



CRIME

AS REPORTED BY SELECTED CALIFORNIA AGENCIES

January through September, 1998 and 1999

Crime As Reported by Selected California Agencies, January through September, 1998 and 1999, is a special statistical report based on preliminary crime data for the first nine months of 1999 compared to the same period in 1998. Comparisons are based on percent change in number. The data table (pages 4-11) displays the total number of crimes reported by the 76 agencies serving populations of 100,000 or more. One agency was unable to provide a full nine-months of data by the December 14, 1999 cutoff date. Data for that agency are shown on the table but not included in the totals.

CALIFORNIA CRIME INDEX



CALIFORNIA CRIME INDEX offenses are homicide, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, and motor vehicle theft. During the first nine months of 1999, the number of reported offenses dropped 14.7 percent when compared to the same period in 1998.

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Crimes	January through September		Percent change in number
	1998	1999	
California Crime Index	339,425	289,588	-14.7
Violent crime	122,321	111,604	-8.8
Homicide	1,110	1,060	-4.5
Forcible rape	5,021	4,708	-6.2
Robbery	37,588	32,499	-13.5
Aggravated assault	78,602	73,337	-6.7
Property crime	217,104	177,984	-18.0
Burglary	122,872	97,235	-20.9
Motor vehicle theft	94,232	80,749	-14.3

Notes: 1999 data are preliminary and subject to change.
The 75 selected agencies accounted for 60.5 percent of the 1998 population and approximately 65 percent of the 1998 California Crime Index.
Full-year preliminary data for agencies which serve populations of 100,000 or more will be available March 2000.

When the first nine months of 1999 were compared to the same period in 1998:

- California Crime Index crimes decreased 14.7 percent in number.
- Violent crimes decreased 8.8 percent in number.
- Property crimes decreased 18.0 percent in number.

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