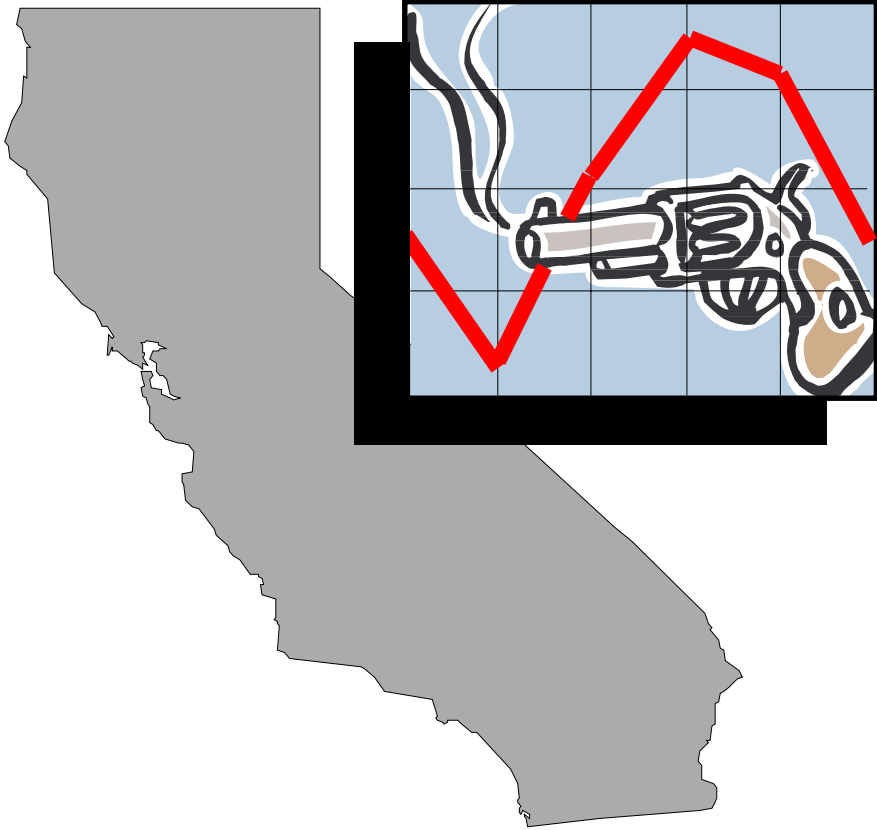


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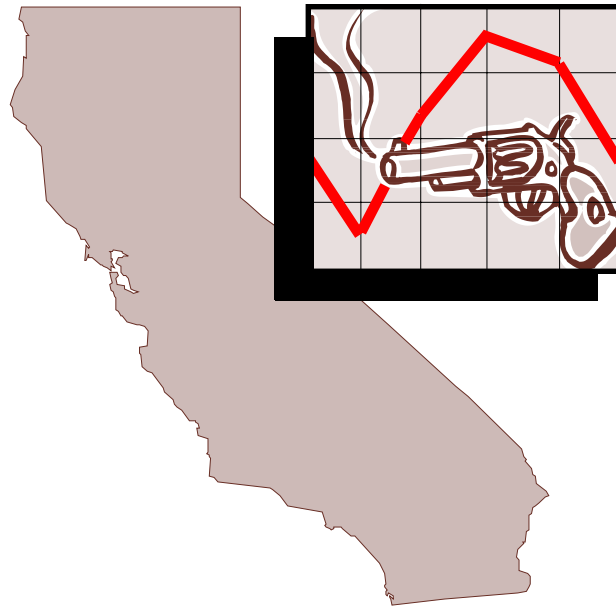
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**I met Murder in the way -  
He had a mask like Castlereagh.  
SHELLY, "The Mask of Anarchy" (1819), II**

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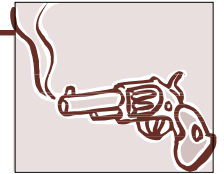
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# introduction

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

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

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



# highlights

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## **HOMICIDE CRIMES** (see Pages 2-23)

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



### **HOMICIDE ARRESTS** (see Pages 26-29)

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

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

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

### **DEATH PENALTY SENTENCES** (see Pages 40-41)

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

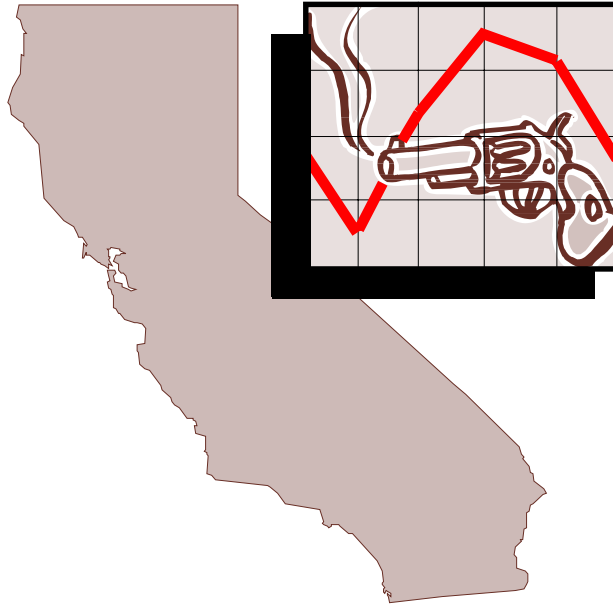
### **PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY** (see Pages 44-45)

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

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# **HOMICIDE CRIMES** (PART 1)



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## HOMICIDE CRIMES

Homicide is defined by the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program as the "willful (nonnegligent) killing of one human being by another." The homicide category comprises murder and nonnegligent manslaughter. Attempted murder, justifiable homicide, manslaughter by negligence, and suicide are excluded. Data depicting homicide in California have been collected and published for over 45 years.

From 1996 to 1997:

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

Comparing 1988 to 1997:

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

Comparing 1952 to 1997:

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

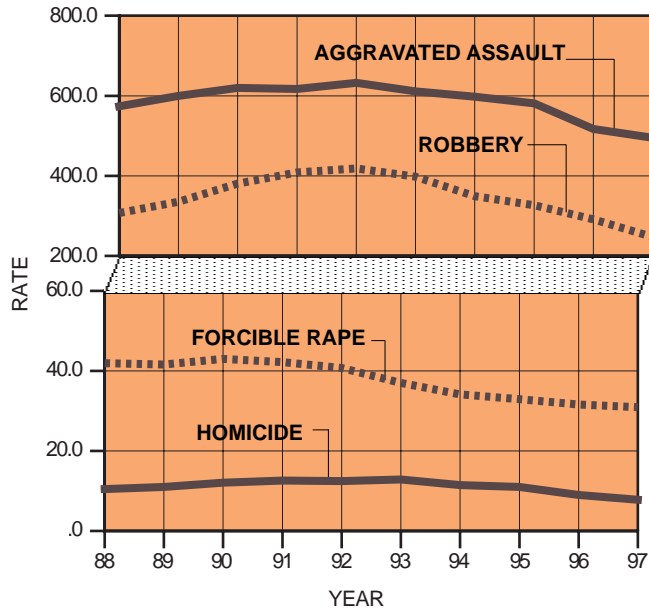
***The 1997 homicide rate of 7.8 is the lowest since 1970.***

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

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



Chart 1  
VIOLENT CRIMES, 1988-1997  
Rate per 100,000 Population



Source: Table 1.

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

From 1996 to 1997:

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

Comparing 1988 to 1997:

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

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

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

In 1997,

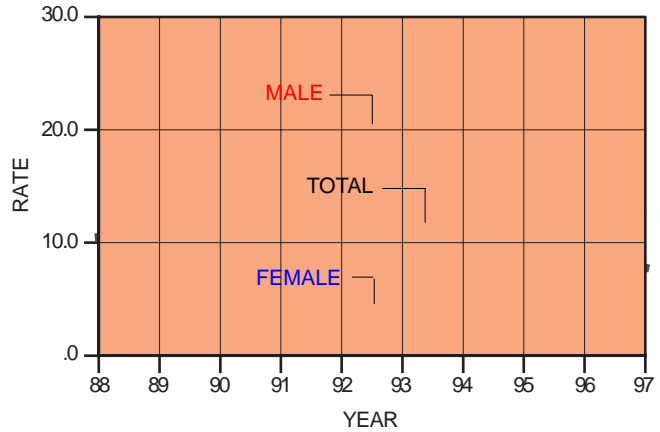
- The total homicide rate was 7.8 per 100,000 population.
- The male homicide rate was more than four times that of the female homicide rate (12.2 vs. 2.8).
- The black homicide rate was over nine and one-half times that of whites and over two and one-half times that of Hispanics (29.5 vs. 3.1 and 11.1,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

Comparing 1988 to 1997:

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

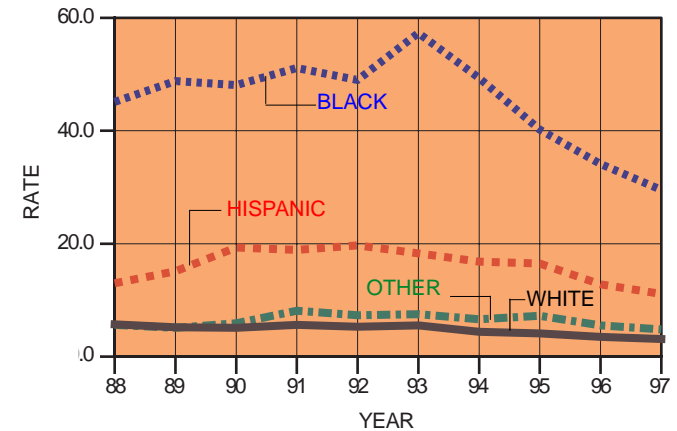
***Homicide rates decreased for all gender and race/ethnic groups shown.***

Chart 2  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997  
By Gender of Victim  
Rate per 100,000 Population



Source: [Table 2.](#)

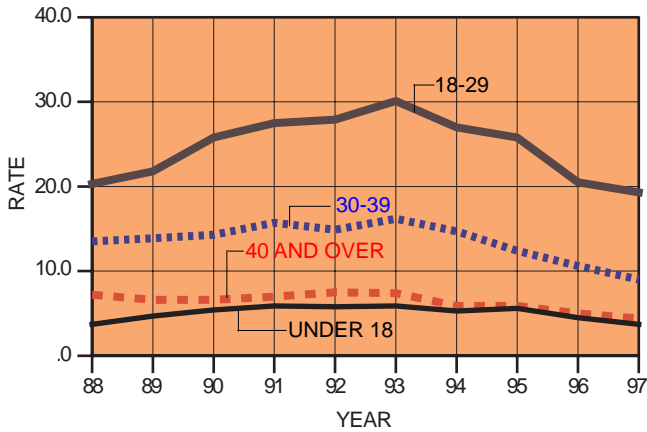
Chart 3  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997  
By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim  
Rate per 100,000 Population



Source: [Table 3.](#)



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



Source: Table 4.

In 1997,

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

Comparing 1988 to 1997:

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

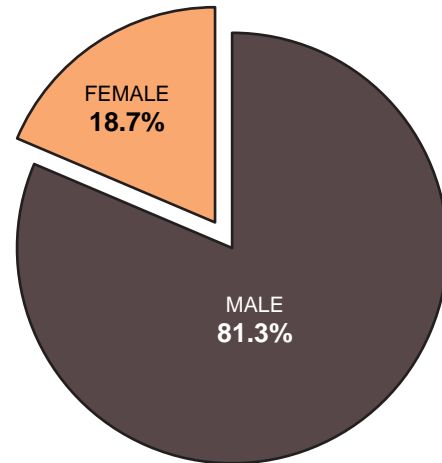
***“Under age 18” is the only age category shown whose 1997 homicide rate is not lower than it was in 1988.***

In 1997,

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

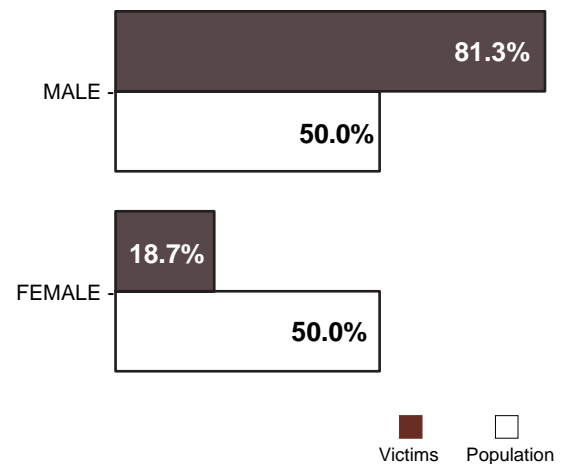
***As homicide victims, males are statistically over-represented when compared to females.***

Chart 5  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997  
By Gender of Victim



Source: [Table 5](#).

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

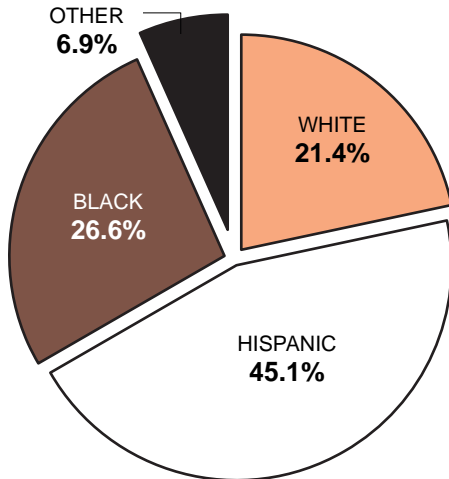


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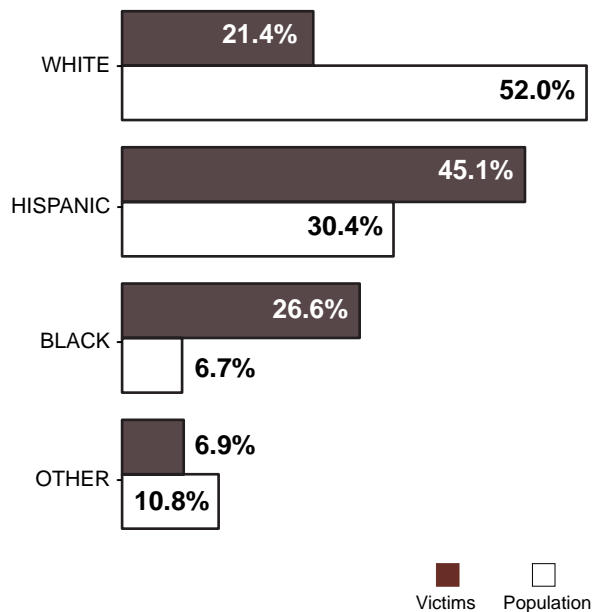


Chart 7  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997  
By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim



Source: Table 6.

Chart 8  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997  
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Percent of Total Victims  
and Percent of Population



Sources: Table 3 and Table 6.

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

In 1997,

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

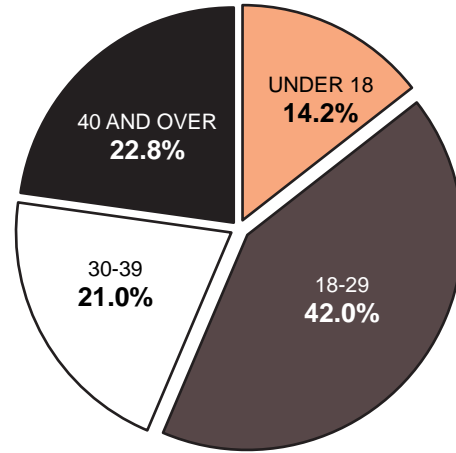
***As homicide victims, Hispanics and blacks are statistically over-represented when compared to the white and “other” race/ethnic group categories.***

In 1997,

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

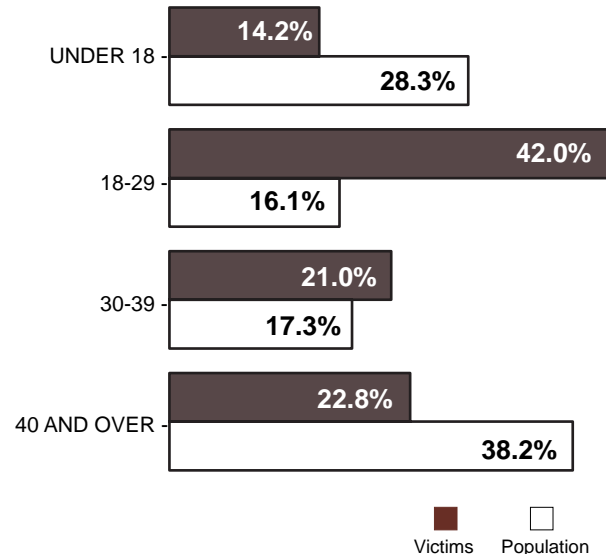
***As homicide victims, persons aged 18-29 and 30-39 are statistically over-represented when compared to persons under age 18 and persons aged 40 and over.***

Chart 9  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997  
By Age of Victim



Source: [Table Z](#).

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

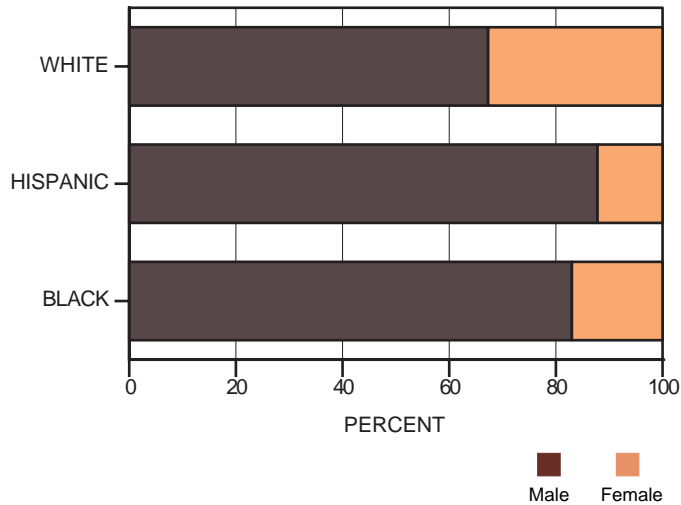


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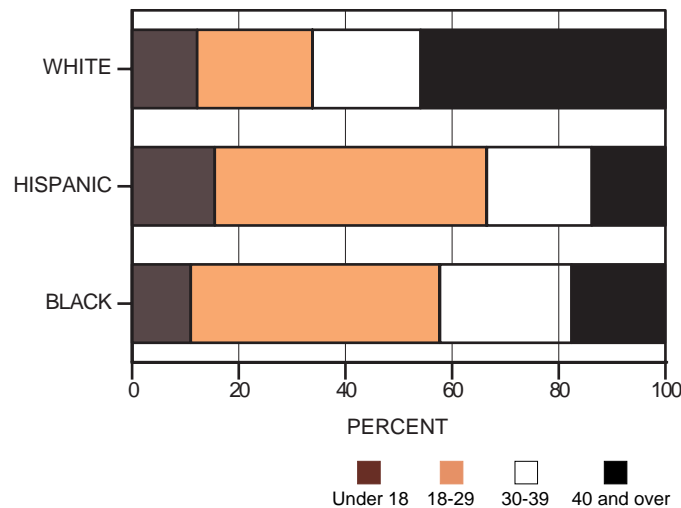


Chart 11  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997  
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Gender of Victim



Source: Table 8.

