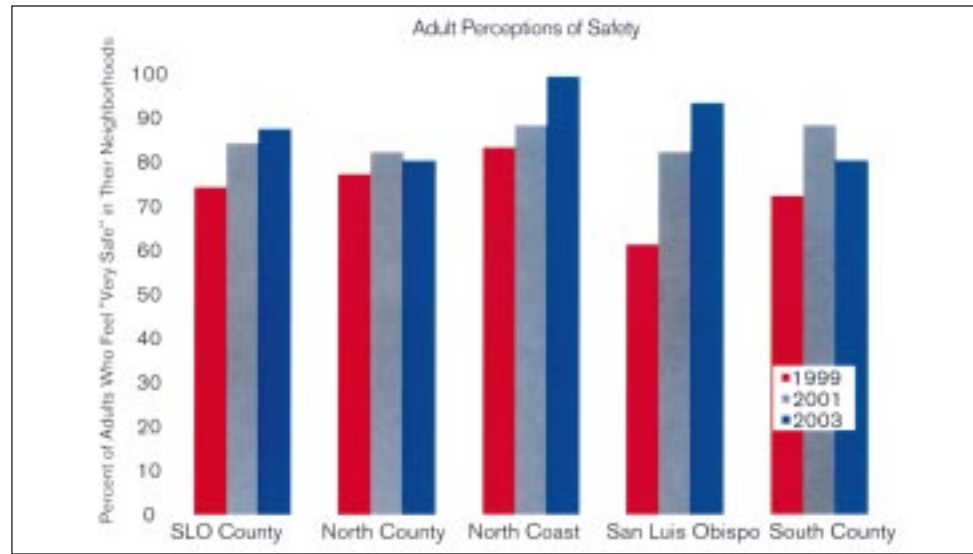


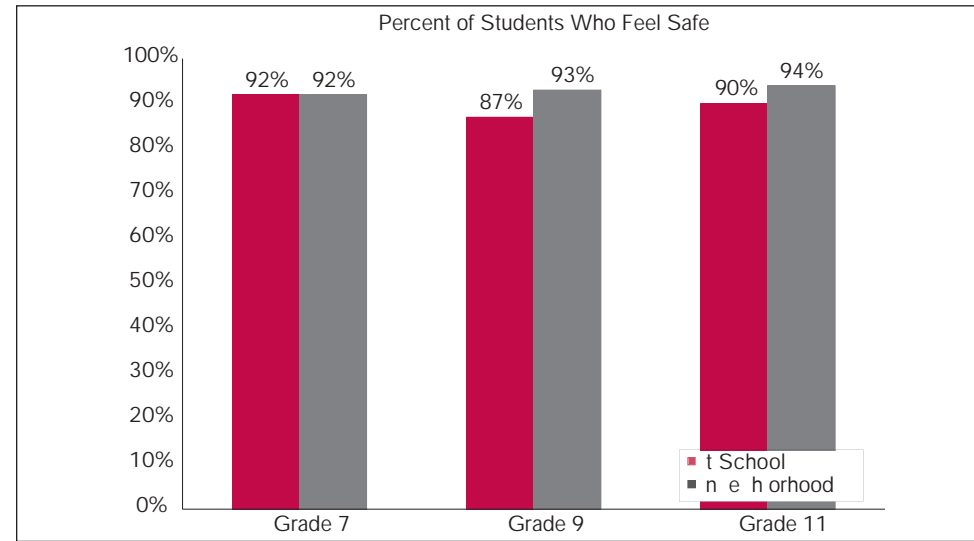
GOAL: Public Safety

ALL PERSONS FEEL AND ARE SAFE IN THEIR HOMES, SCHOOLS, WORKPLACE AND COMMUNITIES.

Adult Safety Perceptions: Nearly 90 percent of residents say they feel "very safe" in their neighborhood. These results confirm an upward trend between the three survey years, representing a nearly 20 percent increase since 1999. As in past years, more residents of the North Coast area reported feeling "very safe" than residents in other areas, while the number of residents of the North County and the South County feeling "very safe" declined in 2003.



Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities Telephone Surveys 1999, 2001, 2003

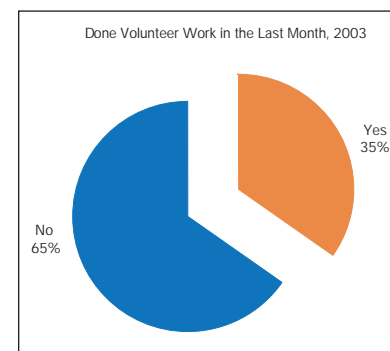


Student Safety Perceptions: Young people in SLO County say they feel quite safe in both their schools and their neighborhoods, but especially so in their neighborhoods. These numbers mirror the high proportions of adults that say they feel safe where they live.

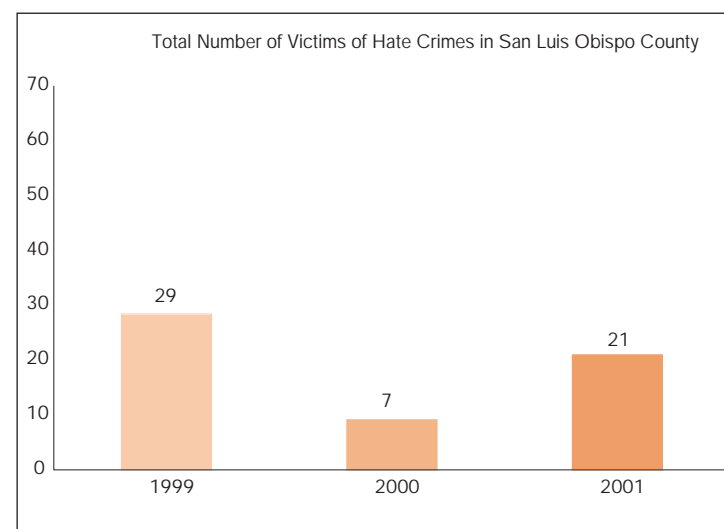
Source: California Healthy Kids Survey

GOAL: Social Environment

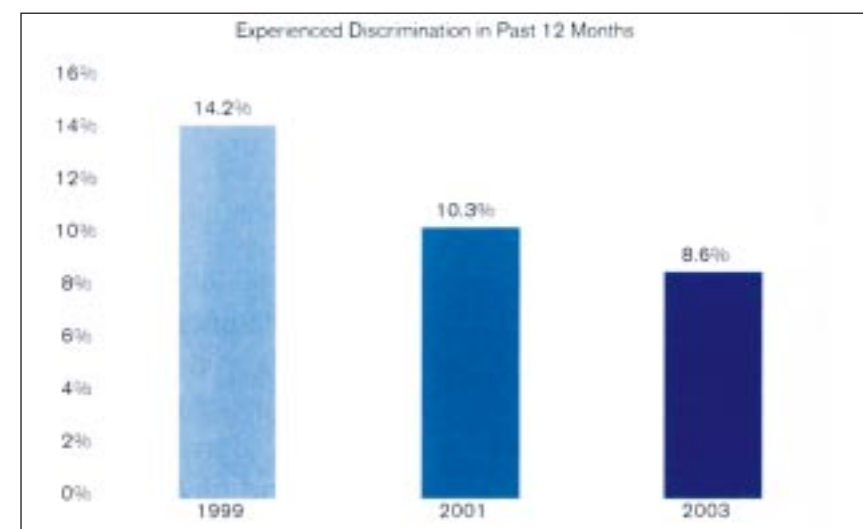
ALL PERSONS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE IN THE CIVIC, RECREATIONAL, AND CULTURAL ASPECTS OF THEIR COMMUNITIES.



Volunteer Participation: More than one-third of county residents said they volunteered time to community or nonprofit organizations in the last month. This figure is lower, however, than the national figure of 44 percent, and ACTION plans to continue tracking this indicator to see if the numbers change in future surveys.

