Youth Violence in Southern California 1993 - 2007

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JUVENILE FELONY ARRESTS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 1993 - 2007
FOREWORD

INTRODUCTION

The Southern California Academic Center of Excellence (ACE) on Youth Violence Prevention is one of eight Academic Centers of Excellence funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Established in 2001, the Center is housed at the University of California Riverside and operates as a consortium of faculty and community partners from the region.

The Center is committed to the development, implementation, evaluation, and dissemination of youth violence prevention programs and strategies that acknowledge the diversity of causes and solutions to preventing youth violence.

In an effort to fulfill our mission to disseminate information on youth violence across southern California we have prepared this report on youth violence for the period covering 1993 to 2007. The arrest data covers San Bernardino, Riverside, San Diego, Los Angeles, Imperial, Orange, Ventura, and Santa Barbara Counties.

THE DATA

Data for this report were gathered from the State of California Office of the Attorney General Criminal Justice Statistics Center and the U.S. Department of Justice. The data covers a 15 year period from 1993 to 2007 inclusive. All data are for juvenile offenders between the ages of 10 through 17.

The data are collected through the Monthly Arrest and Citation Register (MACR) database. Data are collected monthly by the various county Sheriff’s Departments, Police Departments, and other state and local agencies with peace officer powers.

For this report we have recorded data for juvenile felony arrests in the following categories:

- General Violent Offenses.
- Homicide.
- Forcible Rape.
- Robbery.
- Aggravated Assault.
- Weapons Offenses.
- Drug Offenses.

Included in the drug offenses are possession of narcotics, marijuana, and other drugs.

Limitations of the data include the following:

- The Orange County Sheriff's Department identified that crime was underreported in its jurisdiction from 2000 to 2002. Therefore, caution should be exercised when using data for this jurisdiction and time frame.
- The Torrance Police Department estimated its 2002 supplemental crime data.
- Crime and arrest rates are calculated using the annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance. Beginning in 2004, population estimates are based on the 2000 Census. Population estimates for 1998 through 2003 are based on the 1990 Census. Readers are advised to exercise caution in interpreting changes in percent and rate between decennial census samples.
- Rates are not calculated when a county’s population is less than 100,000 in a given year.
- Rates may not add to subtotals or total because of rounding.
- Percentages may not total 100.0 because of rounding.

ARREST RATES

This report uses arrest rates as a measure of youth violent crimes in Southern California. It relies on official crime statistics compiled by law enforcement agencies to measure the magnitude of youth violence and compares the county trends to the statewide average. The report helps to answer questions about the number of crimes reported to the police, the volume and types of arrests, and how the arrest rates change over time.
San Bernardino County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Juvenile violent offense arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
The juvenile arrest rate in San Bernardino County has declined steadily from 1994 to 2000. The highest level of arrests came in 1994 when 700 out of every 100,000 juveniles were arrested. After a small 8% spike in 2001 the rate of juvenile arrests continued to decline until 2005. Since then the rate of juvenile arrest has experienced a steady increase back to the level of 2002. The overall decline in juvenile arrest rates from 1993 to 2007 is 40%. Overall, the San Bernardino County arrest trend is higher than the statewide average. Since 2005 the county and state trends appear almost identical.
San Bernardino County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Homicide arrests per 100,000 population (1990 – 2007)

Trend:
The pattern of juvenile arrests for homicide has declined overall for the 17 year period between 1990 and 2007. The most significant decline came between 1990 and 1991 when the rate of arrest experienced a 54% decrease. After 1997 the pattern of juvenile homicide arrests has experienced peaks and valleys from year to year. In 2007 juvenile arrests for homicide were up 125% from 2005 levels. The general decline between 1990 and 2007 is 89%. Overall the San Bernardino County juvenile arrest rates for homicide compare favorably with the statewide trend.

