



Public Safety Issues

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Public Safety Issues

The ACTION for Healthy Communities Comprehensive Report explores issues related to public safety in order to provide a snapshot of the perceptions, as well as the realities, of public safety issues in San Luis Obispo County.

Whether or not residents of San Luis Obispo County feel safe in their neighborhood indicates an important measure of the overall quality of life in the County. When survey respondents were asked how safe they felt in their neighborhood in 2006, 80% reported feeling “very safe”. These percentages are higher than 1999 figures, but lower than 2003 figures. Nineteen percent reported feeling “somewhat safe.” Less than 1.0% of respondents felt “not at all safe.”

From 2000 to 2005, the overall crime rate has increased from 14.0 crimes per 1,000 residents in 2000 to 15.1 per 1,000 residents in 2005. The violent crime rate in the County increased from 2.8 crimes per 1,000 residents in 2000 to 2.9 crimes per 1,000 in 2005. The highest increases were in homicide and robbery. Property crimes have also increased during the same time period, with 11.2 crimes per 1,000 residents in 2000 to 12.1 per 1,000 residents in 2005. The highest increase was in auto theft.

In Arroyo Grande, aggravated assault increased from 10 crimes in 2000 to 34 crimes in 2005. Auto theft also increased from 15 crimes in 2000 to 29 crimes in 2005. In Atascadero, rape increased from 5 crimes in 2000 to 12 crimes in 2005, while arson decreased from 12 crimes in 2000 to 2 crimes in 2005. Overall, Atascadero’s total crime rate decreased from 29.6 crimes per 1,000 residents in 2000 to 26.1 crimes per 1,000 residents in 2005. In Morro Bay, aggravated assault decreased from 48 crimes in 2000 to 15 crimes in 2005. The total crime rate decreased from 21.8 crimes per 1,000 residents in 2000 to 18.6 crimes per 1,000 residents in 2005.

Paso Robles saw an increase in reported rapes, from 1 reported rape in 2000 to 14 rapes in 2005. Larceny, however, decreased from 617 crimes to 388 crimes during the same time period. Pismo

Beach saw an increase in aggravated assault, from 14 crimes in 2000 to 25 crimes in 2005. The total crime rate of Pismo Beach increased from 47.2 crimes per 1,000 residents in 2000 and reached a high of 58.7 in 2004. In 2005, the crime rate dropped to 47.7 crimes per 1,000 residents.

The City of San Luis Obispo’s overall crime rate decreased from 49.1 crimes per 1,000 residents in 2000 to 44.8 crimes per 1,000 residents in 2005. The city also saw a decrease in arson, from 89 crimes in 2000 to 38 crimes in 2005. However, the number of reported rapes increased 35% during the same time period, from 17 in 2000 to 23 in 2005.

Hate crimes in the County decreased, from 12 offenses in 2001 to 10 offenses in 2005. Domestic Violence calls, which are an indicator of a serious public safety issue in San Luis Obispo County, have increased 14% from 2000 to 2004. Child abuse referrals have also increased 10% from 2000 to 2005. Many types of referrals of child abuse have decreased – sexual abuse, physical abuse, and severe neglect referrals have all decreased over 47% from 2000 to 2005. However, substantiated risk referrals have increased, from 35 referrals in 2000 to 260 referrals in 2005.

In San Luis Obispo County, adult misdemeanor DUI arrests have increased 3.6% from 2000 to 2005, while California arrests have decreased 1%. In San Luis Obispo County, felony DUI arrests have increased 48% from 2000 to 2005, while California arrests have increased 10%. Juvenile misdemeanor DUI arrests in the County have increased 20% from 2000 to 2005, while California arrests have decreased 5% during the same time period. Juvenile misdemeanor and felony arrests have decreased from 2000 to 2004 (32% and 12% respectively).

The number of senior drivers in the County has increased 12% from 38,566 drivers in 2000 to 43,247 drivers in 2005. This is slightly lower than the California increase of 13% during the same time period.

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Neighborhood Safety



How safe would you say you feel in your neighborhood?

Response	1999	2001	2003	2006
Very safe	73.6%	84.3%	87.2%	79.8%
Somewhat safe	24.2%	14.7%	11.7%	18.9%
Not at all safe	2.2%	1.0%	1.1%	0.5%
Total Respondents	542	807	522	502

Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 1999, 2001, 2003 and 2006.

Note: Totals may not equal 100% due to respondents answering "Don't know."



