

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S ANNUAL REPORT ON

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Assemblymember Shirley Weber's Assembly Bill 90 (Chapter 695, Statutes of 2017), the Fair and Accurate Gang Database Act of 2017, requires the California Department of Justice (DOJ) to assume the management of the CalGang database, effective January 1, 2018. CalGang, a shared gang intelligence database, is designed to enhance officer safety and improve the efficiency of criminal investigations by providing an accurate, timely, and electronically-generated base of statewide gang-related intelligence information.

Over the years, various legislative bills designed to refine the oversight responsibilities and notification requirements for shared gang databases have passed. For example, Senator Wright's Senate Bill 458 (Chapter 797, Statutes of 2013) amended existing law to require specific notification requirements prior to entry of a juvenile into CalGang. Assemblymember Weber's Assembly Bill 2298 (Chapter 752, Statutes of 2016) later stipulated similar notification provisions prior to entering an individual into CalGang and established a process through which that individual may contest that designation.

The Fair and Accurate Gang Database Act changed the review and appeal process into a petition process and required the DOJ to promulgate regulations governing the use, operation, and oversight of any shared gang database. Additionally, it expanded upon existing reporting provisions to require the DOJ provide periodic audits and user training, as well as publish an annual report including an aggregated summary dataset with specified statistical information about the CalGang database usage and audits.

This report marks the first annual report for CalGang, based on the 103,813 records that were housed in CalGang as of December 31, 2017. The purge required per Assembly Bill 90 was completed after this date.

The tables and graphs provided on pages 2 and 3 summarize the data captured during the immediately preceding 12 months (January 2017 – December 2017). The full dataset can be found on the Attorney General's website at: www.oag.ca.gov/calgang

For 30 days following the release of this data, the public is invited to submit comment to DOJ for consideration in developing future reports. Subsequent reports will summarize public comments received and any actions taken in response to those comments. Comments may be submitted by e-mail to CalGangReports@doj.ca.gov or by mail to:

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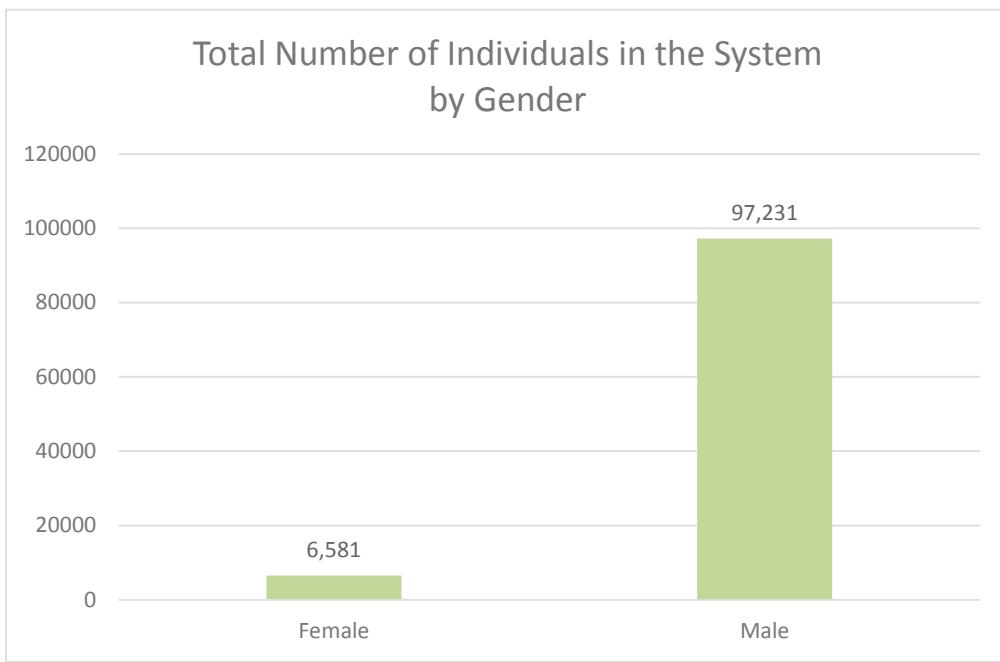
AT-A-GLANCE

