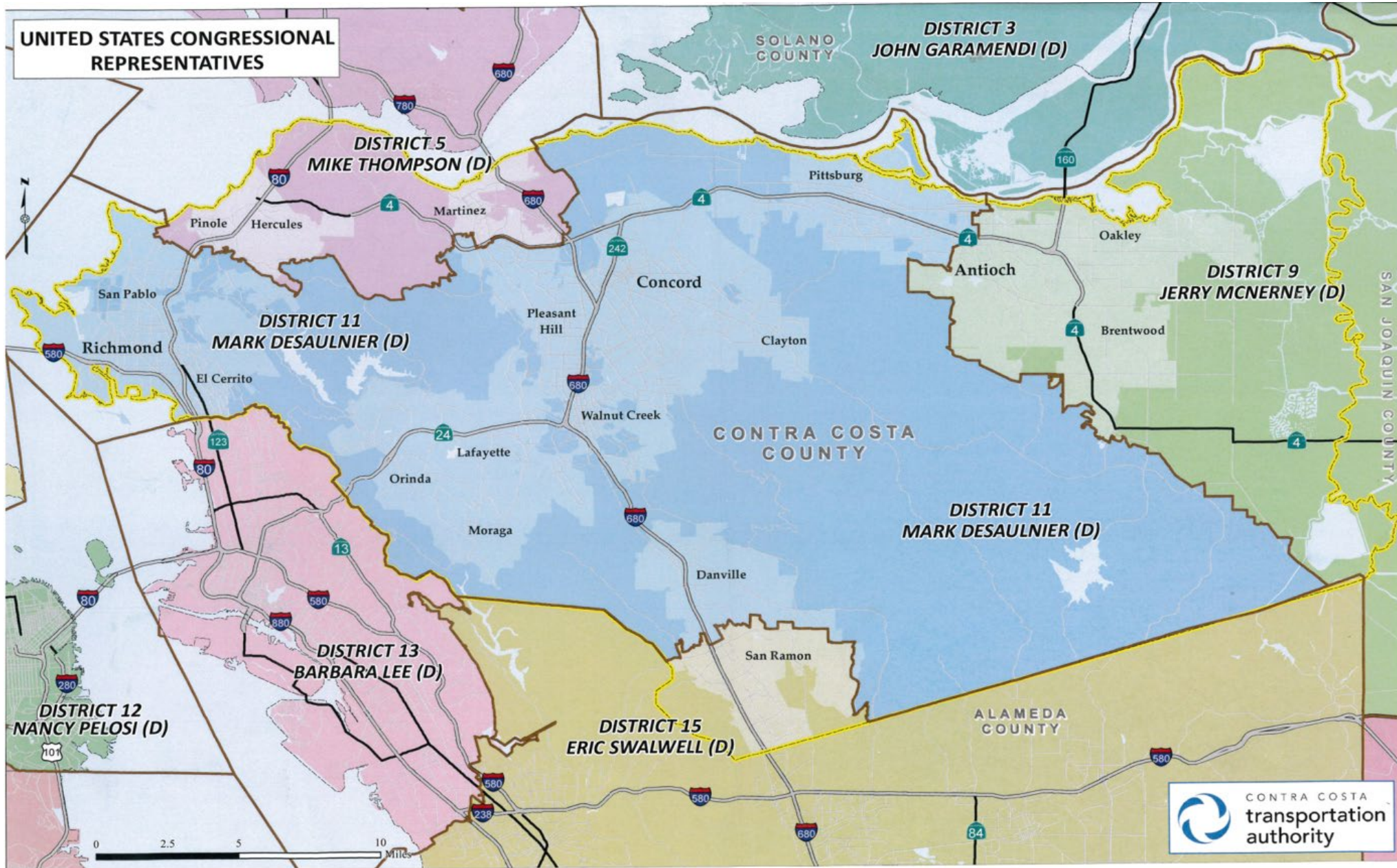


Contra Costa's Progress in Reducing Crime and the Work Ahead to End Gun Violence Across the Country

