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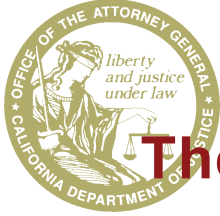
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Executive Summary

Homicide in California, 2008 contains information about the crime of homicide and its victims, as well as demographic data on persons arrested for homicide. Information about the death penalty, the number of peace officers killed in the line of duty, and justifiable homicide is also included. This report provides data for 2008 and prior years.

The California Department of Justice (DOJ) is responsible for reporting annual statistics on homicide as mandated by Penal Code section 13014. Information displayed in this report is extracted from several databases maintained by the DOJ. The primary source of information is the Homicide File, which captures willful and justifiable homicide crime data. Other databases capture information about persons arrested for homicide, death penalty sentences, and peace officers killed in the line of duty.

The type of data collected, and the methods used to collect these data, differ for each data set. Unless otherwise indicated, all calculations are based on the number of known victims.

Homicide Crimes

The Homicide Crimes section (pages 1–23) provides data on homicide crimes reported to law enforcement.

- From 2007 to 2008, the rate of homicide crimes per 100,000 population decreased 6.7 percent (6.0 to 5.6). From 1999 to 2008, the homicide crime rate decreased 5.1 percent (5.9 to 5.6).
- A greater percentage of white victims were female than were Hispanic or black victims. White victims tended to be older, while Hispanic and black victims tended to be younger.
- Females were more likely to be killed in their residence, while males were more likely to be killed on streets or sidewalks.
- In 2008, where the victim-offender relationship was known, 48.5 percent of the victims were killed by friends or acquaintances.
- Firearms were used in 70.5 percent of homicides in 2008.
- Of the 35 counties for which 2008 homicide rates were calculated, San Francisco County experienced the highest homicide rate per 100,000 population (11.6); Napa County experienced the lowest (0.7).
- In 2008, the average daily number of homicides was highest on weekends (7.9 vs. 5.0).
- In 2008, where the contributing circumstance was known, 38.1 percent of homicides were the result of an argument and 33.7 percent were gang-related.
- From 1999 to 2008, the number of gang-related homicides increased 16.7 percent.

Homicide Arrests

The Homicide Arrests section (pages 27–30) provides data on arrests made by law enforcement personnel.

- From 2007 to 2008, the rate of homicide arrests per 100,000 population at risk decreased 8.8 percent (6.8 to 6.2). From 1999 to 2008, the homicide arrest rate decreased 10.1 percent (6.9 to 6.2).
- From 1999 to 2008, the overwhelming majority of homicide arrestees and victims were male.
- From 1999 to 2008, the largest percentage of homicide arrestees and victims were Hispanic.
- From 1999 to 2008, the largest percentage of homicide arrestees and victims were aged 18–29.

Death Penalty Sentences

The Death Penalty Sentences section (page 33) provides information about persons sentenced to death in California in 2008.

- By the end of 2008, there were 665 persons under sentence of death in California. Of these, 21 were sentenced in 2008.

Peace Officers Killed in the Line of Duty

Information about peace officers killed in the line of duty (pages 37–38) is obtained from the Homicide File.

- In 2008, three peace officers were feloniously killed in the line of duty.

- Between 1999 and 2008, 43 peace officers were killed in the line of duty.

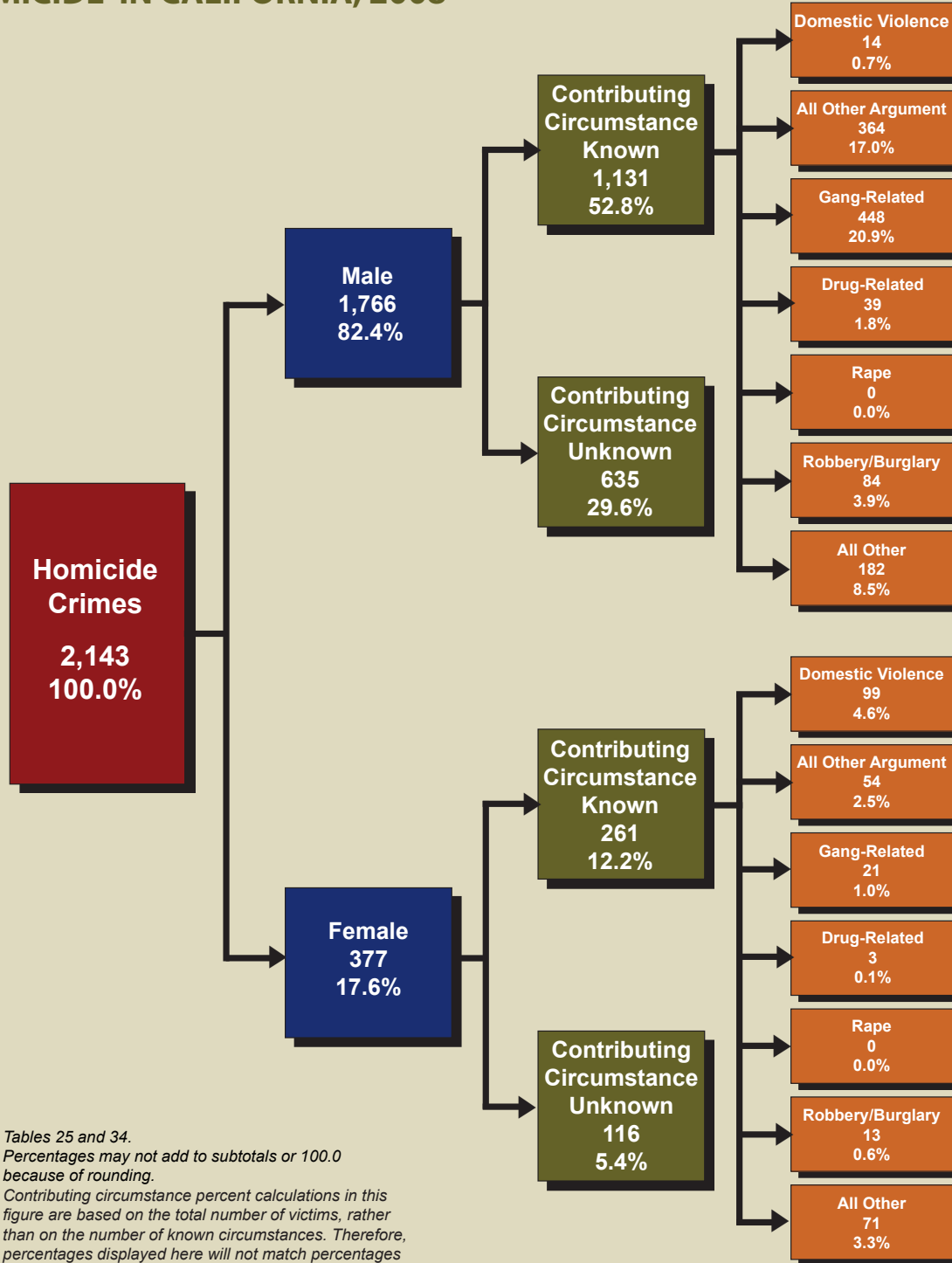
Justifiable Homicides

Information about justifiable homicides by a private citizen or peace officer (pages 41–44) is obtained from the Homicide File.

- In 2008, justifiable homicides by peace officers were most often the result of a felon attacking a peace officer (63.7 percent).

At-a-Glance

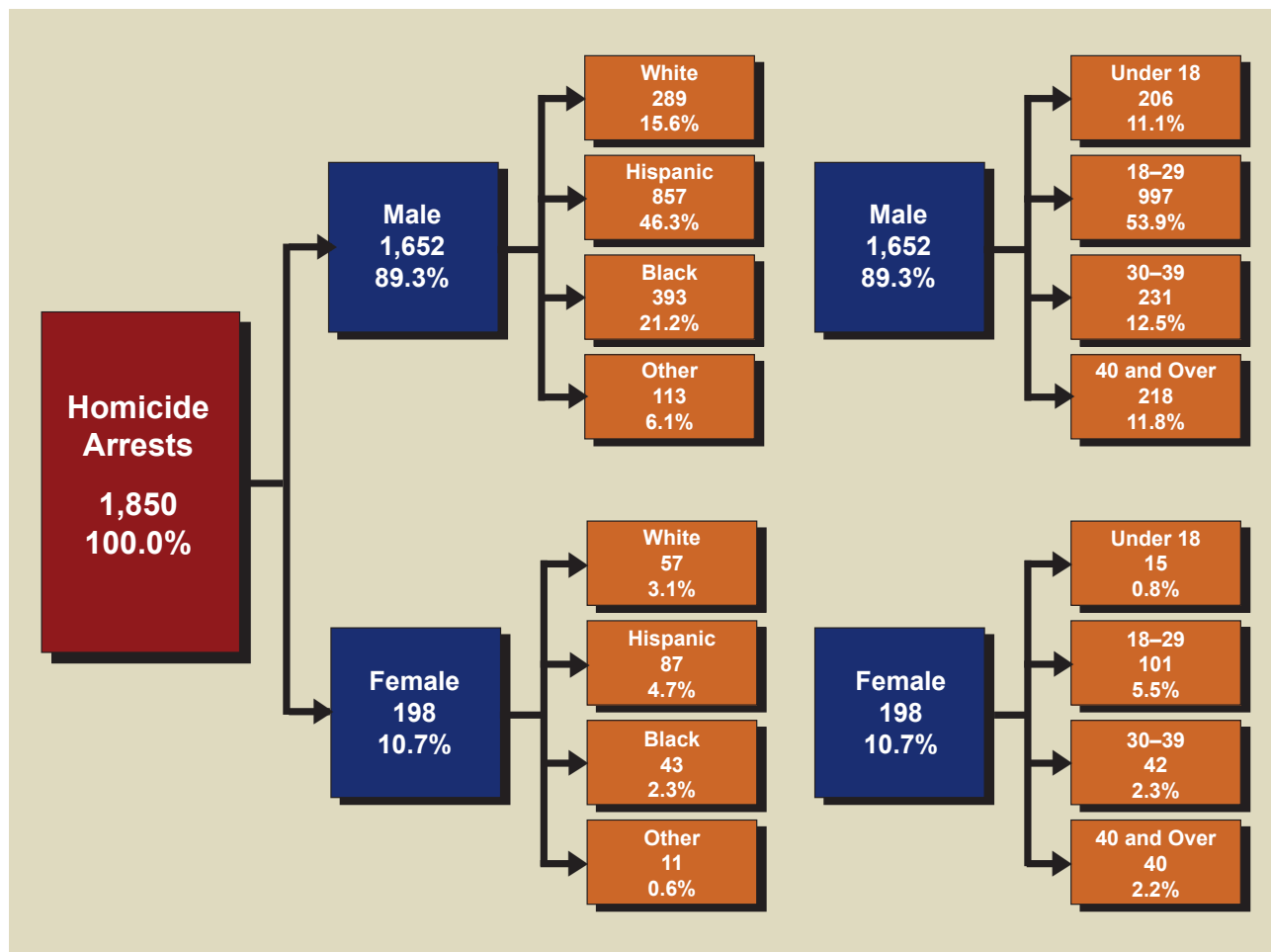
HOMICIDE IN CALIFORNIA, 2008



Source: Tables 25 and 34.

Notes: Percentages may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of rounding.

Contributing circumstance percent calculations in this figure are based on the total number of victims, rather than on the number of known circumstances. Therefore, percentages displayed here will not match percentages displayed elsewhere in this report.



Homicide Crimes

The homicide category comprises murder and non-negligent manslaughter. Attempted murder, justifiable homicide, manslaughter by negligence, and suicide are excluded.

Contributing Circumstances

Contributing circumstance, when known, is reported by law enforcement agencies on the supplemental homicide report. In 2008, there were 751 homicides in which the contributing

circumstance was unknown. Of this number, 635 involved male victims and 116 involved female victims.

Homicide Arrests

All California law enforcement agencies report arrest information to the DOJ on the Monthly Arrest and Citation Register (MACR). Data submitted include age, gender, and race/ethnic group, and specify the most serious arrest offense and law enforcement disposition.

Homicide in California



Homicide Crimes

Homicide Crimes

Homicide Crimes, 1999–2008

Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

Year	Number	Rate
2008	2,143	5.6
2007	2,258	6.0
2006	2,483	6.6
2005	2,503	6.8
2004	2,394	6.5
2003	2,402	6.7
2002	2,392	6.8
2001	2,201	6.3
2000	2,074	6.0
1999	2,006	5.9

Source: Table 1.

Homicide is defined by the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program as the "willful (nonnegligent) killing of one human being by another." The homicide category comprises murder and nonnegligent manslaughter. Attempted murder, justifiable homicide, manslaughter by negligence, and suicide are excluded.

From 2007 to 2008:

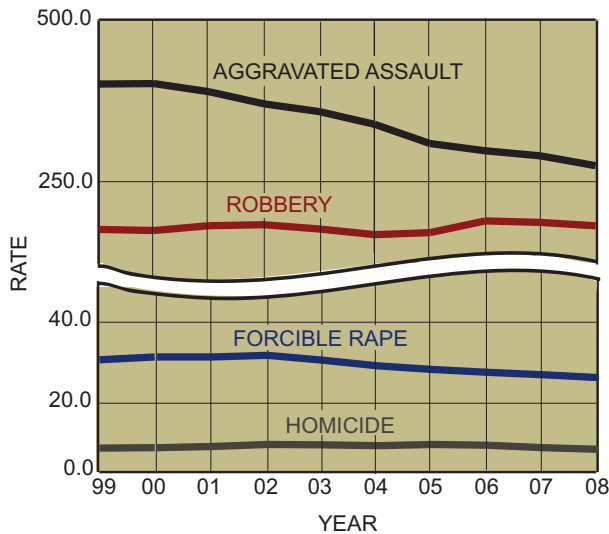
- The homicide rate per 100,000 population decreased 6.7 percent (6.0 to 5.6).
- The number of homicides decreased 5.1 percent (from 2,258 to 2,143).

Comparing 1999 to 2008:

- The homicide rate per 100,000 population decreased 5.1 percent (5.9 to 5.6).
- The number of homicides increased 6.8 percent (from 2,006 to 2,143).

Violent Crimes

Violent Crimes, 1999–2008
Rate per 100,000 Population



Source: Table 1.

There are four offenses classified as violent crimes by the FBI: *homicide*, *forcible rape*, *robbery*, and *aggravated assault*. For comparison, changes in the rates of the four offenses follow:

From 2007 to 2008:

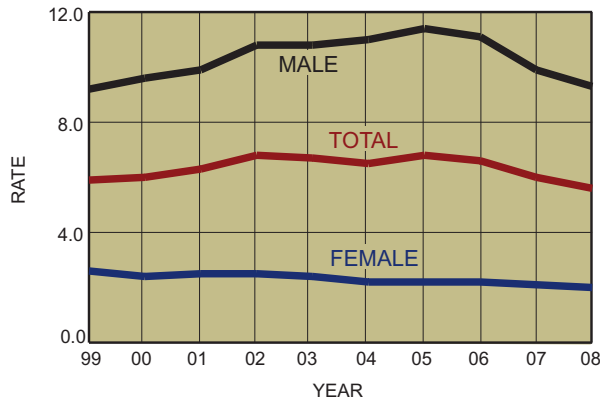
- Homicide decreased 6.7 percent (6.0 to 5.6).
- Forcible rape decreased 2.9 percent (24.0 to 23.3).
- Robbery decreased 2.8 percent (187.2 to 181.9).
- Aggravated assault decreased 5.2 percent (289.9 to 274.7).

Comparing 1999 to 2008:

- Homicide decreased 5.1 percent (5.9 to 5.6).
- Forcible rape decreased 15.9 percent (27.7 to 23.3).
- Robbery increased 3.1 percent (176.4 to 181.9).
- Aggravated assault decreased 31.4 percent (400.7 to 274.7).

Personal Characteristics of Homicide Victims

Homicide Crimes, 1999–2008
By Gender of Victim
Rate per 100,000 Population



Source: Table 2.

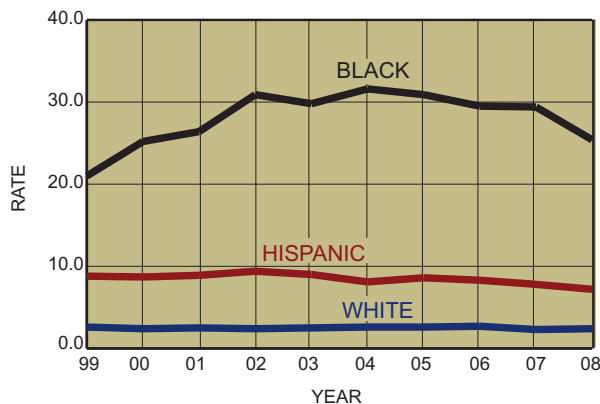
In 2008:

- The total homicide rate was 5.6 per 100,000 population.
- The male homicide rate was more than four times that of the female homicide rate (9.3 vs. 2.0).

Comparing 1999 to 2008:

- The male homicide rate increased 1.1 percent.
- The female homicide rate decreased 23.1 percent.

Homicide Crimes, 1999–2008
By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim
Rate per 100,000 Population



Source: Table 3.

In 2008:

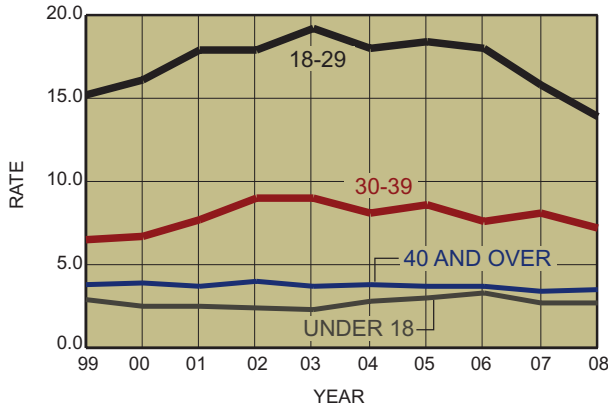
- The black homicide rate was more than 10 times that of whites and more than three times that of Hispanics (25.4 vs. 2.4 and 7.2, respectively).

Comparing 1999 to 2008:

- The white homicide rate decreased 7.7 percent.
- The Hispanic homicide rate decreased 18.2 percent.
- The black homicide rate increased 21.0 percent.

Personal Characteristics of Homicide Victims

Homicide Crimes, 1999–2008
By Age of Victim
Rate per 100,000 Population



Source: Table 4.

In 2008:

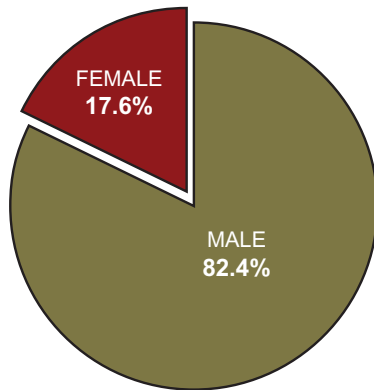
- Persons aged 18–29 had the highest homicide victimization rate (13.9 per 100,000 population).

Comparing 1999 to 2008, the homicide rate:

- Decreased 6.9 percent for victims under age 18.
- Decreased 8.6 percent for victims aged 18–29.
- Increased 10.8 percent for victims aged 30–39.
- Decreased 7.9 percent for victims aged 40 and over.

Personal Characteristics of Homicide Victims

Homicide Crimes, 2008
By Gender of Victim

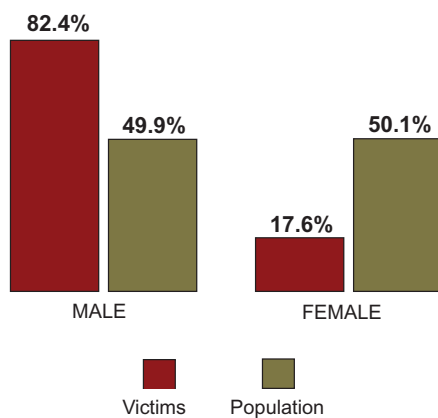


Source: Table 5.

In 2008, there were 2,143 victims of homicide. Of these:

- Males represented 82.4 percent (1,766) of total homicide victims; they comprised 49.9 percent of the population.
- Females represented 17.6 percent (377) of total homicide victims; they comprised 50.1 percent of the population.

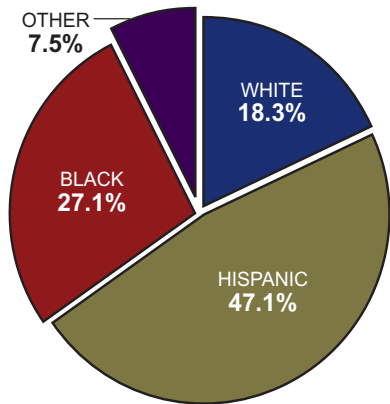
Homicide Crimes, 2008
Gender of Victim by Percent of Total Victims
and Percent of Population



Source: Tables 2 and 5.

Personal Characteristics of Homicide Victims

Homicide Crimes, 2008
By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim

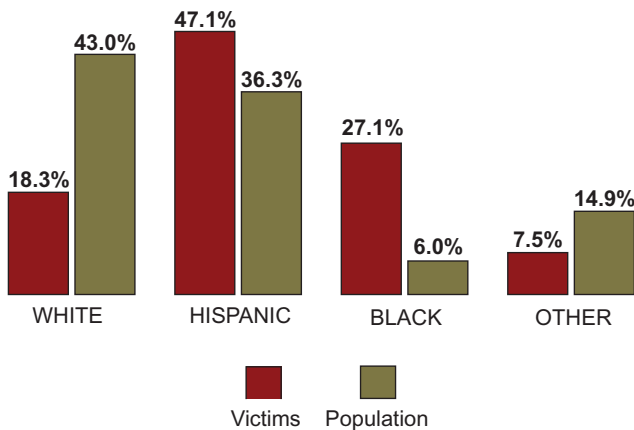


Source: Table 6.

In 2008, the race/ethnicity of the homicide victim was reported in 2,128 cases. Of these:

- Whites represented 18.3 percent (389) of the homicide victims; they comprised 43.0 percent of the population.
- Hispanics represented 47.1 percent (1,003) of the homicide victims; they comprised 36.3 percent of the population.
- Blacks represented 27.1 percent (577) of the homicide victims; they comprised 6.0 percent of the population.
- The “other” race/ethnic group category represented 7.5 percent (159) of the homicide victims; they comprised 14.9 percent of the population.