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



Source: Table 9.

In 1997,

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

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

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

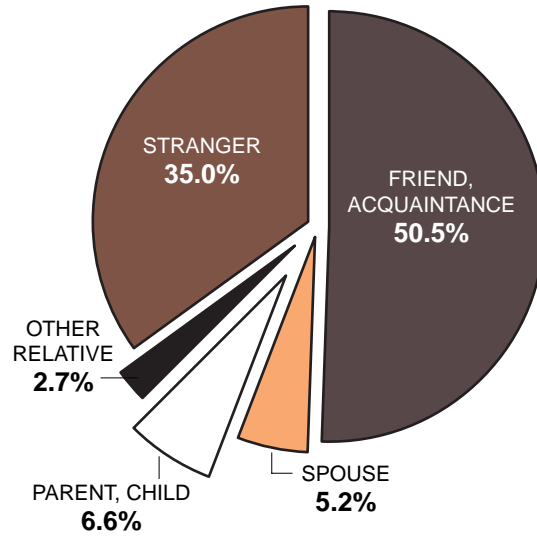
In 1997,

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

Comparing 1988 to 1997:

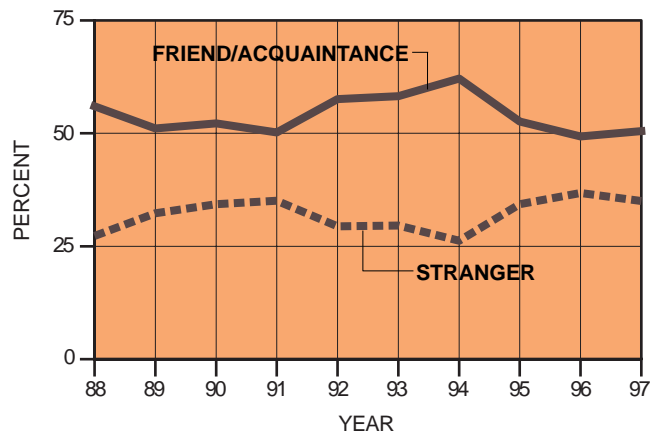
- The proportion of homicides in which victims were friends or acquaintances of offenders decreased from 56.0 percent in 1988 to 50.5 percent in 1997.
- The proportion of homicides in which victims were strangers to offenders increased from 27.3 percent in 1988 to 35.0 percent in 1997.

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



Source: [Table 11.](#)

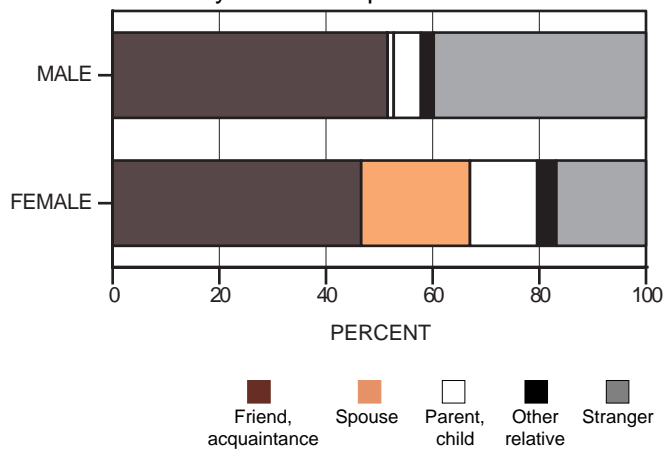
Chart 14  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997  
By Selected Relationships of Victims to Offenders



Source: [Table 11.](#)



Chart 15  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997  
Gender of Victim by Relationship of Victim to Offender

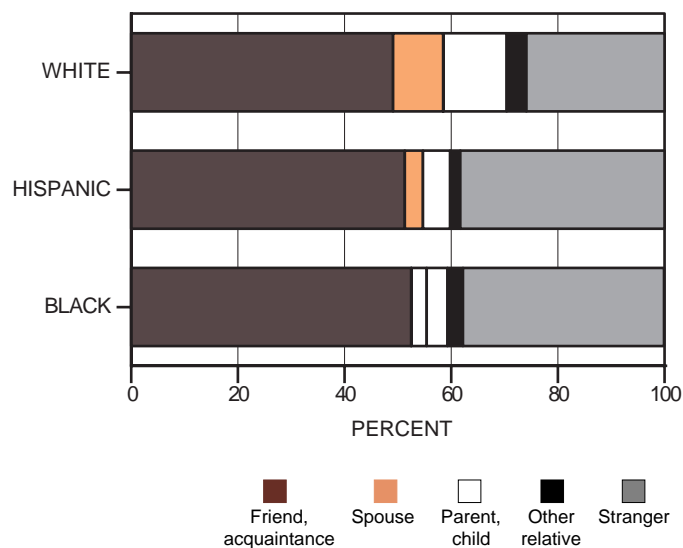


Source: Table 12.

In 1997,

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

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



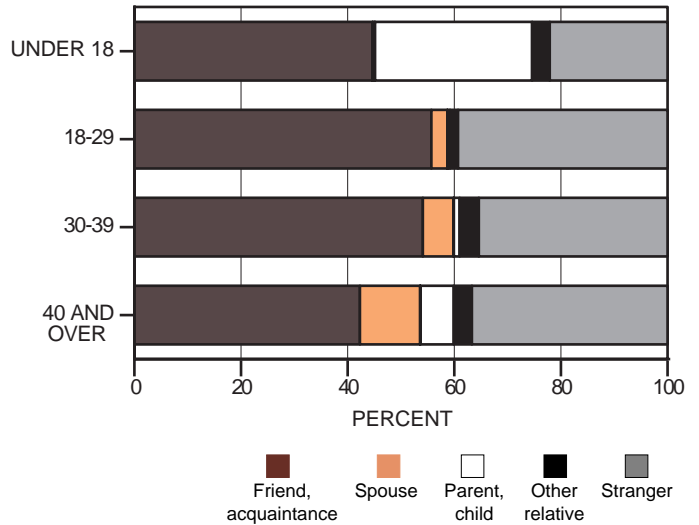
Source: Table 12.

**More females were victims of spousal homicide than were males.**

In 1997,

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

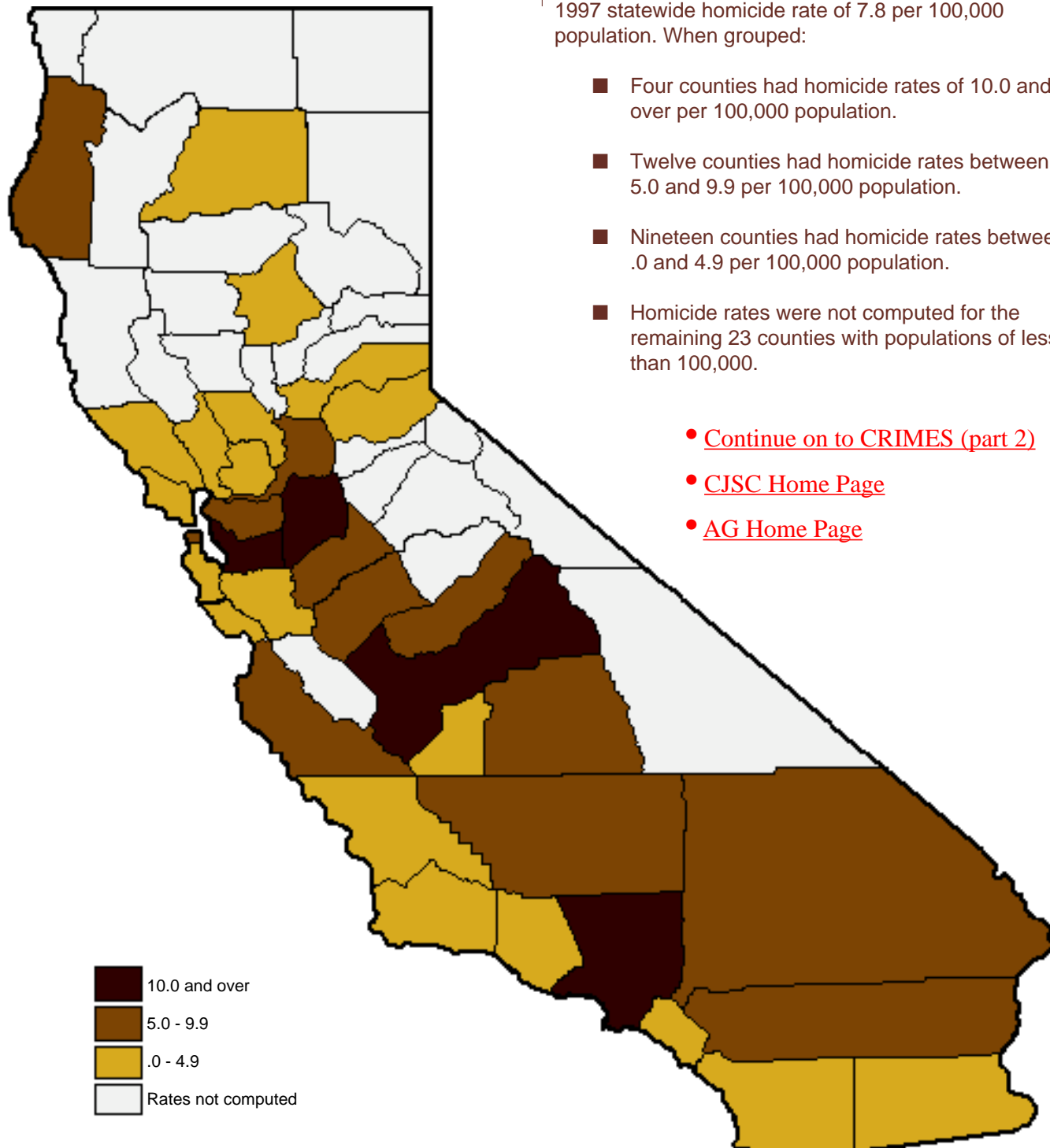
Chart 17  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997  
Age of Victim by Relationship of Victim to Offender



Source: Table 13.

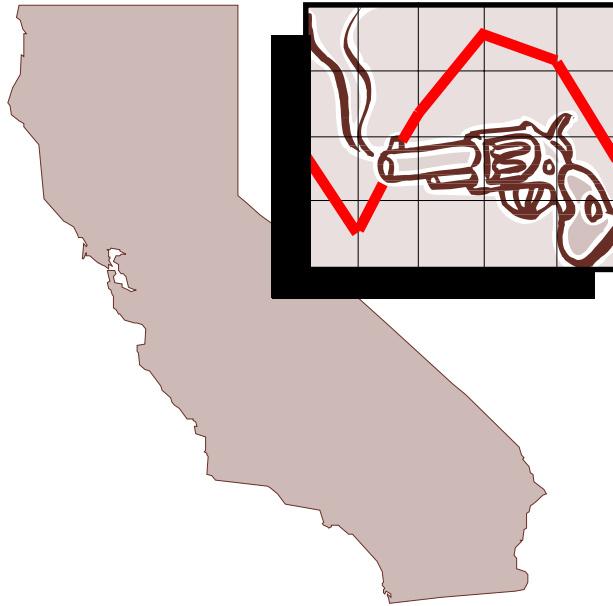


Chart 18  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997  
County by Rate per 100,000 Population



Source: [Table 14.](#)

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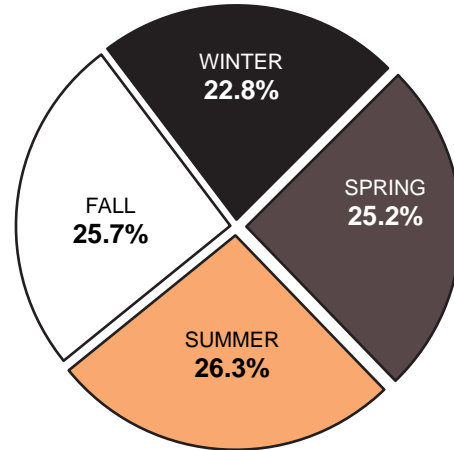
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When homicides were examined by season of incident, it was found that:

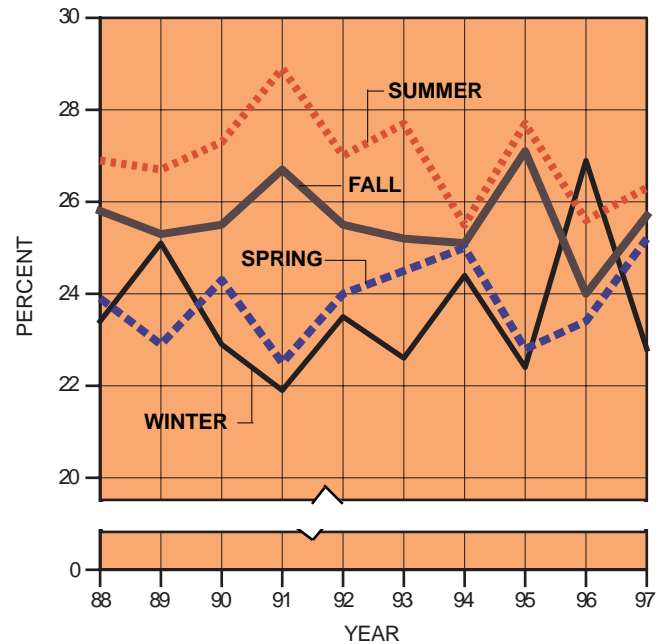
- In 1997, the incidents that led to death occurred more often in the summer than in any other season (26.3 percent).

Chart 19  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997  
By Season of Incident



Source: [Table 15.](#)

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



Source: [Table 15.](#)

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

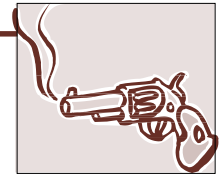
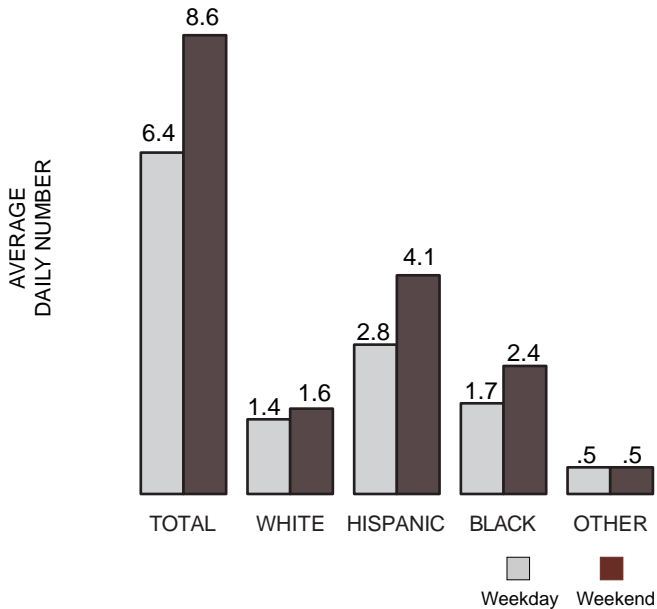
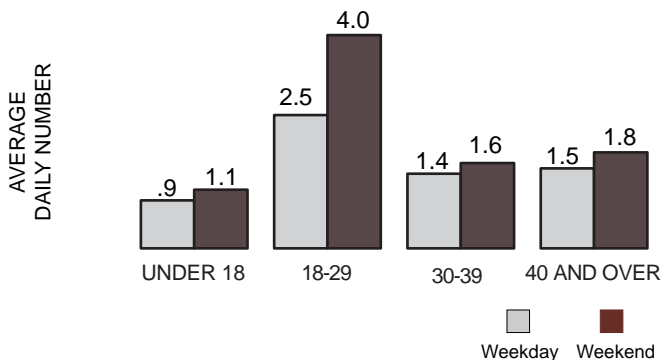


Chart 21  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997  
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Average Daily Number  
of Incidents on Weekdays and Weekends



Source: [Table 16.](#)

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



Source: [Table 17.](#)

In 1997,

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

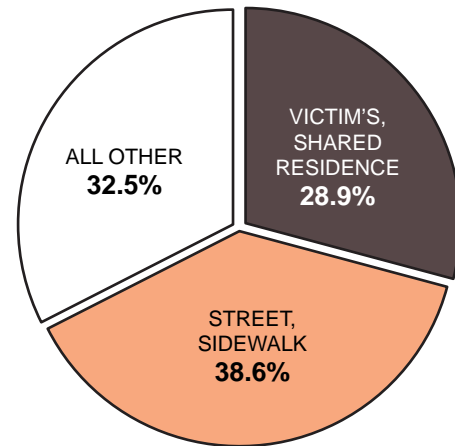
When homicides were examined by location of incident, it was found that:

In 1997,

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

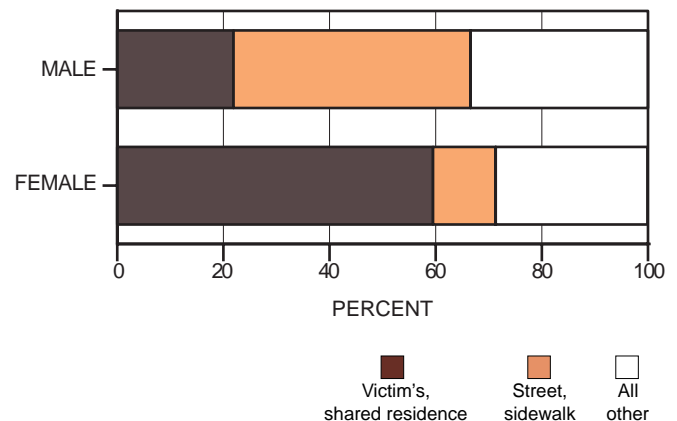
***Approximately 60 percent of female homicide victims were killed at their places of residence.***

