

DATA CHARACTERISTICS AND KNOWN LIMITATIONS

CRIMINAL JUSTICE FULL-TIME PERSONNEL

Law enforcement personnel counts are obtained through a one-day survey taken on October 31 of each reporting year. Other personnel counts are taken on June 30.

Prosecution, public defense, and probation department counts reflect all full-time personnel regardless of the funding source.

Inconsistencies in data from year to year may be attributed to individual agency interpretations of personnel classifications.

Counts may not match previously reported data because of changes in categories and/or file adjustments.

Agencies under contract with county sheriff departments report law enforcement personnel under their respective sheriff's department.

Zero's may indicate that a department or office does not have personnel in that classification, that a county may not have a police department or a public defender's office, or that data were not reported.

Assembly Bill 196 (Kuehl, 1999) mandated that county-level child support programs previously administered by district attorneys must be operated by local child support agencies. This change accounts for the large decrease in prosecution personnel since 2001.

AGENCY-SPECIFIC DATA CHARACTERISTICS AND LIMITATIONS

Personnel data for the California Department of Justice (DOJ) and state regulatory agencies are not included in this report.

The DOJ has ceased including California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and California Court personnel in the Criminal Justice Full-Time Personnel tables. Personnel information for these agencies can be obtained from the State of California Governor's Budget and the Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the Courts, respectively.

Law enforcement personnel data for the Department of Parks and Recreation and state Developmental Centers are shown only in the statewide totals.

In 2007, Citrus Heights Police Department (located in Sacramento County) began to report.

In 1999, South San Francisco Police Department (located in San Mateo County), Santa Cruz Police Department, and West Sacramento Police Department (located in Yolo County) did not report.

