

VIOLENT CRIME IN CHICO

CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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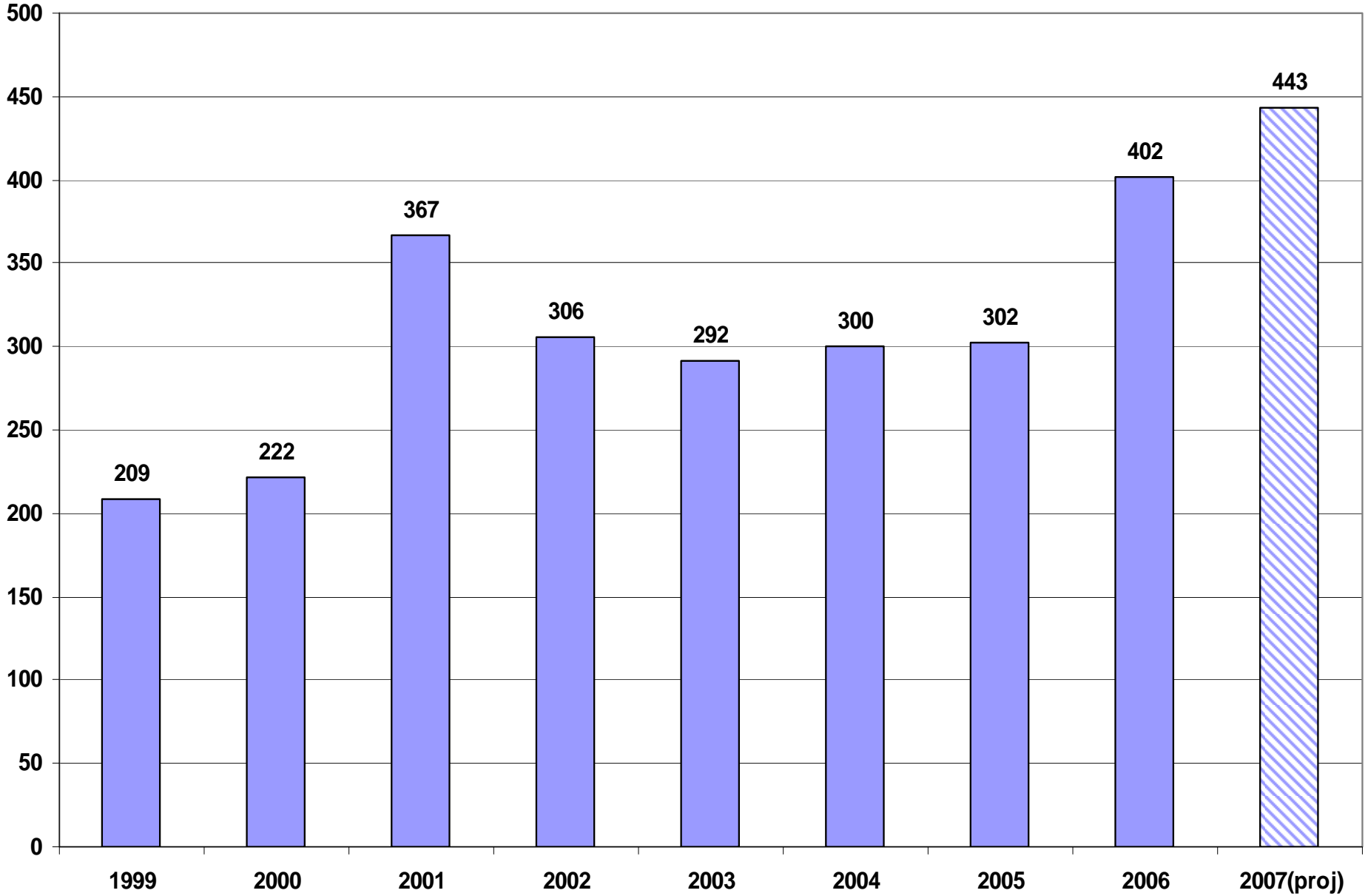
OVERVIEW

- VIOLENT CRIME DEFINED
- HISTORICAL TRENDS
- RECENT EVENTS
- POTENTIAL FACTORS
- ACTION PLAN - Short Term Plan
 - Long Term Plan

What is “Violent Crime”?

