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Homicide in California, 2003 contains information about the crime of homicide and its victims, demographic data on 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. Additionally, in response to interest in domestic violence, this year's edition of *Homicide in California* includes an expanded analysis of domestic violence-related homicide (see Pages 21 through 23).

Information displayed in this publication comes from several databases maintained by the California Department of Justice (DOJ). The primary source of information is the Homicide File, which captures willful and justifiable homicide crime data. Other databases capture information about persons arrested for homicide, death penalty sentences, and peace officers killed in the line of duty. The reader should consider that the type of data collected, and the methods used to collect these data, differ for each data set. *Unless otherwise indicated, all calculations are based on the number of known incidents.*

To provide the most valid data possible, the disposition section of this report has been removed. In 2001, Criminal Justice Statistics Center (CJSC) staff determined that a number of homicide arrests submitted to the DOJ's Automated Criminal History System (from which adult felony arrest disposition data are extracted) from 1997 to 2001 should have been submitted as arrests for attempted homicide. In addition, some correctly submitted attempted homicide arrests were programmatically treated as homicide arrests. As a result, more homicide arrests were counted during these years than occurred. This caused the percentage of homicide convictions to be too low and the percentage of assault convictions to be too high. (Both percentages were based on the number of adult felony arrests for homicide for which dispositions were received.) Based on CJSC staff findings, the reader is advised against using previously published disposition data from 1997 to 1999. It should be noted that the DOJ has addressed this issue and that the exclusion of disposition data does not affect crime, arrest, death penalty, nor other data included in this or past reports. When homicide disposition data are once again determined to be accurate, they will be included in this publication.

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HIGHLIGHTS



HOMICIDE CRIMES (see pages 2-23)

- ✔ From 1994 to 2003, the homicide crime rate decreased 41.7 percent (11.5 to 6.7). From 2002 to 2003, homicide crimes decreased 1.5 percent in rate per 100,000 population (6.8 to 6.7). (Source: Table 1.)
- ✔ From 2002 to 2003, homicide rates decreased for females, Hispanics, and blacks. Hispanics experienced the largest decline in rate (down 4.3 percent). (Sources: Tables 2 and 3.)
- ✔ In 2003, the percentage of white homicide victims who were female was over twice the percentage of Hispanic or black female victims. White victims also tended to be older, Hispanic and black victims, younger. (Sources: Tables 8 and 9.)
- ✔ From 2002 to 2003, the number of homicide victims killed by friends or acquaintances decreased 9.4 percent. The number of victims killed by strangers also decreased (14.0 percent). (Source: Table 11.)
- ✔ In 2003, almost 25 percent of all female homicide victims were killed by their spouses. In contrast, less than 1.5 percent of male victims were killed by theirs. (Source: Table 12.)
- ✔ Of the 35 counties for which 2003 homicide rates were calculated, Los Angeles County experienced the highest rate per 100,000 population (10.5); Marin County experienced the lowest (0.0). (Source: Table 14.)
- ✔ From 1994 to 2003, the average number of homicides committed during the summer exceeded the average number committed during any other season. (Source: Table 15.)
- ✔ On average, 72.3 percent of homicides committed from 1994 to 2003 were committed with firearms. Additionally, the proportionality of firearm and non-firearm weapons usage in homicide crimes during this period remained relatively stable. (Source: Table 21.)
- ✔ In 2003, one-third of homicides were gang-related. (Source: Table 24.)
- ✔ In 2003, the percentage of females killed in domestic violence-related homicides was over 19.5 times that of males (41.0 vs. 2.1 percent). (Source: Table 25.)
- ✔ On average, 56.5 percent of homicides were cleared by an arrest or by "exceptional means" from 1994 to 2003. (Source: Table 28.)

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HOMICIDE ARRESTS (see pages 26-29)

- ✔ From 1994 to 2003, the homicide arrest rate decreased 45.0 percent (12.0 to 6.6). From 2002 to 2003, homicide arrests decreased 2.9 percent in rate per 100,000 population at risk (6.8 to 6.6). (Source: Table 29.)
- ✔ From 1994 to 2003, the overwhelming majority of homicide arrestees and victims were male. (Sources: Tables 5 and 30.)
- ✔ From 1994 to 2003, the largest percentage of homicide arrestees and victims were Hispanic. (Sources: Tables 6 and 31.)
- ✔ From 1994 to 2003, the largest percentage of homicide arrestees and victims were aged 18-29. (Sources: Tables 7 and 32.)

DEATH PENALTY SENTENCES (see pages 32-33)

- ✔ By the end of 2003, there were 639 persons under sentence of death in California. Of these, 22 were sentenced in 2003. (Source: Table 35.)

PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY (see pages 36-37)

- ✔ Since 1994, there have been 60 peace officers feloniously killed in the line of duty. Six were killed in 2003. (Source: Table N-2.)
- ✔ Between 1994 and 2003, the homicide rate for peace officers killed in the line of duty varied from 2.9 to 16.1 per 100,000 sworn law enforcement personnel. (Source: Table 37.)

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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 52 years.

From 2002 to 2003:

- The homicide rate per 100,000 population decreased 1.5 percent (6.8 to 6.7).
- The number of homicides increased 0.4 percent (from 2,392 to 2,402).

Comparing 1994 to 2003:

- The homicide rate per 100,000 population decreased 41.7 percent (11.5 to 6.7).
- The number of homicides decreased 35.1 percent (from 3,699 to 2,402).

Comparing 1952 to 2003:

- The homicide rate per 100,000 population increased 179.2 percent (2.4 to 6.7).
- The number of homicides increased 760.9 percent (from 279 to 2,402).


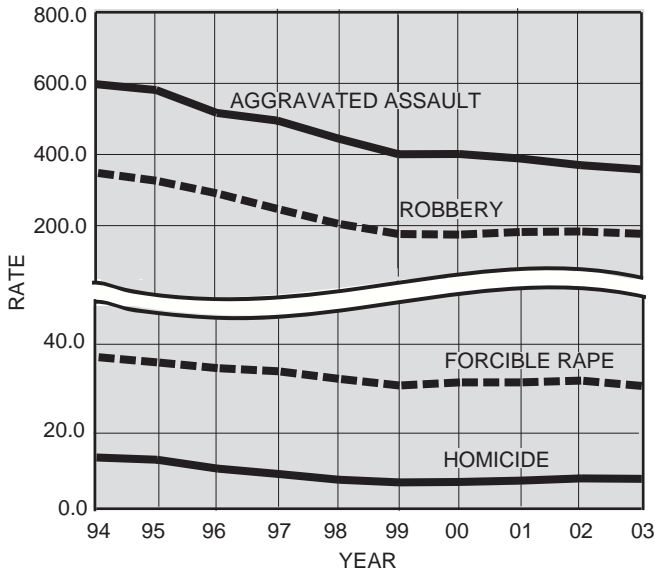
 ***From 2002 to 2003, the number of homicides increased slightly (0.4 percent). However, due to a larger increase in the number of persons living in California during this period, the homicide rate per 100,000 population decreased slightly (1.5 percent).***

Table N-1
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1952-2003
Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

Year(s)	Number	Rate
2003	2,402	6.7
2002	2,392	6.8
2001	2,201	6.3
2000	2,074	6.0
1999	2,006	5.9
1998	2,170	6.5
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

Figure 1
 VIOLENT CRIMES, 1994-2003
 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 2002 to 2003:

- Homicide decreased 1.5 percent (6.8 to 6.7).
- Forcible rape decreased 4.2 percent (28.8 to 27.6).
- Robbery decreased 3.6 percent (183.6 to 177.0).
- Aggravated assault decreased 3.2 percent (370.0 to 358.1).

Comparing 1994 to 2003:

- Homicide decreased 41.7 percent (11.5 to 6.7).
- Forcible rape decreased 19.1 percent (34.1 to 27.6).
- Robbery decreased 49.3 percent (348.9 to 177.0).
- Aggravated assault decreased 40.1 percent (597.8 to 358.1).

On average, the homicide crime rate per 100,000 population accounted for approximately 1 percent of the total violent crime rate from 1994 to 2003. For comparison, the forcible rape crime rate accounted for approximately 4 percent, the robbery crime rate accounted for approximately 32 percent, and the aggravated assault crime rate accounted for approximately 63 percent of the total violent crime rate during the same period.

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

In 2003,

- The total homicide rate was 6.7 per 100,000 population.
- The male homicide rate was 4.5 times that of the female homicide rate (10.8 vs. 2.4).
- The black homicide rate was almost 12 times that of whites and over 3 times that of Hispanics (29.8 vs. 2.5 and 9.0, respectively).

Comparing 1994 to 2003:

- The male homicide rate decreased 43.2 percent and the female homicide rate decreased 36.8 percent.
- The white homicide rate decreased 43.2 percent, the Hispanic homicide rate decreased 46.4 percent, and the black homicide rate decreased 39.6 percent.


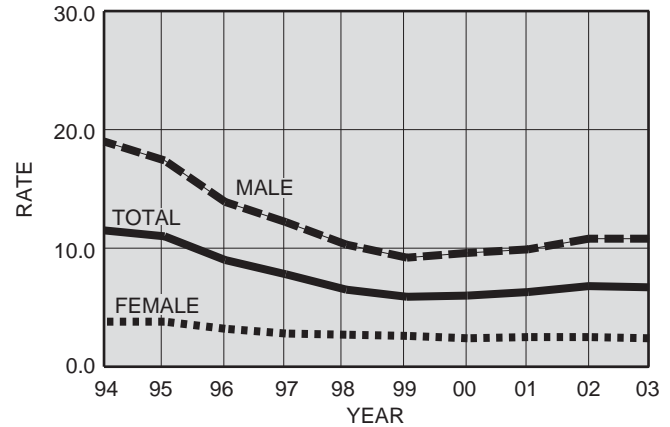
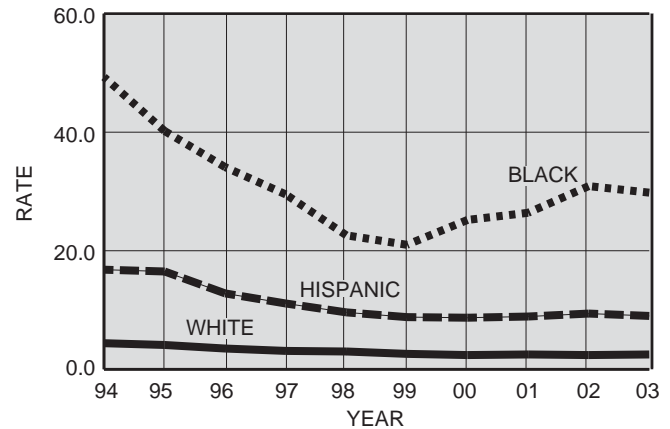
 **Since 1994, homicide rates have declined considerably for both males and females (down 43.2 and 36.8 percent, respectively). Similarly, homicide rates have declined for whites, Hispanics, and blacks (down 43.2, 46.4, and 39.6 percent, respectively).**

Figure 2
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1994-2003
By Gender of Victim
Rate per 100,000 Population



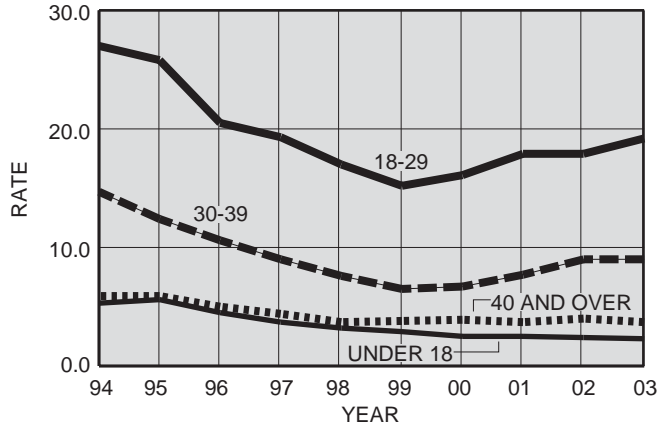
Source: Table 2.

Figure 3
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1994-2003
By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim
Rate per 100,000 Population



Source: Table 3.

Figure 4
 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1994-2003
 By Age of Victim
 Rate per 100,000 Population



Source: Table 4.

In 2003,

- Persons aged 18-29 had the highest homicide victimization rate (19.2 per 100,000 population).

Comparing 1994 to 2003:

- The homicide rate decreased 56.6 percent for victims under age 18, 28.9 percent for victims aged 18-29, 38.8 percent for victims aged 30-39, and 37.3 percent for victims aged 40 and over.

In 2003, the homicide rate for victims aged 18-29 was over 8 times that of victims under age 18, over 2 times that of victims aged 30-39, and over 5 times that of victims aged 40 and over (19.2 vs. 2.3, 9.0, and 3.7 percent, respectively).

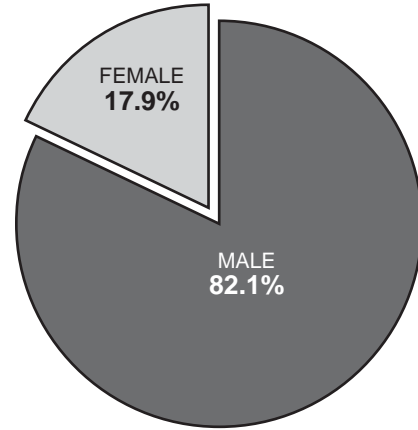
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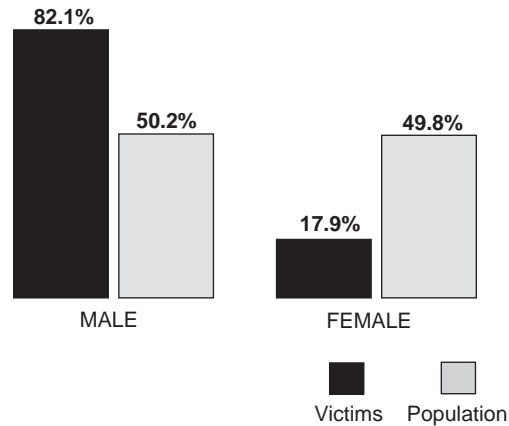
- Males represented 82.1 percent of total homicide victims; they comprised 50.2 percent of the population.
- Females represented 17.9 percent of total homicide victims; they comprised 49.8 percent of the population.

Figure 5
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
By Gender of Victim



Source: Table 5.

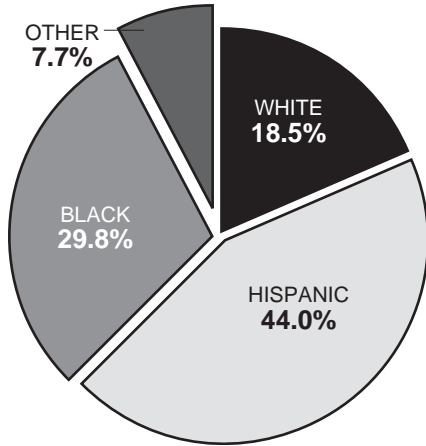
Figure 6
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
Gender of Victim by Percent of Total Victims
and Percent of Population



Sources: Tables 2 and 5.

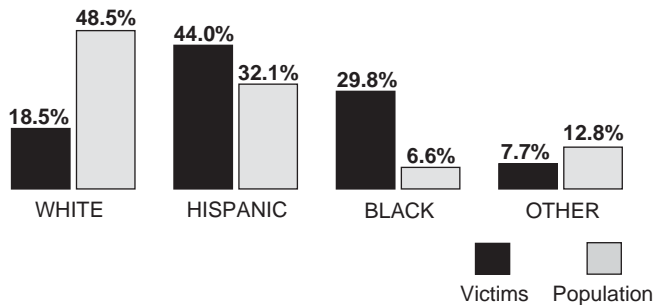
✓ In 2003, the ratio of male to female population was approximately 1:1. The ratio of male to female homicide victimization was approximately 4:1. These ratios represent a consistent historical trend (see Tables 2 and 5).

Figure 7
 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
 By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim



Source: Table 6.


Figure 8
 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
 Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Percent of Total Victims and Percent of Population



Sources: Tables 3 and 6.

In 2003,

- Whites represented 18.5 percent of total homicide victims; they comprised 48.5 percent of the population.
- Hispanics represented 44.0 percent of total homicide victims; they comprised 32.1 percent of the population.
- Blacks represented 29.8 percent of total homicide victims; they comprised 6.6 percent of the population.
- The “other” race/ethnic group category represented 7.7 percent of total homicide victims; they comprised 12.8 percent of the population.

 ***In 2003, the percentage of homicide victims who were black was just over 4.5 times larger than their percentage of the population (29.8 percent vs. 6.6 percent). This difference far exceeds the disparities between homicide victims belonging to the other race/ethnic groups shown and their percentages of the population.***

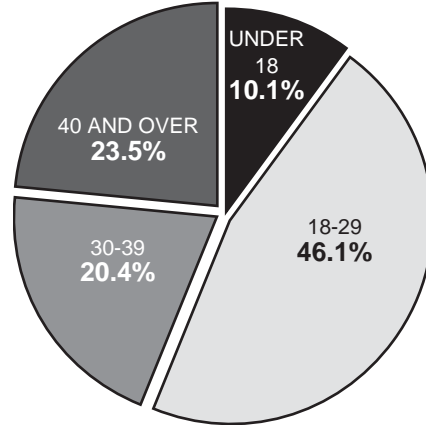
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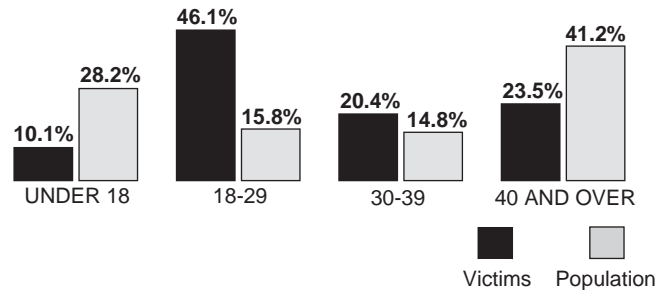
- 10.1 percent of total homicide victims were under age 18; this age group comprised 28.2 percent of the population.
- 46.1 percent of total homicide victims were aged 18-29; this age group comprised 15.8 percent of the population.
- 20.4 percent of total homicide victims were aged 30-39; this age group comprised 14.8 percent of the population.
- 23.5 percent of total homicide victims were aged 40 and over; this age group comprised 41.2 percent of the population.

Figure 9
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
By Age of Victim



Source: Table 7.
Note: Percentages do not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

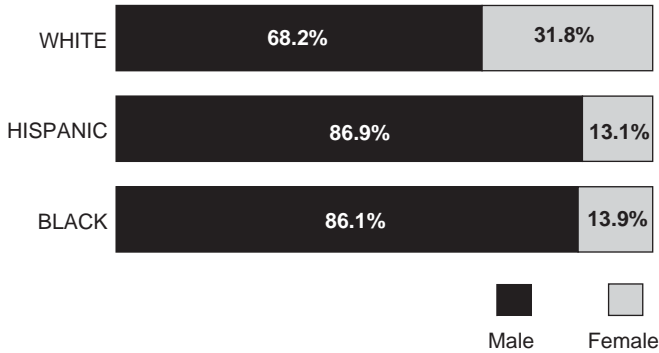
Figure 10
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
Age of Victim by Percent of Total Victims
and Percent of Population



Sources: Tables 4 and 7.
Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

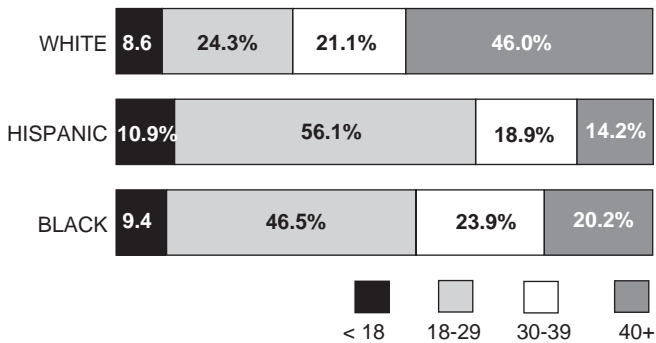
✓ *In 2003, the percentage of homicide victims aged 18-29 was almost 3 times larger than the percentage of the population aged 18-29 (46.1 percent vs. 15.8 percent).*

Figure 11
 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
 Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Gender of Victim



Source: Table 8.

