Lower Number of CIBRS/NIBRS Crime Incidents Reported in First Half of 2023

As part of a cooperative agreement with San Diego County local law enforcement agencies, the SANDAG Criminal Justice Clearinghouse compiles crime statistics, reporting on trends twice annually. With the recent release of the CJ Bulletin *Crime in the San Diego Region Mid-Year 2023 Statistics*, this CJ Flash highlights some of the key statistics reported in this full report.

Highlight 1

SANDAG has historically used the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) statistics for its public safety and crime reporting. However, this year represents the transition to a new state and national standardized system, the California Incident Based Reporting System (CIBRS) and the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). The following table highlights the main differences between the reporting systems.
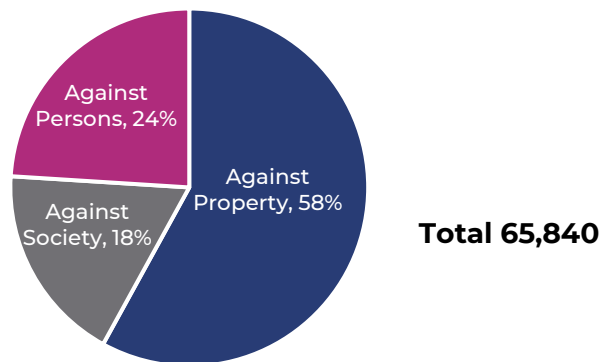
Table 1: Differences between UCR and CIBRS/NIBRS

UCR	CIBRS/NIBRS
Only highest offense counted	Up to 10 offenses counted
Part 1 offenses • 4 violent crimes • 3 property crimes	Group A offenses • 15 crimes against persons • 26 crimes against property • 11 crimes against society
Static database (Sporadically updated)	Dynamic database (Continuously updated)
No mechanism to track whether crime is attempted or committed	Labels offenses with "A" for attempted and "C" for completed
Collects weapon information only on a few cases (homicide, robbery, and aggravated assaults)	Collects weapon information on all violent crimes

Highlight 2

There were 65,840 total Group A offenses reported to local law enforcement between January and June 2023, with crimes against property accounting for almost three-fifths of all crimes commited, crimes against persons about a fourth, and crimes against society around one-fifth[1]. Crimes against society were not previously captured in UCR Part I crime statistics.

Figure 1: Group A offenses by crime category in 2023
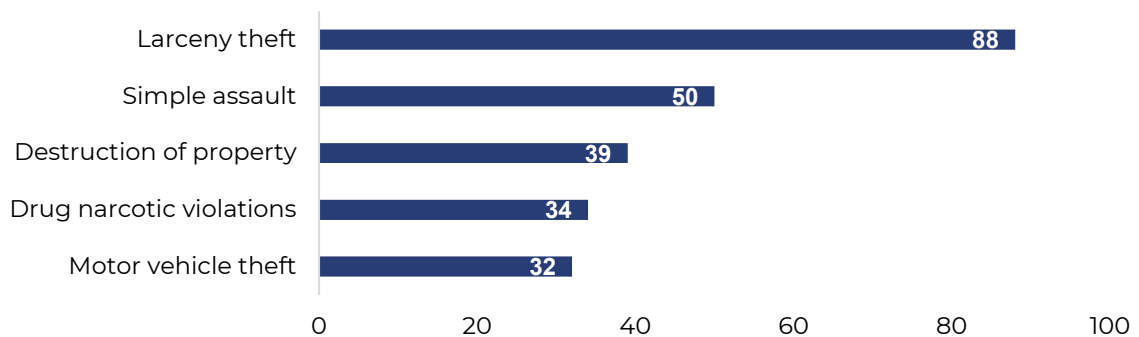

Source: SANDAG; ARJIS

Highlight 3

At mid-year 2023, larceny-theft, simple assault, destruction of property, drug narcotic violations, and motor vehicle theft were the top five most common crime offenses.

