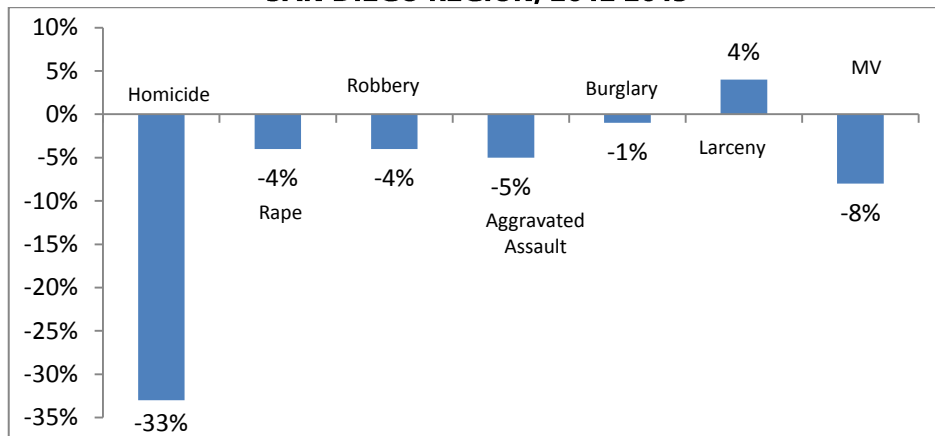


Regional Crime Bulletin Preview: Violent Crime Back Down, Property Crime Relatively Stable in 2013

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 upcoming bulletin, *Thirty Years of Crime in the San Diego Region: 1984 through 2013*, this CJ Fax highlights how many Part I¹ crimes were reported to local law enforcement in 2013 across the region and how these numbers compared to one year earlier, as well as the 30-year high and low.

In 2013, 11,515 violent crimes and 70,383 property crimes were reported to local law enforcement. Of this total of 81,898 crimes, larceny represented over half (55%), followed by burglary (17%), motor vehicle theft (14%), aggravated assault (9%), robbery (4%), rape (1%), and homicide (<1%) (not shown). As Figure 1 shows, there were fewer crimes reported in each of the seven categories in 2013, compared to 2012, with the exception of larceny, which increased four percent, from 43,429 to 45,104. The number of homicides showed the greatest one year change, decreasing from 107 in 2012 to 72 in 2013.

Figure 1
ONE-YEAR CHANGE IN NUMBER OF CRIMES REPORTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT
SAN DIEGO REGION, 2012-2013



SOURCE: SANDAG

The number of motor vehicle thefts (11,288) was at a new 30-year low in 2013; homicide (72), robbery (3,069), and burglary (13,991) were the second lowest they had been since 1984; rape (674) was the third lowest; and aggravated assault (7,700) and larceny (45,104) were the fifth lowest.

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