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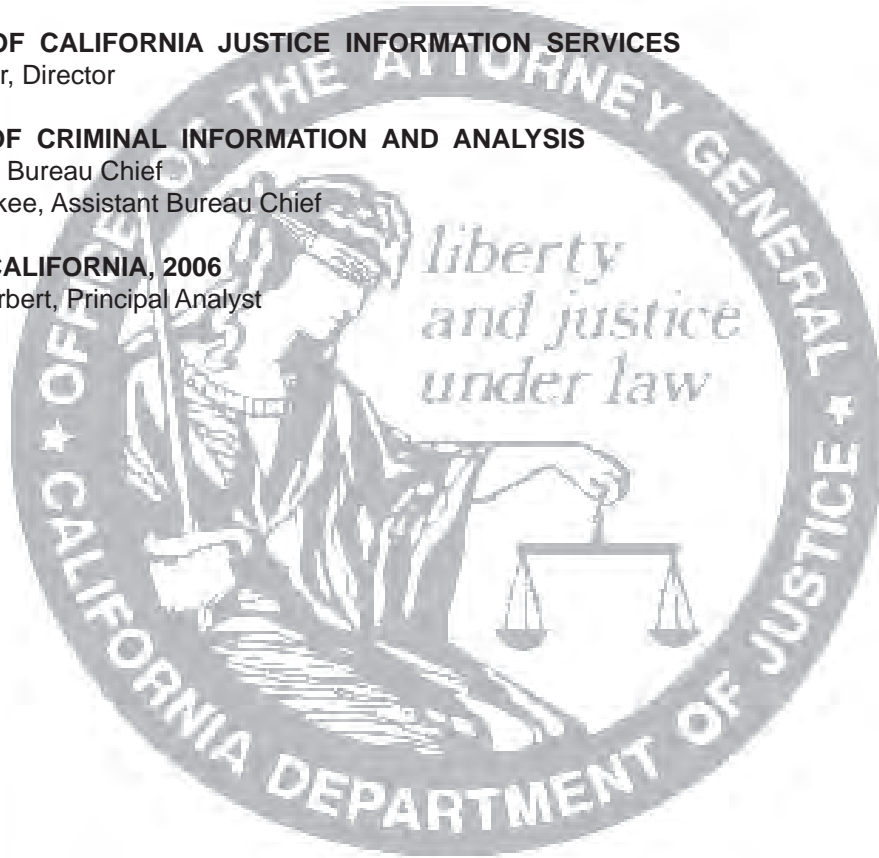
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- ☐ *Collect, analyze, and report statistical data which provide valid measures of crime and the criminal justice process.*
- ☐ *Examine these data on an ongoing basis to better describe crime and the criminal justice system.*
- ☐ *Promote the responsible presentation and use of crime statistics.*

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HIGHLIGHTS

CRIMES (See pages 2–23.)

- ☐ The violent crime rate increased from 153.1 in 1952 to its peak of 1,103.9 in 1992. The rate has since dropped to 518.4 crimes reported per 100,000 population in 2006. (Source: Table 1.)
- ☐ In 2006, the violent crime rate increased 1.2 percent, driven by a 10.6 percent increase in the robbery rate. This was the first increase in the violent crime rate in fourteen years. (Source: Table 2.)
- ☐ In 2006, the property crime rate decreased 3.2 percent due to a 2.4 percent decrease in the burglary rate and a 6.7 percent decrease in the motor vehicle theft rate. This was the first decrease in the property crime rate in seven years. (Source: Table 2.)

ARRESTS (See pages 26–63.)

- ☐ The 2006 total arrest rate of 5,265.1 per 100,000 population at risk is just slightly higher than the 2005 arrest rate of 5,235.1. (Source: Table 16.)
- ☐ Since 2005, the rate of juvenile felony arrests increased 6.3 percent and the rate of juvenile misdemeanor arrests increased 3.3 percent. The rate of status offense arrests (truancy, incorrigibility, running away, and curfew violations) increased 17.4 percent since 2005. (Source: Table 17.)
- ☐ The rising juvenile arrest rate for felony offenses was driven by a 29.3 percent increase in homicide arrests and a 24.4 percent increase in robbery arrests from 2005 to 2006. (Source: Table 22.)
- ☐ From 2005 to 2006, narcotic and marijuana arrest rates increased 5.8 and 2.0 percent, respectively, while the arrest rates for dangerous and "other" drugs decreased 11.7 and 10.7 percent, respectively. (Source: Table 22.)

DISPOSITIONS (See pages 66–75.)

