

Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Annual Report 2006



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Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Mission Statement

It is the mission of Georgetown County to provide quality services to the general public in a courteous and efficient manner contributing to the health, safety, and welfare of all.

Our primary duty is to protect the life and property of all citizens in Georgetown County. It is the goal of the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office to reduce both crime and the fear of crime throughout Georgetown County. We seek to fortify the public's trust from which our authority is derived.

I. Geographic Area

Georgetown County Geographic Area	814.86 square miles
Inland Waterways in Georgetown Co.	220 miles
Atlantic Ocean Coast Line	Approx. 50 miles
Incorporated Areas	City Of Georgetown Town of Andrews Town of Pawleys Island

Source: S.C. Department of Natural Resources Web Site

II. Demographic Profile

Population: **55,797 (2000 Census)**
60,983 (2005 Estimate)

White	33,307
Black or African American	21,541
Other	949
Population included in the above race categories who are Hispanic	919
Persons per a square mile	68.5

Total housing Units 28,282

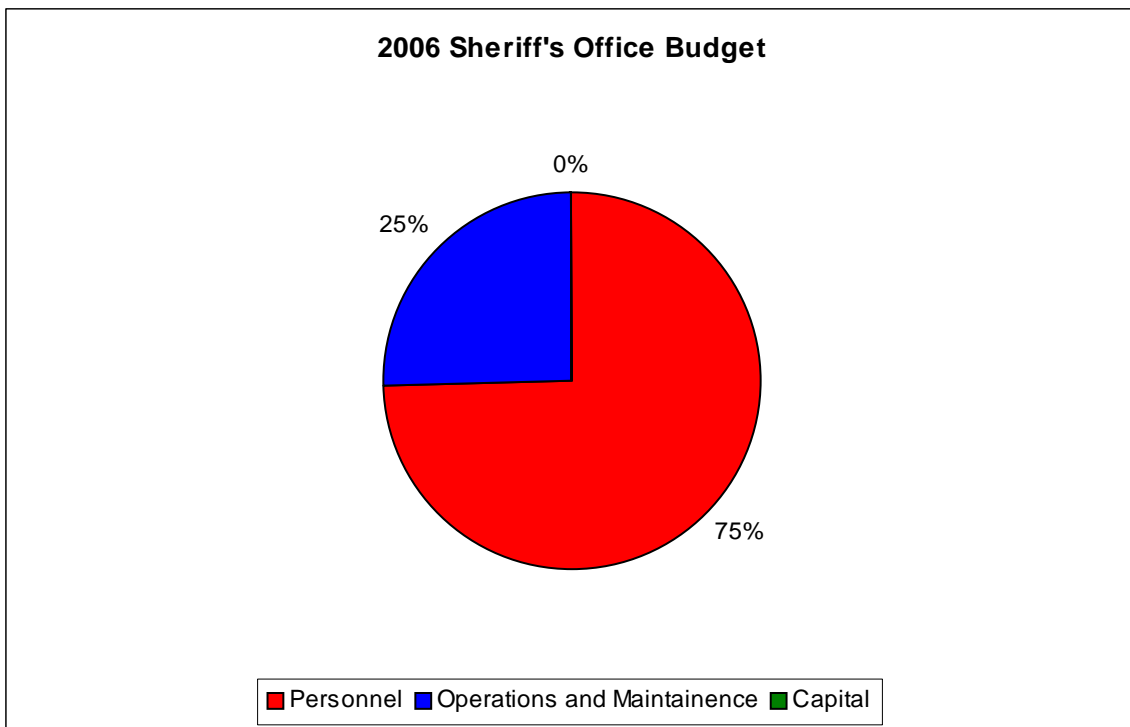
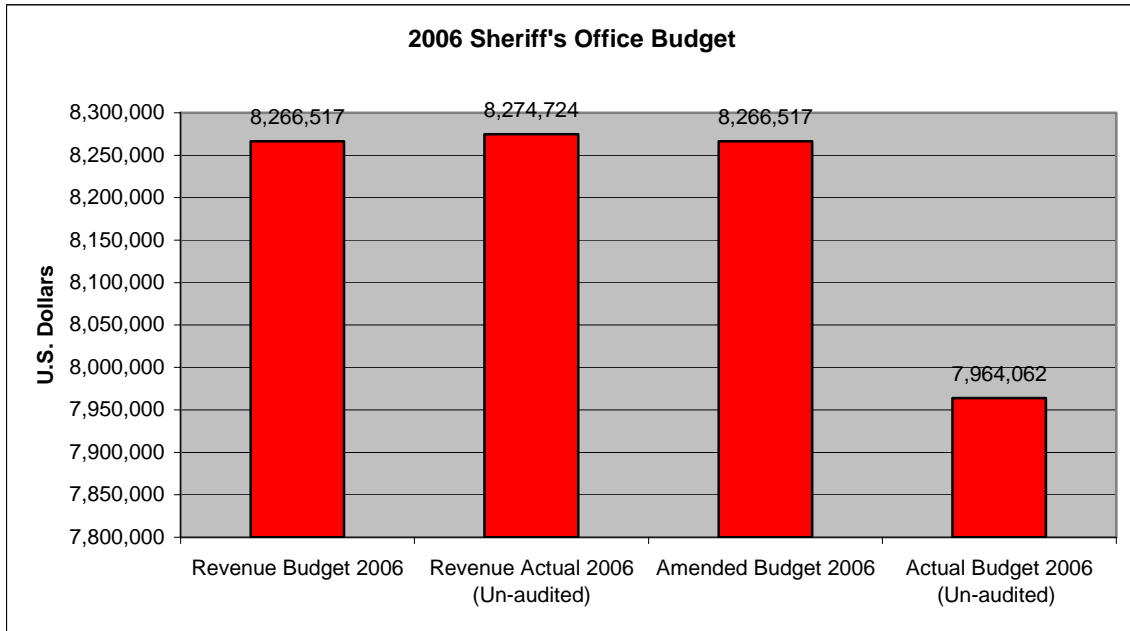
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

III. Sheriff's Office Overview

During the 2006 year, the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office and Detention Center employed 82 sworn deputy positions, 45 correction officer positions and 12 civilian positions. The employees provided the following services and functions; patrol all areas of Georgetown County, respond to calls for service, conduct criminal investigations, investigate illegal narcotic distributions, possession and manufacturing, serve criminal warrants and civil papers, protect and provide security at the courthouse and courts in the county, provide security at area schools, patrol the waterways of Georgetown County, provide security at the Port of Georgetown, operate a homeland security and emergency preparedness program, house and secure prisoners in Georgetown County, transport prisoners and mental patients throughout the state and country, and provide other law enforcement function as needed and prescribed by law.

