

Safety

Section Highlights

10-Year Crime Rate

Down 26%

10-Year Violent Crime Rate

Down 33%

10-Year Juvenile Arrests

Down 28%

Gang Members in 2014

13,500

Gang-related Homicides in 2014

19

A Success Story

The San Bernardino County Probation Department successfully implements a range of reentry housing programs available to all adult offenders, including pregnant women and single mothers, HIV/AIDS diagnosed clients, veterans, and clients with substance use disorders or behavioral health issues. Housing is a resource provided to enhance a client's likelihood of successful community reentry and transition to self-supported housing. During the 2014/15 fiscal year 90 probation clients were placed in contracted Probation housing programs.

Violent and Property Crimes Decrease

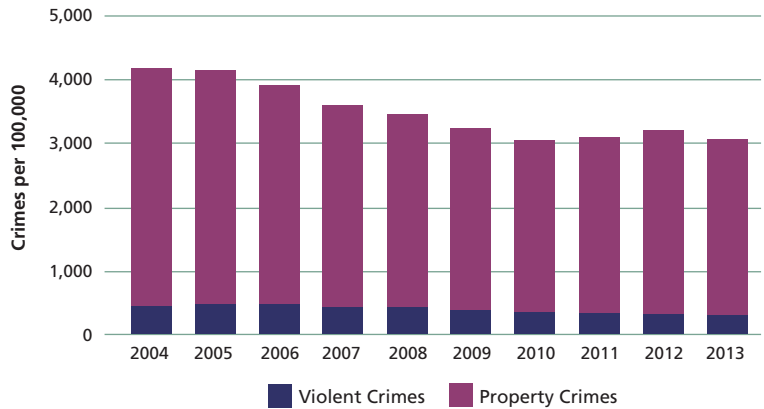
Crime impacts both real and perceived safety. It can also negatively affect investment in a community if a neighborhood is considered unsafe. This indicator tracks crime rate trends and juvenile arrests. The crime rate includes reported violent felonies (homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) and property felonies (burglary, motor vehicle theft, and larceny-theft).

How is San Bernardino County Doing?

Following two consecutive years of increasing rates of crime in the Riverside-San Bernardino metro area, the crime rate dropped in 2013:

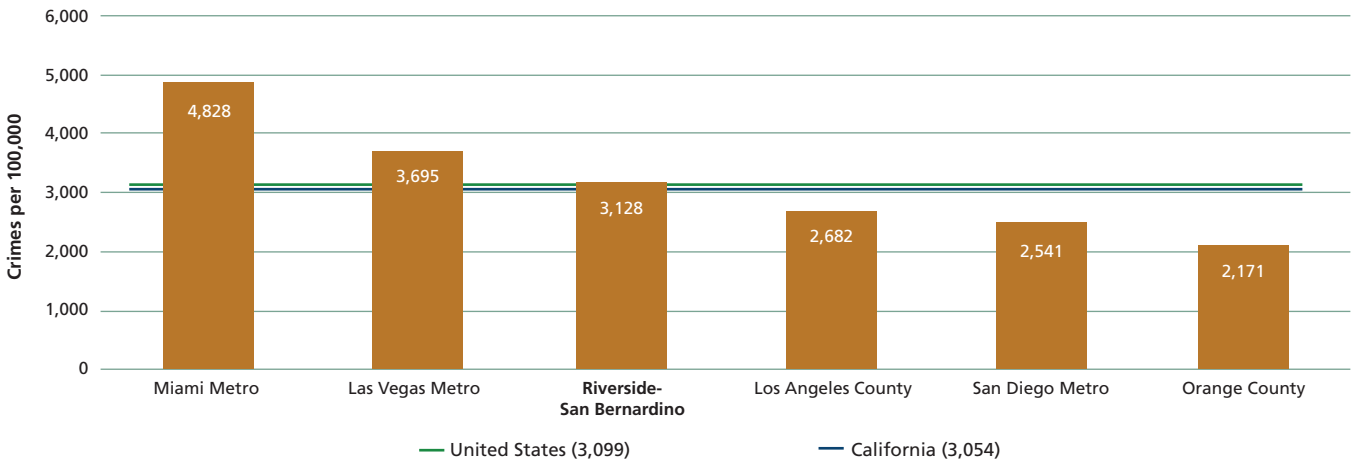
- The violent crime rate decreased by 10% between 2012 and 2013 and property crimes decreased 8% during the same one-year period.
- Because property crimes account for the majority of crime, the overall crime rate decreased 8% between 2012 and 2013.
- During the 10-year period between 2004 and 2013, the rate of reported violent crime in the Riverside-San Bernardino metro area dropped 33% while the property crime rate dropped 25%.
- The overall crime rate dropped 26% over the past 10 years.
- The crime rate in Riverside-San Bernardino is lower than out-of-state peers (Miami and Las Vegas), but higher than all neighboring regions compared, as well as the nation and the state.

