

Chapter 6

Crime and Offense Statistics

Summary of Crime and Offense Statistics

This chapter presents crime and offense statistics. The total number of crimes and offenses has been declining since 2001. Although it's been declining, violation of traffic laws and curfew orders have always had the largest number as compared to the rest of the crimes.

A recent collection of the prison data shows the prison population had increased from 86 inmates in 2002 to 101 inmates in 2003. Of the total prison population, 94 were males and 7 were females.

The number of reported crimes peaked in 2001 with more than 12,600 being reported. More than 11,000 crimes in 2001 were traffic violations, but that number decreased to about 4,000 in 2002 and less than 3,000 in 2003.

Table 6.1 Crime and Offense Statistics by Type: 1998 to 2003

Type of Crime and Offense	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Total	3,417	5,311	9,015	12,609	5,209	3,738
Adultery and Sexual Assault	6	10	14	8	7	5
Adultery & Sodomy	-	1	1	-	-	1
Molestation	2	-	2	1	-	-
Rape & attempted rape	4	7	8	6	2	3
Sexual abuse and assault	-	2	3	1	5	1
Assault & Battery	327	407	354	306	259	189
Child Abuse/Molestation & Runaway	-	4	28	8	2	3
Illegal Activities and Misconduct, Violation of Law and Order, and Traffic Rules	1,847	3,797	7,146	11,404	4,569	3,005
Illegal and Unlawful Activities	1	-	133	10	355	4
Illegal Consumption of Liquor	-	-	6	-	70	-
Illegal Cultivation of Marijuana	-	-	8	-	8	-
Illegal Entry	-	-	-	-	12	1
Illegal Fishing	-	-	1	-	148	-
Illegal Import/Possession of Ammunition	-	-	-	5	1	1
Illegal Possession of Controlled Substance	-	-	62	-	40	-
Illegal Possession of Firearm or Ammo	1	-	-	2	8	1
Illegal Removal of Historical Property	-	-	-	2	1	-
Illegal Shooting	-	-	-	-	-	-
Illegal Staying	-	-	56	-	64	-
Receiving Stolen Goods	-	-	-	1	-	1
Unlawful Issuance of Checks	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prostitution	-	-	-	-	3	-
Misconduct, Mischief, and Violation of Court Order, Traffic Rules, and Curfew Order	1,846	3,797	7,013	11,394	4,214	3,001
Aiding & Abetting	-	-	-	1	1	1
Criminal Libel	-	-	-	3	-	1
Disturbing Peace	-	101	98	11	24	18
Drinking in Public	-	-	2	-	15	-
Drunk and Disorderly Conduct	215	164	398	...	13	3
Driving Under Influence of Alcohol (DUI)	-	4	73	26	38	137
Escape from Prison	-	7	19	2	2	5
Fighting	-	-	66	-	3	-
Harrassment	-	-	3	2	-	2
Indecent Assault and Exposure	-	-	-	2	-	2
Littering	-	-	1	-	-	-
Misconduct in Public & Malicious Mischief	190	210	218	152	156	103
Nuisance	-	-	1	-	-	-
Obstruction of Justice	-	-	8	2	-	5
Obscene Calls	-	-	1	-	-	-
Threatening	43	67	62	31	37	3
Violation of Court Order	18	-
Violation of Traffic Rules & Curfew order	1,398	3,244	6,045	11,162	3,925	2,721
Violence	-	-	17	1	2	-
Domestic Violence	-	-	17	1	1	-
Vandalism	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other Crimes & Offenses	1,237	1,093	1,456	882	370	536
Autotheft, shoplifting, robbery & armed robbery	23	42	105	19	10	45
Larceny	347	352	447	313	229	303
Arson, burglary, kidnaping, murder, & manslaughter	252	199	188	139	90	10
Cheating, counterfeiting, embezzlement, forgery, & fraud	-	14	52	49	12	29
Gambling and trafficking	-	-	1	-	-	-
Resisting arrest, and suicide	-	1	8	3	1	2
Hit and run	-	-	29	15	...	-
Traffic Accidents	615	485	603	325	-	124
Trespassing	-	-	23	19	28	23

Source: Bureau of Public Safety, Republic of Palau

... Data not available

Table 6.1a Crime and Offense Statistics by Category: 1998 - 2003

Crime and Offense by Major Classification	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Total	3,417	5,311	9,015	12,609	5,209	3,738
Crime	955	1,029	1,243	861	612	586
Adultery and Sexual Assault	6	10	14	8	7	5
Assault & Battery	327	407	354	306	259	189
Child Abuse & Runaway	-	4	28	8	2	3
Other Crimes 1/	622	608	847	539	344	389
Offense	2,462	4,282	7,772	11,748	4,597	3,152
Illegal and Unlawful Activities & Misconduct	449	553	1,083	242	644	284
Violation of Traffic Rules, Curfew Order & Court Order 2/	1,398	3,244	6,063	11,162	3,925	2,721
Other Offenses 3/	615	485	626	344	28	147

Source: Bureau of Public Safety, Ministry of Justice, Republic of Palau

1/ Other crimes include violence, vandalism, theft, robbery, larceny, arson, burglary, cheating, counterfeiting, embezzlement, forgery, gambling, trafficking, resisting arrest, suicide, and hit and run.

2/ Data for 2001 include violation of traffic rules, curfew order and alcohol, beverages and tobacco control (ABTC).

3/ Other offenses include traffic accidents and trespassing.

Figure 6.1 Crime & Offense Statistics: 2002-2003

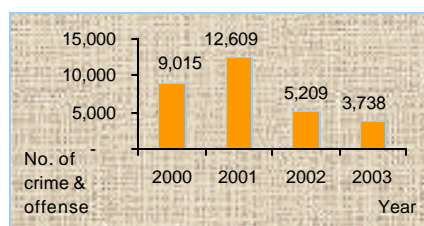


Table 6.2 Prison Population by Sex and Age Group: 2003

Age Group	Total	Male	Female
Total	101	94	7
18-24	30	30	-
25-34	25	23	2
35-54	41	36	5
55+	5	5	-

Source: Bureau of Public Safety, Ministry of Justice

The number of assaults and batteries peaked in 1999 and declined after that. Similarly, the largest number of "other" crimes occurred in 2000, and reports for those crimes also decreased through 2002, but saw a small increase to about 400 in 2003. In general, reported crimes decreased in each year after 2001.

All 7 female prisoners were between 25 and 54 years old. But 30 male prisoners – about 1 in every 3 were between 18 and 24 years old, and another 5 were 55 years or older.