Figure 12
 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
 Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Age of Victim



Source: Table 9.

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

In 2003,

- A greater percentage of white victims were female than were either Hispanic or black victims (31.8 vs. 13.1 and 13.9 percent, respectively).
- A greater percentage of Hispanic and black victims were aged 18-29 than were white victims (56.1 and 46.5 vs. 24.3 percent, respectively).
- A greater percentage of white victims were aged 40 and over than were either Hispanic or black victims (46.0 vs. 14.2 and 20.2 percent, respectively).



In 2003, the percentage of white homicide victims who were female was over twice the percentage of Hispanic or black female victims. White victims also tended to be older, Hispanic and black victims, younger.

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

In 2003,

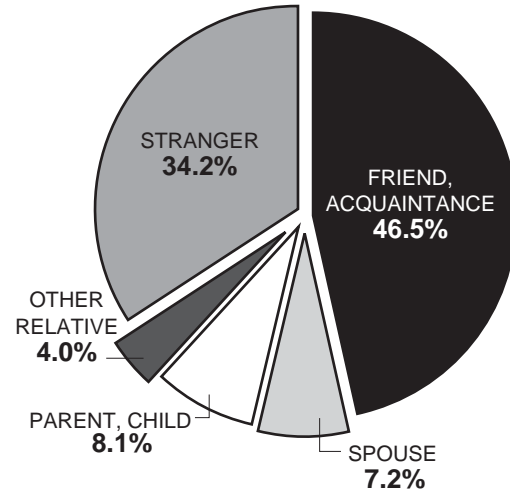
- 46.5 percent of victims were friends or acquaintances of offenders.
- 7.2 percent of victims were spouses of offenders.
- 8.1 percent of victims were parents or children of offenders.
- 4.0 percent of the relationships of victim to offender fell into the "other relative" category.
- 34.2 percent of victims were strangers to offenders.

Comparing 1994 to 2003:

- The proportion of homicides in which victims were friends or acquaintances of offenders decreased from 62.1 percent to 46.5 percent.
- The proportion of homicides in which victims were strangers to offenders increased from 26.2 percent to 34.2 percent.

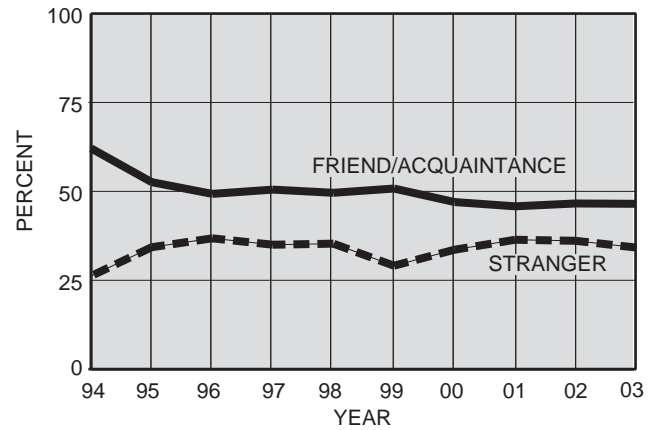
From 2002 to 2003, the number of homicide victims killed by friends or acquaintances decreased 9.4 percent. The number of victims killed by strangers also decreased (14.0 percent).

Figure 13
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
By Relationship of Victim to Offender



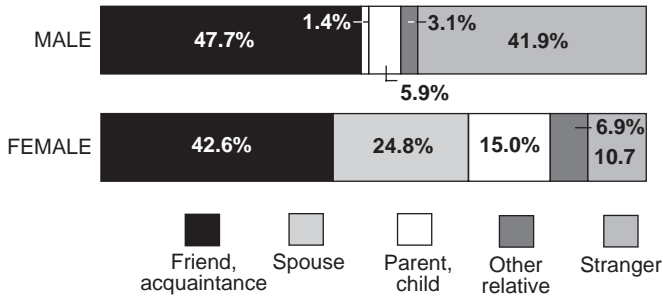
Source: Table 11.

Figure 14
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1994-2003
By Selected Relationships of Victims to Offenders



Source: Table 11.

Figure 15
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
Gender of Victim by Relationship of Victim to Offender

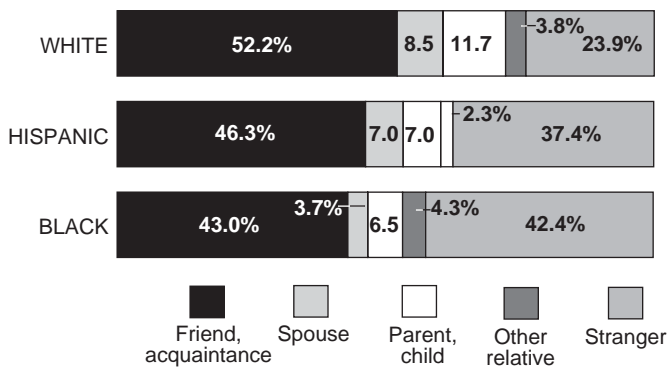


Source: Table 12.

In 2003,


- A greater percentage of female victims were spouses of offenders (24.8 percent) than were male victims (1.4 percent).
- A greater percentage of Hispanic and black victims were strangers to offenders than were white victims (37.4 and 42.4 vs. 23.9 percent, respectively).

Figure 16
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Relationship of Victim to Offender



Source: Table 12.

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

 ***In 2003, almost 25 percent of all female homicide victims were killed by their spouses. In contrast, less than 1.5 percent of male victims were killed by theirs.***

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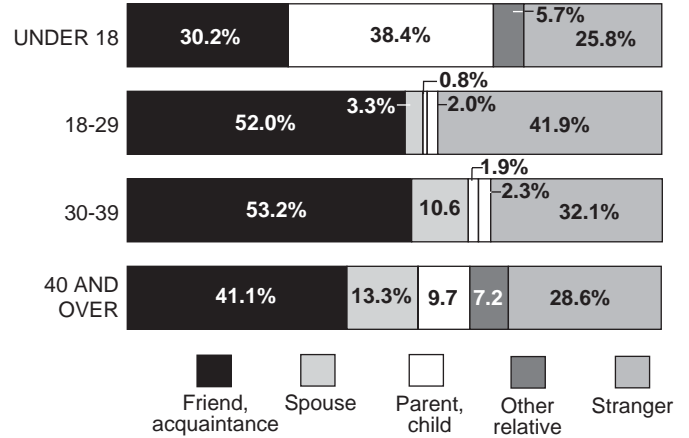
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In 2003,

- The largest percentage of homicide victims under age 18 were parents or children of the offenders (38.4 percent).
- The largest percentage of homicide victims aged 18-29, 30-39, and 40 and over were friends or acquaintances of the offenders (52.0, 53.2, and 41.1 percent, respectively).
- A greater percentage of victims aged 40 and over were spouses of the offenders (13.3 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.

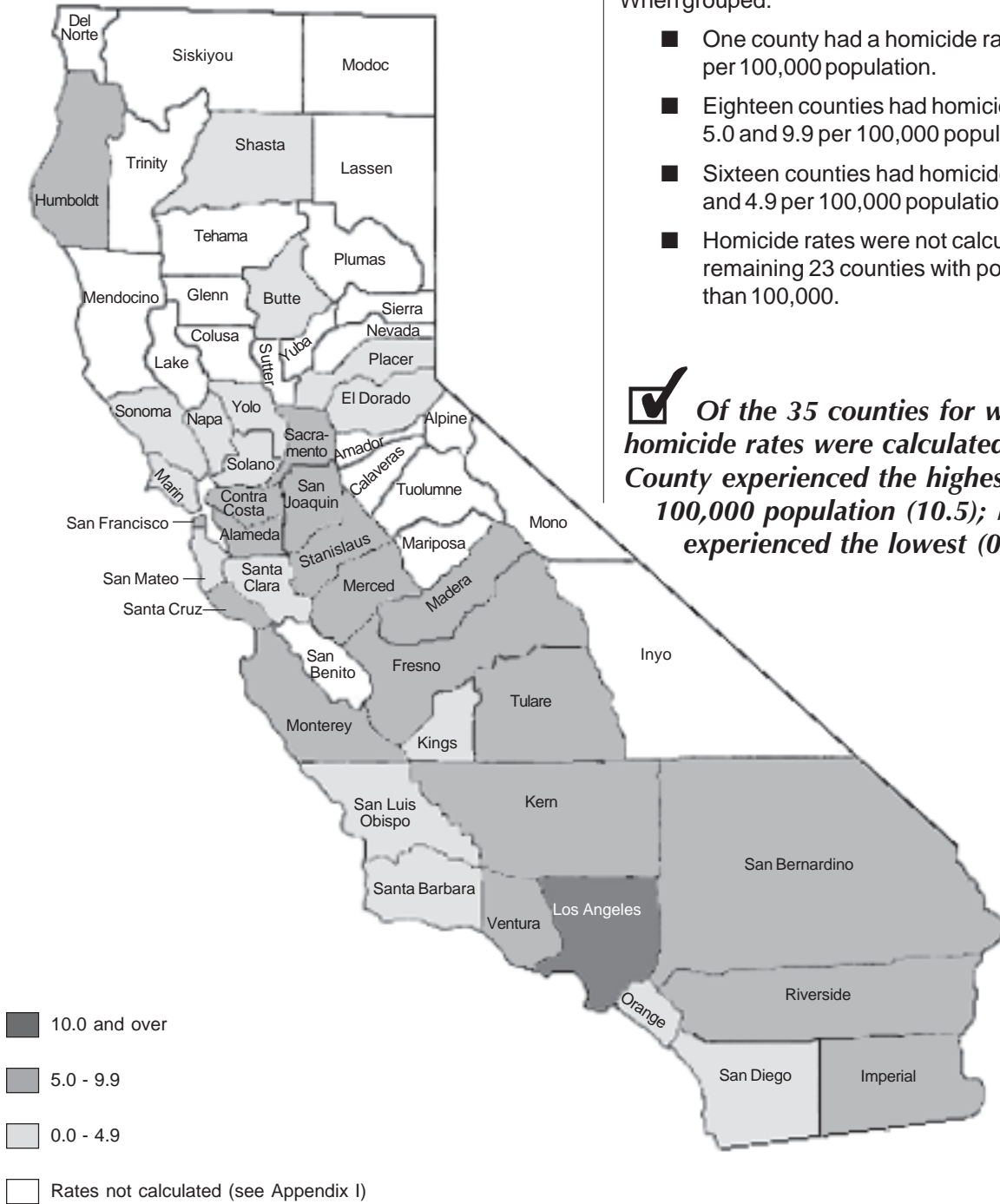
In 2003, almost 40 percent of homicide victims under age 18 were parents or children of the offenders. Over 50 percent of homicide victims aged 18-29 and 30-39 were friends or acquaintances of the offenders.

Figure 17
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
Age of Victim by Relationship of Victim to Offender



Source: Table 13.
Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Figure 18
 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
 County by Rate per 100,000 Population



In 2003, 10 of California's 58 counties exceeded the statewide homicide rate of 6.7 per 100,000 population. When grouped:

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

✓ *Of the 35 counties for which 2003 homicide rates were calculated, Los Angeles County experienced the highest rate per 100,000 population (10.5); Marin County experienced the lowest (0.0).*

Source: Table 14.

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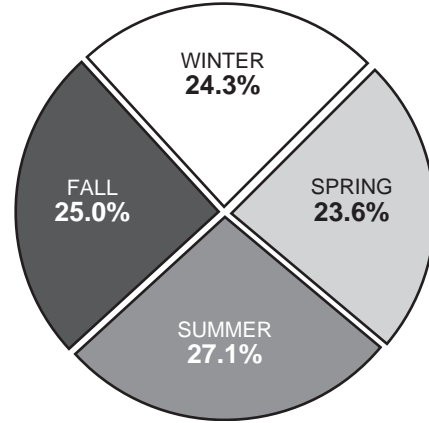
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When homicides were examined by season of incident, it was found that:

In 2003,

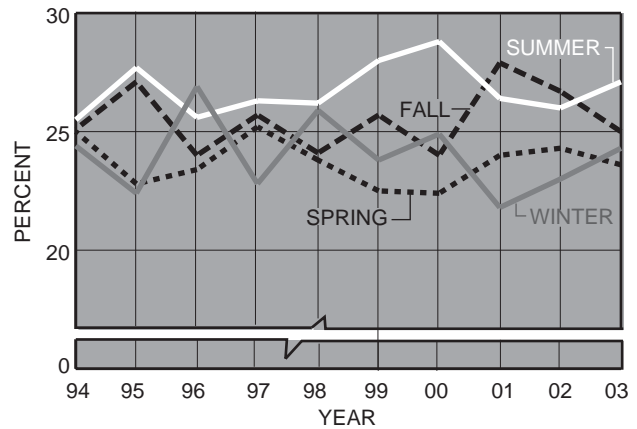
- The incidents leading to death occurred more often in the summer than in any other season (27.1 percent).

Figure 19
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
By Season of Incident



Source: Table 15.

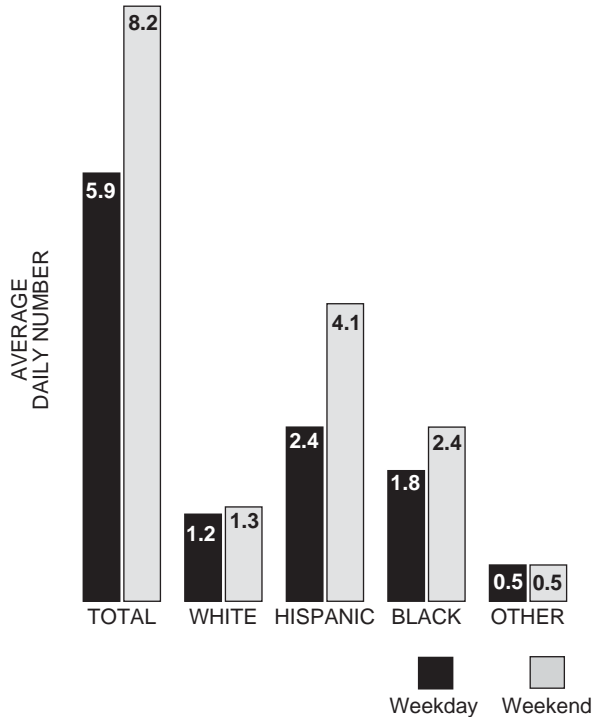
Figure 20
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1994-2003
By Season of Incident



Source: Table 15.

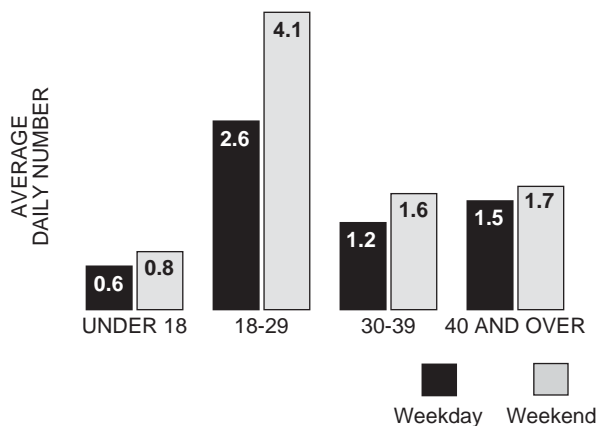
From 1994 to 2003, the average number of homicides committed during the summer exceeded the average number committed during any other season. Fall experienced the next highest average, with winter and spring following. (See Table 15.)

Figure 21
 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
 Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Average Daily Number
 of Incidents on Weekdays and Weekends



Source: Table 16.
 Note: Average daily number of incidents may not add to totals because of rounding.

Figure 22
 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
 Age of Victim by Average Daily Number
 of Incidents on Weekdays and Weekends



Source: Table 17.

In 2003,

- An average of 5.9 homicide victims were killed each weekday and 8.2 homicide victims were killed each weekend day.
- Hispanic victims had the highest average daily number of incidents on both weekdays and weekends (2.4 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 (2.6 and 4.1, respectively) of any age group shown.

In 2003, with the exception of the "other" race/ethnic group category, the highest average daily number of homicide incidents occurred on weekends for whites, Hispanics, blacks, and all age groups shown.

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

In 2003,

- 25.9 percent of victims were killed at their places of residence.
- 37.8 percent of homicides occurred on streets or sidewalks.
- 36.2 percent of homicides occurred in “all other” locations.
- A greater percentage of males (43.1 percent) were killed on streets or sidewalks than were females (14.0 percent).
- A greater percentage of females (55.8 percent) were killed at their places of residence than were males (19.4 percent).


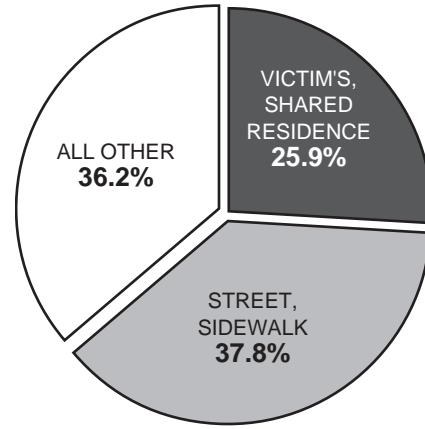
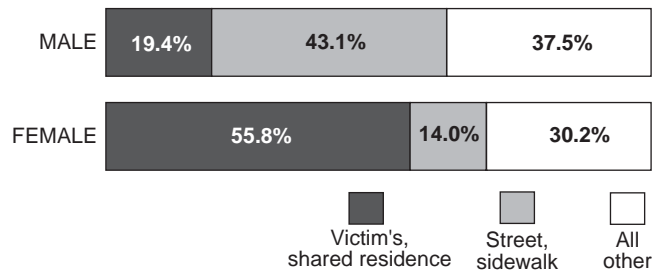
 ***In 2003, males were more likely to be killed on streets or sidewalks (43.1 percent) than anywhere else.***

Figure 23
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
By Location of Homicide



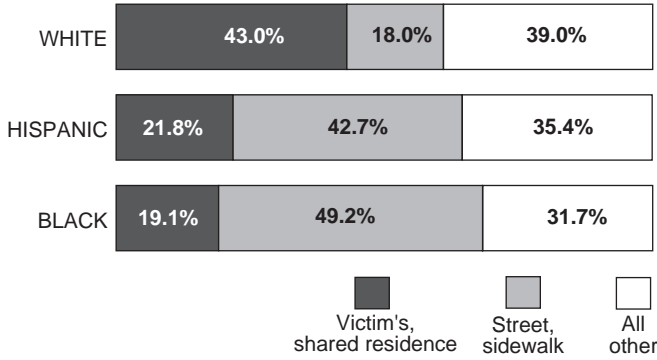
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Figure 24
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
Gender of Victim by Location of Homicide



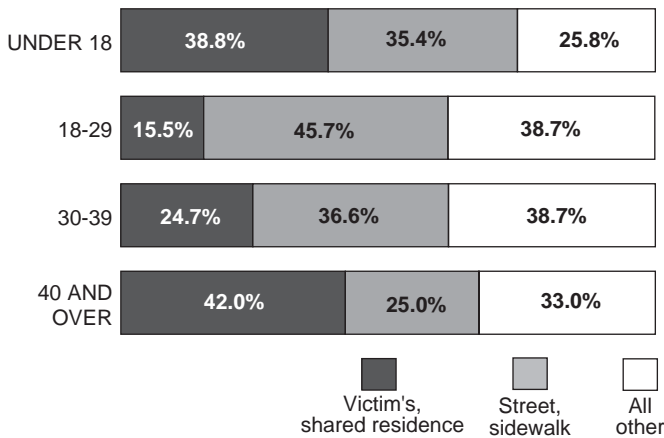
Source: Table 19.

