

## CRIME AND DELINQUENCY IN CALIFORNIA, 1999

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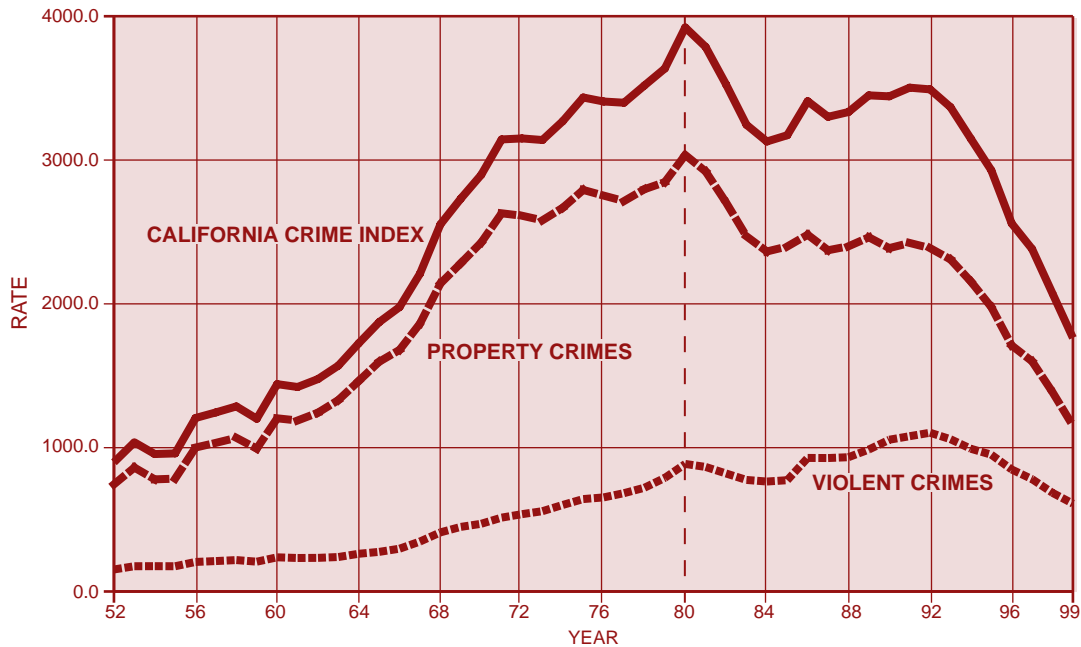
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### CALIFORNIA CRIME INDEX, 1952-1999

By Category

Rate per 100,000 Population



From 1998 to 1999:

- The California Crime Index (CCI) rate decreased 14.9 percent.
- The violent crime rate decreased 11.0 percent.
- The property crime rate decreased 16.8 percent.

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This publication contains data reported to the Department of Justice for the calendar year 1999. It compares rates for the periods 1998 and 1999. Since 1980 marked a high point for the California Crime Index (CCI), rates for the periods 1980 and 1999 are also compared. The more extensive report, *Crime and Delinquency in California, 1999*, will be published later this year.

Data depicting crime in California have been published continuously for 47 years. The first publication, *Crime in California*, was issued in 1953 and depicted data for the 1952 calendar year.

# CRIMES

**CRIMES, 1980, 1994-1999**  
**FBI AND CALIFORNIA CRIME INDEXES**  
 Number, Rate per 100,000 Population, and Percent Change

