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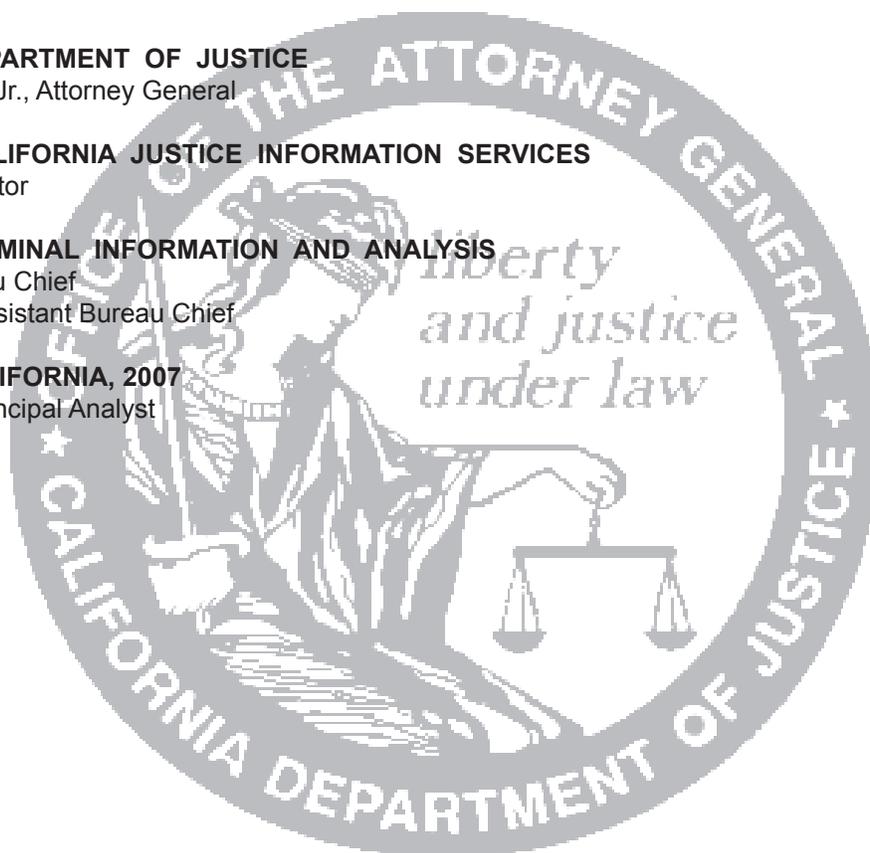
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Executive Summary

Homicide in California, 2007 contains information about the crime of homicide and its victims, as well as demographic data on persons arrested for homicide. Information about the death penalty, the number of peace officers killed in the line of duty, and justifiable homicide is also included. This report provides data for the year 2007 as well as prior years.

The California Department of Justice (DOJ) is responsible for reporting annual statistics on homicide as mandated by Penal Code section 13014. Information displayed in this publication is extracted from several databases maintained by the DOJ. The primary source of information is the Homicide File, which captures willful and justifiable homicide crime data. Other databases capture information about persons arrested for homicide, death penalty sentences, and peace officers killed in the line of duty. The reader should consider that the type of data collected, and the methods used to collect these data, differ for each data set. Unless otherwise indicated, all calculations are based on the number of known incidents.

Homicide Crimes

The Homicides Crimes section (pages 2–23) provides data on homicide crimes reported to law enforcement.

- From 2006 to 2007, the rate of homicide crimes per 100,000 population decreased 9.1 percent (6.6 to 6.0). From 1998 to 2007, the homicide crime rate decreased 7.7 percent (6.5 to 6.0).
- Females were more likely to be killed in their residence, while males were more likely to be killed on streets or sidewalks.
- A greater percentage of white victims were female than were Hispanic or black victims. White victims tended to be older, Hispanic and black victims, younger.
- In 2007, where the victim-offender relationship was known, 42.1 percent of the victims were killed by friends or acquaintances.
- Firearms were used in 72.4 percent of homicides in 2007.
- Of the 35 counties for which 2007 homicide rates were calculated, San Francisco County experienced the highest homicide rate per 100,000 population (12.2); Marin County experienced the lowest (0.4).
- In 2007, the highest average daily number of homicides occurred on weekends (8.3 vs. 5.3).
- In 2007, where the contributing circumstance was known, 41.8 percent of homicides were the result of an argument and 32.7 percent were gang-related.
- From 1998 to 2007, the number of gang-related homicides increased 16.1 percent.

Homicide Arrests

The Homicide Arrests section (pages 26–29) provides data on arrests made by law enforcement personnel.

- ❑ From 2006 to 2007, the rate of homicide arrests per 100,000 population at risk increased 1.5 percent (6.7 to 6.8). From 1998 to 2007, the homicide arrest rate decreased 19.0 percent (8.4 to 6.8).
- ❑ From 1998 to 2007, the overwhelming majority of homicide arrestees and victims were male.
- ❑ From 1998 to 2007, the largest percentage of homicide arrestees and victims were Hispanic.
- ❑ From 1998 to 2007, the largest percentage of homicide arrestees and victims were aged 18–29.

Death Penalty Sentences

The Death Penalty section (pages 32–33) provides information about persons sentenced to death in California in 2007.

- ❑ By the end of 2007, there were 673 persons under sentence of death in California. Of these, 17 were sentenced in 2007.

Peace Officers Killed in the Line of Duty

Information about peace officers killed in the line of duty (pages 36–37) is obtained from the Homicide File.

- ❑ In 2007, four peace officers were feloniously killed in the line of duty.
- ❑ Between 1998 and 2007, 47 peace officers were killed in the line of duty.
- ❑ Between 1998 and 2007, the homicide rate for peace officers killed in the line of duty varied from 2.9 to 10.4 per 100,000 sworn law enforcement personnel.

Justifiable Homicides

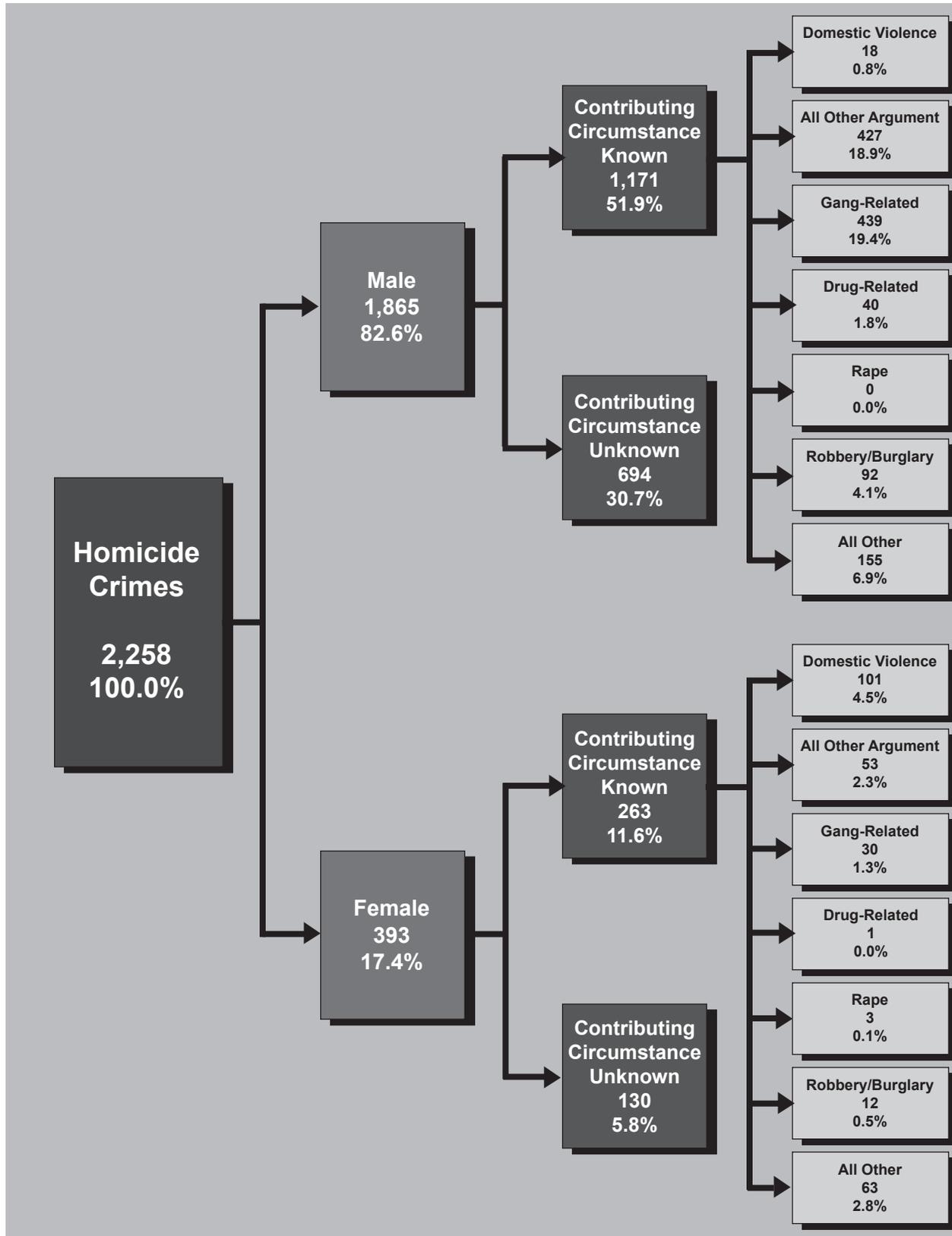
Information about justifiable homicides by a private citizen or peace officer (pages 40–43) is obtained from the Homicide File.

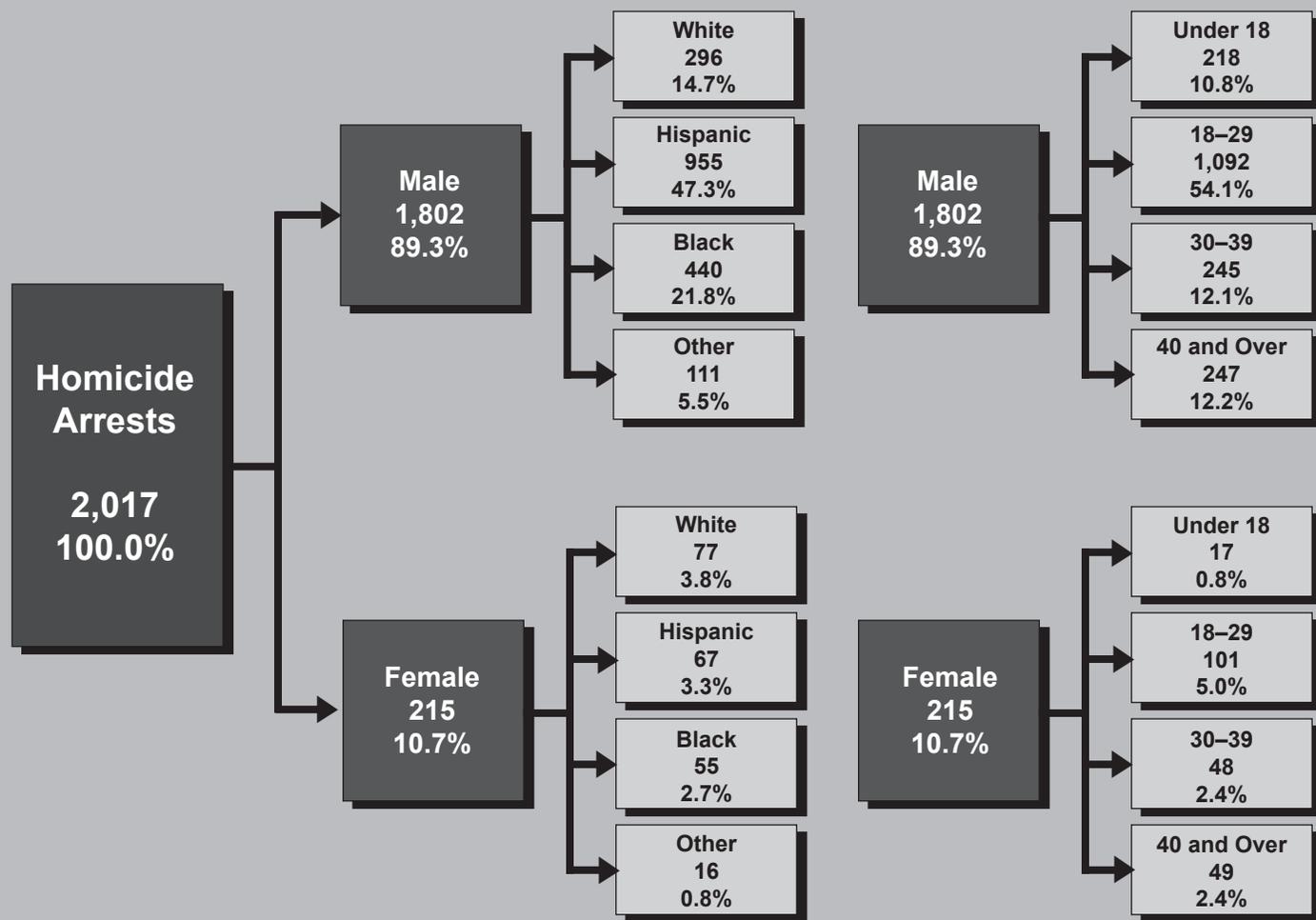
- ❑ In 2007, justifiable homicides by peace officers were most often the result of a felon attacking a peace officer (71.8 percent).

Acknowledgment

The Department of Justice is mandated by the Legislature to annually submit the *Homicide in California* report. It is of the utmost importance for law enforcement agencies to submit complete and timely statistical data to the Department of Justice to ensure this mandate is met. As such, appreciation is extended to all law enforcement agencies that have met their reporting requirements.

Figure 1
HOMICIDE IN CALIFORNIA, 2007
At a Glance





Source: Tables 25 and 34.

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

Contributing circumstance percent calculations in this figure are based on the total number of victims, rather than on the number of known circumstances. Therefore, percentages displayed here will not match percentages displayed elsewhere in this report.

HOMICIDE CRIMES

The homicide category comprises murder and non-negligent manslaughter. Attempted murder, justifiable homicide, manslaughter by negligence, and suicide are excluded.

CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCE

Contributing circumstance, when known, is reported by law enforcement agencies on the supplemental homicide report. In 2007, there were 824 homicides in

which the contributing circumstance was unknown. Of this number, 694 involved male victims and 130 involved female victims.

HOMICIDE ARRESTS

All California law enforcement agencies report arrest information to the DOJ on the *Monthly Arrest and Citation Register*. Data submitted includes age, gender, and race/ethnic group; and specifies the most serious arrest offense and law enforcement disposition.

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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 56 years.

From 2006 to 2007:

- The homicide rate per 100,000 population decreased 9.1 percent (6.6 to 6.0).
- The number of homicides decreased 9.1 percent (from 2,483 to 2,258).

Comparing 1998 to 2007:

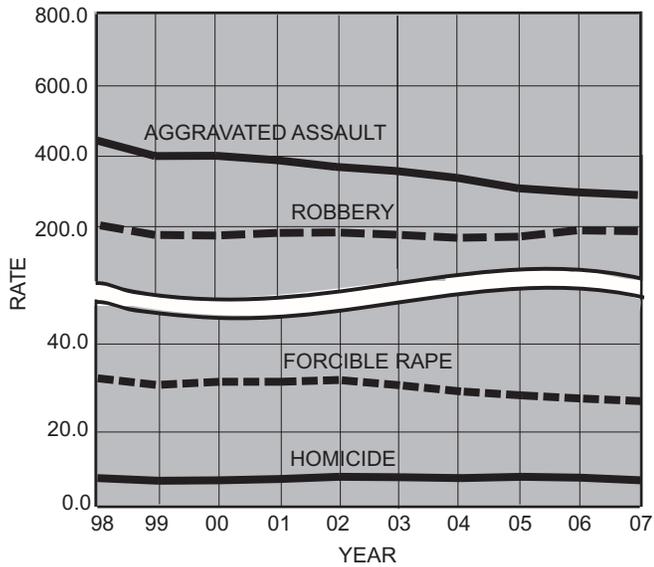
- The homicide rate per 100,000 population decreased 7.7 percent (6.5 to 6.0).
- The number of homicides increased 4.1 percent (from 2,170 to 2,258).

In 2007, both the number of homicides and the rate per 100,000 decreased 9.1 percent.

Table N-1
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1952-2007
Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

Year(s)	Number	Rate
2007	2,258	6.0
2006	2,483	6.6
2005	2,503	6.8
2004	2,394	6.5
2003	2,402	6.7
2002	2,392	6.8
2001	2,201	6.3
2000	2,074	6.0
1999	2,006	5.9
1998	2,170	6.5
1997	2,579	7.8
1996	2,910	9.0
1995	3,530	11.0
1994	3,699	11.5
1993	4,095	12.9
1992	3,920	12.5
1991	3,876	12.6
1990	3,562	12.1
1989	3,159	11.0
1988	2,947	10.5
1987	2,929	10.7
1986	3,030	11.3
1985	2,781	10.7
1984	2,724	10.6
1983	2,640	10.5
1982	2,778	11.3
1981	3,140	13.1
1980	3,405	14.4
1979	2,941	12.6
1978	2,601	11.4
1977	2,481	11.1
1976	2,214	10.1
1975	2,196	10.2
1974	1,970	9.3
1973	1,862	8.9
1972	1,789	8.7
1971	1,633	8.0
1970	1,355	6.8
1969	1,376	6.9
1968	1,171	6.0
1967	1,051	5.4
1966	897	4.7
1965	892	4.8
1964	758	4.2
1963	656	3.7
1962	671	3.9
1961	609	3.7
1960	620	3.9
1959	515	3.4
1958	547	3.7
1957	497	3.5
1956	474	3.5
1955	417	3.2
1954	419	3.3
1953	276	2.3
1952	279	2.4

Figure 2
VIOLENT CRIMES, 1998–2007
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 2006 to 2007:

- Homicide decreased 9.1 percent (6.6 to 6.0).
- Forcible rape decreased 2.4 percent (24.6 to 24.0).
- Robbery decreased 1.2 percent (189.5 to 187.2).
- Aggravated assault decreased 2.6 percent (297.7 to 289.9).

Comparing 1998 to 2007:

- Homicide decreased 7.7 percent (6.5 to 6.0).
- Forcible rape decreased 17.8 percent (29.2 to 24.0).
- Robbery decreased 8.8 percent (205.3 to 187.2).
- Aggravated assault decreased 34.9 percent (445.1 to 289.9).



Figures 3, 4, and 5 display homicide rates per 100,000 population for victims classified by gender, race/ethnic group, and age.

In 2007,

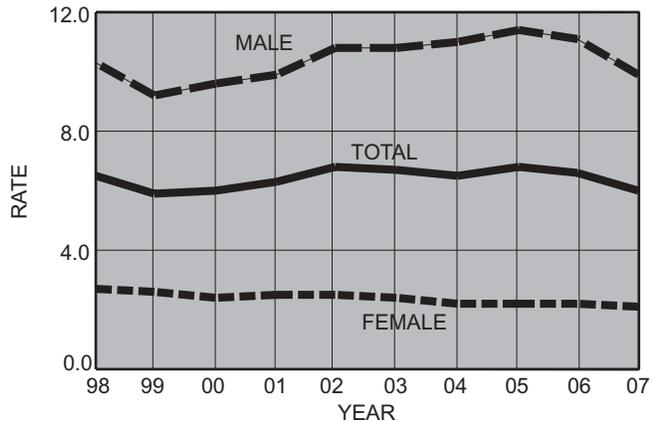
- The total homicide rate was 6.0 per 100,000 population.
- The male homicide rate was over four times that of the female homicide rate (9.9 vs. 2.1).
- The black homicide rate was over 12 times that of whites and over 3 times that of Hispanics (29.4 vs. 2.3 and 7.8, respectively).

Comparing 1998 to 2007:

- The male homicide rate decreased 3.9 percent and the female homicide rate decreased 22.2 percent.
- The white homicide rate decreased 23.3 percent, the Hispanic homicide rate decreased 18.8 percent, and the black homicide rate increased 30.1 percent.

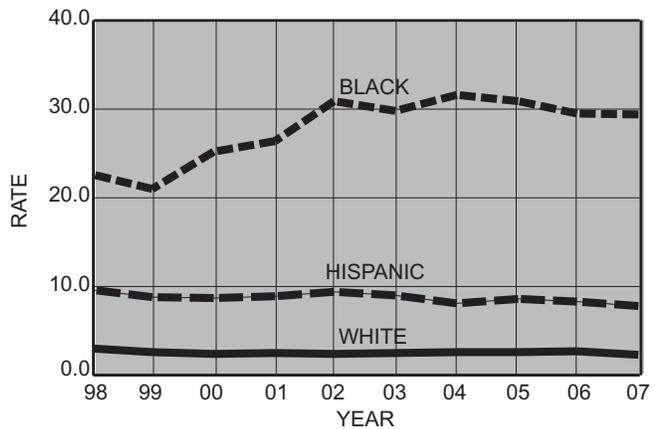
Comparing 1998 to 2007, homicide rates declined for both males and females (down 3.9 and 22.2 percent, respectively). In 2007, the homicide rate for blacks declined slightly from 2006, but was 30.1 percent higher than the rate in 1998.