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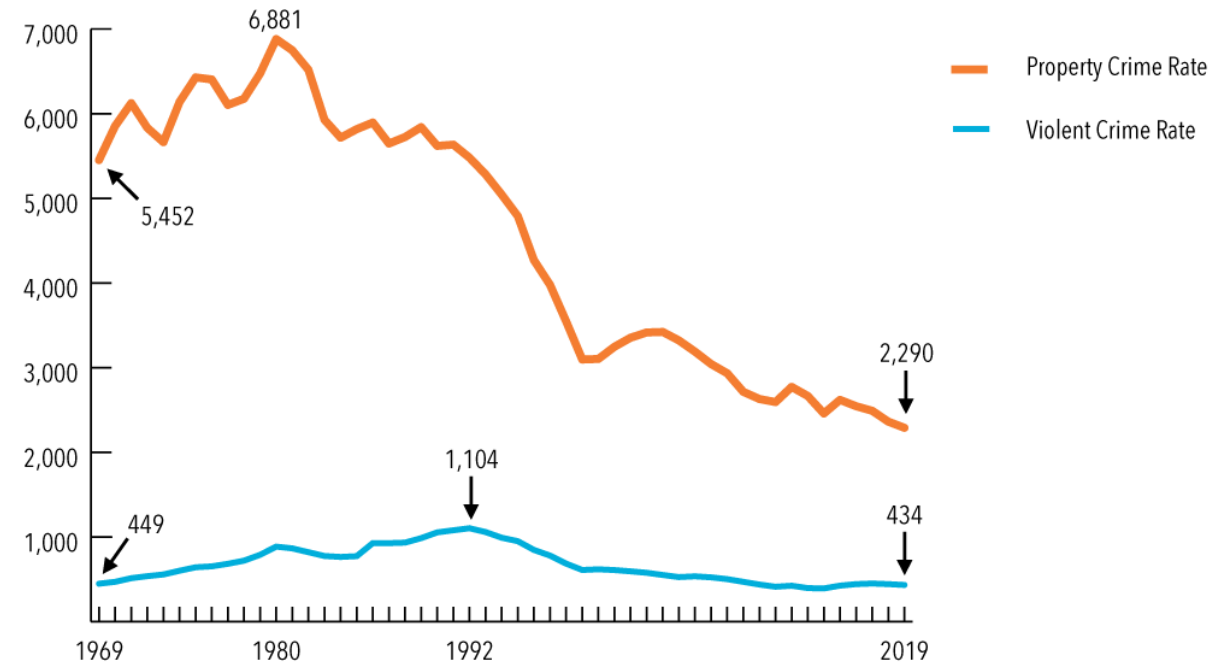
California Justice System: By the Numbers

All information from a [California Budget & Policy Center analysis](#) as of 2020

- ▶ **The number of adults incarcerated by the state has declined substantially.** In 2019, compared to 2006 rates, incarceration rates dropped by more than 1/3.
- ▶ California's incarceration rate for adults has fallen to a level not seen since the early 1990s
- ▶ **California's property and violent crime rates remain at historic lows.** CA's violent crime rate is now below the 1969 rate (449 per 100,000)
- ▶ California's incarceration rate and crime rates are all down substantially since the mid-2000s
- ▶ By reducing overcrowding in state prisons, California was able to end the use of out-of-state facilities in 2019
- ▶ This week, Attorney General Rob Bonta released the 2021 Hate Crime in California report, showing hate crimes spiking by 33% last year

Property and Violent Crime Rates in California Remain Well Below Peaks of Past Five Decades