Year(s)	FBI Crime Index total	California Crime Index total	Violent crimes					Property crimes			Larceny- theft	Arson
			Total	Homicide	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggra- vated assault <sup>1</sup>	Total	Burglary	Motor vehicle theft		
1999 .....	1,276,264	600,167	207,874	2,006	9,443	60,027	136,398	392,293	223,828	168,465	661,643	14,454
1998 .....	1,432,062	694,015	229,766	2,170	9,777	68,752	149,067	464,249	268,847	195,402	723,733	14,314
1997 .....	1,584,441	784,831	257,409	2,579	10,182	81,413	163,235	527,422	298,882	228,540	783,735	15,875
1996 .....	1,675,435	828,649	274,675	2,910	10,238	94,137	167,390	553,974	311,778	242,196	828,838	17,948
1995 <sup>a</sup> .....	1,858,063	939,132	304,998	3,530	10,550	104,581	186,337	634,134	353,817	280,317	901,826	17,105
1994 .....	1,958,864	1,011,663	318,946	3,699	10,960	112,149	192,138	692,717	384,414	308,303	928,490	18,711
1980 .....	1,866,863	928,297	209,903	3,405	13,661	90,282	102,555	718,394	543,846	174,548	910,120	28,446
Percent change in number												
1998 to 1999 .....	-10.9	-13.5	-9.5	-7.6	-3.4	-12.7	-8.5	-15.5	-16.7	-13.8	-8.6	1.0
1997 to 1998 .....	-9.6	-11.6	-10.7	-15.9	-4.0	-15.6	-8.7	-12.0	-10.0	-14.5	-7.7	-9.8
1996 to 1997 .....	-5.4	-5.3	-6.3	-11.4	-5	-13.5	-2.5	-4.8	-4.1	-5.6	-5.4	-11.6
1995 to 1996 .....	-9.8	-11.8	-9.9	-17.6	-3.0	-10.0	-10.2	-12.6	-11.9	-13.6	-8.1	4.9
1994 to 1995 .....	-5.1	-7.2	-4.4	-4.6	-3.7	-6.7	-3.0	-8.5	-8.0	-9.1	-2.9	-8.6
1994 to 1999 .....	-34.8	-40.7	-34.8	-45.8	-13.8	-46.5	-29.0	-43.4	-41.8	-45.4	-28.7	-22.8
1980 to 1999 .....	-31.6	-35.3	-1.0	-41.1	-30.9	-33.5	33.0	-45.4	-58.8	-3.5	-27.3	-49.2
Rate per 100,000 population <sup>2</sup>												
1999 .....	3,749.7	1,763.3	610.7	5.9	27.7	176.4	400.7	1,152.6	657.6	495.0	1,944.0	42.5
1998 .....	4,275.6	2,072.1	686.0	6.5	29.2	205.3	445.1	1,386.1	802.7	583.4	2,160.8	42.7
1997 .....	4,807.6	2,381.4	781.0	7.8	30.9	247.0	495.3	1,600.3	906.9	693.4	2,378.1	48.2
1996 .....	5,173.8	2,558.9	848.2	9.0	31.6	290.7	516.9	1,710.7	962.8	747.9	2,559.5	55.4
1995 .....	5,795.0	2,929.0	951.2	11.0	32.9	326.2	581.2	1,977.8	1,103.5	874.3	2,812.7	53.3
1994 .....	6,094.8	3,147.7	992.4	11.5	34.1	348.9	597.8	2,155.3	1,196.1	959.3	2,888.9	58.2
1980 .....	7,887.7	3,922.1	886.9	14.4	57.7	381.4	433.3	3,035.3	2,297.8	737.5	3,845.3	120.2
Percent change in rate												
1998 to 1999 .....	-12.3	-14.9	-11.0	-9.2	-5.1	-14.1	-10.0	-16.8	-18.1	-15.2	-10.0	-5
1997 to 1998 .....	-11.1	-13.0	-12.2	-16.7	-5.5	-16.9	-10.1	-13.4	-11.5	-15.9	-9.1	-11.4
1996 to 1997 .....	-7.1	-6.9	-7.9	-13.3	-2.2	-15.0	-4.2	-6.5	-5.8	-7.3	-7.1	-13.0
1995 to 1996 .....	-10.7	-12.6	-10.8	-18.2	-4.0	-10.9	-11.1	-13.5	-12.8	-14.5	-9.0	3.9
1994 to 1995 .....	-4.9	-6.9	-4.2	-4.3	-3.5	-6.5	-2.8	-8.2	-7.7	-8.9	-2.6	-8.4
1994 to 1999 .....	-38.5	-44.0	-38.5	-48.7	-18.8	-49.4	-33.0	-46.5	-45.0	-48.4	-32.7	-27.0
1980 to 1999 .....	-52.5	-55.0	-31.1	-59.0	-52.0	-53.7	-7.5	-62.0	-71.4	-32.9	-49.4	-64.6

Source: Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program.

Note: Rates calculated from the total population may not add to subtotals because of independent rounding.

