2010

Crime Report Arvada



Police Department

The members of the Arvada Police Department, pledge:

- Respect For the Law, Our Community, and One another
- Dedication To service and Professionalism
- Responsibility For Public Safety and Ethical Conduct

Chief of Police Don Wick

Created by the Crime Analysis Unit

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Total calls for service have remained consistent for the past three years.
 There are generally more officer-initiated calls compared to citizen-initiated calls. For the past five years, citizen calls for service have declined as officer calls have increased.
- Similar to previous years, the most frequent citizen calls tend to be disturbance, information and domestic calls. The most frequent officer generated calls continue to involve traffic enforcement, suspicious events and follow up.
- In 2010, there were 5828 offenses reported with in the city. Similar to the national trend total reported crime decreased.
- Crimes against persons, which always involve a confrontation with an individual, include assault (simple/aggravated), homicide, kidnapping and sex offenses. This year Arvada experienced a 4% decreases in total crimes against persons. Kidnapping and simple assault offenses increased, most were related to domestic disputes.
- Crimes against property involve offenses which target some type of physical property. Property crime includes arson, burglary, fraud/forgery, motor vehicle theft, robbery, stolen property, theft and vandalism. Similar to person crime, total property crime has reduced by 3%. Fraud which has risen steadily for five years, declined by 20% in 2010, with 366 incidents. Theft from vehicle continues to be a problem for Arvada residents.
- Society crime involves those offenses (drugs, gambling, pornography, prostitution & weapons) that have been prohibited by society. Drug and weapon offenses make up the majority of society crime in Arvada. Declines in both of these categories has resulted in a 28% decrease, compared to the year before.
- Following similar trends as calls for service and reported crimes, total arrests have decreased by 15%. Arrests decreased primarily in categories such as drug offenses and alcohol consumption.

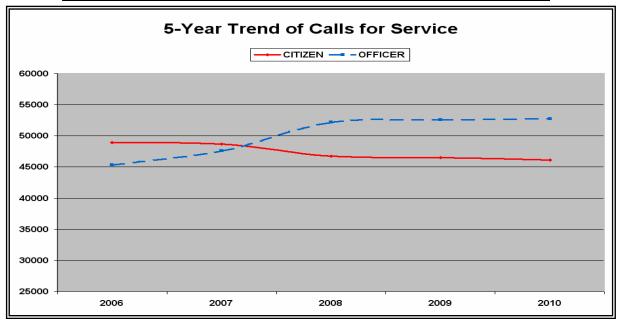
Important Note: The statistics presented are the most accurate available on the date they were compiled. These statistics may differ slightly from those published in subsequent reports – because of later re-classification based on facts discovered during the investigation and specific categorical guidelines. Please contact Nora Bensko at (720) 898-6940 with any questions about crime statistics.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

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The Arvada Police Department received 98,899 calls for service (CFS) in 2010 - no percentage change from the 99,133 calls received in 2009.

| CALLS FOR SERVICE | 2009 | 2010 | CHANGE |
|-------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| CITIZEN | 46549 | 46140 | -1% |
| OFFICER | 52584 | 52759 | 0% |
| TOTAL CFS: | 99133 | 98899 | 0% |



| TOP TEN OFFICER CALLS | 2009 | 2010 | CHANGE |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| TRAFFIC STOP | 17742 | 16202 | -9% |
| FOLLOW UP | 4549 | 4753 | 4% |
| PREMISE CHECK | 2160 | 2634 | 22% |
| SUSVEH - OFFICER INITIATED | 2078 | 2147 | 3% |
| REPORTS | 1560 | 1451 | -7% |
| MEET A PARTY | 1141 | 1112 | -3% |
| MOTORIST ASSIST | 737 | 694 | -6% |
| SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION | 636 | 687 | 8% |
| SUSPICIOUS PERSON | 695 | 567 | -18% |
| SUBJECT STOP | 478 | 517 | 8% |

For the past three years, officer calls have surpassed citizen calls.

Increases were noted for Premise Check (22%), Subject Stops (8%), Sex Offender Registration (8%) and Follow Up (3%).

