

Burglaries in Austin
Summary Response
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Investigation Process

- 911 or 311 call received
- Officer or Property Crime Tech enters initial report
- After Records review, report forwarded to Region Detectives (decentralized)
- Detectives and Crime Analysts search reports looking for patterns and serial suspects
- Property Interdiction Team monitors pawn shops, metal recycling, and other venues for fencing stolen goods

Burglary Statistics

Residential and non-residential	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Count	7,285	7,467	8,031	8,586	8,753	8,749
Rate per 100,000 residents	1,051	1,052	1,120	1,139	1,138	1,130
Clearance rate	7%	7%	7%	7%	5%	5%
Average loss	\$1,576	\$1,491	\$1,546	\$1,559	\$1,607	

Property Crime Scene Techs

- 14 Property Crime Technicians
- Work 3 shifts, 7 days a week
- Respond to 35-45% of burglary crime scenes (limited due to availability of personnel)

Region Detectives

- Each of the 4 Regions have 17 Detectives
- Roughly 95% of all burglary reports are assigned to a detective.
- About 5% result in follow-up/arrest
- 90% are lacking leads, witnesses, or other information that would identify a suspect

Serial Burglars

- Detectives and Crime Analysts review all burglary crime reports
- Pool information in databases that can be analyzed and mapped geographically.
- Monitor information on fingerprints/DNA and other information from the scene (MO).
- Monitor pawn information for patterns.
- Clear as many cases as possible by questioning arrested suspects regarding their activity.

Questions