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CONCEALABLE FIREARMS CHARGES IN CALIFORNIA 2000-2003

INTRODUCTION

Prior to January 1, 2000, existing law generally provided that carrying a concealed or loaded firearm was punishable as a misdemeanor and, under certain circumstances, a felony. However, the Legislature determined that carrying a concealed or loaded firearm without being listed with the Department of Justice (DOJ) as the registered owner of the firearm is a serious crime and should be treated as such. Assembly Bill (AB) 491 (Scott, 1999) amended both Penal Code (PC) sections 12025 (carrying a concealed firearm) and 12031 (carrying a loaded firearm) to increase the number of circumstances when an offense could be charged. The following additional circumstances may be charged as either felonies or misdemeanors:

- When a person has both a firearm and unexpended ammunition in their immediate possession and that person is not listed with the DOJ as the registered owner of the firearm (PC 12025).
- When a person carries a loaded firearm on his/her person or in a vehicle on any public street and that person is not listed with the DOJ as the registered owner of the firearm (PC 12031).

AB 491 also amended PC sections 12025 and 12031 to require district attorneys to report specified information to the Attorney General about individuals charged with carrying a concealed or loaded firearm. This information includes the gender, race/ethnic group, and age of any person charged with a felony or misdemeanor under either PC sections 12025 or 12031 and any other offense charged in the same complaint or indictment. In addition, the Attorney General is required to compile these data and submit an annual report to the Legislature.

In response to AB 491, the DOJ developed the *Concealable Weapons Statistical System* to meet the new data collection and reporting requirements. Data collection and reporting began in 2000 after all district attorneys were notified by the DOJ of the reporting requirement.¹ District attorneys submit data in either electronic format, via the Legal Net, or in manual format.

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Existing law did not require the collection of information about individuals charged with either PC section 12025 or 12031 by the DOJ from district attorneys prior to the passage of AB 491; therefore, no standard (control group) exists against which information collected subsequent to the passage of AB 491 can be appropriately evaluated. That is, observations can be made about the data collected for the required period, but conclusions cannot be reached about the effect of the change in the law. For example, the proportion of total charges for both PC section 12025 and PC section 12031 that resulted in felony-level filings increased each year since 2000. However, AB 491 allowed specified additional circumstances (see first paragraph) to be charged as either felonies or misdemeanors; therefore, the increase in felony-level filings cannot be reasonably attributed to AB 491. With this in mind, the following summarizes the statewide data presented in the body of this report:

From 2000 through 2003:

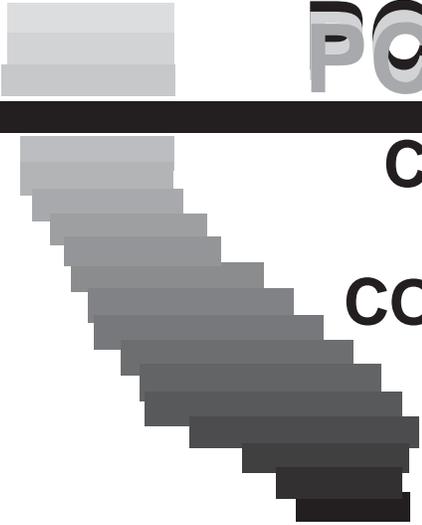
- The proportion of total charges for both PC section 12025 and PC section 12031 resulting in felony-level filings increased each year since 2000.
- The vast majority of persons charged with either PC section 12025 or PC section 12031 were male.
- When charged with either PC section 12025 or PC section 12031, blacks were proportionately the most likely race/ethnic group to be filed on at the felony level; whites were proportionately the least likely race/ethnic group to be filed on at the felony level.
- When charged with either PC section 12025 or PC section 12031, persons aged 29 and younger were proportionately most likely to be filed on at the felony level; persons aged 30 and over were least likely.

Additional information is provided in the body of this report about those individuals charged under either PC section 12025 or 12031. This information is displayed by the level of charged offense, gender, race/ethnic group, and age of persons charged. Additional charges brought against persons charged with the primary offenses of PC sections 12025 or 12031 are also displayed. County-level data are available in the "Tables" section of this report.

It is important to note that demographic data refer to "individuals," however, some persons may have been arrested and charged with PC sections 12025 or 12031 more than once during the reporting period. Therefore, data presented represent the number of charges reported to the DOJ by district attorneys, not the number of individuals charged.

Prior editions of this publication described data by *fiscal year*. This final report describes data submitted to the DOJ by district attorneys for *calendar years* 2000 through 2003. The change from fiscal year to calendar year is based upon a determination that calendar year data would be the most appropriate and useful display of these data. Fiscal year data may be obtained upon request. It should also be noted that data files are updated when information is submitted by district attorneys; therefore, previously published data may not match counts on the current, ongoing data file.

¹ Pursuant to AB 491, the data collection and reporting requirement ends on January 1, 2005.



PC 12025

**Charges for
carrying a
CONCEALED
firearm**

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Prior to January 1, 2000, existing law generally provided that carrying a concealed firearm was punishable as a misdemeanor and, under certain circumstances, a felony. In 1999, PC section 12025 was amended to increase the number of circumstances when an offense could be charged. The following additional circumstance may be charged as either a felony or a misdemeanor:

- When a person has both a firearm and unexpended ammunition in their immediate possession and that person is not listed with the DOJ as the registered owner of the firearm.

Comparing 2000 to 2003:

- The proportion of total charges for PC section 12025 resulting in felony-level filings increased 13.7 percentage points (from 44.6 percent to 58.3 percent); misdemeanor-level filings decreased identically.

The proportion of total charges for PC section 12025 resulting in felony-level filings increased each year since 2000.

Table N-1
PC 12025
By Level of Charged Offense, 2000-2003

Level of charged offense	2000 ^a		2001		2002		2003	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	3,436	100.0	3,626	100.0	3,895	100.0	3,359	100.0
Felony ...	1,531	44.6	1,746	48.2	2,084	53.5	1,957	58.3
Misd	1,905	55.4	1,880	51.8	1,811	46.5	1,402	41.7

^a Please see "Appendix I - Data Characteristics and Known Limitations" for district attorneys unable to submit complete data for 2000.

