

Crime Rates By County

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This report uses data from the FBI UCR tables to get known crimes rates by year for different cities in California. The goal is to determine crime rate changes for California counties before and after AB109 was implemented.sa

Data sources:

- 1.[City crimes rates from FIB table 8](#)
- 2.[City of California shapefile](#)
- 3.[Counties shape file from U.S. Census](#)

The FBI data has the following disclaimer:

Caution against ranking Figures used in this Report were submitted voluntarily by law enforcement agencies throughout the country. Individuals using these tabulations are cautioned against drawing conclusions by making direct comparisons between cities. Comparisons lead to simplistic and/or incomplete analyses that often create misleading perceptions adversely affecting communities and their residents. Valid assessments are possible only with careful study and analysis of the range of unique conditions affecting each local law enforcement jurisdiction. It is important to remember that crime is a social problem and, therefore, a concern of the entire community. In addition, the efforts of law enforcement are limited to factors within its control. The data user is, therefore, cautioned against comparing statistical data of individual agencies. Further information on this topic can be obtained in Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics: Their Proper Use.

In other words, comparing cities among other cities is not a good idea, but comparing a city within itself by year is OK.

