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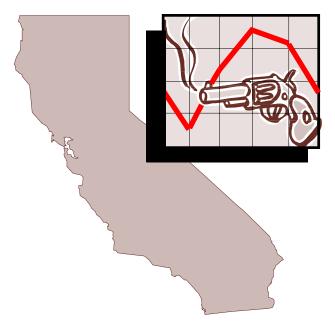
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introduction

Homicide in California, 1997 contains information about the crime of homicide and its victims, demographic information about persons arrested for homicide, and information about the response of the criminal justice system. Information about the death penalty, the number of peace officers killed in the line of duty, and justifiable homicide is also included.

Most data displayed in this publication come from three data bases maintained by the California Department of Justice's Criminal Justice Statistics Center (CJSC). The Homicide File captures willful and justifiable homicide crime data; the Monthly Arrest and Citation Register captures the race/ ethnic group, age, and gender of persons arrested for homicide; and the Offender-Based Transaction Statistics system captures information about types of dispositions and sentences. Because of differences in the type of data collected, and the methods used to collect these data, the reader is cautioned against comparing data from these three collection systems.

In response to the publication evaluation survey suggestions, this year's edition of *Homicide in California* includes several changes. The table of contents now lists every data element displayed, and incorporates the data table index which had been located in the back of the publication. Table N-1 (Page 2) was expanded to include 1952 (the first year data were collected) through 1997 homicide data. Rates per 100,000 population were also calculated and included for these years. Homicide clearance rates are now included (see <u>Table 29</u>, Page 83), and CJSC publications available in either printed or electronic format (via the Internet) are listed on the inside of the back cover. Customized statistical reports or additional statistical information may be requested by contacting CJSC at the numbers provided.

highlights

HOMICIDE CRIMES (see Pages 2-23)

- From 1996 to 1997, homicide crimes decreased 13.3 percent in rate per 100,000 population (9.0 vs. 7.8). From 1988 to 1997, the homicide crime rate decreased 25.7 percent (10.5 vs. 7.8).
- In 1997, the black homicide victim rate was nine and one-half times that of whites and over two and one-half times that of Hispanics (29.5 vs. 3.1 and 11.1, respectively).
- The homicide rate for victims aged 40 and over decreased 38.9 percent from 1988 to 1997 (7.2 vs. 4.4).
- In 1997, most white victims fell into the "aged 40 and over" category (45.9 percent). Most Hispanic and black victims fell into the "aged 18-29" category (51.0 and 46.7 percent, respectively).
- In 1997, 65.0 percent of homicide victims knew their assailant.
- Proportionately, female victims were 17 times more likely than male victims to be the spouse of the offender (20.4 vs. 1.2 percent) in 1997.
- More victims were killed by firearms in 1997 than by all other types of weapons combined (72.3 percent).
- In 1997, 25.2 percent of homicides were gang-related; In 1988, 12.2 percent were gang-related.
- In 1997, 52.9 percent of homicide victims aged 5-17 were killed as a result of gang-related activities.



HOMICIDE ARRESTS (see Pages 26-29)

■ From 1996 to 1997, homicide arrests decreased 13.1 percent in rate per 100,000 population at risk (9.9 vs. 8.6). From 1988 to 1997, the homicide arrest rate decreased 40.3 percent (14.4 vs. 8.6).

DISPOSITIONS OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE (see Pages 32-37)

Approximately three-fourths of adults arrested for homicide, for which 1997 dispositions were received, were convicted of homicide or some other offense.

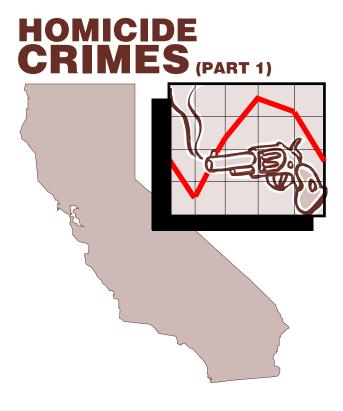
DEATH PENALTY SENTENCES (see Pages 40-41)

■ By the end of 1997, 493 persons were under sentence of death in California. Of these, 40 were sentenced in 1997.

PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY (see Pages 44-45)

- Since 1988, 66 peace officers have been killed in the line of duty. Seven were killed in 1997.
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HOMICIDE CRIMES

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. Data depicting homicide in California have been collected and published for over 45 years.

From 1996 to 1997:

- The homicide rate per 100,000 population decreased 13.3 percent (9.0 to 7.8).
- The number of homicides decreased 11.4 percent (from 2,910 to 2,579).

Comparing 1988 to 1997:

- The homicide rate per 100,000 population decreased 25.7 percent (10.5 to 7.8).
- The number of homicides decreased 12.5 percent (from 2,947 to 2,579).

Comparing 1952 to 1997:

- The homicide rate per 100,000 population increased 225.0 percent (2.4 to 7.8).
- The number of homicides increased 824.4 percent (from 279 to 2,579).

The 1997 homicide rate of 7.8 is the lowest since 1970.

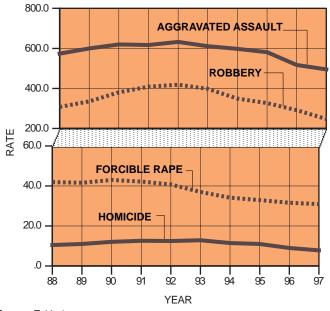
Table N-1 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1952-1997 Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

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Year(s)	Number	Rate
1997	2,579	7.8
1996	2,910	9.0
1995	3,530	11.0
1994	3,699	11.5
1993	4,095	12.9
1992	3,920	12.5
1991	3,876	12.6
1990	3,562	12.1
1989	3,159	11.0
1988	2,947	10.5
1987	2,929	10.7
1986	3,030	11.3
1985	2,781	10.7
1984	2,724	10.6
1983	2,640	10.5
1982	2,778	11.3
1981	3,140	13.1
1980	3,405	14.4
1979	2,941	12.6
1978	2,601	11.4
1977	2,481	11.1
1976	2,214	10.1
1975	2,196	10.2
1974	1,970	9.3
1973	1,862	8.9
1972	1,789	8.7
1971	1,633	8.0
1970	1,355	6.8
1969	1,376	6.9
1968	1,171	6.0
1967	1,051	5.4
1966	897	4.7
1965	892	4.8
1964	758	4.2
1963	656	3.7
1962	671	3.9
1961	609	3.7
1960	620	3.9
1959	515	3.4
1958	547	3.7
1957	497	3.5
1956	474	3.5
1955	417	3.2
1954	419	3.3
1953	276	2.3
1952	279	2.4



Chart 1 VIOLENT CRIMES, 1988-1997 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 1996 to 1997:

- Homicide decreased 13.3 percent (9.0 to 7.8).
- Forcible rape decreased 2.2 percent (31.6 to 30.9).
- Robbery decreased 15.0 percent (290.7 to 247.0).
- Aggravated assault decreased 4.2 percent (516.9 to 495.3).

Comparing 1988 to 1997:

- Homicide decreased 25.7 percent (10.5 to 7.8).
- Forcible rape decreased 26.3 percent (41.9 to 30.9).
- Robbery decreased 19.6 percent (307.2 to 247.0).
- Aggravated assault decreased 13.7 percent (574.0 to 495.3).

Of the four offenses classified as violent crimes by the FBI, homicide maintained the lowest rate per 100,000 population for the years shown.

Charts 2, 3, and 4 display homicide rates per 100,000 population for victims classified by gender, race/ethnic group, and age.

In 1997,

- The total homicide rate was 7.8 per 100,000 population.
- The male homicide rate was more than four times that of the female homicide rate (12.2 vs. 2.8).
- The black homicide rate was over nine and onehalf times that of whites and over two and onehalf times that of Hispanics (29.5 vs. 3.1 and 11.1, respectively).

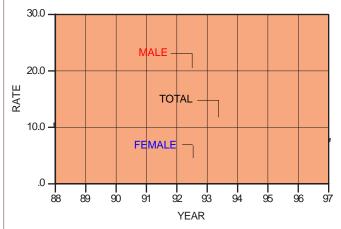
Comparing 1988 to 1997:

- The male homicide rate decreased 23.3 percent. The female homicide rate decreased 41.7 percent.
- The white homicide rate decreased 45.6 percent, the Hispanic homicide rate decreased 14.6 percent, and the black homicide rate decreased 34.6 percent.

Homicide rates decreased for all gender and race/ethnic groups shown.

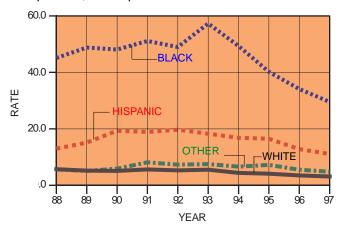
Chart 2

HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997 By Gender of Victim Rate per 100,000 Population



Source: Table 2.

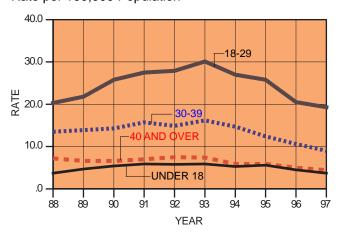
Chart 3 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997 By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim Rate per 100,000 Population



Source: Table 3.



Chart 4 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997 By Age of Victim Rate per 100,000 Population



Source: Table 4.

In 1997,

■ Homicide victims aged 18-29 had the highest homicide rate (19.3 per 100,000 population).

Comparing 1988 to 1997:

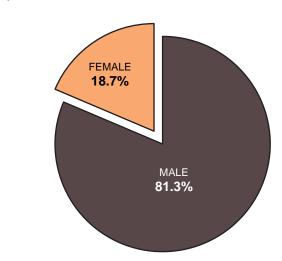
There was no change in the homicide rate for victims under age 18. The homicide rate decreased 4.9 percent for victims aged 18-29, 33.3 percent for victims aged 30-39, and 38.9 percent for victims aged 40 and over.

"Under age 18" is the only age category shown whose 1997 homicide rate is not lower than it was in 1988.

In 1997,

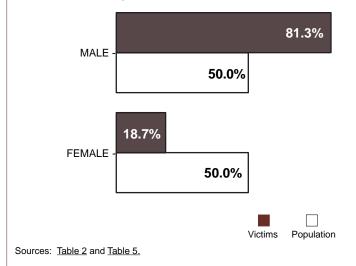
- Males represented 81.3 percent of total homicide victims; they comprised 50.0 percent of the population.
- Females represented 18.7 percent of total homicide victims; they comprised 50.0 percent of the population.

Chart 5 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 By Gender of Victim



Source: Table 5.

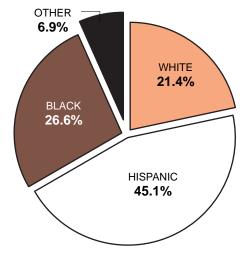
Chart 6 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 Gender of Victim by Percent of Total Victims and Percent of Population



As homicide victims, males are statistically over-represented when compared to females.



Chart 7 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim

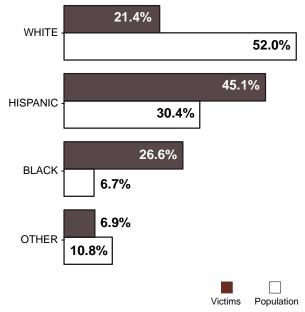


Source: Table 6.

Chart 8

HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997

Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Percent of Total Victims and Percent of Population



Sources: <u>Table 3</u> and <u>Table 6</u>. Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

In 1997,

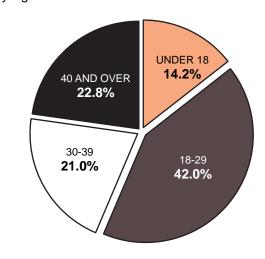
- Whites represented 21.4 percent of total homicide victims; they comprised 52.0 percent of the population.
- Hispanics represented 45.1 percent of total homicide victims; they comprised 30.4 percent of the population.
- Blacks represented 26.6 percent of total homicide victims; they comprised 6.7 percent of the population.
- The "other" race/ethnic group category represented 6.9 percent of total homicide victims; they comprised 10.8 percent of the population.

As homicide victims, Hispanics and blacks are statistically over-represented when compared to the white and "other" race/ethnic group categories.

In 1997,

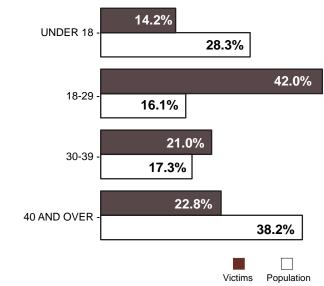
- Victims under age 18 represented 14.2 percent of total homicides; this age group comprised 28.3 percent of the population.
- Victims aged 18-29 represented 42.0 percent of total homicides; this age group comprised 16.1 percent of the population.
- Victims aged 30-39 represented 21.0 percent of total homicides; this age group comprised 17.3 percent of the population.
- Victims aged 40 and over represented 22.8 percent of total homicides; this age group comprised 38.2 percent of the population.

Chart 9 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 By Age of Victim



Source: Table 7.

Chart 10 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 Age of Victim by Percent of Total Victims and Percent of Population



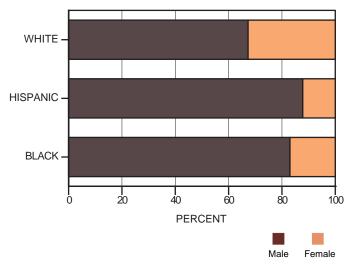
As homicide victims, persons aged 18-29 and 30-39 are statistically over-represented when compared to persons under age 18 and persons aged 40 and over.

Sources: <u>Table 4</u> and <u>Table 7</u>.

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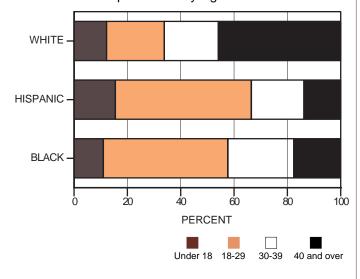


Chart 11 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Gender of Victim



Source: Table 8.

Chart 12 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Age of Victim



Source: Table 9.

In 1997,

- More white victims were female than were either Hispanic or black victims (32.7 vs. 12.2 and 17.0 percent, respectively).
- More Hispanic and black victims were aged 18-29 than were white victims (51.0 and 46.7 vs. 21.6 percent, respectively).
- More white victims were aged 40 and over than were either Hispanic or black victims (45.9 vs. 13.9 and 17.5 percent, respectively).

The majority of Hispanic and black victims were younger than the majority of white homicide victims.

When homicides were examined by the relationship of the victim to the offender, it was found that:

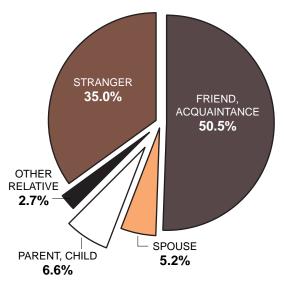
In 1997,

- 50.5 percent of victims were friends or acquaintances of offenders.
- 5.2 percent of victims were spouses of offenders.
- 6.6 percent of victims were parents or children of offenders.
- 2.7 percent of the relationships of victim to offender fell in the "other relative" category.
- 35.0 percent of victims were strangers to offenders.

Comparing 1988 to 1997:

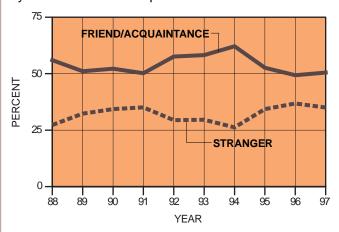
- The proportion of homicides in which victims were friends or acquaintances of offenders decreased from 56.0 percent in 1988 to 50.5 percent in 1997.
- The proportion of homicides in which victims were strangers to offenders increased from 27.3 percent in 1988 to 35.0 percent in 1997.

Chart 13 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 By Relationship of Victim to Offender



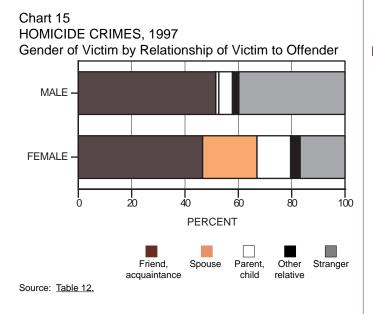
Source: Table 11.

Chart 14 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997 By Selected Relationships of Victims to Offenders



Source: Table 11.

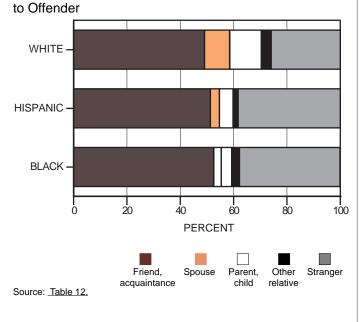




In 1997,

- More female victims were spouses of offenders (20.4 percent) than were male victims (1.2 percent).
- More white victims were spouses, parents, or children of offenders than were either Hispanic or black victims (21.3 vs. 8.5 and 6.9 percent, respectively).

Chart 16 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Relationship of Victim

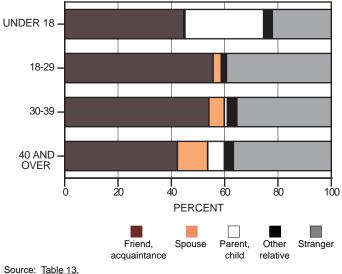


More females were victims of spousal homicide than were males.

In 1997,

- Fewer victims under age 18 were strangers to offenders (22.2 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.
- More victims aged 18-29 were friends or acquaintances of offenders (55.7 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.
- More victims aged 40 and over were spouses of offenders (11.3 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.

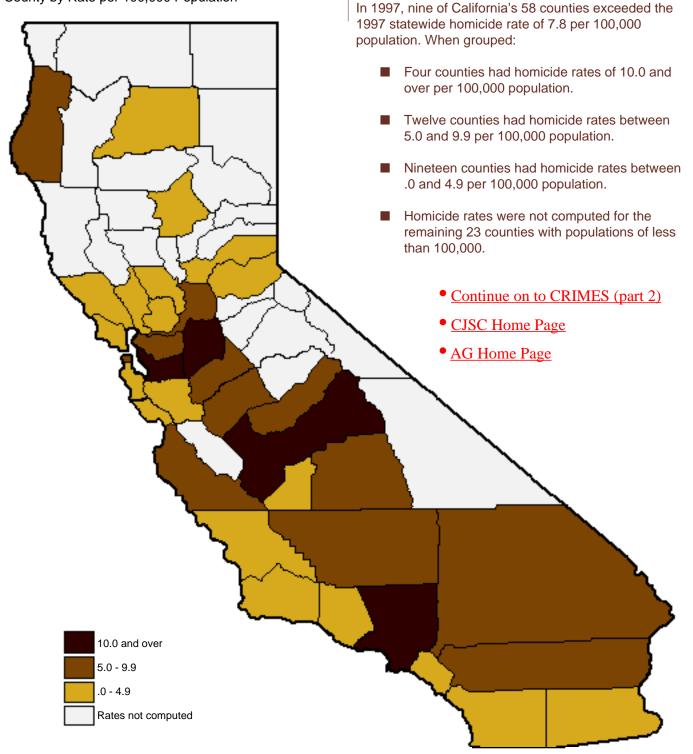
Chart 17 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 Age of Victim by Relationship of Victim to Offender



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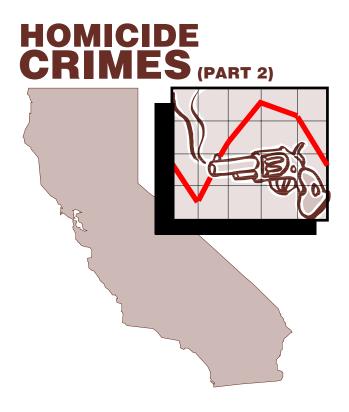


Chart 18 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 County by Rate per 100,000 Population



Source: Table 14.