Responses, by Area of Residence, North County

Response	1999	2001	2003	2006
Very safe	76.6%	81.7%	80.7%	81.2%
Somewhat safe	22.9%	16.3%	18.7%	16.4%
Not at all safe	0.6%	1.9%	0.7%	0.0%
Total Respondents	¹	¹	¹	172

Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 1999, 2001, 2003 and 2006.

Note: Totals may not equal 100% due to respondents answering "Don't know."

¹Total respondents not available for 1999, 2001 and 2003 survey.



Responses, by Area of Residence, North Coast

Response	1999	2001	2003	2006
Very safe	83.2%	88.1%	99.1%	89.6%
Somewhat safe	15.9%	11.2%	0.0%	10.4%
Not at all safe	0.9%	0.7%	0.9%	0.0%
Total Respondents	¹	¹	¹	76

Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 1999, 2001, 2003 and 2006.

Note: Totals may not equal 100% due to respondents answering "Don't know."

¹Total respondents not available for 1999, 2001 and 2003 survey.

 **Responses, by Area of Residence, San Luis Obispo City**

Response	1999	2001	2003	2006
Very safe	61.1%	81.9%	92.9%	79.5%
Somewhat safe	32.4%	17.6%	7.1%	20.5%
Not at all safe	6.5%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Respondents	¹	¹	¹	108

Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 1999, 2001, 2003 and 2006.

Note: Totals may not equal 100% due to respondents answering "Don't know."

¹Total respondents not available for 1999, 2001 and 2003 survey.

 **Responses, by Area of Residence, South County**

Response	1999	2001	2003	2006
Very safe	71.6%	87.6%	79.6%	73.2%
Somewhat safe	26.4%	11.8%	17.5%	25.0%
Not at all safe	2.0%	0.5%	2.9%	1.9%
Total Respondents	¹	¹	¹	147

Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 1999, 2001, 2003 and 2006.

Note: Totals may not equal 100% due to respondents answering "Don't know."

¹Total respondents not available for 1999, 2001 and 2003 survey.

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School Safety

Percent of Children that Feel Safe at School, San Luis Obispo County

Response	2003-2004			2005-2006		
	7 th	9 th	11 th	7 th	9 th	11 th
Very Safe	22.0%	17.0%	20.0%	23.0%	19.0%	20.0%
Safe	42.0%	42.0%	42.0%	40.0%	40.0%	43.0%
Neither Safe nor Unsafe	30.0%	35.0%	32.0%	29.0%	34.0%	33.0%
Unsafe	3.0%	4.0%	3.0%	5.0%	4.0%	3.0%
Very Unsafe	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	2.0%

Source: California Healthy Kids Survey, 2003 and 2005.

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Public Safety Concerns

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

Crime

Response	1999	2001	2003	2006
Very concerned	35.5%	39.9%	32.8%	29.4%
Somewhat concerned	46.0%	40.7%	41.6%	50.7%
Not at all concerned	18.5%	19.4%	25.5%	19.7%
Total Respondents	541	804	522	502

Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 1999, 2001, 2003 and 2006.

Note: Totals may not equal 100% due to respondents answering "Don't know."

Gangs and Youth Violence

Response	1999	2001	2003	2006
Very concerned	33.1%	36.6%	30.8%	34.2%
Somewhat concerned	34.1%	30.4%	36.2%	41.3%
Not at all concerned	32.8%	33.0%	32.6%	24.4%
Total Respondents	543	795	522	502

Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 1999, 2001, 2003 and 2006.

Note: Totals may not equal 100% due to respondents answering "Don't know."

How would you rate our County in the area of public safety? (Includes the Sheriff, District Attorney, Probation, and Fire Departments)

Response	2006
Excellent	17.7%
Very Good	38.0%
Good	28.7%
Fair	6.3%
Poor	2.2%
Total Respondents	502

Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 2006.

Note: Totals may not equal 100% due to respondents answering "Don't know."

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Disaster Preparedness



Disaster Preparedness – Have you prepared for a disaster in the following ways?

(Respondents answering “Yes”)

Response	2003	2006
Stored three days worth of emergency supplies	62.1%	58.9%
Talked about where you would meet and how you would communicate	44.6%	50.0%
Total Respondents	522	502

Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 2003 and 2006.

Note: Totals may not equal 100% due to respondents answering “Don’t know.”



Disaster Preparedness – People Needing Special Assistance, 2006

Some people would need special assistance if they needed to evacuate their homes, possibly because they do not have a vehicle, or are disabled.

Response	Total Respondents	Percent Answering “Yes”
Is there anyone in your household who would need special assistance to evacuate in case of an emergency?	502	8.5%
Has that person made arrangements for someone to help evacuate in an emergency?	43	43.2%

Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 2006.

Note: Totals may not equal 100% due to respondents answering “Don’t know.”