San Bernardino County Data
1990 - 2007
Juvenile Arrest Rates for Homicide
San Bernardino County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Forcible Rape arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
The overall trend in juvenile arrest rates for forcible rape has declined 56% from 1993 to 2007. The juvenile arrest rate for this crime was at its highest in 1995 with 18 out of every 100,000 juveniles being arrested for forcible rape. The juvenile arrest rate for forcible rape experienced significant peaks in 2000 and 2004 before dropping 59% to its lowest level in 2007. Overall the juvenile arrest rate for forcible rape in San Bernardino County is significantly higher than the statewide average.
San Bernardino County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Robbery arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
Since 1993 the juvenile arrest rate for robbery in San Bernardino County has dropped 36% overall. From 1996 to 2002 it experienced a steady decline of 66%. However, by 2007, juvenile arrests for robbery evidenced an alarming increase of 61% from its 1996 level. The San Bernardino County arrest rate for robbery compares favorably with the statewide average over the 15 years of data.
San Bernardino County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Assault arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
Since 1993 the juvenile arrest rate for assault has decreased modestly but steadily over the past 14 years. It had two significant peaks in 2001 and 2004 before reaching its lowest rate in 2005. As of 2007 the rate has experienced a steady increase of 7%. Over the 15 years of data collected the San Bernardino juvenile arrest rate for aggravated assault is higher than the statewide trend over the same time period.
San Bernardino County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Weapons possession arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
Exhibiting a similar trend of other violent juvenile offenses the arrest rate for weapons possession in San Bernardino County has decreased overall from 1993 to 2007. However, since 2000, the trend has gone up and down from year to year. In 2007, the juvenile arrest rate for weapons possession is about at the same level it was in 2002. There has been an overall decrease in the rate of arrest of 40% from 1993 to 2007. Overall, the juvenile arrest rates for San Bernardino County mirrors closely the statewide trend.
San Bernardino County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Drug Offense arrests per 100,000 population (1993 - 2007)

Trend:
Arrests for Drug related offenses in San Bernardino County have remained steady since 1999 to 2007. The overall pattern of arrests for the county mimics that of the state for the 15-year span of data. However, the San Bernardino County arrest trend for drug related offenses is significantly lower than that of the state. Overall, drug related arrests in the county have dropped 49% since 1993.
Riverside County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Juvenile Violent Offense arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
Juvenile arrests for violent offenses in Riverside County have dropped 39% from 1993 to 2007. The overall pattern of arrests for the county differs significantly from that of the state from 1993 to 1997. While the juvenile arrest rate for the state decreased gradually from 1993 to 1997 the county arrest rate was lower and decreased in a more dramatic fashion for the same years. Overall, the juvenile arrest rate for violent offenses in Riverside County has been lower than that of the state.
Riverside County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Homicide arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
Juvenile arrests for homicide in Riverside County have dropped 76% from 1993 to 2007. The overall pattern of arrests for the county differs significantly from that of the state from 1993 to 1995. Similar to the violent arrest rate trend the juvenile arrest rate for homicide for the state decreased gradually from 1993 to 1995. However, the county arrest rate exhibits a more acute decrease for the same years. After 1996 the county arrest closely mimics the state trend. Overall, the juvenile arrest rate for violent offenses in Riverside County has been lower than that of the state.

San Bernardino County Data
1990 - 2007
Juvenile Arrest Rates for Homicide
Riverside County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Forcible Rape arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
The overall trend in juvenile arrest rates for forcible rape in Riverside County has declined 67% from 1993 to 2007. The juvenile arrest rate for forcible rape experienced significant peaks in 1995, 1999, and 2001 before reaching its highest point in 2004. That year marked the only time the county arrest rate peaked above the state level. Overall the juvenile arrest rate for forcible rape in Riverside County has been significantly lower than the statewide trend.
Riverside County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Robbery arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
Since 1993 the juvenile arrest rate for robbery in Riverside County has dropped 39% overall. In 1997 it diverged significantly from the state rate before assuming a similar but lower rate than the state for the remaining years. The Riverside County arrest rate for robbery compares favorably with the statewide average over the 15 years of data.
Riverside County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Assault arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
Since 1993 the juvenile arrest rate for assault has decreased significantly more than that of the state until 1997. From 1997 to 2001 the county rate has increased while the state rate decreased. Since 2001 the county rate of arrests has been closer to the state rate than in previous years. Over the 15 years of data collected the Riverside County juvenile arrest rate for aggravated assault is lower than the statewide trend over the same time period.
Riverside County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Weapons possession arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

