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PRELIMINARY REPORT

Crime in 2006

January through June

This report compares preliminary crime counts for January through June 2006 with final counts for the same period in 2005 for California law enforcement jurisdictions serving populations of 100,000 or more. The 82 jurisdictions that met this criterion in 2005 and 2006 account for approximately 65 percent of the crimes reported in the state annually.

Law enforcement jurisdictions are grouped into three categories:

- Police departments** – provide law enforcement services to cities.
- Sheriff's departments** – provide law enforcement services to unincorporated areas¹ within counties.
- Contract cities** – cities that contract for law enforcement services, usually with a sheriff's department, rather than maintain their own police force.

The 2006 crime data used in this report are preliminary and are subject to change. Crime rates are not used in this report, but are included in the annual *Crime in California* publication.

Violent Crimes
UP 4.1%

The **VIOLENT CRIME** category includes the offenses of *homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault*.

From January through June 2006, the number of reported violent crimes increased 4.1 percent when compared to the same period in 2005. The increase in this category can be attributed to increases in homicide, forcible rape, and robbery. Aggravated assault offenses decreased during this period.

Property Crimes
DOWN 2.8%

The **PROPERTY CRIME** category includes the offenses of *burglary, motor vehicle theft, and larceny-theft over \$400*.

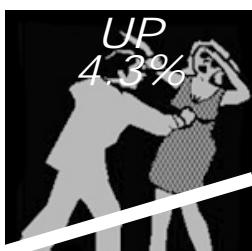
From January through June 2006, the number of reported property crimes decreased 2.8 percent when compared to the same period in 2005. All three property crime offenses decreased during this period (burglary, motor vehicle theft, and larceny-theft over \$400).

¹An unincorporated area of a county is any area not within a city limit.



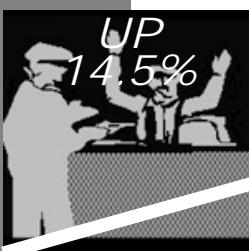
HOMICIDE – The willful (nonnegligent) killing of one human being by another. Homicide includes murder and nonnegligent manslaughter.

- The number of homicides reported during the first six months of 2006 increased 4.5 percent when compared to the same period in 2005.*



FORCIBLE RAPE – The carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Assaults or attempts to commit rape by force or threat of force are included.

- The number of reported forcible rapes increased 4.3 percent during the first six months of 2006 when compared to the same period in 2005.*



ROBBERY – The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

- During the first six months of 2006, the number of reported robberies increased 14.5 percent when compared to the same period in 2005.*



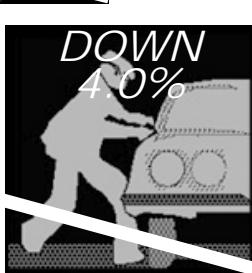
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT – The unlawful attack or attempted attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.

- The number of aggravated assaults reported during the first six months of 2006 decreased 2.0 percent when compared to the same period in 2005.*



BURGLARY – The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft. Attempted burglary is included.

- During the first six months of 2006, the number of reported burglaries decreased 2.1 percent when compared to the same period in 2005.*



MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT – The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

- There was a 4.0 percent decrease in the number of motor vehicle thefts reported during the first six months of 2006 when compared to the same period in 2005.*



LARCENY-THEFT (OVER \$400) – The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another.

- The number of larceny-thefts over \$400 decreased 1.9 percent during the first six months of 2006 when compared to the same period in 2005.*

**CRIMES REPORTED FOR JANUARY THROUGH JUNE, 2005 and 2006
BY CALIFORNIA LAW ENFORCEMENT JURISDICTIONS SERVING POPULATIONS OF 100,000 OR MORE**
Number and Percentage Change

Jurisdictions	January - June	Violent Crimes					Property Crimes				Larceny-theft			
		Total	Homicide	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Total	Burglary	Motor vehicle theft	Larceny-theft over \$400	Total	Over \$400	\$400 and under	
Palmdale (contracts with Los Angeles County SD)	2005 2006 % change	532 458 -13.9	9 4 -	25 29 -	134 154 14.9	364 271 -25.5	1,289 1,343 4.2	476 533 12.0	404 352 -12.9	409 458 12.0	1,120 1,216 8.6	409 458 12.0	711 758 6.6	37 31 -
Rancho Cucamonga (contracts with San Bernardino County SD)	2005 2006 % change	167 187 12.0	0 1 -	13 16 -	63 68 7.9	91 102 12.1	1,379 1,286 -6.7	378 312 -17.5	351 371 5.7	650 603 -7.2	1,416 1,308 -7.6	650 603 -7.2	766 705 -8.0	17 10 -
Santa Clarita (contracts with Los Angeles County SD)	2005 2006 % change	164 208 26.8	2 3 -	6 16 -	47 67 -	109 122 11.9	1,117 1,068 -4.4	443 394 -11.1	243 215 -11.5	431 459 6.5	1,089 1,127 3.5	431 459 6.5	658 668 1.5	15 8 -
Thousand Oaks (contracts with Ventura County SD)	2005 2006 % change	96 87 -9.4	2 0 -	4 7 -	31 15 -	59 65 10.2	487 490 0.6	207 203 -1.9	58 67 15.5	222 220 -0.9	626 597 -4.6	222 220 -0.9	404 377 -6.7	8 10 -

Notes: A dash indicates one or more of the following: 1) data are not available; 2) percent change was not calculated because of incomplete data; 3) percent change was not calculated

because a base number is less than 50.

Sheriff's department crime counts do not include contract cities that report under their own agency identification number.

This report includes data submitted to the Criminal Justice Statistics Center as of August 31, 2006.

The California Highway Patrol reports motor vehicle theft for some sheriff's departments; therefore, sheriff's department counts for this category may not reflect all reported motor vehicle crimes. Crime counts reflect the number of offenses reported (unfounded crime counts are not included).

¹In response to Government Code 11093, crime statistics for the San Fernando Valley area falling under the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles Police Department are available upon request.

²The Valencia Police Department was unable to provide crime data for the full six-month reporting period in 2005 due to problems with their records management system. Therefore, to maintain comparability of the 2005 data with the 2006 data, available counts for this agency are shown, but not included in the subtotals or total jurisdictional counts.