Figure 25
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Location of Homicide



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

Figure 26
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
Age of Victim by Location of Homicide



Source: Table 20.
Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

In 2003,

- A greater percentage of whites than Hispanics or blacks were killed at their places of residence (43.0 vs. 21.8 and 19.1 percent, respectively).
- A greater percentage of Hispanics and blacks were killed on streets or sidewalks than were whites (42.7 and 49.2 vs. 18.0 percent, respectively).
- A greater percentage of victims aged 18-29 were killed on streets or sidewalks (45.7 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.
- A greater percentage of victims aged 40 and over were killed at their places of residence (42.0 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.

✓ *Of the locations shown, white victims and victims aged 40 and over were most likely to be killed in their residences. Hispanic and black victims and victims aged 18-29 were most likely to be killed on streets or sidewalks.*

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

In 2003,

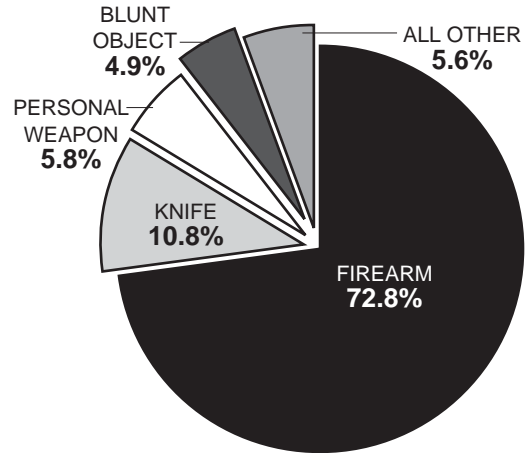
- 72.8 percent resulted from the use of firearms.
- 65.8 percent resulted from the use of handguns.
- 7.0 percent resulted from the use of all other types of firearms.
- 10.8 percent resulted from the use of knives.
- 5.8 percent resulted from the use of personal weapons (hands, feet, etc.).
- 4.9 percent 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 1994 to 2003:

- The proportion of homicides that resulted from the use of firearms decreased slightly (from 75.8 percent to 72.8 percent).
- The proportion of homicides that resulted from the use of non-firearms increased (from 24.2 percent to 27.2 percent).

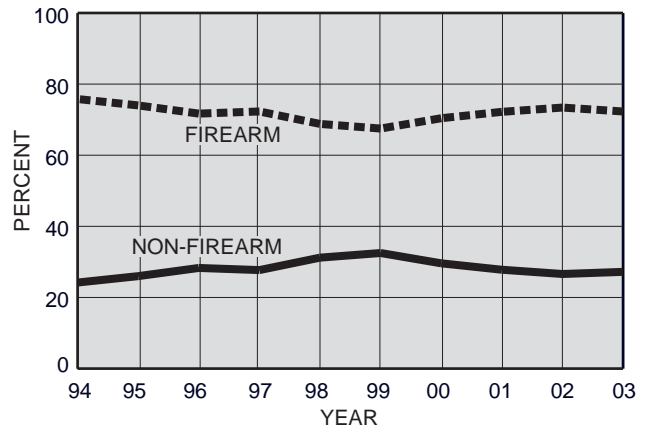
On average, 72.3 percent of homicides committed from 1994 to 2003 were committed with firearms. Additionally, the proportionality of firearm and non-firearm weapons usage in homicide crimes during this period remained relatively stable.

Figure 27
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
By Type of Weapon Used



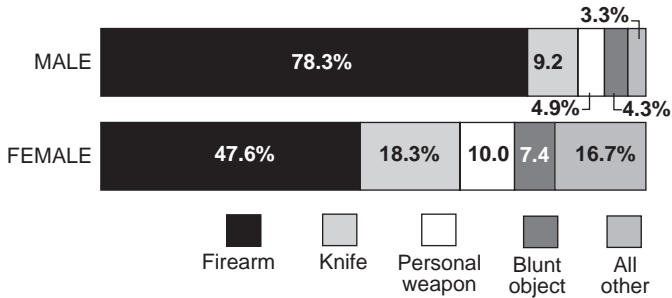
Source: Table 21.
Note: Percentages do not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Figure 28
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1994-2003
By Selected Types of Weapons Used



Source: Table 21.

Figure 29
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
Gender of Victim by Type of Weapon Used

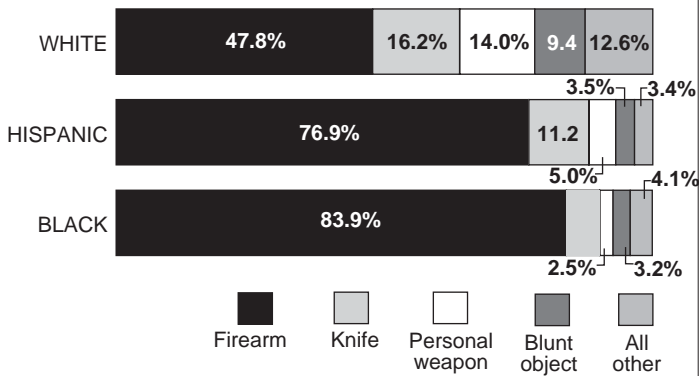


Source: Table 22.

In 2003,


- A greater percentage of males (78.3 percent) were killed with firearms than were females (47.6 percent).
- A greater percentage of females (35.7 percent) were killed with knives, personal weapons, or blunt objects than were males (18.5 percent).
- A greater percentage of Hispanics and blacks were killed with firearms than were whites (76.9 and 83.9 vs. 47.8 percent, respectively).

Figure 30
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Type of Weapon Used



Source: Table 22.

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

 ***In 2003, Hispanics and blacks were far more likely than whites to be killed with firearms than with any other type of weapon (76.9 and 83.9 vs. 47.8 percent, respectively).***

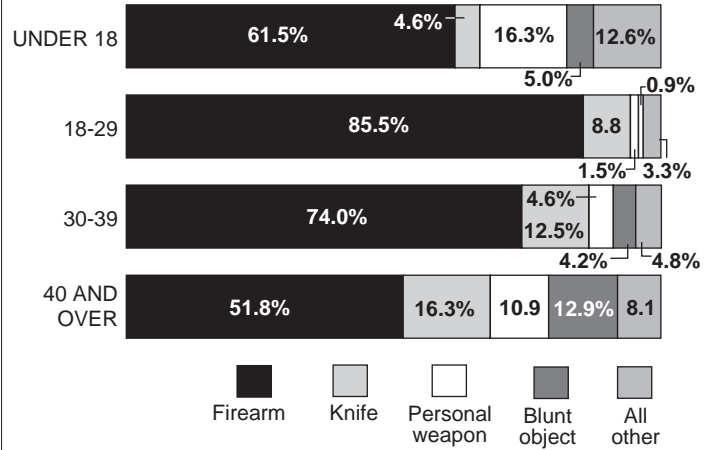
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In 2003,

- A greater percentage of victims aged 18-29 were killed with firearms (85.5 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.
- A lower percentage of victims aged 40 and over were killed with firearms (51.8 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.

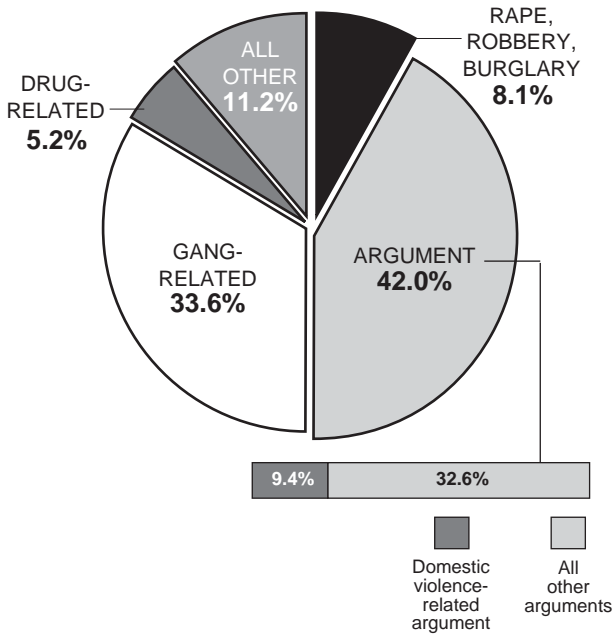
Figure 31
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
Age of Victim by Type of Weapon Used



Source: Table 23.
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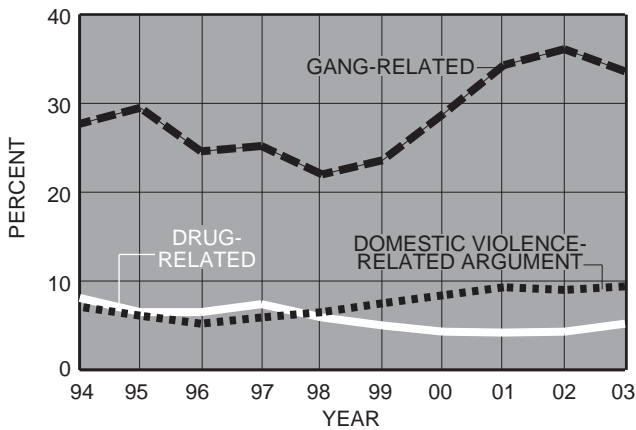
In 2003, over 85 percent of homicide victims aged 18-29 were killed with firearms.

Figure 32
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
By Contributing Circumstance



Source: Table 24.
Note: Percentages do not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Figure 33
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1994-2003
By Selected Contributing Circumstance



Source: Table 24.

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

In 2003,

- 8.1 percent occurred as a result of a rape, robbery, or burglary.
- 42.0 percent occurred as a result of an argument.
- 9.4 percent occurred as a result of a domestic violence-related argument.
- 32.6 percent occurred as a result of all other types of arguments.
- 33.6 percent were gang-related.
- 5.2 percent were drug-related.
- 11.2 percent occurred as a result of “all other” contributing circumstances.

Comparing 1994 to 2003:

- The percentage of homicides in which the contributing circumstance was a domestic violence-related argument increased from 7.1 percent to 9.4 percent.
- The percentage of homicides in which the contributing circumstance was gang-related increased from 27.7 percent to 33.6 percent.
- The percentage of homicides in which the contributing circumstance was drug-related decreased from 8.1 percent to 5.2 percent.



In 2003, one-third of homicides were gang-related.

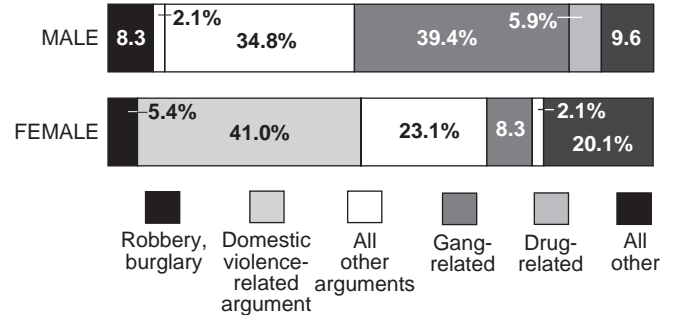
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In 2003,

- A greater percentage of females (41.0 percent) were victims of domestic violence-related homicides than were males (2.1 percent).
- A greater percentage of males (39.4 percent) were victims of gang-related homicides than were females (8.3 percent).
- A greater percentage of whites were victims of domestic violence-related homicides than were Hispanics or blacks (17.5 vs. 7.1 and 5.9 percent, respectively).
- A greater percentage of Hispanics and blacks were victims of gang-related homicides than were whites (41.5 and 44.6 vs. 3.7 percent, respectively).

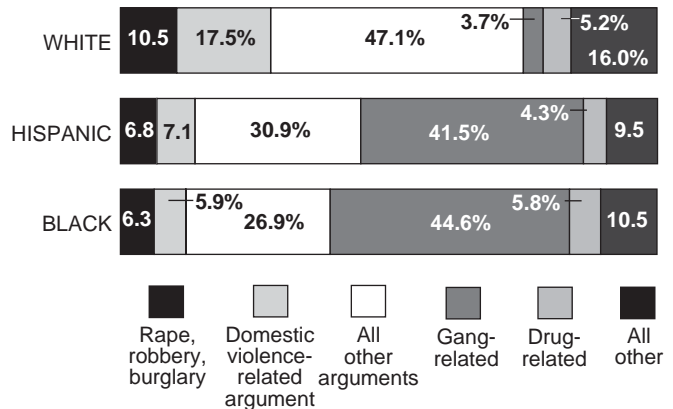
✓ In 2003, the percentage of females killed in domestic violence-related homicides was over 19.5 times that of males (41.0 vs. 2.1 percent). The percentages of Hispanics or blacks killed in gang-related homicides were over 11 times the percentage of whites killed in gang-related incidents (41.5 and 44.6 vs. 3.7 percent, respectively).

Figure 34
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
Gender of Victim by Contributing Circumstance



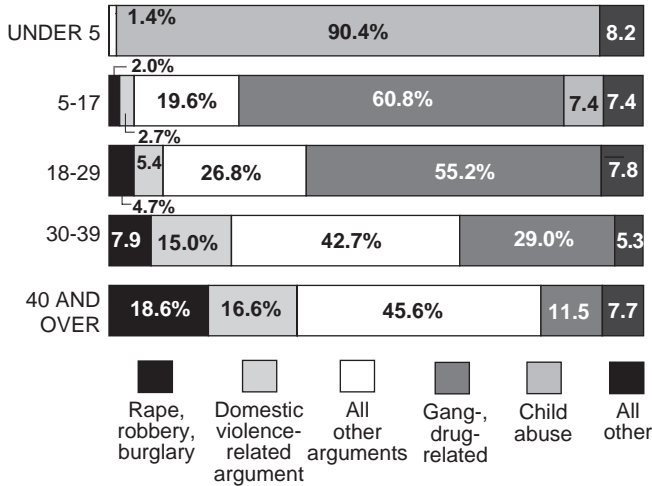
Source: Table 25.
Notes: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding. Figures 32, 35, and 36 include rape with robbery and burglary. However, for a more relevant comparison between male and female victims, rape is included in the "all other" category in Figure 34. In 2003, 1.9 percent of homicide crimes involving females were rape-related.

Figure 35
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Contributing Circumstance



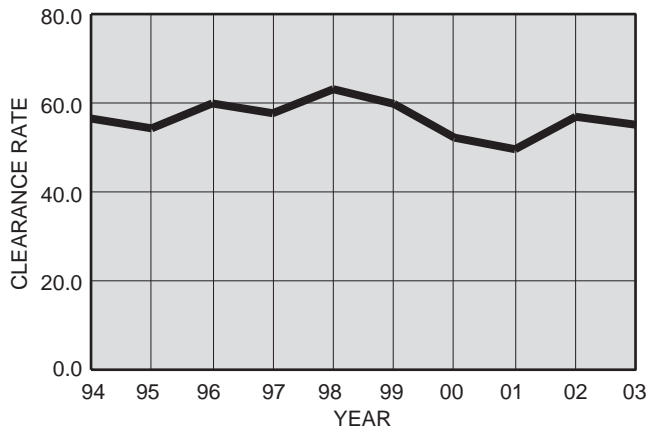
Source: Table 25.
Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Figure 36
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
 Age of Victim by Contributing Circumstance



Source: Table 26.
 Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.


Figure 37
HOMICIDE CRIMES CLEARED, 1994-2003
 Clearance Rate



Source: Table 28.
 Note: 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. Please see "Appendix II - Criminal Justice Glossary" for a detailed explanation of clearances.

In 2003,

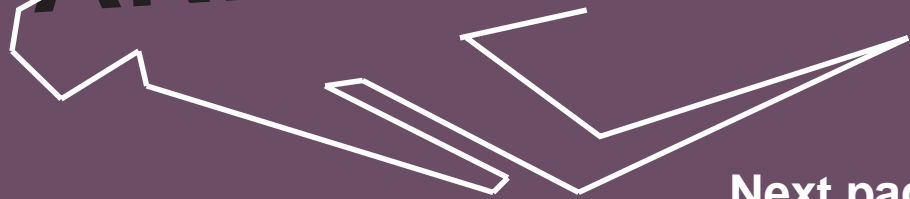
- Most homicide victims under age 5 were killed as a result of child abuse (90.4 percent).
- The majority of homicide victims aged 5-17 and aged 18-29 were killed as a result of gang- or drug-related activities (60.8 and 55.2 percent, respectively).
- The majority of homicide victims aged 30-39 and aged 40 and over were killed as a result of domestic violence-related and all other arguments (57.8 and 62.2 percent, respectively).

 ***On average, 56.5 percent of homicides were cleared by an arrest or by "exceptional means" from 1994 to 2003.***

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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 a homicide arrest includes murder and *nonvehicular* manslaughter. The federal definition of a homicide crime 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.

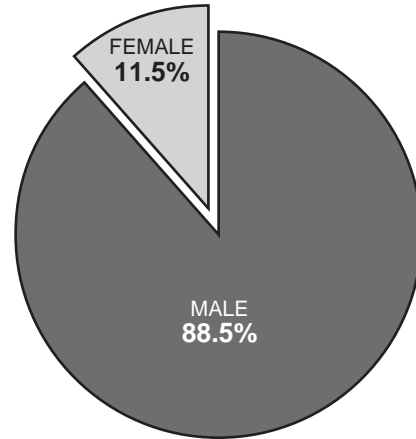
In 2003, of 1,839 arrests for homicide:

- 88.5 percent (1,627) of arrestees were male.
- 11.5 percent (212) of arrestees were female.

In 2003, nearly 9 out of 10 homicide arrestees were male (88.5 percent).

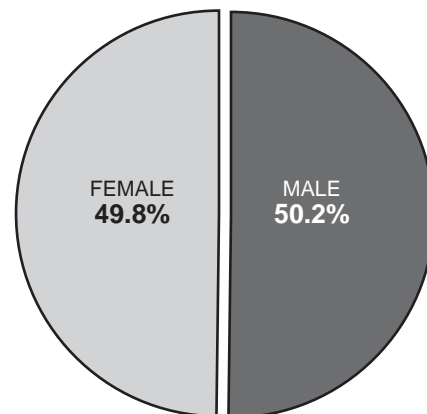
¹ The following penal codes for homicide arrest offenses were valid at the time of the closeout of the 2003 arrest offense code file: 128, 187(a), 189, 192(a), 192(b), 193(a), 193(b), 273ab, 399, and 12310(a).

Figure 38
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 2003
By Gender of Arrestee



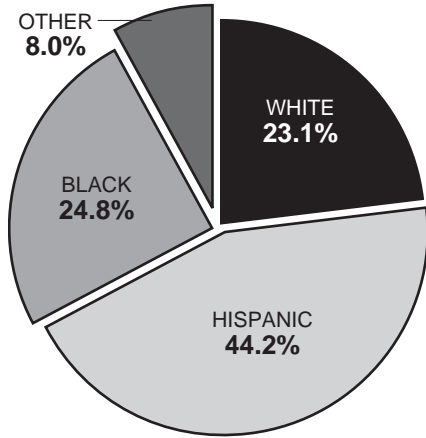
Source: Table 30.

Figure 39
POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA, 2003
By Gender



Source: Table 2.