Suspicious person (-18), Traffic Stop (-9), Reports (-7) and Motorist Assist (-6) were calls that decreased.

Increases were noted for Intrusion Alarms (23%), Disturbance (6%) and Theft (6%).

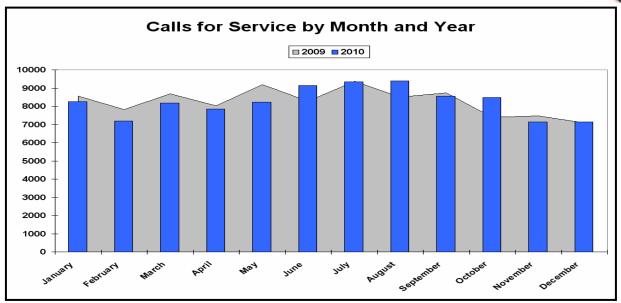
Most intrusion alarms occurred at City of Arvada locations and were found to be false alarms.

Decreases were noted for Stray Animal (-8%) and Noise Disturbance.

| TOP TEN CITIZEN CALLS | 2009 | 2010 | CHANGE |
|---------------------------|------|------|--------|
| DISTURBANCE | 1378 | 1464 | 6% |
| INFORMATION | 1443 | 1459 | 1% |
| DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | 1345 | 1376 | 2% |
| SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT | 1324 | 1367 | 3% |
| PROPERTY DMG TRF ACCIDENT | 1223 | 1246 | 2% |
| NOISE DISTURBANCE | 1248 | 1237 | -1% |
| ALARM - INTRUSION | 950 | 1171 | 23% |
| STRAY ANIMAL | 1206 | 1114 | -8% |
| THEFT | 1016 | 1079 | 6% |
| WELFARE CHECK | 1042 | 1074 | 3% |

CALLS FOR SERVICE

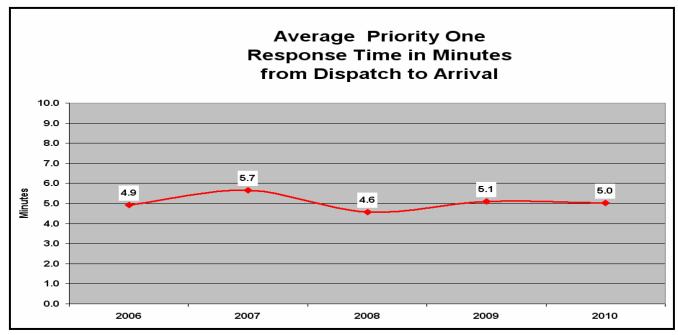




PRIORITY ONE-RESPONSE TIME

Priority 1 calls are serious/emergency calls that are either in progress or have just occurred (i.e., domestic, armed robbery & shooting).

| TOP 5 PRIORITY ONE CALLS: | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 911 | 849 | 887 | 729 | 802 | 583 |
| DOMESTIC | 930 | 959 | 742 | 789 | 699 |
| FIRST AID | 324 | 332 | 354 | 278 | 283 |
| SUICIDE THREAT | 156 | 157 | 169 | 160 | 144 |
| TRAFFIC ACCIDENT | 190 | 201 | 173 | 155 | 122 |
| Yellow Highlight = Most Freguent | | | | | |



REPORTED CRIME

The offense categories below are used to track crime, not only in Arvada, but crime at the state and federal level. The police department participates in the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). To meet the requirements of this program data is sent to the Colorado Bureau of Investigations every month.

The following table summarizes crime in 2010 compared to previous years. Unfounded events are not included in the table below. The $\uparrow \downarrow$ symbols indicate crimes that are higher or lower (based on the normal range).