California law requires the DOJ to publish an annual report on the CalGang database that contains by Zip Code, referring agency, race, gender, and age the following information for each user agency, as defined in Penal Code section 186.34(p):

- The number of persons included in the CalGang database on the day of reporting.
- The number of persons added to the CalGang database during the immediately preceding 12 months.
- The number of requests for removal of a person from the CalGang database received during the immediately preceding 12 months.
- The number of requests for removal of a person from the CalGang database that were granted during the immediately preceding 12 months.
- The number of petitions for removal of a person from the CalGang database that were adjudicated, including their dispositions, for the immediately preceding 12 months.
- The number of persons removed from the CalGang database due to the expiration of a retention period during the immediately preceding 12 months.
- The number of times an agency did not provide notice or documentation because doing so would compromise an active criminal investigation.
- The number of times an agency did not provide notice or documentation because doing so would compromise the health or safety of the designated minor.

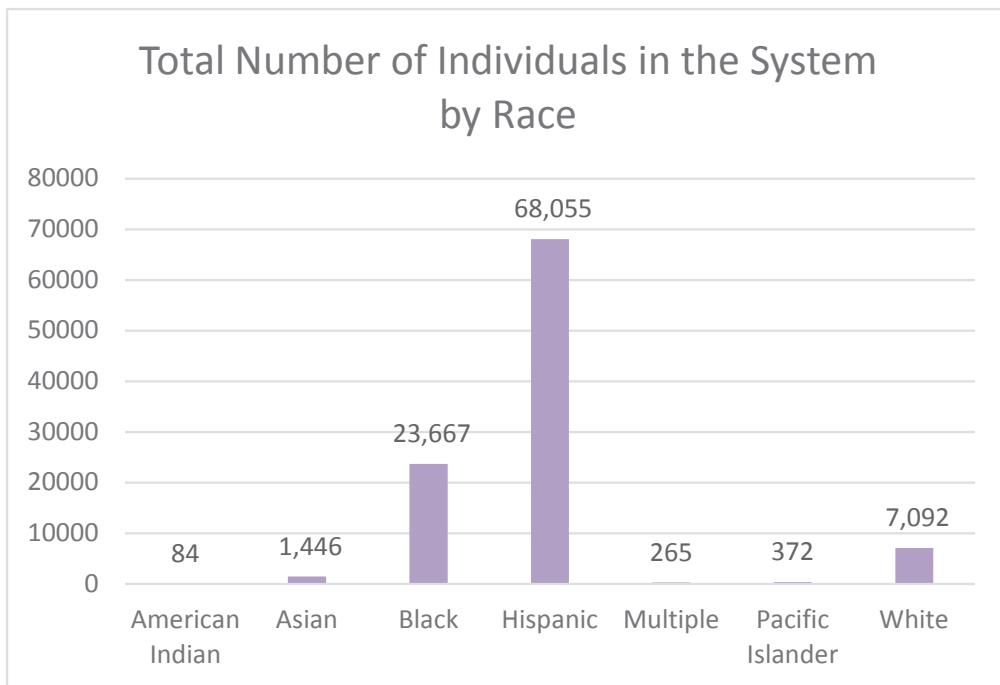
In 2017, Number of -	Count
Total records in CalGang as of December 31, 2017	103,813
Persons added to CalGang	5,154
Total requests for removal made to law enforcement agencies	16
Granted requests for removal made to law enforcement agencies	1
Petitions for removal adjudicated, including their dispositions	1
Individuals whose information was purged due to the expiration of the retention period	21,533
Times an agency did not provide notice or documentation because providing that notice would compromise an active criminal investigation	1
Times an agency did not provide notice or documentation because providing that notice would compromise the health or safety of the designated minor	0

