

CALIFORNIA'S URBAN VIOLENT CRIME RATE FALLS IN FIRST HALF OF 2013



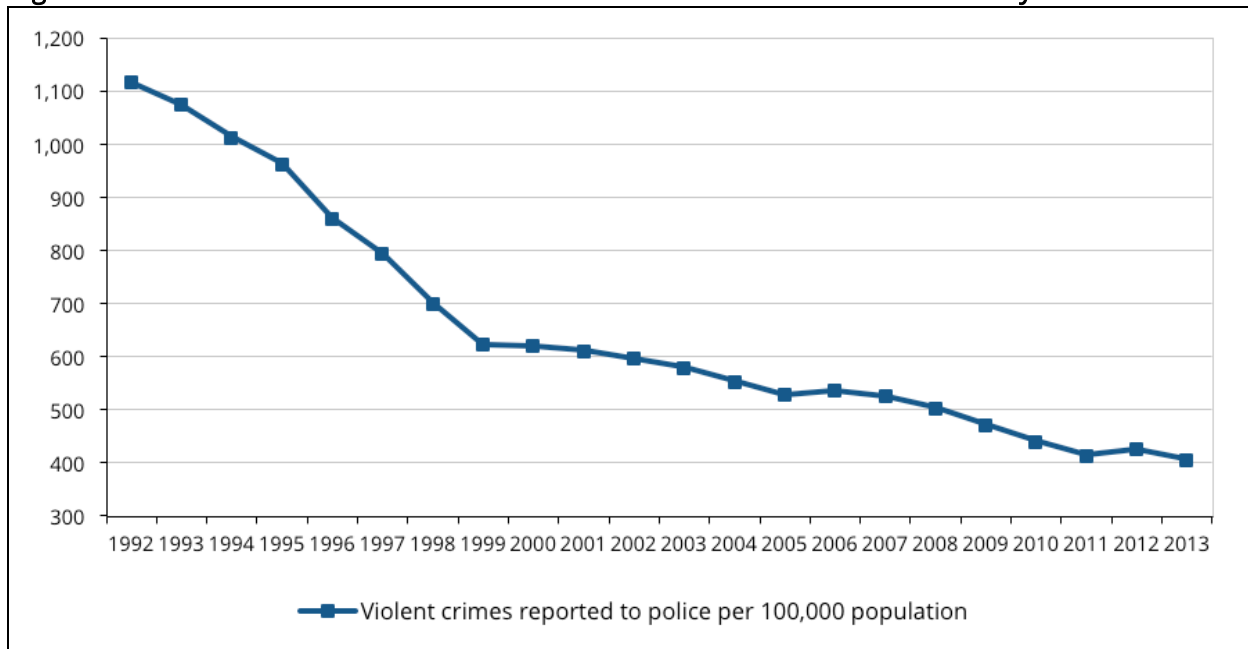
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Fact Sheet

Newly released Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) figures for the first six months of 2013 show that California's overall urban crime rates fell slightly, compared to the first six months of 2012. There was a moderate decline in violent crimes to record low levels, as illustrated in Figure 1.¹

Figure 1. Urban violent crime rates fell to the lowest level ever reliably recorded



Sources: CJS (2013); FBI (2014), DRU (2014). Rate for 2013 is for the first 6 months, based on the FBI's reported urban crime change in California's 69 largest cities. For a list of the 69 cities see Appendix.

Part I offenses reported to urban law enforcement agencies are tabulated twice a year for 6-month periods by the FBI (2014). Population figures for cities as of January 1, 2013 and previous years, are estimated by the California Department of Finance's Demographic Research Unit (2014). Populations are adjusted to reflect those for the first half of each year. Annualized crime rates are projected by multiplying the reported offenses for the first half of each year by the total days in each year (365 in 2013 and 2011, 366 in 2012) divided by the total days in the first half of each year (181 in 2013 and 2011, 182 in 2012), and are expressed as rates per 100,000 population.

¹ This fact sheet updates CJ CJ's January 2013 brief, *California's Urban Crime Increase in 2012: Is Realignment to Blame?* Available at: http://www.cjcj.org/uploads/cjcj/documents/california_urban_crime_increase_2012.pdf

Table 1 shows the aggregate changes in Part I offenses reported to law enforcement agencies in the state's 69 largest cities (those with populations of 100,000 or more in 2013).

