

Safety

Section Highlights

Property Crime Down 6%

Violent Crime Down 3%

Juvenile Arrests Down 17%

Number of Gangs 650

Number of Gang Members 15,000

A Success Story

The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors authorized additional funding for fiscal year 2017 to assist with crime suppression throughout San Bernardino County. This funding was used for the Desert and Valley Guardian operations, investigative purposes, and to supplement the three regional gang teams with six additional deputies assigned to the Gang Division for the duration of the crime suppression program. The Sheriff's Department specifically targeted criminal street gangs, street gang members and leadership, mid-level narcotics dealers, gun dealers/brokers, and other violent criminals who prey on the citizens of San Bernardino County. The program was highly successful and from June 2017 through June 2018, these crime suppression investigations resulted in a total of 1,897 arrests, with 480 pounds of narcotics and 395 firearms seized, and 66 stolen vehicles recovered.

Violent Crime Rate Increases 20% Since 2014

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).¹

How is San Bernardino County Doing?²

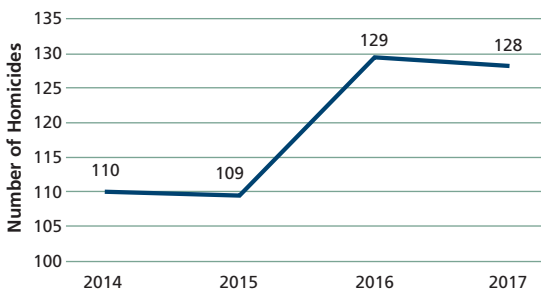
In 2017, the overall crime rate in San Bernardino County decreased:

- The property crime rate decreased 6% between 2016 and 2017 and the violent crime rate decreased 3% during the same one-year period.
- Because property crimes account for most crime, the overall crime rate decreased 6% between 2016 and 2017.
- The crime rate in San Bernardino County is in the middle among neighboring counties compared and lower than the state.
- Due in part to a change in crime categorization, San Bernardino County witnessed a 7% drop in the property crime rate since 2014, when California voters passed Proposition 47, which reduced some nonviolent, nonserious crimes to misdemeanors.

Despite a one-year drop, San Bernardino County's violent crime rate has increased since 2014:

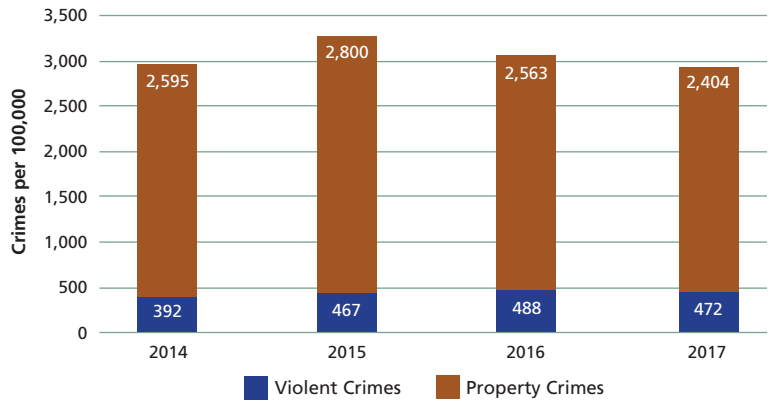
- Between 2014 and 2017, the violent crime rate increased 20%.
- Specifically, since 2014, the rate of rape increased 74%, while the robbery rate increased 19%, aggravated assault rate increased 16%, and the homicide rate is up 14%.³
- Between 2016 and 2017, the number of homicide victims was largely unchanged, dropping by one from 129 to 128. However, this figure is higher than in 2014, when there were 110 homicides.