The following chart illustrates the number of individuals in CalGang by gender:



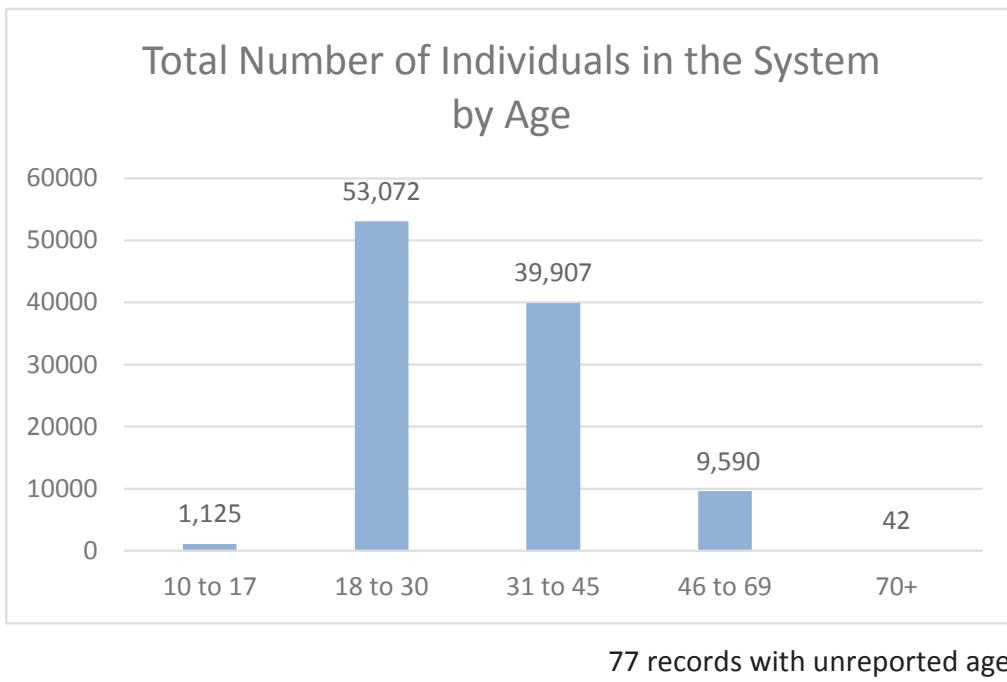
1 record with unreported gender

The following chart illustrates the number of individuals in CalGang by race and ethnicity:

