
















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Summary

Indicator	Measurement	Data	Year	Trend	Direction	Page
Neighborhood Safety	Percentage of respondents that felt very safe in their neighborhood	79.9%	2010	↓		187
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Gun Sales	Number of gun sales	7,150	2009	↑		212
Driving Under the Influence	Adult misdemeanor arrest rate for driving under the influence in San Luis Obispo County	13.7	2009	↑		213
Senior Drivers	Number of senior drivers in the county	109,123	2010	↑		215
County Parolees	Rate of felons paroled from an institution in San Luis Obispo County	3.4	2009	—		216

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Legend

Item	Description
	Indicates data moving in an upward direction over time.
	Indicates data moving in a downward direction over time.
	Indicates data remaining constant over time or no trend data available.
	Indicates data with a combination of both challenges and successes.
	Indicates data moving in a negative direction.
	Indicates data moving in a positive direction.

Neighborhood Safety

Nearly 80% of ACTION telephone survey respondents felt “very safe” in their neighborhood. However, among homeless respondents, only 37% felt “very safe” and even fewer Spanish-speaking parents felt “very safe” (21%).

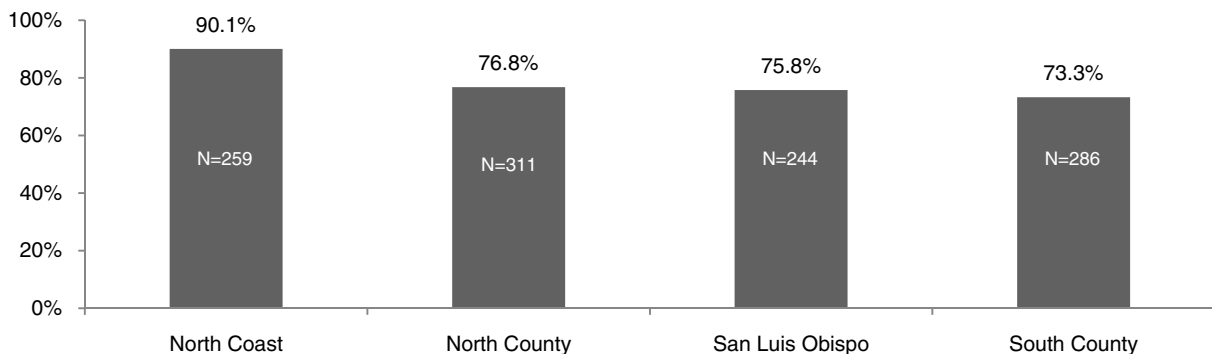


How safe would you say you feel in your neighborhood?

Response	1999	2001	2003	2006	2010
Very safe	73.6%	84.3%	87.2%	80.4%	79.9%
Somewhat safe	24.2%	14.7%	11.7%	19.0%	18.5%
Not at all safe	2.2%	1.0%	1.1%	0.5%	1.7%
Total respondents	542	807	522	498	1,101

Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2006 and 2010.

How safe would you say you feel in your neighborhood (respondents answering “Very safe”)? By Region (2010)



Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 2010.

How safe would you say you feel in your neighborhood? (2010 & 2006)

Response	2006			2010		
	Dependent Adults	Homeless	Spanish Speaking Parents	Dependent Adults	Homeless	Spanish Speaking Parents
Very safe	60.7%	37.3%	18.4%	62.6%	37.0%	20.7%
Somewhat safe	37.3%	47.9%	66.7%	29.5%	47.9%	69.0%
Not at all safe	2.0%	14.7%	15.0%	7.9%	15.1%	10.3%
Total respondents	244	217	147	139	119	87

Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Face-to-Face Survey, 2006 and 2010.

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

Student Reported Safety

Eighty-six percent of fifth grader students felt safe “all” or “most” of the time in 2007-2008. About two-thirds of all students surveyed in the 7th, 9th, and 11th grade, felt “safe” or “very safe” a slight increase from 2003-2004 to 2007-2008.



Percent of 5th Grade Children that Feel Safe at School, San Luis Obispo County

Response	2005-2006	2007-2008
No, Never	5%	4%
Yes, Some of the Time	9%	9%
Yes, Most of the Time	26%	27%
Yes, All of the Time	60%	59%

Source: California Healthy Kids Survey, 2005 and 2007.

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

Response	2003-2004			2005-2006			2007-2008		
	7 th	9 th	11 th	7 th	9 th	11 th	7 th	9 th	11 th
Very Safe	22%	17%	20%	23%	18%	20%	29%	21%	22%
Safe	42%	42%	42%	39%	39%	42%	45%	43%	44%
Neither Safe nor Unsafe	30%	35%	32%	30%	36%	33%	20%	30%	28%
Unsafe	3%	4%	3%	5%	5%	3%	3%	4%	4%
Very Unsafe	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%

Source: California Healthy Kids Survey, 2003, 2005 and 2007.

Public Safety Concerns

The top public safety issues of concern to telephone survey respondents included child abuse (82%), crime (80%), and gang and teen violence (76%).



**☎ How concerned are you about the following issues in your community?
(Respondents answering “Very concerned” or “Somewhat concerned”)**

	Very concerned Somewhat concerned					Total respondents				
	1999	2001	2003	2006	2010	1999	2001	2003	2006	2010
Family violence	68.6%	75.4%	67.5%	70.4%	67.5%	535	804	522	491	1,081
Child abuse	74.3%	NA	75.1%	85.4%	81.7%	536	794	522	492	1,076
Senior abuse	67.0%	68.5%	64.5%	73.1%	69.5%	527	775	522	488	1,069
Crime	81.5%	80.6%	74.4%	80.3%	79.5%	541	804	522	501	1,097
Gangs or teen violence ¹	67.2%	67.0%	67.0%	75.5%	75.7%	543	795	522	502	1,090

Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2006, and 2010.

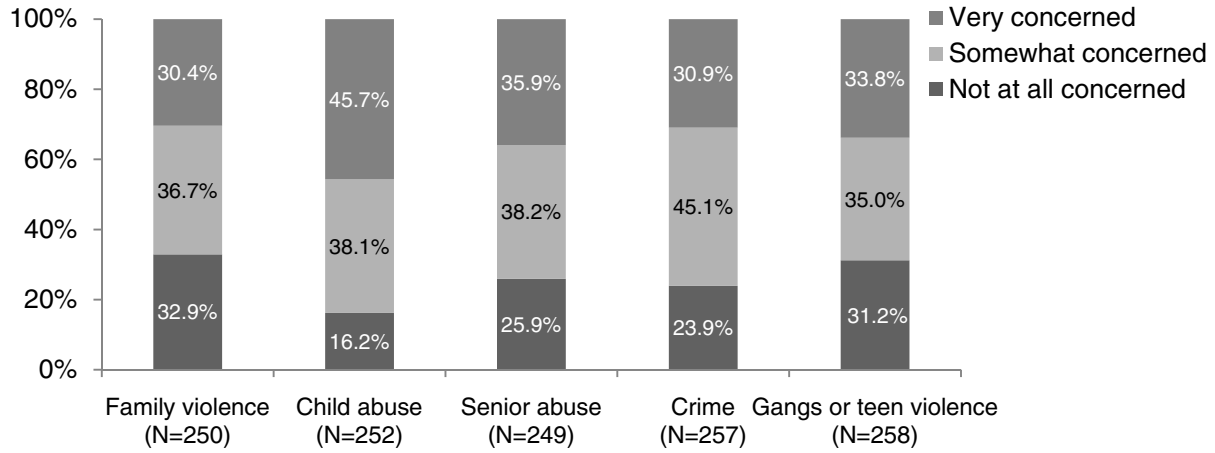
¹Teen violence added to question in 2001.