IV. Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Budget

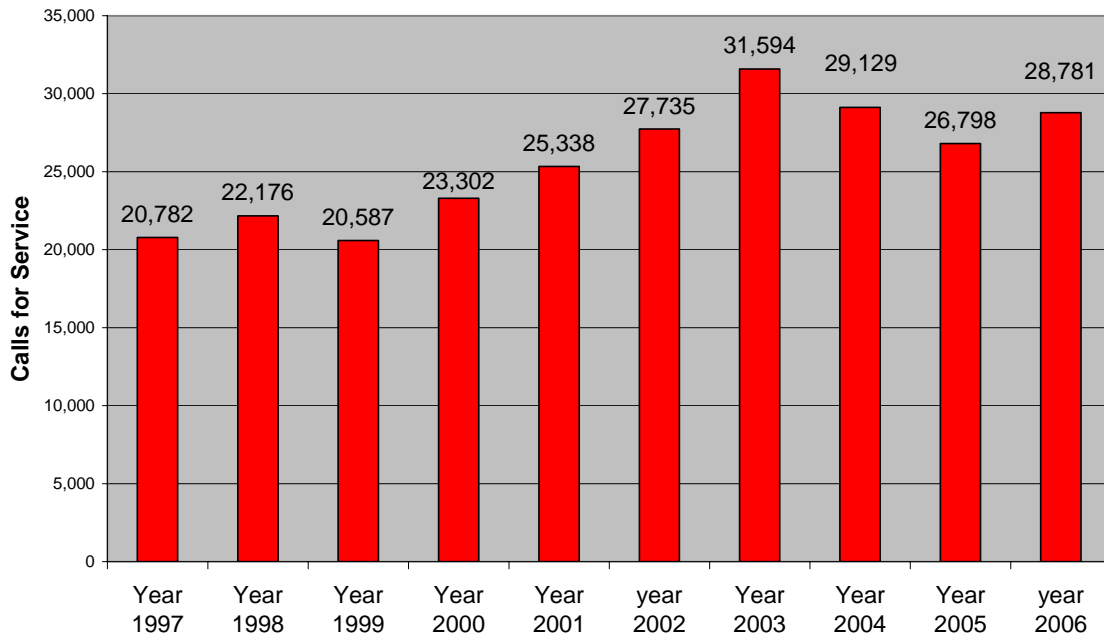
The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office FY 2006 Amended Budget was \$8,266,517.00, while the FY 2006 actual budget(Un-audited) was \$7,964,062.00. Personnel costs accounted for 75% of the GCSO Budget. The following graph shows the budgeted revenue, actual revenue, amended budget, and actual budget. The second graph shows the percent breakdown of the GCSO Budget.



V. 2006 Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Statistics

The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office responded to **28,781** calls for service in 2006. This was an increase of **7 %** over 2005. Below is a comparison of calls for service from 1997 to 2006

GCSO Calls For Service 1997 to 2006



Source: Georgetown County Emergency Communications Center

The following is the average number of calls per a day for the last seven years.

The average number of calls for service per a day for 2000 : 64 Calls for Service

The average number of calls for service per a day for 2001 : 69 Calls for Service

The average number of calls for service per a day for 2002: 76 Calls for Service

The average number of calls for service per a day for 2003: 87 Calls for Service

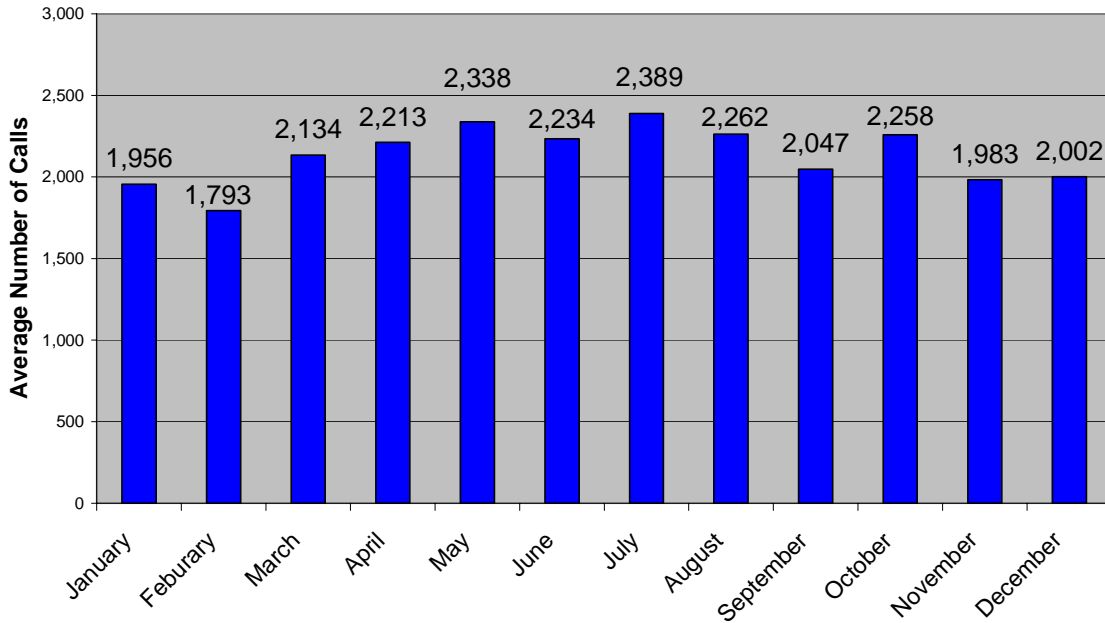
The average number of calls for service per a day for 2004: 80 Calls for Service

The average number of calls for service per a day for 2005: 73 Calls for Service

The average number of calls for service per a day for 2006: 79 Calls for Service

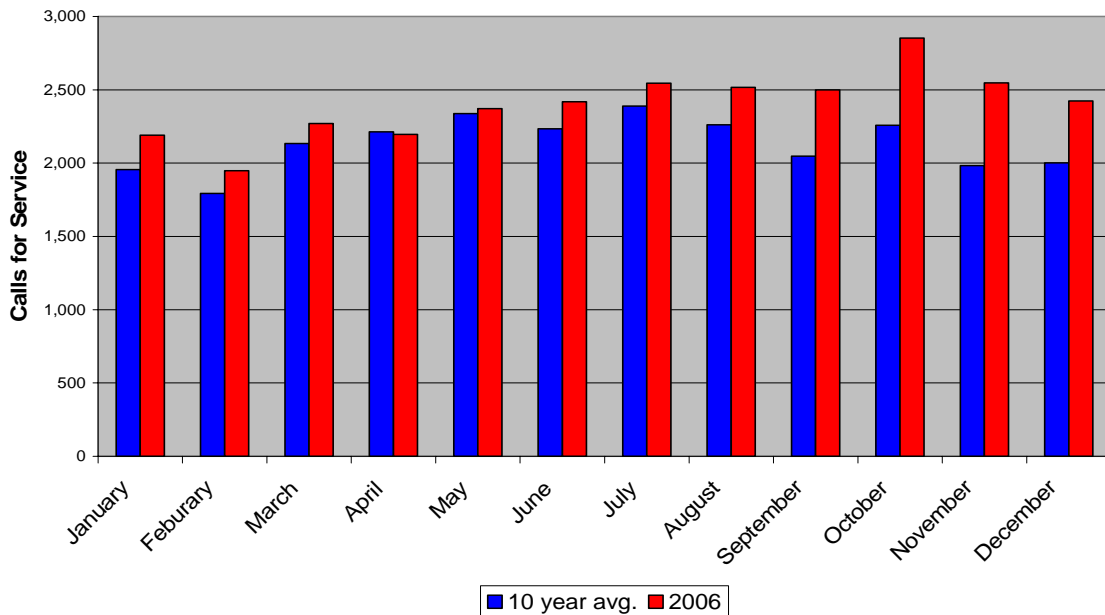
The following chart shows the breakdown, by month, the average Calls for Service for the past ten years (1997-2006).

