



Public Safety Issues

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Public Safety Issues

Public safety is a critical component of a person's quality of life. Indeed, it is difficult to imagine a quality lifestyle without the protection of one's person and possessions. What follows is a diverse array of local crime data for both juveniles and adults, statistics from local law enforcement, and measures of public opinion. Because of the conflicting evidence, it is difficult to summarize public safety trends in San Luis Obispo County. In some cases the data raise more questions than they answer.

One of the most interesting questions is why people's perceptions do not match crime data. In our survey, respondents have showed increased confidence in neighborhood safety in each of the past two surveys. By contrast, San Luis Obispo County violent crime rates have increased since 1999, particularly for the most violent crimes: homicide and rape.

While low relative to other areas, violent crime rates have significantly increased in the past two years, although they are lower than in the mid 90's. At least part of the reason for the recent increase in violent crime may be economic: crime rates tend to be countercyclical and the economy has been sluggish. The Countywide homicide rate tripled in 2001 (the most recent year for which data are available) to the highest level since 1998. The rape rate increased almost 50 percent, to the highest level since 1998. Robbery and aggravated assault rates were relatively unchanged. San Luis Obispo County domestic violence calls and call rates also increased in 2001, but the County's domestic violence call rate remains significantly below that of California.

Another puzzle is why San Luis Obispo County violent crime rates, particularly homicide and rape, increased over the past two years while property crime rates declined. Property crime rates in the County continued their long-term decline to the lowest rates seen in the periods for which we have data.

Along with property crime rates, San Luis Obispo County's juvenile felony rates are a bright spot in the public safety data. County juvenile felony arrest rates are only about one-half of California's, and they have declined in each of the years for which we have data. In contrast, San Luis Obispo's juvenile misdemeanor arrest rate is a bit above that of California. This rate was essentially unchanged in 2003.

The San Luis Obispo Crimes-in-schools data tell another, more disturbing story. The County's in-school crimes, particularly those that most impact the learning of non-criminal students, showed dramatic increases in 2000-2001. Robbery and extortion, sex offenses, weapons possession, and property crimes all saw large increases, and many of these rates exceed California's. High rates of these types of crimes can be detrimental to the learning process.

Driving-under-the-influence (DUI) data are often difficult to interpret. Many differences over time and between jurisdictions can be the result of different enforcement regimes. San Luis Obispo County adult DUI arrests ticked up in 2001, and it remains almost twice that of California's. The County's juvenile DUI arrest rate almost doubled in 2001, to almost five times that of California's.

How safe would you say you feel in your neighborhood?

	1999	2001	2003
Number of Respondents	542	807	522
Response	Percent	Percent	Percent
Very safe	73.6	84.3	87.2
Somewhat safe	24.2	14.7	11.7
Not at all safe	2.2	1.0	1.1
Total	100	100	100

Responses, by Area of Residence, North County

	1999	2001	2003
Response	Percent	Percent	Percent
Very safe	76.6	81.7	80.7
Somewhat safe	22.9	16.3	18.7
Not at all safe	0.6	1.9	0.7
Total	100	100	100

Responses, by Area of Residence, North Coast

	1999	2001	2003
Response	Percent	Percent	Percent
Very safe	83.2	88.1	99.1
Somewhat safe	15.9	11.2	0.0
Not at all safe	0.9	0.7	0.9
Total	100	100	100

Responses, by Area of Residence, San Luis Obispo

	1999	2001	2003
Response	Percent	Percent	Percent
Very safe	61.1	81.9	92.9
Somewhat safe	32.4	17.6	7.1
Not at all safe	6.5	0.5	0.0
Total	100	100	100

Responses, by Area of Residence, South County

	1999	2001	2003
Response	Percent	Percent	Percent
Very safe	71.6	87.6	79.6
Somewhat safe	26.4	11.8	17.5
Not at all safe	2.0	0.5	2.9
Total	100	100	100

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

Note: The low 1999 "very safe" results for the City of San Luis Obispo are likely due to the fact that the 1999 survey was conducted at a time when the disappearance of three students was receiving widespread news coverage and publicity.

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School and Neighborhood Safety

Percent of Children that Feel Safe at School and in Their Neighborhood, San Luis Obispo County

	% Feel Safe At School	% Feel Safe In Neighborhood
Grade 7	92%	92%
Grade 9	87%	93%
Grade 11	90%	94%

Source: California Healthy Kids Survey, 2001.

Note: This same chart appeared in the 2001 report with some errors in the data. The data has been corrected in this year's publication.

How concerned are you about the following issues in your community? For each one, please answer “Very Concerned,” “Somewhat Concerned,” or “Not at All Concerned.”

