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Dear APF Supporter,

As a valued partner of the Atlanta Police Foundation and the Atlanta Police Department I want to share with you to the latest report on crime statistics for the city of Atlanta, as compiled by the Foundation. Our study demonstrates marked improvement in the rate of violent crime in Atlanta – a finding supported by the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics.

It is a happy coincidence that our report is being published in the wake of last week's flawed US News & World Report story that identified Atlanta as the nation's second most crime-ridden city. The attached study illustrates with precision the falsehood perpetrated by the US News piece.

As well-intentioned as the US News piece may have been it uses data that the FBI consistently cautions should not be used for comparative purposes. And it groups together truly violent crimes with property crimes – a flawed analysis that does a disservice to that publication's readers, the people of our city and the Atlanta Police Department.

I urge you to dig into the details. It shows that our violent crime rate is down 53 percent over the past seven years. Our total crime rate is down 40 percent over that same period. And our "most dangerous ranking" – *pegs Atlanta at #25, not #2 as cited by US News*. (You can download the full report from our website: www.atlantapolicfoundation.org)

Clearly there is still much work to be done. But thanks to the efforts of the Atlanta Police Department, Chief Turner and his Command Team, Mayor Reed and you we have made great strides towards making Atlanta the safest large city in America.

Please share this information widely. If you have questions or comments, please don't hesitate to call Chief Turner or myself.

Sincerely,



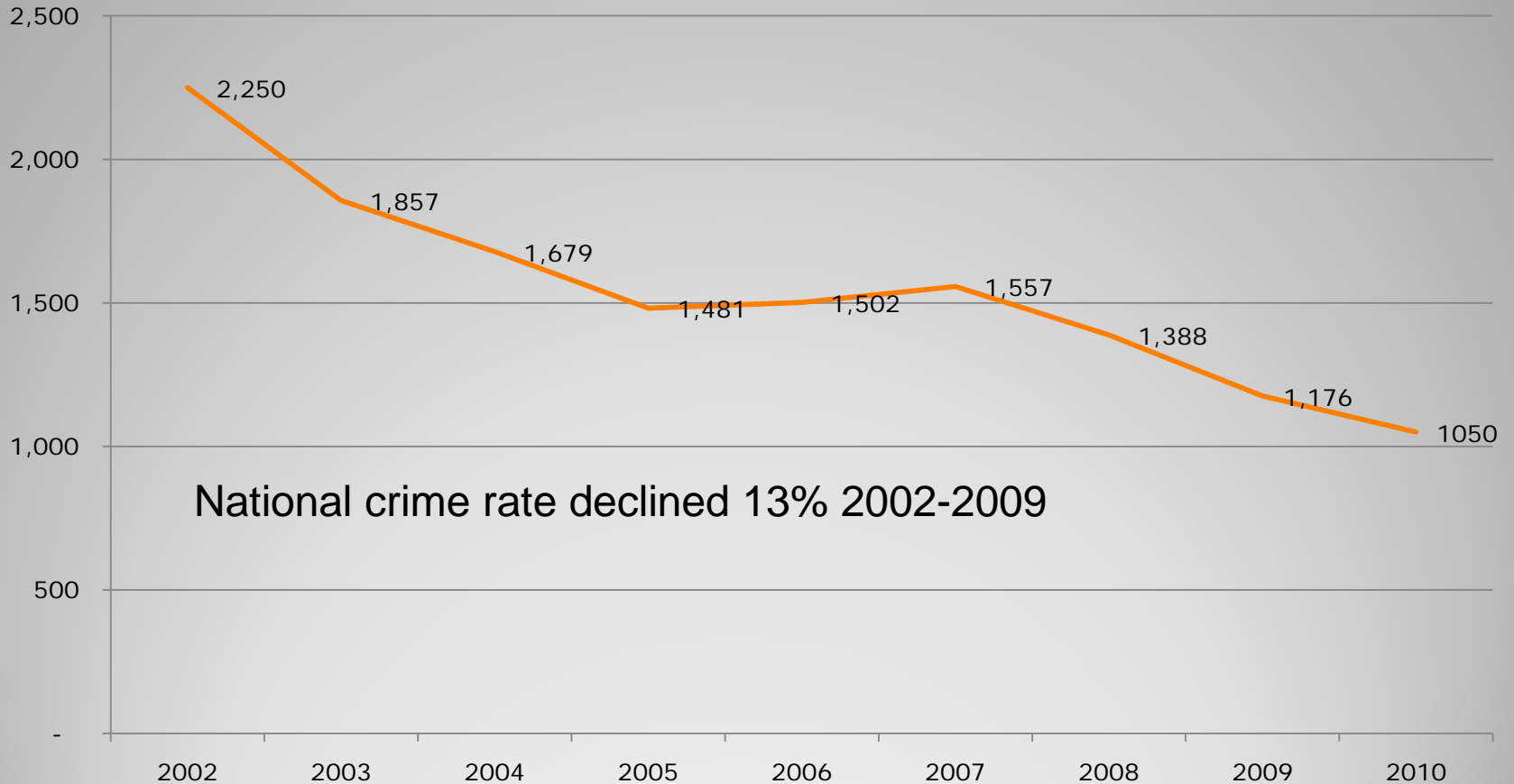
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Atlanta Crime Stats 2002-2010

2002-2010 Data is based on the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics.