| Incident Type | 2005 to 2009 Average | Normal Range | 2009 | 2010 | % Change from 2009 to 2010 |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|------|------|----------------------------------|
| Crime Against Person | | | | | |
| ↓ ASSAULT - AGGRAVATED | 95.8 | 90-102 | 99 | 64 | -35% |
| ↑ ASSAULT - SIMPLE | 389.8 | 334-445 | 415 | 450 | 8% |
| HOMICIDE | 1.8 | 0-3 | 2 | 1 | (-) One offense |
| KIDNAPPING | 18.8 | 14-23 | 15 | 22 | (+) Seven offense |
| SEX OFFENSES | 107 | 86-128 | 140 | 106 | -24% |
| Crime Against Property | | | | | |
| ↓ ARSON | 25 | 16-34 | 17 | 14 | -18% |
| ↑ BRIBERY | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | (+) One offense |
| ↓ BURGLARY | 465.8 | 407-525 | 408 | 373 | -9% |
| ↓ COUNTERFEITING/FORGERY | 144.4 | 99-190 | 100 | 96 | -4% |
| ↑ EMBEZZLEMENT | 0.6 | 0-1 | 0 | 3 | (+) Three offense |
| EXTORTION/BLACKMAIL | 0.6 | 0-1 | 1 | 1 | No Change |
| FRAUD OFFENSES | 269 | 124-414 | 458 | 366 | -20% |
| MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT | 327.2 | 196-459 | 229 | 196 | -14% |
| ↓ROBBERY * | 49.4 | 41-57 | 38 | 28 | -26% |
| ↓ STOLEN PROPERTY | 54 | 37-71 | 36 | 25 | -31% |
| THEFT OFFENSES | 2273.6 | 1965-2582 | 2107 | 2157 | 2% |
| Theft from Vehicle (sub- category) | 805.6 | 636-975 | 708 | 758 | 7% |
| VANDALISM | 1322.6 | 1212-1433 | 1221 | 1213 | -1% |
| Crime Against Society | | | | | |
| ↓ DRUG OFFENSES | 962.8 | 789-1137 | 953 | 688 | -28% |
| GAMBLING | 0.2 | 0-1 | 0 | 0 | No Change |
| PORNOGRAPHY | 0.2 | 0-1 | 0 | 1 | (+) One offense |
| PROSTITUTION | 3.4 | 1-5 | 3 | 1 | (-) Two offense |
| ↓ WEAPON OFFENSES | 44.8 | 35-54 | 34 | 22 | -35% |
| GRAND TOTAL: | 6556.8 | 6250-6863 | 6276 | 5828 | -7% |

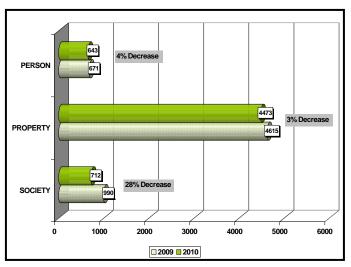
^{*}According to NIBR guidelines Robbery is considered a property crime since it involves the taking or attempting to take anything of value under confrontational circumstances; however, it is most often considered a person crime in the law enforcement community since the victim is threatened by force and fears immediate harm.

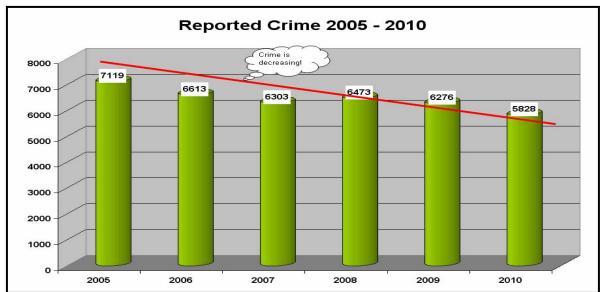
REPORTED CRIME



Arvada experienced a 7% reduction in total crime; person, property and society crimes all reduced in 2010, compared to the previous year. This trend is not unusual, except for a slight spike in 2008, total crime has declined 18% since 2005.

Crime in Arvada has followed the same trend as the rest of the United States. According to the 2010 Preliminary Uniform Crime Report, crime rates are down at the national level across the board.