Homicide Crimes, 2008
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Percent of Total Victims and Percent of Population

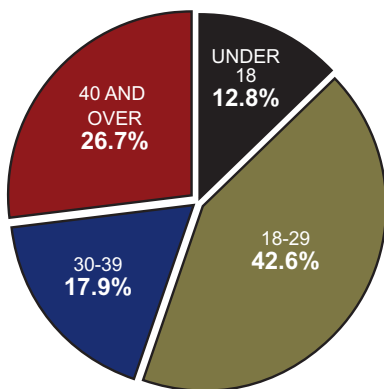


Source: Tables 3 and 6.

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Personal Characteristics of the Victim

Homicide Crimes, 2008
By Age of Victim

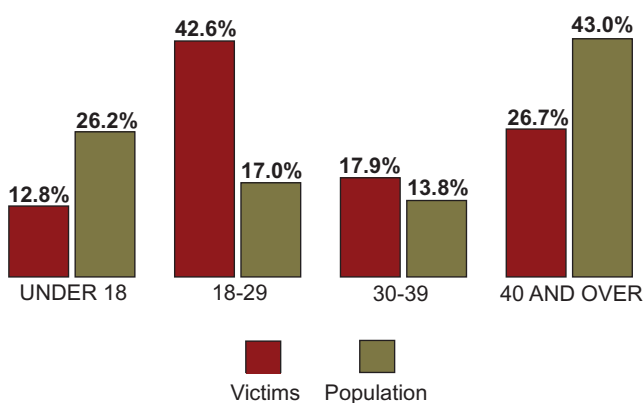


Source: Table 7.

In 2008, the age of the homicide victim was reported in 2,129 cases. Of these:

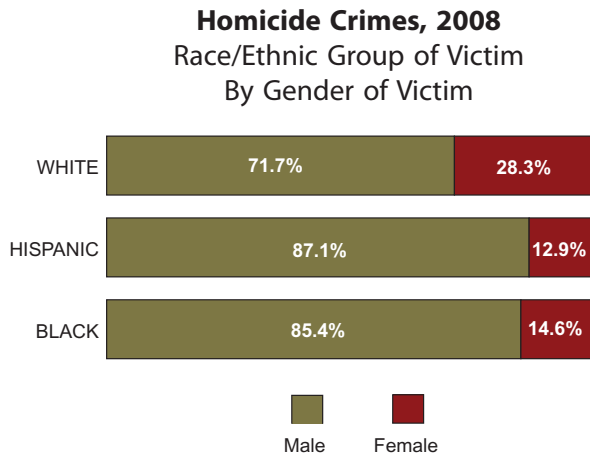
- 12.8 percent (273) of the homicide victims were under age 18; this age group comprised 26.2 percent of the population.
- 42.6 percent (906) of the homicide victims were aged 18–29; this age group comprised 17.0 percent of the population.
- 17.9 percent (381) of the homicide victims were aged 30–39; this age group comprised 13.8 percent of the population.
- 26.7 percent (569) of the homicide victims were aged 40 and over; this age group comprised 43.0 percent of the population.

Homicide Crimes, 2008
Age of Victim by Percent of Total Victims
and Percent of Population



Source: Tables 4 and 7.

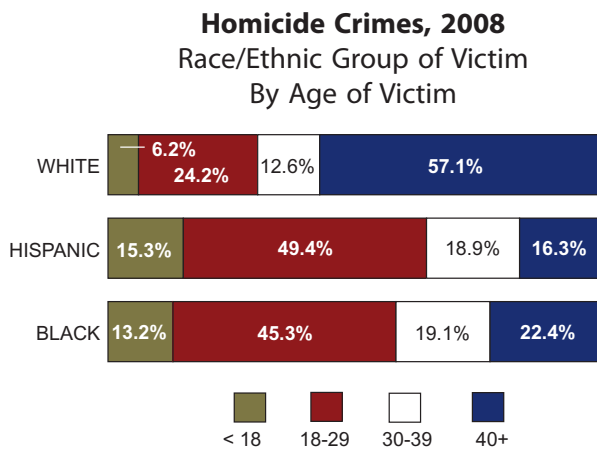
Personal Characteristics of the Victim



Source: Table 8.

In 2008:

- A greater percentage of white victims were female than were either Hispanic or black victims (28.3 vs. 12.9 and 14.6 percent, respectively).



Source: Table 9.

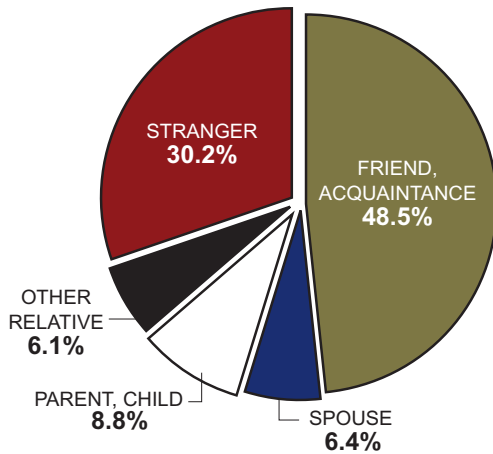
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In 2008:

- A greater percentage of Hispanic and black victims were aged 18–29 than were white victims (49.4 and 45.3 vs. 24.2 percent, respectively).
- A greater percentage of white victims were aged 40 and over than were either Hispanic or black victims (57.1 vs. 16.3 and 22.4 percent, respectively).

Relationship of the Victim to the Offender

Homicide Crimes, 2008
By Relationship of Victim to Offender

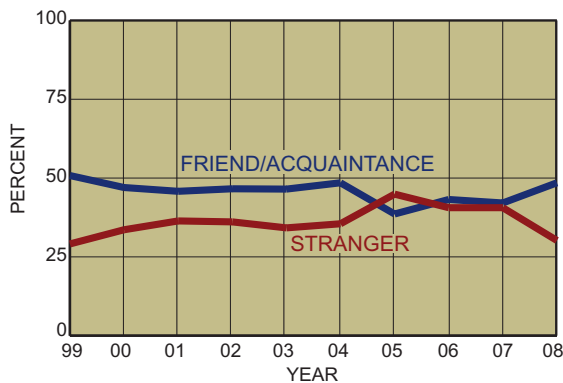


Source: Table 11.

In 2008, the relationship of the homicide victim to the offender was reported in 1,113 cases. Of these:

- 48.5 percent (540) of victims were friends or acquaintances of offenders.
- 6.4 percent (71) of victims were spouses of offenders.
- 8.8 percent (98) of victims were parents or children of offenders.
- 6.1 percent (68) of victims were classified as "other relative" of the offender.
- 30.2 percent (336) of victims were strangers to offenders.

Homicide Crimes, 1999–2008
By Selected Relationships of Victims to Offenders



Source: Table 11.

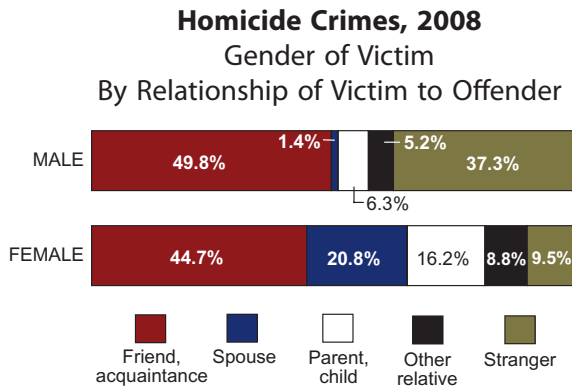
Comparing 2007 to 2008:

- The proportion of homicides in which victims were friends or acquaintances of offenders increased from 42.1 percent to 48.5 percent.
- The proportion of homicides in which victims were strangers to offenders decreased from 40.6 percent to 30.2 percent.

Comparing 1999 to 2008:

- The proportion of homicides in which victims were friends or acquaintances of offenders decreased from 50.8 percent to 48.5 percent.

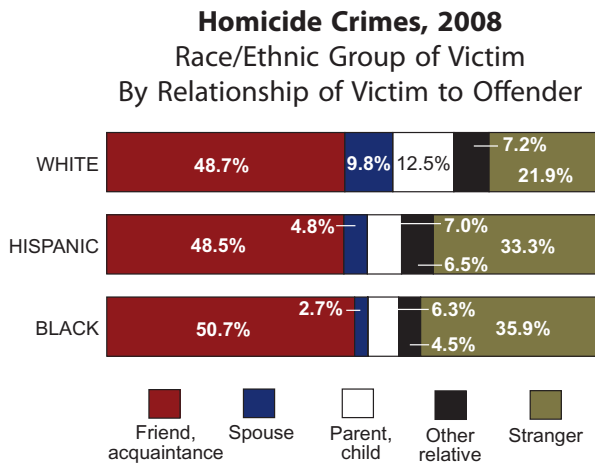
Relationship of the Victim to the Offender



Source: Table 12.

In 2008:

- A greater percentage of female victims were spouses of offenders (20.8 percent) than were male victims (1.4 percent).



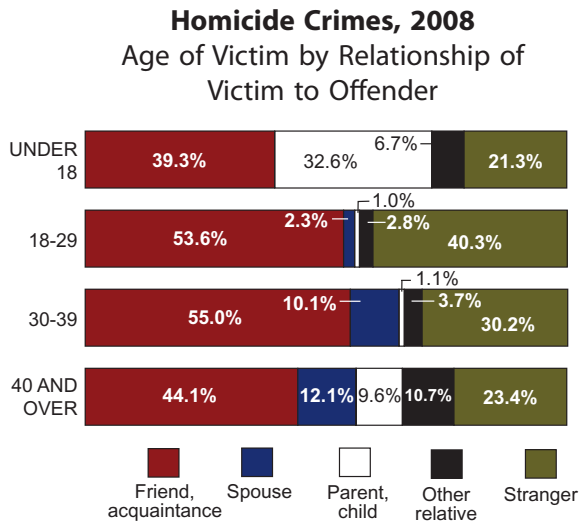
Source: Table 12.

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In 2008:

- A greater percentage of Hispanic and black victims were strangers to offenders than were white victims (33.3 and 35.9 vs. 21.9 percent, respectively).

Relationship of the Victim to the Offender



In 2008:

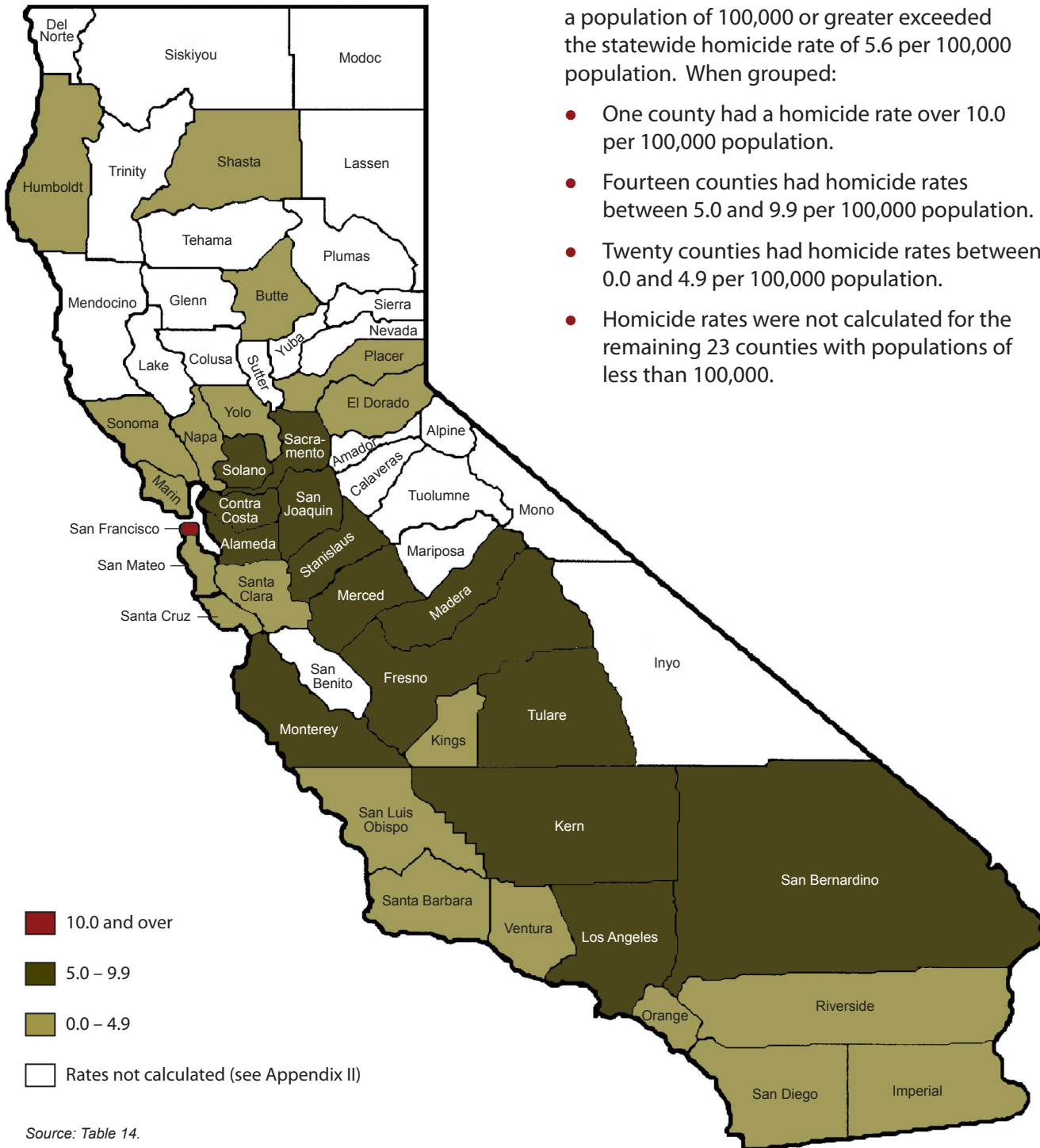
- Victims aged 18–29 and aged 30–39 were most likely friends or acquaintances of the offenders (53.6 and 55.0 percent, respectively).
- A greater percentage of victims aged 40 and over were classified as other relatives of the offenders (10.7 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.

Source: Table 13.
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Homicide Rate by County

Homicide Crimes, 2008

County by Rate per 100,000 Population



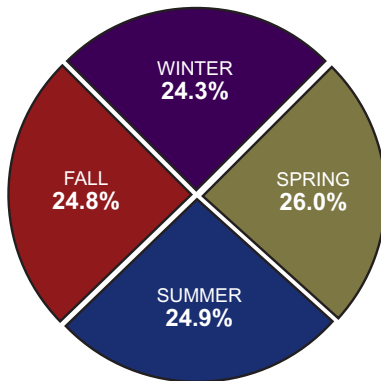
In 2008, 13 of California's 35 counties with a population of 100,000 or greater exceeded the statewide homicide rate of 5.6 per 100,000 population. When grouped:

- One county had a homicide rate over 10.0 per 100,000 population.
- Fourteen counties had homicide rates between 5.0 and 9.9 per 100,000 population.
- Twenty counties had homicide rates between 0.0 and 4.9 per 100,000 population.
- Homicide rates were not calculated for the remaining 23 counties with populations of less than 100,000.

Source: Table 14.

Homicides by Season

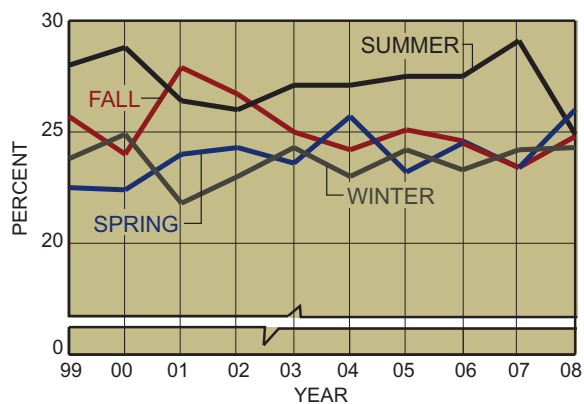
Homicide Crimes, 2008
By Season of Incident



In 2008, when homicides were examined by season, it was found that incidents leading to death were spread relatively evenly across the seasons.

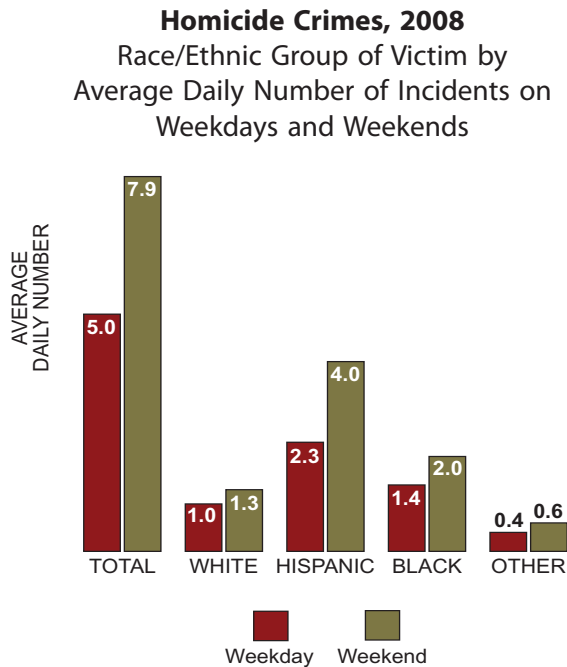
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Homicide Crimes, 1999–2008
By Season of Incident



Source: Table 15.

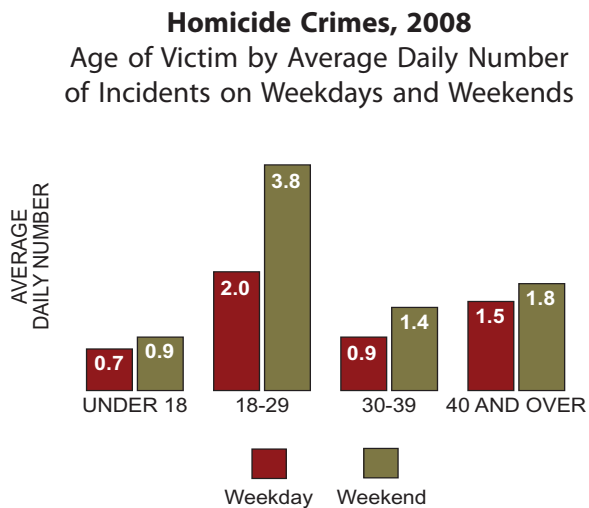
Homicides by Day of Incident



In 2008, when homicides were examined by day of incident, it was found that:

- An average of 5.0 homicide victims were killed each weekday and 7.9 homicide victims were killed each weekend day.
- Hispanic victims had the highest average daily number of incidents on both weekdays and weekends (2.3 and 4.0, respectively) of any race/ethnic group shown.
- Victims aged 18–29 had the highest average daily number of incidents on both weekdays and weekends (2.0 and 3.8, respectively) of any age group shown.

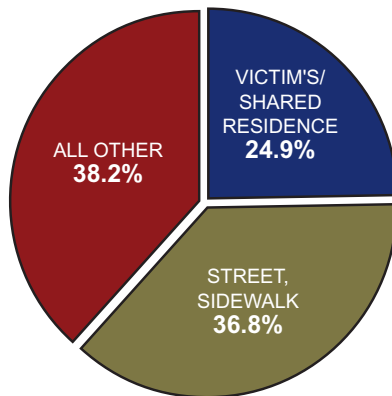
Source: Table 16.



Source: Table 17.

Location

Homicide Crimes, 2008
By Location of Homicide

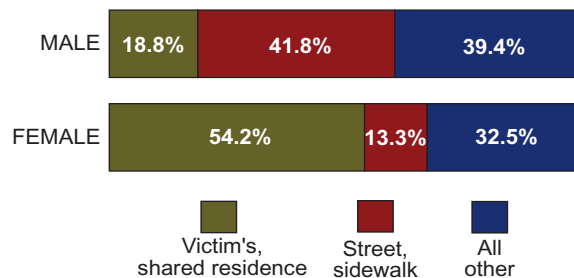


Source: Table 19.
Note: Percentages do not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

In 2008, the location of the homicide was reported in 2,074 cases. Of these:

- 24.9 percent (517) of victims were killed at their places of residence.
- 36.8 percent (764) of homicides occurred on streets or sidewalks.
- 38.2 percent (793) of homicides occurred in "all other" locations.

Homicide Crimes, 2008
Gender of Victim
by Location of Homicide

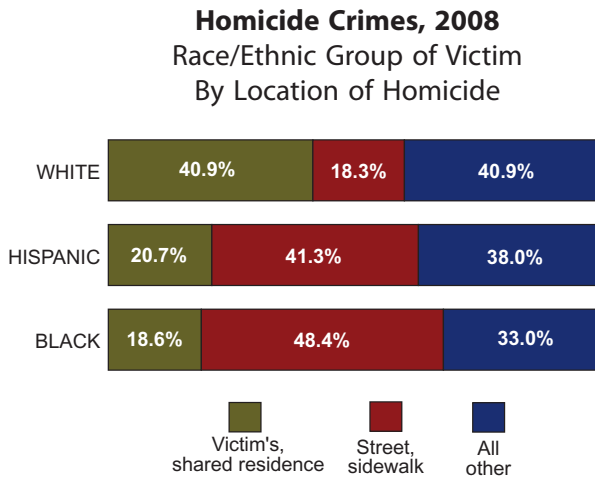


Source: Table 19.

In 2008:

- The greatest percentage of males (41.8 percent) were killed on streets or sidewalks.
- The majority of females (54.2 percent) were killed at their places of residence.