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Hate Crimes

Number of Hate Crime Offenses by Jurisdiction, County and State

Location	2002	2003	2004	2005	02-05 % Change
Atascadero	NA	NA	3	2	NA
Arroyo Grande	1	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	1	2	NA	NA	NA
Cuesta College	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Grover Beach	4	2	2	1	-75.0%
Morro Bay	1	2	NA	NA	NA
Paso Robles	NA	NA	1	NA	NA
Pismo Beach	NA	NA	NA	1	NA
San Luis Obispo City	5	8	11	6	20.0%
County Total	12	14	17	10	-16.7%
California	2,009	1,815	1,770	1,691	-15.8%

Source: Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Hate Crime in California, 2005.

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Crime Rate for Selected Areas

Definition of Crimes

Homicide: the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another. Murder and non-negligent 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 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 Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Profile, 2005.

San Luis Obispo County-Violent Crime

Crime	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Homicide	3	7	3	7	2	4	33.3%
Rape	69	102	95	79	97	76	10.1%
Robbery	70	67	78	61	81	90	28.6%
Aggravated Assault	555	567	523	491	597	590	6.3%
Total	697	743	699	638	777	760	9.0%
Total Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000)	2.8	3.0	2.8	2.5	3.0	2.9	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 California County Population Estimates and Components of Change, 2006.

San Luis Obispo County-Property Crime

Crime	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Burglary	1,351	1,371	1,493	1,642	1,582	1,469	8.7%
Larceny	1,001	1,036	1,142	1,187	1,240	1,180	17.9%
Auto Theft	402	428	498	494	483	524	30.3%
Arson	124	134	68	90	80	62	-50.0%
Total	2,754	2,835	3,133	3,323	3,305	3,173	15.2%
Total Property Crime Rate (per 1,000)	11.2	11.3	12.4	13.0	12.8	12.1	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 California County Population Estimates and Components of Change, 2006.

Combined Total Crime Rate for San Luis Obispo County

Response	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Total Crimes	3,451	3,578	3,832	3,961	4,082	3,933	14.0%
Population	246,681	250,142	253,344	255,559	258,421	261,310	5.9%
County Crime Rate (per 1,000)¹	14.0	14.3	15.1	15.5	15.8	15.1	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 California County Population Estimates and Components of Change, 2006.

¹The crime rate is based on the FBI CRIME INDEX, a group of offenses chosen to serve as an index for gauging fluctuations in the overall volume and rate of crime. These offenses, chosen because of their seriousness and likelihood of being reported to the police by the public, are willful homicide, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, and arson.

ARROYO GRANDE

Violent Crime

Crime	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Homicide	0	0	0	0	1	0	-
Rape	4	4	4	3	5	3	-25.0%
Robbery	3	10	5	3	5	6	100.0%
Aggravated Assault	10	11	14	21	20	34	240.0%
Total Crime	17	25	23	27	31	43	152.9%
Total Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000)	1.1	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.9	2.6	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 California County Population Estimates and Components of Change, 2006.

Property Crime

Crime	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Burglary	73	54	63	79	79	86	17.8%
Larceny	299	265	302	278	310	300	0.3%
Auto theft	15	7	23	22	23	29	93.3%
Arson	1	4	2	3	2	1	0.0%
Total Crime	388	330	390	382	414	416	7.2%
Total Property Crime Rate (per 1,000)	24.5	20.6	24.0	23.2	24.9	25.1	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 California County Population Estimates and Components of Change, 2006.

Combined Total Crime Rate for Arroyo Grande

Response	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Total Crimes	405	355	413	409	445	459	13.3%
Population	15,851	16,009	16,282	16,478	16,597	16,577	4.6%
Crime Rate (per 1,000)¹	25.6	22.2	25.4	24.8	26.8	27.7	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 California County Population Estimates and Components of Change, 2006.

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ATASCADERO

Violent Crime

Crime	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Homicide	0	0	1	1	0	0	-
Rape	5	10	13	8	11	12	140.0%
Robbery	7	4	14	4	7	10	42.9%
Aggravated Assault	122	82	61	53	92	91	-25.4%
Total Crime	134	96	89	66	110	113	-15.7%
Total Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000)	5.1	3.6	3.3	2.4	4.0	4.1	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 California County Population Estimates and Components of Change, 2006.

Property Crime

Crime	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Burglary	193	140	185	182	150	118	-38.9%
Larceny	404	493	592	602	502	431	6.7%
Auto theft	40	57	56	62	44	58	45.0%
Arson	12	14	9	10	5	2	-83.3%
Total Crime	649	704	842	856	701	609	-6.2%
Total Property Crime Rate (per 1,000)	24.6	26.4	31.2	31.3	25.3	22.0	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 California County Population Estimates and Components of Change, 2006.