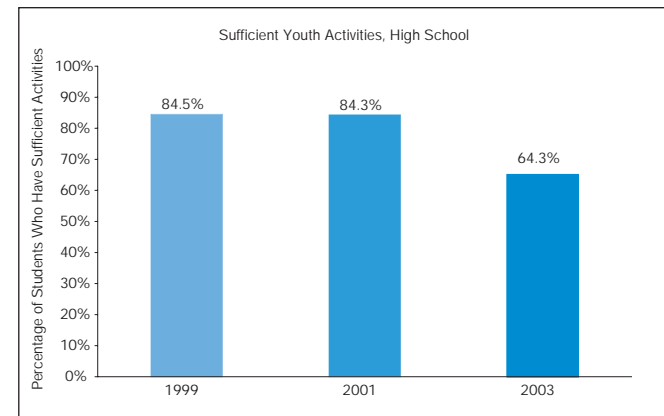


Source: Hate Crimes in California 2001

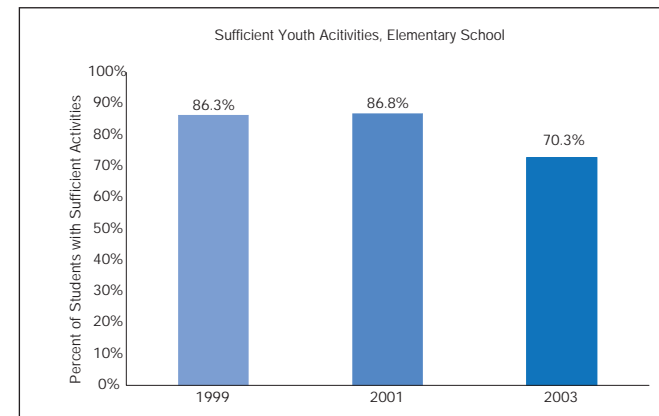


Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities Telephone Survey 2003

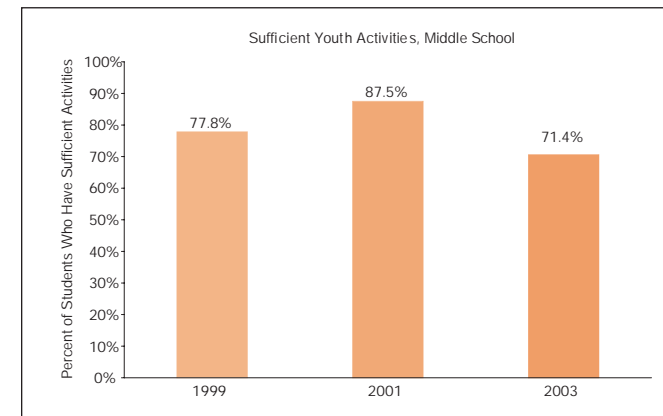
Discrimination: Survey data indicate that the number of county residents who experienced some type of discrimination in the past 12 months is down very slightly since 1999, while police reports show up and down numbers from year to year. Thus, there is no clear trend yet in the level of discrimination in SLO County.



Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities Telephone Surveys 1999, 2001, 2003



Youth Activities: In 2003, the number of parents who are satisfied with after-school activities dropped substantially from 2001. This suggests a growing concern among parents, and may reflect increased publicity about after-school problems or the experiences of their own children.



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THE 2003 REPORT CARD

Since February 1998, ACTION for Healthy Communities has conducted countywide assessments of the quality of life for county residents, identified specific needs of the county's more vulnerable populations, and assessed overall community needs. This Report Card highlights a variety of indicators tracking the quality of life in San Luis Obispo County as expressed by the community. It is divided into seven sections corresponding to the seven adopted goals of ACTION for Healthy Communities. Additional reports and information are available at no cost on the United Way of SLO County website, www.unitedwayslo.org.

THE DATA

Assessments have been conducted every two years since 1999, and are based on primary (public opinion) data and secondary (empirical trend) data gathered for a series of indicators based on the seven adopted goals of ACTION for Health Communities. The data used in this year's reports come from a wide variety of sources including state and local government agencies and ACTION's countywide telephone surveys. Under contract to ACTION, the UCSB Economic Forecast Project compiled the secondary data and conducted the 2003 telephone survey.

