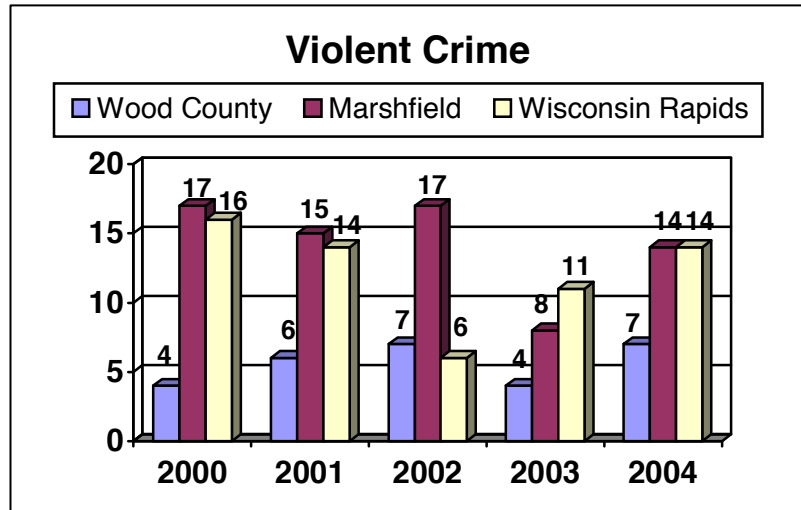
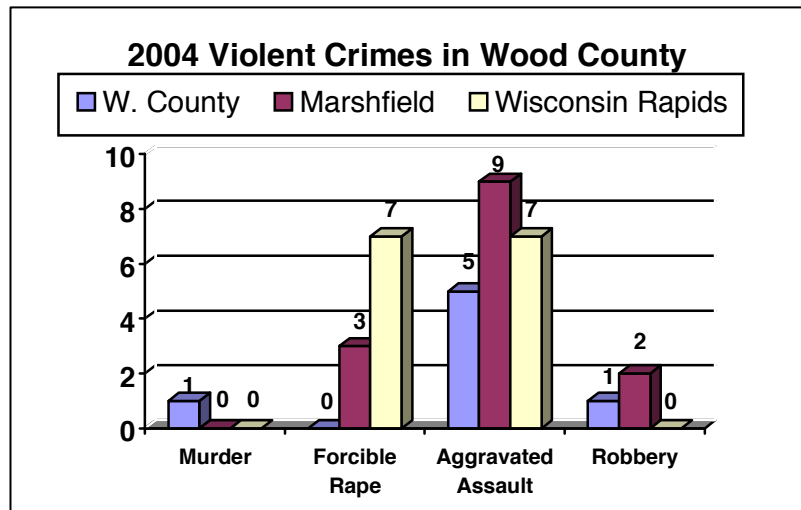


Violent Crime Rate Down Slightly



Key Facts

- Wood County’s violent crime rate continued to decline from 2000 to 2003. In 2004 we saw an increase due to aggravated assaults.
- Violent crime rates, as with property crime rates, depend heavily upon the willingness of victims to report crimes.



Why is this Information Important?

There is nothing as frightening as being the victim of a violent crime. Living in a community where the violent crime rate is relatively low enhances the quality of life.

Violent Crime

There are eight categories of crimes, called index crimes. Four of these index crimes are referred to as *violent offenses* since they involve face-to-face confrontation between the victim and the perpetrator. These violent offenses include: murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

Source: State of Wisconsin, Office of Justice Assistance