Combined Total Crime Rate for Atascadero

Response	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Total Crimes	783	800	931	922	811	722	-7.8%
Population	26,411	26,708	26,973	27,312	27,715	27,658	4.7%
Crime Rate (per 1,000)¹	29.6	30.0	34.5	33.8	29.3	26.1	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 California County Population Estimates and Components of Change, 2006.

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GROVER BEACH

Violent Crime

Crime	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Homicide	0	0	1	0	0	0	-
Rape	4	3	2	3	7	2	-50.0%
Robbery	4	9	7	5	5	8	100.0%
Aggravated Assault	20	34	30	28	20	26	30.0%
Total Crime	28	46	40	36	32	36	28.6%
Total Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000)	2.1	3.5	3.0	2.8	2.4	2.7	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 California County Population Estimates and Components of Change, 2006.

Property Crime

Crime	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Burglary	68	57	63	66	90	66	-2.9%
Larceny	206	212	235	249	274	188	-8.7%
Auto theft	20	26	27	19	46	32	60.0%
Arson	1	9	3	2	2	0	-100.0%
Total Crime	295	304	328	336	412	286	-3.1%
Total Property Crime Rate (per 1,000)	22.6	23.1	25.0	25.7	31.1	21.6	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 California County Population Estimates and Components of Change, 2006.

Combined Total Crime Rate for Grover Beach

Response	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Total Crimes	323	350	368	372	444	322	-0.3%
Population	13,067	13,140	13,121	13,055	13,264	13,259	1.5%
Crime Rate (per 1,000)¹	24.7	26.6	28.0	28.5	33.5	24.3	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 California County Population Estimates and Components of Change, 2006.

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MORRO BAY

Violent Crime

Crime	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Rape	3	3	4	4	2	1	-66.7%
Robbery	0	1	0	0	2	0	-
Aggravated Assault	48	42	20	22	15	15	-68.8%
Total Crime	51	46	24	26	19	16	-68.6%
Total Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000)	4.9	4.4	2.3	2.5	1.8	1.5	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 California County Population Estimates and Components of Change, 2006.

Property Crime

Crime	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Burglary	38	30	53	54	39	32	-15.8%
Larceny	121	163	132	150	139	132	9.1%
Auto theft	13	9	12	4	9	13	0.0%
Arson	3	3	0	3	0	3	0.0%
Total Crime	175	202	197	211	187	180	2.9%
Total Property Crime Rate (per 1,000)	16.9	19.4	18.8	20.1	17.8	17.1	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 California County Population Estimates and Components of Change, 2006.

Combined Total Crime Rate for Morro Bay

Response	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Total Crimes	226	248	221	237	206	196	-13.3%
Population	10,350	10,420	10,502	10,490	10,531	10,535	1.8%
Crime Rate (per 1,000)¹	21.8	23.8	21.0	22.6	19.6	18.6	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 California County Population Estimates and Components of Change, 2006.

¹ The crime rate is based on the FBI CRIME INDEX, a group of offenses chosen to serve as an index for gauging fluctuations in the overall volume and rate of crime. These offenses, chosen because of their seriousness and likelihood of being reported to the police by the public, are willful homicide, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, and arson.

PASO ROBLES

Violent Crime

Crime	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Homicide	1	2	0	3	0	0	-100.0%
Rape	1	9	11	13	13	14	1,300.0%
Robbery	10	11	12	14	8	11	10.0%
Aggravated Assault	46	49	93	92	99	85	84.8%
Total Crime	58	71	116	30	120	110	89.7%
Total Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000)	2.4	2.8	4.5	1.1	4.4	3.9	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 California County Population Estimates and Components of Change, 2006.

Property Crime

Crime	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Burglary	154	183	321	376	250	194	26.0%
Larceny	617	514	483	483	364	388	-37.1%
Auto theft	48	55	58	74	55	85	77.1%
Arson	3	2	7	9	12	6	100.0%
Total Crime	822	754	869	942	681	673	-18.1%
Total Property Crime Rate (per 1,000)	33.8	30.1	33.7	35.2	25.0	24.0	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 California County Population Estimates and Components of Change, 2006.

Combined Total Crime Rate for Paso Robles

Response	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Total Crimes	880	825	985	972	801	783	-11.0%
Population	24,297	25,015	25,790	26,782	27,239	28,030	15.4%
Crime Rate (per 1,000)¹	36.2	33.0	38.2	36.3	29.4	27.9	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 California County Population Estimates and Components of Change, 2006.

