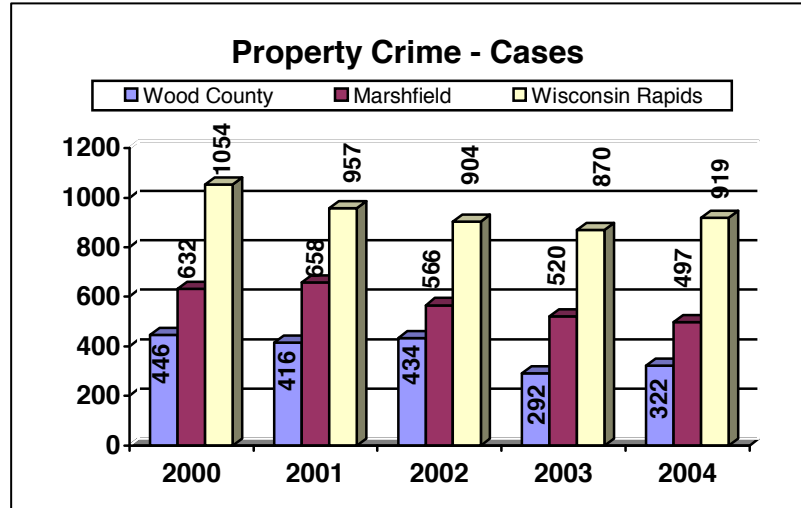
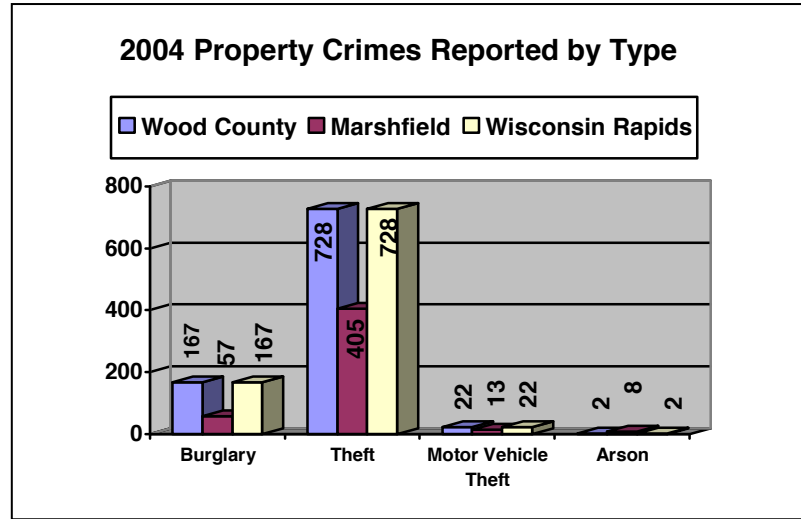


Property Crime Rate Up Slightly



Key Facts

- A high property crime rate reduces quality of life in a community and causes residents to feel uneasy in their neighborhoods.
- Property crimes are often not witnessed, creating a challenge for law enforcement.
- The greatest ally in solving property crime is the community's willingness to report suspicious activity in its neighborhoods.
- Crime clearance rates depend heavily upon the willingness of victims to report crimes, and for citizens to contact law enforcement when they observe suspicious activity.



Why is this Information Important?

When personal properties such as money, vehicles, jewelry or clothing are stolen, people justifiably feel violated. Working together, residents have initiated Community and Neighborhood Watch Programs within Wood County in an effort to create safer neighborhoods.

Property Crimes

Property crimes, also referred to as property offenses, do not involve face-to-face confrontation between a victim and perpetrator. These offenses include burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, arson, and criminal damage to property.

Source: State of Wisconsin, Office of Justice Assistance