

**City of Piedmont**  
**Council Agenda Report**

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SUBJECT: **FBI Uniform Crime Report 2004 - Crime in United States**

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation released the Uniform Crime Report on December 13, 2004. The 2004 UCR Report contains the 2003 nationwide crime statistics.

The UCR program is a nationwide, cooperative statistical effort of over 16,000 city, county, and state law enforcement agencies. Each participating agency reports crime information which is compiled and published by the FBI.

The report provides criminal statistical rates on the crimes of murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, theft, auto theft and arson. Based on this information, we can compare the City of Piedmont's crime rate with that of any other city in the United States with a population of 10,000 or more.

The attached chart compares Piedmont with the other Alameda County cities with populations of 10,000 or more. As reported in the Uniform Crime Report, Piedmont has the lowest number of reported crimes and the lowest rate of crime per 1,000 population.

Reported serious offenses increased in 2003 by only 17 offenses when compared to the statistics of 2002. Thirteen of the reported offenses are in the category of property crime (burglary and theft). According to the Bureau of Criminal Statistics, many Bay Area cities reported similar increases in both property and crimes of violence, such as rape, robbery and assault. Piedmont however had no increase in the violent crimes of rape or robbery. Piedmont remains as one of the safest cities in which to live.