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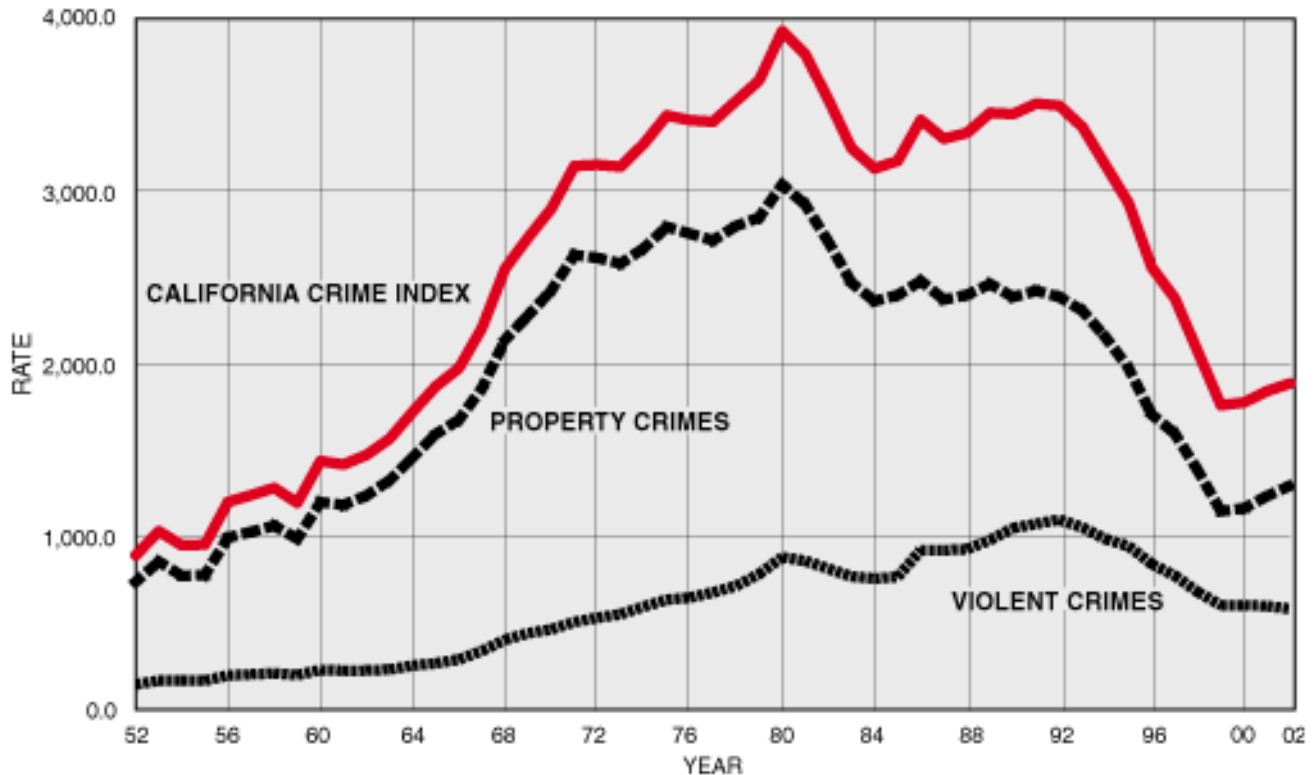
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## CALIFORNIA CRIME INDEX, 1952-2002

By Category  
Rate per 100,000 Population



From 2001 to 2002:

- The California Crime Index (CCI) offenses rate increased 2.4 percent.
- The violent crime rate decreased 2.7 percent.
- The property crime rate increased 4.9 percent.

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This publication contains crime and arrest data reported to the Department of Justice for the calendar year 2002. It compares rates for the periods 2001 and 2002. Since 1980 marked a high point for the California Crime Index (CCI), rates for the periods 1980 and 2002 are also compared. Data for adult felony arrest dispositions are only available through 2001. The more extensive report, *Crime in California, 2002*, will be published later this year.

