

PUBLIC DEMAND FOR SERVICES INDICATORS

This section includes information on public services provided to the citizens of Nevada County. Public Assistance and Court Actions are provided through the County, while both the Sheriff's Department and the City Police Departments provide Public Safety services. Not all data are collected at the City levels, but the information that is available has been included.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS BY PROGRAM

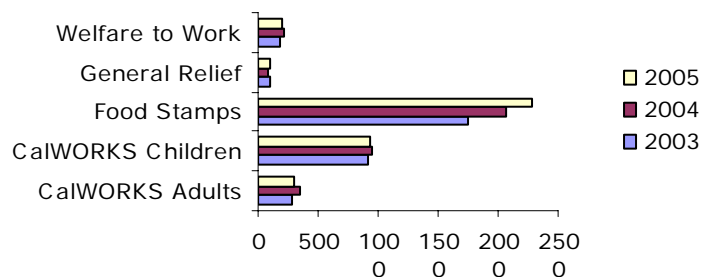
Trends in the number of public assistance recipients tend to mirror unemployment rates but can also be an indicator of under-employment, those who are working but earning less than full living wages. The number of Public Assistance recipients continued to rise from previous years and grew more than 18% within the period 2003-2005; there were substantial increases in 2004 (Table 34). The number of *Food Stamp Recipients* continued to increase most dramatically, adding 321 individuals from 2003 to 2004 and 216 individuals from 2004 to 2005, for a total gain of 537 individuals, a 30.6% gain over the two-year period. The 3,823 public assistance recipients in 2005 represented 3.8% of the County population.

Table 34
Public Assistance Recipients (CalWORKs) by Program

Recipients by Program	2003	2004	2005
CalWORKs			
Total	1,206	1,309	1,233
Adults	288	351	307
Children	918	958	926
Food Stamps	1,753	2,074	2,290
General Relief	97	86	101
Welfare to Work	177	224	197
Total Recipients*	3,233	3,693	3,823

*some could have benefited from multiple programs

Chart 11
Public Recipients by Program



Source: California Department of Social Services

CHARACTERISTICS OF RECIPIENTS 16 YEARS AND OLDER

Of the Public Assistance recipients over sixteen years old, 81% are female, 72% are 21 to 44 years old, and 93% are White (not Hispanic). The distribution of recipients by gender, age, and race remained relatively constant from 2003 through 2005.

Table 35
Public Assistance Recipients Characteristics
2003-2005

Characteristics	2003	2004	2005
Total Recipients 16+	420	450	430
<i>By Sex:</i>			
Male	80	90	80
Female	340	360	350
<i>By Age:</i>			
16-20	90	90	90
21-44	300	320	310
45-54	30	30	30
55+	10	10	10
<i>By Race:</i>			
White (Not Hispanic)	380	430	400
Hispanic	30	10	20
Asian & Pacific Islander	0	0	0
American Indian	10	*	10

*Fewer than 5

Source: California Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information, 2005

CRIME STATISTICS

Crime statistics tend to be indicators of economic health with higher incidences of crime occurring in weaker economies. Included in this year's report are Crimes Reported statistics for the Nevada County Sheriff Department and the three city police departments (**Tables 36-38**). The Nevada County Sheriff report shows a 28% decrease in all violent crimes reported for the year 2005, as compared to 2001. The largest decrease by numbers of crimes was in *Larceny-Theft*, which declined by 392 crimes reported, a 52.5% reduction over the five-year period. *Assault* and *Motor Vehicle Theft* were the only categories to increase over the period, but then actually declined in 2005. Motor vehicle theft accounted for less than one per cent. **Table 37** shows that the Grass Valley Police reported a 13.4% reduction in overall reported violent crimes from 2003 through 2005. All categories except *Assault* showed declining numbers. Overall, Nevada City *Crimes Reported*

decreased by 56%. By category, in Nevada City, *Burglaries and Motor Vehicle Theft* remained about the same while all other categories declined.

Table 36
Crimes Reported to County Sheriff

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Homicide	3	3	1	0	2
Forcible Rape	26	15	13	16	13
Robbery	13	6	5	4	7
Assault	381	407	422	406	410
Burglary	400	351	289	253	251
Larceny-Theft	746	650	540	470	448
Motor Vehicle Theft	9	12	17	20	6
TOTAL	1,578	1,444	1,287	1,169	1137

Source: Nevada County Sheriffs Office, 2005

Table 37
Grass Valley Crimes Reported

	2003	2004	2005
Homicide	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	12	6	3
Robbery	13	12	11
Assault	175	186	188
Burglary	104	89	83
Larceny-Theft	367	344	302
Motor Vehicle Theft	69	68	54
TOTAL	740	705	641

Source: Grass Valley Police Department, 2005

Table 38
Nevada City Crimes Reported

	2004	2005
Homicide	0	0
Forcible Rape	1	0
Robbery	1	2
Assault	46	8
Burglary	37	38
Larceny-Theft	64	13
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	8
TOTAL	156	69

Source: Nevada City Police Department 2004 and 2005

The Truckee Police Department became operational on September 1, 2001. Prior to that date, the Town of Truckee contracted with Nevada County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services, and the statistics for Nevada County prior to September 1, 2001 include the Truckee Town limits. During 2005, Truckee reported 287 violent crimes, 74% that were for *Burglary* and *Larceny-Theft*.

Table 39
Town of Truckee Crimes Reported

	2003	2004	2005
Homicide	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	4	3	4
Robbery	3	1	1
Assault	126	106	31
Burglary	66	127	127
Larceny-Theft	192	236	85
Motor Vehicle Theft	22	40	39
TOTAL	413	513	287

Source: Department of Attorney General, 2005

The Nevada County percentage of total violent crimes cleared by arrest or other means decreased from 45.0% in 2002 to 29.0% in 2003 to 21% in 2005 (**Table 40**).