*Below are some theories on why the crime rate is declining in the USA:

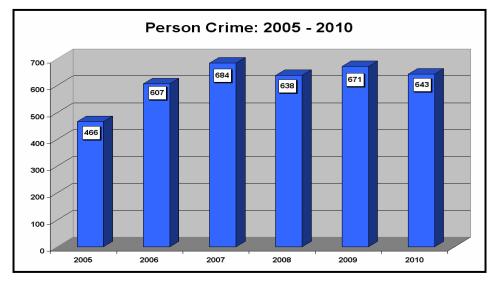
- **Incarceration**: The more criminals are put in jail, the fewer there are on the streets to commit crimes.
- Better Policing: There are less chances to commit crime with "proactive" policing and technology.
- Social Programs: Community outreach programs are working.
- **Demographics:** Young people commit the majority of crime but they make up the minority of the population. The mean age (36.7) has reached its highest point in the USA
- **Unemployment Benefits:** Those who receive are less likely to commit crime.
- **Fewer Opportunities**: People are at home, instead of at work and they own less property.

^{*}Haq, Husna. "US Crime rate is down: six key reasons" Christian Science Monitor. 24 May. 2010.

PERSON CRIME



Eleven percent of crime in Arvada can be categorized as Crime Against Person – homicide, assault/harassment, kidnapping and sex offenses.



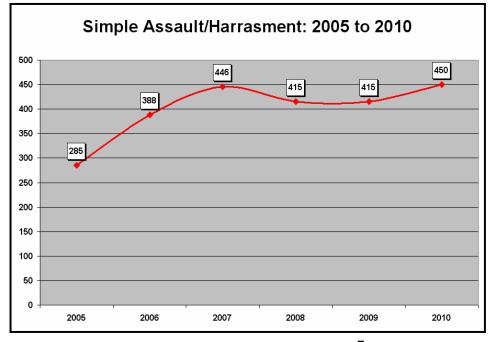
Total person crime decreased by 4% compared to the same time last year.

The only offenses to increase were simple assault/harassment (+ 35 cases) and kidnapping (+ 7cases).

SIMPLE ASSAULT/HARRASMENT

After two years of consistently lower simple assaults, suddenly in 2010 simple assaults surpassed the high in 2007 of 446 cases.

The average age of the assault victim is 29 and victims were equally split between male and female. Forty percent of assaults/harassment involved a domestic dispute. This may be a factor influencing the increase, since Arvada did experience an increase in domestic calls for service this year.

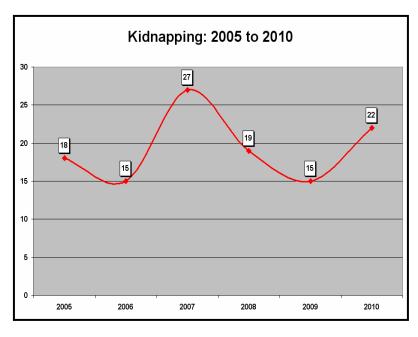


Another factor could be the addition of the Child Abuse—Non Serious Injury offense. This offense was added at the end of 2009 to capture child abuse cases that did not involve neglect or serious bodily injury.

Arvada police cleared 372 of the 450 assault/ harassment cases with an arrest or exceptional clearance.



KIDNAPPING



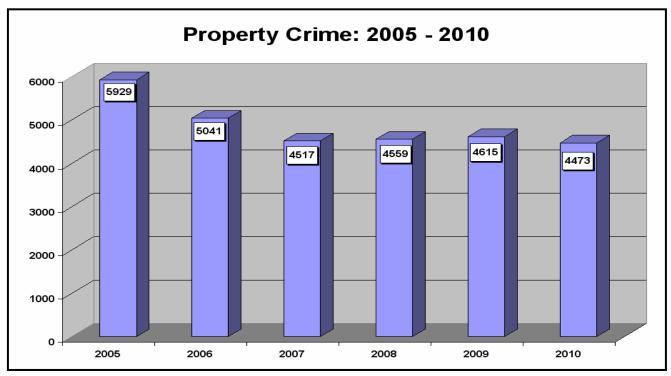
This offense includes not only kidnapping and abduction, but also false imprisonment situations. The normal range for kidnapping incidents is between 14-23 cases a year.

In Arvada, half of the cases (50%) fall under the "false imprisonment" category.

Fourteen of the 22 kidnapping cases involve a domestic dispute where one partner held a partner against their will.

PROPERTY CRIME

The majority (77%) of crime in Arvada can be categorized as Crime Against Property. The object of Crimes Against Property is to obtain money, property or some other benefit. Total property crime has decreased by 3% compared to last year. Arson, burglary, forgery, robbery and stolen property are lower than the normal range.