Chart 23  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997  
By Location of Homicide



Source: [Table 19.](#)

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



Source: [Table 19.](#)

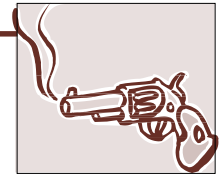
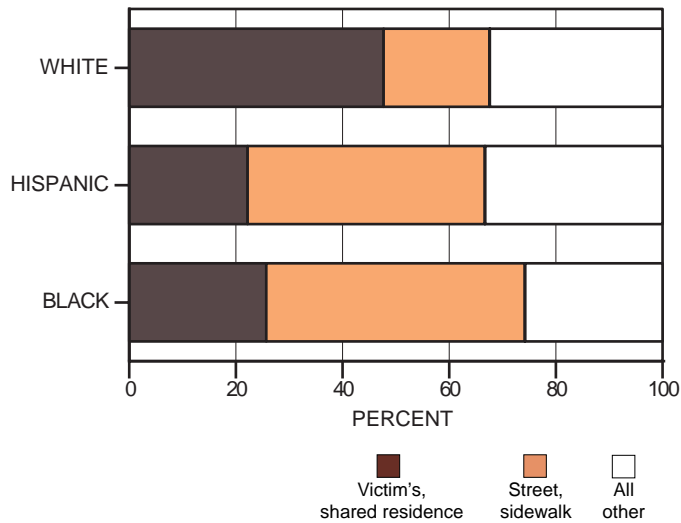


Chart 25  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997  
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Location of Homicide

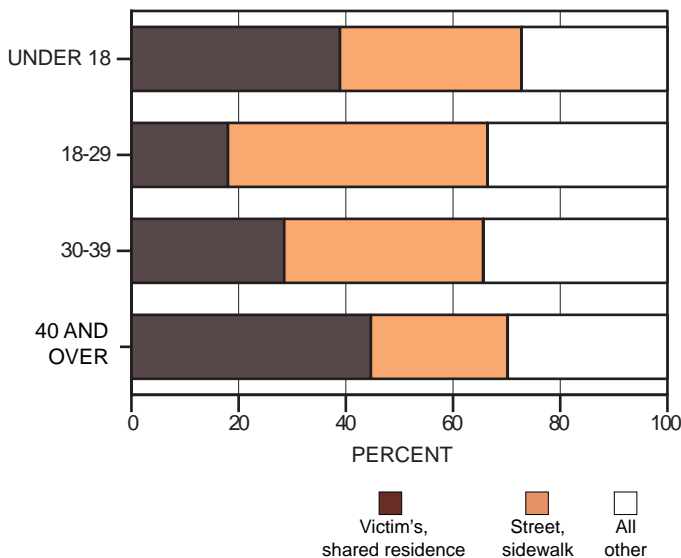


Source: [Table 19.](#)

In 1997,

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

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



Source: [Table 20.](#)

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

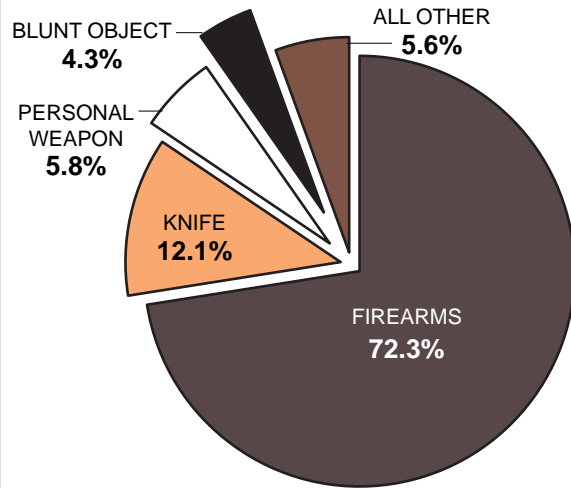
In 1997,

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

Comparing 1988 to 1997:

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

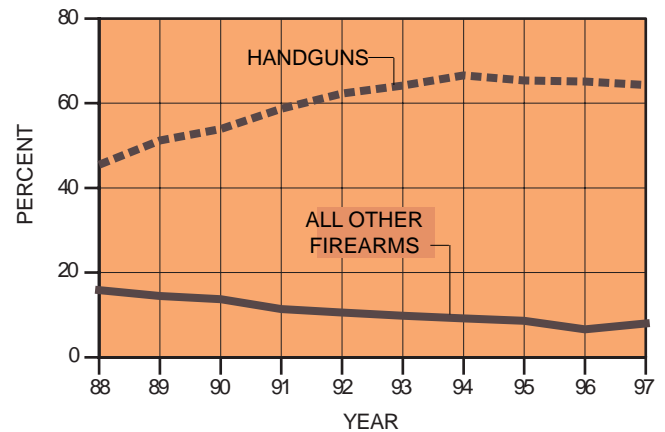
Chart 27  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997  
By Type of Weapon Used



Source: Table 21.

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

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



Source: Table 21.

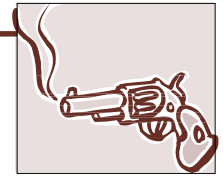
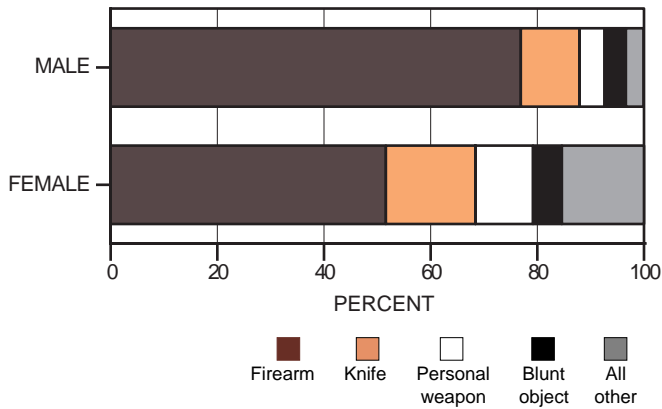


Chart 29  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997  
Gender of Victim by Type of Weapon Used

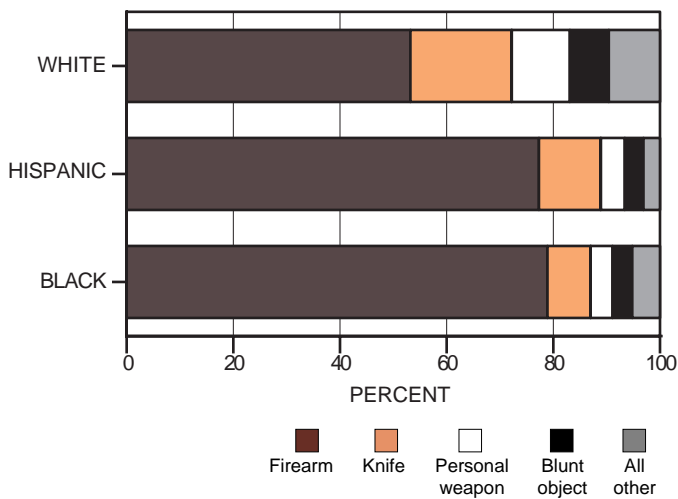


Source: Table 22.

In 1997,

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

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

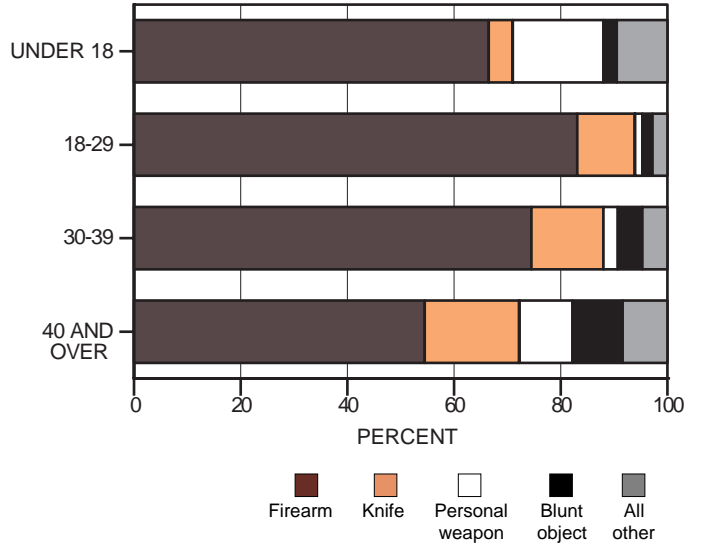


Source: Table 22.

In 1997,

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

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



Source: [Table 23](#).

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

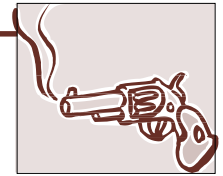
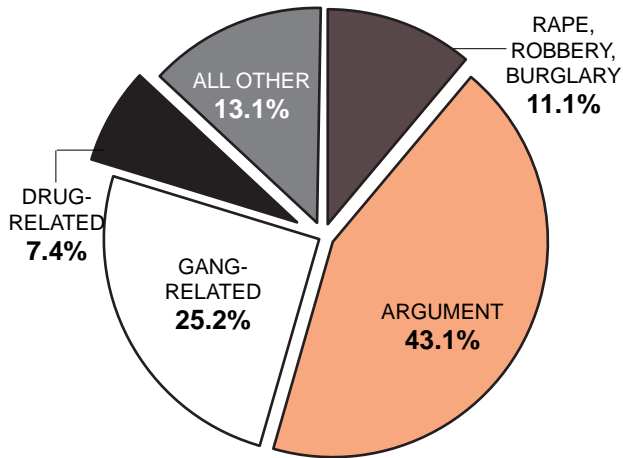
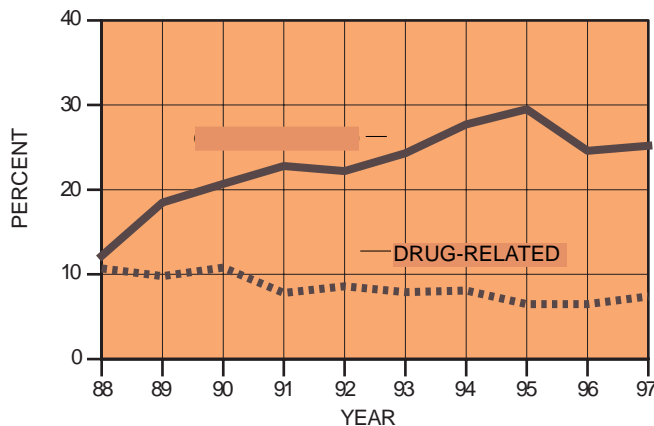


Chart 32  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997  
By Contributing Circumstance



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

Chart 33  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997  
By Selected Contributing Circumstances



Source: Table 24.

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

In 1997,

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

Comparing 1988 to 1997:

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

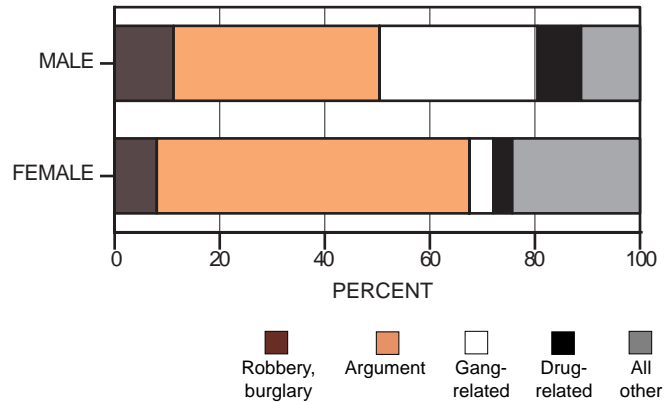
**Gang-related homicides have increased 76.1 percent in number since 1988.**



In 1997,

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

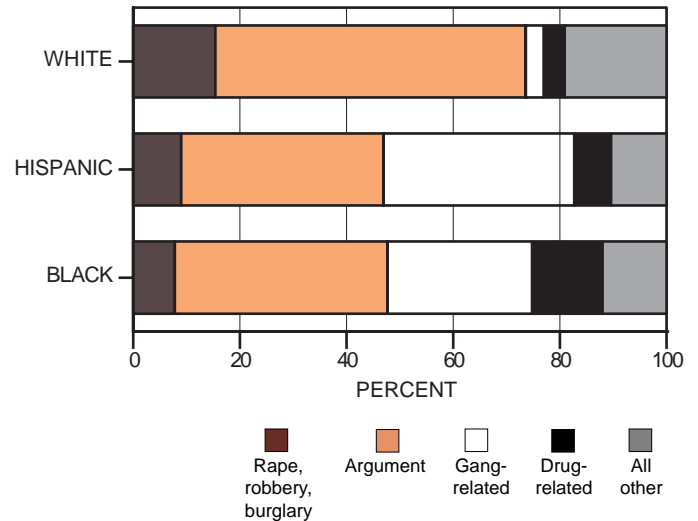
Chart 34  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997  
Gender of Victim by Contributing Circumstance



Source: Table 25.

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

Chart 35  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997  
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Contributing Circumstance



Source: Table 25.

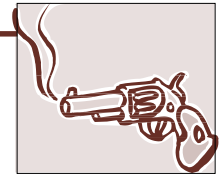
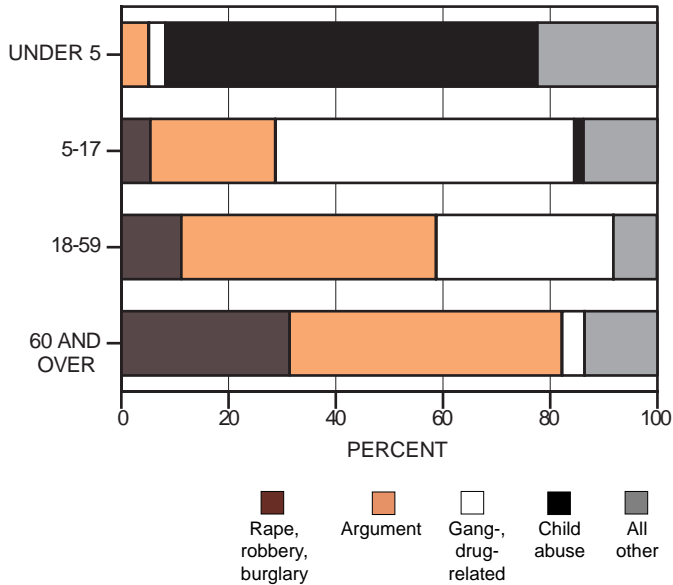


Chart 36  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997  
Age of Victim by Contributing Circumstance



Source: Table 26.

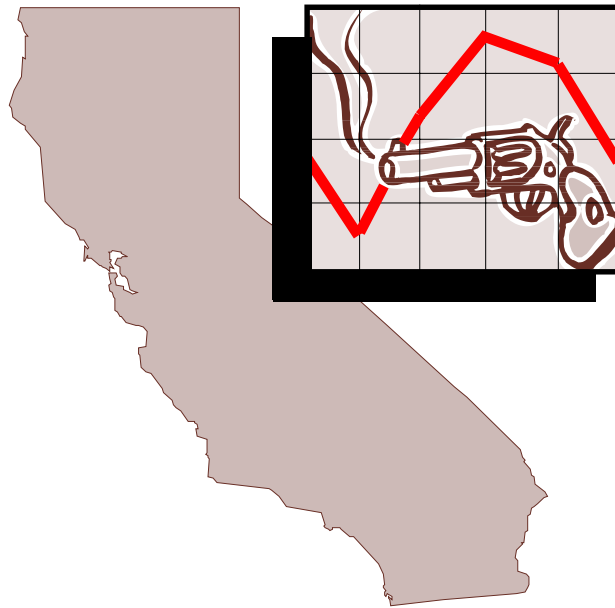
In 1997,

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

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## HOMICIDE ARRESTS

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

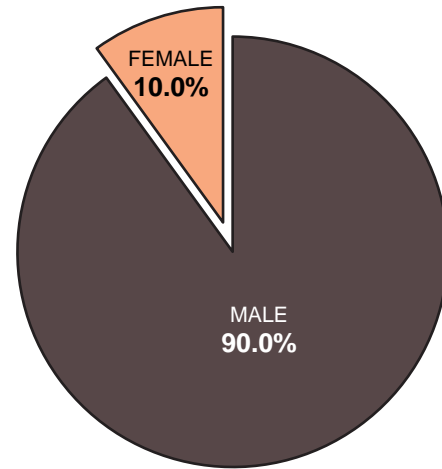
All California law enforcement agencies report arrest and citation information to the California Department of Justice on the "Monthly Arrest and Citation Register," which lists each arrestee; includes information about age, gender, and race/ethnic group; and specifies the "most serious" arrest offense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

In 1997,

Of 2,212 arrests for homicide:

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

Chart 37  
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1997  
By Gender of Arrestee



Source: [Table 31](#).

<sup>1</sup> The following penal codes for homicide arrest offenses were reported to the California Department of Justice during 1997: 128, 187(a), 189, 192(a), 192(b), 193(a), 193(b), 273ab, 399, 12310(a).

