

# Crime Update 2005: Blaby District



**There were fewer offences recorded by the police in Blaby District in 2005 than in any of the three previous calendar years. There were no notable increases in any crime category, whilst there were large reductions in the categories of theft of vehicle, theft from vehicle, burglary dwelling and theft.**

The trend lines (right) show the number of recorded offences in Blaby District for the last four calendar years. The total number of offences is shown separately at the top and then selected crime categories are shown below that, ranked by the number of offences recorded in 2005 (highest at the top).

All recorded crime has fallen considerably in 2005, down by 10% compared to the previous year and was lower in 2005 than in any of the previous three years.

The upward trend for assault was reversed in 2005 with a decrease of 13% from 2004 to 2005.

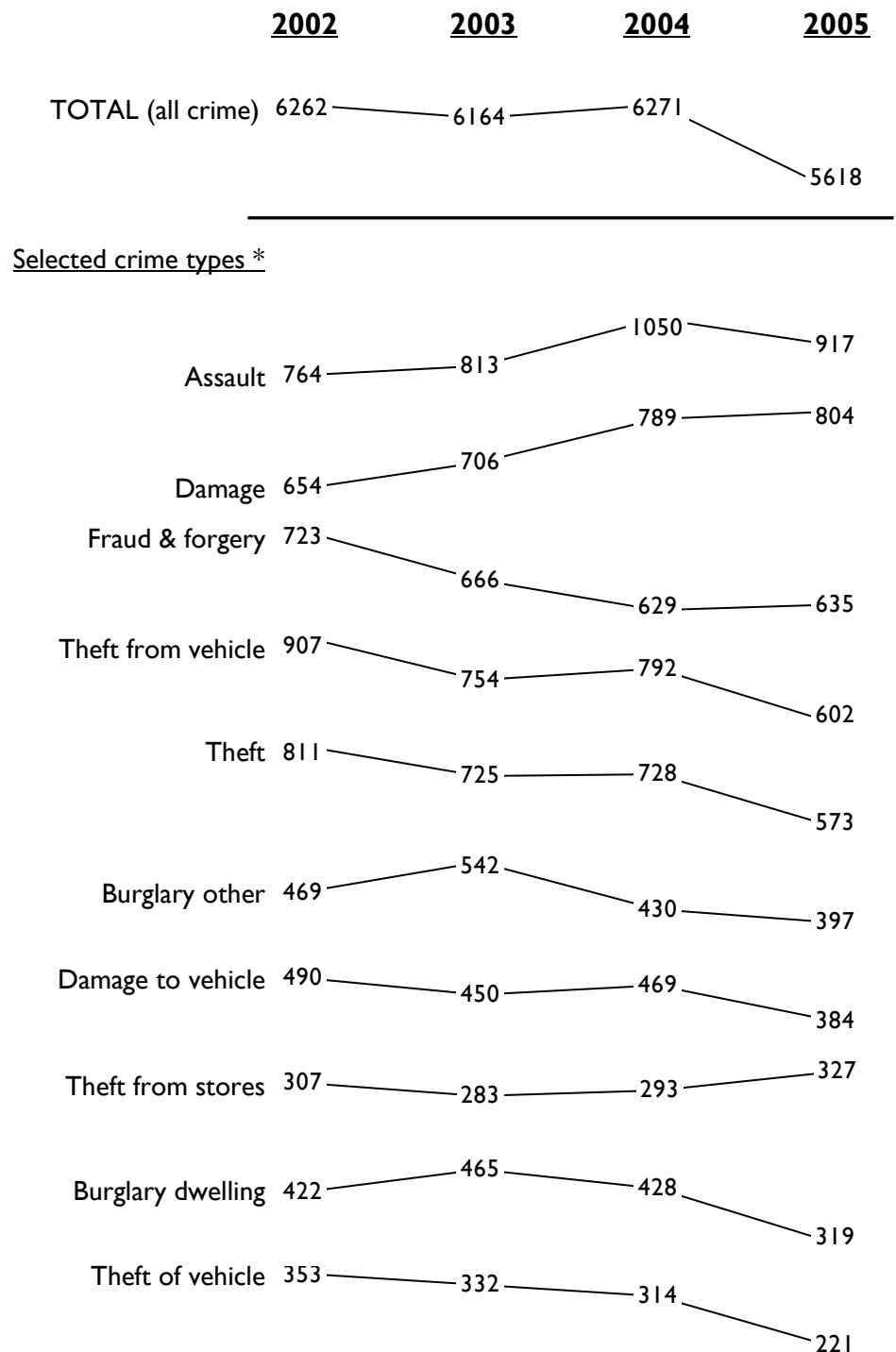
There was a very slight increase in 2005 for damage offences and fraud & forgery, however, the circumstances differ markedly. Previously, damage had increased year-on-year between 2002 and 2004, whereas fraud & forgery offences had fallen over the same period.

There has been a substantial fall in vehicle crime in 2005: theft from vehicle down a quarter (24%), theft of vehicle down almost a third (30%) and damage to vehicle down by a fifth (19%).

Theft has fallen each of the last three years, with the biggest fall in 2005 - down a fifth (21%).

There were reductions in burglary other and burglary dwelling, both recording the lowest total number of offences in 2005. For burglary dwelling the number of offences recorded fell by over a quarter (26%) from 2004 to 2005.

The number of offences recorded each year for theft from stores has remained around the same level over this four year period, though there was a slight increase in 2005.



Source: Leicestershire Constabulary, CIS

\* Not all categories which contribute to the total crime figure are shown here. This is a selection of the major contributory crime categories.

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