Figure 1
PC 12025
By Level of Charged Offense, 2000-2003

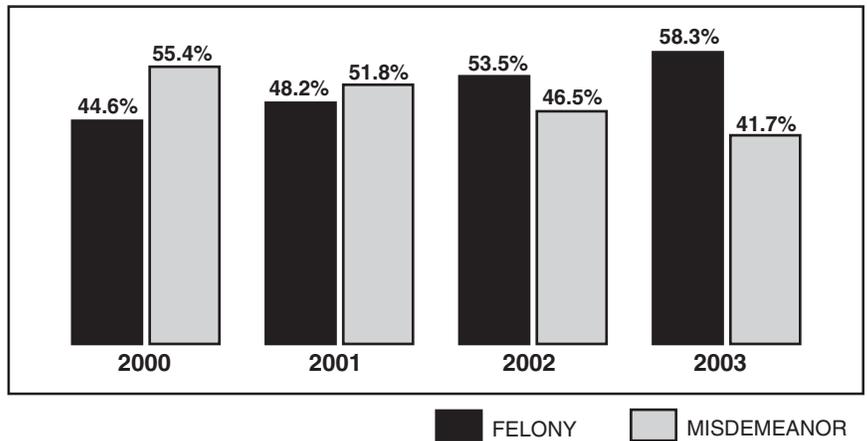


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PC 12025
 Gender of Person Charged
 By Level of Charged Offense, 2000-2003

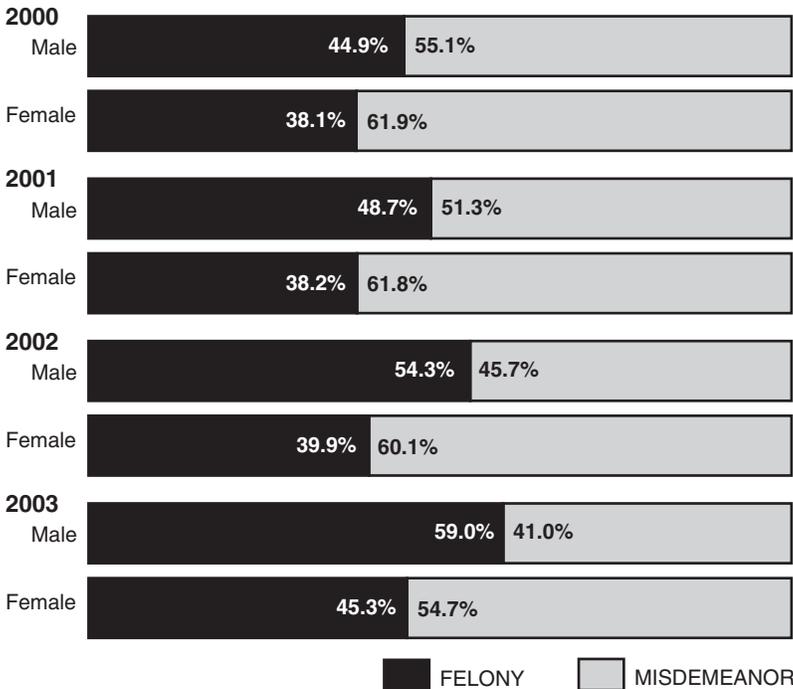
Gender of person charged	Total		Felony		Misdemeanor	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2000 total ¹	3,436	100.0	1,531	44.6	1,905	55.4
Male	3,268	100.0	1,467	44.9	1,801	55.1
Female	168	100.0	64	38.1	104	61.9
2001 total	3,626	100.0	1,746	48.2	1,880	51.8
Male	3,440	100.0	1,675	48.7	1,765	51.3
Female	186	100.0	71	38.2	115	61.8
2002 total	3,895	100.0	2,084	53.5	1,811	46.5
Male	3,692	100.0	2,003	54.3	1,689	45.7
Female	203	100.0	81	39.9	122	60.1
2003 total	3,359	100.0	1,957	58.3	1,402	41.7
Male	3,178	100.0	1,875	59.0	1,303	41.0
Female	181	100.0	82	45.3	99	54.7

¹ Please see "Appendix I - Data Characteristics and Known Limitations" for district attorneys unable to submit complete data for 2000.

Comparing 2000 to 2003:

- The proportion of males charged with PC section 12025 resulting in felony-level filings increased 14.1 percentage points (from 44.9 percent to 59.0 percent); misdemeanor-level filings for males decreased identically.
- The proportion of females charged with PC section 12025 resulting in felony-level filings increased 7.2 percentage points (from 38.1 percent to 45.3 percent); misdemeanor-level filings for females decreased identically.

Figure 2
PC 12025
 Gender of Person Charged
 By Level of Charged Offense, 2000-2003



From 2000 through 2003, the vast majority of persons charged with PC section 12025 were male, and males were proportionately more likely to be filed on at the felony level than females.

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RACE/ETHNIC GROUP BY LEVEL OF CHARGED OFFENSE

Comparing 2000 to 2003:

- The proportion of whites charged with PC section 12025 resulting in felony-level filings increased 7.4 percentage points (from 33.6 percent to 41.0 percent); misdemeanor-level filings for whites decreased identically.
- The proportion of Hispanics charged with PC section 12025 resulting in felony-level filings increased 13.2 percentage points (from 49.9 percent to 63.1 percent); misdemeanor-level filings for Hispanics decreased identically.
- The proportion of blacks charged with PC section 12025 resulting in felony-level filings increased 16.5 percentage points (from 52.1 percent to 68.6 percent); misdemeanor-level filings for blacks decreased identically.
- The proportion of other race/ethnic groups charged with PC section 12025 resulting in felony-level filings increased 19.9 percentage points (from 35.1 percent to 55.0 percent); misdemeanor-level filings for other race/ethnic groups decreased identically.

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

When charged with PC section 12025, blacks were proportionately most likely to be filed on at the felony level, followed by Hispanics, other race/ethnic groups, and whites. This pattern exists throughout the period shown.

Table N-3
PC 12025
 Race/Ethnic Group of Person Charged
 By Level of Charged Offense, 2000-2003

Race/ethnic group of person charged	Total		Felony		Misdemeanor	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2000 total ¹	3,436	100.0	1,531	44.6	1,905	55.4
White	1,026	100.0	345	33.6	681	66.4
Hispanic	1,384	100.0	691	49.9	693	50.1
Black	795	100.0	414	52.1	381	47.9
Other	231	100.0	81	35.1	150	64.9
2001 total	3,626	100.0	1,746	48.2	1,880	51.8
White	979	100.0	316	32.3	663	67.7
Hispanic	1,608	100.0	858	53.4	750	46.6
Black	812	100.0	473	58.3	339	41.7
Other	227	100.0	99	43.6	128	56.4
2002 total	3,895	100.0	2,084	53.5	1,811	46.5
White	951	100.0	346	36.4	605	63.6
Hispanic	1,727	100.0	996	57.7	731	42.3
Black	998	100.0	631	63.2	367	36.8
Other	219	100.0	111	50.7	108	49.3
2003 total	3,359	100.0	1,957	58.3	1,402	41.7
White	857	100.0	351	41.0	506	59.0
Hispanic	1,438	100.0	908	63.1	530	36.9
Black	826	100.0	567	68.6	259	31.4
Other	238	100.0	131	55.0	107	45.0