Figure 40
 HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 2003
 By Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee

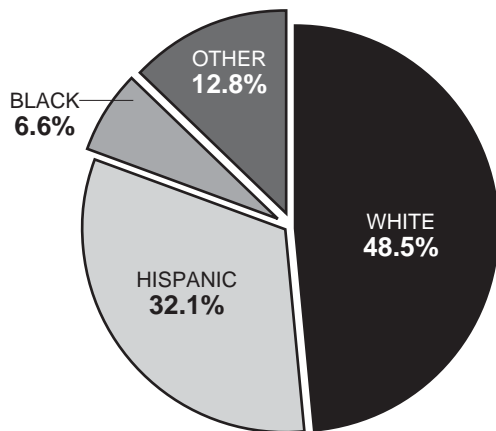


Source: Table 31.
 Note: Percentages do not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

In 2003, of 1,839 arrests for homicide:


- 23.1 percent (424) of arrestees were white.
- 44.2 percent (812) of arrestees were Hispanic.
- 24.8 percent (456) of arrestees were black.
- 8.0 percent (147) of arrestees fell into the "other" race/ethnic group category.

Figure 41
 POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA, 2003
 By Race/Ethnic Group



Source: Table 3.

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 classification and labeling process.

 ***In 2003, the largest percentage of homicide arrestees were Hispanic (44.2 percent).***

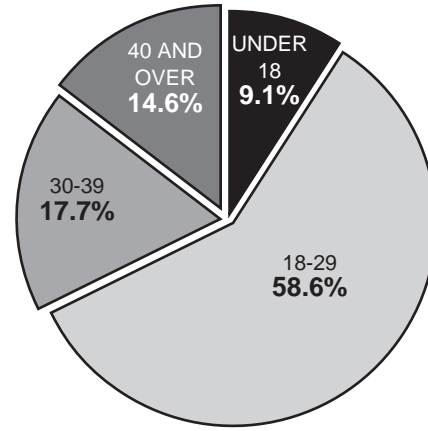
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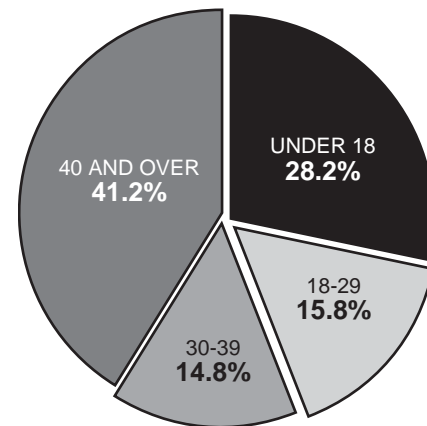
- 9.1 percent (167) of arrestees were under age 18.
- 58.6 percent (1,077) of arrestees were aged 18-29.
- 17.7 percent (326) of arrestees were aged 30-39.
- 14.6 percent (269) of arrestees were aged 40 and over.

Figure 42
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 2003
By Age of Arrestee



Source: Table 32.

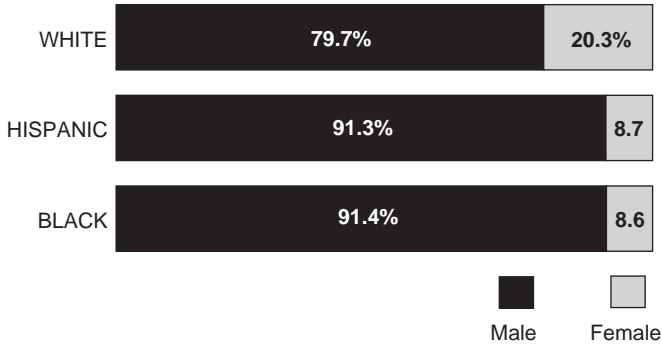
Figure 43
POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA, 2003
By Age



Source: Table 4.

In 2003, the majority of homicide arrestees were aged 18-29 (58.6 percent).

Figure 44
 HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 2003
 Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Gender of Arrestee



Source: Table 33.

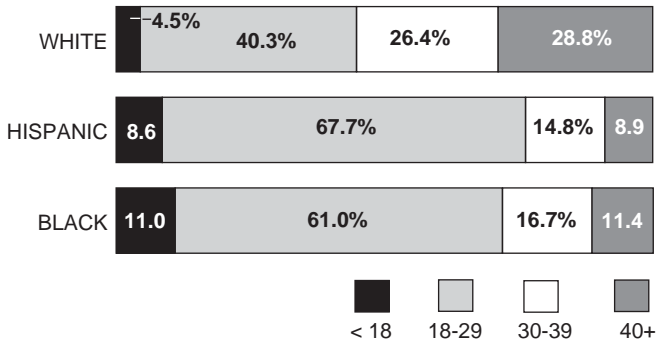
In 2003,

- Homicide arrestees for all three race/ethnic groups shown were predominately male.
- A greater percentage of white arrestees were female than were Hispanic or black arrestees (20.3 vs. 8.7 and 8.6 percent, respectively).

And,

- A greater percentage of white arrestees were aged 40 and over than were Hispanic or black arrestees (28.8 vs. 8.9 and 11.4 percent, respectively).
- Regardless of race/ethnic group, the largest percentage of homicide arrestees fell into the "18-29" age category.

Figure 45
 HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 2003
 Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Age of Arrestee



Source: Table 33.

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

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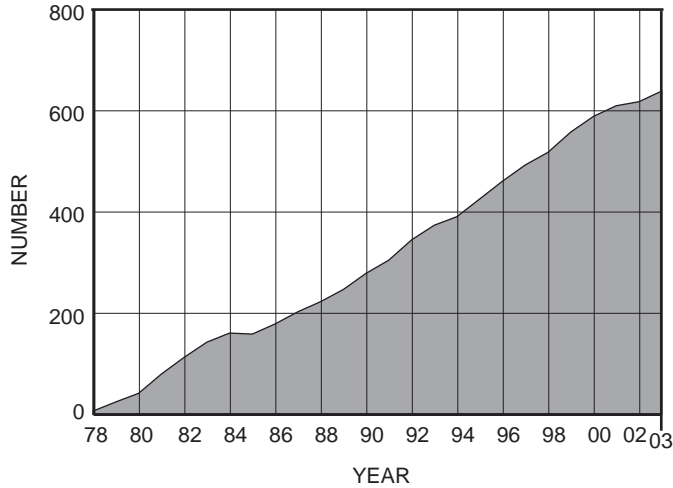
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This section contains information about persons sentenced to death in California courts in 2003. Death penalty data were extracted from the 2003 Offender-Based Transaction Statistics system. For detailed information regarding the death penalty and the criteria by which a person can be sentenced to death, refer to California Penal Code sections 190 through 190.9.

Figure 46
 PERSONS UNDER CALIFORNIA
 SENTENCE OF DEATH, 1978-2003



Source: Table 35.

During 2003, there were 22 persons convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to death. These were initial death sentences only and do not include persons who were resentenced to death after their death sentences were reversed on appeal. By the end of 2003, there were 639 persons under sentence of death in California.

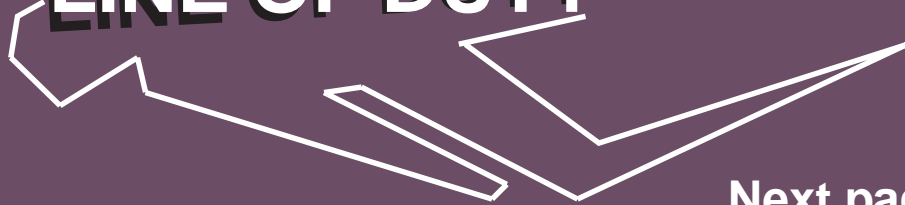
Of the 22 persons newly sentenced to death in 2003:

- All 22 were male.
- Five were white; 4 were Hispanic; 11 were black; 2 fell into the “other” race/ethnic group category.
- The average (mean) age at arrest was 30.
- Los Angeles County sentenced the largest number (5).

Additional information can be found in Tables 35 and 36.

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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:

- From 1994 to 2003, there were 60 peace officers killed in the line of duty. The average number of peace officers killed annually was 6.
- In 2003, 6 peace officers were killed in the line of duty. Three of these peace officers were killed by the offenders' handgun, 1 peace officer was killed by the offender's rifle, 1 peace officer was bludgeoned to death by his police baton, and 1 peace officer was deliberately struck and killed by the offender's vehicle.

Table N-2
PEACE OFFICERS KILLED
IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1994-2003

Year(s)	Number of officers killed
Total	60
2003	6
2002	4
2001	6
2000	2
1999	4
1998	7
1997	7
1996	5
1995	10
1994	9

Table N-3
PEACE OFFICERS KILLED
IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 2003
By Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	Total	Offender's	Officer's
Total	6	5	1
Handgun	3	3	0
Rifle	1	1	0
Police baton	1	0	1
Vehicle	1	1	0

Table N-4
 PEACE OFFICERS KILLED
 IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 2003
 Race/Ethnic Group of Officer by Gender of Officer

Race/ethnic group	Total	Gender	
		Male	Female
Total	6	6	0
White	5	5	0
Hispanic	0	0	0
Black	0	0	0
Asian	1	1	0

Data in Table N-4 show that:

- In 2003, all 6 peace officers killed in the line of duty were male; 5 were white and 1 was Asian.

When homicide rates for the general population were compared to homicide rates for peace officers killed in the line of duty, it was found that:

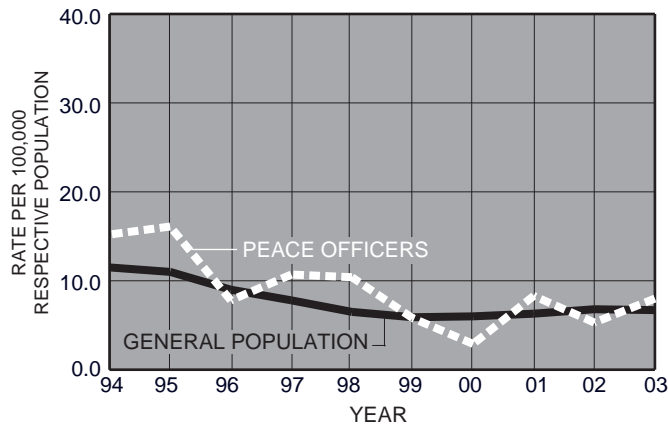
In 2003,

- The general population homicide rate was 6.7 per 100,000 respective population. The homicide rate for peace officers killed in the line of duty was 8.0 per 100,000 respective population.

Comparing 1994 to 2003:

- The general population homicide rate decreased 41.7 percent (11.5 to 6.7). The homicide rate for peace officers killed in the line of duty decreased 47.4 percent (15.2 to 8.0).

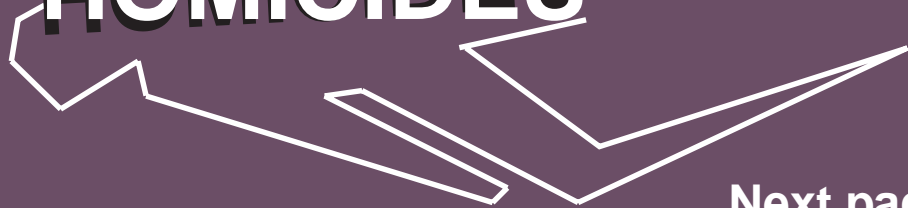
Figure 47
 HOMICIDE CRIMES AND PEACE OFFICERS KILLED
 IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1994-2003
 Homicide Rate per 100,000 Respective Population



Source: Table 37.

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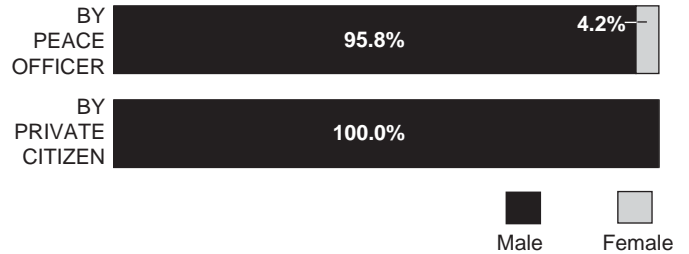
A justifiable homicide is defined by the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program as the killing of a felon by a private citizen or peace officer during the commission of a felony. Justifiable homicides are sometimes referred to as excusable or noncriminal homicides.

When justifiable homicides were examined, it was found that:

In 2003,

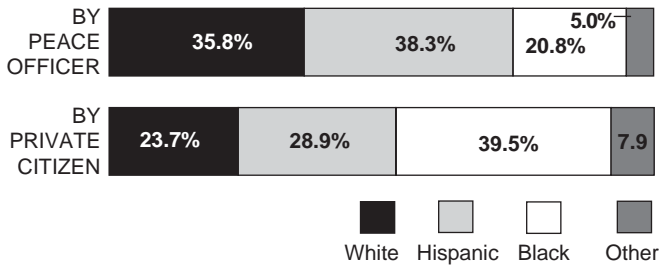
- 95.8 percent of felons (115) killed by peace officers were male; 4.2 percent were female (5).
- 100.0 percent of felons (38) killed by private citizens were male.

Figure 48
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2003
By Gender of Deceased



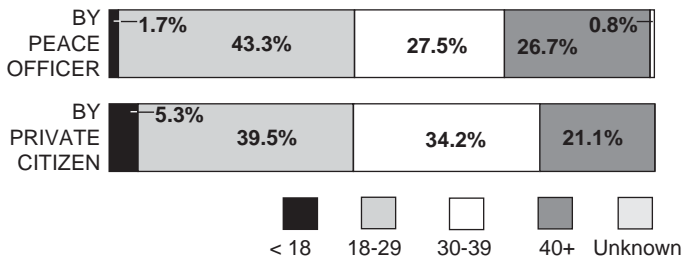
Source: Table 39.

Figure 49
 JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS
 OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2003
 By Race/Ethnic Group of Deceased



Source: Table 39.
 Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Figure 50
 JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS
 OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2003
 By Age of Deceased



Source: Table 39.
 Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

In 2003,

- 35.8 percent (43) of felons killed by peace officers were white, 38.3 percent (46) were Hispanic, 20.8 percent (25) were black, and 5.0 percent (6) fell into the “other” race/ethnic group category.
- 23.7 percent (9) of felons killed by private citizens were white, 28.9 percent (11) were Hispanic, 39.5 percent (15) were black, and 7.9 percent (3) fell into the “other” race/ethnic group category.
- 1.7 percent (2) of felons killed by peace officers were under age 18, 43.3 percent (52) were aged 18-29, 27.5 percent (33) were aged 30-39, 26.7 percent (32) were aged 40 and over, and 0.8 percent (1) fell into the “unknown” age category.
- 5.3 percent (2) of felons killed by private citizens were under age 18, 39.5 percent (15) were aged 18-29, 34.2 percent (13) were aged 30-39, and 21.1 percent (8) were aged 40 and over.

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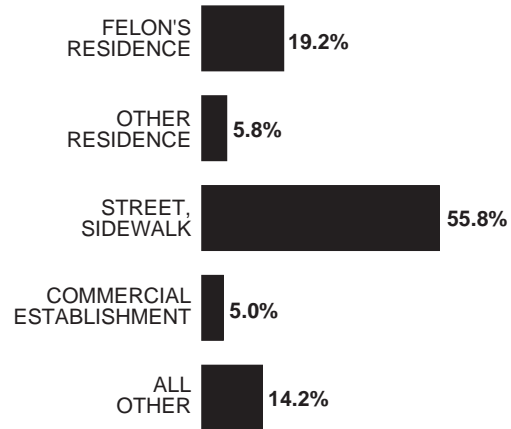
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When justifiable homicides were examined by location, it was found that:

In 2003,

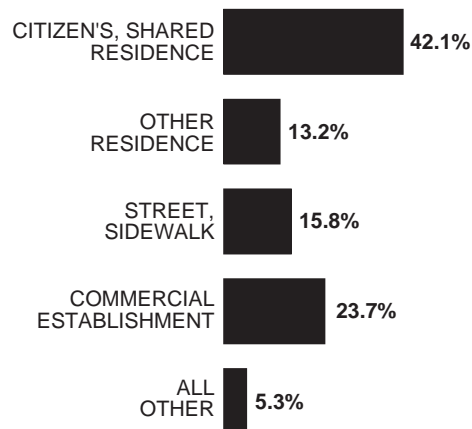
- Most felons killed by peace officers were killed on a street or sidewalk (55.8 percent).
- The largest percentage of felons killed by private citizens fell into the “citizen’s, shared residence” category (42.1 percent).

Figure 51
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS, 2003
By Location of Justifiable Homicide



Source: Table 40.

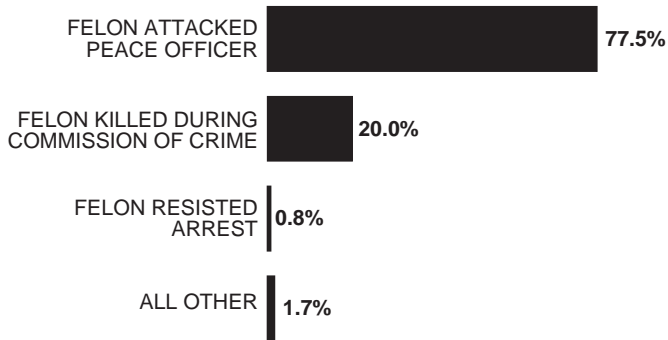
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JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2003
By Location of Justifiable Homicide



Source: Table 40.

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

Figure 53
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS, 2003
By Contributing Circumstance



Source: Table 41.

Figure 54
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2003
By Contributing Circumstance



Source: Table 41.

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

In 2003,

- Most felons killed by peace officers were killed while attacking a peace officer (77.5 percent).
- Most felons killed by private citizens were killed during the commission of a crime (63.2 percent).

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Table 1
VIOLENT CRIMES, 1994-2003
 Number, Rate per 100,000 Population, and Percent Change

Year(s)	Total	Homi- cide	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggra- vated assault
Number					
2003.....	204,591	2,402	9,918	63,597	128,674
2002.....	207,988	2,392	10,176	64,805	130,615
2001.....	210,510	2,201	9,882	63,299	135,128
2000.....	210,492	2,074	9,785	60,243	138,390
1999.....	207,874	2,006	9,443	60,027	136,398
1998.....	229,766	2,170	9,777	68,752	149,067
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
Percent change in number					
2002-2003.....	-1.6	0.4	-2.5	-1.9	-1.5
2001-2002.....	-1.2	8.7	3.0	2.4	-3.3
2000-2001.....	0.0	6.1	1.0	5.1	-2.4
1999-2000.....	1.3	3.4	3.6	0.4	1.5
1998-1999.....	-9.5	-7.6	-3.4	-12.7	-8.5
1997-1998.....	-10.7	-15.9	-4.0	-15.6	-8.7
1996-1997.....	-6.3	-11.4	-0.5	-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
1994-2003.....	-35.9	-35.1	-9.5	-43.3	-33.0
Rate per 100,000 population ¹					
2003.....	569.4	6.7	27.6	177.0	358.1
2002.....	589.2	6.8	28.8	183.6	370.0
2001.....	605.6	6.3	28.4	182.1	388.8
2000.....	610.5	6.0	28.4	174.7	401.4
1999.....	610.7	5.9	27.7	176.4	400.7
1998.....	686.0	6.5	29.2	205.3	445.1
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
Percent change in rate					
2002-2003.....	-3.4	-1.5	-4.2	-3.6	-3.2
2001-2002.....	-2.7	7.9	1.4	0.8	-4.8
2000-2001.....	-0.8	5.0	0.0	4.2	-3.1
1999-2000.....	0.0	1.7	2.5	-1.0	0.2
1998-1999.....	-11.0	-9.2	-5.1	-14.1	-10.0
1997-1998.....	-12.2	-16.7	-5.5	-16.9	-10.1
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
1994-2003.....	-42.6	-41.7	-19.1	-49.3	-40.1

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

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

Table 2
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1994-2003
 By Gender of Victim
 Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Gender of victim	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Percent change	
											1994-2003	2002-2003
Total												
Number of victims.....	3,699	3,530	2,910	2,579	2,170	2,006	2,074	2,201	2,392	2,402	-35.1	0.4
Percent of victims.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Population.....	32,140,000	32,063,000	32,383,000	32,957,000	33,494,000	34,036,000	34,480,000	34,758,000	35,301,000	35,934,000	11.8	1.8
Percent of population.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Rate.....	11.5	11.0	9.0	7.8	6.5	5.9	6.0	6.3	6.8	6.7	-41.7	-1.5
Male¹												
Number of victims.....	3,090	2,901	2,368	2,097	1,727	1,568	1,666	1,756	1,938	1,972	-36.2	1.8
Percent of total victims.	83.5%	82.2%	81.4%	81.3%	79.6%	78.2%	80.3%	79.8%	81.0%	82.1%		
Population.....	16,302,037	16,643,729	16,979,256	17,135,207	16,810,163	17,099,812	17,398,995	17,694,411	17,984,195	18,270,127	12.1	1.6
Percent of population...	50.1%	50.1%	50.1%	50.0%	50.2%	50.2%	50.2%	50.2%	50.2%	50.2%		
Rate.....	19.0	17.4	13.9	12.2	10.3	9.2	9.6	9.9	10.8	10.8	-43.2	0.0
Female												
Number of victims.....	609	629	542	482	443	438	408	445	454	430	-29.4	-5.3
Percent of total victims.	16.5%	17.8%	18.6%	18.7%	20.4%	21.8%	19.7%	20.2%	19.0%	17.9%		
Population.....	16,218,103	16,545,201	16,884,383	17,159,994	16,696,243	16,972,666	17,254,400	17,538,924	17,818,043	18,093,375	11.6	1.5
Percent of population...	49.9%	49.9%	49.9%	50.0%	49.8%	49.8%	49.8%	49.8%	49.8%	49.8%		
Rate.....	3.8	3.8	3.2	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.4	-36.8	-4.0

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

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

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

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

¹ The "male" category includes homicide victims whose gender could not be determined: 1994 includes seven, 1995 includes six, 1997 includes five, 2000 includes two, 2001 includes one, and 2002 includes one.