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# CRIMES

## CRIMES, 1980, 1997-2002 FBI AND CALIFORNIA CRIME INDEXES Number, Rate per 100,000 Population, and Percent Change

Year(s)	FBI Crime Index total	California Crime Index total	Violent crimes					Property crimes			Larceny- theft	Arson
			Total	Homicide	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggra- vated assault <sup>1</sup>	Total	Burglary	Motor vehicle theft		
Number												
2002.....	1,393,639	667,213	207,988	2,392	10,176	64,805	130,615	459,225	237,445	221,780	712,419	14,007
2001.....	1,346,057	641,506	210,510	2,201	9,882	63,299	135,128	430,996	229,922	201,074	689,491	15,060
2000.....	1,279,758	613,788	210,492	2,074	9,785	60,243	138,390	403,296	222,247	181,049	651,564	14,406
1999.....	1,276,264	600,167	207,874	2,006	9,443	60,027	136,398	392,293	223,828	168,465	661,643	14,454
1998.....	1,432,062	694,015	229,766	2,170	9,777	68,752	149,067	464,249	268,847	195,402	723,733	14,314
1997.....	1,584,441	784,831	257,409	2,579	10,182	81,413	163,235	527,422	298,882	228,540	783,735	15,875
1980.....	1,866,863	928,297	209,903	3,405	13,661	90,282	102,555	718,394	543,846	174,548	910,120	28,446
Percent change in number												
2001 to 2002.....	3.5	4.0	-1.2	8.7	3.0	2.4	-3.3	6.5	3.3	10.3	3.3	-7.0
2000 to 2001.....	5.2	4.5	0.0	6.1	1.0	5.1	-2.4	6.9	3.5	11.1	5.8	4.5
1999 to 2000.....	0.3	2.3	1.3	3.4	3.6	0.4	1.5	2.8	-0.7	7.5	-1.5	-0.3
1998 to 1999.....	-10.9	-13.5	-9.5	-7.6	-3.4	-12.7	-8.5	-15.5	-16.7	-13.8	-8.6	1.0
1997 to 1998.....	-9.6	-11.6	-10.7	-15.9	-4.0	-15.6	-8.7	-12.0	-10.0	-14.5	-7.7	-9.8
1997 to 2002.....	-12.0	-15.0	-19.2	-7.3	-0.1	-20.4	-20.0	-12.9	-20.6	-3.0	-9.1	-11.8
1980 to 2002.....	-25.3	-28.1	-0.9	-29.8	-25.5	-28.2	27.4	-36.1	-56.3	27.1	-21.7	-50.8
Rate per 100,000 population <sup>2</sup>												
2002.....	3,947.9	1,890.1	589.2	6.8	28.8	183.6	370.0	1,300.9	672.6	628.3	2,018.1	39.7
2001.....	3,872.7	1,845.6	605.6	6.3	28.4	182.1	388.8	1,240.0	661.5	578.5	1,983.7	43.3
2000.....	3,711.6	1,780.1	610.5	6.0	28.4	174.7	401.4	1,169.7	644.6	525.1	1,889.7	41.8
1999.....	3,749.7	1,763.3	610.7	5.9	27.7	176.4	400.7	1,152.6	657.6	495.0	1,944.0	42.5
1998.....	4,275.6	2,072.1	686.0	6.5	29.2	205.3	445.1	1,386.1	802.7	583.4	2,160.8	42.7
1997.....	4,807.6	2,381.4	781.0	7.8	30.9	247.0	495.3	1,600.3	906.9	693.4	2,378.1	48.2
1980.....	7,887.7	3,922.1	886.9	14.4	57.7	381.4	433.3	3,035.3	2,297.8	737.5	3,845.3	120.2
Percent change in rate												
2001 to 2002.....	1.9	2.4	-2.7	7.9	1.4	0.8	-4.8	4.9	1.7	8.6	1.7	-8.3
2000 to 2001.....	4.3	3.7	-0.8	5.0	0.0	4.2	-3.1	6.0	2.6	10.2	5.0	3.6
1999 to 2000.....	-1.0	1.0	0.0	1.7	2.5	-1.0	0.2	1.5	-2.0	6.1	-2.8	-1.6
1998 to 1999.....	-12.3	-14.9	-11.0	-9.2	-5.1	-14.1	-10.0	-16.8	-18.1	-15.2	-10.0	-0.5
1997 to 1998.....	-11.1	-13.0	-12.2	-16.7	-5.5	-16.9	-10.1	-13.4	-11.5	-15.9	-9.1	-11.4
1997 to 2002.....	-17.9	-20.6	-24.6	-12.8	-6.8	-25.7	-25.3	-18.7	-25.8	-9.4	-15.1	-17.6
1980 to 2002.....	-49.9	-51.8	-33.6	-52.8	-50.1	-51.9	-14.6	-57.1	-70.7	-14.8	-47.5	-67.0

Source: Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program.

