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## ARRESTS (part 2)



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### Comparing 1991 to 1996:

- There was a 26.1 percent decrease in the rate of total burglary arrests.
- There was a 29.7 percent decrease in the rate of adult arrests and a 22.0 percent decrease in the rate of juvenile arrests.

### From 1995 to 1996:

- There was a 6.4 percent rate decrease in total burglary arrests.
- There was a 10.7 percent rate decrease in adult arrests and a 1.6 percent rate increase in juvenile arrests.

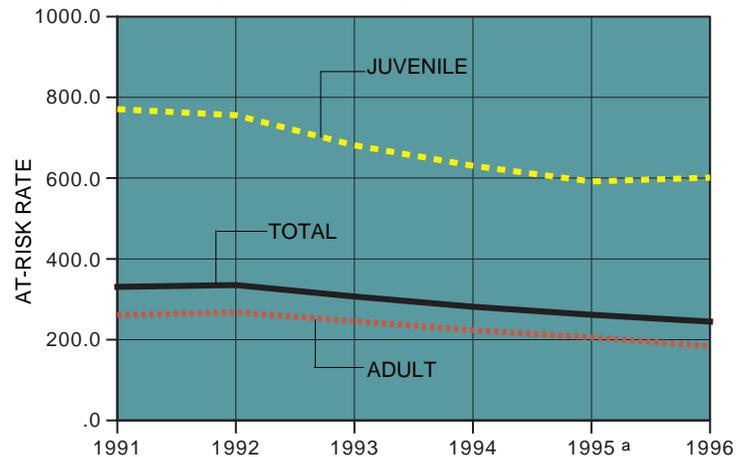
### In 1996,

Of 62,470 arrests for burglary:

- Adult arrests accounted for 64.1 percent (40,050).
- Juvenile arrests accounted for 35.9 percent (22,420).

***Throughout the period shown, the juvenile arrest rate for burglary was more than two and one-half times that of adults. In 1996, the juvenile arrest rate for burglary was over three times that of adults.***

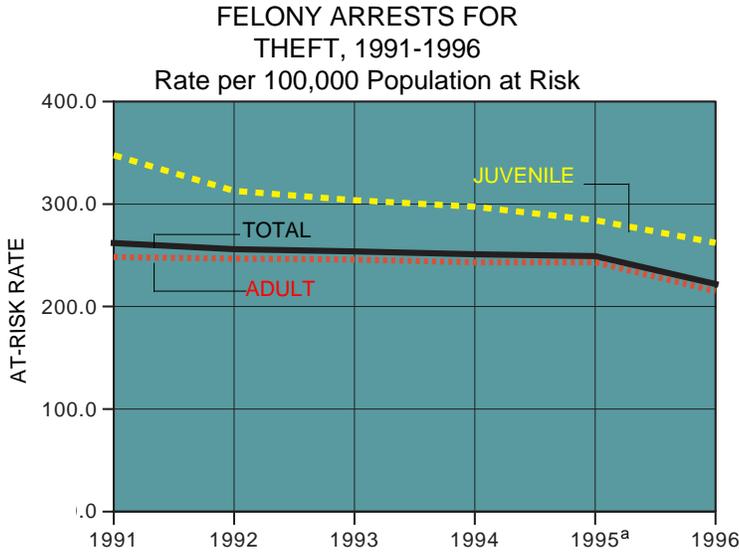
FELONY ARRESTS FOR  
BURGLARY, 1991-1996  
Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk



Source: Table 22a, 22b, and 22c.

<sup>a</sup> These 1995 data include estimates. See "Data Characteristics and Known Limitations" in the Appendix.

# Theft Arrests



Source: Table 22a, 22b, and 22c.  
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### Comparing 1991 to 1996:

- There was a 15.3 percent decrease in the rate of total theft arrests.
- There was a 13.4 percent decrease in the rate of adult arrests and a 24.6 percent decrease in the rate of juvenile arrests.

### From 1995 to 1996:

- There was an 11.0 percent rate decrease in total theft arrests.
- There was an 11.6 percent rate decrease in adult arrests and a 7.8 percent rate decrease in juvenile arrests.

### In 1996,

Of 56,699 arrests for theft:

- Adult arrests accounted for 82.8 percent (46,926).
- Juvenile arrests accounted for 17.2 percent (9,773).

## Motor Vehicle Theft Arrests

### Comparing 1991 to 1996:

- There was a 38.2 percent decrease in the rate of total motor vehicle theft arrests.
- There was a 35.6 percent decrease in the rate of adult arrests and a 45.0 percent decrease in the rate of juvenile arrests.

### From 1995 to 1996:

- There was a 20.0 percent rate decrease in total motor vehicle theft arrests.
- There was a 22.0 percent rate decrease in adult arrests and a 17.0 percent rate decrease in juvenile arrests.

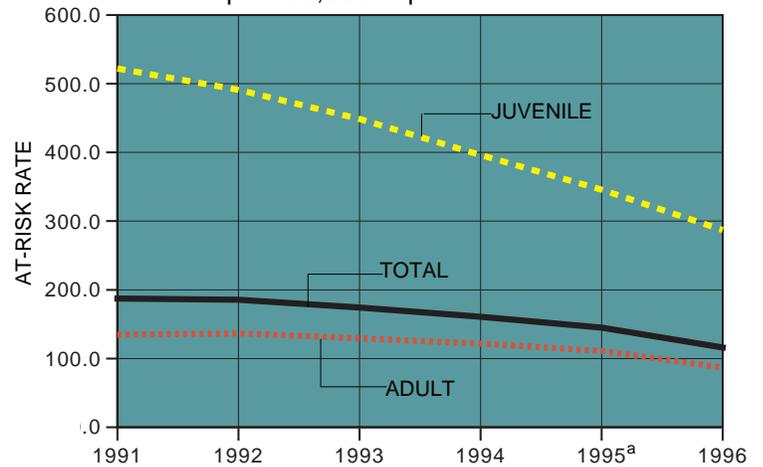
### In 1996,

Of 29,609 arrests for motor vehicle theft:

- Adult arrests accounted for 63.9 percent (18,909).
- Juvenile arrests accounted for 36.1 percent (10,700).