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PISMO BEACH

Violent Crime

Crime	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Homicide	0	0	0	1	0	0	-
Rape	0	6	3	5	7	3	-
Robbery	9	3	10	6	5	5	-44.4%
Aggravated Assault	14	22	43	17	33	25	78.6%
Total Crime	23	31	56	29	45	33	43.5%
Total Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000)	2.7	3.6	6.5	3.3	5.2	3.8	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 California County Population Estimates and Components of Change, 2006.

Property Crime

Crime	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Burglary	62	67	72	72	72	90	45.2%
Larceny	297	246	278	332	370	272	-8.4%
Auto theft	19	12	22	20	22	17	-10.5%
Arson	3	1	1	3	3	1	-66.7%
Total Crime	381	326	373	427	467	380	-0.3%
Total Property Crime Rate (per 1,000)	44.6	38.0	43.1	49.2	53.5	43.9	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 California County Population Estimates and Components of Change, 2006.

Combined Total Crime Rate for Pismo Beach

Response	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Total Crimes	404	357	429	456	512	413	2.2%
Population	8,551	8,581	8,664	8,685	8,724	8,662	1.3%
Crime Rate (per 1,000)¹	47.2	41.6	49.5	52.5	58.7	47.7	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 California County Population Estimates and Components of Change, 2006.

¹ The crime rate is based on the FBI CRIME INDEX, a group of offenses chosen to serve as an index for gauging fluctuations in the overall volume and rate of crime. These offenses, chosen because of their seriousness and likelihood of being reported to the police by the public, are willful homicide, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, and arson.

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Violent Crime

Crime	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Homicide	0	0	0	1	1	2	-
Rape	17	23	32	20	25	23	35.3%
Robbery	25	17	19	19	29	35	40.0%
Aggravated Assault	92	129	109	99	128	110	19.6%
Total Crime	134	169	160	139	183	170	26.9%
Total Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000)	3.0	3.8	3.6	3.1	4.1	3.8	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 California County Population Estimates and Components of Change, 2006.

Property Crime

Crime	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Burglary	342	393	318	344	399	361	5.6%
Larceny	1,480	1,336	1,489	1,469	1,442	1,335	-9.8%
Auto theft	126	132	126	131	131	97	-23.0%
Arson	89	85	35	41	42	38	-57.3%
Total Crime	2,037	1,946	1,968	1,985	2,014	1,831	-10.1%
Total Property Crime Rate (per 1,000)	46.1	43.9	44.3	44.9	45.6	41.0	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 California County Population Estimates and Components of Change, 2006.

Combined Total Crime Rate for San Luis Obispo City

Response	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Total Crimes	2,171	2,115	2,128	2,124	2,197	2,001	-7.8%
Population	44,179	44,313	44,396	44,245	44,213	44,619	1.0%
Crime Rate (per 1,000)¹	49.1	47.7	47.9	48.0	49.7	44.8	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 California County Population Estimates and Components of Change, 2006.

¹ The crime rate is based on the FBI CRIME INDEX, a group of offenses chosen to serve as an index for gauging fluctuations in the overall volume and rate of crime. These offenses, chosen because of their seriousness and likelihood of being reported to the police by the public, are willful homicide, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, and arson.

UNINCORPORATED

Violent Crime

Crime	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Homicide	2	2	1	1	0	2	0.0%
Rape	35	43	25	20	27	16	-54.3%
Robbery	12	10	11	10	18	15	25.0%
Aggravated Assault	170	173	119	125	152	177	4.1%
Total Crime	219	228	156	156	197	210	-4.1%
Total Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000)	2.1	2.2	1.4	1.4	1.8	1.9	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 California County Population Estimates and Components of Change, 2006.

Property Crime

Crime	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Burglary	379	405	377	438	488	507	33.8%
Larceny	881	895	990	910	1,052	1,045	18.6%
Auto theft	5	5	2	4	13	6	20.0%
Arson	11	9	8	16	12	11	0.0%
Total Crime	1,276	1,314	1,377	1,368	1,565	1,569	23.0%
Total Property Crime Rate (per 1,000)	12.3	12.4	12.8	12.6	14.2	14.0	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 California County Population Estimates and Components of Change, 2006.

Combined Total Crime Rate for Unincorporated San Luis Obispo County

Response	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Total Crimes	1,495	1,542	1,533	1,524	1,762	1,779	19.0%
Population	103,975	105,956	107,616	108,512	110,138	111,970	7.7%
Crime Rate (per 1,000)¹	14.4	14.6	14.2	14.0	16.0	15.9	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 California County Population Estimates and Components of Change, 2006.