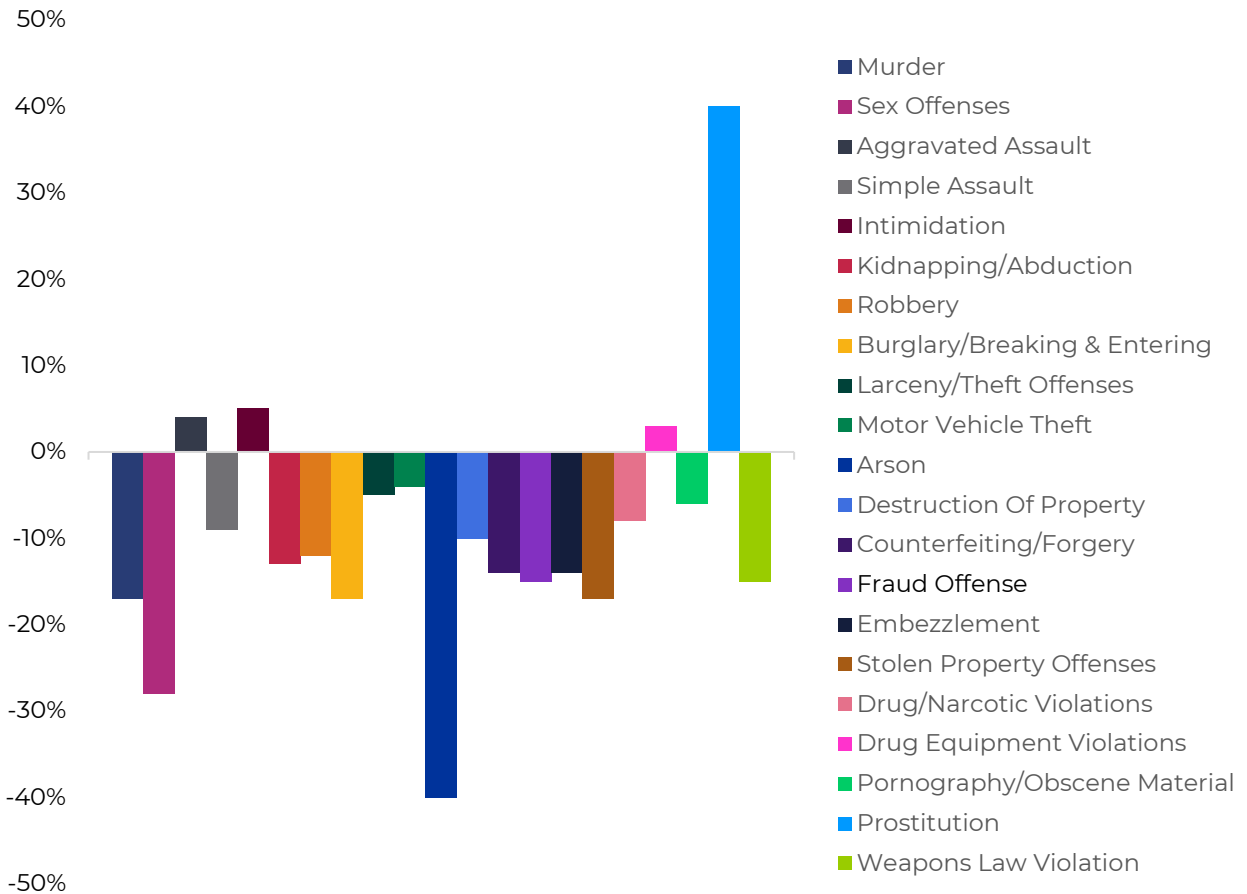**Figure 2: Top 5 most common offenses average number reported per day**

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[1] Crimes against persons in CIBRS/NIBRS include 15 offenses: murder, negligent manslaughter, justifiable homicide, non-consensual sex offences (rape, sodomy, sexual assault with object, fondling), aggravated assault, simple assault, intimidation, kidnapping/abduction, consensual sex offenses (incest, statutory rape), human trafficking-commercial sex acts, and human trafficking-involuntary servitude. Crimes against property include 12 offenses: robbery, burglary/breaking & entering, larceny/theft offenses, motor vehicle theft, arson, destruction of property, counterfeiting/forgery, fraud offense, embezzlement, extortion/blackmail, bribery, stolen property offenses. Crimes against society include seven offenses: drug/narcotic violations, drug equipment violations, gambling offenses, pornography/obscene material, prostitution, weapon law violations, and animal cruelty.

Highlight 4

Most crime offenses decreased at mid-year 2023 in comparison with the same time frame in 2022. As shown in the next figure, aggravated assault, intimidation, drug equipment violations, and prostitution incidents were the only offenses that increased.

Figure 3: 2022-2023 percentage change in crime offenses

Note: Only offenses with 30 or more incidents in both years are presented

Source: SANDAG; ARJIS