<sup>a</sup> Includes estimated annual data provided by the Oakland Police Department.

<sup>1</sup> The volume of aggravated assault offenses was influenced by a 1986 law change which required reporting domestic violence as criminal conduct.

<sup>2</sup> Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.

- From 1998 to 1999, reported CCI offenses decreased 14.9 percent in rate per 100,000 population. The CCI decreased 55.0 percent in rate since 1980.
- From 1998 to 1999, the violent crime rate decreased 11.0 percent. The violent crime rate has decreased 31.1 percent since 1980.
- From 1998 to 1999, the property crime rate decreased 16.8 percent. The property crime rate has decreased 62.0 percent since 1980.

# ARRESTS

## ARRESTS, 1980, 1994-1999

Number, Rate per 100,000 Population, and Percent Change

Year(s)	Total			Law violations									Status offenses <sup>1</sup>
	Total			Total			Felony			Misdemeanor			
	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Juvenile
1999 .....	1,496,459	1,238,334	258,125	1,453,720	1,238,334	215,386	467,936	399,433	68,503	985,784	838,901	146,883	42,739
1998 .....	1,571,724	1,301,765	269,959	1,531,917	1,301,765	230,152	508,257	432,153	76,104	1,023,660	869,612	154,048	39,807
1997 .....	1,620,381	1,343,861	276,520	1,580,746	1,343,861	236,885	547,550	464,802	82,748	1,033,196	879,059	154,137	39,635
1996 .....	1,622,535	1,348,340	274,195	1,585,442	1,348,340	237,102	533,989	448,349	85,640	1,051,453	899,991	151,462	37,093
1995 <sup>a</sup> .....	1,656,379	1,394,732	261,647	1,624,207	1,394,732	229,475	570,803	482,887	87,916	1,053,404	911,845	141,559	32,172
1994 .....	1,652,723	1,394,894	257,829	1,624,789	1,394,894	229,895	581,264	489,265	91,999	1,043,525	905,629	137,896	27,934
1980 .....	1,542,850	1,260,324	282,526	1,512,454	1,260,324	252,130	372,190	274,814	97,376	1,140,264	985,510	154,754	30,396
Percent change in number													
1998 to 1999 .....	-4.8	-4.9	-4.4	-5.1	-4.9	-6.4	-7.9	-7.6	-10.0	-3.7	-3.5	-4.7	7.4
1997 to 1998 .....	-3.0	-3.1	-2.4	-3.1	-3.1	-2.8	-7.2	-7.0	-8.0	-.9	-1.1	-.1	.4
1996 to 1997 .....	-.1	-.3	.8	-.3	-.3	-.1	2.5	3.7	-3.4	-1.7	-2.3	1.8	6.9
1995 to 1996 .....	-2.0	-3.3	4.8	-2.4	-3.3	3.3	-6.4	-7.2	-2.6	-.2	-1.3	7.0	15.3
1994 to 1995 .....	.2	.0	1.5	.0	.0	-.2	-1.8	-1.3	-4.4	.9	.7	2.7	15.2
1994 to 1999 .....	-9.5	-11.2	.1	-10.5	-11.2	-6.3	-19.5	-18.4	-25.5	-5.5	-7.4	6.5	53.0