Crime

	1999	2001	2003
Number of Respondents	541	804	522
Response	Percent	Percent	Percent
Very concerned	35.5	39.9	32.8
Somewhat concerned	46.0	40.7	41.6
Not at all concerned	18.5	19.4	25.5
Don't Know	na	na	0.2
Total	100	100	100

Gangs and Youth Violence

	1999	2001	2003
Number of Respondents	543	795	522
Response	Percent	Percent	Percent
Very concerned	33.1	36.6	30.8
Somewhat concerned	34.1	30.4	36.2
Not at all concerned	32.8	33.0	32.6
Don't Know	na	na	0.4
Total	100	100	100

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Public Safety Concerns, continued

Disaster Preparedness

Have you prepared for a disaster in the following ways?

	2003
Number of Respondents	522
Response	Percent
Stored Three Days Worth of Emergency Supplies	62.1
Talked about where you would meet and how you would communicate	44.6

Number of Hate Crime Victims, County and State, 2001

Location	Number of Victims	Hate Crime Rate
San Luis Obispo County	21	8.41
Arroyo Grande	3	0.19
Cuesta College	1	na
Grover Beach	5	0.38
Morro Bay	2	0.19
Paso Robles	1	0.04
Pismo Beach	3	0.35
San Luis Obispo City	6	0.14
California	2812	8.18

Number of Hate Crime Victims, County and State, 2000

Location	Number of Victims	Hate Crime Rate
San Luis Obispo County	7	2.84
Grover Beach	4	0.31
Paso Robles	2	0.08
San Luis Obispo City	1	0.02
California	2352	6.85

Number of Hate Crime Victims, County and State, 1999

Location	Number of Victims	Hate Crime Rate
San Luis Obispo County	29	11.75
Pismo Beach	4	0.48
San Luis Obispo City	24	0.57
Cal Poly- San Luis Obispo	1	na
California	2436	7.19

Source: Hate Crime in California, 2001. (<http://caag.state.ca.us/cjsc/publications/hatecrimes/>)

Note: The data in this section has been expanded to provide the community with a more detailed look at hate crime. Due to extreme differences between the sizes of the populations in cities and the state, San Luis Obispo and California rates are per 100,000 people and the city rates are per 1,000 people.

Definition of Crimes

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 for Selected Areas, continued

San Luis Obispo County- Violent Crime Rate (crimes per 1000 population)

Crime	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	00-01%
							Change
Homicide	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.03	200.0
Rape	0.34	0.45	0.53	0.35	0.28	0.41	46.4
Robbery	0.3	0.38	0.33	0.24	0.28	0.27	-3.6
Aggravated Assault	3.28	3.01	2.56	2.14	2.22	2.26	1.8
Total Violent Crime	3.94	3.87	3.45	2.74	2.79	2.97	6.5

San Luis Obispo County- Property Crime Rate (crimes per 1000 population)

Crime	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	00-01%
							Change
Burglary	6.74	6.49	6.44	5.33	5.41	5.44	0.6
Larceny	22.08	18.68	19.54	18.64	18.83	17.63	-6.4
Auto Theft	1.25	1.36	1.47	1.41	1.61	1.70	5.6
Arson	0.53	0.40	0.39	0.64	0.50	0.53	6.0
Total Property Crime	30.60	26.93	27.83	26.03	26.34	25.30	-3.9

Combined Total FBI Crime Rate for San Luis Obispo County

FBI Crime Rate (Crimes per 1000 people)	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	00-01% Change
Total, Eight Major Crimes	34.54	30.80	31.29	28.77	29.13	28.25	-3.0

Source: California Department of Justice Law Information Center, 2003.

(http://justice.hdcdojnet.state.ca.us/cjsc_stats/prof01/)

Note: Typically the FBI Crime Rate is rendered as crimes per 100,000 population. Due to the smaller population of cities in the county, crime rate is reflected as crimes per 1,000 population.

Crime Rate for Selected Areas, continued

County Overview

Violent Crime Rate (crimes per 1000 population)

Jurisdiction	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	00-01 % Change
Arroyo Grande	2.9	2.5	1.0	1.5	1.1	1.6	45.5
Atascadero	2.4	4.1	4.2	3.2	5.1	3.6	-29.4
Grover Beach	3.0	4.1	4.5	3.5	2.1	3.5	66.7
Morro Bay	9.1	7.6	8.7	6.2	4.9	4.4	-10.2
Paso Robles	5.1	3.8	2.8	4.1	2.4	2.8	16.7
Pismo Beach	4.0	3.0	3.1	2.1	2.7	3.6	33.3
City of San Luis Obispo	5.5	4.6	3.7	2.7	3.0	3.8	26.7
Unincorporated Areas	3.1	3.2	3.0	1.8	2.1	2.2	4.8
County Total	3.9	3.9	3.5	2.7	2.8	3.0	7.1
State Total	8.5	7.8	6.9	6.1	6.1	6.1	0.3

Property Crime Rate (crimes per 1000 population)