Victims of Homicide San Bernardino County, 2014-2017



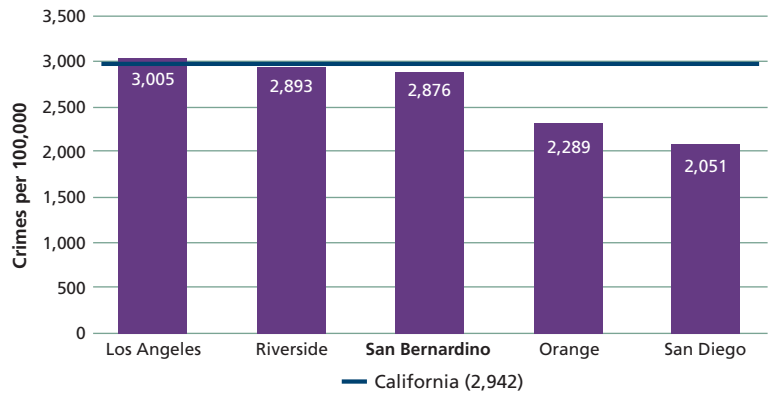
Source: California Department of Justice, Open Justice Dataset, Crimes & Clearances (<https://openjustice.doj.ca.gov/>); State of California, Department of Finance, E-2.

Crime Rate San Bernardino County, 2014-2017



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Crime Rate County Comparison, 2017



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Violent Crime Rate per 100,000 Residents by Type San Bernardino County, 2014-2017

	2014	2015	2016	2017	Change from 2014
Rape	22.5	29.4	32.8	39.1	74%
Robbery	115.3	135.2	135.8	137.8	19%
Aggravated Assault	249.3	297.6	313.8	289.4	16%
Homicide	5.2	5.1	6.0	5.9	14%

¹ Only violent and property crimes (considered Part I crimes) are included in the crime rate for this indicator. Part II crimes (which include such crimes as embezzlement, forgery, disorderly conduct, and driving under the influence) are not included. By some estimates, Part II crimes account for about 60% of total crimes reported in San Bernardino County.

² Due to changes in methodology and sources, data in this indicator are not comparable with prior Community Indicator Reports. Crime rate data include all jurisdictions in San Bernardino County, including sheriff's department, highway patrols, hospitals, school districts, and other large campuses.

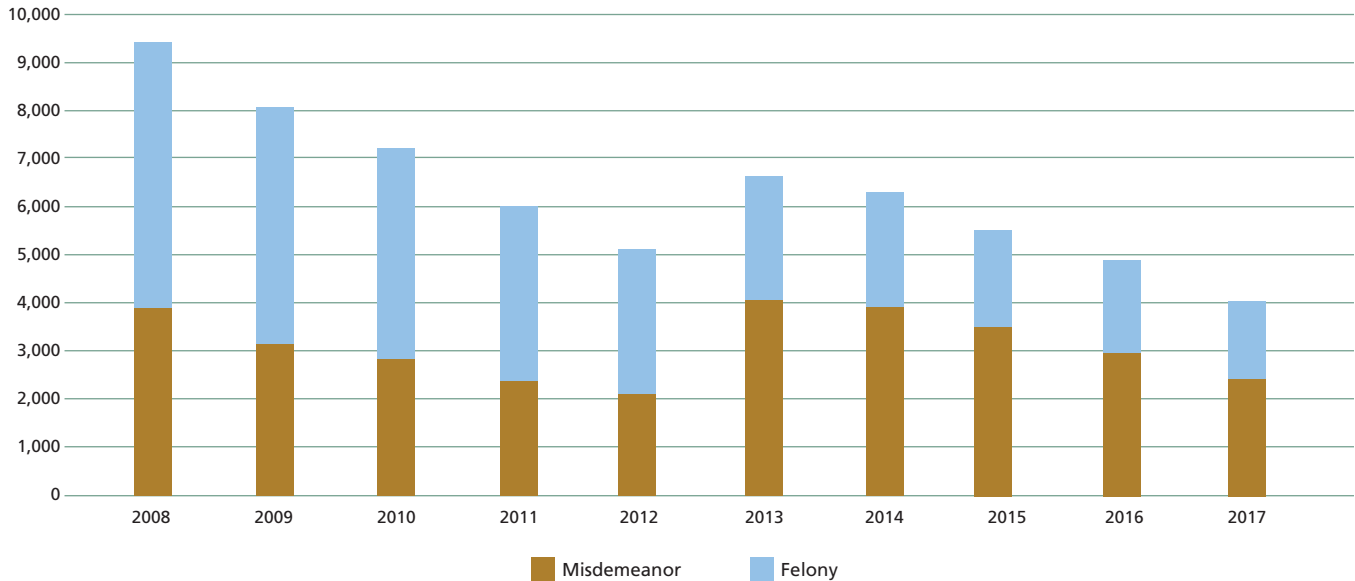
³ In 2015, the Department of Justice reporting requirements changed and several sex crimes that were previously reported as Part II crimes were recategorized to Part I crime. This accounts for some of the increase.

