

# Memorandum



DATE: September 27, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT: 2003-2012 Crime Summary Update

On Wednesday, October 2, 2013, you will be briefed on the 2003-2012 Crime Summary Update.

Over the last ten years, the City of Dallas has had the most significant crime reduction of any major city with a population of 1 million or more. The last decade has been arguably the most dramatic drop in crime in Dallas' history. In addition, crime rates in Dallas are the lowest they've been in 40 to 50 years.

The 2012 FBI Uniformed Crime Report was recently released showing the amount of major crime in the United States. While the FBI cautions against the ranking of statistical data specific to each jurisdiction, publications and other media use this method of comparison to inform the public. Therefore, you will be briefed in this format.

The briefing material is attached for your review. Please let me know if you have any questions.



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# 2003 - 2012 Crime Summary Update

Dallas City Council Briefing  
October 2, 2013



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## SAFEST MAJOR CITY Trending to the Top

2012 Uniform Crime Report

According to the FBI, caution is advised against comparing statistical data specific to each jurisdiction.

The City of Dallas  
has had the most significant  
crime reduction of the large cities  
(1 million in population or more)  
over the last ten years  
2003 - 2012



# Most Significant Criminal Offense Reductions of Major Cities 2003 - 2012

<b>DALLAS</b>	<b>-45.38%</b>
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	<b>-42.57%</b>
<b>PHOENIX</b>	<b>-34.57%</b>
<b>DETROIT</b>	<b>-33.01%</b>
<b>SAN DIEGO</b>	<b>-30.73%</b>
<b>CHICAGO</b>	<b>-24.19%</b>
<b>NEW YORK</b>	<b>-17.13%</b>
<b>HOUSTON</b>	<b>-10.21%</b>
<b>PHILADELPHIA</b>	<b>-9.90%</b>
<b>SAN ANTONIO</b>	<b>-0.71%</b>

**Dallas Morning News: Wednesday, July 30, 2003**

# **Dallas has No. 1 big-city crime rate**

# 2003 Safest Major City

Crime Reduction Strategies

... Criminal Justice Action Teams focusing on street level drug dealing  
... Reduced Crime 2003 to reduce the FBI statistics of each bureau and local law enforcement

Rank	City	Crimes Per 1,000 Population
1	NEW YORK	29.17
2	SAN DIEGO	42.23
3	LOS ANGELES	48.09
4	PHILADELPHIA	55.53
5	CHICAGO	62.90
6	HOUSTON	70.55
7	SAN ANTONIO	74.42
8	PHOENIX	76.64
9	DETROIT	90.04
<b>10</b>	<b>DALLAS</b>	<b>93.28</b>

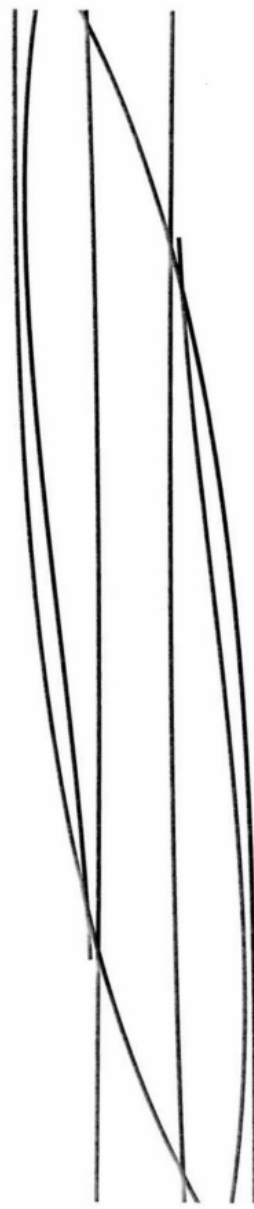
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# Crime Reduction Strategies

- Created Narcotics Action Teams focusing on street level drug dealing
- Initiated Drive SMART to reduce traffic fatalities, school zones and seat belt ordinances





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# Dallas at the Tipping Point

A Road Map for Renewal

Executive Summary

April 2004

## ***Safe Neighborhoods***

While the number of violent crimes and property crimes per 100,000 persons has declined in Dallas, they declined more slowly than in the vast majority of Dallas' peer cities (see Exhibit 10). Among cities over 1 million in population, Dallas has the highest total crime rate and the 3rd highest crime rate behind peer cities Memphis and Columbus.

**DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MANAGEMENT AND EFFICIENCY STUDY**

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# Management and Efficiency Study by Berkshire

# 2004 Safest Major City

Crime Reduction Strategies

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A United Municipal Crime Reduction Program (UMCRP)  
See Detailed Assignment Guidelines

Rank	City	Crimes Per 1,000 Population
1	NEW YORK	28.00
2	SAN DIEGO	40.75
3	LOS ANGELES	43.47
4	PHILADELPHIA	55.14
5	CHICAGO	60.95
6	HOUSTON	71.86
7	SAN ANTONIO	72.14
8	PHOENIX	72.69
9	DETROIT	80.20
<b>10</b>	<b>DALLAS</b>	<b>89.72</b>

# Crime Reduction Strategies

- Implemented the Bait Car Program
- Created Mandatory Crime Reduction Program (MCRP) for Designated Apartment Complexes

# 2005 Safest Major City

Rank	City	Crimes Per 1,000 Population
1	NEW YORK	26.75
2	LOS ANGELES	38.50
3	SAN DIEGO	41.52
4	PHILADELPHIA	55.69
5	CHICAGO	57.61
6	HOUSTON	70.59
7	SAN ANTONIO	70.82
8	PHOENIX	70.94
9	DETROIT	83.48
<b>10</b>	<b>DALLAS</b>	<b>84.82</b>