Figure 3
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998–2007
By Gender of Victim
Rate per 100,000 Population



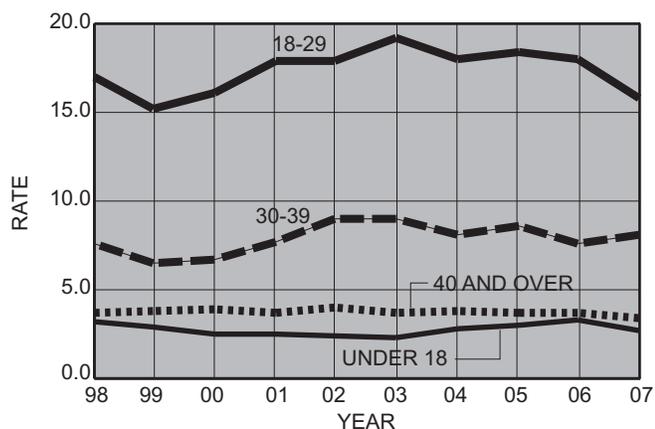
Source: Table 2.

Figure 4
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998–2007
By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim
Rate per 100,000 Population



Source: Table 3.

Figure 5
 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998–2007
 By Age of Victim
 Rate per 100,000 Population



Source: Table 4.

In 2007,

- Persons aged 18–29 had the highest homicide victimization rate (15.8 per 100,000 population).

Comparing 1998 to 2007, the homicide rate:

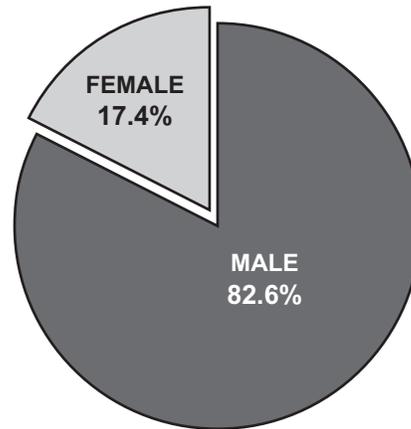
- Decreased 15.6 percent for victims under age 18.
- Decreased 7.1 percent for victims aged 18–29.
- Increased 6.6 percent for victims aged 30–39.
- Decreased 8.1 percent for victims aged 40 and over.

The homicide rate for victims aged 18–29 decreased in 2007, but remained higher than the rate of other age groups.

In 2007,

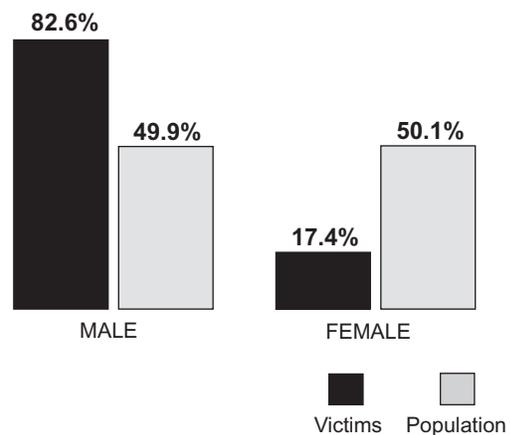
- ☐ Males represented 82.6 percent of total homicide victims; they comprised 49.9 percent of the population.
- ☐ Females represented 17.4 percent of total homicide victims; they comprised 50.1 percent of the population.

Figure 6
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
By Gender of Victim



Source: Table 5.

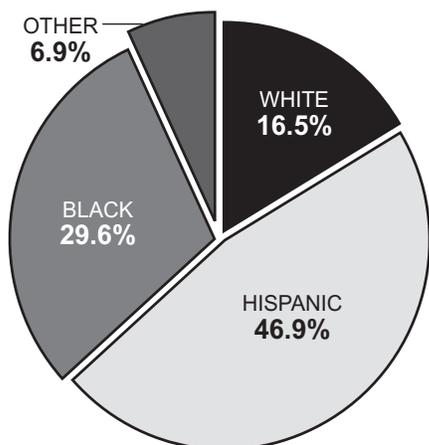
Figure 7
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
Gender of Victim by Percent of Total Victims and Percent of Population



Source: Tables 2 and 5.

The ratio of male to female homicide victimization has been approximately 4:1. This ratio represents a consistent historical trend (see Tables 2 and 5).

Figure 8
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim

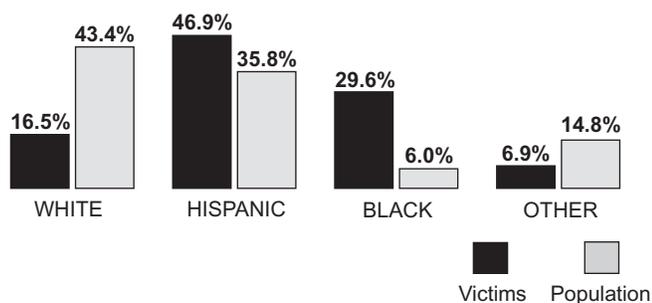


Source: Table 6.
Note: Percentages do not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

In 2007, where the victim's race was known:

- Whites represented 16.5 percent of the homicide victims; they comprised 43.4 percent of the population.
- Hispanics represented 46.9 percent of the homicide victims; they comprised 35.8 percent of the population.
- Blacks represented 29.6 percent of the homicide victims; they comprised 6.0 percent of the population.
- The “other” race/ethnic group category represented 6.9 percent of the homicide victims; they comprised 14.8 percent of the population.

Figure 9
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Percent of Total Victims and Percent of Population



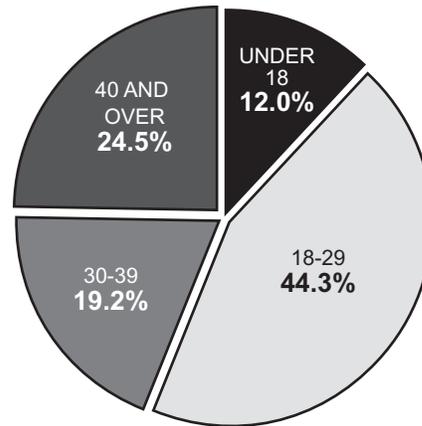
Source: Tables 3 and 6.
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In 2007, where the victim's age was known:

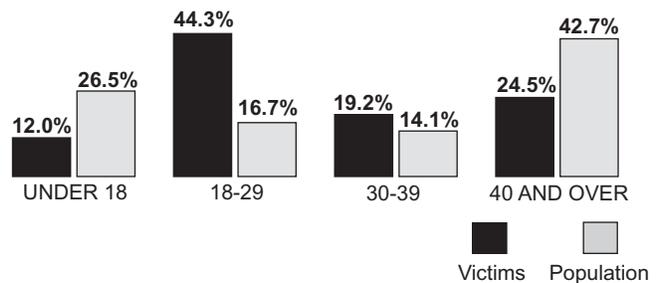
- 12.0 percent of the homicide victims were under age 18; this age group comprised 26.5 percent of the population.
- 44.3 percent of the homicide victims were aged 18–29; this age group comprised 16.7 percent of the population.
- 19.2 percent of the homicide victims were aged 30–39; this age group comprised 14.1 percent of the population.
- 24.5 percent of the homicide victims were aged 40 and over; this age group comprised 42.7 percent of the population.

Figure 10
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
By Age of Victim



Source: Table 7.

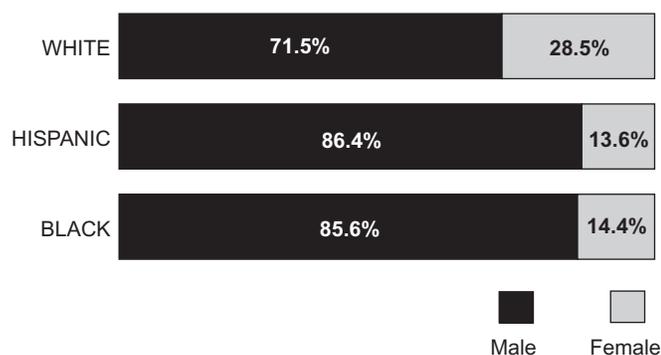
Figure 11
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
Age of Victim by Percent of Total Victims and Percent of Population



Source: Tables 4 and 7.

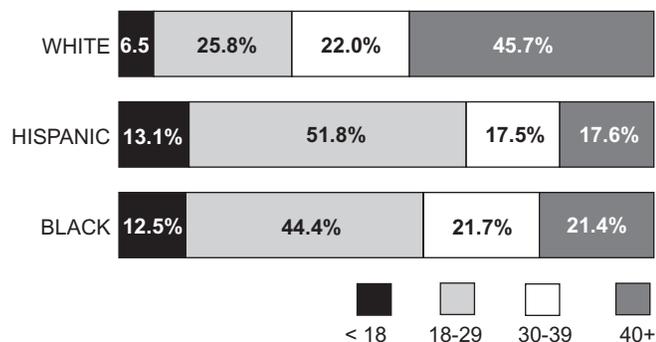
Where the age of the victim was known, victims aged 18–29 accounted for over 40 percent of the homicides (see Table 7).

Figure 12
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Gender of Victim



Source: Table 8.

Figure 13
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Age of Victim



Source: Table 9.

In 2007,

- A greater percentage of white victims were female than were either Hispanic or black victims (28.5 vs. 13.6 and 14.4 percent, respectively).
- A greater percentage of Hispanic and black victims were aged 18–29 than were white victims (51.8 and 44.4 vs. 25.8 percent, respectively).
- A greater percentage of white victims were aged 40 and over than were either Hispanic or black victims (45.7 vs. 17.6 and 21.4 percent, respectively).

In 2007, females constituted a higher percentage of white victims than of Hispanic or black victims. White victims tended to be older, while Hispanic and black victims tended to be younger.

In 2007, when homicides were examined by the relationship of the victim to the offender, it was found that:

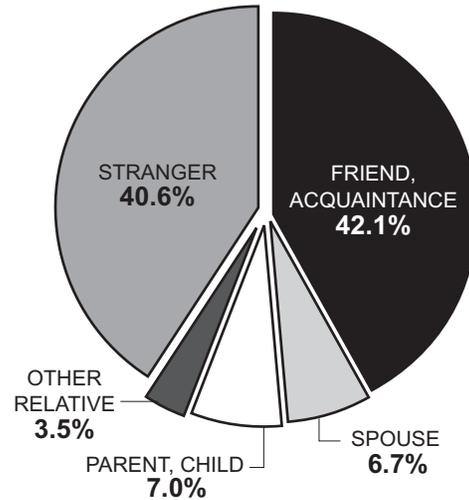
- 42.1 percent of victims were friends or acquaintances of offenders.
- 6.7 percent of victims were spouses of offenders.
- 7.0 percent of victims were parents or children of offenders.
- 3.5 percent of the relationships of victim to offender fell into the “other relative” category.
- 40.6 percent of victims were strangers to offenders.

Comparing 1998 to 2007:

- The proportion of homicides in which victims were friends or acquaintances of offenders decreased from 49.6 percent to 42.1 percent.
- The proportion of homicides in which victims were strangers to offenders increased from 35.3 percent to 40.6 percent.

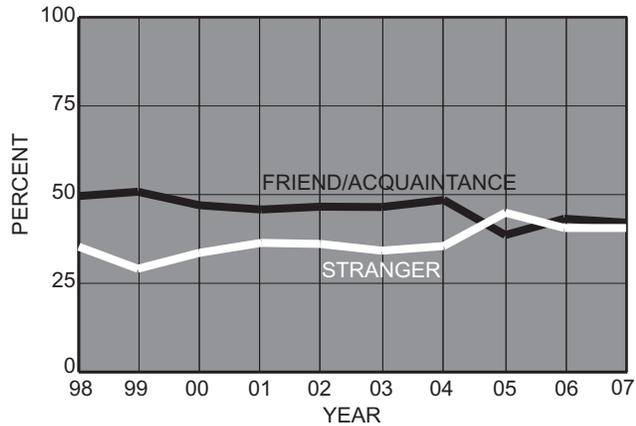
In 2007, where the victim/offender relationship was known, 42.1 percent of the victims were killed by a friend or acquaintance.

Figure 14
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
By Relationship of Victim to Offender



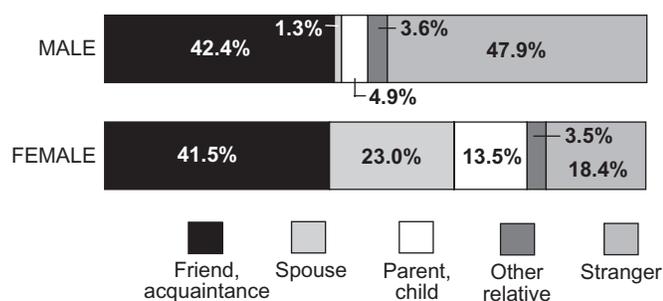
Source: Table 11.
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Figure 15
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998–2007
By Selected Relationships of Victims to Offenders



Source: Table 11.

Figure 16
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
Gender of Victim by Relationship of Victim to Offender

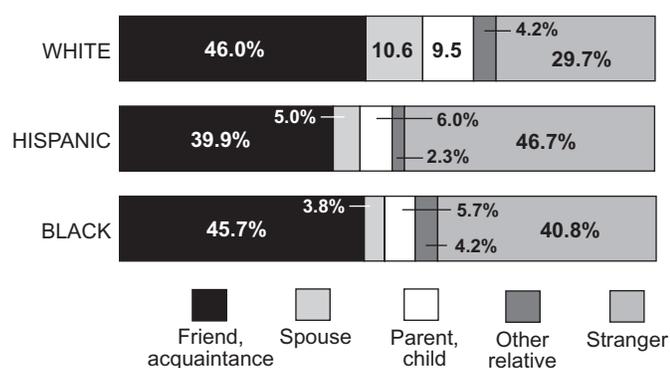


Source: Table 12.
Note: Percentages do not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

In 2007,

- A greater percentage of female victims were spouses of offenders (23.0 percent) than were male victims (1.3 percent).
- A greater percentage of Hispanic and black victims were strangers to offenders than were white victims (46.7 and 40.8 vs. 29.7 percent, respectively).

Figure 17
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Relationship of Victim to Offender



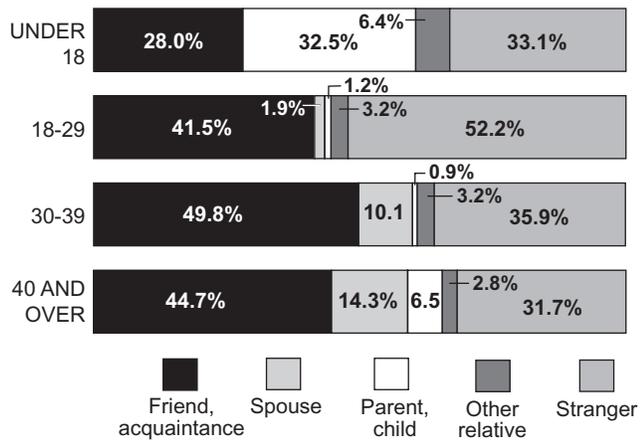
Source: Table 12.
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In 2007,

- ❑ Victims 30–39 and 40 and over were most likely friends or acquaintances of the offenders (49.8 and 44.7 percent, respectively).
- ❑ A greater percentage of victims aged 40 and over were spouses of the offenders (14.3 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.

Figure 18
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
Age of Victim by Relationship of Victim to Offender



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

In 2007, 32.5 percent of homicide victims under age 18 were children of the offenders. Over 50 percent of homicide victims aged 18–29 were strangers to the offenders.

Figure 19
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
County by Rate per 100,000 Population



In 2007, 14 of California's 35 counties with a population of 100,000 or greater exceeded the statewide homicide rate of 6.0 per 100,000 population. When grouped:

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

Of the 35 counties for which 2007 homicide rates were calculated, San Francisco County experienced the highest rate per 100,000 population (12.2); Marin County experienced the lowest (0.4).

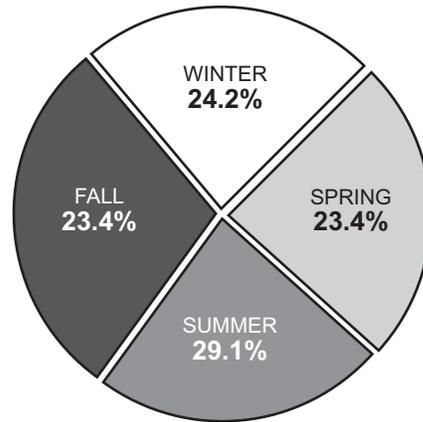
Source: Table 14.



In 2007, when homicides were examined by season of incident, it was found that:

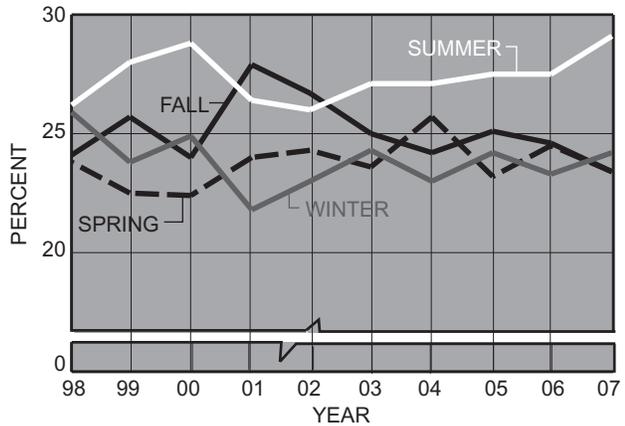
- ☐ The incidents leading to death occurred more often in the summer than in any other season (29.1 percent).

Figure 20
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
By Season of Incident



Source: Table 15.
Note: Percentages do not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

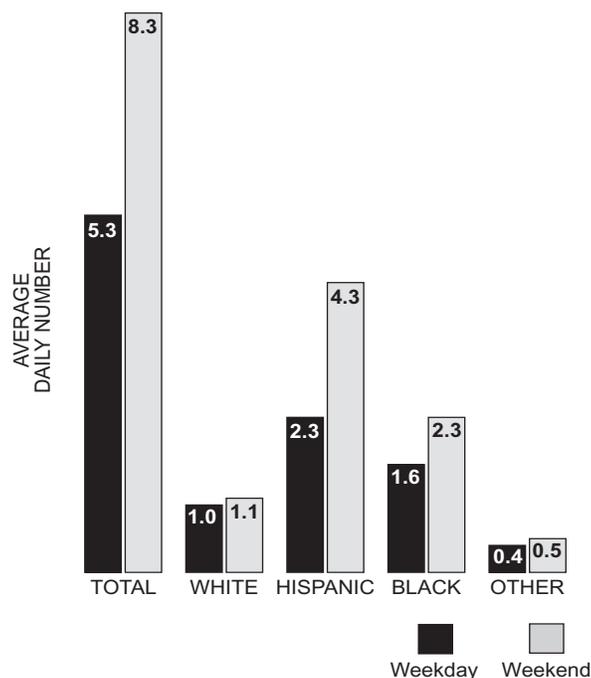
Figure 21
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998–2007
By Season of Incident



Source: Table 15.

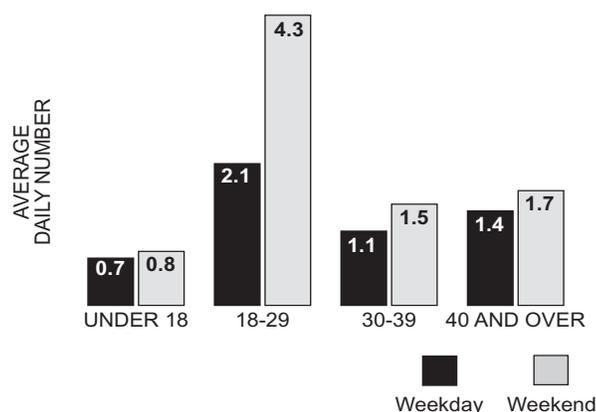
The highest proportion of homicides occur during summer months.

Figure 22
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Average Daily Number
of Incidents on Weekdays and Weekends



Source: Table 16.

Figure 23
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
Age of Victim by Average Daily Number
of Incidents on Weekdays and Weekends



Source: Table 17.