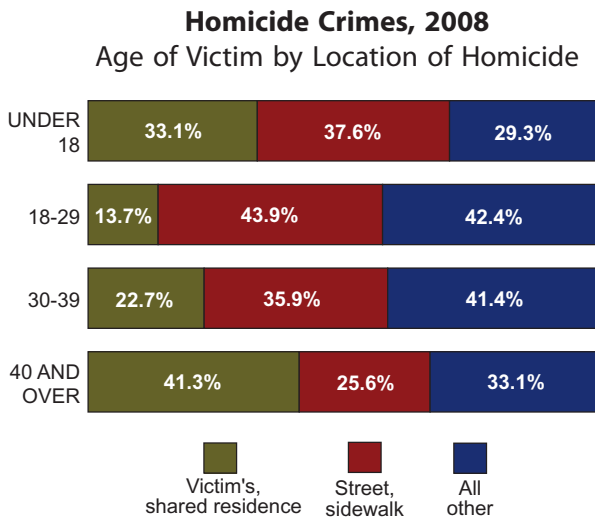
Location



Source: Table 19.
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In 2008:

- A greater percentage of whites than Hispanics or blacks were killed at their places of residence (40.9 vs. 20.7 and 18.6 percent, respectively).
- A greater percentage of Hispanics and blacks were killed on streets or sidewalks than were whites (41.3 and 48.4 vs. 18.3 percent, respectively).

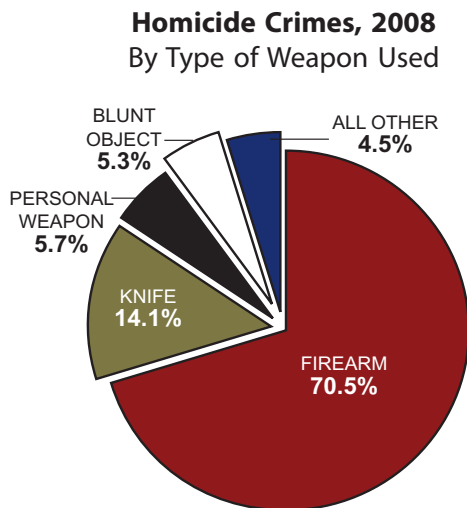


Source: Table 20.

In 2008:

- A greater percentage of victims aged 18–29 were killed on streets or sidewalks (43.9 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.
- A greater percentage of victims aged 40 and over were killed at their places of residence (41.3 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.

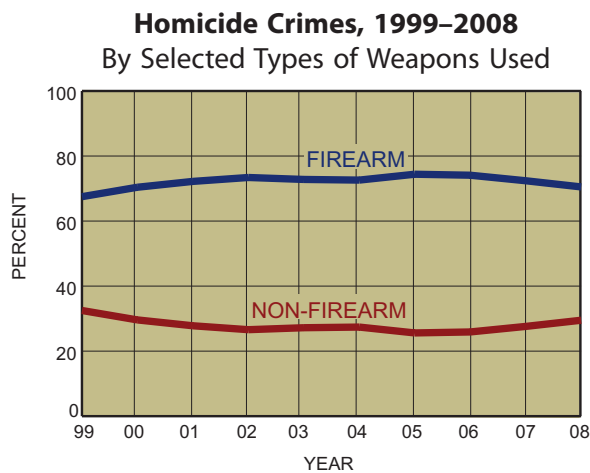
Weapon



Source: Table 21.
Note: Percentages do not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

In 2008, the type of weapon used in the homicide was reported in 2,110 cases. Of these:

- 70.5 percent (1,487) involved firearms.
- 14.1 percent (297) involved knives.
- 5.7 percent (120) involved the use of personal weapons (hands, feet, etc.).
- 5.3 percent (111) involved blunt objects (clubs, etc.).
- 4.5 percent (95) involved weapons grouped in the “all other” category (rope, drugs, etc.).

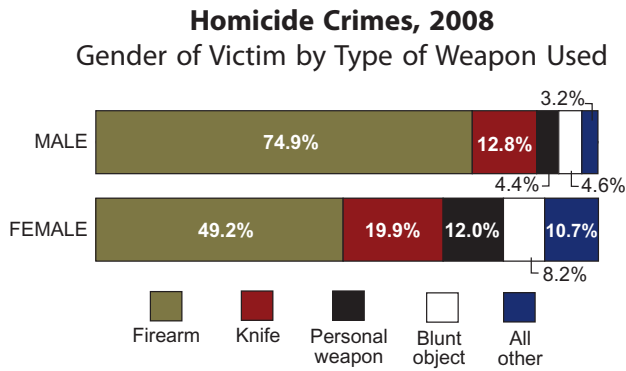


Source: Table 21.

Comparing 1999 to 2008:

- The proportion of homicides involving firearms increased from 67.5 percent to 70.5 percent.

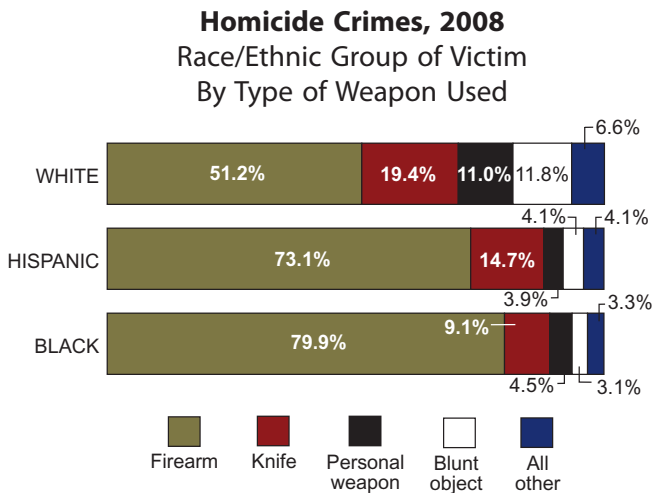
Weapon



Source: Table 22.
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In 2008:

- A greater percentage of males (74.9 percent) were killed with firearms than were females (49.2 percent).

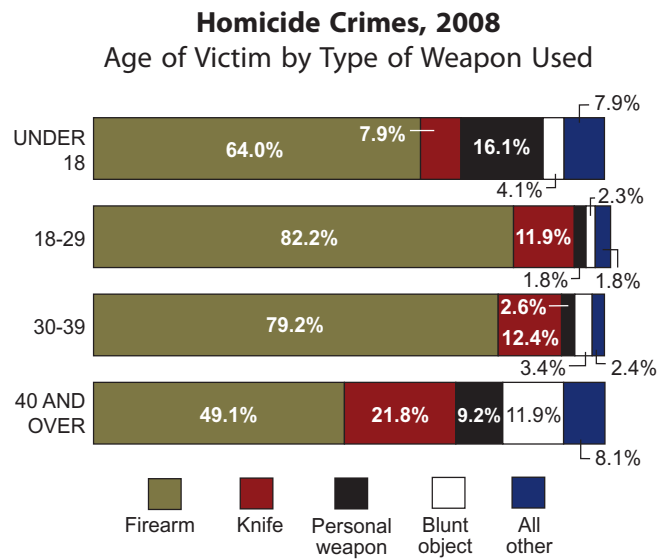


Source: Table 22.
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In 2008:

- A greater percentage of Hispanics and blacks were killed with firearms than were whites (73.1 and 79.9 vs. 51.2 percent, respectively).

Weapon

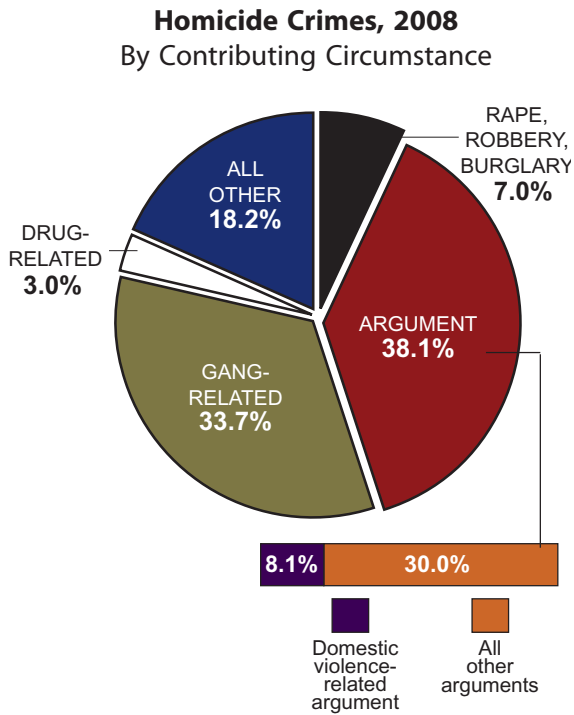


In 2008:

- A greater percentage of victims aged 18–29 were killed with firearms (82.2 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.
- A greater percentage of victims aged 40 and over were killed with non-firearms (50.9 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.

Source: Table 23.
Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

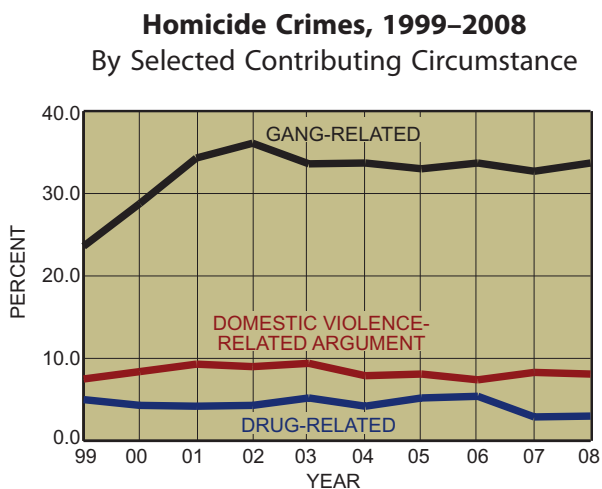
Contributing Circumstance



Source: Table 24.

In 2008, the contributing circumstance was reported in 1,392 homicide cases. Of these:

- 7.0 percent (97) occurred as a result of a rape, robbery, or burglary.
- 38.1 percent (531) occurred as a result of an argument.
 - 8.1 percent (113) occurred as a result of a domestic violence-related argument.
 - 30.0 percent (418) occurred as a result of all other types of arguments.
- 33.7 percent (469) were gang-related.
- 3.0 percent (42) were drug-related.
- 18.2 percent (253) occurred as a result of “all other” contributing circumstances.

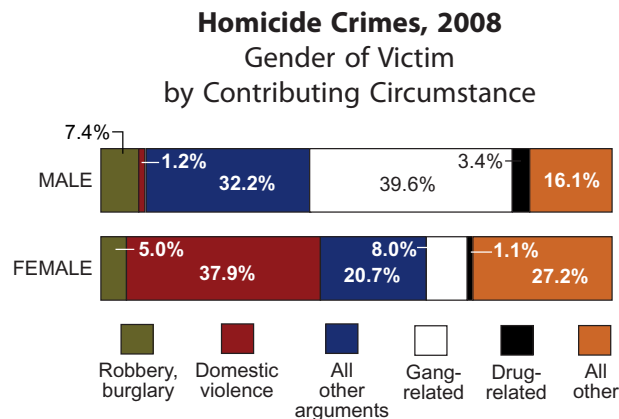


Source: Table 24.

Comparing 1999 to 2008:

- The percentage of homicides in which the contributing circumstance was a domestic violence-related argument increased from 7.5 percent to 8.1 percent.
- The percentage of homicides in which the contributing circumstance was gang-related increased from 23.6 percent to 33.7 percent.
- The percentage of homicides in which the contributing circumstance was drug-related decreased from 5.0 percent to 3.0 percent.

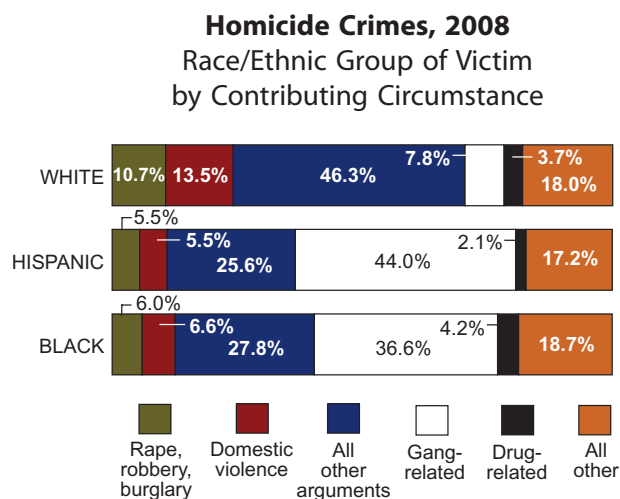
Contributing Circumstance



Source: Table 25.
Note: Percentages do not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

In 2008:

- Males were victims of gang-related homicides more than any other contributing circumstance (39.6 percent).
- Females were victims of domestic violence-related homicides more than any other contributing circumstance (37.9 percent).



Source: Table 25.
Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

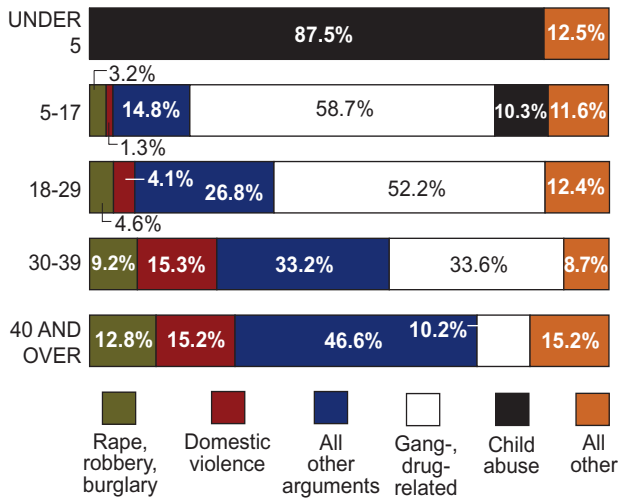
In 2008:

- The proportion of gang-related homicides was much greater for Hispanics and blacks than for whites (44.0 and 36.6 vs. 7.8 percent, respectively).

Contributing Circumstance

Homicide Crimes, 2008

Age of Victim by Contributing Circumstance



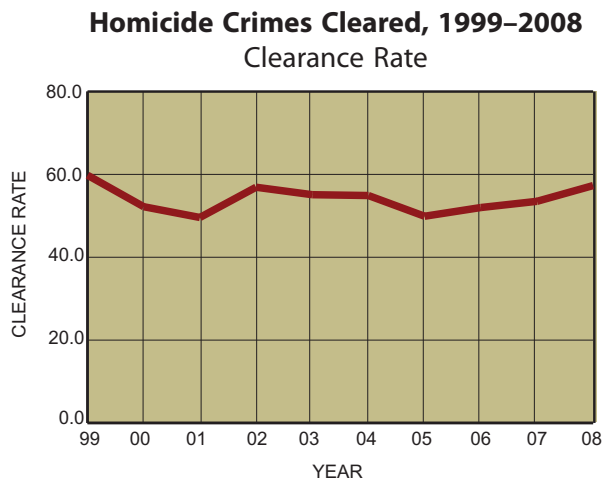
Source: Table 26.

Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

In 2008, where the contributing circumstance was known:

- The majority of homicide victims under age 5 were killed as a result of child abuse (87.5 percent).
- The majority of homicide victims aged 5–17 (58.7 percent) and aged 18–29 (52.2 percent) were killed as a result of gang- or drug-related activities.
- The greatest percentage of homicide victims aged 30–39 (33.2 percent) and aged 40 and over (46.6 percent) were killed as a result of argument-related conflicts.

Clearance Rates



From 2007 to 2008:

- Homicide clearance rates increased from 53.5 to 57.3.

From 1999 to 2008:

- Homicide clearance rates decreased from 59.8 to 57.3.
- Clearance rates ranged from a high of 59.8 in 1999 to a low of 49.6 in 2001.

Source: Table 28.

Note: A clearance rate is the percentage of crimes (homicides) reported that have been cleared by law enforcement. See Appendix II – Computational Formulas and Appendix III – Glossary for further information.

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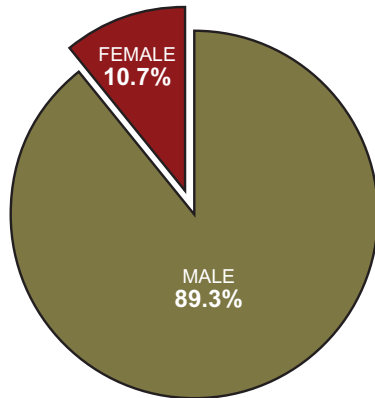


Homicide Arrests

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Personal Characteristics of Homicide Arrestees

Homicide Arrests, 2008
By Gender of Arrestee

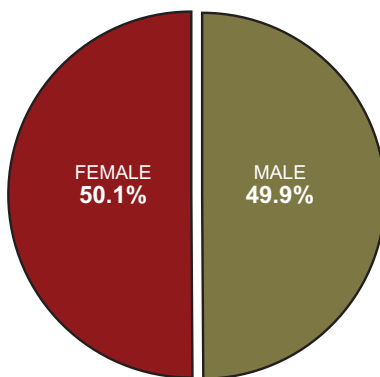


Source: Table 30.

Unlike crimes, which are classified by nationwide Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) standards, arrests are reported by the statutory definition of the offense.¹ This may cause some differences in the definitions of certain crimes and the reporting of the arrests for those crimes. For instance, the California definition of a homicide arrest includes murder and *nonvehicular* manslaughter. The federal definition of a homicide crime includes murder and *nonnegligent* (nonaccidental) manslaughter.

California law enforcement agencies report arrest and citation information to the DOJ on the Monthly Arrest and Citation Register. This file contains information about the age, gender, and race/ethnic group of the arrestee, and specifies the “most serious” arrest offense and law enforcement disposition.

Population in California, 2008
By Gender



Source: Table 2.

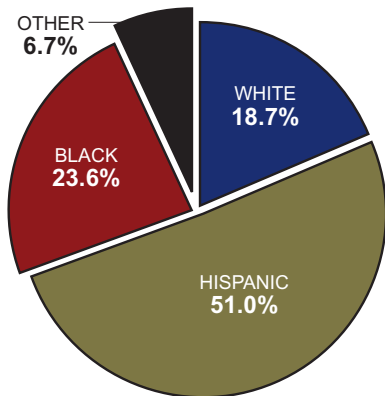
In 2008, there were 1,850 individuals arrested for homicide. Of these:

- 89.3 percent (1,652) of arrestees were male.
- 10.7 percent (198) of arrestees were female.

¹ The following penal codes for homicide arrest offenses were valid at the time of the closeout of the 2008 arrest offense code file: 128, 187(a), 189, 192(a), 192(b), 193(a), 193(b), 273ab, 399, and 12310(a).

Personal Characteristics of Homicide Arrestees

Homicide Arrests, 2008
By Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee

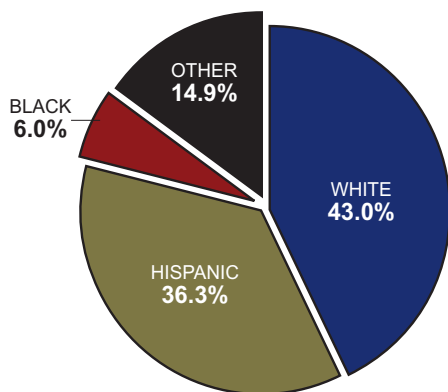


Source: Table 31.

In 2008, there were 1,850 individuals arrested for homicide. Of these:

- 18.7 percent (346) of arrestees were white.
- 51.0 percent (944) of arrestees were Hispanic.
- 23.6 percent (436) of arrestees were black.
- 6.7 percent (124) of arrestees fell into the "other" race/ethnic group category.

Population in California, 2008
By Race/Ethnic Group



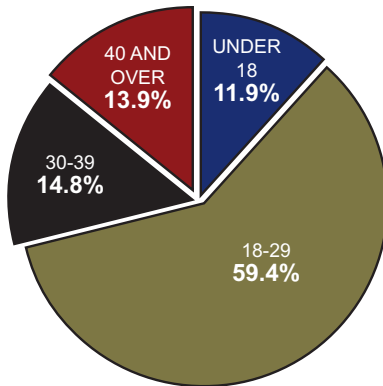
Source: Table 3.

Notes: Beginning in 2004, the "other" category includes the race/ethnic group of "multi-racial."
Percentages do not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Note: The subjectivity of the classification and labeling process must be considered in the analysis of race/ethnic group data. As commonly used, race refers to large populations that share certain similar physical characteristics such as skin color. Because these physical characteristics can vary greatly within groups as well as between groups, determination of race is frequently, by necessity, subjective. Ethnicity refers to cultural heritage and can cross racial lines. For example, the ethnic designation "Hispanic" can include persons of any race. Most commonly, self-identification of race/ethnicity is used in the classification and labeling process.

Personal Characteristics of Homicide Arrestees

Homicide Arrests, 2008
By Age of Arrestee

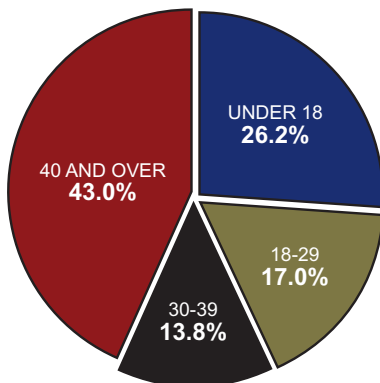


Source: Table 32.

In 2008, there were 1,850 individuals arrested for homicide. Of these:

- 11.9 percent (221) of arrestees were under age 18.
- 59.4 percent (1,098) of arrestees were aged 18–29.
- 14.8 percent (273) of arrestees were aged 30–39.
- 13.9 percent (258) of arrestees were aged 40 and over.

Population in California, 2008
By Age

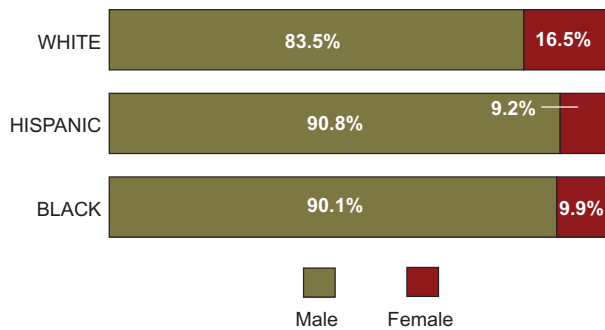


Source: Table 4.