# Crime Reduction Strategies

- Implemented CompStat Policing Model  
Data Driven Decision Making
- Received Largest Law Enforcement Funding Grant of \$15 Million Through  
Communities Foundation of Texas

# 2006 Safest Major City

Rank	City	Crimes Per 1,000 Population
1	NEW YORK	25.17
2	LOS ANGELES	35.05
3	SAN DIEGO	40.73
4	CHICAGO	57.21
5	PHILADELPHIA	58.38
6	PHOENIX	66.72
7	SAN ANTONIO	67.02
8	HOUSTON	70.07
<b>9</b>	<b>DALLAS</b>	<b>80.63</b>
10	DETROIT	94.98

# Crime Reduction Strategies

- City Council approved to hire 600 officers over annual attrition during:  
FY 06-07, FY 07-08, FY 08-09



# 2007 Safest Major City

Crime Reduction Strategies

• Global Solutions Center  
• Global, Multinational & Innovation Centers  
• Expanded Level of Technology

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Rank	City	Crimes Per 1,000 Population
1	NEW YORK	24.32
2	LOS ANGELES	33.40
3	SAN DIEGO	40.04
4	CHICAGO	56.50
5	PHILADELPHIA	57.80
6	PHOENIX	65.50
7	HOUSTON	68.17
8	SAN ANTONIO	69.46
<b>9</b>	<b>DALLAS</b>	<b>78.45</b>
10	DETROIT	90.51

# Crime Reduction Strategies

- Created Fusion Center  
(Tactical Intelligence & Information Center)
- Expanded use of Technology

# 2008 Safest Major City

Rank	City	Crimes Per 1,000 Population
1	NEW YORK	23.78
2	LOS ANGELES	33.08
3	SAN DIEGO	36.50
4	PHILADELPHIA	57.84
5	CHICAGO	58.41
6	PHOENIX	58.74
7	HOUSTON	60.54
<b>8</b>	<b>DALLAS</b>	<b>68.31</b>
9	DETROIT	77.86
10	SAN ANTONIO	79.38

# Crime Reduction Strategies

- Creation of Caruth Police Institute of Dallas  
Funded by the Communities Foundation of Texas Grant  
(Best Practices - Best Research)

# 2009 Safest Major City

Rank	City	Crimes Per 1,000 Population
1	NEW YORK	22.42
2	SAN DIEGO	29.04
3	LOS ANGELES	30.74
4	PHOENIX	46.54
5	PHILADELPHIA	48.49
6	CHICAGO	53.53
<b>7</b>	<b>DALLAS</b>	<b>63.23</b>
8	HOUSTON	64.44
9	SAN ANTONIO	72.42
10	DETROIT	75.34

# Crime Reduction Strategies

- Implemented TAAG focusing on "hot spot" policing

# 2010 Safest Major City

Crime Reduction Strategies

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2	SAN DIEGO	27.69
3	LOS ANGELES	28.94
4	PHOENIX	44.91
5	PHILADELPHIA	48.98
6	CHICAGO	52.39
<b>7</b>	<b>DALLAS</b>	<b>56.08</b>
8	HOUSTON	60.42
9	SAN ANTONIO	69.52
10	DETROIT	72.00

# Crime Reduction Strategies

- Created Community Policing 2.0 Strategies
  - Police Athletic League (PAL)
  - Jr. Police Academy
  - Midnight Basketball Teams
  - Soccer Teams
  - Explorer Program
- Implemented iWatch Program
- Proactive Policing Programs
  - Operation Triangle focused on 3 things-Violent Crime, Property Crime, and Public Disorder using intelligence, community engagement and "hot spots"





# Crime Reduction Strategies

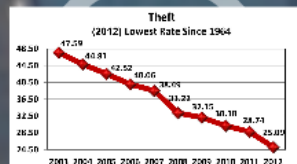
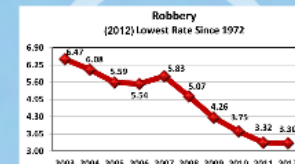
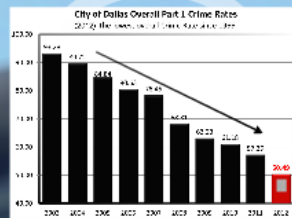
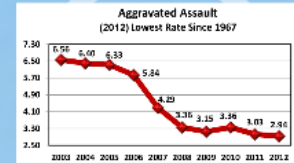
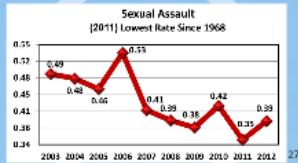
- Utilized 10-70-20 Program, focusing on changing "tolerant citizens" into "non-tolerant citizens" by increasing community participation
- Created organized retail theft (shoplift): increased arrest, improved convictions and shut down fence operations
- Continued Proactive Policing: Operation Heat Wave, focusing on residential and business burglaries, thefts and motor vehicle burglaries
- Created Community Engagement Programs, focusing on crime prevention groups and community based programs
- Implemented Chief on the Beat, focusing on community relationships to prevent crime
- Social Media Strategy
- Metro Task Force focusing on apprehension of wanted offenders and deploying additional resources in "hot spots"

