

# Safety

## Section Highlights

5-Year Violent Crime Rate

↑ 24%

5-Year Juvenile Arrest Rate

↓ 42%

Number of Known Gangs

639

Homicide Filings that were Gang-Related

26%

## Success Story

*During the past 10 years, numerous programs and services have been added to the San Bernardino County Probation Department. A sampling of the new programs and divisions include:*

- CASE Program to help youth affected by juvenile prostitution and trafficking.*
- Law Enforcement Officer program, which places a probation officer in every sheriff's substation and police department in the county. The program allows for participation and collaboration for community specific events/operations.*
- Creation of the Division of Pretrial Services, Vocation Training, and Adult Diversion, a system that evaluates defendants and monitors those released from custody prior to the resolution of their cases.*

# Juvenile Crime Rate Continues to Decline

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).<sup>1</sup>

## How is San Bernardino County Doing?<sup>2</sup>

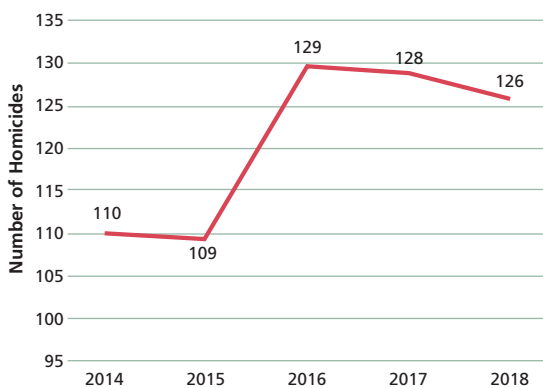
In 2018, the overall crime rate in San Bernardino County stayed the same:

- The property crime rate decreased by 1% between 2017 and 2018 and the violent crime rate increased by 3% during the same one-year period.
- Because property crimes account for most crime, the overall crime rate stayed the same between 2017 and 2018.
- The crime rate in San Bernardino County is one of the highest among neighboring counties compared and higher than the state.
- Due in part to a change in crime categorization, San Bernardino County witnessed an 8% drop in the property crime rate since 2014, when California voters passed Proposition 47, which reduced some nonviolent, nonserious crimes to misdemeanors.

San Bernardino’s violent crime rate has increased since 2014:

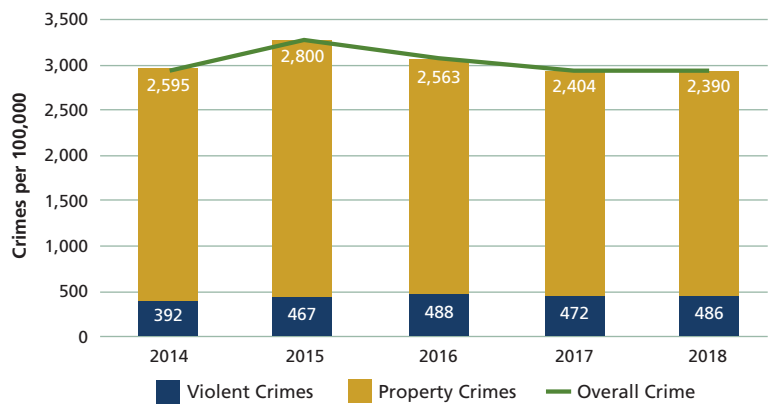
- Between 2014 and 2018, the violent crime rate increased 24%.
- Specifically, since 2014, the rate of rape increased 93%, while the robbery rate increased 24%, aggravated assault rate increased 19%, and the homicide rate is up 12%.<sup>3</sup>
- Between 2017 and 2018, the number of homicide victims was largely unchanged, dropping by two from 128 to 126. However, this figure is higher than in 2014, when there were 110 homicides.

## Victims of Homicide San Bernardino County, 2014-2018



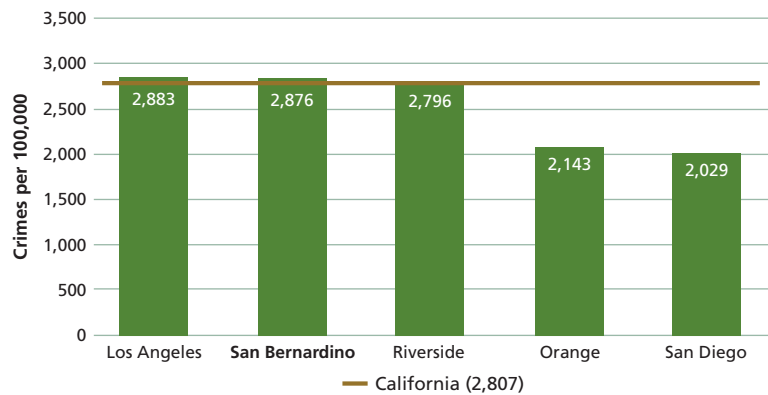
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Crime Rate  
San Bernardino County, 2014-2018



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Crime Rate  
County Comparison, 2018