Jurisdiction	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	00-01 % Change
Arroyo Grande	34.0	32.8	27.0	26.8	24.5	20.7	-15.7
Atascadero	34.6	28.5	29.5	22.0	24.6	26.5	7.7
Grover Beach	40.5	39.3	28.8	28.1	22.6	23.2	2.7
Morro Bay	32.3	27.3	21.8	25.5	16.9	19.7	16.6
Paso Robles	36.4	28.5	27.6	28.0	33.8	30.2	-10.7
Pismo Beach	46.6	52.5	39.1	41.4	44.6	38.1	-14.6
City of San Luis Obispo	42.8	40.7	45.9	44.5	46.1	44.0	-4.6
Unincorporated Areas	14.8	12.3	14.6	11.9	12.3	12.4	0.8
County Total	30.6	26.9	27.8	26.0	26.3	25.5	-3.0
State Total	43.3	40.3	35.9	31.4	31.0	33.0	6.5

Combined Total FBI Crime Rate (crimes per 1000 population)

Jurisdiction	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	00-01 % Change
Arroyo Grande	36.9	35.3	28.1	28.3	25.6	22.3	-12.9
Atascadero	37.0	32.6	33.6	25.2	29.6	30.1	1.7
Grover Beach	43.6	43.4	33.3	31.6	24.7	26.7	8.1
Morro Bay	41.4	34.9	30.5	31.7	21.8	24.1	10.6
Paso Robles	41.5	32.4	30.4	32.1	36.2	33.0	-8.8
Pismo Beach	50.6	55.5	42.2	43.5	47.2	41.7	-11.7
City of San Luis Obispo	48.3	45.4	49.6	47.2	49.1	47.8	-2.6
Unincorporated Areas	17.8	15.5	17.5	14.0	14.4	14.6	1.4
County Total	34.5	30.8	31.3	28.8	29.1	28.5	-2.1
State Total	51.7	48.1	42.8	37.5	37.1	39.1	5.4

Source: California Department of Justice Law Enforcement Information Center, 2003.

Crime Rate for Selected Areas, continued

ARROYO GRANDE

Violent Crime Rate							00-01 %
(crimes per 1000 people)	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Change
Homicide	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
Rape	0.33	0.20	0.00	0.32	0.25	0.25	0.0
Robbery	0.47	0.79	0.52	0.32	0.19	0.63	231.6
Aggravated Assault	2.07	1.52	0.52	0.90	0.63	0.69	9.5
Total Violent Crime	2.87	2.51	1.04	1.54	1.07	1.57	46.7

Property Crime Rate							00-01 %
(crimes per 1000 people)	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Change
Burglary	5.01	6.47	4.57	4.61	4.61	3.38	-26.7
Larceny	27.58	24.84	20.29	20.66	18.86	16.59	-12.0
Auto Theft	1.00	0.92	1.89	1.15	0.95	0.44	-53.7
Arson	0.40	0.59	0.26	0.38	0.06	0.25	2.0
Total Property Crime	33.99	32.83	27.01	26.81	24.48	20.66	-15.6

FBI Crime Rate							00-01 %
(crimes per 1000 people)	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Change
Total, Eight Major Crimes	36.90	35.30	28.10	28.30	25.60	22.23	-13.2

Crime Rate for Selected Areas, continued

ATASCADERO

Violent Crime Rate							00-01 %
(crimes per 1000 people) 1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Change	
Homicide	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
Rape	0.21	0.37	0.61	0.32	0.19	0.38	4.0
Robbery	0.33	0.37	0.69	0.20	0.27	0.15	-44.4
Aggravated Assault	1.86	3.36	n/a	2.66	4.62	3.08	-33.3
Total Violent Crime	2.40	4.09	4.18	3.18	5.07	3.61	-28.8

Property Crime Rate							00-01 %
(crimes per 1000 people) 1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Change	
Burglary	11.18	8.68	8.86	5.44	7.31	5.25	-28.2
Larceny	20.95	18.05	18.00	14.41	15.30	18.50	20.9
Auto Theft	1.49	1.39	1.67	1.33	1.51	2.14	41.7
Arson	0.99	0.37	0.93	0.85	0.45	0.53	17.8
Total Property Crime	34.62	28.48	29.46	22.02	24.57	26.42	6.0

FBI Crime Rate							0-01 %
(crimes per 1000 people) 1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Change	
Total, Eight Major Crimes	37.00	32.60	33.60	25.20	29.60	30.03	1.5

Crime Rate for Selected Areas, continued

GROVER BEACH

Violent Crime Rate							00-01 %
(crimes per 1000 people)	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Change
Homicide	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
Rape	0.08	0.74	0.57	0.48	0.31	0.23	-25.8
Robbery	0.25	0.41	0.65	0.40	0.31	0.69	8.0
Aggravated Assault	2.68	2.98	3.19	2.57	1.53	2.59	69.3
Total Violent Crime	3.02	4.14	4.49	3.46	2.14	3.51	64.0

Property Crime Rate							00-01 %
(crimes per 1000 people)	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Change
Burglary	8.46	8.11	5.39	5.23	5.20	4.35	9.0
Larceny	30.07	28.46	21.23	20.59	15.76	16.71	6.0
Auto Theft	1.68	2.40	n/a	2.25	1.53	1.98	29.4
Arson	0.34	0.33	0.41	0.08	0.08	0.69	762.5
Total Property Crime	40.54	39.30	28.83	28.15	22.58	23.19	2.7