**👥 How concerned are you about the following issues in your community?
(Respondents answering “Very concerned” or “Somewhat concerned”)**

Response	Dependent Adults		Homeless		Spanish Speaking Parents	
	2006	2010	2006	2010	2006	2010
Family violence	80.4%	73.4%	79.6%	76.7%	77.1%	63.1%
Child abuse	81.2%	82.2%	83.3%	79.4%	79.1%	65.1%
Senior abuse	83.2%	79.2%	81.2%	71.4%	75.5%	65.9%
Crime	83.0%	85.0%	83.2%	77.7%	80.5%	76.2%
Gangs or teen violence	79.3%	79.7%	80.1%	68.3%	84.3%	81.4%

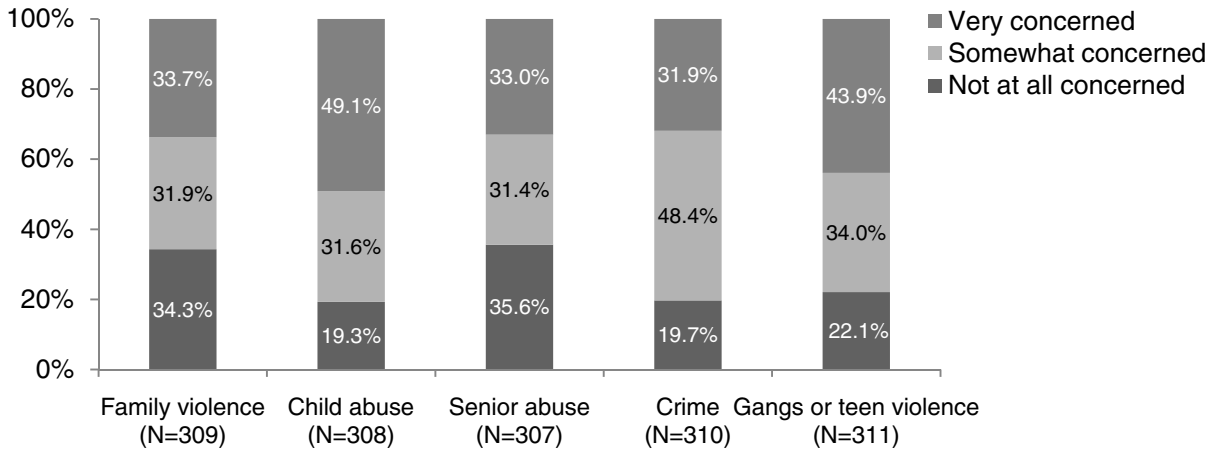
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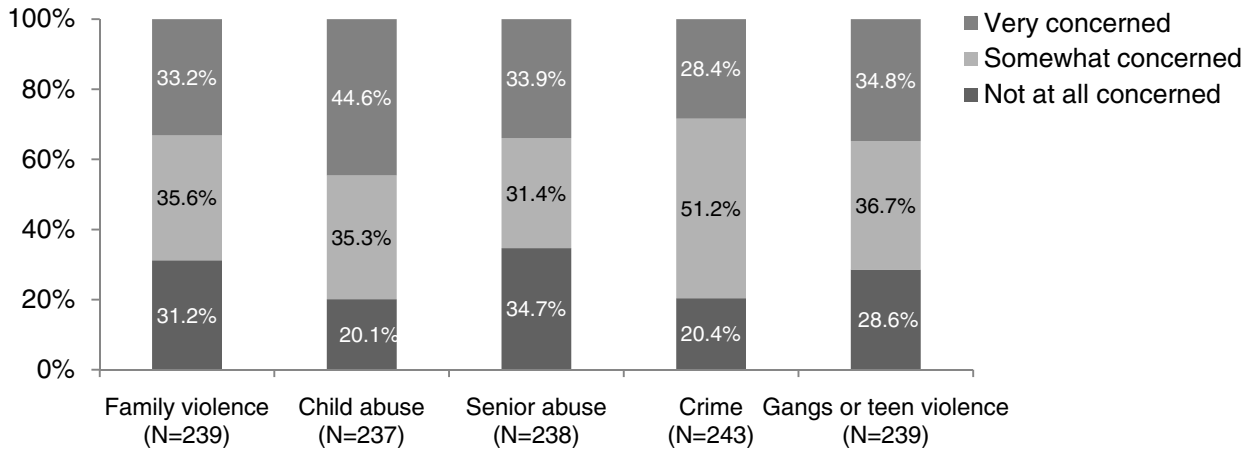
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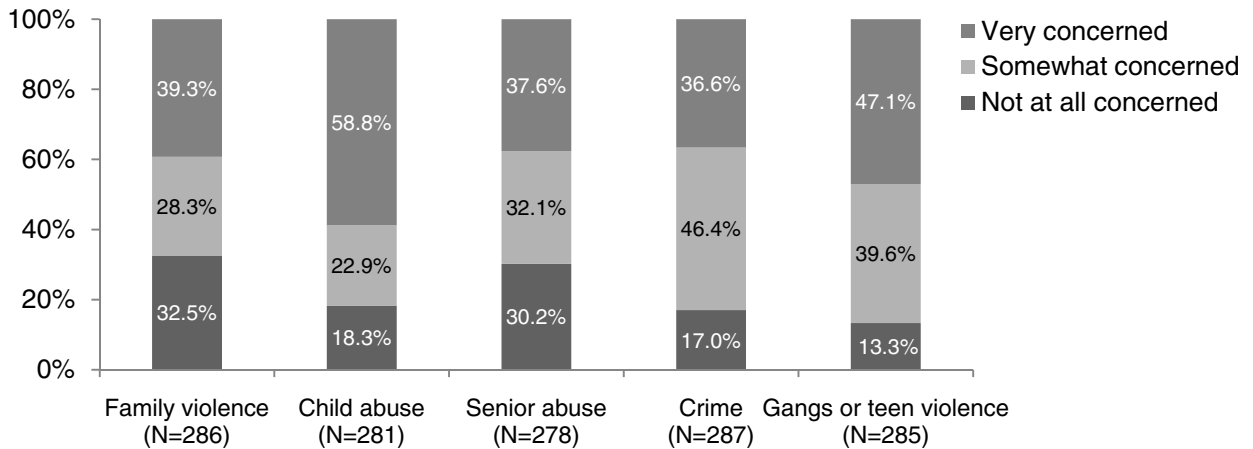
Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 2010.