BRIBERY&EMBEZZLMENT

A bribe is classified as the changing of the reasonable outcome of an event, so that the result could be predicted based upon the offering or influence, which was given to a person or persons who were in a position to render the decision (UCR Handbook, NIBRS Edition, page 13). Arvada had one case, resulting in an arrest, that involved the attempted corrupt influence of a public servant.



Embezzlement is the unlawful misappropriation by an offender to his/her own use or purpose of money, property, or some other thing of value entrusted to his/her care, custody, or control." (UCR Handbook, NIBRS Edition, page 15). Arvada usually experiences, one embezzlement case every few years. This year we had 3 cases that resulted in the loss of \$1000 to \$7000 dollars to three Arvada businesses. Two of the three cases resulted in an arrest; the third offender has been identified and has an active warrant.

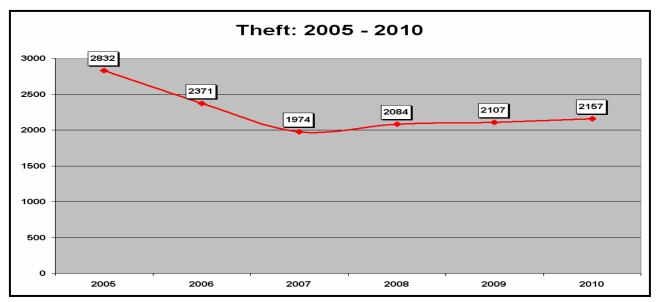
THEFT

Theft is showing a slight increase of 50 cases, continuing the increase that started in 2008. The type of property stolen, in most cases, has a lot to do with the location.

| TYPE OF THEFT: | 2009 | 2010 | CHANGE |
|--------------------|------|------|--------|
| FROM MOTOR VEHICLE | 708 | 758 | 7% |
| METAL | 7 | 64 | 814% |
| ALL OTHER THEFT | 1392 | 1335 | -4% |

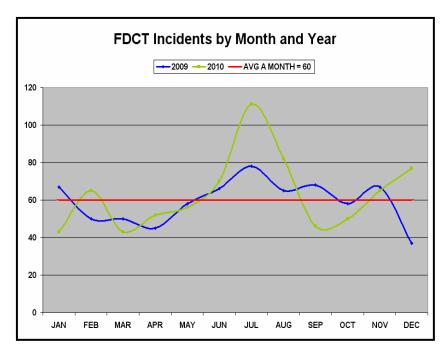
Super Target and King Soopers are victim's of make up/ hygiene products and food theft. Home improvement stores fall prey to tool and wire theft.

This year, Arvada has experienced an increase with two specific types of theft: metal and theft from vehicle (see page 10 for more details).





THEFT FROM VEHICLE



Theft from vehicles has continued to be a problem for Arvada residents.

Most vehicle break-ins are carried out by suspects who take advantage of drivers who leave vehicles unlocked with valuables in plain sight.

Theft from vehicle typically peaks during the summer months.

There were 758 theft from cars in 2010; showing a 7% increase from 2009.

METAL THEFT

In 2008 a cooperative effort between law enforcement and private entities was formed to stop theft of metal products (STOMP). The goal of STOMP is to establish a network of contacts, create an environment of cooperation to prevent victimization of metal theft and apprehend offenders.

In 2010, the price of metal theft cost victims between \$30, 000—\$40, 000 dollars.



BEFORE

In Arvada, backflow prevention devices are stolen off the sides of buildings or from parks. This device is used to protect water from contamination. In 2010, there was a significant increase in backflow preventer theft. This mirrors an increase in the value of metal as the value increases so does the theft.