Personal Characteristics of Homicide Arrestees

Homicide Arrests, 2008

Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Gender of Arrestee



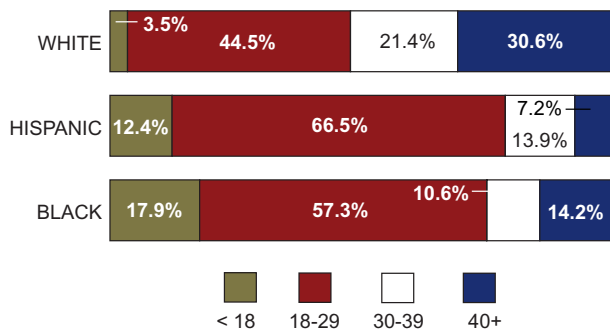
Source: Table 33.

In 2008:

- Homicide arrestees for all three race/ethnic groups shown were predominately male.
- A greater percentage of white arrestees were female than were Hispanic or black arrestees (16.5 vs. 9.2 and 9.9 percent, respectively).

Homicide Arrests, 2008

Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Age of Arrestee



Source: Table 33.

In 2008:

- A greater percentage of white arrestees were aged 40 and over than were Hispanic or black arrestees (30.6 vs. 7.2 and 14.2 percent, respectively).
- The majority of Hispanic and black arrestees were aged 18–29 (66.5 and 57.3 percent, respectively).

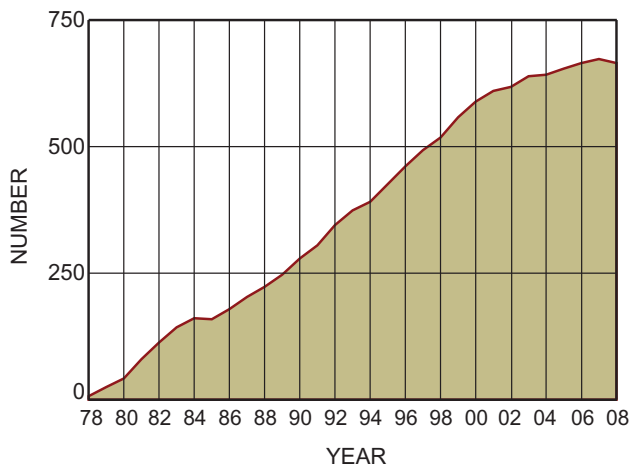
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Death Penalty Sentences

Death Penalty Sentences

Persons Under California Sentence of Death, 1978–2008



Source: Table 35.

This section contains information about persons sentenced to death in California in 2008. Death penalty data were extracted from the 2008 Offender-Based Transaction Statistics (OBTS) system. For detailed information regarding the death penalty and the criteria by which a person can be sentenced to death, refer to California Penal Code sections 190 through 190.9.

During 2008, there were 21 persons convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to death. These were initial death sentences only and do not include persons who were resentenced to death after their death sentences were reversed on appeal. By the end of 2008, there were 665 persons under sentence of death in California.

In 2008, of the 21 persons newly sentenced to death:

- All were male.
- Four were white, nine were Hispanic, seven were black, and one was of a race/ethnicity categorized as "other."
- The average age at arrest was 30.
- Los Angeles County sentenced the largest number with six.

Note: Additional information can be found in Tables 35 and 36.

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Peace Officers Killed in the Line of Duty

Peace Officers Killed

Peace Officers Killed in the Line of Duty, 2008 By Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	Total	Offender's	Officer's
Total	3	3	0
Handgun	2	2	0
Rifle	1	1	0

Information about peace officers killed in the line of duty was obtained from the Homicide File. Only sworn officers *feloniously* killed in the line of duty are included. (Sworn officers accidentally killed in the line of duty and non-sworn officers, such as security guards, are excluded.)

In 2008, three peace officers were killed in the line of duty.

- Two peace officers were killed by the offenders' handgun.
- One peace officer was killed by the offender's rifle.

Peace Officers Killed in the Line of Duty, 2008 Race/Ethnic Group of Officer By Gender of Officer

Race/ethnic group	Total	Gender	
		Male	Female
Total	3	3	0
White	1	1	0
Hispanic.....	1	1	0
Black	1	1	0

In 2008:

- All three peace officers killed in the line of duty were male; one was white, one was Hispanic, and one was black.

Peace Officers Killed in the Line of Duty

**Peace Officers Killed
in the Line of Duty, 1999–2008**

Year	Number of officers killed
Total	43
2008.....	3
2007.....	4
2006.....	5
2005.....	5
2004.....	4
2003.....	6
2002.....	4
2001.....	6
2000.....	2
1999.....	4

From 1999 to 2008:

- 43 peace officers were killed in the line of duty. During this time period, the largest number of deaths occurred in 2001 and 2003 (6 each), and the fewest number of deaths occurred in 2000 (2).

Note: Additional information can be found in Tables 37 and 38.

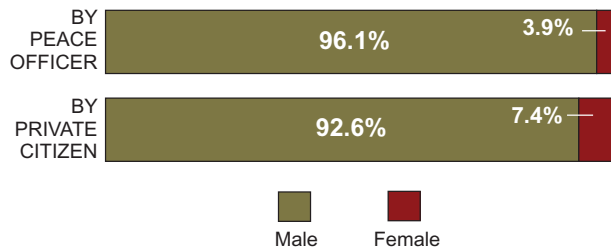
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Justifiable Homicides

Justifiable Homicides

Justifiable Homicides by Peace Officers or Private Citizens, 2008 By Gender of Deceased



Source: Table 39.

A justifiable homicide is defined by the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program as the killing of a felon by a private citizen or peace officer during the commission of a felony. Justifiable homicides are sometimes referred to as excusable or noncriminal homicides.

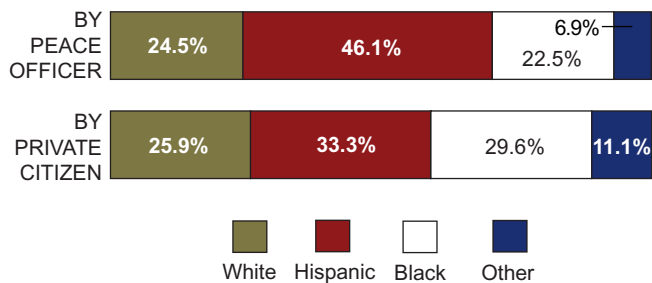
In 2008, when justifiable homicides were examined by gender, it was found that:

- 96.1 percent (98) of felons killed by peace officers were male; 3.9 percent (4) were female.
- 92.6 percent (25) of felons killed by private citizens were male; 7.4 percent (2) were female.

Justifiable Homicides

Justifiable Homicides by Peace Officers or Private Citizens, 2008

By Race/Ethnic Group of Deceased



Source: Table 39.

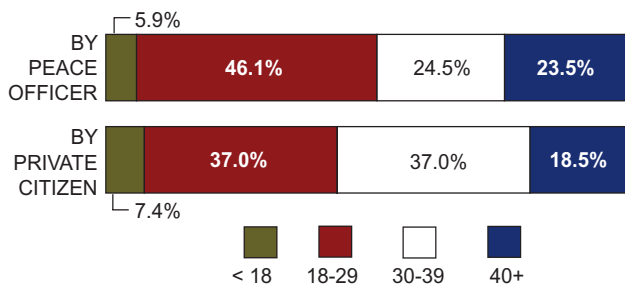
Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

In 2008:

- A greater proportion of felons killed by peace officers were Hispanic than were white or black (46.1 vs. 24.5 and 22.5 percent, respectively).
- The felons killed by private citizens were less likely to be white than Hispanic or black (25.9 vs. 33.3 and 29.6 percent, respectively).

Justifiable Homicides by Peace Officers or Private Citizens, 2008

By Age of Deceased



Source: Table 39.

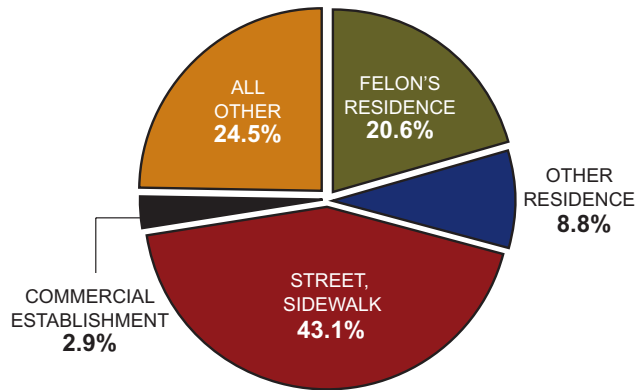
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In 2008:

- A greater proportion of felons killed by peace officers were aged 18–29 (46.1 percent) than were any other age group.
- The largest proportion of felons killed by private citizens were aged 18–29 and 30–39 (37.0 percent each).

Justifiable Homicides

Justifiable Homicides by Peace Officers, 2008
By Location of Justifiable Homicide

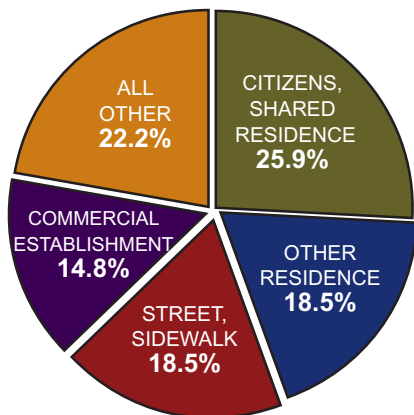


Source: Table 40.
Note: Percentages do not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

In 2008, when justifiable homicides were examined by location, it was found that:

- Most felons killed by peace officers were killed on a street or sidewalk (43.1 percent).
- Most felons killed by private citizens were killed in the citizen's residence (25.9 percent).

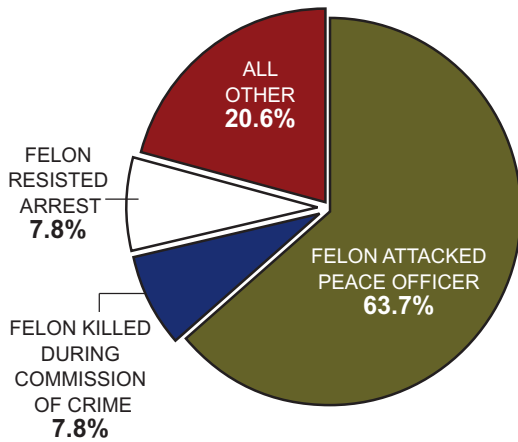
Justifiable Homicides by Private Citizens, 2008
By Location of Justifiable Homicide



Source: Table 40.
Note: Percentages do not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Justifiable Homicides

Justifiable Homicides by Peace Officers, 2008
By Contributing Circumstance

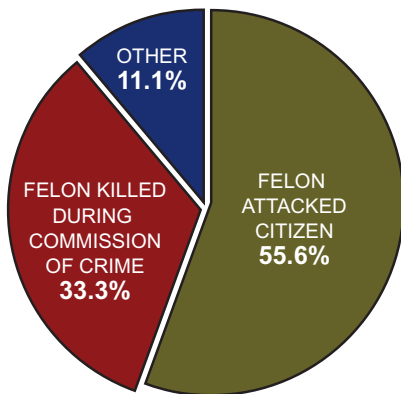


Source: Table 41.
Note: Percentages do not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

In 2008, when justifiable homicides were examined by known contributing circumstance, it was found that:

- Most felons killed by peace officers were killed while attacking a peace officer (63.7 percent).
- Most felons killed by private citizens were killed while attacking a citizen (55.6 percent).

Justifiable Homicides by Private Citizens, 2008
By Contributing Circumstance



Source: Table 41.

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Data Tables

Table 1
VIOLENT CRIMES, 1999-2008
 Number, Rate per 100,000 Population, and Percent Change

Year(s)	Total	Homicide	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault
Number					
2008.....	185,233	2,143	8,906	69,391	104,793
2007.....	191,493	2,258	9,047	70,702	109,486
2006.....	194,128	2,483	9,213	70,961	111,471
2005.....	189,593	2,503	9,345	63,424	114,321
2004.....	197,432	2,394	9,598	61,573	123,867
2003.....	204,591	2,402	9,918	63,597	128,674
2002.....	207,988	2,392	10,176	64,805	130,615
2001.....	210,510	2,201	9,882	63,299	135,128
2000.....	210,492	2,074	9,785	60,243	138,390
1999.....	207,874	2,006	9,443	60,027	136,398
Percent change in number					
2007-2008.....	-3.3	-5.1	-1.6	-1.9	-4.3
2006-2007.....	-1.4	-9.1	-1.8	-0.4	-1.8
2005-2006.....	2.4	-0.8	-1.4	11.9	-2.5
2004-2005.....	-4.0	4.6	-2.6	3.0	-7.7
2003-2004.....	-3.5	-0.3	-3.2	-3.2	-3.7
2002-2003.....	-1.6	0.4	-2.5	-1.9	-1.5
2001-2002.....	-1.2	8.7	3.0	2.4	-3.3
2000-2001.....	0.0	6.1	1.0	5.1	-2.4
1999-2000.....	1.3	3.4	3.6	0.4	1.5
1999-2008.....	-10.9	6.8	-5.7	15.6	-23.2
Rate per 100,000 population ¹					
2008.....	485.6	5.6	23.3	181.9	274.7
2007.....	507.0	6.0	24.0	187.2	289.9
2006.....	518.4	6.6	24.6	189.5	297.7
2005.....	512.3	6.8	25.3	171.4	308.9
2004.....	539.6	6.5	26.2	168.3	338.5
2003.....	569.4	6.7	27.6	177.0	358.1
2002.....	589.2	6.8	28.8	183.6	370.0
2001.....	605.6	6.3	28.4	182.1	388.8
2000.....	610.5	6.0	28.4	174.7	401.4
1999.....	610.7	5.9	27.7	176.4	400.7
Percent change in rate					
2007-2008.....	-4.2	-6.7	-2.9	-2.8	-5.2
2006-2007.....	-2.2	-9.1	-2.4	-1.2	-2.6
2005-2006.....	1.2	-2.9	-2.8	10.6	-3.6
2004-2005.....	-5.1	4.6	-3.4	1.8	-8.7
2003-2004.....	-5.2	-3.0	-5.1	-4.9	-5.5
2002-2003.....	-3.4	-1.5	-4.2	-3.6	-3.2
2001-2002.....	-2.7	7.9	1.4	0.8	-4.8
2000-2001.....	-0.8	5.0	0.0	4.2	-3.1
1999-2000.....	0.0	1.7	2.5	-1.0	0.2
1999-2008.....	-20.5	-5.1	-15.9	3.1	-31.4

Note: Rates may not add to total because of rounding.

¹ Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.

Table 2
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1999-2008
 By Gender of Victim

Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Gender of victim	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Percent change	
											1999-2008	2007-2008
Total												
Number of victims.....	2,006	2,074	2,201	2,392	2,402	2,394	2,503	2,483	2,258	2,143	6.8	-5.1
Percent of victims.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Population.....	34,036,000	34,480,000	34,758,000	35,301,000	35,934,000	36,590,814	37,004,661	37,444,385	37,771,431	38,148,493	12.1	1.0
Percent of population.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Rate.....	5.9	6.0	6.3	6.8	6.7	6.5	6.8	6.6	6.0	5.6	-5.1	-6.7
Male²												
Number of victims.....	1,568	1,666	1,756	1,938	1,972	1,992	2,101	2,070	1,865	1,766	12.6	-5.3
Percent of total victims.....	78.2%	80.3%	79.8%	81.0%	82.1%	83.2%	83.9%	83.4%	82.6%	82.4%		
Population ¹	17,099,812	17,398,995	17,694,411	17,984,195	18,270,127	18,161,654	18,403,806	18,645,304	18,870,986	19,087,058	11.6	1.1
Percent of population.....	50.2%	50.2%	50.2%	50.2%	50.2%	49.9%	49.9%	49.9%	49.9%	49.9%		
Rate.....	9.2	9.6	9.9	10.8	10.8	11.0	11.4	11.1	9.9	9.3	1.1	-6.1
Female												
Number of victims.....	438	408	445	454	430	402	402	413	393	377	-13.9	-4.1
Percent of total victims.....	21.8%	19.7%	20.2%	19.0%	17.9%	16.8%	16.1%	16.6%	17.4%	17.6%		
Population ¹	16,972,666	17,254,400	17,538,924	17,818,043	18,093,375	18,214,757	18,450,418	18,689,664	18,939,596	19,159,540	12.9	1.2
Percent of population.....	49.8%	49.8%	49.8%	49.8%	49.8%	50.1%	50.1%	50.1%	50.1%	50.1%		
Rate.....	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.0	-23.1	-4.8

Notes: Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.

Rates are calculated using the population for each subgroup shown; therefore, they will not add to the rate calculated for the total population.

Population breakdowns by gender will not add to total because of variations in population source data.

The "percent of population" category for male and female was calculated using the sum of the male and female populations.

¹ Beginning in 2004, population estimates are based on the 2000 Census. Previous population estimates are based on revisions of the 1990 Census. Readers are advised to exercise care in interpreting changes in percent and rate between decennial census samples.

² The "male" category includes homicide victims whose gender could not be determined: 2000 includes two, 2001 includes one, and 2002 includes one.

Table 3
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1999-2008
 By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim
 Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Race/ethnic group of victim	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Percent change	
	1999-2008	2000-2008	2001-2008	2002-2008	2003-2008	2004-2008	2005-2008	2006-2008	2007-2008	2008	1999-2008	2007-2008
Total												
Number of victims.....	2,006	2,074	2,201	2,392	2,402	2,394	2,503	2,483	2,258	2,143	6.8	-5.1
Percent of victims.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Population ¹	34,036,000	34,480,000	34,758,000	35,301,000	35,934,000	36,590,814	37,004,661	37,444,385	37,771,431	38,148,493	12.1	1.0
Percent of population.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Rate.....	5.9	6.0	6.3	6.8	6.7	6.5	6.8	6.6	6.0	5.6	-5.1	-6.7
White												
Number of victims.....	446	421	442	417	444	422	419	432	372	389	-12.8	4.6
Percent of total victims..	22.2%	20.3%	20.1%	17.4%	18.5%	17.6%	16.7%	17.4%	16.5%	18.2%		
Population ¹	17,339,690	17,421,511	17,503,225	17,573,850	17,635,296	15,967,775	15,852,937	15,766,736	16,423,530	16,428,238	-5.3	0.0
Percent of population.....	50.9%	50.3%	49.7%	49.1%	48.5%	43.9%	43.0%	42.2%	43.4%	43.0%		
Rate.....	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.3	2.4	-7.7	4.3
Hispanic												
Number of victims.....	909	933	985	1,066	1,053	1,034	1,139	1,129	1,055	1,003	10.3	-4.9
Percent of total victims..	45.3%	45.0%	44.8%	44.6%	43.8%	43.2%	45.5%	45.5%	46.7%	46.8%		
Population ¹	10,352,763	10,688,752	11,020,710	11,352,852	11,685,915	12,816,038	13,220,223	13,603,759	13,539,990	13,858,454	33.9	2.4
Percent of population.....	30.4%	30.8%	31.3%	31.7%	32.1%	35.2%	35.9%	36.4%	35.8%	36.3%		
Rate.....	8.8	8.7	8.9	9.4	9.0	8.1	8.6	8.3	7.8	7.2	-18.2	-7.7
Black												
Number of victims.....	488	589	622	734	713	766	758	736	665	577	18.2	-13.2
Percent of total victims..	24.3%	28.4%	28.3%	30.7%	29.7%	32.0%	30.3%	29.6%	29.5%	26.9%		
Population ¹	2,320,916	2,337,935	2,355,812	2,373,399	2,390,411	2,425,066	2,456,783	2,491,247	2,263,690	2,271,258	-2.1	0.3
Percent of population.....	6.8%	6.7%	6.7%	6.6%	6.6%	6.7%	6.7%	6.7%	6.0%	6.0%		
Rate.....	21.0	25.2	26.4	30.9	29.8	31.6	30.9	29.5	29.4	25.4	21.0	-13.6
Other²												
Number of victims.....	157	121	145	166	185	167	182	178	156	159	1.3	1.9
Percent of total victims..	7.8%	5.8%	6.6%	6.9%	7.7%	7.0%	7.3%	7.2%	6.9%	7.4%		
Population ¹	4,059,109	4,205,197	4,353,588	4,502,137	4,651,880	5,167,532	5,324,281	5,473,226	5,583,372	5,688,648	40.1	1.9
Percent of population.....	11.9%	12.1%	12.4%	12.6%	12.8%	14.2%	14.4%	14.7%	14.8%	14.9%		
Rate.....	3.9	2.9	3.3	3.7	4.0	3.2	3.4	3.3	2.8	2.8	-28.2	0.0
Unknown												
Number of victims.....	6	10	7	9	7	5	5	8	10	15	-	-
Percent of total victims..	0.3%	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%	0.7%		
Population ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percent of population....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rate.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Notes: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

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Rates are calculated using the population for each subgroup shown; therefore, they will not add to the rate calculated for the total population.

Population breakdowns by race/ethnic group will not add to total because of variations in population source data.

Dash indicates that the percent of population and rate for the "unknown" category cannot be calculated because there are no unknown race/ethnic group population data.

Dash may also indicate that a percent change is not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

The "percent of population" category for race/ethnic group was calculated using the sum of the race/ethnic group populations.

¹ Beginning in 2004, population estimates are based on the 2000 Census. Previous population estimates are based on revisions of the 1990 Census. Readers are advised to exercise care in interpreting changes in percent and rate between decennial census samples.

² Beginning in 2004, the "other" category includes the new race/ethnic group of "multi-racial." The extent to which this new race/ethnic group affects other population estimates is not known.