📞 How concerned are you about the following issues in your community? (San Luis Obispo Region)



Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 2010.

📞 How concerned are you about the following issues in your community? (South County Region)



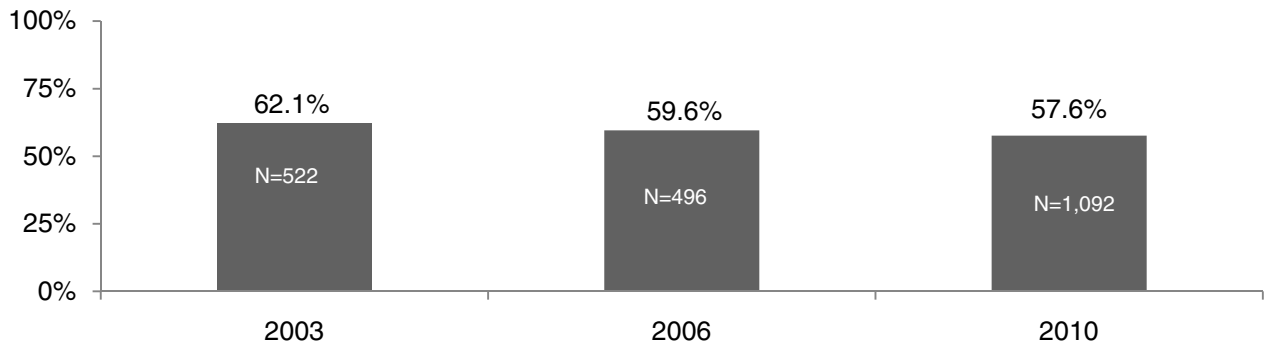
Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 2010.

Disaster Preparedness

The percentage of telephone survey respondents who store three days worth of emergency supplies decreased in 2010. The percentage of respondents with a disaster meeting place and communication plan increased. In households with members requiring special assistance, more respondents had made arrangements for emergency evacuation for them.

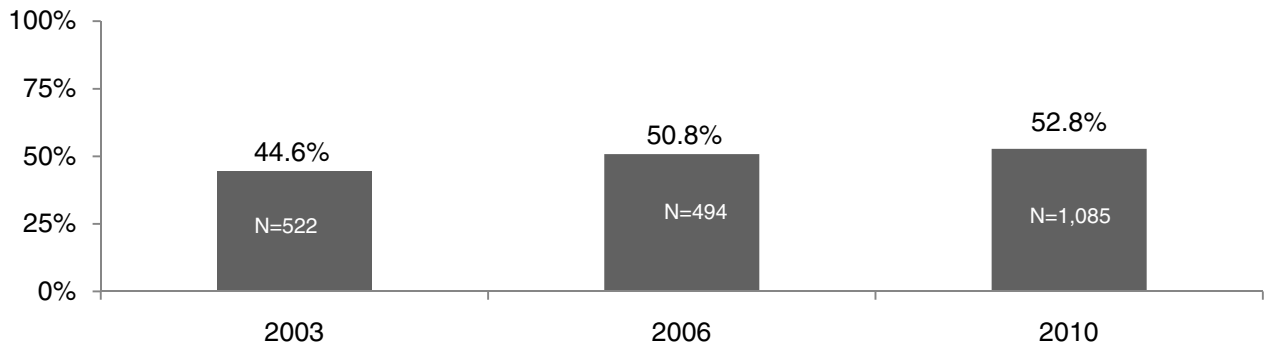


☎ In planning for a disaster, has your household stored three days worth of emergency supplies? (Respondents answering “Yes”)



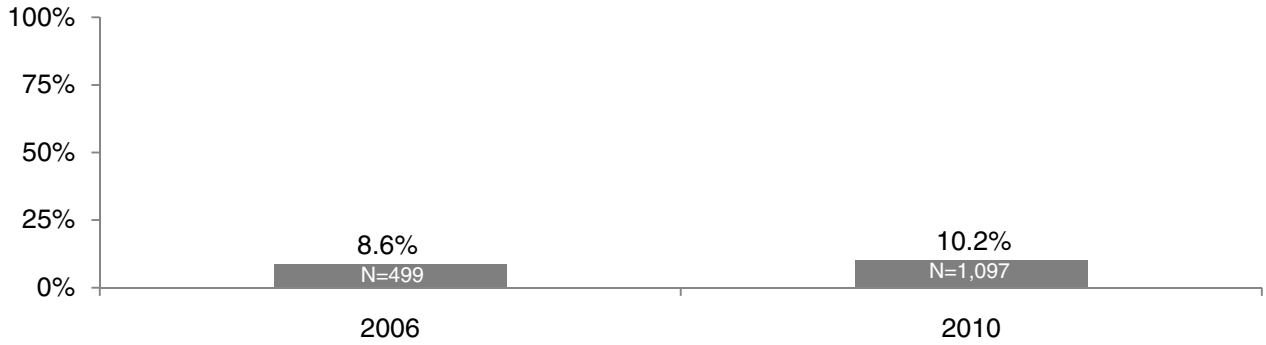
Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 2003, 2006, and 2010.

☎ In planning for a disaster, has your household talked about where you would meet and how you would communicate with each other? (Respondents answering “Yes”)



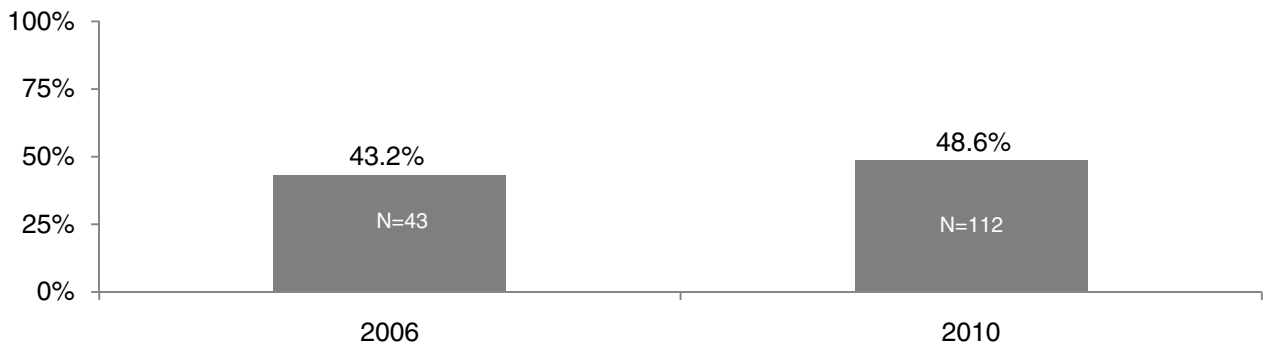
Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 2003, 2006, and 2010.

