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# Fact Sheet

## Recent Trends in Murder Clearance Rates

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**A**lthough the United States has been enjoying a period of relatively low crime rates in recent years, an alternative measure of how well the police are doing is the crime clearance rate. Crimes can be cleared either through an arrest or by exceptional means, including having an offender who is known but dead, or one who is not available for arrest (i.e. out of the country)ODD"N2WRzGODNz2a0"RN//G"2v0/Rz9GO"/N9"WU[2y0NRND"G92e



Table 1: Average Murder Clearance Rates, 2001- 2003

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Percentage of Murders Cleared</u>
1. Baton Rouge	66.77
2. National Average	62.93
3. Group II Cities	59.3
4. New Orleans	56.67

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