¹ The crime rate is based on the FBI CRIME INDEX, a group of offenses chosen to serve as an index for gauging fluctuations in the overall volume and rate of crime. These offenses, chosen because of their seriousness and likelihood of being reported to the police by the public, are willful homicide, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, and arson.

F7

Domestic Violence Concerns



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



Family Violence

Response	1999	2001	2003	2006
Very concerned	33.6%	41.6%	32.6%	31.0%
Somewhat concerned	35.0%	33.8%	34.9%	37.8%
Not at all concerned	31.4%	24.6%	30.1%	29.0%
Total Respondents	535	804	522	502

Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 1999, 2001, 2003 and 2006.

Note: Totals may not equal 100% due to respondents answering "Don't know."



Senior Abuse

Response	1999	2001	2003	2006
Very concerned	34.9%	39.1%	35.8%	32.9%
Somewhat concerned	32.1%	29.4%	28.7%	38.2%
Not at all concerned	33.0%	31.5%	31.8%	26.1%
Total Respondents	527	775	522	502

Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 1999, 2001, 2003 and 2006.

Note: Totals may not equal 100% due to respondents answering "Don't know."

F8

Domestic Violence Calls

Number of Calls, San Luis Obispo County

Jurisdiction	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	00-04 % Change
Arroyo Grande	26	55	59	102	57	119.2%
Atascadero	100	157	152	155	152	52.0%
Grover Beach	51	66	54	45	38	-25.5%
Morro Bay	36	36	36	33	36	0.0%
Paso Robles	133	190	209	176	161	21.1%
Pismo Beach	27	28	60	50	54	100.0%
San Luis Obispo	98	106	87	84	107	9.2%
Unincorporated Areas	197	241	191	204	152	-22.8%
Other Jurisdictions	1	8	4	8	7	600.0%
San Luis Obispo County Total	671	887	852	857	764	13.9%

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Domestic Violence-Related Calls for Assistance, 2000-2004.

Number of Cases with Weapons, San Luis Obispo County

Jurisdiction	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	00-04 % Change
Arroyo Grande	26	55	34	21	19	-26.9%
Atascadero	79	105	96	99	119	50.6%
Grover Beach	51	66	54	45	26	-49.0%
Morro Bay	36	31	26	27	27	-25.0%
Paso Robles	85	132	79	77	84	-1.2%
Pismo Beach	27	26	39	40	41	51.9%
San Luis Obispo	32	88	66	50	56	75.0%
Unincorporated Areas	29	37	22	19	16	-44.8%
Other Jurisdictions	3	7	2	6	5	66.7%
San Luis Obispo County Total	368	547	418	384	393	6.8%

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Domestic Violence-Related Calls for Assistance, 2000-2004.

F9

Domestic Violence Shelters

Shelter Occupants, by Age

	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
Number of Women	68	69	57
Percent aged 18-29	43.5%	59.0%	44.0%
Percent aged 30-50	55.0%	40.0%	49.0%
Percent aged 50+	1.5%	1.0%	7.0%
Number of Children	120	88	87
Percent Children	64%	56.0%	60.0%
Total Shelter Occupants	188	157	144

Source: North County Women's Shelter and Resource Center, 2006.

Shelter Occupants, by Family Status

Response	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
Percent Married with children	42.0%	38.5%	59.0%
Percent Single with children	48.0%	44.0%	27.0%
Percent Single - no children	4.0%	11.5%	6.0%
Percent Married - no children	6.0%	6.0%	8.0%

Source: North County Women's Shelter and Resource Center, 2006.

Shelter Occupants, by Income Source

Response	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
Percent Private Income Source	18.0%	21.0%	20.0%
Percent Public Assistance Income	61.0%	58.0%	60.0%
Percent No Income Source	21.0%	23.0%	20.0%

Source: North County Women's Shelter and Resource Center, 2006.

Shelter Occupants, by Ethnicity

Response	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
Percent Caucasian	48.0%	48.0%	33.0%
Percent Hispanic	41.0%	43.0%	57.0%
Percent Native American	5.0%	1.0%	1.0%
Percent African American	3.0%	8.0%	9.0%
Percent Other	3.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: North County Women's Shelter and Resource Center, 2006.

Prevention and Outreach**Number of Services Provided, North County Women's Shelter and Resource Center Prevention and Outreach**

Service	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
Low-cost Counseling	327	319	290
Teens attending Domestic Violence Presentations	1,396	752	768
School-based Counseling	520	504	572
Restraining Orders	250	281	233

Source: North County Women's Shelter and Resource Center, 2006.

