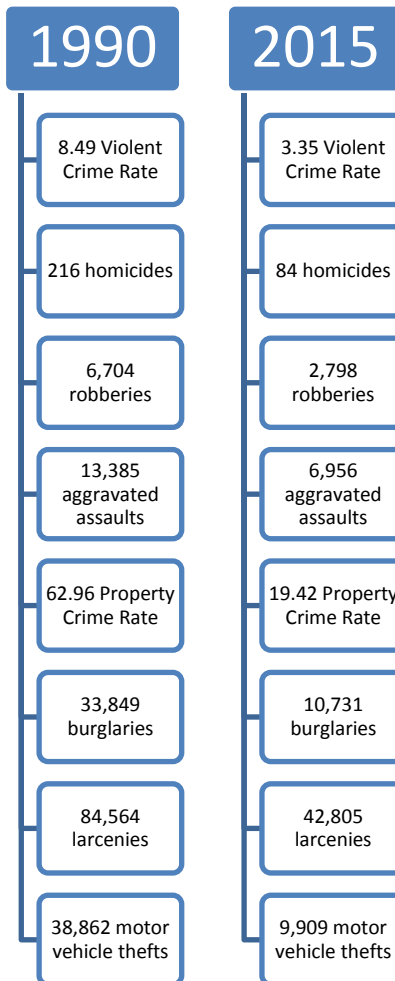


SAN DIEGO CRIME RATES UP IN 2015, BUT STILL AT HISTORIC LOWS

A total of 74,383 Part I crimes were reported to the San Diego region's local law enforcement agencies in 2015 – which equates to almost 204 per day. The majority (85%) of these crimes were property-related – burglaries, larcenies, and motor vehicle thefts. While burglaries were down from 2014 to 2015, the number of larcenies increased 11 percent – with the most common type (34%) from motor vehicles. Motor vehicle thefts were also up five percent. Violent crime (homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) was up slightly in the region in 2015 from the previous year, but this increase was due at least in part to the revised and more inclusive definition of rape. While these increases are worth monitoring, it is important to note that the region remains one of the safest in the United States¹ and that historically, these rates are still relatively low (second lowest violent crime rate in 2015 and second lowest property) (Table 1).

How do we compare “then” (1990) and “now?”



Additional crime statistics for the region and by jurisdiction from 1980 through 2015, including mid-year 2014 to 2015 comparisons by region, are available at www.sandag.org/cj.

¹ In 2014, the City of San Diego had the second lowest violent crime rate and second lowest property crime rate of large U.S. Cities according to FBI statistics.
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