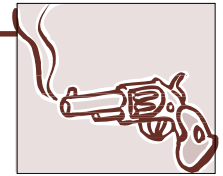
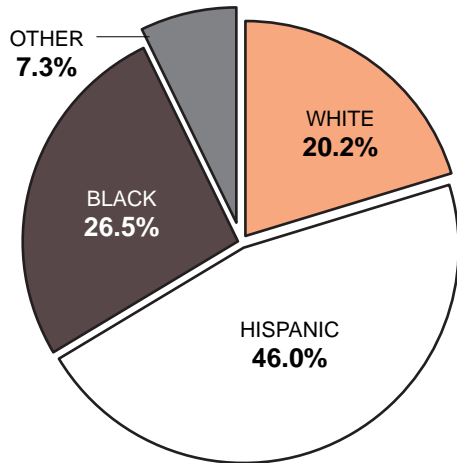
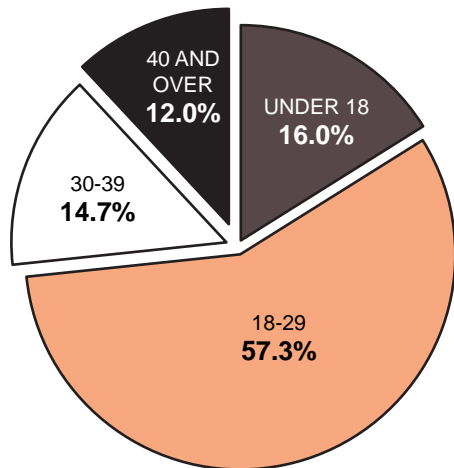


Chart 38  
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1997  
By Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee



Source: [Table 32.](#)

Chart 39  
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1997  
By Age of Arrestee



Source: [Table 33.](#)

In 1997,

Of 2,212 arrests for homicide:

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

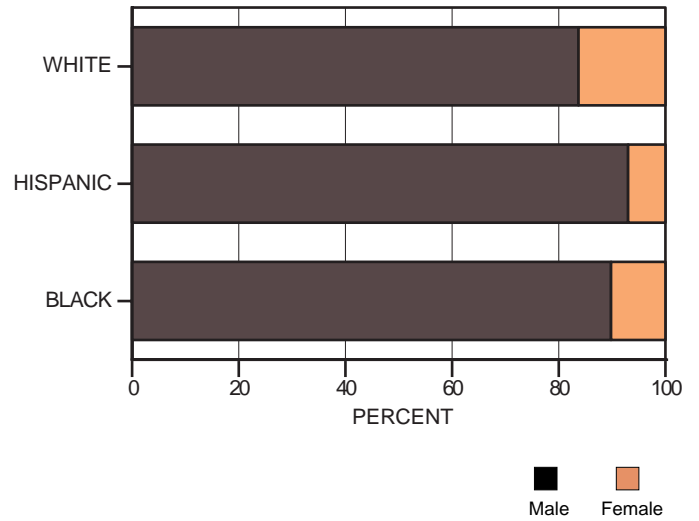
And,

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

In 1997,

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

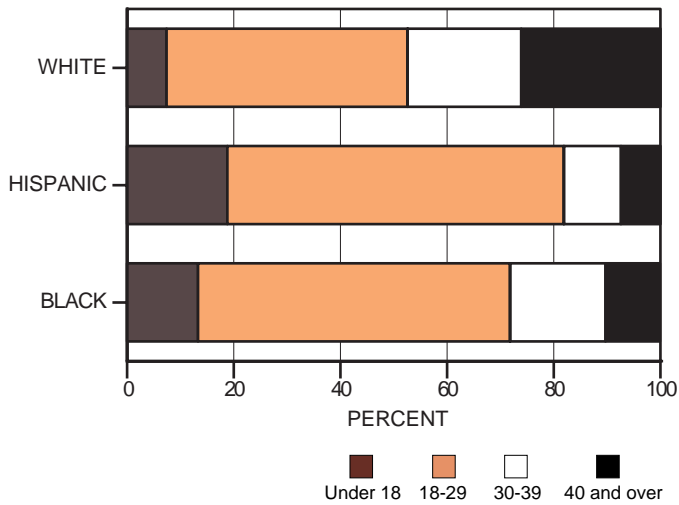
Chart 40  
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1997  
Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Gender of Arrestee



Source: [Table 34.](#)



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



Source: [Table 34](#).

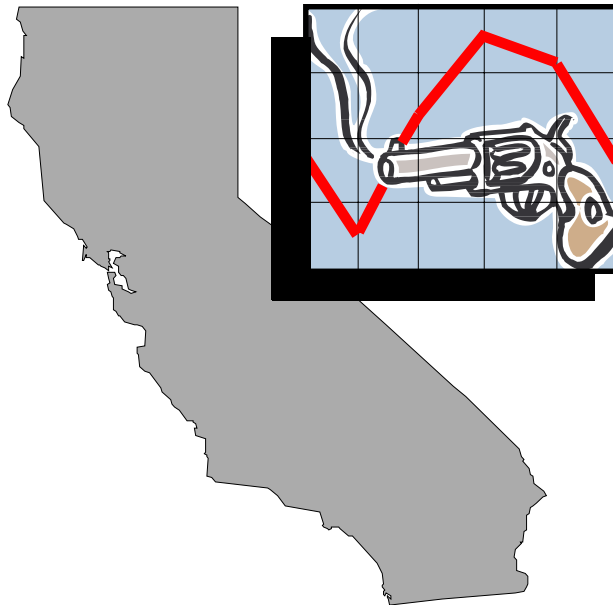
In 1997,

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

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# DISPOSITIONS OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE



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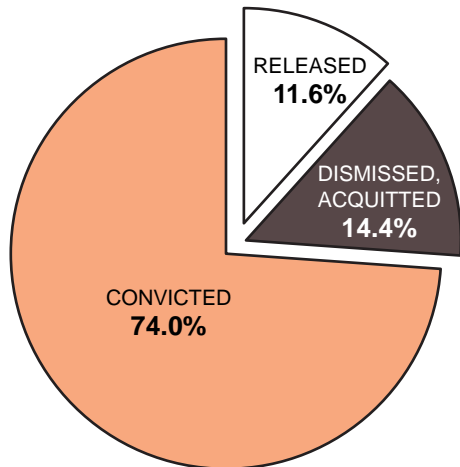


## DISPOSITIONS OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE

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

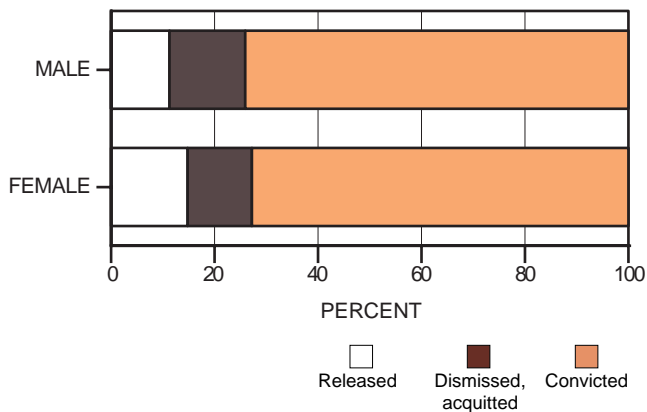


Chart 42  
DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED  
FOR HOMICIDE  
By Type of Disposition



Source: [Table 36.](#)

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



Source: [Table 37.](#)

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

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

And,

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

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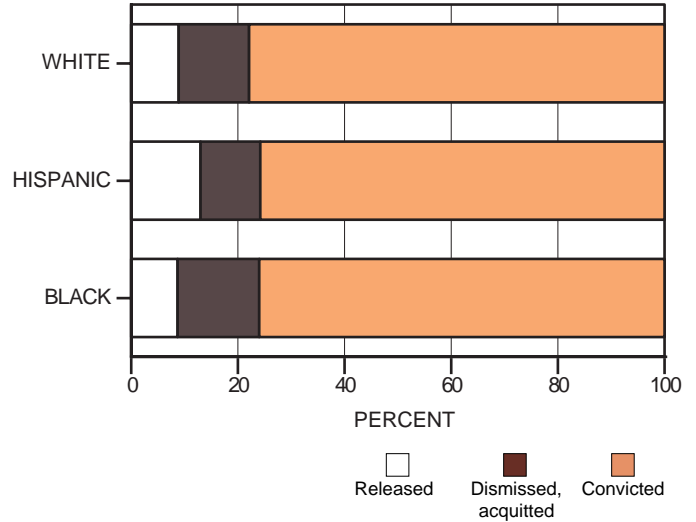
In 1997,

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

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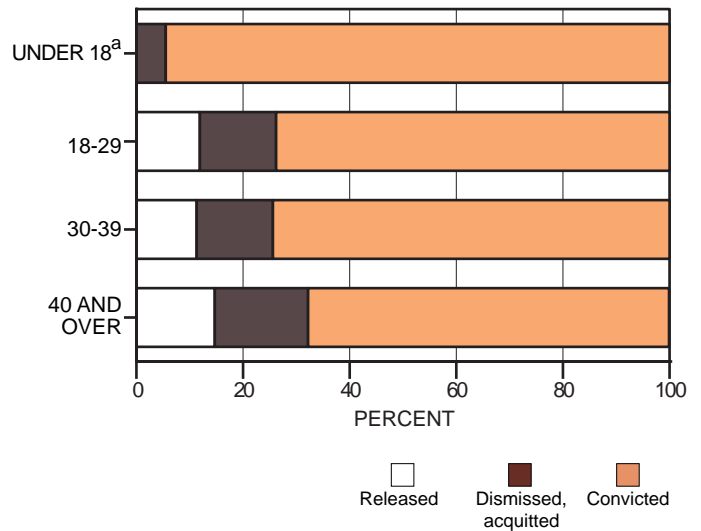
- Proportionately, more arrestees under age 18 were convicted (94.5 percent) than were arrestees in any other age group shown. (The “under 18” age group includes juveniles remanded to adult court.)

Chart 44  
DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE  
Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Type of Disposition



Source: Table 37.

Chart 45  
DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE  
Age of Arrestee by Type of Disposition



Source: Table 37.

<sup>a</sup> The “under 18” age group includes juveniles remanded to adult court.

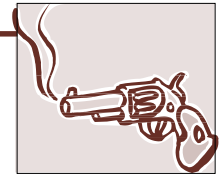
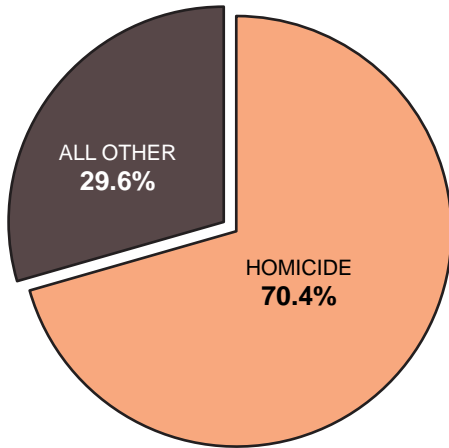


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DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED  
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By Convicted Offense



Source: [Table 41.](#)

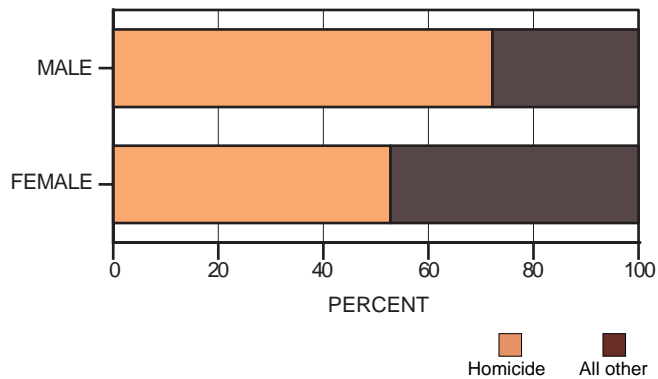
Of those adults arrested for homicide who were convicted in 1997, it was found that:

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

And,

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

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



Source: [Table 42.](#)

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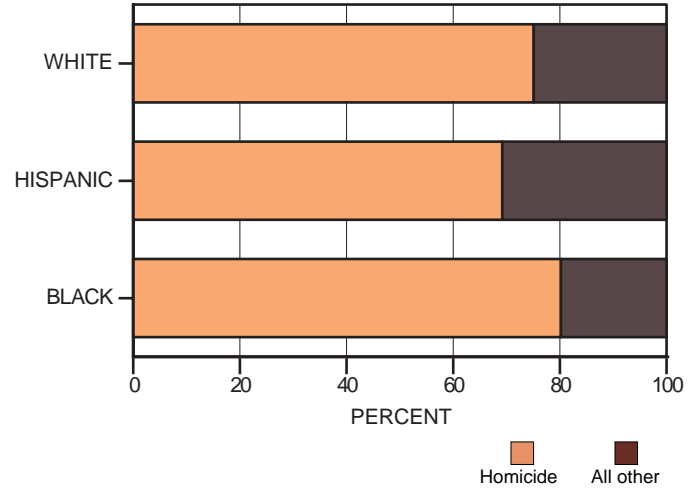
In 1997,

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

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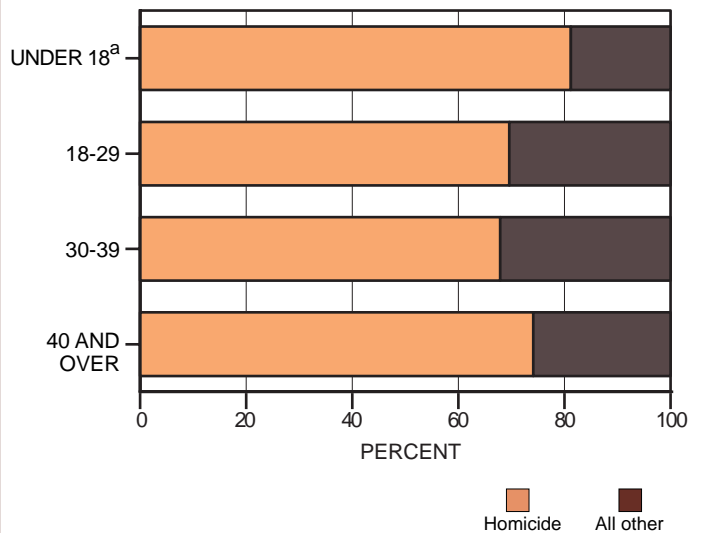
- Proportionately, more arrestees under age 18 were convicted of homicide (81.2 percent) than were arrestees in any other age group shown.

Chart 48  
DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED  
Race/Ethnic Group of Offender by Convicted Offense



Source: [Table 42](#).

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



Source: [Table 42](#).

<sup>a</sup> The "under 18" age group includes juveniles remanded to adult court.

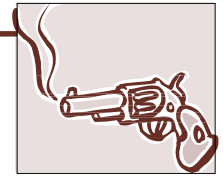
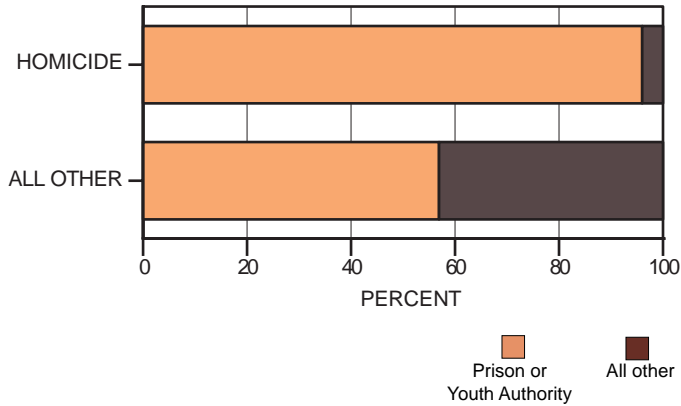


Chart 50  
DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED  
FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED  
Convicted Offense by Sentence



Source: Table 43.

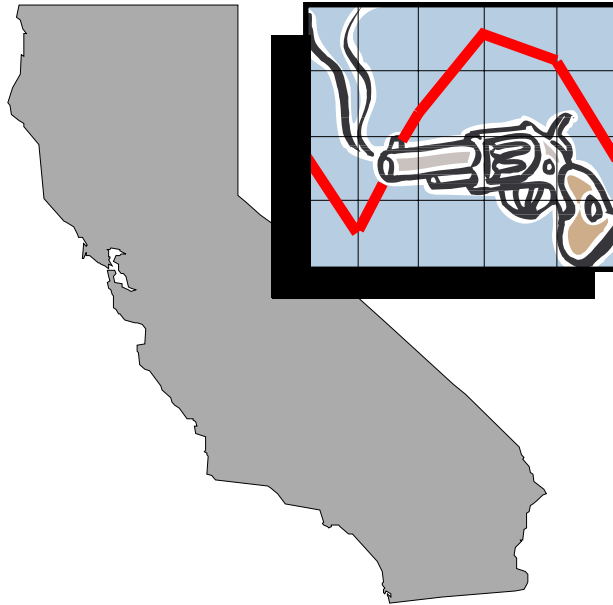
Note: Prison includes 1997 death penalty dispositions for adults arrested for homicide.

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

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

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# DEATH PENALTY SENTENCES



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## DEATH PENALTY SENTENCES

This section contains information about persons sentenced to death in California superior courts in 1997. Death penalty data were extracted from the 1997 Offender-Based Transaction Statistics (OBTS) system. For detailed information regarding the death penalty and the criteria by which a person can be sentenced to death, refer to California Penal Code sections 190 through 190.9.



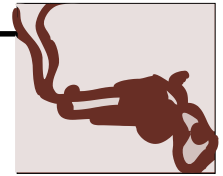
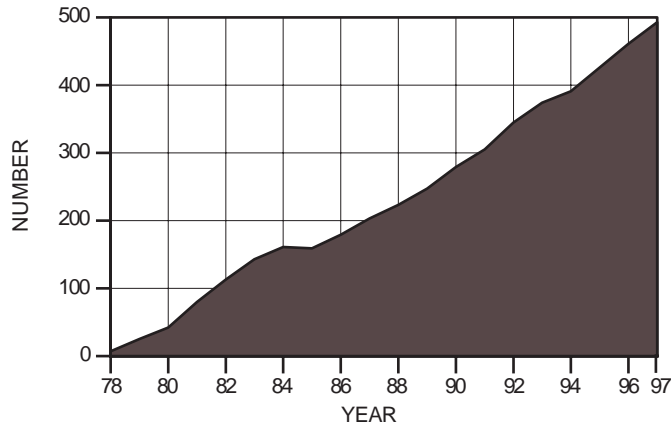


Chart 51  
PERSONS UNDER CALIFORNIA  
SENTENCE OF DEATH, 1978-1997



Source: [Table 44](#).

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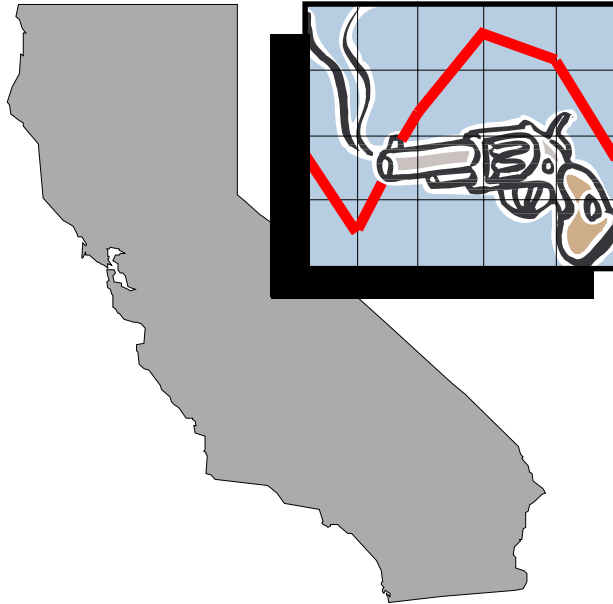
During 1997, 40 persons were convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to death. These were initial death sentences only and do not include persons who were resentenced to death after their death sentences were reversed on appeal. By the end of 1997, 493 persons were under sentence of death in California.