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Figure 3
PC 12025
 Race/Ethnic Group of Person Charged
 By Level of Charged Offense, 2000-2003

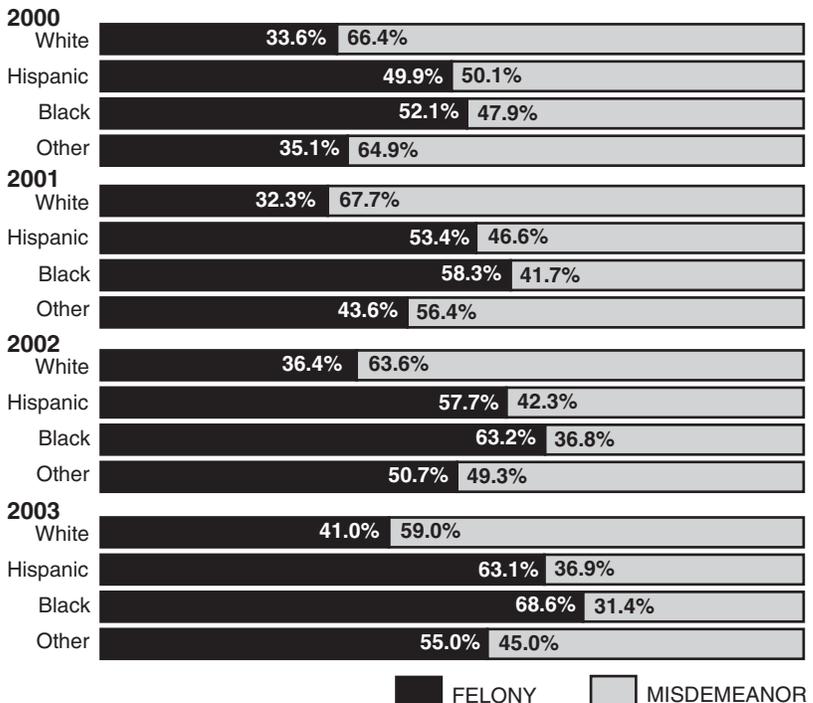
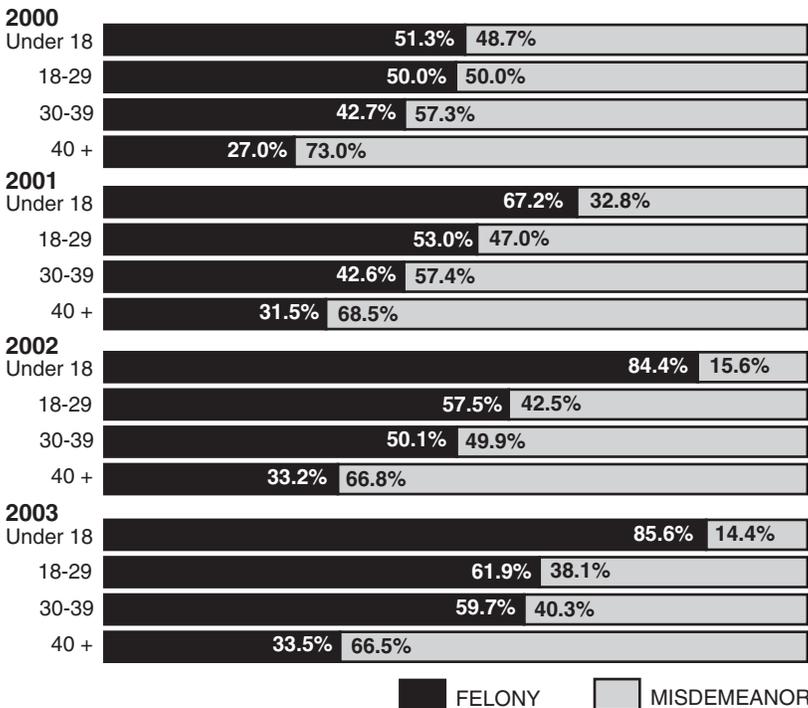


Table N-4
PC 12025
 Age of Person Charged
 By Level of Charged Offense, 2000-2003

Age of person charged	Total		Felony		Misdemeanor	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2000 total ¹	3,436	100.0	1,531	44.6	1,905	55.4
Under 18	76	100.0	39	51.3	37	48.7
18-29	2,097	100.0	1,048	50.0	1,049	50.0
30-39	655	100.0	280	42.7	375	57.3
40 and over ..	608	100.0	164	27.0	444	73.0
2001 total	3,626	100.0	1,746	48.2	1,880	51.8
Under 18	67	100.0	45	67.2	22	32.8
18-29	2,357	100.0	1,249	53.0	1,108	47.0
30-39	659	100.0	281	42.6	378	57.4
40 and over ..	543	100.0	171	31.5	372	68.5
2002 total	3,895	100.0	2,084	53.5	1,811	46.5
Under 18	109	100.0	92	84.4	17	15.6
18-29	2,553	100.0	1,467	57.5	1,086	42.5
30-39	684	100.0	343	50.1	341	49.9
40 and over ..	549	100.0	182	33.2	367	66.8
2003 total	3,359	100.0	1,957	58.3	1,402	41.7
Under 18	125	100.0	107	85.6	18	14.4
18-29	2,166	100.0	1,340	61.9	826	38.1
30-39	581	100.0	347	59.7	234	40.3
40 and over ..	487	100.0	163	33.5	324	66.5

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Figure 4
PC 12025
 Age of Person Charged
 By Level of Charged Offense, 2000-2003



Comparing 2000 to 2003:

- The proportion of persons under age 18 charged with PC section 12025 resulting in felony-level filings increased 34.3 percentage points (from 51.3 percent to 85.6 percent); misdemeanor-level filings for this age group decreased identically.
- The proportion of persons aged 18-29 charged with PC section 12025 resulting in felony-level filings increased 11.9 percentage points (from 50.0 percent to 61.9 percent); misdemeanor-level filings for this age group decreased identically.
- The proportion of persons aged 30-39 charged with PC section 12025 resulting in felony-level filings increased 17.0 percentage points (from 42.7 percent to 59.7 percent); misdemeanor-level filings for this age group decreased identically.
- The proportion of persons aged 40 and over charged with PC section 12025 resulting in felony-level filings increased 6.5 percentage points (from 27.0 percent to 33.5 percent); misdemeanor-level filings for this age group decreased identically.

When charged with PC section 12025, persons under age 18 were proportionately most likely to be filed on at the felony level; persons aged 40 and over were least likely. This pattern exists throughout the period shown.

