

DATA CHARACTERISTICS AND KNOWN LIMITATIONS

CRIMES

A crime is an act specifically prohibited by law, or failure to perform an act specifically required by law, for which punishment is prescribed (California Penal Code section 15).

The eight crime offenses collected as part of the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program were chosen because of their seriousness, frequency of occurrence, and likelihood of being reported to law enforcement. These offenses include homicide, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, larceny-theft, and arson.

In 2011, California law raised the lower limit of felony theft from \$400 to \$950. As a result, the property crime category now includes all reported or "total" larceny-theft rather than only those valued at over \$400. The 2002 - 2010 property crime totals and crime rates have been adjusted to reflect this change. Therefore, the data tables included on this website may appear inconsistent with previously reported data. Larceny-theft dollar amounts are estimated values of property stolen.

In 2013, the FBI's UCR Program revised the definition of "forcible rape" (the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will) to "rape" and defined as "penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim." The California Department of Justice implemented this definition change in January 2014, leading to an increase in reported rapes. (Note: During 2014, agencies were encouraged to report using the new definition, but were allowed to report under the historical definition while transitioning their reporting systems. All rape data submitted in 2014 – whether collected under the revised definition or the historical definition – are presented on this website.)

If multiple crimes occur during the same event, only the most serious (based on hierarchy) is counted. Arson is the exception to this rule because arson frequently occurs in conjunction with other crimes. Therefore, it is felt that valuable information could be lost using the hierarchy rule. Arson is counted along with the other most serious offense.

The number of reported homicide, rape/forcible rape, and aggravated assault crimes represents known victims; while for robbery, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson, the number represents known incidents.

A clearance rate is the percentage of clearances based on the total crimes reported.

AGENCY-SPECIFIC DATA CHARACTERISTICS AND LIMITATIONS

2017

East Bay Municipal Utility District (located in Contra Costa County) merged with and began reporting under East Bay Regional Park in January.

Mendocino Parks and Recreation merged with and began reporting under Russian River DPR in January.

UC Hastings Police Department (located in San Francisco) merged with and began reporting under UC San Francisco in January.

Willows Police Department (located in Glenn County) disbanded in July. Their arrest statistics are now included in those of the Sheriff's Department.

Calipatria Police Department (located in Imperial County) did not report for the year.

2016

Irvine Valley College Police Department (located in Orange County) began reporting in January.

Mount San Jacinto Community College Police Department (located in Riverside County) began reporting in January.

Calipatria Police Department (located in Imperial County) did not report for the year.

Laverne Police Department (located in Los Angeles County) did not report for September through December.

2015

Lanterman Developmental Center (located in Los Angeles County) closed in July.

Richmond Police Department (located in Contra Costa County) did not report for November.

Calipatria Police Department (located in Imperial County) did not report for the year.

Lompoc Police Department (located in Santa Barbara County) did not report for September through December.

2014

Calipatria Police Department (located in Imperial County) did not report for the year.

Solano Community College stopped reporting after August. Their criminal statistics are now included in those of the Solano County Sheriff's Department.

2013

Orange Cove Police Department (located in Fresno County) began reporting in January.

Twin Cities Police Department and San Anselmo Police Department (located in Marin County) merged in January and now report as Central Marin Police Authority.

Calipatria Police Department (located in Imperial County) did not report for the year.

2012

Millbrae Police Department (located in San Mateo County) disbanded in March and the City of Millbrae began contracting law enforcement responsibilities with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department. Criminal statistics for Millbrae are now included in those of the Sheriff's Department.

Calipatria Police Department (located in Imperial County) did not report for the year.

2011

Eastvale (located in Riverside County) began reporting in January.

Jurupa Valley (located in Riverside County) began reporting in July.

Half Moon Bay Police Department (located in San Mateo County) disbanded in June and the City of Half Moon Bay began contracting law enforcement responsibilities with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department. Criminal statistics for Half Moon Bay are now included in those of the Sheriff's Department.

