

Action for Healthy Communities

Public Safety Issues

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Public Safety

In looking at issues of public safety, the assessment examined local crime statistics, for both juveniles and adults, statistics from local law enforcement and social service agencies, and sought public opinion.

When it comes to local crime, the latest statistics, for 1998, show that crime countywide decreased by 5% over the previous year. The kinds of crime and the areas where crimes occur varied during this time period. For instance, violent crime decreased 10% while property crime increased by 7%.

In Atascadero, the overall number of arrests increased by 4% though violent crime decreased 8%; and property crimes decreased by 8%.

In the south county, Arroyo Grande showed a decrease in both violent and property crimes respectively, -4% and -21%. Grover Beach shows a 32% increase in violent crime and a 33% decrease in property crime. Pismo Beach had a 4% increase in violent crime and 25% decrease in property crimes.

And in Morro Bay, violent crime increased by 9% and property crimes decreased by 20%.

In the city of San Luis Obispo, violent crime decreased by 18% and property crime increased by 22%.

Paso Robles, however, saw a significant decrease in crime, a 21% decrease in violent crime and a 7%

increase in property crime.

According to Sheriff's reports from the unincorporated parts of the county, there was a 9% decrease of violent crimes, and a 20% increase in property crimes.

Juvenile felony crimes increased countywide during the same time period. There was a 18% increase in juvenile felonies, and a 5% decrease in misdemeanors.

Hand gun sales are up for the county (11%) and have gone down by 6% in the state.

According to telephone survey results, 74% of respondents said they feel "very safe" in their neighborhoods, and another 24% said they feel "somewhat safe." Likewise, the majority of residents, (75%) say that local law enforcement response time is very or somewhat effective.

When it comes to public safety there are a few areas that stand out for local residents. Drug and alcohol abuse, child abuse, domestic violence and crime are all areas of concern indicated in the telephone survey.

Domestic violence, an area of great concern to community residents, decreased countywide in 1998. Overall domestic crime decreased by 11%.

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San Luis Obispo County FBI Crime Index

Definition of Crimes

Homicide: the willful (nonnegligent) killing of one human being by another. Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter are included in this definition.

Rape: the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will.

Robbery: the taking or attempting to take anything of value from the custody, care, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by creating fear in the victim.

Aggravated Assault: an unlawful attack or attempted attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault is usually accompanied by the use of

a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.

Burglary: the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft.

Motor Vehicle Theft: the theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

Larceny: the unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession of another (except embezzlement, fraud, forgery, and worthless checks).

Arson: any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud, a dwelling house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

Source: California Criminal Justice Profile, 1998.

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Crime Rate for Selected Crimes

Arrests-San Luis Obispo County

VIOLENT CRIMES	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Homicide	5	5	7	40.0
Rape	78	106	127	19.8
Robbery	69	90	79	-12.2
Aggravated Assault *	757	707	609	-13.9
Total Violent Crime	909	908	822	-9.5

PROPERTY CRIMES	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Burglary	1,556	1,523	1,533	6.6
Larceny	5,093	4,384	4,652	6.1
Motor Vehicle Theft *	288	319	350	9.7
Arson	122	95	92	-3.2
Total Property Crime	6,937	6,226	6,630	6.5

	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Total Crimes	7,846	7,134	7,452	4.5
Total Population	230,000	232,700	236,500	1.6
Crime Rate	34.1	30.7	31.5	—

Source: California Criminal Justice Profile, Department of Finance Population Estimates January, 1998.

* Includes CHP figures

Note: The crime rate is calculated by dividing the number of reported crimes by the total population and then multiplying the result by 100,000. Due to the smaller populations of San Luis Obispo County Cities, the result has been multiplied by 1,000 instead of 100,000 to arrive at the crime rate shown above.