Table 1. Annualized 6-month urban crime rates per 100,000 population*

Category	Change, 2013 v. 2012	First half, 2013	First half, 2012	First half, 2011
All offenses	-1.0%	3,348.2	3,382.8	3,166.1
Violent	-4.6%	457.8	479.7	467.7
Homicide	-12.0%	5.6	6.3	5.9
Rape	-14.3%	19.1	22.3	21.0
Robbery	-0.6%	194.6	195.9	189.3
Assault	-6.5%	238.5	255.2	251.4
Property	-0.4%	2,890.4	2,903.1	2,698.5
Burglary	-1.6%	616.7	626.5	574.9
Theft	-0.8%	1,767.9	1,781.4	1,678.2
MV theft	2.1%	505.8	495.2	445.3

Sources: DRU (2014); FBI (2014). *Based on FBI data from California's 69 largest cities.

- **Reported crime declined in 2013 across all categories, except motor vehicle theft.** While rates of property offenses remained slightly higher in 2013 compared to the first half of 2011, violent crimes declined. Murder, rape, and assault all showed declines over the two-year period, while robbery showed a slight rise. Cities' trends were extremely variable, with 43 showing declines in overall crime and in violent crime and 26 showing increases in 2013.
- **Violent crime did not increase as California implemented Assembly Bill 109, Public Safety Realignment.** After Realignment took effect on October 1, 2011, California cities' levels of murder, rape, assault, and overall violent crime generally declined to at or near the lowest levels ever reliably recorded.
- **Property crime fell slightly in the first half of 2013.** However, more attention will be needed to address non-violent crimes, particularly motor vehicle theft.

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Please note: Each year, every county submits their data to the official statewide databases maintained by appointed governmental bodies. While every effort is made to review data for accuracy and to correct information upon revision, CJJC cannot be responsible for data reporting errors made at the county, state, or national level.

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Appendix. Crime rates and change in rates, first half of 2013 vs. first half of 2012