Crime Rate
Riverside-San Bernardino, 2004-2013



Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Uniform Crime Reporting Program (www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm)

Crime Rate
Regional Comparison, 2013

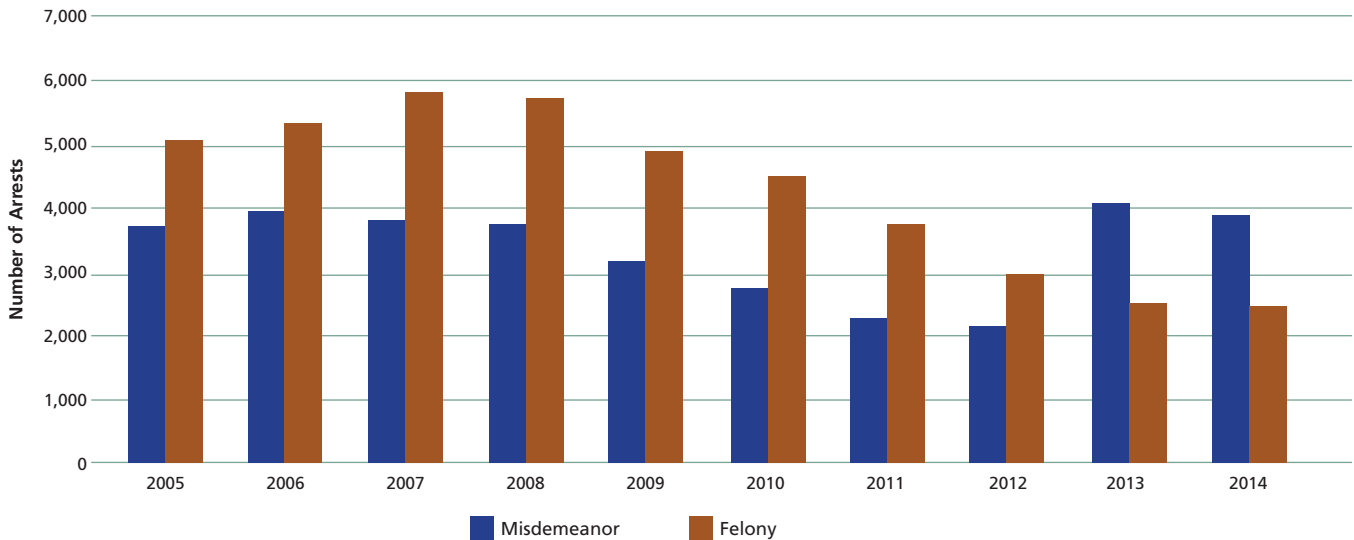


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Juvenile arrests are down:

- During the 10-year period between 2005 and 2014, juvenile arrests in San Bernardino County dropped 28%.
- In 2014, 60% of juvenile arrests were for misdemeanor charges, up from 42% in 2012.
- In an emerging trend since 2013, juvenile misdemeanor arrests have significantly increased. In contrast, juvenile felony arrests have seen a decrease.

Juvenile Arrests
San Bernardino County, 2005-2014



Source: San Bernardino County Probation Department, Research Unit

Tracking Realignment in San Bernardino County

In October 2011, Realignment legislation (Assembly Bill 109) went into effect. The goal of this legislation is to close the “revolving door” of low-level inmates cycling in and out of California’s state prisons by transferring responsibility to county governments for managing, supervising and treating certain felony offenders (referred to as AB109 offenders) who previously had been eligible for state prison and parole services. Prior to Realignment, the State Department of Corrections had an overall return to custody rate of 82.5% in San Bernardino County for the offender population that is now being supervised by the County Probation Department.

Initial data suggest that realignment has been effective in decreasing the overall return to custody (recidivism) rate:

- By December 2014, arrests for AB109 offenders decreased dramatically to 41.7% – and even lower (19.6%) when excluding technical violation arrests (technical violation arrests include circumstances that violate the terms of release, but do not constitute a new criminal violation of the law).
- Of the 41.7% new AB109 arrests (or 19.6% of non-technical AB109 arrests), only 17% recidivated (returned to custody).

Percentage of AB109 Offenders with New (Non-Technical) Arrests and Percent Recidivating
San Bernardino County, 2012-2014



Source: San Bernardino County Probation Department

Fewer Documented Gang Members

Tracking gang-related measures may help the community gauge the extent and nature of gang membership and gang-related crime. It can aid policymakers in determining the effectiveness of programs to combat gang-related crime and the level of funding needed to support these programs. This indicator measures gang-related crime filings, and the numbers of gangs and gang members as identified by law enforcement.¹

How is San Bernardino County Doing?

Gang-related filings increased:

- There were a total of 782 gang-related filings in 2014, a 7% increase from 730 filings in 2013.
- In 2014, 19 of the filings against gang-related defendants were for homicide. This reflects a decrease in gang-related homicide filings from 29 in 2013 and 40 in 2012.
- In 2014, 10% of all homicide filings and 5% of all felony filings were gang-related.

