

# Windham County Sheriff's Office



## OVERVIEW OF BURGLARIES IN VERNON

# What is a burglary?



- 13 V.S.A. § 1201 (in part)
  - A person who enters any building or structure knowing that he or she is not licensed or privileged to do so, with the intent to commit:
    - ✦ a felony
    - ✦ petit larceny
    - ✦ simple assault
    - ✦ unlawful mischief

# Disclaimer



**THE FOLLOWING ANALYSIS IS NOT A CAUSATIVE ANALYSIS OF BURGLARIES. IT IS INTENDED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY.**

**SOME DATA SOURCED HAS NOT BEEN SUBJECT TO NECESSARY DATA VALIDATION PROCESSES AND MAY DEVIATE UPON REVIEW AND AUDIT.**

# WCSO Quick Stats



- **Number of reported burglaries**
  - Year-to-date: 2
    - ✦ July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017
    - ✦ July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017
  - Number of reported burglaries in 2016: 12
  - Number of reported burglaries in 2015: 3
  - Number of reported burglaries in 2014: 5
- **Case status**
  - 7 cases have been closed
    - ✦ 5 cases by the arrest of the offender(s)/or issuance of an arrest warrant
    - ✦ 2 by cases were solved and the offender was identified. The victim declined to cooperate any further upon learning who the offender was
  - 4 cases are pending results from the Vermont Forensic Laboratory
  - 11 cases remain active investigations

# Vermont Crime Information Center

## Burglaries in Windham County

2004-2014



Row Labels	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Grand Total	2010 Est. Population	Average burglaries/year	Rate per 100 people
Athens	1		2	2	2	3	2		1	6	5	24	442	2.4	0.54
Bellows Falls Village	16	13	9	16	10	7	7	16	19	10		123	3148	12.3	0.39
Brattleboro	51	34	65	48	65	108	83	95	60	99	52	760	12046	76.0	0.63
Brookline		1	3	1	4			6	2		3	20	522	0.2	0.04
Dover	24	12	14	11	28	13	19	14	25	15	14	189	1124	18.9	1.68
Dummerston	3	4	16	6	10	17	9	6	6	10	2	89	1864	8.9	0.48
Grafton	7	3	3	6	3	3	10	12	6	5	3	61	679	6.1	0.90
Guilford	12	6	8	8	4	12	11	4	11	10	11	97	2121	9.7	0.46
Halifax		3	7	2	4	5	1	2	3	4		31	679	3.1	0.46
Jamaica	2	3	7	9	5	3	4	11	11	7	5	67	1035	6.7	0.65
Londonderry	16	8	7	6	8	14	14	31	19	9	4	136	1769	13.6	0.77
Marlboro	3	6	13	2	19	4	5	4	5	12	5	78	1078	7.8	0.72
Newfane	4	2	13	2	18	5	8	18	14	15	6	105	1726	10.5	0.61
Putney	8	3	10	11	18	10	10	25	7	6	1	109	2702	10.9	0.40
Rockingham	26	26	17	37	18	23	39	37	47	20	13	303	5282	30.3	0.57
Somerset	1						1	2	1			5	3	0.5	16.67
Stratton	3	8	6			2	1	9	3	3	2	37	216	3.7	1.71
Townshend	4	3	6	8	13	7	8	7	3	2	1	62	1232	6.2	0.50
Vernon(39)	3	3	2		2	4	4	10	2	8	8	46	2206	4.6	0.21
Wardsboro	8	4	9	4	2	4	3	11	10	15	3	73	900	7.3	0.81
Westminster	14	11	12	16	20	30	13	39	12	23	8	198	3178	19.8	0.62
Whitingham	3	8	6	8	5	11	3		2	3	4	53	1357	5.3	0.39
Wilmington	21	6	11	25	10	9	18	6	9	11	18	144	1876	14.4	0.77
Windham	5	2	8	4	3	2	6	11	1	4		46	419	4.6	1.10
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>2856</b>	<b>47604</b>		<b>1.34</b>
<b>Grand Averages</b>													<b>1984</b>	<b>11.83</b>	<b>0.59</b>

(1) Jurisdiction may be categorized by County, Town, Sectors (specialized reporting areas), Vermont State Police Troop Areas, and Vermont State Police Station Areas.  
 (39) Vernon PD failed to contribute NIBRS data in 2007. Please refer to the general note on Jurisdiction.

