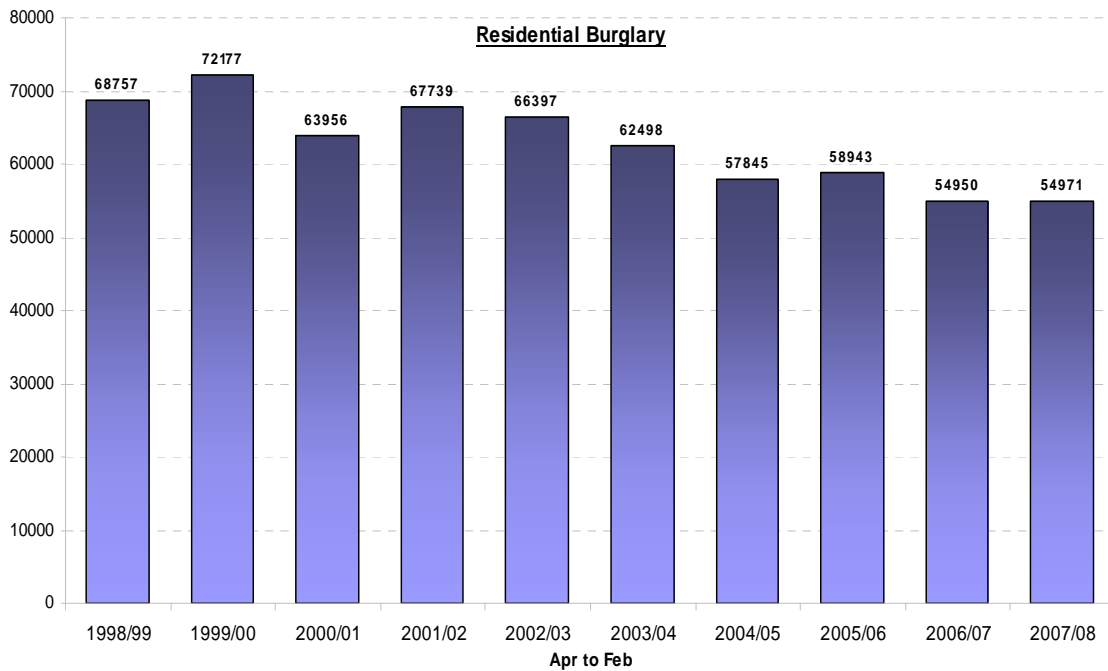


RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

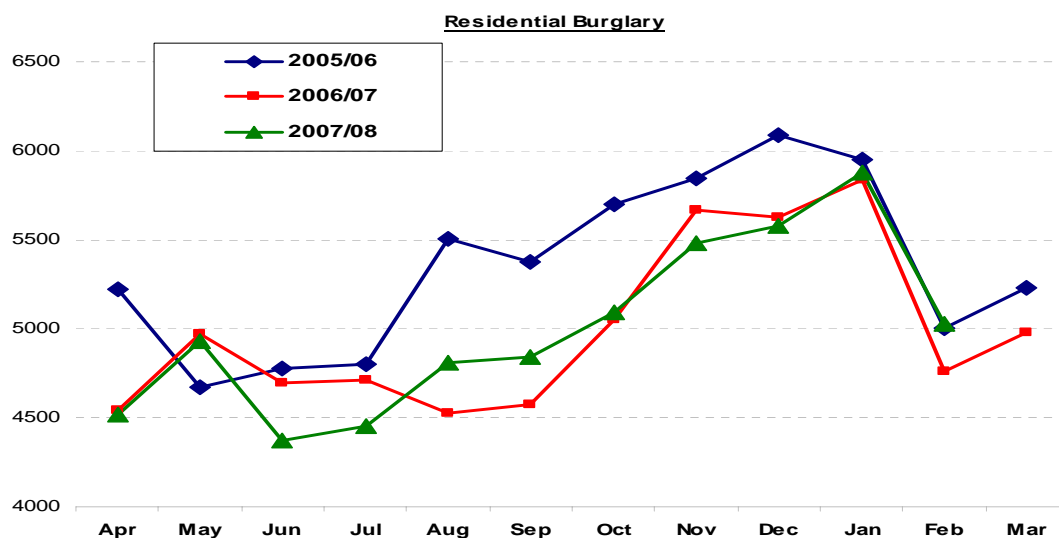
Financial year trends

Residential burglaries have generally fallen over the last ten years. The performance to year to date shows a negligible rise of 0.04% (an additional 21 offences) and may have even been a decrease had this not been a leap year.



Monthly trends

Month on month trends for the last 3 financial years show seasonal cycles which go up in the winter but drop in the summer.



Tackling burglary

The following are some of the initiatives being run in the MPS:

Operation Safer Homes started on 24 October 2007 with the aim of reducing residential burglary throughout the MPS. Additional funding and resources were used to carry out proactive operations and execute warrants with the support of TSG, Traffic, TP crime squads and SCD4 prioritising forensic marks found at burglary scenes. The operation is due to run until the end of the performance year.

Payback Fortnight ran across London from 25 February until 7 March. The aim was to publicise operational successes under the Proceeds of Crime Act to deter and disrupt acquisitive criminals and criminal networks, particularly domestic burglars and their handlers. This led to 64 arrests, £1.3 million detained through 101 cash seizures and 51 court results over the fortnight where £2.3 million worth of forfeitures and confiscations were ordered by the courts.

Tower Hamlets was engaged in a 'Burglary Day of Action' on 28 February 2008 where early morning raids took place against suspected burglars and those believed concerned with handling stolen goods.

On 28 and 29 February, Southwark and Lewisham, with the support of TSG, CO19 and the Dog units, carried out Operation Onecote to target burglars and drug dealers. Fifteen people were arrested.

Sanction Detections

The sanction detection rate for residential burglary is lower than in 2006/07 (14.1%% vs. 18.8%). This is mainly as a result of a large number of TICs in 2006/07 due to a few individuals. The number of TICs is 35% lower than last year whereas the number of charges is only 3% lower.