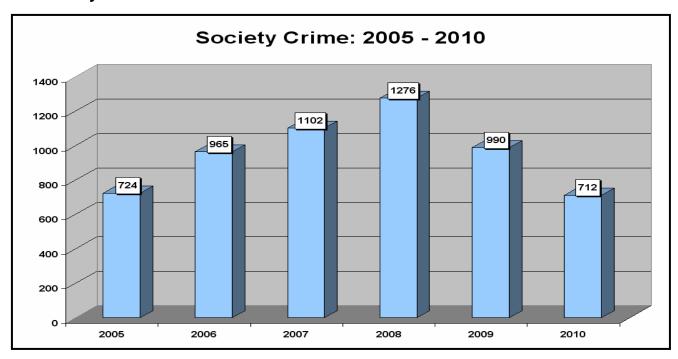
Copper wire is also stolen from construction sites and air conditioning units. Metal products are being sold as scrap metal to recycling centers. Recently lawmakers have addressed this nation wide trend with new laws requiring more accountability by recycling companies.



AFTER



Crimes against Society represent society's prohibition against engaging in certain types of activities. Twelve percent (712 offenses) of crime in Arvada can be categorized as Crime Against Society – Drug Offenses, Pornography, Prostitution and Weapons Offenses. The majority of society crime in Arvada are drug offenses; which are down for the second year in a row.



CRIME BY SEASON

| Crime by Season | Top Five Crimes | Count |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------|
| Winter | THEFT - OTHER | 194 |
| Dec to Feb | FDCT - VEHICLE | 183 |
| | CRIM MISCHIEF (\$101 - \$1000) | 100 |
| | DRUG PARA POSS - MUNI | 83 |
| | GRAFFITI PROHIBITED - MUNI | 81 |
| | | |
| Spring | THEFT - OTHER | 259 |
| Mar to May | CRIM MISCHIEF (\$101 - \$1000) | 170 |
| | FDCT - VEHICLE | 151 |
| | DRUG PARA POSS - MUNI | 102 |
| | GRAFFITI PROHIBITED - MUNI | 86 |



When comparing the 2010 seasonal crime to the 2009 seasonal crime, there are not a lot of differences in the type of crime. Theft and Vandalism are still the top crime types all year round. This year ld Theft has reduced and Graffiti appears to be on the rise.

| Crime by Season | Top Five Crimes | Count |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------|
| Summer | FDCT - VEHICLE | 263 |
| Jun to Aug | THEFT - OTHER | 256 |
| | CRIM MISCHIEF (\$101 - \$1000) | 212 |
| | GRAFFITI PROHIBITED - MUNI | 161 |
| | ID THEFT - USE/ASSAULT 3DEG | 73 |
| | | |
| Autumn | CRIM MISCHIEF (\$101 - \$1000) | 224 |
| Sep to Nov | THEFT - OTHER | 209 |
| | FDCT - VEHICLE | 161 |
| | ASSAULT 3DEG | 81 |
| | ID THEFT - USE | 70 |

OTHER REPORTS TAKEN IN 2010



When an officer is called to the scene of an incident; he or she may encounter many different situations that can involve multiple offenses. Offenses can be criminal in nature and others may reflect disorder and quality of life issues.

The table below highlights the top ten "other" types of crime not covered previously and non-criminal events.

| RANK | NON-CRIMINAL OFFENSES | 2009 | 2010 | CHANGE |
|------|-------------------------|------|------|--------|
| 1 | FIELD CONTACT | 1074 | 1157 | 8% |
| 2 | DISTURBANCE - DOMESTIC | 1022 | 1067 | 4% |
| 3 | INFORMATION | 715 | 644 | -10% |
| 4 | MENTAL HEALTH HOLD | 465 | 447 | -4% |
| 5 | FOUND PROPERTY | 370 | 446 | 21% |
| 6 | DETOX HOLD | 543 | 370 | -32% |
| 7 | DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE | 369 | 359 | -3% |
| 8 | DISTURBANCE | 239 | 330 | 38% |
| 9 | RUNAWAY (UNDER AGE 18) | 283 | 222 | -22% |
| 10 | SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT | 182 | 221 | 21% |

Arvada is showing an increase in the number of field contact and suspicious incident reports taken. This may be a result of the Directed Patrol Intervention (DPI) projects that focus on specific crimes and locations in Arvada.

Domestic incidents involving a disturbance, where nothing physical occurred, are showing a 4% increase compared to 2009. Non-domestic disturbances are also on the rise with an additional 91 cases in 2010. The disturbances have increased in all sectors

TRENDS AND PROBLEMS

One of the goals of the Arvada Police Department is to "think outside the box" to pursue strategies with long-term effects when trying to solve ongoing crime, disorder and quality of life issues in Arvada.