☎ Is there anyone in your household who would need special assistance to evacuate in case of an emergency? (Respondents answering “Yes”)



Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 2006 and 2010.

☎ Has the person who needs special assistance made arrangements for someone to help evacuate in an emergency? (Respondents answering “Yes”)



Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey, 2006 and 2010.

Crime Rate for Selected Areas

The total crime rate for San Luis Obispo County was 25 per 1,000 residents in 2009. Total crimes have dropped 5% since 2001. However, for reported violent crimes, robbery increased 58% and for property crime, burglary increased 5% from 2001 to 2009. The highest crime rate in 2009 by area was Pismo Beach at 47 per 1,000 residents and the lowest area was Morro Bay at 17 per 1,000 residents. In the areas of Atascadero and Morro Bay total crime has decreased by one-fourth from 2001 to 2009.



Definition of Crimes¹

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.

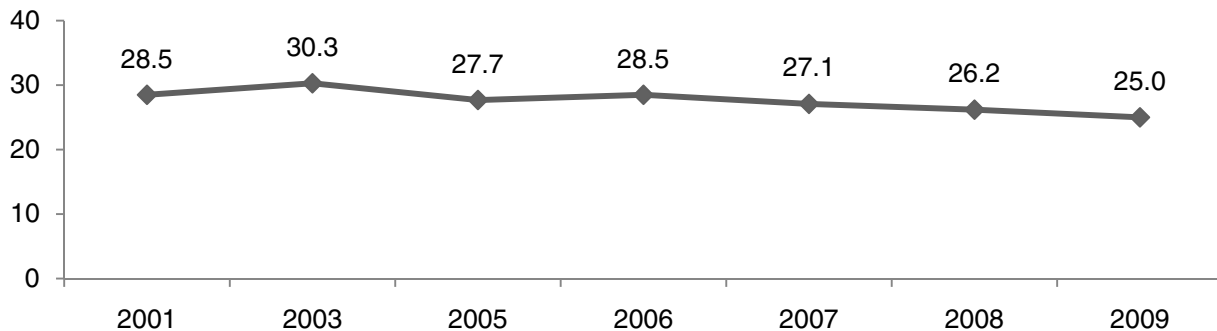
Burglary: the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft.

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.

Crime Rate per 1,000 for San Luis Obispo County



Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State; January Count 2001-2009.

¹ California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Profile, 2005.

San Luis Obispo County-Violent Crime

Crime	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
Homicide	7	7	4	6	5	4	4	-42.9% ¹
Rape	102	79	76	79	105	106	89	-12.7%
Robbery	67	61	90	95	92	112	106	58.2%
Aggravated Assault	567	491	590	558	682	558	495	-12.7%
Total	743	638	760	738	884	780	694	-6.6%
Total Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000)	3.0	2.5	2.9	2.8	3.3	2.9	2.6	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State; January Count 2001-2009.

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San Luis Obispo County-Property Crime

Crime	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
Burglary	1,371	1,642	1,469	1,486	1,323	1,517	1,433	4.5%
Larceny	4,443	4,879	4,434	4,737	4,489	4,308	4,169	-6.2%
Auto Theft	428	494	524	488	421	345	375	-12.4%
Arson	134	90	62	83	84	75	88	-34.3%
Total	6,376	7,105	6,489	6,794	6,317	6,245	6,065	-4.9%
Total Property Crime Rate (per 1,000)	25.5	27.8	24.8	25.7	23.7	23.2	22.4	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State; January Count 2001-2009.

Note: Larceny includes total larceny theft

Combined Total Crime Rate for San Luis Obispo County

Crime	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 %Change
Total Crimes	7,119	7,743	7,249	7,532	7,201	7,025	6,759	-5.1%
Population	250,142	255,559	261,310	263,939	266,043	268,636	270,901	8.3%
County Crime Rate (per 1,000)¹	28.5	30.3	27.7	28.5	27.1	26.2	25.0	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State; January Count 2001-2009.¹

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.

Arroyo Grande

Violent Crime

Crime	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 %Change ¹
Homicide	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-
Rape	4	3	3	4	8	8	4	0.0% ¹
Robbery	10	3	6	7	3	6	9	-10.0% ¹
Aggravated Assault	11	21	34	36	15	15	11	0.0%
Total Crime	25	27	43	48	26	29	24	-4.0%
Total Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000)	1.6	1.6	2.6	2.9	1.5	1.7	1.4	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State; January Count 2001-2009.

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Property Crime

Crime	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 %Change
Burglary	54	79	86	67	46	81	83	53.7%
Larceny	265	278	300	295	300	266	269	1.5%
Auto theft	7	22	29	13	20	28	16	128.6% ¹
Arson	4	3	1	5	1	1	5	25.0% ¹
Total Crime	330	382	416	380	367	376	373	13.0%
Total Property Crime Rate (per 1,000)	20.6	23.1	25.1	22.8	21.8	22.1	21.8	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State; January Count 2001-2009.

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Combined Total Crime Rate for Arroyo Grande

Crime	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 %Change
Total Crimes	355	409	459	428	393	405	397	11.8%
Population	16,022	16,521	16,602	16,645	16,834	16,990	17,110	6.8%
Crime Rate (per 1,000)¹	22.2	24.8	27.6	25.7	23.3	23.8	23.2	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State; January Count 2001-2009.

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Atascadero

Violent Crime

Crime	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
Homicide	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	-
Rape	10	8	12	2	11	13	11	10.0% ¹
Robbery	4	4	10	13	8	15	10	150.0% ¹
Aggravated Assault	82	53	91	57	76	52	43	-47.6%
Total Crime	96	66	113	72	96	81	65	-32.3%
Total Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000)	3.6	2.4	4.1	2.6	3.4	2.8	2.3	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State; January Count 2001-2009.

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Property Crime

Crime	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
Burglary	140	182	118	130	133	156	121	-13.6%
Larceny	493	602	431	496	373	354	380	-22.9%
Auto theft	57	62	58	35	23	34	31	-45.6%
Arson	14	10	2	6	18	3	10	-28.6% ¹
Total Crime	704	856	609	667	547	547	542	-23.0%
Total Property Crime Rate (per 1,000)	26.3	31.3	22.0	24.1	19.6	19.2	19.0	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State; January Count 2001-2009.