Atlanta's violent crime rate down 53%

(Violent Crimes per 100,000 residents)

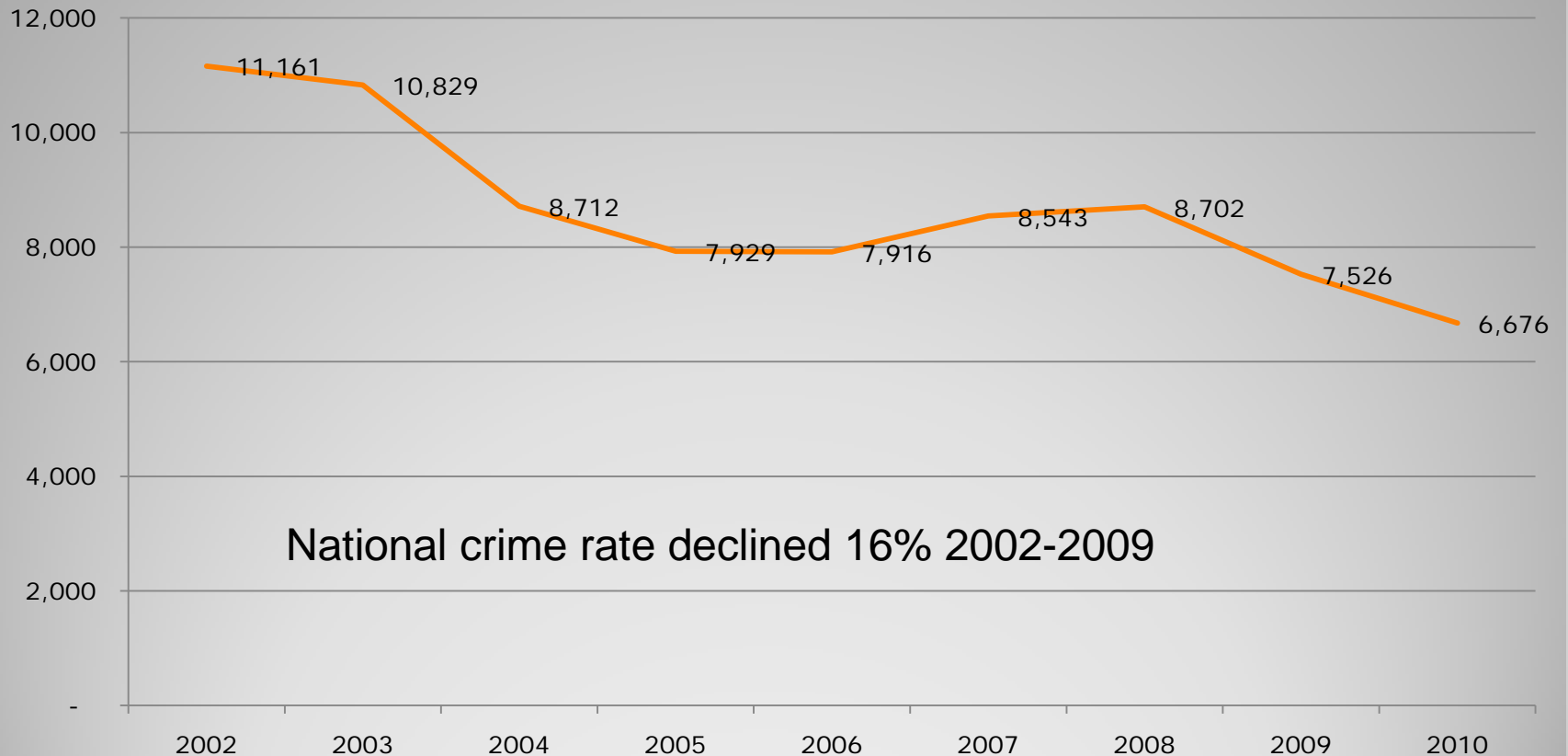


National crime rate declined 13% 2002-2009

Year	Population
2002	443,050
2003	457,228
2004	471,859
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2006	502,541
2007	518,622
2008	533,016
2009	540,922
2010	547,488

Atlanta's total crime rate down 40%

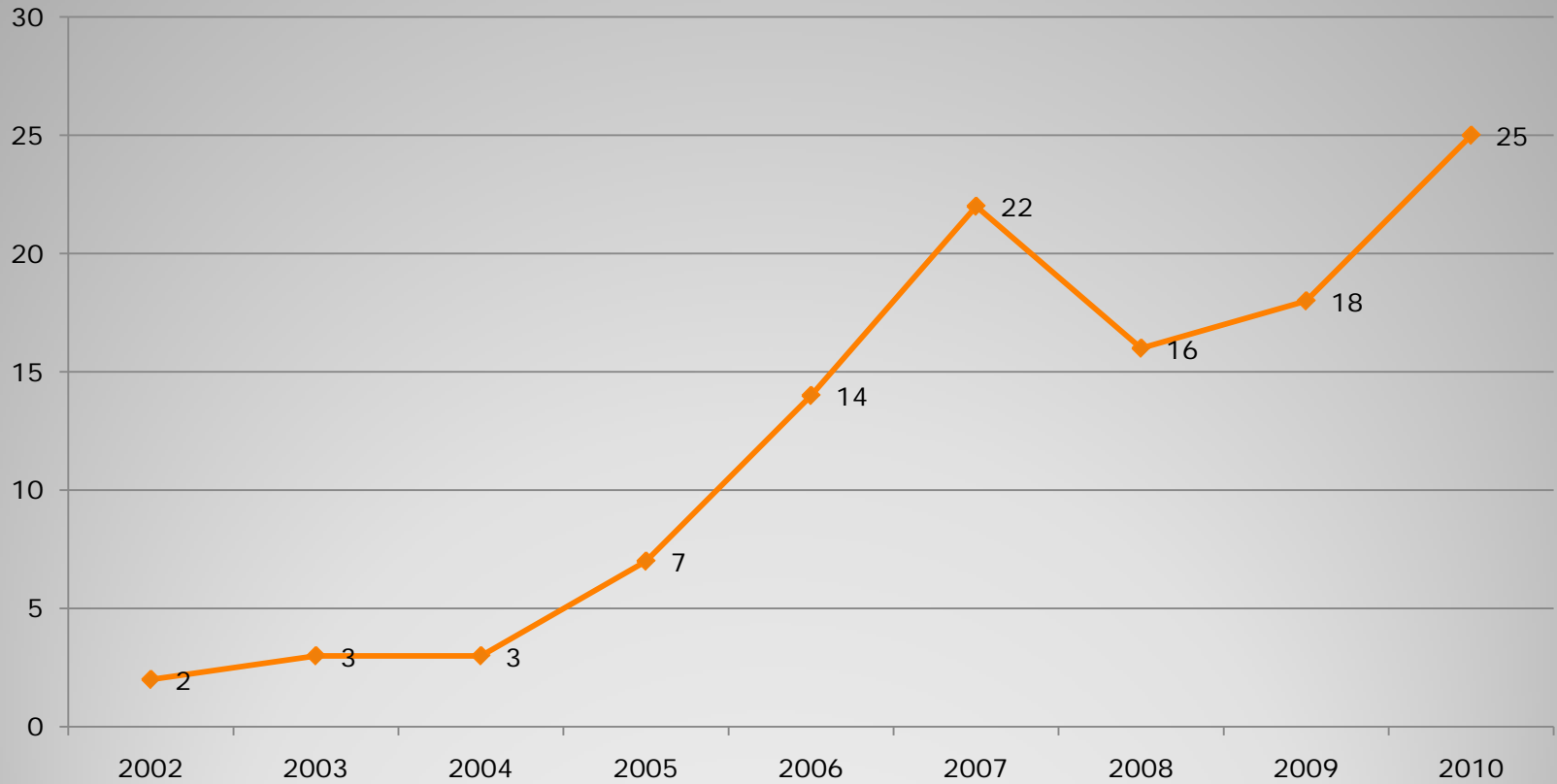
(Part 1 crimes per 100,000 residents)



Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Population	443,050	457,228	471,859	486,958	502,541	518,622	533,016	540,922	547,488

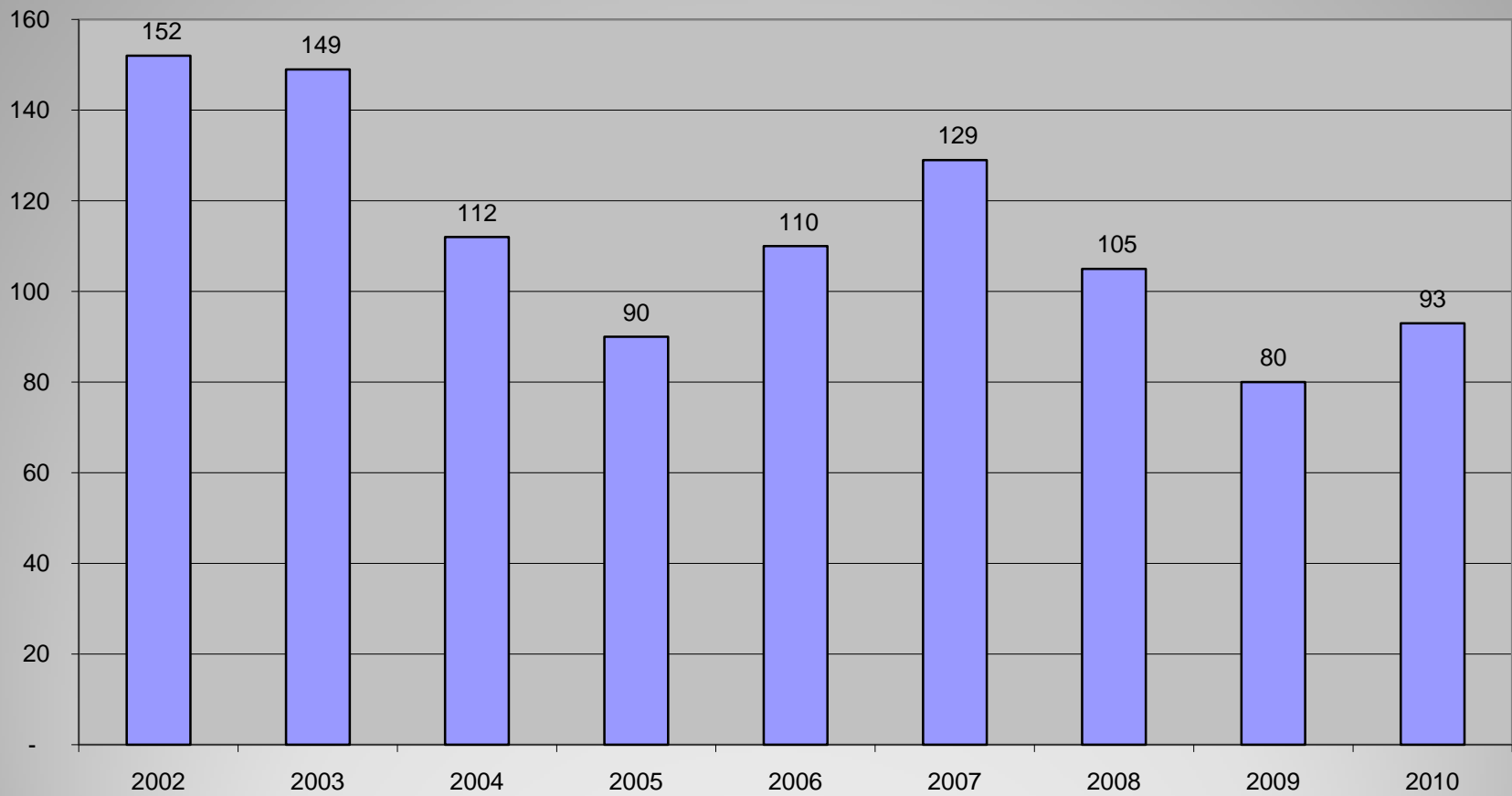
• Most Dangerous City Ranking

(Most Dangerous City Rankings are published annually by Congressional Quarterly Press (CQ Press). <http://os.cqpress.com>)