***Since 1991, the juvenile arrest rate for motor vehicle theft offenses has decreased 45.0 percent.***

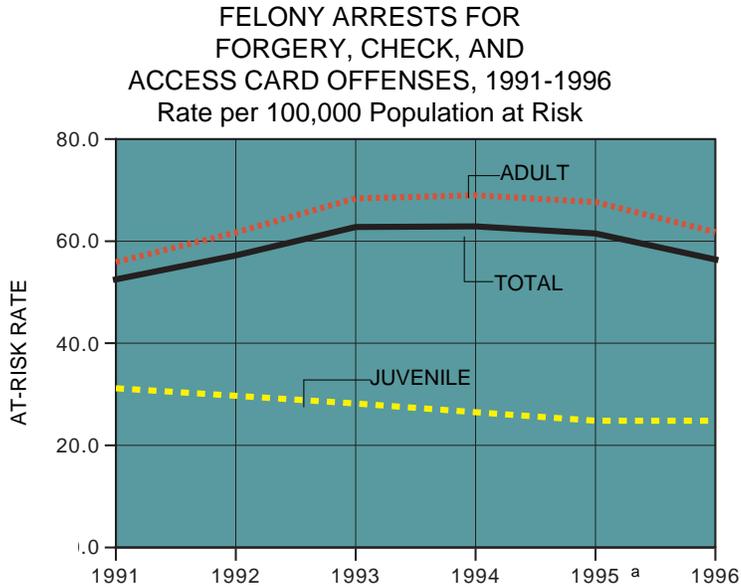
FELONY ARRESTS FOR  
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT, 1991-1996  
Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk



Source: Table 22a, 22b, and 22c.

<sup>a</sup> These 1995 data include estimates. See "Data Characteristics and Known Limitations" in the Appendix.

## Forgery, Check, and Access Card Arrests



Source: Table 22a, 22b, and 22c.

<sup>a</sup>These 1995 data include estimates. See "Data Characteristics and Known Limitations" in the Appendix.

### Comparing 1991 to 1996:

- There was a 7.4 percent increase in the rate of total forgery, check, and access card offense arrests.
- There was a 10.6 percent increase in the rate of adult arrests and a 20.5 percent decrease in the rate of juvenile arrests.

### From 1995 to 1996:

- There was an 8.3 percent rate decrease in total forgery, check, and access card offense arrests.
- There was an 8.7 percent rate decrease in adult arrests and no change in the juvenile arrest rate.

### In 1996,

Of 14,404 arrests for forgery, check, and access card offenses:

- Adult arrests accounted for 93.6 percent (13,479).
- Juvenile arrests accounted for 6.4 percent (925).

## Arson Arrests

### Comparing 1991 to 1996:

- There was a 1.3 percent increase in the rate of total arson arrests.
- There was a 2.5 percent decrease in the rate of adult arrests and no change in the rate of juvenile arrests.

### From 1995 to 1996:

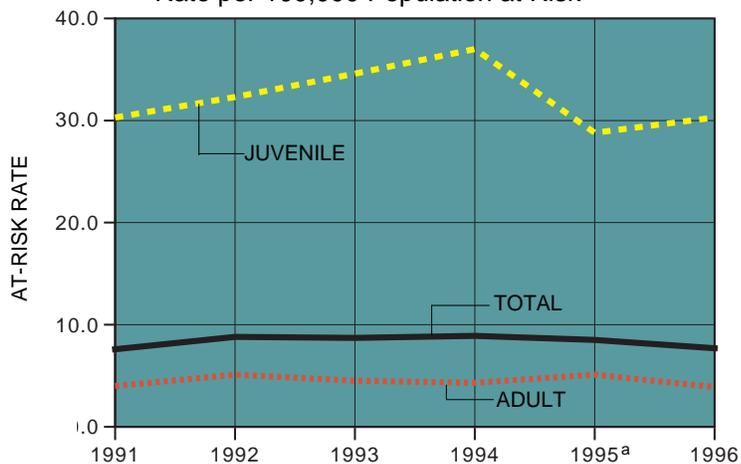
- There was a 9.4 percent rate decrease in total arson arrests.
- There was a 23.5 percent rate decrease in adult arrests and a 5.2 percent rate increase in juvenile arrests.

### In 1996,

Of 1,973 arrests for arson:

- Adult arrests accounted for 42.8 percent (845).
- Juvenile arrests accounted for 57.2 percent (1,128).

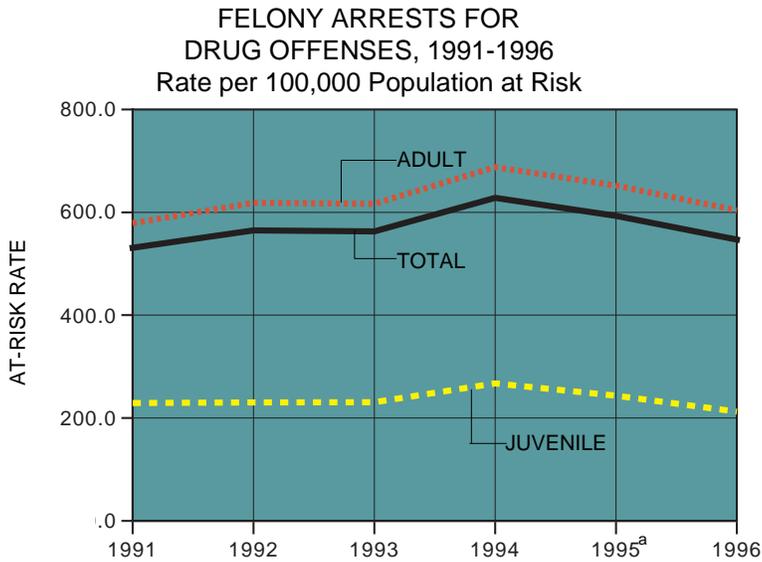
FELONY ARRESTS FOR  
ARSON, 1991-1996  
Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk



Source: Table 22a, 22b, and 22c.

<sup>a</sup>These 1995 data include estimates. See "Data Characteristics and Known Limitations" in the Appendix.

## Arrests for Drug Offenses



Source: Table 22a, 22b, and 22c.

<sup>a</sup>These 1995 data include estimates. See "Data Characteristics and Known Limitations" in the Appendix.

**Drug Offense Arrests** - narcotics (*heroin, cocaine, etc.*), marijuana, dangerous drugs (*barbiturates, phencyclidine, etc.*), and other drug offenses.

