

## Regional Crime Bulletin Preview: Violent and Property Crime Rates Up in 2012, But Still Among Lowest in Past 30 Years

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: 1983 through 2012*, this CJ Fax highlights how many Part I<sup>1</sup> crimes were reported to local law enforcement in 2012 across the region and how these numbers compared to one year earlier, as well as the 30-year high and low.

In 2012, 11,838 violent crimes and 69,613 property crimes were reported to local law enforcement. Of this total of 81,451 crimes, larceny represented over half (53%), followed by burglary (17%), motor vehicle theft (15%), aggravated assault (10%), robbery (4%), rape (1%), and homicide (<1%) (not shown). As Table 1 shows, while increases were seen in each of the crime categories from 2011, it is important to note that overall, these numbers were still considerably lower than the 30-year highs. For example, despite a one-year increase (7%) in the number of larcenies reported in 2012 (43,406), it was still the fourth lowest number reported since 1983. The number of homicides across the region (107) showed the greatest one-year increase (30%, from 82 in 2011).

**Table 1**  
**NUMBER OF CRIMES BY OFFENSE IN THE SAN DIEGO REGION**

	# Reported in 2012	One-Yr % Change	30-Yr Low # (Yr)	30-Yr High # (Yr)	Rank of 2012 in Last 30 Yrs
Homicide	107	30%	67 (2010)	278 (1991)	12 <sup>th</sup> lowest
Rape	691	5%	596 (1985)	969 (1991)	4 <sup>th</sup> lowest
Robbery	3,200	5%	3,050 (2011)	8,554 (1992)	2 <sup>nd</sup> lowest
Agg Assault	7,840	9%	5,419 (1983)	15,406 (1994)	6 <sup>th</sup> lowest
Burglary	14,072	6%	13,326 (2011)	35,233 (1988)	3 <sup>rd</sup> lowest
Larceny	43,406	7%	40,425 (2011)	85,448 (1989)	4 <sup>th</sup> lowest
MVT	12,135	7%	11,346 (2011)	40,897 (1989)	3 <sup>rd</sup> lowest

SOURCE: SANDAG

When the CJ 2012 Annual Crime Bulletin is released in early April 2013 additional information regarding these crime trends and statistics by jurisdiction will be available. To learn more about the Criminal Justice Clearinghouse, or to access the full report when it is available, please visit [www.sandag.org/cj](http://www.sandag.org/cj).

<sup>1</sup> 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 documented as Part II crimes, but consistent categorization schemes are not utilized, limiting the ability to compare these numbers across jurisdictions.