

# Dave Reichert: Record on Criminal Justice

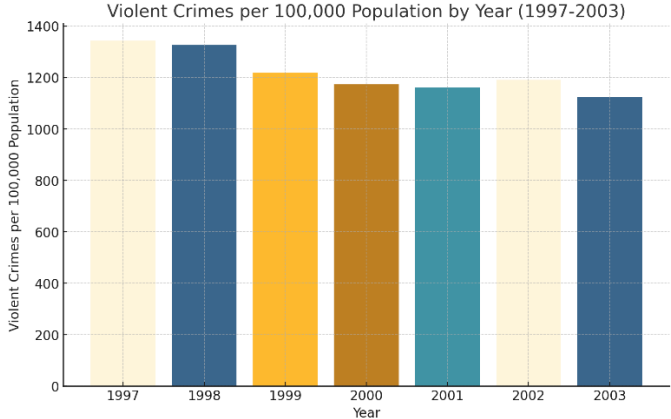


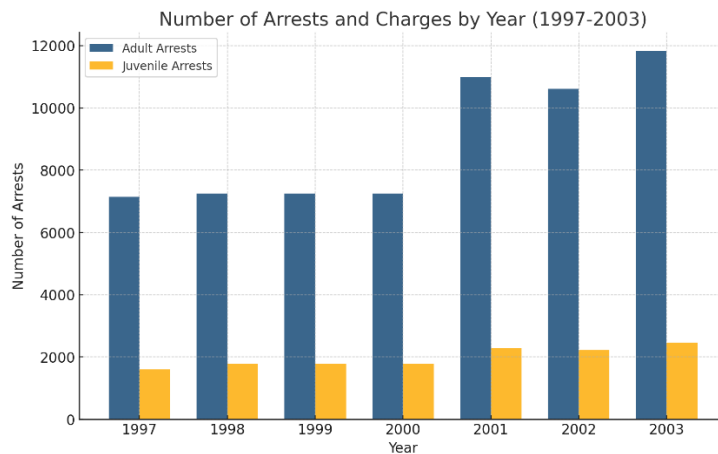
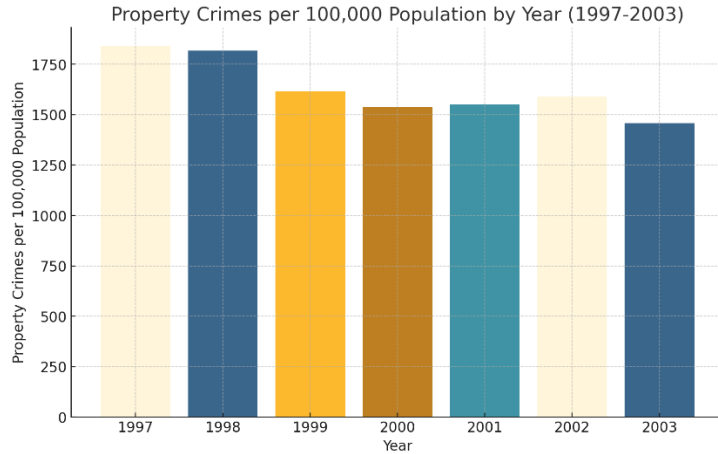
Understanding a candidate's true stance on crime can be challenging, especially during political campaigns where rhetoric often caters to public opinion. While Dave Reichert's current positions are detailed on his [campaign website](#), his extensive career in law enforcement and as a legislator provides a clearer picture of his track record and actions.

Dave Reichert served as King County Sheriff from 1997 to 2004 before being elected to Congress, where he served from 2005 through 2018. Throughout his career, Reichert has consistently promoted a "tough on crime" approach, earning a reputation as a centrist and moderate candidate.

During his tenure as King County Sheriff, data from the Annual Report of the King County Sheriff's Department demonstrated a downward trend in both violent and property crimes, suggesting that his policies were effective in reducing crime rates. Moreover, the number of arrests increased, reinforcing Reichert's stance on holding individuals accountable, which appears to be validated by these statistics.

For more detailed statistics, you can explore data from the [Office for Justice website](#)





[Data from the Office for Justice programs](#)

## Legislative Record on Criminal Justice

During his time in Congress, Reichert's track record emphasized protecting victims, deterrence and punishment. He supported legislation that increased penalties for offenders, enhanced law enforcement capabilities, and focused on public safety measures. This aligns with a more traditional "tough on crime" stance, prioritizing stricter enforcement and harsher sentences, and protecting victims.

Reichert supported several key pieces of criminal justice legislation, reflecting his commitment to maintaining law and order. Below is a selection of the bills he backed, underscoring his focus on crime prevention and public safety. For a more comprehensive view, additional voting records can be explored through the links provided at the end of this section.

- Preventing Sex Trafficking and Improving Opportunities for Youth in Foster Care Act (HR 4058): Aimed to protect foster youth from sex trafficking and enhance their safety.
- Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act: Supported efforts to reauthorize this critical act to combat domestic violence.
- Gang Abatement and Prevention Act: Focused on preventing gang violence and strengthening law enforcement capabilities.
- First Step Act of 2018 (S. 756): A significant criminal justice reform bill designed to reduce recidivism and reform sentencing laws.
- Opioid Crisis Response Act of 2018 (H.R. 6): Addressed the opioid epidemic through comprehensive prevention, treatment, and law enforcement measures.
- Community Safety and Security Act of 2018 (H.R. 6691): Enhanced penalties for certain crimes to bolster community safety.
- Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act: Advocated for improved tracking and registration of sex offenders.

[More detailed information found here.](#)

## Dave Reichert – Additional Resources on Crime

**Voting record:** These resources are great for looking into a candidates voting record

- [On The Issues](#)
- [This website](#) gave Reichert a score of 90% for being tough on crime. There were no higher scores than 90%

### **Police Reform Work as Congressman**

- [Politico](#)

### **Campaign website and articles**

- [Reichert's campaign website on the issues](#)
- [Chronline](#)
- [Article about status quo on crime.](#)

### **Videos**

- [C-Span](#)
- [Instagram](#)