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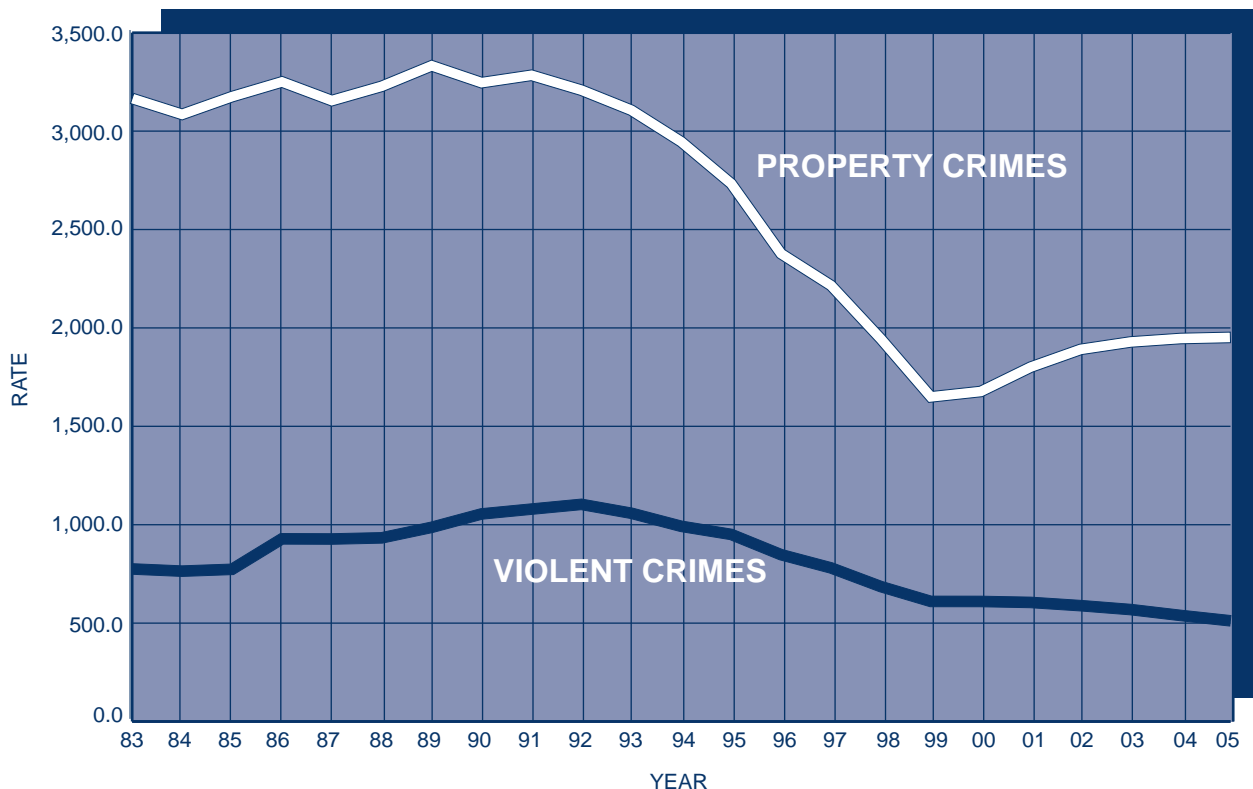
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CRIME IN CALIFORNIA, 1983–2005

By Category

Rate per 100,000 Population



From 2004 to 2005:

- The *violent crime rate* decreased 5.1 percent.
- The *property crime rate* increased 0.3 percent.

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Violent crime rates for 1992 and 2005 are also compared since 1992 marked a high point for the period shown. Property crime rates for 1989 and 2005 are compared since 1989 marked a

peak for the period shown. (Note that larceny-theft over \$400 was added to the property crime category in 2003 to give a more representative depiction of crime in California and to correlate more closely to national data presentation. These data are only available since 1983, hence the period presented in this report.)