F10

Emergency Response Child Abuse Referrals

Substantiated Cases of Child Abuse by Type of Abuse, San Luis Obispo County

Type of Abuse	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Sexual Abuse	63	71	56	81	39	31	-50.8%
Physical Abuse	75	108	83	88	65	40	-46.7%
Severe Neglect	28	33	43	¹	¹	12	-57.1%
General Neglect	391	478	638	626	481	374	-4.3%
Exploitation	0	0	0	¹	0	0	-
Emotional Abuse	106	159	214	218	144	125	17.9%
Caretaker Absence/Incapacity	78	56	60	44	52	54	-30.8%
At Risk, Sibling Abused	40	9	0	15	¹	¹	NA
Substantial Risk	35	235	181	317	458	260	642.9%
Total	816	1,149	1,275	1,393	1,246	897	9.9%

Source: Needell, B, et al. *Child Welfare Services Reports for California*. University of California at Berkeley Center for Social Services Research, 2006.

¹ Types of abuse with less than 5 substantiated cases have been masked to protect confidentiality.

F11

Juvenile Crime

Juvenile Arrests-Felonies

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	00-04 % Change
San Luis Obispo County	262	223	267	228	177	-32.4%
Juvenile Population (10-17)	26,315	26,804	27,052	27,040	27,033	2.7%
Juvenile Felony Arrest Rate (per 1,000)	10.0	8.3	9.9	8.4	6.5	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail, 2000-2050, Sacramento, May 2004.

Note: The juvenile population used for arrest rates are for those age 10-17.

Juvenile Arrests-Misdemeanors

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	00-04 % Change
San Luis Obispo County	936	967	915	877	824	-12.0%
Juvenile Population (10-17)	26,315	26,804	27,052	27,040	27,033	2.7%
Juvenile Misdemeanor Arrest Rate (per 1,000)	35.6	36.1	33.8	32.4	30.5	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail, 2000-2050, Sacramento, May 2004.

Note: The juvenile population used for arrest rates are for those age 10-17.

Section 602 Petitions

	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2003-04 – 2005-06 % Change
Referrals	1,261	1,208	1,278	1.3%
Filed with Court	408	388	390	-4.4%

Source: San Luis Obispo Probation Department, 2006.

Note: Section 602 Petitions specifically refer to children/ teens who have violated the law.

602 Court Filings by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2003-2005 % Change
Arroyo Grande	83	87	114	37.3%
Atascadero	206	166	164	-20.4%
Avila Beach	0	1	2	-
Cambria/Cayucos	47	24	30	-36.2%
Creston	7	3	2	-71.4%
Grover Beach	97	110	119	22.7%
Los Osos	61	69	49	-19.7%
Morro Bay	51	56	29	-43.1%
Nipomo	100	96	91	-9.0%
Oceano	58	51	57	-1.7%
Paso Robles	217	210	262	20.7%
Pismo Beach	37	19	25	-32.4%
San Luis Obispo	114	127	148	29.8%
San Miguel	39	24	20	-48.7%
Santa Margarita	15	9	19	26.7%
Shandon	20	15	10	-50.0%
Shell Beach	6	4	6	0.0%
Templeton	50	30	40	-20.0%
Total	1,208	1,101	1,187	-1.7%

Source: San Luis Obispo Probation Department, 2003-2006.

Note: Section 602 Petitions specifically refer to children/ teens who have violated the law.

Juvenile Probation

	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2003-2005 % Change
Minors Court Diversion	142	99	99	-30.3%
Minors Declared a Ward	157	224	209	33.1%
Probation Violation	341	266	254	-25.5%

Source: San Luis Obispo Probation Department, 2003-2006.

F12 Gun Sales


Annual Gun Sales

Type of Gun	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Handgun	1,572	1,369	1,709	1,278	1,107	1,494	-5.0%
Long Gun	2,342	2,645	2,719	2,670	2,700	2,876	22.8%
Total Gun Sales	3,914	4,014	4,428	3,948	3,807	4,370	11.7%

Source: California Department of Justice, Firearms Division, 2000-2006.

F13

Firearms

 **Do you have any firearms kept in or around your house? Include those kept in a garage, outdoor storage area, truck, or other motor vehicles.**

Response	2001	2003
Yes	29.5%	31.8%
No	70.5%	64.8%
Total Respondents	773	522

Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 2001 and 2003.

Note: Totals may not equal 100% due to respondents answering "Don't know."



New data not available

 **Are any of the firearms in or around your home handguns, such as pistols or revolvers?**

Response	2001	2003
Yes	63.6%	59.6%
No	36.4%	38.0%
Total Respondents	225	166

Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 2001 and 2003.

