



More Violent Crimes Reported in First Half of 2022, Compared to Past Ten Years: Summary Statistics from the Mid-Year Crime Report

As part of a cooperative agreement with San Diego County local law enforcement, the SANDAG Criminal Justice Clearinghouse compiles crime statistics on a monthly basis, reporting on annual trends twice annually. With the recent release of the CJ Bulletin Crime in the San Diego Region Mid-Year 2022 Statistics, this CJ Flash highlights some of the key statistics reported in this full report.

Highlight 1

There were 6,182 violent crimes reported to local law enforcement between January and June 2022, a daily average of 34 (Figure 1), compared to 29 per day in 2015 (when there were 5,330, the eleven-year low). According to victimization surveys, only 40% of violent crime is reported to law enforcement.¹

Figure 1

Violent Crime Up in the San Diego Region in the First Half of 2022



SOURCE: SANDAG, 2022

Highlight 2

There are four types of violent crimes included in these statistics — homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. As Table 1 shows, the number of homicides and robberies were up at mid-year 2022, compared to 2021, but the number of rapes and aggravated assaults were down. It is important to note though, that most violent crime are aggravated assaults, and while there were fewer reported at mid-year 2022, compared to mid-year 2021, the 2022 number was still the second highest in the past eleven years.

¹Morgan, R.E. & Thompson, A. (2021). *Criminal Victimization, 2020* (NCJ 301775). Washington, D.C.: Bureau of Justice Statistics.



Table 1
Number of Violent Crimes Reported in the San Diego Region at Mid-Year 2012-2022

	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault
2012	64	377	1,529 (high)	3,843
2013	41	314	1,473	3,602
2014	39	377	1,331	3,655
2015	43	511 (definition change)	1,337	3,439
2016	49	550	1,389	3,373 (low)
2017	42	534	1,437	3,408
2018	40	604 (high)	1,346	3,520
2019	38 (low)	539	1,410	3,572
2020	54 (high)	433	1,268	3,598
2021	49	532	1,176 (low)	4,316 (high)
2022	51	475	1,355	4,301

NOTE: In 2015, the definition of rape changed to include male victims and different forms of contact/penetration. As a result, some crimes that would previously have been coded as aggravated assaults were now rapes, as were some Part II crimes that were not included in these Part I statistics.

SOURCE: SANDAG, 2022

Highlight 3

Even though only about one in three property crimes are reported to law enforcement (according to the same survey cited in Highlight 1), most crime (81% at mid-year 2022) represents property crime (burglaries, larcenies, and motor vehicle theft). There were 26,448 property crimes reported between January and June 2022, an average of 146 per day (Figure 2). While the number of reported violent crimes represented an eleven-year high, this was the second lowest number reported since 2012.

Figure 2

Property Crime Down in the San Diego Region in the First Half of 2022



SOURCE: SANDAG, 2022

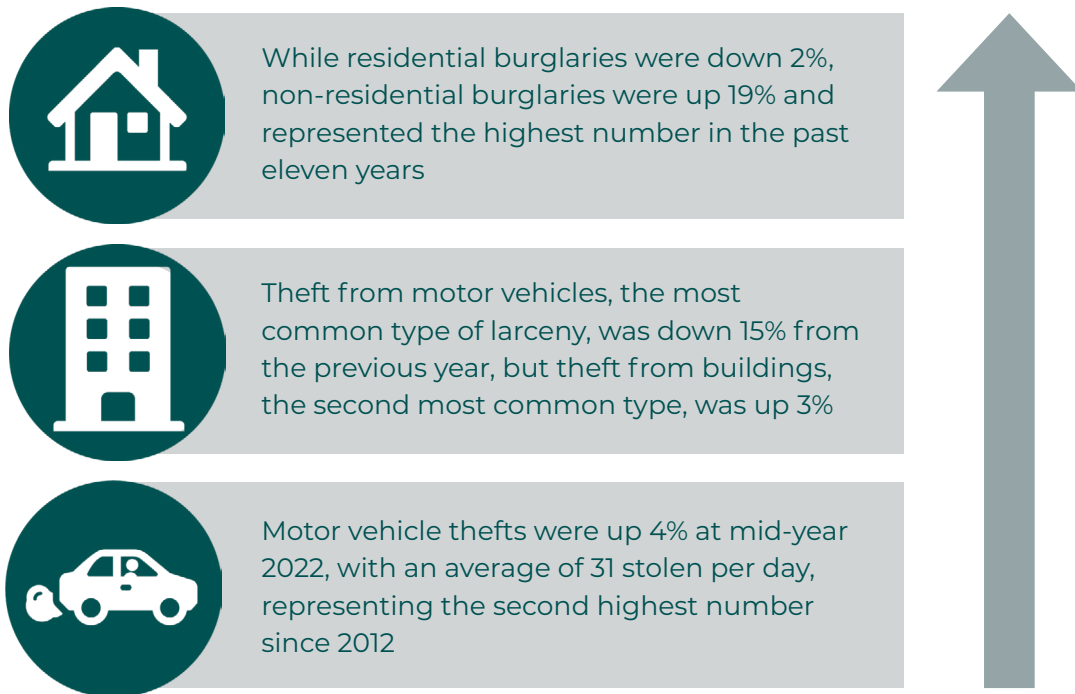


Highlight 4

There were some interesting differences in how the number of reported property crimes has changed over time, as Figure 3 shows. Specifically, while residential burglaries were down in the first half of 2022 (compared to the first half of 2021), non-residential burglaries were up, the most common type of larceny (theft from a motor vehicle) was down, but the second most common type (theft from buildings) was up, and the second greatest number of motor vehicles was stolen in 2022, than any other year since 2012.

Figure 3

Different Patterns of Increases and Decreases for Different Types of Property Crimes at Mid-Year 2022



SOURCE: SANDAG, 2022

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