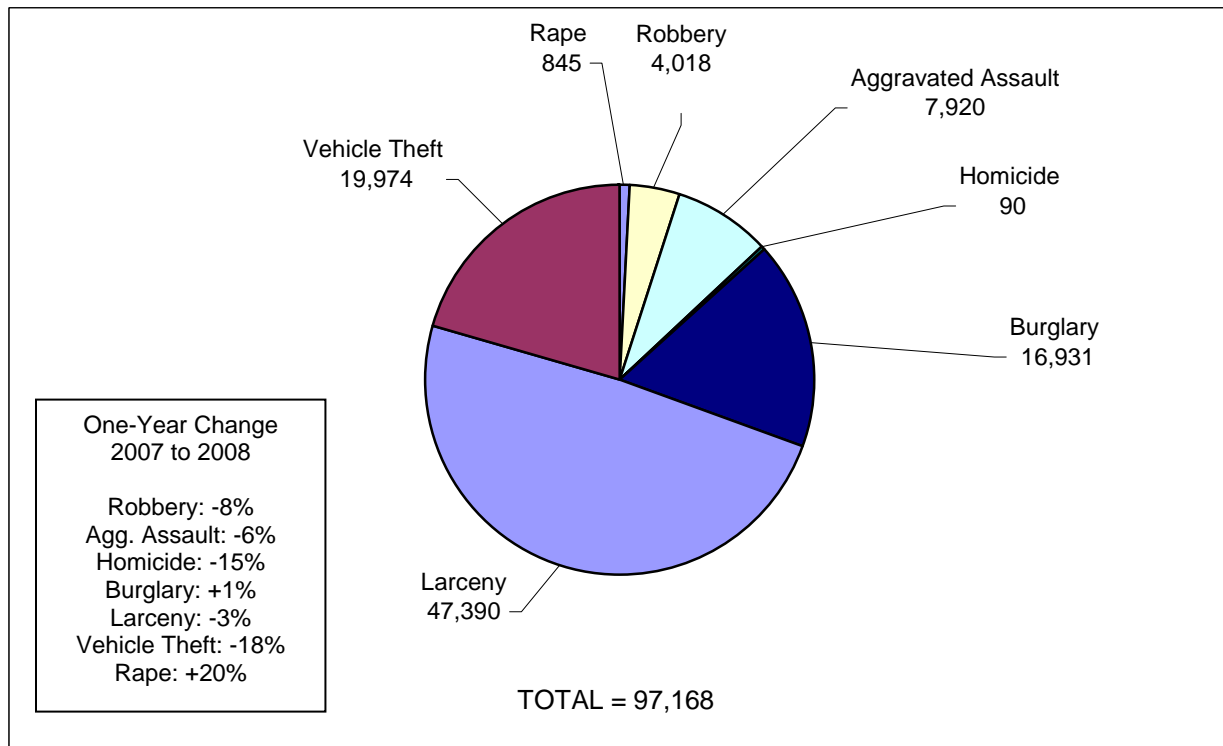


Regional Crime Preview: Violent and Property Crime Continues Downward Trend

Since 1980, SANDAG has been reporting regional crime statistics for the San Diego region through a cooperative agreement with local law enforcement agencies. Updated crime numbers and rates for the region, as well as individual departments, are currently being finalized. The first CJ Bulletin in the 2009 series, *Twenty-Five Years of Crime in the San Diego Region: 1984 through 2008*, will be released early next month. As a preview to the bulletin, this CJ Fax highlights how many Part I¹ crimes were reported to local law enforcement in 2008 across the region, as well as how these numbers changed compared to 2007. As Figure 1 shows, most of the 97,168 crimes reported to local law enforcement were property crimes, with larceny and motor vehicle theft decreasing in number from 2007. One-year declines in the number of homicides, robberies, and aggravated assaults were also reported. However, the number of burglaries and rapes increased.

Figure 1
REGIONAL 2008 PART I CRIMES AND ONE-YEAR PERCENT CHANGES



SOURCE: SANDAG

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¹ Part I crimes include four violent offenses and three property offenses that are tracked nationwide in a standardized manner by the FBI. Other crimes, such as drug-related offenses and vandalism, are also documented as Part II crimes, but consistent categorization schemes are not utilized, limiting the ability to compare these numbers across jurisdictions.