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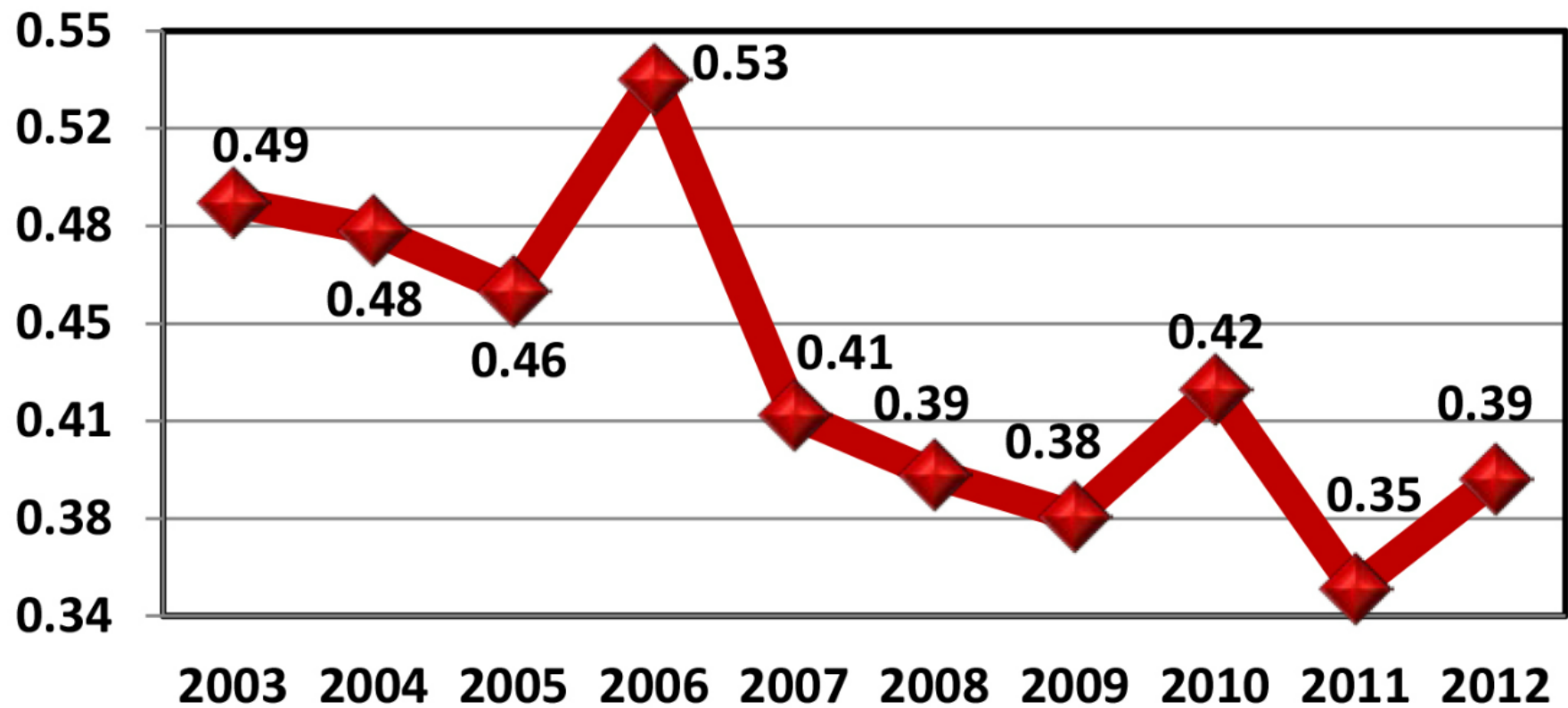
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Rank	City	Crimes Per 1,000 Population
1	NEW YORK	23.61
2	LOS ANGELES	27.50
3	SAN DIEGO	27.81
4	PHOENIX	47.28
5	PHILADELPHIA	48.64
<b>6</b>	<b>DALLAS</b>	<b>50.49</b>
7	CHICAGO	51.22
8	HOUSTON	59.38
9	SAN ANTONIO	64.93
10	DETROIT	79.15