Note: Rates calculated from the total population may not add to subtotals because of rounding.

<sup>1</sup> The volume of aggravated assault offenses was influenced by a 1986 law change which required reporting domestic violence as criminal conduct if specified criteria are met.

<sup>2</sup> Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.

- From 2001 to 2002, reported CCI offenses increased 2.4 percent in rate per 100,000 population. The CCI offenses have decreased 51.8 percent in rate since 1980.
- From 2001 to 2002, the violent crime rate decreased 2.7 percent. The violent crime rate has decreased 33.6 percent since 1980.
- From 2001 to 2002, the property crime rate increased 4.9 percent. The property crime rate has decreased 57.1 percent since 1980.

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# ARRESTS

**ARRESTS, 1980, 1997-2002**  
Number, Rate per 100,000 Population, and Percent Change

Year(s)	Total			Law violations									Status offenses <sup>1</sup>
				Total			Felony			Misdemeanor			
	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Juvenile
Number													
2002.....	1,426,233	1,196,599	229,634	1,390,613	1,196,599	194,014	487,364	425,825	61,539	903,249	770,774	132,475	35,620
2001.....	1,420,680	1,180,194	240,486	1,380,667	1,180,194	200,473	472,677	408,684	63,993	907,990	771,510	136,480	40,013
2000.....	1,424,893	1,181,803	243,090	1,385,361	1,181,803	203,558	459,632	395,743	63,889	925,729	786,060	139,669	39,532
1999.....	1,496,459	1,238,334	258,125	1,453,720	1,238,334	215,386	467,936	399,433	68,503	985,784	838,901	146,883	42,739
1998.....	1,571,724	1,301,765	269,959	1,531,917	1,301,765	230,152	508,257	432,153	76,104	1,023,660	869,612	154,048	39,807
1997.....	1,620,381	1,343,861	276,520	1,580,746	1,343,861	236,885	547,550	464,802	82,748	1,033,196	879,059	154,137	39,635
1980.....	1,542,850	1,260,324	282,526	1,512,454	1,260,324	252,130	372,190	274,814	97,376	1,140,264	985,510	154,754	30,396
Percent change in number													
2001 to 2002.....	0.4	1.4	-4.5	0.7	1.4	-3.2	3.1	4.2	-3.8	-0.5	-0.1	-2.9	-11.0
2000 to 2001.....	-0.3	-0.1	-1.1	-0.3	-0.1	-1.5	2.8	3.3	0.2	-1.9	-1.9	-2.3	1.2
1999 to 2000.....	-4.8	-4.6	-5.8	-4.7	-4.6	-5.5	-1.8	-0.9	-6.7	-6.1	-6.3	-4.9	-7.5
1998 to 1999.....	-4.8	-4.9	-4.4	-5.1	-4.9	-6.4	-7.9	-7.6	-10.0	-3.7	-3.5	-4.7	7.4
1997 to 1998.....	-3.0	-3.1	-2.4	-3.1	-3.1	-2.8	-7.2	-7.0	-8.0	-0.9	-1.1	-0.1	0.4
1997 to 2002.....	-12.0	-11.0	-17.0	-12.0	-11.0	-18.1	-11.0	-8.4	-25.6	-12.6	-12.3	-14.1	-10.1
1980 to 2002.....	-7.6	-5.1	-18.7	-8.1	-5.1	-23.1	30.9	55.0	-36.8	-20.8	-21.8	-14.4	17.2
Rate per 100,000 total population <sup>2</sup>													
