



Safety

Section Highlights

Violent Crime Rate (2015 - 2019)

up 19%

Black Juvenile Arrest Rate (2019)

66.0 per 1,000

Average Juvenile Arrest Rate (2019)

18.5 per 1,000

Number of Gang Members (2019)

14,522

Gang-Related Filings (2015 - 2019)

down 38%

Success Story

The *Safe Return Program* is a public safety program designed to protect and locate missing persons with special needs (Alzheimer's, autism, dementia, down syndrome, etc.). The Program's registry database allows officers to match data with lost individuals to reconnect them with their loved ones. The registry also works in reverse; if a loved one goes missing, a picture, description, and other valuable information are immediately available. Registration is free and accessible to all county residents.



Homicides Jump Up 17%

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

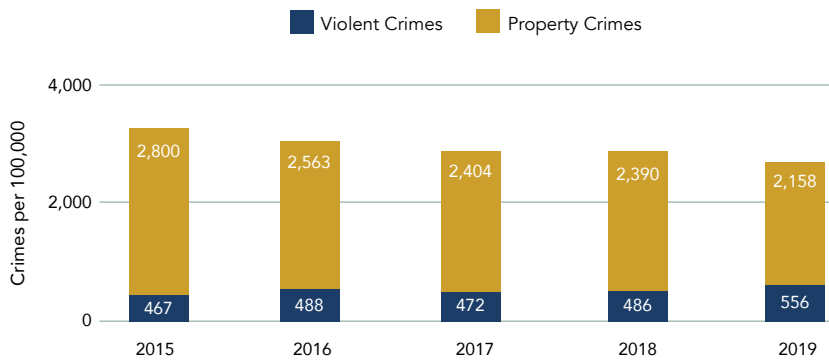


TREND

The property crime rate decreased by 10% between 2018 and 2019 and the violent crime rate increased by 15% during the same one-year period. Because property crimes account for most crime, the overall crime rate declined by 6% between 2018 and 2019. During this same period, the number of homicide victims increased from 126 to 147.

OVERALL CRIME RATE IS DECREASING

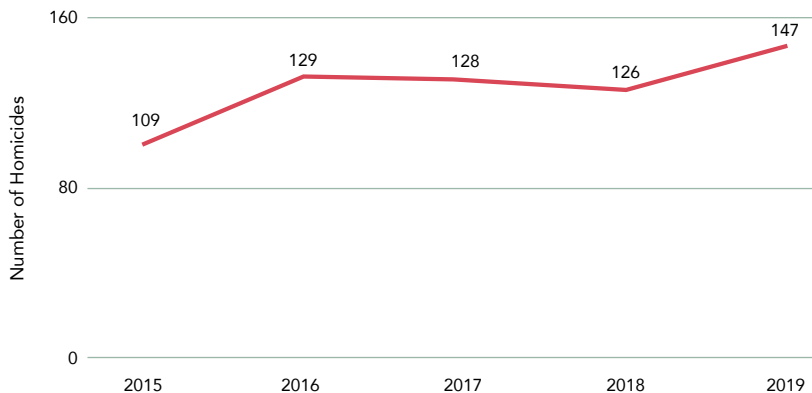
Crimes per 100,000 in San Bernardino County, 2015-2019



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

NUMBER OF HOMICIDES IS INCREASING

Victims of Homicide in San Bernardino County, 2015-2019



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

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, driving and under the influence) are not included. By some estimates, Part II crimes account for about 60% of total crimes reported in San Bernardino County.



The five-year violent crime trend is up, increasing 19% between 2015 and 2019. Specifically, since 2015, the rate of rape increased 38%, while the homicide rate increased 31%, the aggravated assault rate increased 24%, and the robbery rate increased 4%.²

During the five-year period between 2015 and 2019, juvenile arrests in San Bernardino County dropped by 38%. In 2019, 57% of the juvenile arrests were for misdemeanor charges.³