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Crime Rate for Selected Areas

Arrests – Arroyo Grande

VIOLENT CRIME	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Homicide	0	0	0	0.0
Rape	5	3	0	-100.0
Robbery	7	12	6	-50.0
Aggravated Assault	31	23	17	26.0
Total Violent Crime	43	38	23	-3.6

PROPERTY CRIME	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Burglary	75	98	66	-32.7
Larceny	413	376	288	-23.4
Motor Vehicle Theft	15	14	27	92.9
Arson	6	9	3	-66.7
Total Property Crime	503	488	384	-21.3

	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Total Crimes	546	526	407	-22.6
Population	14,950	15,300	15,600	2.0
Crime Rate	36.5	34.4	52.2	—

Source: California Criminal Justice Profile, Department of Finance Population Estimates January, 1998.

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Crime Rate for Selected Areas

Arrests – Atascadero

VIOLENT CRIME	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Homicide	0	0	0	0.0
Rape	5	9	12	33.3
Robbery	8	9	15	66.7
Aggravated Assault	45	82	65	-20.7
Total Violent Crime	58	100	92	-8.0

PROPERTY CRIME	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Burglary	270	212	217	2.4
Larceny	506	441	438	-0.7
Motor Vehicle Theft	36	34	45	32.4
Arson	24	9	23	155.6
Total Property Crime	812	687	723	5.2

	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Total Crimes	870	787	815	3.6
Population	24,400	24,700	25050	1.4
Crime Rate	35.7	31.9	32.5	—

Source: California Criminal Justice Profile, Department of Finance Population Estimates January, 1998.

Note: The crime rate is calculated by dividing the number of reported crimes by the total population and then multiplying the result by 100,000. Due to the smaller populations of San Luis Obispo County Cities, the result has been multiplied by 1,000 instead of 100,000 to arrive at the crime rate shown above.

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Crime Rate for Selected Areas

Arrests – Grover Beach

VIOLENT CRIME	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Homicide	0	0	1	100.0
Rape	1	9	7	22.2
Robbery	3	5	9	80.0
Aggravated Assault	32	36	49	36.1
Total Violent Crime	36	50	66	32.0

PROPERTY CRIME	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Burglary	101	98	71	-27.6
Larceny	339	312	251	-19.6
Motor Vehicle Theft	20	29	32	10.3
Arson	4	4	5	-25.0
Total Property Crime	460	535	359	-32.9

	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Total Crimes	496	585	425	-27.4
Population	11,950	12,150	12,350	1.6
Crime Rate	41.5	48.2	34.4	—

Source: California Criminal Justice Profile, Department of Finance Population Estimates January, 1998.

Note: The crime rate is calculated by dividing the number of reported crimes by the total population and then multiplying the result by 100,000. Due to the smaller populations of San Luis Obispo County Cities, the result has been multiplied by 1,000 instead of 100,000 to arrive at the crime rate shown above.

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Crime Rate for Selected Areas

Arrests – Morro Bay

VIOLENT CRIME	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Homicide	0	0	0	0.0
Rape	3	1	2	100.0
Robbery	5	6	0	-600.0
Aggravated Assault	81	68	84	23.5
Total Violent Crime	89	79	86	8.9

PROPERTY CRIME	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Burglary	46	55	43	-21.8
Larceny	259	205	167	-18.5
Motor Vehicle Theft	11	9	6	-33.3
Arson	0	0	0	0.0
Total Property Crime	316	269	216	-19.7

	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Total Reported Crimes	405	538	302	-43.9
Population	9,550	9,625	9,725	1.0
Crime Rate	42.4	55.9	31.0	—

Source: California Criminal Justice Profile, Department of Finance Population Estimates January, 1998.

Note: The crime rate is calculated by dividing the number of reported crimes by the total population and then multiplying the result by 100,000. Due to the smaller populations of San Luis Obispo County Cities, the result has been multiplied by 1,000 instead of 100,000 to arrive at the crime rate shown above.