Average Number of Calls for Service by Month (1997 to 2006)



The following chart shows the breakdown, by month, of Calls for Service for 2006 and compared to the average of the past ten years (1997-2006).

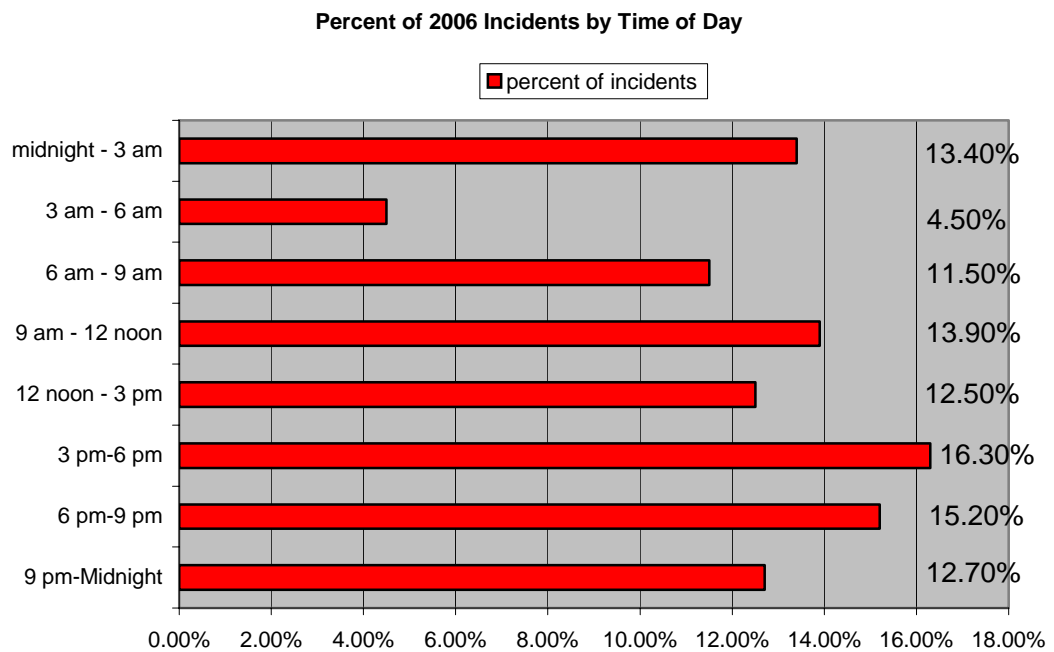
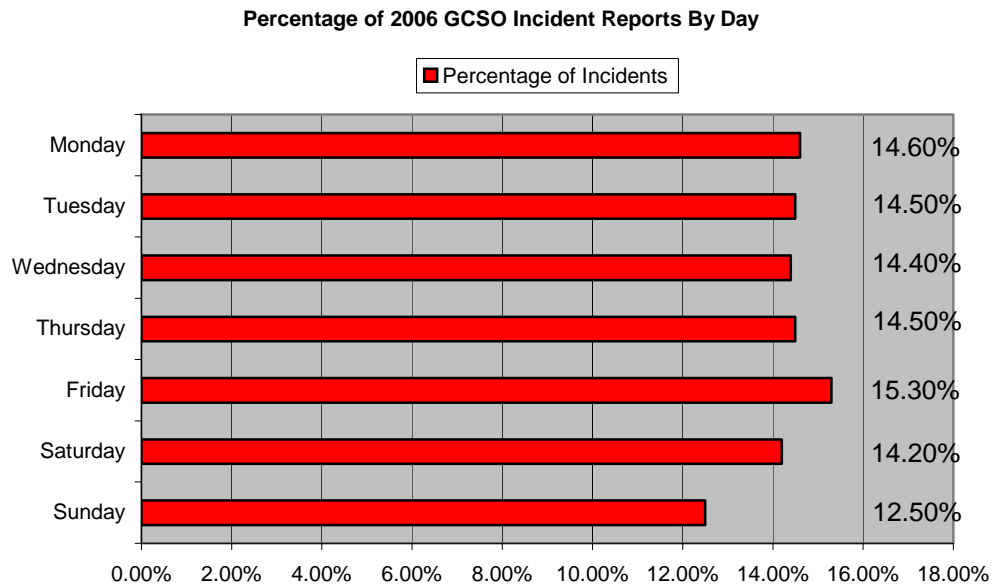
Calls for Service by Month



Source: Georgetown County Emergency Communications Center

Crime Analysis By Day and Time

The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office answers calls for service, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. The following is the percentage of 2006 incident reports by the day of the week and time of day.



Source: Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Visions Computer Software

Incidents Requiring Report

The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office filed **5,753** incident reports in 2006. A deputy files an incident report when a call for service is determined to be criminal, or the call requires documentation. The incident reports are classified by the type of incident. There are 79 types of classifications, for which an incident report can be filed

Top 10 Classifications of Incident Reports

The top 10 classification of incidents at the Sheriff's Office for 2006 were as follows:

Incident Classification	% of total Incidents
1. Larceny*	16.9 %
2. Assaults*	12.9 %
3. Information Only*	11.9 %
4. Vandalism*	8.6 %
5. Burglary*	6.6 %
6. Intimidation*	5.7 %
7. Traffic*	5.3 %
8. Drug, Narcotic Violations*	4.1 %
9. White Collar Crime	2.6 %
10. Harassing Phone Calls	2.2 %