VIOLENT CRIME IS ON THE RISE

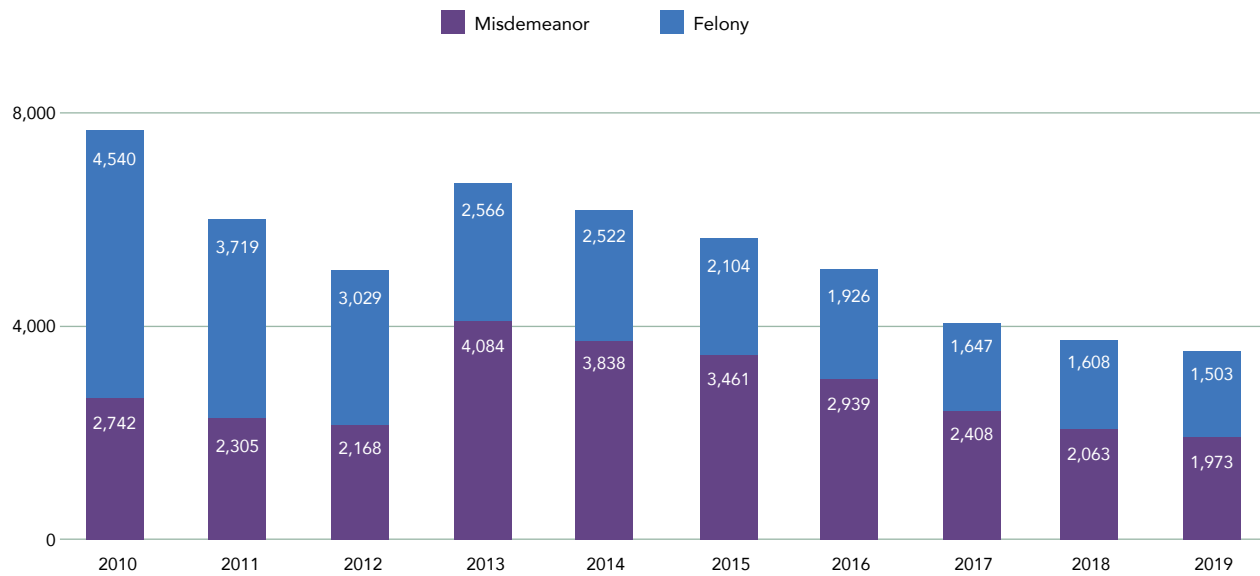
Violent Crimes per 100,000 by Type in San Bernardino County, 2015-2019

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Change from 2015
Robbery	135.2	135.8	137.8	141.8	141.2	4%
Aggravated Assault	297.6	313.8	289.4	294.8	367.6	24%
Homicide	5.1	6.0	5.9	5.8	6.7	31%
Rape	29.4	32.8	39.1	43.1	40.5	38%

Source: California Department of Justice, Open Justice Dataset, Crimes & Clearances

JUVENILE ARRESTS CONTINUE TO DECLINE

Juvenile Arrests in San Bernardino County, 2010-2019



Source: San Bernardino County Probation Department, Research Unit

²In 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.

³The total count of juvenile arrests is inclusive of arrests made by various law enforcement agencies.



RACE/ETHNICITY DETAIL

Black juveniles are arrested at a rate of 66.0 per 1,000 juveniles ages 12-17 years.³ This is a significantly higher rate than the countywide average of 18.5 per 1,000 juveniles and higher than any other race/ethnic group. The Equity Gap Score for juvenile arrests is 10.0 – the highest Equity Gap Score documented in this report. This score means that the group with the highest arrest rate (Black juveniles) is ten times higher than the group with the lowest arrest rate (Asian juveniles).



Equity Gap Score

10.0

BLACK JUVENILE ARREST RATE MUCH HIGHER THAN ANY OTHER GROUP

Juvenile Arrest Rate Per 1,000 by Race/Ethnicity in San Bernardino County, 2019



Sources: San Bernardino County Probation Department, Research Unit; California Department of Finance, Table P-3

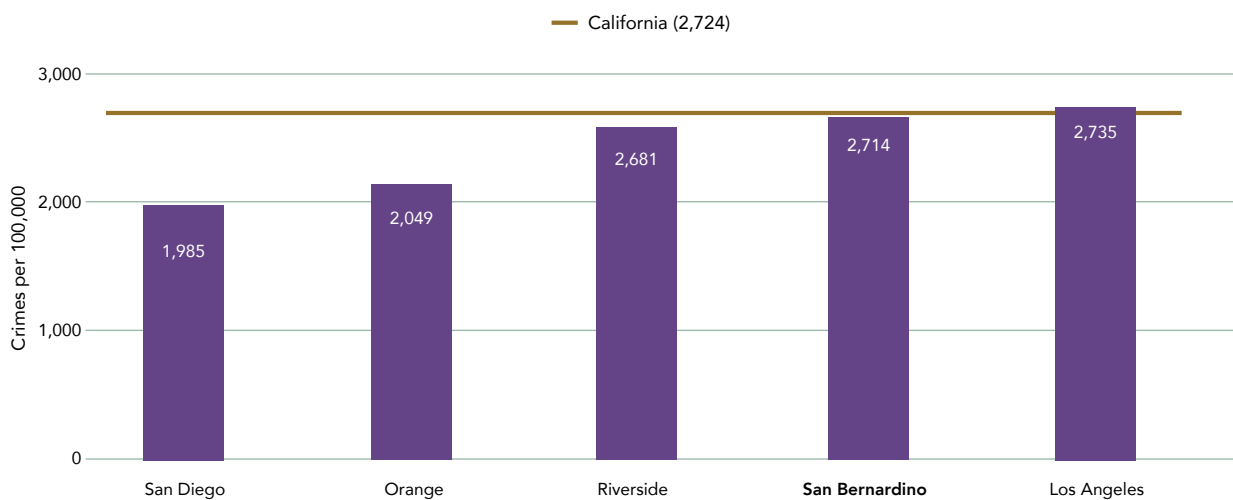


GEOGRAPHIC DETAIL

The crime rate in San Bernardino County is one of the highest among neighboring counties compared, but slightly lower than the state.