Table 3
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1994-2003
 By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim
 Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Race/ethnic group of victim	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Percent change		
											1994-2003	2002-2003	
Total													
Number of victims.....	3,699	3,530	2,910	2,579	2,170	2,006	2,074	2,201	2,392	2,402	-35.1	0.4	
Percent of victims.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%			
Population.....	32,140,000	32,063,000	32,383,000	32,957,000	33,494,000	34,036,000	34,480,000	34,758,000	35,301,000	35,934,000	11.8	1.8	
Percent of population.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%			
Rate.....	11.5	11.0	9.0	7.8	6.5	5.9	6.0	6.3	6.8	6.7	-41.7	-1.5	
White													
Number of victims.....	771	726	617	547	523	446	421	442	417	444	-42.4	6.5	
Percent of total victims..	20.8%	20.6%	21.2%	21.2%	24.1%	22.2%	20.3%	20.1%	17.4%	18.5%			
Population.....	17,511,489	17,593,222	17,787,715	17,849,510	17,258,003	17,339,690	17,421,511	17,503,225	17,573,850	17,635,296	0.7	0.3	
Percent of population....	53.8%	53.0%	52.5%	52.0%	51.5%	50.9%	50.3%	49.7%	49.1%	48.5%			
Rate.....	4.4	4.1	3.5	3.1	3.0	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.5	-43.2	4.2	
Hispanic													
Number of victims.....	1,572	1,615	1,291	1,154	964	909	933	985	1,066	1,053	-33.0	-1.2	
Percent of total victims..	42.5%	45.8%	44.4%	44.7%	44.4%	45.3%	45.0%	44.8%	44.6%	43.8%			
Population.....	9,340,495	9,764,691	10,114,228	10,421,039	10,022,551	10,352,763	10,688,752	11,020,710	11,352,852	11,685,915	25.1	2.9	
Percent of population....	28.7%	29.4%	29.9%	30.4%	29.9%	30.4%	30.8%	31.3%	31.7%	32.1%			
Rate.....	16.8	16.5	12.8	11.1	9.6	8.8	8.7	8.9	9.4	9.0	-46.4	-4.3	
Black													
Number of victims.....	1,111	922	794	682	523	488	589	622	734	713	-35.8	-2.9	
Percent of total victims..	30.0%	26.1%	27.3%	26.4%	24.1%	24.3%	28.4%	28.3%	30.7%	29.7%			
Population.....	2,255,738	2,293,634	2,330,391	2,314,836	2,309,152	2,320,916	2,337,935	2,355,812	2,373,399	2,390,411	6.0	0.7	
Percent of population....	6.9%	6.9%	6.9%	6.7%	6.9%	6.8%	6.7%	6.7%	6.6%	6.6%			
Rate.....	49.3	40.2	34.1	29.5	22.6	21.0	25.2	26.4	30.9	29.8	-39.6	-3.6	
Other													
Number of victims.....	226	254	198	177	147	157	121	145	166	185	-18.1	11.4	
Percent of total victims..	6.1%	7.2%	6.8%	6.9%	6.8%	7.8%	5.8%	6.6%	6.9%	7.7%			
Population.....	3,412,418	3,537,383	3,631,305	3,709,816	3,916,700	4,059,109	4,205,197	4,353,588	4,502,137	4,651,880	36.3	3.3	
Percent of population....	10.5%	10.7%	10.7%	10.8%	11.7%	11.9%	12.1%	12.4%	12.6%	12.8%			
Rate.....	6.6	7.2	5.5	4.8	3.8	3.9	2.9	3.3	3.7	4.0	-39.4	8.1	
Unknown													
Number of victims.....	19	13	10	19	13	6	10	7	9	7	-	-	
Percent of total victims..	0.5%	0.4%	0.3%	0.7%	0.6%	0.3%	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%			
Population.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Percent of population....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Rate.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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

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

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

Population breakdowns by 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, 1994-2003
 By Age of Victim
 Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Age of victim	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Percent change	
											1994-2003	2002-2003
Total												
Number of victims.....	3,699	3,530	2,910	2,579	2,170	2,006	2,074	2,201	2,392	2,402	-35.1	0.4
Percent of victims.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Population.....	32,140,000	32,063,000	32,383,000	32,957,000	33,494,000	34,036,000	34,480,000	34,758,000	35,301,000	35,934,000	11.8	1.8
Percent of population.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Rate.....	11.5	11.0	9.0	7.8	6.5	5.9	6.0	6.3	6.8	6.7	-41.7	-1.5
Under 18												
Number of victims.....	470	519	421	361	306	276	246	252	247	240	-48.9	-2.8
Percent of total victims.	12.7%	14.7%	14.5%	14.0%	14.1%	13.8%	11.9%	11.4%	10.3%	10.0%		
Population.....	8,917,191	9,191,662	9,456,115	9,701,218	9,426,168	9,587,332	9,770,687	9,932,913	10,095,903	10,248,237	14.9	1.5
Percent of population...	27.4%	27.7%	27.9%	28.3%	28.1%	28.1%	28.2%	28.2%	28.2%	28.2%		
Rate.....	5.3	5.6	4.5	3.7	3.2	2.9	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.3	-56.6	-4.2
18-29												
Number of victims.....	1,603	1,510	1,183	1,068	933	840	888	992	1,098	1,100	-31.4	0.2
Percent of total victims.	43.3%	42.8%	40.7%	41.4%	43.0%	41.9%	42.8%	45.1%	45.9%	45.8%		
Population.....	5,934,537	5,854,943	5,770,311	5,537,727	5,474,990	5,511,604	5,523,472	5,555,926	6,123,037	5,740,606	-3.3	-6.2
Percent of population...	18.2%	17.6%	17.0%	16.1%	16.3%	16.2%	15.9%	15.8%	17.1%	15.8%		
Rate.....	27.0	25.8	20.5	19.3	17.0	15.2	16.1	17.9	17.9	19.2	-28.9	7.3
30-39												
Number of victims.....	861	737	630	534	428	364	377	426	449	486	-43.6	8.2
Percent of total victims.	23.3%	20.9%	21.6%	20.7%	19.7%	18.1%	18.2%	19.4%	18.8%	20.2%		
Population.....	5,874,969	5,942,572	5,968,805	5,942,241	5,654,098	5,629,424	5,597,411	5,535,620	4,994,720	5,384,170	-8.4	7.8
Percent of population...	18.1%	17.9%	17.6%	17.3%	16.9%	16.5%	16.2%	15.7%	14.0%	14.8%		
Rate.....	14.7	12.4	10.6	9.0	7.6	6.5	6.7	7.7	9.0	9.0	-38.8	0.0
40 and over												
Number of victims.....	698	719	636	580	480	505	534	519	579	560	-19.8	-3.3
Percent of total victims.	18.9%	20.4%	21.9%	22.5%	22.1%	25.2%	25.7%	23.6%	24.2%	23.3%		
Population.....	11,793,443	12,199,753	12,668,408	13,114,015	12,951,150	13,344,118	13,761,825	14,208,876	14,588,578	14,990,489	27.1	2.8
Percent of population...	36.3%	36.8%	37.4%	38.2%	38.7%	39.2%	39.7%	40.3%	40.7%	41.2%		
Rate.....	5.9	5.9	5.0	4.4	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.7	-37.3	-7.5
Unknown												
Number of victims.....	67	45	40	36	23	21	29	12	19	16	-	-
Percent of total victims.	1.8%	1.3%	1.4%	1.4%	1.1%	1.0%	1.4%	0.5%	0.8%	0.7%		
Population.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percent of population...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rate.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

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

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

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

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

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

Table 5
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1994-2003
 By Gender of Victim

Year(s)	Total		Male ¹		Female	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2003.....	2,402	100.0	1,972	82.1	430	17.9
2002.....	2,392	100.0	1,938	81.0	454	19.0
2001.....	2,201	100.0	1,756	79.8	445	20.2
2000.....	2,074	100.0	1,666	80.3	408	19.7
1999.....	2,006	100.0	1,568	78.2	438	21.8
1998.....	2,170	100.0	1,727	79.6	443	20.4
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

¹ The "male" category includes homicide victims whose gender could not be determined: 1994 includes seven, 1995 includes six, 1997 includes five, 2000 includes two, 2001 includes one, and 2002 includes one.

Table 6
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1994-2003
 By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim

Year(s)	Total including unknown	Unknown	Known race/ethnic group of victim									
			Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2003.....	2,402	7	2,395	100.0	444	18.5	1,053	44.0	713	29.8	185	7.7
2002.....	2,392	9	2,383	100.0	417	17.5	1,066	44.7	734	30.8	166	7.0
2001.....	2,201	7	2,194	100.0	442	20.1	985	44.9	622	28.4	145	6.6
2000.....	2,074	10	2,064	100.0	421	20.4	933	45.2	589	28.5	121	5.9
1999.....	2,006	6	2,000	100.0	446	22.3	909	45.5	488	24.4	157	7.9
1998.....	2,170	13	2,157	100.0	523	24.2	964	44.7	523	24.2	147	6.8
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

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

Table 7
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1994-2003
 By Age of Victim

Year(s)	Total including unknown	Unknown	Known age of victim									
			Total		Under 18		18-29		30-39		40 and over	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2003.....	2,402	16	2,386	100.0	240	10.1	1,100	46.1	486	20.4	560	23.5
2002.....	2,392	19	2,373	100.0	247	10.4	1,098	46.3	449	18.9	579	24.4
2001.....	2,201	12	2,189	100.0	252	11.5	992	45.3	426	19.5	519	23.7
2000.....	2,074	29	2,045	100.0	246	12.0	888	43.4	377	18.4	534	26.1
1999.....	2,006	21	1,985	100.0	276	13.9	840	42.3	364	18.3	505	25.4
1998.....	2,170	23	2,147	100.0	306	14.3	933	43.5	428	19.9	480	22.4
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

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

Table 8
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
 Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Gender of Victim

Gender of victim	Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other		Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	2,402	100.0	444	100.0	1,053	100.0	713	100.0	185	100.0	7	100.0
Male.....	1,972	82.1	303	68.2	915	86.9	614	86.1	134	72.4	6	-
Female.....	430	17.9	141	31.8	138	13.1	99	13.9	51	27.6	1	-

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

Table 9
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
 Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Age of Victim

Age of victim	Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other		Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total including unknown..	2,402		444		1,053		713		185		7	
Unknown.....	16		3		8		1		0		4	
Total known.....	2,386	100.0	441	100.0	1,045	100.0	712	100.0	185	100.0	3	100.0
Under 18.....	240	10.1	38	8.6	114	10.9	67	9.4	21	11.4	0	-
18-29.....	1,100	46.1	107	24.3	586	56.1	331	46.5	73	39.5	3	-
30-39.....	486	20.4	93	21.1	197	18.9	170	23.9	26	14.1	0	-
40 and over.....	560	23.5	203	46.0	148	14.2	144	20.2	65	35.1	0	-

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

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

Table 10
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Gender and Age of Victim

Gender and age of victim	Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other		Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	2,402	100.0	444	100.0	1,053	100.0	713	100.0	185	100.0	7	100.0
Under 18.....	240	10.0	38	8.6	114	10.8	67	9.4	21	11.4	0	-
18-19.....	228	9.5	20	4.5	129	12.3	69	9.7	10	5.4	0	-
20-24.....	517	21.5	46	10.4	281	26.7	147	20.6	40	21.6	3	-
25-29.....	355	14.8	41	9.2	176	16.7	115	16.1	23	12.4	0	-
30-34.....	271	11.3	51	11.5	115	10.9	89	12.5	16	8.6	0	-
35-39.....	215	9.0	42	9.5	82	7.8	81	11.4	10	5.4	0	-
40-44.....	169	7.0	50	11.3	50	4.7	56	7.9	13	7.0	0	-
45-49.....	129	5.4	39	8.8	40	3.8	38	5.3	12	6.5	0	-
50-54.....	84	3.5	35	7.9	24	2.3	18	2.5	7	3.8	0	-
55 and over....	178	7.4	79	17.8	34	3.2	32	4.5	33	17.8	0	-
Unknown.....	16	0.7	3	0.7	8	0.8	1	0.1	0	0.0	4	-
Male.....	1,972	100.0	303	100.0	915	100.0	614	100.0	134	100.0	6	100.0
Under 18.....	176	8.9	22	7.3	87	9.5	55	9.0	12	9.0	0	-
18-19.....	209	10.6	14	4.6	121	13.2	64	10.4	10	7.5	0	-
20-24.....	467	23.7	38	12.5	260	28.4	133	21.7	34	25.4	2	-
25-29.....	309	15.7	27	8.9	157	17.2	106	17.3	19	14.2	0	-
30-34.....	228	11.6	37	12.2	102	11.1	76	12.4	13	9.7	0	-
35-39.....	172	8.7	30	9.9	69	7.5	69	11.2	4	3.0	0	-
40-44.....	124	6.3	33	10.9	40	4.4	43	7.0	8	6.0	0	-
45-49.....	95	4.8	27	8.9	30	3.3	30	4.9	8	6.0	0	-
50-54.....	61	3.1	24	7.9	18	2.0	14	2.3	5	3.7	0	-
55 and over..	116	5.9	49	16.2	23	2.5	23	3.7	21	15.7	0	-
Unknown.....	15	0.8	2	0.7	8	0.9	1	0.2	0	0.0	4	-
Female.....	430	100.0	141	100.0	138	100.0	99	100.0	51	100.0	1	100.0
Under 18.....	64	14.9	16	11.3	27	19.6	12	12.1	9	17.6	0	-
18-19.....	19	4.4	6	4.3	8	5.8	5	5.1	0	0.0	0	-
20-24.....	50	11.6	8	5.7	21	15.2	14	14.1	6	11.8	1	-
25-29.....	46	10.7	14	9.9	19	13.8	9	9.1	4	7.8	0	-
30-34.....	43	10.0	14	9.9	13	9.4	13	13.1	3	5.9	0	-
35-39.....	43	10.0	12	8.5	13	9.4	12	12.1	6	11.8	0	-
40-44.....	45	10.5	17	12.1	10	7.2	13	13.1	5	9.8	0	-
45-49.....	34	7.9	12	8.5	10	7.2	8	8.1	4	7.8	0	-
50-54.....	23	5.3	11	7.8	6	4.3	4	4.0	2	3.9	0	-
55 and over..	62	14.4	30	21.3	11	8.0	9	9.1	12	23.5	0	-
Unknown.....	1	0.2	1	0.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	-

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

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

Table 11
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1994-2003
 By Relationship of Victim to Offender

Relationship of victim to offender	1994		1995		1996		1997		1998	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total including unknown.....	3,699		3,530		2,910		2,579		2,170	
Unknown.....	994		947		728		859		625	
Total known.....	2,705	100.0	2,583	100.0	2,182	100.0	1,720	100.0	1,545	100.0
Friend, acquaintance ¹	1,680	62.1	1,359	52.6	1,075	49.3	869	50.5	766	49.6
Spouse, parent, child.....	239	8.8	260	10.1	261	12.0	203	11.8	192	12.4
Spouse ²	113	4.2	123	4.8	115	5.3	89	5.2	83	5.4
Parent, child ³	126	4.7	137	5.3	146	6.7	114	6.6	109	7.1
All other relatives.....	77	2.8	77	3.0	43	2.0	46	2.7	41	2.7
Stranger.....	709	26.2	887	34.3	803	36.8	602	35.0	546	35.3

Relationship of victim to offender (cont.)	1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		Percent change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1994- 2003	2002- 2003
Total including unknown.....	2,006		2,074		2,201		2,392		2,402			
Unknown.....	761		796		900		969		1,109			
Total known.....	1,245	100.0	1,278	100.0	1,301	100.0	1,423	100.0	1,293	100.0	-52.2	-9.1
Friend, acquaintance ¹	632	50.8	601	47.0	596	45.8	663	46.6	601	46.5	-64.2	-9.4
Spouse, parent, child.....	202	16.2	207	16.2	183	14.1	204	14.3	198	15.3	-17.2	-2.9
Spouse ²	85	6.8	115	9.0	87	6.7	97	6.8	93	7.2	-17.7	-4.1
Parent, child ³	117	9.4	92	7.2	96	7.4	107	7.5	105	8.1	-16.7	-1.9
All other relatives.....	49	3.9	40	3.1	49	3.8	42	3.0	52	4.0	-32.5	-
Stranger.....	362	29.1	430	33.6	473	36.4	514	36.1	442	34.2	-37.7	-14.0

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

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

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

² Includes "common-law" marriage partner.

³ Includes stepmother, stepfather, stepdaughter, and stepson.

Table 12
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
 Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Relationship of Victim to Offender

Relationship of victim to offender	Total	Gender		Race/ethnic group				
		Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown
Number								
Total including unknown.....	2,402	1,972	430	444	1,053	713	185	7
Unknown.....	1,109	998	111	101	537	390	75	6
Total known.....	1,293	974	319	343	516	323	110	1
Friend, acquaintance ¹	601	465	136	179	239	139	43	1
Spouse, parent, child.....	198	71	127	69	72	33	24	0
Spouse ²	93	14	79	29	36	12	16	0
Parent, child ³	105	57	48	40	36	21	8	0
All other relatives.....	52	30	22	13	12	14	13	0
Stranger.....	442	408	34	82	193	137	30	0
Percent based on total known								
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Friend, acquaintance ¹	46.5	47.7	42.6	52.2	46.3	43.0	39.1	-
Spouse, parent, child.....	15.3	7.3	39.8	20.1	14.0	10.2	21.8	-
Spouse ²	7.2	1.4	24.8	8.5	7.0	3.7	14.5	-
Parent, child ³	8.1	5.9	15.0	11.7	7.0	6.5	7.3	-
All other relatives.....	4.0	3.1	6.9	3.8	2.3	4.3	11.8	-
Stranger.....	34.2	41.9	10.7	23.9	37.4	42.4	27.3	-

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

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

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

² Includes "common-law" marriage partner.