### Comparing 1991 to 1996:

- There was a 3.0 percent increase in the rate of total drug offense arrests.
- There was a 4.4 percent increase in the rate of adult arrests and a 7.3 percent decrease in the rate of juvenile arrests.

### From 1995 to 1996:

- There was a 7.8 percent rate decrease in total drug offense arrests.
- There was a 7.3 percent rate decrease in adult arrests and a 12.7 percent decrease in the rate of juvenile arrests.

## Arrests for Drug Offenses (continued)

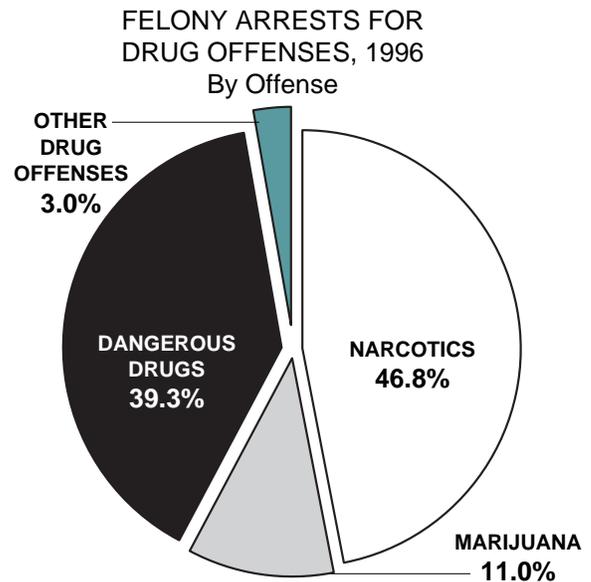
In 1996,

Of 139,772 felony arrests for drug offenses:

- Narcotic arrests accounted for 46.8 percent (65,369).
- Marijuana arrests accounted for 11.0 percent (15,361).
- Dangerous drug arrests accounted for 39.3 percent (54,866).
- Other drug offense arrests accounted for 3.0 percent (4,176).

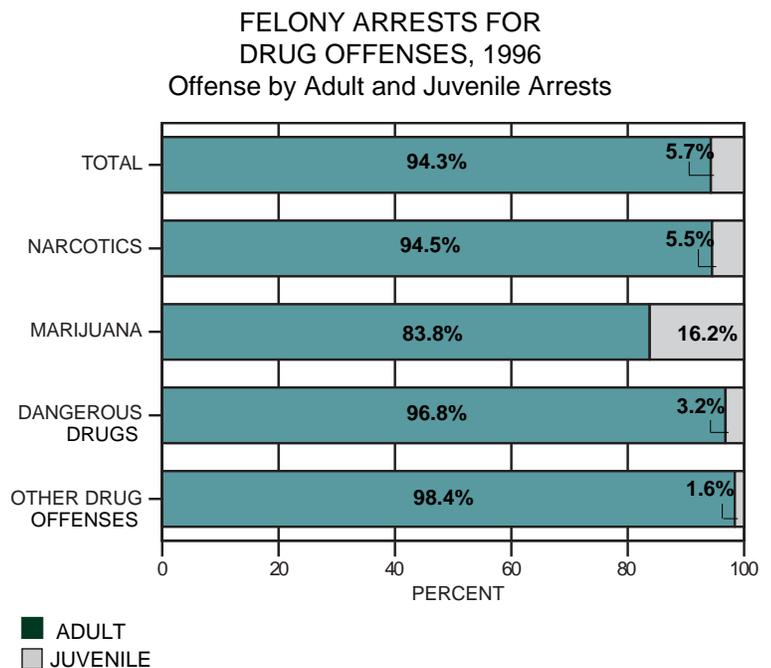
And,

- Adult arrests accounted for 94.3 percent (131,851).
- Juvenile arrests accounted for 5.7 percent (7,921).



Source: Table 20.

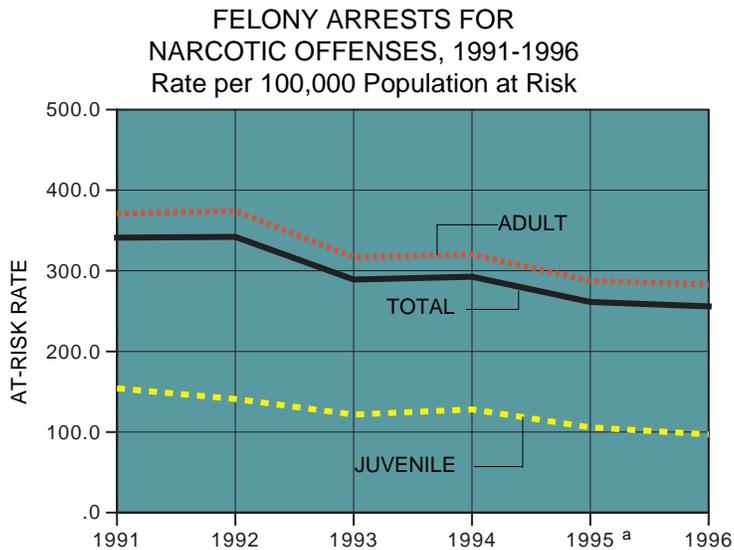
Note: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.



Source: Table 21.

## Narcotic Arrests

**Narcotics Category - heroin, cocaine, etc.**



Source: Table 22a, 22b, and 22c.

<sup>a</sup>These 1995 data include estimates. See "Data Characteristics and Known Limitations" in the Appendix.

### Comparing 1991 to 1996:

- There was a 25.0 percent decrease in the rate of total narcotic arrests.
- There was a 23.7 percent rate decrease in adult arrests and a 37.1 percent rate decrease in juvenile arrests.

### From 1995 to 1996:

- There was a 2.1 percent rate decrease in total narcotic arrests.
- There was a 1.5 percent rate decrease in adult arrests and an 8.4 percent rate decrease in juvenile arrests.

### In 1996,

Of 65,369 arrests for narcotic offenses:

- Adult arrests accounted for 94.5 percent (61,760).
- Juvenile arrests accounted for 5.5 percent (3,609).

***Since 1991, the total arrest rate for narcotic offenses has decreased 25.0 percent. The juvenile arrest rate decreased 37.1 percent.***

## Marijuana Arrests

### Comparing 1991 to 1996:

- There was a .8 percent increase in the rate of total marijuana arrests.
- There was a 5.1 percent decrease in the rate of adult arrests and a 56.2 percent increase in the rate of juvenile arrests.