**Trend:**
The arrest rate for weapons possession in Riverside County has decreased overall from 1993 to 2007 by 29%. Its most significant decrease came in 1996 when it fell 50% below the state rate. However, since 1999, the county trend has mimicked the state trend very closely. Overall, the juvenile arrest rates for weapons for Riverside County have been below the statewide trend.
Riverside County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Drug Offense arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
Arrests for Drug related offenses in Riverside County have decreased from 1993 to 2007. The overall pattern of arrests for the county mimics that of the state for the 15-year span of data. However, the Riverside County arrest trend for drug related offenses is significantly lower than that of the state.
Los Angeles County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Juvenile Violent Offense arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
Juvenile arrests for violent offenses in Los Angeles County have dropped 39% from 1993 to 2007. The overall pattern of arrests for the county follows a similar but higher trend than that of the state from 1993 to 2007. Since 2000 the county trend has been at or near the state trend. Overall, the juvenile arrest rate for violent offenses in Los Angeles County has been higher than that of the state.
Los Angeles County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Homicide arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
Juvenile arrests for homicide in Los Angeles County have dropped 75% from 1993 to 2007. The overall pattern of arrests for the county follows a similar but higher trend than that of the state from 1993 to 2007. The most significant exception came in 1995 when the rate of juvenile arrests for LA County was 87% higher than the state rate. Overall, the juvenile arrest rate for violent offenses in Los Angeles County has been higher than that of the state.
Los Angeles County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Forcible Rape arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
Juvenile arrests for rape in Los Angeles County have dropped 67% from 1993 to 2007. The overall pattern of arrests for the county follows a similar but lower trend than that of the state from 1993 to 2007. The most significant exceptions came in 2003 and 2005 when the rate of juvenile arrests for LA County was 17% higher than the state rate. Overall, the juvenile arrest rate for forcible rape in Los Angeles County has been lower than that of the state.
Los Angeles County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Robbery arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
Since 1993 the juvenile arrest rate for robbery in Los Angeles County has dropped 61% overall. Since 1993 it has followed a similar yet higher trend than that of the state. The juvenile arrest rate for robbery in Los Angeles County reached its highest points in 1993 and 1995. Overall, the Los Angeles County arrest rate for robbery has consistently been higher than the statewide average over the 15 years of data.
Los Angeles County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Assault arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
From 1993 to 2007 the juvenile arrest rate for assault in Los Angeles County has decreased by 36%. During the 15 years of data the county trend has followed closely to the state trend. However, the county trend has always been the same or lower than the state trend with the exception of 1993.
Los Angeles County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Weapons possession arrests per 100,000 population (1998 – 2007)

Trend:
The arrest rate for weapons possession in Los Angeles County has decreased overall from 1998 to 2007 by 11%. Its most significant decrease came in 2001. However, since 2002 the county trend has mimicked the state trend very closely but at a higher rate. Overall, juvenile arrest rates for weapons for Los Angeles County have been slightly above the statewide trend over a 10 year period.
Los Angeles County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Drug Offense arrests per 100,000 population (1993 - 2007)

**Trend:**
Arrests for Drug related offenses in Los Angeles County have decreased 49% from 1993 to 2007. The overall pattern of arrests for the county mimics that of the state for the 15-year span of data. However, the Los Angeles County arrest trend for drug related offenses is higher than that of the state for the 15 year period of data.
San Diego County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Juvenile Violent Offense arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
Juvenile arrests for violent offenses in San Diego County have dropped 21% from 1993 to 2007. The overall pattern of arrests for the county follows that of the state from 1993 to 2006. While the juvenile arrest rate for the state was higher from 1994 to 1997 the county arrest rate appears to be increasing as of 2006. Overall, the juvenile arrest rate for violent offenses in San Diego County has been lower than that of the state.
San Diego County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Homicide arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