Of the 40 persons newly sentenced to death in 1997:

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

Additional information can be found in [Tables 44](#) and [45](#).

# **PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY**



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# peace officers killed

## PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>a</sup> Includes 1 reported federal law enforcement officer.

<sup>b</sup> Includes 2 reported federal law enforcement officers.

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

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

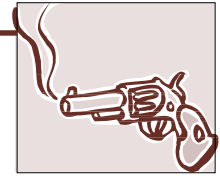


Table N-4  
PEACE OFFICERS KILLED  
IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1997  
Race/Ethnic Group of Officer by Gender of Officer

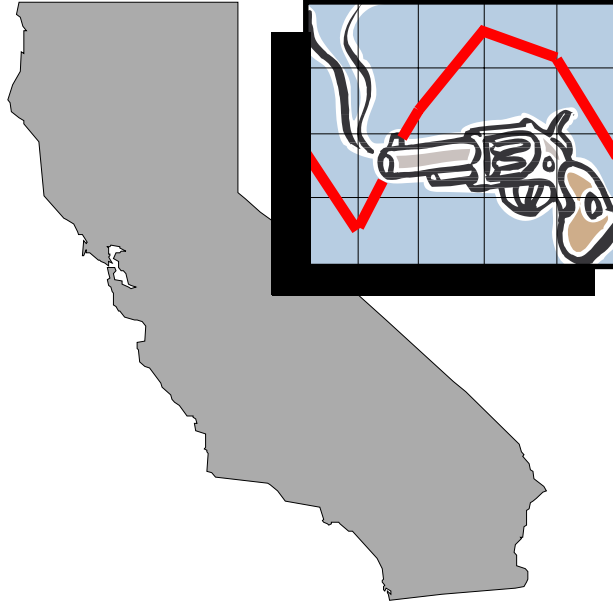
Race/ethnic group	Total	Gender	
		Male	Female
Total .....	7	7	0
White .....	7	7	0
Hispanic .....	0	0	0
Black .....	0	0	0
Other .....	0	0	0

Data in Table N-4 show that:

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

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# justifiable homicides

## JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES

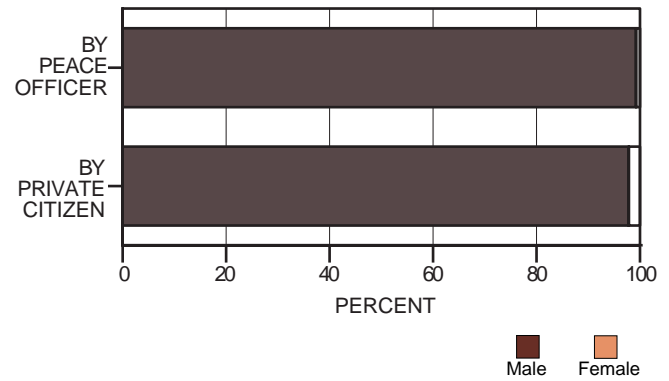
A justifiable homicide is defined by the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program as the killing of a felon by a private citizen or by a peace officer during the commission of a felony. Justifiable homicides are sometimes referred to as excusable or noncriminal homicides.

When justifiable homicides were examined, it was found that:

In 1997,

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

Chart 52  
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS  
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1997  
By Gender of Deceased



Source: [Table 48](#).

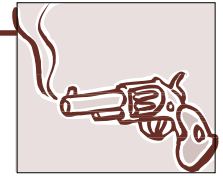
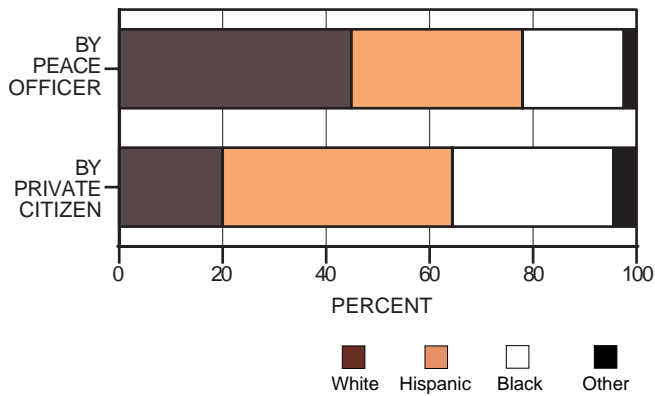
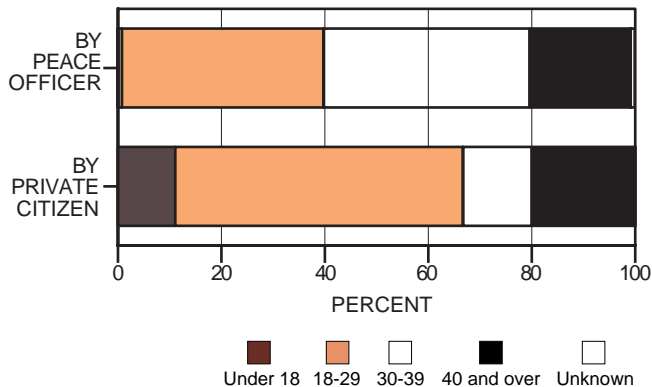


Chart 53  
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS  
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1997  
By Race/Ethnic Group of Deceased



Source: [Table 48.](#)

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



Source: [Table 48.](#)

In 1997,

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

<sup>1</sup> Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

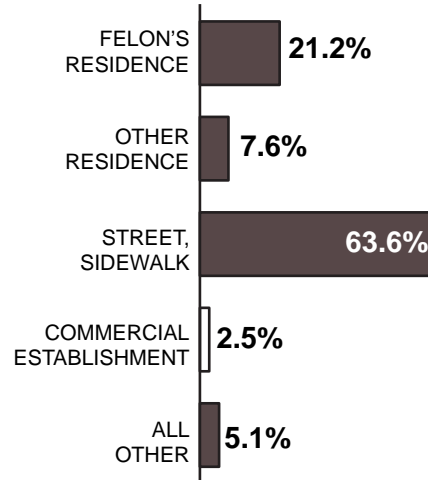
# justifiable homicides

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

In 1997,

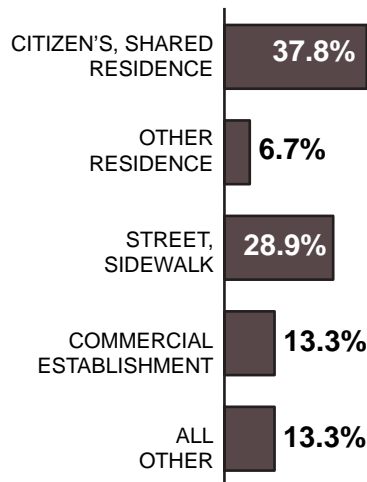
- Most felons were killed by peace officers on a street or sidewalk (63.6 percent).
- The largest proportion of felons killed by private citizens fell into the “citizen’s, shared residence” category (37.8 percent).

Chart 55  
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS,  
1997  
By Location of Justifiable Homicide



Source: [Table 49](#).

Chart 56  
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PRIVATE CITIZENS,  
1997  
By Location of Justifiable Homicide

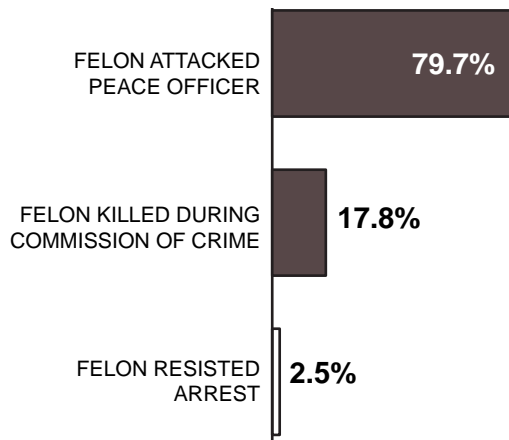


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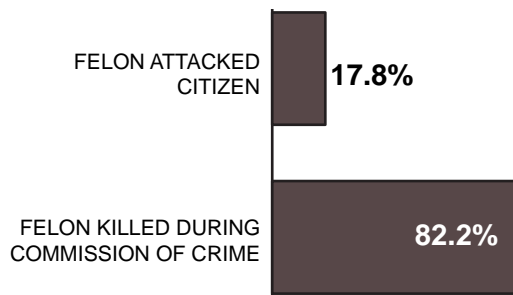


Chart 57  
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS,  
1997  
By Contributing Circumstance



Source: [Table 50](#).

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



Source: [Table 50](#).

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

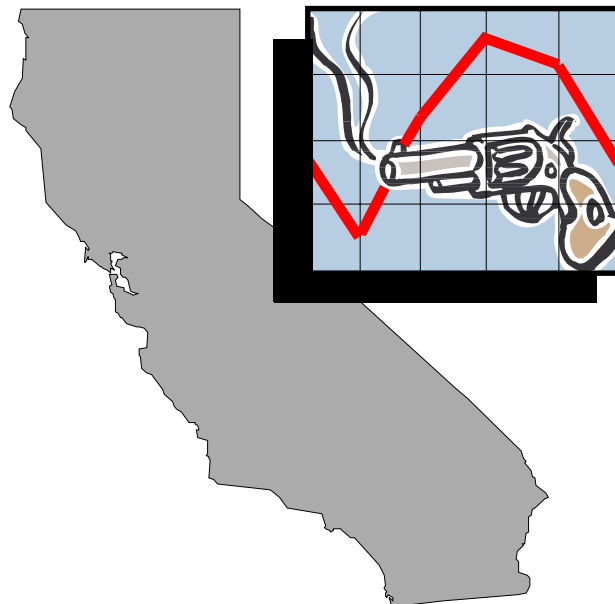
In 1997,

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

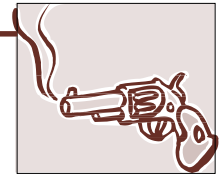
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## COMPUTATIONAL FORMULAS

**ARREST RATE** - An arrest rate describes the number of arrests made by law enforcement agencies per 100,000 total population or per 100,000 population considered to be at risk for arrest. Regardless of the population used, both rates are calculated in the same manner. An arrest rate is calculated by dividing the number of reported arrests by the desired population; the result is multiplied by 100,000. For example, in 1997 there were 2,212 homicide arrests. The total population was 32,957,000 and the total population at risk (10-69 years of age) was 25,760,375.

$$\frac{2,212}{32,957,000} = .0000671 \times 100,000 = 6.7 \text{ per } 100,000 \text{ population}$$

$$\frac{2,212}{25,760,375} = .0000858 \times 100,000 = 8.6 \text{ per } 100,000 \text{ population at risk}$$

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

$$\frac{1,489}{2,579} = .577356 \times 100 = 57.7 \text{ percent}$$

**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 1997 there were 2,579 homicides in California and the population was 32,957,000. This equals a homicide crime rate of 7.8 per 100,000 general population.

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

**PERCENT CHANGE** - A percent change describes a change in number or rate from one year to another. A percent change is calculated by subtracting base year data from current year data. The result is divided by base year data and multiplied by 100. For example, in 1997 the homicide crime rate was 7.8. In 1988 the homicide crime rate was 10.5. The percent change in rate from 1988 to 1997 is a 25.7 percent decrease.

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

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

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

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE GLOSSARY

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

**ADULT:** a person 18 years of age or older.

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

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

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

**ARREST RATE:** the number of arrests per 100,000 population. See "Computational Formulas" preceding this glossary for further explanation.

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF THE YOUTH AUTHORITY (CYA):** the state agency which has jurisdiction over and maintains institutions as correctional schools for the reception of wards of the juvenile court and other persons committed from lower and superior courts.

**CLEARANCE:** an offense is "cleared by arrest" or solved, for crime reporting purposes, when at least one person is arrested, charged with the commission of an offense, and turned over to a court for prosecution. Although no physical arrest is made, a clearance by arrest can be claimed when an offender is a person under 18 years of age and is cited to appear in juvenile court or before other juvenile authorities. An offense can also be "cleared exceptionally" for crime reporting purposes when an investigation has definitely established the identity of an offender; there is enough information to support an arrest; and the exact location of an offender is known but, for some reason, law enforcement cannot take the offender into custody.

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

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

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

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

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

**CRIME RATE:** the number of reported crimes per 100,000 general population. See "Computational Formulas" preceding this glossary for further explanation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**DIVERSION DISMISSED:** the successful completion of a diversion program.

**FELON:** one who has committed a felony.

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



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

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

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

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

**JUVENILE:** a person under the age of 18.

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

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

#### **MONTHLY ARREST AND CITATION REGISTER**

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

#### **OFFENDER-BASED TRANSACTION STATISTICS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## PUBLICATION EVALUATION SURVEY RESULTS

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

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

Summary:

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

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

Because data must be grouped for publication purposes, not all data captured by the Homicide File can be displayed. For example, interest was expressed in homicide victims identified as Asian/Pacific Islanders, and requests were made for additional information about juvenile, gang, domestic violence,

and hate crime related homicide. These data, and more, *are* available and may be obtained by contacting the CJSC.

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

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

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Crime and Delinquency in California (1996 to current)  
Crime and Delinquency in California, Advance Release (1996 to current)  
Crime as Reported by Selected California Agencies, January through September (1995 to current)  
Hate Crime in California (1995 to current)  
Homicide in California (1995 to current)  
Preliminary Report, Crime 1996 (January through December)  
Preliminary Report, Crime (1997 to current) (January through June)  
Preliminary Report, Crime 1997 (January through December)

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### Annuals

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

### BCS Foci and Forums

The California Experience in American Juvenile Justice: Some Historical Perspectives (December 1988)  
Controlling Plea Bargaining in California (September 1985)  
Coordinating Justice in California: "There ought to be a law about it" (December 1988)  
Crime Control and the Criminal Career (December 1992)  
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TABLE 1

**VIOLENT CRIMES, 1988-1997**

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

Year(s)	Total	Homi- cide	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggra- vated assault
Number					
1997.....	257,409	2,579	10,182	81,413	163,235
1996.....	274,675	2,910	10,238	94,137	167,390
1995.....	304,998	3,530	10,550	104,581	186,337
1994.....	318,946	3,699	10,960	112,149	192,138
1993.....	336,100	4,095	11,754	126,347	193,904
1992.....	345,508	3,920	12,751	130,867	197,970
1991.....	330,916	3,876	12,942	125,105	188,993
1990.....	311,923	3,562	12,716	112,460	183,185
1989.....	284,015	3,159	11,956	96,424	172,476
1988.....	261,990	2,947	11,771	86,190	161,082
Percent change in number					
1996-1997.....	-6.3	-11.4	-5	-13.5	-2.5
1995-1996.....	-9.9	-17.6	-3.0	-10.0	-10.2
1994-1995.....	-4.4	-4.6	-3.7	-6.7	-3.0
1993-1994.....	-5.1	-9.7	-6.8	-11.2	-9
1992-1993.....	-2.7	4.5	-7.8	-3.5	-2.1
1991-1992.....	4.4	1.1	-1.5	4.6	4.7
1990-1991.....	6.1	8.8	1.8	11.2	3.2
1989-1990.....	9.8	12.8	6.4	16.6	6.2
1988-1989.....	8.4	7.2	1.6	11.9	7.1
1988-1997.....	-1.7	-12.5	-13.5	-5.5	1.3
Rate per 100,000 population <sup>1</sup>					
1997.....	781.0	7.8	30.9	247.0	495.3
1996.....	848.2	9.0	31.6	290.7	516.9
1995.....	951.2	11.0	32.9	326.2	581.2
1994.....	992.4	11.5	34.1	348.9	597.8
1993.....	1,058.8	12.9	37.0	398.0	610.9
1992.....	1,103.9	12.5	40.7	418.1	632.5
1991.....	1,079.8	12.6	42.2	408.2	616.7
1990.....	1,055.3	12.1	43.0	380.5	619.8
1989.....	987.2	11.0	41.6	335.1	599.5
1988.....	933.7	10.5	41.9	307.2	574.0
Percent change in rate					
1996-1997.....	-7.9	-13.3	-2.2	-15.0	-4.2
1995-1996.....	-10.8	-18.2	-4.0	-10.9	-11.1
1994-1995.....	-4.2	-4.3	-3.5	-6.5	-2.8
1993-1994.....	-6.3	-10.9	-7.8	-12.3	-2.1
1992-1993.....	-4.1	3.2	-9.1	-4.8	-3.4
1991-1992.....	2.2	-8	-3.6	2.4	2.6
1990-1991.....	2.3	4.1	-1.9	7.3	-.5
1989-1990.....	6.9	10.0	3.4	13.5	3.4
1988-1989.....	5.7	4.8	-.7	9.1	4.4
1988-1997.....	-16.4	-25.7	-26.3	-19.6	-13.7

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

<sup>1</sup> Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research California Department of Finance.