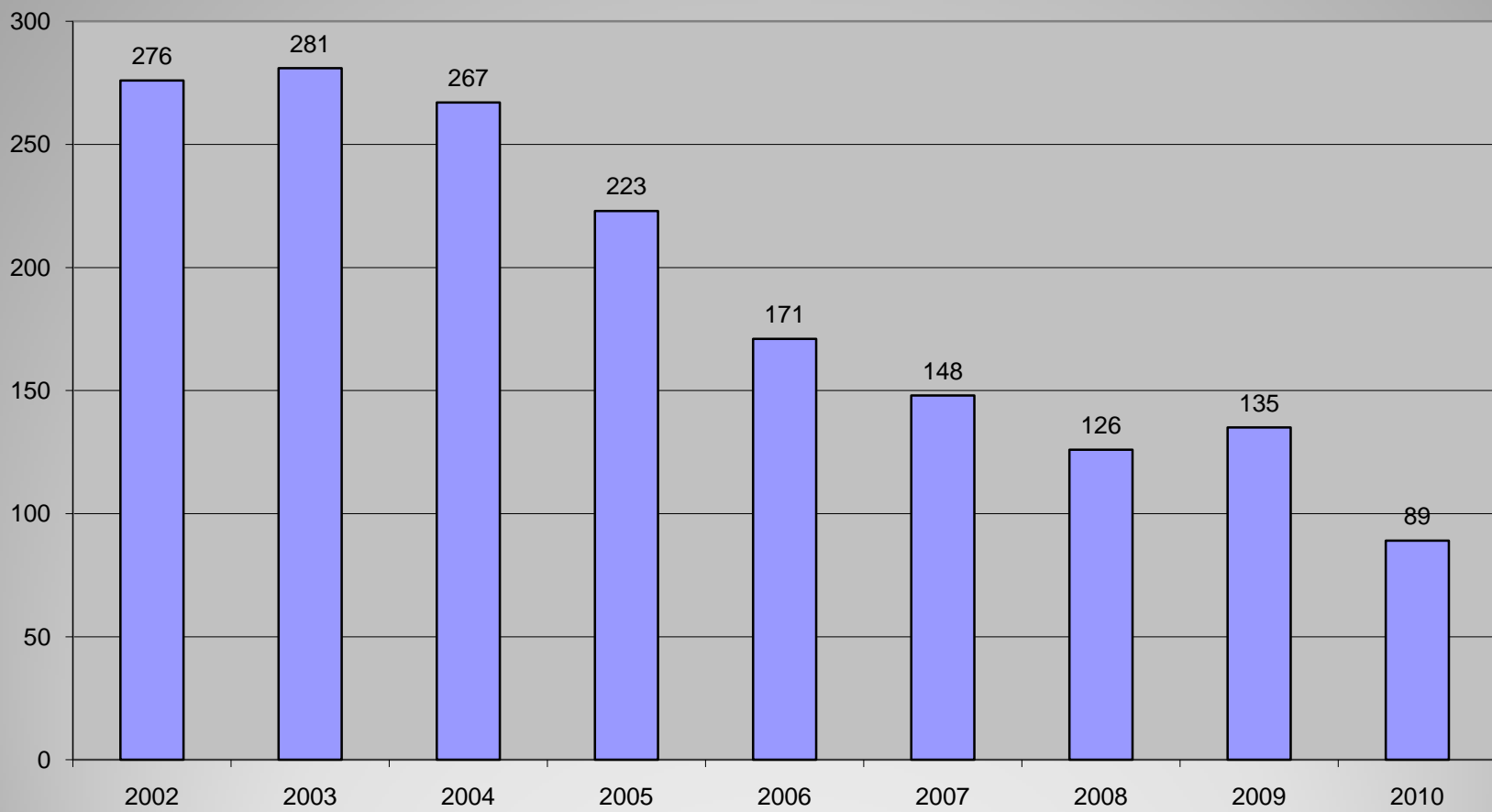


Atlanta Part 1 Crime Summary

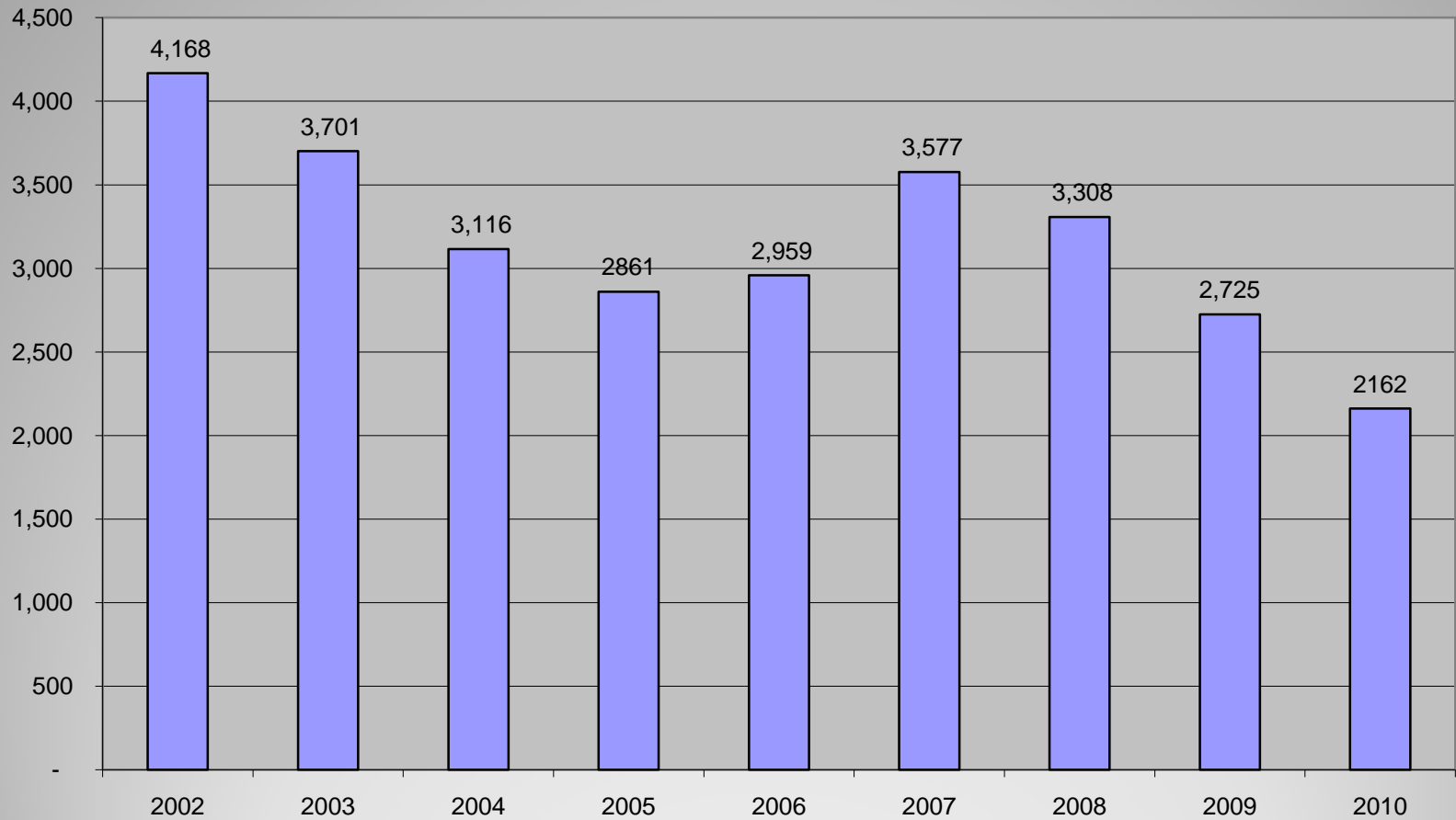