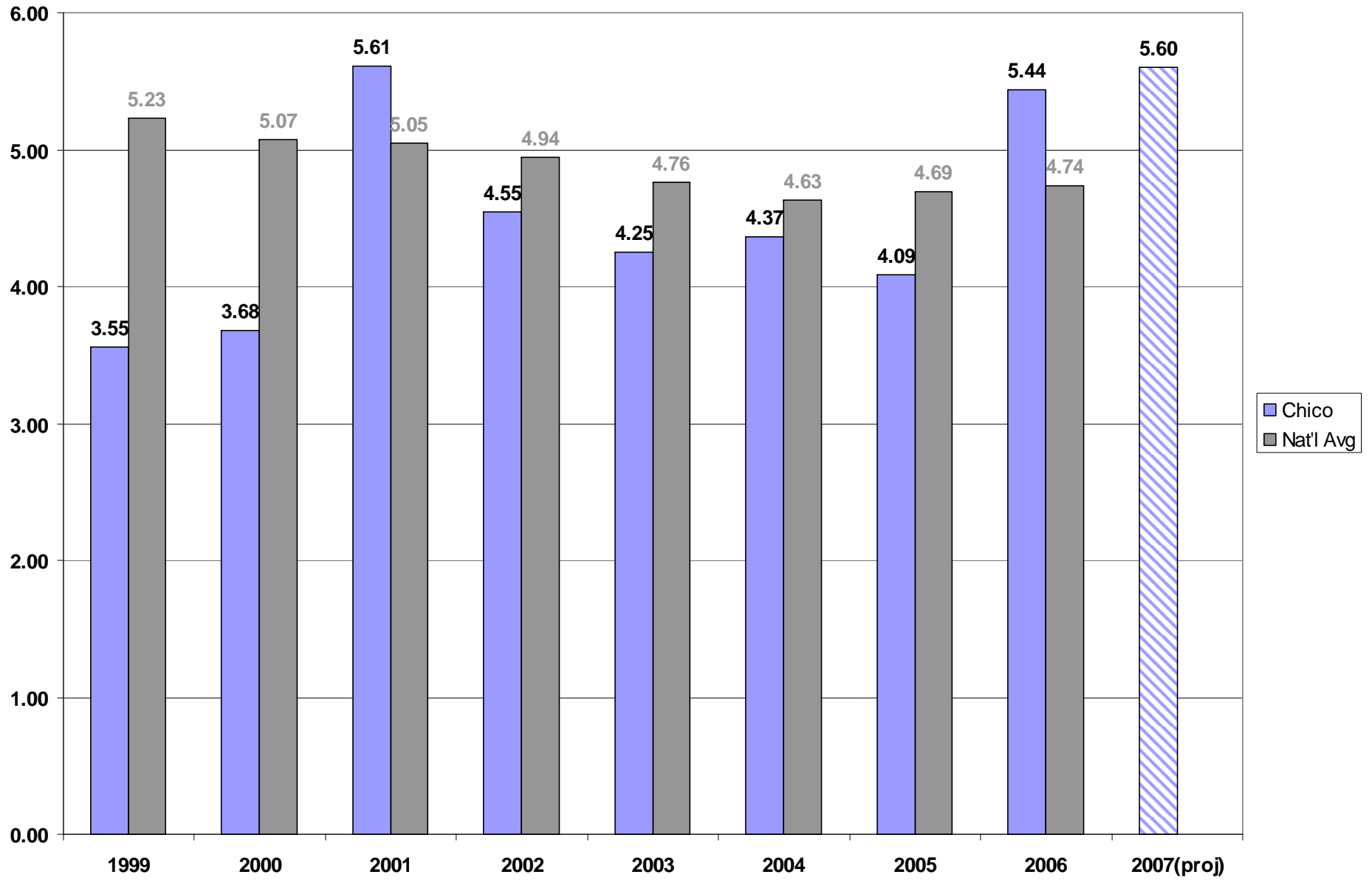
- Homicide
- Rape
- Robbery
- **Aggravated Assault** (intended to produce aggravated or serious bodily injury)