The more extensive reports, *Crime in California, 2005* and *Juvenile Justice in California, 2005*, will be published later this year.

CRIMES

CRIMES, 1989, 1992, and 2000-2005 Number, Rate per 100,000 Population, and Percent Change

Year(s)	Violent crimes					Property crimes				Larceny-theft			Arson
	Forcible				Aggra- vated assault	Motor vehicle		Larceny- theft over \$400	\$400 and				
	Total	Homicide	rape	Robbery		Burglary	theft		Total	Over \$400		under	
Number													
2005 ^a	189,593	2,503	9,345	63,424	114,321	722,333	249,563	256,998	215,772	688,820	215,772	473,048	12,272
2004.....	197,432	2,394	9,598	61,573	123,867	712,193	244,914	251,747	215,532	726,614	215,532	511,082	12,660
2003.....	204,591	2,402	9,918	63,597	128,674	693,137	240,705	240,798	211,634	727,527	211,634	515,893	13,677
2002.....	207,988	2,392	10,176	64,805	130,615	667,592	237,445	221,780	208,367	712,419	208,367	504,052	14,007
2001.....	210,510	2,201	9,882	63,299	135,128	626,033	229,922	201,074	195,037	689,491	195,037	494,454	15,060
2000.....	210,492	2,074	9,785	60,243	138,390	578,309	222,247	181,049	175,013	651,564	175,013	476,551	14,406
1992.....	345,508	3,920	12,751	130,867	197,970	1,004,190	427,305	320,019	256,866	968,052	256,866	711,186	21,979
1989.....	284,015	3,159	11,956	96,424	172,476	958,765	410,148	298,392	250,225	972,093	250,225	721,868	19,102
Percent change in number													
2004 to 2005.....	-4.0	4.6	-2.6	3.0	-7.7	1.4	1.9	2.1	0.1	-5.2	0.1	-7.4	-3.1
2003 to 2004.....	-3.5	-0.3	-3.2	-3.2	-3.7	2.7	1.7	4.5	1.8	-0.1	1.8	-0.9	-7.4
2002 to 2003.....	-1.6	0.4	-2.5	-1.9	-1.5	3.8	1.4	8.6	1.6	2.1	1.6	2.3	-2.4
2001 to 2002.....	-1.2	8.7	3.0	2.4	-3.3	6.6	3.3	10.3	6.8	3.3	6.8	1.9	-7.0
2000 to 2001.....	0.0	6.1	1.0	5.1	-2.4	8.3	3.5	11.1	11.4	5.8	11.4	3.8	4.5
2000 to 2005.....	-9.9	20.7	-4.5	5.3	-17.4	24.9	12.3	41.9	23.3	5.7	23.3	-0.7	-14.8
1992 to 2005.....	-45.1	-36.1	-26.7	-51.5	-42.3	-28.1	-41.6	-19.7	-16.0	-28.8	-16.0	-33.5	-44.2
1989 to 2005.....	-33.2	-20.8	-21.8	-34.2	-33.7	-24.7	-39.2	-13.9	-13.8	-29.1	-13.8	-34.5	-35.8
Rate per 100,000 population ¹													
2005.....	512.3	6.8	25.3	171.4	308.9	1,952.0	674.4	694.5	583.1	1,861.4	583.1	1,278.3	33.2
2004.....	539.6	6.5	26.2	168.3	338.5	1,946.4	669.3	688.0	589.0	1,985.8	589.0	1,396.7	34.6
2003.....	569.4	6.7	27.6	177.0	358.1	1,928.9	669.9	670.1	589.0	2,024.6	589.0	1,435.7	38.1
2002.....	589.2	6.8	28.8	183.6	370.0	1,891.1	672.6	628.3	590.3	2,018.1	590.3	1,427.9	39.7
2001.....	605.6	6.3	28.4	182.1	388.8	1,801.1	661.5	578.5	561.1	1,983.7	561.1	1,422.6	43.3
2000.....	610.5	6.0	28.4	174.7	401.4	1,677.2	644.6	525.1	507.6	1,889.7	507.6	1,382.1	41.8
1992 ^b	1,103.9	12.5	40.7	418.1	632.5	3,208.3	1,365.2	1,022.4	820.7	3,092.8	820.7	2,272.2	70.2
1989 ^c	987.2	11.0	41.6	335.1	599.5	3,332.4	1,425.6	1,037.1	869.7	3,378.7	869.7	2,509.0	66.4
Percent change in rate													
2004 to 2005.....	-5.1	4.6	-3.4	1.8	-8.7	0.3	0.8	0.9	-1.0	-6.3	-1.0	-8.5	-4.0
2003 to 2004.....	-5.2	-3.0	-5.1	-4.9	-5.5	0.9	-0.1	2.7	0.0	-1.9	0.0	-2.7	-9.2
2002 to 2003.....	-3.4	-1.5	-4.2	-3.6	-3.2	2.0	-0.4	6.7	-0.2	0.3	-0.2	0.5	-4.0
2001 to 2002.....	-2.7	7.9	1.4	0.8	-4.8	5.0	1.7	8.6	5.2	1.7	5.2	0.4	-8.3
2000 to 2001.....	-0.8	5.0	0.0	4.2	-3.1	7.4	2.6	10.2	10.5	5.0	10.5	2.9	3.6
2000 to 2005.....	-16.1	13.3	-10.9	-1.9	-23.0	16.4	4.6	32.3	14.9	-1.5	14.9	-7.5	-20.6
1992 to 2005.....	-53.6	-45.6	-37.8	-59.0	-51.2	-39.2	-50.6	-32.1	-29.0	-39.8	-29.0	-43.7	-52.7
1989 to 2005.....	-48.1	-38.2	-39.2	-48.9	-48.5	-41.4	-52.7	-33.0	-33.0	-44.9	-33.0	-49.1	-50.0