CRIME RATE (Continued)

Juvenile arrests are down:

- Between 2016 and 2017, juvenile (youth under 18) arrests in San Bernardino County dropped 17%.
- Mirroring a statewide trend, during the five-year period between 2013 and 2017, juvenile arrests in dropped 39%.
- In 2017, 59% of the juvenile arrests were for misdemeanor charges.

Juvenile Arrests San Bernardino County, 2008-2017



San Bernardino County Probation Department Day Reporting and Reentry Services Centers

The San Bernardino County Probation Department operates three Day Reporting and Reentry Services Centers (DRRSC) that are regionally-based adult facilities. The centers are funded with a portion of the monies received from AB 109 and are conveniently located. DRRSCs provide access to co-located multi-agency partners: Department of Behavioral Health (DBH), Transitional Assistance Department (TAD), Public Health, and Workforce Development Department. Each center offers a dedicated Probation Homeless Services Coordinator, a clothing closet, and offers life skills and reentry support classes. Classes offered include, but are not limited to, anger management, employment, healthy life choices, parenting, cognitive journaling, food handler's training, and computer skills training.

During fiscal years 2015/16 to 2017/18, more than 20,700 clients were seen at the Probation Department's three DRRSCs. Of these clients:

- 6,413 were referred to Workforce Development for employment readiness training or job placement assistance;
- 3,999 were referred to TAD for assistance with accessing Cal-Fresh or health care enrollment;
- 5,727 were referred to DBH for assistance with behavioral health issues, dual diagnosis issues and/or coordination of outpatient treatment services;
- 1,260 were referred to Probation Housing Coordinators for housing assistance; and
- 439 were referred to Public Health for care coordination support, such as assistance with accessing prescriptions or a health care provider and receiving health education services.

Note: The figure 20,700 represents the total number of clients seen at DRRSC. Not all clients received a referral for services, thus the bullets do not add up to 20,700.

Source: San Bernardino County Probation Department, Research Unit

Gang-Related Filings Decline Substantially

Tracking gang-related data 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?

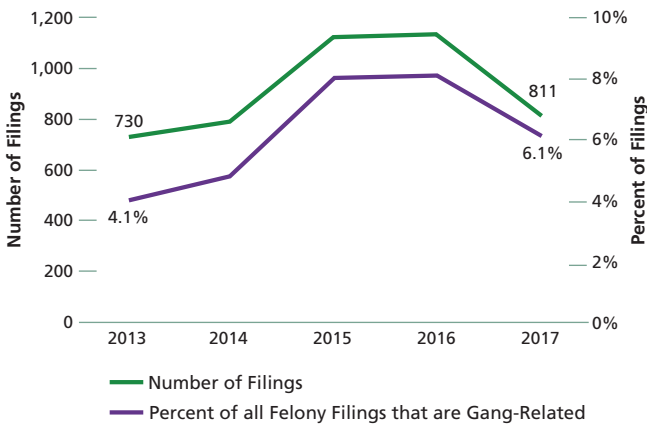
Gang-related filings decreased:

- There were a total of 811 gang-related filings in 2017, a decrease of 28% from 1,129 filings in 2016.
- In 2017, 33 of the filings against gang-related defendants were for homicide – a 10% increase in gang-related homicide filings from 30 in 2016.
- In 2017, 21% of all homicide filings and 6% of all felony filings were gang-related.

