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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **2008 CRIME RATE DECREASE**

On June 1, 2009, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) released its preliminary annual uniform crime report publication, "Crime in the United States."

In 2008, the estimated number of index crimes reported by the City of Plano was 8734, a .8 percent increase when compared to 2007. The City of Plano's Crime Rate was 32.87 crimes per 1000 population, a 1.4 percent decrease when compared to 2007. Violent crime decreased 13.3 percent per 1000 population while property crimes decreased .41 percent per 1000 population.

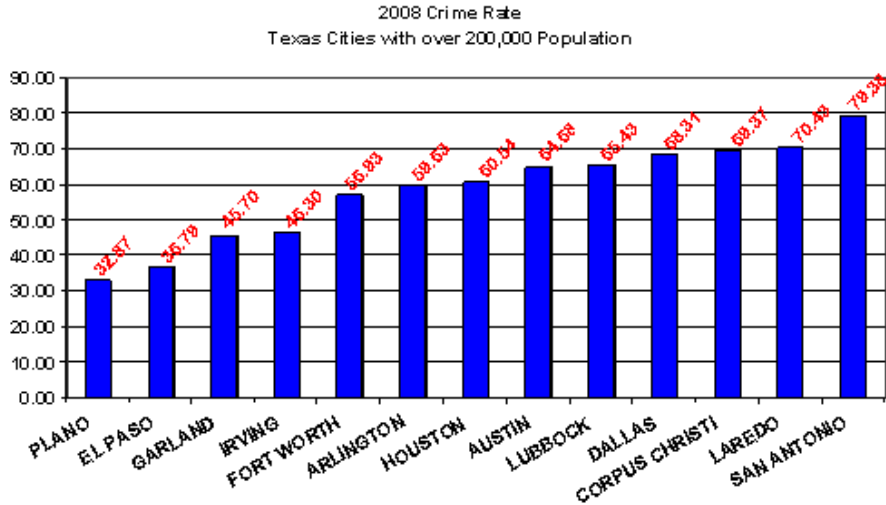
Comparing the City of Plano to cities with population over 200,000, Plano ranked ninth in population and had the lowest crime rate of the 13 cities. Cities included in this category were Arlington, Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Garland, Houston, Irving, Laredo, Lubbock, Plano, and San Antonio. In 2008, the major crime rate of these cities combined was 62.08 crimes per 1000 population, which is a 4.2 percent decline from 2007.

The chart below compares the 2008 Crime Rate for the 13 cities with populations over 200,000.

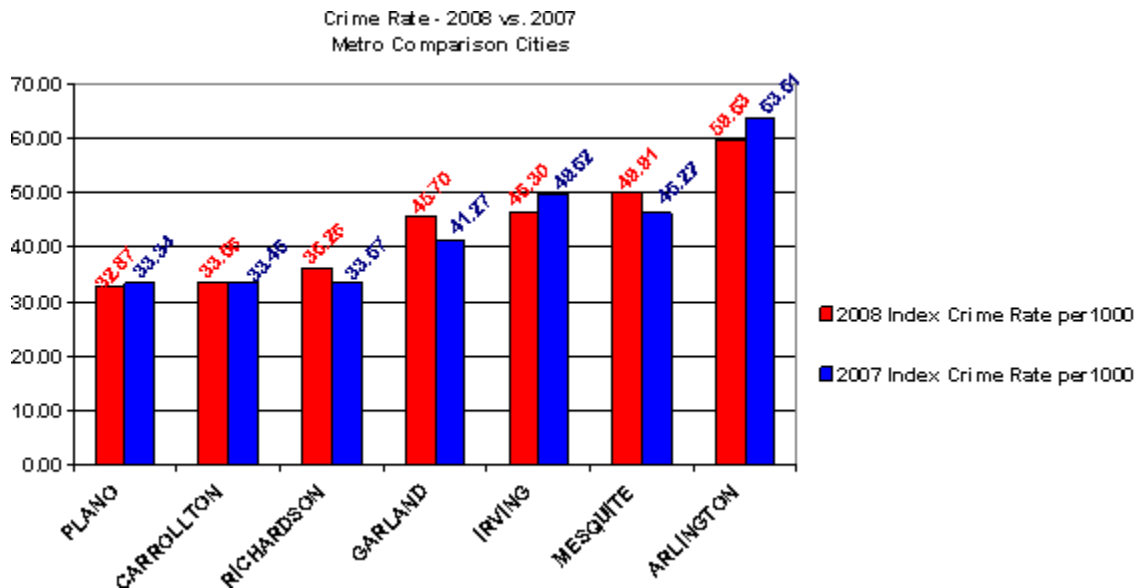


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When compared with the metro comparison cities of Arlington, Carrollton, Irving, Garland, Mesquite, and Richardson, the City of Plano ranked second in population and had the lowest crime rate during 2008. The 2008 major crime rate of the comparison cities combined was 45.73 per 1000 population, which is a .4 percent decrease when compared to 2007. The following chart compares the 2008 and 2007 Crime Rates for the similarly situated comparison cities.



This analysis and comparisons of the 2008 crime rate is based on information reported by the FBI in its preliminary annual uniform crime report publication, "Crime in

the United States”; and the Texas Department of Public Safety publication, “2008 Crime in Texas. Data found in this report may differ slightly with data previously reported and published by the department due to counting methods used by the FBI and the Texas Department of Public Safety. The eight index crimes include both crimes against persons (murder, criminal sexual assault, robbery, aggravated battery and aggravated assault) and crimes against property (burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson).

Crime statistics are available on the Department's web site at:

<http://www.plano.gov/Departments/Police/CrimeStatistics/Pages/default.aspx>.

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