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Combined Total Crime Rate for Atascadero

Crime	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
Total Crimes	800	922	722	739	643	628	607	-24.1%
Population	26,728	27,380	27,700	27,731	27,899	28,514	28,488	6.6%
Crime Rate (per 1,000)¹	29.9	33.7	26.1	26.6	23.0	22.0	21.3	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State; January Count 2001-2009.

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Grover Beach

Violent Crime

Crime	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
Homicide	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-
Rape	3	3	2	2	7	3	3	0.0% ¹
Robbery	9	5	8	10	5	7	7	-22.2% ¹
Aggravated Assault	34	28	26	27	77	80	42	23.5% ¹
Total Crime	46	36	36	40	89	90	52	13.0%¹
Total Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000)	3.5	2.8	2.7	3.0	6.8	6.8	3.9	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State; January Count 2001-2009.

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Property Crime

Crime	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
Burglary	57	66	66	77	76	106	99	73.7%
Larceny	212	249	188	285	182	200	215	1.4%
Auto theft	26	19	32	34	18	10	30	15.4% ¹
Arson	9	2	0	0	3	3	2	-77.8% ¹
Total Crime	304	336	286	396	279	319	346	13.8%
Total Property Crime Rate (per 1,000)	23.1	25.7	21.5	29.9	21.2	24.2	26.1	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State; January Count 2001-2009.

Note: Larceny includes total larceny theft

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Combined Total Crime Rate for Grover Beach

Crime	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
Total Crimes	350	372	322	436	368	409	398	13.7%
Population	13,151	13,090	13,280	13,250	13,144	13,177	13,278	1.0%
Crime Rate (per 1,000)¹	26.6	28.4	24.2	32.9	28.0	31.0	30.0	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State; January Count 2001-2009.

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Morro Bay

Violent Crime

Crime	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change ¹
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Rape	3	4	1	4	3	2	2	-33.3%
Robbery	1	0	0	4	2	3	2	100.0%
Aggravated Assault	42	22	15	15	16	14	16	-61.9%
Total Crime	46	26	16	23	21	19	20	-56.5%
Total Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000)	4.4	2.5	1.5	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.9	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State; January Count 2001-2009.

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Property Crime

Crime	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
Burglary	30	54	32	47	39	61	35	16.7%
Larceny	163	150	132	109	97	122	124	-23.9%
Auto Theft	9	4	13	11	17	7	4	-55.6% ¹
Arson	3	3	3	2	9	1	2	-33.3% ¹
Total Crime	202	211	180	169	162	191	165	-18.3%
Total Property Crime Rate (per 1,000)	19.4	20.1	17.1	16.1	15.5	18.2	15.6	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State; January Count 2001-2009.

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Combined Total Crime Rate for Morro Bay

Crime	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
Total Crimes	248	237	196	192	183	210	185	-25.4%
Population	10,428	10,518	10,553	10,521	10,485	10,521	10,576	1.4%
Crime Rate (per 1,000)¹	23.8	22.5	18.6	18.2	17.5	20.0	17.5	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State; January Count 2001-2009.

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	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
Homicide	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	-100.0% ¹
Rape	9	13	14	15	12	19	15	66.7% ¹
Robbery	11	14	11	12	13	22	11	0.0% ¹
Aggravated Assault	49	92	85	61	81	80	67	36.7%
Total Crime	71	30	110	89	106	121	93	31.0%
Total Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000)	2.8	1.1	3.9	3.1	3.6	4.1	3.1	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State; January Count 2001-2009.

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Property Crime

Crime	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
Burglary	183	376	194	230	194	216	267	45.9%
Larceny	514	483	388	666	659	559	595	15.8%
Auto theft	55	74	85	93	78	60	65	18.2%
Arson	2	9	6	12	3	3	5	150.0% ¹
Total Crime	754	942	673	1001	934	838	932	23.6%
Total Property Crime Rate (per 1,000)	30.1	35.1	24.0	34.5	31.5	28.1	31.1	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State; January Count 2001-2009.

Note: Larceny includes total larceny theft

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Combined Total Crime Rate for Paso Robles

Crime	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
Total Crimes	825	972	783	1090	1040	959	1025	24.2%
Population	25,035	26,852	28,075	29,051	29,648	29,854	30,004	19.8%
Crime Rate (per 1,000)¹	33.0	36.2	27.9	37.5	35.1	32.1	34.2	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State; January Count 2001-2009.

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.

Pismo Beach

Violent Crime

Crime	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
Homicide	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	-
Rape	6	5	3	1	4	2	2	-66.7% ¹
Robbery	3	6	5	4	5	6	5	66.7% ¹
Aggravated Assault	22	17	25	42	12	17	8	-63.6% ¹
Total Crime	31	29	33	49	22	25	15	-51.6%¹
Total Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000)	3.6	3.3	3.8	5.7	2.6	2.9	1.7	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State; January Count 2001-2009.¹ Caution should be used when interpreting this result as percent change calculations based on small numbers are unstable and can be misinterpreted.

Property Crime

Crime	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
Burglary	67	72	90	109	54	64	75	11.9%
Larceny	246	332	272	291	276	274	306	24.4%
Auto theft	12	20	17	26	25	15	11	-8.3% ¹
Arson	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	-100.0%
Total Crime	326	427	380	426	355	353	392	20.2%
Total Property Crime Rate (per 1,000)	38.0	49.0	43.8	49.3	41.4	41.1	45.2	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State; January Count 2001-2009.

Note: Larceny includes total larceny theft

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Combined Total Crime Rate for Pismo Beach

Crime	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
Total Crimes	357	456	413	475	377	378	407	14.0%
Population	8,588	8,709	8,676	8,642	8,582	8,580	8,677	1.0%
Crime Rate (per 1,000)¹	41.6	52.4	47.6	55.0	43.9	44.1	46.9	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State; January Count 2001-2009.

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.

San Luis Obispo City

Violent Crime

Crime	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
Homicide	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	-
Rape	23	20	23	22	27	32	30	30.4% ¹
Robbery	17	19	35	25	39	38	39	129.4% ¹
Aggravated Assault	129	99	110	115	99	66	71	-45.0%
Total Crime	169	139	170	162	168	136	140	-17.2%
Total Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000)	3.8	3.1	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.1	3.1	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State; January Count 2001-2009.

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Property Crime

Crime	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
Burglary	393	344	361	358	312	334	324	-17.6%
Larceny	1,336	1,469	1,335	1,273	1,450	1,328	1,240	-7.2%
Auto Theft	132	131	97	96	84	55	68	-48.5%
Arson	85	41	38	41	38	40	50	-41.2%
Total Crime	1,946	1,985	1,831	1,768	1,884	1,757	1,682	-13.6%
Total Property Crime Rate (per 1,000)	43.9	44.8	41.0	39.7	42.4	39.4	37.5	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State; January Count 2001-2009.