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In 2003, there were 2,991 charges filed in addition to a primary charge of *felony* PC section 12025. Of these additional charges:

- Felony-level filings accounted for 89.3 percent (2,670).
- Misdemeanor-level filings accounted for 10.7 percent (321).

Table N-5
**CHARGES IN ADDITION TO
 FELONY PC 12025**
 By Level and Type of Charged Offense, 2003^a

Level and type of charged offense	Number	Percent of total	Percent of level
Total	2,991	100.0	
Felony	2,670	89.3	100.0
Violent offenses	279		10.4
Property offenses	237		8.9
Drug offenses	514		19.3
Weapons offenses	1,497		56.1
All other	143		5.4
Misdemeanor	321	10.7	100.0
Assault and battery	89		27.7
Theft offenses	2		0.6
Drug offenses	83		25.9
Weapons offenses	47		14.6
All other	100		31.2

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

^aPlease see "Appendix I - Data Characteristics and Known Limitations" for district attorneys unable to submit complete data for 2003.

Figure 5
**CHARGES IN ADDITION TO
 FELONY PC 12025**
 By Level of Charged Offense, 2003

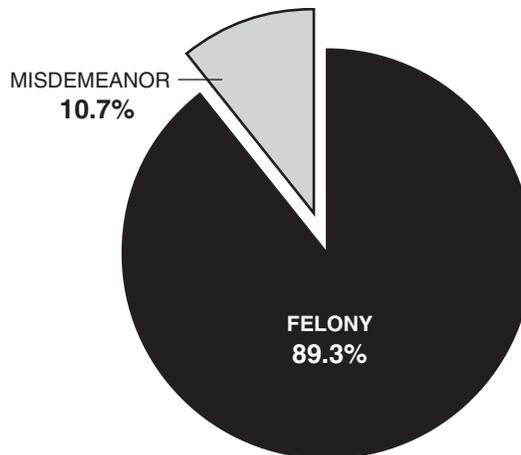
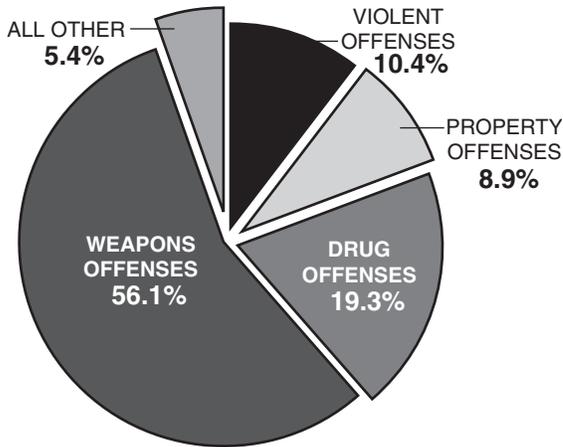
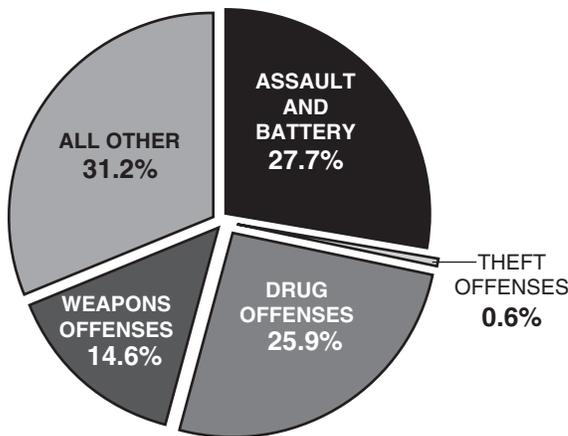


Figure 6
**FELONY CHARGES IN ADDITION TO
 FELONY PC 12025**
 By Type of Charged Offense, 2003



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

Figure 7
**MISDEMEANOR CHARGES IN ADDITION TO
 FELONY PC 12025**
 By Type of Charged Offense, 2003



In 2003,

Of 2,670 felony-level filings in addition to a primary charge of *felony* PC section 12025:

- Violent offenses accounted for 10.4 percent (279).
- Property offenses accounted for 8.9 percent (237).
- Drug offenses accounted for 19.3 percent (514).
- Weapons offenses accounted for 56.1 percent (1,497).
- All other felony offenses accounted for 5.4 percent (143).

Of 321 misdemeanor-level filings in addition to a primary charge of *felony* PC section 12025:

- Assault and battery accounted for 27.7 percent (89).
- Theft offenses accounted for 0.6 percent (2).
- Drug offenses accounted for 25.9 percent (83).
- Weapons offenses accounted for 14.6 percent (47).
- All other misdemeanor offenses accounted for 31.2 percent (100).

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In 2003, there were 1,547 charges filed in addition to a primary charge of *misdemeanor* PC section 12025. Of these additional charges:

- Felony-level filings accounted for 68.8 percent (1,064).
- Misdemeanor-level filings accounted for 31.2 percent (483).

Table N-6
CHARGES IN ADDITION TO MISDEMEANOR PC 12025
 By Level and Type of Charged Offense, 2003^a

Level and type of charged offense	Number	Percent of total	Percent of level
Total	1,547	100.0	
Felony	1,064	68.8	100.0
Violent offenses	82		7.7
Property offenses	100		9.4
Drug offenses	198		18.6
Weapons offenses	528		49.6
All other	156		14.7
Misdemeanor	483	31.2	100.0
Assault and battery	56		11.6
Theft offenses	3		0.6
Drug offenses	135		28.0
Weapons offenses	109		22.6
All other	180		37.3

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

^aPlease see "Appendix I - Data Characteristics and Known Limitations" for district attorneys unable to submit complete data for 2003.

Figure 8
CHARGES IN ADDITION TO MISDEMEANOR PC 12025
 By Level of Charged Offense, 2003