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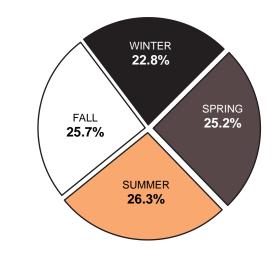


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When homicides were examined by season of incident, it was found that:

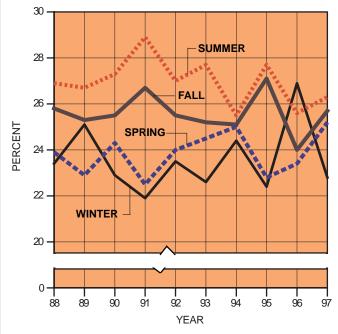
In 1997, the incidents that led to death occurred more often in the summer than in any other season (26.3 percent).

Chart 19 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 By Season of Incident



Source: Table 15.

Chart 20 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997 By Season of Incident

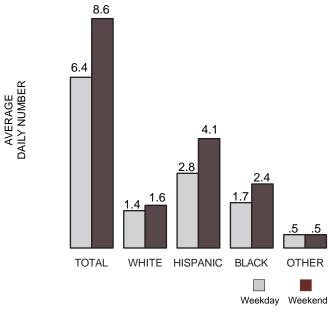


Source: Table 15.

With the exception of 1996, homicides occurred more often in the summer.

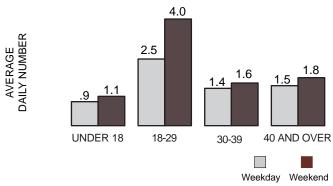


Chart 21 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Average Daily Number of Incidents on Weekdays and Weekends



Source: Table 16.

Chart 22 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 Age of Victim by Average Daily Number of Incidents on Weekdays and Weekends



Source: Table 17.

In 1997,

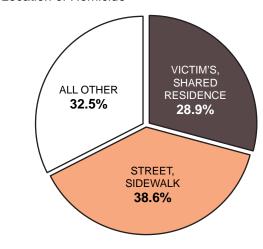
- On average, 6.4 homicide victims were killed each weekday and 8.6 homicide victims were killed each weekend day.
- Hispanic victims had the highest average daily number of incidents on both weekdays and weekends (2.8 and 4.1, respectively) of any race/ethnic group shown.
- Victims aged 18-29 had the highest average daily number of incidents on both weekdays and weekends (2.5 and 4.0, respectively) of any age group shown.
- Regardless of the race/ethnic group or age group shown, the average daily number of incidents on weekends equaled or exceeded the average daily number of incidents on weekdays.

When homicides were examined by location of incident, it was found that:

In 1997,

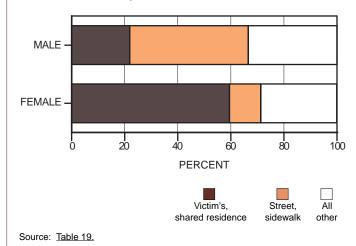
- 28.9 percent of victims were killed at their places of residence.
- 38.6 percent of homicides occurred on streets or sidewalks.
- 32.5 percent of homicides occurred in "all other" locations.
- More males were killed on streets or sidewalks (44.7 percent) than were females (11.8 percent).
- Proportionately, more females were killed at their places of residence (59.5 percent) than were males (21.9 percent).

Chart 23 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 By Location of Homicide



Source: Table 19.

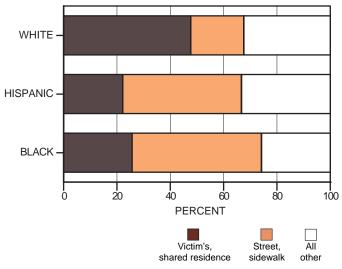
Chart 24 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 Gender of Victim by Location of Homicide



Approximately 60 percent of female homicide victims were killed at their places of residence.

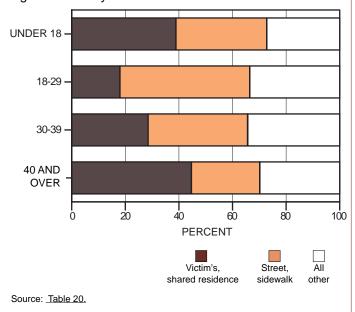


Chart 25 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Location of Homicide



Source: Table 19.

Chart 26 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 Age of Victim by Location of Homicide



In 1997,

- More whites than Hispanics or blacks were killed at their places of residence (47.7 vs. 22.2 and 25.7 percent, respectively).
- More Hispanics and blacks were killed on streets or sidewalks than were whites (44.5 and 48.5 vs. 19.9 percent, respectively).
- More victims aged 18-29 were killed on streets or sidewalks (48.4 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.
- More victims aged 40 and over were killed at their places of residence (44.7 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.

When homicides were examined by type of weapon used, it was found that:

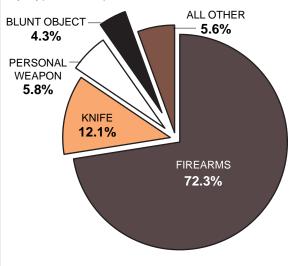
In 1997,

- 72.3 percent resulted from the use of firearms.
 - 64.3 percent resulted from the use of handguns.
 - 8.0 percent resulted from the use of all other types of firearms.
- 12.1 percent resulted from the use of knives.
- 5.8 percent resulted from the use of personal weapons (hands, feet, etc.).
- 4.3 percent resulted from the use of blunt objects (clubs, etc.).
- 5.6 percent resulted from the use of weapons grouped in the "all other" category.

Comparing 1988 to 1997:

- The proportion of homicides that resulted from the use of handguns increased from 45.5 percent in 1988 to 64.3 percent in 1997.
- The proportion of homicides that resulted from the use of other types of firearms decreased from 15.9 percent in 1988 to 8.0 percent in 1997.

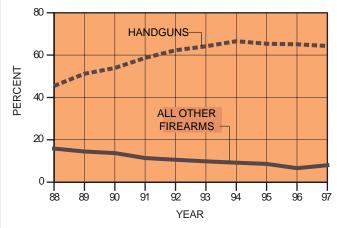
Chart 27 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 By Type of Weapon Used



Source: Table 21.

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

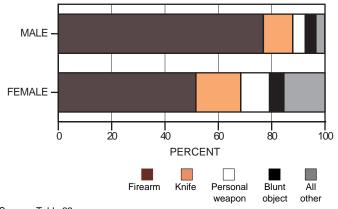
Chart 28 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997 By Selected Types of Weapons Used



Source: <u>Table 21.</u>

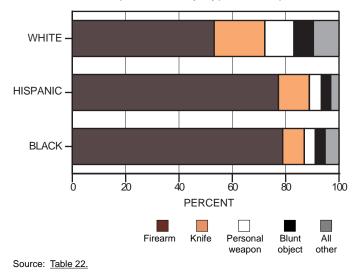


Chart 29 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 Gender of Victim by Type of Weapon Used



Source: Table 22.

Chart 30 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Type of Weapon Used



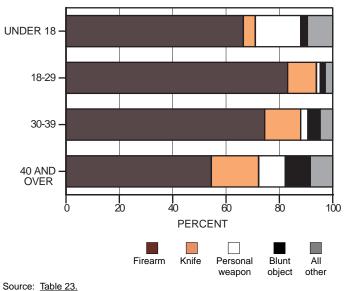
In 1997,

- More males were killed with firearms (76.9 percent) than were females (51.6 percent).
- Proportionately, more females were killed with knives, personal weapons, or blunt objects (32.9 percent) than were males (19.8 percent).
- More Hispanics and blacks were killed with firearms than were whites (77.3 and 78.9 vs. 53.2 percent, respectively).

In 1997,

- More victims aged 18-29 were killed with firearms (83.1 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.
- Proportionately, fewer victims aged 40 and over were killed with firearms (54.5 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.

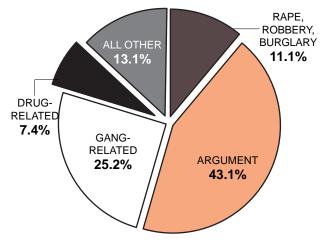
Chart 31 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 Age of Victim by Type of Weapon Used



Over 83 percent of homicide victims aged 18-29 were killed with firearms.

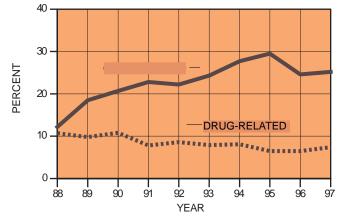


Chart 32 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 By Contributing Circumstance



Source: <u>Table 24.</u> Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.





Source: Table 24.

When homicides were examined by contributing circumstance, it was found that:

In 1997,

- 11.1 percent occurred as a result of a rape, robbery, or burglary.
- 43.1 percent occurred as a result of an argument.
- 25.2 percent were gang-related.
- 7.4 percent were drug-related.
- 13.1 percent occurred as a result of "all other" contributing circumstances.

Comparing 1988 to 1997:

- The proportion of homicides in which the contributing circumstance was gang-related increased from 12.2 percent in 1988 to 25.2 percent in 1997.
- The proportion of homicides in which the contributing circumstance was drug-related decreased from 10.7 percent in 1988 to 7.4 percent in 1997.

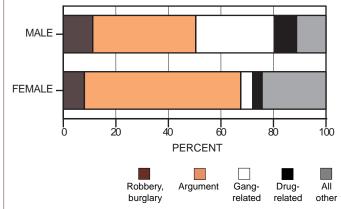
Gang-related homicides have increased 76.1 percent in number since 1988.

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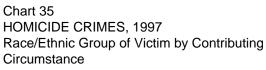
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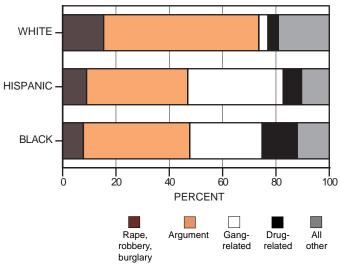
- More males were victims of gang-related homicides (30.1 percent) than were females (4.6 percent).
- Proportionately, more whites than Hispanics or blacks were victims of homicides which occurred as a result of an argument (58.2 vs. 37.9 and 39.9 percent, respectively).
- More Hispanics and blacks were victims of gang-related homicides than were whites (35.8 and 27.1 vs. 3.4 percent, respectively).

Chart 34 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 Gender of Victim by Contributing Circumstance



Source: <u>Table 25.</u> Note: Charts 32, 35, and 36 include rape with robbery and burglary. However, for a more relevant comparison between male and female victims, rape is included in the "all other" category in Chart 34. In 1997, 2.4 percent of homicide crimes involving females were rape-related.

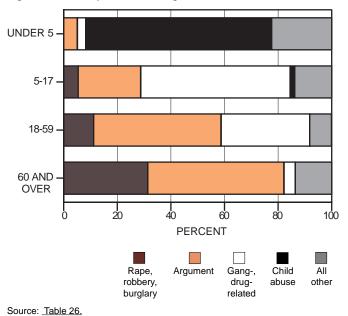




Source: Table 25.



Chart 36 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 Age of Victim by Contributing Circumstance



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In 1997,

- Most homicide victims under age 5 were killed as a result of child abuse (69.4 percent).
- Most homicide victims aged 5-17 were killed as a result of gang- or drug-related activities (55.8 percent).
- More homicide victims aged 18-59 and aged 60 and over were killed as a result of an argument (47.5 and 50.8 percent, respectively) than from any other contributing circumstance shown.

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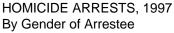
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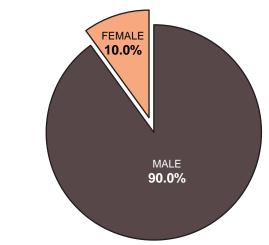
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HOMICIDE ARRESTS

Unlike crimes, which are classified by nationwide Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) standards, arrests are reported by California statute 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 homicide arrests includes murder and *nonvehicular* manslaughter. The federal definition of homicide includes murder and *nonnegligent* (nonaccidental) manslaughter.

All California law enforcement agencies report arrest and citation information to the California Department of Justice on the "Monthly Arrest and Citation Register," which lists each arrestee; includes information about age, gender, and race/ethnic group; and specifies the "most serious" arrest offense and law enforcement disposition. Chart 37





Source: Table 31.

In 1997,

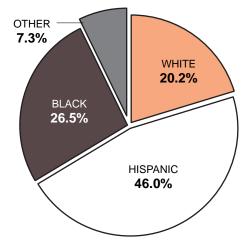
Of 2,212 arrests for homicide:

- 90.0 percent of arrestees (1,990) were male.
- 10.0 percent (222) were female.

 The following penal codes for homicide arrest offenses were reported to the California Department of Justice during 1997: 128, 187(a), 189, 192(a), 192(b), 193(a), 193(b), 273ab, 399, 12310(a).

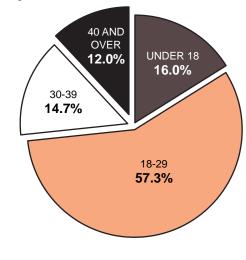


Chart 38 HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1997 By Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee



Source: Table 32.

Chart 39 HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1997 By Age of Arrestee



Source: Table 33.

In 1997,

Of 2,212 arrests for homicide:

- 20.2 percent of arrestees (447) were white.
- 46.0 percent (1,017) were Hispanic.
- 26.5 percent (586) were black.
- 7.3 percent (162) fell into the "other" race/ethnic group category.

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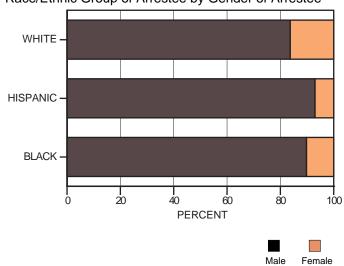
- 16.0 percent of arrestees (353) were under age 18.
- 57.3 percent (1,267) were aged 18-29.
- 14.7 percent (326) were aged 30-39.
- 12.0 percent (266) were aged 40 and over.

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In 1997,

Homicide arrestees for all three race/ethnic groups shown were predominately male.

Chart 40 HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1997 Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Gender of Arrestee

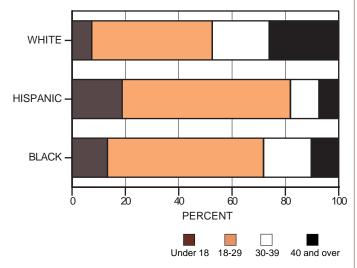


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Source: Table 34.



Chart 41 HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1997 Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Age of Arrestee



Source: <u>Table 34.</u>

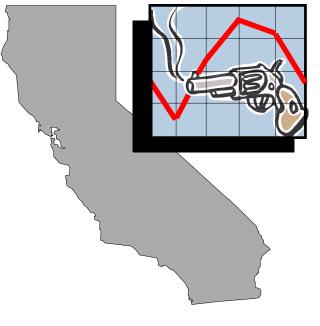
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In 1997,

- More white arrestees were aged 40 and over than were Hispanic or black arrestees (26.2 vs. 7.4 and 10.2 percent, respectively).
- Regardless of race/ethnic group, the majority of homicide arrestees fell into the aged "18-29" category.

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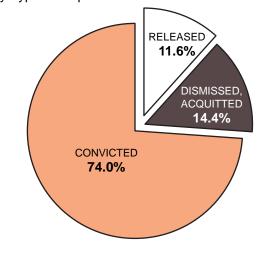
dispositions

DISPOSITIONS OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE

This section of the report describes 1997 dispositions of adults arrested for homicide, regardless of the year of arrest. Data were obtained from California's Offender-Based Transaction Statistics (OBTS) system. This system tracks the processing of adults arrested for felony offenses from arrest through final disposition using data compiled from information collected on fingerprint cards and "Disposition of Arrest and Court Action" (JUS 8715) forms.

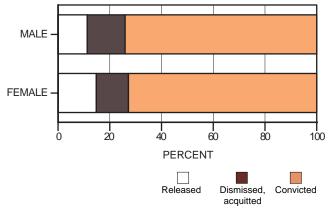


Chart 42 DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE By Type of Disposition



Source: Table 36.

Chart 43 DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE Gender of Arrestee by Type of Disposition



Source: Table 37.

Examination of 1997 dispositions of adults arrested for homicide found that:

- 11.6 percent were released at the law enforcement level or had a complaint denied at the prosecutorial level.
- 14.4 percent were either dismissed or acquitted.
- 74.0 percent were convicted of homicide or some other offense.

And,

The proportion of males convicted (74.2 percent) was approximately the same as the proportion of females convicted (72.8 percent).

dispositions

In 1997,

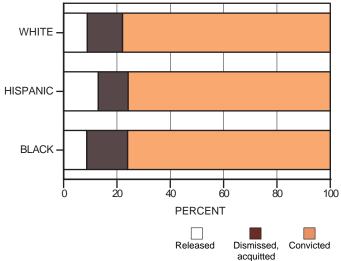
The proportions of whites, Hispanics, and blacks arrested for homicide and convicted of homicide or some other offense were approximately the same (77.9, 75.8, and 76.0 percent, respectively).

And,

Proportionately, more arrestees under age 18 were convicted (94.5 percent) than were arrestees in any other age group shown. (The "under 18" age group includes juveniles remanded to adult court.) Chart 44

DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE

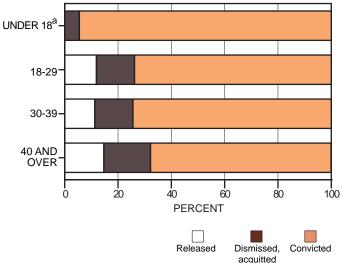
Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Type of Disposition



Source: Table 37.

Chart 45 DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE

Age of Arrestee by Type of Disposition

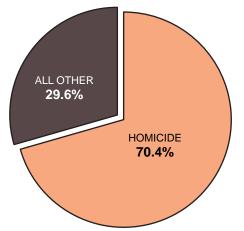


Source: Table 37.

^a The "under 18" age group includes juveniles remanded to adult court.

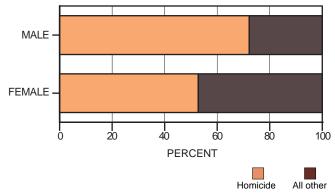


Chart 46 DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED By Convicted Offense



Source: Table 41.

Chart 47 DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED Gender of Offender by Convicted Offense



Source: Table 42.

Of those adults arrested for homicide who were convicted in 1997, it was found that:

- 70.4 percent were convicted of homicide.
- 29.6 percent were convicted of lesser crimes such as robbery or assault.

And,

More males were convicted of homicide (72.2 percent) than were females (52.8 percent).

dispositions

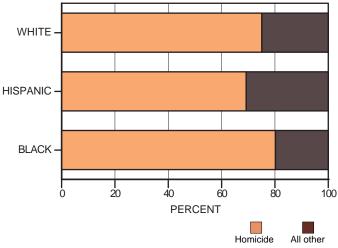
In 1997,

Proportionately, more blacks were convicted for homicide than were whites or Hispanics (80.2 vs. 75.1 and 69.2 percent, respectively).

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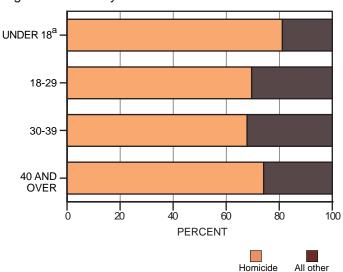
Proportionately, more arrestees under age 18 were convicted of homicide (81.2 percent) than were arrestees in any other age group shown. Chart 48

DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED Race/Ethnic Group of Offender by Convicted Offense



Source: Table 42.