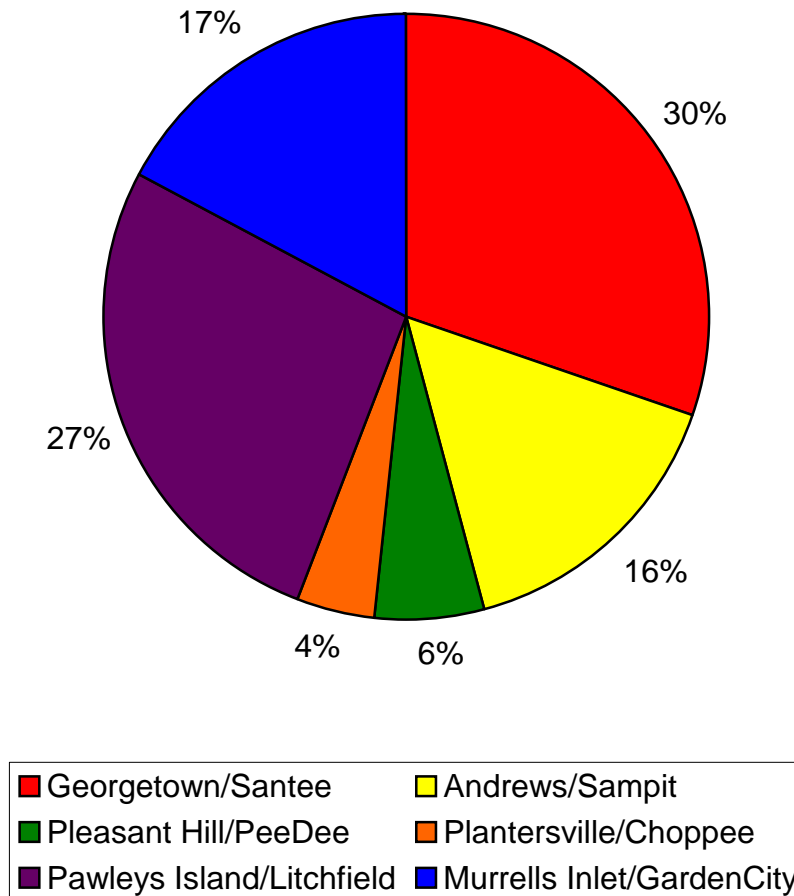
(*) Similar types of incidents among the 79 classifications have been combined

Source: Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Visions Computer Software

Incident Reports by Zones

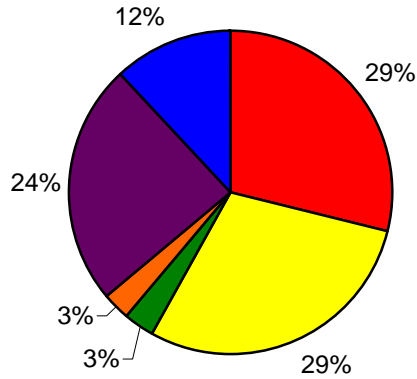
The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office has divided Georgetown County into 6 zones which are: zone 1 Georgetown / Santee Area, Zone 2 Andrews / Sampit / Lambertown Area, Zone 3 Pleasant Hill / Pee Dee Area, Zone 4 Plantersville / Choppee Area, Zone 5 Pawleys Island / Litchfield Area and Zone 6 Murrells Inlet / Garden City Area. The following is a percentage breakdown of 5,753 incident reports in each zone.

Percent of 2006 Incident Reports by Zone

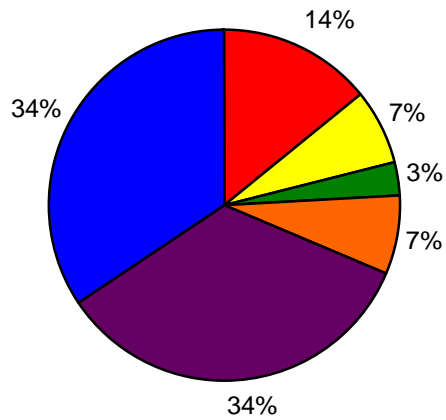


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**2006 Rape Cases by Zone
34 Incidents**

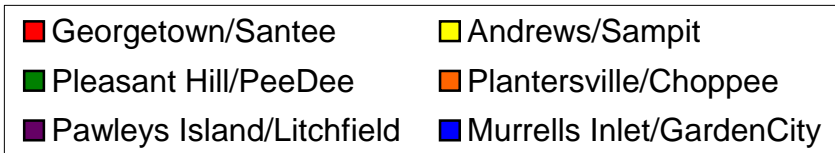
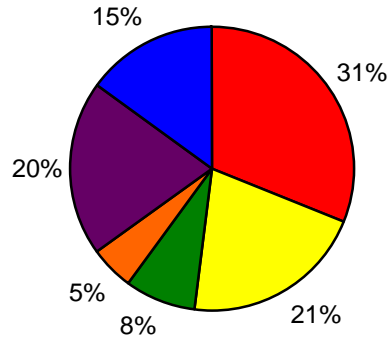


**2006 Robbery Cases by Zone
29 Incidents**

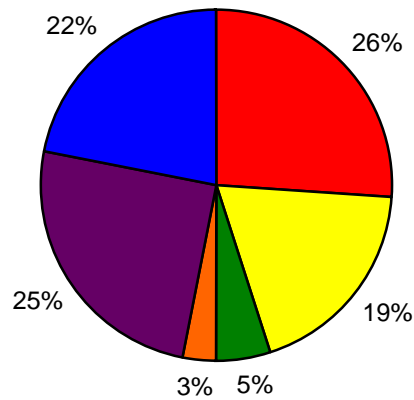


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**2006 Reported Assault Cases by Zone
743 Incidents**

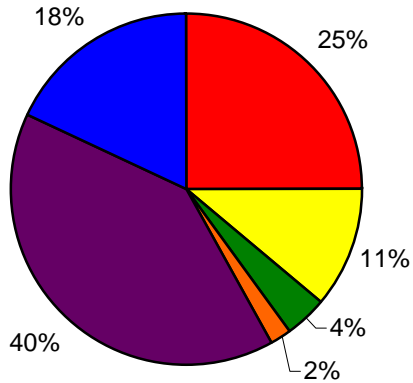


**2006 Reported Burglaries by Zone
380 Incidents**

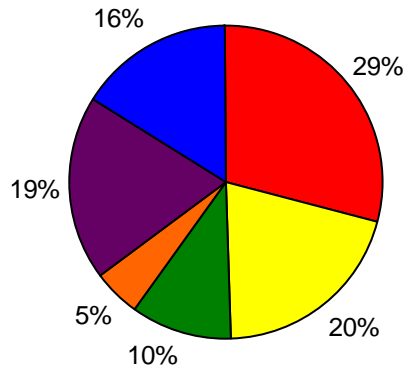


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**2006 Reported Larceny Cases by Zone
974 Incidents**

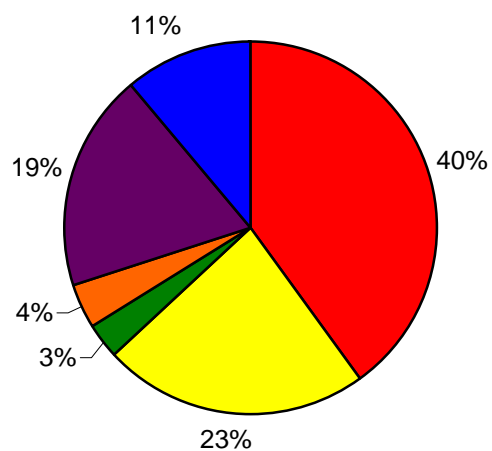


**2006 Reported Cases of Motor Vehicle Theft by Zone
122 Incidents**



Source: Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Visions Computer Software