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Violent Crime Rate, by Type  
San Bernardino County, 2014-2018

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Change from 2014
Rape <sup>3</sup>	22.5	29.4	32.8	39.1	43.4	93%
Robbery	115.3	135.2	135.8	137.8	142.8	24%
Aggravated Assault	249.3	297.6	313.8	289.4	296.8	19%
Homicide	5.2	5.1	6.0	5.9	5.8	12%

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

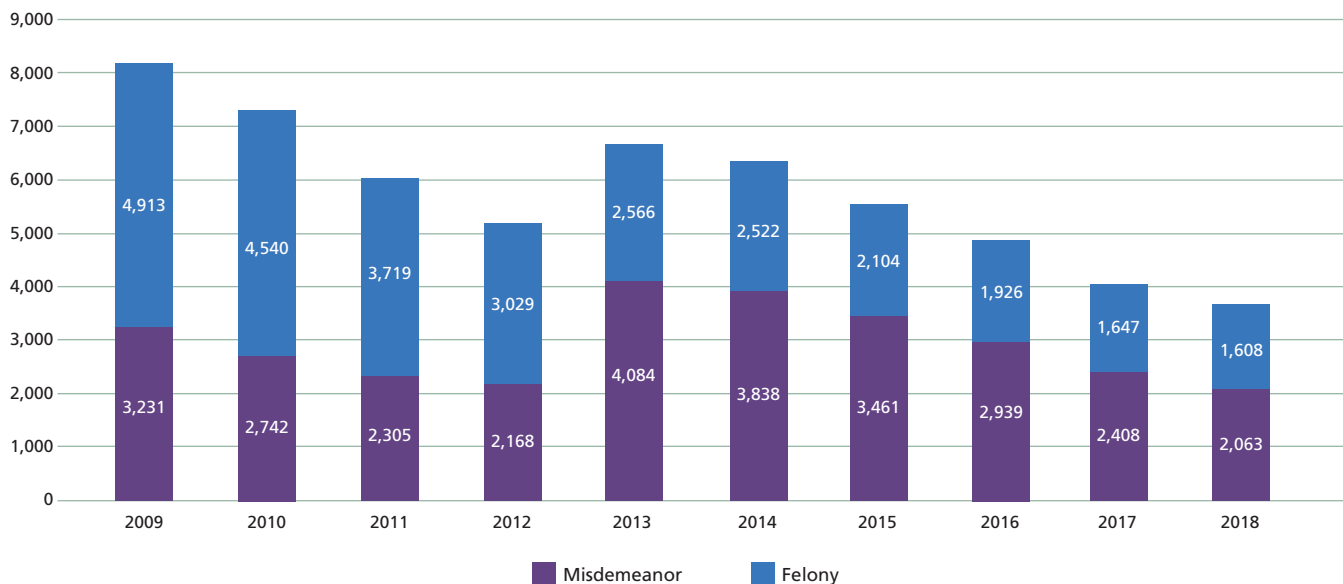
<sup>3</sup> In 2015, the Department of Justice reporting requirements changed and several sex crimes that were previously reported as Part II crimes were recategorized to Part I crime. This accounts for some of the increases in the rape rate.

## CRIME RATE (Continued)

Juvenile arrests are down:

- During the 10-year period between 2009 and 2018, juvenile arrests in San Bernardino County dropped 55%.
- In 2018, 56% of juvenile arrests were for misdemeanor charges.

### Juvenile Arrests San Bernardino County, 2009-2018



### 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. The centers are conveniently located, providing access to co-located multi-agency partners: Department of Behavioral Health (DBH), Transitional Assistance Department (TAD), Public Health, and Workforce Development Department. Each center has 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 2016/17 to 2018/19, more than 35,100 clients were seen at the Probation Department's three DRRSCs. Of these clients:

- 7,381 were referred to DBH for assistance with behavioral health issues, dual diagnosis issues and/or coordination of outpatient treatment services;
- 4,575 were referred to Workforce Development for employment readiness training or job placement assistance;
- 4,048 were referred to TAD for assistance with accessing Cal-Fresh or health care enrollment;
- 1,225 were referred to Probation Housing Coordinators for housing assistance; and
- 853 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 35,100 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 35,100.