**Trend:**
Juvenile arrests for homicide in San Diego County have dropped 83% from 1993 to 2007. The overall pattern of arrests for the county follows a similar but lower trend than that of the state from 1993 to 2007. The most significant decrease came in 1999 when the rate of juvenile arrests for San Diego County dropped to a record low of 87% from the previous year. Overall, the juvenile arrest rate for homicide offenses in San Diego County has been lower than that of the state.
San Diego County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Forcible Rape arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
Juvenile arrests for rape in San Diego County have dropped 77% from 1993 to 2007. The overall pattern of arrests for the county follows a similar, but more jagged, trend line than that of the state from 1993 to 2007. Overall, the juvenile arrest rate for forcible rape in San Diego County has been lower than that of the state for the 15 years of data collected.
San Diego County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Robbery arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
Since 1993 the juvenile arrest rate for robbery in San Diego County has dropped 38% overall. Since 1993 it has followed a similar yet lower trend than that of the state. The juvenile arrest rate for robbery in San Diego County reached its highest points in 2002 and 2005. Overall, the San Diego County arrest rate for robbery has consistently been lower than the statewide average over the 15 years of data.
San Diego County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Assault arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
Since 1993 the juvenile arrest rate for assault has decreased only 7% over 15 years. From 1993 to 2005 the county rate has followed a similar trend to that of the state. However, since 2005 the county rate of arrests has increased significantly from previous years. In 2007 the San Diego County juvenile arrest rate for aggravated assault was 65% higher than that of the state.
San Diego County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Weapons possession arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
The arrest rate for weapons possession in San Diego County has increased overall from 1993 to 2007 by 3%. Its most significant increase came 1995 to 1998. However, since 1998 the county trend has mimicked the state trend but at a higher rate. Overall, juvenile arrest rates for weapons for San Diego County have been above the statewide trend.
San Diego County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Drug Offense arrests per 100,000 population (1993 - 2007)

Trend:
Arrests for Drug related offenses in San Diego County have decreased 54% from 1993 to 2007. The overall pattern of arrests for the county mimics that of the state for the 15-year span of data. However, the San Diego County arrest trend for drug related offenses is lower than that of the state for the 15 year period of data.
Orange County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Juvenile violent offense arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
The juvenile arrest rate in Orange County has declined steadily from 1995 to 2007. The highest level of arrests came in 1995. Since then the rate of juvenile arrest for violent offenses experienced a steady decrease until 2005. The Orange County juvenile arrest rate mimics the statewide trend. However, overall, the Orange County arrest trend is lower than the statewide trend. Since 2005 the county and state trends appear to be increasing.

Juvenile Arrest Rates for Violent Crimes
1993 - 2007
Orange County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Homicide arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
Juvenile arrests for homicide in Orange County have dropped 63% from 1993 to 2007. The overall pattern of arrests for the county follows a similar but lower trend than that of the state for the 15 years of data. The most significant decreases came in 1994 and 1996 when the rates of juvenile arrests for Orange County dropped 42% and 60% respectively from the previous years. Overall, the juvenile arrest rate for homicide offenses in Orange County has been lower than that of the state.
Orange County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Forcible Rape arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
Juvenile arrests for rape in Orange County have dropped 73% from 1993 to 2007. The overall pattern of arrests for the county follows a similar but lower trend than that of the state for the same years. The most significant exceptions came in 2001 when the rate of juvenile arrests for forcible rape in Orange County spiked 105% over the previous year. Overall, the juvenile arrest rate for forcible rape in Orange County has been lower than that of the state.
**Orange County**

VIOLENT OFFENSES

**Robbery arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)**

**Trend:**
Since 1993 the juvenile arrest rate for robbery in Orange County has dropped 35% overall. Since 1993 it has followed a similar yet lower trend than that of the state. The juvenile arrest rate for robbery in Orange County reached its highest points in 1993. Overall, the Orange County arrest rate for robbery has consistently been lower than the statewide average over the 15 years of data.

![Juvenile Arrest Rates for Robbery 1993 - 2007](image-url)
Orange County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Assault arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
From 1993 to 2007 the juvenile arrest rate for assault in Orange County has decreased by 48%. During the 15 years of data the county trend has followed closely to the state trend. However, the county trend has always been significantly lower than the state trend.
Orange County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Weapons possession arrests per 100,000 population (1998 – 2007)

**Trend:**
The arrest rate for weapons possession in Orange County has decreased from 1993 to 2007 by 16%. Its most significant decrease came 1996 to 2002. However, since 2002 the county trend has been gradually increasing similar to the state trend but at a lower rate. Overall, juvenile arrest rates for weapons for Orange County have been well below the statewide trend.
Orange County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Drug Offense arrests per 100,000 population (1993 - 2007)