Source: Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program.

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

^a Prior to 2005, the Los Angeles Police Department had included child abuse and domestic violence simple assaults in their aggravated assault statistics. This change may have contributed to the large decrease in aggravated assaults from 2004 to 2005.

^b 1992 marked the peak year for the violent crime rate for the period shown on the trend chart (1983-2005).

^c 1989 marked the peak year for the property crime rate for the period shown on the trend chart (1983-2005).

¹ Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.

From 2004 to 2005:

- The violent crime rate decreased 5.1 percent. The violent crime rate has decreased 53.6 percent since its peak in 1992.
- The property crime rate increased 0.3 percent. The property crime rate has decreased 41.4 percent since its peak in 1989.

ARRESTS

ARRESTS, 1989, 1992, and 2000-2005
Number, Rate per 100,000 Population, and Percent Change

Year(s)	Total			Law violations									Status offenses ¹
				Total			Felony			Misdemeanor			
	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Juvenile
Number													
2005.....	1,508,210	1,289,431	218,779	1,477,212	1,289,431	187,781	538,166	477,005	61,161	939,046	812,426	126,620	30,998
2004.....	1,499,083	1,280,937	218,146	1,468,343	1,280,937	187,406	522,781	462,910	59,871	945,562	818,027	127,535	30,740
2003.....	1,471,083	1,247,763	223,320	1,438,863	1,247,763	191,100	507,081	446,203	60,878	931,782	801,560	130,222	32,220
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
1992.....	1,718,254	1,471,058	247,196	1,695,153	1,471,058	224,095	564,416	470,932	93,484	1,130,737	1,000,126	130,611	23,101
1989.....	1,969,168	1,730,927	238,241	1,946,265	1,730,927	215,338	590,285	501,259	89,026	1,355,980	1,229,668	126,312	22,903
Percent change in number													
2004 to 2005.....	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.2	2.9	3.0	2.2	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	0.8
2003 to 2004.....	1.9	2.7	-2.3	2.0	2.7	-1.9	3.1	3.7	-1.7	1.5	2.1	-2.1	-4.6
2002 to 2003.....	3.1	4.3	-2.7	3.5	4.3	-1.5	4.0	4.8	-1.1	3.2	4.0	-1.7	-9.5
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