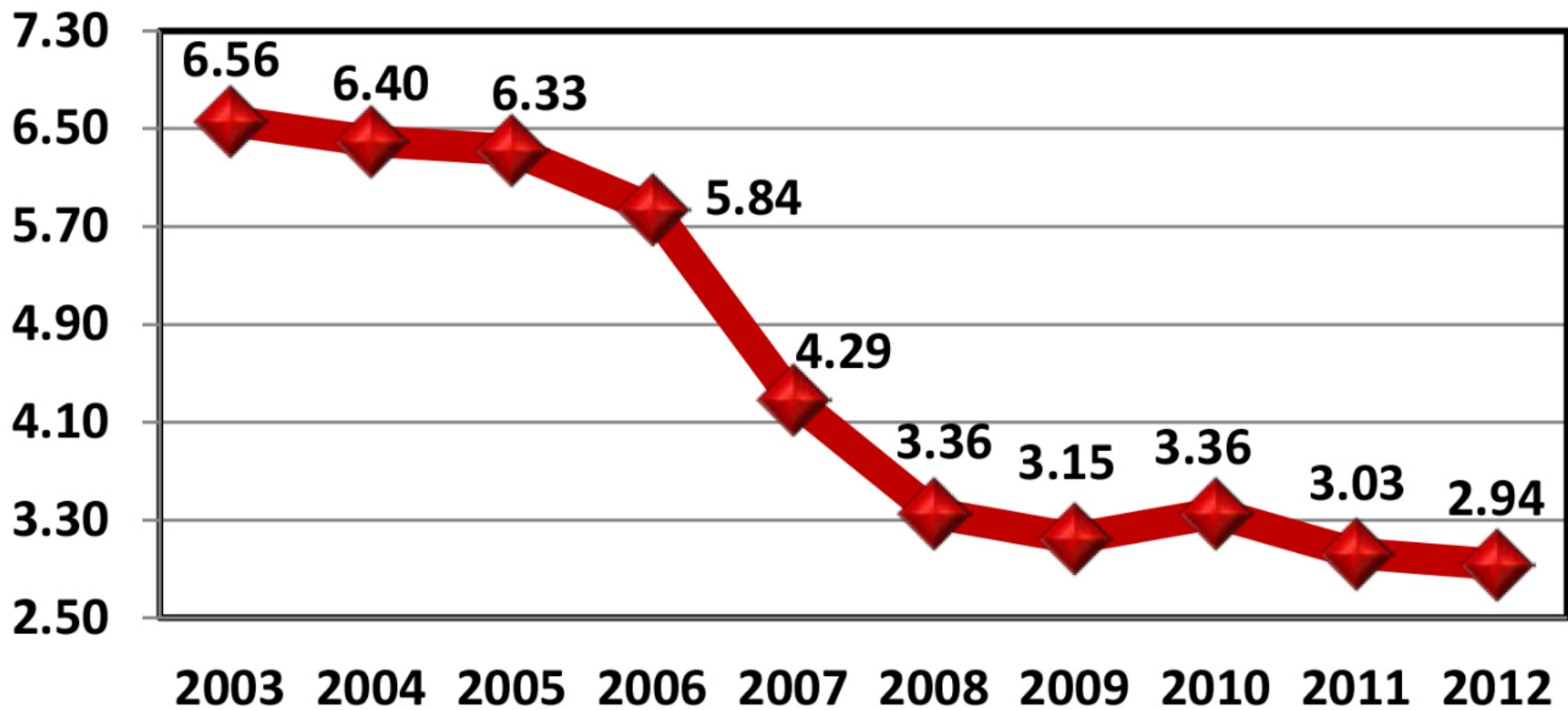




## Sexual Assault (2011) Lowest Rate Since 1968

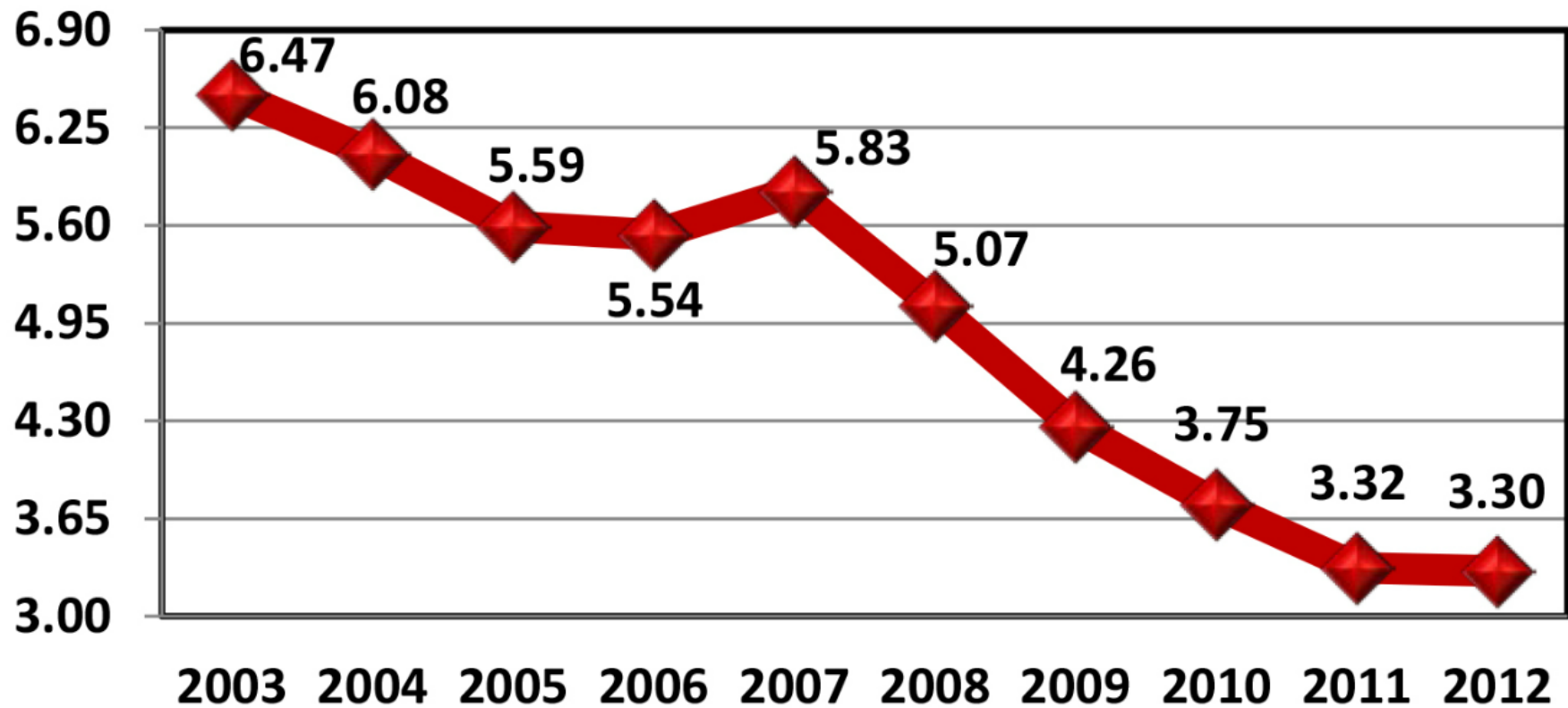


## Aggravated Assault (2012) Lowest Rate Since 1967

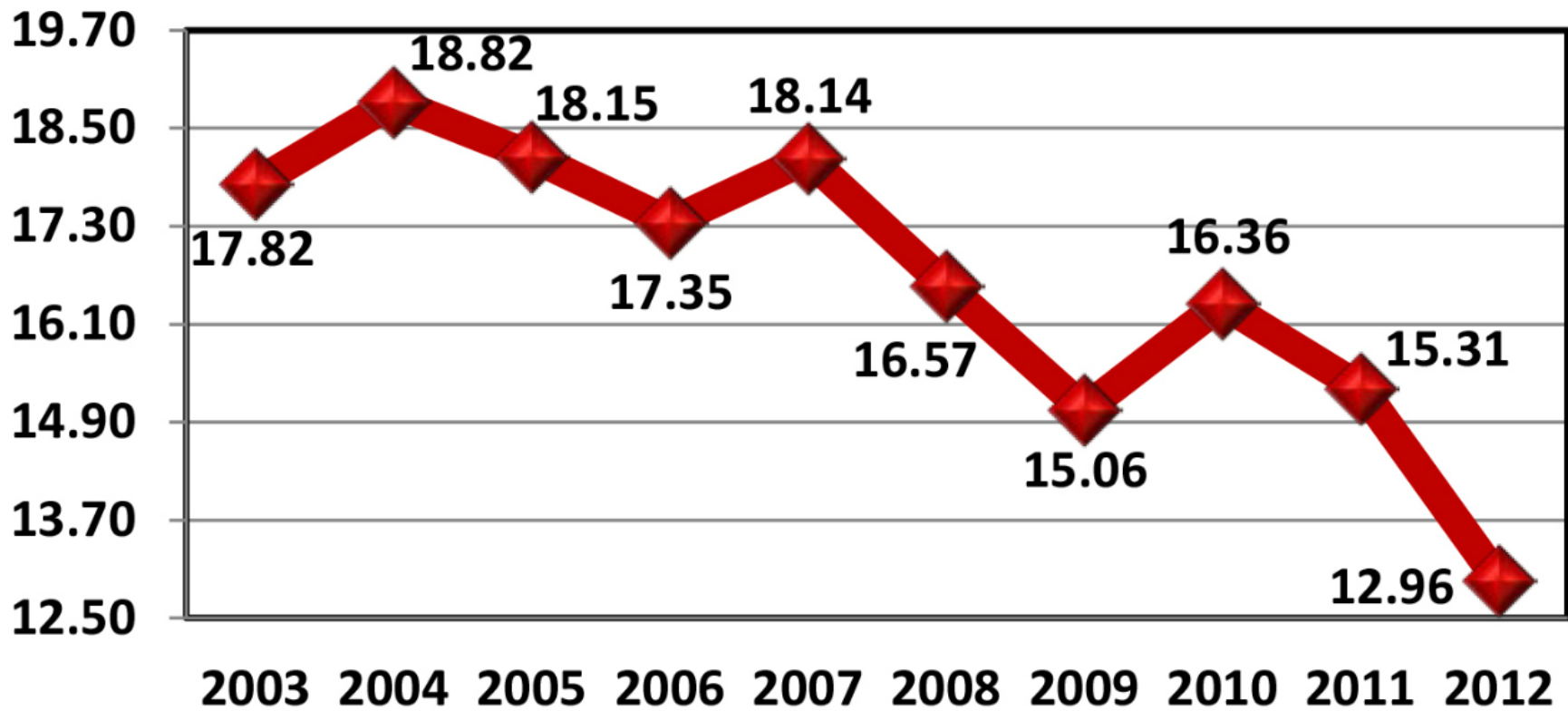