Table 4
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1999-2008

By Age of Victim
 Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Age of victim	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Percent change	
	1999-2008	2000-2008	2001-2008	2002-2008	2003-2008	2004-2008	2005-2008	2006-2008	2007-2008	2008	1999-2008	2007-2008
Total												
Number of victims.....	2,006	2,074	2,201	2,392	2,402	2,394	2,503	2,483	2,258	2,143	6.8	-5.1
Percent of total victims.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Population ¹	34,036,000	34,480,000	34,758,000	35,301,000	35,934,000	36,590,814	37,004,661	37,444,385	37,771,431	38,148,493	12.1	1.0
Percent of population.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Rate.....	5.9	6.0	6.3	6.8	6.7	6.5	6.8	6.6	6.0	5.6	-5.1	-6.7
Under 18												
Number of victims.....	276	246	252	247	240	269	285	316	270	273	-1.1	1.1
Percent of total victims.....	13.8%	11.9%	11.4%	10.3%	10.0%	11.2%	11.4%	12.7%	12.0%	12.7%		
Population ¹	9,587,332	9,770,687	9,932,913	10,095,903	10,248,237	9,575,520	9,620,511	9,664,747	10,007,501	10,003,896	4.3	0.0
Percent of population.....	28.1%	28.2%	28.2%	28.2%	28.2%	26.3%	26.1%	25.9%	26.5%	26.2%		
Rate.....	2.9	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.8	3.0	3.3	2.7	2.7	-6.9	0.0
18-29												
Number of victims.....	840	888	992	1,098	1,100	1,110	1,151	1,147	998	906	7.9	-9.2
Percent of total victims.....	41.9%	42.8%	45.1%	45.9%	45.8%	46.4%	46.0%	46.2%	44.2%	42.3%		
Population ¹	5,511,604	5,523,472	5,555,926	6,123,037	5,740,606	6,160,386	6,260,103	6,369,559	6,321,492	6,500,288	17.9	2.8
Percent of population.....	16.2%	15.9%	15.8%	17.1%	15.8%	16.9%	17.0%	17.1%	16.7%	17.0%		
Rate.....	15.2	16.1	17.9	17.9	19.2	18.0	18.4	18.0	15.8	13.9	-8.6	-12.0
30-39												
Number of victims.....	364	377	426	449	486	446	473	418	432	381	4.7	-11.8
Percent of total victims.....	18.1%	18.2%	19.4%	18.8%	20.2%	18.6%	18.9%	16.8%	19.1%	17.8%		
Population ¹	5,629,424	5,597,411	5,535,620	4,994,720	5,384,170	5,534,220	5,516,751	5,516,609	5,335,897	5,278,097	-6.2	-1.1
Percent of population.....	16.5%	16.2%	15.7%	14.0%	14.8%	15.2%	15.0%	14.8%	14.1%	13.8%		
Rate.....	6.5	6.7	7.7	9.0	9.0	8.1	8.6	7.6	8.1	7.2	10.8	-11.1
40 and over												
Number of victims.....	505	534	519	579	560	569	579	586	552	569	12.7	3.1
Percent of total victims.....	25.2%	25.7%	23.6%	24.2%	23.3%	23.8%	23.1%	23.6%	24.4%	26.6%		
Population ¹	13,344,118	13,761,825	14,208,876	14,588,578	14,990,489	15,106,285	15,456,859	15,784,053	16,145,692	16,464,317	23.4	2.0
Percent of population.....	39.2%	39.7%	40.3%	40.7%	41.2%	41.5%	41.9%	42.3%	42.7%	43.0%		
Rate.....	3.8	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.4	3.5	-7.9	2.9
Unknown												
Number of victims.....	21	29	12	19	16	0	15	16	6	14	-	-
Percent of total victims.....	1.0%	1.4%	0.5%	0.8%	0.7%	0.0%	0.6%	0.6%	0.3%	0.7%		
Population ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percent of population.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rate.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Notes: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.

Rates are calculated using the population for each subgroup shown; therefore, they will not add to the rate calculated for the total population.

Population breakdowns by age will not add to total because of variations in population source data.

Dash indicates that the percent of population and rate for the "unknown" category cannot be calculated because there are no unknown age population data.

Dash may also indicate that a percent change is not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

The "percent of population" category for age group was calculated using the sum of the age populations.

¹ Beginning in 2004, population estimates are based on the 2000 Census. Previous population estimates are based on revisions of the 1990 Census. Readers are advised to exercise care in interpreting changes in percent and rate between decennial census samples.

Table 5
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1999-2008
 By Gender of Victim

Year(s)	Total		Male ¹		Female	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2008.....	2,143	100.0	1,766	82.4	377	17.6
2007.....	2,258	100.0	1,865	82.6	393	17.4
2006.....	2,483	100.0	2,070	83.4	413	16.6
2005.....	2,503	100.0	2,101	83.9	402	16.1
2004.....	2,394	100.0	1,992	83.2	402	16.8
2003.....	2,402	100.0	1,972	82.1	430	17.9
2002.....	2,392	100.0	1,938	81.0	454	19.0
2001.....	2,201	100.0	1,756	79.8	445	20.2
2000.....	2,074	100.0	1,666	80.3	408	19.7
1999.....	2,006	100.0	1,568	78.2	438	21.8

¹ The "male" category includes homicide victims whose gender could not be determined: 2000 includes two, 2001 includes one, and 2002 includes one.

Table 6
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1999-2008
 By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim

Year(s)	Total including unknown	Unknown	Known race/ethnic group of victim									
			Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2008.....	2,143	15	2,128	100.0	389	18.3	1,003	47.1	577	27.1	159	7.5
2007.....	2,258	10	2,248	100.0	372	16.5	1,055	46.9	665	29.6	156	6.9
2006.....	2,483	8	2,475	100.0	432	17.5	1,129	45.6	736	29.7	178	7.2
2005.....	2,503	5	2,498	100.0	419	16.8	1,139	45.6	758	30.3	182	7.3
2004.....	2,394	5	2,389	100.0	422	17.7	1,034	43.3	766	32.1	167	7.0
2003.....	2,402	7	2,395	100.0	444	18.5	1,053	44.0	713	29.8	185	7.7
2002.....	2,392	9	2,383	100.0	417	17.5	1,066	44.7	734	30.8	166	7.0
2001.....	2,201	7	2,194	100.0	442	20.1	985	44.9	622	28.4	145	6.6
2000.....	2,074	10	2,064	100.0	421	20.4	933	45.2	589	28.5	121	5.9
1999.....	2,006	6	2,000	100.0	446	22.3	909	45.5	488	24.4	157	7.9

Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Table 7
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1999-2008
 By Age of Victim

Year(s)	Total including unknown	Unknown	Known age of victim											
			Total		Under 18		18-29		30-39		40 and over			
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
2008.....	2,143	14	2,129	100.0	273	12.8	906	42.6	381	17.9	569	26.7		
2007.....	2,258	6	2,252	100.0	270	12.0	998	44.3	432	19.2	552	24.5		
2006.....	2,483	16	2,467	100.0	316	12.8	1,147	46.5	418	16.9	586	23.8		
2005.....	2,503	15	2,488	100.0	285	11.5	1,151	46.3	473	19.0	579	23.3		
2004.....	2,394	0	2,394	100.0	269	11.2	1,110	46.4	446	18.6	569	23.8		
2003.....	2,402	16	2,386	100.0	240	10.1	1,100	46.1	486	20.4	560	23.5		
2002.....	2,392	19	2,373	100.0	247	10.4	1,098	46.3	449	18.9	579	24.4		
2001.....	2,201	12	2,189	100.0	252	11.5	992	45.3	426	19.5	519	23.7		
2000.....	2,074	29	2,045	100.0	246	12.0	888	43.4	377	18.4	534	26.1		
1999.....	2,006	21	1,985	100.0	276	13.9	840	42.3	364	18.3	505	25.4		

Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Table 8
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2008
 Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Gender of Victim

Gender of victim	Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other		Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
	Total.....	2,143	100.0	389	100.0	1,003	100.0	577	100.0	159	100.0	15
Male.....	1,766	82.4	279	71.7	874	87.1	493	85.4	108	67.9	12	-
Female.....	377	17.6	110	28.3	129	12.9	84	14.6	51	32.1	3	-

Note: Dash indicates that percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

Table 9
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2008
 Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Age of Victim

Age of victim	Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other		Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total including unknown....	2,143		389		1,003		577		159		15	
Unknown.....	14		0		4		1		0		9	
Total known.....	2,129	100.0	389	100.0	999	100.0	576	100.0	159	100.0	6	100.0
Under 18.....	273	12.8	24	6.2	153	15.3	76	13.2	20	12.6	0	-
18-29.....	906	42.6	94	24.2	494	49.4	261	45.3	56	35.2	1	-
30-39.....	381	17.9	49	12.6	189	18.9	110	19.1	32	20.1	1	-
40 and over.....	569	26.7	222	57.1	163	16.3	129	22.4	51	32.1	4	-

Note: Dash indicates that percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

Table 10
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2008
 Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Gender and Age of Victim

Gender and age of victim	Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other		Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	2,143	100.0	389	100.0	1,003	100.0	577	100.0	159	100.0	15	100.0
Under 18.....	273	12.7	24	6.2	153	15.3	76	13.2	20	12.6	0	-
18-19.....	200	9.3	20	5.1	112	11.2	55	9.5	13	8.2	0	-
20-24.....	397	18.5	41	10.5	219	21.8	116	20.1	20	12.6	1	-
25-29.....	309	14.4	33	8.5	163	16.3	90	15.6	23	14.5	0	-
30-34.....	220	10.3	23	5.9	115	11.5	62	10.7	19	11.9	1	-
35-39.....	161	7.5	26	6.7	74	7.4	48	8.3	13	8.2	0	-
40-44.....	140	6.5	33	8.5	61	6.1	38	6.6	8	5.0	0	-
45-49.....	120	5.6	48	12.3	32	3.2	33	5.7	7	4.4	0	-
50-54.....	82	3.8	25	6.4	27	2.7	21	3.6	8	5.0	1	-
55 and over.....	227	10.6	116	29.8	43	4.3	37	6.4	28	17.6	3	-
Unknown.....	14	0.7	0	0.0	4	0.4	1	0.2	0	0.0	9	-
Male.....	1,766	100.0	279	100.0	874	100.0	493	100.0	108	100.0	12	100.0
Under 18.....	196	11.1	13	4.7	121	13.8	51	10.3	11	10.2	0	-
18-19.....	183	10.4	18	6.5	108	12.4	44	8.9	13	12.0	0	-
20-24.....	363	20.6	33	11.8	205	23.5	106	21.5	18	16.7	1	-
25-29.....	281	15.9	32	11.5	145	16.6	84	17.0	20	18.5	0	-
30-34.....	179	10.1	19	6.8	95	10.9	53	10.8	11	10.2	1	-
35-39.....	136	7.7	21	7.5	67	7.7	40	8.1	8	7.4	0	-
40-44.....	111	6.3	20	7.2	51	5.8	34	6.9	6	5.6	0	-
45-49.....	93	5.3	37	13.3	24	2.7	30	6.1	2	1.9	0	-
50-54.....	65	3.7	18	6.5	23	2.6	19	3.9	4	3.7	1	-
55 and over..	147	8.3	68	24.4	31	3.5	31	6.3	15	13.9	2	-
Unknown.....	12	0.7	0	0.0	4	0.5	1	0.2	0	0.0	7	-
Female.....	377	100.0	110	100.0	129	100.0	84	100.0	51	100.0	3	100.0
Under 18.....	77	20.4	11	10.0	32	24.8	25	29.8	9	17.6	0	-
18-19.....	17	4.5	2	1.8	4	3.1	11	13.1	0	0.0	0	-
20-24.....	34	9.0	8	7.3	14	10.9	10	11.9	2	3.9	0	-
25-29.....	28	7.4	1	0.9	18	14.0	6	7.1	3	5.9	0	-
30-34.....	41	10.9	4	3.6	20	15.5	9	10.7	8	15.7	0	-
35-39.....	25	6.6	5	4.5	7	5.4	8	9.5	5	9.8	0	-
40-44.....	29	7.7	13	11.8	10	7.8	4	4.8	2	3.9	0	-
45-49.....	27	7.2	11	10.0	8	6.2	3	3.6	5	9.8	0	-
50-54.....	17	4.5	7	6.4	4	3.1	2	2.4	4	7.8	0	-
55 and over..	80	21.2	48	43.6	12	9.3	6	7.1	13	25.5	1	-
Unknown.....	2	0.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	-

Notes: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.
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Table 11
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1999-2008
 By Relationship of Victim to Offender

Relationship of victim to offender	1999		2000		2001		2002		2003	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total including unknown.....	2,006		2,074		2,201		2,392		2,402	
Unknown.....	761		796		900		969		1,109	
Total known.....	1,245	100.0	1,278	100.0	1,301	100.0	1,423	100.0	1,293	100.0
Friend, acquaintance ¹	632	50.8	601	47.0	596	45.8	663	46.6	601	46.5
Spouse, parent, child.....	202	16.2	207	16.2	183	14.1	204	14.3	198	15.3
Spouse ²	85	6.8	115	9.0	87	6.7	97	6.8	93	7.2
Parent, child ³	117	9.4	92	7.2	96	7.4	107	7.5	105	8.1
All other relatives.....	49	3.9	40	3.1	49	3.8	42	3.0	52	4.0
Stranger.....	362	29.1	430	33.6	473	36.4	514	36.1	442	34.2

Relationship of victim to offender (cont.)	2004		2005		2006		2007		2008		Percent change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1999-2008	2007-2008
Total including unknown.....	2,394		2,503		2,483		2,258		2,143			
Unknown.....	1,018		1,082		1,109		1,131		1,030			
Total known.....	1,376	100.0	1,421	100.0	1,374	100.0	1,127	100.0	1,113	100.0		
Friend, acquaintance ¹	667	48.5	548	38.6	593	43.2	475	42.1	540	48.5		
Spouse, parent, child.....	174	12.6	174	12.2	180	13.1	155	13.8	169	15.2		
Spouse ²	84	6.1	77	5.4	86	6.3	76	6.7	71	6.4		
Parent, child ³	90	6.5	97	6.8	94	6.8	79	7.0	98	8.8		
All other relatives.....	46	3.3	61	4.3	43	3.1	40	3.5	68	6.1		
Stranger.....	489	35.5	638	44.9	558	40.6	457	40.6	336	30.2		
											-10.6	-1.2
											-14.6	13.7
											-16.3	9.0
											-16.5	-6.6
											-16.2	24.1
											-	-
											-7.2	-26.5

Notes: Percentages may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of rounding.

Dash indicates that a percent change is not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

¹ Includes ex-husband, ex-wife, employer, employee, gang member, etc.

² Includes "common-law" marriage partner.

³ Includes stepmother, stepfather, stepdaughter, and stepson.

Table 12
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2008
 Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Relationship of Victim to Offender

Relationship of victim to offender	Total	Gender		Race/ethnic group				
		Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown
Number								
Total including unknown.....	2,143	1,766	377	389	1,003	577	159	15
Unknown.....	1,030	937	93	124	477	354	61	14
Total known.....	1,113	829	284	265	526	223	98	1
Friend, acquaintance ¹	540	413	127	129	255	113	43	0
Spouse, parent, child.....	169	64	105	59	62	20	28	0
Spouse ²	71	12	59	26	25	6	14	0
Parent, child ³	98	52	46	33	37	14	14	0
All other relatives.....	68	43	25	19	34	10	5	0
Stranger.....	336	309	27	58	175	80	22	1
Percent based on total known								
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Friend, acquaintance ¹	48.5	49.8	44.7	48.7	48.5	50.7	43.9	-
Spouse, parent, child.....	15.2	7.7	37.0	22.3	11.8	9.0	28.6	-
Spouse ²	6.4	1.4	20.8	9.8	4.8	2.7	14.3	-
Parent, child ³	8.8	6.3	16.2	12.5	7.0	6.3	14.3	-
All other relatives.....	6.1	5.2	8.8	7.2	6.5	4.5	5.1	-
Stranger.....	30.2	37.3	9.5	21.9	33.3	35.9	22.4	-

Notes: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Dash indicates that percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

¹ Includes ex-husband, ex-wife, employer, employee, gang member, etc.

² Includes "common-law" marriage partner.

³ Includes stepmother, stepfather, stepdaughter, and stepson.

Table 13

HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2008

Age of Victim by Relationship of Victim to Offender

Relationship of victim to offender	Number					
	Total	Under 18	18-29	30-39	40 and over	Unknown
Total including unknown.....	2,143	273	906	381	569	14
Unknown.....	1,030	95	514	192	215	14
Total known.....	1,113	178	392	189	354	0
Friend, acquaintance ¹	540	70	210	104	156	0
Spouse, parent, child.....	169	58	13	21	77	0
Spouse ²	71	0	9	19	43	0
Parent, child ³	98	58	4	2	34	0
All other relatives.....	68	12	11	7	38	0
Stranger.....	336	38	158	57	83	0
	Percent based on total known					
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	-
Friend, acquaintance ¹	48.5	39.3	53.6	55.0	44.1	-
Spouse, parent, child.....	15.2	32.6	3.3	11.1	21.8	-
Spouse ²	6.4	0.0	2.3	10.1	12.1	-
Parent, child ³	8.8	32.6	1.0	1.1	9.6	-
All other relatives.....	6.1	6.7	2.8	3.7	10.7	-
Stranger.....	30.2	21.3	40.3	30.2	23.4	-

Notes: Percentages may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of rounding.

Dash indicates that percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

¹ Includes ex-husband, ex-wife, employer, employee, gang member, etc.² Includes "common-law" marriage partner.³ Includes stepmother, stepfather, stepdaughter, and stepson.

Table 14
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1999-2008
 By County
 Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

County	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Statewide total.....	2,006	2,074	2,201	2,392	2,402	2,394	2,503	2,483	2,258	2,143
Alameda.....	85	110	108	144	139	117	126	172	152	147
Alpine.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Amador.....	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Butte.....	4	8	11	5	9	6	10	11	9	7
Calaveras.....	0	4	2	2	2	3	2	1	0	2
Colusa.....	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Contra Costa.....	57	56	49	48	74	76	80	93	98	76
Del Norte.....	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	2	0
El Dorado.....	3	3	5	4	2	2	5	4	4	8
Fresno.....	43	38	61	62	59	69	77	74	73	65
Glenn.....	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	2
Humboldt.....	12	4	7	12	8	5	3	5	3	3
Imperial.....	2	4	5	3	12	4	0	3	4	8
Inyo.....	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Kern.....	52	37	39	51	46	51	69	65	50	57
Kings.....	1	3	1	4	5	6	4	4	7	7
Lake.....	4	5	1	4	1	1	1	7	5	5
Lassen.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	1
Los Angeles.....	891	1,000	1,070	1,162	1,053	1,038	1,068	1,012	863	806
Madera.....	6	10	15	6	7	7	10	2	5	10
Marin.....	2	5	3	4	0	3	3	3	1	5
Mariposa.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Mendocino.....	7	5	4	4	9	6	4	6	6	7
Merced.....	14	6	5	18	16	16	22	22	17	21
Modoc.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mono.....	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey.....	29	25	26	28	27	33	14	15	29	36
Napa.....	2	3	1	2	2	3	1	2	6	1
Nevada.....	6	1	6	3	2	1	2	2	2	1
Orange.....	92	56	63	77	64	81	77	79	77	72

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Table 14 - continued
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1999-2008
 By County
 Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

County	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	Number									
Placer.....	1	5	3	0	10	3	5	6	4	3
Plumas.....	1	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	3
Riverside.....	89	79	93	111	94	93	109	109	105	90
Sacramento.....	82	75	78	83	83	92	110	99	91	97
San Benito.....	1	3	6	1	2	0	1	2	5	3
San Bernardino...	110	145	125	141	163	165	174	161	159	119
San Diego.....	106	97	92	87	129	127	98	126	107	90
San Francisco.....	64	59	62	68	69	88	96	86	100	98
San Joaquin.....	39	39	50	59	58	55	56	57	45	35
San Luis Obispo..	4	3	7	3	7	2	4	6	5	4
San Mateo.....	18	10	18	21	20	26	30	22	13	18
Santa Barbara....	5	10	12	8	4	7	9	13	10	14
Santa Clara.....	37	34	34	37	48	37	43	37	46	50
Santa Cruz.....	4	9	13	6	13	5	5	16	6	8
Shasta.....	11	3	5	5	5	4	4	8	11	4
Sierra.....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou.....	0	1	1	4	2	1	4	0	2	1
Solano.....	16	21	10	16	20	19	29	14	31	24
Sonoma.....	8	11	12	16	12	17	5	11	8	12
Stanislaus.....	25	16	34	15	27	42	30	29	27	31
Sutter.....	5	2	5	7	3	3	3	4	2	4
Tehama.....	1	5	3	2	1	3	3	5	1	0
Trinity.....	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0
Tulare.....	24	17	26	29	30	25	54	49	38	43
Tuolumne.....	2	2	1	2	4	2	3	0	1	1
Ventura.....	19	24	19	21	42	33	32	29	17	31
Yolo.....	6	6	4	5	5	5	4	4	4	4
Yuba.....	2	3	3	0	5	5	8	3	0	6

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Table 14 - continued
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1999-2008
 By County
 Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

County	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Statewide total.....	5.9	6.0	6.3	6.8	6.7	6.5	6.8	6.6	6.0	5.6
Alameda.....	5.9	7.5	7.3	9.7	9.3	7.8	8.4	11.4	9.9	9.5
Alpine.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amador.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Butte.....	2.0	3.9	5.3	2.4	4.2	2.8	4.6	5.1	4.1	3.2
Calaveras.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colusa.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contra Costa.....	6.1	5.8	5.0	4.9	7.4	7.5	7.8	9.0	9.4	7.2
Del Norte.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
El Dorado.....	2.0	1.9	3.1	2.4	1.2	1.2	2.8	2.2	2.2	4.4
Fresno.....	5.4	4.7	7.4	7.4	6.9	7.9	8.6	8.1	7.9	6.9
Glenn.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Humboldt.....	9.5	3.1	5.5	9.4	6.2	3.8	2.3	3.8	2.3	2.3
Imperial.....	1.4	2.7	3.3	2.0	7.8	2.5	-	1.8	2.3	4.5
Inyo.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kern.....	8.0	5.5	5.7	7.3	6.4	6.9	8.9	8.2	6.2	6.9
Kings.....	0.8	2.2	0.8	3.0	3.6	4.2	2.7	2.7	4.6	4.5
Lake.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lassen.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles.....	9.1	10.3	11.0	11.7	10.5	10.2	10.4	9.8	8.4	7.8
Madera.....	5.1	7.8	11.5	4.6	5.2	5.0	7.0	1.4	3.3	6.6
Marin.....	0.8	2.0	1.2	1.6	0.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.4	1.9
Mariposa.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mendocino.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Merced.....	6.8	2.8	2.3	8.1	6.9	6.7	9.0	8.8	6.7	8.2
Modoc.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mono.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Monterey.....	7.4	6.1	6.4	6.8	6.4	7.8	3.3	3.5	6.8	8.4
Napa.....	1.6	2.4	0.8	1.6	1.5	2.3	0.7	1.5	4.4	0.7
Nevada.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0	-	-	-
Orange.....	3.3	1.9	2.2	2.6	2.1	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.3

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Table 14 - continued
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1999-2008
 By County
 Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

County	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
	Rate per 100,000 population									
Placer.....	0.4	2.0	1.1	0.0	3.5	1.0	1.6	1.9	1.2	0.9
Plumas.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Riverside.....	5.9	5.0	5.7	6.6	5.3	5.0	5.6	5.4	5.1	4.3
Sacramento.....	6.8	6.0	6.2	6.4	6.2	6.8	8.0	7.1	6.4	6.8
San Benito.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Bernardino...	6.6	8.3	7.1	7.8	8.7	8.5	8.8	8.0	7.8	5.8
San Diego.....	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.0	4.3	4.2	3.2	4.1	3.4	2.8
San Francisco.....	8.0	7.5	7.9	8.6	8.8	11.1	12.1	10.7	12.2	11.6
San Joaquin.....	6.9	6.8	8.5	9.7	9.3	8.5	8.4	8.5	6.6	5.1
San Luis Obispo..	1.7	1.2	2.8	1.2	2.7	0.8	1.5	2.3	1.9	1.5
San Mateo.....	2.5	1.4	2.5	2.9	2.8	3.6	4.2	3.0	1.8	2.4
Santa Barbara....	1.2	2.5	3.0	2.0	1.0	1.7	2.1	3.1	2.3	3.3
Santa Clara.....	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.8	2.1	2.4	2.1	2.5	2.7
Santa Cruz.....	1.6	3.5	5.0	2.3	5.0	1.9	1.9	6.1	2.3	3.0
Shasta.....	6.7	1.8	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.3	2.2	4.4	6.1	2.2
Sierra.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Siskiyou.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Solano.....	4.1	5.2	2.5	3.9	4.8	4.5	6.9	3.3	7.3	5.6
Sonoma.....	1.8	2.4	2.6	3.4	2.5	3.6	1.0	2.3	1.7	2.5
Stanislaus.....	5.7	3.5	7.3	3.1	5.5	8.4	5.9	5.6	5.2	5.9
Sutter.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tehama.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trinity.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tulare.....	6.6	4.5	6.9	7.6	7.6	6.2	12.9	11.5	8.8	9.8
Tuolumne.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ventura.....	2.5	3.1	2.5	2.7	5.3	4.1	3.9	3.5	2.1	3.7
Yolo.....	3.8	3.5	2.3	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0
Yuba.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Notes: Dash indicates that a rate is not computed when a county's population is less than 100,000 in a given year.
 Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.
 Rates are calculated using the population for each county shown; therefore, they will not add to the rate calculated for the state.

