

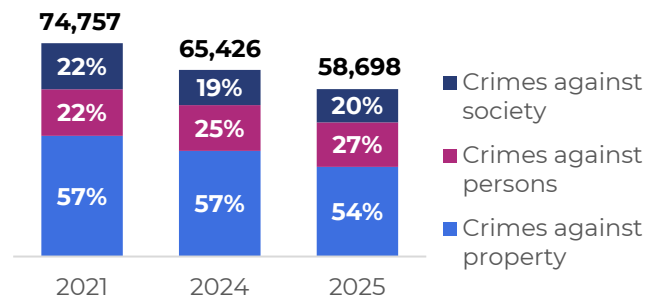
Crime Falls in San Diego County: Mid-Year 2025

In the first six months of 2025, San Diego County law enforcement agencies reported 58,698 CIBRS/NIBRS Group A offenses, an annualized rate of 35.41 crimes per 1,000 residents.¹ This reflects a continued decline from both 2024 and 2021, driven largely by a drop in crimes against property. This CJ Flash summarizes these trends by comparing data from the first half of 2025 with the same periods in 2024 and 2021.² Crime trends are addressed more fully in the latest CJ Bulletin: [Crime in the San Diego Region, Mid-Year 2025](#). Unless otherwise noted, all year references in this Flash refer to mid-year data.

Highlight 1: Overall crime continues to fall across the San Diego region

The 58,698 Group A offenses reported across the region in 2025 marked a 10% decrease from the previous year and a 21% drop from 2021. Although the total number of reported crimes has fallen, crimes against persons made up a larger share of overall crime in 2025 when compared to 2021 (from 22% to 27%). These local declines mirror national trends; a 2025 report from the Council on Criminal Justice (CCJ) shows that across 42 U.S. cities, crime has also been decreasing.³

Figure 1: Number of Crimes Reported in the San Diego Region (Mid-Year 2021, 2024, 2025)



Note: Percentages do not add to 100 due to rounding.
Sources: SANDAG; ARJIS, 2025

Highlight 2: Crimes against property saw the largest decrease from mid-2024

Crimes against property drove the region's overall decline. At 31,419 incidents, they accounted for over half (54%) of all reported crimes by mid-2025 and fell 15% from the year prior. Most major offense types declined; the largest proportional decreases were in motor vehicle theft (-30%) and robbery (-28%). Only two offense types within this category increased: arson (40%) and stolen property (2%) offenses.

Figure 2: Top Five Decreases in Crimes Against Property (% Change From 2024)

Offense	# in 2025	% Change From 2024
Motor vehicle theft	3,700	-30% ▼
Robbery	857	-28% ▼
Counterfeiting/Forgery	274	-21% ▼
Larceny/Theft	13,798	-14% ▼
Destruction of property	6,083	-13% ▼

Sources: SANDAG; ARJIS, 2025

¹ Mid-year data provide an early look at annual trends but may shift as full-year reporting is completed.

² Historically, these reports included comparisons for the current year, the previous year, and five years prior. Because CIBRS/NIBRS data has only been available since 2021, this report used one-year and four-year comparisons.

³ Lopez, Ernesto, and Bobby Boxerman. 2025. "Crime Trends in U.S. Cities: Mid-Year 2025 Update - Council on Criminal Justice." My WordPress. <https://counciloncj.org/crime-trends-in-u-s-cities-mid-year-2025-update/>.

Highlight 3: Crimes against persons declined, with intimidation as the outlier

Crimes against persons accounted for just over one quarter (27%) of reported crimes in 2025. The 15,607 incidents translate to an annualized rate of 9.41 crimes per 1,000 residents and reflects decreases from both 2024 (-3%) and 2021 (-5%). Nearly all categories within this crime type decreased from the previous year, including kidnapping/abduction, simple and aggravated assaults, consensual and non-consensual sex offenses, and murder/nonnegligent manslaughter. Incidents of intimidation were the exception, increasing by 10% (not shown).

Figure 2: Top Five Decreases in Crimes Against Persons (% Change From 2024)

Offense	# in 2025	% Change From 2024
Non-consensual sex offenses	736	-9% ▼
Kidnapping/Abduction	322	-8% ▼
Aggravated assault	4,440	-6% ▼
Murder/Non-negligent manslaughter	33	-6% ▼
Simple assault	8,717	-2% ▼

Sources: SANDAG; ARJIS, 2025

Highlight 4: Declines in crimes against society driven primarily by reductions in drug-related offenses

There were 11,672 crimes against society reported to regional law enforcement in 2025, accounting for one-fifth (20%) of all crimes. This total reflects decreases from both 2024 (-5%) and 2021 (-28%), continuing a downward trend. All major offenses in this category fell from the previous year, with the most substantial reductions occurring in drug-related offenses, which make up the largest share of this category.

Figure 2: Top Five Decreases in Crimes Against Society (% Change From 2024)

Offense	# in 2025	% Change From 2024
Prostitution	73	-56% ▼
Pornography/Obscene material	37	-12% ▼
Weapon law violations	1,248	-11% ▼
Drug equipment violations	4,261	-6% ▼
Drug/Narcotic violations	6,046	-2% ▼

Sources: SANDAG; ARJIS, 2025