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Crime Rate for Selected Areas

Arrests – Paso Robles

VIOLENT CRIME	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Homicide	0	1	3	200.0
Rape	14	7	11	57.1
Robbery	13	9	9	0.0
Aggravated Assault	81	65	42	-35.4
Total Violent Crime	108	82	65	-20.7

PROPERTY CRIME	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Burglary	159	151	184	21.9
Larceny	559	422	431	2.1
Motor Vehicle Theft	45	30	25	-16.7
Arson	5	8	3	-62.5
Total Property Crime	763	603	643	6.6

	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Total Crimes	871	685	708	3.4
Population	21,150	21,500	21,800	1.4
Crime Rate	41.2	31.7	32.5	—

Source: California Criminal Justice Profile, Department of Finance Population Estimates January, 1998.

Note: The crime rate is calculated by dividing the number of reported crimes by the total population and then multiplying the result by 100,000. Due to the smaller populations of San Luis Obispo County Cities, the result has been multiplied by 1,000 instead of 100,000 to arrive at the crime rate shown above.

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Crime Rate for Selected Areas

Arrests – Pismo Beach

VIOLENT CRIME	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Homicide	0	0	0	0.0
Rape	3	5	4	-20.0
Robbery	8	6	11	83.3
Aggravated Assault	22	14	11	21.4
Total Violent Crime	33	25	26	4.0

PROPERTY CRIME	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Burglary	50	73	63	-13.7
Larceny	321	330	254	-23.0
Motor Vehicle Theft	6	32	10	-68.8
Arson	4	0	0	0.0
Total Property Crime	381	435	327	24.8

	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Total Crimes	410	460	353	-23.3
Population	8,075	8,200	8,275	75.0
Crime Rate	50.8	56.1	42.7	—

Source: California Criminal Justice Profile, Department of Finance Population Estimates January, 1998.

Note: The crime rate is calculated by dividing the number of reported crimes by the total population and then multiplying the result by 100,000. Due to the smaller populations of San Luis Obispo County Cities, the result has been multiplied by 1,000 instead of 100,000 to arrive at the crime rate shown above.

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Crime Rate for Selected Areas

Arrests- San Luis Obispo (City)

VIOLENT CRIME	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Homicide	0	0	1	100.0
Rape	17	28	38	35.7
Robbery	14	21	26	23.8
Aggravated Assault	202	147	96	-34.7
Total Violent Crime	233	196	161	-17.9

PROPERTY CRIME	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Burglary	360	363	413	13.8
Larceny	1,304	1,234	1,534	24.3
Motor Vehicle Theft	69	82	117	42.7
Arson	68	51	55	7.8
Total Property Crimes	1,801	1,730	2,119	22.5

	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Total Crimes	1,966	1,875	2,280	21.6
Population	41,400	41,800	42,200	1.0
Crime Rate	47.5	44.9	54.0	—

Source: California Criminal Justice Profile, Department of Finance Population Estimates January, 1998.

Note: The crime rate is calculated by dividing the number of reported crimes by the total population and then multiplying the result by 100,000. Due to the smaller populations of San Luis Obispo County Cities, the result has been multiplied by 1,000 instead of 100,000 to arrive at the crime rate shown above.

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Crime Rate for Selected Areas

Arrests – Unincorporated (Sheriff)

VIOLENT CRIME	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Homicide	5	4	2	-50.0
Rape	29	44	53	20.5
Robbery	10	22	3	-86.4
Aggravated Assault	252	247	231	-6.5
Total Violent Crime	296	317	289	-8.8

PROPERTY CRIME	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Burglary	460	426	412	-3.3
Larceny	866	673	902	34.0
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	4	6	50.0
Arson	9	11	3	-72.7
Total Property Crime	1,329	1,103	1,323	19.9

	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Total Crimes	1,625	1,420	1,612	13.5
Population	98,000	99,400	101,500	2.1
Crime Rate	16.6	14.3	15.9	-17.7

Source: California Criminal Justice Profile, Department of Finance Population Estimates January, 1998.