FBI Crime Rate							00-01 %
(crimes per 1000 people)	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Change
Total, Eight Major Crimes	43.60	43.40	33.30	31.60	24.70	26.70	8.1

Crime Rate for Selected Areas, continued

MORRO BAY

Violent Crime Rate							00-01 %
(crimes per 1000 people) 1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Change	
Homicide	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
Rape	0.31	0.10	0.20	0.10	0.29	0.29	0.0
Robbery	0.51	0.61	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.10	0.0
Aggravated Assault	8.29	6.91	8.48	6.00	4.64	4.04	12.0
Total Violent Crime	9.10	7.62	8.69	6.20	4.93	4.43	-10.1

Property Crime Rate							00-01 %
(crimes per 1000 people) 1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Change	
Burglary	4.71	5.59	4.34	3.70	3.67	2.89	-21.3
Larceny	26.50	20.82	16.87	19.91	11.69	15.68	13.0
Auto Theft	1.13	0.91	0.61	1.80	1.26	0.87	-99.3
Arson	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.29	0.29	0.0
Total Property Crime	32.33	29.32	21.82	25.51	16.91	19.73	16.7

FBI Crime Rate							00-01 %
(crimes per 1000 people) 1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Change	
Total, Eight Major Crimes	41.40	34.90	30.50	31.70	21.80	24.16	10.8

Crime Rate for Selected Areas, continued

PASO ROBLES

Violent Crime Rate							00-01 %
(crimes per 1000 people)	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Change
Homicide	0.00	0.05	0.14	0.05	0.04	0.08	100.0
Rape	0.66	0.33	0.46	0.27	0.04	0.36	800.0
Robbery	0.62	0.42	0.37	0.45	0.41	0.44	7.3
Aggravated Assault	3.84	3.04	1.81	3.32	1.89	1.96	3.7
Total Violent Crime	5.11	3.83	2.78	4.09	2.39	2.84	16.0

Property Crime Rate							00-01 %
(crimes per 1000 people)	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Change
Burglary	7.53	7.05	7.92	5.32	6.34	7.33	15.6
Larceny	26.47	19.71	18.52	20.47	25.39	20.59	-18.9
Auto Theft	2.13	1.40	1.06	2.00	1.98	2.20	17.0
Arson	0.24	0.37	0.14	0.18	0.12	0.08	-33.3
Total Property Crime	36.37	28.53	27.64	27.97	33.83	30.20	-10.7

FBI Crime Rate							00-01 %
(crimes per 1000 people)	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Change
Total, Eight Major Crimes	41.50	32.40	30.40	32.10	36.20	33.04	18.0

Crime Rate for Selected Areas, continued

PISMO BEACH

Violent Crime Rate							00-01 %
(crimes per 1000 people)	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Change
Homicide	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.0
Rape	0.37	0.60	0.48	0.24	0.00	0.70	na
Robbery	0.98	0.72	1.32	0.71	1.05	0.35	-66.7
Aggravated Assault	2.69	1.69	1.32	1.18	1.64	2.57	56.7
Total Violent Crime	4.04	3.02	3.11	2.12	2.69	3.62	34.6

Property Crime Rate							00-01 %
(crimes per 1000 people)	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Change
Burglary	6.12	8.82	7.53	8.00	7.29	7.82	7.3
Larceny	39.27	39.85	30.37	31.29	34.73	28.73	-17.3
Auto Theft	0.73	3.86	1.20	2.00	2.22	1.40	-36.9
Arson	0.49	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.35	0.12	21.0
Total Property Crime	46.61	52.53	39.10	41.41	44.56	38.07	-14.6

FBI Crime Rate							00-01 %
(crimes per 1000 people)	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Change
Total, Eight Major Crimes	50.60	55.50	42.20	43.50	47.20	41.69	-11.7

Crime Rate for Selected Areas, continued

SAN LUIS OBISPO CITY

Violent Crime Rate							00-01 %
(crimes per 1000 people)	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Change
Homicide	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.0
Rape	0.40	0.66	1.08	0.37	0.38	0.52	23.0
Robbery	0.33	0.49	0.54	0.40	0.57	0.38	-33.3
Aggravated Assault	4.80	3.46	2.06	1.87	2.08	2.92	40.4
Total Violent Crime	5.53	4.62	3.72	2.68	3.03	3.82	26.1

Property Crime Rate							00-01 %
(crimes per 1000 people)	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Change
Burglary	8.55	8.55	6.18	8.77	7.74	8.89	14.9
Larceny	30.95	29.06	35.36	30.82	33.50	30.21	-9.8
Auto Theft	1.64	1.93	3.04	2.68	2.85	2.99	4.9
Arson	1.61	1.20	1.29	2.26	2.01	1.92	-4.5
Total Property Crime	42.75	40.74	45.87	44.53	46.11	44.01	25.0