Property and Violent Crimes Per 100,000 Californians



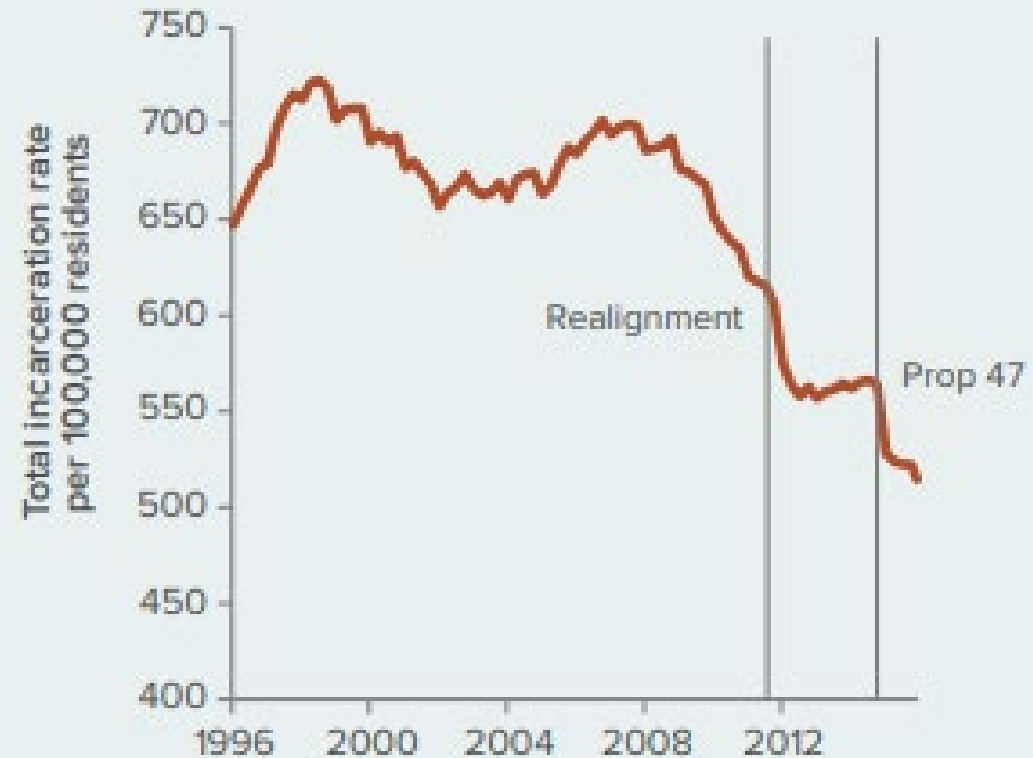
Note: Property crimes consist of burglary, motor vehicle theft, and larceny theft, which includes both felony and misdemeanor larceny theft. Violent crimes consist of homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Figures are rounded to the nearest whole number.
Source: California Department of Justice

California's Criminal Justice Initiatives

“Over the last decade, California has been at the forefront of the nation's efforts to reduce mass incarceration,” – Tim Arango, New York Times piece entitled In California, Criminal Justice Reform Offers a Lesson for the Nation (01/21/2019)

- ▶ 2009: SB 678 provided financial incentives to counties to reduce the number of felony offenders sent to state prison for probation failures
- ▶ 2009: SB 18 authorized non-revocable parole, removing some lower-level offenders from active parole supervision
- ▶ 2011: AB 109 (realignment) shifted responsibility over lower-level felons from state prison and parole to county jail and probation systems
- ▶ 2012: Prop 36 revised the “three strikes” law to impose a life sentence only when the new, third-strike felony conviction is serious or violent
- ▶ 2014: Prop 47 reduced the penalties associated with certain lower-level drug and property offenses
- ▶ 2014: Court-ordered population reduction measures included increased credit earning and early parole for certain non-violent inmates
- ▶ 2020: Prop 17 granted people on parole the right to vote
- ▶ 2020: Prop 20 was rejected – a “tough-on-crime” ballot measure that would have rolled back laws aimed at reducing mass incarceration.

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SOURCE: Board of State and Community Corrections, Jail Profile Survey and California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Monthly Population Report, January 1996–December 2015.

NOTE: The figure shows the total (combined prison and jail) incarcerated population per 100,000 residents.

Gun Violence

- ▶ The US ranks number one in firearms per capita and has the **highest homicide-by-firearm rate of the world's most developed nations**
- ▶ **More Americans died of gun-related injuries in 2020 than in any other year on record.** That included a record number of gun murders, as well as a near-record number of gun suicides
- ▶ **California saw a 41% increase in gun homicides** from 2019 to 2020
- ▶ There were 13.6 gun deaths per 100,000 people in 2020 – the highest rate since the mid-1990s
- ▶ In 2021, guns killed more than 45,000 Americans, marking the highest toll in decades with a continued upward trend. As of June 2022, guns have killed about 19,000 people in the US this year
- ▶ The United States has less than 5% of the world's population and has 46% of the world's civilian owned guns

Recent Congressional Gun Violence Prevention Action

Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (S. 2938)

Signed into law on Saturday, June 25th

- ▶ Provides funding to help states implement crisis intervention programs, for mental health programs and for school security
- ▶ Closes “the boyfriend loophole” to bar anyone convicted of a domestic violence crime from having a gun
- ▶ Requires enhanced background checks for those under 21
- ▶ Makes federal straw purchasing and trafficking criminal offenses

Protecting Our Kids Act (H.R. 7910)

Passed in the House on June 8th

- ▶ Would prohibit individuals under 21 from purchasing assault weapons
- ▶ Would hold adults accountable if they fail to safely store firearms
- ▶ Would make firearms trafficking a distinct federal crime
- ▶ Would ban the sale and possession of large capacity magazines and “ghost guns,” a firearm without a serial number

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