Chart 49 DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED Age of Offender by Convicted Offense

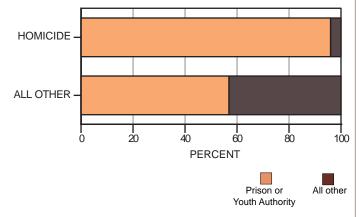


Source: Table 42.

^a The "under 18" age group includes juveniles remanded to adult court.



Chart 50 DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED Convicted Offense by Sentence



Source: Table 43.

Note: Prison includes 1997 death penalty dispositions for adults arrested for homicide.

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Of those adults arrested for homicide who were convicted in 1997, it was found that:

96.0 percent of those convicted of homicide and 56.9 percent of those convicted of lesser offenses received sentences to prison or the California Department of the Youth Authority. See the "Death Penalty Sentences" section (Pages 40-41) for additional information.

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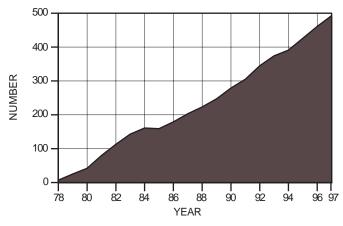
death penalties

DEATH PENALTY SENTENCES

This section contains information about persons sentenced to death in California superior courts in 1997. Death penalty data were extracted from the 1997 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.



Chart 51 PERSONS UNDER CALIFORNIA SENTENCE OF DEATH, 1978-1997



Source: Table 44.

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During 1997, 40 persons were 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 1997, 493 persons were under sentence of death in California.

Of the 40 persons newly sentenced to death in 1997:

- All 40 were male.
- 17 were white.
- 11 were Hispanic.
- 12 were black.
- The mean (average) age at arrest was 30.
- Los Angeles County sentenced the largest number: 11.

Additional information can be found in <u>Tables 44</u> and <u>45</u>.

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peace officers killed

PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

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.)

Data in Tables N-2 and N-3 show that:

- In 1997, four peace officers were killed with handguns, two were killed with rifles, and one was killed with a shotgun.
- From 1988-1997, 66 peace officers were killed in the line of duty. The average number of peace officers killed annually was 6.6. In 1997, seven were killed.

Table N-2 PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1988-1997

Year(s)	Number of officers killed
Total	66
1997	7
1996	5
1995	10
1994	9
1993	8
1992	5
1991	3
1990	5
1989ª	5
1988 ^b	9

^a Includes 1 reported federal law enforcement officer.

^b Includes 2 reported federal law enforcement officers.

Table N-3 PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1997 By Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	Total	Offender's	Officer's
Total	7	7	0
Handgun Rifle Shotgun	4 2 1	4 2 1	0 0 0



Table N-4 PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1997 Race/Ethnic Group of Officer by Gender of Officer

Deee/otherin		Gender			
Race/ethnic group	Total	Male	Female		
Total	7	7	0		
White	7	7	0		
Hispanic	0	0	0		
Black	0	0	0		
Other	0	0	0		

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Data in Table N-4 show that:

■ In 1997, all seven peace officers killed in the line of duty were male; all seven were white.

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justifiable homicides

JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES

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

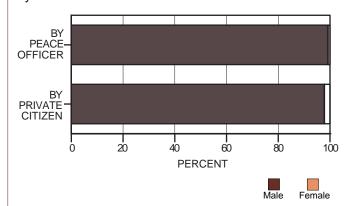
When justifiable homicides were examined, it was found that:

In 1997,

- 99.2 percent of felons killed by peace officers were male; less than one percent (.8) were female.
- 97.8 percent of felons killed by private citizens were male; 2.2 percent were female.

Chart 52

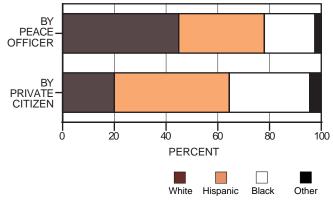
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1997 By Gender of Deceased



Source: Table 48.

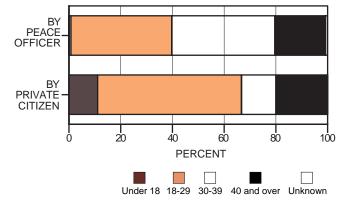


Chart 53 JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1997 By Race/Ethnic Group of Deceased



Source: Table 48.

Chart 54 JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1997 By Age of Deceased



Source: Table 48.

In 1997,

- 44.9 percent of felons killed by peace officers were white, 33.1 percent were Hispanic, 19.5 percent were black, and 2.5 percent fell into the "other" race/ethnic group category.
- 20.0 percent of felons killed by private citizens were white, 44.4 percent were Hispanic, 31.1 percent were black, and 4.4 percent fell into the "other" race/ethnic group category.1
- Less than one percent (.8) of felons killed by peace officers were under age 18, 39.0 percent were aged 18-29, 39.8 percent were aged 30-39, 19.5 percent were aged 40 and over, and less than one percent (.8) fell into the "unknown" age category.1
- 11.1 percent of felons killed by private citizens were under age 18, 55.6 percent were aged 18-29, 13.3 percent were aged 30-39, and 20.0 percent were aged 40 and over.

¹ Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

justifiable homicides

When justifiable homicides were examined by location, it was found that:

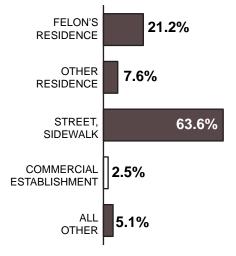
In 1997,

- Most felons were killed by peace officers on a street or sidewalk (63.6 percent).
- The largest proportion of felons killed by private citizens fell into the "citizen's, shared residence" category (37.8 percent).

Chart 55

JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS, 1997

By Location of Justifiable Homicide



Source: Table 49.

Chart 56 JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1997

By Location of Justifiable Homicide

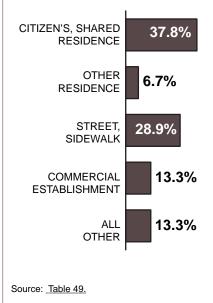
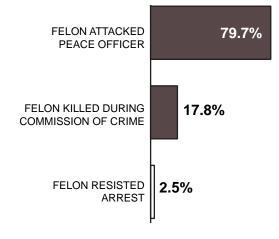




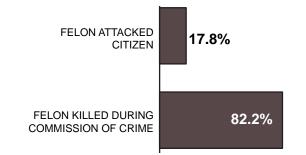
Chart 57 JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS, 1997

By Contributing Circumstance



Source: Table 50.

Chart 58 JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1997 By Contributing Circumstance



Source: Table 50.

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When justifiable homicides were examined by contributing circumstance, it was found that:

In 1997,

- Most felons were killed by a peace officer while attacking the officer (79.7 percent).
- Most felons were killed by private citizens during the commission of a crime (82.2 percent).

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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. 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 desired population; the result is multiplied by 100,000. For example, in 1997 there were 2,212 homicide arrests. The total population was 32,957,000 and the total population at risk (10-69 years of age) was 25,760,375.

 $\frac{2,212}{32,957,000} = .0000671 \times 100,000 = 6.7 \text{ per } 100,000 \text{ population}$ $\frac{2,212}{25,760.375} = .0000858 \times 100,000 = 8.6 \text{ per } 100,000 \text{ population at risk}$

CLEARANCE RATE - A clearance rate is the percentage of crimes reported that have been cleared. It is calculated by dividing the number of crimes cleared by the number of crimes reported. The result is multiplied by 100. For example, in 1997 there were 1,489 homicides cleared and 2,579 homicides reported. This equals a homicide clearance rate of 57.7 percent.

$$\frac{1,489}{2,579}$$
 = .577356 x 100 = 57.7 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 1997 there were 2,579 homicides in California and the population was 32,957,000. This equals a homicide crime rate of 7.8 per 100,000 general population.

 $\frac{2,579}{32,957,000} = .0000782 \times 100,000 = 7.8$

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 1997 the homicide crime rate was 7.8. In 1988 the homicide crime rate was 10.5. The percent change in rate from 1988 to 1997 is a 25.7 percent decrease.

 $\frac{7.8 - 10.5}{10.5} = -.2571428 \times 100 = -25.7 \text{ percent}$

POPULATION AT RISK - Arrest section data tables include three comparison populations: total (10-69 years of age), adult (18-69 years of age), and juvenile (10-17 years of age).

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).

appendix II

CRIMINAL JUSTICE GLOSSARY

ACQUITTAL: a judgment of a court, based either on the verdict of a jury or a judicial officer, that the defendant is not guilty of the offense(s) for which he/she was tried.

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. See "Computational Formulas" preceding this glossary for further explanation.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF THE YOUTH AUTHORITY (CYA): the state agency which has

jurisdiction over and maintains institutions as correctional schools for the reception of wards of the juvenile court and other persons committed from lower and superior courts.

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.

COMBINED CASES: cases rejected by the prosecutor in favor of other counts/cases.

COMPLAINT: a verified written accusation, filed by a prosecuting attorney with a local criminal court, which charges one or more persons with the commission of one or more offenses.

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.

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 "Computational Formulas" preceding this glossary for further explanation.

CYA: see "California Department of the Youth Authority."

DISMISSAL: a decision by a judicial officer to terminate a case without a determination of guilt or innocence.

DISPOSITION - COURT: an action taken as the result of an appearance in court by a defendant. Examples are: adults - dismissed, acquitted, or convicted; juveniles dismissed, transferred, or remanded to adult court.

DISPOSITION - LAW ENFORCEMENT: an action taken as the result of an arrest. Examples of police dispositions are: adults - released by law enforcement, referred to another jurisdiction, or a misdemeanor or felony complaint sought; juveniles - handled within the department, referred to another agency, or referred to the probation department or juvenile court.

DISPOSITION - PROSECUTOR: an action taken as the result of a complaint requested by an arresting agency. Dispositions include granting a misdemeanor or a felony complaint or denying a complaint for reasons such as lack of sufficient evidence or complainant refuses to testify.

DIVERSION: a disposition of a criminal defendant either before adjudication or following adjudication, but prior to sentencing, in which the court directs the defendant to participate in a work, educational, or rehabilitative program.

DIVERSION DISMISSED: the successful completion of a diversion program.

FELON: one who has committed a felony.

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



FILING: a document filed with the municipal court clerk or county clerk by a prosecuting attorney alleging that a person committed or attempted to commit a crime.

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).

JAIL: a county or city facility for incarceration of sentenced and unsentenced persons.

JUVENILE: a person under the age of 18.

LOWER COURT: the court of original or trial jurisdiction for the prosecution of persons accused of misdemeanor or certain felony offenses. Also, lower courts may sentence certain felony offenders as well as conduct preliminary hearings to determine probable cause in cases where felony offenders are subject to the jurisdiction of superior courts.

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.

PC (PENAL CODE): 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.

PRISON: a state correctional facility where persons are confined following conviction for a felony offense.

PROBATION: a judicial requirement that a person fulfill certain conditions of behavior in lieu of a sentence to confinement. See "Straight Probation."

PROBATION WITH JAIL: a type of disposition given upon conviction which imposes a jail term as a condition of probation.

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

REMAND: to send back (a case) to another court for further action.

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.

STRAIGHT PROBATION: probation granted to adults without condition or stipulation that the defendant serve time in jail as a condition of probation.

SUPERIOR COURT: the court of original or trial jurisdiction for felony cases and all juvenile hearings. Also, the first court of appeal for lower court cases.

UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING (UCR): a federal reporting system which 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.

YOUTH AUTHORITY: see "California Department of the Youth Authority."

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PUBLICATION EVALUATION SURVEY RESULTS

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Table A-1 PUBLICATION EVALUATION SURVEY RESULTS *Homicide in California, 1996*

Surveys mailed and satisfaction rating	Number	Percent
Total surveys mailed	1,949	100.0
Not returned	1,884	96.7
Returned	65	3.3
Satisfaction rating	65	100.0
1 - Not satisfied	0	.0
2	2	3.1
3	2	3.1
4	22	33.8
5 - Very satisfied	32	49.2
Rating not indicated	7	10.8

Summary:

Of the surveys mailed, 3.3 percent were returned. Of these, 83.1 percent received satisfaction ratings of "4" and above.

In response to survey suggestions, this year's edition of *Homicide in California* includes several changes. The table of contents now lists every data element displayed and incorporates the data table index which had been located in the back of the publication. Table N-1 (Page 2) was expanded to include 1952 (the first year data were collected) through 1997 homicide data. Rates per 100,000 population were also calculated and included for these years. Homicide clearance rates are now included (see <u>Table 29</u>, Page 83), and CJSC publications available in either printed or electronic format (via the Internet) are now listed on the inside of the back cover. The information necessary to obtain these publications, customized statistical reports, or additional statistical information is also listed.

Because data must be grouped for publication purposes, not all data captured by the Homicide File can be displayed. For example, interest was expressed in homicide victims identified as Asian/Pacific Islanders, and requests were made for additional information about juvenile, gang, domestic violence, and hate crime related homicide. These data, and more, *are* available and may be obtained by contacting the CJSC.

Some survey respondents expressed interest in information *not* collected by the CJSC but which is available elsewhere. For example, in-depth information about law enforcement officer-involved incidents can be found in the FBI publications *Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted* and *Killed in the Line of Duty.* And, detailed information about subjects such as "initial charges by the county," "actual sentences and lengths of time served," "degrees of murder," "juveniles killed while on probation or in county/community programs," and "referral information for families of homicide victims" can be obtained by contacting appropriate city, county, and state agencies and community organizations.

The human being says that the beast in him has been aroused, when what he actually means is that the human being in him has been aroused. JAMES THURBER, "The Trouble With Man is Man," *Lanterns and Lances* (1961)



CJSC* PUBLICATIONS ON THE INTERNET

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- CJSC Outlook: Crime in Urban and Rural California (1987 and 1996)
- Crime and Delinguency in California (1996 to current) Crime and Delinquency in California, Advance
- Release (1996 to current)
- Crime as Reported by Selected California Agencies, January through September (1995 to current)

Hate Crime in California (1995 to current) Homicide in California (1995 to current)

- Preliminary Report, Crime 1996 (January through December)
- Preliminary Report, Crime (1997 to current) (January through June)
- Preliminary Report, Crime 1997 (January through December)

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- Crime and Delinquency in California Crime and Delinquency in California, Advance Release
- Criminal Justice Profile A Supplement to C&D (statewide and individual counties)
- Hate Crime in California
- Homicide in California
- Preliminary Report, Crime (January through June and January through December)

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- The California Experience in American Juvenile Justice: Some Historical Perspectives (December 1988)
- Controlling Plea Bargaining in California (September 1985)
- Coordinating Justice in California: "There ought to be a law about it" (December 1988)
- Crime Control and the Criminal Career (December 1992)
- The Development of California Drunk Driving Legislation (December 1988)
- Employment and Crime (February 1989) The Impact of California's "Prior Felony
- Conviction" Law (September 1987) The Origins and Development of Penalties for Drunk Drivers in California (August 1988)
- A Policy Role for Focus Groups: **Community Corrections (September**
- 1991) The Prevalence and Incidence of Arrests
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- Adult Felony Arrest Dispositions in California (1982-1984, 1986-1989)
- Crime in Urban and Rural California (November 1984 and December 1997) Felony Drug Arrests in California, 1985
- (December 1986)
- Juvenile Justice in California, 1983 (June 1984)
- Motor Vehicle Theft in California (December 1987)
- Motor Vehicle Theft Recovery Data, 1983-1989 (October 1990)
- Women in Crime: The Sentencing of Female Defendants (April 1988)

BCS Reports

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TABLE 1 VIOLENT CRIMES, 1988-1997

Number, Rate per 100,000 Population, and Percent Change

Year(s)	Total	Homi- cide	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggra- vated assault
	10101	Number		1100001	doodaan
1997	257,409	2,579	10,182	81,413	163,235
1996	274,675	2,910	10,238	94,137	167,390
1995	304,998	3,530	10,550	104,581	186,337
1994	318,946	3,699	10,960	112,149	192,138
1993	336,100	4,095	11,754	126,347	193,904
1992	345,508	3,920	12,751	130,867	197,970
1991	330,916	3,876	12,942	125,105	188,993
1990	311,923	3,562	12,716	112,460	183,185
1989	284,015	3,159	11,956	96,424	172,476
1988	261,990	2,947	11,771	86,190	161,082
	Percen	t change i	n number		
1996-1997	-6.3	-11.4	5	-13.5	-2.5
1995-1996	-9.9	-17.6	-3.0	-10.0	-10.2
1994-1995	-4.4	-4.6	-3.7	-6.7	-3.0
1993-1994	-5.1	-9.7	-6.8	-11.2	9
1992-1993	-2.7	4.5	-7.8	-3.5	-2.1
1991-1992	4.4	1.1	-1.5	4.6	4.7
1990-1991	6.1	8.8	1.8	11.2	3.2
1989-1990	9.8	12.8	6.4	16.6	6.2
1988-1989	8.4	7.2	1.6	11.9	7.1
1988-1997	-1.7	-12.5	-13.5	-5.5	1.3
			population ¹		
1997	781.0	7.8	30.9	247.0	495.3
1996	848.2	9.0	31.6	290.7	516.9
1995	951.2	11.0	32.9	326.2	581.2
1994	992.4	11.5	34.1	348.9	597.8
1993	1,058.8	12.9	37.0	398.0	610.9
1992	1,103.9	12.5	40.7	418.1	632.5
1991	1,079.8	12.6	42.2	408.2	616.7
1990	1,055.3	12.1	43.0	380.5	619.8
1989	987.2	11.0	41.6	335.1	599.5
1988	933.7	10.5	41.9	307.2	574.0
	Perce	ent change	e in rate		-
1996-1997	-7.9	-13.3	-2.2	-15.0	-4.2
1995-1996	-10.8	-18.2	-4.0	-10.9	-11.1
1994-1995	-4.2	-4.3	-3.5	-6.5	-2.8
1993-1994	-6.3	-10.9	-7.8	-12.3	-2.1
1992-1993	-4.1	3.2	-9.1	-4.8	-3.4
	2.2	8	-3.6	2.4	2.6
1991-1992		4.1	-1.9	7.3	5
	2.3				
1991-1992 1990-1991 1989-1990	2.3 6.9	10.0	3.4	13.5	3.4
1990-1991			3.4 7	13.5 9.1	3.4 4.4

Note: Rates may not add to total because of independent rounding. ' Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research California Department of Finance.