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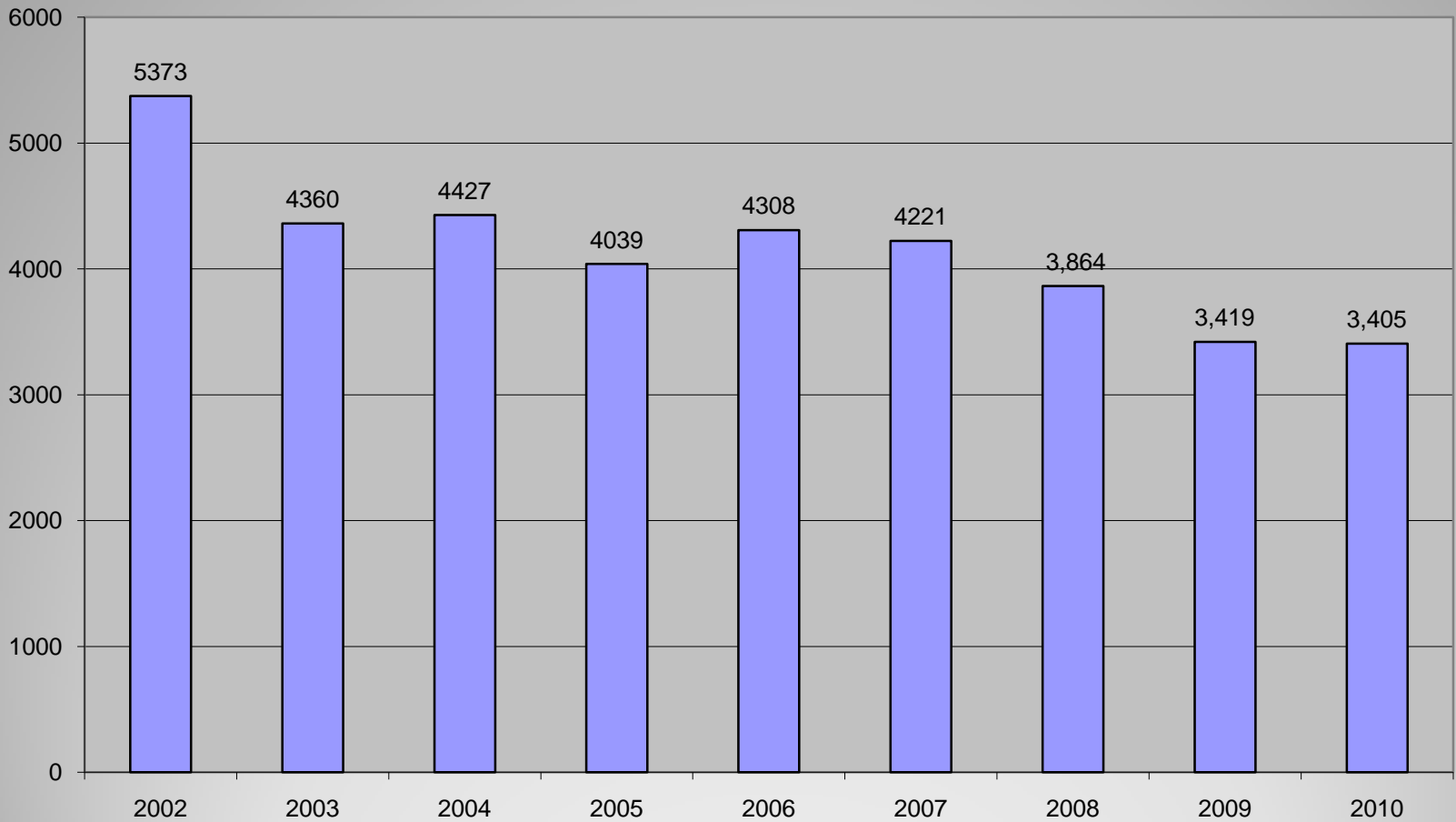
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