Table 40
Nevada County
Crimes Cleared By Arrest/Other

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Homicide	3	3	1	0	2
Forcible Rape	9	1	7	6	1
Robbery	7	5	1	1	4
Assault	254	265	297	268	172
Burglary	61	37	25	24	28
Larceny-Theft	69	69	40	35	31
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	6	2	6	1
TOTAL Cleared	406	650	373	340	238
% Cleared	25.7%	45.0%	29.0%	29.1%	21.0%

Source: Nevada County Sheriff's Office, 2006

The City of Grass Valley police department reports that a total of 48.5% of all violent crimes were cleared in 2005.

Table 41
Grass Valley Crimes Cleared

	2003	2004	2005
Homicide	0	0	1
Forcible Rape	8	4	5
Robbery	8	11	12
Assault	156	158	53
Burglary	30	30	89
Larceny-Theft	118	104	86
Motor Vehicle Theft	21	16	65
TOTAL	341	323	311

Source: Department of Attorney General, 2006

According to the Nevada County Sheriff's Office, juvenile crime accounted for 8.6% of the total crimes. The percentages varied to a minor degree throughout the five-year period but are generally the same as they were in 2001.

Table 42
Crimes Cleared (By Persons < 18 Years)

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	1
Forcible Rape	0	0	3	0	1	0
Robbery	2	0	1	0	02	0
Assault	81	81	72	70	61	50
Burglary	26	9	5	8	8	4
Larceny-Theft	29	41	22	20	15	17
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	4	4	1	0	2
TOTAL	139	135	107	99	87	74
% Reported Crimes By Person < 18 Years	8.8%	9.3%	8.3%	8.5%	7.7%	8.6%

Source: Nevada County Sheriff's Office, 2006

In 2005, *Domestic Violence Calls* declined from 2004, and continued at much lower levels than the high numbers reported in 2001 and 2002 (**Table 43**). Elder abuse cases are only reported when a crime involving non-financial abuse is reported. For 2004 and 2005, there were only three *Elder Abuse* cases reported for reasons other than potential financial abuse. The statistics for potential financial abuse are not available.

Table 43
Domestic Violence/Elder Abuse
2001-2006 Comparison

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Domestic Violence Calls	147	175	60	86	69	70
Elder Abuse	8	0	0	1	2	2
TOTAL	155	175	60	87	71	72

Source: Nevada County Sheriff's Department, 2006

COURT ACTIONS

Performance Indicator Data published by the Judicial Council of California shows Nevada County ranks 38th in the State in number of filings per Judicial Position up from 41st in 2001. The County ranks 36th in *Dispositions* per Judicial Position and 22nd in *Jury Trials*.

Table 44
Performance Indicator Data, Fiscal Year 2005

Judicial Positions as of 6-30-05		Filings			Dispositions			Jury Trials		
		Total	Per Judicial Position	Rank	Total	Per Judicial Position	Rank	Total	Per Judicial Position	Rank
Statewide	2,063.6	8,972,056	4,680	-	7,709,478	3,789	-	11,816	5.8	-
Nevada Co	6.8	25,739	3,785	38	18,227	2,639	36	32	4.6	22
Nevada Co 03-04		25,797	3,794	36	23,829	3,281	30	30	4	24

Source: Judicial Council of California, 2006 Court Statistics Report

SUPERIOR COURT

Unification of the trial courts in California is now complete. Since passage of Proposition 220 in June 1998, the superior and municipal courts of each of the 58 counties have merged into a unified superior court. The data in this report reflect unification. Criminal filings are counted only once at the defendant's point of entry into the criminal justice system. This change eliminates the double counting that occurred under the previous system, in which criminal cases began in the municipal court and were handed over to and filed again in superior court. As a result of this change in the counting of cases, fewer criminal filings are reported now than in previous years.

Court filing and disposition data represent key measures of court workload, but other factors also must be considered. For example, the filing of a complex case may result in numerous court appearances and actions, while a simple case may be resolved in a single appearance of a few minutes. Yet both types of cases are counted as filings and, thus, appear statistically equal in terms of their impacts on the court. Examples of complex cases include felonies, personal-injury lawsuits and family relations matters such as custody and juvenile delinquency cases.

Total Superior Court filings were somewhat reduced from 2003 through 2005. Filings for felonies increased 9% while Depositions increased by 7%. For total criminal cases, there is only a 0.6% increase from 2003 to 2005. *Juvenile Dependency* filings showed a reversal in the declining trend and showed a dramatic increase in 2004 (16.1%) and overall increased by 6% from 2003 to 2005.

Table 45
Superior Court Filings and Depositions

	<u>2002-03</u>		<u>2003-04</u>		<u>2004-05</u>	
	Filings	Depositions	Filings	Depositions	Filings	Depositions
Felonies	718	449	709	429	788	487
Non-Traffic Misdemeanors/ Infractions	2,042	1,998	1,679	2,012	1,707	1,699
Probate & Guardianships	223	160	220	186	211	162
Family Law	456	407	483	412	479	419
Motor Vehicle, Personal Injury, Death & Property Damage	113	118	57	86	69	61
Other Personal Injury, Death & Property Damage	75	82	62	69	37	54
Other Civil Complaints & Petitions	374	277	364	292	337	290
Mental Health	24	13	30	22	18	4
Juvenile Delinquency	203	189	242	177	216	204
Juvenile Dependency	38	45	76	43	59	67
Criminal Cases	22,156	18,725	21,943	20,529	22,283	18,302
TOTAL	26,422	22,463	25,865	24,257	26,204	21,749

Source: Judicial Council of California, Court Statistics Report – 2003-04-05