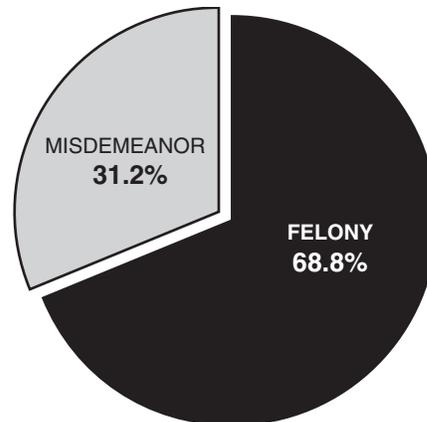


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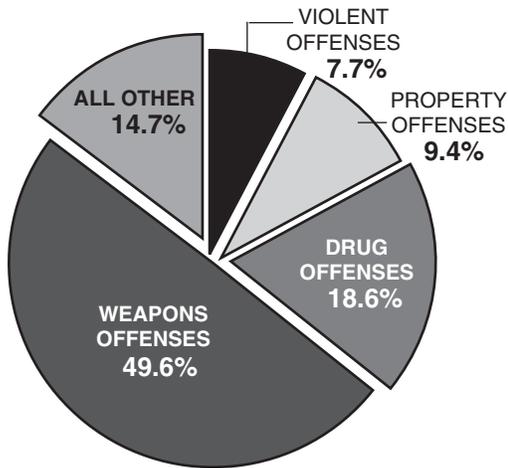
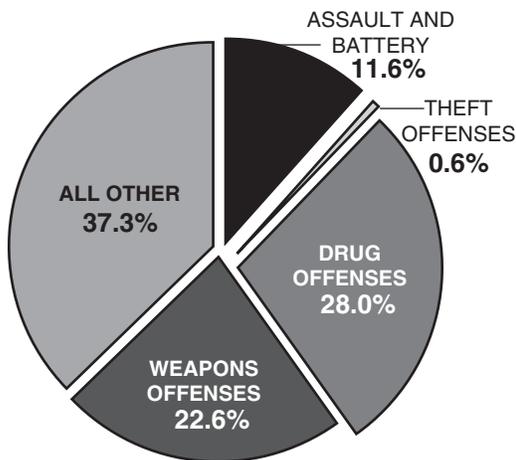


Figure 10
**MISDEMEANOR CHARGES IN ADDITION TO
 MISDEMEANOR PC 12025**
 By Type of Charged Offense, 2003



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

In 2003,

Of 1,064 felony-level filings in addition to a primary charge of *misdemeanor* PC section 12025:

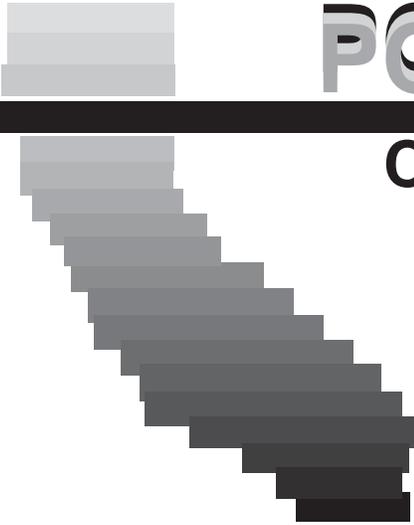
- Violent offenses accounted for 7.7 percent (82).
- Property offenses accounted for 9.4 percent (100).
- Drug offenses accounted for 18.6 percent (198).
- Weapons offenses accounted for 49.6 percent (528).
- All other felony offenses accounted for 14.7 percent (156).

Of 483 misdemeanor-level filings in addition to a primary charge of *misdemeanor* PC section 12025:

- Assault and battery accounted for 11.6 percent (56).
- Theft offenses accounted for 0.6 percent (3).
- Drug offenses accounted for 28.0 percent (135).
- Weapons offenses accounted for 22.6 percent (109).
- All other misdemeanor offenses accounted for 37.3 percent (180).

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PC 12031

**Charges for
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LOADED
firearm**

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LEVEL OF CHARGED OFFENSE

Prior to January 1, 2000, existing law generally provided that carrying a loaded firearm was punishable as a misdemeanor and, under certain circumstances, a felony. In 1999, PC section 12031 was amended to increase the number of circumstances when an offense could be charged. The following additional circumstance may be charged as either a felony or a misdemeanor:

- When a person carries a loaded firearm on his/her person or in a vehicle on any public street and that person is not listed with the DOJ as the registered owner of the firearm.

Comparing 2000 to 2003:

- The proportion of total charges for PC section 12031 resulting in felony-level filings increased 6.4 percentage points (from 55.1 percent to 61.5 percent); misdemeanor-level filings decreased identically.

The proportion of total charges for PC section 12031 resulting in felony-level filings increased each year since 2000.

Table N-7
PC 12031
By Level of Charged Offense, 2000-2003

Level of charged offense	2000 ^a		2001		2002		2003	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,679	100.0	2,055	100.0	2,068	100.0	1,973	100.0
Felony ...	925	55.1	1,137	55.3	1,231	59.5	1,213	61.5
Misd	754	44.9	918	44.7	837	40.5	760	38.5

^a Please see "Appendix I - Data Characteristics and Known Limitations" for district attorneys unable to submit complete data for 2000.

Figure 11
PC 12031
By Level of Charged Offense, 2000-2003

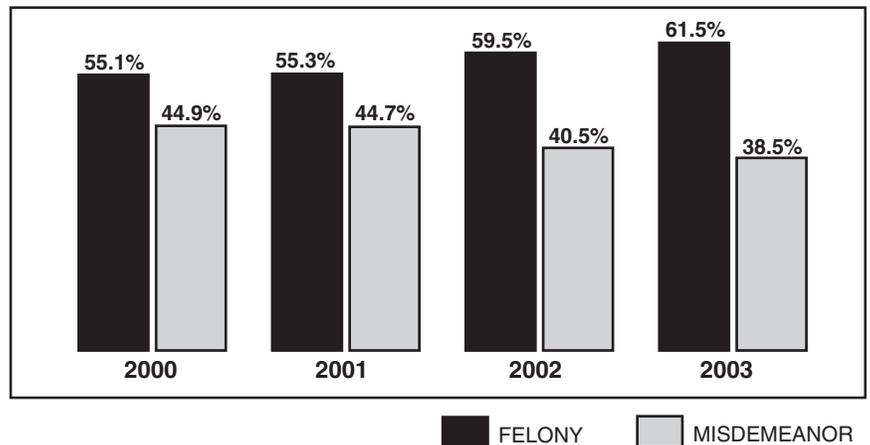


Table N-8
PC 12031
 Gender of Person Charged
 By Level of Charged Offense, 2000-2003