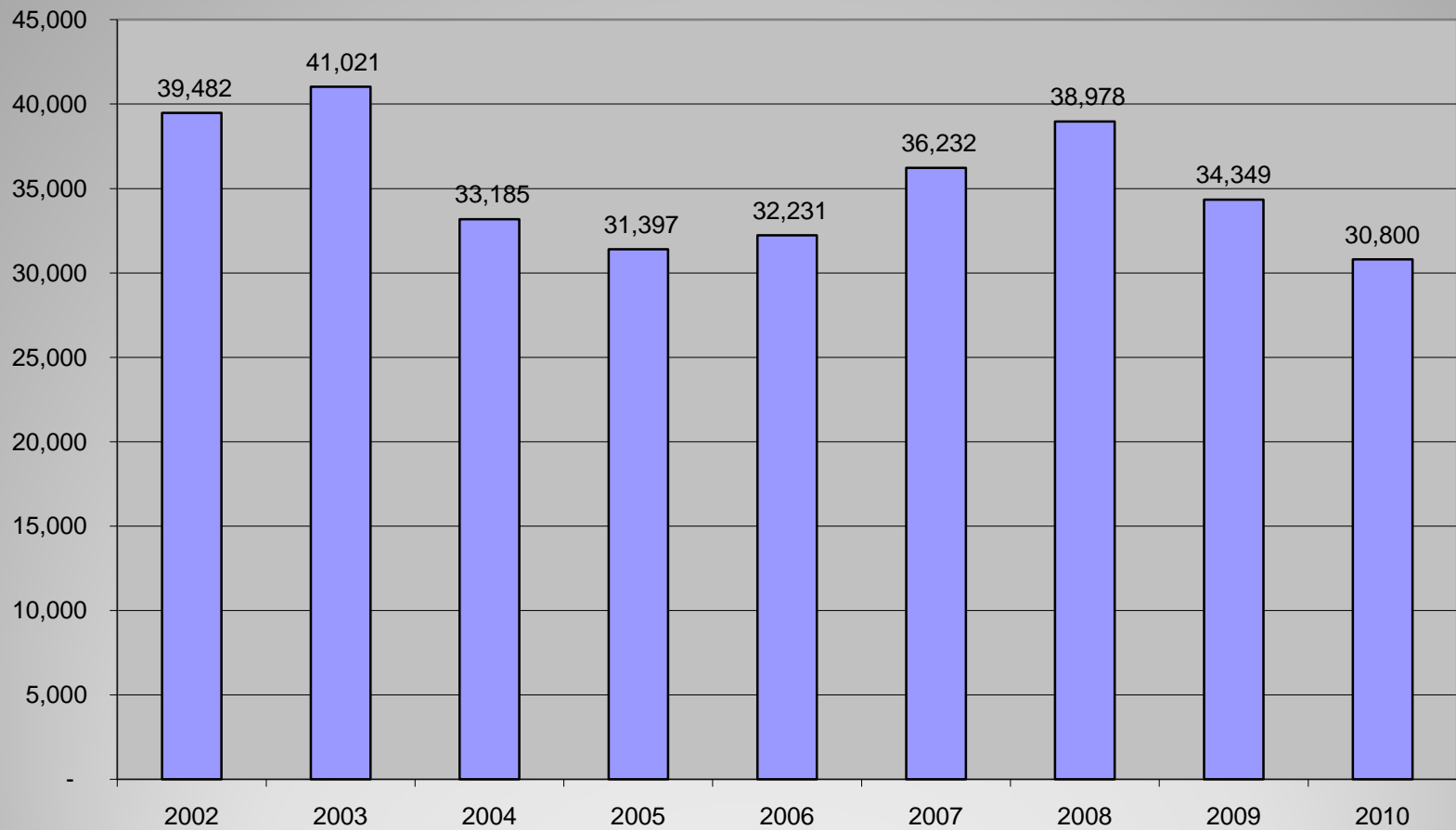
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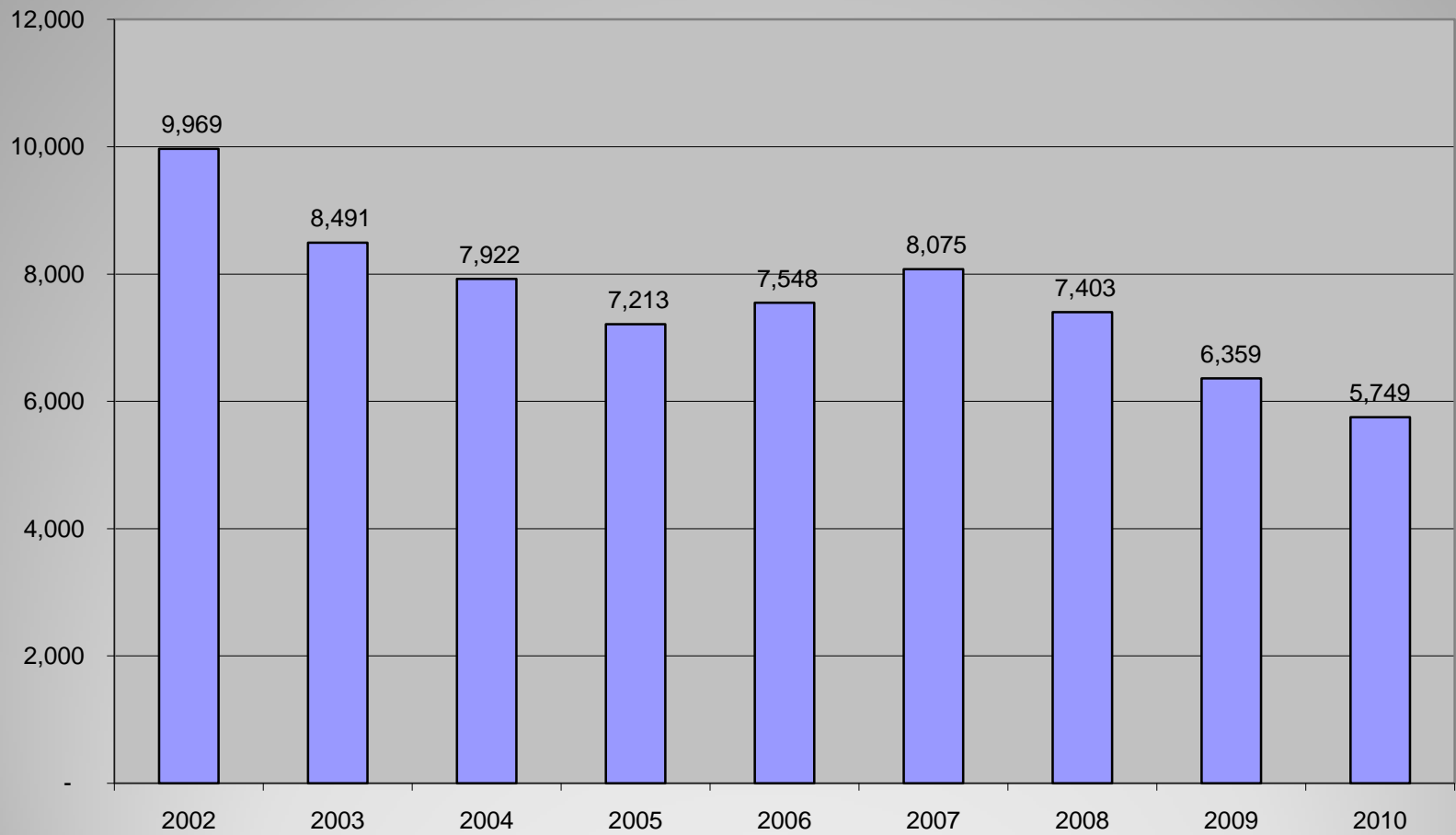
Robbery



