

CRIMINAL JUSTICE TREND DATA FOOTNOTES

Tables 1 and 1A: Reported Crimes and Clearances (Pages 5 and 6)

Estimated crime data were provided by the Oakland Police Department for 1995. Most supplementary variables were not provided. Aggravated assault counts for the Oakland P.D. were underreported due to programming problems in 1990.

Table 2: Supplemental Detail for Selected Reported Crimes (Pages 7 and 8)

Estimated crime data were provided by the Oakland Police Department for 1995. Dollar values and most supplementary variables were not provided.

Tables 3A, 3B, and 3C: Felony Arrests (Pages 9-11)

Homicide and Assault: Assault with intent to commit murder is included in some homicide statistics because of a 1981 law that repealed Penal Code Section 217. Statewide trend tables in 1995 include estimates for Oakland and Bakersfield police departments.

Tables 4A, 4B, and 4C: Misdemeanor Arrests (Pages 12-14)

Disorderly conduct: The 1992 decrease can be attributed to a change in policy by the San Diego Police Department. Statewide trend tables in 1995 include estimates for Oakland and Bakersfield police departments.

Table 5: Total Law Enforcement Dispositions (Page 15)

To other agency: The inflated figures for 1989-1990 for adults were the result of a programming error in the Los Angeles Police Department system. Statewide trend tables in 1995 include estimates for Oakland and Bakersfield police departments.

Tables 6 and 6A: Dispositions of Adult Felony Arrests (Pages 16 and 17)

Disposition data: Final 1998 adult felony arrest disposition data were not available at the time this publication was printed. Fluctuations from year to year in counts may not necessarily be due to actual occurrences in the criminal justice system, but only reflect the degree to which reports of dispositions are reported and processed. An analysis has not been completed to ensure the validity of these data. Some county data may not match previously published data due to the exclusion of state institutional agencies.

Combined cases: Prior to 1992 data for this category were included in "complaints denied" and cannot be extracted. Combined cases are cases declined in favor of other counts/cases.

Legislation, effective January 1, 1992, provides the option of sentencing noncapital felony cases in lower or superior court when there is a plea of guilty or nolo contendere in lower court.

The "other" category includes no sentence given, sentence suspended and sentence stayed.

Table 7: Adult Probation (Page 18)

Total probation caseload: These data include adults on active probation as of December 31, 1989-1998. Diversion cases are not included.

Total probation actions: These data include adult probation actions during each year.

Other: Includes transfers of jurisdiction from one county to another, deaths, sentences vacated, successful appeals, deportations, etc.

Note: In 1998, labels were changed from Superior Court and Lower Court to Felony offense and Misdemeanor offense because of court consolidation.

Table 8: Persons Held in Local Adult Facilities (Page 19)

Held in adult facility: Counts for each category in this table were obtained by an annual survey taken the fourth Thursday in September each year.

Table 9: Full-time Personnel (Page 20)

Total personnel: Law enforcement personnel are obtained from a one-day survey taken on October 31. Probation department counts are taken on January 1 while all other personnel counts are taken on June 30. Department of Corrections and Youth Authority personnel are fiscal year counts obtained from the Governor's Budget.

Criminal justice personnel counts: The 1996 data collection survey forms were revised to collect counts on the number of criminal justice personnel employed by prosecutors, public defenders and probation departments, regardless of the funding source. Prior to 1996, counts excluded state- and federally-funded positions.

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

Note: Personnel for state agencies are shown only in the Statewide Criminal Justice Profile.

Table 10: Criminal Justice Expenditures (Page 21)

Grand total: All amounts shown in this table have been rounded and are shown in thousands. Expenditures include salaries and employee benefits, services, and supplies. Building construction and capital expenditures are not included. Expenditure data for 1997/98 were not available from the Office of the State Controller in time for inclusion in this publication. San Francisco County expenditure data are reported separately by the City and County of San Francisco, Office of the Controller.

Notes: Expenditure data are based on fiscal year. Statewide expenditure data may differ from those published in "Crime and Delinquency in California, 1998" since the statewide totals are based on the sum of independently rounded county data. Expenditures for state agencies are shown only in the Statewide Criminal Justice Profile. Due to changes in the Trial Court Funding Act and adjustments for prior year expenditures by some counties, substantial changes in trend data may appear. Counties reporting a negative expenditure is shown as zero. Statewide expenditure totals reflect negative amounts. Expenditure data for the Department of Justice and state regulatory agencies are not included. San Francisco County courts have been consolidated into trial courts. The total dollar figure shown reflects this consolidation.

Notes: In January 1997, Southern Pacific Railroad merged with Union Pacific Railroad. In July 1995, the California State Police merged with the California Highway Patrol. Rates on California Crime Index crimes, larceny-theft and arson crimes, and arrests are not computed for populations which are less than 100,000. Rates may not balance because of independent rounding. Percents may not total 100.0 because of independent rounding. With the exception of clearance rates (Table 1A), percent distributions are not calculated when the total number upon which those percents are based is less than 50. See known data limitations and characteristics for additional information located in appendix.