TABLE 2 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997 By Gender of Victim

Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Gender of victim	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Total										
Number of victims	2,947	3,159	3,562	3,876	3,920	4,095	3,699	3,530	2,910	2,579
Percent of victims	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Population	28,060,746	28,771,207	29,557,836	30,646,000	31,300,000	31,742,000	32,140,000	32,063,000	32,383,000	32,957,000
Percent of population	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Rate	10.5	11.0	12.1	12.6	12.5	12.9	11.5	11.0	9.0	7.8
Male ¹										
Number of victims	2,258	2,495	2,881	3,140	3,220	3,338	3,090	2,901	2,368	2,097
Percent of total victims	76.6%	79.0%	80.9%	81.0%	82.1%	81.5%	83.5%	82.2%	81.4%	81.3%
Population	14,172,866	14,567,709	15,005,864	15,345,534	15,680,019	15,826,148	16,302,037	16,643,729	16,979,256	17,135,207
Percent of population	49.9%	50.0%	50.1%	50.1%	50.1%	49.9%	50.1%	50.1%	50.1%	50.0%
Rate	15.9	17.1	19.2	20.5	20.5	21.1	19.0	17.4	13.9	12.2
Female										
Number of victims	689	664	681	736	700	757	609	629	542	482
Percent of total victims	23.4%	21.0%	19.1%	19.0%	17.9%	18.5%	16.5%	17.8%	18.6%	18.7%
Population	14,220,282	14,574,570	14,970,139	15,300,542	15,620,115	15,868,588	16,218,103	16,545,201	16,884,383	17,159,994
Percent of population	50.1%	50.0%	49.9%	49.9%	49.9%	50.1%	49.9%	49.9%	49.9%	50.0%
Rate	4.8	4.6	4.5	4.8	4.5	4.8	3.8	3.8	3.2	2.8

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

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 The "male" category includes homicide victims whose gender could not be determined: 1989 includes 1, 1990 includes 2, 1992 includes 1, 1993 includes 2, 1994 includes 7, 1995 includes 6, and 199 includes 5.

TABLE 3 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997

By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Race/ethnic group of victim	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Total										
Number of victims	2,947	3,159	3,562	3,876	3,920	4,095	3,699	3,530	2,910	2,579
Percent of victims	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Population	28,060,746	28,771,207	29,557,836	30,646,000	31,300,000	31,742,000	32,140,000	32,063,000	32,383,000	32,957,00
Percent of population	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Rate	10.5	11.0	12.1	12.6	12.5	12.9	11.5	11.0	9.0	7.8
White										
Number of victims	948	871	872	971	914	952	771	726	617	54
Percent of total victims	32.2%	27.6%	24.5%	25.1%	23.3%	23.2%	20.8%	20.6%	21.2%	21.2%
Population	16,636,033	16,887,407	17,198,646	17,291,782	17,362,245	17,324,679	17,511,489	17,593,222	17,787,715	17,849,51
Percent of population	58.6%	57.9%	57.4%	56.4%	55.5%	54.7%	53.8%	53.0%	52.5%	52.0%
Rate	5.7	5.2	5.1	5.6	5.3	5.5	4.4	4.1	3.5	3.
Hispanic										
Number of victims	917	1,115	1,495	1,542	1,686	1,631	1,572	1,615	1,291	1,15
Percent of total victims.	31.1%	35.3%	42.0%	39.8%	43.0%	39.8%	42.5%	45.8%	44.4%	44.7%
Population	7,046,697	7,383,779	7,740,303	8,146,876	8,561,349	8,906,439	9,340,495	9,764,691	10,114,228	10,421,03
Percent of population	24.8%	25.3%	25.8%	26.6%	27.4%	28.1%	28.7%	29.4%	29.9%	30.4%
Rate	13.0	15.1	19.3	18.9	19.7	18.3	16.8	16.5	12.8	11.
Black										
Number of victims	917	1,011	1,017	1,101	1,073	1,249	1,111	922	794	68
Percent of total victims	31.1%	32.0%	28.6%	28.4%	27.4%	30.5%	30.0%	26.1%	27.3%	26.4%
Population	2,032,643	2,072,255	2,116,415	2,155,334	2,191,898	2,179,651	2,255,738	2,293,634	2,330,391	2,314,83
Percent of population	7.2%	7.1%	7.1%	7.0%	7.0%	6.9%	6.9%	6.9%	6.9%	6.7%
Rate	45.1	48.8	48.1	51.1	49.0	57.3	49.3	40.2	34.1	29.
Other										
Number of victims	151	143	172	247	234	247	226	254	198	17
Percent of total victims	5.1%	4.5%	4.8%	6.4%	6.0%	6.0%	6.1%	7.2%	6.8%	6.9%
Population	2,677,775	2,798,838	2,920,639	3,052,084	3,184,642	3,283,967	3,412,418	3,537,383	3,631,305	3,709,81
Percent of population	9.4%	9.6%	9.7%	10.0%	10.2%	10.4%	10.5%	10.7%	10.7%	10.89
Rate	5.6	5.1	5.9	8.1	7.3	7.5	6.6	7.2	5.5	4.
Unknown										
Number of victims	14	19	6	15	13	16	19	13	10	1
Percent of total victims	.5%	.6%	.2%	.4%	.3%	.4%	.5%	.4%	.3%	.79
Population	.5 /0	.0 /0	.2 /0	.4 /0	.576	.+ /0	.5 /0	.4 /0	.5 /6	
Percent of population	-	_	-	_	_	_	_	-	-	
Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Notes: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding. Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.

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

TABLE 4 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997

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

Age of victim	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Total										
Number of victims	2,947	3,159	3,562	3,876	3,920	4,095	3,699	3,530	2,910	2,579
Percent of victims	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Population	28,060,746	28,771,207	29,557,836	30,646,000	31,300,000	31,742,000	32,140,000	32,063,000	32,383,000	32,957,000
Percent of population	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Rate	10.5	11.0	12.1	12.6	12.5	12.9	11.5	11.0	9.0	7.8
Under 18										
Number of victims	281	361	428	483	489	512	470	519	421	361
Percent of total victims.	9.5%	11.4%	12.0%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.7%	14.7%	14.5%	14.0%
Population	7,537,277	7,670,041	7,869,864	8,123,819	8,391,266	8,651,941	8,917,191	9,191,662	9,456,115	9,701,218
Percent of population	26.5%	26.3%	26.3%	26.5%	26.8%	27.3%	27.4%	27.7%	27.9%	28.3%
Rate	3.7	4.7	5.4	5.9	5.8	5.9	5.3	5.6	4.5	3.7
18-29										
Number of victims	1,266	1,382	1,640	1,717	1,719	1,763	1,603	1,510	1,183	1,068
Percent of total victims.	43.0%	43.7%	46.0%	44.3%	43.9%	43.1%	43.3%	42.8%	40.7%	41.4%
Population	6,232,694	6,333,004	6,360,597	6,246,754	6,171,771	5,863,383	5,934,537	5,854,943	5,770,311	5,537,727
Percent of population	22.0%	21.7%	21.2%	20.4%	19.7%	18.5%	18.2%	17.6%	17.0%	16.1%
Rate	22.0%	21.7/8	25.8	20.4%	27.9	30.1	27.0	25.8	20.5	19.3
30-39										
Number of victims	662	713	765	863	842	934	861	737	630	534
Percent of total victims	22.5%	22.6%	21.5%	22.3%	042 21.5%	934 22.8%	23.3%	20.9%	21.6%	20.7%
Population	4,919,327	5,111,913	5,337,491	5,510,403	5,656,892	5,747,693	5,874,969	5,942,572	5,968,805	5,942,241
Percent of population	17.3%	17.5%	17.8%	18.0%	18.1%	18.1%	18.1%	17.9%	17.6%	17.3%
Rate	13.5	13.9	14.3	15.7	14.9	16.2	14.7	12.4	10.6	9.0
40 and over										
Number of victims	697	666	683	754	834	842	698	719	636	580
Percent of total victims	23.7%	21.1%	19.2%	19.5%	21.3%	20.6%	18.9%	20.4%	21.9%	22.5%
Population	9,703,850	10,027,321	10,408,051	10,765,100	11,080,205	11,431,719	11,793,443	12,199,753	12,668,408	13,114,015
Percent of population	34.2%	34.4%	34.7%	35.1%	35.4%	36.1%	36.3%	36.8%	37.4%	38.2%
Rate	7.2	6.6	6.6	7.0	7.5	7.4	5.9	5.9	5.0	4.4
Unknown										
Number of victims	41	37	46	59	36	44	67	45	40	36
Percent of total victims	1.4%	1.2%	1.3%	1.5%	.9%	1.1%	1.8%	1.3%	1.4%	1.4%
Population	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percent of population	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

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

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

TABLE 5 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997 By Gender of Victim

	То	tal	Ma	le ¹	Female		
Year(s)	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
1997	2,579	100.0	2,097	81.3	482	18.7	
1996	2,910	100.0	2,368	81.4	542	18.6	
1995	3,530	100.0	2,901	82.2	629	17.8	
1994	3,699	100.0	3,090	83.5	609	16.5	
1993	4,095	100.0	3,338	81.5	757	18.5	
1992	3,920	100.0	3,220	82.1	700	17.9	
1991	3,876	100.0	3,140	81.0	736	19.0	
1990	3,562	100.0	2,881	80.9	681	19.1	
1989	3,159	100.0	2,495	79.0	664	21.0	
1988	2,947	100.0	2,258	76.6	689	23.4	

¹ The "male" category includes homicide victims whose gender could not be determined: 1989 includes 1, 1990 includes 2, 1992 includes 1, 1993 includes 2, 1994 includes 7, 1995 includes 6, and 1997 includes 5.

TABLE 6 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997 By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim

						Known	race/ethnic	group of v	ictim			
	Total including		То	tal	White		Hispanic		Black		Other	
Year(s)	unknown	Unknown	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1997	2,579	19	2,560	100.0	547	21.4	1,154	45.1	682	26.6	177	6.9
1996	2,910	10	2,900	100.0	617	21.3	1,291	44.5	794	27.4	198	6.8
1995	3,530	13	3,517	100.0	726	20.6	1,615	45.9	922	26.2	254	7.2
1994	3,699	19	3,680	100.0	771	21.0	1,572	42.7	1,111	30.2	226	6.1
1993	4,095	16	4,079	100.0	952	23.3	1,631	40.0	1,249	30.6	247	6.1
1992	3,920	13	3,907	100.0	914	23.4	1,686	43.2	1,073	27.5	234	6.0
1991	3,876	15	3,861	100.0	971	25.1	1,542	39.9	1,101	28.5	247	6.4
1990	3,562	6	3,556	100.0	872	24.5	1,495	42.0	1,017	28.6	172	4.8
1989	3,159	19	3,140	100.0	871	27.7	1,115	35.5	1,011	32.2	143	4.6
1988	2,947	14	2,933	100.0	948	32.3	917	31.3	917	31.3	151	5.1

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

TABLE 7 Homicide Crimes, 1988-1997

By Age of Victim

							Known ag	e of victim				
	Total		То	tal	Und	er 18	18 [.]	-29	30	-39	40 an	d over
	including											
Year(s)	unknown	Unknown	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1997	2,579	36	2,543	100.0	361	14.2	1,068	42.0	534	21.0	580	22.8
1996	2,910	40	2,870	100.0	421	14.7	1,183	41.2	630	22.0	636	22.2
1995	3,530	45	3,485	100.0	519	14.9	1,510	43.3	737	21.1	719	20.6
1994	3,699	67	3,632	100.0	470	12.9	1,603	44.1	861	23.7	698	19.2
1993	4,095	44	4,051	100.0	512	12.6	1,763	43.5	934	23.1	842	20.8
1992	3,920	36	3,884	100.0	489	12.6	1,719	44.3	842	21.7	834	21.5
1991	3,876	59	3,817	100.0	483	12.7	1,717	45.0	863	22.6	754	19.8
1990	3,562	46	3,516	100.0	428	12.2	1,640	46.6	765	21.8	683	19.4
1989	3,159	37	3,122	100.0	361	11.6	1,382	44.3	713	22.8	666	21.3
1988	2,947	41	2,906	100.0	281	9.7	1,266	43.6	662	22.8	697	24.0

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

TABLE 8 Homicide Crimes, 1997

	Тс	otal	W	White		Hispanic		ack	Ot	her	Unknown	
Gender of victim	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	2,579	100.0	547	100.0	1,154	100.0	682	100.0	177	100.0	19	100.0
Male ¹	2,097	81.3	368	67.3	1,013	87.8	566	83.0	135	76.3	15	-
Female	482	18.7	179	32.7	141	12.2	116	17.0	42	23.7	4	-

Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Gender of Victim

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

¹ The "male" category includes 5 homicide victims whose gender could not be determined.

TABLE 9 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997

	Тс	otal	Wł	nite	Hisp	anic	Bla	ack	Ot	her	Unkı	nown
Age of victim	Number	Percent										
Total including unknown.	2,579		547		1,154		682		177		19	
Unknown	36		5		10		3		4		14	
Total known	2,543	100.0	542	100.0	1,144	100.0	679	100.0	173	100.0	5	100.0
Under 18	361	14.2	66	12.2	177	15.5	75	11.0	41	23.7	2	-
18-29	1,068	42.0	117	21.6	583	51.0	317	46.7	49	28.3	2	-
30-39	534	21.0	110	20.3	225	19.7	168	24.7	31	17.9	0	-
40 and over	580	22.8	249	45.9	159	13.9	119	17.5	52	30.1	1	-

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

TABLE 10 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Gender and Age of Victim

	r			•	1		,	-	1		Unknown		
Gender and age	To	otal	Wr	nite	Hisp	anic	Bla	ack	Ot	her	Unk	nown	
of	Number	Deverant	Ni wash an	Descent	Ni wash an	Devee	Number	Descent	Niccosteres	Descent	Niccostration	Descent	
victim	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Total	2,579	100.0	547	100.0	1,154	100.0	682	100.0	177	100.0	19	100.0	
Under 18	361	14.0	66	12.1	177	15.3	75	11.0	41	23.2	2	-	
18-19	198	7.7	18	3.3	123	10.7	47	6.9	10	5.6	0	-	
20-24	500	19.4	49	9.0	265	23.0	161	23.6	25	14.1	0	-	
25-29	370	14.3	50	9.1	195	16.9	109	16.0	14	7.9	2	-	
30-34	300	11.6	56	10.2	139	12.0	92	13.5	13	7.3	0	-	
35-39	234	9.1	54	9.9	86	7.5	76	11.1	18	10.2	0	-	
40-44	172	6.7	62	11.3	55	4.8	36	5.3	19	10.7	0	-	
45-49	140	5.4	54	9.9	45	3.9	33	4.8	8	4.5	0	-	
50-54	79	3.1	32	5.9	21	1.8	19	2.8	6	3.4	1	-	
55 and over	189	7.3	101	18.5	38	3.3	31	4.5	19	10.7	0	-	
Unknown	36	1.4	5	.9	10	.9	3	.4	4	2.3	14	-	
Male ¹	2,097	100.0	368	100.0	1,013	100.0	566	100.0	135	100.0	15	100.0	
Under 18	288	13.7	45	12.2	150	14.8	59	10.4	33	24.4	1	-	
18-19	173	8.2	10	2.7	112	11.1	42	7.4	9	6.7	0	-	
20-24	454	21.6	40	10.9	249	24.6	144	25.4	21	15.6	0	-	
25-29	314	15.0	37	10.0	171	16.9	94	16.6	10	7.4	2	-	
30-34	249	11.9	35	9.5	121	11.9	81	14.3	12	8.9	0	-	
				0.0			0.			0.0	-		
35-39	177	8.4	34	9.2	72	7.1	56	9.9	15	11.1	0	-	
40-44	122	5.8	46	12.5	44	4.3	24	4.2	8	5.9	0	-	
45-49	108	5.2	34	9.2	39	3.8	28	4.9	7	5.2	0	-	
50-54	56	2.7	24	6.5	14	1.4	13	2.3	4	3.0	1	-	
55 and over	127	6.1	59	16.0	31	3.1	24	4.2	13	9.6	0	-	
Unknown	29	1.4	4	1.1	10	1.0	1	.2	3	2.2	11	-	
Female	482	100.0	179	100.0	141	100.0	116	100.0	42	100.0	4	100.0	
Under 18	73	15.1	21	11.7	27	19.1	16	13.8	8	-	1	-	
18-19	25	5.2	8	4.5	11	7.8	5	4.3	1	-	0	-	
20-24	46	9.5	9	5.0	16	11.3	17	14.7	4	-	0	-	
25-29	56	11.6	13	7.3	24	17.0	15	12.9	4	-	0	-	
30-34	51	10.6	21	11.7	18	12.8	11	9.5	1	-	0	-	
35-39	57	11.8	20	11.2	14	9.9	20	17.2	3	-	0	-	
40-44	50	10.4	16	8.9	11	7.8	12	10.3	11	-	0	-	
45-49	32	6.6	20	11.2	6	4.3	5	4.3	1	-	0	-	
50-54	23	4.8	8	4.5	7	5.0	6	5.2	2	-	0	-	
55 and over	62	12.9	42	23.5	7	5.0	7	6.0	6	-	0	-	
Unknown	7	1.5	1	.6	0	.0	2	1.7	1	-	3	-	

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

¹The "male" category includes 5 homicide victims whose gender could not be determined.

TABLE 11 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997 By Relationship of Victim to Offender

Relationship	19	88	19	89	19	90	19	91	19	92
of										
victim to offender	Number	Percent								
Total including unknown	2,947		3,159		3,562		3,876		3,920	
Unknown	822		885		1,020		1,318		1,011	
Total known	2,125	100.0	2,274	100.0	2,542	100.0	2,558	100.0	2,909	100.0
Friend, acquaintance ¹	1,189	56.0	1,163	51.1	1,328	52.2	1,285	50.2	1,677	57.6
Spouse, parent, child	277	13.0	268	11.8	267	10.5	286	11.2	291	10.0
Spouse ²	163	7.7	147	6.5	156	6.1	146	5.7	139	4.8
Parent, child ³	114	5.4	121	5.3	111	4.4	140	5.5	152	5.2
All other relatives	79	3.7	109	4.8	76	3.0	90	3.5	86	3.0
Stranger	580	27.3	734	32.3	871	34.3	897	35.1	855	29.4

Relationship	19	93	19	94	19	95	19	96	19	97	Percen	t change
of											1988-	1996-
victim to offender (cont.)	Number	Percent	1997	1997								
Total including unknown	4,095		3,699		3,530		2,910		2,579			
Unknown	1,166		994		947		728		859			
Total known	2,929	100.0	2,705	100.0	2,583	100.0	2,182	100.0	1,720	100.0	-19.1	-21.2
Friend, acquaintance ¹	1,706	58.2	1,680	62.1	1,359	52.6	1,075	49.3	869	50.5	-26.9	-19.2
Spouse, parent, child	270	9.2	239	8.8	260	10.1	261	12.0	203	11.8	-26.7	-22.2
Spouse ²	130	4.4	113	4.2	123	4.8	115	5.3	89	5.2	-45.4	-22.6
Parent, child ³	140	4.8	126	4.7	137	5.3	146	6.7	114	6.6	.0	-21.9
All other relatives	87	3.0	77	2.8	77	3.0	43	2.0	46	2.7	-41.8	-
Stranger	866	29.6	709	26.2	887	34.3	803	36.8	602	35.0	3.8	-25.0

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

Dash indicates that percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50. Includes ex-husband, ex-wife, employer, employee, gang member, etc. Includes "common-law" marriage partner.

" Includes stepmother, stepfather, stepdaughter, and stepson.

TABLE 12
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997
Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Relationship of Victim to Offender

Relationship		Ge	nder		Rad	ce/ethnic g	jroup	
of								
victim to offender	Total	Male ¹	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown
		-	Number	-				
Total including unknown	2,579	2,097	482	547	1,154	682	177	19
Unknown	859	735	124	111	413	274	45	16
Total known	1,720	1,362	358	436	741	408	132	3
Friend, acquaintance ²	869	702	167	214	380	214	61	0
Spouse, parent, child	203	85	118	93	63	28	17	2
Spouse ³	89	16	73	41	25	12	11	0
Parent, child⁴	114	69	45	52	38	16	6	2
All other relatives	46	33	13	16	14	12	4	0
Stranger	602	542	60	113	284	154	50	1
		Percen	t based on t	otal known				
Total known	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Friend, acquaintance ²	50.5	51.5	46.6	49.1	51.3	52.5	46.2	-
Spouse, parent, child	11.8	6.2	33.0	21.3	8.5	6.9	12.9	-
Spouse ³	5.2	1.2	20.4	9.4	3.4	2.9	8.3	-
Parent, child⁴	6.6	5.1	12.6	11.9	5.1	3.9	4.5	-
All other relatives	2.7	2.4	3.6	3.7	1.9	2.9	3.0	-
Stranger	35.0	39.8	16.8	25.9	38.3	37.7	37.9	-

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

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

'The "male" category includes 5 homicide victims whose gender could not be determined.