**TABLE 2**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997**  
 By Gender of Victim  
 Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

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

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

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

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

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



**TABLE 3**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997**  
 By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim  
 Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Race/ethnic group of victim	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Total</b>										
Number of victims.....	2,947	3,159	3,562	3,876	3,920	4,095	3,699	3,530	2,910	2,579
Percent of victims.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Population.....	28,060,746	28,771,207	29,557,836	30,646,000	31,300,000	31,742,000	32,140,000	32,063,000	32,383,000	32,957,000
Percent of population.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Rate.....	10.5	11.0	12.1	12.6	12.5	12.9	11.5	11.0	9.0	7.8
<b>White</b>										
Number of victims.....	948	871	872	971	914	952	771	726	617	547
Percent of total victims..	32.2%	27.6%	24.5%	25.1%	23.3%	23.2%	20.8%	20.6%	21.2%	21.2%
Population.....	16,636,033	16,887,407	17,198,646	17,291,782	17,362,245	17,324,679	17,511,489	17,593,222	17,787,715	17,849,510
Percent of population....	58.6%	57.9%	57.4%	56.4%	55.5%	54.7%	53.8%	53.0%	52.5%	52.0%
Rate.....	5.7	5.2	5.1	5.6	5.3	5.5	4.4	4.1	3.5	3.1
<b>Hispanic</b>										
Number of victims.....	917	1,115	1,495	1,542	1,686	1,631	1,572	1,615	1,291	1,154
Percent of total victims..	31.1%	35.3%	42.0%	39.8%	43.0%	39.8%	42.5%	45.8%	44.4%	44.7%
Population.....	7,046,697	7,383,779	7,740,303	8,146,876	8,561,349	8,906,439	9,340,495	9,764,691	10,114,228	10,421,039
Percent of population....	24.8%	25.3%	25.8%	26.6%	27.4%	28.1%	28.7%	29.4%	29.9%	30.4%
Rate.....	13.0	15.1	19.3	18.9	19.7	18.3	16.8	16.5	12.8	11.1
<b>Black</b>										
Number of victims.....	917	1,011	1,017	1,101	1,073	1,249	1,111	922	794	682
Percent of total victims..	31.1%	32.0%	28.6%	28.4%	27.4%	30.5%	30.0%	26.1%	27.3%	26.4%
Population.....	2,032,643	2,072,255	2,116,415	2,155,334	2,191,898	2,179,651	2,255,738	2,293,634	2,330,391	2,314,836
Percent of population....	7.2%	7.1%	7.1%	7.0%	7.0%	6.9%	6.9%	6.9%	6.9%	6.7%
Rate.....	45.1	48.8	48.1	51.1	49.0	57.3	49.3	40.2	34.1	29.5
<b>Other</b>										
Number of victims.....	151	143	172	247	234	247	226	254	198	177
Percent of total victims..	5.1%	4.5%	4.8%	6.4%	6.0%	6.0%	6.1%	7.2%	6.8%	6.9%
Population.....	2,677,775	2,798,838	2,920,639	3,052,084	3,184,642	3,283,967	3,412,418	3,537,383	3,631,305	3,709,816
Percent of population....	9.4%	9.6%	9.7%	10.0%	10.2%	10.4%	10.5%	10.7%	10.7%	10.8%
Rate.....	5.6	5.1	5.9	8.1	7.3	7.5	6.6	7.2	5.5	4.8
<b>Unknown</b>										
Number of victims.....	14	19	6	15	13	16	19	13	10	19
Percent of total victims..	.5%	.6%	.2%	.4%	.3%	.4%	.5%	.4%	.3%	.7%
Population.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percent of population....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rate.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Notes: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.  
 Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.  
 Population breakdowns by race/ethnic group will not add to total because of variations in population source data.  
 Dash indicates that the percent of population and rate for the "unknown" category cannot be calculated because there are no unknown race/ethnic group population data.  
 The "percent of population" category for race/ethnic group was calculated using the sum of the race/ethnic group populations.

**TABLE 4**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997**  
 By Age of Victim  
 Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Age of victim	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<b>Total</b>										
Number of victims.....	2,947	3,159	3,562	3,876	3,920	4,095	3,699	3,530	2,910	2,579
Percent of victims.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Population.....	28,060,746	28,771,207	29,557,836	30,646,000	31,300,000	31,742,000	32,140,000	32,063,000	32,383,000	32,957,000
Percent of population.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Rate.....	10.5	11.0	12.1	12.6	12.5	12.9	11.5	11.0	9.0	7.8
<b>Under 18</b>										
Number of victims.....	281	361	428	483	489	512	470	519	421	361
Percent of total victims..	9.5%	11.4%	12.0%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.7%	14.7%	14.5%	14.0%
Population.....	7,537,277	7,670,041	7,869,864	8,123,819	8,391,266	8,651,941	8,917,191	9,191,662	9,456,115	9,701,218
Percent of population....	26.5%	26.3%	26.3%	26.5%	26.8%	27.3%	27.4%	27.7%	27.9%	28.3%
Rate.....	3.7	4.7	5.4	5.9	5.8	5.9	5.3	5.6	4.5	3.7
<b>18-29</b>										
Number of victims.....	1,266	1,382	1,640	1,717	1,719	1,763	1,603	1,510	1,183	1,068
Percent of total victims..	43.0%	43.7%	46.0%	44.3%	43.9%	43.1%	43.3%	42.8%	40.7%	41.4%
Population.....	6,232,694	6,333,004	6,360,597	6,246,754	6,171,771	5,863,383	5,934,537	5,854,943	5,770,311	5,537,727
Percent of population....	22.0%	21.7%	21.2%	20.4%	19.7%	18.5%	18.2%	17.6%	17.0%	16.1%
Rate.....	20.3	21.8	25.8	27.5	27.9	30.1	27.0	25.8	20.5	19.3
<b>30-39</b>										
Number of victims.....	662	713	765	863	842	934	861	737	630	534
Percent of total victims..	22.5%	22.6%	21.5%	22.3%	21.5%	22.8%	23.3%	20.9%	21.6%	20.7%
Population.....	4,919,327	5,111,913	5,337,491	5,510,403	5,656,892	5,747,693	5,874,969	5,942,572	5,968,805	5,942,241
Percent of population....	17.3%	17.5%	17.8%	18.0%	18.1%	18.1%	18.1%	17.9%	17.6%	17.3%
Rate.....	13.5	13.9	14.3	15.7	14.9	16.2	14.7	12.4	10.6	9.0
<b>40 and over</b>										
Number of victims.....	697	666	683	754	834	842	698	719	636	580
Percent of total victims..	23.7%	21.1%	19.2%	19.5%	21.3%	20.6%	18.9%	20.4%	21.9%	22.5%
Population.....	9,703,850	10,027,321	10,408,051	10,765,100	11,080,205	11,431,719	11,793,443	12,199,753	12,668,408	13,114,015
Percent of population....	34.2%	34.4%	34.7%	35.1%	35.4%	36.1%	36.3%	36.8%	37.4%	38.2%
Rate.....	7.2	6.6	6.6	7.0	7.5	7.4	5.9	5.9	5.0	4.4
<b>Unknown</b>										
Number of victims.....	41	37	46	59	36	44	67	45	40	36
Percent of total victims..	1.4%	1.2%	1.3%	1.5%	.9%	1.1%	1.8%	1.3%	1.4%	1.4%
Population.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percent of population....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rate.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



TABLE 7  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997**  
 By Age of Victim

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

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

TABLE 8  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997**  
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.....	2,579	100.0	547	100.0	1,154	100.0	682	100.0	177	100.0	19	100.0
Male <sup>1</sup> .....	2,097	81.3	368	67.3	1,013	87.8	566	83.0	135	76.3	15	-
Female.....	482	18.7	179	32.7	141	12.2	116	17.0	42	23.7	4	-

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

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

TABLE 9  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997**  
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.	2,579		547		1,154		682		177		19	
Unknown.....	36		5		10		3		4		14	
Total known.....	2,543	100.0	542	100.0	1,144	100.0	679	100.0	173	100.0	5	100.0
Under 18.....	361	14.2	66	12.2	177	15.5	75	11.0	41	23.7	2	-
18-29.....	1,068	42.0	117	21.6	583	51.0	317	46.7	49	28.3	2	-
30-39.....	534	21.0	110	20.3	225	19.7	168	24.7	31	17.9	0	-
40 and over.....	580	22.8	249	45.9	159	13.9	119	17.5	52	30.1	1	-

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

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

Gender and age of victim	Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other		Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	2,579	100.0	547	100.0	1,154	100.0	682	100.0	177	100.0	19	100.0
Under 18.....	361	14.0	66	12.1	177	15.3	75	11.0	41	23.2	2	-
18-19.....	198	7.7	18	3.3	123	10.7	47	6.9	10	5.6	0	-
20-24.....	500	19.4	49	9.0	265	23.0	161	23.6	25	14.1	0	-
25-29.....	370	14.3	50	9.1	195	16.9	109	16.0	14	7.9	2	-
30-34.....	300	11.6	56	10.2	139	12.0	92	13.5	13	7.3	0	-
35-39.....	234	9.1	54	9.9	86	7.5	76	11.1	18	10.2	0	-
40-44.....	172	6.7	62	11.3	55	4.8	36	5.3	19	10.7	0	-
45-49.....	140	5.4	54	9.9	45	3.9	33	4.8	8	4.5	0	-
50-54.....	79	3.1	32	5.9	21	1.8	19	2.8	6	3.4	1	-
55 and over....	189	7.3	101	18.5	38	3.3	31	4.5	19	10.7	0	-
Unknown.....	36	1.4	5	.9	10	.9	3	.4	4	2.3	14	-
Male <sup>1</sup> .....	2,097	100.0	368	100.0	1,013	100.0	566	100.0	135	100.0	15	100.0
Under 18.....	288	13.7	45	12.2	150	14.8	59	10.4	33	24.4	1	-
18-19.....	173	8.2	10	2.7	112	11.1	42	7.4	9	6.7	0	-
20-24.....	454	21.6	40	10.9	249	24.6	144	25.4	21	15.6	0	-
25-29.....	314	15.0	37	10.1	171	16.9	94	16.6	10	7.4	2	-
30-34.....	249	11.9	35	9.5	121	11.9	81	14.3	12	8.9	0	-
35-39.....	177	8.4	34	9.2	72	7.1	56	9.9	15	11.1	0	-
40-44.....	122	5.8	46	12.5	44	4.3	24	4.2	8	5.9	0	-
45-49.....	108	5.2	34	9.2	39	3.8	28	4.9	7	5.2	0	-
50-54.....	56	2.7	24	6.5	14	1.4	13	2.3	4	3.0	1	-
55 and over..	127	6.1	59	16.0	31	3.1	24	4.2	13	9.6	0	-
Unknown.....	29	1.4	4	1.1	10	1.0	1	.2	3	2.2	11	-
Female.....	482	100.0	179	100.0	141	100.0	116	100.0	42	100.0	4	100.0
Under 18.....	73	15.1	21	11.7	27	19.1	16	13.8	8	-	1	-
18-19.....	25	5.2	8	4.5	11	7.8	5	4.3	1	-	0	-
20-24.....	46	9.5	9	5.0	16	11.3	17	14.7	4	-	0	-
25-29.....	56	11.6	13	7.3	24	17.0	15	12.9	4	-	0	-
30-34.....	51	10.6	21	11.7	18	12.8	11	9.5	1	-	0	-
35-39.....	57	11.8	20	11.2	14	9.9	20	17.2	3	-	0	-
40-44.....	50	10.4	16	8.9	11	7.8	12	10.3	11	-	0	-
45-49.....	32	6.6	20	11.2	6	4.3	5	4.3	1	-	0	-
50-54.....	23	4.8	8	4.5	7	5.0	6	5.2	2	-	0	-
55 and over..	62	12.9	42	23.5	7	5.0	7	6.0	6	-	0	-
Unknown.....	7	1.5	1	.6	0	.0	2	1.7	1	-	3	-

Notes: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.  
Dash indicates that percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.  
<sup>1</sup>The "male" category includes 5 homicide victims whose gender could not be determined.

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

Relationship of victim to offender	1988		1989		1990		1991		1992	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total including unknown.....	2,947		3,159		3,562		3,876		3,920	
Unknown.....	822		885		1,020		1,318		1,011	
Total known.....	2,125	100.0	2,274	100.0	2,542	100.0	2,558	100.0	2,909	100.0
Friend, acquaintance <sup>1</sup> .....	1,189	56.0	1,163	51.1	1,328	52.2	1,285	50.2	1,677	57.6
Spouse, parent, child.....	277	13.0	268	11.8	267	10.5	286	11.2	291	10.0
Spouse <sup>2</sup> .....	163	7.7	147	6.5	156	6.1	146	5.7	139	4.8
Parent, child <sup>3</sup> .....	114	5.4	121	5.3	111	4.4	140	5.5	152	5.2
All other relatives.....	79	3.7	109	4.8	76	3.0	90	3.5	86	3.0
Stranger.....	580	27.3	734	32.3	871	34.3	897	35.1	855	29.4

Relationship of victim to offender (cont.)	1993		1994		1995		1996		1997		Percent change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1988-1997	1996-1997
Total including unknown.....	4,095		3,699		3,530		2,910		2,579			
Unknown.....	1,166		994		947		728		859			
Total known.....	2,929	100.0	2,705	100.0	2,583	100.0	2,182	100.0	1,720	100.0	-19.1	-21.2
Friend, acquaintance <sup>1</sup> .....	1,706	58.2	1,680	62.1	1,359	52.6	1,075	49.3	869	50.5	-26.9	-19.2
Spouse, parent, child.....	270	9.2	239	8.8	260	10.1	261	12.0	203	11.8	-26.7	-22.2
Spouse <sup>2</sup> .....	130	4.4	113	4.2	123	4.8	115	5.3	89	5.2	-45.4	-22.6
Parent, child <sup>3</sup> .....	140	4.8	126	4.7	137	5.3	146	6.7	114	6.6	.0	-21.9
All other relatives.....	87	3.0	77	2.8	77	3.0	43	2.0	46	2.7	-41.8	-
Stranger.....	866	29.6	709	26.2	887	34.3	803	36.8	602	35.0	3.8	-25.0

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

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

<sup>1</sup> Includes ex-husband, ex-wife, employer, employee, gang member, etc.

<sup>4</sup> Includes "common-law" marriage partner.

<sup>3</sup> Includes stepmother, stepfather, stepdaughter, and stepson.

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>2</sup> Includes ex-husband, ex-wife, employer, employee, gang member, etc.

<sup>3</sup> Includes "common-law" marriage partner.

<sup>4</sup> Includes stepmother, stepfather, stepdaughter, and stepson.

TABLE 13  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997**  
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.....	2,579	361	1,068	534	580	36
Unknown.....	859	86	411	170	164	28
Total known.....	1,720	275	657	364	416	8
Friend, acquaintance <sup>1</sup> .....	869	123	366	197	176	7
Spouse, parent, child.....	203	82	23	25	73	0
Spouse <sup>2</sup> .....	89	1	20	21	47	0
Parent, child <sup>3</sup> .....	114	81	3	4	26	0
All other relatives.....	46	9	10	13	14	0
Stranger.....	602	61	258	129	153	1
Percent based on total known						
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Friend, acquaintance <sup>1</sup> .....	50.5	44.7	55.7	54.1	42.3	-
Spouse, parent, child.....	11.8	29.8	3.5	6.9	17.5	-
Spouse <sup>2</sup> .....	5.2	.4	3.0	5.8	11.3	-
Parent, child <sup>3</sup> .....	6.6	29.5	.5	1.1	6.3	-
All other relatives.....	2.7	3.3	1.5	3.6	3.4	-
Stranger.....	35.0	22.2	39.3	35.4	36.8	-

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

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

<sup>1</sup> Includes ex-husband, ex-wife, employer, employee, gang member, etc.

<sup>2</sup> Includes "common-law" marriage partner.

<sup>3</sup> Includes stepmother, stepfather, stepdaughter, and stepson.

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

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

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

County	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Number										
Placer.....	11	2	10	6	2	9	8	7	5	3
Plumas.....	1	0	2	6	1	2	0	1	2	0
Riverside.....	83	115	125	159	128	159	166	133	111	110
Sacramento.....	101	70	89	120	91	145	126	103	93	87
San Benito.....	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1
San Bernardino...	145	178	202	218	233	256	243	225	185	146
San Diego.....	228	191	216	278	245	245	206	198	166	125
San Francisco.....	92	73	101	96	117	129	92	99	82	59
San Joaquin.....	66	60	78	65	70	65	64	62	66	73
San Luis Obispo..	2	6	9	4	10	0	9	8	5	5
San Mateo.....	30	35	43	45	55	33	26	35	11	28
Santa Barbara.....	24	5	11	18	16	12	11	11	12	10
Santa Clara.....	69	56	57	77	68	61	56	56	48	62
Santa Cruz.....	11	12	11	14	6	9	6	8	10	4
Shasta.....	11	3	6	10	9	12	12	8	9	7
Sierra.....	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou.....	2	1	3	3	5	1	0	5	2	0
Solano.....	25	23	17	30	24	27	44	27	22	12
Sonoma.....	16	19	16	19	6	24	18	15	17	13
Stanislaus.....	16	20	23	24	39	23	27	32	28	29
Sutter.....	5	6	6	8	4	2	3	2	5	4
Tehama.....	4	2	2	3	2	1	2	5	3	1
Trinity.....	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	1	1	3
Tulare.....	28	25	27	34	33	28	42	39	22	29
Tuolumne.....	1	0	2	6	1	4	3	0	1	0
Ventura.....	27	20	15	38	29	42	28	26	33	25
Yolo.....	10	13	11	10	5	10	11	9	7	7
Yuba.....	3	15	9	5	8	3	4	4	2	6

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

County	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Rate per 100,000 population										
Statewide rate.....	10.5	11.0	12.1	12.6	12.5	12.9	11.5	11.0	9.0	7.8
Alameda.....	12.8	13.6	14.7	15.3	16.1	14.9	13.8	14.5	10.4	10.2
Alpine.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amador.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Butte.....	2.9	6.9	7.8	5.8	7.2	3.0	2.9	2.5	5.1	4.0
Calaveras.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colusa.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contra Costa.....	10.0	10.1	8.8	12.9	10.2	13.1	13.7	9.2	8.1	7.0
Del Norte.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
El Dorado.....	5.4	3.4	7.3	8.1	5.8	3.5	4.8	2.8	1.4	2.7
Fresno.....	10.0	10.5	13.9	11.5	17.4	17.1	16.1	13.9	12.1	10.8
Glenn.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Humboldt.....	5.3	3.5	9.3	7.4	4.8	7.9	5.5	6.4	2.4	6.3
Imperial.....	8.8	4.8	10.2	7.8	11.3	3.8	4.3	6.6	9.2	3.5
Inyo.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kern.....	12.9	8.9	11.2	10.7	8.2	11.9	14.8	11.5	8.3	8.7
Kings.....	-	-	5.0	5.7	3.7	8.0	6.1	6.1	8.6	4.2
Lake.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lassen.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles.....	15.7	18.2	20.0	20.6	21.0	21.1	18.1	18.0	14.9	12.3
Madera.....	-	-	-	-	11.0	9.6	13.9	11.3	10.0	5.3
Marin.....	2.7	2.7	1.7	4.3	4.6	1.7	.8	2.9	.8	.4
Mariposa.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mendocino.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Merced.....	3.0	5.3	8.5	3.8	5.8	10.7	8.0	5.5	4.0	8.4
Modoc.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mono.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Monterey.....	3.5	7.6	7.9	6.9	8.8	8.5	10.8	7.2	6.4	8.7
Napa.....	5.7	4.7	4.5	4.4	5.2	3.4	1.7	1.7	.0	1.7
Nevada.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Orange.....	5.3	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.8	7.6	6.5	6.3	4.2	3.8

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

County	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Rate per 100,000 population										
Placer.....	7.1	1.2	5.9	3.3	1.0	4.6	3.9	3.4	2.4	1.4
Plumas.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Riverside.....	8.4	10.9	10.9	12.5	9.8	11.9	12.0	9.7	8.0	7.7
Sacramento.....	10.4	7.0	8.6	11.0	8.2	12.9	11.1	9.2	8.2	7.6
San Benito.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Bernardino....	11.8	13.6	14.5	14.4	15.1	16.2	15.1	14.2	11.6	9.0
San Diego.....	9.9	8.0	8.7	10.8	9.3	9.2	7.6	7.4	6.2	4.5
San Francisco.....	12.5	10.0	13.9	13.3	15.7	17.2	12.2	13.2	10.7	7.6
San Joaquin.....	14.5	12.9	16.3	13.1	13.7	12.5	12.2	11.8	12.4	13.5
San Luis Obispo..	1.0	2.9	4.2	1.8	4.4	.0	3.8	3.5	2.2	2.1
San Mateo.....	4.8	5.5	6.6	6.8	8.1	4.8	3.8	5.1	1.6	3.9
Santa Barbara.....	6.8	1.4	3.0	4.8	4.1	3.1	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.5
Santa Clara.....	4.8	3.8	3.8	5.1	4.4	3.9	3.5	3.5	2.9	3.7
Santa Cruz.....	5.0	5.3	4.8	6.1	2.5	3.8	2.5	3.3	4.1	1.6
Shasta.....	8.1	2.1	4.1	6.4	5.6	7.4	7.3	5.0	5.6	4.3
Sierra.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Siskiyou.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Solano.....	8.2	7.2	5.1	8.3	6.5	7.2	11.7	7.3	5.9	3.2
Sonoma.....	4.4	5.1	4.2	4.7	1.5	5.7	4.2	3.6	4.0	3.0
Stanislaus.....	4.8	5.8	6.3	6.2	9.7	5.6	6.5	7.7	6.7	6.8
Sutter.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tehama.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trinity.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tulare.....	9.5	8.3	8.7	10.5	9.8	8.1	11.9	11.1	6.2	8.1
Tuolumne.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ventura.....	4.2	3.1	2.2	5.6	4.2	6.0	3.9	3.6	4.6	3.4
Yolo.....	7.6	9.6	7.9	6.8	3.4	6.7	7.3	6.0	4.6	4.5
Yuba.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Notes: Dash indicates that a rate is not computed when a county's population is less than 100,000 in a given year.  
 Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.

