



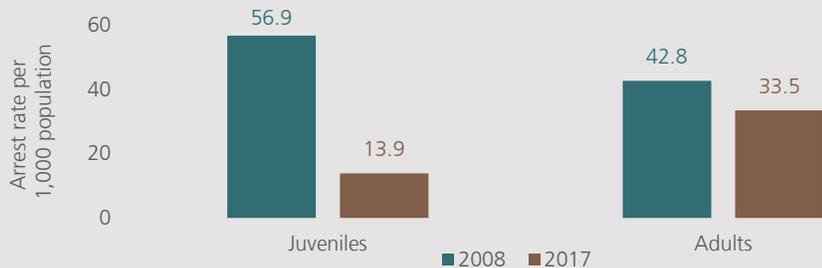
## Arrests in San Diego County 2017

On an annual basis, the SANDAG Criminal Justice Clearinghouse analyzes arrest statistics for the San Diego region as a supplement to the Part I crime statistic reports that are produced biannually. While caution should be used when comparing arrest and crime statistics,<sup>1</sup> they are useful together because the crime statistics are limited to eight crime types<sup>2</sup> reported by local law enforcement in a standardized way, while arrest statistics show how many adults and juveniles were arrested for these crime types as well as others that are not in the Part I statistics (e.g., driving under the influence). With the release of the annual arrest report, this CJ Flash highlights some noteworthy findings from 2017.

### Highlight 1

While both adult and juvenile arrest rates have declined over the past ten years, the juvenile arrest rate has declined considerably more (down 76%, compared to a 22% decline for adults), reflecting at least in part an increased focus across the state on prevention, diversion, and alternatives to detention.

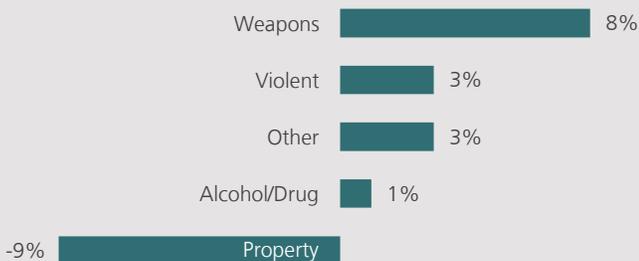
#### Both adult and juvenile arrest rates have declined over the past ten years



### Highlight 2

In 2017, there were more adult arrests in each of five categories, with the exception of property, which was down 9 percent. For juveniles, there were fewer juvenile arrests in each of the six categories, with the exception of violent, which was up 4 percent. A status offense is one that a juvenile but not an adult can be arrested for.

#### All adult arrest categories up from 2016 to 2017, with exception of property



#### All juvenile arrest categories down from 2016 to 2017, with exception of violent

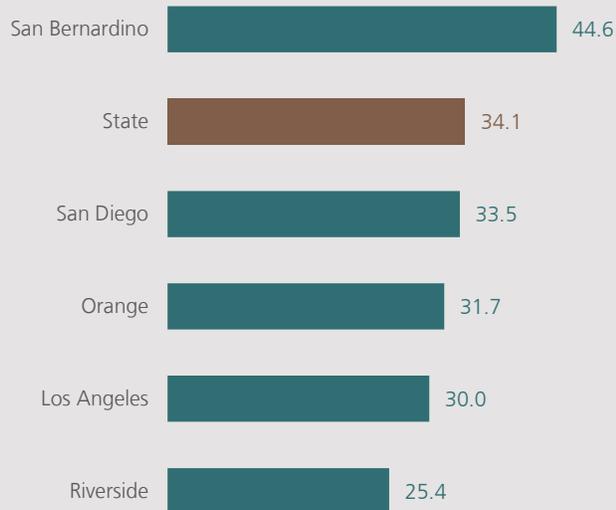


<sup>1</sup> As noted in the full report, a crime may be reported in one year and an arrest made in another, and it is possible that a crime could occur in one jurisdiction, but an arrest made in another.

<sup>2</sup> Homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault are in the violent category and burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft are in the property category.

### Highlight 3

San Diego County has the second highest adult arrest rate compared to the other four most populated counties in the state in 2017, following only San Bernardino and ahead of Orange, Los Angeles, and Riverside. San Diego's rate was slightly lower than the State's.



### Highlight 4

Over ten years, the proportion of adult arrests made for an alcohol/drug-related offense has declined (from half to two in five), but it is still the most common reason an adult is arrested in the region.



**Alcohol/drug offenses were 41% of 2017 adult arrests, compared to 51% in 2008**

#### Three of four most common types of adult arrests in 2017

- Misdemeanor other drug (41 a day)
- Misdemeanor driving under the influence (26 a day)
- Misdemeanor drunk (20 a day)

### Highlight 5

The type of highest arrest charge for adults varies by age in some possibly unexpected ways. The oldest age group of adults was more likely to be arrested for a violent offense proportionately, those 18 to 19 were more likely to be arrested for a property offense, and the proportion arrested for a crime in the "other"<sup>3</sup> category increased with the arrestee's age.

#### Arrests for violent offenses

**24%** of arrests of those 70 and older, compared to **17%** of those under 70

#### Arrests for property offenses

**19%** of arrests of those 18–19, compared to **9%** of those 20 and older

#### Arrests categorized as "other"

**21%** of 18–19  
**26%** of 20–29  
**29%** of 30–39  
**36%** of 40–69  
**38%** of 70+

<sup>3</sup> Examples of subcategories within "other" include identity theft, arson, sex-related, failure to appear, vandalism, and city/county ordinances.