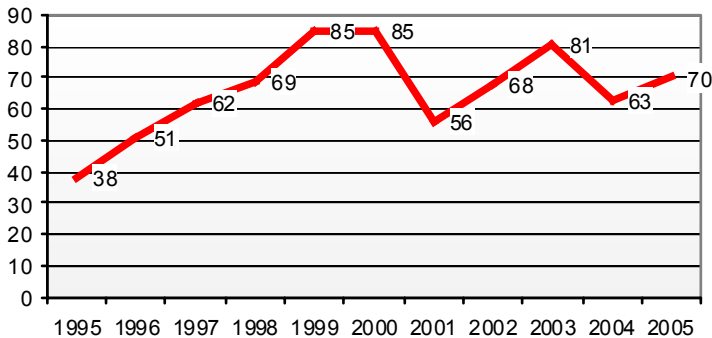




Rape Cases in the Cordilleras Increase in 2005

Figure 1 Number of Rape Cases in CAR:
1995 - 2005



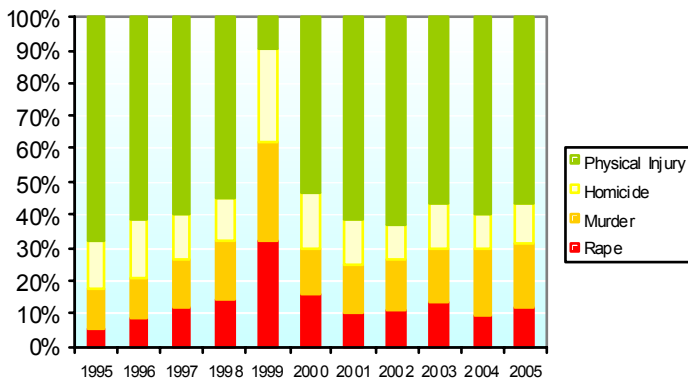
Source of Basic Data: Police Regional Office - Cordillera

In 2005, seventy rape cases were reported to the Philippine National Police (PNP) in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR). This represents an 11.0 percent increase over the previous year. On the average, almost 6 women are being raped every month in CAR based on 2005 PNP reported rape cases.

From 1995 to 2005, reported rape cases in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) showed an increasing trend from 38 cases in 1995 to 70 cases in 2005. During the decade, reported rapes dropped substantially by 34.1 percent and 22.2 percent in 2001 and 2004 respectively. Reported cases were again on the rise in 2005 (see Figure 1).

In 2005, the percentage of rape offenses to total crimes against persons in CAR was 12.3 percent. The region reached a high of 32.0 percent in 1999 during which 85 cases were recorded (see Figure 2). The other offenses classified by the PNP as crimes against persons are murder, homicide and physical injury.

Figure 2 Percent Distribution of Crimes Against
Persons in CAR: 1995 - 2005



Source of Basic Data: Police Regional Office - Cordillera

Table 1. Number of Rape Cases and Percentage to Total
Crimes Against Persons by Province: 1996 and 2005

PROVINCE	1996		2005	
	Number	Percent to Total Crimes vs Persons (%)	Number	Percent to Total Crimes vs Persons (%)
CAR	50	8.7	70	12.3
Abra	4	6.0	15	11.3
Apayao	2	6.3	2	4.0
Baguio City	22	9.5	3	1.8
Benguet	9	15.3	18	23.1
Ifugao	6	7.5	12	18.2
Kalinga	5	6.6	2	4.5
Mt. Province	2	6.3	18	51.4

Police records further reveal that in 1996, Baguio City contributed almost half or 44.0 percent of the region's total reported rape offenses. Nine years later, the city along with the provinces of Kalinga and Apayao, reported the least number of rape cases in CAR. In 2005, Baguio was the lowest in terms of percentage to total crimes against persons (see Table 1). In contrast, Mt. Province and Apayao each reported the least number of cases or 4.0 percent of all CAR cases in 1996. By 2005 however, the number of cases recorded in Mt. Province grew nine times to reach 18 cases while Apayao maintained the same number of cases. Mt. Province and Benguet had the highest number of reported rapes with 18 cases each. In 2005, Mt. Province was the highest in the region in terms of percentage of rape cases to total crimes against persons.

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