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

° Includes "common-law" marriage partner.

^{*} Includes stepmother, stepfather, stepdaughter, and stepson.

TABLE 13 **HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997**

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Relationship of		Under			40	
victim to offender	Total	18	18-29	30-39	and over	Unknown
		Numbe	er			
Total including unknown	2,579	361	1,068	534	580	36
Unknown	859	86	411	170	164	28
Total known	1,720	275	657	364	416	8
Friend, acquaintance ¹	869	123	366	197	176	7
Spouse, parent, child	203	82	23	25	73	0
Spouse ²	89	1	20	21	47	0
Parent, child ³	114	81	3	4	26	0
All other relatives	46	9	10	13	14	0
Stranger	602	61	258	129	153	1
	Perc	ent based on	total known			
Total known	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Friend, acquaintance ¹	50.5	44.7	55.7	54.1	42.3	-
Spouse, parent, child	11.8	29.8	3.5	6.9	17.5	-
Spouse ²	5.2	.4	3.0	5.8	11.3	-
Parent, child ³	6.6	29.5	.5	1.1	6.3	-
All other relatives	2.7	3.3	1.5	3.6	3.4	-
Stranger	35.0	22.2	39.3	35.4	36.8	-

Age of Victim by Relationship of Victim to Offender

Notes: Percentages may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of independent rounding. Dash indicates that percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50. Includes ex-husband, ex-wife, employer, employee, gang member, etc. Includes "common-law" marriage partner. Includes stepmother, stepfather, stepdaughter, and stepson.

TABLE 14 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997 By County Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

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County	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
				Nu	umber					
Statewide total	2,947	3,159	3,562	3,876	3,920	4,095	3,699	3,530	2,910	2,579
Alameda	159	172	188	199	214	199	187	196	142	142
Alpine	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Butte	5	12	14	11	14	6	6	5	10	8
Calaveras	5	1	4	3	5	1	4	3	2	2
Colusa	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	2
Contra Costa	75	78	70	107	86	113	120	80	71	63
Del Norte	5	1	1	4	3	1	1	0	0	1
El Dorado	6	4	9	11	8	5	7	4	2	4
Fresno	62	67	92	81	126	127	122	105	93	84
Glenn	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	0
Humboldt	6	4	11	9	6	10	7	8	3	8
Imperial	9	5	11	9	14	5	6	9	13	5
Inyo	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Kern	65	46	60	61	49	73	92	71	52	55
Kings	3	2	5	6	4	9	7	7	10	5
Lake	4	6	5	7	6	3	4	5	2	5
Lassen	2	1	3	0	1	2	2	4	0	0
Los Angeles	1,349	1,587	1,768	1,856	1,919	1,944	1,669	1,682	1,398	1,176
Madera	8	15	15	6	11	10	15	12	11	6
Marin	6	6	4	10	11	4	2	7	2	1
Mariposa	4	1	4	0	0	3	0	1	0	1
Mendocino	6	7	8	2	6	9	6	3	5	7
Merced	5	9	15	7	11	21	16	11	8	17
Modoc	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Monterey	12	26	28	25	33	32	40	26	23	33
Napa	6	5	5	5	6	4	2	2	0	2
Nevada	2	1	0	2	2	6	2	1	2	0
Orange	122	145	149	155	173	196	171	166	111	102
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TABLE 14 - continued HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997 By County Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	19
				N	umber					
Placer	11	2	10	6	2	9	8	7	5	
Plumas	1	0	2	6	1	2	0	1	2	
Riverside	83	115	125	159	128	159	166	133	111	1
Sacramento	101	70	89	120	91	145	126	103	93	
San Benito	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	
San Bernardino	145	178	202	218	233	256	243	225	185	1
San Diego	228	191	216	278	245	245	206	198	166	1
San Francisco	92	73	101	96	117	129	92	99	82	
San Joaquin	66	60	78	65	70	65	64	62	66	
San Luis Obispo	2	6	9	4	10	0	9	8	5	
San Mateo	30	35	43	45	55	33	26	35	11	
Santa Barbara	24	5	11	18	16	12	11	11	12	
Santa Clara	69	56	57	77	68	61	56	56	48	
Santa Cruz	11	12	11	14	6	9	6	8	10	
Shasta	11	3	6	10	9	12	12	8	9	
Sierra	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Siskiyou	2	1	3	3	5	1	0	5	2	
Solano	25	23	17	30	24	27	44	27	22	
Sonoma	16	19	16	19	6	24	18	15	17	
Stanislaus	16	20	23	24	39	23	27	32	28	
Sutter	5	6	6	8	4	2	3	2	5	
Tehama	4	2	2	3	2	1	2	5	3	
Trinity	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	1	1	
Tulare	28	25	27	34	33	28	42	39	22	
Tuolumne	1	0	2	6	1	4	3	0	1	
Ventura	27	20	15	38	29	42	28	26	33	
Yolo	10	13	11	10	5	10	11	9	7	
Yuba	3	15	9	5	8	3	4	4	2	

IABLE 14 - continued HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997 By County Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

County	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
				Rate per 100),000 popula	ition				
Statewide rate	10.5	11.0	12.1	12.6	12.5	12.9	11.5	11.0	9.0	7.8
Alameda	12.8	13.6	14.7	15.3	16.1	14.9	13.8	14.5	10.4	10.2
Alpine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amador	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Butte	2.9	6.9	7.8	5.8	7.2	3.0	2.9	2.5	5.1	4.0
Calaveras	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colusa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contra Costa	10.0	10.1	8.8	12.9	10.2	13.1	13.7	9.2	8.1	7.0
Del Norte	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
El Dorado	5.4	3.4	7.3	8.1	5.8	3.5	4.8	2.8	1.4	2.7
Fresno	10.0	10.5	13.9	11.5	17.4	17.1	16.1	13.9	12.1	10.8
Glenn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Humboldt	5.3	3.5	9.3	7.4	4.8	7.9	5.5	6.4	2.4	6.3
Imperial	8.8	4.8	10.2	7.8	11.3	3.8	4.3	6.6	9.2	3.5
Inyo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kern	12.9	8.9	11.2	10.7	8.2	11.9	14.8	11.5	8.3	8.7
Kings	-	-	5.0	5.7	3.7	8.0	6.1	6.1	8.6	4.2
Lake	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lassen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles	15.7	18.2	20.0	20.6	21.0	21.1	18.1	18.0	14.9	12.3
Madera	-	-	-	-	11.0	9.6	13.9	11.3	10.0	5.3
Marin	2.7	2.7	1.7	4.3	4.6	1.7	.8	2.9	.8	.4
Mariposa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mendocino	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Merced	3.0	5.3	8.5	3.8	5.8	10.7	8.0	5.5	4.0	8.4
Modoc	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mono	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- I
Monterey	3.5	7.6	7.9	6.9	8.8	8.5	10.8	7.2	6.4	8.7
Napa	5.7	4.7	4.5	4.4	5.2	3.4	1.7	1.7	.0	1.7
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Orange	5.3	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.8	7.6	6.5	6.3	4.2	3.8
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County	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
				Rate per 100	,000 popula	tion				
Placer	7.1	1.2	5.9	3.3	1.0	4.6	3.9	3.4	2.4	1.4
Plumas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Riverside	8.4	10.9	10.9	12.5	9.8	11.9	12.0	9.7	8.0	7.7
Sacramento	10.4	7.0	8.6	11.0	8.2	12.9	11.1	9.2	8.2	7.6
San Benito	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Bernardino	11.8	13.6	14.5	14.4	15.1	16.2	15.1	14.2	11.6	9.0
San Diego	9.9	8.0	8.7	10.8	9.3	9.2	7.6	7.4	6.2	4.5
San Francisco	12.5	10.0	13.9	13.3	15.7	17.2	12.2	13.2	10.7	7.6
San Joaquin	14.5	12.9	16.3	13.1	13.7	12.5	12.2	11.8	12.4	13.5
San Luis Obispo	1.0	2.9	4.2	1.8	4.4	.0	3.8	3.5	2.2	2.1
San Mateo	4.8	5.5	6.6	6.8	8.1	4.8	3.8	5.1	1.6	3.9
Santa Barbara	6.8	1.4	3.0	4.8	4.1	3.1	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.5
Santa Clara	4.8	3.8	3.8	5.1	4.4	3.9	3.5	3.5	2.9	3.7
Santa Cruz	5.0	5.3	4.8	6.1	2.5	3.8	2.5	3.3	4.1	1.6
Shasta	8.1	2.1	4.1	6.4	5.6	7.4	7.3	5.0	5.6	4.3
Sierra	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Siskiyou	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Solano	8.2	7.2	5.1	8.3	6.5	7.2	11.7	7.3	5.9	3.2
Sonoma	4.4	5.1	4.2	4.7	1.5	5.7	4.2	3.6	4.0	3.0
Stanislaus	4.8	5.8	6.3	6.2	9.7	5.6	6.5	7.7	6.7	6.8
Sutter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tehama	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trinity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tulare	9.5	8.3	8.7	10.5	9.8	8.1	11.9	11.1	6.2	8.1
Tuolumne	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ventura	4.2	3.1	2.2	5.6	4.2	6.0	3.9	3.6	4.6	3.4
Yolo	7.6	9.6	7.9	6.8	3.4	6.7	7.3	6.0	4.6	4.5
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.

TABLE 15 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997 By Season and Month of Incident

Season and month of incident	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
incident				Numb	er					
Total including unknown	2,947	3,159	3,562	3,876	3,920	4,095	3,699	3,530	2,910	2,579
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total known	2,947	3,159	3,562	3,876	3,920	4,095	3,699	3,530	2,910	2,579
Spring	705	723	866	872	942	1,002	925	806	682	651
March	229	244	286	271	293	328	316	272	201	226
April	223	243	273	284	315	315	307	255	225	217
May	253	236	307	317	334	359	302	279	256	208
Summer	792	843	971	1,121	1,060	1,134	942	978	745	678
June	230	244	283	380	312	391	307	270	254	212
July	276	299	339	350	372	383	305	333	272	232
August	286	300	349	391	376	360	330	375	219	234
Fall	759	799	910	1,034	998	1,033	930	956	699	662
September	267	265	329	352	333	337	310	326	256	228
October	254	283	341	372	319	369	345	345	212	240
November	238	251	240	310	346	327	275	285	231	194
Winter	691	794	815	849	920	926	902	790	784	588
December	259	273	264	306	307	332	293	281	238	194
January	236	275	292	289	310	304	315	279	296	203
February	196	246	259	254	303	290	294	230	250	191
•			Perc	ent based or	n 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	23.9	22.9	24.3	22.5	24.0	24.5	25.0	22.8	23.4	25.2
March	7.8	7.7	8.0	7.0	7.5	8.0	8.5	7.7	6.9	8.8
April	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.3	8.0	7.7	8.3	7.2	7.7	8.4
Мау	8.6	7.5	8.6	8.2	8.5	8.8	8.2	7.9	8.8	8.1
Summer	26.9	26.7	27.3	28.9	27.0	27.7	25.5	27.7	25.6	26.3
June	7.8	7.7	7.9	9.8	8.0	9.5	8.3	7.6	8.7	8.2
July	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.0	9.5	9.4	8.2	9.4	9.3	9.0
August	9.7	9.5	9.8	10.1	9.6	8.8	8.9	10.6	7.5	9.1
Fall	25.8	25.3	25.5	26.7	25.5	25.2	25.1	27.1	24.0	25.7
September	9.1	8.4	9.2	9.1	8.5	8.2	8.4	9.2	8.8	8.8
October	8.6	9.0	9.6	9.6	8.1	9.0	9.3	9.8	7.3	9.3
November	8.1	7.9	6.7	8.0	8.8	8.0	7.4	8.1	7.9	7.5
Winter	23.4	25.1	22.9	21.9	23.5	22.6	24.4	22.4	26.9	22.8
December	8.8	8.6	7.4	7.9	7.8	8.1	7.9	8.0	8.2	7.5
January	8.0	8.7	8.2	7.5	7.9	7.4	8.5	7.9	10.2	7.9
February	6.7	7.8	7.3	6.6	7.7	7.1	7.9	6.5	8.6	7.4

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

TABLE 16 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997

Day		Ge	nder		Rad	ce/ethnic g	group				
of											
incident	Total	Male ¹	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown			
			Numb	er							
Total including unknown	2,579	2,097	482	547	1,154	682	177	19			
Unknown	17	11	6	6	8	0	1	2			
Total known	2,562	2,086	476	541	1,146	682	176	17			
Weekday	1,663	1,330	333	371	723	432	126	11			
Monday	372	291	81	78	163	99	30	2			
Tuesday	327	269	58	76	139	84	26	2			
Wednesday	300	233	67	65	119	90	22	4			
Thursday	304	238	66	73	128	81	20	2			
Friday	360	299	61	79	174	78	28	1			
Weekend	899	756	143	170	423	250	50	6			
Saturday	452	380	72	76	203	138	33	2			
Sunday	447	376	71	94	220	112	17	4			
		Perce	nt based or	n total knov	vn						
Total known	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0			
Weekday	64.9	63.8	70.0	68.6	63.1	63.3	71.6	-			
Monday	14.5	14.0	17.0	14.4	14.2	14.5	17.0	-			
Tuesday	12.8	12.9	12.2	14.0	12.1	12.3	14.8	-			
Wednesday	11.7	11.2	14.1	12.0	10.4	13.2	12.5	-			
Thursday	11.9	11.4	13.9	13.5	11.2	11.9	11.4	-			
Friday	14.1	14.3	12.8	14.6	15.2	11.4	15.9	-			
Weekend	35.1	36.2	30.0	31.4	36.9	36.7	28.4	-			
Saturday	17.6	18.2	15.1	14.0	17.7	20.2	18.8	-			
Sunday	17.4	18.0	14.9	17.4	19.2	16.4	9.7	-			
Average daily number of incidents ²											
Weekday	6.4	5.1	1.3	1.4	2.8	1.7	.5	.0			
Weekend	8.6	7.3	1.4	1.6	4.1	2.4	.5	.1			

Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Day of Incident

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

'The "male" category includes 5 homicide victims whose gender could not be determined.

² There were 365 days in 1997; 261 weekdays and 104 weekend days. The average daily number of incidents for weekdays was calculated by dividing weekday totals by 261. The average daily number of incidents for weekends was calculated by dividing weekend totals by 104.

TABLE 17 **HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997**

Age of vicinity bay of inductiv												
Day of		Under			40							
incident	Total	18	18-29	30-39	and over	Unknown						
		Numb	er									
Total including unknown	2,579	361	1,068	534	580	36						
Unknown	17	3	9	0	3	2						
T	0.500	050	4.050	50.4	F77	0.4						
Total known	2,562	358	1,059	534	577	34						
Weekday	1,663	243	645	364	389	22						
Monday	372	50	156	78	83	5						
Tuesday	327	54	119	73	76	5						
Wednesday	300	31	126	69	69	5						
Thursday	304	53	103	70	75	3						
Friday	360	55	141	74	86	4						
Weekend	899	115	414	170	188	12						
Saturday	452	53	204	88	100	3						
Sunday	447	62	210	82	84	9						
Cunday			n total known	-	01	0						
Total known	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0						
Weekday	64.9	67.9	60.9	68.2	67.4	-						
Monday	14.5	14.0	14.7	14.6	14.4	-						
Tuesday	12.8	15.1	11.2	13.7	13.2	-						
Wednesday	11.7	8.7	11.9	12.9	12.0	-						
Thursday	11.9	14.8	9.7	13.1	13.0	-						
Friday	14.1	15.4	13.3	13.9	14.9	-						
	05.4	00.4	00.4	04.0	00.0							
Weekend	35.1	32.1	39.1	31.8	32.6	-						
Saturday	17.6	14.8	19.3	16.5	18.0	-						
Sunday 17.4 17.3 19.8 15.4 14.6 - Average daily number of incidents ¹												
Weekday	6.4	.9	2.5	1.4	1.5	.1						
Weekend	8.6	1.1	4.0	1.6	1.8	.1						

Age of Victim by Day of Incident

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

¹ There were 365 days in 1997; 261 weekdays and 104 weekend days. The average daily number of incidents for weekdays was calculated by dividing weekday totals by 261. The average daily number of incidents for weekends was calculated by dividing weekend totals by 104.

