

Staff Memorandum 2024-18 Crime Data for Midyear 2024

This memorandum is to update the Committee on recent data about violent and property crime in California. The data in this memorandum comes from the FBI, which has recently resumed releasing estimated quarterly crime data.¹ The data reflects only those agencies that voluntarily report to the FBI. This data shows that for January to June 2024 compared to the same time in 2023:

- In California, violent crime declined by 3.33%. Property crime declined by 9.87%.² Offense-specific data is below.
- In the rest of the United States, violent crime declined by 7.65%. Property crime declined by 10.95%.

The California data includes 47 cities with approximately 9.8 million people. The non-California data includes 176 cities with approximately 58 million people. The data includes many of California's largest cities, including San Diego, Long Beach, and Fresno, but does not include other large cities such as Los Angeles, Oakland, Sacramento, or San Francisco.

Year-to-date crime statistics, January–June, 2024 vs. 2023

	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Agg. assault	Burglary	Theft	Car theft	Arson
California	-20.00%	-15.17%	-4.46%	-1.29%	-16.65%	-10.05%	-3.76%	+3.08%
Rest of US	-22.98%	-13.93%	-12.24%	-5.24%	-8.87%	-8.69%	-19.70%	-14.94%

These crime reports are preliminary and may differ from final numbers. And year-to-date comparisons at this point in the year may not reflect final trends.³

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ FBI, Crime Data Explorer, Quarterly Uniform Crime Report. The data for Quarter 2, inclusive of January through June 2024, was released on September 30, 2024.

² As defined by the FBI, violent crime is murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault and property crime is burglary, car theft, all other theft, and arson.

³ See, e.g., Jeff Asher, *The FBI's Data Shows A Massive Decline in Crime in Q1 2024, But Is It Accurate?*, Jeff-alytics, June 10, 2024.