



Did you know that...

...out of the 1,858 reported crimes in Region IX, only 83.80 percent were solved?

Data from the Philippine National Police (PNP) Region IX revealed that in 2008, only 83.80 percent or 1,557 cases out of the total 1,858 crimes committed in Region IX were considered solved. This is a worse scenario as compared to 2006 and 2007 where the crime solution efficiency rates (CSER) were 91.7 percent and 90.6 percent, respectively (Table 1).

Table 1. Total Crime Volume and Crime Solution Efficiency Rate, Region IX by Province/City: 2005-2008

Province/ City	Total Crime Volume				Crime Solution Efficiency Rate			
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2005	2006	2007	2008
Zamboanga del Norte	377	366	494	550	95.8	95.1	92.3	87.09
Zamboanga del Sur	649	526	577	484	92.1	86.7	90.3	81.82
Zamboanga Sibugay	209	210	277	347	90.0	88.1	85.6	85.88
Zamboanga City	1,164	1,055	827	477	95.2	93.1	91.5	80.50
REGION IX	2,399	2,157	2,175	1,858	94.0	91.7	90.6	83.80

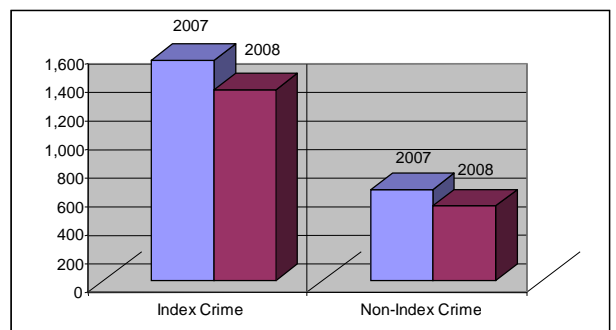
Source of data: Philippine National Police (PNP), Region IX

Among the provinces in the Region in 2008, Zamboanga del Norte recorded the highest CSER with 87.09 percent, while Zamboanga City had the lowest with 80.50 percent. Zamboanga del Norte consistently registered the highest CSER from 2005 to 2008.

The province of Zamboanga Sibugay showed a consistent increase in the number of reported crime/cases from 2005 to 2008 while Zamboanga City, on the other hand, showed a decreasing number of crimes committed.

The number of reported crimes in Region IX decreased by 14.57 percent from 2,175 total crimes in 2007 to 1,858 in 2008. Relatedly, reported index crimes decreased from 1,544 in 2007 to 1,336 in 2008. The non-index crimes likewise dropped from 631 to 522.

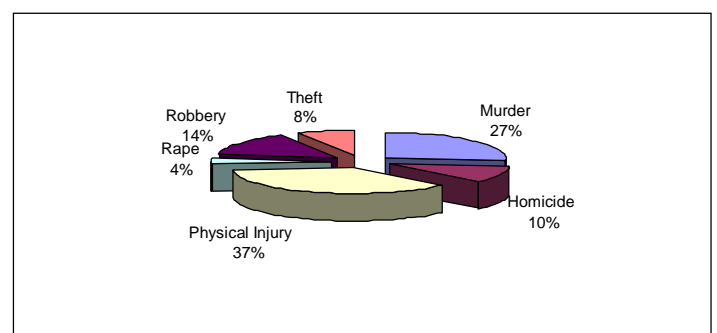
Figure 1. Index and Non-index Crime, Region IX: 2007-2008



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Among the index crime in 2008, physical injuries comprised the biggest percentage share at 37 percent (492 cases). This was followed by murder and robbery with 27 percent and 14 percent, respectively. Meanwhile, 10 percent of the total index crimes were homicide. The two least committed index crimes were theft and rape, which comprised 8 percent and 4 percent, respectively

Figure 2. Percentage distribution of Index Crimes, Region IX: 2008



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There are two types of crimes in the Philippines, index and non-index crimes that both showed a positive decreases. As defined, index crimes refer to those crimes that are suitably significant and which occur with suitable regularity to be meaningful while all other types of crimes that are not considered as index crime are non-index crime. Included under index crimes are murder, homicide, robbery, physical injury, theft and rape.

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