



San Diego Sheriff's Department
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**Crime and Crime Rates
2009: Year-End Review**

Cities, communities and areas served by the San Diego Sheriff's Department for comprehensive law enforcement services had a nearly 13% drop in overall FBI Index Crime for 2009 when compared to 2008.

| Area | Index Crimes* | | | Crime Rate** | |
|---|---------------|--------|--------|---------------------------|------|
| | 2009 YTD | 2008 | % | 2009 YTD | 2008 |
| Sheriff's Jurisdiction <i>876,467 residents</i> | 17,068 | 19,583 | -12.8% | 19.5 | 22.6 |
| Contract Cities <i>423,367 residents</i> | 9,520 | 10,612 | -10.3% | 22.5 | 25.3 |
| Unincorporated Areas <i>453,100 residents</i> | 7,297 | 8,643 | -15.6% | 16.1 | 19.3 |
| Jails, Courts and Other | 251 | 328 | -23.5% | <i>no rate calculated</i> | |

* Index crime includes homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny theft, and motor vehicle theft

** Crime rate is the number of index crime per 1,000 residents; SANDAG's 2009 revised population estimates used for rate calculation

The crime rate was 19.5 when totaled for all areas served by the Sheriff, the lowest in over 25 years and below 26 per 1,000 residents, the 2009 crime rate for the entire San Diego region.

| FBI Index Crime | 2009 - 2008 % Change |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Homicide* | -23.5% |
| Rape | -8.2% |
| Armed Robbery | 7.9% |
| Strongarm Robbery | -1.8% |
| Aggravated Assault | 10.3% |
| Violent Crime | 7% |
| Residential Burglary | -12.3% |
| Non-Residential Burglary | -28.9% |
| Burglary Total | -19.9% |
| Larceny | -10.3% |
| Vehicle Theft | -28.7% |
| Property Crime | -16.5% |
| Total Part 1 Crime | -12.8% |

* 13 homicides in 2009, 17 homicides in 2008

Two categories of crime, armed robbery and assault, led overall violent crime up. A preliminary review revealed that robberies and assaults with guns dropped since 2008, while those reported involving other weapons or items used or threatened as weapons to commit the offenses increased. Across the population and areas served by the Sheriff, including the detention and court facilities, there were 24 more robberies and 217 more aggravated assaults in 2009 than in the previous year.

During 2009, there were 2,725 fewer property crimes reported than in 2008. Crime reductions in all property categories included 881 fewer burglaries and 922 fewer stolen vehicles. Property crime accounted for over 80% of all crime reported in the Sheriff's jurisdiction.

These crime statistics arise from about 10% of all patrol dispatched calls for service and assistance. For more information and a broader public safety and criminal justice context, visit www.sdsheriff.net.