In 2007, when homicides were examined by day of incident, it was found that:

- An average of 5.3 homicide victims were killed each weekday and 8.3 homicide victims were killed each weekend day.
- Hispanic victims had the highest average daily number of incidents on both weekdays and weekends (2.3 and 4.3, respectively) of any race/ethnic group shown.
- Victims aged 18–29 had the highest average daily number of incidents on both weekdays and weekends (2.1 and 4.3, respectively) of any age group shown.

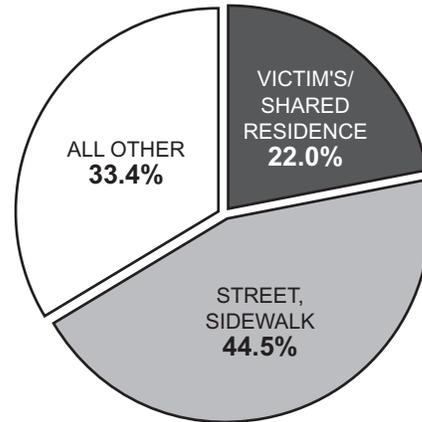
Regardless of race/ethnic group or age, the highest average number of homicides occurred on weekends.



In 2007, when homicides were examined by location of incident, it was found that:

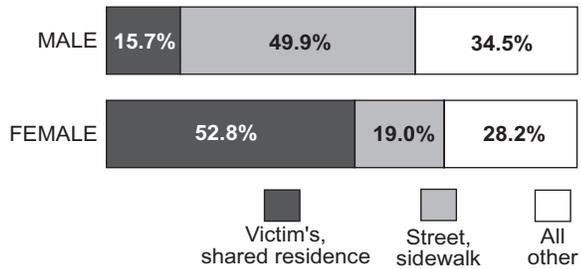
- 22.0 percent of victims were killed at their places of residence.
- 44.5 percent of homicides occurred on streets or sidewalks.
- 33.4 percent of homicides occurred in “all other” locations.
- The greatest percentage of males (49.9 percent) were killed on streets or sidewalks.
- The majority of females (52.8 percent) were killed at their places of residence.

Figure 24
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
By Location of Homicide



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

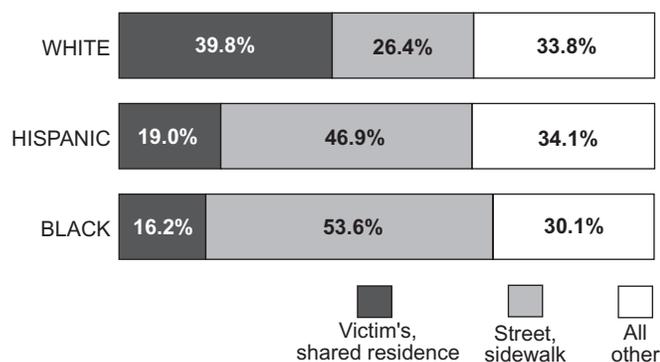
Figure 25
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
Gender of Victim by Location of Homicide



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

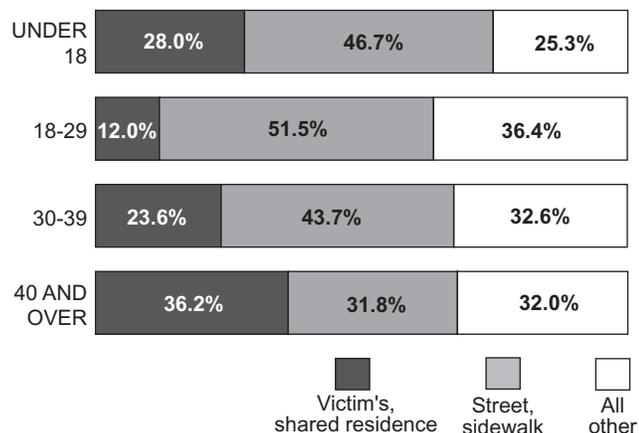
Females were more likely to be killed in their residence, while males were more likely to be killed on streets or sidewalks.

Figure 26
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Location of Homicide



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

Figure 27
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
Age of Victim by Location of Homicide



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

In 2007,

- A greater percentage of whites than Hispanics or blacks were killed at their places of residence (39.8 vs. 19.0 and 16.2 percent, respectively).
- A greater percentage of Hispanics and blacks were killed on streets or sidewalks than were whites (46.9 and 53.6 vs. 26.4 percent, respectively).
- A greater percentage of victims aged 18–29 were killed on streets or sidewalks (51.5 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.
- A greater percentage of victims aged 40 and over were killed at their places of residence (36.2 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.

Victims aged 40 and over were killed most often in their residences, while victims in all other age groups were mostly killed on streets or sidewalks.

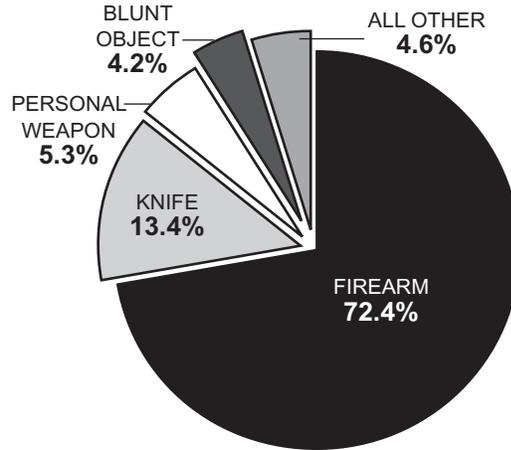
In 2007, when homicides were examined by type of weapon used, it was found that:

- ☐ 72.4 percent resulted from the use of firearms.
 - 61.7 percent resulted from the use of handguns.
 - 10.7 percent resulted from the use of all other types of firearms.
- ☐ 13.4 percent resulted from the use of knives.
- ☐ 5.3 percent resulted from the use of personal weapons (hands, feet, etc.).
- ☐ 4.2 percent resulted from the use of blunt objects (clubs, etc.).
- ☐ 4.6 percent resulted from the use of weapons grouped in the “all other” category.

Comparing 1998 to 2007:

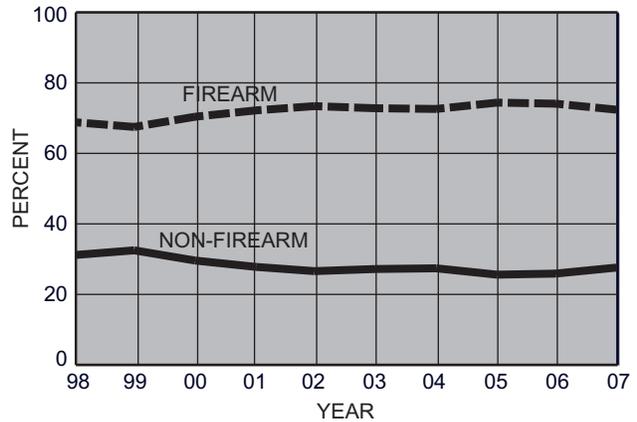
- ☐ The proportion of homicides that resulted from the use of firearms increased (from 68.8 percent to 72.4 percent).

Figure 28
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
By Type of Weapon Used



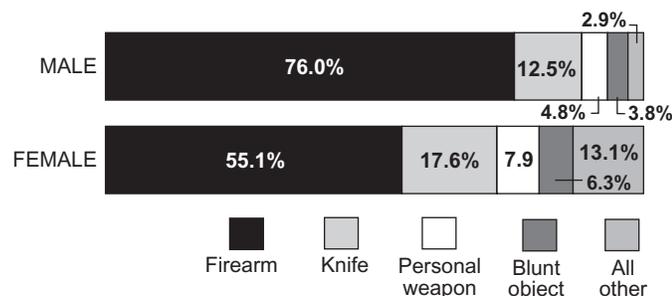
Source: Table 21.
Note: Percentages do not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Figure 29
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998–2007
By Selected Types of Weapons Used



Source: Table 21.

Figure 30
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
Gender of Victim by Type of Weapon Used

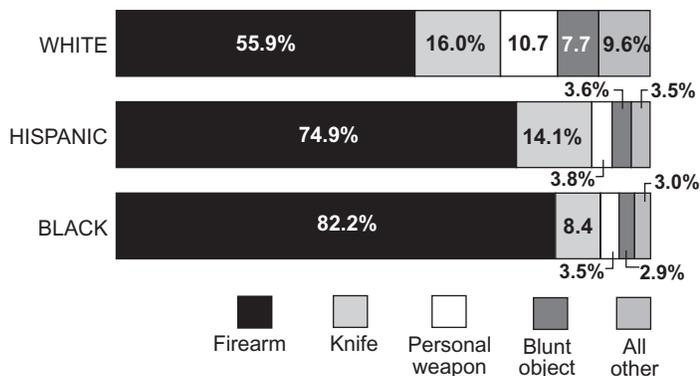


Source: Table 22.

In 2007,

- A greater percentage of males (76.0 percent) were killed with firearms than were females (55.1 percent).
- A greater percentage of females (44.9 percent) were killed with non-firearms than were males (24.0 percent).
- A greater percentage of Hispanics and blacks were killed with firearms than were whites (74.9 and 82.2 vs. 55.9 percent, respectively).

Figure 31
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Type of Weapon Used



Source: Table 22.

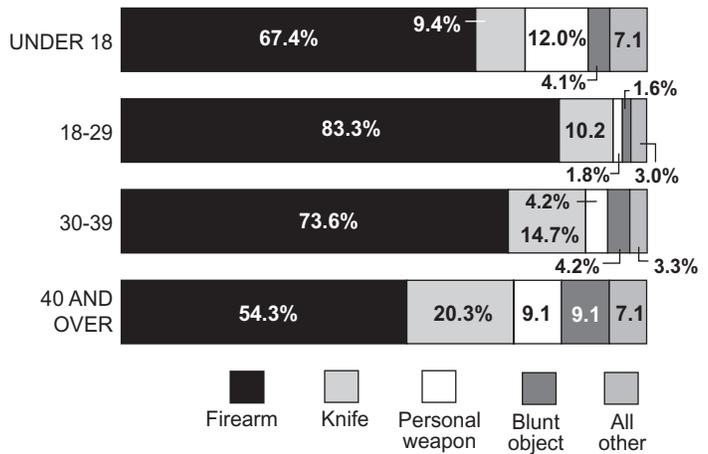
Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.



In 2007,

- ☐ A greater percentage of victims aged 18–29 were killed with firearms (83.3 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.

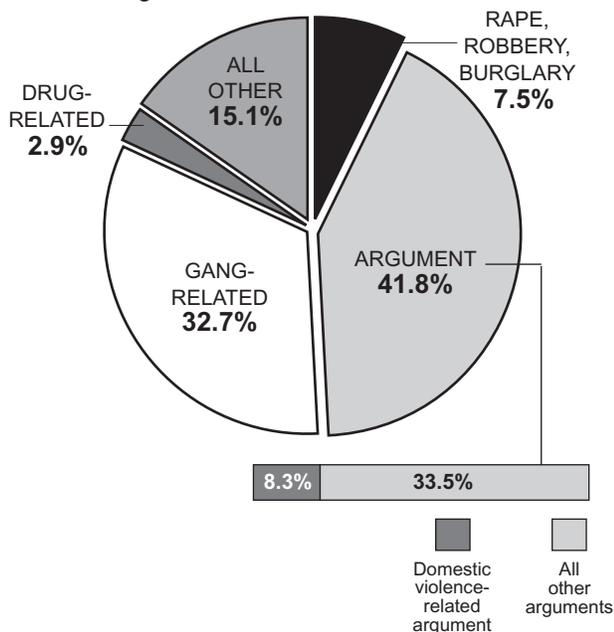
Figure 32
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
Age of Victim by Type of Weapon Used



Source: Table 23.
Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

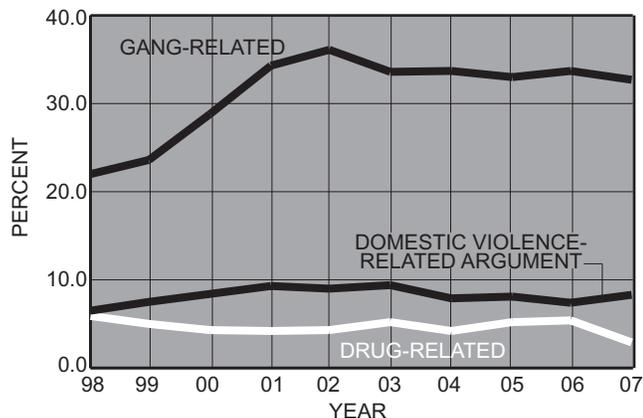
Regardless of gender, race/ethnic group, or age, the majority of homicide victims were killed with firearms.

Figure 33
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
By Contributing Circumstance



Source: Table 24.

Figure 34
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998–2007
By Selected Contributing Circumstance



Source: Table 24.

In 2007, when homicides, where the contributing circumstance was known, were examined:

- 7.5 percent occurred as a result of a rape, robbery, or burglary.
- 41.8 percent occurred as a result of an argument.
 - 8.3 percent occurred as a result of a domestic violence-related argument.
 - 33.5 percent occurred as a result of all other types of arguments.
- 32.7 percent were gang-related.
- 2.9 percent were drug-related.
- 15.1 percent occurred as a result of “all other” contributing circumstances.

Comparing 1998 to 2007:

- The percentage of homicides in which the contributing circumstance was a domestic violence-related argument increased from 6.5 percent to 8.3 percent.
- The percentage of homicides in which the contributing circumstance was gang-related increased from 22.0 percent to 32.7 percent.
- The percentage of homicides in which the contributing circumstance was drug-related decreased from 5.9 percent to 2.9 percent.

From 1998 to 2007, the number of gang-related homicides increased by 16.1 percent.



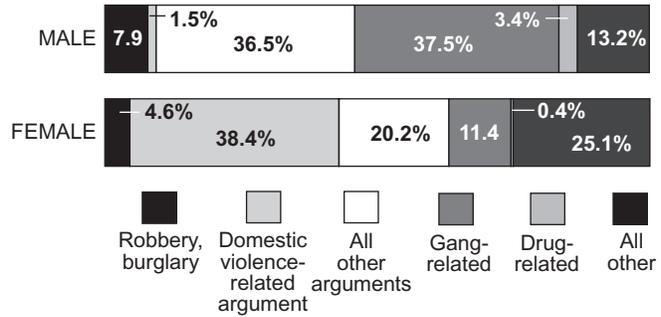
In 2007,

- Males (37.5 percent) were victims of gang-related homicides more than any other contributing circumstance.
- Females (38.4 percent) were victims of domestic violence-related homicides more than any other contributing circumstance.

In 2007,

- The proportion of gang-related homicides was much greater for Hispanics and blacks than for whites (42.5, 34.6, and 7.1 percent, respectively).

Figure 35
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
Gender of Victim by Contributing Circumstance

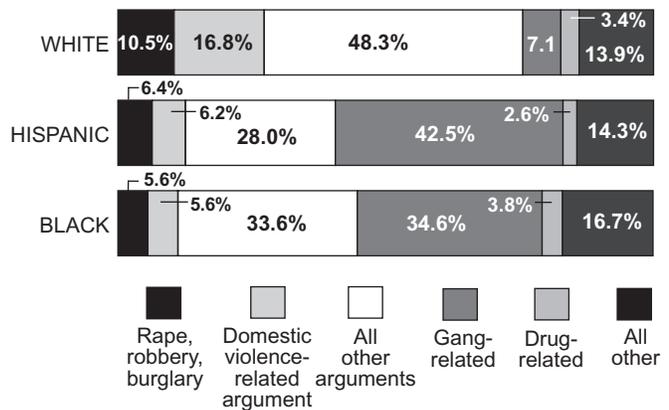


Source: Table 25.

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

Figures 33, 36, and 37 include rape with robbery and burglary. However, for a more relevant comparison between male and female victims, rape is included in the "all other" category in Figure 35. In 2007, 1.1 percent of homicide crimes involving females were rape-related.

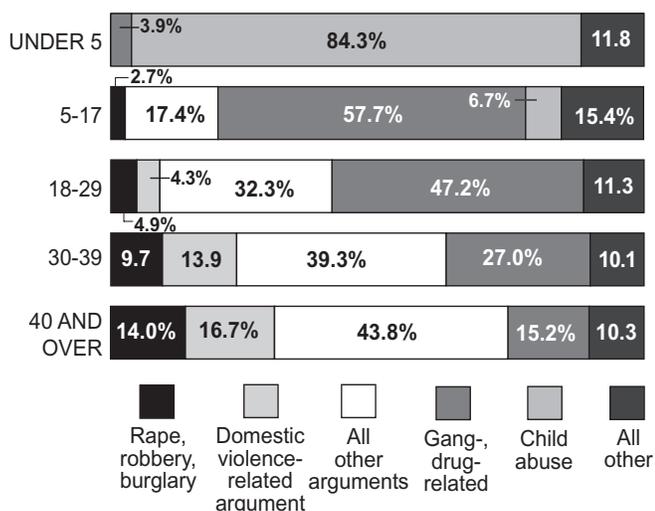
Figure 36
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Contributing Circumstance



Source: Table 25.

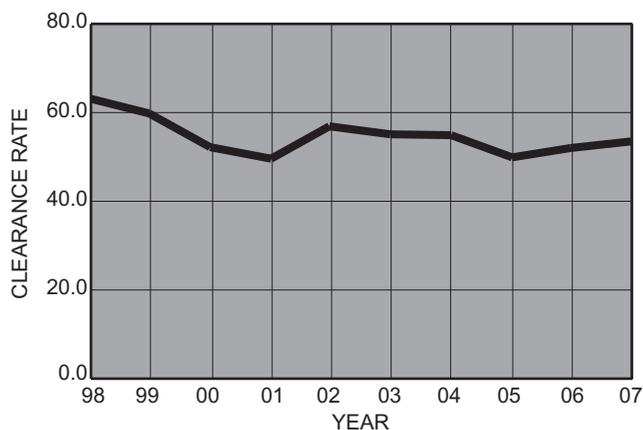
Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Figure 37
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
Age of Victim by Contributing Circumstance



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

Figure 38
HOMICIDE CRIMES CLEARED, 1998–2007
Clearance Rate



Source: Table 28.
Note: A clearance rate is the percentage of crimes (homicides) reported that have been cleared by law enforcement. Please see "Appendix II – Computational Formulas," and "Appendix III – Criminal Justice Glossary."

In 2007, where the contributing circumstance was known:

- The majority of homicide victims under age 5 were killed as a result of child abuse (84.3 percent).
- The greatest percentage of homicide victims aged 5–17 and aged 18–29 were killed as a result of gang-related or drug-related activities (57.7 and 47.2 percent, respectively).
- The greatest percentage of homicide victims aged 30–39 and aged 40 and over were killed as a result of argument-related conflicts (53.2 and 60.5 percent, respectively).

From 1998 to 2007:

- Homicide clearance rates fell from 63.1 to 53.5.
- Clearance rates ranged from a high of 63.1 in 1998 to a low of 49.6 in 2001.

The proportion of persons killed as the result of gang- and drug-related circumstances decreased with age. Conversely, the proportion killed as the result of an argument increased with age.

HOMICIDE
ARRESTS

HOMICIDE ARRESTS

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

California law enforcement agencies report arrest and citation information to the DOJ on the “Monthly Arrest and Citation Register.” This file contains information about the age, gender, and race/ethnic group of the arrestee; and specifies the “most serious” arrest offense and law enforcement disposition.

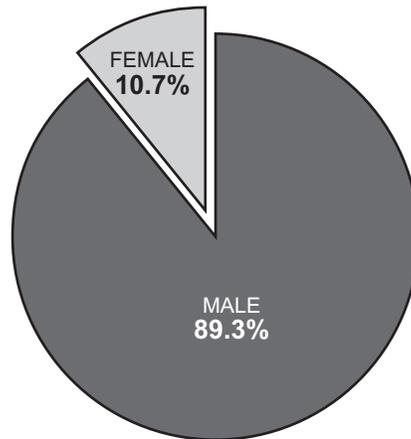
In 2007, of the 2,017 arrests for homicide:

- 89.3 percent (1,802) of arrestees were male.
- 10.7 percent (215) of arrestees were female.

In 2007, nearly 9 out of 10 homicide arrestees were male (89.3 percent).

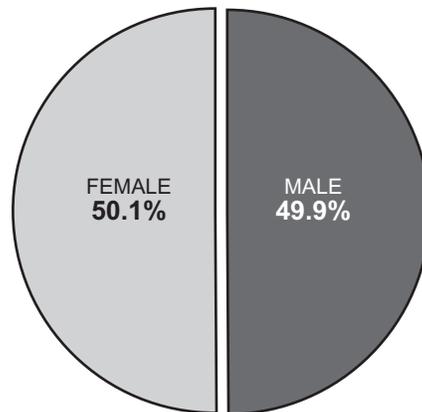
¹ The following penal codes for homicide arrest offenses were valid at the time of the closeout of the 2007 arrest offense code file: 128, 187(a), 189, 192(a), 192(b), 193(a), 193(b), 273ab, 399, and 12310(a).

