


**City of Danville
POLICE**

Coalition For A Safe Danville
Crime in Danville
Statistics and Trends
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Crime Factors

- Population density, composition, stability
- Economic and employment conditions
- Cultural, educational, religious practices
- Family cohesiveness
- Climate
- Quality of police appointments & reporting
- Policies of courts, prosecutors, corrections
- Citizen attitudes toward crime and police
- Crime reporting practices of citizens

How Is Crime Compared?

- By only *one* of the factors – population
- Not the best measure, but quick and easy
- For instance, in 2008:
 - Fairfax County – 1 million – 19 murders
 - Richmond – 200,000 – 31 murders
 - Danville – 45,000 – 11 murders

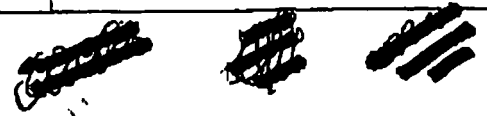
Categories of Major Crime

- Murder & manslaughter
- Sexual assault
- Robbery
- Aggravated assault
- Motor vehicle theft
- Burglary
- Larceny

How does Danville compare?

FACT: Of the 11,112 cities and towns in the United States, only about 750 are larger than Danville.

FACT: Danville is in the top 7% (by size) of all cities in the United States.



City Size

- 39 cities in Virginia
- Danville is 13th in size
- Alexandria, Chesapeake, Hampton, Harrisonburg, Lynchburg, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Richmond, Roanoke, Suffolk and Virginia Beach are larger

Crime Rates Fluctuate Year to Year

Selected Cities With Higher Crime Rates Than Danville's

- 2005 – Charlottesville, Roanoke, Bristol
- 2006 – Charlottesville, Roanoke, Bedford
- 2007 – Emporia, Fredericksburg, Roanoke
- 2008 – Emporia, Franklin, Roanoke

Danville and Fredericksburg

- Consistently have about the same crime rate year after year
- Danville – 45,000
- Fredericksburg – 23,000

Good News First!

- Overall, reported crime in Danville dropped 16% from 2008 to 2009*
 - Murder/manslaughter dropped 18%
 - Sexual assault remained unchanged
 - Robbery dropped 27%
 - Aggravated assault dropped 30%
 - Motor vehicle theft dropped 29%
 - Burglary increased 1.7%
 - Larceny dropped 18%

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Murder/Manslaughter

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 2008 - 1 playing with firearm - 1 gang related - 1 gambling - 3 domestic - 5 drug related - TOTAL of 11 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 2009 - 1 traffic fatality - 1 argument - 1 burglary - 1 robbery - 2 gang related - 3 drug related - TOTAL of 9 |
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Clearance Rate

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|---------------------|-------------|
| ■ 2009 - 9 deaths - | 78% cleared |
| ■ 2008 - 11 | 100% |
| ■ 2007 - 5 | 100% |
| ■ 2006 - 4 | 50% |
| ■ 2005 - 8 | 75% |
| ■ 2004 - 4 | 100% |
| ■ 2003 - 4 | 50% |
| ■ 2002 - 7 | 71% |
| ■ 2001 - 4 | 50% |
| ■ 2000 - 10 | 80% |

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Burglaries in Danville

- In 2009*, only 15 of 514 burglaries exceeded \$5,000 in loss
- Most common items taken: TV, DVD, computer, game console, jewelry, clothing
- Suspects ranged from ex-lovers, family, friends, guests, neighbors to unknown

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Larcenies in Danville

- Of the 1,712 reported larcenies in 2009*
 - 2 - pickpocket
 - 10 - purse snatching
 - 12 - from vending machines
 - 84 - motor vehicle parts
 - 107 - from buildings
 - 311 - from vehicles
 - 506 - shoplifting
 - 680 - all other

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Danville's Crime Rate

- Overall, not excessive for cities of similar size
- Increase in burglaries since 2007 is a great concern
- Price of copper adversely affected larceny rate in 2008
- Murder rate is high – should average 4 per year for average city of our population
- Preliminary statistics for 2009 indicate a reduction

What Are We Doing About It?

- Strong emphasis on crime prevention
- Improved data collection and mining
- Two full-time gang investigators
- Willingness to try new methods
- Seeking stronger working relationships and effective collaboration with all of you!

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