Table 15
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1999-2008
 By Season and Month of Incident

Season and month of incident	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Number										
Total including unknown...	2,006	2,074	2,201	2,392	2,402	2,394	2,503	2,483	2,258	2,143
Unknown.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total known.....	2,006	2,074	2,201	2,392	2,402	2,394	2,503	2,483	2,258	2,143
Spring.....	451	464	528	582	566	616	580	609	528	558
March.....	142	126	159	189	191	204	195	180	171	203
April.....	147	162	176	188	154	199	191	220	172	166
May.....	162	176	193	205	221	213	194	209	185	189
Summer.....	562	597	581	623	652	648	689	683	656	533
June.....	157	205	165	183	197	190	199	220	206	189
July.....	199	185	208	230	233	228	253	240	228	150
August.....	206	207	208	210	222	230	237	223	222	194
Fall.....	516	497	613	638	601	580	629	612	528	532
September.....	171	173	221	253	209	211	183	204	172	200
October.....	174	174	213	181	213	187	233	209	189	170
November.....	171	150	179	204	179	182	199	199	167	162
Winter.....	477	516	479	549	583	550	605	579	546	520
December.....	166	210	168	175	210	193	210	200	186	160
January.....	183	175	171	214	189	197	217	204	210	176
February.....	128	131	140	160	184	160	178	175	150	184
Percent based on total known										
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Spring.....	22.5	22.4	24.0	24.3	23.6	25.7	23.2	24.5	23.4	26.0
March.....	7.1	6.1	7.2	7.9	8.0	8.5	7.8	7.2	7.6	9.5
April.....	7.3	7.8	8.0	7.9	6.4	8.3	7.6	8.9	7.6	7.7
May.....	8.1	8.5	8.8	8.6	9.2	8.9	7.8	8.4	8.2	8.8
Summer.....	28.0	28.8	26.4	26.0	27.1	27.1	27.5	27.5	29.1	24.9
June.....	7.8	9.9	7.5	7.7	8.2	7.9	8.0	8.9	9.1	8.8
July.....	9.9	8.9	9.5	9.6	9.7	9.5	10.1	9.7	10.1	7.0
August.....	10.3	10.0	9.5	8.8	9.2	9.6	9.5	9.0	9.8	9.1
Fall.....	25.7	24.0	27.9	26.7	25.0	24.2	25.1	24.6	23.4	24.8
September.....	8.5	8.3	10.0	10.6	8.7	8.8	7.3	8.2	7.6	9.3
October.....	8.7	8.4	9.7	7.6	8.9	7.8	9.3	8.4	8.4	7.9
November.....	8.5	7.2	8.1	8.5	7.5	7.6	8.5	8.0	7.4	7.6
Winter.....	23.8	24.9	21.8	23.0	24.3	23.0	24.2	23.3	24.2	24.3
December.....	8.3	10.1	7.6	7.3	8.7	8.1	8.4	8.1	8.2	7.5
January.....	9.1	8.4	7.8	8.9	7.9	8.2	8.7	8.2	9.3	8.2
February.....	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.7	7.7	6.7	7.1	7.0	6.6	8.6

Note: Percentages may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of rounding.

Table 16
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2008
 Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Day of Incident

Day of incident	Total	Gender		Race/ethnic group				
		Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown
Number								
Total including unknown.....	2,143	1,766	377	389	1,003	577	159	15
Unknown.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total known.....	2,143	1,766	377	389	1,003	577	159	15
Weekday.....	1,322	1,068	254	252	590	373	93	14
Monday.....	286	227	59	54	129	80	20	3
Tuesday.....	268	227	41	48	115	83	19	3
Wednesday.....	224	166	58	53	95	61	14	1
Thursday.....	235	193	42	42	109	63	17	4
Friday.....	309	255	54	55	142	86	23	3
Weekend.....	821	698	123	137	413	204	66	1
Saturday.....	394	332	62	69	203	92	30	0
Sunday.....	427	366	61	68	210	112	36	1
Percent based on total known								
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Weekday.....	61.7	60.5	67.4	64.8	58.8	64.6	58.5	-
Monday.....	13.3	12.9	15.6	13.9	12.9	13.9	12.6	-
Tuesday.....	12.5	12.9	10.9	12.3	11.5	14.4	11.9	-
Wednesday.....	10.5	9.4	15.4	13.6	9.5	10.6	8.8	-
Thursday.....	11.0	10.9	11.1	10.8	10.9	10.9	10.7	-
Friday.....	14.4	14.4	14.3	14.1	14.2	14.9	14.5	-
Weekend.....	38.3	39.5	32.6	35.2	41.2	35.4	41.5	-
Saturday.....	18.4	18.8	16.4	17.7	20.2	15.9	18.9	-
Sunday.....	19.9	20.7	16.2	17.5	20.9	19.4	22.6	-
Average daily number of incidents ¹								
Weekday.....	5.0	4.1	1.0	1.0	2.3	1.4	0.4	0.1
Weekend.....	7.9	6.7	1.2	1.3	4.0	2.0	0.6	0.0

Notes: Percentages may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of rounding.
 Dash indicates that percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.
 Average daily number of incidents may not add to totals because of rounding.
¹ There were 366 days in 2008; 262 weekdays and 104 weekend days. The average daily number of incidents for weekdays was calculated by dividing weekday totals by 262. The average daily number of incidents for weekends was calculated by dividing weekend totals by 104.

Table 17
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2008
 Age of Victim by Day of Incident

Day of incident	Total	Under 18	18-29	30-39	40 and over	Unknown
Number						
Total including unknown.....	2,143	273	906	381	569	14
Unknown.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total known.....	2,143	273	906	381	569	14
Weekday.....	1,322	175	515	239	382	11
Monday.....	286	39	106	58	80	3
Tuesday.....	268	38	100	60	68	2
Wednesday.....	224	24	82	40	77	1
Thursday.....	235	34	94	33	71	3
Friday.....	309	40	133	48	86	2
Weekend.....	821	98	391	142	187	3
Saturday.....	394	49	188	74	81	2
Sunday.....	427	49	203	68	106	1
Percent based on total known						
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Weekday.....	61.7	64.1	56.8	62.7	67.1	-
Monday.....	13.3	14.3	11.7	15.2	14.1	-
Tuesday.....	12.5	13.9	11.0	15.7	12.0	-
Wednesday.....	10.5	8.8	9.1	10.5	13.5	-
Thursday.....	11.0	12.5	10.4	8.7	12.5	-
Friday.....	14.4	14.7	14.7	12.6	15.1	-
Weekend.....	38.3	35.9	43.2	37.3	32.9	-
Saturday.....	18.4	17.9	20.8	19.4	14.2	-
Sunday.....	19.9	17.9	22.4	17.8	18.6	-
Average daily number of incidents ¹						
Weekday.....	5.0	0.7	2.0	0.9	1.5	0.0
Weekend.....	7.9	0.9	3.8	1.4	1.8	0.0

Notes: Percentages may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of rounding.
 Dash indicates that percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.
 Average daily number of incidents may not add to totals because of rounding.
¹ There were 366 days in 2008; 262 weekdays and 104 weekend days. The average daily number of incidents for weekdays was calculated by dividing weekday totals by 262. The average daily number of incidents for weekends was calculated by dividing weekend totals by 104.

Table 18
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1999-2008
 By Location of Homicide

Location of homicide	1999		2000		2001		2002		2003	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total including unknown.....	2,006		2,074		2,201		2,392		2,402	
Unknown.....	4		4		0		2		0	
Total known.....	2,002	100.0	2,070	100.0	2,201	100.0	2,390	100.0	2,402	100.0
Victim's, shared residence.....	686	34.3	612	29.6	573	26.0	655	27.4	623	25.9
Victim's residence.....	520	26.0	439	21.2	417	18.9	465	19.5	425	17.7
Shared residence.....	166	8.3	173	8.4	156	7.1	190	7.9	198	8.2
Street, sidewalk.....	710	35.5	779	37.6	845	38.4	970	40.6	909	37.8
All other.....	606	30.3	679	32.8	783	35.6	765	32.0	870	36.2
Hotel, motel.....	28	1.4	23	1.1	28	1.3	26	1.1	26	1.1
Other residence.....	119	5.9	162	7.8	173	7.9	147	6.2	173	7.2
Liquor store.....	5	0.2	4	0.2	7	0.3	4	0.2	6	0.2
Bar.....	35	1.7	37	1.8	44	2.0	40	1.7	38	1.6
Other business.....	54	2.7	76	3.7	61	2.8	61	2.6	75	3.1
Parking lot.....	59	2.9	72	3.5	75	3.4	87	3.6	98	4.1
Vehicle.....	139	6.9	156	7.5	196	8.9	228	9.5	274	11.4
Field, park.....	129	6.4	120	5.8	167	7.6	134	5.6	147	6.1
School.....	5	0.2	2	0.1	3	0.1	1	0.0	3	0.1
Other.....	33	1.6	27	1.3	29	1.3	37	1.5	30	1.2

Location of homicide (cont.)	2004		2005		2006		2007		2008		Percent change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1999-2008	2007-2008
Total including unknown.....	2,394		2,503		2,483		2,258		2,143			
Unknown.....	13		25		19		58		69			
Total known.....	2,381	100.0	2,478	100.0	2,464	100.0	2,200	100.0	2,074	100.0		
Victim's, shared residence.....	630	26.5	567	22.9	548	22.2	485	22.0	517	24.9	3.6	-5.7
Victim's residence.....	479	20.1	414	16.7	397	16.1	424	19.3	437	21.1	-24.6	6.6
Shared residence.....	151	6.3	153	6.2	151	6.1	61	2.8	80	3.9	-16.0	3.1
Street, sidewalk.....	1,046	43.9	1,116	45.0	1,097	44.5	980	44.5	764	36.8	-51.8	31.1
All other.....	705	29.6	795	32.1	819	33.2	735	33.4	793	38.2	7.6	-22.0
Hotel, motel.....	20	0.8	23	0.9	22	0.9	15	0.7	16	0.8		
Other residence.....	146	6.1	138	5.6	167	6.8	165	7.5	247	11.9	107.6	49.7
Liquor store.....	9	0.4	6	0.2	5	0.2	8	0.4	10	0.5		
Bar.....	35	1.5	34	1.4	41	1.7	36	1.6	26	1.3		
Other business.....	47	2.0	70	2.8	61	2.5	48	2.2	43	2.1	-20.4	-
Parking lot.....	74	3.1	97	3.9	104	4.2	108	4.9	121	5.8	105.1	12.0
Vehicle.....	240	10.1	282	11.4	296	12.0	176	8.0	184	8.9	32.4	4.5
Field, park.....	102	4.3	94	3.8	92	3.7	125	5.7	102	4.9	-20.9	-18.4
School.....	4	0.2	4	0.2	3	0.1	2	0.1	3	0.1		
Other.....	28	1.2	47	1.9	28	1.1	52	2.4	41	2.0		-21.2

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Table 19
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2008
 Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Location of Homicide

Location of homicide	Total	Gender		Race/ethnic group					
		Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown	
		Number							
Total including unknown.....	2,143	1,766	377	389	1,003	577	159	15	
Unknown.....	69	52	17	17	27	19	5	1	
Total known.....	2,074	1,714	360	372	976	558	154	14	
Victim's, shared residence.....	517	322	195	152	202	104	56	3	
Victim's residence.....	437	291	146	120	179	92	43	3	
Shared residence.....	80	31	49	32	23	12	13	0	
Street, sidewalk.....	764	716	48	68	403	270	22	1	
All other.....	793	676	117	152	371	184	76	10	
Hotel, motel.....	16	9	7	7	8	1	0	0	
Other residence.....	247	200	47	51	126	49	19	2	
Liquor store.....	10	10	0	0	4	5	1	0	
Bar.....	26	24	2	4	14	2	6	0	
Other business.....	43	40	3	8	17	11	6	1	
Parking lot.....	121	105	16	20	49	32	18	2	
Vehicle.....	184	159	25	22	90	58	12	2	
Field, park.....	102	92	10	28	45	14	13	2	
School.....	3	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	
Other.....	41	35	6	10	18	11	1	1	
		Percent based on total known							
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Victim's, shared residence.....	24.9	18.8	54.2	40.9	20.7	18.6	36.4	-	
Victim's residence.....	21.1	17.0	40.6	32.3	18.3	16.5	27.9	-	
Shared residence.....	3.9	1.8	13.6	8.6	2.4	2.2	8.4	-	
Street, sidewalk.....	36.8	41.8	13.3	18.3	41.3	48.4	14.3	-	
All other.....	38.2	39.4	32.5	40.9	38.0	33.0	49.4	-	
Hotel, motel.....	0.8	0.5	1.9	1.9	0.8	0.2	0.0	-	
Other residence.....	11.9	11.7	13.1	13.7	12.9	8.8	12.3	-	
Liquor store.....	0.5	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.9	0.6	-	
Bar.....	1.3	1.4	0.6	1.1	1.4	0.4	3.9	-	
Other business.....	2.1	2.3	0.8	2.2	1.7	2.0	3.9	-	
Parking lot.....	5.8	6.1	4.4	5.4	5.0	5.7	11.7	-	
Vehicle.....	8.9	9.3	6.9	5.9	9.2	10.4	7.8	-	
Field, park.....	4.9	5.4	2.8	7.5	4.6	2.5	8.4	-	
School.....	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.0	-	
Other.....	2.0	2.0	1.7	2.7	1.8	2.0	0.6	-	

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Table 20
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2008
 Age of Victim by Location of Homicide

Location of homicide	Total	Under 18	18-29	30-39	40 and over	Unknown
Number						
Total including unknown.....	2,143	273	906	381	569	14
Unknown.....	69	7	24	11	26	1
Total known.....	2,074	266	882	370	543	13
Victim's, shared residence.....	517	88	121	84	224	0
Victim's residence.....	437	67	111	73	186	0
Shared residence.....	80	21	10	11	38	0
Street, sidewalk.....	764	100	387	133	139	5
All other.....	793	78	374	153	180	8
Hotel, motel.....	16	3	2	3	7	1
Other residence.....	247	29	114	44	58	2
Liquor store.....	10	0	5	2	3	0
Bar.....	26	0	11	10	5	0
Other business.....	43	3	16	9	15	0
Parking lot.....	121	6	63	30	20	2
Vehicle.....	184	17	106	33	27	1
Field, park.....	102	12	41	15	33	1
School.....	3	1	1	0	1	0
Other.....	41	7	15	7	11	1
Percent based on total known						
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Victim's, shared residence.....	24.9	33.1	13.7	22.7	41.3	-
Victim's residence.....	21.1	25.2	12.6	19.7	34.3	-
Shared residence.....	3.9	7.9	1.1	3.0	7.0	-
Street, sidewalk.....	36.8	37.6	43.9	35.9	25.6	-
All other.....	38.2	29.3	42.4	41.4	33.1	-
Hotel, motel.....	0.8	1.1	0.2	0.8	1.3	-
Other residence.....	11.9	10.9	12.9	11.9	10.7	-
Liquor store.....	0.5	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.6	-
Bar.....	1.3	0.0	1.2	2.7	0.9	-
Other business.....	2.1	1.1	1.8	2.4	2.8	-
Parking lot.....	5.8	2.3	7.1	8.1	3.7	-
Vehicle.....	8.9	6.4	12.0	8.9	5.0	-
Field, park.....	4.9	4.5	4.6	4.1	6.1	-
School.....	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.2	-
Other.....	2.0	2.6	1.7	1.9	2.0	-

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Table 21
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1999-2008
 By Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		Percent change 1999- 2008
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Total including unknown.....	2,006		2,074		2,201		2,392		2,402		
Unknown.....	29		28		28		28		23		
Total known.....	1,977	100.0	2,046	100.0	2,173	100.0	2,364	100.0	2,379	100.0	
Firearm.....	1,334	67.5	1,440	70.4	1,568	72.2	1,735	73.4	1,733	72.8	
Handgun.....	1,152	58.3	1,242	60.7	1,341	61.7	1,555	65.8	1,566	65.8	
All other firearms.....	182	9.2	198	9.7	227	10.4	180	7.6	167	7.0	
Rifle.....	62	3.1	66	3.2	67	3.1	80	3.4	62	2.6	
Shotgun.....	63	3.2	55	2.7	68	3.1	60	2.5	53	2.2	
Other firearm.....	0	0.0	1	0.0	2	0.1	2	0.1	3	0.1	
Firearm - unknown type.....	57	2.9	76	3.7	90	4.1	38	1.6	49	2.1	
Nonfirearm.....	643	32.5	606	29.6	605	27.8	629	26.6	646	27.2	
Knife ¹	254	12.8	285	13.9	298	13.7	274	11.6	258	10.8	
Blunt object ²	134	6.8	98	4.8	95	4.4	116	4.9	116	4.9	
Personal weapon ³	106	5.4	111	5.4	103	4.7	118	5.0	138	5.8	
All other.....	149	7.5	112	5.5	109	5.0	121	5.1	134	5.6	
Rope ⁴	60	3.0	40	2.0	37	1.7	41	1.7	58	2.4	
Drugs.....	8	0.4	3	0.1	4	0.2	5	0.2	2	0.1	
Other ⁵	81	4.1	69	3.4	68	3.1	75	3.2	74	3.1	

Type of weapon used (cont.)	2004		2005		2006		2007		2008		Percent change 1999- 2008
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Total including unknown.....	2,394		2,503		2,483		2,258		2,143		
Unknown.....	12		22		25		34		33		
Total known.....	2,382	100.0	2,481	100.0	2,458	100.0	2,224	100.0	2,110	100.0	
Firearm.....	1,730	72.6	1,845	74.4	1,821	74.1	1,610	72.4	1,487	70.5	
Handgun.....	1,462	61.4	1,547	62.4	1,619	65.9	1,373	61.7	1,153	54.6	
All other firearms.....	268	11.3	298	12.0	202	8.2	237	10.7	334	15.8	
Rifle.....	73	3.1	87	3.5	74	3.0	52	2.3	48	2.3	
Shotgun.....	69	2.9	75	3.0	70	2.8	73	3.3	64	3.0	
Other firearm.....	3	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.1	8	0.4	
Firearm - unknown type.....	123	5.2	136	5.5	58	2.4	109	4.9	214	10.1	
Nonfirearm.....	652	27.4	636	25.6	637	25.9	614	27.6	623	29.5	
Knife ¹	282	11.8	291	11.7	314	12.8	298	13.4	297	14.1	
Blunt object ²	104	4.4	78	3.1	77	3.1	94	4.2	111	5.3	
Personal weapon ³	148	6.2	138	5.6	130	5.3	118	5.3	120	5.7	
All other.....	118	5.0	129	5.2	116	4.7	104	4.7	95	4.5	
Rope ⁴	49	2.1	30	1.2	33	1.3	29	1.3	21	1.0	
Drugs.....	5	0.2	2	0.1	5	0.2	1	0.0	2	0.1	
Other ⁵	64	2.7	97	3.9	78	3.2	74	3.3	72	3.4	

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² Club, etc.

³ Hands, feet, etc.

⁴ Any instrument used to hang or strangle.

⁵ Poison, arson, pellet gun, drowning, etc.

