

CRIMES, 2002-2003
 Merced County
 Number, Rate per 100,000 Population, and Percent Change

	2002		2003		Percent change	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
County population.....	222,700		230,600			
Violent crimes.....	1,409	632.7	1,603	695.1	13.8	9.9
Homicide.....	18	8.1	16	6.9	-	-
Forcible rape.....	77	34.6	76	33.0	-1.3	-4.6
Robbery.....	193	86.7	285	123.6	47.7	42.6
Aggravated assault.....	1,121	503.4	1,226	531.7	9.4	5.6
Property crimes ¹	5,342	2,398.7	5,442	2,359.9	1.9	-1.6
Burglary.....	2,702	1,213.3	2,624	1,137.9	-2.9	-6.2
Motor vehicle theft.....	1,323	594.1	1,526	661.8	15.3	11.4
Larceny-theft over \$400.....	1,317	591.4	1,292	560.3	-1.9	-5.3
Arson.....	82	36.8	82	35.6	0.0	-3.3
Total Larceny-theft.....	5,707	2,562.6	5,780	2,506.5	1.3	-2.2
Larceny-theft over \$400.....	1,317	591.4	1,292	560.3	-1.9	-5.3
Larceny-theft \$400 and under..	4,390	1,971.3	4,488	1,946.2	2.2	-1.3

Notes: Percent changes are not calculated when base numbers are less than 50.

Rates may not add to subtotals or totals due to rounding.

The California Crime Index has been temporarily suspended as efforts continue to redefine this measurement.

¹ In 2003, larceny-theft over \$400 was included in the property crime category to give a more representative depiction of crime in California.