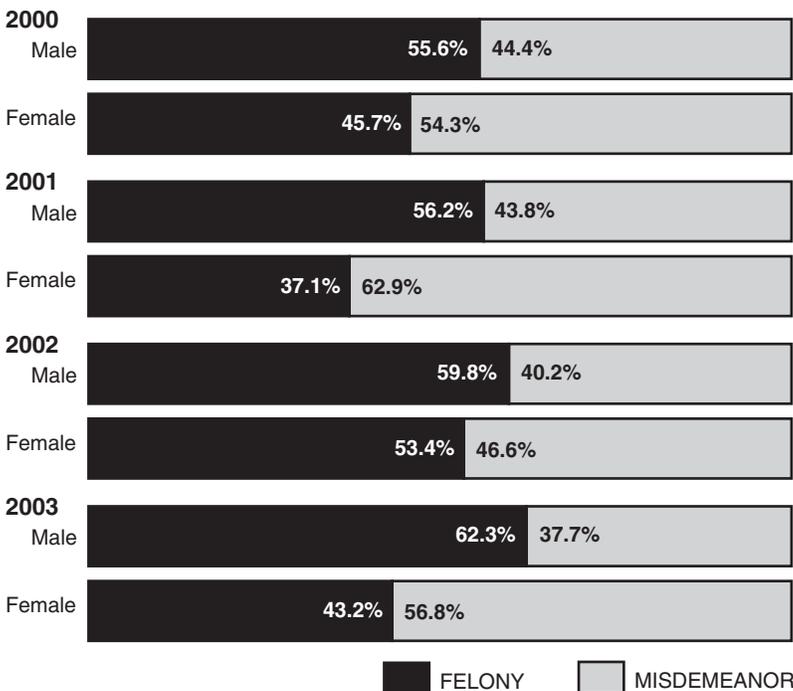
Gender of person charged	Total		Felony		Misdemeanor	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2000 total ¹	1,679	100.0	925	55.1	754	44.9
Male	1,598	100.0	888	55.6	710	44.4
Female	81	100.0	37	45.7	44	54.3
2001 total	2,055	100.0	1,137	55.3	918	44.7
Male	1,958	100.0	1,101	56.2	857	43.8
Female	97	100.0	36	37.1	61	62.9
2002 total	2,068	100.0	1,231	59.5	837	40.5
Male	1,980	100.0	1,184	59.8	796	40.2
Female	88	100.0	47	53.4	41	46.6
2003 total	1,973	100.0	1,213	61.5	760	38.5
Male	1,892	100.0	1,178	62.3	714	37.7
Female	81	100.0	35	43.2	46	56.8

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Comparing 2000 to 2003:

- The proportion of males charged with PC section 12031 resulting in felony-level filings increased 6.7 percentage points (from 55.6 percent to 62.3 percent); misdemeanor-level filings for males decreased identically.
- The proportion of females charged with PC section 12031 resulting in felony-level filings decreased 2.5 percentage points (from 45.7 percent to 43.2 percent); misdemeanor-level filings for females increased identically.

Figure 12
PC 12031
 Gender of Person Charged
 By Level of Charged Offense, 2000-2003



From 2000 through 2003, the vast majority of persons charged with PC section 12031 were male, and males were proportionately more likely to be filed on at the felony level than females.

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RACE/ETHNIC GROUP BY LEVEL OF CHARGED OFFENSE

Comparing 2000 to 2003:

- The proportion of whites charged with PC section 12031 resulting in felony-level filings increased 7.3 percentage points (from 31.6 percent to 38.9 percent); misdemeanor-level filings for whites decreased identically.
- The proportion of Hispanics charged with PC section 12031 resulting in felony-level filings increased 8.3 percentage points (from 61.0 percent to 69.3 percent); misdemeanor-level filings for Hispanics decreased identically.
- The proportion of blacks charged with PC section 12031 resulting in felony-level filings decreased 0.5 percentage points (from 71.6 percent to 71.1 percent); misdemeanor-level filings for blacks increased identically.
- The proportion of other race/ethnic groups charged with PC section 12031 resulting in felony-level filings increased 3.1 percentage points (from 51.9 percent to 55.0 percent); misdemeanor-level filings for other race/ethnic groups decreased identically.

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

When charged with PC section 12031, blacks were proportionately most likely to be filed on at the felony level, followed by Hispanics, other race/ethnic groups, and whites. This pattern exists throughout the period shown.

Table N-9
PC 12031
 Race/Ethnic Group of Person Charged
 By Level of Charged Offense, 2000-2003

Race/ethnic group of person charged	Total		Felony		Misdemeanor	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2000 total ¹	1,679	100.0	925	55.1	754	44.9
White	449	100.0	142	31.6	307	68.4
Hispanic	723	100.0	441	61.0	282	39.0
Black	401	100.0	287	71.6	114	28.4
Other	106	100.0	55	51.9	51	48.1
2001 total	2,055	100.0	1,137	55.3	918	44.7
White	537	100.0	160	29.8	377	70.2
Hispanic	874	100.0	558	63.8	316	36.2
Black	545	100.0	378	69.4	167	30.6
Other	99	100.0	41	41.4	58	58.6
2002 total	2,068	100.0	1,231	59.5	837	40.5
White	502	100.0	183	36.5	319	63.5
Hispanic	964	100.0	638	66.2	326	33.8
Black	483	100.0	346	71.6	137	28.4
Other	119	100.0	64	53.8	55	46.2
2003 total	1,973	100.0	1,213	61.5	760	38.5
White	488	100.0	190	38.9	298	61.1
Hispanic	918	100.0	636	69.3	282	30.7
Black	467	100.0	332	71.1	135	28.9
Other	100	100.0	55	55.0	45	45.0

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Figure 13
PC 12031
 Race/Ethnic Group of Person Charged
 By Level of Charged Offense, 2000-2003

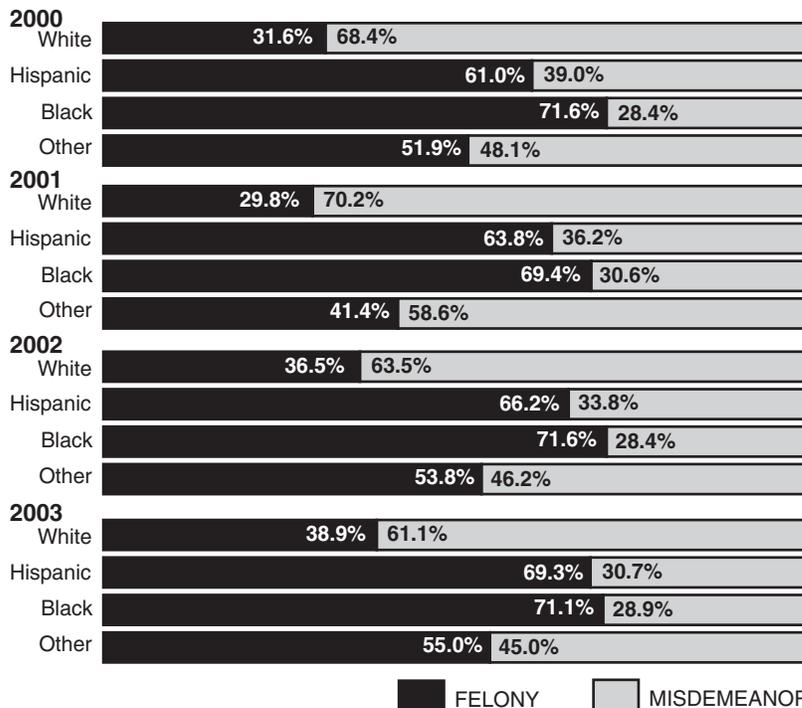


Table N-10
PC 12031
 Age of Person Charged
 By Level of Charged Offense, 2000-2003