³ Includes stepmother, stepfather, stepdaughter, and stepson.

Table 13
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
 Age of Victim by Relationship of Victim to Offender

Relationship of victim to offender	Total	Under 18	18-29	30-39	40 and over	Unknown
Number						
Total including unknown.....	2,402	240	1,100	486	560	16
Unknown.....	1,109	81	592	221	200	15
Total known.....	1,293	159	508	265	360	1
Friend, acquaintance ¹	601	48	264	141	148	0
Spouse, parent, child.....	198	61	21	33	83	0
Spouse ²	93	0	17	28	48	0
Parent, child ³	105	61	4	5	35	0
All other relatives.....	52	9	10	6	26	1
Stranger.....	442	41	213	85	103	0
Percent based on total known						
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Friend, acquaintance ¹	46.5	30.2	52.0	53.2	41.1	-
Spouse, parent, child.....	15.3	38.4	4.1	12.5	23.1	-
Spouse ²	7.2	0.0	3.3	10.6	13.3	-
Parent, child ³	8.1	38.4	0.8	1.9	9.7	-
All other relatives.....	4.0	5.7	2.0	2.3	7.2	-
Stranger.....	34.2	25.8	41.9	32.1	28.6	-

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

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

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

² Includes "common-law" marriage partner.

³ Includes stepmother, stepfather, stepdaughter, and stepson.

Table 14
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1994-2003
 By County
 Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

County	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Number										
Statewide total.....	3,699	3,530	2,910	2,579	2,170	2,006	2,074	2,201	2,392	2,402
Alameda.....	187	196	142	142	107	85	110	108	144	139
Alpine.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Butte.....	6	5	10	8	6	4	8	11	5	9
Calaveras.....	4	3	2	2	2	0	4	2	2	2
Colusa.....	0	1	0	2	1	3	4	0	0	0
Contra Costa.....	120	80	71	63	54	57	56	49	48	74
Del Norte.....	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	2	0
El Dorado.....	7	4	2	4	7	3	3	5	4	2
Fresno.....	122	105	93	84	57	43	38	61	62	59
Glenn.....	0	0	1	0	3	1	1	0	0	2
Humboldt.....	7	8	3	8	5	12	4	7	12	8
Imperial.....	6	9	13	5	8	2	4	5	3	12
Inyo.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Kern.....	92	71	52	55	55	52	37	39	51	46
Kings.....	7	7	10	5	5	1	3	1	4	5
Lake.....	4	5	2	5	6	4	5	1	4	1
Lassen.....	2	4	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles.....	1,669	1,682	1,398	1,176	959	891	1,000	1,070	1,162	1,053
Madera.....	15	12	11	6	12	6	10	15	6	7
Marin.....	2	7	2	1	1	2	5	3	4	0
Mariposa.....	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Mendocino.....	6	3	5	7	6	7	5	4	4	9
Merced.....	16	11	8	17	17	14	6	5	18	16
Modoc.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Mono.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Monterey.....	40	26	23	33	27	29	25	26	28	27
Napa.....	2	2	0	2	1	2	3	1	2	2
Nevada.....	2	1	2	0	3	6	1	6	3	2
Orange.....	171	166	111	102	85	92	56	63	77	64

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Table 14 - continued
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1994-2003
 By County
 Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

County	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Number										
Placer.....	8	7	5	3	7	1	5	3	0	10
Plumas.....	0	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	2
Riverside.....	166	133	111	110	104	89	79	93	111	94
Sacramento.....	126	103	93	87	73	82	75	78	83	83
San Benito.....	2	2	0	1	2	1	3	6	1	2
San Bernardino...	243	225	185	146	147	110	145	125	141	163
San Diego.....	206	198	166	125	87	106	97	92	87	129
San Francisco.....	92	99	82	59	58	64	59	62	68	69
San Joaquin.....	64	62	66	73	42	39	39	50	59	58
San Luis Obispo..	9	8	5	5	7	4	3	7	3	7
San Mateo.....	26	35	11	28	23	18	10	18	21	20
Santa Barbara.....	11	11	12	10	11	5	10	12	8	4
Santa Clara.....	56	56	48	62	44	37	34	34	37	48
Santa Cruz.....	6	8	10	4	9	4	9	13	6	13
Shasta.....	12	8	9	7	7	11	3	5	5	5
Sierra.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Siskiyou.....	0	5	2	0	3	0	1	1	4	2
Solano.....	44	27	22	12	14	16	21	10	16	20
Sonoma.....	18	15	17	13	11	8	11	12	16	12
Stanislaus.....	27	32	28	29	25	25	16	34	15	27
Sutter.....	3	2	5	4	1	5	2	5	7	3
Tehama.....	2	5	3	1	5	1	5	3	2	1
Trinity.....	2	1	1	3	0	1	2	0	0	1
Tulare.....	42	39	22	29	22	24	17	26	29	30
Tuolumne.....	3	0	1	0	0	2	2	1	2	4
Ventura.....	28	26	33	25	24	19	24	19	21	42
Yolo.....	11	9	7	7	8	6	6	4	5	5
Yuba.....	4	4	2	6	6	2	3	3	0	5

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Table 14 - continued
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1994-2003
 By County
 Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

County	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Rate per 100,000 population										
Statewide total.....	11.5	11.0	9.0	7.8	6.5	5.9	6.0	6.3	6.8	6.7
Alameda.....	13.8	14.5	10.4	10.2	7.5	5.9	7.5	7.3	9.7	9.3
Alpine.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amador.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Butte.....	2.9	2.5	5.1	4.0	3.0	2.0	3.9	5.3	2.4	4.2
Calaveras.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colusa.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contra Costa.....	13.7	9.2	8.1	7.0	5.9	6.1	5.8	5.0	4.9	7.4
Del Norte.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
El Dorado.....	4.8	2.8	1.4	2.7	4.7	2.0	1.9	3.1	2.4	1.2
Fresno.....	16.1	13.9	12.1	10.8	7.3	5.4	4.7	7.4	7.4	6.9
Glenn.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Humboldt.....	5.5	6.4	2.4	6.3	4.0	9.5	3.1	5.5	9.4	6.2
Imperial.....	4.3	6.6	9.2	3.5	5.6	1.4	2.7	3.3	2.0	7.8
Inyo.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kern.....	14.8	11.5	8.3	8.7	8.6	8.0	5.5	5.7	7.3	6.4
Kings.....	6.1	6.1	8.6	4.2	4.0	0.8	2.2	0.8	3.0	3.6
Lake.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lassen.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles.....	18.1	18.0	14.9	12.3	9.9	9.1	10.3	11.0	11.7	10.5
Madera.....	13.9	11.3	10.0	5.3	10.5	5.1	7.8	11.5	4.6	5.2
Marin.....	0.8	2.9	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.8	2.0	1.2	1.6	0.0
Mariposa.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mendocino.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Merced.....	8.0	5.5	4.0	8.4	8.3	6.8	2.8	2.3	8.1	6.9
Modoc.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mono.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Monterey.....	10.8	7.2	6.4	8.7	7.0	7.4	6.1	6.4	6.8	6.4
Napa.....	1.7	1.7	0.0	1.7	0.8	1.6	2.4	0.8	1.6	1.5
Nevada.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Orange.....	6.5	6.3	4.2	3.8	3.1	3.3	1.9	2.2	2.6	2.1

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Table 14 - continued
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1994-2003
 By County
 Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

County	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Rate per 100,000 population										
Placer.....	3.9	3.4	2.4	1.4	3.1	0.4	2.0	1.1	0.0	3.5
Plumas.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Riverside.....	12.0	9.7	8.0	7.7	7.1	5.9	5.0	5.7	6.6	5.3
Sacramento.....	11.1	9.2	8.2	7.6	6.3	6.8	6.0	6.2	6.4	6.2
San Benito.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Bernardino...	15.1	14.2	11.6	9.0	8.9	6.6	8.3	7.1	7.8	8.7
San Diego.....	7.6	7.4	6.2	4.5	3.1	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.0	4.3
San Francisco.....	12.2	13.2	10.7	7.6	7.3	8.0	7.5	7.9	8.6	8.8
San Joaquin.....	12.2	11.8	12.4	13.5	7.6	6.9	6.8	8.5	9.7	9.3
San Luis Obispo..	3.8	3.5	2.2	2.1	2.9	1.7	1.2	2.8	1.2	2.7
San Mateo.....	3.8	5.1	1.6	3.9	3.2	2.5	1.4	2.5	2.9	2.8
Santa Barbara.....	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.5	2.7	1.2	2.5	3.0	2.0	1.0
Santa Clara.....	3.5	3.5	2.9	3.7	2.6	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.8
Santa Cruz.....	2.5	3.3	4.1	1.6	3.6	1.6	3.5	5.0	2.3	5.0
Shasta.....	7.3	5.0	5.6	4.3	4.2	6.7	1.8	3.0	2.9	2.8
Sierra.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Siskiyou.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Solano.....	11.7	7.3	5.9	3.2	3.6	4.1	5.2	2.5	3.9	4.8
Sonoma.....	4.2	3.6	4.0	3.0	2.5	1.8	2.4	2.6	3.4	2.5
Stanislaus.....	6.5	7.7	6.7	6.8	5.8	5.7	3.5	7.3	3.1	5.5
Sutter.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tehama.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trinity.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tulare.....	11.9	11.1	6.2	8.1	6.1	6.6	4.5	6.9	7.6	7.6
Tuolumne.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ventura.....	3.9	3.6	4.6	3.4	3.3	2.5	3.1	2.5	2.7	5.3
Yolo.....	7.3	6.0	4.6	4.5	5.1	3.8	3.5	2.3	2.8	2.7
Yuba.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Notes: Dash indicates that a rate is not computed when a county's population is less than 100,000 in a given year.

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

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

Table 15
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1994-2003
 By Season and Month of Incident

Season and month of incident	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Number										
Total including unknown...	3,699	3,530	2,910	2,579	2,170	2,006	2,074	2,201	2,392	2,402
Unknown.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total known.....	3,699	3,530	2,910	2,579	2,170	2,006	2,074	2,201	2,392	2,402
Spring.....	925	806	682	651	517	451	464	528	582	566
March.....	316	272	201	226	197	142	126	159	189	191
April.....	307	255	225	217	156	147	162	176	188	154
May.....	302	279	256	208	164	162	176	193	205	221
Summer.....	942	978	745	678	568	562	597	581	623	652
June.....	307	270	254	212	177	157	205	165	183	197
July.....	305	333	272	232	171	199	185	208	230	233
August.....	330	375	219	234	220	206	207	208	210	222
Fall.....	930	956	699	662	522	516	497	613	638	601
September.....	310	326	256	228	159	171	173	221	253	209
October.....	345	345	212	240	178	174	174	213	181	213
November.....	275	285	231	194	185	171	150	179	204	179
Winter.....	902	790	784	588	563	477	516	479	549	583
December.....	293	281	238	194	207	166	210	168	175	210
January.....	315	279	296	203	199	183	175	171	214	189
February.....	294	230	250	191	157	128	131	140	160	184
Percent based on total known										
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Spring.....	25.0	22.8	23.4	25.2	23.8	22.5	22.4	24.0	24.3	23.6
March.....	8.5	7.7	6.9	8.8	9.1	7.1	6.1	7.2	7.9	8.0
April.....	8.3	7.2	7.7	8.4	7.2	7.3	7.8	8.0	7.9	6.4
May.....	8.2	7.9	8.8	8.1	7.6	8.1	8.5	8.8	8.6	9.2
Summer.....	25.5	27.7	25.6	26.3	26.2	28.0	28.8	26.4	26.0	27.1
June.....	8.3	7.6	8.7	8.2	8.2	7.8	9.9	7.5	7.7	8.2
July.....	8.2	9.4	9.3	9.0	7.9	9.9	8.9	9.5	9.6	9.7
August.....	8.9	10.6	7.5	9.1	10.1	10.3	10.0	9.5	8.8	9.2
Fall.....	25.1	27.1	24.0	25.7	24.1	25.7	24.0	27.9	26.7	25.0
September.....	8.4	9.2	8.8	8.8	7.3	8.5	8.3	10.0	10.6	8.7
October.....	9.3	9.8	7.3	9.3	8.2	8.7	8.4	9.7	7.6	8.9
November.....	7.4	8.1	7.9	7.5	8.5	8.5	7.2	8.1	8.5	7.5
Winter.....	24.4	22.4	26.9	22.8	25.9	23.8	24.9	21.8	23.0	24.3
December.....	7.9	8.0	8.2	7.5	9.5	8.3	10.1	7.6	7.3	8.7
January.....	8.5	7.9	10.2	7.9	9.2	9.1	8.4	7.8	8.9	7.9
February.....	7.9	6.5	8.6	7.4	7.2	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.7	7.7

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

Table 16
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
 Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Day of Incident

Day of incident	Total	Gender		Race/ethnic group				
		Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown
Number								
Total including unknown....	2,402	1,972	430	444	1,053	713	185	7
Unknown.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total known.....	2,402	1,972	430	444	1,053	713	185	7
Weekday.....	1,545	1,236	309	311	629	467	131	7
Monday.....	333	271	62	74	133	99	25	2
Tuesday.....	318	242	76	63	133	91	31	0
Wednesday.....	309	242	67	58	123	93	34	1
Thursday.....	258	213	45	65	102	77	12	2
Friday.....	327	268	59	51	138	107	29	2
Weekend.....	857	736	121	133	424	246	54	0
Saturday.....	415	355	60	76	193	120	26	0
Sunday.....	442	381	61	57	231	126	28	0
Percent based on total known								
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Weekday.....	64.3	62.7	71.9	70.0	59.7	65.5	70.8	-
Monday.....	13.9	13.7	14.4	16.7	12.6	13.9	13.5	-
Tuesday.....	13.2	12.3	17.7	14.2	12.6	12.8	16.8	-
Wednesday.....	12.9	12.3	15.6	13.1	11.7	13.0	18.4	-
Thursday.....	10.7	10.8	10.5	14.6	9.7	10.8	6.5	-
Friday.....	13.6	13.6	13.7	11.5	13.1	15.0	15.7	-
Weekend.....	35.7	37.3	28.1	30.0	40.3	34.5	29.2	-
Saturday.....	17.3	18.0	14.0	17.1	18.3	16.8	14.1	-
Sunday.....	18.4	19.3	14.2	12.8	21.9	17.7	15.1	-
Average daily number of incidents ¹								
Weekday.....	5.9	4.7	1.2	1.2	2.4	1.8	0.5	0.0
Weekend.....	8.2	7.1	1.2	1.3	4.1	2.4	0.5	0.0

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

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

Average daily number of incidents may not add to totals because of rounding.

¹ There were 365 days in 2003; 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, 2003
 Age of Victim by Day of Incident

Day of incident	Total	Under 18	18-29	30-39	40 and over	Unknown
Number						
Total including unknown.....	2,402	240	1,100	486	560	16
Unknown.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total known.....	2,402	240	1,100	486	560	16
Weekday.....	1,545	160	669	317	387	12
Monday.....	333	33	148	75	74	3
Tuesday.....	318	34	131	66	86	1
Wednesday.....	309	35	125	57	88	4
Thursday.....	258	30	105	57	65	1
Friday.....	327	28	160	62	74	3
Weekend.....	857	80	431	169	173	4
Saturday.....	415	44	208	77	84	2
Sunday.....	442	36	223	92	89	2
Percent based on total known						
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Weekday.....	64.3	66.7	60.8	65.2	69.1	-
Monday.....	13.9	13.8	13.5	15.4	13.2	-
Tuesday.....	13.2	14.2	11.9	13.6	15.4	-
Wednesday.....	12.9	14.6	11.4	11.7	15.7	-
Thursday.....	10.7	12.5	9.5	11.7	11.6	-
Friday.....	13.6	11.7	14.5	12.8	13.2	-
Weekend.....	35.7	33.3	39.2	34.8	30.9	-
Saturday.....	17.3	18.3	18.9	15.8	15.0	-
Sunday.....	18.4	15.0	20.3	18.9	15.9	-
Average daily number of incidents ¹						
Weekday.....	5.9	0.6	2.6	1.2	1.5	0.0
Weekend.....	8.2	0.8	4.1	1.6	1.7	0.0

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

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

Average daily number of incidents may not add to totals because of rounding.

¹ There were 365 days in 2003; 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 18
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1994-2003
 By Location of Homicide

Location of homicide	1994		1995		1996		1997		1998	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total including unknown.....	3,699		3,530		2,910		2,579		2,170	
Unknown.....	0		0		2		1		2	
Total known.....	3,699	100.0	3,530	100.0	2,908	100.0	2,578	100.0	2,168	100.0
Victim's, shared residence...	944	25.5	943	26.7	807	27.8	746	28.9	629	29.0
Victim's residence.....	636	17.2	626	17.7	545	18.7	487	18.9	404	18.6
Shared residence.....	308	8.3	317	9.0	262	9.0	259	10.0	225	10.4
Street, sidewalk.....	1,429	38.6	1,466	41.5	1,165	40.1	994	38.6	823	38.0
All other.....	1,326	35.8	1,121	31.8	936	32.2	838	32.5	716	33.0
Hotel, motel.....	38	1.0	27	0.8	35	1.2	17	0.7	26	1.2
Other residence.....	256	6.9	206	5.8	204	7.0	175	6.8	132	6.1
Liquor store.....	10	0.3	7	0.2	4	0.1	5	0.2	4	0.2
Bar.....	61	1.6	57	1.6	39	1.3	29	1.1	32	1.5
Other business.....	140	3.8	110	3.1	104	3.6	90	3.5	84	3.9
Parking lot.....	163	4.4	164	4.6	101	3.5	77	3.0	68	3.1
Vehicle.....	373	10.1	295	8.4	242	8.3	226	8.8	182	8.4
Field, park.....	247	6.7	224	6.3	178	6.1	191	7.4	157	7.2
School.....	7	0.2	6	0.2	5	0.2	5	0.2	9	0.4
Other.....	31	0.8	25	0.7	24	0.8	23	0.9	22	1.0

Location of homicide (cont.)	1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		Percent change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1994-2003	2002-2003
Total including unknown.....	2,006		2,074		2,201		2,392		2,402			
Unknown.....	4		4		0		2		0			
Total known.....	2,002	100.0	2,070	100.0	2,201	100.0	2,390	100.0	2,402	100.0	-35.1	0.5
Victim's, shared residence...	686	34.3	612	29.6	573	26.0	655	27.4	623	25.9	-34.0	-4.9
Victim's residence.....	520	26.0	439	21.2	417	18.9	465	19.5	425	17.7	-33.2	-8.6
Shared residence.....	166	8.3	173	8.4	156	7.1	190	7.9	198	8.2	-35.7	4.2
Street, sidewalk.....	710	35.5	779	37.6	845	38.4	970	40.6	909	37.8	-36.4	-6.3
All other.....	606	30.3	679	32.8	783	35.6	765	32.0	870	36.2	-34.4	13.7
Hotel, motel.....	28	1.4	23	1.1	28	1.3	26	1.1	26	1.1	-	-
Other residence.....	119	5.9	162	7.8	173	7.9	147	6.2	173	7.2	-32.4	17.7
Liquor store.....	5	0.2	4	0.2	7	0.3	4	0.2	6	0.2	-	-
Bar.....	35	1.7	37	1.8	44	2.0	40	1.7	38	1.6	-37.7	-
Other business.....	54	2.7	76	3.7	61	2.8	61	2.6	75	3.1	-46.4	23.0
Parking lot.....	59	2.9	72	3.5	75	3.4	87	3.6	98	4.1	-39.9	12.6
Vehicle.....	139	6.9	156	7.5	196	8.9	228	9.5	274	11.4	-26.5	20.2
Field, park.....	129	6.4	120	5.8	167	7.6	134	5.6	147	6.1	-40.5	9.7
School.....	5	0.2	2	0.1	3	0.1	1	0.0	3	0.1	-	-
Other.....	33	1.6	27	1.3	29	1.3	37	1.5	30	1.2	-	-