Figure 39
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 2007
By Gender of Arrestee



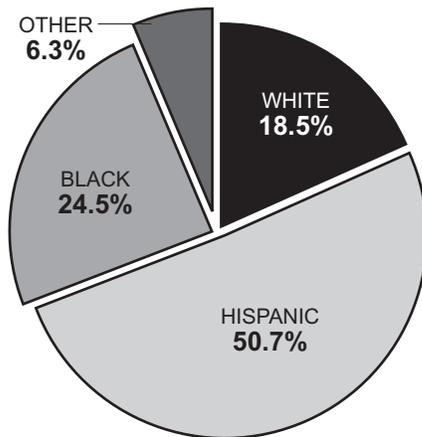
Source: Table 30.

Figure 40
POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA, 2007
By Gender



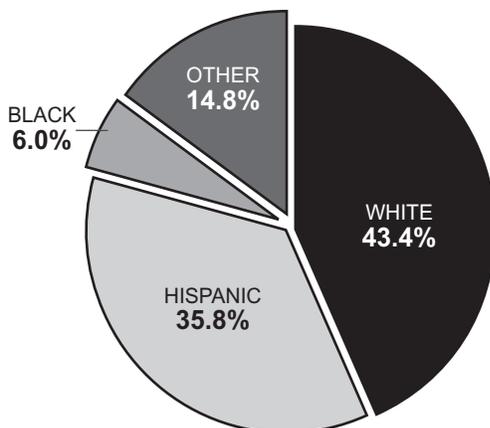
Source: Table 2.

Figure 41
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 2007
By Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee



Source: Table 31.

Figure 42
POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA, 2007
By Race/Ethnic Group



Source: Table 3.
Note: Beginning in 2004, the "other" category includes the race/ethnic group of "Multi-racial."

In 2007, of 2,017 arrests for homicide:

- 18.5 percent (373) of arrestees were white.
- 50.7 percent (1,022) of arrestees were Hispanic.
- 24.5 percent (495) of arrestees were black.
- 6.3 percent (127) of arrestees fell into the "other" race/ethnic group category.

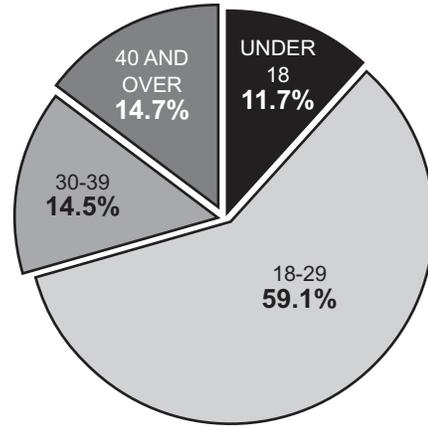
Note: The subjectivity of the classification and labeling process must be considered in the analysis of race/ethnic group data. As commonly used, race refers to large populations which share certain similar physical characteristics such as skin color. Because these physical characteristics can vary greatly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

In 2007, the majority of homicide arrestees were Hispanic (50.7 percent).

In 2007, of 2,017 arrests for homicide:

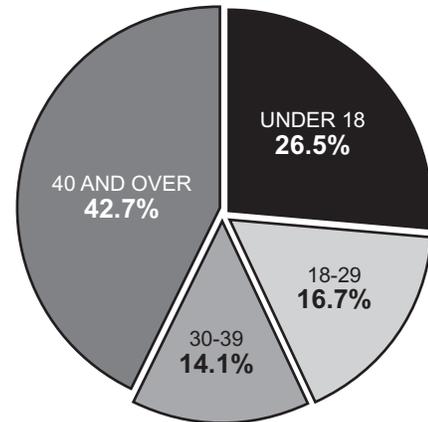
- 11.7 percent (235) of arrestees were under age 18.
- 59.1 percent (1,193) of arrestees were aged 18–29.
- 14.5 percent (293) of arrestees were aged 30–39.
- 14.7 percent (296) of arrestees were aged 40 and over.

Figure 43
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 2007
By Age of Arrestee



Source: Table 32.

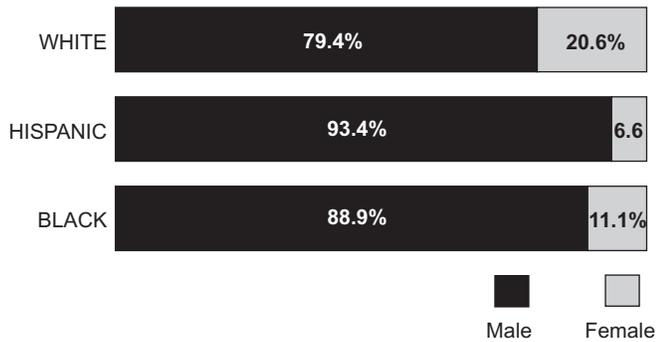
Figure 44
POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA, 2007
By Age



Source: Table 4.

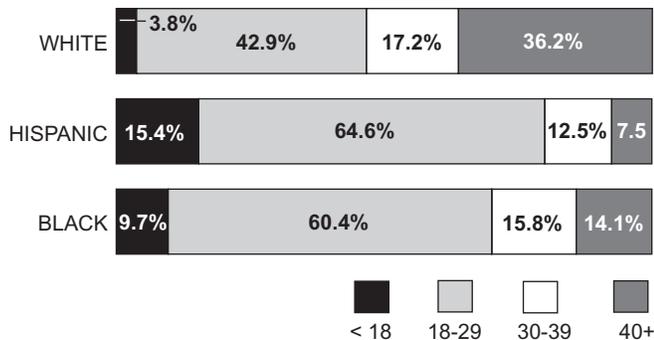
The majority of homicide arrestees continue to be in the 18–29 age group (59.1 percent).

Figure 45
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 2007
Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Gender of Arrestee



Source: Table 33.

Figure 46
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 2007
Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Age of Arrestee



Source: Table 33.

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

In 2007,

- Homicide arrestees for all three race/ethnic groups shown were predominately male.
- A greater percentage of white arrestees were female than were Hispanic or black arrestees (20.6 vs. 6.6 and 11.1 percent, respectively).

In 2007,

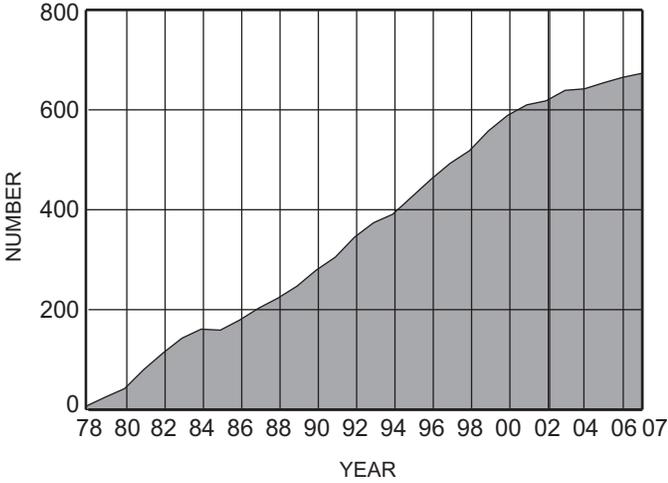
- A greater percentage of white arrestees were aged 40 and over than were Hispanic or black arrestees (36.2 vs. 7.5 and 14.1 percent, respectively).
- The largest percentage of Hispanic and black arrestees fell into the "18–29" age category (64.6 and 60.4 percent, respectively).

***DEATH PENALTY
SENTENCES***

DEATH PENALTY SENTENCES

This section contains information about persons sentenced to death in California in 2007. Death penalty data were extracted from the 2007 Offender-Based Transaction Statistics system. For detailed information regarding the death penalty and the criteria by which a person can be sentenced to death, refer to California Penal Code sections 190 through 190.9.

Figure 47
PERSONS UNDER CALIFORNIA
SENTENCE OF DEATH, 1978–2007



Source: Table 35.

During 2007, there were 17 persons convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to death. These were initial death sentences only and do not include persons who were resentenced to death after their death sentences were reversed on appeal. By the end of 2007, there were 673 persons under sentence of death in California.

In 2007, of the 17 persons newly sentenced to death:

- All were male.
- Three were white; nine were Hispanic; and five were black.
- The average age at arrest was 29.
- Los Angeles County sentenced the largest number with six.

Additional information can be found in Tables 35 and 36.

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

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.)

In 2007, four peace officers were killed in the line of duty.

- Two peace officers were killed by the offenders' handgun.
- One peace officer was killed by the offender's shotgun.
- One peace officer was killed by the offender's vehicle.

In 2007,

- All four peace officers killed in the line of duty were male; two were white, one was Hispanic, and one was Asian.

Table N-2
PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 2007
By Type of Weapon Used

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

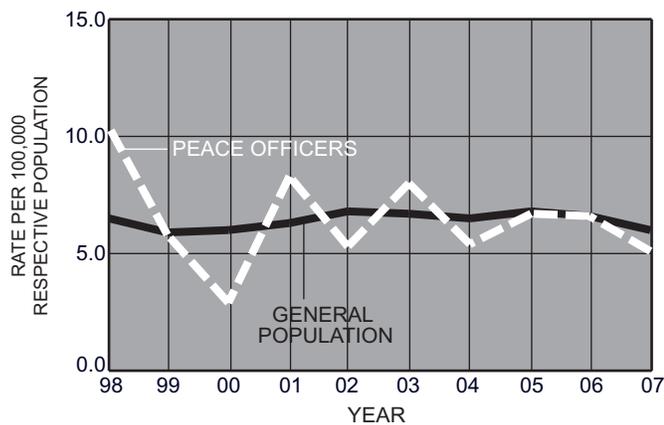
Table N-3
PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 2007
Race/Ethnic Group of Officer by Gender of Officer

Race/ethnic group	Total	Gender	
		Male	Female
Total.....	4	4	0
White.....	2	2	0
Hispanic	1	1	0
Asian	1	1	0

Table N-4
PEACE OFFICERS KILLED
IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1998-2007

Year(s)	Number of officers killed
Total	47
2007.....	4
2006.....	5
2005.....	5
2004.....	4
2003.....	6
2002.....	4
2001.....	6
2000.....	2
1999.....	4
1998.....	7

Figure 48
HOMICIDE CRIMES AND PEACE OFFICERS KILLED
IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1998-2007
Homicide Rate per 100,000 Respective Population



Source: Table 37.

From 1998 to 2007:

- 47 peace officers were killed in the line of duty. During this time period, the largest number of deaths occurred in 1998 (7), and the fewest number of deaths occurred in 2000 (2).

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

In 2007,

- The homicide rate for peace officers killed was 5.1 and the homicide rate for the general population was 6.0 per 100,000 respective populations.

Comparing 1998 to 2007:

- The homicide rate for peace officers killed decreased 51.0 percent (10.4 to 5.1). The homicide rate for the general population decreased 7.7 percent (6.5 to 6.0).

Additional information can be found in Tables 37 and 38.

***JUSTIFIABLE
HOMICIDES***

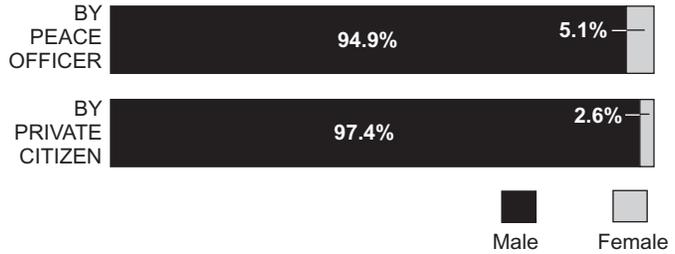
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES

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

In 2007, when justifiable homicides were examined by gender, it was found that:

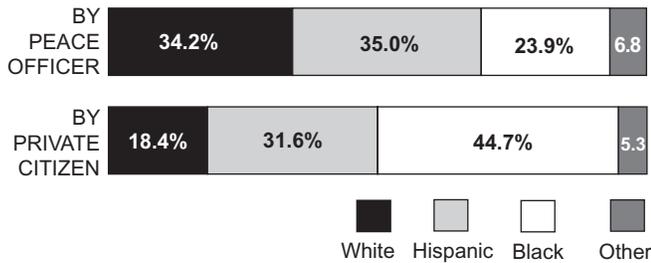
- ☐ 94.9 percent (111) of felons killed by peace officers were male; 5.1 percent (6) were female.
- ☐ 97.4 percent (37) of felons killed by private citizens were male; 2.6 percent (1) were female.

Figure 49
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2007
By Gender of Deceased



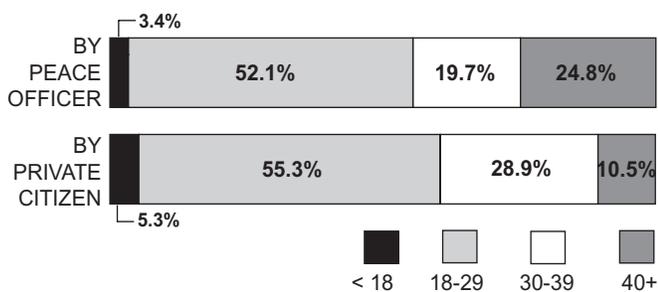
Source: Table 39.

Figure 50
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2007
By Race/Ethnic Group of Deceased



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

Figure 51
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2007
By Age of Deceased



Source: Table 39.

In 2007,

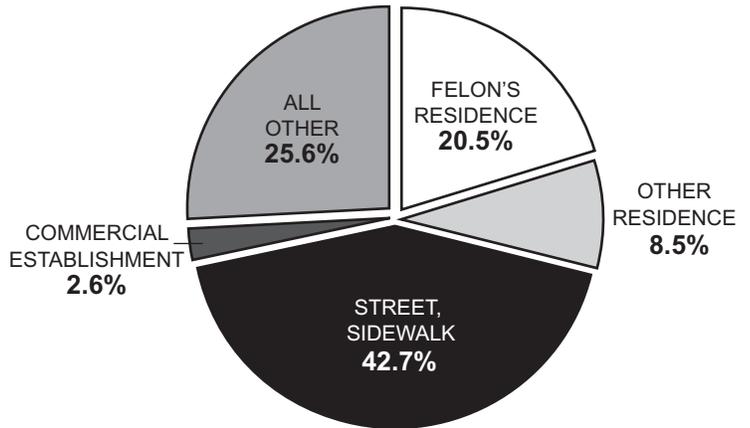
- A greater proportion of felons killed by peace officers were white or Hispanic than were black (34.2 and 35.0 percent vs. 23.9 percent, respectively).
- The proportion of felons killed by private citizens were less likely to be white than Hispanic or black (18.4 vs. 31.6 and 44.7 percent, respectively).
- The majority of felons killed by peace officers and private citizens were aged 18–29 (52.1 and 55.3 percent, respectively).



In 2007, when justifiable homicides were examined by location, it was found that:

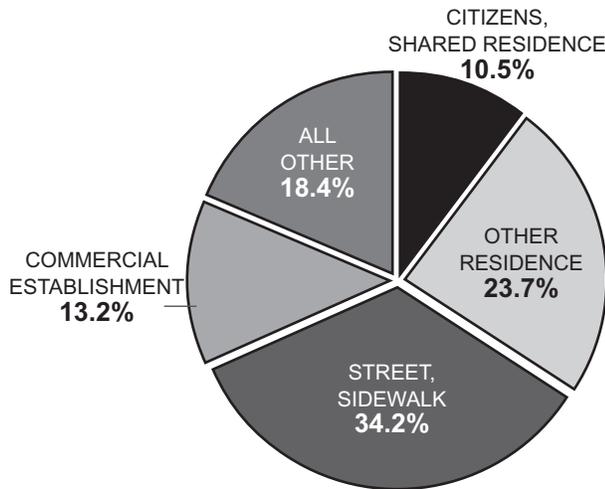
- ☐ Most felons killed by peace officers or citizens were killed on a street or sidewalk (42.7 and 34.2 percent, respectively).

Figure 52
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS, 2007
By Location of Justifiable Homicide



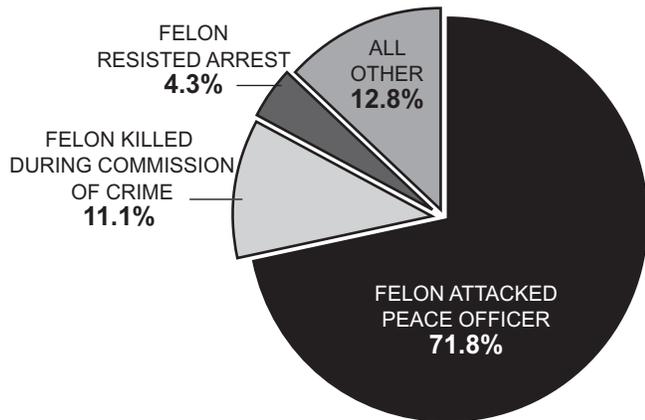
Source: Table 40.
Note: Percentages do not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Figure 53
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2007
By Location of Justifiable Homicide



Source: Table 40.

Figure 54
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS, 2007
By Contributing Circumstance

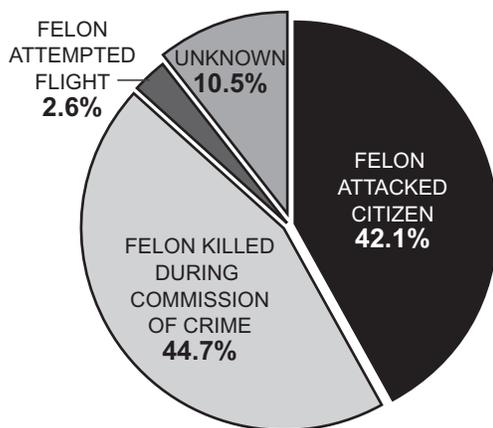


Source: Table 41.

In 2007, when justifiable homicides were examined by contributing circumstance, it was found that:

- Most felons killed by peace officers were killed while attacking a peace officer (71.8 percent).
- Most felons killed by private citizens were killed while committing a crime (44.7 percent).

Figure 55
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2007
By Contributing Circumstance



Source: Table 41.

