

DATA CHARACTERISTICS AND KNOWN LIMITATIONS

CRIMINAL JUSTICE FULL-TIME PERSONNEL

Law enforcement personnel counts are obtained through a one-day survey taken on October 31 of each reporting year. Other personnel counts are taken on June 30.

Prosecution, public defense, and probation department counts reflect all full-time personnel regardless of the funding source.

Inconsistencies in data from year to year may be attributed to individual agency interpretations of personnel classifications.

Counts may not match previously reported data because of changes in categories and/or file adjustments.

Agencies under contract with county sheriff departments report law enforcement personnel under their respective sheriff's department.

Zero's may indicate that a department or office does not have personnel in that classification, that a county may not have a police department or a public defender's office, or that data were not reported.

Assembly Bill 196 (Kuehl, 1999) mandated that county-level child support programs previously administered by district attorneys must be operated by local child support agencies. This change accounts for the large decrease in prosecution personnel since 2001.

AGENCY-SPECIFIC DATA CHARACTERISTICS AND LIMITATIONS

Orange Cove Police (located in Fresno County) Department began reporting in January 2013.

Twin Cities Police Department and San Anselmo Police Department (Marin County) merged in January 2013 and now report as Central Marin Police Authority.

Taft Police Department did not report data for 2012.

Half Moon Bay and San Carlos began contracting their law enforcement services through the San Mateo Sheriff Department in 2011.

Millbrae began contracting their law enforcement services through the San Mateo Sheriff Department in 2012.

Holtville began contracting their law enforcement services through the Imperial County Sheriff Department in 2010.

Reedley Community College and Fresno Community College merged in January 2010 and now report under State Center Community College.

The Alameda County Public Defender did not report data for 2009.

Grant Unified School District was expanded and renamed Twin Rivers Unified School District in 2008.

Prior to 2006, the Fresno County Probation Department incorrectly listed its correctional officers under the "All Other" category.

The San Francisco County Probation Department did not report data for 2004.

In 2004, Exeter, King City, Sonoma, and CSU Monterey Bay police departments did not submit law enforcement personnel data.

For 2003, the Alameda County Probation Department reported the number of positions, rather than reporting the number of actual employees.

Law enforcement personnel data for the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Police are reported under Contra Costa County, with the exception of 2001, when they reported under Alameda County.

Law enforcement personnel data for the California Highway Patrol and Parks and Recreation are shown as statewide totals.

Law enforcement personnel data for the California Developmental Centers began reporting as a statewide total in 2003.

Personnel data for the California Department of Justice (DOJ) and state regulatory agencies are not included in this report.

The DOJ has ceased including California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and California Court personnel in the Criminal Justice Full-Time Personnel tables. Personnel information for these agencies can be obtained from the State of California Governor's Budget and the Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the Courts, respectively.