I ABLE 18 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997 By Location of Homicide

Location	19	88	19	89	19	90	19	91	19	92
of										
homicide	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percen
Total including unknown	2,947		3,159		3,562		3,876		3,920	
Unknown	152		13		24		194		0	
Total known	2,795	100.0	3,146	100.0	3,538	100.0	3,682	100.0	3,920	100.0
Victim's, shared residence	853	30.5	909	28.9	901	25.5	951	25.8	1,041	26.6
Victim's residence	573	20.5	575	18.3	604	17.1	602	16.3	658	16.8
Shared residence	280	10.0	334	10.6	297	8.4	349	9.5	383	9.8
Street, sidewalk	930	33.3	1,229	39.1	1,165	32.9	1,349	36.6	1,501	38.3
All other	1,012	36.2	1,008	32.0	1,472	41.6	1,382	37.5	1,378	35.2
Hotel, motel	49	1.8	46	1.5	57	1.6	46	1.2	34	.9
Other residence	242	8.7	257	8.2	364	10.3	269	7.3	270	6.9
Liquor store	1	.0	7	.2	12	.3	14	.4	9	.2
Bar	57	2.0	49	1.6	89	2.5	55	1.5	77	2.0
Other business	68	2.4	86	2.7	89	2.5	122	3.3	144	3.7
Parking lot	91	3.3	98	3.1	195	5.5	172	4.7	142	3.6
Vehicle	207	7.4	204	6.5	348	9.8	348	9.5	409	10.4
Field, park	249	8.9	224	7.1	263	7.4	305	8.3	236	6.0
School	6	.2	1	.0	4	.1	6	.2	29	.7
Other	42	1.5	36	1.1	51	1.4	45	1.2	28	.7

												<u> </u>
Location	19	93	19	94	19	95	19	96	19	97	Percent	<u> </u>
of											1988-	1996-
homicide (cont.)	Number	Percent	1997	1997								
Total including unknown	4,095		3,699		3,530		2,910		2,579			
Unknown	0		0		0		2		1			
Total known	4,095	100.0	3,699	100.0	3,530	100.0	2,908	100.0	2,578	100.0	-7.8	-11.3
Victim's, shared residence	1,076	26.3	944	25.5	943	26.7	807	27.8	746	28.9	-12.5	-7.6
Victim's residence	742	18.1	636	17.2	626	17.7	545	18.7	487	18.9	-15.0	-10.6
Shared residence	334	8.2	308	8.3	317	9.0	262	9.0	259	10.0	-7.5	-1.1
Street, sidewalk	1,526	37.3	1,429	38.6	1,466	41.5	1,165	40.1	994	38.6	6.9	-14.7
All other	1,493	36.5	1,326	35.8	1,121	31.8	936	32.2	838	32.5	-17.2	-10.5
Hotel, motel	55	1.3	38	1.0	27	.8	35	1.2	17	.7	-	-
Other residence	228	5.6	256	6.9	206	5.8	204	7.0	175	6.8	-27.7	-14.2
Liquor store	14	.3	10	.3	7	.2	4	.1	5	.2	-	-
Bar	85	2.1	61	1.6	57	1.6	39	1.3	29	1.1	-49.1	-
Other business	161	3.9	140	3.8	110	3.1	104	3.6	90	3.5	32.4	-13.5
Parking lot	190	4.6	163	4.4	164	4.6	101	3.5	77	3.0	-15.4	-23.8
Vehicle	434	10.6	373	10.1	295	8.4	242	8.3	226	8.8	9.2	-6.6
Field, park	293	7.2	247	6.7	224	6.3	178	6.1	191	7.4	-23.3	7.3
School	9	.2	7	.2	6	.2	5	.2	5	.2	-	-
Other	24	.6	31	.8	25	.7	24	.8	23	.9	-	-

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

TABLE 19 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Location of Homicide

Location		Ge	nder		Rad	ce/ethnic g	Iroup	
of								
homicide	Total	Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown
			Number	r				
Total including unknown	2,579	2,097	482	547	1,154	682	177	19
Unknown	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Total known	2,578	2,096	482	547	1,154	681	177	19
Victim's, shared residence	746	459	287	261	256	175	54	0
Victim's residence	487	346	141	144	177	131	35	0
Shared residence	259	113	146	117	79	44	19	0
Street, sidewalk	994	937	57	109	514	330	38	3
All other	838	700	138	177	384	176	85	16
Hotel, motel	17	13	4	5	5	6	1	0
Other residence	175	150	25	38	82	40	15	0
Liquor store	5	5	0	2	1	0	2	0
Bar	29	25	4	3	14	6	6	0
Other business	90	74	16	29	34	10	17	0
Parking lot	77	74	3	12	41	18	6	0
Vehicle	226	183	43	30	115	61	20	0
Field, park	191	155	36	49	87	29	11	15
School	5	1	4	2	1	1	1	0
Other	23	20	3	7	4	5	6	1
		Percent	t based on t	total known	1			
Total known	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Victim's, shared residence	28.9	21.9	59.5	47.7	22.2	25.7	30.5	-
Victim's residence	18.9	16.5	29.3	26.3	15.3	19.2	19.8	-
Shared residence	10.0	5.4	30.3	21.4	6.8	6.5	10.7	-
Street, sidewalk	38.6	44.7	11.8	19.9	44.5	48.5	21.5	-
All other	32.5	33.4	28.6	32.4	33.3	25.8	48.0	-
Hotel, motel	.7	.6	.8	.9	.4	.9	.6	-
Other residence	6.8	7.2	5.2	6.9	7.1	5.9	8.5	-
Liquor store	.2	.2	.0	.4	.1	.0	1.1	-
Bar	1.1	1.2	.8	.5	1.2	.9	3.4	-
Other business	3.5	3.5	3.3	5.3	2.9	1.5	9.6	-
Parking lot	3.0	3.5	.6	2.2	3.6	2.6	3.4	-
Vehicle	8.8	8.7	8.9	5.5	10.0	9.0	11.3	-
Field, park	7.4	7.4	7.5	9.0	7.5	4.3	6.2	-
School	.2	.0	.8	.4	.1	.1	.6	-
Other	.9	1.0	.6	1.3	.3	.7	3.4	-

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

TABLE 20 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 Age of Victim by Location of Homicide

Ay		n by Loca		niciue		
Location of		Under			40	
homicide	Total	18	18-29	30-39	and over	Unknown
		Number				
Total including unknown	2,579	361	1,068	534	580	36
Unknown	1	1	0	0	0	0
Total known	2,578	360	1,068	534	580	36
Victim's, shared residence	746	140	192	152	259	3
Victim's residence	487	49	153	113	169	3
Shared residence	259	91	39	39	90	0
Street, sidewalk	994	122	517	198	148	9
All other	838	98	359	184	173	24
Hotel, motel	17	1	5	4	7	0
Other residence	175	24	79	37	34	1
Liquor store	5	0	1	0	4	0
Bar	29	2	12	8	5	2
Other business	90	4	28	25	33	0
Parking lot	77	6	42	19	9	1
Vehicle	226	32	116	45	30	3
Field, park	191	24	68	40	43	16
School	5	2	2	0	1	0
Other	23	3	6	6	7	1
	Perce	nt based on	otal known			
Total known	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Victim's, shared residence	28.9	38.9	18.0	28.5	44.7	-
Victim's residence	18.9	13.6	14.3	21.2	29.1	-
Shared residence	10.0	25.3	3.7	7.3	15.5	-
Street, sidewalk	38.6	33.9	48.4	37.1	25.5	-
All other	32.5	27.2	33.6	34.5	29.8	-
Hotel, motel	.7	.3	.5	.7	1.2	-
Other residence	6.8	6.7	7.4	6.9	5.9	-
Liquor store	.2	.0	.1	.0	.7	-
Bar	1.1	.6	1.1	1.5	.9	-
Other business	3.5	1.1	2.6	4.7	5.7	-
Parking lot	3.0	1.7	3.9	3.6	1.6	-
Vehicle	8.8	8.9	10.9	8.4	5.2	-
Field, park	7.4	6.7	6.4	7.5	7.4	-
School	.2	.6	.2	.0	.2	-
Other	.9	.8	.6	1.1	1.2	-

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

TABLE 21 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997 By Type of Weapon Used

Туре	19	88	19	89	19	90	19	991	19	992		
of												
weapon used	Number	Percent										
Total including unknown	2,947		3,159		3,562		3,876		3,920			
Unknown	20		26		31		36		28			
Total known	2,927	100.0	3,133	100.0	3,531	100.0	3,840	100.0	3,892	100.0		
Firearm	1,796	61.4	2,058	65.7	2,386	67.6	2,692	70.1	2,839	72.9		
Handgun	1,332	45.5	1,604	51.2	1,903	53.9	2,255	58.7	2,426	62.3		
All other firearms	464	15.9	454	14.5	483	13.7	437	11.4	413	10.6		
Rifle	140	4.8	201	6.4	188	5.3	176	4.6	164	4.2		
Shotgun	153	5.2	208	6.6	218	6.2	187	4.9	176	4.5		
Other firearm ¹	6	.2	1	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0		
Firearm - unknown type.	165	5.6	44	1.4	77	2.2	74	1.9	73	1.9		
Knife ²	587	20.1	533	17.0	592	16.8	577	15.0	543	14.0		
Blunt object ³	190	6.5	199	6.4	192	5.4	207	5.4	161	4.1		
Personal weapon ⁴	184	6.3	143	4.6	166	4.7	186	4.8	168	4.3		
All other	170	5.8	200	6.4	195	5.5	178	4.6	181	4.7		
Rope⁵	78	2.7	100	3.2	92	2.6	84	2.2	87	2.2		
Drugs	12	.4	5	.2	6	.2	3	.1	3	.1		
Other	80	2.7	95	3.0	97	2.7	91	2.4	91	2.3		

Туре	19	93	19	94	19	95	19	96	19	97	Percent	change
of											1988-	1996-
weapon used (cont.)	Number	Percent	1997	1997								
Total including unknown	4,095		3,699		3,530		2,910		2,579			
Unknown	34		33		29		45		40			
Total known	4,061	100.0	3,666	100.0	3,501	100.0	2,865	100.0	2,539	100.0	-13.3	-11.4
Firearm	3,007	74.0	2,778	75.8	2,590	74.0	2,055	71.7	1,835	72.3	2.2	-10.7
Handgun	2,609	64.2	2,441	66.6	2,288	65.4	1,866	65.1	1,633	64.3	22.6	-12.5
All other firearms	398	9.8	337	9.2	302	8.6	189	6.6	202	8.0	-56.5	6.9
Rifle	154	3.8	141	3.8	140	4.0	95	3.3	115	4.5	-17.9	21.1
Shotgun	167	4.1	165	4.5	123	3.5	86	3.0	72	2.8	-52.9	-16.3
Other firearm ¹	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	-	-
Firearm - unknown type.	77	1.9	31	.8	39	1.1	8	.3	15	.6	-90.9	-
Knife ²	470	11.6	427	11.6	405	11.6	341	11.9	307	12.1	-47.7	-10.0
Blunt object ³	204	5.0	157	4.3	156	4.5	147	5.1	108	4.3	-43.2	-26.5
Personal weapon ⁴	139	3.4	156	4.3	165	4.7	156	5.4	148	5.8	-19.6	-5.1
All other	241	5.9	148	4.0	185	5.3	166	5.8	141	5.6	-17.1	-15.1
Rope⁵	114	2.8	81	2.2	75	2.1	61	2.1	56	2.2	-28.2	-8.2
Drugs	5	.1	4	.1	2	.1	8	.3	6	.2	-	-
Other	122	3.0	63	1.7	108	3.1	97	3.4	79	3.1	-1.3	-18.6

Notes: Percentages may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of independent rounding. Dash indicates that percent changes are not calculated when the base number is less than 50. ¹ Machine gun, etc. ² Any instrument used to cut or stab. ³ Club, etc.

⁴ Hands, feet, etc.
 ⁵ Any instrument used to hang or strangle.

TABLE 22 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Type of Weapon Used

Туре		Ge	nder		Race	ethnic gro	up	
of								
weapon used	Total	Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknow
	1	1	Number					
Fotal including unknown	2,579	2,097	482	547	1,154	682	177	19
Unknown	40	23	17	15	10	4	2	9
Total known	2,539	2,074	465	532	1,144	678	175	10
Firearm	1,835	1,595	240	283	884	535	131	2
Handgun	1,633	1,418	215	233	796	480	123	1
All other firearms	202	177	25	50	88	55	8	1
Rifle	115	101	14	29	50	32	4	0
Shotgun	72	63	9	19	32	16	4	1
Firearm - unknown type.	15	13	2	2	6	7	0	0
Knife ¹	307	229	78	101	133	55	16	2
Blunt object ²	108	83	25	39	40	25	4	0
Personal weapon ³	148	98	50	58	51	28	10	1
All other	141	69	72	51	36	35	14	5
Rope ⁴	56	24	32	19	16	17	2	2
Drugs	6	4	2	3	0	0	3	0
Other	79	41	38	29	20	18	9	3
	r		based on t	otal known				
Total known	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Firearm	72.3	76.9	51.6	53.2	77.3	78.9	74.9	-
Handgun	64.3	68.4	46.2	43.8	69.6	70.8	70.3	-
All other firearms	8.0	8.5	5.4	9.4	7.7	8.1	4.6	-
Rifle	4.5	4.9	3.0	5.5	4.4	4.7	2.3	-
Shotgun	2.8	3.0	1.9	3.6	2.8	2.4	2.3	-
Firearm - unknown type.	.6	.6	.4	.4	.5	1.0	.0	-
Knife ¹	12.1	11.0	16.8	19.0	11.6	8.1	9.1	-
Blunt object ²	4.3	4.0	5.4	7.3	3.5	3.7	2.3	-
Personal weapon ³	5.8	4.7	10.8	10.9	4.5	4.1	5.7	-
All other	5.6	3.3	15.5	9.6	3.1	5.2	8.0	-
Rope ⁴	2.2	1.2	6.9	3.6	1.4	2.5	1.1	-
Drugs	.2	.2	.4	.6	.0	.0	1.7	-
Other	3.1	2.0	8.2	5.5	1.7	2.7	5.1	-

Notes: Percentages may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of independent rounding. Dash indicates that percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50. ¹ Any instrument used to cut or stab.

² Club, etc.

³ Hands, feet, etc.
 ⁴ Any instrument used to hang or strangle.

I ABLE 23 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 Age of Victim by Type of Weapon Used

Type of		Under			40								
weapon used	Total	18	18-29	30-39	and over	Unknown							
	-	Number	-	-	-	-							
Total including unknown	2,579	361	1,068	534	580	36							
Unknown	40	3	11	9	8	9							
Total known	2,539	358	1,057	525	572	27							
Firearm	1,835	238	878	391	312	16							
Handgun	1,633	206	789	348	275	15							
All other firearms	202	32	89	43	37	1							
Rifle	115	24	48	26	16	1							
Shotgun	72	6	35	15	16	0							
Firearm - unknown type	15	2	6	2	5	0							
Knife ¹	307	16	114	71	101	5							
Blunt object ²	108	9	20	24	54	1							
Personal weapon ³	148	61	15	14	57	1							
All other	141	34	30	25	48	4							
Rope ⁴	56	3	16	14	22	1							
Drugs	6	3	0	2	1	0							
Other	79	28	14	9	25	3							
	Percen	t based on to	otal known										
Total known	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0							
Firearm	72.3	66.5	83.1	74.5	54.5	-							
Handgun	64.3	57.5	74.6	66.3	48.1	-							
All other firearms	8.0	8.9	8.4	8.2	6.5	-							
Rifle	4.5	6.7	4.5	5.0	2.8	-							
Shotgun	2.8	1.7	3.3	2.9	2.8	-							
Firearm - unknown type	.6	.6	.6	.4	.9	-							
Knife ¹	12.1	4.5	10.8	13.5	17.7	-							
Blunt object ²	4.3	2.5	1.9	4.6	9.4	-							
Personal weapon ³	5.8	17.0	1.4	2.7	10.0	-							
All other	5.6	9.5	2.8	4.8	8.4	-							
Rope ⁴	2.2	.8	1.5	2.7	3.8	-							
Drugs	.2	.8	.0	.4	.2	-							
Other	3.1	7.8	1.3	1.7	4.4	-							

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

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

¹ Any instrument used to cut or stab. ² Club, etc.

³ Hands, feet, etc.

⁴Any instrument used to hang or strangle.

TABLE 24 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997 By Contributing Circumstance

	19	88	19	89	19	90	19	91	19	92
Contributing										
circumstance	Number	Percent								
Total including unknown	2,947		3,159		3,562		3,876		3,920	
Unknown	406		322		447		632		581	
Total known	2,541	100.0	2,837	100.0	3,115	100.0	3,244	100.0	3,339	100.0
Rape, robbery, burglary	417	16.4	443	15.6	466	15.0	532	16.4	519	15.5
Rape	39	1.5	39	1.4	38	1.2	41	1.3	31	.9
Robbery	342	13.5	381	13.4	399	12.8	473	14.6	455	13.6
Burglary	36	1.4	23	.8	29	.9	18	.6	33	1.0
Argument	1,205	47.4	1,308	46.1	1,346	43.2	1,396	43.0	1,478	44.3
Domestic violence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	280	8.4
All other argument	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,198	35.9
Gang-, drug-related	580	22.8	803	28.3	982	31.5	992	30.6	1,029	30.8
Gang-related	309	12.2	525	18.5	646	20.7	740	22.8	742	22.2
Drug-related	271	10.7	278	9.8	336	10.8	252	7.8	287	8.6
All other	339	13.3	283	10.0	321	10.3	324	10.0	313	9.4

	19	93	19	94	19	95	19	96	19	97	Percent	change
Contributing											1988-	1996-
circumstance (cont.)	Number	Percent	1997	1997								
Total including unknown	4,095		3,699		3,530		2,910		2,579			
Unknown	643		527		595		389		424			
Total known	3,452	100.0	3,172	100.0	2,935	100.0	2,521	100.0	2,155	100.0	-15.2	-14.5
Rape, robbery, burglary	515	14.9	409	12.9	385	13.1	320	12.7	240	11.1	-42.4	-25.0
Rape	21	.6	19	.6	14	.5	11	.4	12	.6	-	-
Robbery	476	13.8	366	11.5	342	11.7	294	11.7	219	10.2	-36.0	-25.5
Burglary	18	.5	24	.8	29	1.0	15	.6	9	.4	-	-
Argument	1,532	44.4	1.374	43.3	1,207	41.1	1,070	42.4	928	43.1	-23.0	-13.3
Domestic violence	329	9.5	224	7.1	179	6.1	130	5.2	128	5.9	-	-1.5
All other argument	1,203	34.8	1,150	36.3	1,028	35.0	940	37.3	800	37.1	-	-14.9
Gang-, drug-related	1,113	32.2	1,137	35.8	1,059	36.1	784	31.1	704	32.7	21.4	-10.2
Gang-related	840	24.3	880	27.7	867	29.5	620	24.6	544	25.2	76.1	-12.3
Drug-related	273	7.9	257	8.1	192	6.5	164	6.5	160	7.4	-41.0	-2.4
All other	292	8.5	252	7.9	284	9.7	347	13.8	283	13.1	-16.5	-18.4

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

TABLE 25 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Contributing Circumstance

		Ge	nder		Race/	ethnic gro	an	
Contributing								
circumstance	Total	Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown
			Numbe	r				
Total including unknown	2,579	2,097	482	547	1,154	682	177	19
Unknown	424	354	70	80	180	128	22	14
Total known	2,155	1,743	412	467	974	554	155	5
Rape, robbery, burglary	240	197	43	72	88	43	36	1
Rape	12	2	10	6	4	2	0	0
Robbery, burglary	228	195	33	66	84	41	36	1
Robbery	219	190	29	61	82	39	36	1
Burglary	9	5	4	5	2	2	0	0
Argument	928	683	245	272	369	221	66	0
Domestic violence	128	31	97	51	42	20	15	0
All other argument	800	652	148	221	327	201	51	0
Gang-, drug-related	704	670	34	34	416	223	31	0
Gang-related	544	525	19	16	349	150	29	0
Drug-related	160	145	15	18	67	73	2	0
All other	283	193	90	89	101	67	22	4
		Percen	t based on	total know	n			
Total known	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Rape, robbery, burglary	11.1	11.3	10.4	15.4	9.0	7.8	23.2	-
Rape	.6	.1	2.4	1.3	.4	.4	.0	-
Robbery, burglary	10.6	11.2	8.0	14.1	8.6	7.4	23.2	-
Robbery	10.2	10.9	7.0	13.1	8.4	7.0	23.2	-
Burglary	.4	.3	1.0	1.1	.2	.4	.0	-
Argument	43.1	39.2	59.5	58.2	37.9	39.9	42.6	-
Domestic violence	5.9	1.8	23.5	10.9	4.3	3.6	9.7	-
All other argument	37.1	37.4	35.9	47.3	33.6	36.3	32.9	-
Gang-, drug-related	32.7	38.4	8.3	7.3	42.7	40.3	20.0	-
Gang-related	25.2	30.1	4.6	3.4	35.8	27.1	18.7	-
Drug-related	7.4	8.3	3.6	3.9	6.9	13.2	1.3	-
All other	13.1	11.1	21.8	19.1	10.4	12.1	14.2	-

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

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

TABLE 26HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997Age of Victim by Contributing Circumstance

Contributing		Under	-		60	
circumstance	Total	5	5-17	18-59	and over	Unknown
		Numbe				
Total including unknown	2,579	98	263	2,043	139	36
Unknown	424	0	23	356	21	24
Total known	2,155	98	240	1,687	118	12
Rape, robbery, burglary	240	0	13	189	37	1
Rape	12	0	0	11	1	0
Robbery	219	0	12	175	31	1
Burglary	9	0	1	3	5	0
Argument	928	5	56	802	60	5
Domestic violence	128	4	8	108	8	0
All other argument	800	1	48	694	52	5
Gang-, drug-related	704	3	134	559	5	3
Gang-related	544	3	127	409	3	2
Drug-related	160	0	7	150	2	1
-						
Child abuse	72	68	4	0	0	0
All other	211	22	33	137	16	3
	Perce	nt based on	total known			
Total known	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Rape, robbery, burglary	11.1	.0	5.4	11.2	31.4	-
Rape	.6	.0	.0	.7	.8	-
Robbery	10.2	.0	5.0	10.4	26.3	-
Burglary	.4	.0	.4	.2	4.2	-
Argument	43.1	5.1	23.3	47.5	50.8	
Domestic violence	5.9	4.1	3.3	6.4	6.8	
All other argument	37.1	1.0	20.0	41.1	44.1	_
Gang-, drug-related	32.7	3.1	20.0 55.8	33.1	44.1	_
Gang-related	25.2	3.1	52.9	24.2	2.5	_
Drug-related	7.4	.0	2.9	8.9	1.7	_
Drug related	· · ·	.0	2.3	0.0	1.7	_
Child abuse	3.3	69.4	1.7	-	-	-
All other	9.8	22.4	13.8	8.1	13.6	-