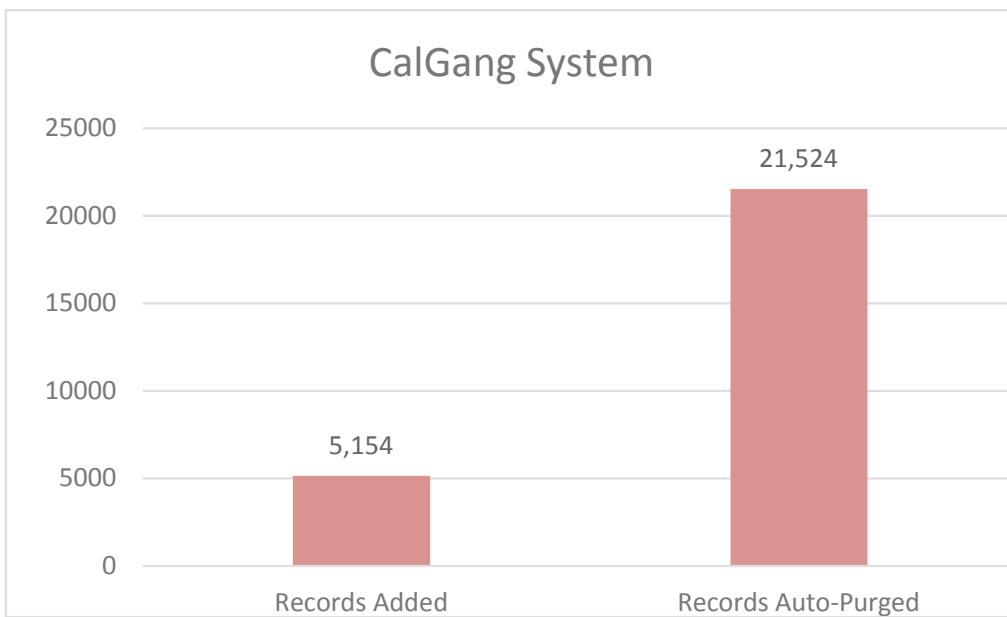


2,832 records with unreported race

The following chart illustrates the number of individuals in CalGang by age demographics:



The following chart illustrates the number records that were added to CalGang and the number of records purged from CalGang:



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Dataset Overview and History

Effective January 1, 2018, the DOJ is responsible for the oversight of CalGang, the California shared gang database. Data is entered directly into CalGang by law enforcement officers to record and share gang intelligence information across the state. The data reported is an aggregation of individual-level information to provide a summary of certain data mandated for reporting on the Attorney General's webpage on an annual basis.

Statutory Authority

Penal Code Section 186.36 grants the DOJ the statutory authority to collect CalGang data and to report annually on the information included in this dataset.

Data Characteristics and Known Limitations

1. The data released by the DOJ in this publication was entered into CalGang prior to the DOJ assuming its oversight responsibilities.
2. All values in the ‘Reporting Year’ column reflect 2017 for the first annual report as no prior data is available.
3. The value “Unreported” indicates the field was left blank by the user agency.
4. Approval or denial of court petitions are reflected in the year in which the petition was adjudicated. There may not be a one-to-one match for filing and outcome of a petition, as a petition may be filed in one year but not adjudicated until the following year.
5. The category “All” is not a sum of the agency’s rows. The sum of each category for a selected agency will equal the total listed for that agency. For example, when you filter by the category “All”, the total number of individuals entered by Alhambra Police Department is 52; thus, the total for each individual category (age, gender, race) within Alhambra Police Department will equal 52.
6. Due to the method of entry into Calgang, it is possible for a unique individual to have multiple entries within the database. For example, a verified entry into the database is entered into a node (or region) by Law Enforcement Agency A and another distinct verified entry is entered into a different node by Law Enforcement B. Both entries are valid and are counted as separate individuals; however, they correspond to one person. A verified entry means that there are two distinct criteria substantiating that unique entry.

Data Elements and Values Defined

Cell Location	Data Element	Description/Definition	Value
A	Agency	Agency name	Alpha; California agency names
B	Reporting Year	Year data was reported	YYYY
C	Category	Reporting categories	All Age Gender Race Zip Code
D	Category Level	Category Levels	ALL Totals AGE 10-17 18-30 31-45 46-69 70+ Unreported GENDER Male Female Unreported RACE American Indian Asian Black Hispanic Multiple Pacific Islander White Unreported
E	Total Individuals	Number of individuals entered by agency	Numeral count
F	Individuals Added	Number of individuals added in 2017	Numeral count
G	Requested Removal	Number of requests for removal received by law enforcement agency/Department in 2017	Numeral count
H	Removal Granted	Number of requests for removal granted by law enforcement agency/Department in 2017	Numeral count

I	Court Petition	Number of petitions to the court for removal adjudicated in 2017	Numeral count
J	Petition Approved	Number of petitions to the court for removal approved in 2017	Numeral count
K	Petition Denied	Number of petitions to the court for removal denied in 2017	Numeral count
L	Auto-Purged	Number of individuals removed by automatic purging due to expiration of retention period (five years without new criteria) in 2017	Numeral count
M	Manual Removal	Number of individuals manually deleted pursuant to review in 2017	Numeral count
N	Active Investigation	Number of times an agency did not provide notice or documentation due to an active investigation in 2017	Numeral count
O	Minor Safety	Number of times an agency did not provide notice or documentation due to minor's health and safety concerns in 2017	Numeral count