# Robbery

(2012) Lowest Rate Since 1972



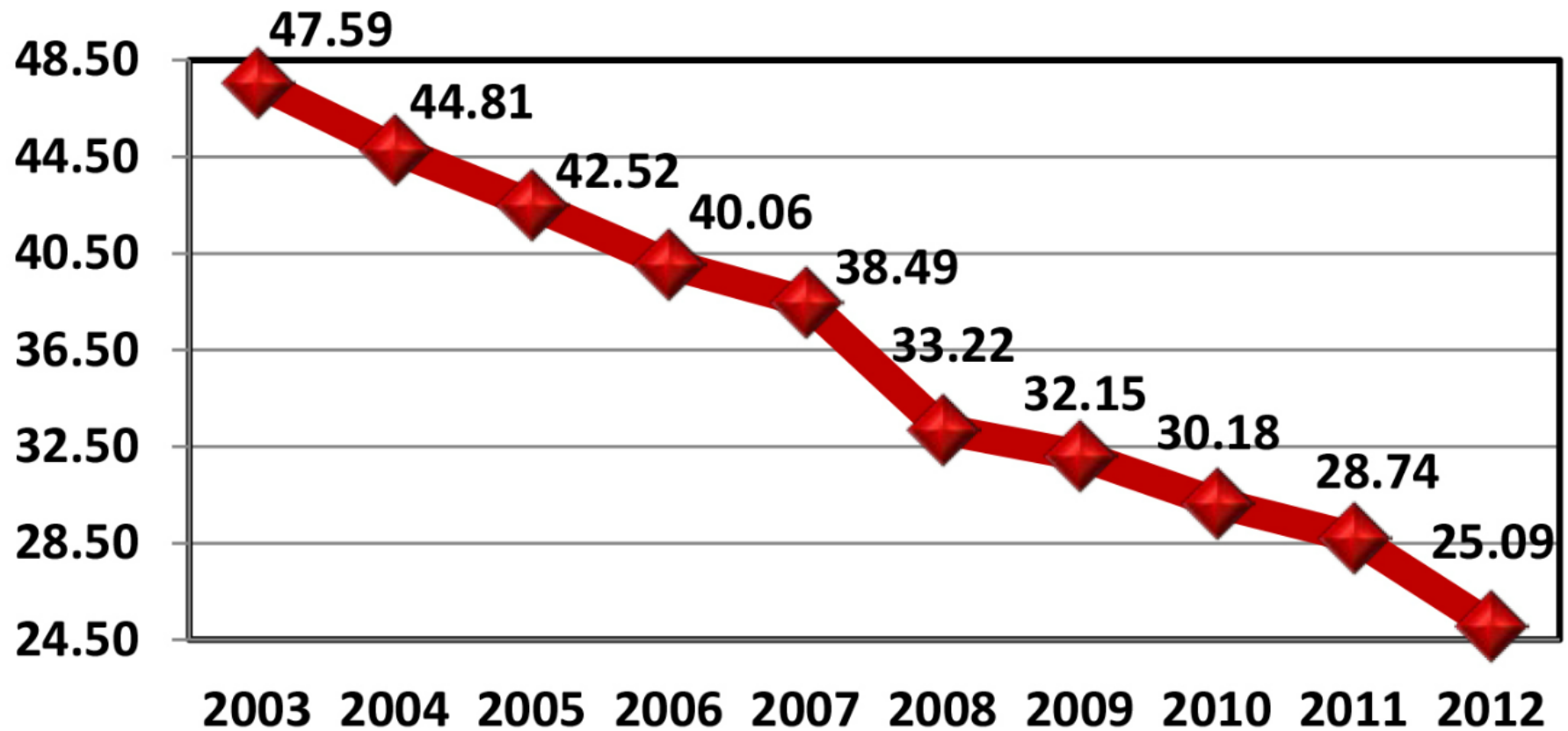
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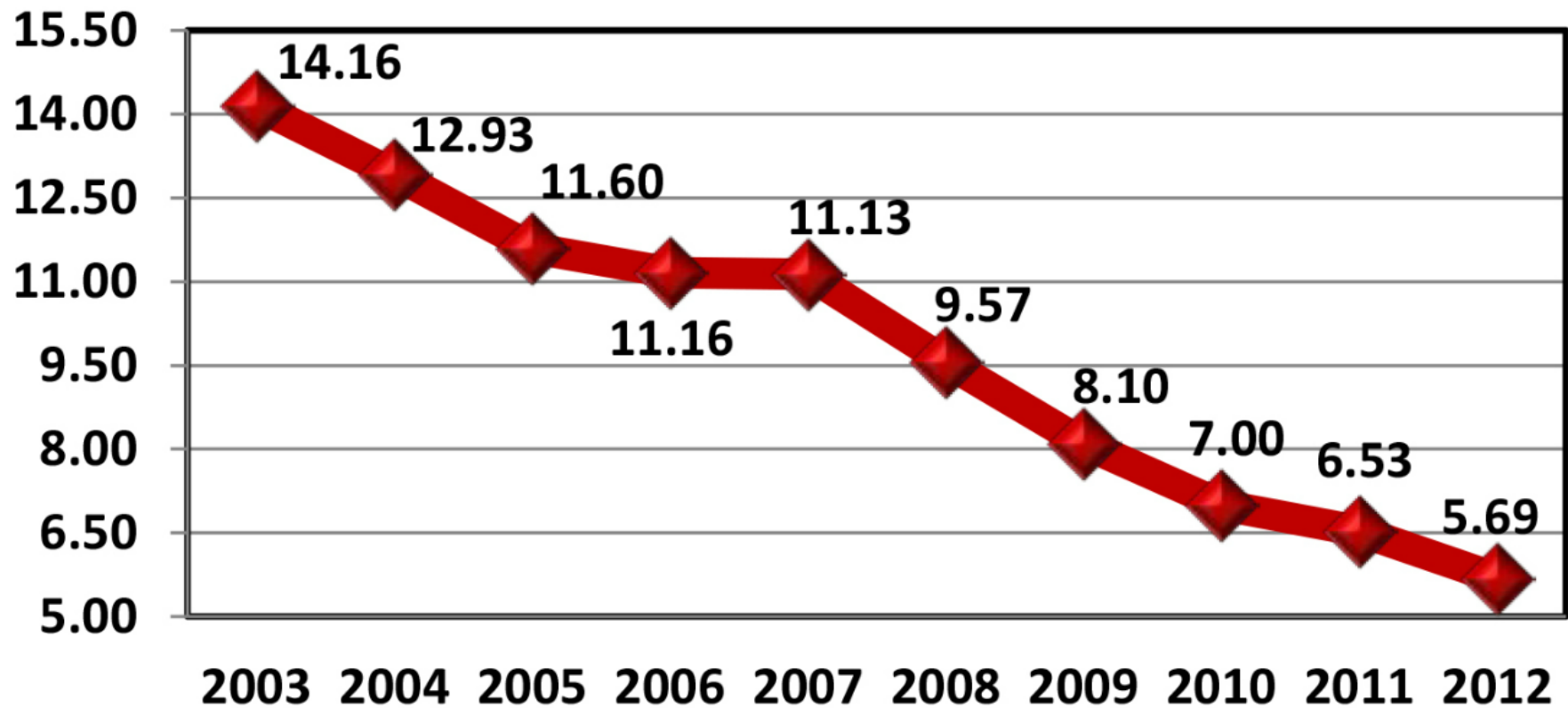


# Theft

(2012) Lowest Rate Since 1964



## Auto Theft (2012) Lowest Rate Since 1967



MN-1-1-92

# Homicides far exceed 1990 tally

By Todd Copilevitz  
Staff Writer of The Dallas Morning News

A person was killed every 17½ hours in Dallas last year.