Cities, ranked by change in violent crime rate	Change in rates, 2013 v 2012			Rate per 100,000 population, 2013		
	Total	Violent	Property	Total	Violent	Property
SANTA CLARITA	-15.6%	-31.3%	-13.7%	1,377.1	121.8	1,255.3
ORANGE	-5.9%	-25.8%	-4.8%	1,973.3	81.1	1,892.2
CARLSBAD	3.1%	-24.3%	6.9%	2,165.4	194.5	1,970.9
STOCKTON	-2.8%	-21.6%	3.3%	6,550.2	1,286.4	5,263.7
FULLERTON	-1.6%	-21.0%	0.8%	3,105.5	282.2	2,823.4
SANTA ANA	-5.9%	-19.5%	-3.3%	2,409.5	334.5	2,075.0
BURBANK	-5.2%	-18.4%	-3.9%	2,444.4	183.9	2,260.5
GLENDALE	-3.3%	-17.9%	-2.2%	1,689.8	93.5	1,596.3
LONG BEACH	-8.5%	-16.7%	-6.9%	3,314.9	505.4	2,809.5
CORONA	-16.8%	-16.2%	-16.9%	2,206.0	116.2	2,089.7
ONTARIO	-4.8%	-15.6%	-3.7%	3,160.8	246.8	2,913.9
SANTA ROSA	-12.3%	-14.5%	-11.9%	2,412.7	330.8	2,081.9
LANCASTER	-6.5%	-14.4%	-4.4%	2,672.8	511.0	2,161.9
EL MONTE	-11.8%	-14.3%	-11.4%	1,516.9	210.4	1,306.5
EL CAJON	6.9%	-14.2%	9.9%	3,211.0	324.5	2,886.5
RIALTO	-15.6%	-13.6%	-15.8%	3,503.1	449.8	3,053.4
ESCONDIDO	-10.1%	-13.4%	-9.6%	2,718.4	369.6	2,348.8
COSTA MESA	-8.3%	-12.8%	-8.0%	3,299.6	205.9	3,093.8
SAN JOSE	0.9%	-12.5%	2.7%	3,057.9	318.8	2,739.1
LOS ANGELES	-4.9%	-12.1%	-3.3%	2,610.6	423.7	2,186.8
VENTURA	5.8%	-11.5%	7.3%	3,794.0	254.8	3,539.2
DALY CITY	0.8%	-10.6%	2.4%	1,957.6	203.7	1,753.9
ROSEVILLE	4.0%	-10.1%	5.3%	2,916.5	217.4	2,699.2
SANTA CLARA	-12.8%	-9.8%	-13.0%	2,498.5	148.0	2,350.4
HAYWARD	2.9%	-9.5%	4.6%	3,735.6	397.1	3,338.5
DOWNEY	-3.6%	-9.5%	-2.9%	3,287.6	306.8	2,980.8
VISALIA	-17.3%	-9.4%	-18.1%	3,837.1	385.4	3,451.7
PALMDALE	3.1%	-8.9%	6.0%	2,738.1	471.1	2,267.0
SAN DIEGO	0.5%	-8.5%	2.1%	2,766.5	380.5	2,386.1
SACRAMENTO	-6.8%	-7.8%	-6.7%	4,538.9	682.7	3,856.2
FONTANA	-1.8%	-7.3%	-0.8%	2,552.9	364.7	2,188.2
FRESNO	-10.7%	-6.9%	-11.2%	4,976.3	519.6	4,456.6
VICTORVILLE	-8.2%	-6.3%	-8.5%	3,683.8	562.1	3,121.7
THOUSAND OAKS	-3.1%	-5.8%	-2.9%	1,584.4	116.1	1,468.4
MORENO VALLEY	-1.7%	-5.4%	-1.2%	3,407.6	341.0	3,066.7
TEMECULA	29.2%	-5.4%	30.8%	3,109.1	99.2	3,009.9
ANTIOCH	-15.7%	-5.2%	-17.9%	4,895.5	947.4	3,948.0
GARDEN GROVE	-14.5%	-3.6%	-15.8%	2,226.7	265.4	1,961.3
SALINAS	18.8%	-2.9%	23.8%	4,394.5	660.4	3,734.2
INGLEWOOD	1.4%	-2.6%	2.6%	3,119.4	673.1	2,446.3
RANCHO CUCAMONGA	-6.2%	-2.0%	-6.5%	2,539.7	187.4	2,352.2
SUNNYVALE	-0.2%	-1.6%	-0.1%	1,789.1	107.7	1,681.4
TORRANCE	4.1%	-0.6%	4.3%	2,065.3	113.7	1,951.7
BAKERSFIELD	-1.7%	0.2%	-1.9%	5,159.9	520.4	4,639.5
ANAHEIM	3.2%	0.7%	3.5%	3,323.5	356.4	2,967.0
SAN BERNARDINO	-4.5%	0.8%	-5.4%	5,340.3	891.0	4,449.3
WEST COVINA	2.4%	1.0%	2.5%	3,421.0	247.6	3,173.4
FREMONT	-11.1%	1.9%	-11.9%	1,935.0	141.2	1,793.8
ELK GROVE	-8.7%	2.0%	-10.3%	2,937.8	430.7	2,507.1
MURRIETA	4.0%	2.6%	4.0%	1,634.0	60.8	1,573.2
POMONA	-7.1%	2.7%	-9.0%	3,596.1	629.8	2,966.4
CHULA VISTA	7.5%	3.5%	8.0%	2,358.7	237.0	2,121.8
SIMI VALLEY	-10.0%	4.3%	-11.1%	1,558.5	129.6	1,428.9
CONCORD	2.2%	4.4%	2.0%	3,561.0	347.8	3,213.2
OCEANSIDE	15.6%	4.5%	17.5%	3,069.5	412.0	2,657.4
IRVINE	7.8%	5.0%	7.9%	1,555.1	50.6	1,504.6
SANTA MARIA	32.2%	5.6%	40.4%	3,569.9	668.2	2,901.7
MODESTO	-9.1%	6.5%	-11.3%	5,552.3	816.2	4,736.1
OAKLAND	-0.3%	9.3%	-3.2%	8,210.0	2,059.3	6,150.7
NORWALK	-7.8%	10.0%	-10.4%	2,635.6	402.3	2,233.3
OXNARD	29.0%	12.2%	31.5%	2,860.0	327.0	2,533.0
FAIRFIELD	-2.0%	13.8%	-4.4%	3,396.3	521.9	2,874.3
BERKELEY	-1.0%	14.2%	-2.4%	5,063.1	518.4	4,544.6
VALLEJO	-6.2%	16.6%	-9.7%	5,510.9	904.8	4,606.2
SAN FRANCISCO	21.0%	16.9%	21.7%	6,184.6	796.3	5,388.3
RIVERSIDE	10.2%	18.2%	9.2%	4,049.2	463.3	3,585.9
PASADENA	6.2%	18.6%	4.9%	2,940.9	310.2	2,630.7
RICHMOND	7.2%	18.7%	4.5%	5,923.4	1,247.5	4,675.8
HUNTINGTON BEACH	-4.2%	33.0%	-6.3%	2,663.0	193.2	2,469.8
ALL 69 CITIES	-1.0%	-4.6%	-0.4%	3,348.2	457.8	2,890.4

Sources: FBI (2014); DRU (2014).