Note: Totals may not equal 100% due to respondents answering "Don't know."



New data not available

 **How many of the firearms are currently stored under lock and key?**

Response	2001	2003
All of them	61.0%	61.6%
Some of them	7.1%	12.1%
None of them	31.9%	25.3%
Total Respondents	141	99

Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 2001 and 2003.

Note: Totals may not equal 100% due to respondents answering "Don't know."



New data not available

F14 Driving Under the Influence

Adult Misdemeanor DUI Arrests, San Luis Obispo County

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Number of Arrests	2,123	2,203	2,268	2,151	2,234	2,199	3.6%
Population	167,846	171,326	174,224	176,662	179,556	182,359	8.6%
Misdemeanor Arrest Rate (per 1,000)	12.6	12.9	13.0	12.2	12.4	12.1	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail, 2000-2005.

Note: The adult population used for arrest rates are for those age 18-69.

Adult Misdemeanor DUI Arrests, California

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Number of Arrests	176,974	171,679	172,266	178,561	175,653	175,004	-1.1%
Population	22,141,359	22,644,174	23,084,951	23,515,664	23,906,564	24,316,140	9.8%
Misdemeanor Arrest Rate (per 1,000)	8.0	7.6	7.5	7.6	7.3	7.2	-

Source: Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail, 2000-2005.

Note: The adult population used for arrest rates are for those age 18-69.

Adult Felony DUI Arrests, San Luis Obispo County¹

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Number of Arrests	40	57	37	46	55	59	47.5%
Population	167,846	171,326	174,224	176,662	179,556	182,359	8.6%
Felony Arrest Rate (per 1,000)	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail, 2000-2005.

Note: The adult population used for arrest rates are for those age 18-69.

¹Due to extremely small numbers, felony juvenile DUI's are not reported.

Adult Felony DUI Arrests, California

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Number of Arrests	5,434	5,620	5,832	5,827	5,617	5,963	9.7%
Population	22,141,359	22,644,174	23,084,951	23,515,664	23,906,564	24,316,140	9.8%
Felony Arrest Rate (per 1,000)	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail, 2000-2005.

Note: The adult population used for arrest rates are for those age 18-69.

Juvenile Misdemeanor DUI Arrests, San Luis Obispo County

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Number of Arrests	25	47	41	53	33	30	20.0%
Population	26,315	26,804	27,052	27,040	27,033	26,968	2.5%
Misdemeanor Arrest Rate (per 1,000)	1.0	1.8	1.5	2.0	1.2	1.1	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail, 2000-2005.

Note: The juvenile population used for arrest rates are for those age 10-17.

Juvenile Misdemeanor DUI Arrests, California

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Number of Arrests	1,457	1,560	1,482	1,513	1,403	1,380	-5.3%
Population	4,064,987	4,188,078	4,299,655	4,394,236	4,450,640	4,493,439	10.5%
Misdemeanor Arrest Rate (per 1,000)	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail, 2000-2005.

Note: The juvenile population used for arrest rates are for those age 10-17.

F15 Senior Drivers

Number of Senior Drivers, San Luis Obispo County

Age Group	2000	2005	00-05 % Change
60-64	8,883	11,797	32.8%
65-69	8,452	9,024	6.8%
70-74	8,344	7,733	-7.3%
75-79	7,009	6,919	-1.3%
80-84	3,936	4,998	27.0%
85-89	1,603	2,180	36.0%
90-99	339	596	75.8%
Total	38,566	43,247	12.1%

Source: California Department of Motor Vehicles, 2005.

Number of Senior Drivers, State

Age Group	2000	2005	00-05 % Change
60-64	1,002,644	1,264,467	26.1%
65-69	823,373	908,794	10.4%
70-74	697,152	695,958	-0.2%
75-79	554,278	543,534	-1.9%
80-84	300,547	377,817	25.7%
85-89	117,484	154,066	31.1%
90-99	25,780	41,906	62.6%
Total	3,521,258	3,986,542	13.2%

Source: California Department of Motor Vehicles, 2005.

F16

County Parolees

Felons Paroled From an Institution, San Luis Obispo County

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	00-05 % Change
Total Parolees	872	683	649	735	758	851	-2.4%
County Population	246,681	250,142	253,344	255,559	258,421	261,310	5.9%
Parolees (per 1,000 people)	3.5	2.7	2.6	2.9	2.9	3.3	-

Source: California Department of Corrections, Offender Information Services, 2000-2005. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 California County Population Estimates and Components of Change, 2006.

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