Table 22
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2008
 Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	Gender		Race/ethnic group					
	Total	Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown
	Number							
Total including unknown.....	2,143	1,766	377	389	1,003	577	159	15
Unknown.....	33	22	11	8	11	4	5	5
Total known.....	2,110	1,744	366	381	992	573	154	10
Firearm.....	1,487	1,307	180	195	725	458	105	4
Handgun.....	1,153	1,009	144	139	592	335	84	3
All other firearms.....	334	298	36	56	133	123	21	1
Rifle.....	48	43	5	5	21	14	8	0
Shotgun.....	64	54	10	16	31	12	5	0
Other firearm.....	8	5	3	0	4	4	0	0
Firearm - unknown type.....	214	196	18	35	77	93	8	1
Nonfirearm.....	623	437	186	186	267	115	49	6
Knife ¹	297	224	73	74	146	52	25	0
Blunt object ²	111	81	30	45	41	18	6	1
Personal weapon ³	120	76	44	42	39	26	12	1
All other.....	95	56	39	25	41	19	6	4
Rope ⁴	21	11	10	7	7	5	2	0
Drugs.....	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
Other ⁵	72	44	28	17	34	13	4	4
	Percent based on total known							
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Firearm.....	70.5	74.9	49.2	51.2	73.1	79.9	68.2	-
Handgun.....	54.6	57.9	39.3	36.5	59.7	58.5	54.5	-
All other firearms.....	15.8	17.1	9.8	14.7	13.4	21.5	13.6	-
Rifle.....	2.3	2.5	1.4	1.3	2.1	2.4	5.2	-
Shotgun.....	3.0	3.1	2.7	4.2	3.1	2.1	3.2	-
Other firearm.....	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.0	0.4	0.7	0.0	-
Firearm - unknown type.....	10.1	11.2	4.9	9.2	7.8	16.2	5.2	-
Nonfirearm.....	29.5	25.1	50.8	48.8	26.9	20.1	31.8	-
Knife ¹	14.1	12.8	19.9	19.4	14.7	9.1	16.2	-
Blunt object ²	5.3	4.6	8.2	11.8	4.1	3.1	3.9	-
Personal weapon ³	5.7	4.4	12.0	11.0	3.9	4.5	7.8	-
All other.....	4.5	3.2	10.7	6.6	4.1	3.3	3.9	-
Rope ⁴	1.0	0.6	2.7	1.8	0.7	0.9	1.3	-
Drugs.....	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	-
Other ⁵	3.4	2.5	7.7	4.5	3.4	2.3	2.6	-

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Table 23
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2008
 Age of Victim by Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	Total	Under 18	18-29	30-39	40 and over	Unknown
Number						
Total including unknown.....	2,143	273	906	381	569	14
Unknown.....	33	6	8	2	13	4
Total known.....	2,110	267	898	379	556	10
Firearm.....	1,487	171	738	300	273	5
Handgun.....	1,153	140	577	236	195	5
All other firearms.....	334	31	161	64	78	0
Rifle.....	48	6	22	7	13	0
Shotgun.....	64	7	25	7	25	0
Other firearm.....	8	0	6	1	1	0
Firearm - unknown type.....	214	18	108	49	39	0
Nonfirearm.....	623	96	160	79	283	5
Knife ¹	297	21	107	47	121	1
Blunt object ²	111	11	21	13	66	0
Personal weapon ³	120	43	16	10	51	0
All other.....	95	21	16	9	45	4
Rope ⁴	21	3	3	3	12	0
Drugs.....	2	1	1	0	0	0
Other ⁵	72	17	12	6	33	4
Percent based on total known						
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Firearm.....	70.5	64.0	82.2	79.2	49.1	-
Handgun.....	54.6	52.4	64.3	62.3	35.1	-
All other firearms.....	15.8	11.6	17.9	16.9	14.0	-
Rifle.....	2.3	2.2	2.4	1.8	2.3	-
Shotgun.....	3.0	2.6	2.8	1.8	4.5	-
Other firearm.....	0.4	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.2	-
Firearm - unknown type.....	10.1	6.7	12.0	12.9	7.0	-
Nonfirearm.....	29.5	36.0	17.8	20.8	50.9	-
Knife ¹	14.1	7.9	11.9	12.4	21.8	-
Blunt object ²	5.3	4.1	2.3	3.4	11.9	-
Personal weapon ³	5.7	16.1	1.8	2.6	9.2	-
All other.....	4.5	7.9	1.8	2.4	8.1	-
Rope ⁴	1.0	1.1	0.3	0.8	2.2	-
Drugs.....	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	-
Other ⁵	3.4	6.4	1.3	1.6	5.9	-

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Table 24
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1999-2008
 By Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		Percent change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1999-2008	2007-2008
Total including unknown.....	2,006		2,074		2,201		2,392		2,402			
Unknown.....	304		314		317		370		410			
Total known.....	1,702	100.0	1,760	100.0	1,884	100.0	2,022	100.0	1,992	100.0		
Rape, robbery, burglary....	157	9.2	206	11.7	149	7.9	179	8.9	161	8.1		
Rape.....	16	0.9	8	0.5	12	0.6	8	0.4	7	0.4		
Robbery.....	127	7.5	186	10.6	133	7.1	163	8.1	137	6.9		
Burglary.....	14	0.8	12	0.7	4	0.2	8	0.4	17	0.9		
Argument.....	710	41.7	726	41.3	793	42.1	779	38.5	836	42.0		
Domestic violence.....	128	7.5	147	8.4	176	9.3	181	9.0	187	9.4		
All other argument.....	582	34.2	579	32.9	617	32.7	598	29.6	649	32.6		
Gang-, drug-related.....	487	28.6	581	33.0	726	38.5	816	40.4	772	38.8		
Gang-related.....	402	23.6	506	28.8	647	34.3	730	36.1	669	33.6		
Drug-related.....	85	5.0	75	4.3	79	4.2	86	4.3	103	5.2		
All other.....	348	20.4	247	14.0	216	11.5	248	12.3	223	11.2		
Contributing circumstance (cont.)												
Total including unknown.....	2,394		2,503		2,483		2,258		2,143			
Unknown.....	320		526		568		825		751			
Total known.....	2,074	100.0	1,977	100.0	1,915	100.0	1,433	100.0	1,392	100.0		
Rape, robbery, burglary....	145	7.0	151	7.6	141	7.4	107	7.5	97	7.0		
Rape.....	6	0.3	7	0.4	6	0.3	3	0.2	0	0.0		
Robbery.....	128	6.2	135	6.8	132	6.9	94	6.6	92	6.6		
Burglary.....	11	0.5	9	0.5	3	0.2	10	0.7	5	0.4		
Argument.....	886	42.7	791	40.0	741	38.7	599	41.8	531	38.1		
Domestic violence.....	163	7.9	160	8.1	141	7.4	119	8.3	113	8.1		
All other argument.....	723	34.9	631	31.9	600	31.3	480	33.5	418	30.0		
Gang-, drug-related.....	786	37.9	756	38.2	748	39.1	510	35.6	511	36.7		
Gang-related.....	698	33.7	653	33.0	645	33.7	469	32.7	469	33.7		
Drug-related.....	88	4.2	103	5.2	103	5.4	41	2.9	42	3.0		
All other.....	257	12.4	279	14.1	285	14.9	217	15.1	253	18.2		

Notes: Percentages may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of rounding.
 Dash indicates that a percent change is not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

Table 25
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2008
 Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	Total	Gender		Race/ethnic group					
		Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown	
		Number							
Total including unknown.....	2,143	1,766	377	389	1,003	577	159	15	
Unknown.....	751	635	116	145	300	246	50	10	
Total known.....	1,392	1,131	261	244	703	331	109	5	
Rape, robbery, burglary.....	97	84	13	26	39	20	11	1	
Rape.....	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Robbery, burglary.....	97	84	13	26	39	20	11	1	
Robbery.....	92	83	9	24	38	19	11	0	
Burglary.....	5	1	4	2	1	1	0	1	
Argument.....	531	378	153	146	219	114	50	2	
Domestic violence.....	113	14	99	33	39	22	19	0	
All other argument.....	418	364	54	113	180	92	31	2	
Gang-, drug-related.....	511	487	24	28	324	135	24	0	
Gang-related.....	469	448	21	19	309	121	20	0	
Drug-related.....	42	39	3	9	15	14	4	0	
All other.....	253	182	71	44	121	62	24	2	
		Percent based on total known							
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Rape, robbery, burglary.....	7.0	7.4	5.0	10.7	5.5	6.0	10.1	-	
Rape.....	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	
Robbery, burglary.....	7.0	7.4	5.0	10.7	5.5	6.0	10.1	-	
Robbery.....	6.6	7.3	3.4	9.8	5.4	5.7	10.1	-	
Burglary.....	0.4	0.1	1.5	0.8	0.1	0.3	0.0	-	
Argument.....	38.1	33.4	58.6	59.8	31.2	34.4	45.9	-	
Domestic violence.....	8.1	1.2	37.9	13.5	5.5	6.6	17.4	-	
All other argument.....	30.0	32.2	20.7	46.3	25.6	27.8	28.4	-	
Gang-, drug-related.....	36.7	43.1	9.2	11.5	46.1	40.8	22.0	-	
Gang-related.....	33.7	39.6	8.0	7.8	44.0	36.6	18.3	-	
Drug-related.....	3.0	3.4	1.1	3.7	2.1	4.2	3.7	-	
All other.....	18.2	16.1	27.2	18.0	17.2	18.7	22.0	-	

Notes: Percentages may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of rounding.
 Dash indicates that data are not applicable or that percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

Table 26
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2008
 Age of Victim by Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	Total	Number										70 and over	Unknown
		Under 5	5-17	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70 and over	Unknown			
Total including unknown.....	2,143	77	196	906	381	260	162	77	70	14			
Unknown.....	751	5	41	316	152	102	65	33	26	11			
Total known.....	1,392	72	155	590	229	158	97	44	44	3			
Rape, robbery, burglary.....	97	0	5	27	21	16	16	5	7	0			
Rape.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Robbery.....	92	0	5	26	21	16	14	5	5	0			
Burglary.....	5	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	0			
Argument.....	531	0	25	182	111	102	60	25	25	1			
Domestic violence.....	113	0	2	24	35	26	14	6	6	0			
All other argument.....	418	0	23	158	76	76	46	19	19	1			
Gang-, drug-related.....	511	0	91	308	77	22	10	3	0	0			
Gang-related.....	469	0	90	291	63	14	8	3	0	0			
Drug-related.....	42	0	1	17	14	8	2	0	0	0			
Child abuse.....	79	63	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
All other.....	174	9	18	73	20	18	11	11	12	2			
Percent based on total known													
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0			
Rape, robbery, burglary.....	7.0	0.0	3.2	4.6	9.2	10.1	16.5	-	-	-			
Rape.....	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-	-			
Robbery.....	6.6	0.0	3.2	4.4	9.2	10.1	14.4	-	-	-			
Burglary.....	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	2.1	-	-	-			
Argument.....	38.1	0.0	16.1	30.8	48.5	64.6	61.9	-	-	-			
Domestic violence.....	8.1	0.0	1.3	4.1	15.3	16.5	14.4	-	-	-			
All other argument.....	30.0	0.0	14.8	26.8	33.2	48.1	47.4	-	-	-			
Gang-, drug-related.....	36.7	0.0	58.7	52.2	33.6	13.9	10.3	-	-	-			
Gang-related.....	33.7	0.0	58.1	49.3	27.5	8.9	8.2	-	-	-			
Drug-related.....	3.0	0.0	0.6	2.9	6.1	5.1	2.1	-	-	-			
Child abuse.....	5.7	87.5	10.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
All other.....	12.5	12.5	11.6	12.4	8.7	11.4	11.3	-	-	-			

Notes: Percentages may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of rounding.
 Dash indicates that data are not applicable or that percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

Table 27
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2008
Contributing Circumstance by Relationship of Victim to Offender

Relationship of victim to offender	Total	Number							All other	Unknown
		Rape	Robbery, burglary	Argument ¹	Gang-, drug-related	Child abuse				
Total including unknown.....	2,143	0	97	531	511	79	174	751		
Unknown.....	1,030	0	50	61	293	6	82	538		
Total known.....	1,113	0	47	470	218	73	92	213		
Friend, acquaintance ²	540	0	16	258	129	14	45	78		
Spouse ³	71	0	0	62	0	0	3	6		
Parent, child ⁴	98	0	0	21	0	52	6	19		
All other relatives.....	68	0	1	30	0	6	15	16		
Stranger.....	336	0	30	99	89	1	23	94		
Percent based on total known										
Total known.....	100.0	-	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Friend, acquaintance ²	48.5	-	-	54.9	59.2	19.2	48.9	36.6		
Spouse ³	6.4	-	-	13.2	0.0	0.0	3.3	2.8		
Parent, child ⁴	8.8	-	-	4.5	0.0	71.2	6.5	8.9		
All other relatives.....	6.1	-	-	6.4	0.0	8.2	16.3	7.5		
Stranger.....	30.2	-	-	21.1	40.8	1.4	25.0	44.1		

Notes: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Dash indicates that percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

¹ Includes domestic violence.

² Includes ex-husband, ex-wife, employer, employee, gang member, etc.

³ Includes "common-law" marriage partner.

⁴ Includes stepmother, stepfather, stepdaughter, and stepson.

Table 28
HOMICIDE CRIMES CLEARED, 1999-2008
 Number Reported, Number Cleared, and Clearance Rate

Year(s)	Number of homicides reported	Number of homicides cleared	Clearance rate ¹
2008.....	2,143	1,227	57.3
2007.....	2,258	1,208	53.5
2006.....	2,483	1,292	52.0
2005.....	2,503	1,249	49.9
2004.....	2,394	1,314	54.9
2003.....	2,402	1,323	55.1
2002.....	2,392	1,362	56.9
2001.....	2,201	1,091	49.6
2000.....	2,074	1,082	52.2
1999.....	2,006	1,200	59.8

¹ A clearance rate is the percentage of crimes (homicides) reported that have been cleared. It is calculated by dividing the number of homicides cleared by the number of homicides reported. The result is multiplied by 100. See Appendix III - Glossary for a detailed explanation of clearances.

Table 29
**FELONY ARRESTS FOR
 SELECTED VIOLENT OFFENSES, 1999-2008**
 Number, Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk, and Percent Change

Year(s)	Total	Homicide	Forcible rape	Robbery	Assault
Number					
2008.....	126,252	1,850	2,103	22,488	99,811
2007.....	127,633	2,017	2,164	21,614	101,838
2006.....	124,624	1,967	2,122	20,376	100,159
2005.....	123,967	1,956	2,098	18,218	101,695
2004.....	125,263	1,978	2,237	17,864	103,184
2003.....	129,522	1,839	2,456	17,501	107,726
2002.....	130,295	1,864	2,549	16,957	108,925
2001.....	134,398	1,754	2,730	17,167	112,747
2000.....	130,259	1,627	2,702	17,122	108,808
1999.....	134,319	1,770	2,887	18,753	110,909
Percent change in number					
2007 to 2008.....	-1.1	-8.3	-2.8	4.0	-2.0
2006 to 2007.....	2.4	2.5	2.0	6.1	1.7
2005 to 2006.....	0.5	0.6	1.1	11.8	-1.5
2004 to 2005.....	-1.0	-1.1	-6.2	2.0	-1.4
2003 to 2004.....	-3.3	7.6	-8.9	2.1	-4.2
2002 to 2003.....	-0.6	-1.3	-3.6	3.2	-1.1
2001 to 2002.....	-3.1	6.3	-6.6	-1.2	-3.4
2000 to 2001.....	3.2	7.8	1.0	0.3	3.6
1999 to 2000.....	-3.0	-8.1	-6.4	-8.7	-1.9
1999 to 2008.....	-6.0	4.5	-27.2	19.9	-10.0
Rate per 100,000 population at risk ¹					
2008.....	422.1	6.2	7.0	75.2	333.7
2007.....	431.8	6.8	7.3	73.1	344.5
2006.....	426.3	6.7	7.3	69.7	342.6
2005.....	430.3	6.8	7.3	63.2	353.0
2004.....	441.7	7.0	7.9	63.0	363.9
2003.....	465.6	6.6	8.8	62.9	387.3
2002.....	477.2	6.8	9.3	62.1	399.0
2001.....	502.5	6.6	10.2	64.2	421.6
2000.....	497.1	6.2	10.3	65.3	415.2
1999.....	522.4	6.9	11.2	72.9	431.4
Percent change in rate					
2007 to 2008.....	-2.2	-8.8	-4.1	2.9	-3.1
2006 to 2007.....	1.3	1.5	0.0	4.9	0.6
2005 to 2006.....	-0.9	-1.5	0.0	10.3	-2.9
2004 to 2005.....	-2.6	-2.9	-7.6	0.3	-3.0
2003 to 2004.....	-5.1	6.1	-10.2	0.2	-6.0
2002 to 2003.....	-2.4	-2.9	-5.4	1.3	-2.9
2001 to 2002.....	-5.0	3.0	-8.8	-3.3	-5.4
2000 to 2001.....	1.1	6.5	-1.0	-1.7	1.5
1999 to 2000.....	-4.8	-10.1	-8.0	-10.4	-3.8
1999 to 2008.....	-19.2	-10.1	-37.5	3.2	-22.6

Notes: Rates may not add to total because of rounding.

Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.

¹ Rates are based on the total population at risk (10-69 years of age).

Table 30
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1999-2008
 By Gender of Arrestee

Year(s)	Total		Male		Female	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
	2008.....	1,850	100.0	1,652	89.3	198
2007.....	2,017	100.0	1,802	89.3	215	10.7
2006.....	1,967	100.0	1,732	88.1	235	11.9
2005.....	1,956	100.0	1,737	88.8	219	11.2
2004.....	1,978	100.0	1,745	88.2	233	11.8
2003.....	1,839	100.0	1,627	88.5	212	11.5
2002.....	1,864	100.0	1,655	88.8	209	11.2
2001.....	1,754	100.0	1,537	87.6	217	12.4
2000.....	1,627	100.0	1,426	87.6	201	12.4
1999.....	1,770	100.0	1,579	89.2	191	10.8

Table 31
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1999-2008
 By Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee

Year(s)	Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
	2008.....	1,850	100.0	346	18.7	944	51.0	436	23.6	124
2007.....	2,017	100.0	373	18.5	1,022	50.7	495	24.5	127	6.3
2006.....	1,967	100.0	351	17.8	910	46.3	539	27.4	167	8.5
2005.....	1,956	100.0	386	19.7	946	48.4	487	24.9	137	7.0
2004.....	1,978	100.0	409	20.7	932	47.1	476	24.1	161	8.1
2003.....	1,839	100.0	424	23.1	812	44.2	456	24.8	147	8.0
2002.....	1,864	100.0	349	18.7	897	48.1	455	24.4	163	8.7
2001.....	1,754	100.0	400	22.8	832	47.4	406	23.1	116	6.6
2000.....	1,627	100.0	374	23.0	698	42.9	397	24.4	158	9.7
1999.....	1,770	100.0	382	21.6	845	47.7	417	23.6	126	7.1

Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Table 32
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1999-2008
 By Age of Arrestee

Year(s)	Total		Under 18		18-29		30-39		40 and over	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2008.....	1,850	100.0	221	11.9	1,098	59.4	273	14.8	258	13.9
2007.....	2,017	100.0	235	11.7	1,193	59.1	293	14.5	296	14.7
2006.....	1,967	100.0	241	12.3	1,154	58.7	267	13.6	305	15.5
2005.....	1,956	100.0	185	9.5	1,207	61.7	281	14.4	283	14.5
2004.....	1,978	100.0	185	9.4	1,143	57.8	313	15.8	337	17.0
2003.....	1,839	100.0	167	9.1	1,077	58.6	326	17.7	269	14.6
2002.....	1,864	100.0	215	11.5	1,097	58.9	293	15.7	259	13.9
2001.....	1,754	100.0	194	11.1	1,011	57.6	291	16.6	258	14.7
2000.....	1,627	100.0	160	9.8	913	56.1	299	18.4	255	15.7
1999.....	1,770	100.0	182	10.3	1,037	58.6	317	17.9	234	13.2

Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Table 33
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 2008
 Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Gender and Age of Arrestee

Gender and age of arrestee	Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	1,850	100.0	346	100.0	944	100.0	436	100.0	124	100.0
Male.....	1,652	89.3	289	83.5	857	90.8	393	90.1	113	91.1
Female.....	198	10.7	57	16.5	87	9.2	43	9.9	11	8.9
Under 18.....	221	11.9	12	3.5	117	12.4	78	17.9	14	11.3
18-29.....	1,098	59.4	154	44.5	628	66.5	250	57.3	66	53.2
30-39.....	273	14.8	74	21.4	131	13.9	46	10.6	22	17.7
40 and over.....	258	13.9	106	30.6	68	7.2	62	14.2	22	17.7

Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Table 34
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 2008
Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Gender and Age of Arrestee

Gender and age of arrestee	Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	1,850	100.0	346	100.0	944	100.0	436	100.0	124	100.0
Under 18.....	221	11.9	12	3.5	117	12.4	78	17.9	14	11.3
18-19.....	317	17.1	34	9.8	182	19.3	74	17.0	27	21.8
20-24.....	496	26.8	59	17.1	288	30.5	127	29.1	22	17.7
25-29.....	285	15.4	61	17.6	158	16.7	49	11.2	17	13.7
30-34.....	135	7.3	35	10.1	71	7.5	20	4.6	9	7.3
35-39.....	138	7.5	39	11.3	60	6.4	26	6.0	13	10.5
40-44.....	86	4.6	31	9.0	27	2.9	23	5.3	5	4.0
45-49.....	49	2.6	22	6.4	13	1.4	10	2.3	4	3.2
50-54.....	53	2.9	18	5.2	14	1.5	19	4.4	2	1.6
55 and over.....	70	3.8	35	10.1	14	1.5	10	2.3	11	8.9
Male.....	1,652	100.0	289	100.0	857	100.0	393	100.0	113	100.0
Under 18.....	206	12.5	10	3.5	109	12.7	75	19.1	12	10.6
18-19.....	296	17.9	29	10.0	171	20.0	71	18.1	25	22.1
20-24.....	447	27.1	49	17.0	262	30.6	115	29.3	21	18.6
25-29.....	254	15.4	51	17.6	144	16.8	44	11.2	15	13.3
30-34.....	120	7.3	31	10.7	63	7.4	17	4.3	9	8.0
35-39.....	111	6.7	28	9.7	52	6.1	19	4.8	12	10.6
40-44.....	68	4.1	25	8.7	21	2.5	18	4.6	4	3.5
45-49.....	41	2.5	19	6.6	10	1.2	8	2.0	4	3.5
50-54.....	48	2.9	16	5.5	14	1.6	16	4.1	2	1.8
55 and over.....	61	3.7	31	10.7	11	1.3	10	2.5	9	8.0
Female.....	198	100.0	57	100.0	87	100.0	43	100.0	11	100.0
Under 18.....	15	7.6	2	3.5	8	9.2	3	-	2	-
18-19.....	21	10.6	5	8.8	11	12.6	3	-	2	-
20-24.....	49	24.7	10	17.5	26	29.9	12	-	1	-
25-29.....	31	15.7	10	17.5	14	16.1	5	-	2	-
30-34.....	15	7.6	4	7.0	8	9.2	3	-	0	-
35-39.....	27	13.6	11	19.3	8	9.2	7	-	1	-
40-44.....	18	9.1	6	10.5	6	6.9	5	-	1	-
45-49.....	8	4.0	3	5.3	3	3.4	2	-	0	-
50-54.....	5	2.5	2	3.5	0	0.0	3	-	0	-
55 and over.....	9	4.5	4	7.0	3	3.4	0	-	2	-

Notes: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.
Dash indicates that percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

Table 35
**PERSONS UNDER CALIFORNIA
 SENTENCE OF DEATH, 1978-2008**

Year(s)	Initial sentences	Total persons under sentence of death ^{1, 2}
2008.....	21	665
2007.....	17	659
2006.....	17	649
2005.....	22	641
2004.....	12	632
2003.....	22	626
2002.....	17	610
2001.....	25	600
2000.....	33	583
1999.....	42	550
1998.....	32	513
1997.....	40	492
1996.....	40	460
1995.....	38	427
1994.....	21	393
1993.....	34	376
1992.....	40	348
1991.....	26	308
1990.....	33	281
1989.....	33	249
1988.....	34	225
1987.....	25	203
1986.....	21	179
1985.....	16	160
1984.....	27	161
1983.....	35	143
1982.....	39	113
1981.....	39	80
1980.....	23	42
1979.....	20	25
1978.....	7	7

Source: Offender-Based Transaction Statistics, California Department of Justice (initial sentences) and California Appellate Project (total persons under sentence of death).