Note: Larceny includes total larceny theft

Combined Total Crime Rate for San Luis Obispo City

Crime	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
Total Crimes	2,115	2,124	2,001	1,930	2,052	1,893	1,822	-13.9%
Population	44,347	44,357	44,687	44,559	44,433	44,579	44,829	1.1%
Crime Rate (per 1,000)¹	47.7	47.9	44.8	43.3	46.2	42.5	40.6	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State; January Count 2001-2009.

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	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
Homicide	2	1	2	1	0	2	3	50.0% ¹
Rape	43	20	16	26	29	26	21	-51.2% ¹
Robbery	10	10	15	17	16	14	20	100.0% ¹
Aggravated Assault	173	125	177	157	194	168	155	-10.4%
Total Crime	228	156	210	201	239	210	199	-12.7%
Total Violent Crime Rate (per 1,000)	2.2	1.4	1.9	1.8	2.1	1.8	1.7	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State; January Count 2001-2009.

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Property Crime

Crime	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
Burglary	405	438	507	433	449	474	416	2.7%
Larceny	895	910	1,045	975	897	859	763	-14.7%
Auto Theft	5	4	6	5	10	7	9	80.0% ¹
Arson	9	16	11	15	7	11	8	-11.1% ¹
Total Crime	1,314	1,368	1,569	1,428	1,363	1,351	1,196	-9.0%
Total Property Crime Rate (per 1,000)	12.4	12.6	14.0	12.6	11.9	11.6	10.1	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State; January Count 2001-2009.

Note: Larceny includes total larceny theft

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Combined Total Crime Rate for Unincorporated San Luis Obispo County

Crime	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
Total Crimes	1,542	1,524	1,779	1,629	1,602	1,561	1,395	-9.5%
Population	106,030	108,763	112,126	113,540	115,018	116,421	117,939	11.2%
Crime Rate (per 1,000)¹	14.5	14.0	15.9	14.3	13.9	13.4	11.8	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State; January Count 2001-2009.

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.

Domestic Violence Calls

There were 601 domestic violence calls in the county in 2009, down from 887 calls in 2001. There were 286 domestic violence cases with weapons in 2009, a decrease from 547 cases in 2001. However, domestic violence largely goes unreported so data should be viewed with caution.



Number of Calls, San Luis Obispo County

Jurisdiction	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
Arroyo Grande	55	102	38	44	36	29	43	-21.8%
Atascadero	157	155	153	134	120	94	82	-47.8%
Grover Beach	66	45	46	25	43	38	52	-21.2%
Morro Bay	36	33	35	33	27	26	19	-47.2%
Paso Robles	190	176	187	161	115	84	61	-67.9%
Pismo Beach	28	50	38	55	43	29	36	28.6%
San Luis Obispo	106	84	106	113	96	65	88	-17.0%
Unincorporated Areas	241	204	161	219	240	214	217	-10.0%
Other Jurisdictions	8	8	2	7	7	6	3	-62.5% ¹
San Luis Obispo County Total	887	857	766	791	727	585	601	-32.2%

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Domestic Violence-Related Calls for Assistance, 2000-2009.

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Number of Cases with Weapons, San Luis Obispo County

Jurisdiction	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
Arroyo Grande	55	21	31	25	6	6	6	-89.1% ¹
Atascadero	105	99	123	78	40	25	12	-88.6% ¹
Grover Beach	66	45	44	20	28	22	11	-83.3% ¹
Morro Bay	31	27	7	18	8	6	5	-83.9% ¹
Paso Robles	132	77	118	50	66	52	15	-88.6% ¹
Pismo Beach	26	40	28	7	23	19	33	26.9%
San Luis Obispo	88	50	75	62	18	8	12	-86.4% ¹
Unincorporated Areas	37	19	111	198	208	190	190	413.5%
Other Jurisdictions	7	6	1	5	6	6	2	-71.4% ¹
San Luis Obispo County Total	547	384	538	463	403	334	286	-47.7%

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Domestic Violence-Related Calls for Assistance, 2000-2009.

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Domestic Violence Shelters

There are two domestic violence shelters in the county of San Luis Obispo. The first shelter is the North County Women's Shelter and Resource Center which has two locations in Atascadero and Paso Robles. It was originally created in 1985 by the women of AAUW as the first safe house in Atascadero. The second shelter is the Women's Shelter Program (WSP) in San Luis Obispo which began as a grassroots volunteer run shelter in 1977 and offers a comprehensive set of services for victims of Intimate Partner Violence and Child Abuse. The North County Women's Shelter served 44 women and 66 children in 2009-10, while the WSP in San Luis Obispo served 46 female and 47 children in 2009-10.



Shelter Occupants, by Age for North County Women's Shelter

	2004-2005	2005-2006	2008-2009	2009-2010
Number of Women	69	57	47	44
Aged 18-29	59%	44%	46%	54%
Aged 30-50	40%	49%	53%	45%
Aged 50+	1%	7%	1%	1%
Number of Children	88	87	74	66
Children	56%	60%	60%	59%
Total Shelter Occupants	157	144	123	112

Source: North County Women's Shelter and Resource Center, 2006 and 2010.

Note: Data for 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 unavailable.

Shelter Occupants, by Ethnicity for North County Women's Shelter

Response	2004-2005	2005-2006	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
Caucasian	48%	33%	26%	38%	42%
Hispanic	43%	57%	67%	60%	47%
Native American	1%	1%	0%	<1%	0%
African American	8%	9%	7%	2.4%	0%
Other	0%	0%	0%	1.5%	11%

Source: North County Women's Shelter and Resource Center, 2006 and 2010.

Note: Data unavailable for 2006-2007.

Number of Services Provided, North County Women's Shelter

Service	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2008-2009	2009-2010
Low-Cost Counseling	327	319	290	1,653	2,021
Teens Attending Domestic Violence Presentations	1,396	752	768	95	389
School-Based Counseling	520	504	572	4,518	4,547
Restraining Orders	250	281	233	127	202

Source: North County Women's Shelter and Resource Center, 2006 and 2010.

Note: Data unavailable for 2006-2007 and 2007-2008.

Shelter Occupants, by Age for The Women's Shelter Program of San Luis Obispo County

	2004-2005	2005-2006	2008-2009	2009-2010
Number of Women	42	45	46	46
Aged 18-29	40%	38%	35%	35%
Aged 30-50	48%	53%	61%	48%
Aged 50+	12%	8%	4%	17%
Number of Children	48	52	54	47
Children	53%	54%	54%	51%
Total Shelter Occupants	90	97	100	93

Source: The Women's Shelter Program of San Luis Obispo County, 2006 and 2010.