Calipatria Police Department (located in Imperial County) did not report for the year.

Isleton Police Department (located in Sacramento County) did not report for June or July.

2010

McFarland Police Department (located in Kern County) began reporting in January.

Shasta County Marshal's Office began reporting in January.

Reedley Community College and Fresno Community College merged in January and now report under State Center Community College.

Trinidad Police Department (located in Humboldt County) disbanded in July and the City of Trinidad began contracting law enforcement responsibilities with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department. Criminal statistics for Trinidad are now included with the Sheriff's Department.

San Carlos Police Department (located in San Mateo County) disbanded in November and the City of San Carlos began contracting law enforcement responsibilities with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Department. Criminal statistics for San Carlos are now included in those of the Sheriff's Department.

Holtville Police Department (located in Imperial County) did not report for the year.

Solano County Sheriff's Department did not report for May through December, with the exception of homicides.

2009

Mendota Police Department (located in Fresno County) began reporting in September.

Tehachapi Police Department (located in Kern County) began reporting in January.

Rancho Cordova Police Department (located in Sacramento County) began reporting in January.

Tehachapi DPR began reporting in January.

Agnews Developmental Center (located in Santa Clara County) closed in July.

Hanford Police Department (located in Kings County) did not report for July through December.

Lemoore Police Department (located in Kings County) did not report for December.

Upland Police Department (located in San Bernardino County) did not report for June through December.

2008

Coalinga State Hospital (located in Fresno County) began reporting in January.

Menifee (located in Riverside County) began reporting in October.

Wildomar (located in Riverside County) began reporting in July.

Patton State Hospital (located in San Bernardino County) began reporting in January.

Blue Lake Police Department (located in Humboldt County) disbanded in July. Their criminal statistics are now included in those of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department.

Lanterman Developmental Center (located in Los Angeles County) did not report for the year.

Grant Union School District (located in Sacramento County) merged with three other school districts to become the Twin Rivers Unified School District.

2007

University of California Lawrence Livermore Lab (located in Alameda County) turned over management to the U.S. government and stopped reporting criminal statistics in July.

Lanterman Developmental Center (located in Los Angeles County) did not report for February through December.

California State University Hayward (located in Alameda County) changed its name to California State University East Bay.

Kings River Community College (located in Fresno County) changed its name to Reedley Community College.

2006

University of California Merced Police Department began reporting in January.

Elk Grove Police Department (located in Sacramento County) began reporting in July.

Citrus Heights Police Department (located in Sacramento County) began reporting, however they were only able to report one homicide in November.

Ventura Community College Police Department began reporting in January.

Los Alamitos Police Department (located in Orange County) did not report for November or December.

Agnews Developmental Center (located in Santa Clara County) did not report for the year.

2005

In January, Los Angeles Police Department began reporting under two sub-jurisdictions: Valley (San Fernando) and Non Valley. For publication purposes, the criminal statistics are combined.

Bay Area Rapid Transit did not report for the year.

California State University San Diego did not report for November or December.

Vallejo Police Department (located in Solano County) did not report, except for homicide information, for March through December.

Tuolumne County Sheriff's Department did not report for November.

2004

Bay Area Rapid Transit did not report for November or December.

San Jacinto (located in Riverside County) did not report for January through May.

Agnews Developmental Center (located in Santa Clara County) did not report for the year.

Vallejo Police Department (located in Solano County) did not report for August, November, or December.

San Simeon DPR closed in January. Criminal statistics are now included in those of San Luis Obispo DPR.

2003

Solano Community College began reporting in January.

Butte County Sheriff's Department did not report for October through December.

Long Beach City College Police Department (located in Los Angeles County) stopped reporting after July. Their criminal statistics are now included in those of the Long Beach Police Department.

San Jacinto (located in Riverside County) did not report for February through June.