HIGHER CRIME RATE THAN MOST NEIGHBORING COUNTIES

County Comparison of Crimes per 100,000, 2019



Sources: San Bernardino County Probation Department, Research Unit; California Department of Finance, Table P-3

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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 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.

In the three year period between 2017/18 and 2019/20, more than 40,300 clients were seen at the Probation Department's three DRRSCs. Of these clients:

- 4,273 were referred to Workforce Development for employment readiness training or job placement assistance;*
- 4,467 were referred to TAD for assistance with accessing CalFresh or health care enrollment;*
- 6,853 were referred to DBH for assistance with behavioral health issues, dual diagnosis issues, and/or coordination of outpatient treatment services;*
- 989 unique clients were placed in housing by Probation Housing Coordinators; and*
- 1,005 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 40,300 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 40,300.

Source: San Bernardino County Probation Department, Research Unit



More of Gang-Related Filings are for Homicide

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

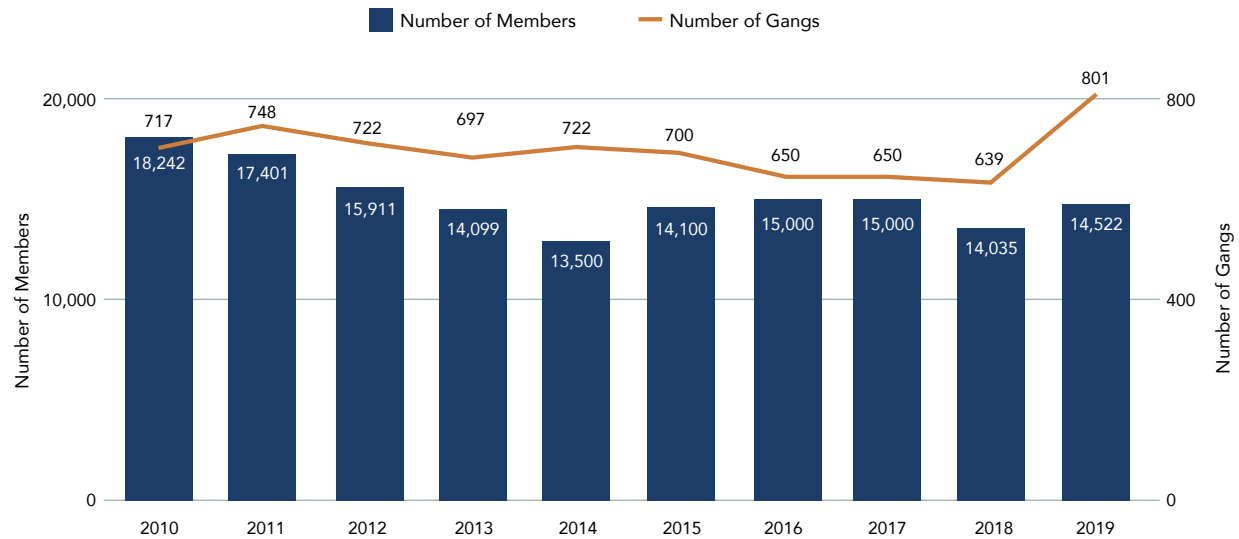


TREND

There were 801 known gangs in San Bernardino County in 2019, an increase from 2018 when there were 639 gangs. The number of gang members also increased, from 14,035 gang members in 2018 to 14,522 in 2019. However, some of this increase may be attributable to changes in data entry criteria.

APPARENT INCREASE IN NUMBER OF GANGS AND GANG MEMBERSHIP

Gangs and Gang Membership in San Bernardino County, 2010-2019



Note: In 2019, there was a change in data entry criteria, which could account for much of the change between 2018 and 2019.