### From 1995 to 1996:

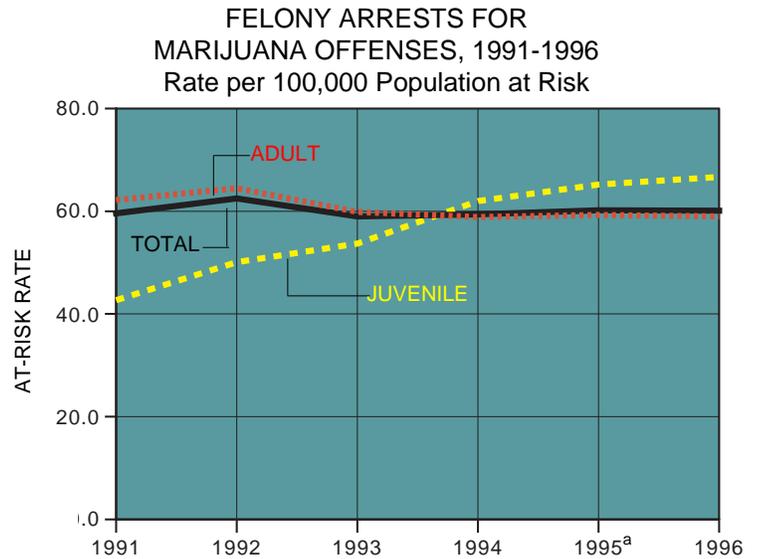
- There was a .2 percent rate decrease in total marijuana arrests.
- There was a .5 percent rate decrease in adult arrests and a 2.3 percent rate increase in juvenile arrests.

### In 1996,

Of 15,361 arrests for marijuana offenses:

- Adult arrests accounted for 83.8 percent (12,873).
- Juvenile arrests accounted for 16.2 percent (2,488).

***Since 1991, the juvenile arrest rate for felony marijuana offenses has increased 56.2 percent.***

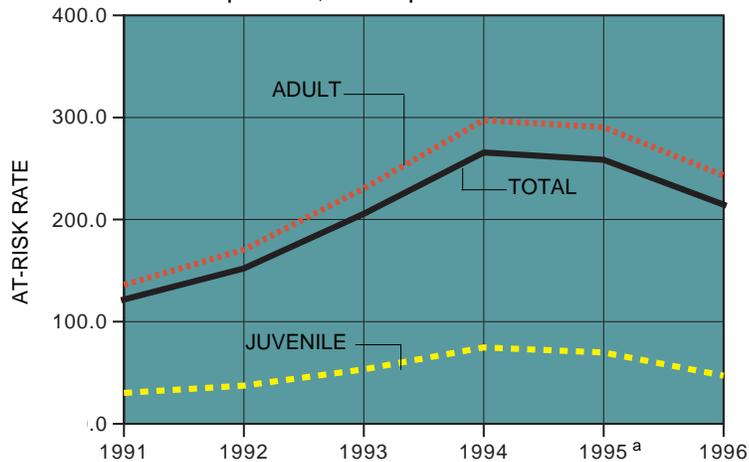


Source: Table 22a, 22b, and 22c.

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## Dangerous Drug Arrests

FELONY ARRESTS FOR  
DANGEROUS DRUG OFFENSES, 1991-1996  
Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk



Source: Table 22a, 22b, and 22c.

<sup>a</sup> These 1995 data include estimates. See "Data Characteristics and Known Limitations" in the Appendix.

**Dangerous Drugs Category** - barbiturates, phencyclidine, piperidine, etc.

### Comparing 1991 to 1996:

- There was a 76.6 percent increase in the rate of total dangerous drug arrests.
- There was a 78.8 percent rate increase in adult arrests and a 56.5 percent rate increase in juvenile arrests.

### From 1995 to 1996:

- There was a 17.0 percent rate decrease in total dangerous drug arrests.
- There was a 16.2 percent rate decrease in adult arrests and a 32.5 percent rate decrease in juvenile arrests.

### In 1996,

Of 54,866 arrests for dangerous drug offenses:

- Adult arrests accounted for 96.8 percent (53,109).
- Juvenile arrests accounted for 3.2 percent (1,757).

***In 1996, the total, adult, and juvenile arrest rates for dangerous drug offenses decreased for the second consecutive year.***

## Other Drug Offense Arrests

**Other Drug Offense Category** - sale of material in lieu of a controlled substance, manufacturing of a controlled substance, forging/altering of a narcotic prescription, etc.

### Comparing 1991 to 1996:

- There was an 87.4 percent increase in the rate of total arrests for other drug offenses.
- There was a 93.8 percent rate increase in adult arrests and an 18.2 percent decrease in the rate of juvenile arrests.

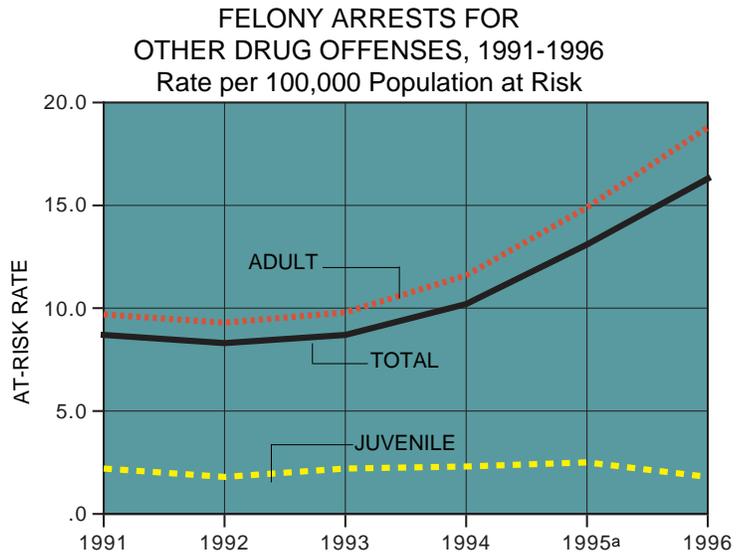
### From 1995 to 1996:

- There was a 24.4 percent rate increase in total arrests for other drug offenses.
- There was a 26.2 percent rate increase in adult arrests and a 28.0 percent rate decrease in juvenile arrests.