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

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

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

TABLE 16  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997**  
 Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Day of Incident

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

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

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

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

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

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

TABLE 17  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997**  
 Age of Victim by Day of Incident

Day of incident	Total	Under 18	18-29	30-39	40 and over	Unknown
Number						
Total including unknown.....	2,579	361	1,068	534	580	36
Unknown.....	17	3	9	0	3	2
Total known.....	2,562	358	1,059	534	577	34
Weekday.....	1,663	243	645	364	389	22
Monday.....	372	50	156	78	83	5
Tuesday.....	327	54	119	73	76	5
Wednesday.....	300	31	126	69	69	5
Thursday.....	304	53	103	70	75	3
Friday.....	360	55	141	74	86	4
Weekend.....	899	115	414	170	188	12
Saturday.....	452	53	204	88	104	3
Sunday.....	447	62	210	82	84	9
Percent based on total known						
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Weekday.....	64.9	67.9	60.9	68.2	67.4	-
Monday.....	14.5	14.0	14.7	14.6	14.4	-
Tuesday.....	12.8	15.1	11.2	13.7	13.2	-
Wednesday.....	11.7	8.7	11.9	12.9	12.0	-
Thursday.....	11.9	14.8	9.7	13.1	13.0	-
Friday.....	14.1	15.4	13.3	13.9	14.9	-
Weekend.....	35.1	32.1	39.1	31.8	32.6	-
Saturday.....	17.6	14.8	19.3	16.5	18.0	-
Sunday.....	17.4	17.3	19.8	15.4	14.6	-
Average daily number of incidents <sup>1</sup>						
Weekday.....	6.4	.9	2.5	1.4	1.5	.1
Weekend.....	8.6	1.1	4.0	1.6	1.8	.1

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

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

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

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

**TABLE 18**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997**  
**By Location of Homicide**

Location of homicide	1988		1989		1990		1991		1992	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total including unknown.....	2,947		3,159		3,562		3,876		3,920	
Unknown.....	152		13		24		194		0	
Total known.....	2,795	100.0	3,146	100.0	3,538	100.0	3,682	100.0	3,920	100.0
Victim's, shared residence....	853	30.5	909	28.9	901	25.5	951	25.8	1,041	26.6
Victim's residence.....	573	20.5	575	18.3	604	17.1	602	16.3	658	16.8
Shared residence.....	280	10.0	334	10.6	297	8.4	349	9.5	383	9.8
Street, sidewalk.....	930	33.3	1,229	39.1	1,165	32.9	1,349	36.6	1,501	38.3
All other.....	1,012	36.2	1,008	32.0	1,472	41.6	1,382	37.5	1,378	35.2
Hotel, motel.....	49	1.8	46	1.5	57	1.6	46	1.2	34	.9
Other residence.....	242	8.7	257	8.2	364	10.3	269	7.3	270	6.9
Liquor store.....	1	.0	7	.2	12	.3	14	.4	9	.2
Bar.....	57	2.0	49	1.6	89	2.5	55	1.5	77	2.0
Other business.....	68	2.4	86	2.7	89	2.5	122	3.3	144	3.7
Parking lot.....	91	3.3	98	3.1	195	5.5	172	4.7	142	3.6
Vehicle.....	207	7.4	204	6.5	348	9.8	348	9.5	409	10.4
Field, park.....	249	8.9	224	7.1	263	7.4	305	8.3	236	6.0
School.....	6	.2	1	.0	4	.1	6	.2	29	.7
Other.....	42	1.5	36	1.1	51	1.4	45	1.2	28	.7

Location of homicide (cont.)	1993		1994		1995		1996		1997		Percent change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1988-1997	1996-1997
Total including unknown.....	4,095		3,699		3,530		2,910		2,579			
Unknown.....	0		0		0		2		1			
Total known.....	4,095	100.0	3,699	100.0	3,530	100.0	2,908	100.0	2,578	100.0	-7.8	-11.3
Victim's, shared residence....	1,076	26.3	944	25.5	943	26.7	807	27.8	746	28.9	-12.5	-7.6
Victim's residence.....	742	18.1	636	17.2	626	17.7	545	18.7	487	18.9	-15.0	-10.6
Shared residence.....	334	8.2	308	8.3	317	9.0	262	9.0	259	10.0	-7.5	-1.1
Street, sidewalk.....	1,526	37.3	1,429	38.6	1,466	41.5	1,165	40.1	994	38.6	6.9	-14.7
All other.....	1,493	36.5	1,326	35.8	1,121	31.8	936	32.2	838	32.5	-17.2	-10.5
Hotel, motel.....	55	1.3	38	1.0	27	.8	35	1.2	17	.7	-	-
Other residence.....	228	5.6	256	6.9	206	5.8	204	7.0	175	6.8	-27.7	-14.2
Liquor store.....	14	.3	10	.3	7	.2	4	.1	5	.2	-	-
Bar.....	85	2.1	61	1.6	57	1.6	39	1.3	29	1.1	-49.1	-
Other business.....	161	3.9	140	3.8	110	3.1	104	3.6	90	3.5	32.4	-13.5
Parking lot.....	190	4.6	163	4.4	164	4.6	101	3.5	77	3.0	-15.4	-23.8
Vehicle.....	434	10.6	373	10.1	295	8.4	242	8.3	226	8.8	9.2	-6.6
Field, park.....	293	7.2	247	6.7	224	6.3	178	6.1	191	7.4	-23.3	7.3
School.....	9	.2	7	.2	6	.2	5	.2	5	.2	-	-
Other.....	24	.6	31	.8	25	.7	24	.8	23	.9	-	-

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

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

Location of homicide	Total	Gender		Race/ethnic group				
		Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown
Number								
Total including unknown.....	2,579	2,097	482	547	1,154	682	177	19
Unknown.....	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Total known.....	2,578	2,096	482	547	1,154	681	177	19
Victim's, shared residence...	746	459	287	261	256	175	54	0
Victim's residence.....	487	346	141	144	177	131	35	0
Shared residence.....	259	113	146	117	79	44	19	0
Street, sidewalk.....	994	937	57	109	514	330	38	3
All other.....	838	700	138	177	384	176	85	16
Hotel, motel.....	17	13	4	5	5	6	1	0
Other residence.....	175	150	25	38	82	40	15	0
Liquor store.....	5	5	0	2	1	0	2	0
Bar.....	29	25	4	3	14	6	6	0
Other business.....	90	74	16	29	34	10	17	0
Parking lot.....	77	74	3	12	41	18	6	0
Vehicle.....	226	183	43	30	115	61	20	0
Field, park.....	191	155	36	49	87	29	11	15
School.....	5	1	4	2	1	1	1	0
Other.....	23	20	3	7	4	5	6	1
Percent 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...	28.9	21.9	59.5	47.7	22.2	25.7	30.5	-
Victim's residence.....	18.9	16.5	29.3	26.3	15.3	19.2	19.8	-
Shared residence.....	10.0	5.4	30.3	21.4	6.8	6.5	10.7	-
Street, sidewalk.....	38.6	44.7	11.8	19.9	44.5	48.5	21.5	-
All other.....	32.5	33.4	28.6	32.4	33.3	25.8	48.0	-
Hotel, motel.....	.7	.6	.8	.9	.4	.9	.6	-
Other residence.....	6.8	7.2	5.2	6.9	7.1	5.9	8.5	-
Liquor store.....	.2	.2	.0	.4	.1	.0	1.1	-
Bar.....	1.1	1.2	.8	.5	1.2	.9	3.4	-
Other business.....	3.5	3.5	3.3	5.3	2.9	1.5	9.6	-
Parking lot.....	3.0	3.5	.6	2.2	3.6	2.6	3.4	-
Vehicle.....	8.8	8.7	8.9	5.5	10.0	9.0	11.3	-
Field, park.....	7.4	7.4	7.5	9.0	7.5	4.3	6.2	-
School.....	.2	.0	.8	.4	.1	.1	.6	-
Other.....	.9	1.0	.6	1.3	.3	.7	3.4	-

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



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

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

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

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

Type of weapon used	1988		1989		1990		1991		1992	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total including unknown.....	2,947		3,159		3,562		3,876		3,920	
Unknown.....	20		26		31		36		28	
Total known.....	2,927	100.0	3,133	100.0	3,531	100.0	3,840	100.0	3,892	100.0
Firearm.....	1,796	61.4	2,058	65.7	2,386	67.6	2,692	70.1	2,839	72.9
Handgun.....	1,332	45.5	1,604	51.2	1,903	53.9	2,255	58.7	2,426	62.3
All other firearms.....	464	15.9	454	14.5	483	13.7	437	11.4	413	10.6
Rifle.....	140	4.8	201	6.4	188	5.3	176	4.6	164	4.2
Shotgun.....	153	5.2	208	6.6	218	6.2	187	4.9	176	4.5
Other firearm <sup>1</sup> .....	6	.2	1	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Firearm - unknown type.	165	5.6	44	1.4	77	2.2	74	1.9	73	1.9
Knife <sup>2</sup> .....	587	20.1	533	17.0	592	16.8	577	15.0	543	14.0
Blunt object <sup>3</sup> .....	190	6.5	199	6.4	192	5.4	207	5.4	161	4.1
Personal weapon <sup>4</sup> .....	184	6.3	143	4.6	166	4.7	186	4.8	168	4.3
All other.....	170	5.8	200	6.4	195	5.5	178	4.6	181	4.7
Rope <sup>5</sup> .....	78	2.7	100	3.2	92	2.6	84	2.2	87	2.2
Drugs.....	12	.4	5	.2	6	.2	3	.1	3	.1
Other.....	80	2.7	95	3.0	97	2.7	91	2.4	91	2.3

Type of weapon used (cont.)	1993		1994		1995		1996		1997		Percent change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1988-1997	1996-1997
Total including unknown.....	4,095		3,699		3,530		2,910		2,579			
Unknown.....	34		33		29		45		40			
Total known.....	4,061	100.0	3,666	100.0	3,501	100.0	2,865	100.0	2,539	100.0	-13.3	-11.4
Firearm.....	3,007	74.0	2,778	75.8	2,590	74.0	2,055	71.7	1,835	72.3	2.2	-10.7
Handgun.....	2,609	64.2	2,441	66.6	2,288	65.4	1,866	65.1	1,633	64.3	22.6	-12.5
All other firearms.....	398	9.8	337	9.2	302	8.6	189	6.6	202	8.0	-56.5	6.9
Rifle.....	154	3.8	141	3.8	140	4.0	95	3.3	115	4.5	-17.9	21.1
Shotgun.....	167	4.1	165	4.5	123	3.5	86	3.0	72	2.8	-52.9	-16.3
Other firearm <sup>1</sup> .....	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	-	-
Firearm - unknown type.	77	1.9	31	.8	39	1.1	8	.3	15	.6	-90.9	-
Knife <sup>2</sup> .....	470	11.6	427	11.6	405	11.6	341	11.9	307	12.1	-47.7	-10.0
Blunt object <sup>3</sup> .....	204	5.0	157	4.3	156	4.5	147	5.1	108	4.3	-43.2	-26.5
Personal weapon <sup>4</sup> .....	139	3.4	156	4.3	165	4.7	156	5.4	148	5.8	-19.6	-5.1
All other.....	241	5.9	148	4.0	185	5.3	166	5.8	141	5.6	-17.1	-15.1
Rope <sup>5</sup> .....	114	2.8	81	2.2	75	2.1	61	2.1	56	2.2	-28.2	-8.2
Drugs.....	5	.1	4	.1	2	.1	8	.3	6	.2	-	-
Other.....	122	3.0	63	1.7	108	3.1	97	3.4	79	3.1	-1.3	-18.6

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

<sup>1</sup> Machine gun, etc.  
<sup>2</sup> Any instrument used to cut or stab.  
<sup>3</sup> Club, etc.  
<sup>4</sup> Hands, feet, etc.  
<sup>5</sup> Any instrument used to hang or strangle.

TABLE 22  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997**  
 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.....	2,579	2,097	482	547	1,154	682	177	19
Unknown.....	40	23	17	15	10	4	2	9
Total known.....	2,539	2,074	465	532	1,144	678	175	10
Firearm.....	1,835	1,595	240	283	884	535	131	2
Handgun.....	1,633	1,418	215	233	796	480	123	1
All other firearms.....	202	177	25	50	88	55	8	1
Rifle.....	115	101	14	29	50	32	4	0
Shotgun.....	72	63	9	19	32	16	4	1
Firearm - unknown type.	15	13	2	2	6	7	0	0
Knife <sup>1</sup> .....	307	229	78	101	133	55	16	2
Blunt object <sup>2</sup> .....	108	83	25	39	40	25	4	0
Personal weapon <sup>3</sup> .....	148	98	50	58	51	28	10	1
All other.....	141	69	72	51	36	35	14	5
Rope <sup>4</sup> .....	56	24	32	19	16	17	2	2
Drugs.....	6	4	2	3	0	0	3	0
Other.....	79	41	38	29	20	18	9	3
Percent based on total known								
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Firearm.....	72.3	76.9	51.6	53.2	77.3	78.9	74.9	-
Handgun.....	64.3	68.4	46.2	43.8	69.6	70.8	70.3	-
All other firearms.....	8.0	8.5	5.4	9.4	7.7	8.1	4.6	-
Rifle.....	4.5	4.9	3.0	5.5	4.4	4.7	2.3	-
Shotgun.....	2.8	3.0	1.9	3.6	2.8	2.4	2.3	-
Firearm - unknown type.	.6	.6	.4	.4	.5	1.0	.0	-
Knife <sup>1</sup> .....	12.1	11.0	16.8	19.0	11.6	8.1	9.1	-
Blunt object <sup>2</sup> .....	4.3	4.0	5.4	7.3	3.5	3.7	2.3	-
Personal weapon <sup>3</sup> .....	5.8	4.7	10.8	10.9	4.5	4.1	5.7	-
All other.....	5.6	3.3	15.5	9.6	3.1	5.2	8.0	-
Rope <sup>4</sup> .....	2.2	1.2	6.9	3.6	1.4	2.5	1.1	-
Drugs.....	.2	.2	.4	.6	.0	.0	1.7	-
Other.....	3.1	2.0	8.2	5.5	1.7	2.7	5.1	-

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

<sup>1</sup> Any instrument used to cut or stab.  
<sup>2</sup> Club, etc.  
<sup>3</sup> Hands, feet, etc.  
<sup>4</sup> Any instrument used to hang or strangle.

TABLE 23  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997**  
 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.....	2,579	361	1,068	534	580	36
Unknown.....	40	3	11	9	8	9
Total known.....	2,539	358	1,057	525	572	27
Firearm.....	1,835	238	878	391	312	16
Handgun.....	1,633	206	789	348	275	15
All other firearms.....	202	32	89	43	37	1
Rifle.....	115	24	48	26	16	1
Shotgun.....	72	6	35	15	16	0
Firearm - unknown type....	15	2	6	2	5	0
Knife <sup>1</sup> .....	307	16	114	71	101	5
Blunt object <sup>2</sup> .....	108	9	20	24	54	1
Personal weapon <sup>3</sup> .....	148	61	15	14	57	1
All other.....	141	34	30	25	48	4
Rope <sup>4</sup> .....	56	3	16	14	22	1
Drugs.....	6	3	0	2	1	0
Other.....	79	28	14	9	25	3
Percent based on total known						
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Firearm.....	72.3	66.5	83.1	74.5	54.5	-
Handgun.....	64.3	57.5	74.6	66.3	48.1	-
All other firearms.....	8.0	8.9	8.4	8.2	6.5	-
Rifle.....	4.5	6.7	4.5	5.0	2.8	-
Shotgun.....	2.8	1.7	3.3	2.9	2.8	-
Firearm - unknown type....	.6	.6	.6	.4	.9	-
Knife <sup>1</sup> .....	12.1	4.5	10.8	13.5	17.7	-
Blunt object <sup>2</sup> .....	4.3	2.5	1.9	4.6	9.4	-
Personal weapon <sup>3</sup> .....	5.8	17.0	1.4	2.7	10.0	-
All other.....	5.6	9.5	2.8	4.8	8.4	-
Rope <sup>4</sup> .....	2.2	.8	1.5	2.7	3.8	-
Drugs.....	.2	.8	.0	.4	.2	-
Other.....	3.1	7.8	1.3	1.7	4.4	-

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

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

<sup>1</sup> Any instrument used to cut or stab.

