

Appendix Table 2  
 FBI INDEX CRIME RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION BY JURISDICTION  
 San Diego Region, 2000, 2003, and 2004

	2000	2003	2004	Change	
				2000-2004	2003-2004
Carlsbad	26.3	27.2	26.2	<-1%	-4%
Chula Vista	40.6	39.3	38.4	-5%	-2%
Coronado	17.9	24.0	26.4	47%	10%
El Cajon	40.2	50.4	49.2	22%	-2%
Escondido	38.2	40.7	45.0	18%	11%
La Mesa	38.1	41.1	43.0	13%	5%
National City	49.2	54.7	57.1	16%	4%
Oceanside	36.3	38.6	41.2	13%	7%
San Diego	37.9	41.9	40.4	7%	-4%
Sheriff - Total	22.3	26.1	26.6	19%	2%
Del Mar	51.3	58.1	46.1	-10%	-21%
Encinitas	23.5	24.9	22.4	-5%	-10%
Imperial Beach	32.5	36.0	39.1	20%	9%
Lemon Grove	33.3	38.2	42.4	27%	11%
Poway	17.6	18.7	18.2	3%	-3%
San Marcos	26.3	26.3	25.9	-2%	-2%
Santee	24.8	27.0	25.9	4%	-4%
Solana Beach	19.6	23.7	27.5	40%	16%
Vista	29.6	32.0	35.7	21%	12%
Unincorporated	18.6	24.0	24.3	31%	1%
Alpine	20.8	25.2	24.8	19%	-2%
Fallbrook	16.9	24.1	25.9	53%	7%
Lakeside	17.2	25.5	26.2	52%	3%
Ramona	12.6	21.1	15.1	20%	-28%
Spring Valley	21.8	24.9	28.8	32%	16%
Valley Center	13.0	28.3	24.1	85%	-15%
Other Unincorporated	19.8	23.0	23.3	18%	1%
TOTAL	33.6	37.2	36.9	10%	-1%

NOTE: The California Crime Index includes homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, and motor vehicle theft, and excludes larceny theft. Populations used to compute crime rates reflect the most current Department of Finance estimates.

SOURCES: California Department of Finance; SANDAG



# San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## MEDIA ADVISORY

### 2004 CRIME RATE INCREASE

Recently released Calendar 2004 FBI Index crime statistics (which include the crimes of homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny theft, and motor vehicle theft) for the Sheriff's jurisdiction indicate a 2% increase in the overall crime rate (crimes per 1,000 population). Based on date of occurrence, the overall crime rate actually **decreased** by 4.9%. Uniform Crime Rate reporting is based on the date the data was entered into the system and not on the date the crime occurred. Date of entry reporting is used to assure timely complete reporting. At the beginning of 2004, our department's expanded data entry staff made significant improvement in entering crime reports into the Automated Regional Justice Information System (ARJIS), which artificially inflated the numbers of crimes reported the first half of 2004, and the resulting total was likewise inflated.

The violent crime rate reported in 2004, as compared to 2003, based on date of "entry" appears to have increased 16.0 % in the Sheriff's jurisdiction. However, based on actual date of occurrence, the violent crime rate increased only 6.0 % for this same comparison period. The property crime rate actually **decreased** 6.3% based on occurrence date, while it appeared to decrease by only 0.3% when based on reporting date. We believe date of occurrence reporting is the most accurate means of conducting trend analysis.

Summary of **date of occurrence** analysis:

- Overall, within the Sheriff's jurisdiction, the FBI Index crime rate has dropped 4.9%.
- The FBI Index violent crime rate has increased by 6.0 % not 16.0%. The majority of the actual increase can be attributed to an increase in reported robberies. The aggravated assault rate was also up slightly by 5.5%. The rape crime rate by date of occurrence was down 22.8%, rather than an increase of 5.9% by date of reporting.
- The property crime rate in the Sheriff's jurisdiction has decreased by 4.9 %, with the largest decrease of 18.7% in the burglary crime rate.