Note: The crime rate is calculated by dividing the number of reported crimes by the total population and then multiplying the result by 100,000. Due to the smaller populations of San Luis Obispo County Cities, the result has been multiplied by 1,000 instead of 100,000 to arrive at the crime rate shown above.

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Reported Juvenile Crimes, by Ethnicity

Felony Crimes- by ethnicity

ETHNICITY	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Caucasian	230	181	213	17.7
Hispanic	119	106	89	-16.0
African American	16	11	10	-9.0
Other	10	8	9	12.5
Total	375	306	321	4.9

Misdemeanor Crimes- by ethnicity

ETHNICITY	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Caucasian	769	700	689	-1.6
Hispanic	243	185	168	-9.2
African American	33	28	18	-35.7
Other	30	18	13	-27.8
Total	1075	931	888	-4.6

Source: California Criminal Justice Profile, 1998.

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Reported Juvenile Crimes, by Age

Felony Crimes- by age

AGE	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
10 and under	4	0	1	100.0
11	4	2	5	150.0
12	8	10	14	40.0
13	23	15	28	86.7
14	56	48	51	6.3
15	97	53	53	0.0
16	80	93	85	-8.6
17	103	85	84	-1.2

Source:, California Criminal Justice Profile, 1998.

Misdemeanor Crimes- by age

AGE	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
10 and under	7	5	5	0.0
11	9	8	11	37.5
12	37	32	36	12.5
13	75	72	74	2.7
14	159	122	102	-16.4
15	202	177	169	-4.5
16	259	242	210	-13.2
17	327	273	281	-2.9

Source: California Criminal Justice Profile, 1998.

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Law Enforcement Effectiveness

Telephone Survey Results

How effective do you think local law enforcement response time is in your community?

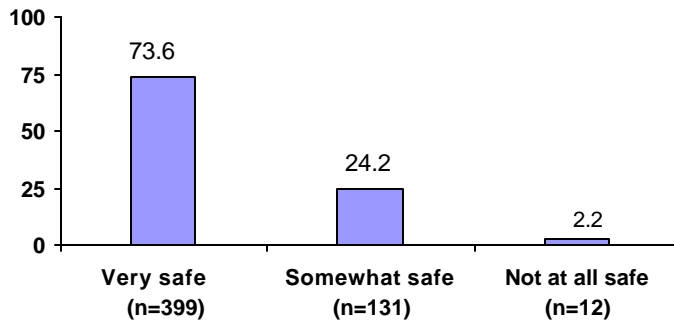
RESPONSE	NUMBER	PERCENT
Very effective	227	42.0
Somewhat effective	177	32.7
Not at all effective	26	4.8
Don't know	111	20.5
Total	541	100.0

Source: 1999 Action for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey.

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Neighborhood Safety



Telephone Survey Results

How safe would you say you feel in your neighborhood?

RESPONSE	NUMBER	PERCENT
Very safe	399	73.6
Somewhat safe	131	24.2
Not at all safe	12	2.2
Total	542	100.0

Responses by Area of Residence

RESPONSE	NORTH COUNTY	NORTH COAST	SAN LUIS OBISPO	SOUTH COUNTY
Very safe	76.6	83.2	61.1	71.6
Somewhat safe	22.9	15.9	32.4	26.4
Not at all safe	0.6	0.9	6.5	2.0
Total	175	107	108	148

Source: 1999 Action for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey.

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Public Safety and Social Concerns

Telephone Survey Results

How concerned are you about the following issues in your community?