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

***DATA
TABLES***

Table 1
VIOLENT CRIMES, 1998-2007
 Number, Rate per 100,000 Population, and Percent Change

Year(s)	Total	Homi- cide	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggra- vated assault
Number					
2007.....	191,493	2,258	9,047	70,702	109,486
2006.....	194,128	2,483	9,213	70,961	111,471
2005.....	189,593	2,503	9,345	63,424	114,321
2004.....	197,432	2,394	9,598	61,573	123,867
2003.....	204,591	2,402	9,918	63,597	128,674
2002.....	207,988	2,392	10,176	64,805	130,615
2001.....	210,510	2,201	9,882	63,299	135,128
2000.....	210,492	2,074	9,785	60,243	138,390
1999.....	207,874	2,006	9,443	60,027	136,398
1998.....	229,766	2,170	9,777	68,752	149,067
Percent change in number					
2006-2007.....	-1.4	-9.1	-1.8	-0.4	-1.8
2005-2006.....	2.4	-0.8	-1.4	11.9	-2.5
2004-2005.....	-4.0	4.6	-2.6	3.0	-7.7
2003-2004.....	-3.5	-0.3	-3.2	-3.2	-3.7
2002-2003.....	-1.6	0.4	-2.5	-1.9	-1.5
2001-2002.....	-1.2	8.7	3.0	2.4	-3.3
2000-2001.....	0.0	6.1	1.0	5.1	-2.4
1999-2000.....	1.3	3.4	3.6	0.4	1.5
1998-1999.....	-9.5	-7.6	-3.4	-12.7	-8.5
1998-2007.....	-16.7	4.1	-7.5	2.8	-26.6
Rate per 100,000 population ¹					
2007.....	507.0	6.0	24.0	187.2	289.9
2006.....	518.4	6.6	24.6	189.5	297.7
2005.....	512.3	6.8	25.3	171.4	308.9
2004.....	539.6	6.5	26.2	168.3	338.5
2003.....	569.4	6.7	27.6	177.0	358.1
2002.....	589.2	6.8	28.8	183.6	370.0
2001.....	605.6	6.3	28.4	182.1	388.8
2000.....	610.5	6.0	28.4	174.7	401.4
1999.....	610.7	5.9	27.7	176.4	400.7
1998.....	686.0	6.5	29.2	205.3	445.1
Percent change in rate					
2006-2007.....	-2.2	-9.1	-2.4	-1.2	-2.6
2005-2006.....	1.2	-2.9	-2.8	10.6	-3.6
2004-2005.....	-5.1	4.6	-3.4	1.8	-8.7
2003-2004.....	-5.2	-3.0	-5.1	-4.9	-5.5
2002-2003.....	-3.4	-1.5	-4.2	-3.6	-3.2
2001-2002.....	-2.7	7.9	1.4	0.8	-4.8
2000-2001.....	-0.8	5.0	0.0	4.2	-3.1
1999-2000.....	0.0	1.7	2.5	-1.0	0.2
1998-1999.....	-11.0	-9.2	-5.1	-14.1	-10.0
1998-2007.....	-26.1	-7.7	-17.8	-8.8	-34.9

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

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

Table 2
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998-2007
 By Gender of Victim
 Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Gender of victim ¹	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Percent change	
											1998-2007	2006-2007
Total												
Number of victims.....	2,170	2,006	2,074	2,201	2,392	2,402	2,394	2,503	2,483	2,258	4.1	-9.1
Percent of victims.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Population.....	33,494,000	34,036,000	34,480,000	34,758,000	35,301,000	35,934,000	36,590,814	37,004,661	37,444,385	37,771,431	12.8	0.9
Percent of population.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Rate.....	6.5	5.9	6.0	6.3	6.8	6.7	6.5	6.8	6.6	6.0	-7.7	-9.1
Male²												
Number of victims.....	1,727	1,568	1,666	1,756	1,938	1,972	1,992	2,101	2,070	1,865	8.0	-9.9
Percent of total victims.	79.6%	78.2%	80.3%	79.8%	81.0%	82.1%	83.2%	83.9%	83.4%	82.6%		
Population.....	16,810,163	17,099,812	17,398,995	17,694,411	17,984,195	18,270,127	18,161,654	18,403,806	18,645,304	18,870,986	12.3	1.2
Percent of population...	50.2%	50.2%	50.2%	50.2%	50.2%	50.2%	49.9%	49.9%	49.9%	49.9%		
Rate.....	10.3	9.2	9.6	9.9	10.8	10.8	11.0	11.4	11.1	9.9	-3.9	-10.8
Female												
Number of victims.....	443	438	408	445	454	430	402	402	413	393	-11.3	-4.8
Percent of total victims.	20.4%	21.8%	19.7%	20.2%	19.0%	17.9%	16.8%	16.1%	16.6%	17.4%		
Population.....	16,696,243	16,972,666	17,254,400	17,538,924	17,818,043	18,093,375	18,214,757	18,450,418	18,689,664	18,939,596	13.4	1.3
Percent of population...	49.8%	49.8%	49.8%	49.8%	49.8%	49.8%	50.1%	50.1%	50.1%	50.1%		
Rate.....	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	-22.2	-4.5

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

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

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

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

¹ Beginning in 2004, population estimates are based on the 2000 Census. Previous population estimates are based on revisions of the 1990 Census. Readers are advised to exercise care in interpreting changes in percent and rate between decennial census samples.

² The "male" category includes homicide victims whose gender could not be determined: 2000 includes two, 2001 includes one, and 2002 includes one.

Table 3
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998-2007
 By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim
 Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Race/ethnic group of victim ¹	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Percent change	
											1998-2007	2006-2007
Total												
Number of victims.....	2,170	2,006	2,074	2,201	2,392	2,402	2,394	2,503	2,483	2,258	4.1	-9.1
Percent of victims.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Population.....	33,494,000	34,036,000	34,480,000	34,758,000	35,301,000	35,934,000	36,590,814	37,004,661	37,444,385	37,771,431	12.8	0.9
Percent of population.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Rate.....	6.5	5.9	6.0	6.3	6.8	6.7	6.5	6.8	6.6	6.0	-7.7	-9.1
White												
Number of victims.....	523	446	421	442	417	444	422	419	432	372	-28.9	-13.9
Percent of total victims..	24.1%	22.2%	20.3%	20.1%	17.4%	18.5%	17.6%	16.7%	17.4%	16.5%		
Population.....	17,258,003	17,339,690	17,421,511	17,503,225	17,573,850	17,635,296	15,967,775	15,852,937	15,766,736	16,423,530	-4.8	4.2
Percent of population....	51.5%	50.9%	50.3%	49.7%	49.1%	48.5%	43.9%	43.0%	42.2%	43.4%		
Rate.....	3.0	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.3	-23.3	-14.8
Hispanic												
Number of victims.....	964	909	933	985	1,066	1,053	1,034	1,139	1,129	1,055	9.4	-6.6
Percent of total victims..	44.4%	45.3%	45.0%	44.8%	44.6%	43.8%	43.2%	45.5%	45.5%	46.7%		
Population.....	10,022,551	10,352,763	10,688,752	11,020,710	11,352,852	11,685,915	12,816,038	13,220,223	13,603,759	13,539,990	35.1	-0.5
Percent of population....	29.9%	30.4%	30.8%	31.3%	31.7%	32.1%	35.2%	35.9%	36.4%	35.8%		
Rate.....	9.6	8.8	8.7	8.9	9.4	9.0	8.1	8.6	8.3	7.8	-18.8	-6.0
Black												
Number of victims.....	523	488	589	622	734	713	766	758	736	665	27.2	-9.6
Percent of total victims..	24.1%	24.3%	28.4%	28.3%	30.7%	29.7%	32.0%	30.3%	29.6%	29.5%		
Population.....	2,309,152	2,320,916	2,337,935	2,355,812	2,373,399	2,390,411	2,425,066	2,456,783	2,491,247	2,263,690	-2.0	-9.1
Percent of population....	6.9%	6.8%	6.7%	6.7%	6.6%	6.6%	6.7%	6.7%	6.7%	6.0%		
Rate.....	22.6	21.0	25.2	26.4	30.9	29.8	31.6	30.9	29.5	29.4	30.1	-0.3
Other²												
Number of victims.....	147	157	121	145	166	185	167	182	178	156	6.1	-12.4
Percent of total victims..	6.8%	7.8%	5.8%	6.6%	6.9%	7.7%	7.0%	7.3%	7.2%	6.9%		
Population.....	3,916,700	4,059,109	4,205,197	4,353,588	4,502,137	4,651,880	5,167,532	5,324,281	5,473,226	5,583,372	42.6	2.0
Percent of population....	11.7%	11.9%	12.1%	12.4%	12.6%	12.8%	14.2%	14.4%	14.7%	14.8%		
Rate.....	3.8	3.9	2.9	3.3	3.7	4.0	3.2	3.4	3.3	2.8	-26.3	-15.2
Unknown												
Number of victims.....	13	6	10	7	9	7	5	5	8	10	-	-
Percent of total victims..	0.6%	0.3%	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%		
Population.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percent of population....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rate.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

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

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

Population breakdowns by race/ethnic group will not add to total because of variations in population source data.

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

The "percent of population" category for race/ethnic group was calculated using the sum of the race/ethnic group populations.

¹ Beginning in 2004, population estimates are based on the 2000 Census. Previous population estimates are based on revisions of the 1990 Census. Readers are advised to exercise care in interpreting changes in percent and rate between decennial census samples.

² Beginning in 2004, the "Other" category includes the new race/ethnic group of "Multi-racial." The extent to which this new race/ethnic group effects other population estimates is not known.

Table 4
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998-2007
 By Age of Victim
 Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Age of victim	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Percent change	
											1998-2007	2006-2007
Total												
Number of victims.....	2,170	2,006	2,074	2,201	2,392	2,402	2,394	2,503	2,483	2,258	4.1	-9.1
Percent of victims.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Population.....	33,494,000	34,036,000	34,480,000	34,758,000	35,301,000	35,934,000	36,590,814	37,004,661	37,444,385	37,771,431	12.8	0.9
Percent of population.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Rate.....	6.5	5.9	6.0	6.3	6.8	6.7	6.5	6.8	6.6	6.0	-7.7	-9.1
Under 18												
Number of victims.....	306	276	246	252	247	240	269	285	316	270	-11.8	-14.6
Percent of total victims.	14.1%	13.8%	11.9%	11.4%	10.3%	10.0%	11.2%	11.4%	12.7%	12.0%		
Population.....	9,426,168	9,587,332	9,770,687	9,932,913	10,095,903	10,248,237	9,575,520	9,620,511	9,664,747	10,007,501	6.2	3.5
Percent of population...	28.1%	28.1%	28.2%	28.2%	28.2%	28.2%	26.3%	26.1%	25.9%	26.5%		
Rate.....	3.2	2.9	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.8	3.0	3.3	2.7	-15.6	-18.2
18-29												
Number of victims.....	933	840	888	992	1,098	1,100	1,110	1,151	1,147	998	7.0	-13.0
Percent of total victims.	43.0%	41.9%	42.8%	45.1%	45.9%	45.8%	46.4%	46.0%	46.2%	44.2%		
Population.....	5,474,990	5,511,604	5,523,472	5,555,926	6,123,037	5,740,606	6,160,386	6,260,103	6,369,559	6,321,492	15.5	-0.8
Percent of population...	16.3%	16.2%	15.9%	15.8%	17.1%	15.8%	16.9%	17.0%	17.1%	16.7%		
Rate.....	17.0	15.2	16.1	17.9	17.9	19.2	18.0	18.4	18.0	15.8	-7.1	-12.2
30-39												
Number of victims.....	428	364	377	426	449	486	446	473	418	432	0.9	3.3
Percent of total victims.	19.7%	18.1%	18.2%	19.4%	18.8%	20.2%	18.6%	18.9%	16.8%	19.1%		
Population.....	5,654,098	5,629,424	5,597,411	5,535,620	4,994,720	5,384,170	5,534,220	5,516,751	5,516,609	5,335,897	-5.6	-3.3
Percent of population...	16.9%	16.5%	16.2%	15.7%	14.0%	14.8%	15.2%	15.0%	14.8%	14.1%		
Rate.....	7.6	6.5	6.7	7.7	9.0	9.0	8.1	8.6	7.6	8.1	6.6	6.6
40 and over												
Number of victims.....	480	505	534	519	579	560	569	579	586	552	15.0	-5.8
Percent of total victims.	22.1%	25.2%	25.7%	23.6%	24.2%	23.3%	23.8%	23.1%	23.6%	24.4%		
Population.....	12,951,150	13,344,118	13,761,825	14,208,876	14,588,578	14,990,489	15,106,285	15,456,859	15,784,053	16,145,692	24.7	2.3
Percent of population...	38.7%	39.2%	39.7%	40.3%	40.7%	41.2%	41.5%	41.9%	42.3%	42.7%		
Rate.....	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.4	-8.1	-8.1
Unknown												
Number of victims.....	23	21	29	12	19	16	0	15	16	6	-	-
Percent of total victims.	1.1%	1.0%	1.4%	0.5%	0.8%	0.7%	0.0%	0.6%	0.6%	0.3%		
Population.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percent of population...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rate.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

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

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

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

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

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

Table 5
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998-2007
 By Gender of Victim

Year(s)	Total		Male ¹		Female	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2007.....	2,258	100.0	1,865	82.6	393	17.4
2006.....	2,483	100.0	2,070	83.4	413	16.6
2005.....	2,503	100.0	2,101	83.9	402	16.1
2004.....	2,394	100.0	1,992	83.2	402	16.8
2003.....	2,402	100.0	1,972	82.1	430	17.9
2002.....	2,392	100.0	1,938	81.0	454	19.0
2001.....	2,201	100.0	1,756	79.8	445	20.2
2000.....	2,074	100.0	1,666	80.3	408	19.7
1999.....	2,006	100.0	1,568	78.2	438	21.8
1998.....	2,170	100.0	1,727	79.6	443	20.4

¹ The "male" category includes homicide victims whose gender could not be determined:
 2000 includes two, 2001 includes one, and 2002 includes one.

Table 6
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998-2007
 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
2007.....	2,258	10	2,248	100.0	372	16.5	1,055	46.9	665	29.6	156	6.9
2006.....	2,483	8	2,475	100.0	432	17.5	1,129	45.6	736	29.7	178	7.2
2005.....	2,503	5	2,498	100.0	419	16.8	1,139	45.6	758	30.3	182	7.3
2004.....	2,394	5	2,389	100.0	422	17.7	1,034	43.3	766	32.1	167	7.0
2003.....	2,402	7	2,395	100.0	444	18.5	1,053	44.0	713	29.8	185	7.7
2002.....	2,392	9	2,383	100.0	417	17.5	1,066	44.7	734	30.8	166	7.0
2001.....	2,201	7	2,194	100.0	442	20.1	985	44.9	622	28.4	145	6.6
2000.....	2,074	10	2,064	100.0	421	20.4	933	45.2	589	28.5	121	5.9
1999.....	2,006	6	2,000	100.0	446	22.3	909	45.5	488	24.4	157	7.9
1998.....	2,170	13	2,157	100.0	523	24.2	964	44.7	523	24.2	147	6.8

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

Table 7
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998-2007
 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
2007.....	2,258	6	2,252	100.0	270	12.0	998	44.3	432	19.2	552	24.5
2006.....	2,483	16	2,467	100.0	316	12.8	1,147	46.5	418	16.9	586	23.8
2005.....	2,503	15	2,488	100.0	285	11.5	1,151	46.3	473	19.0	579	23.3
2004.....	2,394	0	2,394	100.0	269	11.2	1,110	46.4	446	18.6	569	23.8
2003.....	2,402	16	2,386	100.0	240	10.1	1,100	46.1	486	20.4	560	23.5
2002.....	2,392	19	2,373	100.0	247	10.4	1,098	46.3	449	18.9	579	24.4
2001.....	2,201	12	2,189	100.0	252	11.5	992	45.3	426	19.5	519	23.7
2000.....	2,074	29	2,045	100.0	246	12.0	888	43.4	377	18.4	534	26.1
1999.....	2,006	21	1,985	100.0	276	13.9	840	42.3	364	18.3	505	25.4
1998.....	2,170	23	2,147	100.0	306	14.3	933	43.5	428	19.9	480	22.4

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

Table 8
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
 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.....	2,258	100.0	372	100.0	1,055	100.0	665	100.0	156	100.0	10	100.0
Male.....	1,865	82.6	266	71.5	912	86.4	569	85.6	110	70.5	8	-
Female.....	393	17.4	106	28.5	143	13.6	96	14.4	46	29.5	2	-

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

Table 9
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
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..	2,258		372		1,055		665		156		10	
Unknown.....	6		0		1		1		0		4	
Total known.....	2,252	100.0	372	100.0	1,054	100.0	664	100.0	156	100.0	6	100.0
Under 18.....	270	12.0	24	6.5	138	13.1	83	12.5	24	15.4	1	-
18-29.....	998	44.3	96	25.8	546	51.8	295	44.4	58	37.2	3	-
30-39.....	432	19.2	82	22.0	184	17.5	144	21.7	22	14.1	0	-
40 and over.....	552	24.5	170	45.7	186	17.6	142	21.4	52	33.3	2	-

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

Table 10
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
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.....	2,258	100.0	372	100.0	1,055	100.0	665	100.0	156	100.0	10	100.0
Under 18.....	270	12.0	24	6.5	138	13.1	83	12.5	24	15.4	1	-
18-19.....	217	9.6	11	3.0	121	11.5	75	11.3	10	6.4	0	-
20-24.....	461	20.4	47	12.6	250	23.7	130	19.5	32	20.5	2	-
25-29.....	320	14.2	38	10.2	175	16.6	90	13.5	16	10.3	1	-
30-34.....	259	11.5	43	11.6	117	11.1	87	13.1	12	7.7	0	-
35-39.....	173	7.7	39	10.5	67	6.4	57	8.6	10	6.4	0	-
40-44.....	161	7.1	34	9.1	61	5.8	48	7.2	17	10.9	1	-
45-49.....	136	6.0	40	10.8	45	4.3	40	6.0	10	6.4	1	-
50-54.....	92	4.1	27	7.3	36	3.4	25	3.8	4	2.6	0	-
55 and over.....	163	7.2	69	18.5	44	4.2	29	4.4	21	13.5	0	-
Unknown.....	6	0.3	0	0.0	1	0.1	1	0.2	0	0.0	4	-
Male.....	1,865	100.0	266	100.0	912	100.0	569	100.0	110	100.0	8	100.0
Under 18.....	211	11.3	15	5.6	117	12.8	64	11.2	14	12.7	1	-
18-19.....	199	10.7	10	3.8	113	12.4	68	12.0	8	7.3	0	-
20-24.....	423	22.7	40	15.0	232	25.4	120	21.1	29	26.4	2	-
25-29.....	272	14.6	28	10.5	153	16.8	80	14.1	10	9.1	1	-
30-34.....	215	11.5	33	12.4	96	10.5	78	13.7	8	7.3	0	-
35-39.....	132	7.1	27	10.2	53	5.8	45	7.9	7	6.4	0	-
40-44.....	119	6.4	20	7.5	50	5.5	39	6.9	10	9.1	0	-
45-49.....	109	5.8	30	11.3	38	4.2	33	5.8	7	6.4	1	-
50-54.....	68	3.6	19	7.1	29	3.2	19	3.3	1	0.9	0	-
55 and over..	113	6.1	44	16.5	30	3.3	23	4.0	16	14.5	0	-
Unknown.....	4	0.2	0	0.0	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	-
Female.....	393	100.0	106	100.0	143	100.0	96	100.0	46	100.0	2	100.0
Under 18.....	59	15.0	9	8.5	21	14.7	19	19.8	10	-	0	-
18-19.....	18	4.6	1	0.9	8	5.6	7	7.3	2	-	0	-
20-24.....	38	9.7	7	6.6	18	12.6	10	10.4	3	-	0	-
25-29.....	48	12.2	10	9.4	22	15.4	10	10.4	6	-	0	-
30-34.....	44	11.2	10	9.4	21	14.7	9	9.4	4	-	0	-
35-39.....	41	10.4	12	11.3	14	9.8	12	12.5	3	-	0	-
40-44.....	42	10.7	14	13.2	11	7.7	9	9.4	7	-	1	-
45-49.....	27	6.9	10	9.4	7	4.9	7	7.3	3	-	0	-
50-54.....	24	6.1	8	7.5	7	4.9	6	6.3	3	-	0	-
55 and over..	50	12.7	25	23.6	14	9.8	6	6.3	5	-	0	-
Unknown.....	2	0.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.0	0	-	1	-

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

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

Table 11
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998-2007
 By Relationship of Victim to Offender

Relationship of victim to offender	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002	
	Number	Percent								
Total including unknown.....	2,170		2,006		2,074		2,201		2,392	
Unknown.....	625		761		796		900		969	
Total known.....	1,545	100.0	1,245	100.0	1,278	100.0	1,301	100.0	1,423	100.0
Friend, acquaintance ¹	766	49.6	632	50.8	601	47.0	596	45.8	663	46.6
Spouse, parent, child.....	192	12.4	202	16.2	207	16.2	183	14.1	204	14.3
Spouse ²	83	5.4	85	6.8	115	9.0	87	6.7	97	6.8
Parent, child ³	109	7.1	117	9.4	92	7.2	96	7.4	107	7.5
All other relatives.....	41	2.7	49	3.9	40	3.1	49	3.8	42	3.0
Stranger.....	546	35.3	362	29.1	430	33.6	473	36.4	514	36.1

Relationship of victim to offender (cont.)	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		Percent change	
	Number	Percent	1998-2007	2006-2007								
Total including unknown.....	2,402		2,394		2,503		2,483		2,258			
Unknown.....	1,109		1,018		1,082		1,109		1,131			
Total known.....	1,293	100.0	1,376	100.0	1,421	100.0	1,374	100.0	1,127	100.0	-27.1	-18.0
Friend, acquaintance ¹	601	46.5	667	48.5	548	38.6	593	43.2	475	42.1	-38.0	-19.9
Spouse, parent, child.....	198	15.3	174	12.6	174	12.2	180	13.1	155	13.8	-19.3	-13.9
Spouse ²	93	7.2	84	6.1	77	5.4	86	6.3	76	6.7	-8.4	-11.6
Parent, child ³	105	8.1	90	6.5	97	6.8	94	6.8	79	7.0	-27.5	-16.0
All other relatives.....	52	4.0	46	3.3	61	4.3	43	3.1	40	3.5	-	-
Stranger.....	442	34.2	489	35.5	638	44.9	558	40.6	457	40.6	-16.3	-18.1

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

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

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

² Includes "common-law" marriage partner.

³ Includes stepmother, stepfather, stepdaughter, and stepson.

