2011 Regional Crime Preview Part 1: Violent and Property Crime at Another 30-Year Low

Since 1980, SANDAG has been reporting regional crime statistics for the San Diego region through a cooperative agreement with local law enforcement agencies. As a preview to the bulletin, Thirty Years of Crime in the San Diego Region: 1982 through 2011, this CJ Fax highlights how many Part I1 crimes were reported to local law enforcement in 2011 across the region, as well as how these numbers changed compared to 2010. As Figure 1 shows, crime continues its downward trend, with 76,106 crimes reported to local law enforcement in 2011, reflecting a 4 percent decrease from 2010 (when 79,490 crimes were reported). The most frequent crimes were property related, with larceny, burglary, and motor vehicle theft all decreasing to varying degrees (from -2% to -10%). Among violent crimes, rapes, robberies, and aggravated assaults fell from 2 percent to 9 percent, but homicides increased 22 percent, from 67 in 2010 to 82 in 2011.

Figure 1
REGIONAL 2011 PART I CRIMES AND ONE-YEAR PERCENT CHANGES

One-Year Change 2010 to 2011
Homicide: +22%
Rape: -2%
Robbery: -9%
Agg. Assault: -4%
Larceny: -2%
Burglary: -5%
Vehicle Theft: -10%
TOTAL = 76,106

SOURCE: SANDAG

More detailed information about the region’s homicides and motives can be found in a companion April CJ Fax, 2011 Regional Crime Preview Part 2: Family-Related Motives Contribute to Increase in 2011 Homicides. To learn more about the Criminal Justice Clearinghouse, or to access the full report when it is available, please visit www.sandag.org/cj.