Trend:
Arrests for Drug related offenses in Orange County have decreased 10% from 1993 to 2007. The overall pattern of arrests for the county mimics that of the state for the 15-year span of data. However, the Orange County arrest trend for drug related offenses approached that of the state from 2003 to 2007.
Imperial County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Juvenile Violent Offense arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
Juvenile arrests for violent offenses in Imperial County have dropped 54% from 1993 to 2007. The overall pattern of arrests for the county is generally similar to that of the state but at a lower rate. However, in 1995 the Imperial County arrest rate soared to 27% above the state rate. Since 1996 the county trend has been at or near the state trend. Overall, the juvenile arrest rate for violent offenses in Imperial has been lower than that of the state for the 15 years of data collected.
Imperial County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Homicide arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
Over the 15 year period of data juvenile arrests for homicide in Imperial County has dropped 100%. From the available data it appears that in 1994 the juvenile arrest rate for homicide in Imperial County spiked to 141% above the state rate. Overall, the county rate is significantly lower than the state rate.
Imperial County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Forcible Rape arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
Juvenile arrests for rape in Imperial County have dropped 100% from 1993 to 2007. The overall pattern of arrests for the county does not appear to follow the state trend aside from both trends showing a general decrease in arrests. Overall, the juvenile arrest rate for forcible rape in Imperial County has been lower than that of the state for the 15 years of data collected.
Imperial County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Robbery arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
Since 1993 the juvenile arrest rate for robbery in Imperial County has dropped 36% overall. Since 1993 it has followed a relatively similar, yet lower, trend than that of the state. The juvenile arrest rate for robbery in Imperial County reached its highest points in 1997. Overall, the Imperial County arrest rate for robbery has consistently been lower than the statewide average over the 15 years of data.
Imperial County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Assault arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

**Trend:**
From 1993 to 2007 the juvenile arrest rate for assault in Imperial County has decreased by 53%. During the 15 years of data the county trend has followed closely to the state trend except for 1994 and 1995. In 1995 the county experienced a significant spike in juvenile arrest rates as compared to the state. However, the county trend has generally been lower than the state trend.

![Juvenile Arrest Rates for Assault 1993 - 2007](image-url)
Imperial County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Weapons possession arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
The arrest rate for weapons possession in Imperial County has decreased overall from 1993 to 2007 by 64%. Its most significant increase came 1995. However, since 1995 the county trend has generally followed the state trend but at a lower rate. Overall, juvenile arrest rates for weapons for Imperial County have been below the statewide trend.
Imperial County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Drug Offense arrests per 100,000 population (1993 - 2007)

Trend:
Arrests for Drug related offenses in Imperial County have decreased 31% from 1993 to 2007. In 1997 the Imperial County arrest rate spiked to 60% above the state trend. With the exceptions of 1997 and 2000 the overall pattern of arrests for the county mimics that of the state for the 15-year span of data. However, the Imperial County arrest trend for drug related offenses has generally been lower than that of the state from 2003 to 2007.
Ventura County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Juvenile violent offense arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
The juvenile arrest rate in Ventura County has declined 24% from 1993 to 2007. The Ventura County juvenile arrest rate mimics the statewide trend. However, overall, the county arrest trend is significantly lower than the statewide trend. Since 2004 the county and state trends appear to be increasing.
Ventura County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Homicide arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

**Trend:**
Juvenile arrests for homicide in Ventura County for 2007 were the same as they were for 1993. The overall pattern of arrests for the county diverges significantly at different points from that of the state for the 15 years of data. The most significant disparity appears in 1993 when the rates of juvenile arrests for Ventura County 18 times lower than that of the state. Overall, the juvenile arrest rate for homicide offenses in Ventura County has been lower than the state rate.
Ventura County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Forcible Rape arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
Juvenile arrests for rape in Ventura County have dropped 20% from 1993 to 2007. The overall pattern of arrests for the county does not appear to follow that of the state for the same years. The most significant difference came in 1993 when the rate of juvenile arrests for forcible rape in Ventura County was 84% less than that of the state. Overall, the juvenile arrest rate for forcible rape in Ventura County has been lower than that of the state.
Ventura County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Robbery arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
Since 1993 the juvenile arrest rate for robbery in Ventura County has dropped 19% overall. Since 1993 it has followed a similar yet lower trend than that of the state. The juvenile arrest rate for robbery in Ventura County reached its highest point in 1994 and again in 1997 before beginning a six year decrease until 2003. Overall, the Ventura County arrest rate for robbery has consistently been lower than the statewide average over the 15 years of data.
Ventura County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Assault arrests per 100,000 population (1993 - 2007)