FBI Crime Rate							00-01 %
(crimes per 1000 people)	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Change
Total, Eight Major Crimes	48.30	45.40	49.60	47.20	49.10	47.83	-2.6

Crime Rate for Selected Areas, continued

UNINCORPORATED

Violent Crime Rate							00-01 %
(crimes per 1000 people)	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Change
Homicide	0.05	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.0
Rape	0.30	0.45	0.56	0.08	0.34	0.41	20.6
Robbery	0.10	0.23	0.04	0.08	0.12	0.09	27.0
Aggravated Assault	2.62	2.53	2.33	1.65	1.63	1.64	0.6
Total Violent Crime	3.07	3.24	2.95	1.82	2.11	2.16	2.4

Property Crime Rate							00-01 %
(crimes per 1000 people)	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Change
Burglary	4.78	4.36	4.23	3.55	3.64	3.83	28.0
Larceny	8.99	6.88	9.21	8.13	8.47	8.46	-0.1
Auto Theft	0.89	0.91	1.12	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.0
Arson	0.09	0.11	0.03	0.15	0.11	0.09	-18.2
Total Property Crime	14.76	12.27	14.59	11.87	12.27	12.43	1.3

FBI Crime Rate							00-01 %
(crimes per 1000 people)	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Change
Total, Eight Major Crimes	17.80	15.50	17.50	14.00	14.40	14.59	1.3

How concerned are you about the following issues in your community? For each one, please answer "Very Concerned," "Somewhat Concerned," or "Not at All Concerned."

Family Violence

	1999	2001	2003
Number of Respondents	535	804	522
Response	Percent	Percent	Percent
Very concerned	33.6	41.6	32.6
Somewhat concerned	35.0	33.8	34.9
Not at all concerned	31.4	24.6	30.1
Don't Know	na	na	2.5
Total	100	100	100

Senior Abuse

	1999	2001	2003
Number of Respondents	527	775	522
Response	Percent	Percent	Percent
Very concerned	34.9	39.1	35.8
Somewhat concerned	32.1	29.4	28.7
Not at all concerned	33	31.5	31.8
Don't Know	na	na	3.6
Total	100	100	100

Number of Calls, San Luis Obispo County

Jurisdiction	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	00-01 %
						Change
Arroyo Grande	48	37	25	26	55	111.5
Atascadero	148	124	118	100	157	57.0
Grover Beach	58	47	57	51	66	29.4
Morro Bay	47	55	41	36	36	0.0
Paso Robles	141	162	135	133	190	42.9
Pismo Beach	57	51	45	27	28	3.7
San Luis Obispo	124	86	89	98	106	8.2
Unincorporated areas	234	213	206	197	241	22.3
Other Jurisdictions	5	3	5	3	8	166.7
San Luis Obispo County	862	778	721	671	887	32.2

Call Rate, San Luis Obispo County and State

Jurisdiction	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	00-01 %
						Change
Arroyo Grande	3.2	2.4	1.6	1.6	3.4	112.5
Atascadero	6.1	5.0	4.8	3.8	5.9	55.3
Grover Beach	4.8	3.8	4.6	3.9	5.0	28.2
Morro Bay	4.8	5.6	4.1	3.5	3.5	0.0
Paso Robles	6.6	7.5	6.1	5.5	7.6	38.2
Pismo Beach	6.9	6.1	5.3	3.2	3.3	3.1
San Luis Obispo	2.9	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.4	9.1
Unincorporated areas	2.4	2.1	2.0	1.9	2.3	21.1
San Luis Obispo County	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.7	3.5	29.6
California	6.8	6.0	5.6	5.8	5.8	-0.7

Arrest Rate, San Luis Obispo County and State

Arrests per 1,000 population	1995	1996	1997	1998	97-98 %
					Change
San Luis Obispo County	1.92	1.88	1.98	1.74	-12.1
California	1.86	1.63	1.44	1.32	-8.3

Source: California Department of Justice Law Enforcement Information Center, 2003.
No new arrest data available after 1998.

Shelter Occupants, by Age and Family Status- North County Area

North County Women's

Shelter and Resource Center	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Number of Women	48	70	77	60
% aged 18-29	36	40	53	40
% aged 30-50	58	54	44	58
% aged 50+	6	6	3	2
Number of Children	73	121	123	109
% children	60	63.4	61.5	64.5
Family Status				
% Married with children	45.8	56	38	57
% Single with children	31.2	20	40	30
% Single- no children	23	24	22	13
Total Shelter Occupants	121	191	200	169

Shelter Occupants, by Income Source

North County Women's

Shelter and Resource Center	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
% Private Income Source	27	40	35	38
% Public Assistance Income Source	31.3	19	47	35
% No Income Source	41.7	41	18	27

Shelter Occupants, by Ethnicity

North County Women's

Shelter and Resource Center	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
% Caucasian	50	51	56	54
% Hispanic	39	37	34	38
% Native American	1	6	7	5
% African American	4	4	3	3
% Other	6	2	0	0

Source: North County Women's Shelter and Resource Center, 2003.