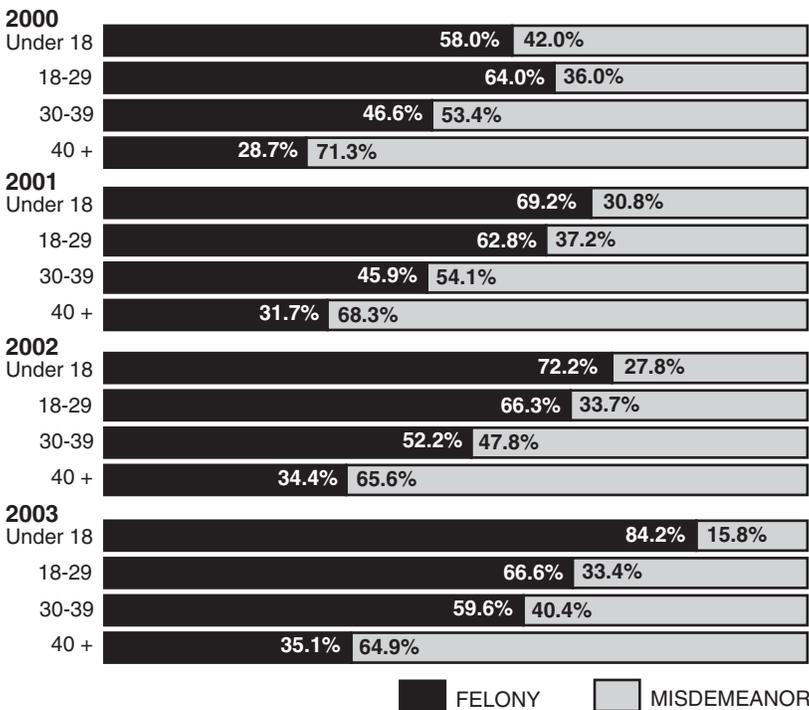
Age of person charged	Total		Felony		Misdemeanor	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2000 total ¹	1,679	100.0	925	55.1	754	44.9
Under 18	81	100.0	47	58.0	34	42.0
18-29	1,040	100.0	666	64.0	374	36.0
30-39	290	100.0	135	46.6	155	53.4
40 and over ..	268	100.0	77	28.7	191	71.3
2001 total	2,055	100.0	1,137	55.3	918	44.7
Under 18	52	100.0	36	69.2	16	30.8
18-29	1,335	100.0	839	62.8	496	37.2
30-39	353	100.0	162	45.9	191	54.1
40 and over ..	315	100.0	100	31.7	215	68.3
2002 total	2,068	100.0	1,231	59.5	837	40.5
Under 18	72	100.0	52	72.2	20	27.8
18-29	1,353	100.0	897	66.3	456	33.7
30-39	341	100.0	178	52.2	163	47.8
40 and over ..	302	100.0	104	34.4	198	65.6
2003 total	1,973	100.0	1,213	61.5	760	38.5
Under 18	76	100.0	64	84.2	12	15.8
18-29	1,249	100.0	832	66.6	417	33.4
30-39	366	100.0	218	59.6	148	40.4
40 and over ..	282	100.0	99	35.1	183	64.9

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Comparing 2000 to 2003:

- The proportion of persons under age 18 charged with PC section 12031 resulting in felony-level filings increased 26.2 percentage points (from 58.0 percent to 84.2 percent); misdemeanor-level filings for this age group decreased identically.
- The proportion of persons aged 18-29 charged with PC section 12031 resulting in felony-level filings increased 2.6 percentage points (from 64.0 percent to 66.6 percent); misdemeanor-level filings for this age group decreased identically.
- The proportion of persons aged 30-39 charged with PC section 12031 resulting in felony-level filings increased 13.0 percentage points (from 46.6 percent to 59.6 percent); misdemeanor-level filings for this age group decreased identically.
- The proportion of persons aged 40 and over charged with PC section 12031 resulting in felony-level filings increased 6.4 percentage points (from 28.7 percent to 35.1 percent); misdemeanor-level filings for this age group decreased identically.

Figure 14
PC 12031
 Age of Person Charged
 By Level of Charged Offense, 2000-2003



When charged with PC section 12031, persons aged 29 and younger were proportionately most likely to be filed on at the felony level; persons aged 30 and over were least likely. This pattern exists throughout the period shown.

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In 2003, there were 1,543 charges filed in addition to a primary charge of *felony* PC section 12031. Of these additional charges:

- Felony-level filings accounted for 88.4 percent (1,364).
- Misdemeanor-level filings accounted for 11.6 percent (179).

Table N-11
**CHARGES IN ADDITION TO
 FELONY PC 12031**
 By Level and Type of Charged Offense, 2003^a

Level and type of charged offense	Number	Percent of total	Percent of level
Total	1,543	100.0	
Felony	1,364	88.4	100.0
Violent offenses	214		15.7
Property offenses	145		10.6
Drug offenses	222		16.3
Weapons offenses	691		50.7
All other	92		6.7
Misdemeanor	179	11.6	100.0
Assault and battery	46		25.7
Theft offenses	3		1.7
Drug offenses	37		20.7
Weapons offenses	27		15.1
All other	66		36.9

Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.
^aPlease see "Appendix I - Data Characteristics and Known Limitations" for district attorneys unable to submit complete data for 2003.

Figure 15
**CHARGES IN ADDITION TO
 FELONY PC 12031**
 By Level of Charged Offense, 2003

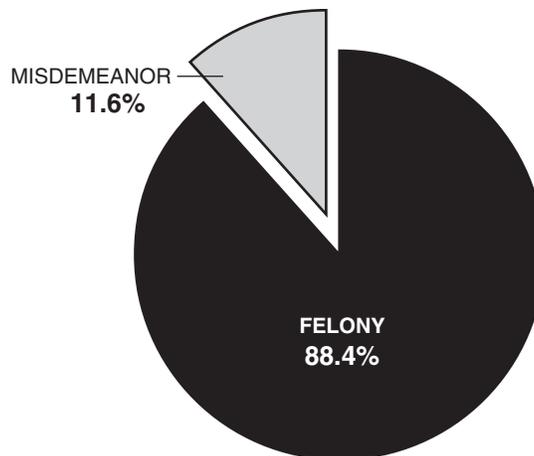


Figure 16
**FELONY CHARGES IN ADDITION TO
 FELONY PC 12031**
 By Type of Charged Offense, 2003