Violent Crimes By Year



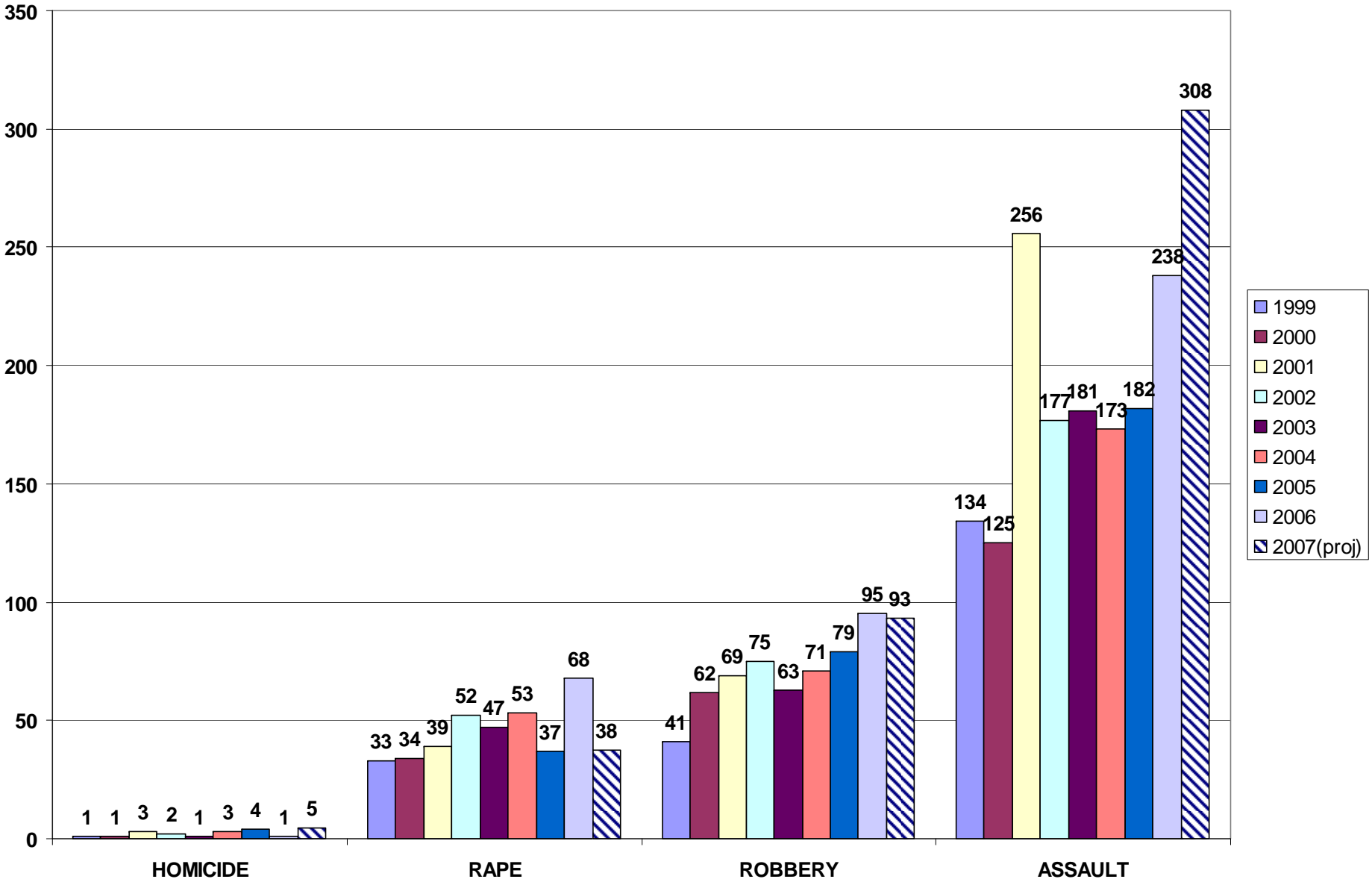
Yes, Chico is growing but in recent years crime is outpacing population growth – Total violent crimes have almost doubled since 1999