Usually it was with a gun, sometimes a knife, and on rare, brutal occasions someone was beaten to death with a pool cue or killed by arson. But the body count kept building at a steady rate until police reported 500 victims by late Tuesday night.

Another record year.

## Deaths Tuesday take toll to 500

The total eclipsed 1990's tally of 444 by more than 50 bodies. And last year's count was 88 more than the year before.

"Every number is attached to a person — that's something we have to make sure we understand," said Deputy Chief Pam Walt, who heads the Police Department's crimes against persons division. "These

are real losses — for the family, for their friends, for everyone."

Police Chief Bill Rathburn was unavailable for comment Tuesday. In the past, he has attributed the increase in homicides to the proliferation of guns in the city and the early release of felons from the Texas Department of Corrections.

The year's latest victim was John Dale Davis, 35. Mr. Davis, who was shot in the neck and paralyzed in 1985, died about 1 p.m. Tuesday at Parkland Memorial Hospital. Police said they were counting the death as a 1991 homicide — at least until the Dallas County medical examiner conducts an autopsy to determine the cause of death.

Homicide Sgt. Gary Kirkpatrick said  
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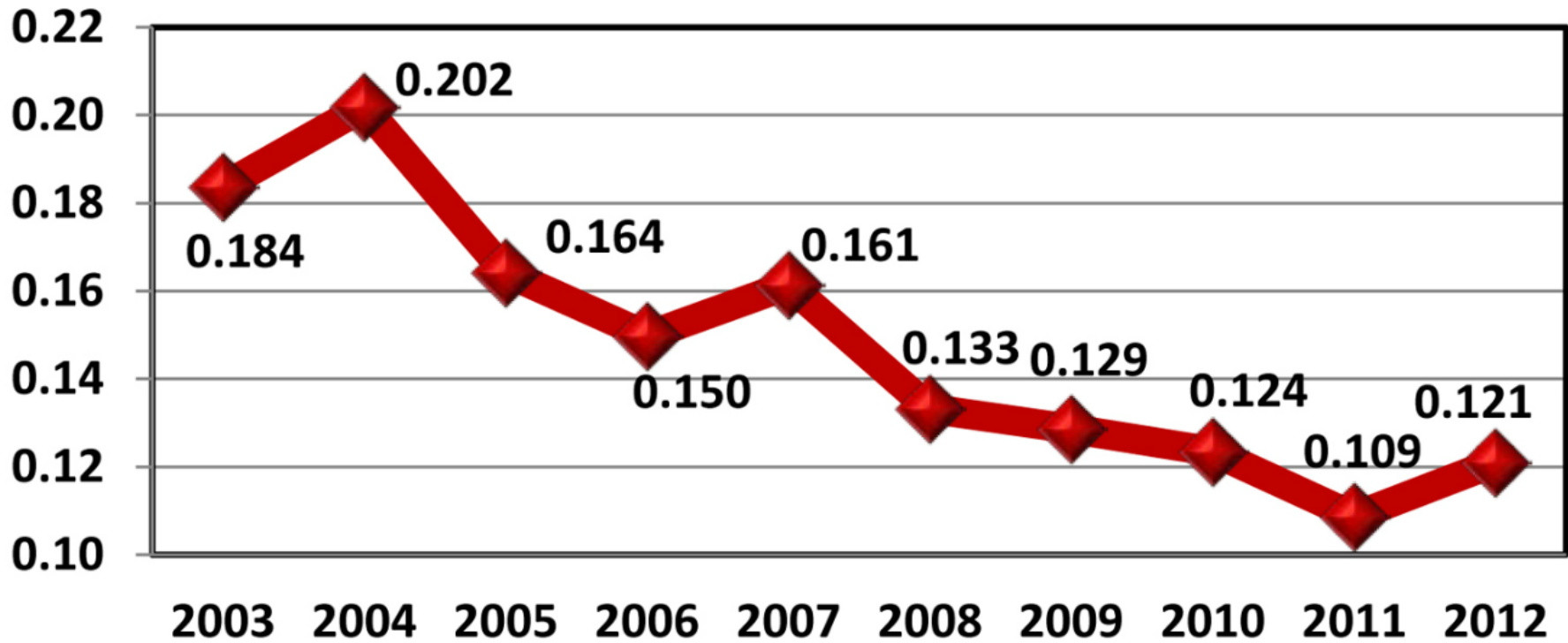
Homicides far exceed 1990 tally  
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# Murder

(2011) Lowest Rate Since 1958

2011  
Third Lowest Murder Rate on Record

Year	Murders per 1,000 population
1990	0.077
1957	0.104
2011	0.109
1981	0.110
1952	0.117
1958	0.121
2012	0.121
1951	0.123
1955	0.125
2010	0.124



