



# San Diego Sheriff's Department

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## FBI Index Crime and Crime Rates 2009: January through September

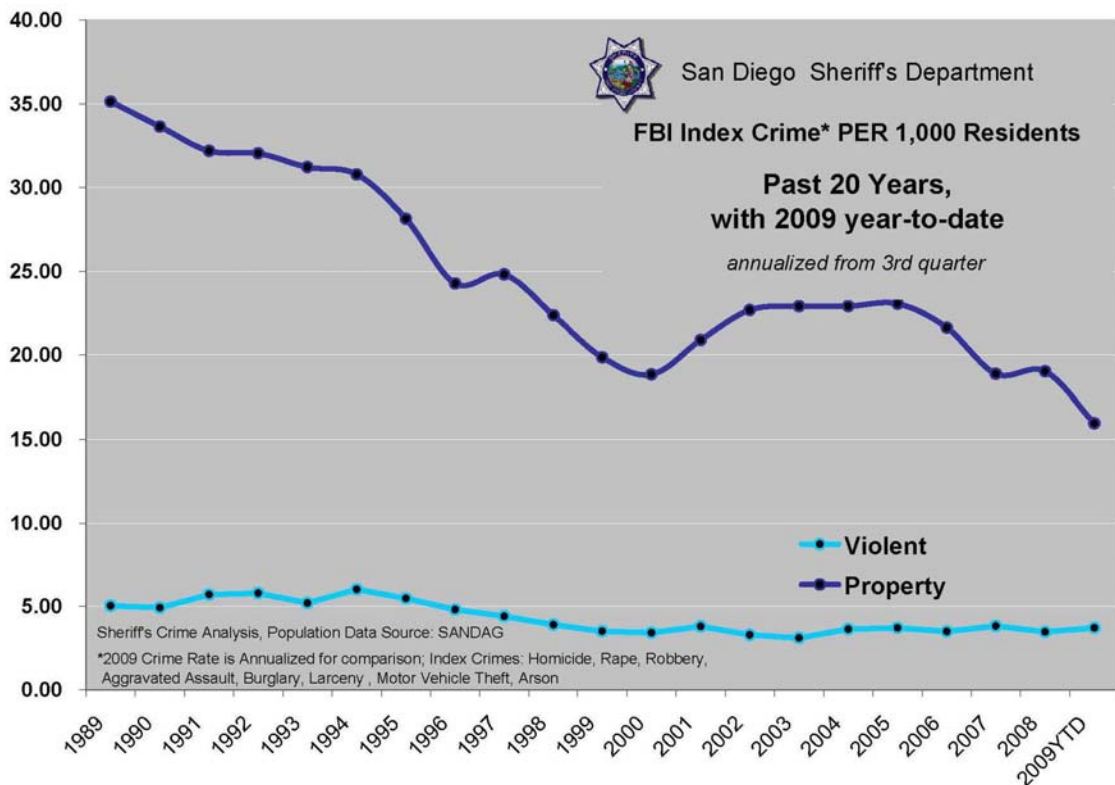
Cities, communities and areas served by the San Diego Sheriff's Department for comprehensive law enforcement services had a nearly 12% drop in overall FBI Index Crime for 2009 through September when compared to the same period in 2008.

Area	Index Crimes*			Crime Rate**	
	2009 YTD	2008	%	2009 YTD	2008
<b>Sheriff's Jurisdiction</b> <i>876,467 residents</i>	<b>12,929</b>	<b>14,679</b>	<b>-11.9%</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>22.8</b>
<b>Contract Cities</b> <i>423,367 residents</i>	<b>7,207</b>	<b>7,891</b>	<b>-8.7%</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>25.1</b>
<b>Unincorporated Areas</b> <i>453,100 residents</i>	<b>5,509</b>	<b>6,550</b>	<b>-15.9%</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>19.5</b>
<b>Jails, Courts and Other</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>-10.5%</b>	<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 is on track to be 19.7, the lowest in 25 years and below 30.9, the 2008 crime rate for all jurisdictions in the San Diego region. Violent and property rates are depicted below.



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*San Diego Sheriff's Crime Review, 2009: January through September*

Violent crime, while on track to be consistent with long-term crime rate trends, increased during the first nine months of 2009. Though there have been seven fewer homicides and 22 fewer rapes so far in 2009, robbery and aggravated assault have increased.

<b>FBI Index Crime</b>	<b>2009 - 2008 % Change</b>
Homicide	***
Rape	-13.1%
Armed Robbery	5.2%
Strongarm Robbery	3.5%
Aggravated Assault	21.9%
<b>Violent Crime</b>	<b>14.5%</b>
Residential Burglary	-14.5%
Non-Residential Burglary	-28.8%
Burglary Total	-21.1%
Larceny	-9.1%
Vehicle Theft	-29.6%
<b>Property Crime</b>	<b>-16.4%</b>
<b>Total Part 1 Crime</b>	<b>-11.9%</b>

Robberies, with both armed and strong-arm increasing evenly, occurred about once more every two weeks in 2009 than during the same period last year. The use of guns and knives has dropped so far this year, but other items used or threatened as a weapon has increased.

Aggravated assault increased so far this year, *while total assaults have dropped by 5.4%*. A higher proportion of assault reports were classified as aggravated, resulting in 317 more cases as an FBI Index Crime that otherwise may have been a simple assault. Consistent with robbery, gun-related assaults dropped while other items have been used or threatened as weapons at a higher rate in 2009.

Property crime, which edged up across the Sheriff's jurisdiction in 2008, has been on a downward trend throughout 2009. The Sheriff's Department's close collaboration with communities to engage in and support crime prevention efforts and to identify and address problems, coupled with a sustained increase in proactive narcotics enforcement, continue as strategies to combat property crime. Bringing technology to bear, a priority has been placed on identifying prolific residential burglars through DNA analysis, and enhanced mapping and analysis of known offenders in relation to emerging crime series and trends.

For more information on crime and crime prevention tips, visit the Sheriff's website, [www.sdsheeriff.net](http://www.sdsheeriff.net).