¹ Total persons under sentence of death on December 31 of each year. Persons with multiple California death sentences are counted once.

² The increase in the total number of persons under sentence of death from year-to-year will *not* equal the number of initial sentences reported each year. This is because, in addition to initial sentences, persons may be resentenced to death, no longer under sentence of death because of execution or death by other causes, removed pending retrial, resentenced to a penalty less than death, or freed.

Table 36
PERSONS SENTENCED TO DEATH, 2008
 Sentencing County by Gender, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age

Sentencing county	Total	Gender		Race/ethnic group				Age at arrest					
		Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 and over
Total.....	21	21	0	4	9	7	1	1	6	6	2	2	4
Alameda.....	3	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Los Angeles.....	6	6	0	1	3	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	2
Orange.....	4	4	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	0
Riverside.....	4	4	0	1	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	0
San Bernardino.....	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
San Diego.....	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Yolo.....	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

Note: This table does not include persons resentenced to death after their death sentence was reversed on appeal.

Table 37
HOMICIDE CRIMES AND PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1999-2008
 Number and Rate per 100,000 Respective Population

Year(s)	California population	Homicides		Sworn law enforcement personnel ²	Peace officers killed in the line of duty	
		Number ¹	Rate		Number	Rate
2008.....	38,148,493	2,143	5.6	81,402	3	3.7
2007.....	37,771,431	2,258	6.0	78,724	4	5.1
2006.....	37,444,385	2,483	6.6	75,625	5	6.6
2005.....	37,004,661	2,503	6.8	74,445	5	6.7
2004.....	36,590,814	2,394	6.5	73,951	4	5.4
2003.....	35,934,000	2,402	6.7	75,336	6	8.0
2002.....	35,301,000	2,392	6.8	75,612	4	5.3
2001.....	34,758,000	2,201	6.3	72,119	6	8.3
2000.....	34,480,000	2,074	6.0	69,029	2	2.9
1999.....	34,036,000	2,006	5.9	69,363	4	5.8

Note: Homicide rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.

¹ Includes peace officers feloniously killed in the line of duty.

² Personnel in the Department of Justice and other state regulatory agencies are not included.

Table 38
PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 2008
 By Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	Number	Percent
Total.....	3	100.0
Attempted arrest.....	1	-
Domestic disturbance call.....	1	-
Traffic pursuit/stop.....	1	-

Note: Dash indicates that percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

Table 39
**JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2008**

By Gender, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age of Deceased

Gender, race/ethnic group, and age of deceased	Total		Peace officer justifiable		Private citizen justifiable	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total						
Total.....	129	100.0	102	100.0	27	100.0
Gender						
Male.....	123	95.3	98	96.1	25	92.6
Female.....	6	4.7	4	3.9	2	7.4
Race/ethnic group						
White.....	32	24.8	25	24.5	7	25.9
Hispanic.....	56	43.4	47	46.1	9	33.3
Black.....	31	24.0	23	22.5	8	29.6
Other.....	10	7.8	7	6.9	3	11.1
Unknown.....	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Age						
Under 18.....	8	6.2	6	5.9	2	7.4
18-29.....	57	44.2	47	46.1	10	37.0
18-19.....	4	3.1	3	2.9	1	3.7
20-24.....	29	22.5	24	23.5	5	18.5
25-29.....	24	18.6	20	19.6	4	14.8
30-39.....	35	27.1	25	24.5	10	37.0
30-34.....	21	16.3	14	13.7	7	25.9
35-39.....	14	10.9	11	10.8	3	11.1
40 and over.....	29	22.5	24	23.5	5	18.5
40-44.....	6	4.7	5	4.9	1	3.7
45-49.....	9	7.0	6	5.9	3	11.1
50-54.....	4	3.1	4	3.9	0	0.0
55 and over.....	10	7.8	9	8.8	1	3.7
Unknown.....	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Table 40
**JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2008**
By Location of Justifiable Homicide

Location of justifiable homicide	Number	Percent
Total		
Total.....	129	
Peace officer justifiable		
Total.....	102	100.0
Felon's residence.....	21	20.6
Other residence.....	9	8.8
Street, sidewalk.....	44	43.1
Commercial establishment.....	3	2.9
Hotel, motel.....	0	0.0
Liquor store.....	0	0.0
Bar.....	0	0.0
Other business.....	3	2.9
All other.....	25	24.5
Parking lot.....	3	2.9
Vehicle.....	7	6.9
Field, park.....	5	4.9
Other.....	10	9.8
Citizen justifiable		
Total.....	27	100.0
Citizen's, shared residence.....	7	25.9
Citizen's residence.....	5	18.5
Shared residence.....	2	7.4
Other residence.....	5	18.5
Felon's residence.....	3	11.1
Other residence.....	2	7.4
Street, sidewalk.....	5	18.5
Commercial establishment.....	4	14.8
Hotel, motel.....	0	0.0
Liquor store.....	1	3.7
Bar.....	0	0.0
Other business.....	3	11.1
All other.....	6	22.2
Parking lot.....	3	11.1
Vehicle.....	1	3.7
Field, park.....	2	7.4
Other.....	0	0.0

Note: Percentages may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of rounding.

Table 41
**JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2008**
By Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	Number	Percent
Total		
Total.....	129	
Peace officer justifiable		
Total	102	100.0
Felon attacked peace officer.....	65	63.7
Felon killed during commission of crime.....	8	7.8
Felon resisted arrest.....	8	7.8
All other.....	21	20.6
Felon attacked another peace officer.....	5	4.9
Felon attacked citizen.....	3	2.9
Felon attempted flight.....	3	2.9
Details not provided.....	10	9.8
Citizen justifiable		
Total	27	100.0
Felon attacked citizen.....	15	55.6
Felon killed during commission of crime.....	9	33.3
Details not provided.....	3	11.1

Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Table 42
**JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2008**
By Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	Total		Peace officer justifiable		Citizen justifiable	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	129	100.0	102	100.0	27	100.0
Firearm.....	118	91.5	101	99.0	17	63.0
Handgun.....	87	67.4	75	73.5	12	44.4
Rifle.....	13	10.1	11	10.8	2	7.4
Shotgun.....	7	5.4	6	5.9	1	3.7
Other firearm.....	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Firearm - unknown type.....	11	8.5	9	8.8	2	7.4
Nonfirearm.....	11	8.5	1	1.0	10	37.0
Knife ¹	9	7.0	1	1.0	8	29.6
Personal weapon ²	1	0.8	0	0.0	1	3.7
Other ³	1	0.8	0	0.0	1	3.7

Note: Percentages may not add to subtotals or to 100.0 because of rounding.

¹ Any instrument used to cut or stab.

² Hands, feet, etc.

³ Poison, arson, pellet gun, drowning, etc.

Table 43
POPULATION ESTIMATES, 1960-2008

Year(s)	Total population	Population at risk		
		Total ¹	Adult ²	Juvenile ³
2008.....	38,148,493	29,910,167	25,302,852	4,607,315
2007.....	37,771,431	29,558,540	24,902,100	4,656,440
2006.....	37,444,385	29,236,911	24,731,088	4,505,823
2005.....	37,004,661	28,809,579	24,316,140	4,493,439
2004.....	36,590,814	28,357,204	23,906,564	4,450,640
2003.....	35,934,000	27,815,344	23,295,523	4,519,821
2002.....	35,301,000	27,302,433	22,927,383	4,375,050
2001.....	34,758,000	26,745,137	22,555,739	4,189,398
2000.....	34,480,000	26,203,950	22,198,297	4,005,653
1999.....	34,036,000	25,711,892	21,855,190	3,856,702
1998.....	33,494,000	25,263,064	21,498,170	3,764,894
1997.....	32,957,000	25,760,375	21,934,916	3,825,459
1996.....	32,383,000	25,554,242	21,825,735	3,728,507
1995.....	32,063,000	25,122,782	21,505,839	3,616,943
1994.....	32,140,000	24,703,379	21,193,571	3,509,808
1993.....	31,742,000	24,334,534	20,923,632	3,410,902
1992.....	31,300,000	23,975,578	20,661,120	3,314,458
1991.....	30,646,000	23,585,168	20,356,984	3,228,184
1990.....	29,557,836	23,178,961	20,027,633	3,151,328
1989.....	28,771,207	22,524,392	19,451,763	3,072,629
1988.....	28,060,746	21,969,953	18,885,349	3,084,604
1987.....	27,388,477	21,483,563	18,378,758	3,104,805
1986.....	26,741,621	21,009,362	17,903,122	3,106,240
1985.....	26,112,632	20,563,314	17,468,941	3,094,373
1984.....	25,587,254	20,167,923	17,083,479	3,084,444
1983.....	25,075,581	19,860,746	16,763,095	3,097,651
1982.....	24,546,566	19,510,945	16,415,571	3,095,374
1981.....	24,038,711	19,172,812	16,082,355	3,090,457
1980.....	23,668,145	18,824,197	15,778,999	3,045,198
1979.....	23,255,000	18,371,691	15,323,376	3,048,315
1978.....	22,839,000	18,012,901	14,916,032	3,096,869
1977.....	22,350,000	17,619,453	14,470,680	3,148,773
1976.....	21,935,000	17,269,884	14,080,872	3,189,012
1975.....	21,537,000	16,914,556	13,694,793	3,219,763
1974.....	21,173,000	16,563,671	13,339,906	3,223,765
1973.....	20,868,000	16,237,031	13,031,007	3,206,024
1972.....	20,585,000	15,926,249	12,758,809	3,167,440
1971.....	20,346,000	15,657,238	12,542,795	3,114,443
1970.....	20,039,000	15,378,312	12,339,580	3,038,732
1969.....	19,856,000	14,697,200	11,657,600	3,039,600
1968.....	19,554,000	14,379,400	11,403,700	2,975,700
1967.....	19,478,000	14,065,700	11,159,800	2,905,900
1966.....	19,132,000	13,696,700	10,872,500	2,824,200
1965.....	18,756,000	13,377,400	10,620,600	2,756,800
1964.....	18,234,000	12,981,700	10,311,100	2,670,600
1963.....	17,675,000	12,564,600	10,047,700	2,516,900
1962.....	17,044,000	12,099,200	9,740,000	2,359,200
1961.....	16,445,000	11,697,900	9,469,100	2,228,800
1960.....	15,860,000	11,314,900	9,203,300	2,111,600

Source: Population estimates were provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.

¹ Total population at risk, 10-69 years of age.

² Adult population at risk, 18-69 years of age.

³ Juvenile population at risk, 10-17 years of age.

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Appendices

Appendix I

Data Characteristics and Known Limitations

HOMICIDE CRIMES

Homicide data are obtained from the Supplementary Homicide Report (SHR). The SHR is submitted monthly by local California law enforcement agencies as part of the national Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system.

The number of reported homicide crimes represents known victims.

Per UCR definition, suicides, fetal deaths, traffic fatalities, accidental deaths, assaults to murder, and attempts to murder are not classified as criminal homicide and are not included in this report.

The findings of a court, coroner's inquest, etc., do not affect classifying or scoring of the SHR homicide counts.

Detailed data regarding the criminal homicide category can only be as comprehensive as the input provided by the individual contributing agency.

Offender data (race/ethnicity, age, and gender) are based on law enforcement identification of the offender as a suspect. No follow-up is made to determine if a conviction was obtained.

Weapon – Reporting agencies report a complete description of the weapon and the ways in which the weapon was used. For example, if a bottle was used in the commission of a murder, the agency will state whether the person was killed by beating, cutting, or stabbing.

Relationship – The relationship reported is that of the victim to the offender. For example, if a wife is killed by her husband the reported relationship is wife.

Circumstances – Statements of circumstances must be based on information known to law enforcement, not decisions of a grand jury, coroner's inquest, or other agency outside law enforcement. The reporting agency provides a brief statement as to the circumstances or precipitating events leading to the victim's death. If the killing occurred in conjunction with the commission of another felony such as a robbery or rape, the agency identifies the specific offense involved.

ARRESTS

Monthly Arrest and Citation Register (MACR)

Arrest data from the MACR reporting system are designed to collect data on the number of persons arrested, not the number of charges lodged.

If a person is arrested for multiple offenses, MACR selects only the most serious offense, based on the severity of possible punishment.

The subjectivity of the classification and labeling process must be considered in the analysis of race/ethnic group data.

Data Characteristics and Known Limitations *(continued)*

ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS Offender-Based Transaction Statistics (OBTS)

To provide the most valid data possible, the disposition section of this report has been removed. In 2001, Criminal Justice Statistics Center staff determined that a number of homicide arrests submitted to the DOJ's Automated Criminal History System (from which adult felony arrest disposition data are extracted) between 1999 and 2001 should have been submitted as arrests for attempted homicide. As a result, more homicide arrests were counted during these years than occurred. This caused a lower percentage of homicide convictions and a higher percentage of assault convictions. (Both percentages were based on the number of adult felony arrests for homicide for which dispositions were received.) It should be noted that the DOJ has addressed this issue and that the exclusion of disposition data does not affect crime, arrest, death penalty, or other data included in this or past reports. When homicide disposition data are once again determined to be accurate, they will be included in this publication.

POPULATION

Since 2004, the population estimates used to calculate rates have been based on revisions of the 2000 Census. Prior to 2003, these population estimates were based on revisions of the 1990 Census. Readers are advised to exercise care in interpreting changes in percent and rate between decennial census samples. In addition, the "other" population category now includes the Department of Finance's race/ethnic group of "multi-racial."

Appendix II

Computational Formulas

ARREST RATE – An arrest rate describes the number of arrests made by law enforcement agencies per 100,000 total population or per 100,000 population considered to be at risk for arrest (10–69 years of age). The at-risk population can be further distinguished by adults at risk (aged 18–69 years) and juveniles at risk (aged 10–17 years). Regardless of the population used, both rates are calculated in the same manner. An arrest rate is calculated by dividing the number of reported arrests by the respective population; the result is multiplied by 100,000. For example, in 2008 there were 1,850 homicide arrests. The total population was 38,148,493 and the total population at risk (10–69 years of age) was 29,910,167. This equals a homicide arrest rate of 4.8 per 100,000 total population and 6.2 per 100,000 total population at risk.

$$\frac{1,850}{38,148,493} = 0.000048495 \times 100,000 = 4.8 \text{ per } 100,000 \text{ total population}$$

$$\frac{1,850}{29,910,167} = 0.00006185 \times 100,000 = 6.2 \text{ per } 100,000 \text{ total population at risk}$$

CLEARANCE RATE – A clearance rate is the percentage of crimes reported that have been cleared. A clearance rate is calculated by dividing the number of crimes cleared by the number of crimes reported; the result is multiplied by 100. For example, in 2008 there were 1,227 homicides cleared and 2,143 homicides reported. This equals a homicide clearance rate of 57.3 percent.

$$\frac{1,227}{2,143} = 0.572561829 \times 100 = 57.3 \text{ percent}$$

CRIME RATE – A crime rate describes the number of crimes reported to law enforcement agencies per 100,000 total population. A crime rate is calculated by dividing the number of reported crimes by the total population; the result is multiplied by 100,000. For example, in 2008 there were 2,142 homicides in California and the population was 38,148,493. This equals a homicide crime rate of 5.6 per 100,000 general population.

$$\frac{2,142}{38,148,493} = 0.0000561490 \times 100,000 = 5.6 \text{ per } 100,000 \text{ population}$$

PERCENT CHANGE – A percent change describes a change in number or rate from one year to another. A percent change is calculated by subtracting base-year data from current-year data; the result is divided by base-year data and multiplied by 100. For example, in 2008 the homicide crime rate was 5.6. In 1999 the homicide crime rate was 5.9. The percent change in rate from 1999 to 2008 is a 5.1 percent decrease.

$$\frac{5.6 - 5.9}{5.9} = -0.050847458 \times 100 = -5.1 \text{ percent}$$

Notes: When a series of rates are calculated using different populations, the rate calculated for the total will not be equal to the sum of the rates calculated for each subtotal. For example, the total arrest rate (calculated using the total at-risk population) will not equal the sum of the adult arrest rate (calculated using the adult at-risk population) and the juvenile arrest rate (calculated using the juvenile at-risk population).

Calculating rates for counties of less than 100,000 will generate an inflated rate when compared to counties with populations of 100,000 or more; therefore, rates are not calculated for counties with populations of less than 100,000.

Appendix III

Glossary

ADULT: a person 18 years of age or older.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT: an unlawful attack or attempted attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm (UCR definition).

APPEAL: a petition initiated by a defendant for a rehearing in an appellate court regarding a previous sentence or motion.

ARREST: ". . . taking a person into custody, in a case and in the manner authorized by law. An arrest may be made by a peace officer or by a private person" (834 PC).

ARREST RATE: the number of arrests per 100,000 population or population at risk. See Appendix II – Computational Formulas for further explanation.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION (CDCR): the state agency that operates all state adult prisons and juvenile facilities, oversees a variety of community correctional facilities and other important correctional facility responsibilities, and supervises all adult and juvenile parolees during their reentry into society.

CLEARANCE: an offense is "cleared by arrest" or solved, for crime reporting purposes, when at least one person is arrested, charged with the commission of an offense, and turned over to a court for prosecution. Although no physical arrest is made, a clearance by arrest can be claimed when an offender is a person under 18 years of age and is cited to appear in juvenile court or before other juvenile authorities. An

offense can also be "cleared exceptionally" for crime reporting purposes when an investigation has definitely established the identity of an offender; there is enough information to support an arrest; and the exact location of an offender is known but, for some reason, law enforcement cannot take the offender into custody.

CLEARANCE RATE: the percentage of crimes reported that have been cleared.

CONVICTION: a judgment, based either on the verdict of a jury or a judicial officer or on the guilty plea of the defendant, that the defendant is guilty.

COURT: an agency of the judicial branch of government, authorized or established by statute or constitution, having one or more judicial officers on its staff. A court has the authority to decide upon controversies in law and disputed matters of fact brought before it. Because of court consolidation we no longer distinguish between lower court and superior court.

CRIME: ". . . an act committed or omitted in violation of a law forbidding or commanding it. . ." (15 PC).

CRIME RATE: the number of reported crimes per 100,000 general population. See Appendix II – Computational Formulas for further explanation.

FELON: one who has committed a felony.

FELONY: a crime that is punishable by death or by imprisonment in a state prison (17 & 18 PC).

Glossary

FORCIBLE RAPE: the carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will. Assaults or attempts to commit rape by force or threat of force are included (UCR definition).

HOMICIDE: the willful (nonnegligent) killing of one human being by another. Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter are included (UCR definition).

JUVENILE: a person under the age of 18.

MISDEMEANOR: a crime punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for up to one year.

MONTHLY ARREST AND CITATION REGISTER (MACR): a reporting system used to collect information on adult and juvenile arrests and citations by police and sheriffs' departments. This register contains data on arrest offenses, arrestee characteristics (age, gender, and race/ethnic group), and law enforcement dispositions.

OFFENDER-BASED TRANSACTION STATISTICS (OBTS): a system designed to collect statistical information on the various processes within the criminal justice system that occur between the point of the felony arrest of an adult and the point of final disposition.

OFFENSE: the charged offense is the crime for which the defendant was arrested or filed on by the district attorney. The convicted offense is the offense the defendant was convicted of or pled guilty to in court.

PENAL CODE (PC): the California Penal Code contains statutes that define criminal offenses and specify corresponding punishments. Criminal justice system mandates and procedures are also included.

POPULATION AT RISK: that portion of the total population who, because of like characteristics to the specific study group, are considered "at risk." For example, if one were studying juvenile arrestees, all persons between 10 and 17 years of age would constitute the at-risk population.

RATE: a comparison of a number of events to a population.

ROBBERY: the taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by creating fear in the victim (UCR definition).

SENTENCE: the penalty imposed by a court upon a convicted person.

UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING (UCR): a federal reporting system that compiles crime data based on information submitted by law enforcement agencies throughout the nation. In California, the Department of Justice administers and forwards these law enforcement data to the federal program.

VIOLENT CRIMES: crimes committed against people. This category includes homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

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