2002.....	4,040.2	3,389.7	650.5	3,939.3	3,389.7	549.6	1,380.6	1,206.3	174.3	2,558.7	2,183.4	375.3	100.9
2001.....	4,087.3	3,395.5	691.9	3,972.2	3,395.5	576.8	1,359.9	1,175.8	184.1	2,612.3	2,219.7	392.7	115.1
2000.....	4,132.5	3,427.5	705.0	4,017.9	3,427.5	590.4	1,333.0	1,147.7	185.3	2,684.8	2,279.8	405.1	114.7
1999.....	4,396.7	3,638.3	758.4	4,271.1	3,638.3	632.8	1,374.8	1,173.6	201.3	2,896.3	2,464.7	431.6	125.6
1998.....	4,692.6	3,886.6	806.0	4,573.7	3,886.6	687.1	1,517.5	1,290.2	227.2	3,056.2	2,596.3	459.9	118.8
1997.....	4,916.7	4,077.6	839.0	4,796.4	4,077.6	718.8	1,661.4	1,410.3	251.1	3,135.0	2,667.3	467.7	120.3
1980.....	6,518.7	5,325.0	1,193.7	6,390.3	5,325.0	1,065.3	1,572.5	1,161.1	411.4	4,817.7	4,163.9	653.8	128.4
Rate per 100,000 population at risk <sup>3</sup>													
2002.....	5,223.8	5,219.1	5,248.7	5,093.4	5,219.1	4,434.6	1,785.1	1,857.3	1,406.6	3,308.3	3,361.8	3,028.0	814.2
2001.....	5,311.9	5,232.3	5,740.3	5,162.3	5,232.3	4,785.2	1,767.3	1,811.9	1,527.5	3,395.0	3,420.5	3,257.7	955.1
2000.....	5,437.7	5,323.8	6,068.7	5,286.8	5,323.8	5,081.8	1,754.1	1,782.8	1,595.0	3,532.8	3,541.1	3,486.8	986.9
1999.....	5,820.1	5,666.1	6,692.9	5,653.9	5,666.1	5,584.7	1,819.9	1,827.6	1,776.2	3,834.0	3,838.5	3,808.5	1,108.2
1998.....	6,221.4	6,055.2	7,170.4	6,063.9	6,055.2	6,113.1	2,011.9	2,010.2	2,021.4	4,052.0	4,045.1	4,091.7	1,057.3
1997.....	6,290.2	6,126.6	7,228.4	6,136.3	6,126.6	6,192.3	2,125.6	2,119.0	2,163.1	4,010.8	4,007.6	4,029.2	1,036.1
1980.....	8,196.1	7,987.4	9,277.8	8,034.6	7,987.4	8,279.6	1,977.2	1,741.6	3,197.7	6,057.4	6,245.7	5,081.9	998.2
Percent change in rate per 100,000 population at risk													
2001 to 2002.....	-1.7	-0.3	-8.6	-1.3	-0.3	-7.3	1.0	2.5	-7.9	-2.6	-1.7	-7.1	-14.8
2000 to 2001.....	-2.3	-1.7	-5.4	-2.4	-1.7	-5.8	0.8	1.6	-4.2	-3.9	-3.4	-6.6	-3.2
1999 to 2000.....	-6.6	-6.0	-9.3	-6.5	-6.0	-9.0	-3.6	-2.5	-10.2	-7.9	-7.7	-8.4	-10.9
1998 to 1999.....	-6.5	-6.4	-6.7	-6.8	-6.4	-8.6	-9.5	-9.1	-12.1	-5.4	-5.1	-6.9	4.8
1997 to 1998.....	-1.1	-1.2	-0.8	-1.2	-1.2	-1.3	-5.3	-5.1	-6.6	1.0	0.9	1.6	2.0
1997 to 2002.....	-17.0	-14.8	-27.4	-17.0	-14.8	-28.4	-16.0	-12.4	-35.0	-17.5	-16.1	-24.8	-21.4
1980 to 2002.....	-36.3	-34.7	-43.4	-36.6	-34.7	-46.4	-9.7	6.6	-56.0	-45.4	-46.2	-40.4	-18.4

Note: Rates calculated from the total population may not add to subtotals or total because of rounding.

<sup>1</sup> Status offenses include truancy, incorrigibility, running away, and curfew violations. These offenses can only be committed or engaged in by a juvenile.

<sup>2</sup> Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.