RESPONSE	VERY CONCERNED		SOMEWHAT CONCERNED		NOT AT ALL CONCERNED	
	FREQ.	PERCENT	FREQ.	PERCENT	FREQ.	PERCENT
Child Abuse	240	44.8	158	29.5	138	25.7
Drug, tobacco and alcohol use	227	42.1	208	38.6	104	19.3
Crime	192	35.5	249	46.0	10	18.5
Employment opportunities	188	35.2	169	31.6	177	33.1
Senior abuse	184	34.9	169	32.1	174	33.0
Gun Violence	174	32.3	176	32.7	189	35.1
Family violence	180	33.6	187	35.0	168	31.4
Gangs	180	33.1	185	34.1	178	32.8
Homelessness	161	29.9	230	42.7	148	27.5
Racism	135	25.2	200	37.3	201	37.5
Natural disaster preparedness	126	24.0	225	42.9	174	33.1
Transportation services	100	18.8	165	31.0	267	50.2

Source: 1999 Action for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey.

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**Public Safety and Social Concerns,
continued**

 **Community Survey Results**

How concerned are you about the following issues in your community?

RESPONSE	VERY CONCERNED		SOMEWHAT CONCERNED		NOT AT ALL CONCERNED	
	FREQ.	PERCENT	FREQ.	PERCENT	FREQ.	PERCENT
Child Abuse	2,010	59.7	1,037	30.8	319	9.5
Crime	1,915	54.9	1,331	38.1	243	7.0
Drug, tobacco and alcohol use	1,758	51.3	1,307	38.1	365	10.6
Employment opportunities	1,689	50.0	1,225	36.2	467	13.8
Family violence	1,604	48.1	1,307	39.2	422	12.7
Gangs	1,644	47.8	1,270	37.0	522	15.2
Senior abuse	1,560	46.6	1,345	40.2	440	13.2
Homelessness	1,526	45.2	1,459	43.2	390	11.6
Gun Violence	1,442	42.8	1,223	36.3	708	21.0
Racism	1,238	37.6	1,370	41.6	688	20.9
Natural disaster preparedness	1,022	31.1	1,684	51.3	576	17.6
Transportation services	1,032	30.7	1,432	42.5	902	26.8

Source: 1999 Action for Healthy Communities, Community Survey.

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Prevalence of Street Gangs

Gang Task Force

Since its inception in 1990, (pursuant to Penal Code Section 186.20), the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department Gang Task Force has successfully prosecuted and had court certified as criminal street gangs eleven separate groups. These groups operated throughout the entire County. As of June 1999, there are currently six active criminal street gangs operating in San Luis Obispo County.

Penal Code Sections 186.20 (f) defines "criminal street gang" as any ongoing organization,

association, or group of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, having as one of its primary activities the commission of one or more of the criminal acts enumerated in Paragraphs (1) to (23), inclusive, of subdivision (e), having a common name or common identifying sign or symbol, and whose members individually or collectively engage in or have engaged in a pattern of criminal gang activity.

San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Department, Gang Task Force, 1999.

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Gun Sales

Annual Handgun Sales

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	96-97 % CHANGE
San Luis Obispo County	2,837	2,029	2,131	2,517	2,714	1,636	1,694	1,871	10.5
Guns sold per 1,000 people	13	9	10	11	12	7	7	8	—
California	320,657	311,154	367,375	418,719	361,502	238,755	207,318	195,338	-5.8
Guns sold per 1,000 people	11	10	12	13	11	7	7	6	—

Source: Firearms Registration, Department of Justice, California Department of Finance, Demographic Unit, 1999.

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County Parolees

Felons Paroled from an Institution by County of Parole, San Luis Obispo County

	1995	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Total parolees	781	789	908	1,074	18.3
County population	227,300	229,475	232,675	236,500	1.6
Parolees per 1,000 people	3.4	3.4	3.9	4.5	15.4

Source: Offender Information Services Branch, Department of Corrections, 1999. State Department of Finance population figures, 1999.

Note: The data indicates parolees who have been paroled to San Luis Obispo County.