Shelter Occupants, by Ethnicity for The Women's Shelter Program of San Luis Obispo County

Response	2004-2005	2005-2006	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
Caucasian	48%	40%	50%	59%	59%
Hispanic	38%	32%	35%	33%	37%
Native American	2%	2%	0%	2%	0%
African American	10%	9%	9%	2%	0%
Other	2%	17%	7%	4%	4%

Source: The Women's Shelter Program of San Luis Obispo County, 2006 and 2010.

Number of Services Provided, The Women's Shelter Program of San Luis Obispo County

Service	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2008-2009	2009-2010
Counseling, Adult	142	135	172	161	190
Preventive	NA	NA	29	22	52
CHAT ¹	131	131	110	82	103
Restraining Order	36	55	66	61	70

Source: The Women's Shelter Program of San Luis Obispo County, 2006 and 2010.

¹Child Abuse Treatment (CHAT) services for child victims of abuse, traumatized children and their non-offending family members include: Therapeutic services for long-term healing and recovery, Case management services to help families link up with community resources and support, and Effective child abuse prevention, intervention and treatment programs through partnerships created among local non-profit and social service agencies, schools, law enforcement, the District Attorney's office, medical providers, and the faith and business communities.

Child Abuse

San Luis Obispo County has seen a 56% decrease in total cases of child abuse from 2001 to 2009. However, the rate of substantiated cases for the county was still slightly higher than the state of California as a whole. General neglect accounted for 67% of child abuse cases in the county.



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

Type of Abuse	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
Sexual Abuse	71	81	31	21	23	18	20	-71.8% ²
Physical Abuse	108	87	39	30	26	40	32	-70.4%
Severe Neglect	33	¹	12	19	24	18	9	-72.7% ²
General Neglect	477	626	378	265	280	313	338	-29.1%
Exploitation	¹	¹	¹	¹	¹	¹	¹	-
Emotional Abuse	159	217	123	68	55	54	40	-74.8%
Caretaker Absence/Incapacity	56	44	54	49	31	22	13	-76.8% ²
At Risk, Sibling Abused	9	15	¹	7	7	5	¹	-
Substantial Risk	235	318	260	332	100	146	49	-79.1%
Total	1,148	1,392	898	792	546	616	501	-56.4%
San Luis Obispo Total Substantiated Case Rate (per 1,000)	20.9	24.8	15.6	13.7	9.4	10.5	9.4	-
California Total Substantiated Case Rate (per 1,000)	12.0	11.3	10.9	10.8	10.7	9.8	9.1	-

Source: Needell, B, et al. Child Welfare Services Reports for California. University of California at Berkeley Center for Social Services Research, 2000-2009. State of California, Department of Finance, E-3 Race / Ethnic Population Estimates with Age and Sex Detail, 2000-2008. Sacramento, CA, June 2010. State of California, Department of Finance, Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail, 2000-2050. Sacramento, CA, July 2007.

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

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Juvenile Crime

The San Luis Obispo County juvenile felony arrest rate was 9 per 1,000 youth in 2009, remaining fairly steady since 2001. The juvenile misdemeanor arrest rate was 29 per 1,000 youth in 2009, representing a decrease of 25% from 2001.



Juvenile Arrests-Felonies

	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
San Luis Obispo County								
Juvenile Felony Arrests	223	228	212	226	245	230	226	1.3%
Juvenile Population	26,804	27,040	27,233	27,331	27,259	27,172	25,144	-6.2%
Juvenile Felony Arrest Rate (per 1,000)	8.3	8.4	7.8	8.3	9.0	8.5	9.0	-
California								
Juvenile Felony Arrests	63,993	60,878	61,161	65,189	66,191	64,963	NA	NA
Juvenile Population (thousands)	4,189.4	4,519.8	4,493.4	4,505.8	4,656.4	4,607.3	NA	NA
Juvenile Felony Arrest Rate (per 100,000)	15.3	13.5	13.6	14.5	14.2	14.1	NA	NA

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. State of California, Department of Finance, E-3 Race / Ethnic Population Estimates with Age and Sex Detail, 2000-2008. Sacramento, CA, June 2010.

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

Juvenile Arrests-Misdemeanors

	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
San Luis Obispo County								
Juvenile Misdemeanor Arrests	967	877	895	838	816	759	723	-25.2%
Juvenile Population	26,804	27,040	27,233	27,331	27,259	27,172	25,144	-6.2%
Juvenile Misdemeanor Arrest Rate (per 1,000)	36.1	32.4	32.9	30.7	29.9	27.9	28.8	-
California								
Juvenile Misdemeanor Arrests	136,480	130,222	126,620	131,164	134,629	134,142	NA	NA
Juvenile Population (thousands)	4,189.4	4,519.8	4,493.4	4,505.8	4,656.4	4,607.3	NA	NA
Juvenile Misdemeanor Arrest Rate (per 100,000)	32.6	28.8	28.2	29.1	28.9	29.1	NA	NA

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. California Department of Finance, Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail, 2000-2008. Sacramento, CA, May 2010.

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

Section 602 Petitions for San Luis Obispo County

	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	04-09 % Change
Referrals	1261	1,208	1,278	1,521	1,449	1,410	11.8%
Filed with Court	408	388	390	299	313	426	4.4%

Source: San Luis Obispo Probation Department, 2003 and 2010.

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

Section 602 Court Filings by Jurisdiction for San Luis Obispo County

Jurisdiction	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	03-09 % Change
Arroyo Grande	83	87	114	135	83	121	45.8%
Atascadero	206	166	164	193	176	192	-6.8%
Avila Beach	0	1	2	4	2	1	-
Cambria/Cayucos	47	24	30	37	56	30	-36.2%
Creston	7	3	2	8	6	3	-57.1% ¹
Grover Beach	97	110	119	125	114	115	18.6%
Los Osos	61	69	49	74	60	59	-3.3%
Morro Bay	51	56	29	62	46	49	-3.9%
Nipomo	100	96	91	104	96	146	46.0%
Oceano	58	51	57	86	78	74	27.6%
Paso Robles	217	210	262	292	257	259	19.4%
Pismo Beach	37	19	25	16	26	24	-35.1% ¹
San Luis Obispo	114	127	148	148	171	124	8.8%
San Miguel	39	24	20	26	31	25	-35.9% ¹
Santa Margarita	15	9	19	18	16	9	-40.0% ¹
Shandon	20	15	10	20	10	13	-35.0% ¹
Shell Beach	6	4	6	4	6	1	-83.3% ¹
Templeton	50	30	40	40	60	44	-12.0%
Total	1,208	1,101	1,187	1,392	1,294	1,289	6.7%

Source: San Luis Obispo Probation Department, 2003-2009.

Note: Section 602 Petitions specifically refer to children/ teens that have violated the law. Section 602 covers any act that is against the law when an adult does it. This includes felonies such as auto theft, burglary, selling a controlled substance (drugs), rape, and murder, and misdemeanors such as simple assault and drunk driving.