Gang membership decreased:

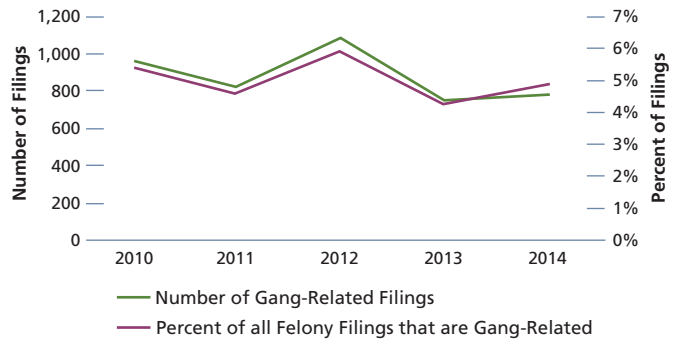
- There were 722 known gangs in San Bernardino County in 2014, slightly above the five-year average of 721 gangs.
- However, the number of gang members has fallen 26% during the same five-year period, from 18,242 members in 2010 to 13,500 members in 2014.

Working Together to Reduce Gang Violence

In an effort to address the root causes of youth joining gangs, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department collaborates with several organizations and initiatives countywide. Their goal is to reduce truancy, provide quality mentorship, and shrink the number of youth who join gangs. Participating programs include:

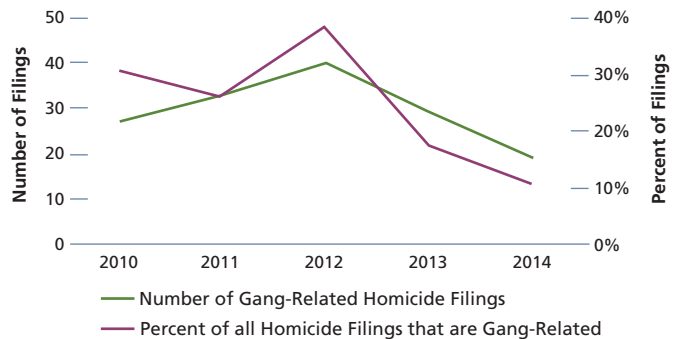
- *Let's End Truancy* – the District Attorney's program to identify the reasons for truancy and to work with students and families to increase regular school attendance.
- *County School Attendance Review Board* – law enforcement staff and educators who meet monthly to review cases of extreme truancy, and to investigate best practices in dealing with the issue.
- *Child Welfare & Attendance/Safe Schools Unit* of San Bernardino County Schools – coordinates all the crime-fighting, truancy-fighting, safety-related efforts of those involved in the local schools.
- *Pastors on Premises* – an informal network of local clergy who provide father figures and informal mentoring while walking campuses during school hours.
- *County Mentoring Network* – an umbrella group to help facilitate the efforts of all local mentors.
- *Gangs & Drugs Task Force* – an alliance of county stakeholders, primarily law enforcement staff and educators, who meet monthly to discuss solutions to local gang and drug concerns.
- *CleanSWEEP* – the Sheriff's school safety program that battles crime on campus at approximately 100 schools around the county by putting the tool of juvenile citation in the hands of specially trained administrators.

Gang-Related Filings
San Bernardino County, 2010-2014



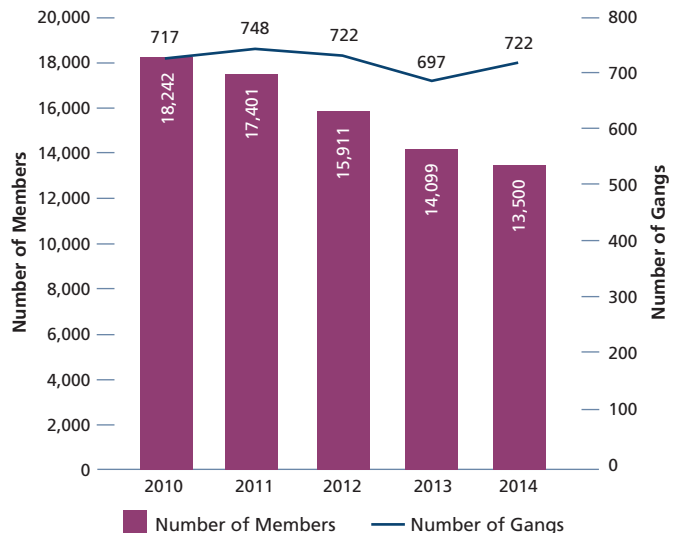
Source: San Bernardino County District Attorney

Gang-Related Homicide Filings
San Bernardino County, 2010-2014



Source: San Bernardino County District Attorney

Gangs and Gang Membership
San Bernardino County, 2010-2014



Source: San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department

¹ A filing is a charging document filed with the superior court clerk by a prosecuting attorney alleging that a person committed or attempted to commit a crime.