Notes: Percentages may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of independent 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, 1997 Age of Victim by Contributing Circumstance

Contributing		Under							70	
circumstance	Total	5	5-17	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	and over	Unknown
				Numbe	er					
Total including unknown	2,579	98	263	1,068	534	312	129	74	65	36
Unknown	424	0	23	171	99	60	26	13	8	24
Total known	2,155	98	240	897	435	252	103	61	57	12
Rape, robbery, burglary	240	0	13	72	46	40	31	19	18	1
Rape	12	0	0	6	2	1	2	0	1	0
Robbery	219	0	12	66	43	37	29	18	13	1
Burglary	9	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	4	0
Argument	928	5	56	345	249	148	60	32	28	5
Domestic violence	128	4	8	33	33	29	13	4	4	0
All other argument	800	1	48	312	216	119	47	28	24	5
Gang-, drug-related	704	3	134	411	108	35	5	5	0	3
Gang-related	544	3	127	324	64	19	2	3	0	2
Drug-related	160	0	7	87	44	16	3	2	0	1
Child abuse	72	68	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All other	211	22	33	69	32	29	7	5	11	3
	_		Perce	ent 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	11.1	.0	5.4	8.0	10.6	15.9	30.1	31.1	31.6	-
Rape	.6	.0	.0	.7	.5	.4	1.9	.0	1.8	-
Robbery	10.2	.0	5.0	7.4	9.9	14.7	28.2	29.5	22.8	-
Burglary	.4	.0	.4	.0	.2	.8	.0	1.6	7.0	-
Argument	43.1	5.1	23.3	38.5	57.2	58.7	58.3	52.5	49.1	-
Domestic violence	5.9	4.1	3.3	3.7	7.6	11.5	12.6	6.6	7.0	-
All other argument	37.1	1.0	20.0	34.8	49.7	47.2	45.6	45.9	42.1	-
Gang-, drug-related	32.7	3.1	55.8	45.8	24.8	13.9	4.9	8.2	.0	-
Gang-related	25.2	3.1	52.9	36.1	14.7	7.5	1.9	4.9	.0	-
Drug-related	7.4	.0	2.9	9.7	10.1	6.3	2.9	3.3	.0	-
Child abuse	3.3	69.4	1.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other	9.8	22.4	13.8	7.7	7.4	11.5	6.8	8.2	19.3	-

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

TABLE 28 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997 Contributing Circumstance by Relationship of Victim to Offender

Relationship of victim to offender	Total	Rape	Robbery, burglary	Argument ¹	Gang-, drug- related	Child abuse	All other	Unknown
	rotar	Rupo	Numb	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Tolatou	ababo	ourior	Onknown
Total including unknown Unknown	2,579 859	12 3	228 56	928 72	704 263	72 1	211 82	424 382
Total known	1,720	9	172	856	441	71	129	42
Friend, acquaintance ²	869	2	33	487	287	11	44	5
Spouse ³	89	1	0	77	0	0	11	0
Parent, child ^₄	114	0	1	36	0	55	22	0
All other relatives	46	0	1	38	0	5	1	1
Stranger	602	6	137	218	154	0	51	36
		Per	cent based o	on total known				
Total known	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Friend, acquaintance ²	50.5	-	19.2	56.9	65.1	15.5	34.1	11.9
Spouse ³	5.2	-	.0	9.0	.0	.0	8.5	.0
Parent, child⁴	6.6	-	.6	4.2	.0	77.5	17.1	.0
All other relatives	2.7	-	.6	4.4	.0	7.0	.8	2.4
Stranger	35.0	-	79.7	25.5	34.9	.0	39.5	85.7

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

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

Includes domestic violence.

⁴ Includes ex-husband, ex-wife, employer, employee, gang member, etc.

[°] Includes "common-law" marriage partner.

^{*} Includes stepmother, stepfather, stepdaughter, and stepson.

TABLE 29 HOMICIDE CRIMES CLEARED, 1988-1997

	Number of	Number of	
Year	homicides	homicides	Clearance
	reported	cleared	rate ¹
1997	2,579	1,489	57.7
1996	2,910	1,743	59.9
1995	3,530	1,916	54.3
1994	3,699	2,091	56.5
1993	4,095	2,274	55.5
1992	3,920	2,198	56.1
1991	3,876	2,362	60.9
1990	3,562	2,206	61.9
1989	3,159	1,916	60.7
1988	2,947	1,900	64.5

Number Reported, Number Cleared, and Clearance Rate

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.

TABLE 30

FELONY ARRESTS FOR SELECTED VIOLENT OFFENSES, 1988-1997

Number, Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk, and Percent Change

Number, Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk, and Percent Change									
		Homi-	Forcible						
Year(s)	Total	cide	rape	Robbery	Assault				
		Number							
1997	153,279	2,212	3,108	23,824	124,135				
1996	149,795	2,535	3,202	26,014	118,044				
1995 ^ª	155,053	2,821	3,199	27,641	121,392				
1994	151,906	2,963	3,305	27,984	117,654				
1993	147,603	3,276	3,572	29,567	111,188				
1992	148,225	3,387	4,037	31,141	109,660				
1991	143,970	3,720	4,417	31,346	104,487				
1990	147,561	3,882	4,848	32,050	106,781				
1989	131,503	3,403	4,560	27,173	96,367				
1988	116,365	3,159	4,534	24,284	84,388				
	Percent	change in	number						
1996 to 1997	2.3	-12.7	-2.9	-8.4	5.2				
1995 to 1996	-3.4	-10.1	.1	-5.9	-2.8				
1994 to 1995	2.1	-4.8	-3.2	-1.2	3.2				
1993 to 1994	2.9	-9.6	-7.5	-5.4	5.8				
1992 to 1993	4	-3.3	-11.5	-5.1	1.4				
1991 to 1992	3.0	-9.0	-8.6	7	5.0				
1990 to 1991	-2.4	-4.2	-8.9	-2.2	-2.1				
1989 to 1990	12.2	14.1	6.3	17.9	10.8				
1988 to 1989	13.0	7.7	.6	11.9	14.2				
1988 to 1997	31.7	-30.0	-31.5	-1.9	47.1				
F	Rate per 100	,000 popu	lation at ri	sk1					
1997	595.0	8.6	12.1	92.5	481.9				
1996	586.2	9.9	12.5	101.8	461.9				
1995	617.2	11.2	12.7	110.0	483.2				
1994	614.9	12.0	13.4	113.3	476.3				
1993	606.6	13.5	14.7	121.5	456.9				
1992	618.2	14.1	16.8	129.9	457.4				
1991	610.4	15.8	18.7	132.9	443.0				
1990	636.6	16.7	20.9	138.3	460.7				
1989	583.8	15.1	20.2	120.6	427.8				
1988	529.7	14.4	20.6	110.5	384.1				
	Percer	nt change	in rate						
1996 to 1997	1.5	-13.1	-3.2	-9.1	4.3				
1995 to 1996	-5.0	-11.6	-1.6	-7.5	-4.4				
1994 to 1995	.4	-6.7	-5.2	-2.9	1.4				
1993 to 1994	1.4	-11.1	-8.8	-6.7	4.2				
1992 to 1993	-1.9	-4.3	-12.5	-6.5	1				
1991 to 1992	1.3	-10.8	-10.2	-2.3	3.3				
1990 to 1991	-4.1	-5.4	-10.5	-3.9	-3.8				
1989 to 1990	9.0	10.6	3.5	14.7	7.7				
1988 to 1989	10.2	4.9	-1.9	9.1	11.4				
1988 to 1997	12.3	-40.3	-41.3	-16.3	25.5				

Notes: Rates may not add to total because of independent rounding. Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Unit, California Department of Finance.

^a Includes estimated annual data for the Bakersfield Police Department and the Oakla Police Department. Rates are based on the total population at risk (10-69 years of age).

TABLE 31 HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1988-1997 By Gender of Arrestee

	То	tal	Ма	ale	Ferr	nale
Year(s)	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1997	2,212	100.0	1,990	90.0	222	10.0
1996	2,535	100.0	2,286	90.2	249	9.8
1995 ^ª	2,821	100.0	2,564	90.9	257	9.1
1994	2,963	100.0	2,709	91.4	254	8.6
1993	3,276	100.0	2,975	90.8	301	9.2
1992	3,387	100.0	3,082	91.0	305	9.0
1991	3,720	100.0	3,427	92.1	293	7.9
1990	3,882	100.0	3,519	90.6	363	9.4
1989	3,403	100.0	3,075	90.4	328	9.6
1988	3,159	100.0	2,816	89.1	343	10.9

^a Includes estimated annual data for the Bakersfield Police Department and the Oakland Police Department.

TABLE 32 HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1988-1997 By Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee

	То	tal	W	nite	Hisp	anic	Bla	ack	Ot	her
Year(s)	Number	Percent								
1997	2,212	100.0	447	20.2	1,017	46.0	586	26.5	162	7.3
1996	2,535	100.0	537	21.2	1,110	43.8	663	26.2	225	8.9
1995 ^ª	2,821	100.0	580	20.6	1,284	45.5	743	26.3	214	7.6
1994	2,963	100.0	675	22.8	1,175	39.7	850	28.7	263	8.9
1993	3,276	100.0	698	21.3	1,299	39.7	998	30.5	281	8.6
1992	3,387	100.0	714	21.1	1,457	43.0	1,016	30.0	200	5.9
1991	3,720	100.0	821	22.1	1,578	42.4	1,123	30.2	198	5.3
1990	3,882	100.0	851	21.9	1,407	36.2	1,294	33.3	330	8.5
1989	3,403	100.0	907	26.7	1,226	36.0	1,124	33.0	146	4.3
1988	3,159	100.0	930	29.4	930	29.4	1,124	35.6	175	5.5

Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding. ^a Includes estimated annual data for the Bakersfield Police Department and the Oakland Police Department.

TABLE 33 HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1988-1997 By Age of Arrestee

	Total		Under 18		18-29		30-39		40 and over	
Year(s)	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1997	2,212	100.0	353	16.0	1,267	57.3	326	14.7	266	12.0
1996	2,535	100.0	389	15.3	1,430	56.4	427	16.8	289	11.4
1995 ^ª	2,821	100.0	521	18.5	1,570	55.7	462	16.4	268	9.5
1994	2,963	100.0	542	18.3	1,625	54.8	483	16.3	313	10.6
1993	3,276	100.0	618	18.9	1,804	55.1	525	16.0	329	10.0
1992	3,387	100.0	645	19.0	1,877	55.4	511	15.1	354	10.5
1991	3,720	100.0	696	18.7	2,073	55.7	611	16.4	340	9.1
1990	3,882	100.0	658	17.0	2,218	57.1	630	16.2	376	9.7
1989	3,403	100.0	533	15.7	1,856	54.5	606	17.8	408	12.0
1988	3,159	100.0	389	12.3	1,702	53.9	636	20.1	432	13.7

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

^a Includes estimated annual data for the Bakersfield Police Department and the Oakland Police Department.

TABLE 34 HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1997 Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Gender and Age of Arrestee

Gender and age	Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other	
of arrestee	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total										
Total	2,212	100.0	447	100.0	1,017	100.0	586	100.0	162	100.0
Gender										
Male	1,990	90.0	374	83.7	946	93.0	526	89.8	144	88.9
Female	222	10.0	73	16.3	71	7.0	60	10.2	18	11.1
				A	ge					
Under 18	353	16.0	33	7.4	191	18.8	78	13.3	51	31.5
18-29	1,267	57.3	202	45.2	642	63.1	343	58.5	80	49.4
30-39	326	14.7	95	21.3	109	10.7	105	17.9	17	10.5
40 and over	266	12.0	117	26.2	75	7.4	60	10.2	14	8.6

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

Gender and age	То	tal	White		Hisp	anic	Bla	ack	Other	
of arrestee	Number	Percent								
Total	2,212	100.0	447	100.0	1,017	100.0	586	100.0	162	100.0
Under 18	353	16.0	33	7.4	191	18.8	78	13.3	51	31.5
18-19	380	17.2	49	11.0	206	20.3	88	15.0	37	22.8
20-24	558	25.2	83	18.6	291	28.6	156	26.6	28	17.3
25-29	329	14.9	70	15.7	145	14.3	99	16.9	15	9.3
30-34	193	8.7	42	9.4	74	7.3	66	11.3	11	6.8
35-39	133	6.0	53	11.9	35	3.4	39	6.7	6	3.7
40-44	92	4.2	38	8.5	26	2.6	23	3.9	5	3.1
45-49	82	3.7	38	8.5	28	2.8	13	2.2	3	1.9
50-54	38	1.7	16	3.6	7	.7	13	2.2	2	1.2
55 and over	54	2.4	25	5.6	14	1.4	11	1.9	4	2.5
Male	1,990	100.0	374	100.0	946	100.0	526	100.0	144	100.0
Under 18	334	16.8	29	7.8	180	19.0	77	14.6	48	33.3
18-19	358	18.0	43	11.5	195	20.6	86	16.3	34	23.6
20-24	519	26.1	74	19.8	281	29.7	138	26.2	26	18.1
25-29	288	14.5	61	16.3	127	13.4	88	16.7	12	8.3
30-34	159	8.0	31	8.3	67	7.1	54	10.3	7	4.9
35-39	109	5.5	43	11.5	29	3.1	32	6.1	5	3.5
40-44	75	3.8	28	7.5	24	2.5	19	3.6	4	2.8
45-49	69	3.5	32	8.6	23	2.4	11	2.1	3	2.1
50-54	33	1.7	13	3.5	7	.7	11	2.1	2	1.4
55 and over	46	2.3	20	5.3	13	1.4	10	1.9	3	2.1
Female	222	100.0	73	100.0	71	100.0	60	100.0	18	100.0
Under 18	19	8.6	4	5.5	11	15.5	1	1.7	3	-
18-19	22	9.9	6	8.2	11	15.5	2	3.3	3	-
20-24	39	17.6	9	12.3	10	14.1	18	30.0	2	-
25-29	41	18.5	9	12.3	18	25.4	11	18.3	3	-
30-34	34	15.3	11	15.1	7	9.9	12	20.0	4	-
35-39	24	10.8	10	13.7	6	8.5	7	11.7	1	-
40-44	17	7.7	10	13.7	2	2.8	4	6.7	1	-
45-49	13	5.9	6	8.2	5	7.0	2	3.3	0	-
50-54	5	2.3	3	4.1	0	.0	2	3.3	0	-
55 and over	8	3.6	5	6.8	1	1.4	1	1.7	1	-

TABLE 35 HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1997 Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Gender and Age of Arrestee

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

TABLE 36 **DISPOSITIONS IN 1988-1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE** By Type of Disposition

					Complaints filed					
Year(s)	Total		Released ¹		Dismissed, acquitted ²		Convicted			
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
1997	1,756	100.0	204	11.6	252	14.4	1,300	74.0		
1996	1,894	100.0	208	11.0	245	12.9	1,441	76.1		
1995	1,746	100.0	179	10.3	227	13.0	1,340	76.7		
1994	1,813	100.0	225	12.4	217	12.0	1,371	75.6		
1993	2,141	100.0	204	9.5	316	14.8	1,621	75.7		
1992	2,017	100.0	187	9.3	270	13.4	1,560	77.3		
1991	1,804	100.0	243	13.5	255	14.1	1,306	72.4		
1990	1,430	100.0	180	12.6	212	14.8	1,038	72.6		
1989	1,488	100.0	252	16.9	157	10.6	1,079	72.5		
1988	1,526	100.0	224	14.7	188	12.3	1,114	73.0		

Notes: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding. ¹ The "released" category includes law enforcement releases and complaints denied. "Complaints denied" include single complaints, combined cases, and petitions to revoke probation. ² The "dismissed, acquitted" category includes diversions dismissed.

TABLE 37 **DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE**

Gender, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age of Arrestee by Type of Disposition

			- -				aints filed	
Gender, race/ethnic group, and	Total		Released ¹		Dismissed, acquitted ²		Convicted	
age of arrestee	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
			Tota	al				
Total	1,756	100.0	204	11.6	252	14.4	1,300	74.0
			Gender of	arrestee				
Male	1,587	100.0	179	11.3	231	14.6	1,177	74.2
Female	169	100.0	25	14.8	21	12.4	123	72.8
		Race	/ethnic gro	up of arres	tee			
White	371	100.0	33	8.9	49	13.2	289	77.9
Hispanic	699	100.0	91	13.0	78	11.2	530	75.8
Black	425	100.0	37	8.7	65	15.3	323	76.0
Other	111	100.0	5	4.5	17	15.3	89	80.2
Unknown	150	100.0	38	25.3	43	28.7	69	46.0
			Age of ar	restee ³				
Under 18ª	73	100.0	0	.0	4	5.5	69	94.5
18-29	1,102	100.0	131	11.9	158	14.3	813	73.8
30-39	364	100.0	41	11.3	52	14.3	271	74.5
40 and over	217	100.0	32	14.7	38	17.5	147	67.7

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

¹ The "released" category includes law enforcement releases and complaints denied. "Complaints denied" include single complaints, combined cases, and petitions to revoke probation.
 ² The "dismissed, acquitted" category includes diversions dismissed.
 ³ Age groupings indicate the age of arrestee at time of arrest.
 " The "under 18" age group includes juveniles remanded to adult court.

TABLE 38 DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE BASED ON COMPLAINTS FILED

Gender, Dismissed, acquitted¹ Convicted race/ethnic group, Total and age of arrestee Number Percent Number Percent Number Percent Total 1,552 Total..... 100.0 252 16.2 1,300 83.8 Gender of arrestee Male..... 1,408 100.0 231 16.4 1,177 83.6 Female..... 100.0 14.6 144 21 123 85.4 Race/ethnic group of arrestee White..... 338 100.0 49 14.5 289 85.5 Hispanic..... 608 100.0 78 12.8 530 87.2 100.0 Black..... 388 65 16.8 323 83.2 _

Gender, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age of Arrestee by Type of Disposition

Other Unknown	106 112	100.0 100.0	17 43	16.0 38.4	89 69	84.0 61.6			
Age of arrestee ²									
Under 18ª	73	100.0	4	5.5	69	94.5			
18-29	971	100.0	158	16.3	813	83.7			
30-39	323	100.0	52	16.1	271	83.9			
40 and over	185	100.0	38	20.5	147	79.5			

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

' The "dismissed, acquitted" category includes diversions dismissed.

⁴ Age groupings indicate the age of arrestee at time of arrest.

^a The "under 18" age group includes juveniles remanded to adult court.