Trend:
From 1993 to 2007 the juvenile arrest rate for assault in Ventura County has decreased by 28%. During the 15 years of data the county trend has followed the state trend but at a lower rate. In recent years both the state and county rates have been exhibiting an upward trend.
Ventura County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Weapons possession arrests per 100,000 population (1998 – 2007)

Trend:
The arrest rate for weapons possession in Ventura County has decreased from 1993 to 2007 by 35%. 1998 marked the only year when the Ventura County arrest rate outpaced that of the state. Overall, juvenile arrest rates for weapons for Ventura County have been below the statewide trend.
Ventura County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Drug Offense arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
Arrests for Drug related offenses in Ventura County have decreased 2% from 1993 to 2007. In 2002 the Ventura County arrest rate peaked close to state levels. However, since then the Ventura County arrest rate has remained below state levels. Overall, the Ventura County arrest trend for drug related offenses has generally been lower than that of the state from 2003 to 2007.
Santa Barbara County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Juvenile violent offense arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
The juvenile arrest rate in Santa Barbara County has declined 62% from 1993 to 2007. The Santa Barbara County juvenile arrest rate follows a relative line to the statewide trend. However, with the exception of 1993, the county arrest trend is significantly lower than the statewide trend.
Santa Barbara County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Homicide arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
Over the 15 year period of data juvenile arrests for homicide in Santa Barbara County has dropped 40%. Since 1993 the Santa Barbara County arrest rate has been significantly lower than the state rate. The only exception being 2007 when the Santa Barbara County juvenile arrest rate for homicide was 27% higher than the statewide rate.
Santa Barbara County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Forcible Rape arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
Juvenile arrests for rape in Santa Barbara County have dropped 2% from 1993 to 2007. The overall pattern of arrests for the county is erratic and does not follow closely the state trend for the same years. The most significant differences came in 1994, 1997, 1998, and 2007. In 2007 the Santa Barbara County rate was 147% higher than the statewide average. Overall, the juvenile arrest rate for forcible rape in Santa Barbara County lower than that of the state 50% of the time and higher than the state 50% of the time.
Santa Barbara County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Robbery arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
Since 1993 the juvenile arrest rate for robbery in Santa Barbara County has dropped 70% overall. Since 1993 it has followed a relatively similar, yet lower, trend than that of the state. The juvenile arrest rate for robbery in Santa Barbara County reached its highest point in 1993 when it equaled the arrest rate of the state. Overall, the Santa Barbara County arrest rate for robbery has consistently been lower than the statewide average over the 15 years of data.
Santa Barbara County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Assault arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
From 1993 to 2007 the juvenile arrest rate for assault in Santa Barbara County has decreased by 60%. During the 15 years of data the county trend has erratically followed the state trend. However, the county trend has been lower than the state trend for 50% of the time and higher than the state trend for 50% of the time.

Juvenile Arrest Rates for Assault
1993 - 2007
Santa Barbara County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Weapons possession arrests per 100,000 population (1993 – 2007)

Trend:
The arrest rate for weapons possession in Santa Barbara County has decreased overall from 1993 to 2007 by 52%. Its most significant decrease came 1996 when it fell below the statewide average for the first time in the 15 year span. With the exception of 1997 the Santa Barbara County arrest trend has been mostly lower than the statewide average.
Santa Barbara County

VIOLENT OFFENSES

Drug Offense arrests per 100,000 population (1993 - 2007)

Trend:
Arrests for Drug related offenses in Santa Barbara County have decreased 38% from 1993 to 2007. The overall pattern of arrests for the county relatively follows that of the state with the exception of 2001. Overall, the Santa Barbara County arrest trend for drug related offenses is lower than that of the state for the 15 year period of data.

[Graph showing juvenile arrest rates for drug-related crimes from 1993 to 2007, comparing Santa Barbara County and state data.]
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