Violent Crime - The Police Department focused on violent crime during the first six months of the year by forming a Violent Incident Response Team comprised of seven officers plus one sheriff's deputy. The VIRT officers have been targeting violent crime, particularly gun crime, and violent offenders and they do follow up investigations on shooting incidents. The VIRT is an outgrowth of the Violent Incident Response unit the Police Department formed in 2010.

The Police Department launched a Special Victims Unit on January 1, 2012 to focus on sexual crimes as well as child abuse. The SVU investigators are specially trained to deal with sex crimes and victims who have been assaulted.

The numbers of homicides and robberies during the first six months of the year dropped to three-year lows in 2012. Aggravated assaults were down slightly and the number of reported rapes increased by 29 percent. Aggravated assaults are counted by the number of victims, rather than the number of incidents. There were 352 incidents with a total of 484 victims during the first six months of 2012.

<i>Part 1 Property Crime</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2011-2012 % Change</i>
<i>Burglary</i>	1778	1877	1646	-12%
<i>Larceny</i>	3510	3209	3115	-3%
<i>Vehicle Theft</i>	347	264	322	22%
<i>Property Crime</i>	5635	5350	5083	-5%
<i>Index Crime</i>	6464	6195	5888	-5%

Property Crime - The number of reported burglaries and larcenies dropped to three-year lows during the first six months of 2012.

The burglary number is particularly significant since the number of reported burglaries had risen steadily for the past three years. Last fall, we initiated the Residential Awareness Program (RAP), which is a proactive, data-driven approach designed to reduce residential burglaries throughout the city. Studies have shown that when a burglary occurs to a residence, that residence and others within one city block are significantly more likely to be burglarized within the next two weeks. Each week the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit examines reports to determine locations and neighborhoods where burglaries are likely to occur in the near future. Crime prevention officers then speak with residents in those areas to provide them with crime prevention tips and to urge them to call 911 to report suspicious activity. We believe this initiative may have been a factor in the reduced number of burglaries. We recently made several arrests in a series of burglaries as a result of a tip from a RAP canvass.

We also conducted operations focusing on organized retail theft during the first half of the year. Organized retail theft is professional shoplifting of items from stores that are then re-sold by "fences." According to the FBI, organized retail theft now costs approximately \$30 billion a year nationwide. In one operation, 10 people were arrested on 25 felony and 44 misdemeanor charges. Search warrants were served at seven locations and officers seized 24 firearms, drugs, one vehicle, more than \$14,000 in cash, two illegal poker machines, more than 100 cartons of cigarettes, large quantities of non-taxpaid and/or stolen alcohol, counterfeit merchandise, numerous stolen items and drug paraphernalia (glass tubes with roses inside).

We also continue to target metal thefts, which affect our burglary and larceny statistics. One item that was frequently stolen was catalytic converters. Officers made numerous arrests including the arrest of one man charged with stealing 20 catalytic converters and causing damage in excess of \$20,000.

Youth Arrests (16-17) and Juvenile Petitions (<16) for January-September 2012

Offense/Age	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Grand Total
Aggravated Assault						3	2	2	11	18
All Other Offenses			1		2	5	7	45	60	120
Burglary					2	2	3	19	29	55
Disorderly Conduct						1		2	2	5
Driving While Impaired								2	1	3
Drug Violations					1	8	1	26	53	89
Embezzlement									1	1
Forgery/Counterfeiting								1		1
Fraud							1	2	8	11
Homicide								1		1
Larceny			1	3	5	12	7	58	56	142
Liquor Law Violations						2		4		6
Non-Reportable Offenses							2	1	5	8
Offenses Against Family									2	2
Rape						1		1		2
Robbery						3	2	6	10	21
Sex Offenses						2	1	2		5
Simple Assault		1	2			6	3	18	20	50
Stolen Property					1	1	2	6	16	26
Vandalism			1	1		1	1	13	17	34
Weapon Violations	1					2	4	8	16	31
Grand Total	1	1	5	4	11	49	36	217	307	631

Statistics provided by the Police Department's Crime Analysis Unit

Part 1 Domestic Violence Crimes – Year-to-Date January-June

	YTD 2010	YTD 2011	YTD 2012
<i>Murder</i>	1	7	3
<i>Rape</i>	5	5	6
<i>Robbery</i>	4	12	9
<i>Aggravated Assault</i>	121	106	132
<i>Violent Crime</i>	131	130	150
<i>Burglary</i>	33	33	29
<i>Larceny</i>	34	43	71
<i>Motor Vehicle Theft</i>	8	9	7
<i>Property Crime</i>	75	85	107
Part 1 Index Crime	206	215	257

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