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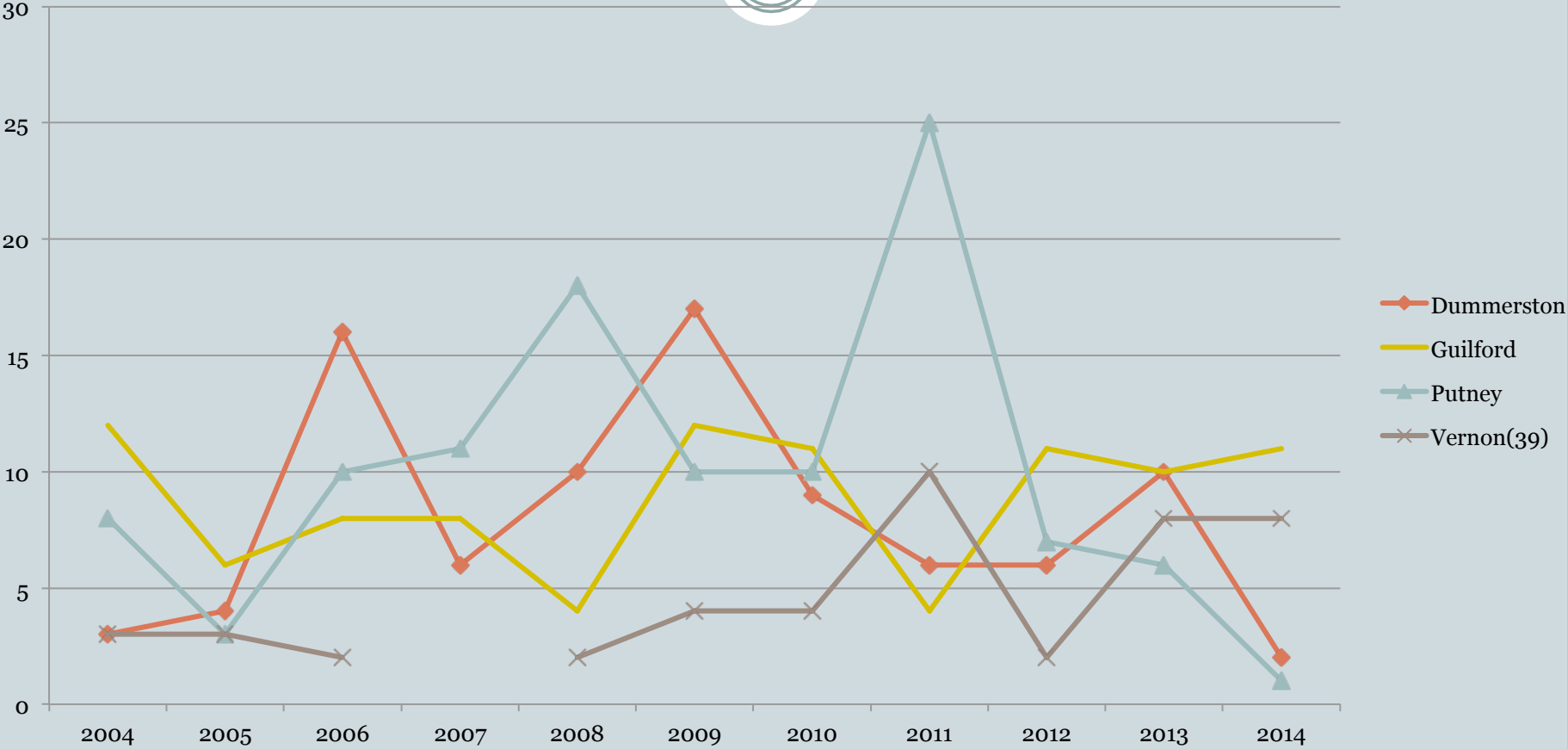
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# Reported Burglary Cases, Windham County 2004-2014\*



\*Preliminary data provided for Vernon by WCSO

# Trends Observed



- Compared to other towns in Windham County, based on population (per 100 people):
  - Vernon has the second lowest average burglary rate (.21 burglaries per 100 people).
  - Brookline has the lowest (.04 burglaries per 100 people)
  - Dummerston ranks 8 (.48 burglaries per 100 people)
  - Guilford ranks 7 (.46 burglaries per 100 people)
  - Putney ranks 5 (.40 burglaries per 100 people)



# Trends Observed



- Ignoring population, Vernon ties for sixth lowest burglaries based on average burglaries per year
  - Brookline = .2 burglaries per year
  - Somerset = .5 burglaries per year
  - Athens = 2.4 burglaries per year
  - Halifax = 3.1 burglaries per year
  - Stratton = 3.7 burglaries per year
  - Vernon & Windham = 4.6 burglaries per year

# Prevention Techniques



- Secure doors and windows in cars and homes
- Don't discuss travel plans on social media before or during travel – post your pictures after!
- Develop relationships with neighbors you trust to watch the neighborhood – report suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Office immediately

# Prevention Techniques



- Everyone's needs are different. Consider environmental and technological options that suit your needs:
  - Trim bushes/improve visibility of house from publically visible locations
  - Exterior lighting reduces risks of night-time burglaries
  - Photograph your valuables (recommended: photograph of the full object, any distinguishing marks, serial numbers, make & model). Helps capture stolen goods that are being transacted/pawned, helps solve other crimes, helps with insurance)

# Prevention Techniques



## ○ Camera systems

- ✦ Low-cost and high-cost systems available
- ✦ Different types of storage: “edge” storage (or storage on the camera), NVR (network video recorder – stores video for all attached cameras in one spot) while others use “cloud” storage, immediately saving data onto the Internet. Pick what is right for you
- ✦ DIY systems, commercially available, subscriptions services and professional installers are all readily available
- ✦ Variety of options, including motion detection, facial recognition, thermal imaging, noise detection, push notifications to cell phones, two-way talk, etc. Options effect cost

# Prevention Techniques



- Alarm systems
  - ✦ Low-cost and high-cost systems available
  - ✦ DIY systems, commercially available, subscriptions services and professional installers are all readily available
  - ✦ Variety of options (window alarms, door alarms, motion alarms, sirens, etc.)
  - ✦ WCSO responds to alarms (reported by a caller, or a monitoring station) in Vernon. No cost or registration is required for response