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Households Reporting Domestic Violence

Number of Calls, San Luis Obispo County

JURISDICTION	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Sheriff's Department Unincorporated	303	234	213	-9.0
Arroyo Grande	40	48	37	-22.9
Atascadero	158	148	124	-16.2
Grover Beach	52	58	47	-19.0
Morro Bay	55	47	55	17.2
Paso Robles	185	141	162	14.9
Pismo Beach	51	57	51	-10.5
San Luis Obispo	124	124	86	-30.6
Oceano Dunes DPR	1	1	1	0.0
San Luis Obispo Coast DPR	2	4	1	-100.0
San Simeon DPR	1	0	1	100.0
Total	972	862	778	-10.8

Cases with Weapons, San Luis Obispo County

AGENCY	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Sheriff's Department Unincorporated	67	55	56	1.8
Arroyo Grande	39	47	37	-21.3
Atascadero	136	134	119	-11.2
Grover Beach	52	57	47	-17.5
Morro Bay	41	40	50	25.0
Paso Robles	155	127	135	6.3
Pismo Beach	51	57	51	-10.5
San Luis Obispo	102	92	35	-62.0
Oceano Dunes DPR	0	1	1	0.0
San Luis Obispo Coast DPR	2	4	1	-300.0
San Simeon DPR	1	0	1	100.0
Total	646	614	533	-13.2

Source: California Criminal Justice Profile, 1998.

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Households Reporting Domestic Violence, continued

California

	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Number of Calls	227,899	220,156	196,832	-10.6
Total Cases with Weapons	159,075	155,650	136,658	-12.2

Source: California Criminal Justice Profile, 1998.

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Domestic Violence Shelters

Shelter occupants, by Age and Family Status- North County area

NORTH COUNTY WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Number of Women	61	44	49	43
% aged 18-29	54.1	34.1	34.7	51.2
% aged 30-50	44.3	65.9	59.2	46.5
% aged 50+	1.6	0.0	6.1	2.3
Number of Children	83	65	68	59
% children	57.6	59.6	58.1	57.8
Family Status				
% Married with children	39.3	43.2	42.8	34.9
% Single with children	31.1	34.1	32.6	48.8
% Single- no children	29.5	22.7	24.5	16.3
Total Shelter Occupants	144	109	117	102

Shelter Occupants, by Income Source

NORTH COUNTY WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
% Private Income Source	N/a	31.8	36.7	30.2
% Public Assistance Income Source	N/a	27.3	28.6	27.9
% No Income Source	N/a	40.9	34.7	41.9

Shelter Occupants, by Ethnicity

NORTH COUNTY WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
% Caucasian	68.8	75.2	70.9	58.8
% Hispanic	24.3	20.2	26.5	37.3
% Native American	1.4	1.8	1.7	1.9
% African American	4.9	2.7	0.8	1.9
% other	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0

Source: North County Women's Resource Center, 1999.

Note: 1998-99 figures are preliminary (YTD) as of June, 1999. Final year end figures will be available after July, 1999..

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Domestic Violence Shelters

Shelter Occupants, by Age and Family Status- San Luis Obispo Area

WOMEN'S SHELTER PROGRAM, INC. OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Number of Women	66	50	38
% aged 18-29	48.5	38.0	52.6
% aged 30-50	51.5	52.0	44.7
% aged 50+	0.0	4.0	2.6
Number of Children	84	51	50
% children	56.0	50.5	56.8
Family Status			
% Married with no children	0.0	8.3	0
% Married with children	46.9	39.6	39.5
% Single with children	24.2	18.8	42.1
% Single- no children	28.8	33.3	18.4
Total Shelter Occupants	150	101	88

Shelter Occupants, by Income Source

WOMEN'S SHELTER PROGRAM, INC. OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
% Private Income Source	N/a	N/a	8.6
% Public Assistance Income Source	N/a	N/a	37.1
% No Income Source	N/a	N/a	34.3
% Disability	N/a	N/a	11.4
% Other	N/a	N/a	8.6

Shelter Occupants, by Ethnicity

WOMEN'S SHELTER PROGRAM, INC. OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
% Caucasian	68.0	74.3	59.0
% Hispanic	21.3	12.9	34.0
% Native American	2.0	1.9	0.0
% African American	2.6	4.9	4.5
% Asian/ Pacific Islander	6.0	5.9	1.1

Source: Women's Shelter Program, Inc. of San Luis Obispo County, 1999.