Domestic Violence Shelters, continued

Shelter Occupants, by Age and Family Status- North County Area

Women's Shelter Program, Inc.

of San Luis Obispo County	1998-99	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Number of Women	38	67	41	38
% aged 18-29	52.6	26.8	41.5	44.7
% aged 30-50	44.7	68.7	53.7	44.7
% aged 50+	2.6	4.5	4.9	2.6
Number of Children	50	69	53	44
% children	56.8	50.7	56.4	53.7
Family Status				
% Married with children	39.5	47.8	43.9	52.6
% Single with children	42.1	35.8	31.7	34.2
% Single- no children	18.4	16.4	14.6	10.5
Total Shelter Occupants	88	136	94	82

Shelter Occupants, by Income Source

Women's Shelter Program, Inc.

of San Luis Obispo County	1998-99	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
% Private Income Source	8.6	29.9	0.4	26.3
% Public Assistance Income Source	37.1	32.8	31.7	28.9
% No Income Source	34.3	13.4	0.24	31.6
% Disability	11.4	1.5	0.0	2.6
% Other/Unknown	8.6	19.4	2.4	10.5

Shelter Occupants, by Ethnicity (including children)

Women's Shelter Program, Inc.

of San Luis Obispo County	1998-99	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
% Caucasian	59.0	47.8	42.6	48.8
% Hispanic	34.0	32.4	52.1	45.1
% Native American	0.0	<1	0.0	0.0
% African American	4.5	11.0	2.1	2.4
% Asian/Pacific Islander	1.1	2.9	2.1	0.0

Source: North County Women's Shelter Program, Inc. of San Luis Obispo, 2003.

Note: 1999-2000 data not available.

Domestic Violence Shelters, continued

Prevention and Outreach

North County Women's Shelter and Resource Center

	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Participants in Low Cost Counseling	158	347	349	338
Teens attending Domestic Violence Awareness Presentations	1700	1477	1973	1866
School-based counseling	na	92	274	429
Restraining Orders*	116	188	215	194

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

	1998-99	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Participants in Low Cost Counseling	254	441	490	491
Number of Women	144	239	279	185
Number of Children	93	186	203	300
Number of Men	17	16	8	6
Restraining Orders Issued	187	21	55	55

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

Source: North County Women's Shelter and Resource Center, Women's Shelter Program, Inc. of San Luis Obispo, 2003.

Note: 1998-99 figures are preliminary as of June 1999.

Emergency Response Child Abuse Referrals

San Luis Obispo County

Emergency Response Child Abuse	FY 97/98	FY 98/99	FY 99/00	FY 00/01	FY 01/02	FY 02/03
Total Reported Cases	3,745	3,168	3,240	2,970	3,158	3,426
Case rate per 1000 people	74.0	59.0	60.0	68.0	55.5	59.2

Family Maintenance	2000	2001	2002
Total Reported Cases	2,467	2,955	2,484
Cases per capita	0.01	0.012	0.009
Case rate per 1000 people	10.00	11.83	9.80

Family Reunification	2000	2001	2002
Total Reported Cases	1,596	1,633	1,999
Cases per capita	0.006	0.007	0.008
Case rate per 1000 people	6.47	6.54	7.88

Permanent Placement	2000	2001	2002
Total Reported Cases	4,580	3,000	2,551
Cases per capita	0.019	0.012	0.010
Case rate per 1000 people	18.57	12.02	10.06

Source: San Luis Obispo County Child Welfare Services, 2003. (<http://www.slodss.org/children/index.htm>)

Note: The intake function of the Emergency Response program provides in-person response, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Family Maintenance provides time-limited protective services to prevent or remedy neglect, abuse, or exploitation while the child remains at home. Family Reunification provides time-limited foster care services to prevent or remedy neglect, abuse, or exploitation, when the child cannot safely remain at home, and need temporary foster care while services are provided to the family. Permanency Planning (permanent placement) provides an alternative permanent family structure, such as adoption, guardianship, or long-term foster care, for children who, because of abuse, neglect, or exploitation cannot safely remain home, and who are unlikely ever to return home.

Juvenile Arrest Rate- Felonies

Felonies per 1000 people						00-01 %
Age 10-17	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Change
San Luis Obispo County	12.1	12.8	11.0	9.8	8.1	-17.3
California	21.6	20.2	17.8	16.0	15.3	-4.4

Juvenile Arrest Rate- Misdemeanors

Misdemeanors per 1000 people						00-01 %
Age 10-17	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	Change
San Luis Obispo County	36.9	35.4	33.5	35.1	35.2	0.3
California	40.3	40.9	40.9	34.9	32.6	-6.6

Section 602 Petitions

	1998-99	2000-01	1999-2000 % Change
Referrals	2095	1773	-15.4
Filed with Court	710	746	5.1

602 Court Filings by Jurisdiction

	1998-99	2000-01	1999-2000 % Change
Arroyo Grande	95	115	21.1
Atascadero	114	220	93.0
Grover Beach	60	129	115.0
Los Osos	28	124	342.9
Morro Bay	39	64	64.1
Oceano	30	99	230.0
Paso Robles	98	276	181.6
Pismo Beach	39	40	2.6
San Luis Obispo	163	280	71.8
Other Jurisdictions	44	254	477.3
Total	710	1601	125.5

Juvenile Probation

	1998-99	2000-01	1999-2000 % Change
Placed on Informal Probation	194	261	na
Placed on Formal Probation	583	*	na
Probation Violations	246	290	na

Source: Children's Services Network, 2003.