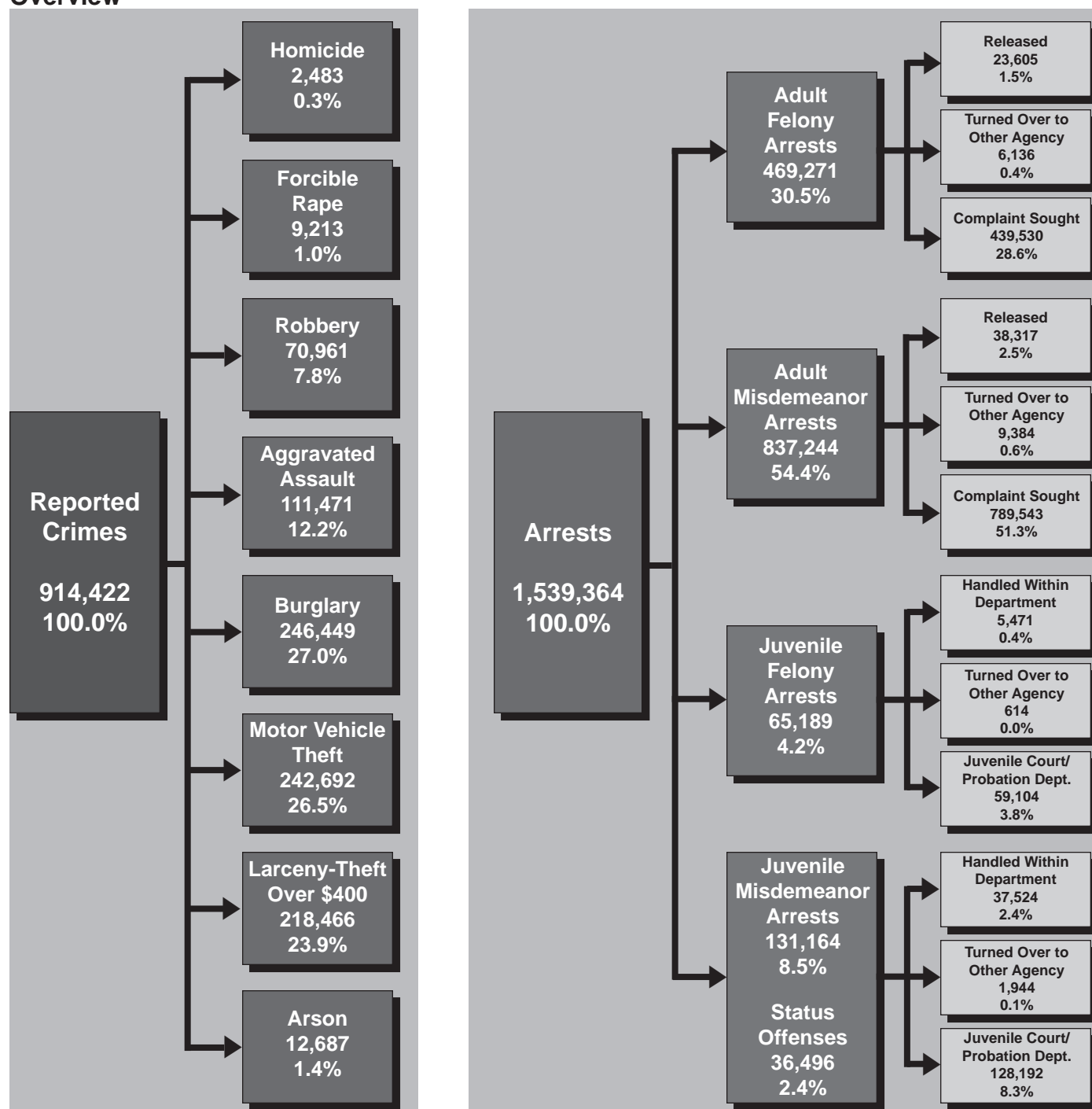
- ☐ In 2006, 69.3 percent of adult felony arrests resulted in a conviction. (Source: Table 37.)
- ☐ Probation with jail continues to be the most frequent sentence given for adult felony arrest convictions. (Source: Table 41.)
- ☐ Since 2001, the percentage of individuals convicted of drug offenses and sentenced to probation increased from 18.1 to 34.2 percent. (Source: Table 41.)

ADULT CORRECTIONS (See pages 78–85.)