### In 1996,

Of 4,176 arrests for other drug offenses:

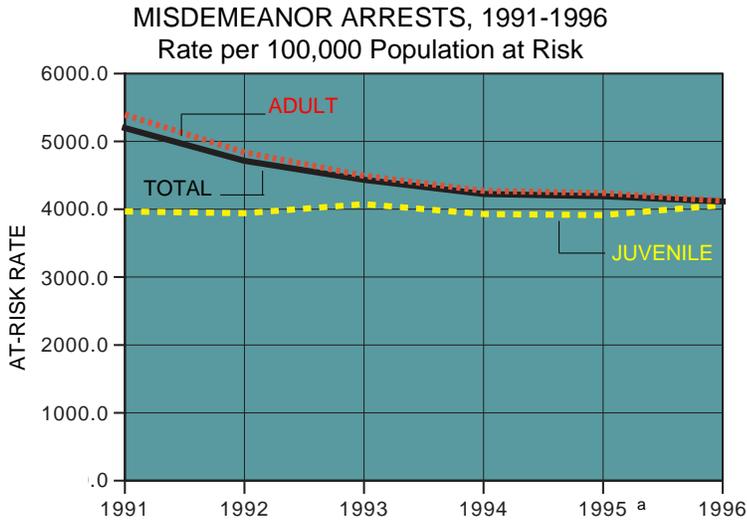
- Adult arrests accounted for 98.4 percent (4,109).
- Juvenile arrests accounted for 1.6 percent (67).



Source: Table 22a, 22b, and 22c.

<sup>a</sup> These 1995 data include estimates. See "Data Characteristics and Known Limitations" in the Appendix.

## Misdemeanor Arrests



Source: [Table 27](#).

<sup>a</sup>These 1995 data include estimates. See "Data Characteristics and Known Limitations" in the Appendix.

### Comparing 1991 to 1996:

- There was a 20.9 percent decrease in the rate of total misdemeanor arrests.
- There was a 23.6 percent decrease in the rate of adult arrests and a 2.4 percent increase in the rate of juvenile arrests.

### From 1995 to 1996:

- There was a 1.9 percent rate decrease in total misdemeanor arrests.
- There was a 2.7 percent rate decrease in adult arrests and a 3.8 percent rate increase in juvenile arrests.

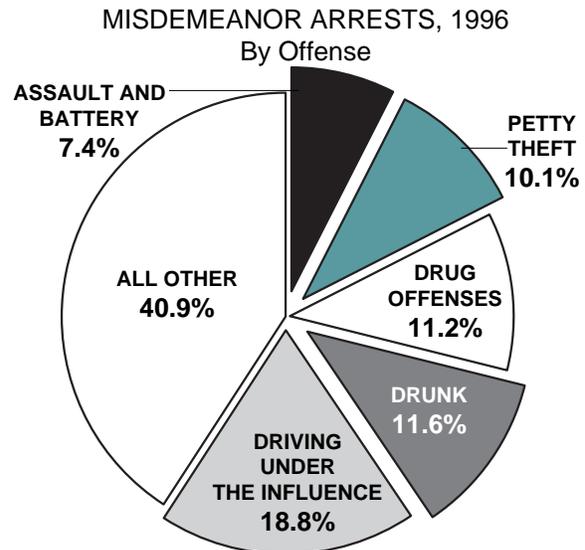
***The 1996 misdemeanor arrest rate of 4,114.6 is the lowest since 1960.***

## Misdemeanor Arrests (continued)

In 1996,

Of 1,051,453 misdemeanor arrests reported:

- Assault and battery accounted for 7.4 percent (78,071).
- Petty theft accounted for 10.1 percent (106,111).
- Drug offenses accounted for 11.2 percent (117,644).
- Drunk offenses accounted for 11.6 percent (122,287).
- Driving under the influence accounted for 18.8 percent (197,430).
- All other offenses accounted for 40.9 percent (429,910).

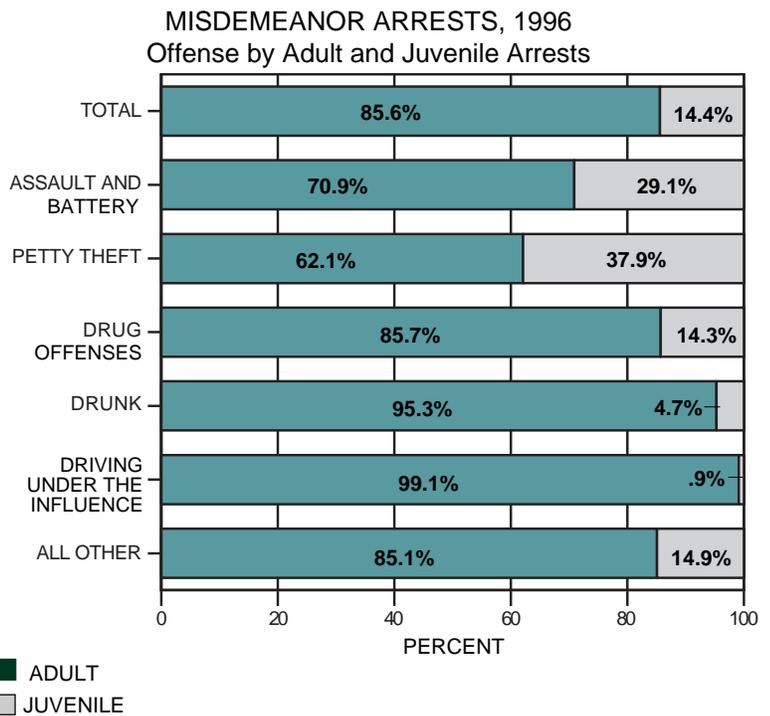


Source: Table 25.

