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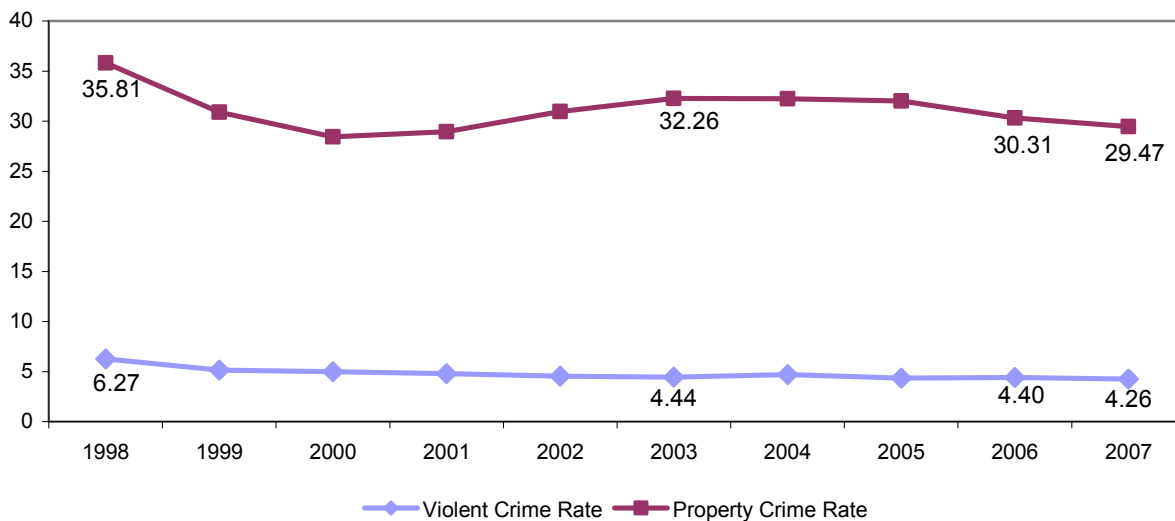
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Violent and Property Crime Rates Down in First Half of 2007

With 6,605 violent crimes reported in San Diego County between January and June 2007, the region's violent crime rate of 4.26 per 1,000 residents was the lowest in the past ten years and three percent lower than it was in 2006 (Figure 1). Across the crime types, there were fewer homicides in the region during first half of 2007 (54), compared to 2006 (66), a decrease of 18 percent, more than any other crime. The number of rapes and aggravated assaults also decreased over the one-year period (12% and 4%, respectively). In comparison, robbery was the only violent crime to increase in number in 2007 (to 2,153), which equates to almost 12 per day on average.

For property crimes, which represented almost nine out of every ten crimes reported in the region, there was also a one-year decrease, from 46,432 in the first half of 2006 to 45,655 in 2007. The 2007 mid-year property crime rate of 29.47 represented the lowest rate since 2000 (when it was 28.43). The number of burglaries and larcenies both decreased in number from 2006 (by 1% and 3%, respectively), but the number of motor vehicle thefts increased slightly (1%).

Figure 1
ANNUALIZED VIOLENT AND PROPERTY CRIME RATES, SAN DIEGO REGION



SOURCE: SANDAG

The compilation of these mid-year figures by the Criminal Justice Research Division is made possible through a cooperative agreement with local law enforcement agencies that allows for timely distribution of regional statistics from a single source. The CJ Bulletin *Crime in the San Diego Region, Mid-Year 2007 Statistics*, which will include crime rates and numbers for the region as well as individual jurisdictions, is scheduled for release by October 19, 2007 and will be available on the SANDAG Web site at www.sandag.org/cj.