San Diego’s Arrest Rate Second Highest Among California Counties

In 2002, San Diego County had the second highest adult and juvenile arrest rates, compared to the other four most populated California Counties (Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, and Santa Clara). As shown below, the San Diego adult arrest rate in 2002 was 41.9 per 1,000 population and the juvenile rate was 57.9. These numbers were only second to those recorded for San Bernardino. Five years prior, in 1998, San Diego County ranked third highest among the five largest California counties with respect to arrest rates (not shown).

2002 ARREST RATES FOR FIVE CALIFORNIA COUNTIES

Since 1998, locally, the adult arrest has declined 12 percent, with fairly equal decreases at the felony (11%) and misdemeanor levels (12%). The juvenile rate decrease was greater overall (20%), and showed more difference by arrest type (23% for felonies, 21% for misdemeanors, and 10% for status offenses) (not shown).

To obtain a copy of the report, “2002 Arrests in the San Diego Region,” please visit our Web site (www.sandag.org/cj) or contact the Criminal Justice Research Division at (619)595-5312, or, after January 24th, at (619) 699-6912.