2000 to 2005.....	5.8	9.1	-10.0	6.6	9.1	-7.8	17.1	20.5	-4.3	1.4	3.4	-9.3	-21.6
1992 to 2005.....	-12.2	-12.3	-11.5	-12.9	-12.3	-16.2	-4.7	1.3	-34.6	-17.0	-18.8	-3.1	34.2
1989 to 2005.....	-23.4	-25.5	-8.2	-24.1	-25.5	-12.8	-8.8	-4.8	-31.3	-30.7	-33.9	0.2	35.3
Rate per 100,000 total population ²													
2005.....	4,075.7	3,484.5	591.2	3,992.0	3,484.5	507.5	1,454.3	1,289.0	165.3	2,537.6	2,195.5	342.2	83.8
2004.....	4,096.9	3,500.7	596.2	4,012.9	3,500.7	512.2	1,428.7	1,265.1	163.6	2,584.2	2,235.6	348.5	84.0
2003.....	4,093.8	3,472.4	621.5	4,004.2	3,472.4	531.8	1,411.1	1,241.7	169.4	2,593.0	2,230.6	362.4	89.7
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
1992.....	5,489.6	4,699.9	789.8	5,415.8	4,699.9	716.0	1,803.2	1,504.6	298.7	3,612.6	3,195.3	417.3	73.8
1989 ^a	6,844.2	6,016.2	828.1	6,764.6	6,016.2	748.4	2,051.7	1,742.2	309.4	4,713.0	4,274.0	439.0	79.6
Rate per 100,000 population at risk ^{2,3}													
2005.....	5,235.1	5,302.8	4,868.9	5,127.5	5,302.8	4,179.0	1,868.0	1,961.7	1,361.1	3,259.5	3,341.1	2,817.9	689.9
2004.....	5,286.4	5,358.1	4,901.5	5,178.0	5,358.1	4,210.8	1,843.6	1,936.3	1,345.2	3,334.5	3,421.8	2,865.5	690.7
2003.....	5,288.7	5,356.2	4,940.9	5,172.9	5,356.2	4,228.0	1,823.0	1,915.4	1,346.9	3,349.9	3,440.8	2,881.1	712.9
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
1992.....	7,166.7	7,119.9	7,458.1	7,070.3	7,119.9	6,761.1	2,354.1	2,279.3	2,820.5	4,716.2	4,840.6	3,940.6	697.0
1989 ^a	8,742.4	8,898.6	7,753.7	8,640.7	8,898.6	7,008.3	2,620.6	2,576.9	2,897.4	6,020.1	6,321.6	4,110.9	745.4
Percent change in rate per 100,000 population at risk													
2004 to 2005.....	-1.0	-1.0	-0.7	-1.0	-1.0	-0.8	1.3	1.3	1.2	-2.2	-2.4	-1.7	-0.1
2003 to 2004.....	0.0	0.0	-0.8	0.1	0.0	-0.4	1.1	1.1	-0.1	-0.5	-0.6	-0.5	-3.1
2002 to 2003.....	1.2	2.6	-5.9	1.6	2.6	-4.7	2.1	3.1	-4.2	1.3	2.3	-4.9	-12.4
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
2000 to 2005.....	-3.7	-4	-19.8	-3.0	-4	-17.8	6.5	10.0	-14.7	-7.7	-5.6	-19.2	-30.1
1992 to 2005.....	-27.0	-25.5	-34.7	-27.5	-25.5	-38.2	-20.6	-13.9	-51.7	-30.9	-31.0	-28.5	-1.0
1989 to 2005.....	-40.1	-40.4	-37.2	-40.7	-40.4	-40.4	-28.7	-23.9	-53.0	-45.9	-47.1	-31.5	-7.4

Source: Monthly Arrest and Citation Register (MACR) System.