Table 12
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
 Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Relationship of Victim to Offender

Relationship of victim to offender	Total	Gender		Race/ethnic group				
		Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown
Number								
Total including unknown.....	2,258	1,865	393	372	1,055	665	156	10
Unknown.....	1,131	1,020	111	109	539	400	76	7
Total known.....	1,127	845	282	263	516	265	80	3
Friend, acquaintance ¹	475	358	117	121	206	121	25	2
Spouse, parent, child.....	155	52	103	53	57	25	20	0
Spouse ²	76	11	65	28	26	10	12	0
Parent, child ³	79	41	38	25	31	15	8	0
All other relatives.....	40	30	10	11	12	11	6	0
Stranger.....	457	405	52	78	241	108	29	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 ¹	42.1	42.4	41.5	46.0	39.9	45.7	31.3	-
Spouse, parent, child.....	13.8	6.2	36.5	20.2	11.0	9.4	25.0	-
Spouse ²	6.7	1.3	23.0	10.6	5.0	3.8	15.0	-
Parent, child ³	7.0	4.9	13.5	9.5	6.0	5.7	10.0	-
All other relatives.....	3.5	3.6	3.5	4.2	2.3	4.2	7.5	-
Stranger.....	40.6	47.9	18.4	29.7	46.7	40.8	36.3	-

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

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

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

² Includes "common-law" marriage partner.

³ Includes stepmother, stepfather, stepdaughter, and stepson.

Table 13
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
 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.....	2,258	270	998	432	552	6
Unknown.....	1,131	113	567	215	230	6
Total known.....	1,127	157	431	217	322	0
Friend, acquaintance ¹	475	44	179	108	144	0
Spouse, parent, child.....	155	51	13	24	67	0
Spouse ²	76	0	8	22	46	0
Parent, child ³	79	51	5	2	21	0
All other relatives.....	40	10	14	7	9	0
Stranger.....	457	52	225	78	102	0
Percent based on total known						
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	-
Friend, acquaintance ¹	42.1	28.0	41.5	49.8	44.7	-
Spouse, parent, child.....	13.8	32.5	3.0	11.1	20.8	-
Spouse ²	6.7	0.0	1.9	10.1	14.3	-
Parent, child ³	7.0	32.5	1.2	0.9	6.5	-
All other relatives.....	3.5	6.4	3.2	3.2	2.8	-
Stranger.....	40.6	33.1	52.2	35.9	31.7	-

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

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

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

² Includes "common-law" marriage partner.

³ Includes stepmother, stepfather, stepdaughter, and stepson.

Table 14
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998-2007
 By County
 Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

County	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Number										
Statewide total.....	2,170	2,006	2,074	2,201	2,392	2,402	2,394	2,503	2,483	2,258
Alameda.....	107	85	110	108	144	139	117	126	172	152
Alpine.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Amador.....	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
Butte.....	6	4	8	11	5	9	6	10	11	9
Calaveras.....	2	0	4	2	2	2	3	2	1	0
Colusa.....	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Contra Costa.....	54	57	56	49	48	74	76	80	93	98
Del Norte.....	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	2
El Dorado.....	7	3	3	5	4	2	2	5	4	4
Fresno.....	57	43	38	61	62	59	69	77	74	73
Glenn.....	3	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	2
Humboldt.....	5	12	4	7	12	8	5	3	5	3
Imperial.....	8	2	4	5	3	12	4	0	3	4
Inyo.....	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
Kern.....	55	52	37	39	51	46	51	69	65	50
Kings.....	5	1	3	1	4	5	6	4	4	7
Lake.....	6	4	5	1	4	1	1	1	7	5
Lassen.....	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0
Los Angeles.....	959	891	1,000	1,070	1,162	1,053	1,038	1,068	1,012	863
Madera.....	12	6	10	15	6	7	7	10	2	5
Marin.....	1	2	5	3	4	0	3	3	3	1
Mariposa.....	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Mendocino.....	6	7	5	4	4	9	6	4	6	6
Merced.....	17	14	6	5	18	16	16	22	22	17
Modoc.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mono.....	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Monterey.....	27	29	25	26	28	27	33	14	15	29
Napa.....	1	2	3	1	2	2	3	1	2	6
Nevada.....	3	6	1	6	3	2	1	2	2	2
Orange.....	85	92	56	63	77	64	81	77	79	77

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Table 14 - continued
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998-2007
 By County
 Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

County	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Number										
Placer.....	7	1	5	3	0	10	3	5	6	4
Plumas.....	1	1	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	1
Riverside.....	104	89	79	93	111	94	93	109	109	105
Sacramento.....	73	82	75	78	83	83	92	110	99	91
San Benito.....	2	1	3	6	1	2	0	1	2	5
San Bernardino...	147	110	145	125	141	163	165	174	161	159
San Diego.....	87	106	97	92	87	129	127	98	126	107
San Francisco.....	58	64	59	62	68	69	88	96	86	100
San Joaquin.....	42	39	39	50	59	58	55	56	57	45
San Luis Obispo..	7	4	3	7	3	7	2	4	6	5
San Mateo.....	23	18	10	18	21	20	26	30	22	13
Santa Barbara....	11	5	10	12	8	4	7	9	13	10
Santa Clara.....	44	37	34	34	37	48	37	43	37	46
Santa Cruz.....	9	4	9	13	6	13	5	5	16	6
Shasta.....	7	11	3	5	5	5	4	4	8	11
Sierra.....	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou.....	3	0	1	1	4	2	1	4	0	2
Solano.....	14	16	21	10	16	20	19	29	14	31
Sonoma.....	11	8	11	12	16	12	17	5	11	8
Stanislaus.....	25	25	16	34	15	27	42	30	29	27
Sutter.....	1	5	2	5	7	3	3	3	4	2
Tehama.....	5	1	5	3	2	1	3	3	5	1
Trinity.....	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
Tulare.....	22	24	17	26	29	30	25	54	49	38
Tuolumne.....	0	2	2	1	2	4	2	3	0	1
Ventura.....	24	19	24	19	21	42	33	32	29	17
Yolo.....	8	6	6	4	5	5	5	4	4	4
Yuba.....	6	2	3	3	0	5	5	8	3	0

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Table 14 - continued
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998-2007
 By County
 Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

County	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Rate per 100,000 population										
Statewide total.....	6.5	5.9	6.0	6.3	6.8	6.7	6.5	6.8	6.6	6.0
Alameda.....	7.5	5.9	7.5	7.3	9.7	9.3	7.8	8.4	11.2	9.9
Alpine.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amador.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Butte.....	3.0	2.0	3.9	5.3	2.4	4.2	2.8	4.6	5.0	4.1
Calaveras.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colusa.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contra Costa.....	5.9	6.1	5.8	5.0	4.9	7.4	7.5	7.8	8.9	9.4
Del Norte.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
El Dorado.....	4.7	2.0	1.9	3.1	2.4	1.2	1.2	2.8	2.2	2.2
Fresno.....	7.3	5.4	4.7	7.4	7.4	6.9	7.9	8.6	8.0	7.9
Glenn.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Humboldt.....	4.0	9.5	3.1	5.5	9.4	6.2	3.8	2.3	3.8	2.3
Imperial.....	5.6	1.4	2.7	3.3	2.0	7.8	2.5	0.0	1.7	2.3
Inyo.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kern.....	8.6	8.0	5.5	5.7	7.3	6.4	6.9	9.0	8.0	6.2
Kings.....	4.0	0.8	2.2	0.8	3.0	3.6	4.2	2.6	2.6	4.6
Lake.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lassen.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles.....	9.9	9.1	10.3	11.0	11.7	10.5	10.2	10.4	9.8	8.4
Madera.....	10.5	5.1	7.8	11.5	4.6	5.2	5.0	7.0	1.3	3.3
Marin.....	0.4	0.8	2.0	1.2	1.6	0.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.4
Mariposa.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mendocino.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Merced.....	8.3	6.8	2.8	2.3	8.1	6.9	6.7	9.0	8.7	6.7
Modoc.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mono.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Monterey.....	7.0	7.4	6.1	6.4	6.8	6.4	7.8	3.3	3.5	6.8
Napa.....	0.8	1.6	2.4	0.8	1.6	1.5	2.3	0.7	1.5	4.4
Nevada.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0	-	-
Orange.....	3.1	3.3	1.9	2.2	2.6	2.1	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.5

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Table 14 - continued
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998-2007
 By County
 Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

County	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Rate per 100,000 population										
Placer.....	3.1	0.4	2.0	1.1	0.0	3.5	1.0	1.5	1.8	1.2
Plumas.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Riverside.....	7.1	5.9	5.0	5.7	6.6	5.3	5.0	5.6	5.3	5.1
Sacramento.....	6.3	6.8	6.0	6.2	6.4	6.2	6.8	8.0	7.0	6.4
San Benito.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Bernardino...	8.9	6.6	8.3	7.1	7.8	8.7	8.5	8.8	7.9	7.8
San Diego.....	3.1	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.0	4.3	4.2	3.1	4.0	3.4
San Francisco.....	7.3	8.0	7.5	7.9	8.6	8.8	11.1	12.1	10.5	12.2
San Joaquin.....	7.6	6.9	6.8	8.5	9.7	9.3	8.5	8.4	8.4	6.6
San Luis Obispo..	2.9	1.7	1.2	2.8	1.2	2.7	0.8	1.5	2.2	1.9
San Mateo.....	3.2	2.5	1.4	2.5	2.9	2.8	3.6	4.2	3.0	1.8
Santa Barbara....	2.7	1.2	2.5	3.0	2.0	1.0	1.7	2.1	3.1	2.3
Santa Clara.....	2.6	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.8	2.1	2.4	2.0	2.5
Santa Cruz.....	3.6	1.6	3.5	5.0	2.3	5.0	1.9	1.9	6.0	2.3
Shasta.....	4.2	6.7	1.8	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.3	2.2	4.4	6.1
Sierra.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Siskiyou.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Solano.....	3.6	4.1	5.2	2.5	3.9	4.8	4.5	6.8	3.3	7.3
Sonoma.....	2.5	1.8	2.4	2.6	3.4	2.5	3.6	1.0	2.3	1.7
Stanislaus.....	5.8	5.7	3.5	7.3	3.1	5.5	8.4	5.9	5.5	5.2
Sutter.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tehama.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trinity.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tulare.....	6.1	6.6	4.5	6.9	7.6	7.6	6.2	12.9	11.4	8.8
Tuolumne.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ventura.....	3.3	2.5	3.1	2.5	2.7	5.3	4.1	3.9	3.5	2.1
Yolo.....	5.1	3.8	3.5	2.3	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.0	2.0	2.0
Yuba.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Notes: Dash indicates that a rate is not computed when a county's population is less than 100,000 in a given year.
 Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.
 Rates are calculated using the population for each county shown; therefore, they will not add to the rate calculated for the state.

Table 15
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998-2007
 By Season and Month of Incident

Season and month of incident	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Number										
Total including unknown...	2,170	2,006	2,074	2,201	2,392	2,402	2,394	2,503	2,483	2,258
Unknown.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total known.....	2,170	2,006	2,074	2,201	2,392	2,402	2,394	2,503	2,483	2,258
Spring.....	517	451	464	528	582	566	616	580	609	528
March.....	197	142	126	159	189	191	204	195	180	171
April.....	156	147	162	176	188	154	199	191	220	172
May.....	164	162	176	193	205	221	213	194	209	185
Summer.....	568	562	597	581	623	652	648	689	683	656
June.....	177	157	205	165	183	197	190	199	220	206
July.....	171	199	185	208	230	233	228	253	240	228
August.....	220	206	207	208	210	222	230	237	223	222
Fall.....	522	516	497	613	638	601	580	629	612	528
September.....	159	171	173	221	253	209	211	183	204	172
October.....	178	174	174	213	181	213	187	233	209	189
November.....	185	171	150	179	204	179	182	213	199	167
Winter.....	563	477	516	479	549	583	550	605	579	546
December.....	207	166	210	168	175	210	193	210	200	186
January.....	199	183	175	171	214	189	197	217	204	210
February.....	157	128	131	140	160	184	160	178	175	150
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.....	23.8	22.5	22.4	24.0	24.3	23.6	25.7	23.2	24.5	23.4
March.....	9.1	7.1	6.1	7.2	7.9	8.0	8.5	7.8	7.2	7.6
April.....	7.2	7.3	7.8	8.0	7.9	6.4	8.3	7.6	8.9	7.6
May.....	7.6	8.1	8.5	8.8	8.6	9.2	8.9	7.8	8.4	8.2
Summer.....	26.2	28.0	28.8	26.4	26.0	27.1	27.1	27.5	27.5	29.1
June.....	8.2	7.8	9.9	7.5	7.7	8.2	7.9	8.0	8.9	9.1
July.....	7.9	9.9	8.9	9.5	9.6	9.7	9.5	10.1	9.7	10.1
August.....	10.1	10.3	10.0	9.5	8.8	9.2	9.6	9.5	9.0	9.8
Fall.....	24.1	25.7	24.0	27.9	26.7	25.0	24.2	25.1	24.6	23.4
September.....	7.3	8.5	8.3	10.0	10.6	8.7	8.8	7.3	8.2	7.6
October.....	8.2	8.7	8.4	9.7	7.6	8.9	7.8	9.3	8.4	8.4
November.....	8.5	8.5	7.2	8.1	8.5	7.5	7.6	8.5	8.0	7.4
Winter.....	25.9	23.8	24.9	21.8	23.0	24.3	23.0	24.2	23.3	24.2
December.....	9.5	8.3	10.1	7.6	7.3	8.7	8.1	8.4	8.1	8.2
January.....	9.2	9.1	8.4	7.8	8.9	7.9	8.2	8.7	8.2	9.3
February.....	7.2	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.7	7.7	6.7	7.1	7.0	6.6

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

Table 16
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
 Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Day of Incident

Day of incident	Total	Gender		Race/ethnic group				
		Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown
Number								
Total including unknown....	2,258	1,865	393	372	1,055	665	156	10
Unknown.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total known.....	2,258	1,865	393	372	1,055	665	156	10
Weekday.....	1,395	1,128	267	256	607	428	100	4
Monday.....	305	251	54	59	134	83	29	0
Tuesday.....	255	195	60	63	100	75	15	2
Wednesday.....	263	213	50	44	120	82	16	1
Thursday.....	266	219	47	40	122	80	24	0
Friday.....	306	250	56	50	131	108	16	1
Weekend.....	863	737	126	116	448	237	56	6
Saturday.....	421	360	61	64	220	104	30	3
Sunday.....	442	377	65	52	228	133	26	3
Percent based on total known								
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Weekday.....	61.8	60.5	67.9	68.8	57.5	64.4	64.1	-
Monday.....	13.5	13.5	13.7	15.9	12.7	12.5	18.6	-
Tuesday.....	11.3	10.5	15.3	16.9	9.5	11.3	9.6	-
Wednesday.....	11.6	11.4	12.7	11.8	11.4	12.3	10.3	-
Thursday.....	11.8	11.7	12.0	10.8	11.6	12.0	15.4	-
Friday.....	13.6	13.4	14.2	13.4	12.4	16.2	10.3	-
Weekend.....	38.2	39.5	32.1	31.2	42.5	35.6	35.9	-
Saturday.....	18.6	19.3	15.5	17.2	20.9	15.6	19.2	-
Sunday.....	19.6	20.2	16.5	14.0	21.6	20.0	16.7	-
Average daily number of incidents ¹								
Weekday.....	5.3	4.3	1.0	1.0	2.3	1.6	0.4	0.0
Weekend.....	8.3	7.1	1.2	1.1	4.3	2.3	0.5	0.1

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

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

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

¹ There were 365 days in 2007; 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, 2007
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.....	2,258	270	998	432	552	6
Unknown.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total known.....	2,258	270	998	432	552	6
Weekday.....	1,395	184	554	280	374	3
Monday.....	305	38	129	56	82	0
Tuesday.....	255	29	103	44	78	1
Wednesday.....	263	45	97	55	65	1
Thursday.....	266	23	108	60	75	0
Friday.....	306	49	117	65	74	1
Weekend.....	863	86	444	152	178	3
Saturday.....	421	41	206	77	95	2
Sunday.....	442	45	238	75	83	1
Percent based on total known						
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Weekday.....	61.8	68.1	55.5	64.8	67.8	-
Monday.....	13.5	14.1	12.9	13.0	14.9	-
Tuesday.....	11.3	10.7	10.3	10.2	14.1	-
Wednesday.....	11.6	16.7	9.7	12.7	11.8	-
Thursday.....	11.8	8.5	10.8	13.9	13.6	-
Friday.....	13.6	18.1	11.7	15.0	13.4	-
Weekend.....	38.2	31.9	44.5	35.2	32.2	-
Saturday.....	18.6	15.2	20.6	17.8	17.2	-
Sunday.....	19.6	16.7	23.8	17.4	15.0	-
Average daily number of incidents ¹						
Weekday.....	5.3	0.7	2.1	1.1	1.4	0.0
Weekend.....	8.3	0.8	4.3	1.5	1.7	0.0

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

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

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

¹ There were 365 days in 2007; 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, 1998-2007
 By Location of Homicide

Location of homicide	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002	
	Number	Percent								
Total including unknown.....	2,170		2,006		2,074		2,201		2,392	
Unknown.....	2		4		4		0		2	
Total known.....	2,168	100.0	2,002	100.0	2,070	100.0	2,201	100.0	2,390	100.0
Victim's, shared residence...	629	29.0	686	34.3	612	29.6	573	26.0	655	27.4
Victim's residence.....	404	18.6	520	26.0	439	21.2	417	18.9	465	19.5
Shared residence.....	225	10.4	166	8.3	173	8.4	156	7.1	190	7.9
Street, sidewalk.....	823	38.0	710	35.5	779	37.6	845	38.4	970	40.6
All other.....	716	33.0	606	30.3	679	32.8	783	35.6	765	32.0
Hotel, motel.....	26	1.2	28	1.4	23	1.1	28	1.3	26	1.1
Other residence.....	132	6.1	119	5.9	162	7.8	173	7.9	147	6.2
Liquor store.....	4	0.2	5	0.2	4	0.2	7	0.3	4	0.2
Bar.....	32	1.5	35	1.7	37	1.8	44	2.0	40	1.7
Other business.....	84	3.9	54	2.7	76	3.7	61	2.8	61	2.6
Parking lot.....	68	3.1	59	2.9	72	3.5	75	3.4	87	3.6
Vehicle.....	182	8.4	139	6.9	156	7.5	196	8.9	228	9.5
Field, park.....	157	7.2	129	6.4	120	5.8	167	7.6	134	5.6
School.....	9	0.4	5	0.2	2	0.1	3	0.1	1	0.0
Other.....	22	1.0	33	1.6	27	1.3	29	1.3	37	1.5

Location of homicide (cont.)	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		Percent change	
	Number	Percent	1998-2007	2006-2007								
Total including unknown.....	2,402		2,394		2,503		2,483		2,258			
Unknown.....	0		13		25		19		58			
Total known.....	2,402	100.0	2,381	100.0	2,478	100.0	2,464	100.0	2,200	100.0	1.5	-10.7
Victim's, shared residence...	623	25.9	630	26.5	567	22.9	548	22.2	485	22.0	-22.9	-11.5
Victim's residence.....	425	17.7	479	20.1	414	16.7	397	16.1	424	19.3	5.0	6.8
Shared residence.....	198	8.2	151	6.3	153	6.2	151	6.1	61	2.8	-72.9	-59.6
Street, sidewalk.....	909	37.8	1,046	43.9	1,116	45.0	1,097	44.5	980	44.5	19.1	-10.7
All other.....	870	36.2	705	29.6	795	32.1	819	33.2	735	33.4	2.7	-10.3
Hotel, motel.....	26	1.1	20	0.8	23	0.9	22	0.9	15	0.7	-	-
Other residence.....	173	7.2	146	6.1	138	5.6	167	6.8	165	7.5	25.0	-1.2
Liquor store.....	6	0.2	9	0.4	6	0.2	5	0.2	8	0.4	-	-
Bar.....	38	1.6	35	1.5	34	1.4	41	1.7	36	1.6	-	-
Other business.....	75	3.1	47	2.0	70	2.8	61	2.5	48	2.2	-42.9	-21.3
Parking lot.....	98	4.1	74	3.1	97	3.9	104	4.2	108	4.9	58.8	3.8
Vehicle.....	274	11.4	240	10.1	282	11.4	296	12.0	176	8.0	-3.3	-40.5
Field, park.....	147	6.1	102	4.3	94	3.8	92	3.7	125	5.7	-20.4	35.9
School.....	3	0.1	4	0.2	4	0.2	3	0.1	2	0.1	-	-
Other.....	30	1.2	28	1.2	47	1.9	28	1.1	52	2.4	-	-