Violent Crimes Per 1000 Population By Year



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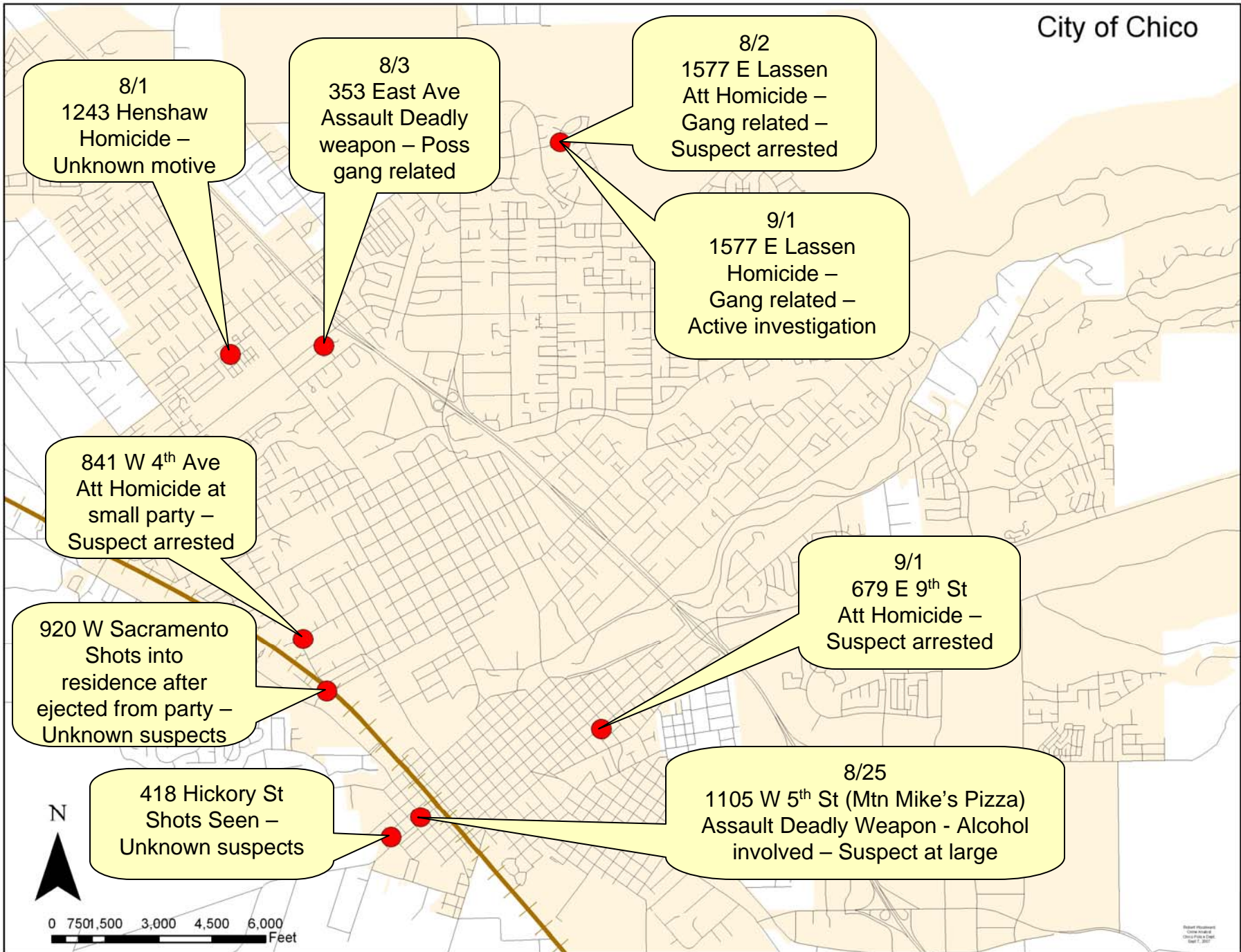
Violent Crimes By Type & Year



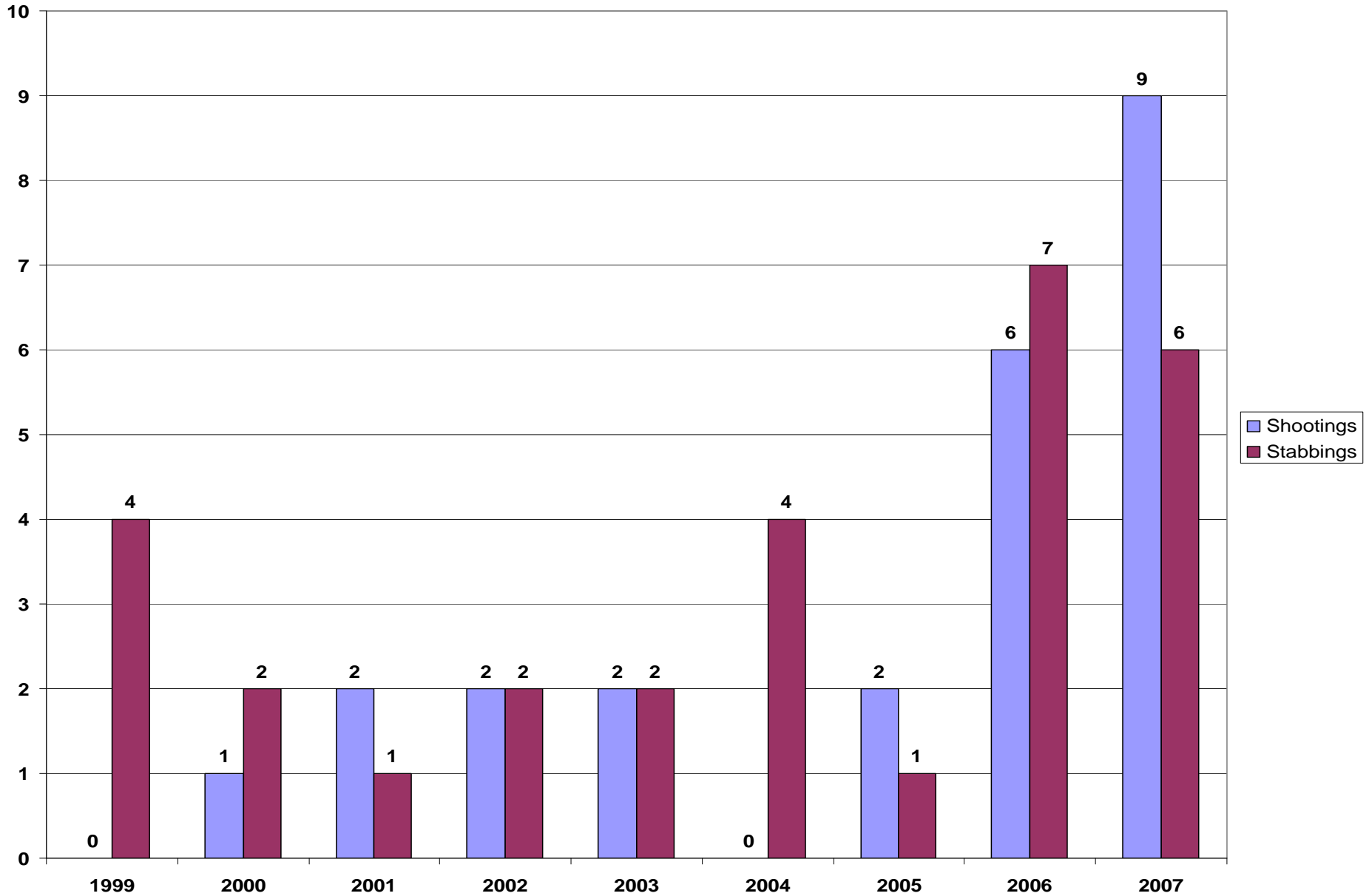
What are the trends in each crime type?

- Generally increasing
- Significant increases in 2006 in all categories
- Expected high levels or increases in all categories except Rape in 2007

Recent Shootings



Shooting & Stabbing Calls For Service (8/1 to 9/7) By Year



Possible Factors

- Growth – 44% increase in population since 1999
- Increased gang activity – 900 documented gang members or associates in Chico
- Parole issues
- Increased number of guns used in criminal activity
- Inadequate staffing in Detectives & specialized enforcement units

Advances

- In 2007 the Street Crimes Unit has made 281 arrests (64 major cases) and performed 366 parole & probation searches
- 164 guns removed from street in 2006, 73 in 2007 (to date)

Setbacks

- Time for an officer to arrive at a call has increased (31% since 1999)
- Calls for service, criminal incidents, and population have all increased. Sworn officer ratios have decreased while calls taken per officer has increased
- Projected violent crime numbers for 2007 show an increase of 15% over 2006

Action Plan – Short Term

- Priority focus is crimes of violence against persons
- Zero tolerance for fighting
- Redirect Street Crimes unit to focus on gang & gun related crimes

Action Plan – Long Term

- Encourage mutually beneficial efforts with Parole, Probation, and other area law enforcement agencies
- Continue to pursue implementation of 10 year staffing plan