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Note: 1998-99 figures are preliminary (YTD) as of June, 1999. Final year end figures will be available after July, 1999.

INDICATOR 38A

Domestic Violence Shelters

Prevention and Outreach

NORTH COUNTY WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Participants in Low Cost Counseling	29	73	102
Teens attending Domestic Violence Awareness Presentations	N/a	1,805	1,806
Restraining Orders *	N/a	N/a	64

WOMEN'S SHELTER PROGRAM, INC. OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Participants in Low Cost Counseling	176	296	254
Number of women	111	118	144
Number of children	48	166	93
Number of men	17	12	17
Restraining orders issued	181	250	187

* In 1998, the North County Women's Resource Center began providing support to help women obtain restraining orders.

Total Shelter Occupants by Original Area of Residence

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
North County + North Coast	134	107	109
South County + San Luis Obispo	100	96	51
Out of County	25	15	30
Total	259	218	190

Source: North County Women's Resource Center, Women's Shelter Program of San Luis Obispo, 1999.

Note: 1998-99 figures are preliminary (YTD) as of June, 1999. Final year end figures will be available after July, 1999.

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INDICATOR 38B

Family Violence

Elder Abuse and Neglect 7/96 – 6/97

CONFIRMED ABUSE - ELDER	BY OTHERS	BY SELF
Sexual Abuse	0	—
Physical Abuse	22	—
Neglect	18	—
Mental Suffering	21	182
Financial Abuse	14	4
Abandonment	4	9
Total	79	195

CONFIRMED ABUSE – DEPENDENT ADULT		
Sexual Abuse	3	—
Physical Abuse	2	—
Neglect	11	26
Mental Suffering	2	2
Financial Abuse	0	1
Abandonment	4	9
Total	47	29

Total Confirmed Abuse – 321 or 53% cases
Total Cases Investigated – 605

Source: Child Protective Services, San Luis Obispo, 1999.

Note: Figures include the number of cases investigated in that particular year, in addition to the number of cases reported and not investigated after an evaluation by a supervisor. Elder is defined as an individual 65 years and older.

Emergency Response Child Abuse Referrals

TOTAL REPORTED CASES OF CHILD ABUSE	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
San Luis Obispo County	4,006	4,078	3,950	3,745	3,168	-15.4
Santa Cruz County	5,546	5,950	5,652	2,332	2,623	12.5
Monterey County	8,592	9,757	9,142	7,658	6,674	-12.8

Source: Child Protective Services, San Luis Obispo, Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties 1999.

Note: The reports cited do not include those made to law enforcement. In 1997 a new reporting system was implemented which counts cases of physical abuse and severe neglect as one referral instead of two. Thus the decline in figures for 1997 does not reflect a decline in the number of referrals. The new system does not duplicate so it is now counted as one. Effective FY 98/99 the referrals will no longer be counted by child, but by family.

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INDICATOR 39

Driving Under the Influence

Adult and Juvenile Felony DUI Arrests, San Luis Obispo County

ETHNICITY	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Caucasian	52	28	41	46.4
Hispanic	17	20	10	-50.0
African American	0	0	1	100.0
Other	0	0	1	100.0
Total	69	48	53	10.4

Source: All jurisdictions, California Criminal Justice Profile, 1998.

Note: In 1997, there were three juvenile felony DUI Reported Crimes. In 1998 there was one felony juvenile DUI.