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

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

Table 19
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
 Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Location of Homicide

Location of homicide	Total	Gender		Race/ethnic group				
		Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown
Number								
Total including unknown.....	2,402	1,972	430	444	1,053	713	185	7
Unknown.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total known.....	2,402	1,972	430	444	1,053	713	185	7
Victim's, shared residence...	623	383	240	191	230	136	66	0
Victim's residence.....	425	307	118	125	166	95	39	0
Shared residence.....	198	76	122	66	64	41	27	0
Street, sidewalk.....	909	849	60	80	450	351	28	0
All other.....	870	740	130	173	373	226	91	7
Hotel, motel.....	26	20	6	10	7	8	1	0
Other residence.....	173	143	30	49	75	36	11	2
Liquor store.....	6	5	1	1	2	2	1	0
Bar.....	38	35	3	6	19	5	8	0
Other business.....	75	64	11	12	32	15	16	0
Parking lot.....	98	89	9	12	49	29	8	0
Vehicle.....	274	238	36	30	109	107	26	2
Field, park.....	147	116	31	42	69	20	13	3
School.....	3	3	0	1	1	1	0	0
Other.....	30	27	3	10	10	3	7	0
Percent based on total known								
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Victim's, shared residence...	25.9	19.4	55.8	43.0	21.8	19.1	35.7	-
Victim's residence.....	17.7	15.6	27.4	28.2	15.8	13.3	21.1	-
Shared residence.....	8.2	3.9	28.4	14.9	6.1	5.8	14.6	-
Street, sidewalk.....	37.8	43.1	14.0	18.0	42.7	49.2	15.1	-
All other.....	36.2	37.5	30.2	39.0	35.4	31.7	49.2	-
Hotel, motel.....	1.1	1.0	1.4	2.3	0.7	1.1	0.5	-
Other residence.....	7.2	7.3	7.0	11.0	7.1	5.0	5.9	-
Liquor store.....	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	-
Bar.....	1.6	1.8	0.7	1.4	1.8	0.7	4.3	-
Other business.....	3.1	3.2	2.6	2.7	3.0	2.1	8.6	-
Parking lot.....	4.1	4.5	2.1	2.7	4.7	4.1	4.3	-
Vehicle.....	11.4	12.1	8.4	6.8	10.4	15.0	14.1	-
Field, park.....	6.1	5.9	7.2	9.5	6.6	2.8	7.0	-
School.....	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	-
Other.....	1.2	1.4	0.7	2.3	0.9	0.4	3.8	-

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Table 20
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
 Age of Victim by Location of Homicide

Location of homicide	Total	Under 18	18-29	30-39	40 and over	Unknown
Number						
Total including unknown.....	2,402	240	1,100	486	560	16
Unknown.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total known.....	2,402	240	1,100	486	560	16
Victim's, shared residence....	623	93	171	120	235	4
Victim's residence.....	425	42	134	85	160	4
Shared residence.....	198	51	37	35	75	0
Street, sidewalk.....	909	85	503	178	140	3
All other.....	870	62	426	188	185	9
Hotel, motel.....	26	1	8	3	14	0
Other residence.....	173	16	83	40	34	0
Liquor store.....	6	0	2	2	2	0
Bar.....	38	1	17	10	10	0
Other business.....	75	1	31	18	25	0
Parking lot.....	98	5	51	24	16	2
Vehicle.....	274	27	152	49	44	2
Field, park.....	147	10	70	34	28	5
School.....	3	0	2	0	1	0
Other.....	30	1	10	8	11	0
Percent based on total known						
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Victim's, shared residence....	25.9	38.8	15.5	24.7	42.0	-
Victim's residence.....	17.7	17.5	12.2	17.5	28.6	-
Shared residence.....	8.2	21.3	3.4	7.2	13.4	-
Street, sidewalk.....	37.8	35.4	45.7	36.6	25.0	-
All other.....	36.2	25.8	38.7	38.7	33.0	-
Hotel, motel.....	1.1	0.4	0.7	0.6	2.5	-
Other residence.....	7.2	6.7	7.5	8.2	6.1	-
Liquor store.....	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.4	-
Bar.....	1.6	0.4	1.5	2.1	1.8	-
Other business.....	3.1	0.4	2.8	3.7	4.5	-
Parking lot.....	4.1	2.1	4.6	4.9	2.9	-
Vehicle.....	11.4	11.3	13.8	10.1	7.9	-
Field, park.....	6.1	4.2	6.4	7.0	5.0	-
School.....	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	-
Other.....	1.2	0.4	0.9	1.6	2.0	-

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

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Table 21
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1994-2003
 By Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	1994		1995		1996		1997		1998	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total including unknown.....	3,699		3,530		2,910		2,579		2,170	
Unknown.....	33		29		45		40		36	
Total known.....	3,666	100.0	3,501	100.0	2,865	100.0	2,539	100.0	2,134	100.0
Firearm.....	2,778	75.8	2,590	74.0	2,055	71.7	1,835	72.3	1,469	68.8
Handgun.....	2,441	66.6	2,288	65.4	1,866	65.1	1,633	64.3	1,315	61.6
All other firearms.....	337	9.2	302	8.6	189	6.6	202	8.0	154	7.2
Rifle.....	141	3.8	140	4.0	95	3.3	115	4.5	89	4.2
Shotgun.....	165	4.5	123	3.5	86	3.0	72	2.8	57	2.7
Other firearm.....	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Firearm - unknown type..	31	0.8	39	1.1	8	0.3	15	0.6	8	0.4
Nonfirearm.....	888	24.2	911	26.0	810	28.3	704	27.7	665	31.2
Knife ¹	427	11.6	405	11.6	341	11.9	307	12.1	289	13.5
Blunt object ²	157	4.3	156	4.5	147	5.1	108	4.3	117	5.5
Personal weapon ³	156	4.3	165	4.7	156	5.4	148	5.8	112	5.2
All other.....	148	4.0	185	5.3	166	5.8	141	5.6	147	6.9
Rope ⁴	81	2.2	75	2.1	61	2.1	56	2.2	63	3.0
Drugs.....	4	0.1	2	0.1	8	0.3	6	0.2	2	0.1
Other.....	63	1.7	108	3.1	97	3.4	79	3.1	82	3.8

Type of weapon used (cont.)	1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		Percent change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1994-2003	2002-2003
Total including unknown.....	2,006		2,074		2,201		2,392		2,402			
Unknown.....	29		28		28		28		23			
Total known.....	1,977	100.0	2,046	100.0	2,173	100.0	2,364	100.0	2,379	100.0	-35.1	0.6
Firearm.....	1,334	67.5	1,440	70.4	1,568	72.2	1,735	73.4	1,733	72.8	-37.6	-0.1
Handgun.....	1,152	58.3	1,242	60.7	1,341	61.7	1,555	65.8	1,566	65.8	-35.8	0.7
All other firearms.....	182	9.2	198	9.7	227	10.4	180	7.6	167	7.0	-50.4	-7.2
Rifle.....	62	3.1	66	3.2	67	3.1	80	3.4	62	2.6	-56.0	-22.5
Shotgun.....	63	3.2	55	2.7	68	3.1	60	2.5	53	2.2	-67.9	-11.7
Other firearm.....	0	0.0	1	0.0	2	0.1	2	0.1	3	0.1	-	-
Firearm - unknown type..	57	2.9	76	3.7	90	4.1	38	1.6	49	2.1	-	-
Nonfirearm.....	643	32.5	606	29.6	605	27.8	629	26.6	646	27.2	-27.3	2.7
Knife ¹	254	12.8	285	13.9	298	13.7	274	11.6	258	10.8	-39.6	-5.8
Blunt object ²	134	6.8	98	4.8	95	4.4	116	4.9	116	4.9	-26.1	0.0
Personal weapon ³	106	5.4	111	5.4	103	4.7	118	5.0	138	5.8	-11.5	16.9
All other.....	149	7.5	112	5.5	109	5.0	121	5.1	134	5.6	-9.5	10.7
Rope ⁴	60	3.0	40	2.0	37	1.7	41	1.7	58	2.4	-28.4	-
Drugs.....	8	0.4	3	0.1	4	0.2	5	0.2	2	0.1	-	-
Other.....	81	4.1	69	3.4	68	3.1	75	3.2	74	3.1	17.5	-1.3

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² Club, etc.

³ Hands, feet, etc.

⁴ Any instrument used to hang or strangle.

Table 22
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
 Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	Total	Gender		Race/ethnic group				
		Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown
Number								
Total including unknown.....	2,402	1,972	430	444	1,053	713	185	7
Unknown.....	23	13	10	7	7	3	1	5
Total known.....	2,379	1,959	420	437	1,046	710	184	2
Firearm.....	1,733	1,533	200	209	804	596	123	1
Handgun.....	1,566	1,388	178	175	735	544	111	1
All other firearms.....	167	145	22	34	69	52	12	0
Rifle.....	62	51	11	11	20	24	7	0
Shotgun.....	53	47	6	14	25	11	3	0
Other firearm.....	3	2	1	1	0	1	1	0
Firearm - unknown type..	49	45	4	8	24	16	1	0
Nonfirearm.....	646	426	220	228	242	114	61	1
Knife ¹	258	181	77	71	117	44	26	0
Blunt object ²	116	85	31	41	37	23	14	1
Personal weapon ³	138	96	42	61	52	18	7	0
All other.....	134	64	70	55	36	29	14	0
Rope ⁴	58	19	39	20	13	18	7	0
Drugs.....	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	0
Other.....	74	45	29	35	22	10	7	0
Percent based on total known								
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Firearm.....	72.8	78.3	47.6	47.8	76.9	83.9	66.8	-
Handgun.....	65.8	70.9	42.4	40.0	70.3	76.6	60.3	-
All other firearms.....	7.0	7.4	5.2	7.8	6.6	7.3	6.5	-
Rifle.....	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5	1.9	3.4	3.8	-
Shotgun.....	2.2	2.4	1.4	3.2	2.4	1.5	1.6	-
Other firearm.....	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.5	-
Firearm - unknown type..	2.1	2.3	1.0	1.8	2.3	2.3	0.5	-
Nonfirearm.....	27.2	21.7	52.4	52.2	23.1	16.1	33.2	-
Knife ¹	10.8	9.2	18.3	16.2	11.2	6.2	14.1	-
Blunt object ²	4.9	4.3	7.4	9.4	3.5	3.2	7.6	-
Personal weapon ³	5.8	4.9	10.0	14.0	5.0	2.5	3.8	-
All other.....	5.6	3.3	16.7	12.6	3.4	4.1	7.6	-
Rope ⁴	2.4	1.0	9.3	4.6	1.2	2.5	3.8	-
Drugs.....	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	-
Other.....	3.1	2.3	6.9	8.0	2.1	1.4	3.8	-

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³ Hands, feet, etc.

⁴ Any instrument used to hang or strangle.

Table 23
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
 Age of Victim by Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	Total	Under 18	18-29	30-39	40 and over	Unknown
Number						
Total including unknown.....	2,402	240	1,100	486	560	16
Unknown.....	23	1	9	5	2	6
Total known.....	2,379	239	1,091	481	558	10
Firearm.....	1,733	147	933	356	289	8
Handgun.....	1,566	131	845	328	255	7
All other firearms.....	167	16	88	28	34	1
Rifle.....	62	6	35	10	11	0
Shotgun.....	53	4	24	12	13	0
Other firearm.....	3	0	1	2	0	0
Firearm - unknown type..	49	6	28	4	10	1
Nonfirearm.....	646	92	158	125	269	2
Knife ¹	258	11	96	60	91	0
Blunt object ²	116	12	10	20	72	2
Personal weapon ³	138	39	16	22	61	0
All other.....	134	30	36	23	45	0
Rope ⁴	58	5	20	13	20	0
Drugs.....	2	2	0	0	0	0
Other.....	74	23	16	10	25	0
Percent based on total known						
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Firearm.....	72.8	61.5	85.5	74.0	51.8	-
Handgun.....	65.8	54.8	77.5	68.2	45.7	-
All other firearms.....	7.0	6.7	8.1	5.8	6.1	-
Rifle.....	2.6	2.5	3.2	2.1	2.0	-
Shotgun.....	2.2	1.7	2.2	2.5	2.3	-
Other firearm.....	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.0	-
Firearm - unknown type..	2.1	2.5	2.6	0.8	1.8	-
Nonfirearm.....	27.2	38.5	14.5	26.0	48.2	-
Knife ¹	10.8	4.6	8.8	12.5	16.3	-
Blunt object ²	4.9	5.0	0.9	4.2	12.9	-
Personal weapon ³	5.8	16.3	1.5	4.6	10.9	-
All other.....	5.6	12.6	3.3	4.8	8.1	-
Rope ⁴	2.4	2.1	1.8	2.7	3.6	-
Drugs.....	0.1	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	-
Other.....	3.1	9.6	1.5	2.1	4.5	-

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Table 24
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1994-2003
 By Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	1994		1995		1996		1997		1998	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total including unknown.....	3,699		3,530		2,910		2,579		2,170	
Unknown.....	527		595		389		424		336	
Total known.....	3,172	100.0	2,935	100.0	2,521	100.0	2,155	100.0	1,834	100.0
Rape, robbery, burglary.	409	12.9	385	13.1	320	12.7	240	11.1	206	11.2
Rape.....	19	0.6	14	0.5	11	0.4	12	0.6	9	0.5
Robbery.....	366	11.5	342	11.7	294	11.7	219	10.2	183	10.0
Burglary.....	24	0.8	29	1.0	15	0.6	9	0.4	14	0.8
Argument.....	1,374	43.3	1,207	41.1	1,070	42.4	928	43.1	857	46.7
Domestic violence ¹	224	7.1	179	6.1	130	5.2	128	5.9	120	6.5
All other argument.....	1,150	36.3	1,028	35.0	940	37.3	800	37.1	737	40.2
Gang-, drug-related.....	1,137	35.8	1,059	36.1	784	31.1	704	32.7	512	27.9
Gang-related.....	880	27.7	867	29.5	620	24.6	544	25.2	404	22.0
Drug-related.....	257	8.1	192	6.5	164	6.5	160	7.4	108	5.9
All other.....	252	7.9	284	9.7	347	13.8	283	13.1	259	14.1

Contributing circumstance (cont.)	1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		Percent change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1994-2003	2002-2003
Total including unknown.....	2,006		2,074		2,201		2,392		2,402			
Unknown.....	304		314		317		370		410			
Total known.....	1,702	100.0	1,760	100.0	1,884	100.0	2,022	100.0	1,992	100.0	-37.2	-1.5
Rape, robbery, burglary.	157	9.2	206	11.7	149	7.9	179	8.9	161	8.1	-60.6	-10.1
Rape.....	16	0.9	8	0.5	12	0.6	8	0.4	7	0.4	-	-
Robbery.....	127	7.5	186	10.6	133	7.1	163	8.1	137	6.9	-62.6	-16.0
Burglary.....	14	0.8	12	0.7	4	0.2	8	0.4	17	0.9	-	-
Argument.....	710	41.7	726	41.3	793	42.1	779	38.5	836	42.0	-39.2	7.3
Domestic violence ¹	128	7.5	147	8.4	176	9.3	181	9.0	187	9.4	-16.5	3.3
All other argument.....	582	34.2	579	32.9	617	32.7	598	29.6	649	32.6	-43.6	8.5
Gang-, drug-related.....	487	28.6	581	33.0	726	38.5	816	40.4	772	38.8	-32.1	-5.4
Gang-related.....	402	23.6	506	28.8	647	34.3	730	36.1	669	33.6	-24.0	-8.4
Drug-related.....	85	5.0	75	4.3	79	4.2	86	4.3	103	5.2	-59.9	19.8
All other.....	348	20.4	247	14.0	216	11.5	248	12.3	223	11.2	-11.5	-10.1

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Table 25
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
 Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	Total	Gender		Race/ethnic group				
		Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown
Number								
Total including unknown.....	2,402	1,972	430	444	1,053	713	185	7
Unknown.....	410	353	57	62	175	141	28	4
Total known.....	1,992	1,619	373	382	878	572	157	3
Rape, robbery, burglary..	161	134	27	40	60	36	25	0
Rape.....	7	0	7	2	3	2	0	0
Robbery, burglary.....	154	134	20	38	57	34	25	0
Robbery.....	137	121	16	27	54	32	24	0
Burglary.....	17	13	4	11	3	2	1	0
Argument.....	836	597	239	247	333	188	68	0
Domestic violence ¹	187	34	153	67	62	34	24	0
All other argument.....	649	563	86	180	271	154	44	0
Gang-, drug-related.....	772	733	39	34	402	288	46	2
Gang-related.....	669	638	31	14	364	255	36	0
Drug-related.....	103	95	8	20	38	33	10	2
All other.....	223	155	68	61	83	60	18	1
Percent based on total known								
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Rape, robbery, burglary..	8.1	8.3	7.2	10.5	6.8	6.3	15.9	-
Rape.....	0.4	0.0	1.9	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.0	-
Robbery, burglary.....	7.7	8.3	5.4	9.9	6.5	5.9	15.9	-
Robbery.....	6.9	7.5	4.3	7.1	6.2	5.6	15.3	-
Burglary.....	0.9	0.8	1.1	2.9	0.3	0.3	0.6	-
Argument.....	42.0	36.9	64.1	64.7	37.9	32.9	43.3	-
Domestic violence ¹	9.4	2.1	41.0	17.5	7.1	5.9	15.3	-
All other argument.....	32.6	34.8	23.1	47.1	30.9	26.9	28.0	-
Gang-, drug-related.....	38.8	45.3	10.5	8.9	45.8	50.3	29.3	-
Gang-related.....	33.6	39.4	8.3	3.7	41.5	44.6	22.9	-
Drug-related.....	5.2	5.9	2.1	5.2	4.3	5.8	6.4	-
All other.....	11.2	9.6	18.2	16.0	9.5	10.5	11.5	-

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Table 26
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
 Age of Victim by Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	Total	Under 5	5-17	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70 and over	Unknown
Number										
Total including unknown.....	2,402	75	165	1,100	486	298	136	66	60	16
Unknown.....	410	2	17	164	107	65	23	12	8	12
Total known.....	1,992	73	148	936	379	233	113	54	52	4
Rape, robbery, burglary..	161	0	3	44	30	37	21	12	14	0
Rape.....	7	0	1	1	1	3	1	0	0	0
Robbery.....	137	0	2	38	27	30	16	11	13	0
Burglary.....	17	0	0	5	2	4	4	1	1	0
Argument.....	836	0	33	302	219	141	78	32	30	1
Domestic violence ¹	187	0	4	51	57	38	20	5	12	0
All other argument.....	649	0	29	251	162	103	58	27	18	1
Gang-, drug-related.....	772	1	90	517	110	39	7	6	0	2
Gang-related.....	669	1	88	464	85	20	6	3	0	2
Drug-related.....	103	0	2	53	25	19	1	3	0	0
Child abuse.....	77	66	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All other.....	146	6	11	73	20	16	7	4	8	1
Percent based on total known										
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Rape, robbery, burglary..	8.1	0.0	2.0	4.7	7.9	15.9	18.6	22.2	26.9	-
Rape.....	0.4	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.3	1.3	0.9	0.0	0.0	-
Robbery.....	6.9	0.0	1.4	4.1	7.1	12.9	14.2	20.4	25.0	-
Burglary.....	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	1.7	3.5	1.9	1.9	-
Argument.....	42.0	0.0	22.3	32.3	57.8	60.5	69.0	59.3	57.7	-
Domestic violence ¹	9.4	0.0	2.7	5.4	15.0	16.3	17.7	9.3	23.1	-
All other argument.....	32.6	0.0	19.6	26.8	42.7	44.2	51.3	50.0	34.6	-
Gang-, drug-related.....	38.8	1.4	60.8	55.2	29.0	16.7	6.2	11.1	0.0	-
Gang-related.....	33.6	1.4	59.5	49.6	22.4	8.6	5.3	5.6	0.0	-
Drug-related.....	5.2	0.0	1.4	5.7	6.6	8.2	0.9	5.6	0.0	-
Child abuse.....	3.9	90.4	7.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other.....	7.3	8.2	7.4	7.8	5.3	6.9	6.2	7.4	15.4	-

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

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

¹ Data reflect 1) homicides submitted to the CJSC from law enforcement agencies as domestic violence-related, and 2) homicides interpreted by the CJSC as domestic violence-related based on available information, including victim/offender relationship. Recent examination of homicide data indicate that ambiguity in the interpretation of what constitutes a domestic violence-related incident may have resulted in an undercount in this category. Further examination of these data by the CJSC will determine if an undercount has occurred and the extent to which it has occurred.