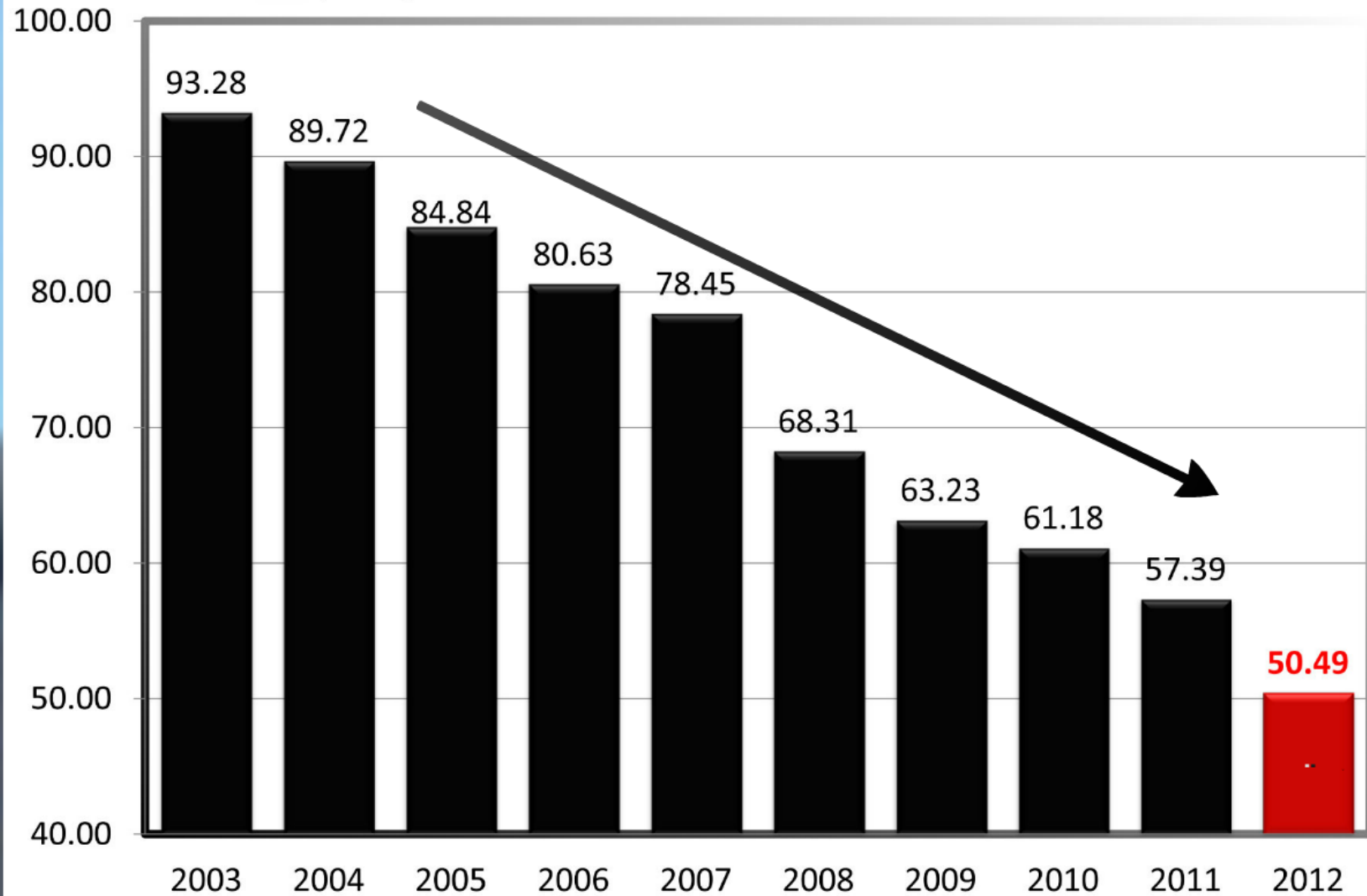
# 2011

## Third Lowest Murder Rate on Record

	Year	Murders per 1,000 population
1)	1930	0.077
2)	1957	0.104
3)	<b>2011</b>	<b>0.109</b>
4)	1931	0.114
5)	1952	0.117
6)	1958	0.121
7)	<b>2012</b>	<b>0.121</b>
8)	1951	0.123
9)	1955	0.123
10)	<b>2010</b>	<b>0.124</b>

## City of Dallas Overall Part 1 Crime Rates

(2012) The lowest overall Crime Rate since 1966



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# Community Engagement



**2010 - 4,348**  
**2011 - 7,370**  
**2012 - 11,219**  
 Facebook

**2011 - 905**  
**2012 - 1,011**  
 Crime Watch Groups

**2010 - 2,803**  
**2011 - 6,055**  
**2012 - 10,545**  
 Twitter

**2010 - 13**  
**2011 - 48**  
**2012 - 180**  
 Jr. Police Academy

**2011 - 5,000**  
**2012 - 23,138**  
 Police Athletic League

**2010 - 92**  
**2011 - 87**  
**2012 - 90**  
 Explorers





# Sacrifice and Dedication 2003 - 2012

**4**

officers killed in the line of duty

**2,187**

officers seriously injured in the line of duty

**6,029,036**

calls dispatched

**691,885**

total arrests

- **2011 Lowest Murder Rate in 55 years**
- **2012 Lowest Overall Crime Rate in 47 years**
- **2012 Lowest Violent Crime Rate in 45 years**
- **2012 Lowest Rate of Sexual Assault in 45 years**
- **2012 Lowest Rate of Aggravated Assault in 46 years**
- **2012 Lowest Rate of Robbery in 41 years**
- **2012 Lowest Rate of Property Crime in 48 years**
- **2012 Lowest Rate of Burglary in 46 years**
- **2012 Lowest Rate of Theft in 49 years**
- **2012 Lowest Rate of Auto Theft in 46 years**

Questions?