**2006 Reported Narcotic Cases by Zone
199 Incidents**



Source: Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Visions Computer Software

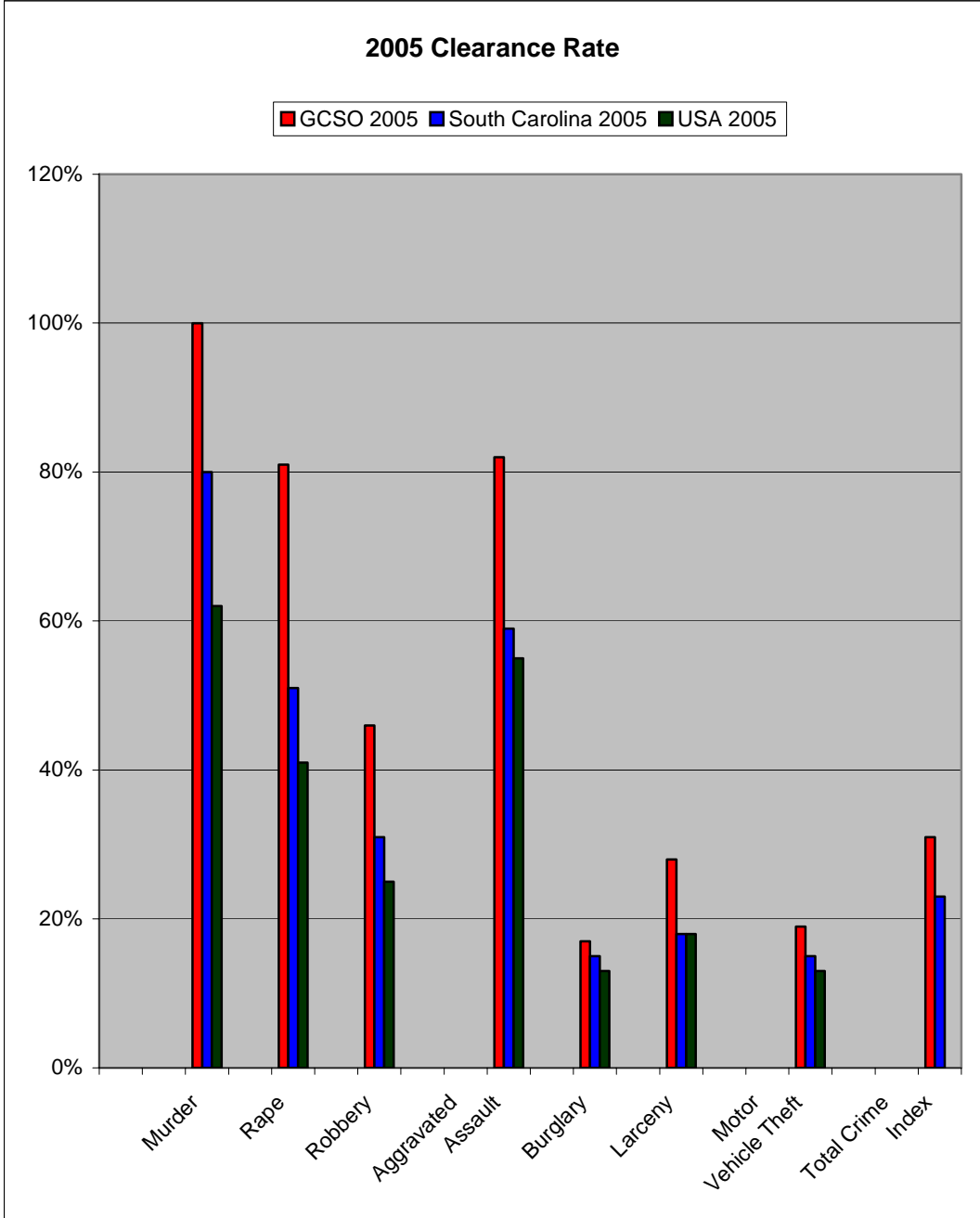
Crime Clearance Rates

Each year the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office reports to the S. C. Law Enforcement Division and The Federal Bureau of Investigations the number of crimes and the number of cases cleared in the specific categories listed below. The U.S. Department of Justice released the Year 2005 Crime Clearance Rates in October of 2006. The GCSO Crime Clearance rate was above the State of South Carolina, and National rate. Below is a comparison of the crime clearance rates.

Crime	GCSO 2005	South Carolina 2005	USA 2005
Murder	100.0%	80.0%	62.0%
Rape	81.0%	51.0%	41.0%
Robbery	46.0%	31.0%	25.0%
Aggravated Assault	82.0%	59.0%	55.0%
Violent Crime Index	77.0%	54.0%	46.0%
Burglary	17.0%	15.0%	13.0%
Larceny	28.0%	18.0%	18.0%
Motor Vehicle Theft	19.0%	15.0%	13.0%
Non-Violent Crime Index	24.0%	17.0%	16.0%
Total Crime Index	31.0%	23.0%	xxx%

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Source: 2005 Uniform Crime Reports Provided by the U.S. Department of Justice and The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division



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Traffic Tickets and Citations

The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office issued 3,919 citations on uniform traffic tickets in 2006. Traffic citations are issued for traffic violations, equipment violations, county ordinance violations, and some misdemeanor crimes. The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office began recording the race and gender of the violators issued citations during the year 2002. The following is a breakdown of the citations issued by race and gender for the year 2006.