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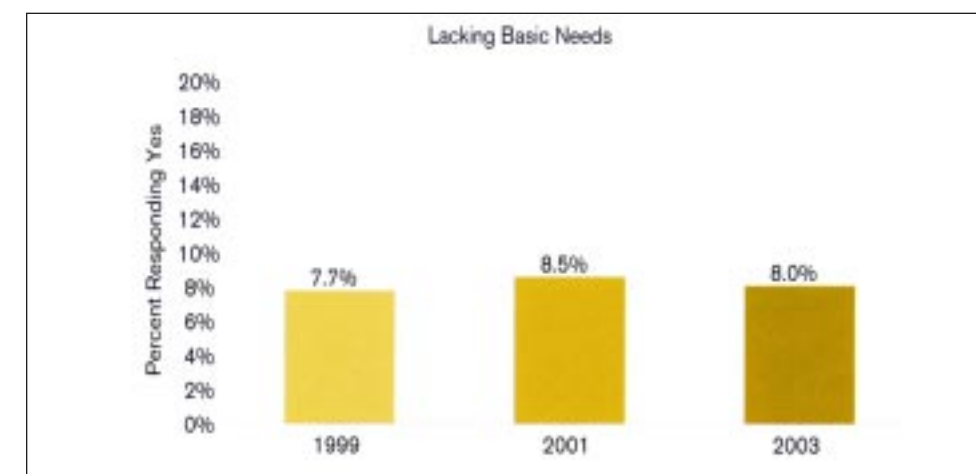
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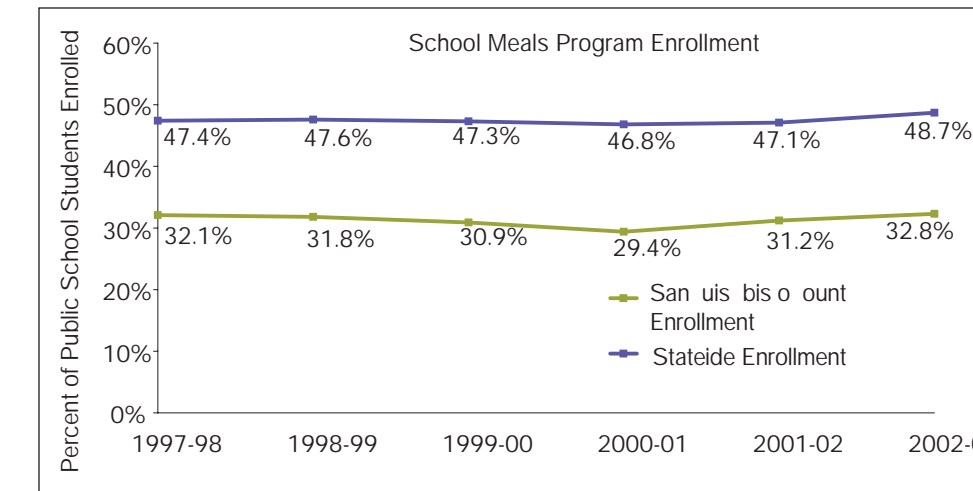
GOAL: Meeting Basic Needs

ALL PERSONS HAVE THE BASIC NECESSITIES OF LIFE, INCLUDING FOOD AND DECENT, SAFE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

Lacking Basic Needs: Since 1999, the proportion of people who report that their basic needs are not met on a monthly basis has been around 8 percent. The fact that the situation has neither deteriorated nor improved should not overshadow the fact that every month, roughly one in twelve county residents is going without basic needs such as food, clothing, childcare, housing or health care.



Source: ACTION for Healthy Communities Telephone Surveys 1999, 2001, 2003



Source: California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS)

School Meals Program: The proportion of local public school students enrolled in the Free or Reduced Price Meal Program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture has remained relatively consistent in the past six years, remaining well below statewide levels. However, this indicator implies that one-third of local public school students live in families that may not be able to provide their children all the food they need.