Adult Felony DUI Arrests, California

ETHNICITY	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Caucasian	2,636	2,256	2,222	-1.5
Hispanic	2,834	2,436	2,259	-7.3
African American	438	407	390	-4.2
Other	348	408	420	2.9
Total	6,256	5,507	5,291	-3.9

Juvenile Felony DUI Arrests, California

ETHNICITY	1996	1997	1998	97-98% CHANGE
Caucasian	64	56	43	-23.2
Hispanic	40	36	33	-8.3
African American	1	6	3	-50.0
Other	3	8	9	12.5
Total	108	106	88	-17.0

Source: California Criminal Justice Profile, 1998.

INDICATOR 39

Driving Under the Influence, continued

Adult Misdemeanor DUI Arrests, San Luis Obispo County

ETHNICITY	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Caucasian	1,572	1,369	1,490	8.8
Hispanic	502	401	407	1.5
African American	41	38	49	28.9
Other	33	29	37	27.6
Total	2,148	1,837	1,983	7.9

Juvenile Misdemeanor DUI Arrests, San Luis Obispo County

ETHNICITY	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Caucasian	29	16	25	56.3
Hispanic	10	2	3	50.0
African American	0	0	2	100.0
Other	0	2	1	-50.0
Total	39	20	31	55.0

Adult Misdemeanor DUI Arrests, California

ETHNICITY	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Caucasian	82,969	77,566	77,553	0.0
Hispanic	88,722	82,075	79,440	-3.2
African American	12,887	13,936	13,768	-1.2
Other	11,138	12,451	12,275	-1.4
Total	195,716	186,028	183,036	-1.6

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INDICATOR 39

Driving Under the Influence, continued

Juvenile Misdemeanor DUI Arrests, California

ETHNICITY	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Caucasian	960	818	875	7.0
Hispanic	629	639	615	-3.8
African American	56	51	57	11.8
Other	69	101	136	34.7
Total	1,714	1,609	1,683	4.6

Source: California Criminal Justice Profile, 1998.

INDICATOR 39A

Adult and Juvenile Drug Arrests

Juvenile Felony Drug Arrests, San Luis Obispo County

DRUG	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Narcotics	1	0	1	0
Marijuana	13	10	9	-10.0
Dangerous Drugs	16	18	12	-33.3
Other Drug Violations	2	1	3	200.0
Total Reported Crimes	32	29	25	-13.8

Adult Felony Drug Arrests, San Luis Obispo County

DRUG	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Narcotics	66	74	67	-9.5
Marijuana	66	57	62	8.8
Dangerous Drugs	364	546	455	-16.7
Other Drug Violations	14	16	17	6.3
Total Reported Crimes	510	693	601	-13.3

Adult Misdemeanor Drug Arrests, San Luis Obispo County

DRUG	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Marijuana	238	195	217	11.3
Other Drug Violations	745	767	630	-17.9
Total Reported Crimes	983	962	847	-12.0

Juvenile Misdemeanor Drug Arrests, San Luis Obispo County

DRUG	1996	1997	1998	97-98 % CHANGE
Marijuana	103	78	56	-28.2
Other Drug Violations	46	58	30	-48.3
Total Reported Crimes	149	136	86	-36.8

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Source: California Criminal Justice Profile, 1998.

INDICATOR 40

Seatbelt Use

Telephone Survey Results

How often do you wear your seatbelt?

RESPONSE	NUMBER	PERCENT
Always	513	95.0
Sometimes	25	4.6
Never	2	0.4
Total	540	100.0

Source: 1999 Action for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey.

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INDICATOR 41

Household Chemical Use

Telephone Survey Results

Do you read and follow directions when using poisons, chemicals and pesticides in the home?

RESPONSE	NUMBER	PERCENT
Always	478	90.0
Sometimes	43	8.1
Never	10	1.9
Total	531	100.0

Source: 1999 Action for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey.

INDICATOR 42

Disaster Preparedness

Telephone Survey Results

How prepared is your household for a natural disaster?

RESPONSE	NUMBER	PERCENT
Very prepared	123	22.7
Somewhat prepared	299	55.2
Not at all prepared	120	22.1
Total	542	100.0

Source: 1999 Action for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey.