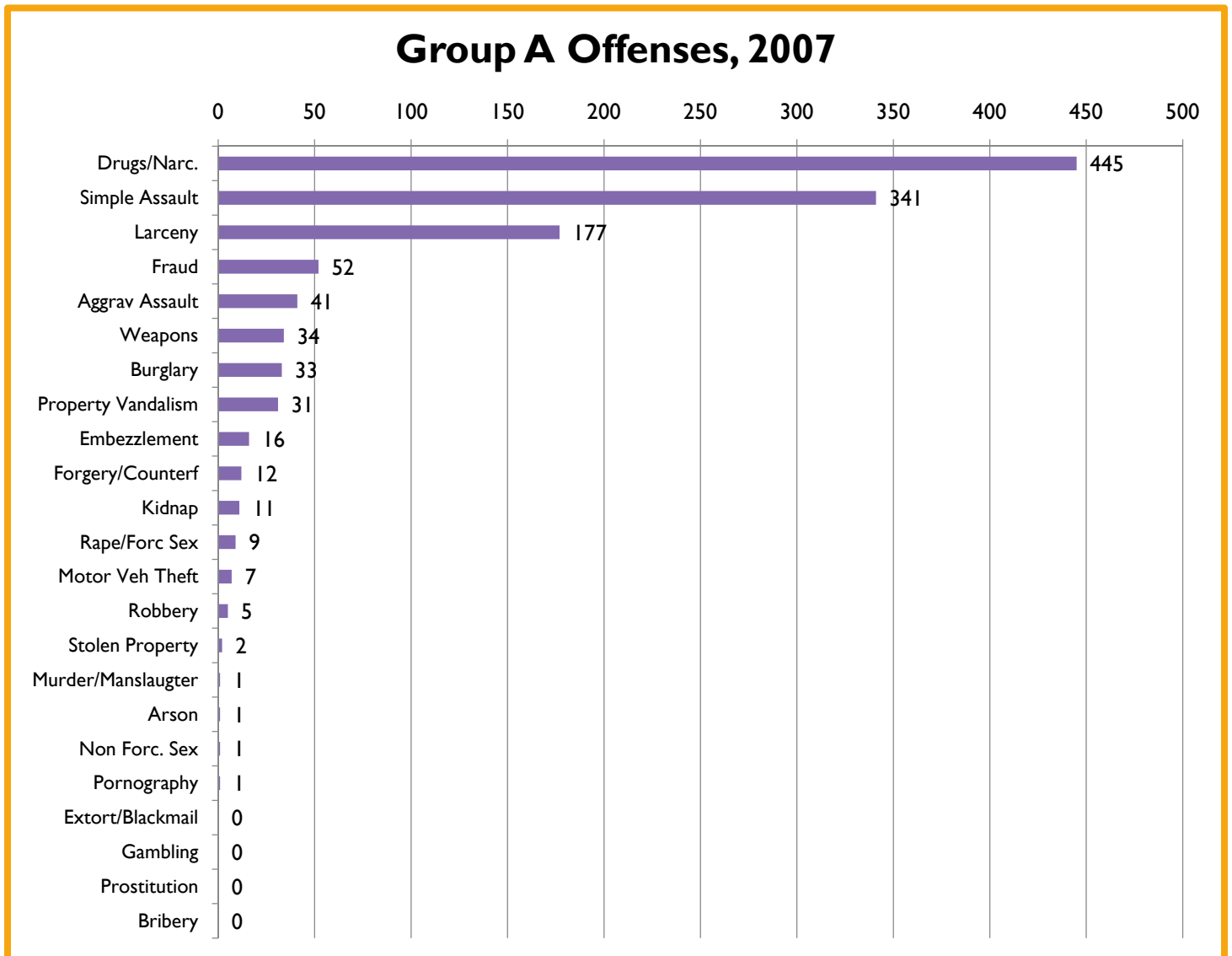


## Drug and narcotic offenses are the most common in Roanoke County



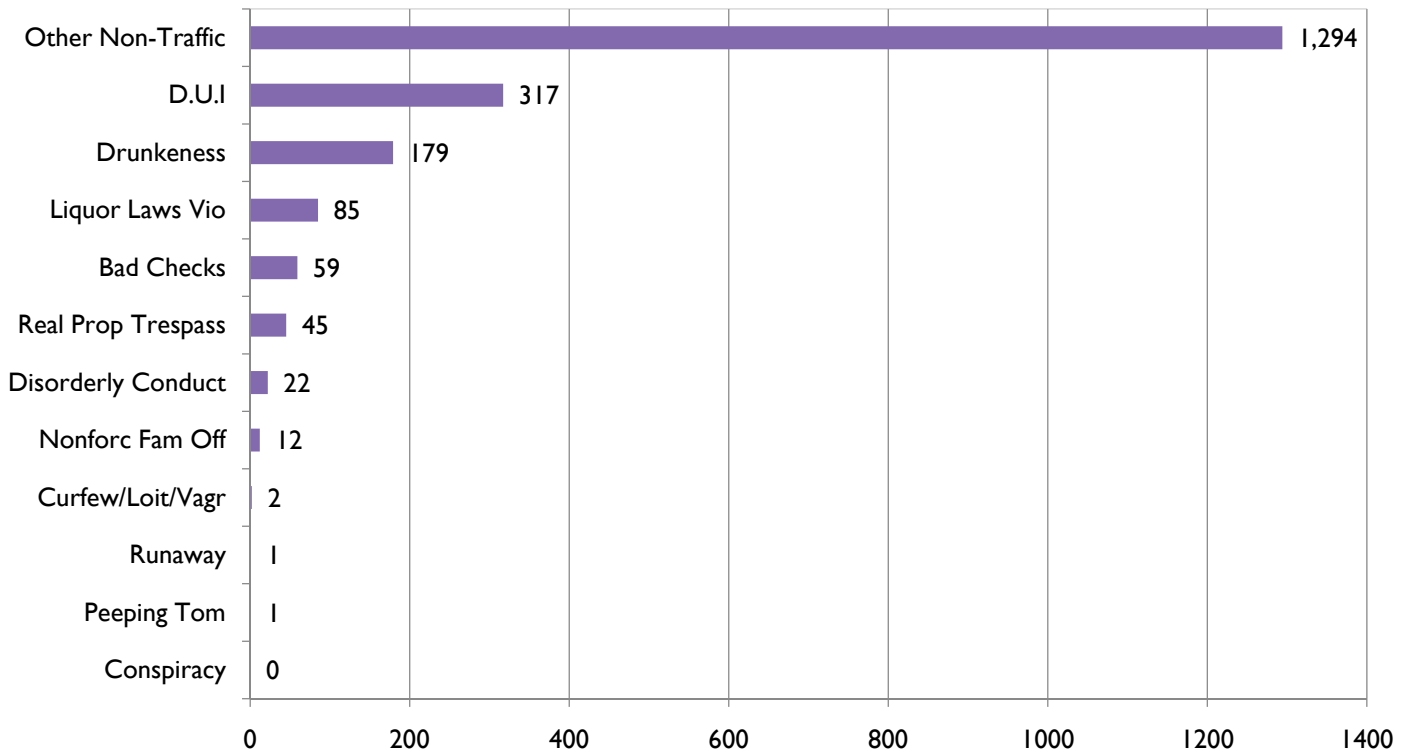
Source: Virginia State Police, 2008

The Roanoke County Police Department maintains crime statistics and annually submits data to the Virginia State Police. Data is published through the Incident Based Reporting – Uniform Crime Report system. Crime is categorized into “Group A” (violent and more serious offenses) and “Group B” (less serious offenses).

Group A includes the following offenses: murder and non-negligent manslaughter; kidnapping; rape and other forcible sex; robbery; aggravated assault; simple assault; arson; extortion; burglary; larceny; motor vehicle theft; forgery and counterfeiting; fraud; embezzlement; stolen property; vandalism; drugs and narcotics; nonforcible sex; pornography; gambling; prostitution; bribery and weapons violations.

In regard to trends in Group A offenses reported (a broader category than actual arrests) from 2000 through 2007, the total number of incidents reported by police varied from 2,427 in 2000 to 3,406 in 2003 to 3,083 in 2007. The most frequently reported offense was simple assault with larceny close behind. 2002 and 2003 were the most active years for those two crimes during the eight-year period.

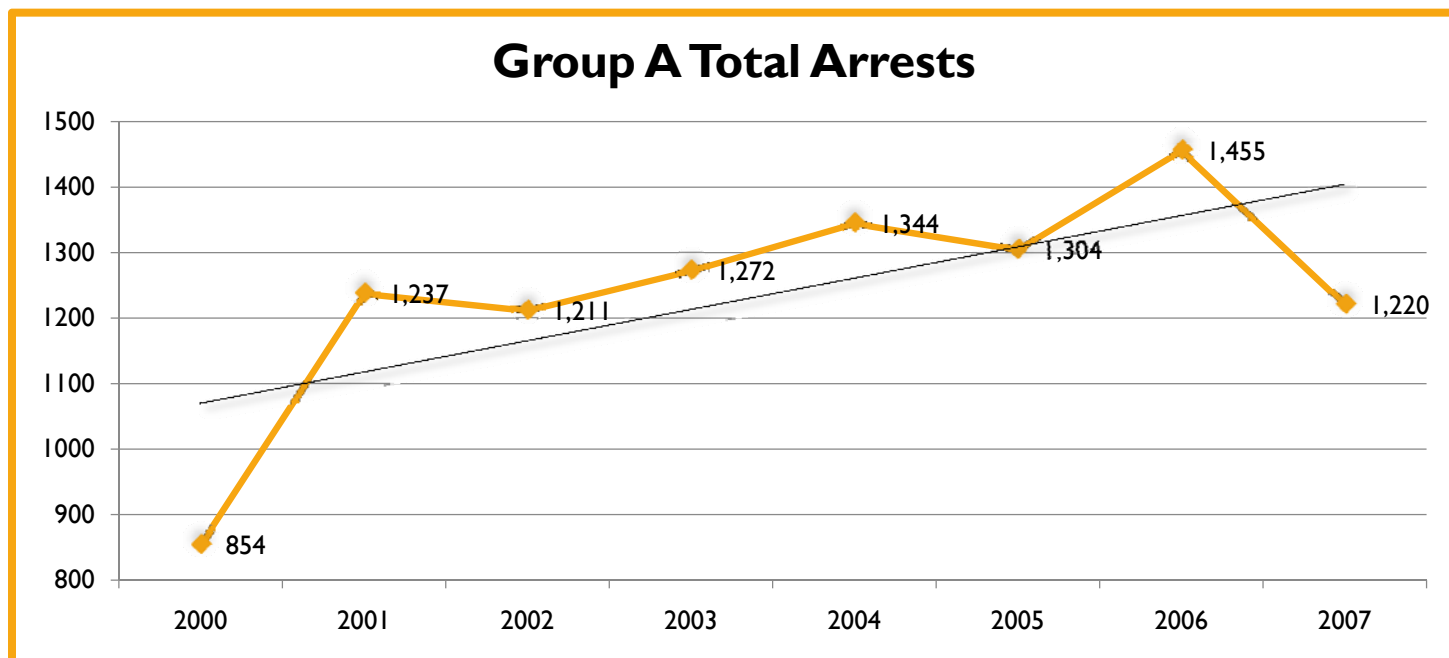
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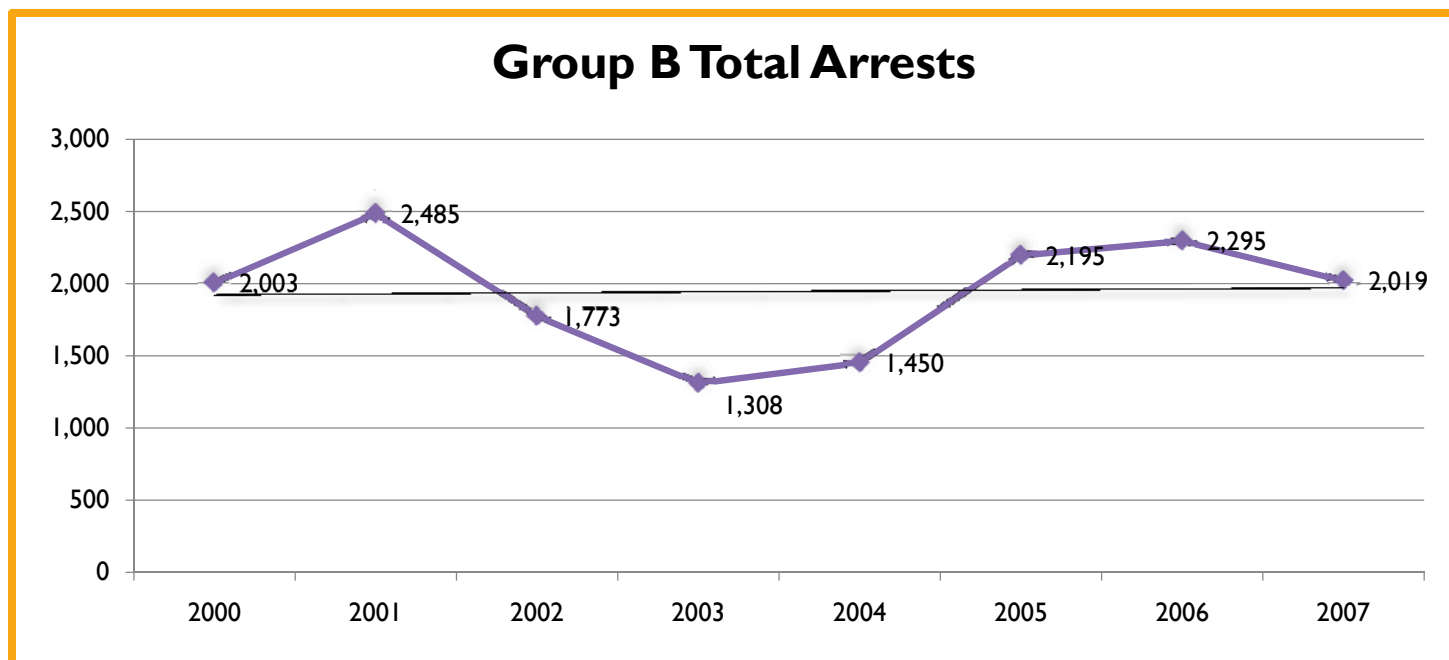
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Group B includes the following offenses: bad checks; curfew, loitering and vagrancy; disorderly conduct; driving under the influence; drunkenness; nonforcible family offense; liquor law violations; peeping tom; runaway; property trespassing; conspiracy, and other non-traffic offenses. That final category includes (but is not limited to) such widely varying offenses as animal cruelty and nuisance, failure to appear in court, violation of protective orders and other court orders, and solicitation without proper permits.

**Group A Arrests** have varied from 2000-2007, yet see an overall increasing trend, whereas **Group B arrests**, also varied, show neither an increase nor a decrease.



Source: Virginia State Police



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Staff combined juvenile and adult arrest statistics to arrive at total arrest figures. Most Group A juvenile arrests fell into the larceny, simple assault and drug categories. Group B data indicates liquor law and disorderly conduct as the most likely arrests involving juveniles over the period. The most common Group A adult category arrests were also larceny, simple assault and drug violations. Since 2002, the leading arrest categories for adult Group B offenses were driving under the influence, drunkenness and liquor law violations. In 2000 and 2001, bad check crimes were the third most frequent violation (ahead of liquor law arrests). Adults accounted for slightly over 93 percent of all Group A and Group B arrests throughout the period.