<sup>3</sup> These rates are based on the population at risk for each year. The categories are total (10-69 years of age), adult (18-69 years of age), and juvenile (10-17 years of age).

- From 2001 to 2002, total arrests decreased 1.7 percent in rate per 100,000 population at risk. Total arrests have decreased 36.3 percent in rate since 1980.
- From 2001 to 2002, felony arrests increased 1.0 percent in rate per 100,000 population at risk. Felony arrests have decreased 9.7 percent in rate since 1980.
- From 2001 to 2002, misdemeanor arrests decreased 2.6 percent in rate. Misdemeanor arrests have decreased 45.4 percent in rate since 1980.

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# ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS

## ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1996-2001 By Type of Disposition and Sentence

Type of disposition and sentence	1996		1997		1998		1999		2000		2001	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	328,168	100.0	326,768	100.0	314,483	100.0	278,715	100.0	267,512	100.0	271,992	100.0
Law enforcement releases.....	12,802	3.9	14,289	4.4	13,880	4.4	9,616	3.5	7,698	2.9	11,248	4.1
Total complaints denied.....	47,941	14.6	47,829	14.6	42,763	13.6	40,217	14.4	37,152	13.9	39,414	14.5
Single complaints.....	44,280	13.5	44,671	13.7	39,948	12.7	38,193	13.7	34,654	13.0	37,027	13.6
Combined cases.....	1,371	0.4	459	0.1	274	0.1	260	0.1	231	0.1	182	0.1
Petitions to revoke probation.....	2,290	0.7	2,699	0.8	2,541	0.8	1,764	0.6	2,267	0.8	2,205	0.8
Complaints filed.....	267,425	81.5	264,650	81.0	257,840	82.0	228,882	82.1	222,662	83.2	221,330	81.4
Court dispositions.....	267,425	81.5	264,650	81.0	257,840	82.0	228,882	82.1	222,662	83.2	221,330	81.4
Dismissed.....	33,358	10.2	35,579	10.9	35,002	11.1	31,334	11.2	32,358	12.1	34,129	12.5
Diversions dismissed.....	9,467	2.9	6,480	2.0	4,117	1.3	3,961	1.4	3,436	1.3	2,799	1.0
Acquitted.....	741	0.2	783	0.2	747	0.2	709	0.3	782	0.3	775	0.3
Convicted.....	223,859	68.2	221,808	67.9	217,974	69.3	192,878	69.2	186,086	69.6	183,627	67.5
Sentence												
Death.....	40	0.0	40	0.0	32	0.0	42	0.0	33	0.0	25	0.0
Prison.....	47,243	14.4	46,850	14.3	46,284	14.7	42,464	15.2	36,529	13.7	33,020	12.1
California Rehabilitation Center.....	952	0.3	820	0.3	675	0.2	603	0.2	468	0.2	313	0.1
Youth Authority.....	49	0.0	20	0.0	8	0.0	10	0.0	10	0.0	4	0.0
Probation.....	19,770	6.0	19,003	5.8	18,885	6.0	15,788	5.7	16,874	6.3	21,503	7.9
Probation with jail.....	145,367	44.3	144,365	44.2	141,206	44.9	124,927	44.8	123,319	46.1	119,752	44.0
Jail.....	8,930	2.7	8,458	2.6	8,261	2.6	6,531	2.3	6,776	2.5	6,506	2.4
Fine.....	1,232	0.4	1,477	0.5	1,661	0.5	1,494	0.5	1,484	0.6	1,626	0.6
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	276	0.1	775	0.2	962	0.3	1,019	0.4	593	0.2	878	0.3

Source: Offender-Based Transaction Statistics (OBTS) System.

Notes: Percentages may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of rounding.

Preliminary data for calendar year 2002 may be available July 2003.

<sup>1</sup>The "other" category includes no sentence given, sentence suspended, and sentence stayed.

As a percentage of reported adult felony arrest dispositions:

- Law enforcement releases increased from 2.9 percent in 2000 to 4.1 percent in 2001.
- Total complaints denied increased from 13.9 percent in 2000 to 14.5 percent in 2001.
- Dismissals and acquittals increased from 13.7 percent in 2000 to 13.8 percent in 2001.
- Convictions decreased from 69.6 percent in 2000 to 67.5 percent in 2001.

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