Aggravated Assault

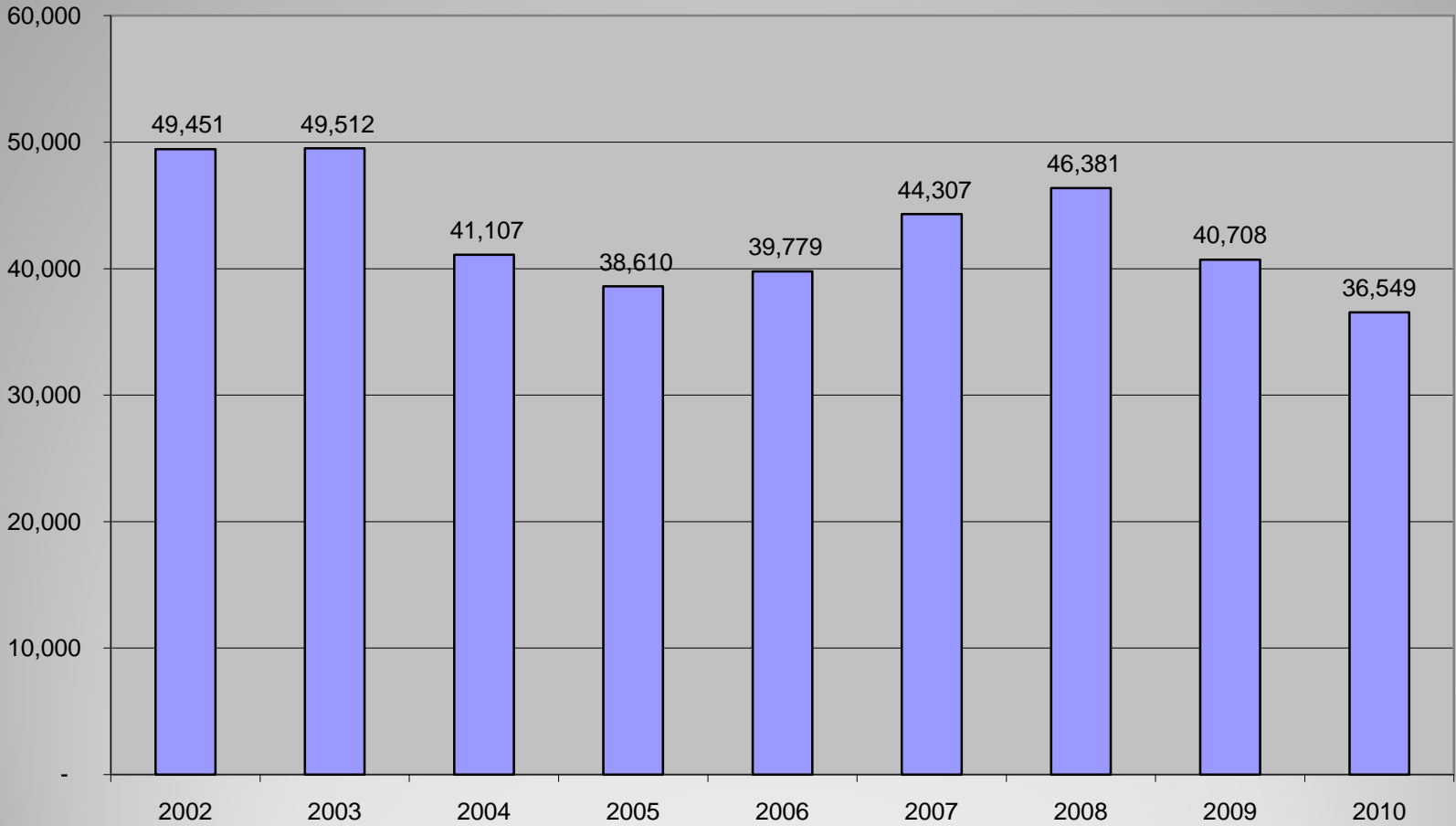


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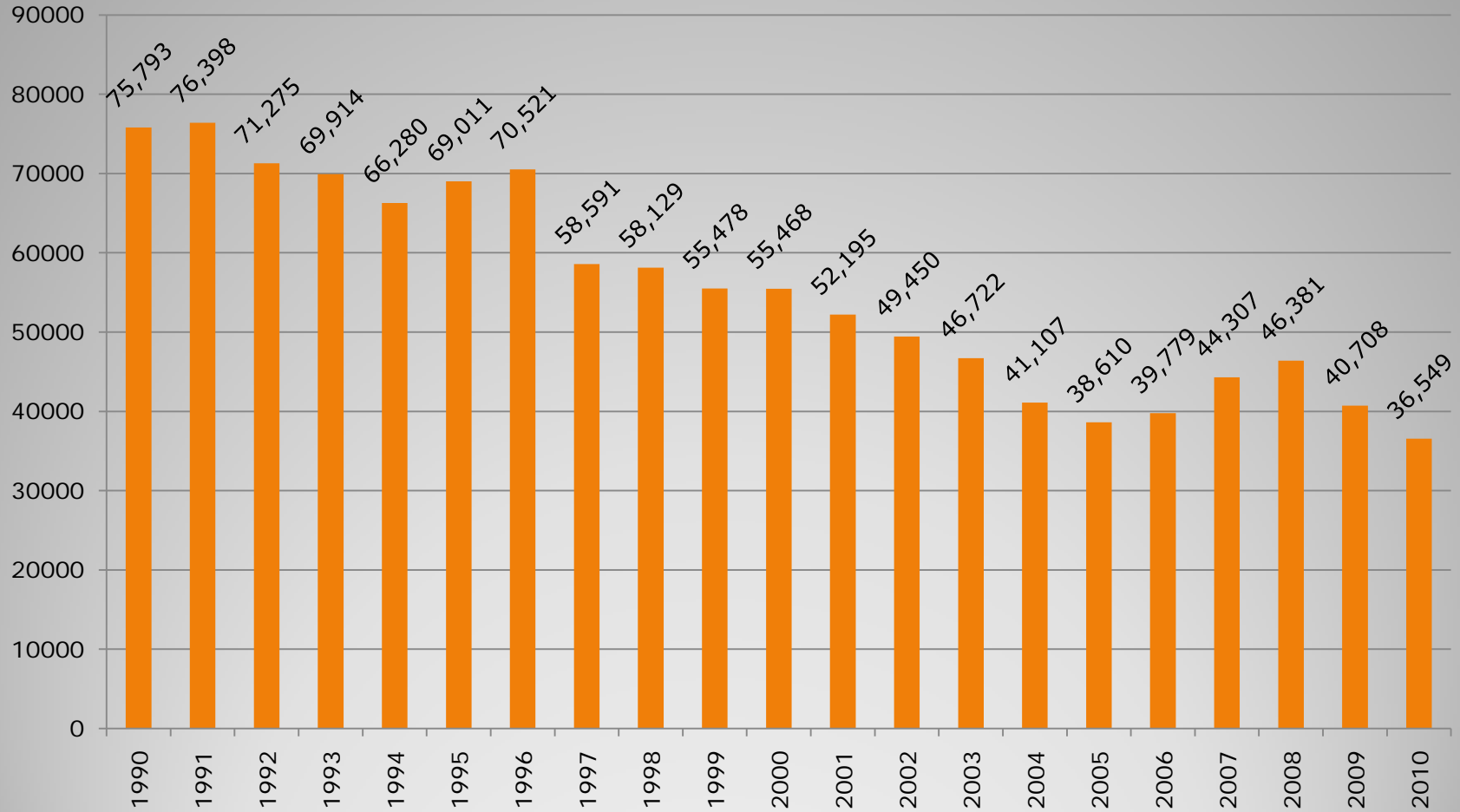
Violent Crime

Total Crime



Total Crime

1990-2010 Part 1 Crimes Comparison



Atlanta Crime Data 2002-2010

								% Change		% Change		
year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2002-2008	2009	2002-2009	2010	2002-2010
Homicide	152	149	112	90	110	129	105	-30.9%	80	-47.4%	93	-38.82%
Rape	276	281	267	223	171	148	126	-54.3%	135	-51.1%	89	-67.75%
Robbery	4,168	3,701	3,116	2861	2,959	3,577	3,308	-20.6%	2,725	-34.6%	2,162	-48.13%
Aggravated Assault	5373	4360	4427	4039	4308	4221	3,864	-28.1%	3,419	-36.4%	3,405	-36.63%
Total Violent Crimes	9,969	8,491	7,922	7,213	7,548	8,075	7,403	-25.7%	6,359	-36.2%	5,749	-42.33%
Property Crimes	39,482	41,021	33,185	31,397	32,231	36,232	38,978	-1.3%	34,349	-13.0%	30,800	-21.99%
Total Crimes	49,451	49,512	41,107	38,610	39,779	44,307	46,381	-6.2%	40,708	-17.7%	36,549	-26.09%
Crime Rate												
Population	443,050	457,228	471,859	486,958	502,541	518,622	533,016	20.3%	540,922	22.1%	547,488	
Violent Crime Rate	2,250	1,857	1,679	1,481	1,502	1,557	1,389	-38.3%	1,176	-47.8%	1,050	-53.33%
Total Crime Rate	11,161	10,829	8,712	7,929	7,916	8,543	8,702	-22.0%	7,526	-32.6%	6,676	-40.19%