TABLE 39 DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE

Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Type of Disposition

Туре			nder	Race/ethnic group					
of			_						
disposition	Total	Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown	
			Number			10-			
Total	1,756	1,587	169	371	699	425	111	150	
Law enforcement releases	87	82	5	7	46	14	2	18	
Total complaints denied	117	97	20	26	45	23	3	20	
Single complaints	115	95	20	26	44	22	3	20	
Combined cases	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Petitions to revoke probation	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Complaints filed	1,552	1,408	144	338	608	388	106	112	
Misdemeanor	83	58	25	17	16	12	4	34	
Felony	1,469	1,350	119	321	592	376	102	78	
Lower court dispositions	247	204	43	64	64	49	16	54	
Dismissed	124	110	14	30	24	31	11	28	
Diversions dismissed	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Acquitted	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Convicted	121	92	29	34	39	17	5	26	
Superior court dispositions	1,305	1,204	101	274	544	339	90	58	
Dismissed	107	100	7	17	44	29	5	12	
Diversions dismissed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Acquitted Convicted	19 1,179	19 1.085	0 94	2 255	9 491	4 306	1 84	3 43	
Convicted	1,173	,	Percent	200	431	500	04	40	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Law enforcement releases	5.0	5.2	3.0	1.9	6.6	3.3	1.8	12.0	
Total complaints denied	5.0 6.7	5.2 6.1	3.0 11.8	7.0	6.6 6.4	3.3 5.4	2.7	12.0	
Single complaints demed	6.5	6.0	11.8	7.0	6.3	5.4	2.7	13.3	
Combined cases	.1	.1	.0	.0	.0	.2	.0	.0	
Petitions to revoke probation.	.1	.1	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0 .0	.0	
Complaints filed	88.4	88.7	.0 85.2	.e 91.1	87.0	.0 91.3	 95.5	.0 74.7	
Misdemeanor	4.7	3.7	14.8	4.6	2.3	2.8	95.5 3.6	22.7	
Felony	83.7	85.1	70.4	86.5	2.3 84.7	88.5	91.9	52.0	
•	14.1	12.9	25.4	17.3	9.2	11.5	14.4		
Lower court dispositions Dismissed	7.1	12.9 6.9	25.4 8.3	8.1	9.2 3.4	7.3	14.4 9.9	36.0 18.7	
Dismissed Diversions dismissed	.1	.1	0.3 .0	.0	3.4 .1	7.3 .0	9.9 .0	.0	
Acquitted	.1	.1	.0 .0	.0	.0	.0	.0 .0	.0 .0	
Convicted	6.9	5.8	.0 17.2	9.2	5.6	4.0	.0 4.5	.0 17.3	
Superior court dispositions	74.3	75.9	59.8	73.9	77.8	79.8	81.1	38.7	
Dismissed	6.1	6.3	4.1	4.6	6.3	6.8	4.5	8.0	
Diversions dismissed	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	
Acquitted	1.1	1.2	.0	.5	1.3	.9	.9	2.0	
Convicted	67.1	68.4	55.6	68.7	70.2	72.0	75.7	28.7	

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

Туре	Тс	otal	Unde	er 18 ^a	18	-29	30	-39	40 an	d over
of						-				
disposition	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,756	100.0	73	100.0	1,102	100.0	364	100.0	217	100.0
Law enforcement releases	87	5.0	0	.0	68	6.2	11	3.0	8	3.7
Total complaints denied	117	6.7	0	.0	63	5.7	30	8.2	24	11.1
Single complaints	115	6.5	0	.0	62	5.6	29	8.0	24	11.1
Combined cases	1	.1	0	.0	0	.0	1	.3	0	.0
Petitions to revoke probation	1	.1	0	.0	1	.1	0	.0	0	.0
Complaints filed	1,552	88.4	73	100.0	971	88.1	323	88.7	185	85.3
Misdemeanor	83	4.7	0	.0	38	3.4	33	9.1	12	5.5
Felony	1,469	83.7	73	100.0	933	84.7	290	79.7	173	79.7
Lower court dispositions	247	14.1	6	8.2	137	12.4	66	18.1	38	17.5
Dismissed	124	7.1	4	5.5	70	6.4	27	7.4	23	10.6
Diversions dismissed	1	.1	0	.0	0	.0	1	.3	0	.0
Acquitted	1	.1	0	.0	1	.1	0	.0	0	.0
Convicted	121	6.9	2	2.7	66	6.0	38	10.4	15	6.9
Superior court dispositions	1,305	74.3	67	91.8	834	75.7	257	70.6	147	67.7
Dismissed	107	6.1	0	.0	74	6.7	21	5.8	12	5.5
Diversions dismissed	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Acquitted	19	1.1	0	.0	13	1.2	3	.8	3	1.4
Convicted	1,179	67.1	67	91.8	747	67.8	233	64.0	132	60.8

TABLE 40 DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE Age of Arrestee by Type of Disposition

Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding. ^a The "under 18" age group includes juveniles remanded to adult court.

Туре	Тс	otal	Unde	er 18 ^a	18	-29	30	-39	40 an	d over
of						-				
disposition	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,756	100.0	73	100.0	1,102	100.0	364	100.0	217	100.0
Law enforcement releases	87	5.0	0	.0	68	6.2	11	3.0	8	3.7
Total complaints denied	117	6.7	0	.0	63	5.7	30	8.2	24	11.1
Single complaints	115	6.5	0	.0	62	5.6	29	8.0	24	11.1
Combined cases	1	.1	0	.0	0	.0	1	.3	0	.0
Petitions to revoke probation	1	.1	0	.0	1	.1	0	.0	0	.0
Complaints filed	1,552	88.4	73	100.0	971	88.1	323	88.7	185	85.3
Misdemeanor	83	4.7	0	.0	38	3.4	33	9.1	12	5.5
Felony	1,469	83.7	73	100.0	933	84.7	290	79.7	173	79.7
Lower court dispositions	247	14.1	6	8.2	137	12.4	66	18.1	38	17.5
Dismissed	124	7.1	4	5.5	70	6.4	27	7.4	23	10.6
Diversions dismissed	1	.1	0	.0	0	.0	1	.3	0	.0
Acquitted	1	.1	0	.0	1	.1	0	.0	0	.0
Convicted	121	6.9	2	2.7	66	6.0	38	10.4	15	6.9
Superior court dispositions	1,305	74.3	67	91.8	834	75.7	257	70.6	147	67.7
Dismissed	107	6.1	0	.0	74	6.7	21	5.8	12	5.5
Diversions dismissed	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Acquitted	19	1.1	0	.0	13	1.2	3	.8	3	1.4
Convicted	1,179	67.1	67	91.8	747	67.8	233	64.0	132	60.8

TABLE 40 DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE Age of Arrestee by Type of Disposition

Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding. ^a The "under 18" age group includes juveniles remanded to adult court.

TABLE 41
DISPOSITIONS IN 1988-1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED By Convicted Offense

				All other								
	То	tal	Hom	icide	Тс	otal	Rob	bery	Ass	sault	Ot	her
Year(s)	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1997	1,300	100.0	915	70.4	385	29.6	25	1.9	184	14.2	176	13.5
1996	1,441	100.0	1,041	72.2	400	27.8	37	2.6	183	12.7	180	12.5
1995	1,340	100.0	990	73.9	350	26.1	19	1.4	164	12.2	167	12.5
1994	1,371	100.0	1,018	74.3	353	25.7	30	2.2	163	11.9	160	11.7
1993	1,621	100.0	1,287	79.4	334	20.6	30	1.9	150	9.3	154	9.5
1992	1,560	100.0	1,239	79.4	321	20.6	26	1.7	133	8.5	162	10.4
1991	1,306	100.0	1,035	79.2	271	20.8	26	2.0	104	8.0	141	10.8
1990	1,038	100.0	814	78.4	224	21.6	25	2.4	60	5.8	139	13.4
1989	1,079	100.0	857	79.4	222	20.6	10	.9	80	7.4	132	12.2
1988	1,114	100.0	910	81.7	204	18.3	10	.9	62	5.6	132	11.8

Notes: Percentages may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of independent rounding. Data include convictions for both misdemeanors and felonies.

TABLE 42 DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED Gender, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age of Offender by Convicted Offense

Gender,								All c	other			
race/ethnic group, and	То	tal	Hom	icide	Tc	otal	Rob	bery		ault	Ot	her
age of offender	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
					Tota	al						
Total	1,300	100.0	915	70.4	385	29.6	25	1.9	184	14.2	176	13.5
				(Gender of	offender						
Male	1,177	100.0	850	72.2	327	27.8	20	1.7	164	13.9	143	12.1
Female	123	100.0	65	52.8	58	47.2	5	4.1	20	16.3	33	26.8
				Race/	ethnic grou	up of offen	der					
White	289	100.0	217	75.1	72	24.9	7	2.4	28	9.7	37	12.8
Hispanic	530	100.0	367	69.2	163	30.8	9	1.7	80	15.1	74	14.0
Black	323	100.0	259	80.2	64	19.8	6	1.9	27	8.4	31	9.6
Other	89	100.0	58	65.2	31	34.8	2	2.2	13	14.6	16	18.0
Unknown	69	100.0	14	20.3	55	79.7	1	1.4	36	52.2	18	26.1
					Age of off	ender ¹						
Under 18ª	69	100.0	56	81.2	13	18.8	1	1.4	10	14.5	2	2.9
18-29	813	100.0	566	69.6	247	30.4	19	2.3	106	13.0	122	15.0
30-39	271	100.0	184	67.9	87	32.1	4	1.5	45	16.6	38	14.0
40 and over	147	100.0	109	74.1	38	25.9	1	.7	23	15.6	14	9.5

Notes: Percentages may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of independent rounding. Data include convictions for both misdemeanors and felonies. ¹ Age groupings indicate the age of offender at time of arrest. "The "under 18" age group includes juveniles remanded to adult court.

TABLE 43 **DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED** Convicted Offense by Sentence

						All other								
	То	otal	Hom	nicide	Тс	otal	Rob	bery	Ass	sault	Ot	her		
Sentence	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
Total	1,300	100.0	915	100.0	385	100.0	25	100.0	184	100.0	176	100.0		
Death, prison,														
Youth Authority	1,097	84.4	878	96.0	219	56.9	20	-	107	58.2	92	52.3		
Death	34	2.6	34	3.7	0	.0	0	-	0	.0	0	.0		
Prison	1,061	81.6	842	92.0	219	56.9	20	-	107	58.2	92	52.3		
Youth Authority	2	.2	2	.2	0	.0	0	-	0	.0	0	.0		
All other	203	15.6	37	4.0	166	43.1	5	-	77	41.8	84	47.7		
Jail	5	.4	0	.0	5	1.3	0	-	0	.0	5	2.8		
Probation with jail	164	12.6	29	3.2	135	35.1	4	-	66	35.9	65	36.9		
Probation	33	2.5	8	.9	25	6.5	1	-	11	6.0	13	7.4		
Other	1	.1	0	.0	1	.3	0	-	0	.0	1	.6		

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

Data include convictions for both misdemeanors and felonies.

		(1)	()	(_)
		(+)	(-)	(=) Persons under
	lucitie l			
	Initial	D (D	sentence of
Year(s)	sentences	Resentences	Removals ¹	death ²
1997	40	0	8	493
1996	40	1	6	461
1995	38	0	3	426
1994	21	1	5	391
1993	34	0	5	374
1992 ^ª	40	6	5	345
1991 ^ь	26	3	2	305
1990	33	3	4	279
1989 [°]	33	4	11	247
1988 ^d	34	3	15	223
1987 [°]	25	4	6	203
1986	21	5	6	179
1985	16	2	20	159
1984	27	2	11	161
1983 ^f	35	2	5	143
1982	39	0	6	113
1981	39	1	2	80
1980	23	1	7	42
1979	20	0	2	25
1978	7	0	0	7

TABLE 44 PERSONS UNDER CALIFORNIA SENTENCE OF DEATH, 1978-1997

Source: California Appellate Project.

¹ Persons no longer under sentence of death because of execution, sentence reversal, natural death, suicide, etc.

² Total persons under sentence of death on December 31 of each year. Persons with death sentences from more than one county are counted once.

^a In 1992, one person already under sentence of death received an additional death sentence. Forty initial sentences were imposed with 39 new persons being sentenced.

^b In 1991, one person already under sentence of death received an additional death sentence. Twenty-six initial sentences were imposed with 25 new persons being sentenced.

^c In 1989, two persons already under sentence of death received additional death sentences. Thirty-three initial sentences were imposed with 31 new persons being sentenced.

^d In 1988, two persons already under sentence of death received additional death sentences. Thirty-four initial sentences were imposed with 32 new persons being sentenced.

^e In 1987, although six death sentences were reversed, only five persons were no longer under

sentence of death. The sixth person had an additional death sentence from another county. In 1983, two persons already under sentence of death received additional death sentences.

Thirty-five initial sentences were imposed with 33 new persons being sentenced.

TABLE 45**PERSONS SENTENCED TO DEATH, 1997**Sentencing County by Gender, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age

		Ge	nder		Race/ethni	c grou)			Age at	t arrest		
Sentencing								Under					40 and
county	Total	Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	over
Total	40	40	0	17	11	12	0	2	16	5	2	9	6
Alameda	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Kings	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Los Angeles	11	11	0	0	5	6	0	1	7	2	0	1	0
Orange	8	8	0	7	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	4
Riverside	4	4	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	2	0
Sacramento	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	3	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
San Diego	3	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
Santa Clara	5	5	0	3	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	0
Sonoma	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

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

TABLE 46 HOMICIDE CRIMES AND PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1988-1997 Number and Rate per 100,000 Respective Population

					Peace	
				Sworn	killed	
Year(s)		Hom	icides	law	line o	f duty
	California			enforcement		
	population	Number ¹	Rate	personnel ²	Number	Rate
1997	32,957,000	2,579	7.8	65,416	7	10.7
1996	32,383,000	2,910	9.0	63,778	5	7.8
1995	32,063,000	3,530	11.0	62,156	10	16.1
1994	32,140,000	3,699	11.5	59,340	9	15.2
1993	31,742,000	4,095	12.9	58,861	8	13.6
1992	31,300,000	3,920	12.5	59,386	5	8.4
1991	30,646,000	3,876	12.6	60,901	3	4.9
1990	29,557,836	3,562	12.1	60,227	5	8.3
1989	28,771,207	3,159	11.0	58,149	5 °	8.6
1988	28,060,746	2,947	10.5	50,913	9 ^b	17.7

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

² 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.
 ^a Includes 1 reported federal law enforcement officer.
 ^a Includes 2 reported federal law enforcement officers.

TABLE 47 PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1997 By Contributing Circumstance

Contributing		
circumstance	Number	Percent
Total	7	100.0
Domestic violence	4	-
Investigation (ongoing dispute)	1	-
Investigation (suspicious person)	1	-
Robbery	1	-

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

TABLE 48 JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1997 By Gender, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age of Deceased

Dy Och	uer, Race		oup, and	Age of De	ceased	
Gender,			Peace	officer	Citi	zen
race/ethnic group,	Тс	otal	justil	iable	justif	iable
and						
age of deceased	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
		То	otal			
Total	163	100.0	118	100.0	45	100.0
		Ger	nder			
Male	161	98.8	117	99.2	44	97.8
Female	2	1.2	1	.8	1	2.2
		Race/eth	nic group			
White	62	38.0	53	44.9	9	20.0
Hispanic	59	36.2	39	33.1	20	44.4
Black	37	22.7	23	19.5	14	31.1
Other	5	3.1	3	2.5	2	4.4
	-	Ag	ge			
Under 18	6	3.7	1	.8	5	11.1
18-19	10	6.1	7	5.9	3	6.7
20-24	30	18.4	18	15.3	12	26.7
25-29	31	19.0	21	17.8	10	22.2
30-34	32	19.6	28	23.7	4	8.9
35-39	21	12.9	19	16.1	2	4.4
40-44	8	4.9	5	4.2	3	6.7
45-49	11	6.7	7	5.9	4	8.9
50-54	8	4.9	6	5.1	2	4.4
55 and over	5	3.1	5	4.2	0	.0
Unknown	1	.6	1	.8	0	.0

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

TABLE 49 JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1997 By Location of Justifiable Homicide

Location of homicide	Number	Percent
Total		
Total	163	
Peace officer jus	tifiable	
Total	118	100.0
Felon's residence	25	21.2
Other residence	9	7.6
Street, sidewalk	75	63.6
Commercial establishment	3	2.5
Liquor store	1	.8
Bar	1	.8
Other business	1	.8
All other	6	5.1
Hotel, motel	0	.0
Parking lot	0	.0
Vehicle	6	5.1
Other	0	.0
Citizen justifia	able	
Total	45	100.0
Citizen's, shared residence.	17	37.8
Citizen's residence	17	37.8
Shared residence	0	.0
Other residence	3	6.7
Victim's residence	1	2.2
Other residence	2	4.4
Street, sidewalk	13	28.9
Commercial establishment	6	13.3
Liquor store	0	.0
Bar	0	.0
Other business	6	13.3
All other	6	13.3
Hotel, motel	0	.0
Parking lot	3	6.7
Vehicle	2	4.4
Other	1	2.2

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

TABLE 50 JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1997 By Contributing Circumstance

Number	Percent						
Total							
163							
Peace officer justifiable							
118	100.0						
94	79.7						
21	17.8						
3	2.5						
0	.0						
0	.0						
0	.0						
0	.0						
Citizen justifiable							
45	100.0						
8	17.8						
37	82.2						
0	.0						
	163 e 118 94 21 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 45 8 37						

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

TABLE 51 JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS **OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1997**

Туре	Total		Peace officer justifiable		Citizen justifiable	
of						
weapon used	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	163	100.0	118	100.0	45	100.0
Firearm	154	94.5	114	96.6	40	88.9
Handgun	135	82.8	98	83.1	37	82.2
All other firearms	19	11.7	16	13.6	3	6.7
Rifle	10	6.1	9	7.6	1	2.2
Shotgun	9	5.5	7	5.9	2	4.4
Firearm - unknown type	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Knife ¹	3	1.8	1	.8	2	4.4
Blunt object ²	1	.6	0	.0	1	2.2
Personal weapon ³	3	1.8	2	1.7	1	2.2
All other	2	1.2	1	.8	1	2.2
Rope⁴	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Drugs	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Other	2	1.2	1	.8	1	2.2

By Type of Weapon Used

Note: Percentages may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of independent rounding. ¹ Any instrument used to cut or stab. ² Club, etc. ³ Hands, feet, etc.

⁴ Any instrument used to hang or strangle.

TABLE 52 POPULATION ESTIMATES, 1952-1997

	Total	Population at risk				
Year(s)	population	Total ¹	Adult ²	Juvenile ³		
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		
1995	32,140,000	24,703,379	21,193,571	3,509,808		
1994	31,742,000	24,703,379	20,923,632	3,410,902		
1993	31,300,000	23,975,578	20,923,032	3,314,458		
1992	30,646,000	23,585,168	20,356,984	3,228,184		
			, ,	, ,		
1990 1989	29,557,836	23,178,961 22,524,392	20,027,633 19,451,763	3,151,328 3,072,629		
	28,771,207					
1988	28,060,746	21,969,953	18,885,349	3,084,604		
1987 1986	27,388,477	21,483,563	18,378,758	3,104,805		
	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		
1959	15,280,000			_,,		
1958	14,752,000	-	-	-		
1957	14,190,000	-	-	-		
1956	13,600,000	-	-	-		
1955	13,035,000	-	-	-		
1954	12,595,000	-	-	-		
1953	12,101,000	-	-	-		
1952	11,638,000	-		-		

Source: Population estimates were provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance. Note: Population data by age are not available prior to 1960. ¹ Total population at risk, 10-69 years of age. ³ Adult population at risk, 18-69 years of age.