

Appendix B – Charts²⁴

Crime Rate - County

The specific crimes that are tracked are used to determine the rise or fall in the crime rate both locally and nation-wide.



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 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.

Santa Cruz County

Violent Crimes	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	94-04 % Change
Homicide	6	8	10	4	9	4	9	13	6	13	5	-16.7
Rape	84	77	66	69	58	67	102	113	109	102	124	47.6
Robbery	305	286	289	249	188	165	171	212	238	264	205	-32.8
Aggravated Assault	1,282	1,386	1,375	955	1,139	829	905	865	746	889	864	-32.6
Total Violent Crimes	1,677	1,757	1,740	1,277	1,394	1,065	1,187	1,203	1,089	1,268	1,198	-28.6
Violent Crime Rate per 1,000	7.1	7.3	7.2	5.2	5.6	4.2	4.7	4.7	4.3	4.9	4.6	-

Source: State of California Department of Justice, California Criminal Justice Profile, 2004; State of California, Department of Finance, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State, 2001-2005, with 2000 DRU Benchmark, Sacramento, California, 2005.

Note: In 1999, the Sheriff's Department changed the method of categorizing domestic violence cases to comply with California Penal Code definitions. Cases that would have been classified as assault before 1999 are now being appropriately classified as domestic violence cases.

²⁴ Charts from Community Assessment Project, Year 11, 2005, by Applied Survey Research, courtesy of United Way of Santa Cruz County.

Crime Rate - Santa Cruz County

Santa Cruz County

Property Crimes	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	94-04 % Change
Burglary	2,636	2,486	2,194	1,901	1,629	1,597	1,468	1,543	1,676	1,814	1,697	-35.6
Larceny	9,923	8,874	8,177	7,516	6,422	5,573	5,516	6,820	6,844	7,356	6,849	-31.0
Motor Vehicle Theft	680	726	811	506	540	442	520	547	517	695	851	25.1
Arson	90	97	73	87	66	84	44	58	72	54	59	-34.4
Total Property Crimes	13,329	12,183	11,255	10,012	8,657	7,696	7,548	8,968	9,109	9,919	9,456	-29.1
Property Crime Rate	56.1	50.8	46.4	40.8	34.8	30.5	29.6	34.8	35.3	38.3	36.5	-

Total	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	94-04 % Change
Crimes	15,006	13,940	12,995	11,289	10,051	8,761	8,735	10,171	10,208	11,187	10,654	-29.0
Population	237,800	240,000	242,500	245,400	249,000	252,100	255,000	257,500	258,400	258,900	258,866	8.9
Santa Cruz County Crime Rate per 1,000 ¹	63.1	58.1	53.6	46.0	40.4	34.8	34.3	39.5	39.5	43.2	41.2	-
State Crime Rate per 1,000 ¹	61.9	58.2	52.0	48.5	43.1	37.8	37.3	39.1	39.8	40.1	39.5	-

Source: State of California Department of Justice, California Criminal Justice Profile, 2004. State of California, Department of Finance, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State, 2001-2005, with 2000 DRU Benchmark, Sacramento, California, 2005. State Crime Rate: Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, 2004.

Note: The County totals include the California Highway Patrol, U.C. Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz Mountains Department of Parks and Recreation and the Union Pacific Railroad.

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Crime Rate - Capitola

City of Capitola

Violent Crime	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	94-04 % Change
Homicide	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-
Rape	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	4	12	2	7	250.0
Robbery	9	12	13	12	9	11	11	10	17	16	17	88.9
Aggravated Assault	77	45	46	34	43	51	49	46	38	55	46	-40.3
Total Violent Crimes	88	58	61	48	54	64	62	60	67	74	70	-20.5
Violent Crime Rate per 1,000	8.4	5.7	6.0	4.8	5.3	6.4	6.2	5.9	6.6	7.3	7.0	-

Property Crime	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	94-04 % Change
Burglary	75	84	85	63	43	46	75	105	102	127	130	73.3
Larceny	1,041	1,029	984	849	746	649	519	684	787	926	823	-20.9
Motor Vehicle Theft	39	42	42	29	18	8	17	33	28	24	34	-12.8
Arson	1	5	2	1	1	3	3	0	1	0	0	-100.0
Total Property Crimes	1,156	1,160	1,113	942	808	706	614	822	918	1,077	987	-14.6
Property Crime Rate per 1,000	116.2	114.9	110.2	94.2	80.4	70.6	61.2	81.4	90.9	106.6	98.7	-

Total Crimes	1,244	1,218	1,174	990	862	770	676	882	985	1,151	1,057	-15.0
Population	9,950	10,100	10,100	10,000	10,050	10,050	10,000	10,100	10,100	10,100	10,005	0.6
Capitola Crime Rate per 1,000 ¹	125.0	120.6	116.2	99.0	85.8	77.0	67.4	87.3	97.5	114.0	105.6	-
Santa Cruz County Crime Rate per 1,000 ¹	63.1	58.1	53.6	46.0	40.4	34.8	34.3	39.5	39.5	43.2	41.2	-
State Crime Rate per 1,000 ¹	61.9	58.2	52.0	48.5	43.1	37.8	37.3	39.1	39.8	40.1	39.5	-