Source: San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department

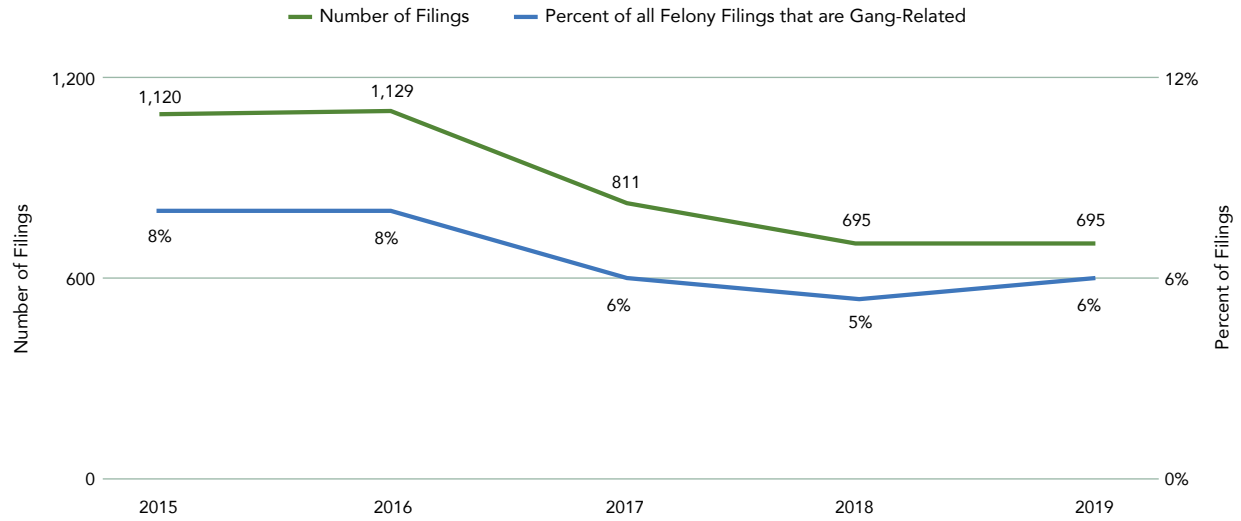
¹ A filing is a charging document filed with the superior court clerk by a prosecuting attorney alleging that a person committed or attempted to commit a crime.



There was a total of 695 gang-related felony filings in 2019, the same number of filings as in 2018. This represents 6% of all felony filings, up from 5% of filings in 2018. In 2019, 34 of the filings against gang-related defendants were for homicide, a slight increase from 2018, which had 33 such filings. This represents 31% of all homicide filings, an increase from 26% of all homicide filings in 2018 and 21% in 2017.

AFTER STEEP DECLINE, GANG-RELATED FILINGS REMAIN RELATIVELY STEADY

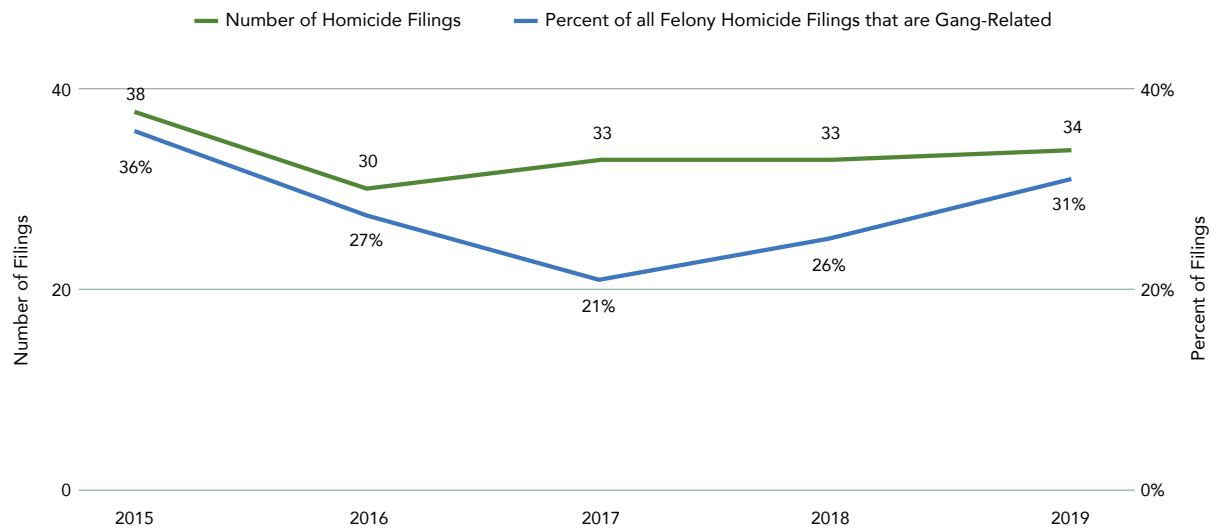
Gang-Related Filings in San Bernardino County, 2015-2019



Source: San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office

GANG-RELATED HOMICIDES INCREASE

Gang-Related Homicide Filings in San Bernardino County, 2015-2019



Source: San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office