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

Table 19
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
 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.....	2,258	1,865	393	372	1,055	665	156	10
Unknown.....	58	44	14	8	28	18	3	1
Total known.....	2,200	1,821	379	364	1,027	647	153	9
Victim's, shared residence...	485	285	200	145	195	105	40	0
Victim's residence.....	424	263	161	117	174	95	38	0
Shared residence.....	61	22	39	28	21	10	2	0
Street, sidewalk.....	980	908	72	96	482	347	52	3
All other.....	735	628	107	123	350	195	61	6
Hotel, motel.....	15	9	6	3	3	9	0	0
Other residence.....	165	151	14	31	89	30	13	2
Liquor store.....	8	8	0	1	6	1	0	0
Bar.....	36	35	1	7	17	6	6	0
Other business.....	48	40	8	11	15	16	6	0
Parking lot.....	108	97	11	17	48	34	9	0
Vehicle.....	176	142	34	13	89	61	12	1
Field, park.....	125	104	21	27	64	20	13	1
School.....	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
Other.....	52	40	12	13	19	16	2	2
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...	22.0	15.7	52.8	39.8	19.0	16.2	26.1	-
Victim's residence.....	19.3	14.4	42.5	32.1	16.9	14.7	24.8	-
Shared residence.....	2.8	1.2	10.3	7.7	2.0	1.5	1.3	-
Street, sidewalk.....	44.5	49.9	19.0	26.4	46.9	53.6	34.0	-
All other.....	33.4	34.5	28.2	33.8	34.1	30.1	39.9	-
Hotel, motel.....	0.7	0.5	1.6	0.8	0.3	1.4	0.0	-
Other residence.....	7.5	8.3	3.7	8.5	8.7	4.6	8.5	-
Liquor store.....	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.0	-
Bar.....	1.6	1.9	0.3	1.9	1.7	0.9	3.9	-
Other business.....	2.2	2.2	2.1	3.0	1.5	2.5	3.9	-
Parking lot.....	4.9	5.3	2.9	4.7	4.7	5.3	5.9	-
Vehicle.....	8.0	7.8	9.0	3.6	8.7	9.4	7.8	-
Field, park.....	5.7	5.7	5.5	7.4	6.2	3.1	8.5	-
School.....	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	-
Other.....	2.4	2.2	3.2	3.6	1.9	2.5	1.3	-

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

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

Table 20
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
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.....	2,258	270	998	432	552	6
Unknown.....	58	9	26	9	14	0
Total known.....	2,200	261	972	423	538	6
Victim's, shared residence....	485	73	117	100	195	0
Victim's residence.....	424	62	107	90	165	0
Shared residence.....	61	11	10	10	30	0
Street, sidewalk.....	980	122	501	185	171	1
All other.....	735	66	354	138	172	5
Hotel, motel.....	15	0	4	2	9	0
Other residence.....	165	16	82	29	37	1
Liquor store.....	8	0	4	3	1	0
Bar.....	36	2	23	4	7	0
Other business.....	48	3	17	9	19	0
Parking lot.....	108	6	56	23	23	0
Vehicle.....	176	16	93	33	32	2
Field, park.....	125	18	55	23	29	0
School.....	2	0	2	0	0	0
Other.....	52	5	18	12	15	2
Percent based on total known						
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Victim's, shared residence....	22.0	28.0	12.0	23.6	36.2	-
Victim's residence.....	19.3	23.8	11.0	21.3	30.7	-
Shared residence.....	2.8	4.2	1.0	2.4	5.6	-
Street, sidewalk.....	44.5	46.7	51.5	43.7	31.8	-
All other.....	33.4	25.3	36.4	32.6	32.0	-
Hotel, motel.....	0.7	0.0	0.4	0.5	1.7	-
Other residence.....	7.5	6.1	8.4	6.9	6.9	-
Liquor store.....	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.7	0.2	-
Bar.....	1.6	0.8	2.4	0.9	1.3	-
Other business.....	2.2	1.1	1.7	2.1	3.5	-
Parking lot.....	4.9	2.3	5.8	5.4	4.3	-
Vehicle.....	8.0	6.1	9.6	7.8	5.9	-
Field, park.....	5.7	6.9	5.7	5.4	5.4	-
School.....	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	-
Other.....	2.4	1.9	1.9	2.8	2.8	-

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

Table 21
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998-2007
 By Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002	
	Number	Percent								
Total including unknown.....	2,170		2,006		2,074		2,201		2,392	
Unknown.....	36		29		28		28		28	
Total known.....	2,134	100.0	1,977	100.0	2,046	100.0	2,173	100.0	2,364	100.0
Firearm.....	1,469	68.8	1,334	67.5	1,440	70.4	1,568	72.2	1,735	73.4
Handgun.....	1,315	61.6	1,152	58.3	1,242	60.7	1,341	61.7	1,555	65.8
All other firearms.....	154	7.2	182	9.2	198	9.7	227	10.4	180	7.6
Rifle.....	89	4.2	62	3.1	66	3.2	67	3.1	80	3.4
Shotgun.....	57	2.7	63	3.2	55	2.7	68	3.1	60	2.5
Other firearm.....	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.0	2	0.1	2	0.1
Firearm - unknown type..	8	0.4	57	2.9	76	3.7	90	4.1	38	1.6
Nonfirearm.....	665	31.2	643	32.5	606	29.6	605	27.8	629	26.6
Knife ¹	289	13.5	254	12.8	285	13.9	298	13.7	274	11.6
Blunt object ²	117	5.5	134	6.8	98	4.8	95	4.4	116	4.9
Personal weapon ³	112	5.2	106	5.4	111	5.4	103	4.7	118	5.0
All other.....	147	6.9	149	7.5	112	5.5	109	5.0	121	5.1
Rope ⁴	63	3.0	60	3.0	40	2.0	37	1.7	41	1.7
Drugs.....	2	0.1	8	0.4	3	0.1	4	0.2	5	0.2
Other.....	82	3.8	81	4.1	69	3.4	68	3.1	75	3.2

Type of weapon used (cont.)	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		Percent change	
	Number	Percent	1998-2007	2006-2007								
Total including unknown.....	2,402		2,394		2,503		2,483		2,258			
Unknown.....	23		12		22		25		34			
Total known.....	2,379	100.0	2,382	100.0	2,481	100.0	2,458	100.0	2,224	100.0	4.2	-9.5
Firearm.....	1,733	72.8	1,730	72.6	1,845	74.4	1,821	74.1	1,611	72.4	9.7	-11.5
Handgun.....	1,566	65.8	1,462	61.4	1,547	62.4	1,619	65.9	1,373	61.7	4.4	-15.2
All other firearms.....	167	7.0	268	11.3	298	12.0	202	8.2	238	10.7	54.5	17.8
Rifle.....	62	2.6	73	3.1	87	3.5	74	3.0	52	2.3	-41.6	-29.7
Shotgun.....	53	2.2	69	2.9	75	3.0	70	2.8	73	3.3	28.1	4.3
Other firearm.....	3	0.1	3	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.1	-	-
Firearm - unknown type..	49	2.1	123	5.2	136	5.5	58	2.4	110	4.9	-	89.7
Nonfirearm.....	646	27.2	652	27.4	636	25.6	637	25.9	613	27.6	-7.8	-3.8
Knife ¹	258	10.8	282	11.8	291	11.7	314	12.8	298	13.4	3.1	-5.1
Blunt object ²	116	4.9	104	4.4	78	3.1	77	3.1	94	4.2	-19.7	22.1
Personal weapon ³	138	5.8	148	6.2	138	5.6	130	5.3	118	5.3	5.4	-9.2
All other.....	134	5.6	118	5.0	129	5.2	116	4.7	103	4.6	-29.9	-11.2
Rope ⁴	58	2.4	49	2.1	30	1.2	33	1.3	29	1.3	-54.0	-
Drugs.....	2	0.1	5	0.2	2	0.1	5	0.2	1	0.0	-	-
Other.....	74	3.1	64	2.7	97	3.9	78	3.2	73	3.3	-11.0	-6.4

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

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

¹ Any instrument used to cut or stab.

² Club, etc.

³ Hands, feet, etc.

⁴ Any instrument used to hang or strangle.

Table 22
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
 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.....	2,258	1,865	393	372	1,055	665	156	10
Unknown.....	34	22	12	9	10	8	5	2
Total known.....	2,224	1,843	381	363	1,045	657	151	8
Firearm.....	1,611	1,401	210	203	783	540	82	3
Handgun.....	1,373	1,188	185	165	685	450	71	2
All other firearms.....	238	213	25	38	98	90	11	1
Rifle.....	52	46	6	9	22	19	2	0
Shotgun.....	73	62	11	17	39	14	3	0
Other firearm.....	3	3	0	1	1	1	0	0
Firearm - unknown type..	110	102	8	11	36	56	6	1
Nonfirearm.....	613	442	171	160	262	117	69	5
Knife ¹	298	231	67	58	147	55	36	2
Blunt object ²	94	70	24	28	38	19	9	0
Personal weapon ³	118	88	30	39	40	23	16	0
All other.....	103	53	50	35	37	20	8	3
Rope ⁴	29	11	18	10	10	5	3	1
Drugs.....	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Other.....	73	41	32	24	27	15	5	2
Percent based on total known								
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Firearm.....	72.4	76.0	55.1	55.9	74.9	82.2	54.3	-
Handgun.....	61.7	64.5	48.6	45.5	65.6	68.5	47.0	-
All other firearms.....	10.7	11.6	6.6	10.5	9.4	13.7	7.3	-
Rifle.....	2.3	2.5	1.6	2.5	2.1	2.9	1.3	-
Shotgun.....	3.3	3.4	2.9	4.7	3.7	2.1	2.0	-
Other firearm.....	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	-
Firearm - unknown type..	4.9	5.5	2.1	3.0	3.4	8.5	4.0	-
Nonfirearm.....	27.6	24.0	44.9	44.1	25.1	17.8	45.7	-
Knife ¹	13.4	12.5	17.6	16.0	14.1	8.4	23.8	-
Blunt object ²	4.2	3.8	6.3	7.7	3.6	2.9	6.0	-
Personal weapon ³	5.3	4.8	7.9	10.7	3.8	3.5	10.6	-
All other.....	4.6	2.9	13.1	9.6	3.5	3.0	5.3	-
Rope ⁴	1.3	0.6	4.7	2.8	1.0	0.8	2.0	-
Drugs.....	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	-
Other.....	3.3	2.2	8.4	6.6	2.6	2.3	3.3	-

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⁴ Any instrument used to hang or strangle.

Table 23
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
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.....	2,258	270	998	432	552	6
Unknown.....	34	3	9	4	16	2
Total known.....	2,224	267	989	428	536	4
Firearm.....	1,611	180	824	315	291	1
Handgun.....	1,373	152	711	260	249	1
All other firearms.....	238	28	113	55	42	0
Rifle.....	52	9	25	8	10	0
Shotgun.....	73	7	34	18	14	0
Other firearm.....	3	0	1	1	1	0
Firearm - unknown type..	110	12	53	28	17	0
Nonfirearm.....	613	87	165	113	245	3
Knife ¹	298	25	101	63	109	0
Blunt object ²	94	11	16	18	49	0
Personal weapon ³	118	32	18	18	49	1
All other.....	103	19	30	14	38	2
Rope ⁴	29	2	13	2	12	0
Drugs.....	1	1	0	0	0	0
Other.....	73	16	17	12	26	2
Percent based on total known						
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Firearm.....	72.4	67.4	83.3	73.6	54.3	-
Handgun.....	61.7	56.9	71.9	60.7	46.5	-
All other firearms.....	10.7	10.5	11.4	12.9	7.8	-
Rifle.....	2.3	3.4	2.5	1.9	1.9	-
Shotgun.....	3.3	2.6	3.4	4.2	2.6	-
Other firearm.....	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2	-
Firearm - unknown type..	4.9	4.5	5.4	6.5	3.2	-
Nonfirearm.....	27.6	32.6	16.7	26.4	45.7	-
Knife ¹	13.4	9.4	10.2	14.7	20.3	-
Blunt object ²	4.2	4.1	1.6	4.2	9.1	-
Personal weapon ³	5.3	12.0	1.8	4.2	9.1	-
All other.....	4.6	7.1	3.0	3.3	7.1	-
Rope ⁴	1.3	0.7	1.3	0.5	2.2	-
Drugs.....	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	-
Other.....	3.3	6.0	1.7	2.8	4.9	-

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

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

¹ Any instrument used to cut or stab.

² Club, etc.

³ Hands, feet, etc.

⁴ Any instrument used to hang or strangle.

Table 24
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998-2007
 By Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002	
	Number	Percent								
Total including unknown.....	2,170		2,006		2,074		2,201		2,392	
Unknown.....	336		304		314		317		370	
Total known.....	1,834	100.0	1,702	100.0	1,760	100.0	1,884	100.0	2,022	100.0
Rape, robbery, burglary...	206	11.2	157	9.2	206	11.7	149	7.9	179	8.9
Rape.....	9	0.5	16	0.9	8	0.5	12	0.6	8	0.4
Robbery.....	183	10.0	127	7.5	186	10.6	133	7.1	163	8.1
Burglary.....	14	0.8	14	0.8	12	0.7	4	0.2	8	0.4
Argument.....	857	46.7	710	41.7	726	41.3	793	42.1	779	38.5
Domestic violence ¹	120	6.5	128	7.5	147	8.4	176	9.3	181	9.0
All other argument.....	737	40.2	582	34.2	579	32.9	617	32.7	598	29.6
Gang-, drug-related.....	512	27.9	487	28.6	581	33.0	726	38.5	816	40.4
Gang-related.....	404	22.0	402	23.6	506	28.8	647	34.3	730	36.1
Drug-related.....	108	5.9	85	5.0	75	4.3	79	4.2	86	4.3
All other.....	259	14.1	348	20.4	247	14.0	216	11.5	248	12.3

Contributing circumstance (cont.)	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		Percent change	
	Number	Percent	1998-2007	2006-2007								
Total including unknown.....	2,402		2,394		2,503		2,483		2,258			
Unknown.....	410		320		526		568		825			
Total known.....	1,992	100.0	2,074	100.0	1,977	100.0	1,915	100.0	1,433	100.0	-21.9	-25.2
Rape, robbery, burglary...	161	8.1	145	7.0	151	7.6	141	7.4	107	7.5	-48.1	-24.1
Rape.....	7	0.4	6	0.3	7	0.4	6	0.3	3	0.2	-	-
Robbery.....	137	6.9	128	6.2	135	6.8	132	6.9	94	6.6	-48.6	-28.8
Burglary.....	17	0.9	11	0.5	9	0.5	3	0.2	10	0.7	-	-
Argument.....	836	42.0	886	42.7	791	40.0	741	38.7	599	41.8	-30.1	-19.2
Domestic violence ¹	187	9.4	163	7.9	160	8.1	141	7.4	119	8.3	-0.8	-15.6
All other argument.....	649	32.6	723	34.9	631	31.9	600	31.3	480	33.5	-34.9	-20.0
Gang-, drug-related.....	772	38.8	786	37.9	756	38.2	748	39.1	510	35.6	-0.4	-31.8
Gang-related.....	669	33.6	698	33.7	653	33.0	645	33.7	469	32.7	16.1	-27.3
Drug-related.....	103	5.2	88	4.2	103	5.2	103	5.4	41	2.9	-62.0	-60.2
All other.....	223	11.2	257	12.4	279	14.1	285	14.9	217	15.1	-16.2	-23.9

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

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

¹ Data reflect 1) homicides submitted to the CJSC from law enforcement agencies as domestic violence-related, and 2) homicides interpreted by the CJSC as domestic violence-related based on available information, including victim/offender relationship.

Table 25
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
 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.....	2,258	1,865	393	372	1,055	665	156	10
Unknown.....	825	695	130	134	356	275	55	5
Total known.....	1,433	1,170	263	238	699	390	101	5
Rape, robbery, burglary..	107	92	15	25	45	22	14	1
Rape.....	3	0	3	2	0	1	0	0
Robbery, burglary.....	104	92	12	23	45	21	14	1
Robbery.....	94	84	10	19	42	18	14	1
Burglary.....	10	8	2	4	3	3	0	0
Argument.....	599	445	154	155	239	153	51	1
Domestic violence ¹	119	18	101	40	43	22	14	0
All other argument.....	480	427	53	115	196	131	37	1
Gang-, drug-related.....	510	479	31	25	315	150	19	1
Gang-related.....	469	439	30	17	297	135	19	1
Drug-related.....	41	40	1	8	18	15	0	0
All other.....	217	154	63	33	100	65	17	2
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..	7.5	7.9	5.7	10.5	6.4	5.6	13.9	-
Rape.....	0.2	0.0	1.1	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.0	-
Robbery, burglary.....	7.3	7.9	4.6	9.7	6.4	5.4	13.9	-
Robbery.....	6.6	7.2	3.8	8.0	6.0	4.6	13.9	-
Burglary.....	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.7	0.4	0.8	0.0	-
Argument.....	41.8	38.0	58.6	65.1	34.2	39.2	50.5	-
Domestic violence ¹	8.3	1.5	38.4	16.8	6.2	5.6	13.9	-
All other argument.....	33.5	36.5	20.2	48.3	28.0	33.6	36.6	-
Gang-, drug-related.....	35.6	40.9	11.8	10.5	45.1	38.5	18.8	-
Gang-related.....	32.7	37.5	11.4	7.1	42.5	34.6	18.8	-
Drug-related.....	2.9	3.4	0.4	3.4	2.6	3.8	0.0	-
All other.....	15.1	13.2	24.0	13.9	14.3	16.7	16.8	-

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

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

¹ Data reflect (1) homicides submitted to the CJSJ from law enforcement agencies as domestic violence-related, and (2) homicides interpreted by the CJSJ as domestic violence-related based on available information, including victim/offender relationship.

Table 26
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
 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.....	2,258	60	210	998	432	297	153	60	42	6
Unknown.....	825	9	61	363	165	123	58	26	16	4
Total known.....	1,433	51	149	635	267	174	95	34	26	2
Rape, robbery, burglary..	107	0	4	31	26	25	11	6	4	0
Rape.....	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Robbery.....	94	0	3	29	22	24	8	5	3	0
Burglary.....	10	0	1	1	3	1	2	1	1	0
Argument.....	599	0	26	232	142	99	67	20	13	0
Domestic violence ¹	119	0	0	27	37	29	16	4	6	0
All other argument.....	480	0	26	205	105	70	51	16	7	0
Gang-, drug-related.....	510	2	86	300	72	37	8	3	2	0
Gang-related.....	469	2	86	288	57	25	7	2	2	0
Drug-related.....	41	0	0	12	15	12	1	1	0	0
Child abuse.....	53	43	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
All other.....	164	6	23	72	27	13	9	5	7	2
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..	7.5	0.0	2.7	4.9	9.7	14.4	11.6	-	-	-
Rape.....	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.0	1.1	-	-	-
Robbery.....	6.6	0.0	2.0	4.6	8.2	13.8	8.4	-	-	-
Burglary.....	0.7	0.0	0.7	0.2	1.1	0.6	2.1	-	-	-
Argument.....	41.8	0.0	17.4	36.5	53.2	56.9	70.5	-	-	-
Domestic violence ¹	8.3	0.0	0.0	4.3	13.9	16.7	16.8	-	-	-
All other argument.....	33.5	0.0	17.4	32.3	39.3	40.2	53.7	-	-	-
Gang-, drug-related.....	35.6	3.9	57.7	47.2	27.0	21.3	8.4	-	-	-
Gang-related.....	32.7	3.9	57.7	45.4	21.3	14.4	7.4	-	-	-
Drug-related.....	2.9	0.0	0.0	1.9	5.6	6.9	1.1	-	-	-
Child abuse.....	3.7	84.3	6.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other.....	11.4	11.8	15.4	11.3	10.1	7.5	9.5	-	-	-

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

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

¹ Data reflect 1) homicides submitted to the CJSC from law enforcement agencies as domestic violence-related, and 2) homicides interpreted by the CJSC as domestic violence-related based on available information, including victim/offender relationship.

Table 27
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2007
 Contributing Circumstance by Relationship of Victim to Offender

Relationship of victim to offender	Total	Rape	Robbery, burglary	Argument ¹	Gang-, drug-related	Child abuse	All other	Unknown
Number								
Total including unknown.....	2,258	3	104	599	510	53	164	825
Unknown.....	1,131	2	51	104	279	1	98	596
Total known.....	1,127	1	53	495	231	52	66	229
Friend, acquaintance ²	475	0	5	266	109	6	20	69
Spouse ³	76	0	0	69	0	0	0	7
Parent, child ⁴	79	0	0	16	0	43	8	12
All other relatives.....	40	0	0	19	1	3	4	13
Stranger.....	457	1	48	125	121	0	34	128
Percent based on total known								
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Friend, acquaintance ²	42.1	-	9.4	53.7	47.2	11.5	30.3	30.1
Spouse ³	6.7	-	0.0	13.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1
Parent, child ⁴	7.0	-	0.0	3.2	0.0	82.7	12.1	5.2
All other relatives.....	3.5	-	0.0	3.8	0.4	5.8	6.1	5.7
Stranger.....	40.6	-	90.6	25.3	52.4	0.0	51.5	55.9

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

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

¹ Includes domestic violence.

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

³ Includes "common-law" marriage partner.

⁴ Includes stepmother, stepfather, stepdaughter, and stepson.