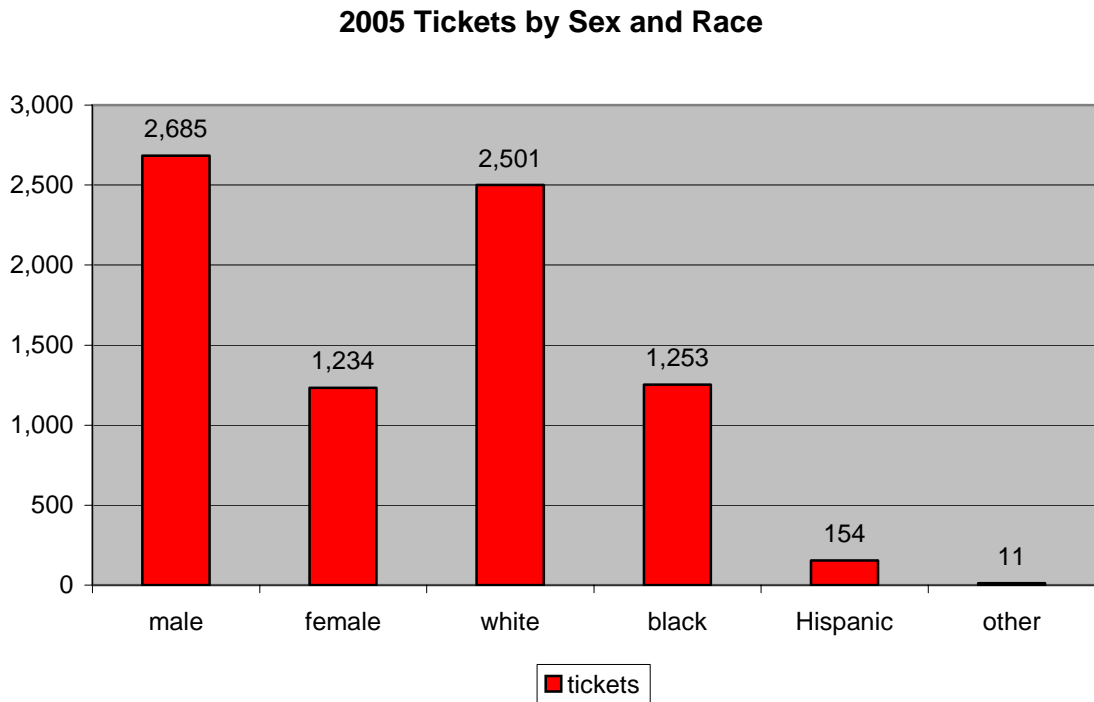
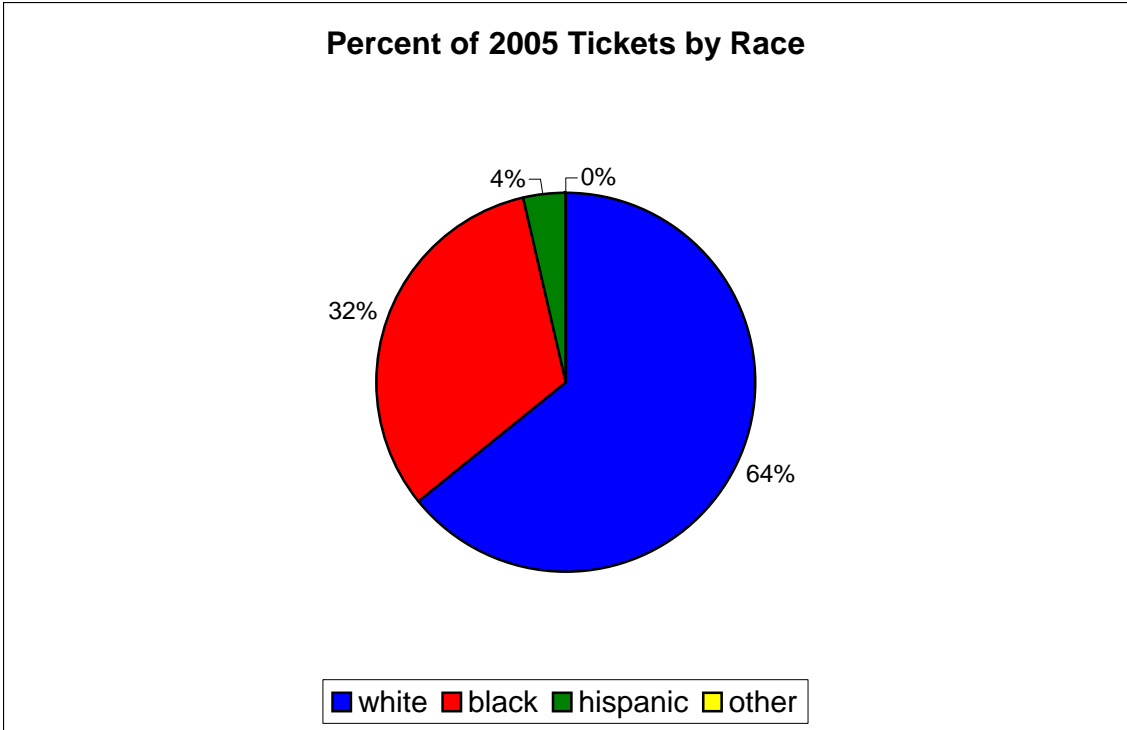
Male	2,685
Female	<u>1,234</u>
Total	3,919

White	2,501
Black	1,253
Hispanic	154
Other Races	11
Total	3,919

The following is a comparison of the percent of the population in Georgetown County by race according to the 2000 U.S. Census and the percent of traffic citations (tickets) by race in 2006.

Race	Population yr 2000*	Number of Tickets
White	59.70%	63.8%
Black	38.60%	32.0%
Hispanics	1.60%	3.9 %
Other	0.80%	0.3 %

Source: Georgetown county Sheriff's Office Traffic Unit



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Warrant Units Statistics

Warrants Received for Service

The Warrants Division received 3,135 arrest warrants to be served in 2006. The following is a list of the type and number of arrest warrants received in 2006:

	Received
Family Court Bench Warrants	455
Family Court Bench –DSS Warrants	04
General Sessions Court Bench Warrants	90
Georgetown County Criminal Warrants	955
Magistrate Bench Warrants	371
Other Jurisdiction Warrants	145
Violation of Check Law Warrants	1,096
Other Types of Warrants not Listed	<u>19</u>
Total Warrants Received	3,135

Source: Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Visions Computer Software

