

Action for Healthy Communities

## Public Safety Issues

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# Public Safety

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

increase in property crime.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# San Luis Obispo County FBI Crime Index

## *Definition of Crimes*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Source: California Criminal Justice Profile, 1998.*

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# Crime Rate for Selected Crimes

## Arrests-San Luis Obispo County

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

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

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

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

\* Includes CHP figures

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

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# Crime Rate for Selected Areas

## Arrests – Arroyo Grande

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

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

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

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

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# Crime Rate for Selected Areas

## Arrests – Atascadero

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

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

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

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

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

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# Crime Rate for Selected Areas

## Arrests – Grover Beach

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

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

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

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

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

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# Crime Rate for Selected Areas

## Arrests – Morro Bay

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

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

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

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

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

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# Crime Rate for Selected Areas

## Arrests – Paso Robles

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

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

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

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

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

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# Crime Rate for Selected Areas

## Arrests – Pismo Beach

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

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

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

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

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

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# Crime Rate for Selected Areas

## Arrests- San Luis Obispo (City)

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

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

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

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

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

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# Crime Rate for Selected Areas

## Arrests – Unincorporated (Sheriff)

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

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

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

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

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

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## Reported Juvenile Crimes, by Ethnicity

### Felony Crimes- by ethnicity

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

### Misdemeanor Crimes- by ethnicity

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

Source: California Criminal Justice Profile, 1998.

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# Reported Juvenile Crimes, by Age

## Felony Crimes- by age

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

Source: California Criminal Justice Profile, 1998.

## Misdemeanor Crimes- by age

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

Source: California Criminal Justice Profile, 1998.

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# Law Enforcement Effectiveness

## Telephone Survey Results

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

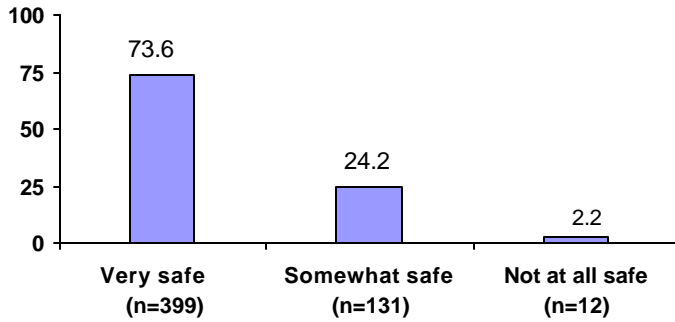
| RESPONSE             | NUMBER     | PERCENT      |
|----------------------|------------|--------------|
| Very effective       | 227        | 42.0         |
| Somewhat effective   | 177        | 32.7         |
| Not at all effective | 26         | 4.8          |
| Don't know           | 111       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

*Source: 1999 Action for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey.*

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# Neighborhood Safety



 Telephone Survey Results

*How safe would you say you feel in your neighborhood?*

| RESPONSE        | NUMBER     | PERCENT      |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|
| Very safe       | 399        | 73.6         |
| Somewhat safe   | 131        | 24.2         |
| Not at all safe | 12         | 2.2          |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>542</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

 Responses by Area of Residence

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

*Source: 1999 Action for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey.*

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# Public Safety and Social Concerns

## Telephone Survey Results

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

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

*Source: 1999 Action for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey.*

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# Public Safety and Social Concerns, continued

## Community Survey Results

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

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

*Source: 1999 Action for Healthy Communities, Community Survey.*

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# Prevalence of Street Gangs

## Gang Task Force

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

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

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

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

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# Gun Sales

## Annual Handgun Sales

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

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

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# County Parolees

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

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

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

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

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# Households Reporting Domestic Violence

## Number of Calls, San Luis Obispo County

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

## Cases with Weapons, San Luis Obispo County

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

Source: California Criminal Justice Profile, 1998.

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# Households Reporting Domestic Violence, continued

## California

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

*Source: California Criminal Justice Profile, 1998.*

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# Domestic Violence Shelters

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

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

## Shelter Occupants, by Income Source

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

## Shelter Occupants, by Ethnicity

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

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

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

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## Domestic Violence Shelters

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

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

### Shelter Occupants, by Income Source

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

### Shelter Occupants, by Ethnicity

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

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

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

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# Domestic Violence Shelters

## Prevention and Outreach

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

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

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

## Total Shelter Occupants by Original Area of Residence

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

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

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

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# Family Violence

## Elder Abuse and Neglect 7/96 – 6/97

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

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

**Total Confirmed Abuse – 321 or 53% cases**

**Total Cases Investigated – 605**

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

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

## Emergency Response Child Abuse Referrals

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

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

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

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# Driving Under the Influence

## Adult and Juvenile Felony DUI Arrests, San Luis Obispo County

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

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

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

## Adult Felony DUI Arrests, California

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

## Juvenile Felony DUI Arrests, California

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

Source: California Criminal Justice Profile, 1998.

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## Driving Under the Influence, continued

### Adult Misdemeanor DUI Arrests, San Luis Obispo County

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

### Juvenile Misdemeanor DUI Arrests, San Luis Obispo County

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

### Adult Misdemeanor DUI Arrests, California

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

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# Driving Under the Influence, continued

## Juvenile Misdemeanor DUI Arrests, California

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

*Source: California Criminal Justice Profile, 1998.*

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## Adult and Juvenile Drug Arrests

### Juvenile Felony Drug Arrests, San Luis Obispo County

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

### Adult Felony Drug Arrests, San Luis Obispo County

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

### Adult Misdemeanor Drug Arrests, San Luis Obispo County

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

### Juvenile Misdemeanor Drug Arrests, San Luis Obispo County

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

## **PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES**

*Source: California Criminal Justice Profile, 1998.*

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# Seatbelt Use

## Telephone Survey Results

*How often do you wear your seatbelt?*

| <b>RESPONSE</b> | <b>NUMBER</b> | <b>PERCENT</b> |
|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Always          | 513           | 95.0           |
| Sometimes       | 25            | 4.6            |
| Never           | 2             | 0.4            |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>540</b>    | <b>100.0</b>   |

*Source: 1999 Action for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey.*

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# Household Chemical Use

## Telephone Survey Results

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

| RESPONSE     | NUMBER     | PERCENT      |
|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Always       | 478        | 90.0         |
| Sometimes    | 43         | 8.1          |
| Never        | 10         | 1.9          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>531</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

*Source: 1999 Action for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey.*

INDICATOR 42

# Disaster Preparedness

## Telephone Survey Results

*How prepared is your household for a natural disaster?*

| RESPONSE            | NUMBER     | PERCENT      |
|---------------------|------------|--------------|
| Very prepared       | 123        | 22.7         |
| Somewhat prepared   | 299        | 55.2         |
| Not at all prepared | 120        | 22.1         |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>542</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

*Source: 1999 Action for Healthy Communities, Telephone Survey.*