One of the methods used is Directed Patrol Intervention (DPI). This efficient crime fighting strategy focuses all divisions of the police department on an identified problem. In 2010, we had three DPI projects each focused on a different area and problem in Arvada.

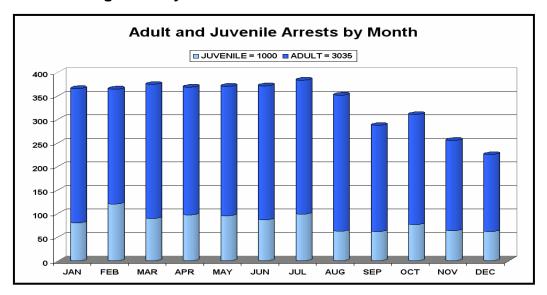
2010 Trends and Problems in Arvada:

- Theft from vehicle (FDCT).
- Theft of copper wire and back flow devices.
- Disorder and vandalism at the Library and Olde Town square.
- Youth/homeless disorder in Olde Town and surrounding parks.



CRIMINAL ARRESTS = 4035

The Arvada Police Department made on average 336 arrests each month in 2010. The arrests include both summons and taken into custody arrests that are entered into the records management system.



Following similar trends as citizen calls for service and reported crime, 2010 arrests have decreased by 15% compared to 2009. Arrests decreased in categories such as alcohol consumption (63%), theft (17%) and disorderly conduct (20%). There has been a notable decrease in arrests for drug offenses; which may be related to the growth of the medical marijuana field.

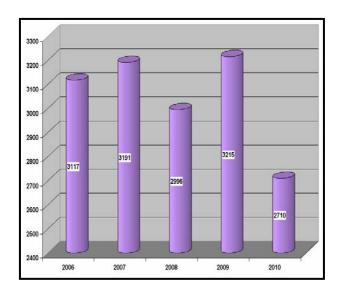
| Demographics: | Arrest Count |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Sex | |
| Male | 2936 |
| Female | 1099 |
| Age Range | |
| < = 12 | 125 |
| 13 to 19 | 1282 |
| 20 to 29 | 1175 |
| 30 to 39 | 685 |
| 40 to 49 | 478 |
| Fifty + | 290 |
| Race | |
| Asian | 31 |
| Black | 158 |
| Indian | 14 |
| White | 3810 |
| Unknown | 22 |
| Lives in Arvada | |
| Yes | 2426 |
| No | 1584 |
| Unknown | 25 |

| TOP 5 ADULT CHARGES |
|-----------------------|
| DUI |
| PETTY THEFT - MUNI |
| FTA ARVADA |
| MARIJUANA-POSS - MUNI |
| FOJ ADAMS CTY |

| TOP 5 JUVENILE CHARGES |
|---------------------------|
| PETTY THEFT - MUNI |
| MARIJUANA-POSS - MUNI |
| DISORDERLY CONDUCT - MUNI |
| MARIJUANA-USE - MUNI |
| CURFEW VIOLATION - MUNI |

WARRANTS ISSUED = 2710





The warrant process is extremely timesensitive; making it necessary for the Records Technicians to enter the warrant information into the police department's Records Management System (RMS) faster than the speed of light.

The technicians are also responsible for tracking active warrants "from infinity and beyond." This year the technicians made 3818 tracking entries to warrants that dated as far back as 1989.

POLICE SERVICES & CONTACTS

The Arvada Police Department Web Site

http://arvadapd.org/crime-and-prevention

On our website you can:

- View crime prevention tips
- View current contact information
- View crime statistics
- Report a crime
- Order a crime report, photos or dispatch CD
- Make an online minor traffic accident report
- Map crime locations on line (RAIDS & Crime Reports)
- Help us solve a crime
- Learn about crime prevention
- Watch KATV's Cop Talk

 This is a show designed to promote community policing concepts in Arvada via cable television.
- Submit a compliment, complaint or request for clarification
- Contact a School Resource Officer
- Request a vacation watch

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