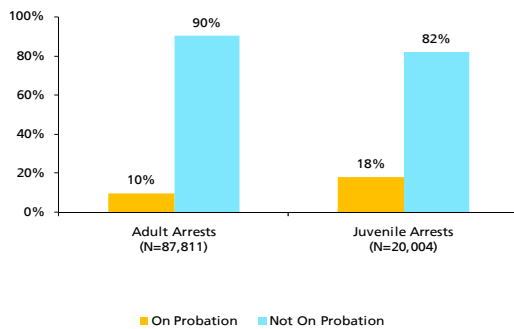


Locally Initiated Research Finds Most Arrestees are Not on Probation

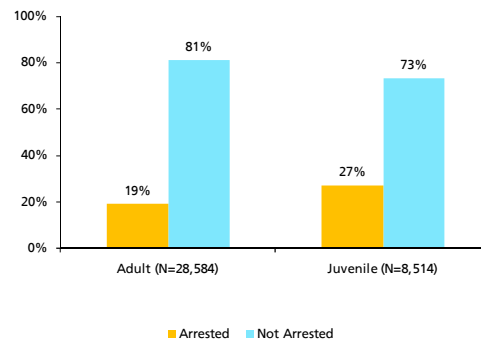
In these uncertain economic times, local justice agencies face the challenge of implementing sound public safety policies with shrinking budgets. In the interest of allocating resources efficiently, the San Diego County Probation Department approached the Criminal Justice Research Division of SANDAG to explore what proportion of overall arrests in the county were probationers under its supervision. To answer this question, the CJRD examined probation and arrest data for calendar year 2008 (the most recent data available at the time) for both adults and juveniles. This marked the first time these two data sets were merged and analyzed to gather this information, revealing that only 11 percent of the 107,916 individuals arrested in 2008 involved someone on probation. As Figure 1 shows, of the total arrests in 2008, juveniles accounted for 18 percent and adults accounted for 10 percent, below the national figure for adults of 17 percent¹. In addition, a greater percentage of juveniles on probation were re-arrested in 2008 (27%) than adults (19%) (Figure 2), a finding that could assist the local juvenile justice system in identifying factors contributing to a juvenile's probability of re-arrest.

Figure 1
MAJORITY OF INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED
IN REGION IN 2008 WERE NOT
ON PROBATION



NOTE: Cases with missing information not included.
SOURCES: ARJIS 2008 Arrest Data and San Diego County 2008 Probation Data

Figure 2
GREATER PERCENTAGE OF JUVENILES ON
PROBATION REARRESTED IN 2008



SOURCES: ARJIS 2008 Arrest Data and San Diego County 2008 Probation Data

Cognizant of the fact that a certain proportion of locally supervised individuals may have continued contact with the criminal justice system, the San Diego County Sheriff and Probation Departments recently partnered on a pilot project, "Operation Watchful Eye", aimed at reducing recidivism by increasing supervision of medium-risk probationers. To learn more about CJRD's research project regarding probationer recidivism in San Diego County, visit www.sandag.org/cjc to view the entire bulletin, "Re-Arrest of Probationers in the San Diego Region"; and to learn more about the County-led effort "Operation Watchful Eye", please contact Kim Broderick at the Probation Department at (858) 514-3148 or Kurt Smith at the Sheriff's Department at (858) 974-2662.

¹ Glaze, L. E. & Bonczar, T. P. (2009). **Probation and Parole in the United States, 2008** (Bureau of Justice Statistics Publication No. NCJ228230) Washington, D C: U. S. Department of Justice.