Table 27
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2003
 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
Number								
Total including unknown.....	2,402	7	154	836	772	77	146	410
Unknown.....	1,109	2	73	130	460	5	69	370
Total known.....	1,293	5	81	706	312	72	77	40
Friend, acquaintance ²	601	1	20	364	170	10	24	12
Spouse ³	93	0	0	93	0	0	0	0
Parent, child ⁴	105	0	1	36	1	57	7	3
All other relatives.....	52	1	1	36	1	4	7	2
Stranger.....	442	3	59	177	140	1	39	23
Percent based on total known								
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Friend, acquaintance ²	46.5	-	24.7	51.6	54.5	13.9	31.2	-
Spouse ³	7.2	-	0.0	13.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	-
Parent, child ⁴	8.1	-	1.2	5.1	0.3	79.2	9.1	-
All other relatives.....	4.0	-	1.2	5.1	0.3	5.6	9.1	-
Stranger.....	34.2	-	72.8	25.1	44.9	1.4	50.6	-

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

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

¹ Includes domestic violence.

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

³ Includes "common-law" marriage partner.

⁴ Includes stepmother, stepfather, stepdaughter, and stepson.

Table 28
HOMICIDE CRIMES CLEARED, 1994-2003
 Number Reported, Number Cleared, and Clearance Rate

Year(s)	Number of homicides reported	Number of homicides cleared	Clearance rate ¹
2003.....	2,402	1,323	55.1
2002.....	2,392	1,362	56.9
2001.....	2,201	1,091	49.6
2000.....	2,074	1,082	52.2
1999.....	2,006	1,200	59.8
1998.....	2,170	1,369	63.1
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

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. Please see "Appendix II - Criminal Justice Glossary" for a detailed explanation of clearances.

Table 29
**FELONY ARRESTS FOR
 SELECTED VIOLENT OFFENSES, 1994-2003**

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

Year(s)	Total	Homi- cide	Forcible rape	Robbery	Assault
Number					
2003.....	129,522	1,839	2,456	17,501	107,726
2002.....	130,295	1,864	2,549	16,957	108,925
2001.....	134,398	1,754	2,730	17,167	112,747
2000.....	130,259	1,627	2,702	17,122	108,808
1999.....	134,319	1,770	2,887	18,753	110,909
1998.....	142,498	2,117	3,032	21,507	115,842
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
Percent change in number					
2002 to 2003.....	-0.6	-1.3	-3.6	3.2	-1.1
2001 to 2002.....	-3.1	6.3	-6.6	-1.2	-3.4
2000 to 2001.....	3.2	7.8	1.0	0.3	3.6
1999 to 2000.....	-3.0	-8.1	-6.4	-8.7	-1.9
1998 to 1999.....	-5.7	-16.4	-4.8	-12.8	-4.3
1997 to 1998.....	-7.0	-4.3	-2.4	-9.7	-6.7
1996 to 1997.....	2.3	-12.7	-2.9	-8.4	5.2
1995 to 1996.....	-3.4	-10.1	0.1	-5.9	-2.8
1994 to 1995.....	2.1	-4.8	-3.2	-1.2	3.2
1994 to 2003.....	-14.7	-37.9	-25.7	-37.5	-8.4
Rate per 100,000 population at risk ¹					
2003.....	465.6	6.6	8.8	62.9	387.3
2002.....	477.2	6.8	9.3	62.1	399.0
2001.....	502.5	6.6	10.2	64.2	421.6
2000.....	497.1	6.2	10.3	65.3	415.2
1999.....	522.4	6.9	11.2	72.9	431.4
1998.....	564.1	8.4	12.0	85.1	458.5
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
Percent change in rate					
2002 to 2003.....	-2.4	-2.9	-5.4	1.3	-2.9
2001 to 2002.....	-5.0	3.0	-8.8	-3.3	-5.4
2000 to 2001.....	1.1	6.5	-1.0	-1.7	1.5
1999 to 2000.....	-4.8	-10.1	-8.0	-10.4	-3.8
1998 to 1999.....	-7.4	-17.9	-6.7	-14.3	-5.9
1997 to 1998.....	-5.2	-2.3	-0.8	-8.0	-4.9
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.....	0.4	-6.7	-5.2	-2.9	1.4
1994 to 2003.....	-24.3	-45.0	-34.3	-44.5	-18.7

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

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

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

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

Table 30
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1994-2003
 By Gender of Arrestee

Year(s)	Total		Male		Female	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2003.....	1,839	100.0	1,627	88.5	212	11.5
2002.....	1,864	100.0	1,655	88.8	209	11.2
2001.....	1,754	100.0	1,537	87.6	217	12.4
2000.....	1,627	100.0	1,426	87.6	201	12.4
1999.....	1,770	100.0	1,579	89.2	191	10.8
1998.....	2,117	100.0	1,870	88.3	247	11.7
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

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

Table 31
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1994-2003
 By Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee

Year(s)	Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2003.....	1,839	100.0	424	23.1	812	44.2	456	24.8	147	8.0
2002.....	1,864	100.0	349	18.7	897	48.1	455	24.4	163	8.7
2001.....	1,754	100.0	400	22.8	832	47.4	406	23.1	116	6.6
2000.....	1,627	100.0	374	23.0	698	42.9	397	24.4	158	9.7
1999.....	1,770	100.0	382	21.6	845	47.7	417	23.6	126	7.1
1998.....	2,117	100.0	484	22.9	987	46.6	470	22.2	176	8.3
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

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

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

Table 32
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1994-2003
 By Age of Arrestee

Year(s)	Total		Under 18		18-29		30-39		40 and over	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2003.....	1,839	100.0	167	9.1	1,077	58.6	326	17.7	269	14.6
2002.....	1,864	100.0	215	11.5	1,097	58.9	293	15.7	259	13.9
2001.....	1,754	100.0	194	11.1	1,011	57.6	291	16.6	258	14.7
2000.....	1,627	100.0	160	9.8	913	56.1	299	18.4	255	15.7
1999.....	1,770	100.0	182	10.3	1,037	58.6	317	17.9	234	13.2
1998.....	2,117	100.0	308	14.5	1,244	58.8	302	14.3	263	12.4
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

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

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

Table 33
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 2003
 Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Gender and Age of Arrestee

Gender and age of arrestee	Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total										
Total.....	1,839	100.0	424	100.0	812	100.0	456	100.0	147	100.0
Gender										
Male.....	1,627	88.5	338	79.7	741	91.3	417	91.4	131	89.1
Female.....	212	11.5	86	20.3	71	8.7	39	8.6	16	10.9
Age										
Under 18.....	167	9.1	19	4.5	70	8.6	50	11.0	28	19.0
18-29.....	1,077	58.6	171	40.3	550	67.7	278	61.0	78	53.1
30-39.....	326	17.7	112	26.4	120	14.8	76	16.7	18	12.2
40 and over.....	269	14.6	122	28.8	72	8.9	52	11.4	23	15.6

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

Table 34
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 2003
 Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Gender and Age of Arrestee

Gender and age of arrestee	Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	1,839	100.0	424	100.0	812	100.0	456	100.0	147	100.0
Under 18.....	167	9.1	19	4.5	70	8.6	50	11.0	28	19.0
18-19.....	281	15.3	33	7.8	144	17.7	77	16.9	27	18.4
20-24.....	505	27.5	87	20.5	261	32.1	123	27.0	34	23.1
25-29.....	291	15.8	51	12.0	145	17.9	78	17.1	17	11.6
30-34.....	176	9.6	52	12.3	73	9.0	41	9.0	10	6.8
35-39.....	150	8.2	60	14.2	47	5.8	35	7.7	8	5.4
40-44.....	94	5.1	39	9.2	27	3.3	18	3.9	10	6.8
45-49.....	69	3.8	24	5.7	24	3.0	18	3.9	3	2.0
50-54.....	42	2.3	19	4.5	12	1.5	8	1.8	3	2.0
55 and over.....	64	3.5	40	9.4	9	1.1	8	1.8	7	4.8
Male.....	1,627	100.0	338	100.0	741	100.0	417	100.0	131	100.0
Under 18.....	148	9.1	13	3.8	63	8.5	47	11.3	25	19.1
18-19.....	259	15.9	30	8.9	132	17.8	73	17.5	24	18.3
20-24.....	465	28.6	70	20.7	246	33.2	116	27.8	33	25.2
25-29.....	256	15.7	36	10.7	132	17.8	73	17.5	15	11.5
30-34.....	153	9.4	44	13.0	66	8.9	34	8.2	9	6.9
35-39.....	124	7.6	44	13.0	41	5.5	32	7.7	7	5.3
40-44.....	68	4.2	31	9.2	19	2.6	11	2.6	7	5.3
45-49.....	65	4.0	21	6.2	24	3.2	17	4.1	3	2.3
50-54.....	37	2.3	17	5.0	10	1.3	7	1.7	3	2.3
55 and over...	52	3.2	32	9.5	8	1.1	7	1.7	5	3.8
Female.....	212	100.0	86	100.0	71	100.0	39	100.0	16	100.0
Under 18.....	19	9.0	6	7.0	7	9.9	3	-	3	-
18-19.....	22	10.4	3	3.5	12	16.9	4	-	3	-
20-24.....	40	18.9	17	19.8	15	21.1	7	-	1	-
25-29.....	35	16.5	15	17.4	13	18.3	5	-	2	-
30-34.....	23	10.8	8	9.3	7	9.9	7	-	1	-
35-39.....	26	12.3	16	18.6	6	8.5	3	-	1	-
40-44.....	26	12.3	8	9.3	8	11.3	7	-	3	-
45-49.....	4	1.9	3	3.5	0	0.0	1	-	0	-
50-54.....	5	2.4	2	2.3	2	2.8	1	-	0	-
55 and over...	12	5.7	8	9.3	1	1.4	1	-	2	-

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

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

Table 35
**PERSONS UNDER CALIFORNIA
 SENTENCE OF DEATH, 1978-2003**

Year(s)	Initial sentences	Total persons under sentence of death ^{1,2}
2003.....	22	639
2002.....	17	618
2001.....	25	610
2000.....	33	589
1999.....	42	558
1998.....	32	518
1997.....	40	493
1996.....	40	461
1995.....	38	426
1994.....	21	391
1993.....	34	374
1992.....	40	345
1991.....	26	305
1990.....	33	279
1989.....	33	247
1988.....	34	223
1987.....	25	203
1986.....	21	179
1985.....	16	159
1984.....	27	161
1983.....	35	143
1982.....	39	113
1981.....	39	80
1980.....	23	42
1979.....	20	25
1978.....	7	7

Source: California Appellate Project.

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

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

Table 36
PERSONS SENTENCED TO DEATH, 2003
 Sentencing County by Gender, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age

Sentencing county	Total	Gender		Race/ethnic group				Age at arrest					
		Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 and over
Total.....	22	22	0	5	4	11	2	2	5	5	4	2	4
Alameda.....	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa.....	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Los Angeles.....	5	5	0	0	1	3	1	1	2	2	0	0	0
Merced.....	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Orange.....	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Riverside.....	3	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
San Bernardino..	3	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0
San Diego.....	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
San Joaquin.....	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Santa Barbara....	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Ventura.....	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0

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

Table 37
HOMICIDE CRIMES AND PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1994-2003
 Number and Rate per 100,000 Respective Population

Year(s)	California population	Homicides		Sworn law enforcement personnel ²	Peace officers killed in the line of duty	
		Number ¹	Rate		Number	Rate
2003.....	35,934,000	2,402	6.7	75,336	6	8.0
2002.....	35,301,000	2,392	6.8	75,612	4	5.3
2001.....	34,758,000	2,201	6.3	72,119	6	8.3
2000.....	34,480,000	2,074	6.0	69,029	2	2.9
1999.....	34,036,000	2,006	5.9	69,363	4	5.8
1998.....	33,494,000	2,170	6.5	67,035	7	10.4
1997.....	32,957,000	2,579	7.8	65,416	7	10.7
1996.....	32,383,000	2,910	9.0	64,008	5	7.8
1995.....	32,063,000	3,530	11.0	62,150	10	16.1
1994.....	32,140,000	3,699	11.5	59,340	9	15.2

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

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

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

Table 38
PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 2003
 By Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	Number	Percent
Total.....	6	100.0
Aiding another officer during traffic stop (vehicle occupants were suspected gang members).....	1	-
Attempted arrest.....	1	-
Domestic disturbance call.....	1	-
Investigation (murder).....	1	-
Investigation (trespassing).....	1	-
Routine traffic stop.....	1	-

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

Table 39
**JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2003**
By Gender, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age of Deceased

Gender, race/ethnic group, and age of deceased	Total		Peace officer justifiable		Citizen justifiable	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total						
Total.....	158	100.0	120	100.0	38	100.0
Gender						
Male.....	153	96.8	115	95.8	38	100.0
Female.....	5	3.2	5	4.2	0	0.0
Race/ethnic group						
White.....	52	32.9	43	35.8	9	23.7
Hispanic.....	57	36.1	46	38.3	11	28.9
Black.....	40	25.3	25	20.8	15	39.5
Other.....	9	5.7	6	5.0	3	7.9
Unknown.....	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Age						
Under 18.....	4	2.5	2	1.7	2	5.3
18-19.....	9	5.7	7	5.8	2	5.3
20-24.....	33	20.9	26	21.7	7	18.4
25-29.....	25	15.8	19	15.8	6	15.8
30-34.....	26	16.5	18	15.0	8	21.1
35-39.....	20	12.7	15	12.5	5	13.2
40-44.....	16	10.1	13	10.8	3	7.9
45-49.....	13	8.2	10	8.3	3	7.9
50-54.....	4	2.5	3	2.5	1	2.6
55 and over.....	7	4.4	6	5.0	1	2.6
Unknown.....	1	0.6	1	0.8	0	0.0

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

Table 40
**JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2003**
By Location of Justifiable Homicide

Location of justifiable homicide	Number	Percent
Total		
Total.....	158	
Peace officer justifiable		
Total.....	120	100.0
Felon's residence.....	23	19.2
Other residence.....	7	5.8
Street, sidewalk.....	67	55.8
Commercial establishment..	6	5.0
Hotel, motel.....	1	0.8
Liquor store.....	0	0.0
Bar.....	1	0.8
Other business.....	4	3.3
All other.....	17	14.2
Parking lot.....	3	2.5
Vehicle.....	6	5.0
Field, park.....	5	4.2
Other.....	3	2.5
Citizen justifiable		
Total.....	38	100.0
Citizen's, shared residence..	16	42.1
Citizen's residence.....	15	39.5
Shared residence.....	1	2.6
Other residence.....	5	13.2
Felon's residence.....	3	7.9
Other residence.....	2	5.3
Street, sidewalk.....	6	15.8
Commercial establishment..	9	23.7
Hotel, motel.....	0	0.0
Liquor store.....	1	2.6
Bar.....	0	0.0
Other business.....	8	21.1
All other.....	2	5.3
Parking lot.....	0	0.0
Vehicle.....	2	5.3
Field, park.....	0	0.0
Other.....	0	0.0

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

Table 41
**JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2003**
By Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	Number	Percent
Total		
Total.....	158	
Peace officer justifiable		
Total.....	120	100.0
Felon attacked peace officer.....	93	77.5
Felon killed during commission of crime..	24	20.0
Felon resisted arrest.....	1	0.8
All other.....	2	1.7
Felon attacked another peace officer...	2	1.7
Felon attacked citizen.....	0	0.0
Felon attempted flight.....	0	0.0
Citizen justifiable		
Total.....	38	100.0
Felon attacked citizen.....	14	36.8
Felon killed during commission of crime..	24	63.2

Table 42
**JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2003**
By Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	Total		Peace officer justifiable		Citizen justifiable	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	158	100.0	120	100.0	38	100.0
Firearm.....	152	96.2	119	99.2	33	86.8
Handgun.....	139	88.0	110	91.7	29	76.3
Rifle.....	5	3.2	4	3.3	1	2.6
Shotgun.....	4	2.5	2	1.7	2	5.3
Other firearm.....	1	0.6	1	0.8	0	0.0
Firearm - unknown type..	3	1.9	2	1.7	1	2.6
Nonfirearm.....	6	3.8	1	0.8	5	13.2
Knife ¹	3	1.9	0	0.0	3	7.9
Blunt object ²	2	1.3	1	0.8	1	2.6
Other.....	1	0.6	0	0.0	1	2.6

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

¹ Any instrument used to cut or stab.

² Club, etc.

Table 43
POPULATION ESTIMATES, 1952-2003

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

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

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

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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 respective population; the result is multiplied by 100,000. For example, in 2003 there were 1,839 homicide arrests. The total population was 35,934,000 and the total population at risk (10-69 years of age) was 27,815,344.

$$\frac{1,839}{35,934,000} = 0.000051177 \times 100,000 = 5.1 \text{ per } 100,000 \text{ population}$$

$$\frac{1,839}{27,815,344} = 0.000066114 \times 100,000 = 6.6 \text{ per } 100,000 \text{ population at risk}$$

CLEARANCE RATE - A clearance rate is the percentage of crimes reported that have been cleared. A clearance rate is calculated by dividing the number of crimes cleared by the number of crimes reported; the result is multiplied by 100. For example, in 2003 there were 1,323 homicides cleared and 2,402 homicides reported. This equals a homicide clearance rate of 55.1 percent.

$$\frac{1,323}{2,402} = 0.550791007 \times 100 = 55.1 \text{ percent}$$

CRIME RATE - A crime rate describes the number of crimes reported to law enforcement agencies per 100,000 total population. A crime rate is calculated by dividing the number of reported crimes by the total population; the result is multiplied by 100,000. For example, in 2003 there were 2,402 homicides in California and the population was 35,934,000. This equals a homicide crime rate of 6.7 per 100,000 general population.

$$\frac{2,402}{35,934,000} = 0.000066844 \times 100,000 = 6.7 \text{ per } 100,000 \text{ population}$$

PERCENT CHANGE - A percent change describes a change in number or rate from one year to another. A percent change is calculated by subtracting base-year data from current-year data; the result is divided by base-year data and multiplied by 100. For example, in 2003 the homicide crime rate was 6.7. In 1994 the homicide crime rate was 11.5. The percent change in rate from 1994 to 2003 is a 41.7 percent decrease.

$$\frac{6.7 - 11.5}{11.5} = -0.417391304 \times 100 = -41.7 \text{ percent}$$

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).

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

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

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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 page) 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 trial 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.

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

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

CRIME RATE: the number of reported crimes per 100,000 general population. See "Computational Formulas" (preceding page) 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.

EXCEPTIONAL MEANS: 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.

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 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.

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.

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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