
CRIME AND DELINQUENCY IN CALIFORNIA, 1998

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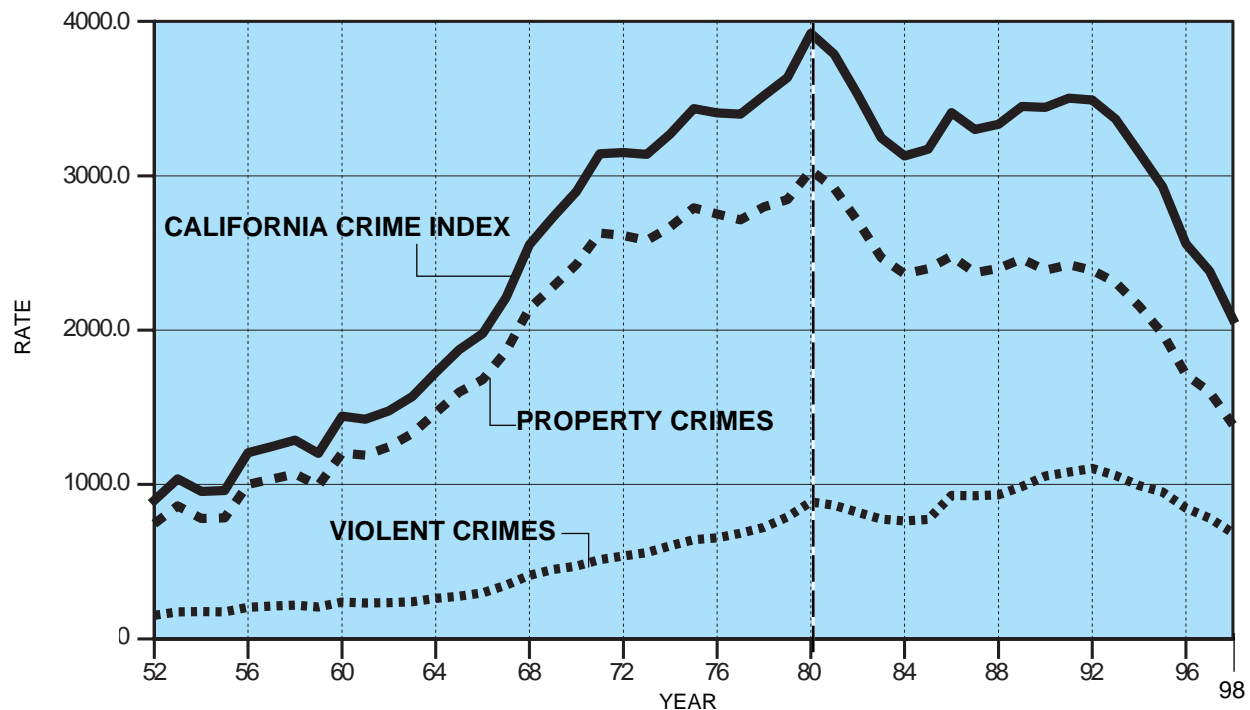
From 1997 to 1998:

- The California Crime Index (CCI) rate decreased 13.0 percent.
- The violent crime rate decreased 12.2 percent.
- The property crime rate decreased 13.4 percent.

CALIFORNIA CRIME INDEX, 1952-1998

By Category

Rate per 100,000 Population



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This publication contains data reported to the Department of Justice for the calendar year 1998. It compares rates for the periods 1997 and 1998. Since 1980 marked a high point for the California Crime Index (CCI), rates for the periods 1980 and 1998 are also compared. The more extensive report, *Crime and Delinquency in California, 1998*, will be published later this year.

Data depicting crime in California have been published continuously for over 40 years. The first publication, *Crime in California*, was issued in 1953 and depicted data for the 1952 calendar year.

CRIMES

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- From 1997 to 1998, reported CCI offenses decreased 13.0 percent in rate per 100,000 population. The CCI decreased 47.2 percent in rate since 1980.
- From 1997 to 1998, the violent crime rate decreased 12.2 percent. The violent crime rate has decreased 22.7 percent since 1980.
- From 1997 to 1998, the property crime rate decreased 13.4 percent. The property crime rate has decreased 54.3 percent since 1980.

ARRESTS

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- From 1997 to 1998, total arrests decreased 1.1 percent in rate per 100,000 population at risk. Total arrests have decreased 24.1 percent in rate since 1980.
- From 1997 to 1998, felony arrests increased 5.3 percent in rate per 100,000 population at risk. Felony arrests have increased 7.5 percent in rate since 1980.
- From 1997 to 1998, misdemeanor arrests increased 1.0 percent in rate. Misdemeanor arrests have decreased 33.1 percent in rate since 1980.

ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS

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As a percentage of reported adult felony arrest dispositions:

- Law enforcement releases decreased from 4.4 percent in 1997 to 4.3 percent in 1998.
- Total complaints denied decreased from 14.6 percent in 1997 to 13.9 percent in 1998.
- Dismissals and acquittals increased from 11.1 percent in 1997 to 11.8 percent in 1998.
- Convictions increased from 67.9 percent in 1997 to 68.5 percent in 1998.

[**Individual County Crime Tables, 1997-1998**](#)

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