- ☐ Since 2001, the rate of adults under state supervision decreased 3.8 percent and the rate of adults under local supervision decreased 3.0 percent. (Source: Table 44.)
- ☐ From 2005 to 2006, there was a 2.2 percent increase in the rate of adults under state supervision and a 1.1 percent decrease in the rate of adults under local supervision. (Source: Table 44.)

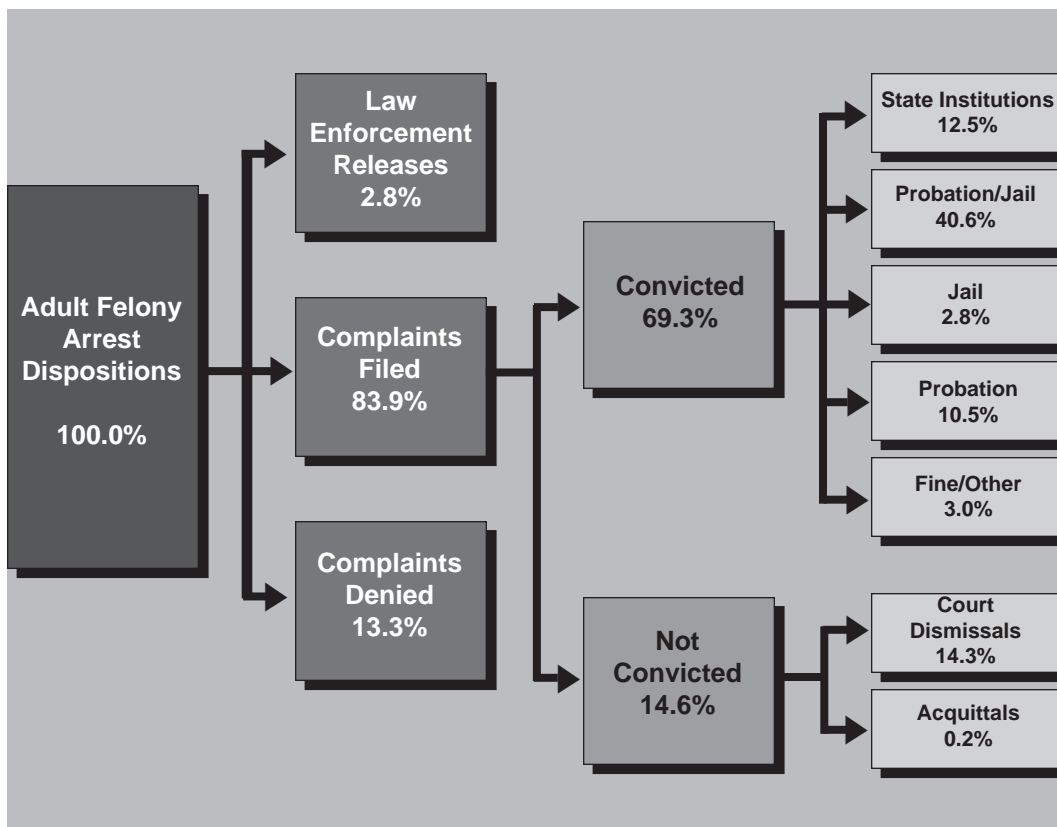
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Figure 1
CRIME IN CALIFORNIA, 2006
Overview



Source: Tables 2, 16, 23, 24, 28, 29, and 38.

Note: Percentages may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of rounding.



CRIMES

The Department of Justice (DOJ) collects summary information on eight specific crimes reported to law enforcement and classified by federal Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines. The reported crimes are homicide, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft over \$400, motor vehicle theft, and arson. These crimes are selected because of the seriousness, frequency of occurrence and the likelihood of being reported.

If multiple crimes occur during the same event, only the most serious is counted. Arson is the exception.

ARRESTS

The DOJ collects information on felony, misdemeanor, and status offense (juveniles only) arrests and citations. Arrests are reported by California statute definition of the offense, which in some cases may differ from the federal definitions used for crimes reported.

If a person is arrested for multiple offenses only the most serious offense is reported.

ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS

The DOJ collects information on the number of felony arrest events with a final disposition received in California's adult criminal justice system. Final dispositions may occur at the law enforcement, prosecution, or court level.

If a person is arrested and released, acquitted, or convicted for multiple offenses, only the most serious arrest offense and the most severe final disposition are captured.

Adult felony arrest disposition data are grouped by the year of disposition regardless of the year in which the arrest occurred.

Comparisons between crime, arrest, and disposition data should not be made because of differences in reporting procedures. See Appendix 1, page 168, for a complete list of data characteristics and known limitations.