

Methods, Limitations, and References

Sheriff's Transparency Portal

1. Transparency Portal

a. Methods

- i. The primary data source for the crime rate per 1,000 residents is from the California Department of Justice as part of the Federal Uniform Crime Reporting Program (UCR)
- ii. Calls for Service and Stop Data are provided through a direct query to the Santa Cruz Regional 911 Center database. Calls for service includes only calls from the public, and does not include deputy-initiated calls. Both data sets show data for the previous twelve calendar months.
- iii. Use of Force and Workforce data are provided by the Sheriff's office, and updated monthly.

b. Limitations

- i. UCR data [characteristics and known limitations](#), and [computations formulas](#) are provided.
- ii. Calls for Service and Stop data are the initial coding of the event, and are subject to change upon further investigation. Therefore, there may be slight differences in the immediate data, and the data eventually reported to the federal government through the UCR.

c. References

- i. UCR data are accessible [online here](#)