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As an illustration, 1,781 aggravated assault cases were reported in the Sheriff's jurisdiction during 2003. However, based on actual date of occurrence, 1,683 aggravated assaults were committed during that time frame. Looking at the 2004 reported aggravated assault cases, of 2,096 entered into the ARJIS database 1,809 cases actually occurred during this period. The aggravated assault crime rate based on date of reporting would indicate an increase of 15.5%, but the crime rate based on actual date of occurrence increased only 5.5%. (See charts on following pages)

We anticipate a records management system currently being developed by the Sheriff's Department and scheduled to be implemented by the fall of 2005 will help to reduce the data entry delay and resulting inaccuracies.

Example 1 – Shows the FBI Index Crimes and Crime Rate by date entered into the system.

**SAN DIEGO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
CRIMES BY TYPE OF OFFENSE  
ENTRY DATE**

<u>FBI INDEX CRIMES</u>	<u>CRIMES REPORTED</u>			<u>ANNUAL CRIME RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION*</u>		
	<i>JAN - DEC 2003</i>	<i>JAN - DEC 2004</i>	<i>PERCENT CHANGE</i>	<i>JAN - DEC 2003</i>	<i>JAN - DEC 2004</i>	<i>PERCENT CHANGE</i>
<b>VIOLENT CRIMES:</b>						
HOMICIDE	26	25	-3.8%	0.0	0.0	-5.6%
RAPE	178	192	7.9%	0.2	0.2	5.9%
ROBBERY	550	709	28.9%	0.7	0.9	26.5%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1,781	2,096	17.7%	2.2	2.5	15.5%
<b>TOTAL VIOLENT:</b>	2,535	3,022	19.2%	3.1	3.6	17.0%*
<b>PROPERTY CRIMES:</b>						
BURGLARY	5,387	4,832	-10.3%	6.6	5.8	-12.0%
LARCENY-THEFT	9,686	10,513	8.5%	11.9	12.6	6.5%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	3,676	3,709	0.9%	4.5	4.5	-1.0%
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY:</b>	18,749	19,054	1.6%	23.0	22.9	-0.3%
<b><u>TOTAL PART 1</u></b>	21,284	22,076	3.7%	26.1	26.5*	1.8%*

\*The discrepancy in percentage change (SANDAG 16%) is due to a difference in the rounding methodology.

\*The difference in crime rate (SANDAG 26.6) is due to population changes in the unincorporated areas caused by annexation.

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Example 2 – Shows the FBI Index Crimes and Crime Rate by actual date of occurrence.

SAN DIEGO SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
 CRIMES BY TYPE OF OFFENSE  
**OCCURRENCE DATE**

<u>FBI INDEX CRIMES</u>	<u>CRIMES REPORTED</u>			<u>ANNUAL CRIME RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION*</u>		
	<i>JAN - DEC 2003</i>	<i>JAN - DEC 2004</i>	<i>PERCENT CHANGE</i>	<i>JAN - DEC 2003</i>	<i>JAN - DEC 2004</i>	<i>PERCENT CHANGE</i>
<b>VIOLENT CRIMES:</b>						
HOMICIDE	27	25	-7.4%	0.0	0.0	-9.1%
RAPE	197	155	-21.3%	0.2	0.2	-22.8%
ROBBERY	558	674	<b>20.8%</b>	0.7	0.8	<b>18.5%</b>
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1,683	1,809	<b>7.5%</b>	2.1	2.2	<b>5.5%</b>
<b>TOTAL VIOLENT:</b>	2,465	2,663	<b>8.0%</b>	3.0	3.2	<b>6.0%</b>
<b>PROPERTY CRIMES:</b>						
BURGLARY	5,405	4,476	-17.2%	6.6	5.4	-18.7%
LARCENY-THEFT	9,805	9,962	<b>1.6%</b>	12.0	12.0	-0.3%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	3,646	3,556	-2.5%	4.5	4.3	-4.3%
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY:</b>	18,856	17,994	-4.6%	23.1	21.6	-6.3%
<b><u>TOTAL PART 1</u></b>	21,321	20,657	-3.1%	26.1	24.8	-4.9%

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