Mid-Year 2017 Crime Statistics

As the regional clearinghouse for crime information, SANDAG works with local law enforcement agencies to compile and verify Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) or Part I crimes and provides analyses bi-annually. These summaries allow for a timelier review before national statistics are available and provide a regional overview of crime trends that isn’t possible when crime data are presented separately at the agency level. With the recent release of Crime in the San Diego Region Mid-Year 2017 Statistics, this CJ Flash presents some of the highlights regarding changes in violent and property crime numbers and rates for the first six months of the 2017 calendar year, compared to the first half of 2016.

How many crimes were reported to local law enforcement per week (on average) in the first six months of 2017?

- 1.6 homicides
- 21 rapes
- 55 robberies
- 131 aggravated assaults
- 183 burglaries
- 185 motor vehicle thefts
- 726 larcenies

Compared to mid-year 2016, reported crime was up in three categories, and down in six:

- Aggravated assault (1%)
- Robbery (3%)
- Non-residential burglary (13%)
- Rape (-3%)
- Petty theft (-5%)
- Motor vehicle theft (-13%)
- Homicide (-14%)
- Grand theft (-15%)
- Residential burglary (-22%)
Violent crime

71% of local jurisdictions had a violent crime rate that was higher at mid-year 2017 compared to mid-year 2016; for 29% it was lower.

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Property crime

60% of local jurisdictions had a property crime rate that was lower at mid-year 2017 compared to mid-year 2016; 36% had a higher rate, and 4% had no change.

1 Mid-year crime statistics downloaded from the Long Beach, Los Angeles, Oakland, and San Francisco Police Departments’ websites on August 30, 2017.

How did the San Diego region compare to other large California cities in terms of how violent crime had changed from mid-year 2016 to mid-year 2017?

San Diego region

Homicide ↓ 14%

Los Angeles, Oakland, and Long Beach also had decreases (ranging from -5% to -27%), but San Francisco had a 31% increase.

Rape ↓ 3%

Los Angeles (-8%) and Long Beach (-15%) also had a decrease, but San Francisco had no change and Oakland had a 2% increase.

Robbery ↑ 3%

San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Long Beach also had increases (ranging from 5% to 15%), but Oakland had a decrease (-16%).

Aggravated assault ↑ 1%

Los Angeles, Oakland, and Long Beach also had increases (ranging from 4% to 12%), but San Francisco had a decrease (-6%).

How did the San Diego region compare to other large California cities in terms of how property crime had changed from mid-year 2016 to mid-year 2017?

San Diego region

Burglary ↓ 9%

Long Beach also had a decrease (-6%); San Francisco had no change; and Los Angeles and Oakland had increases (2% and 34%, respectively).

Larceny ↓ 9%

Los Angeles, Oakland, and Long Beach also had decreases (ranging from -1% to -15%), but San Francisco had an increase (16%).

Motor vehicle theft ↓ 13%

San Francisco and Oakland also had a decrease (-1% and -10%, respectively), but Los Angeles and Long Beach both had increases (4% and 5%, respectively).

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