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Crime Rate - Scotts Valley

City of Scotts Valley

Violent Crime	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	94-04 % Change
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Rape	1	1	1	3	2	1	2	1	1	4	2	100.0
Robbery	5	2	3	3	3	2	4	3	1	4	3	-40.0
Aggravated Assault	24	18	23	16	25	25	38	34	10	14	10	-58.3
Total Violent Crimes	30	21	27	22	30	28	44	38	12	22	15	-50.0
Violent Crime Rate per 1,000	3.1	2.1	2.7	2.1	2.8	2.5	3.9	3.3	1.0	1.9	1.3	

Property Crime	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	94-04 % Change
Burglary	90	82	83	59	36	69	67	70	45	64	35	-61.1
Larceny	370	363	319	262	247	227	252	281	260	264	220	-40.5
Motor Vehicle Theft	22	16	12	14	4	8	8	16	12	13	10	-54.5
Arson	11	7	8	6	7	6	0	2	2	0	3	-72.7
Total Property Crimes	493	468	422	341	294	310	327	369	319	341	268	-45.6
Property Crime Rate per 1,000	51.4	47.3	41.8	32.8	27.0	27.9	28.8	32.2	27.7	29.4	23.2	

Total Crimes	523	489	449	363	324	338	371	407	331	363	283	-45.9
Population	9,575	9,875	10,100	10,400	10,850	11,000	11,350	11,450	11,500	11,600	11,537	20.5
Scotts Valley Crime Rate per 1,000 ¹	54.6	49.5	44.5	34.9	29.9	30.5	32.7	35.5	28.8	31.3	24.5	
Santa Cruz County Crime Rate per 1,000 ¹	63.1	58.1	53.6	46.0	40.4	34.8	34.3	39.5	39.5	43.2	41.2	
State Crime Rate per 1,000 ¹	61.9	58.2	52.0	48.5	43.1	37.8	37.3	39.1	39.8	40.1	39.5	

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Crime Rate - Watsonville

City of Watsonville

Violent Crime	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	94-04 % Change
Homicide	1	1	6	0	3	2	1	4	0	3	2	100.0
Rape	14	18	10	11	17	8	19	19	23	23	25	78.6
Robbery	83	98	87	93	63	50	59	81	84	99	76	-8.4
Aggravated Assault	286	412	455	375	388	279	224	205	215	204	180	-37.1
Total Violent Crimes	384	529	558	479	471	339	303	309	322	329	283	-26.3
Violent Crime Rate per 1,000	10.9	14.6	14.9	11.8	11.3	7.9	6.9	6.6	6.8	6.9	5.9	-

Property Crime	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	94-04 % Change
Burglary	357	359	378	393	305	334	305	296	293	331	236	-33.9
Larceny	1,839	1,747	1,383	1,602	1,250	1,039	1,149	1,519	1,533	1,569	1,377	-25.1
Motor Vehicle Theft	174	189	154	215	149	119	134	126	111	149	176	1.1
Arson	8	9	7	14	6	7	2	6	9	9	10	25.0
Total Property Crimes	2,378	2,304	1,922	2,226	1,710	1,499	1,590	1,947	1,946	2,058	1,799	-24.3
Property Crime Rate per 1,000	67.5	63.4	51.5	54.6	41.0	35.1	36.1	41.3	40.9	43.3	37.4	-

Total Crimes	2,762	2,833	2,480	2,703	2,181	1,838	1,893	2,256	2,268	2,387	2,082	-24.6
Population	35,250	36,350	37,350	40,750	41,700	42,700	44,100	47,100	47,600	47,500	48,041	36.3
Watsonville Crime Rate per 1,000 ¹	78.4	77.9	66.4	66.3	52.3	43.0	42.9	47.9	47.6	50.3	43.3	-
Santa Cruz County Crime Rate per 1,000 ¹	63.1	58.1	53.6	46.0	40.4	34.8	34.3	39.5	39.5	43.2	41.2	-
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Crime Rate - Unincorporated Areas

Unincorporated Areas (Sheriff's Department)

Violent Crime	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	94-04 % Change
Homicide	2	3	1	3	4	1	4	9	2	5	2	0.0
Rape	46	40	43	34	28	34	27	39	28	22	29	-37.0
Robbery	77	69	68	56	44	19	25	31	38	32	23	-70.1
Aggravated Assault	536	513	391	406	351	182	163	164	160	266	270	-49.6
Total Violent Crimes	661	625	503	499	427	236	219	243	228	325	324	-51.0
Violent Crime Rate per 1,000	5.0	4.7	3.8	3.8	3.2	1.8	1.6	1.8	1.7	2.4	2.4	-

