

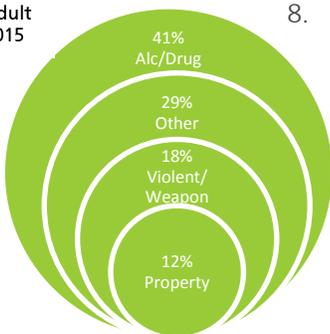
10 Arrest Statistic Facts From 2015

As the Criminal Justice Clearinghouse for the San Diego Region, SANDAG compiles both crime and arrest statistics over time. Crime statistics reflect which Part I crimes are reported to law enforcement while arrest statistics reflect the number and characteristics of individuals arrested for all types of offenses, not just Part I.¹ While the full report, *Arrests 2015: Law Enforcement Response to Crime in the San Diego Region*, provides detailed information regarding arrest trends for adults and juveniles by type over time, this CJ Flash highlights 10 of the most notable statistics/changes from the first full calendar year since Proposition 47 went into effect, which changed a number of property and drug crimes from felonies to misdemeanors.

1. In 2015, **232** adult arrests and **17** juvenile arrests were made across the San Diego region on average, per day.
2. San Diego County has both the **second highest** adult and juvenile arrest rates of the five largest California counties, following only San Bernardino.
3. The juvenile arrest rate continued to drop, reaching 19.4 arrests per 1,000 population, a **drop of 63 percent** from ten years ago. In comparison, the adult arrest rate **dropped 25 percent** over the same time period.
4. Compared to 2014, the adult misdemeanor arrest rate was **up 13 percent** and the felony arrest rate was **down 28 percent**.
5. Arrests for felony-level burglaries **dropped 59 percent** from 2014 to 2015, while misdemeanor arrests for petty theft/burglary **increased 34 percent**, which reflects the implementation of Prop 47 to some degree.
6. Adult arrests for felony-level alcohol/drug offenses **decreased 62 percent** from 2014 to 2015. At the same time, these types of arrests at the misdemeanor level **increased 14 percent**.
7. Arrests for failure to appear (FTA) in court were **up 20 percent** from 2014 to 2015.



Types of Adult Arrests, 2015



8. Around **2 in every 5** adult arrests in 2015 were for an alcohol- or drug-related offense.
9. In 2015, adult misdemeanor driving under the influence (DUI) arrests were **down 6 percent**, but felony-level DUI arrests were **up 27 percent**.
10. In 2011, the age group with the highest arrest rate per population was **18 to 19 year olds** (70.0 per 1,000). In 2015, those **20 to 29** had the highest arrest rate (58.1).

¹ When interpreting arrest statistics it is important to note that only the most serious arrest charge is tracked; arrests are documented by the location the arrest occurred, not necessarily where the crime occurred; and arrest and crime rates should not be compared because they can occur at different points in time.