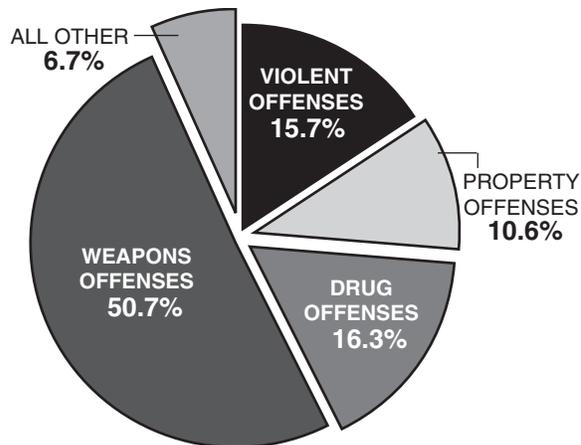
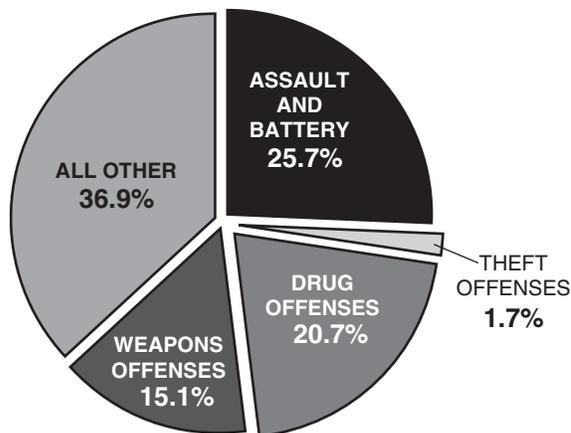


Figure 17
**MISDEMEANOR CHARGES IN ADDITION TO
 FELONY PC 12031**
 By Type of Charged Offense, 2003



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

In 2003,

Of 1,364 felony-level filings in addition to a primary charge of *felony* PC section 12031:

- Violent offenses accounted for 15.7 percent (214).
- Property offenses accounted for 10.6 percent (145).
- Drug offenses accounted for 16.3 percent (222).
- Weapons offenses accounted for 50.7 percent (691).
- All other felony offenses accounted for 6.7 percent (92).

Of 179 misdemeanor-level filings in addition to a primary charge of *felony* PC section 12031:

- Assault and battery accounted for 25.7 percent (46).
- Theft offenses accounted for 1.7 percent (3).
- Drug offenses accounted for 20.7 percent (37).
- Weapons offenses accounted for 15.1 percent (27).
- All other misdemeanor offenses accounted for 36.9 percent (66).

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In 2003, there were 807 charges filed in addition to a primary charge of *misdemeanor* PC section 12031. Of these additional charges:

- Felony-level filings accounted for 69.9 percent (564).
- Misdemeanor-level filings accounted for 30.1 percent (243).

Table N-12
CHARGES IN ADDITION TO MISDEMEANOR PC 12031
 By Level and Type of Charged Offense, 2003^a

Level and type of charged offense	Number	Percent of total	Percent of level
Total	807	100.0	
Felony	564	69.9	100.0
Violent offenses	84		14.9
Property offenses	37		6.6
Drug offenses	121		21.5
Weapons offenses	216		38.3
All other	106		18.8
Misdemeanor	243	30.1	100.0
Assault and battery	42		17.3
Theft offenses	0		0.0
Drug offenses	73		30.0
Weapons offenses	15		6.2
All other	113		46.5

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

^aPlease see "Appendix I - Data Characteristics and Known Limitations" for district attorneys unable to submit complete data for 2003.

Figure 18
CHARGES IN ADDITION TO MISDEMEANOR PC 12031
 By Level of Charged Offense, 2003

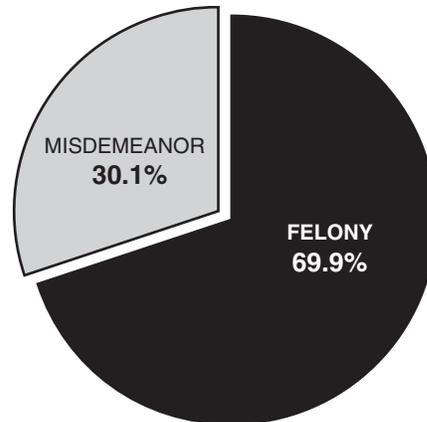
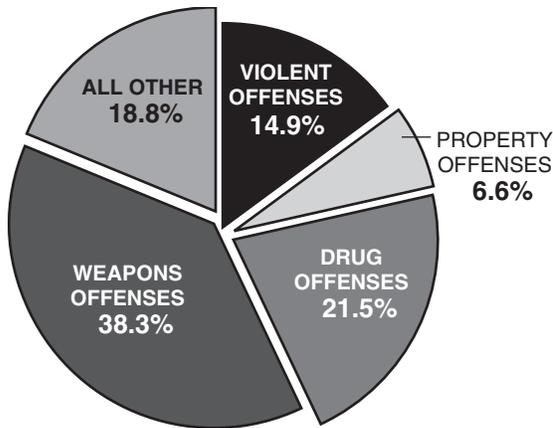
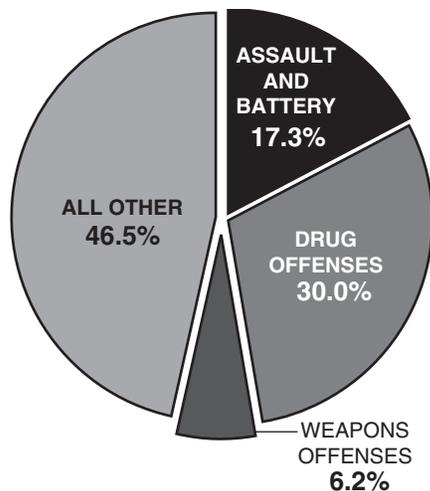


Figure 19
**FELONY CHARGES IN ADDITION TO
 MISDEMEANOR PC 12031**
 By Type of Charged Offense, 2003



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

Figure 20
**MISDEMEANOR CHARGES IN ADDITION TO
 MISDEMEANOR PC 12031**
 By Type of Charged Offense, 2003



In 2003,

Of 564 felony-level filings in addition to a primary charge of *misdemeanor* PC section 12031:

- Violent offenses accounted for 14.9 percent (84).
- Property offenses accounted for 6.6 percent (37).
- Drug offenses accounted for 21.5 percent (121).
- Weapons offenses accounted for 38.3 percent (216).
- All other felony offenses accounted for 18.8 percent (106).

Of 243 misdemeanor-level filings in addition to a primary charge of *misdemeanor* PC section 12031:

- Assault and battery accounted for 17.3 percent (42).
- Drug offenses accounted for 30.0 percent (73).
- Weapons offenses accounted for 6.2 percent (15).
- All other misdemeanor offenses accounted for 46.5 percent (113).

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