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# 2014 Annual Crime Report – How Did SVL Do?

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The San Bernardino Sheriff Office (SBSO) recently released their 2014 Annual Report, and overall, the news is pretty favorable for SVL.

In the big picture of the High Desert, SVL is only a small part of the overall crime statistics, so comparisons of crime rates between different areas is a little tricky. If one looks at just the actual number of crimes committed in SVL relative to other areas, they are very low because of our relatively small population. For example, in Victorville there were over 14,000 crimes of various types reported in 2014 compared to only 231 in SVL. Most people's first reaction would be that Victorville is so much bigger than SVL, so the comparison is not fair – and they're right.

A much better comparison of the crime statistics between different areas is to compare the rate of crimes committed relative to the total population, or looking at it another way, the likelihood a crime being committed as a percentage of the total population.

The comparison in the chart shown below is based on real data taken directly from the 2014 SBSO Annual Report. The Spring Valley Lake crimes statistics are not reported separately by SBSO in the annual report, so they were provided to SVLA directly from the SBSO.

The crime data shown in the chart is for Part 1 and Part 2 crimes. Part 1 crimes are considered the more serious crimes, like Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny, Theft/Motor Vehicle Theft, Arson, while Part 2 crimes are everything else - from check fraud and DUI to gambling and possession of stolen property. The chart shown is generated by dividing the total number of crimes of each type by the total population served by SBSO in each area.

Spring Valley Lake's 12,000+ residents make it similar in size and complexity a small town, so comparing our crime rate to other regions in the High Desert is a reasonable way to look at the relative safety of living in SVL compared to other areas of the High Desert.

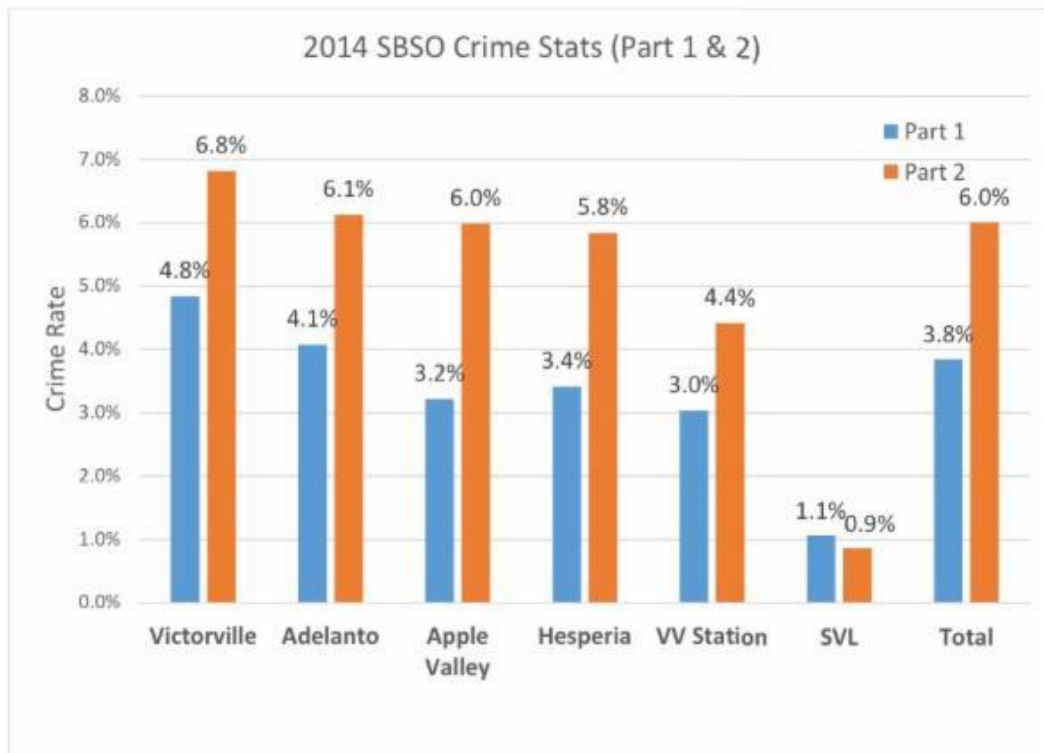
As the charts show, Part 1 and Part 2 crime rates in SVL are well below the average crime rates for the major populated areas around SVL, as well as the overall High Desert. What the data shows is that there is about 1 crime committed for every 100 residents in SVL, compared to 3 to 6 crimes per 100 people in other areas of the High Desert. While these statistics certainly don't portray SVL as crime-free, or that we should not take normal precautions to safeguard ourselves and our property in SVL, they do mean that we live in a relatively safe community compared with other areas in the High Desert. These results are consistent with past results and also with information discussed at the January 27 Public Safety Open Forum held in the Community Building.

There are many reasons we enjoy such a relatively low crime rate, some of which are our 24/7 Public Safety patrols, security camera system, Neighborhood Watch programs, Citizens on Patrol (COP), great SBSO and CHP

support in our community, and most importantly – residents who care about our community enough to call when see something suspicious and watch out for their neighbors. Keep up the great work!

The 2014 SBSO Annual Report can be found on the SBSO website on the right-hand side at: <http://cms.sbcounty.gov/sheriff/Home.aspx> .

**If you see something – say something! Call Public Safety 24/7 at (760) 245-6400 or 911 in an Emergency.**



	Pop Served	Part 1	%	Part 2	%
Victorville	120,590	5832	4.8%	8,216	6.8%
Adelanto	32,500	1325	4.1%	1,992	6.1%
Apple Valley	70,700	2274	3.2%	4,232	6.0%
Hesperia	91,506	3126	3.4%	5,341	5.8%
VV Station	53,800	1632	3.0%	2,377	4.4%
SVL	12,000	128	1.1%	103	0.9%
Total	369,096	14189	3.8%	22,158	6.0%

Note: SVL data is included in VV Station totals.