*Note: There is no distinction between Formal and Informal Probation in this year's publication

**Section 602 Petitions specifically refer to children/ teens who have violated the law.

San Luis Obispo County

Crimes per 1,000 Students						00-01
	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	% Change
Drug/Alcohol	4.8	4.7	5.3	5.2	4.8	-7.2
Battery	8.4	7.2	4.1	4.3	4.1	-4.2
Assault w/weapon	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	-9.1
Robbery/ Extortion	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.1	233.3
Sex Offenders	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	100.0
Possession of Weapon	1.3	1.0	1.1	0.9	1.4	52.17
Property Crimes	4.1	3.9	4.2	3.7	4.7	25.7
Dollar Loss per Student*	\$1.69	\$1.70	\$29.04	\$4.57	\$2.48	-45.7

Statewide

Crimes per 1,000 Students						00-01
	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	% Change
Drug/Alcohol	3.5	3.6	3.9	4.0	4.3	6.7
Battery	3.1	3.0	3.3	3.9	4.6	18.6
Assault w/weapon	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	14.3
Robbery/ Extortion	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	-4.8
Sex Offenders	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	15.4
Possession of Weapon	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.2	5.3
Property Crimes	4.6	4.5	4.1	4.3	4.3	0.5
Dollar Loss per Student	\$4.02	\$2.93	\$4.33	\$4.01	\$2.92	-27.2

Source: California Department of Education, California Safe Schools Assessment

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/spbranch/safety/cssa/00-01results.pdf>

* Dollar Loss represents the total sum of value of stolen or damaged property divided by the number of enrolled students in that given year.

Atascadero Unified

						00-01
Number of Crimes per						
1,000 Students	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	% Change
Drug/ Alcohol	4.8	4.7	5.3	5.2	4.3	-16.8
Battery	8.4	7.2	4.1	4.3	1.5	-65.0
Assault w/weapon	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	-9.1
Robbery/ Extortion	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	-100.0
Sex Offenders	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	-100.0
Possession of Weapon	1.3	1.0	1.1	0.9	1.7	84.8
Property Crimes	4.1	3.9	4.2	3.7	7.5	100.5
Loss per Student	\$ 1.28	\$ 5.48	\$ 1.82	\$ 3.26	\$0.86	-73.6

Lucia Mar Unified

						00-01
Number of Crimes per						
1,000 Students	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	% Change
Drug/Alcohol	4.8	4.7	5.3	5.2	2.8	-45.8
Battery	8.4	7.2	4.1	4.3	1.7	-60.3
Assault w/weapon	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	-100.0
Robbery/ Extortion	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	-100.0
Sex Offenders	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	-100.0
Possession of Weapon	1.3	1.0	1.1	0.9	1.2	30.4
Property Crimes	4.1	3.9	4.2	3.7	2.3	-38.5
Loss per Student	\$2.67	\$0.88	\$1.70	\$10.54	\$2.75	-73.9

Paso Robles Joint Unified

						00-01
Number of Crimes per						
1,000 Students	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	% Change
Drug/Alcohol	4.8	4.7	5.3	5.2	5.3	2.5
Battery	8.4	7.2	4.1	4.3	8.2	91.6
Assault w/weapon	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	-100.0
Robbery/ Extortion	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	-100.0
Sex Offenders	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	-100.0
Possession of Weapon	1.3	1.0	1.1	0.9	1.6	73.9
Property Crimes	4.1	3.9	4.2	3.7	9.8	162.0
Loss per Student	\$0.85	\$0.95	\$1.44	\$1.96	\$3.89	98.5

Source: California Department of Education, California Safe Schools Assessment
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/spbranch/safety/cssa/00-01results.pdf>

California Safe Schools Assessment

San Luis Coastal Unified

Number of Crimes per 1,000 Students						00-01
	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	% Change
Drug/Alcohol	5.5	5.0	4.8	5.6	6.7	19.6
Battery	1.5	1.4	0.6	4.4	7.5	69.3
Assault w/weapon	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.1	-71.4
Robbery/ Extortion	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	-100.0
Sex Offenders	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	66.7
Possession of Weapon	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.6	1.2	-26.4
Property Crimes	2.0	2.4	3.7	1.9	3.3	76.5
Loss per Student	\$0.90	\$1.05	\$118.15	\$0.93	\$3.30	254.8