Property Crime	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	94-04 % Change
Burglary	1,204	1,268	964	907	851	749	599	570	635	712	730	-39.4
Larceny	2,812	2,567	2,730	2,432	1,922	1,609	1,560	1,696	1,592	1,821	1,827	-35.0
Motor Vehicle Theft	22	1	15	11	11	15	12	10	10	16	16	-27.3
Aison	49	49	29	29	23	33	28	30	30	21	14	-71.4
Total Property Crimes	4,087	3,885	3,738	3,379	2,807	2,406	2,199	2,306	2,267	2,570	2,587	-36.7
Property Crime Rate per 1,000	31.0	29.4	28.1	25.6	21.1	18.0	16.3	17.2	16.9	19.1	19.4	-

Total Crimes	4,748	4,510	4,241	3,878	3,234	2,642	2,418	2,549	2,495	2,895	2,911	-38.7
Population	131,800	132,200	133,000	132,000	132,800	133,700	135,100	134,300	134,500	134,300	133,285	1.1
Unincorporated Crime Rate per 1,000 ¹	36.0	34.1	31.9	29.4	24.4	19.8	17.9	19.0	18.6	21.6	21.8	-
Santa Cruz County Crime Rate per 1,000 ¹	63.1	58.1	53.6	46.0	40.4	34.8	34.3	39.5	39.5	43.2	41.2	-
State Crime Rate per 1,000 ¹	61.9	58.2	52.0	48.5	43.1	37.8	37.3	39.1	39.8	40.1	39.5	-

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Note: Unincorporated areas are covered by the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office and include all areas except the cities of Capitola, Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley, and Watsonville.

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Family Violence - Households Reporting Domestic Violence

This indicator measures the number of calls placed to local law enforcement for assistance in domestic violence disputes.

Number of Calls, Santa Cruz County

Agency	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	94-04 % Change
Capitola Police Department	42	42	55	44	36	30	27	25	26	16	13	-69.0
Santa Cruz Police Department	198	207	269	167	193	190	160	204	191	394	438	121.2
Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office ¹	262	244	217	247	206	541	918	948	456 ³	329	344	31.3
Scotts Valley Police Department	29	44	34	13	19	35	40	47	43	41	35	20.7
Watsonville Police Department	180	183	238	268	274	244	204	246	242	224	196	8.9
Santa Cruz County Total²	729	735	834	760	758	1,058	1,374	1,487	968³	1,007	1,032	41.6
Population	237,800	240,000	242,500	245,400	249,000	252,100	255,000	257,500	258,400	258,900	258,886	8.9
Rate of Domestic Violence Calls per 1,000 residents	3.1	3.1	3.4	3.1	3.0	4.2	5.4	5.8	3.7 ³	3.9	4.0	-

Number of Calls, California

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	94-04 % Change
Number of Calls	250,439	246,315	227,899	220,156	196,832	186,406	196,880	198,031	196,569	194,288	186,439	-25.6
Population (in thousands)	31,661	31,910	32,223	32,670	33,226	33,766	34,336	34,385	35,000	35,612	36,271	14.6
Rate of Domestic Violence Calls per 1,000 residents	7.9	7.7	7.1	6.7	5.9	5.5	5.7	5.8	5.6	5.5	5.1	-

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Family Violence - Households Reporting Domestic Violence

Number of Cases with Weapons, Santa Cruz County

Agency	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	94-04 % Change
Capitola Police Department	37	26	43	31	26	22	24	21	15	10	9	-75.7
Santa Cruz Police Department	184	189	251	156	177	178	149	187	176	52	164	-10.9
Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office ¹	262	244	217	247	206	411	814	864	116 ³	49	61	-76.7
Scotts Valley Police Department	23	40	19	11	17	25	28	32	11	5	3	-87.0
Watsonville Police Department	158	137	159	175	180	108	187	228	133	12	24	-84.8
Santa Cruz County Total²	678	647	699	629	621	755	1,213	1,343	457³	128	264	-61.1
Population	237,800	240,000	242,500	245,400	249,000	252,100	255,000	257,500	258,400	258,900	258,886	8.9
Rate per 1,000 of Domestic Violence Cases with Weapons	2.9	2.7	2.9	2.6	2.5	3.0	4.8	5.2	1.8 ³	0.5	1.0	-

Number of Cases with Weapons, California

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	94-04 % Change
Cases with Weapons	182,240	174,299	159,075	155,650	136,658	127,795	135,156	136,366	119,859	106,731	97,736	-46.4
Population (in thousands)	31,661	31,910	32,223	32,670	33,226	33,766	34,336	34,385	35,000	35,612	36,271	14.6
Rate per 1,000 of Domestic Violence Cases with Weapons	5.8	5.5	4.9	4.8	4.1	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.4	3.0	2.7	-

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