Source: San Bernardino County Probation Department, Research Unit

# Number of Gang-Related Filings Continue to Decline

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.<sup>1</sup>

## How is San Bernardino County Doing?

Gang-related filings decreased:

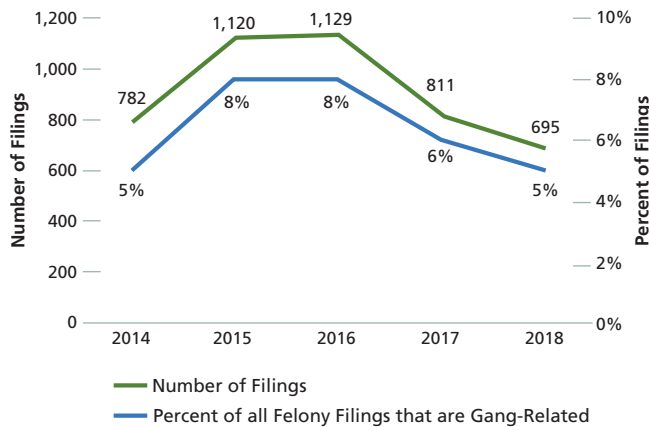
- There were a total of 695 gang-related filings in 2018, a decrease of 14% from 811 filings in 2017.
- In 2018, 33 of the filings against gang-related defendants were for homicide, the same amount as in 2017.
- In 2018, 26% of all homicide filings and 5% of all felony filings were gang-related.

Gangs membership declined:

- There were 639 known gangs in San Bernardino County in 2018, below the five-year average of 672 gangs.
- There was a decrease in the number of gang members, from 15,000 gang members in 2017 to 14,035 in 2018.

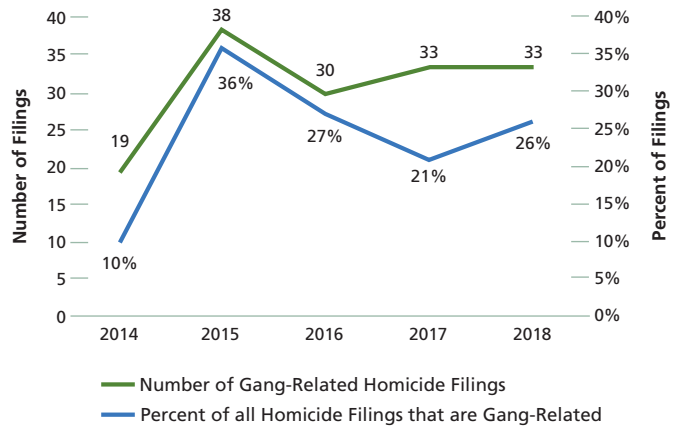
### Gang-Related Filings

San Bernardino County, 2014-2018



### Gang-Related Homicide Filings

San Bernardino County, 2014-2018

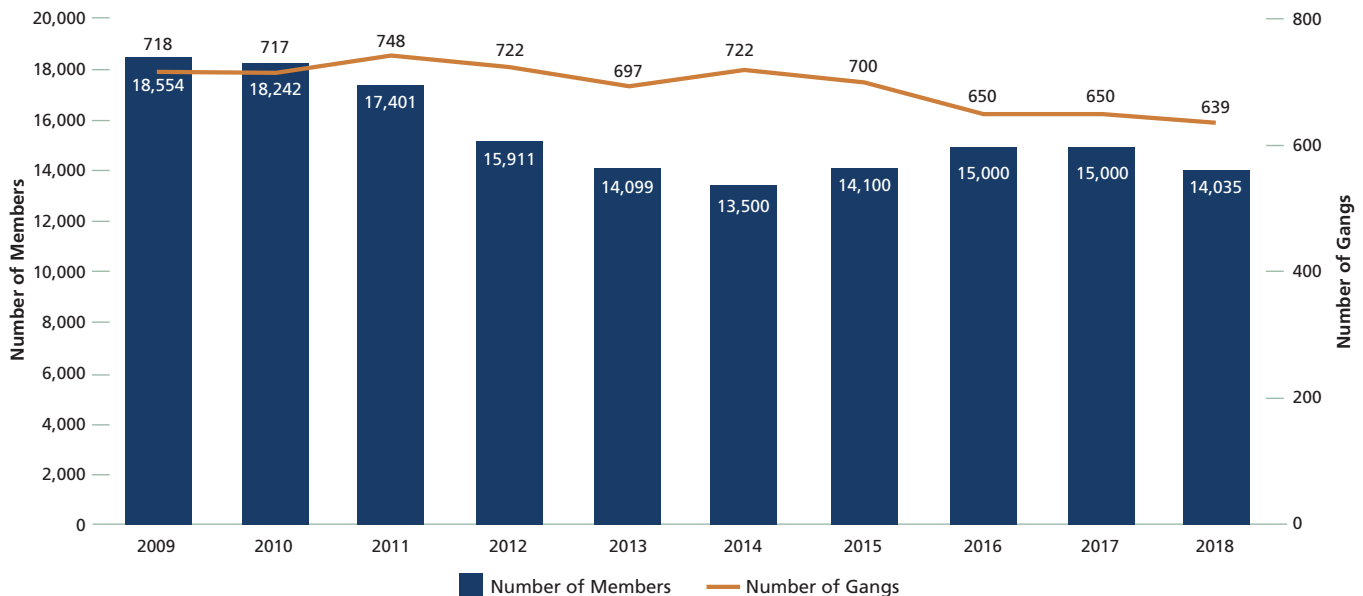


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### Gangs and Gang Membership

San Bernardino County, 2009-2018



Source: San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department

<sup>1</sup> 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.