Santa Maria Police Department (located in Santa Barbara County) did not report for January, February, and April through September, November, or December.

Sonoma County Sheriff's Department did not report for June, July, October, or December.

Windsor (located Sonoma County) did not report for June through November.

2002

Truckee Police Department (located in Nevada County) began reporting in January.

Goleta (located in Santa Barbara County) began reporting in February. Statistics for January were reported by Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department.

California State University Stockton, a satellite campus of CSU Stanislaus, (located in San Joaquin County) closed in July.

Berkeley Police Department (located in Alameda County) did not report for September or October.

Butte County Sheriff's Department did not report, except for Arson information, for May through December.

Isleton Police Department (located in Sacramento County) did not report for October through December.

Santa Maria Police Department (located in Santa Barbara County) did not report for October.

Sebastopol Police Department (located in Sonoma County) did not report for November.

2001

Trinidad Police Department (located in Humboldt County) began reporting again in August. Criminal statistics for January through July were included in those of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department.

Long Beach City College (located in Los Angeles County) began reporting in January.

Mendocino Department of Parks and Recreation began reporting in August.

Aliso Viejo (located in Orange County) began reporting in July.

Grant Union School District (located in Sacramento County) began reporting in February.

Los Angeles City College stopped reporting in January. Their criminal statistics are now included in those of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

San Francisco Police Department did not report, except for homicides, for September through December.

American River DPR changed its name to Gold Fields DPR.

Gold Rush DPR changed its name to Capital DPR.

Los Lagos DPR changed its name to Inland Empire DPR.

Pismo Dunes DPR changed its name to Oceano Dunes DPR.

Russian River/Mendocino DPR changed its name to Russian River DPR.

2000

Oakley (located in Contra Costa County) began reporting in July.

Rancho Santa Margarita (located in Orange County) began reporting in July.

Riverside Community College began reporting in January.

California State University Channel Islands began reporting in January.

Orange County Marshal's merged with Orange County Sheriff's Department in July.

Hercules Police Department (located in Contra Costa County) did not report for January through November.

Richmond Police Department (located in Contra Costa County) did not report for motor vehicle theft.

Trinidad Police Department (located in Humboldt County) did not report for January through May. Criminal statistics for June through December were included in those of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department.

1999

California State University Stockton, a satellite campus of CSU Stanislaus, (located in San Joaquin County) began reporting in January.

Cuesta College (located in San Luis Obispo County) began reporting in July.

Laguna Woods Police Department (located in Orange County) began reporting in July.

Maricopa Police Department (located in Kern County) disbanded in September. Criminal statistics are now included in those of the Kern County Sheriff's Department.

1998

Cabrillo College (located in Santa Cruz County) stopped reporting in January.

Camarillo Developmental Center (located in Ventura County) closed in April.

Ukiah Police Department (located in Mendocino County) did not report for November or December.

1997

Fontana Unified School District (located in San Bernardino County) began reporting in January.

San Bernardino Unified School District began reporting in January.

Del Mar (located in San Diego County) began reporting in January.

Encinitas (located in San Diego County) began reporting in January.

Imperial Beach (located in San Diego County) began reporting in January.

Lemon Grove (located in San Diego County) began reporting in January.

Poway (located in San Diego County) began reporting in January.

San Marcos (located in San Diego County) began reporting in January.

Santee (located in San Diego County) began reporting in January.

Solana Beach (located in San Diego County) began reporting in January.

Vista (located in San Diego County) began reporting in January.

Dunsmuir (located in Siskiyou County) began reporting in January.

Fort Jones (located in Siskiyou County) began reporting in January.

Montague (located in Siskiyou County) began reporting in January.

Southern Pacific Railroad closed in January and merged with Union Pacific Railroad.

Stockton Developmental Center (located in San Joaquin County) closed in July.

Trinidad Police Department (located in Humboldt County) did not report for April through July.

Indio Police Department (located in Riverside County) did not report for November or December.