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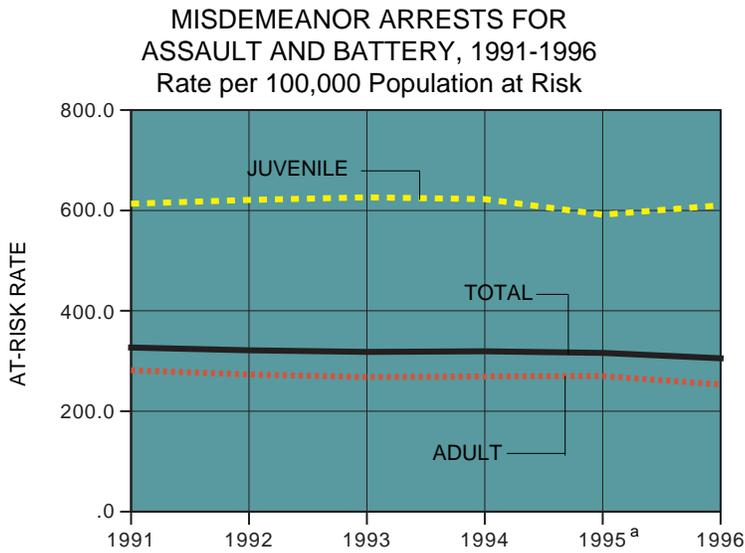
- Adult arrests accounted for 85.6 percent (899,991).
- Juvenile arrests accounted for 14.4 percent (151,462).

***In 1996, 41.6 percent of misdemeanor arrests were either alcohol- or drug-related.***



Source: Table 26.

## Assault and Battery Arrests



Source: [Table 27](#).

<sup>a</sup>These 1995 data include estimates. See "Data Characteristics and Known Limitations" in the Appendix.

### Comparing 1991 to 1996:

- There was a 6.6 percent decrease in the rate of total assault and battery arrests.
- There was a 10.0 percent decrease in the rate of adult arrests and a .6 percent decrease in the rate of juvenile arrests.

### From 1995 to 1996:

- There was a 3.4 percent rate decrease in total assault and battery arrests.
- There was a 6.1 percent rate decrease in adult arrests and a 3.1 percent rate increase in juvenile arrests.

### In 1996,

Of 78,071 arrests for assault and battery:

- Adult arrests accounted for 70.9 percent (55,315).
- Juvenile arrests accounted for 29.1 percent (22,756).

# Petty Theft Arrests

## Comparing 1991 to 1996:

- There was a 26.2 percent decrease in the rate of total petty theft arrests.
- There was a 33.0 percent decrease in the rate of adult arrests and a 15.0 percent decrease in the rate of juvenile arrests.

## From 1995 to 1996:

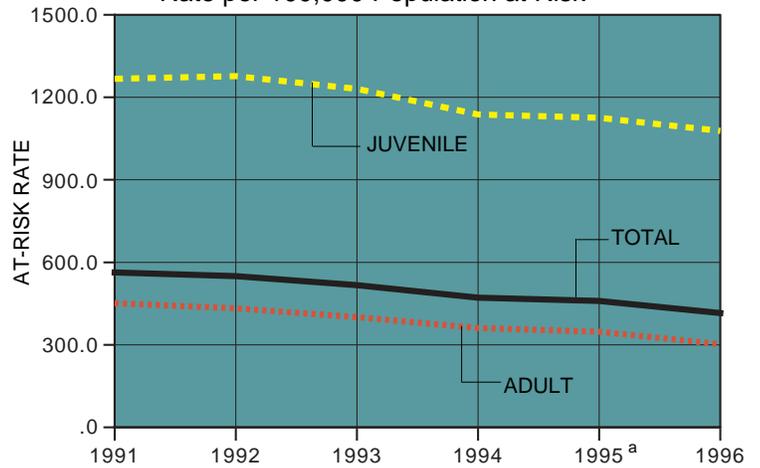
- There was a 9.6 percent rate decrease in total petty theft arrests.
- There was a 13.0 percent rate decrease in adult arrests and a 4.3 percent rate decrease in juvenile arrests.

## In 1996,

Of 106,111 arrests for petty theft:

- Adult arrests accounted for 62.1 percent (65,918).
- Juvenile arrests accounted for 37.9 percent (40,193).

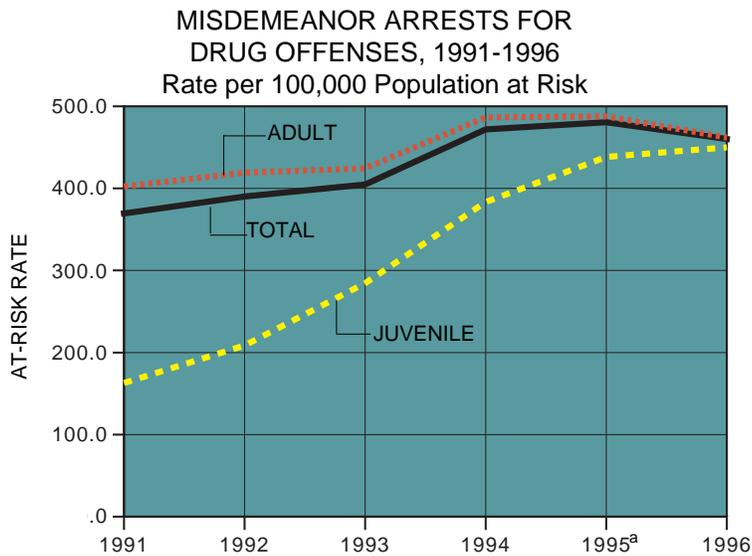
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS FOR  
PETTY THEFT, 1991-1996  
Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk



Source: [Table 27](#).

<sup>a</sup>These 1995 data include estimates. See "Data Characteristics and Known Limitations" in the Appendix.

## Drug Offense Arrests



Source: Table 27.

<sup>a</sup>These 1995 data include estimates. See "Data Characteristics and Known Limitations" in the Appendix.

**Misdemeanor Drug Offense Arrests - marijuana, other drug offenses such as possession of paraphernalia.**

### Comparing 1991 to 1996:

- There was a 24.6 percent increase in the rate of total drug offense arrests.
- There was a 14.8 percent increase in the rate of adult arrests and a 176.2 percent increase in the rate of juvenile arrests.

### From 1995 to 1996:

- There was a 4.2 percent rate decrease in total drug offense arrests.
- There was a 5.3 percent rate decrease in adult arrests and a 2.6 percent rate increase in juvenile arrests.

### In 1996,

Of 117,644 arrests for drug offenses:

- Adult arrests accounted for 85.7 percent (100,867).
- Juvenile arrests accounted for 14.3 percent (16,777).

***Since 1991, the juvenile arrest rate for misdemeanor drug offenses has increased 176.2 percent.***

## Drunk Arrests

### Comparing 1991 to 1996:

- There was a 30.2 percent decrease in the rate of total drunk arrests.
- There was a 31.0 percent decrease in the rate of adult arrests and a 19.7 percent increase in the rate of juvenile arrests.