Gangs membership remained the same:

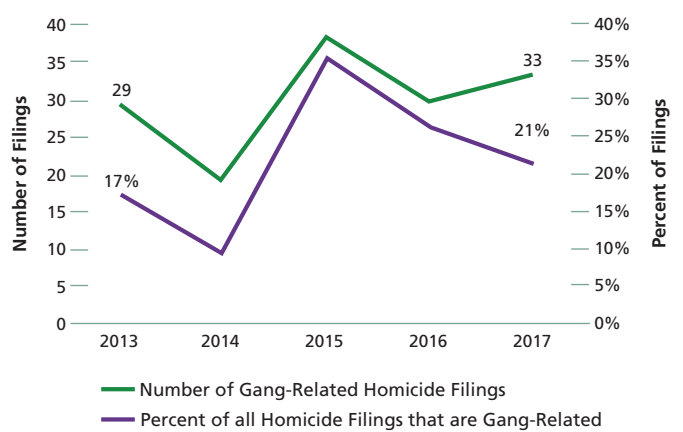
- There were 650 known gangs in San Bernardino County in 2017, below the five-year average of 684 gangs.
- At 15,000, the number of gang members stayed the same between 2016 and 2017. The five-year trend, however, is upward, increasing from 14,099 in 2013.

Gang-Related Filings
San Bernardino County, 2013-2017



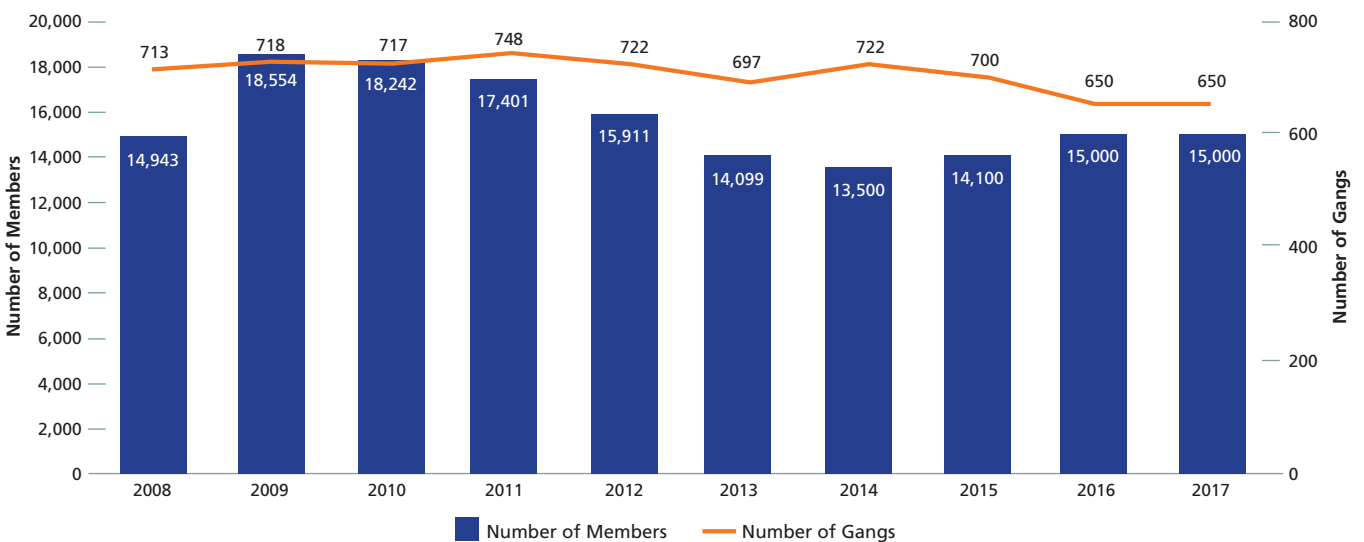
Source: San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office

Gang-Related Homicide Filings
San Bernardino County, 2013-2017



Source: San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office

Gangs and Gang Membership
San Bernardino County, 2008-2017



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.