Note: Rates calculated from the total or at-risk populations may not add to subtotals or total because of rounding.

^a 1989 marked the peak year for the total arrest rate for the period 1983-2005.

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

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

³ 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 2004 to 2005:

- Total arrests decreased 1.0 percent in rate per 100,000 population at risk. Total arrests have decreased 40.1 percent in rate since 1989.
- Felony arrests increased 1.3 percent in rate per 100,000 population at risk. Felony arrests have decreased 28.7 percent in rate since 1989.
- Misdemeanor arrests decreased 2.2 percent in rate. Misdemeanor arrests have decreased 45.9 percent in rate since 1989.

ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS

ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 2000-2005^a

By Type of Disposition and Sentence

Type of disposition and sentence	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	267,512	100.0	271,992	100.0	287,499	100.0	316,377	100.0	345,415	100.0	319,587	100.0
Law enforcement releases.....	7,698	2.9	11,248	4.1	11,195	3.9	10,352	3.3	10,721	3.1	10,114	3.2
Total complaints denied.....	37,152	13.9	39,414	14.5	39,833	13.9	42,922	13.6	43,179	12.5	39,034	12.2
Single complaints.....	34,654	13.0	37,027	13.6	37,855	13.2	40,593	12.8	41,508	12.0	37,312	11.7
Combined cases.....	231	0.1	182	0.1	194	0.1	265	0.1	262	0.1	314	0.1
Petitions to revoke probation.....	2,267	0.8	2,205	0.8	1,784	0.6	2,064	0.7	1,409	0.4	1,408	0.4
Complaints filed.....	222,662	83.2	221,330	81.4	236,471	82.3	263,103	83.2	291,515	84.4	270,439	84.6
Court dispositions.....	222,662	83.2	221,330	81.4	236,471	82.3	263,103	83.2	291,515	84.4	270,439	84.6
Dismissed.....	32,358	12.1	34,129	12.5	35,445	12.3	39,711	12.6	42,279	12.2	38,026	11.9
Diversions dismissed.....	3,436	1.3	2,799	1.0	4,809	1.7	5,141	1.6	5,111	1.5	5,031	1.6
Acquitted.....	782	0.3	775	0.3	766	0.3	923	0.3	760	0.2	581	0.2
Convicted.....	186,086	69.6	183,627	67.5	195,451	68.0	217,328	68.7	243,365	70.5	226,801	71.0
Sentence												
Death.....	33	0.0	25	0.0	17	0.0	22	0.0	12	0.0	22	0.0
Prison.....	36,529	13.7	33,020	12.1	32,412	11.3	37,097	11.7	43,743	12.7	42,405	13.3
California Rehabilitation Center.....	468	0.2	313	0.1	267	0.1	242	0.1	207	0.1	227	0.1
Youth Authority.....	10	0.0	4	0.0	7	0.0	4	0.0	2	0.0	7	0.0
Probation.....	16,874	6.3	21,503	7.9	31,499	11.0	33,471	10.6	35,579	10.3	34,128	10.7
Probation with jail.....	123,319	46.1	119,752	44.0	120,800	42.0	132,531	41.9	145,669	42.2	132,781	41.5
Jail.....	6,776	2.5	6,506	2.4	7,133	2.5	8,207	2.6	9,069	2.6	8,842	2.8
Fine.....	1,484	0.6	1,626	0.6	1,815	0.6	2,065	0.7	2,426	0.7	2,401	0.8
Other ¹	593	0.2	878	0.3	1,501	0.5	3,689	1.2	6,658	1.9	5,988	1.9

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

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

^a From 2000 to 2004, a preliminary and a final OBTS data file were created for each year. The decline in the number of dispositions from 2004 to 2005 is due to the elimination of the preliminary file and the early creation of a final 2005 file.