1980 to 1999 .....	-3.0	-1.7	-8.6	-3.9	-1.7	-14.6	25.7	45.3	-29.7	-13.5	-14.9	-5.1	40.6
Rate per 100,000 total population <sup>2</sup>													
1999 .....	4,396.7	3,638.3	758.4	4,271.1	3,638.3	632.8	1,374.8	1,173.6	201.3	2,896.3	2,464.7	431.6	125.6
1998 .....	4,692.6	3,886.6	806.0	4,573.7	3,886.6	687.1	1,517.5	1,290.2	227.2	3,056.2	2,596.3	459.9	118.8
1997 .....	4,916.7	4,077.6	839.0	4,796.4	4,077.6	718.8	1,661.4	1,410.3	251.1	3,135.0	2,667.3	467.7	120.3
1996 .....	5,010.5	4,163.7	846.7	4,895.9	4,163.7	732.2	1,649.0	1,384.5	264.5	3,246.9	2,779.2	467.7	114.5
1995 .....	5,166.0	4,350.0	816.0	5,065.7	4,350.0	715.7	1,780.3	1,506.1	274.2	3,285.4	2,843.9	441.5	100.3
1994 .....	5,142.3	4,340.1	802.2	5,055.3	4,340.1	715.3	1,808.5	1,522.3	286.2	3,246.8	2,817.8	429.0	86.9
1980 .....	6,518.7	5,325.0	1,193.7	6,390.3	5,325.0	1,065.3	1,572.5	1,161.1	411.4	4,817.7	4,163.9	653.8	128.4
Rate per 100,000 population at risk <sup>3</sup>													
1999 .....	5,820.1	5,666.1	6,692.9	5,653.9	5,666.1	5,584.7	1,819.9	1,827.6	1,776.2	3,834.0	3,838.5	3,808.5	1,108.2
1998 .....	6,221.4	6,055.2	7,170.4	6,063.9	6,055.2	6,113.1	2,011.9	2,010.2	2,021.4	4,052.0	4,045.1	4,091.7	1,057.3
1997 .....	6,290.2	6,126.6	7,228.4	6,136.3	6,126.6	6,192.3	2,125.6	2,119.0	2,163.1	4,010.8	4,007.6	4,029.2	1,036.1
1996 .....	6,349.4	6,177.8	7,354.0	6,204.2	6,177.8	6,359.2	2,089.6	2,054.2	2,296.9	4,114.6	4,123.5	4,062.3	994.8
1995 .....	6,593.1	6,485.4	7,233.9	6,465.1	6,485.4	6,344.4	2,272.1	2,245.4	2,430.7	4,193.0	4,240.0	3,913.8	889.5
1994 .....	6,690.3	6,581.7	7,346.0	6,577.2	6,581.7	6,550.1	2,353.0	2,308.6	2,621.2	4,224.2	4,273.1	3,928.9	795.9
1980 .....	8,196.1	7,987.4	9,277.8	8,034.6	7,987.4	8,279.6	1,977.2	1,741.6	3,197.7	6,057.4	6,245.7	5,081.9	998.2
Percent change in rate per 100,000 population at risk													
1998 to 1999 .....	-6.5	-6.4	-6.7	-6.8	-6.4	-8.6	-9.5	-9.1	-12.1	-5.4	-5.1	-6.9	4.8
1997 to 1998 .....	-1.1	-1.2	-.8	-1.2	-1.2	-1.3	-5.3	-5.1	-6.6	1.0	.9	1.6	2.0
1996 to 1997 .....	-.9	-.8	-1.7	-1.1	-.8	-2.6	1.7	3.2	-5.8	-2.5	-2.8	-.8	4.2
1995 to 1996 .....	-3.7	-4.7	1.7	-4.0	-4.7	-.2	-8.0	-8.5	-5.5	-1.9	-2.7	3.8	11.8
1994 to 1995 .....	-1.5	-1.5	-1.5	-1.7	-1.5	-3.1	-3.4	-2.7	-7.3	-.7	-.8	-.4	11.8
1994 to 1999 .....	-13.0	-13.9	-8.9	-14.0	-13.9	-14.7	-22.7	-20.8	-32.2	-9.2	-10.2	-3.1	39.2
1980 to 1999 .....	-29.0	-29.1	-27.9	-29.6	-29.1	-32.5	-8.0	4.9	-44.5	-36.7	-38.5	-25.1	11.0