Templeton Unified

Number of Crimes per 1,000 Students						00-01
	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	% Change
Drug/Alcohol	4.4	2.7	2.9	2.4	0.8	-66.7
Battery	2.4	2.7	3.3	2.0	0.8	-60.0
Assault w/weapon	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	-100.0
Robbery/ Extortion	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	na
Sex Offenders	0.0	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	na
Possession of Weapon	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.4	na
Property Crimes	1.0	3.5	3.3	2.8	1.2	-57.1
Loss per Student	\$1.22	\$0.76	\$0.89	\$1.02	\$0.18	-82.4

Annual Handgun Sales

	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	96-97 % Change
San Luis Obispo County	2,517	2,714	1,636	1,694	1,871	10.5
Guns sold per 1000 people	11	12	7	7	8	-
California	418,719	361,502	238,755	207,318	195,338	-5.8
Guns sold per 1000 people	13	11	7	7	6	-

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

Note: Statistics taken from ACTION 1999 Data Report. Updated information not available.

Do you have any firearms kept in or around your house? Include those kept in a garage, outdoor storage area, truck, or other motor vehicles.

	2001	2003
Number of Respondents	773	522
Response	Percent	Percent
Yes	29.5	31.8
No	70.5	64.8
Not Available	na	3.1
Don't Know	na	0.4
Total	100	100

Are any of the firearms in or around your home handguns, such as pistols or revolvers?

	2001	2003
Number of Respondents	225	166
Response	Percent	Percent
Yes	63.6	59.6
No	36.4	38.0
Not Available	na	0.6
Don't Know	na	1.8
Total	100	100

How many of the firearms are currently stored under lock and key?

	2001	2003
Total Number of Respondents	141	99
Response	Percent	Percent
All of them	61.0	61.6
Some of them	7.1	12.1
None of them	31.9	25.3
Don't Know	na	1.0
Total	100	100

Source: 2001 and 2003 ACTION for Healthy Communities, Telephone Surveys.

Adult DUI Arrests, San Luis Obispo County and State

DUI Arrests & Arrest Rate (per 1,000 Adults)	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	00-01 % Change
San Luis Obispo County Arrests	2,214	1,885	2,036	2,236	2,163	2,260	4.5
California Arrests	201,972	191,535	188,327	188,531	182,408	200,000	-2.8
San Luis Obispo County Arrest Rate	13.6	12.3	12.7	13.6	12.8	13.0	1.4
California Arrest Rate	9.3	8.7	8.8	8.6	8.2	7.9	-4.3

Juvenile DUI Arrests, San Luis Obispo County and State

DUI Arrests & Arrest Rate (per 1,000 Juveniles)	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	00-01 % Change
San Luis Obispo County Arrests	42	23	32	39	26	53	103.8
California Arrests	1,822	1,715	1,771	1,755	1,547	1,651	6.7
San Luis Obispo County Arrest Rate	1.7	0.9	1.3	1.5	1.0	1.9	95.1
California Arrest Rate	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	3.6

Juvenile Misdemeanor DUI Arrests, California

Ethnicity	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	00-01 % Change
Caucasian	960	818	875	892	778	850	9.3
Hispanic	629	639	615	621	556	589	5.9
African American	56	51	57	40	42	41	-2.4
Other	69	101	136	121	81	80	-1.2
Total	1,714	1,609	1,683	1,674	1,457	1,560	7.1

Source: California Department of Justice, 2003.
http://justice.hdcdojnet.state.ca.us/cjsc_stats/

Number of Senior Drivers, County

Age Group	1993	% of all Drivers	1999	% of all Drivers	2003*	% of all Drivers
Aged 60-69	17,042	10.9	16,870	10.3	19,582	10.8
70-79	13,909	8.9	15,100	9.2	15,099	8.3
80-89	4,128	2.7	5,265	3.2	6,871	3.8
90-99	212	0.1	313	0.2	540	0.3
Total 60+	35,291	22.8	37,548	22.8	42,092	23.2

Number of Senior Drivers, State

Age Group	1993	% of all Drivers	1999	% of all Drivers	2003*	% of all Drivers
Aged 60-69	1,792,383	8.8	1,793,659	8.6	2,096,866	9.3
70-79	1,170,566	5.8	1,238,606	5.9	1,252,010	5.5
80-89	325,646	1.6	396,634	1.9	517,984	2.3
90-99	16,867	0.08	22,995	0.11	39,273	0.17
Total 60+	3,305,462	16.3	3,451,894	16.7	3,906,133	17.2

Source: California Department of Motor Vehicles, 2003.

*Note: The most current figures are through July 1, 2003, so they do not indicate the number of senior drivers over a 12 month period as seen in previous data.

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County Parolees

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

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	00-01 % Change
Total Parolees	908	1,074	1,074	884	746	-15.6
County Population	232,700	236,400	239,300	245,200	249,664	1.8
Parolees per 1000 people	3.9	4.5	4.5	3.6	3	-16.7

Source: Offender Information Services, California Department of Corrections, 2003.
www.corr.ca.gov/OffenderInfoServices/Reports/Annual/PChar1/PCHAR1d.2002.pdf

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