

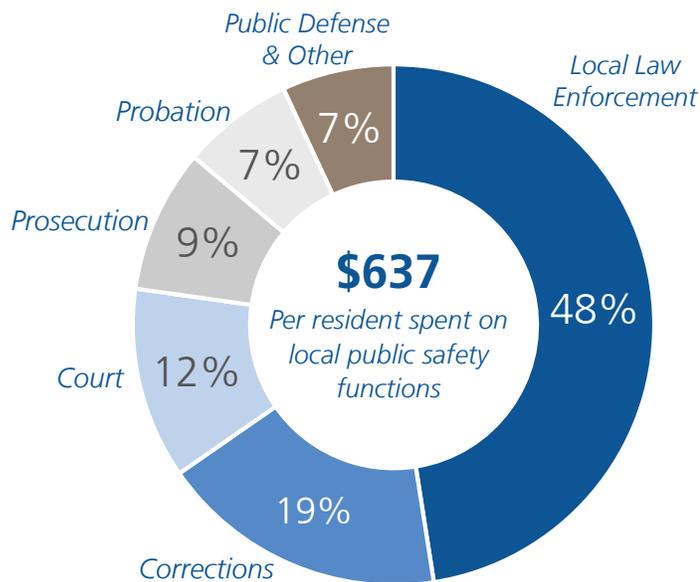
Public Safety Expenditures and Staffing in the San Diego Region in FY 2017

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On an annual basis, SANDAG's Applied Research Division collaborates with local public safety agencies to compile comparable figures regarding expenditures and staffing in the most recent fiscal year (FY, July to June). This information is useful to track how our region dedicates funding to maintain public safety in the region and how it has changed over time. With the release of the most recent bulletin with statistics for FY 2016-17, this CJ Flash highlights some of the key findings.¹

While the \$2.09 billion spent on public safety in the region in FY 17 represented the fourth consecutive increase, this amount was still lower than the amount spent in FY 09.

(\$2.15 billion after adjustment for the Consumer Price Index or CPI)



1.29

Regional average number of sworn law enforcement per 1,000 population

2.40

National average number of sworn law enforcement officers per 1,000 population

Despite a lower than average officer per capita ratio (1.47), the City of San Diego had the **second lowest violent crime rate** and **second lowest property crime rate** among the 10 largest U.S. cities in 2016.

(New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston, Phoenix, Philadelphia, San Antonio, Dallas, and San Jose)

1 in 3

Proportion of general fund dollars that go to law enforcement on average across the region

3 in 4

Law enforcement staff in the San Diego Region are sworn

¹ For more information on the history of this publication, as well as the methodology and other important assumptions and qualifications, please refer to the complete CJ Bulletin available at sandag.org/CJ_Bulletin.