San Bernardino Unified School District did not report for June through December.

Etna Police Department (located in Siskiyou County) did not report for January through June.

1996

Maricopa Police Department (located in Kern County) began reporting in January.

Colfax Police Department (located Placer County) closed in July. Their criminal statistics are now included in those of the Placer County Sheriff's Department.

Dorris Police Department (located in Siskiyou County) did not report for January through December. Criminal statistics were included in those of the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Department.

Selma Police Department (located in Fresno County) did not report for June through December.

Trinidad Police Department (located in Humboldt County) did not report for the year.

San Mateo Police Department did not report for July through December.

1995

California State Monterey Bay began reporting in January.

California State Police closed and merged with the California Highway Patrol in July.

China Lake Police Department (located in Kern County) stopped reporting in September.

Indio Police Department (located in Riverside County) did not report Arson information for October through December.

Solano County Sheriff's Department did not report for December.

Tulelake (located in Siskiyou County) began reporting again in January.

1994

El Camino College (located in Los Angeles County) began reporting in January.

Ione Police Department (located in Amador County) did not report for July through December.

Tulelake Police Department (located in Siskiyou County) did not report for the year.

1993

Los Angeles City College began reporting in January.

Los Angeles Transit Services Bureau began reporting in January.

American Canyon (located in Napa County) began reporting in July.

Yountville (located in Napa County) began reporting in July.

Murrieta Police Department (located in Riverside County) began reporting in January.

San Diego Harbor Police Department began reporting in January.

California State University San Marcos (located in San Diego) began reporting in July.

University of California Hastings College of Law (located in San Francisco County) began reporting in January.

Windsor (located in Sonoma County) began reporting in January.

The following State Department of Parks and Recreation locations consolidated with other DPR offices in January: Upper Valley, Diablo, Marshall Gold Discovery, Eel River, Clearlake, High Desert, Big Sur, Napa,

Gold Mines, Pendleton, Coast, Plumas-Eureka, Mt. San Jacinto, Salton Sea, Picacho, Chino Hills, Gavilan, Mojave River, Frontera, Montane, San Francisco, Gaviota, La Purisima Mission, Pajaro Coast, Cascade, Columbia.

San Juan Bautista Police Department (located in San Benito County) disbanded in January. Criminal statistics are now included in those of the San Benito County Sheriff's Department.

Coachella Police Department (located in Riverside County) did not report for April through December.

Tulelake Police Department (located in Siskiyou County) did not report for the year.

1992

Parlier Police Department (located in Fresno County) began reporting in January.

Avenal (located in Kings County) began reporting in January.

Laguna Hills (located in Orange County) began reporting in January.

Lake Forest (located in Orange County) began reporting in January.

Canyon Lake (located in Riverside County) began reporting in January.

San Bernardino Community College began reporting in January.

Chino Hills (located in San Bernardino County) began reporting in July.

Yucca Valley (located in San Bernardino County) began reporting in July.

Allen Hancock College (located in Santa Barbara County) began reporting in January.

Buellton (located in Santa Barbara County) began reporting in July.

Santa Clara Transit District (located in Santa Clara County) began reporting in January.

University of California Lawrence-Berkeley stopped reporting in July and consolidated reporting with University of California Berkeley.

Merced College stopped reporting in August. Their criminal statistics are now included in those of the Merced County Sheriff's Department.

Dunsmuir Police Department (located in Siskiyou County) stopped reporting in January. Their criminal statistics are now included in those of the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Department.

Morro Bay Police Department (located in San Luis Obispo County) did not report for October and December.

Tulelake Police Department (located in Siskiyou County) did not report for the year.

Madera Police Department changed their reporting procedures, which saw an increase in reported crimes.

1991

Kings River Community College (located in Fresno County) began reporting in January.

Calabasas (located in Los Angeles County) began reporting in July.

Malibu (located in Los Angeles County) began reporting in July.

