ARRESTS IN 2014: LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE TO CRIME IN THE SAN DIEGO REGION

In 2014, an average of 1,627 adult arrests was made per week across the San Diego region by local law enforcement agencies. These data are part of SANDAG’s annual CJ Arrest Bulletin, 2015 and are compiled by SANDAG through the State Department of Justice. The data include the seven Part I crime types tracked as part of FBI Uniform Crime Reporting statistics, as well as others (e.g., alcohol and drug law violations are not captured in crime statistics) and represent law enforcement’s response to crime. Offering a regionwide perspective on law enforcement activity, this CJ Flash describes how many adult arrests occurred by crime type per week, on average, in 2014 and the most common reason adults were arrested in each of the jurisdictions.

How Many Adult Arrests Were Made Per Week, On Average, Across the Region, By Highest Crime Type

The most common reason an adult was arrested in the San Diego region in 2014 was for a misdemeanor alcohol/drug-related crime – 531 on average per week. Offenses in this category include those related to marijuana, other drug offenses, being drunk in public, other liquor law violations, and driving under the influence. Over the past year, these types of arrests decreased two percent across the region.
What Were the Most Common Reasons an Adult Was Arrested in Each Jurisdiction?

As described in the CJ Bulletin, adult arrests are categorized into categories that reflect type (violent, property, alcohol/drug, weapons, and “other”) and level (felony or misdemeanor). In 2014, the most common reason an adult was arrested – for being drunk in public or violating other liquor laws – was the same in 11 of the 19 jurisdictions and it was also drug/alcohol-related for five others – either a drug law violation or driving under the influence (DUI). For two jurisdictions, it was an arrest in the “other” category, and in one it was for theft.

Most Frequent Adult Arrest Type in San Diego Region Jurisdictions

- **Drunk/Liquor Laws**: Carlsbad, Coronado, Del Mar, Encinitas, Escondido, Imperial Beach, Lemon Grove, National City, Oceanside, Solana Beach, and Vista
- **Drug Law**: Chula Vista, Santee, and Unincorporated
- **DUI**: Poway and San Marcos
- **"Other"**: San Diego and El Cajon
- **Theft**: La Mesa

How to Learn More About Arrests in the San Diego Region

As the Clearinghouse for crime statistics in the San Diego region, SANDAG prepares bi-annual reports on crime and annual reports on arrests. The recent CJ Bulletin, *Arrests 2014: Law Enforcement Response to Crime in the San Diego Region*, provides detailed information on juvenile and adult arrests, as well as analyses regarding who is arrested, and the level (felony/misdemeanor/status offense) and type of offense (violent, property, alcohol/drug, weapons, other, status).