### From 1995 to 1996:

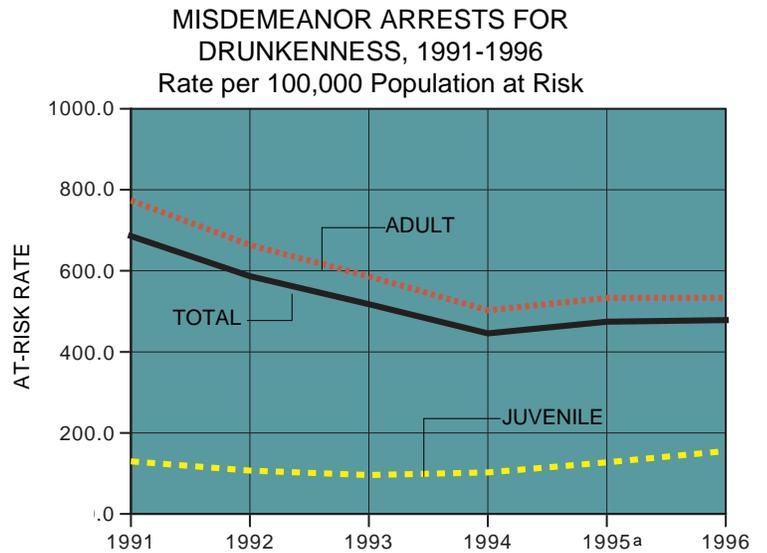
- There was a .8 percent rate increase in total drunk arrests.
- There was a .1 percent rate increase in adult arrests and a 22.0 percent rate increase in juvenile arrests.

### In 1996,

Of 122,287 arrests for drunk offenses:

- Adult arrests accounted for 95.3 percent (116,503).
- Juvenile arrests accounted for 4.7 percent (5,784).

***Comparing 1991 to 1996, the adult arrest rate for drunkenness decreased 31.0 percent and the juvenile arrest rate for drunkenness increased 19.7 percent.***

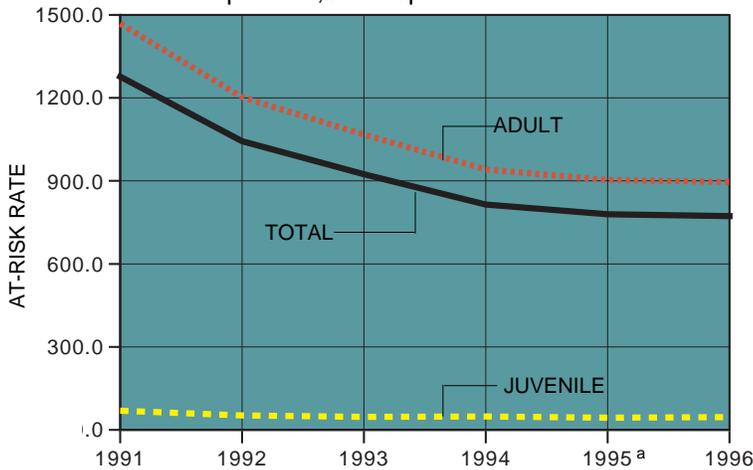


Source: [Table 27](#).

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## Driving Under the Influence Arrests

MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, 1991-1996  
Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk



Source: Table 27.

<sup>a</sup>These 1995 data include estimates. See "Data Characteristics and Known Limitations" in the Appendix.

**Driving Under the Influence** - *driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or the combination of alcohol and drugs.*

### Comparing 1991 to 1996:

- There was a 39.5 percent decrease in the rate of total misdemeanor arrests for driving under the influence.
- There was a 38.9 percent decrease in the rate of adult arrests and a 33.3 percent decrease in the rate of juvenile arrests.

### From 1995 to 1996:

- There was a .9 percent rate decrease in total misdemeanor arrests for driving under the influence.
- There was a .7 percent rate decrease in adult arrests and a 4.5 percent rate increase in juvenile arrests.

### In 1996,

Of 197,430 arrests for driving under the influence offenses:

- Adult arrests accounted for 99.1 percent (195,716).
- Juvenile arrests accounted for .9 percent (1,714).

***The rate of arrests for misdemeanor driving under the influence decreased 39.5 percent since 1991.***

# Personal Characteristics of Felony and Misdemeanor Arrestees

## Gender of Arrestee

In 1996,

Of 1,585,442 arrests for felony and misdemeanor offenses:

- Arrests of males accounted for 81.2 percent (1,288,149).
- Arrests of females accounted for 18.8 percent (297,293).

Of the 1,288,149 arrests of males:

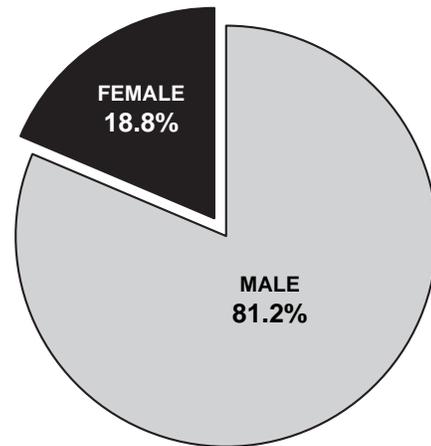
- Felony offenses accounted for 34.2 percent (441,140).
- Misdemeanor offenses accounted for 65.8 percent (847,009).

Of the 297,293 arrests of females:

- Felony offenses accounted for 31.2 percent (92,849).
- Misdemeanor offenses accounted for 68.8 percent (204,444).

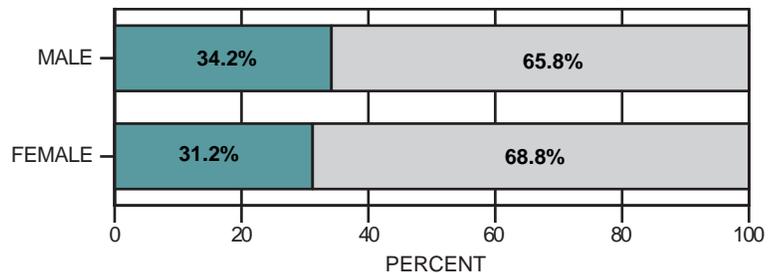
***In 1996, the proportions of felony and misdemeanor arrests for females were approximately those of males.***

FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS, 1996  
By Gender of Arrestee



Source: Table 30.

FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS, 1996  
Gender of Arrestee by Level of Offense

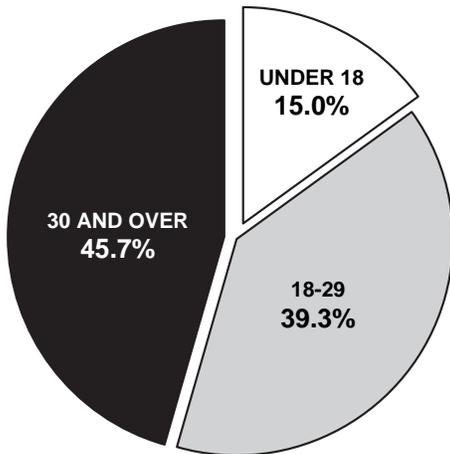


■ FELONY  
■ MISDEMEANOR

Source: Table 30.

## Age of Arrestee

FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS, 1996  
By Age of Arrestee



Source: Table 30.

### In 1996,

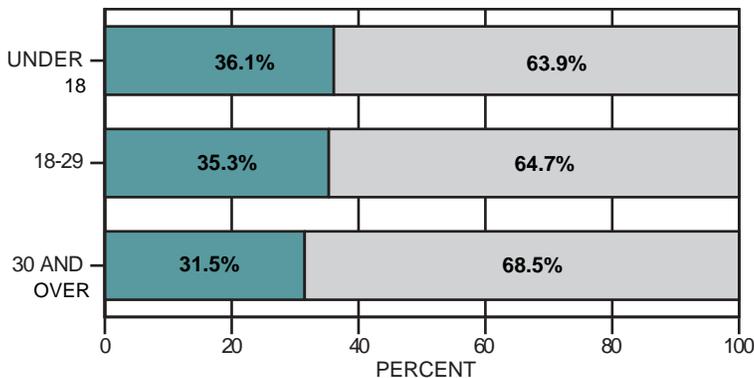
Of 1,585,442 arrests for felony and misdemeanor offenses:

- Arrests of persons under 18 years of age accounted for 15.0 percent (237,102).
- Arrests of persons 18-29 years of age accounted for 39.3 percent (623,551).
- Arrests of persons 30 years of age and over accounted for 45.7 percent (724,789).

Of 237,102 arrests of persons under 18 years of age:

- Felony arrests accounted for 36.1 percent (85,640).
- Misdemeanor arrests accounted for 63.9 percent (151,462).

FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS, 1996  
Age of Arrestee by Level of Offense



■ FELONY  
■ MISDEMEANOR

Source: Table 30.

Of 623,551 arrests of persons 18-29 years of age:

- Felony arrests accounted for 35.3 percent (219,808).
- Misdemeanor arrests accounted for 64.7 percent (403,743).

And, of 724,789 arrests of persons 30 years of age and over:

- Felony arrests accounted for 31.5 percent (228,541).
- Misdemeanor arrests accounted for 68.5 percent (496,248).

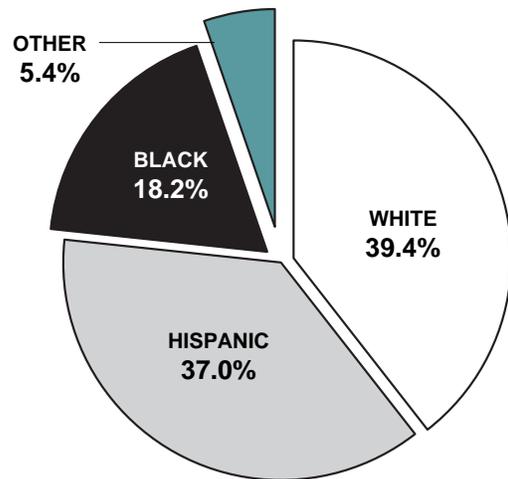
## Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee

### In 1996,

Of 1,585,442 arrests for felony and misdemeanor offenses:

- Arrests of whites accounted for 39.4 percent (625,427).
- Arrests of Hispanics accounted for 37.0 percent (585,970).
- Arrests of blacks accounted for 18.2 percent (289,144).
- Arrests of persons of other race/ethnic groups accounted for 5.4 percent (84,901).

FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS, 1996  
By Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee



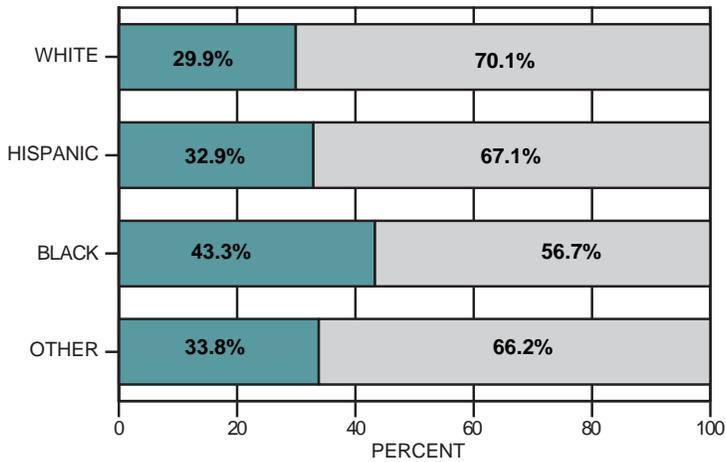
Source: [Table 30](#).

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

Beginning with the *Crime and Delinquency in California, 1991* publication, race/ethnic group designations used for data display purposes are the same as California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, designations.

## Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee (continued)

FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS, 1996  
Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Level of Offense



■ FELONY  
■ MISDEMEANOR

Source: Table 30.

Of 625,427 arrests of whites:

- Felony arrests accounted for 29.9 percent (187,155).
- Misdemeanor arrests accounted for 70.1 percent (438,272).

Of 585,970 arrests of Hispanics:

- Felony arrests accounted for 32.9 percent (192,927).
- Misdemeanor arrests accounted for 67.1 percent (393,043).

Of 289,144 arrests of blacks:

- Felony arrests accounted for 43.3 percent (125,229).
- Misdemeanor arrests accounted for 56.7 percent (163,915).

And, of 84,901 arrests of persons of other race/ethnic groups:

- Felony arrests accounted for 33.8 percent (28,678).
- Misdemeanor arrests accounted for 66.2 percent (56,223).