Calimesa Police Department (located in Riverside County) began reporting in July.

Stockton Unified School District (located in San Joaquin County) began reporting in January.

Atascadero State Hospital (located in San Luis Obispo County) began reporting in January.

Mendota Police Department (located in Fresno County) disbanded and became a contract with Fresno County Sheriff's Department in July. Their criminal statistics are now included in those of the Sheriff's Department.

McFarland Police Department (located in Kern County) did not report for June. In November, they disbanded and became a contract with Kern County Sheriff's Department. Their criminal statistics are now included in those of the Sheriff's Department.

Mendocino County Sheriff's Department did not report for May through December.

Tulelake Police Department (located in Siskiyou County) did not report for the year.

1990

Fresno Community College began reporting in January.

Laguna Niguel (located in Orange County) began reporting in January.

Norco (located in Riverside County) began reporting in January.

Indian Wells (located in Riverside County) began reporting in January.

Palm Desert (located in Riverside County) began reporting in January.

Lake Elsinore (located in Riverside County) began reporting in January.

La Quinta (located in Riverside County) began reporting in January.

Moreno Valley (located in Riverside County) began reporting in January.

Temecula (located in Riverside County) began reporting in July.

Yucaipa (located in San Bernardino County) began reporting in April.

Santa Fe Railroad closed in June.

Maricopa Police Department (located in Kern County) stopped reporting in January. Their criminal statistics are now included in those of the Taft Police Department.

San Francisco County Sheriff's Department stopped reporting in January and consolidated reporting with San Francisco Police Department.

Atascadero State Hospital (located in San Luis Obispo County) reported in April to submit a homicide. No other crimes were reported for the year. They began to regularly report in January 1991.

Tulelake Police Department (located in Siskiyou County) did not report for the year.

1989

Blue Lake (located in Humboldt County) began reporting in January.

Trinidad (located in Humboldt County) began reporting in January.

Diamond Bar (located in Los Angeles County) began reporting in July.

Hesperia (located in San Bernardino County) began reporting in January.

Apple Valley (located in San Bernardino County) began reporting in January.

Southern Pacific Railroad San Diego stopped reporting in May.

Dana Point (located in Orange County) began reporting in January.

Sonoma County Junior College began reporting in January.

California Highway Patrol Sacramento started reporting stolen vehicles for Sacramento County Sheriff's Department in October.

Tulelake Police Department (located in Siskiyou County) did not report for the year.

1988

Pasadena Community College (located in Los Angeles County) began reporting in January.

Santa Clarita (located in Los Angeles County) began reporting in January.

Highland (located in San Bernardino County) began reporting July.

Twentynine Palms (located in San Bernardino County) began reporting in July.

Upper Valley DPR began reporting in January.

Yosemite Community College (located in Stanislaus County) stopped reporting in October.

Brea Police Department (located in Orange County) did not report for June through December.

Yorba Linda (located in Orange County) did not report for June through November.

Morgan Hill Police Department (located in Santa Clara County) did not report for September through November.

Tulelake Police Department (located in Siskiyou County) did not report for March through December.

Camarillo (located in Ventura County) did not report for September through December.

Moorpark (located in Ventura County) did not report for September through December.

Fillmore (located in Ventura County) did not report for September through December.

Ojai stations (located in Ventura County) did not report for September through December.

Thousand Oaks (located in Ventura County) did not report for October through December.

Ventura County Sheriff's Department did not report for September through December.

1987

California State Fair Police Department (located in Sacramento County) began reporting in January.

West Sacramento Police Department (located in Yolo County) began reporting in July.

1986

Orinda (located in Contra Costa County) began reporting in July.

West Hollywood (located in Los Angeles County) began reporting in January.

Mammoth Lakes Police Department (located in Mono County) began reporting in July.

1985

Plymouth Police Department (located in Amador County) closed in October.

Los Angeles Housing Authority stopped reporting in July.