<sup>2</sup> Club, etc.

<sup>3</sup> Hands, feet, etc.

<sup>4</sup> Any instrument used to hang or strangle.

TABLE 24  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997**  
 By Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	1988		1989		1990		1991		1992	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total including unknown.....	2,947		3,159		3,562		3,876		3,920	
Unknown.....	406		322		447		632		581	
Total known.....	2,541	100.0	2,837	100.0	3,115	100.0	3,244	100.0	3,339	100.0
Rape, robbery, burglary.....	417	16.4	443	15.6	466	15.0	532	16.4	519	15.5
Rape.....	39	1.5	39	1.4	38	1.2	41	1.3	31	.9
Robbery.....	342	13.5	381	13.4	399	12.8	473	14.6	455	13.6
Burglary.....	36	1.4	23	.8	29	.9	18	.6	33	1.0
Argument.....	1,205	47.4	1,308	46.1	1,346	43.2	1,396	43.0	1,478	44.3
Domestic violence.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	280	8.4
All other argument.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,198	35.9
Gang-, drug-related.....	580	22.8	803	28.3	982	31.5	992	30.6	1,029	30.8
Gang-related.....	309	12.2	525	18.5	646	20.7	740	22.8	742	22.2
Drug-related.....	271	10.7	278	9.8	336	10.8	252	7.8	287	8.6
All other.....	339	13.3	283	10.0	321	10.3	324	10.0	313	9.4

Contributing circumstance (cont.)	1993		1994		1995		1996		1997		Percent change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1988-1997	1996-1997
Total including unknown.....	4,095		3,699		3,530		2,910		2,579			
Unknown.....	643		527		595		389		424			
Total known.....	3,452	100.0	3,172	100.0	2,935	100.0	2,521	100.0	2,155	100.0	-15.2	-14.5
Rape, robbery, burglary.....	515	14.9	409	12.9	385	13.1	320	12.7	240	11.1	-42.4	-25.0
Rape.....	21	.6	19	.6	14	.5	11	.4	12	.6	-	-
Robbery.....	476	13.8	366	11.5	342	11.7	294	11.7	219	10.2	-36.0	-25.5
Burglary.....	18	.5	24	.8	29	1.0	15	.6	9	.4	-	-
Argument.....	1,532	44.4	1,374	43.3	1,207	41.1	1,070	42.4	928	43.1	-23.0	-13.3
Domestic violence.....	329	9.5	224	7.1	179	6.1	130	5.2	128	5.9	-	-1.5
All other argument.....	1,203	34.8	1,150	36.3	1,028	35.0	940	37.3	800	37.1	-	-14.9
Gang-, drug-related.....	1,113	32.2	1,137	35.8	1,059	36.1	784	31.1	704	32.7	21.4	-10.2
Gang-related.....	840	24.3	880	27.7	867	29.5	620	24.6	544	25.2	76.1	-12.3
Drug-related.....	273	7.9	257	8.1	192	6.5	164	6.5	160	7.4	-41.0	-2.4
All other.....	292	8.5	252	7.9	284	9.7	347	13.8	283	13.1	-16.5	-18.4

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TABLE 27  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1997**  
 Age of Victim by Contributing Circumstance

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

<sup>1</sup> Includes domestic violence.

<sup>4</sup> Includes ex-husband, ex-wife, employer, employee, gang member, etc.

<sup>2</sup> Includes "common-law" marriage partner.

<sup>3</sup> Includes stepmother, stepfather, stepdaughter, and stepson.

TABLE 29  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES CLEARED, 1988-1997**  
 Number Reported, Number Cleared, and Clearance Rate

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

<sup>1</sup> A clearance rate is the percentage of crimes (homicides) reported that have been cleared. It is calculated by dividing the number of homicides cleared by the number of homicides reported. The result is multiplied by 100.

**TABLE 30**  
**FELONY ARRESTS FOR**  
**SELECTED VIOLENT OFFENSES, 1988-1997**

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

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

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

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

<sup>a</sup> Includes estimated annual data for the Bakersfield Police Department and the Oakla Police Department.

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

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

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

<sup>a</sup> Includes estimated annual data for the Bakersfield Police Department and the Oakland Police Department.

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

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

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

<sup>a</sup> Includes estimated annual data for the Bakersfield Police Department and the Oakland Police Department.

TABLE 33  
**HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1988-1997**  
 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
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 <sup>a</sup> .....	2,821	100.0	521	18.5	1,570	55.7	462	16.4	268	9.5
1994.....	2,963	100.0	542	18.3	1,625	54.8	483	16.3	313	10.6
1993.....	3,276	100.0	618	18.9	1,804	55.1	525	16.0	329	10.0
1992.....	3,387	100.0	645	19.0	1,877	55.4	511	15.1	354	10.5
1991.....	3,720	100.0	696	18.7	2,073	55.7	611	16.4	340	9.1
1990.....	3,882	100.0	658	17.0	2,218	57.1	630	16.2	376	9.7
1989.....	3,403	100.0	533	15.7	1,856	54.5	606	17.8	408	12.0
1988.....	3,159	100.0	389	12.3	1,702	53.9	636	20.1	432	13.7

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

<sup>a</sup> Includes estimated annual data for the Bakersfield Police Department and the Oakland Police Department.

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

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

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

TABLE 35  
**HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1997**  
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.....	2,212	100.0	447	100.0	1,017	100.0	586	100.0	162	100.0
Under 18.....	353	16.0	33	7.4	191	18.8	78	13.3	51	31.5
18-19.....	380	17.2	49	11.0	206	20.3	88	15.0	37	22.8
20-24.....	558	25.2	83	18.6	291	28.6	156	26.6	28	17.3
25-29.....	329	14.9	70	15.7	145	14.3	99	16.9	15	9.3
30-34.....	193	8.7	42	9.4	74	7.3	66	11.3	11	6.8
35-39.....	133	6.0	53	11.9	35	3.4	39	6.7	6	3.7
40-44.....	92	4.2	38	8.5	26	2.6	23	3.9	5	3.1
45-49.....	82	3.7	38	8.5	28	2.8	13	2.2	3	1.9
50-54.....	38	1.7	16	3.6	7	.7	13	2.2	2	1.2
55 and over.....	54	2.4	25	5.6	14	1.4	11	1.9	4	2.5
Male.....	1,990	100.0	374	100.0	946	100.0	526	100.0	144	100.0
Under 18.....	334	16.8	29	7.8	180	19.0	77	14.6	48	33.3
18-19.....	358	18.0	43	11.5	195	20.6	86	16.3	34	23.6
20-24.....	519	26.1	74	19.8	281	29.7	138	26.2	26	18.1
25-29.....	288	14.5	61	16.3	127	13.4	88	16.7	12	8.3
30-34.....	159	8.0	31	8.3	67	7.1	54	10.3	7	4.9
35-39.....	109	5.5	43	11.5	29	3.1	32	6.1	5	3.5
40-44.....	75	3.8	28	7.5	24	2.5	19	3.6	4	2.8
45-49.....	69	3.5	32	8.6	23	2.4	11	2.1	3	2.1
50-54.....	33	1.7	13	3.5	7	.7	11	2.1	2	1.4
55 and over.....	46	2.3	20	5.3	13	1.4	10	1.9	3	2.1
Female.....	222	100.0	73	100.0	71	100.0	60	100.0	18	100.0
Under 18.....	19	8.6	4	5.5	11	15.5	1	1.7	3	-
18-19.....	22	9.9	6	8.2	11	15.5	2	3.3	3	-
20-24.....	39	17.6	9	12.3	10	14.1	18	30.0	2	-
25-29.....	41	18.5	9	12.3	18	25.4	11	18.3	3	-
30-34.....	34	15.3	11	15.1	7	9.9	12	20.0	4	-
35-39.....	24	10.8	10	13.7	6	8.5	7	11.7	1	-
40-44.....	17	7.7	10	13.7	2	2.8	4	6.7	1	-
45-49.....	13	5.9	6	8.2	5	7.0	2	3.3	0	-
50-54.....	5	2.3	3	4.1	0	.0	2	3.3	0	-
55 and over.....	8	3.6	5	6.8	1	1.4	1	1.7	1	-

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

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



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

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

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

<sup>1</sup> The "released" category includes law enforcement releases and complaints denied. "Complaints denied" include single complaints, combined cases, and petitions to revoke probation.

<sup>2</sup> The "dismissed, acquitted" category includes diversions dismissed.

TABLE 37  
**DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE**  
 Gender, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age of Arrestee by Type of Disposition

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

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

<sup>1</sup> The "released" category includes law enforcement releases and complaints denied. "Complaints denied" include single complaints, combined cases, and petitions to revoke probation.

<sup>2</sup> The "dismissed, acquitted" category includes diversions dismissed.

<sup>3</sup> Age groupings indicate the age of arrestee at time of arrest.

<sup>a</sup> The "under 18" age group includes juveniles remanded to adult court.

TABLE 38  
**DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE  
 BASED ON COMPLAINTS FILED**  
 Gender, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age of Arrestee by Type of Disposition

Gender, race/ethnic group, and age of arrestee	Total		Dismissed, acquitted <sup>1</sup>		Convicted	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total						
Total.....	1,552	100.0	252	16.2	1,300	83.8
Gender of arrestee						
Male.....	1,408	100.0	231	16.4	1,177	83.6
Female.....	144	100.0	21	14.6	123	85.4
Race/ethnic group of arrestee						
White.....	338	100.0	49	14.5	289	85.5
Hispanic.....	608	100.0	78	12.8	530	87.2
Black.....	388	100.0	65	16.8	323	83.2
Other.....	106	100.0	17	16.0	89	84.0
Unknown.....	112	100.0	43	38.4	69	61.6
Age of arrestee <sup>2</sup>						
Under 18 <sup>a</sup> .....	73	100.0	4	5.5	69	94.5
18-29.....	971	100.0	158	16.3	813	83.7
30-39.....	323	100.0	52	16.1	271	83.9
40 and over.....	185	100.0	38	20.5	147	79.5

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

<sup>1</sup> The "dismissed, acquitted" category includes diversions dismissed.

<sup>2</sup> Age groupings indicate the age of arrestee at time of arrest.

<sup>a</sup> The "under 18" age group includes juveniles remanded to adult court.

**TABLE 39**  
**DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE**  
Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Type of Disposition

Type of disposition	Total	Gender		Race/ethnic group				
		Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown
Number								
Total.....	1,756	1,587	169	371	699	425	111	150
Law enforcement releases.....	87	82	5	7	46	14	2	18
Total complaints denied.....	117	97	20	26	45	23	3	20
Single complaints.....	115	95	20	26	44	22	3	20
Combined cases.....	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Petitions to revoke probation..	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Complaints filed.....	1,552	1,408	144	338	608	388	106	112
Misdemeanor.....	83	58	25	17	16	12	4	34
Felony.....	1,469	1,350	119	321	592	376	102	78
Lower court dispositions.....	247	204	43	64	64	49	16	54
Dismissed.....	124	110	14	30	24	31	11	28
Diversions dismissed.....	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Acquitted.....	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Convicted.....	121	92	29	34	39	17	5	26
Superior court dispositions.....	1,305	1,204	101	274	544	339	90	58
Dismissed.....	107	100	7	17	44	29	5	12
Diversions dismissed.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Acquitted.....	19	19	0	2	9	4	1	3
Convicted.....	1,179	1,085	94	255	491	306	84	43
Percent								
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Law enforcement releases.....	5.0	5.2	3.0	1.9	6.6	3.3	1.8	12.0
Total complaints denied.....	6.7	6.1	11.8	7.0	6.4	5.4	2.7	13.3
Single complaints.....	6.5	6.0	11.8	7.0	6.3	5.2	2.7	13.3
Combined cases.....	.1	.1	.0	.0	.0	.2	.0	.0
Petitions to revoke probation..	.1	.1	.0	.0	.1	.0	.0	.0
Complaints filed.....	88.4	88.7	85.2	91.1	87.0	91.3	95.5	74.7
Misdemeanor.....	4.7	3.7	14.8	4.6	2.3	2.8	3.6	22.7
Felony.....	83.7	85.1	70.4	86.5	84.7	88.5	91.9	52.0
Lower court dispositions.....	14.1	12.9	25.4	17.3	9.2	11.5	14.4	36.0
Dismissed.....	7.1	6.9	8.3	8.1	3.4	7.3	9.9	18.7
Diversions dismissed.....	.1	.1	.0	.0	.1	.0	.0	.0
Acquitted.....	.1	.1	.0	.0	.0	.2	.0	.0
Convicted.....	6.9	5.8	17.2	9.2	5.6	4.0	4.5	17.3
Superior court dispositions.....	74.3	75.9	59.8	73.9	77.8	79.8	81.1	38.7
Dismissed.....	6.1	6.3	4.1	4.6	6.3	6.8	4.5	8.0
Diversions dismissed.....	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0
Acquitted.....	1.1	1.2	.0	.5	1.3	.9	.9	2.0
Convicted.....	67.1	68.4	55.6	68.7	70.2	72.0	75.7	28.7

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

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

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

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

<sup>a</sup> The "under 18" age group includes juveniles remanded to adult court.

TABLE 40  
**DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE**  
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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
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Total complaints denied.....	117	6.7	0	.0	63	5.7	30	8.2	24	11.1
Single complaints.....	115	6.5	0	.0	62	5.6	29	8.0	24	11.1
Combined cases.....	1	.1	0	.0	0	.0	1	.3	0	.0
Petitions to revoke probation..	1	.1	0	.0	1	.1	0	.0	0	.0
Complaints filed.....	1,552	88.4	73	100.0	971	88.1	323	88.7	185	85.3
Misdemeanor.....	83	4.7	0	.0	38	3.4	33	9.1	12	5.5
Felony.....	1,469	83.7	73	100.0	933	84.7	290	79.7	173	79.7
Lower court dispositions.....	247	14.1	6	8.2	137	12.4	66	18.1	38	17.5
Dismissed.....	124	7.1	4	5.5	70	6.4	27	7.4	23	10.6
Diversions dismissed.....	1	.1	0	.0	0	.0	1	.3	0	.0
Acquitted.....	1	.1	0	.0	1	.1	0	.0	0	.0
Convicted.....	121	6.9	2	2.7	66	6.0	38	10.4	15	6.9
Superior court dispositions.....	1,305	74.3	67	91.8	834	75.7	257	70.6	147	67.7
Dismissed.....	107	6.1	0	.0	74	6.7	21	5.8	12	5.5
Diversions dismissed.....	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Acquitted.....	19	1.1	0	.0	13	1.2	3	.8	3	1.4
Convicted.....	1,179	67.1	67	91.8	747	67.8	233	64.0	132	60.8

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

<sup>a</sup> The "under 18" age group includes juveniles remanded to adult court.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Data include convictions for both misdemeanors and felonies.

<sup>1</sup> Age groupings indicate the age of offender at time of arrest.

<sup>a</sup> The "under 18" age group includes juveniles remanded to adult court.



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

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

Notes: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.  
 Dash indicates that percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.  
 Data include convictions for both misdemeanors and felonies.

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

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

Source: California Appellate Project.

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

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

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

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

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

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

<sup>e</sup> In 1987, although six death sentences were reversed, only five persons were no longer under sentence of death. The sixth person had an additional death sentence from another county.

<sup>f</sup> In 1983, two persons already under sentence of death received additional death sentences. Thirty-five initial sentences were imposed with 33 new persons being sentenced.

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

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.....	40	40	0	17	11	12	0	2	16	5	2	9	6
Alameda.....	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Kings.....	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Los Angeles.....	11	11	0	0	5	6	0	1	7	2	0	1	0
Orange.....	8	8	0	7	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	4
Riverside.....	4	4	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	2	0
Sacramento.....	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino....	3	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
San Diego.....	3	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
Santa Clara.....	5	5	0	3	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	0
Sonoma.....	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

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

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

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

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

<sup>1</sup> Includes peace officers feloniously killed in the line of duty.

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

<sup>a</sup> Includes 1 reported federal law enforcement officer.

<sup>b</sup> Includes 2 reported federal law enforcement officers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Contributing circumstance	Number	Percent
Total		
Total.....	163	
Peace officer justifiable		
Total.....	118	100.0
Felon attacked peace officer.....	94	79.7
Felon killed during commission of crime..	21	17.8
Felon resisted arrest.....	3	2.5
All other.....	0	.0
Felon attacked another peace officer...	0	.0
Felon attacked citizen.....	0	.0
Felon attempted flight.....	0	.0
Citizen justifiable		
Total.....	45	100.0
Felon attacked citizen.....	8	17.8
Felon killed during commission of crime..	37	82.2
All other.....	0	.0

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



TABLE 51  
**JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS  
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1997**  
By Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	Total		Peace officer justifiable		Citizen justifiable	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	163	100.0	118	100.0	45	100.0
Firearm.....	154	94.5	114	96.6	40	88.9
Handgun.....	135	82.8	98	83.1	37	82.2
All other firearms.....	19	11.7	16	13.6	3	6.7
Rifle.....	10	6.1	9	7.6	1	2.2
Shotgun.....	9	5.5	7	5.9	2	4.4
Firearm - unknown type..	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Knife <sup>1</sup> .....	3	1.8	1	.8	2	4.4
Blunt object <sup>2</sup> .....	1	.6	0	.0	1	2.2
Personal weapon <sup>3</sup> .....	3	1.8	2	1.7	1	2.2
All other.....	2	1.2	1	.8	1	2.2
Rope <sup>4</sup> .....	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Drugs.....	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Other.....	2	1.2	1	.8	1	2.2

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

<sup>1</sup> Any instrument used to cut or stab.

<sup>2</sup> Club, etc.

<sup>3</sup> Hands, feet, etc.

<sup>4</sup> Any instrument used to hang or strangle.

**TABLE 52  
POPULATION ESTIMATES, 1952-1997**

Year(s)	Total population	Population at risk		
		Total <sup>1</sup>	Adult <sup>2</sup>	Juvenile <sup>3</sup>
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.

<sup>1</sup> Total population at risk, 10-69 years of age.

<sup>2</sup> Adult population at risk, 18-69 years of age.

<sup>3</sup> Juvenile population at risk, 10-17 years of age.