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Juvenile Probation for San Luis Obispo County

	2003- 2004	2004- 2005	2005- 2006	2006- 2007	2007- 2008	2008- 2009	04-09 % Change
Minors Court Diversion	142	99	99	129	157	85	-40.1%
Minors Declared a Ward	157	224	209	192	132	225	43.3%
Probation Violation	341	266	254	389	280	293	-14.1%

Source: San Luis Obispo Probation Department, 2003-2009.

Gun Sales

Both handgun and long gun sales have greatly increased from 2001 to 2009. Over the past decade, there has been a 78% rise in the annual number of gun sales. In San Luis Obispo County, firearm-related deaths were 7 per 100,000 people 2006-2008, down slightly from 7.5 for 2000-2002².



Annual Gun Sales

Type of Gun	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
Handgun	1,369	1,278	947	1,244	2,149	2,524	2,831	106.8%
Long Gun	2,645	2,670	2,573	3,110	3,606	3,758	4,319	63.3%
Total Gun Sales	4,014	3,948	3,520	4,354	5,755	6,282	7,150	78.1%

Source: California Department of Justice, Firearms Division, 2010

² U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (2000). *Healthy People 2010: Understanding and Improving Health*. 2nd ed. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

Driving Under the Influence

Adult misdemeanor DUI arrests in San Luis Obispo County increased almost 15%, from 2001 to 2009 and were consistently higher than the state of California during this time period. While the juvenile misdemeanor DUI arrest rate dropped by 51% since 2001, it has remained much higher than the state's rate. Adult felony DUIs have decreased 30% since 2001.



Adult Misdemeanor DUI Arrests

	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
San Luis Obispo County								
Number of Arrests	2,203	2,151	2,199	2,467	2,336	2,423	2,528	14.8%
Population	171,326	176,662	182,359	176,771	178,277	180,317	183,866	7.3%
Misdemeanor Arrest Rate (per 1,000)	12.9	12.2	12.1	14.0	13.1	13.4	13.7	-
California								
Number of Arrests	171,679	178,561	175,004	191,282	198,296	209,737	203,879	18.8%
Population (in thousands)	22,644.2	23,515.7	24,316.1	24,352.0	24,729.0	25,146.6	25,712.3	13.5%
Misdemeanor Arrest Rate (per 1,000)	7.6	7.6	7.2	7.9	8.0	8.3	7.9	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. State of California, Department of Finance, E-3 Race / Ethnic Population Estimates with Age and Sex Detail, 2000-2008. Sacramento, CA, June 2010.

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

Adult Felony DUI Arrests¹

	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
San Luis Obispo County								
Number of Arrests	57	46	59	52	66	53	40	-29.8%
Population	171,326	176,662	182,359	176,771	178,277	180,317	183,866	7.3%
Felony Arrest Rate (per 1,000)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	-
California								
Number of Arrests	5,620	5,827	5,963	6,162	6,257	5,969	5,583	-0.7%
Population (in thousands)	22,644.2	23,515.7	24,316.1	24,352.0	24,729.0	25,146.6	25,712.3	13.5%
Felony Arrest Rate (per 1,000)	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	-

Source: California Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Statistics Center, Crime and Crime Rates by Category and Crime, 2000-2009. State of California, Department of Finance, E-3 Race / Ethnic Population Estimates with Age and Sex Detail, 2000-2008. Sacramento, CA, June 2010.

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

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

Juvenile Misdemeanor DUI Arrests

	2001	2003	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	01-09 % Change
San Luis Obispo County								
Number of Arrests	47	53	30	41	37	28	23	-51.1% ¹
Population	26,804	27,040	26,968	27,331	27,259	27,172	25,144	-6.2%
Misdemeanor Arrest Rate (per 1,000)	1.8	2.0	1.1	1.5	1.4	1.0	0.9	-
California								
Number of Arrests	1,560	1,513	1,380	1,621	1,570	1,426	1,202	-22.9%
Population (in thousands)	4,118.1	4,394.2	4,493.4	4,715.7	4,683.3	4,597.5	4,538.3	10.2%
Misdemeanor Arrest Rate (per 1,000)	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	-

Senior Drivers

Currently, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of injury-related deaths among the county population ages 65 to 74³. Thus, it is important to maintain senior drivers' independence by providing adequate injury prevention education. Similar to the state of California overall, there has been a 16% increase in the number of senior drivers ages 60 to 99.

Number of Senior Drivers, San Luis Obispo County

Age Group	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	06-10 % Change
60-64	29,883	32,277	34,546	36,033	37,822	26.6%
65-69	21,300	22,281	23,421	24,431	25,335	18.9%
70-74	15,361	15,642	16,129	16,502	17,180	11.8%
75-79	12,758	12,883	12,725	12,578	12,435	-2.5%
80-84	9,566	9,551	9,735	9,377	9,248	-3.3%
85-89	4,388	4,742	5,190	5,173	5,438	23.9%
90-99	1,195	1,319	1,566	1,523	1,665	39.3%
Total	94,451	98,695	103,312	105,617	109,123	15.5%

Source: California Department of Motor Vehicles, Received 2010.

Note: Annual data taken as of January 1st.

Number of Senior Drivers, California

Age Group	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	06-10 % Change
60-64	1,303,788	1,404,981	1,507,482	1,569,442	1,642,835	26.0%
65-69	934,325	979,353	1,038,994	1,082,460	1,129,983	20.9%
70-74	694,187	716,891	736,302	748,349	764,588	10.1%
75-79	542,622	555,870	558,816	546,141	548,626	1.1%
80-84	377,860	382,110	396,896	383,493	380,992	0.8%
85-89	162,688	178,638	200,492	200,180	207,282	27.4%
90-99	44,066	47,926	57,906	57,632	61,441	39.4%
Total	4,059,536	4,265,769	4,496,888	4,587,697	4,735,747	16.7%

Source: California Department of Motor Vehicles, Received 2010.

Note: Annual data taken as of January 1st.

³ American Medical Association & U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. (September 2003) *Physician's Guide to Assessing and Counseling Older Drivers*. Retrieved from www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/olddrive/booklet.html.

County Parolees

From 2000 to 2008, the rate of felon parolees from an institution has remained relatively stable with 3.5 to 3.4 parolees per 1,000 residents.



Felons Paroled From an Institution, San Luis Obispo County

	2000	2002	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	00-08 % Change
Total Parolees	872	649	758	851	898	945	914	4.8%
County Population	246,681	253,824	258,902	261,699	263,939	266,043	268,636	8.9%
Parolees (per 1,000 people)	3.5	2.6	2.9	3.3	3.4	3.6	3.4	-

Source: California Department of Corrections, Offender Information Services, 2000-2009. State of California, Department of Finance, E-4 Population Estimates for Cities, Counties and the State, 2001-2010, with 2000 Benchmark. Sacramento, California, May 2010.

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