Source: Monthly Arrest and Citation Register (MACR) system.

Note: Rates calculated from the total population may not add to subtotals or total because of independent rounding.

<sup>a</sup> Includes estimated annual data for the Bakersfield Police Department and the Oakland Police Department.

<sup>1</sup> Status offenses include truancy, incorrigibility, running away, and curfew violations. These offenses can only be committed or engaged in by a juvenile.

<sup>2</sup> Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.

<sup>3</sup> These rates are based on the population at risk for each year. The categories are: total (10-69 years of age), adult (18-69 years of age), and juvenile (10-17 years of age).

- From 1998 to 1999, total arrests decreased 6.5 percent in rate per 100,000 population at risk. Total arrests have decreased 29.0 percent in rate since 1980.
- From 1998 to 1999, felony arrests decreased 9.5 percent in rate per 100,000 population at risk. Felony arrests have decreased 8.0 percent in rate since 1980.
- From 1998 to 1999, misdemeanor arrests decreased 5.4 percent in rate. Misdemeanor arrests have decreased 36.7 percent in rate since 1980.

# ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS

## ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1994-1999 By Type of Disposition and Sentence

Type of disposition and sentence	1994		1995		1996		1997		1998		1999 <sup>a</sup>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total .....	342,321	100.0	345,125	100.0	328,168	100.0	326,768	100.0	314,483	100.0	245,448	100.0
Law enforcement releases .....	16,713	4.9	15,100	4.4	12,802	3.9	14,289	4.4	13,880	4.4	7,894	3.2
Total complaints denied .....	44,791	13.1	45,877	13.3	47,941	14.6	47,829	14.6	42,763	13.6	31,720	12.9
Single complaints .....	40,882	11.9	41,865	12.1	44,280	13.5	44,671	13.7	39,948	12.7	30,116	12.3
Combined cases .....	1,218	.4	1,436	.4	1,371	.4	459	.1	274	.1	200	.1
Petitions to revoke probation .....	2,691	.8	2,576	.7	2,290	.7	2,699	.8	2,541	.8	1,404	.6
Complaints filed .....	280,817	82.0	284,148	82.3	267,425	81.5	264,650	81.0	257,840	82.0	205,834	83.9
Misdemeanor .....	115,939	33.9	116,302	33.7	102,027	31.1	96,557	29.5	85,673	27.2	62,114	25.3
Felony .....	164,878	48.2	167,846	48.6	165,398	50.4	168,093	51.4	172,167	54.7	143,720	58.6
Court dispositions .....	280,817	82.0	284,148	82.3	267,425	81.5	264,650	81.0	257,840	82.0	205,834	83.9
Dismissed .....	36,417	10.6	36,616	10.6	33,358	10.2	35,579	10.9	35,002	11.1	28,578	11.6
Diversions dismissed .....	7,970	2.3	8,563	2.5	9,467	2.9	6,480	2.0	4,117	1.3	3,751	1.5
Acquitted .....	721	.2	659	.2	741	.2	783	.2	747	.2	591	.2
Convicted .....	235,709	68.9	238,310	69.1	223,859	68.2	221,808	67.9	217,974	69.3	172,914	70.4
Sentence												
Death .....	21	.0	38	.0	40	.0	40	.0	32	.0	42	.0
Prison .....	42,388	12.4	44,659	12.9	47,243	14.4	46,850	14.3	46,284	14.7	37,261	15.2
California Rehabilitation Center .....	1,753	.5	1,526	.4	952	.3	820	.3	675	.2	526	.2
Youth Authority .....	115	.0	62	.0	49	.0	20	.0	8	.0	7	.0
Probation .....	21,252	6.2	21,358	6.2	19,770	6.0	19,003	5.8	18,885	6.0	13,912	5.7
Probation with jail .....	156,752	45.8	158,133	45.8	145,367	44.3	144,365	44.2	141,206	44.9	112,619	45.9
Jail .....	12,055	3.5	10,772	3.1	8,930	2.7	8,458	2.6	8,261	2.6	6,037	2.5
Fine .....	1,093	.3	1,378	.4	1,232	.4	1,477	.5	1,661	.5	1,442	.6
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	280	.1	384	.1	276	.1	775	.2	962	.3	1,068	.4

Source: Offender-Based Transaction Statistics (OBTS) System

Notes: Percents may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of independent rounding.

<sup>a</sup>The 1999 OBTS data file was closed out in May 2000 and is considered "preliminary", the "final" file will be closed in September of 2000.

<sup>1</sup>The "other" category includes no sentence given, sentence suspended, and sentence stayed.

As a percentage of reported adult felony arrest dispositions:

- Law enforcement releases decreased from 4.4 percent in 1998 to 3.2 percent in 1999.
- Total complaints denied decreased from 13.6 percent in 1998 to 12.9 percent in 1999.
- Dismissals and acquittals increased from 12.6 percent in 1998 to 13.3 percent in 1999.
- Convictions increased from 69.3 percent in 1998 to 70.4 percent in 1999.

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