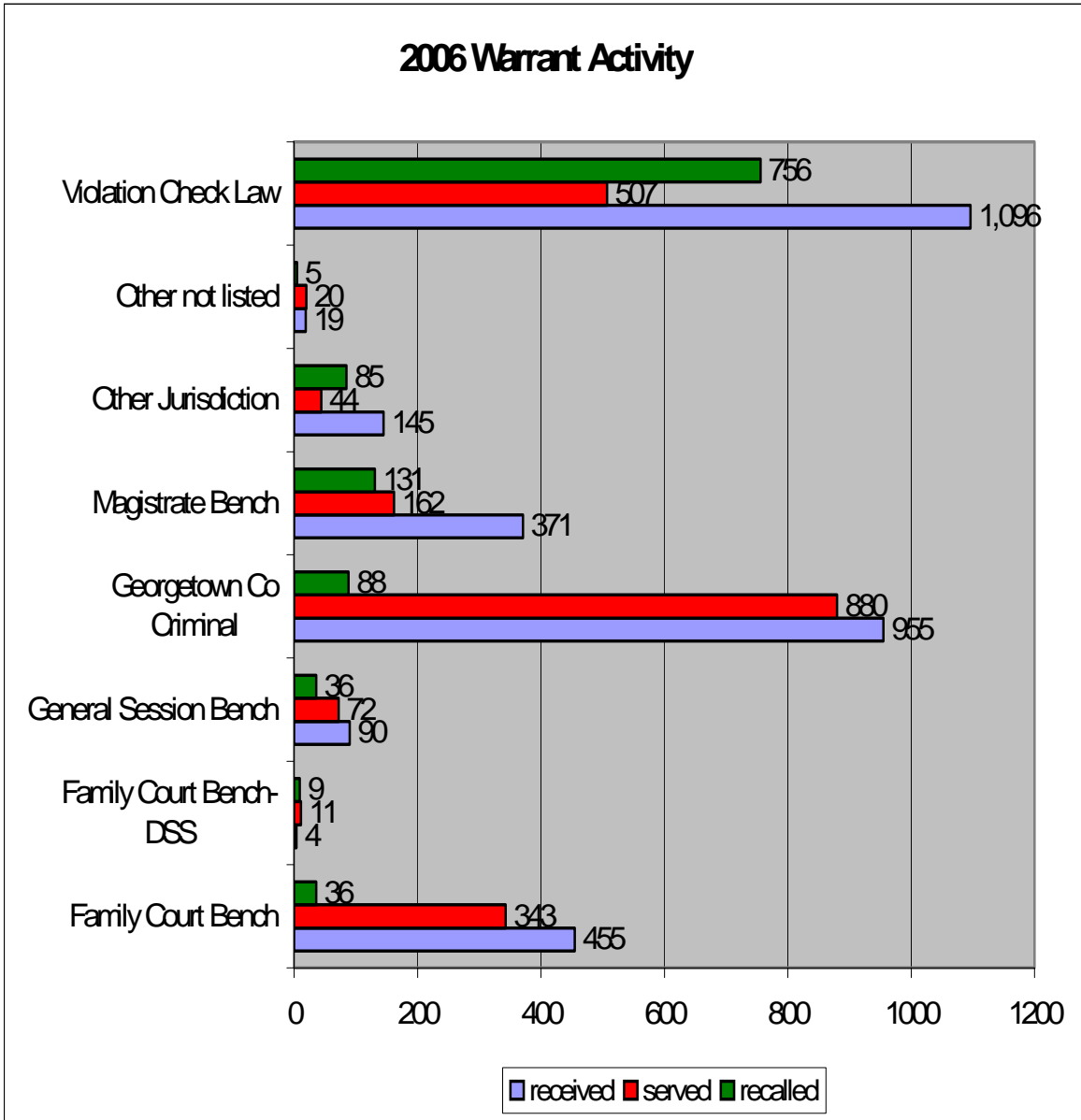
Warrant Service

The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office and the Warrants Division served **2,039*** arrest warrants and recalled 1,147 arrest warrants in 2006. The following are the number and type of arrest warrants served and recalled:

	<u>Served</u>	<u>Recalled</u>
Family Court Bench Warrants	343*	36*
Family Court Bench –DSS Warrants	11*	9*
General Sessions Court Bench Warrants	72*	36*
Georgetown County Criminal Warrants	880*	88*
Magistrate Bench Warrants	162*	131*
Other Jurisdiction Warrants	44*	85*
Violation of Check Law Warrants	507*	756*
Other Types of Warrants not Listed	<u>20*</u>	<u>6*</u>
Total 2005 Warrants		
Received and recalled	2,039*	1,147*

(*) Numbers do not include warrants issued before July 1999

Source: Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Visions Computer Software



Note: The number of warrants served does not include warrants that were received by the GCSO before July 1999 and served in 2006

Source: Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Visions Computer Software

Drug Enforcement Unit Statistics

The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office investigated over 180 incidents of illegal drug activity in 2006. 185 records of seized or recovered illegal drugs were reported for 2006. Below is a list of the type and amount of drugs seized:

80 records of Marijuana	Approximately	5.9	lbs
2 records of Marijuana Plants	Approximately	9.0	plants
61 records of Crack Cocaine	Approximately	241.6	gm
26 records of Cocaine	Approximately	741.0	gm
5 records of Heroin	Approximately	7.5	gm
11 records of other types	Various types of measurements		

Source: Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Visions Computer Software

Evidence Division Statistics

The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Evidence Division secured, documented, and processed the following inventory in 2006:

Current Inventory is 7,318 items of evidence
Received 1,416 items of evidence into inventory.
Destroyed / disposed or returned 135 evidence items
Made 19 trips to SLED Labs in Columbia S.C. with evidence to be processed
Tested 181 packages of marijuana.

Litter Control and Enforcement Statistics

The Litter Control and Enforcement Unit responded to 1,253 complaints involving litter and illegal dumping. The unit worked with violators and landowners to have numerous areas cleaned-up throughout the county. Thirty-two(32) complaints required violations to be written.

Animal Control Statistics

The GCSO Animal Control Unit responded to 1,346 calls for service and transported 254 animals to the Humane Society in 2006.

Office of Professional Standards Statistics

The Office of Professional Standards (OPS) investigated 14 complaints against Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Personnel in 2006. The investigations resulted in the following findings:

Not involved	0
Unfounded	3
Not sustained	2
Exonerated	8
Sustained	1
Investigation Current	0
Total	14

The Office of Professional Standards also reviewed 22 "Use of Force" reports and in all the cases, the proper use of force was found to be justified.

Juvenile Crimes

Juveniles were identified as suspects in two hundred and fifty-six incidents in 2006. One hundred and sixty-one (161) incidents resulted in juveniles being arrested by the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office.

Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Detention Center Statistics

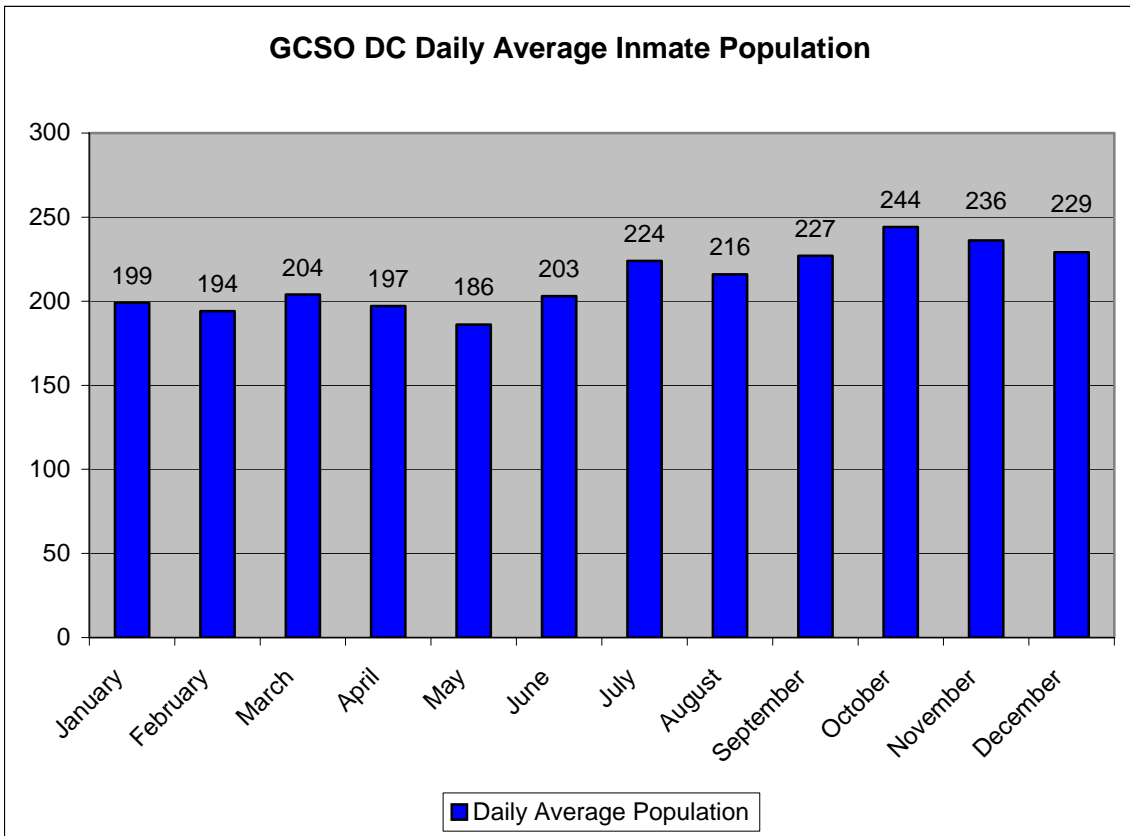
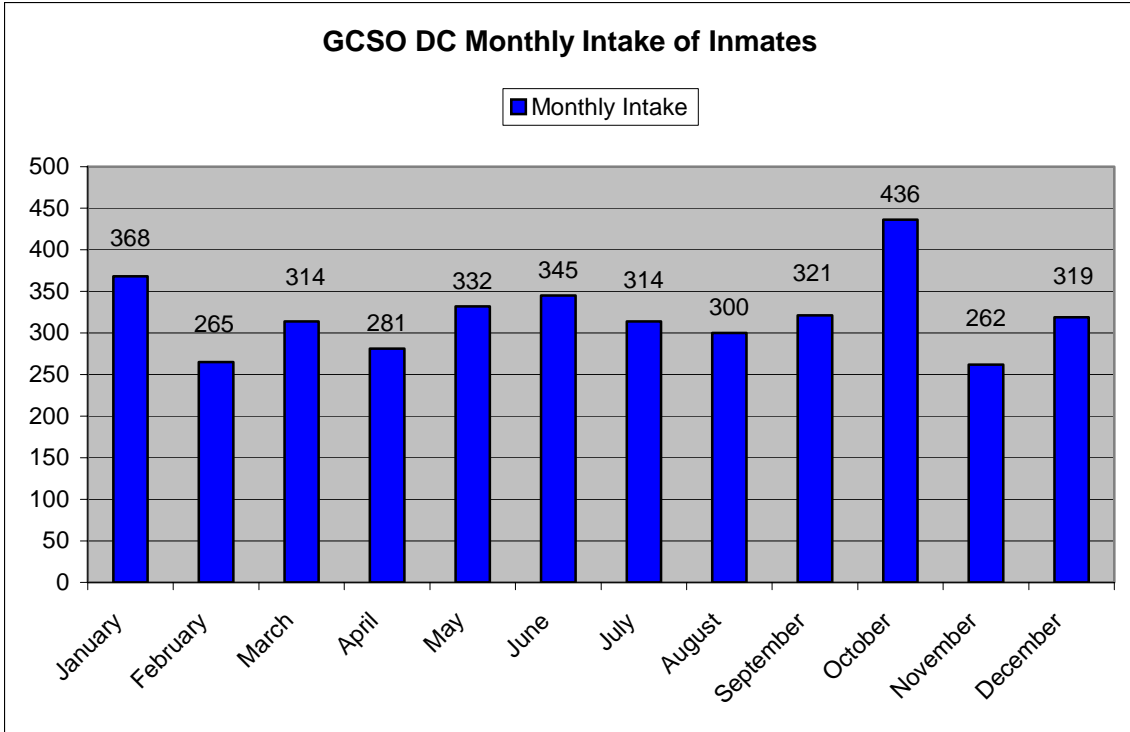
The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office Detention Center received and booked 3,857 inmates in 2006, a 9.0% increase over 2005, for an average of 235 inmates a day and 321 inmates a month. The GCSO Detention Center also housed state and federal prisoners averaging 26 state inmates a month, and 12 federal inmates a month.

Below is the break down of the monthly intake of inmates, daily intake and daily average population by month.

	Monthly Intake	Daily Average Population
January	368	199
February	265	194
March	314	204
April	281	197
May	332	186
June	345	203
July	314	224
August	300	216
September	321	227
October	436	244
November	262	236
December	319	229

Total inmate intake in 2006: **3,857**

Source: GCSO Detention Center



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Litter Crew/ Inmate Work Crews

The Georgetown County Detention Center Provides inmate work crews to assist in various operations throughout the county. Inmate work crews pick up litter along roadways in the county. Inmates also work at the county land fill, building maintenance, public works, environmental services, parks and recreation, vehicle maintenance, Andrew's Public Works, Andrew's Police Department, Georgetown City Police Department, Georgetown County Sheriff's Office, Mosquito Control, and Magistrate Court. The litter control crew collected 160,808 pounds of litter in 2006. This was 54,920 lbs more litter collected than in 2005 (52% increase). Below is a monthly breakdown of litter pick up.

January	8,500 lbs
February	10,260 lbs
March	17,690 lbs
April	20,640 lbs
May	24,510 lbs
June	12,280 lbs
July	12,220 lbs
August	9,300 lbs
September	11,968 lbs
October	10,280 lbs
November	9,660 lbs
December	13,500 lbs
Total	160,808 lbs

VI. Year 2007 Outlook

The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office will continue to provide effective law enforcement with the available resources. The Sheriff's Office is committed to meet the following Challenges:

- Provide efficient and effective law enforcement services
- Continue to generate a high level of crime clearance rates
- Maintain low numbers of traffic fatalities through traffic enforcement
- Continue to manage the budget by practices which promote fiscal responsibility
- Continue the safe schools program
- Maintain high levels of drug enforcement by continuing partnerships with local, state, and federal agencies
- Maintain the litter enforcement and clean up program throughout the county
- Continue to expand the Community Oriented Policing(C.O.P.S.) program by continuing to have all deputies perform C.O.P.S. duties.
- Maintain readiness for hurricanes and other natural and man-made disasters
- Continue to manage the Homeland Security Program for Georgetown County

The Georgetown County Sheriff's Office will meet the above challenges with the assistance and support of the citizens and government of Georgetown County.