¹The "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 3.1 percent in 2004 to 3.2 percent in 2005.
- Total complaints denied decreased from 12.5 percent in 2004 to 12.2 percent in 2005.
- Dismissals and acquittals decreased from 13.9 percent in 2004 to 13.7 percent in 2005.
- Convictions increased from 70.5 percent in 2004 to 71.0 percent in 2005.

JUVENILE JUSTICE, 2002-2005^a

Referrals to Probation by Probation Disposition, Court Disposition, and Wardship Placement

Probation dispositions, court dispositions, and wardship placements	2002		2003		2004		2005	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Referrals to probation.....	129,069		154,984		169,681		194,670	
Probation dispositions.....	129,069	100.0	154,984	100.0	169,681	100.0	194,670	100.0
Closed.....	51,666	40.0	52,236	33.7	60,942	35.9	68,411	35.1
Transferred ¹	1,812	1.4	1,343	0.9	1,907	1.1	2,071	1.1
Traffic court.....	13	0.0	1,255	0.8	6,941	4.1	10,415	5.4
Direct file - adult court.....	8	0.0	410	0.3	283	0.2	343	0.2
Informal probation.....	5,768	4.5	5,490	3.5	5,444	3.2	5,428	2.8
Diversion.....	4,651	3.6	6,293	4.1	7,881	4.6	9,083	4.7
Petitions filed.....	65,151	50.5	87,957	56.8	86,283	50.9	98,919	50.8
Juvenile court dispositions.....	65,151	50.5	87,957	56.8	86,283	50.9	98,919	50.8
Dismissed.....	8,029	6.2	15,440	10.0	17,409	10.3	18,978	9.7
Transferred ¹	1,671	1.3	2,049	1.3	2,724	1.6	3,387	1.7
Remanded to adult court.....	386	0.3	404	0.3	252	0.1	318	0.2
Informal probation.....	2,499	1.9	4,922	3.2	4,842	2.9	5,487	2.8
Non-ward probation.....	2,430	1.9	2,889	1.9	3,255	1.9	4,327	2.2
Diversion.....	1,510	1.2	1,821	1.2	168	0.1	239	0.1
Deferred entry of judgment.....	140	0.1	1,027	0.7	2,504	1.5	3,359	1.7
Wardship probation/CYA.....	48,486	37.6	59,405	38.3	55,129	32.5	62,824	32.3
Wardship placements.....	48,486	37.6	59,405	38.3	55,129	32.5	62,824	32.3
Own/relative's home.....	26,773	20.7	34,299	22.1	34,613	20.4	36,859	18.9
Non-secure county facility.....	3,975	3.1	3,541	2.3	1,966	1.2	2,383	1.2
Secure county facility.....	13,325	10.3	15,512	10.0	13,223	7.8	16,538	8.5
Other public facility.....	144	0.1	230	0.1	195	0.1	213	0.1
Other private facility.....	3,295	2.6	4,107	2.6	3,807	2.2	5,465	2.8
Other.....	131	0.1	707	0.5	666	0.4	730	0.4
California Youth Authority.....	843	0.7	1,009	0.7	659	0.4	636	0.3

Source: Juvenile Court and Probation Statistical System (JCPSS).

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

^a Data were reported by 47 counties in 2002, 50 counties in 2003, 52 counties in 2004, and 55 counties in 2005.

¹ The "transferred" category includes transferred and deported.

As a percentage of reported referrals to probation:

- Petitions filed in juvenile court increased from 50.5 percent in 2002 to 50.8 percent in 2005.
- Juveniles made a ward of the court decreased from 37.6 percent in 2002 to 32.3 percent in 2005.
- Juveniles committed to the California Youth Authority decreased from 0.7 percent in 2002 to 0.3 percent in 2005.