Table 28
HOMICIDE CRIMES CLEARED, 1998-2007
 Number Reported, Number Cleared, and Clearance Rate

Year(s)	Number of homicides reported	Number of homicides cleared	Clearance rate ¹
2007.....	2,258	1,208	53.5
2006.....	2,483	1,292	52.0
2005.....	2,503	1,249	49.9
2004.....	2,394	1,314	54.9
2003.....	2,402	1,323	55.1
2002.....	2,392	1,362	56.9
2001.....	2,201	1,091	49.6
2000.....	2,074	1,082	52.2
1999.....	2,006	1,200	59.8
1998.....	2,170	1,369	63.1

¹ A clearance rate is the percentage of crimes (homicides) reported that have been cleared. It is calculated by dividing the number of homicides cleared by the number of homicides reported. The result is multiplied by 100. Please see "Appendix III - Criminal Justice Glossary" for a detailed explanation of clearances.

Table 29
**FELONY ARRESTS FOR
 SELECTED VIOLENT OFFENSES, 1998-2007**
 Number, Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk, and Percent Change

Year(s)	Total	Homicide	Forcible rape	Robbery	Assault
Number					
2007.....	127,633	2,017	2,164	21,614	101,838
2006.....	124,624	1,967	2,122	20,376	100,159
2005.....	123,967	1,956	2,098	18,218	101,695
2004.....	125,263	1,978	2,237	17,864	103,184
2003.....	129,522	1,839	2,456	17,501	107,726
2002.....	130,295	1,864	2,549	16,957	108,925
2001.....	134,398	1,754	2,730	17,167	112,747
2000.....	130,259	1,627	2,702	17,122	108,808
1999.....	134,319	1,770	2,887	18,753	110,909
1998.....	142,498	2,117	3,032	21,507	115,842
Percent change in number					
2006 to 2007.....	2.4	2.5	2.0	6.1	1.7
2005 to 2006.....	0.5	0.6	1.1	11.8	-1.5
2004 to 2005.....	-1.0	-1.1	-6.2	2.0	-1.4
2003 to 2004.....	-3.3	7.6	-8.9	2.1	-4.2
2002 to 2003.....	-0.6	-1.3	-3.6	3.2	-1.1
2001 to 2002.....	-3.1	6.3	-6.6	-1.2	-3.4
2000 to 2001.....	3.2	7.8	1.0	0.3	3.6
1999 to 2000.....	-3.0	-8.1	-6.4	-8.7	-1.9
1998 to 1999.....	-5.7	-16.4	-4.8	-12.8	-4.3
1998 to 2007.....	-10.4	-4.7	-28.6	0.5	-12.1
Rate per 100,000 population at risk ¹					
2007.....	431.8	6.8	7.3	73.1	344.5
2006.....	426.3	6.7	7.3	69.7	342.6
2005.....	430.3	6.8	7.3	63.2	353.0
2004.....	441.7	7.0	7.9	63.0	363.9
2003.....	465.6	6.6	8.8	62.9	387.3
2002.....	477.2	6.8	9.3	62.1	399.0
2001.....	502.5	6.6	10.2	64.2	421.6
2000.....	497.1	6.2	10.3	65.3	415.2
1999.....	522.4	6.9	11.2	72.9	431.4
1998.....	564.1	8.4	12.0	85.1	458.5
Percent change in rate					
2006 to 2007.....	1.3	1.5	0.0	4.9	0.6
2005 to 2006.....	-0.9	-1.5	0.0	10.3	-2.9
2004 to 2005.....	-2.6	-2.9	-7.6	0.3	-3.0
2003 to 2004.....	-5.1	6.1	-10.2	0.2	-6.0
2002 to 2003.....	-2.4	-2.9	-5.4	1.3	-2.9
2001 to 2002.....	-5.0	3.0	-8.8	-3.3	-5.4
2000 to 2001.....	1.1	6.5	-1.0	-1.7	1.5
1999 to 2000.....	-4.8	-10.1	-8.0	-10.4	-3.8
1998 to 1999.....	-7.4	-17.9	-6.7	-14.3	-5.9
1998 to 2007.....	-23.5	-19.0	-39.2	-14.1	-24.9

Notes: Rates may not add to total because of rounding.
 Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.

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

Table 30
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1998-2007
 By Gender of Arrestee

Year(s)	Total		Male		Female	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2007.....	2,017	100.0	1,802	89.3	215	10.7
2006.....	1,967	100.0	1,732	88.1	235	11.9
2005.....	1,956	100.0	1,737	88.8	219	11.2
2004.....	1,978	100.0	1,745	88.2	233	11.8
2003.....	1,839	100.0	1,627	88.5	212	11.5
2002.....	1,864	100.0	1,655	88.8	209	11.2
2001.....	1,754	100.0	1,537	87.6	217	12.4
2000.....	1,627	100.0	1,426	87.6	201	12.4
1999.....	1,770	100.0	1,579	89.2	191	10.8
1998.....	2,117	100.0	1,870	88.3	247	11.7

Table 31
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1998-2007
 By Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee

Year(s)	Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2007.....	2,017	100.0	373	18.5	1,022	50.7	495	24.5	127	6.3
2006.....	1,967	100.0	351	17.8	910	46.3	539	27.4	167	8.5
2005.....	1,956	100.0	386	19.7	946	48.4	487	24.9	137	7.0
2004.....	1,978	100.0	409	20.7	932	47.1	476	24.1	161	8.1
2003.....	1,839	100.0	424	23.1	812	44.2	456	24.8	147	8.0
2002.....	1,864	100.0	349	18.7	897	48.1	455	24.4	163	8.7
2001.....	1,754	100.0	400	22.8	832	47.4	406	23.1	116	6.6
2000.....	1,627	100.0	374	23.0	698	42.9	397	24.4	158	9.7
1999.....	1,770	100.0	382	21.6	845	47.7	417	23.6	126	7.1
1998.....	2,117	100.0	484	22.9	987	46.6	470	22.2	176	8.3

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

Table 32
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1998-2007
 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
2007.....	2,017	100.0	235	11.7	1,193	59.1	293	14.5	296	14.7
2006.....	1,967	100.0	241	12.3	1,154	58.7	267	13.6	305	15.5
2005.....	1,956	100.0	185	9.5	1,207	61.7	281	14.4	283	14.5
2004.....	1,978	100.0	185	9.4	1,143	57.8	313	15.8	337	17.0
2003.....	1,839	100.0	167	9.1	1,077	58.6	326	17.7	269	14.6
2002.....	1,864	100.0	215	11.5	1,097	58.9	293	15.7	259	13.9
2001.....	1,754	100.0	194	11.1	1,011	57.6	291	16.6	258	14.7
2000.....	1,627	100.0	160	9.8	913	56.1	299	18.4	255	15.7
1999.....	1,770	100.0	182	10.3	1,037	58.6	317	17.9	234	13.2
1998.....	2,117	100.0	308	14.5	1,244	58.8	302	14.3	263	12.4

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

Table 33
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 2007
 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.....	2,017	100.0	373	100.0	1,022	100.0	495	100.0	127	100.0
Gender										
Male.....	1,802	89.3	296	79.4	955	93.4	440	88.9	111	87.4
Female.....	215	10.7	77	20.6	67	6.6	55	11.1	16	12.6
Age										
Under 18.....	235	11.7	14	3.8	157	15.4	48	9.7	16	12.6
18-29.....	1,193	59.1	160	42.9	660	64.6	299	60.4	74	58.3
30-39.....	293	14.5	64	17.2	128	12.5	78	15.8	23	18.1
40 and over.....	296	14.7	135	36.2	77	7.5	70	14.1	14	11.0

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

Table 34
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 2007
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.....	2,017	100.0	373	100.0	1,022	100.0	495	100.0	127	100.0
Under 18.....	235	11.7	14	3.8	157	15.4	48	9.7	16	12.6
18-19.....	335	16.6	34	9.1	190	18.6	87	17.6	24	18.9
20-24.....	530	26.3	64	17.2	302	29.5	129	26.1	35	27.6
25-29.....	328	16.3	62	16.6	168	16.4	83	16.8	15	11.8
30-34.....	171	8.5	31	8.3	74	7.2	54	10.9	12	9.4
35-39.....	122	6.0	33	8.8	54	5.3	24	4.8	11	8.7
40-44.....	91	4.5	34	9.1	33	3.2	22	4.4	2	1.6
45-49.....	87	4.3	32	8.6	22	2.2	23	4.6	10	7.9
50-54.....	51	2.5	25	6.7	12	1.2	14	2.8	0	0.0
55 and over.....	67	3.3	44	11.8	10	1.0	11	2.2	2	1.6
Male.....	1,802	100.0	296	100.0	955	100.0	440	100.0	111	100.0
Under 18.....	218	12.1	9	3.0	149	15.6	44	10.0	16	14.4
18-19.....	318	17.6	28	9.5	184	19.3	84	19.1	22	19.8
20-24.....	477	26.5	52	17.6	280	29.3	112	25.5	33	29.7
25-29.....	297	16.5	52	17.6	157	16.4	76	17.3	12	10.8
30-34.....	140	7.8	21	7.1	64	6.7	47	10.7	8	7.2
35-39.....	105	5.8	27	9.1	51	5.3	21	4.8	6	5.4
40-44.....	76	4.2	27	9.1	31	3.2	16	3.6	2	1.8
45-49.....	72	4.0	24	8.1	19	2.0	19	4.3	10	9.0
50-54.....	40	2.2	20	6.8	10	1.0	10	2.3	0	0.0
55 and over.....	59	3.3	36	12.2	10	1.0	11	2.5	2	1.8
Female.....	215	100.0	77	100.0	67	100.0	55	100.0	16	100.0
Under 18.....	17	7.9	5	6.5	8	11.9	4	7.3	0	-
18-19.....	17	7.9	6	7.8	6	9.0	3	5.5	2	-
20-24.....	53	24.7	12	15.6	22	32.8	17	30.9	2	-
25-29.....	31	14.4	10	13.0	11	16.4	7	12.7	3	-
30-34.....	31	14.4	10	13.0	10	14.9	7	12.7	4	-
35-39.....	17	7.9	6	7.8	3	4.5	3	5.5	5	-
40-44.....	15	7.0	7	9.1	2	3.0	6	10.9	0	-
45-49.....	15	7.0	8	10.4	3	4.5	4	7.3	0	-
50-54.....	11	5.1	5	6.5	2	3.0	4	7.3	0	-
55 and over.....	8	3.7	8	10.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	-

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

Table 35
**PERSONS UNDER CALIFORNIA
 SENTENCE OF DEATH, 1978-2007**

Year(s)	Initial sentences	Total persons under sentence of death ^{1,2}
2007.....	17	673
2006.....	17	665
2005.....	22	654
2004.....	12	642
2003.....	22	639
2002.....	17	618
2001.....	25	610
2000.....	33	589
1999.....	42	558
1998.....	32	518
1997.....	40	493
1996.....	40	461
1995.....	38	426
1994.....	21	391
1993.....	34	374
1992.....	40	345
1991.....	26	305
1990.....	33	279
1989.....	33	247
1988.....	34	223
1987.....	25	203
1986.....	21	179
1985.....	16	159
1984.....	27	161
1983.....	35	143
1982.....	39	113
1981.....	39	80
1980.....	23	42
1979.....	20	25
1978.....	7	7

Source: California Appellate Project.

¹ Total persons under sentence of death on December 31 of each year.

Persons with multiple California death sentences are counted once.

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

Table 36
PERSONS SENTENCED TO DEATH, 2007
 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.....	17	17	0	3	9	5	0	3	6	2	1	3	2
Alameda.....	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Colusa.....	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa.....	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Imperial.....	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Kern.....	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Los Angeles.....	6	6	0	0	4	2	0	1	1	2	1	1	0
Riverside.....	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino...	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Tulare.....	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

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

Table 37
HOMICIDE CRIMES AND PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1998-2007
 Number and Rate per 100,000 Respective Population

Year(s)	California population	Homicides		Sworn law enforcement personnel ²	Peace officers killed in the line of duty	
		Number ¹	Rate		Number	Rate
2007.....	37,771,431	2,258	6.0	78,724	4	5.1
2006.....	37,444,385	2,483	6.6	75,625	5	6.6
2005.....	37,004,661	2,503	6.8	74,445	5	6.7
2004.....	36,590,814	2,394	6.5	73,951	4	5.4
2003.....	35,934,000	2,402	6.7	75,336	6	8.0
2002.....	35,301,000	2,392	6.8	75,612	4	5.3
2001.....	34,758,000	2,201	6.3	72,119	6	8.3
2000.....	34,480,000	2,074	6.0	69,029	2	2.9
1999.....	34,036,000	2,006	5.9	69,363	4	5.8
1998.....	33,494,000	2,170	6.5	67,035	7	10.4

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

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

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

Table 38
PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 2007
 By Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	Number	Percent
Total.....	4	100.0
Attempting arrest.....	1	-
Investigating motor vehicle theft.....	1	-
Investigating suspicious persons.....	1	-
Traffic pursuit/stop.....	1	-

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

Table 39
**JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2007**
By Gender, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age of Deceased

Gender, race/ethnic group, and age of deceased	Total		Peace officer justifiable		Private citizen justifiable	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total						
Total.....	155	100.0	117	100.0	38	100.0
Gender						
Male.....	148	95.5	111	94.9	37	97.4
Female.....	7	4.5	6	5.1	1	2.6
Race/ethnic group						
White.....	47	30.3	40	34.2	7	18.4
Hispanic.....	53	34.2	41	35.0	12	31.6
Black.....	45	29.0	28	23.9	17	44.7
Other.....	10	6.5	8	6.8	2	5.3
Unknown.....	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Age						
Under 18.....	6	3.9	4	3.4	2	5.3
18-29.....	82	52.9	61	52.1	21	55.3
18-19.....	8	5.2	3	2.6	5	13.2
20-24.....	44	28.4	34	29.1	10	26.3
25-29.....	30	19.4	24	20.5	6	15.8
30-39.....	34	21.9	23	19.7	11	28.9
30-34.....	19	12.3	14	12.0	5	13.2
35-39.....	15	9.7	9	7.7	6	15.8
40 and over.....	33	21.3	29	24.8	4	10.5
40-44.....	15	9.7	14	12.0	1	2.6
45-49.....	11	7.1	10	8.5	1	2.6
50-54.....	3	1.9	3	2.6	0	0.0
55 and over.....	4	2.6	2	1.7	2	5.3
Unknown.....	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

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

Table 40
**JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2007**
By Location of Justifiable Homicide

Location of justifiable homicide	Number	Percent
Total		
Total.....	155	
Peace officer justifiable		
Total.....	117	100.0
Felon's residence.....	24	20.5
Other residence.....	10	8.5
Street, sidewalk.....	50	42.7
Commercial establishment..	3	2.6
Hotel, motel.....	2	1.7
Liquor store.....	0	0.0
Bar.....	0	0.0
Other business.....	1	0.9
All other.....	30	25.6
Parking lot.....	4	3.4
Vehicle.....	11	9.4
Field, park.....	4	3.4
Other.....	11	9.4
Citizen justifiable		
Total.....	38	100.0
Citizen's, shared residence..	4	10.5
Citizen's residence.....	3	7.9
Shared residence.....	1	2.6
Other residence.....	9	23.7
Felon's residence.....	3	7.9
Other residence.....	6	15.8
Street, sidewalk.....	13	34.2
Commercial establishment..	5	13.2
Hotel, motel.....	0	0.0
Liquor store.....	2	5.3
Bar.....	1	2.6
Other business.....	2	5.3
All other.....	7	18.4
Parking lot.....	3	7.9
Vehicle.....	2	5.3
Field, park.....	1	2.6
Other.....	1	2.6

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

Table 41
**JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2007**
By Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	Number	Percent
Total		
Total.....	155	
Peace officer justifiable		
Total.....	117	100.0
Felon attacked peace officer.....	84	71.8
Felon killed during commission of crime..	13	11.1
Felon resisted arrest.....	5	4.3
All other.....	15	12.8
Felon attacked another peace officer...	2	1.7
Felon attacked citizen.....	4	3.4
Felon attempted flight.....	5	4.3
Unknown.....	4	3.4
Citizen justifiable		
Total.....	38	100.0
Felon attacked citizen.....	16	42.1
Felon killed during commission of crime..	17	44.7
Felon attempted flight.....	1	2.6
Unknown.....	4	10.5

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

Table 42
**JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2007**
By Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	Total		Peace officer justifiable		Citizen justifiable	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	155	100.0	117	100.0	38	100.0
Firearm.....	140	90.3	116	99.1	24	63.2
Handgun.....	130	83.9	108	92.3	22	57.9
Rifle.....	1	0.6	1	0.9	0	0.0
Shotgun.....	5	3.2	3	2.6	2	5.3
Other firearm.....	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Firearm - unknown type..	4	2.6	4	3.4	0	0.0
Nonfirearm.....	15	9.7	1	0.9	14	36.8
Knife ¹	9	5.8	0	0.0	9	23.7
Personal weapon ²	4	2.6	0	0.0	4	10.5
Other.....	2	1.3	1	0.9	1	2.6

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

¹ Any instrument used to cut or stab.

² Hands, feet, etc.

Table 43
POPULATION ESTIMATES, 1960-2007

Year(s)	Total population	Population at risk		
		Total ¹	Adult ²	Juvenile ³
2007.....	37,771,431	29,558,540	24,902,100	4,656,440
2006.....	37,444,385	29,236,911	24,731,088	4,505,823
2005.....	37,004,661	28,809,579	24,316,140	4,493,439
2004.....	36,590,814	28,357,204	23,906,564	4,450,640
2003.....	35,934,000	27,815,344	23,295,523	4,519,821
2002.....	35,301,000	27,302,433	22,927,383	4,375,050
2001.....	34,758,000	26,745,137	22,555,739	4,189,398
2000.....	34,480,000	26,203,950	22,198,297	4,005,653
1999.....	34,036,000	25,711,892	21,855,190	3,856,702
1998.....	33,494,000	25,263,064	21,498,170	3,764,894
1997.....	32,957,000	25,760,375	21,934,916	3,825,459
1996.....	32,383,000	25,554,242	21,825,735	3,728,507
1995.....	32,063,000	25,122,782	21,505,839	3,616,943
1994.....	32,140,000	24,703,379	21,193,571	3,509,808
1993.....	31,742,000	24,334,534	20,923,632	3,410,902
1992.....	31,300,000	23,975,578	20,661,120	3,314,458
1991.....	30,646,000	23,585,168	20,356,984	3,228,184
1990.....	29,557,836	23,178,961	20,027,633	3,151,328
1989.....	28,771,207	22,524,392	19,451,763	3,072,629
1988.....	28,060,746	21,969,953	18,885,349	3,084,604
1987.....	27,388,477	21,483,563	18,378,758	3,104,805
1986.....	26,741,621	21,009,362	17,903,122	3,106,240
1985.....	26,112,632	20,563,314	17,468,941	3,094,373
1984.....	25,587,254	20,167,923	17,083,479	3,084,444
1983.....	25,075,581	19,860,746	16,763,095	3,097,651
1982.....	24,546,566	19,510,945	16,415,571	3,095,374
1981.....	24,038,711	19,172,812	16,082,355	3,090,457
1980.....	23,668,145	18,824,197	15,778,999	3,045,198
1979.....	23,255,000	18,371,691	15,323,376	3,048,315
1978.....	22,839,000	18,012,901	14,916,032	3,096,869
1977.....	22,350,000	17,619,453	14,470,680	3,148,773
1976.....	21,935,000	17,269,884	14,080,872	3,189,012
1975.....	21,537,000	16,914,556	13,694,793	3,219,763
1974.....	21,173,000	16,563,671	13,339,906	3,223,765
1973.....	20,868,000	16,237,031	13,031,007	3,206,024
1972.....	20,585,000	15,926,249	12,758,809	3,167,440
1971.....	20,346,000	15,657,238	12,542,795	3,114,443
1970.....	20,039,000	15,378,312	12,339,580	3,038,732
1969.....	19,856,000	14,697,200	11,657,600	3,039,600
1968.....	19,554,000	14,379,400	11,403,700	2,975,700
1967.....	19,478,000	14,065,700	11,159,800	2,905,900
1966.....	19,132,000	13,696,700	10,872,500	2,824,200
1965.....	18,756,000	13,377,400	10,620,600	2,756,800
1964.....	18,234,000	12,981,700	10,311,100	2,670,600
1963.....	17,675,000	12,564,600	10,047,700	2,516,900
1962.....	17,044,000	12,099,200	9,740,000	2,359,200
1961.....	16,445,000	11,697,900	9,469,100	2,228,800
1960.....	15,860,000	11,314,900	9,203,300	2,111,600

Source: Population estimates were provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.

¹ Total population at risk, 10-69 years of age.

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

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

APPENDICES

DATA CHARACTERISTICS AND KNOWN LIMITATIONS

HOMICIDE CRIMES

Homicide data is obtained from the Supplementary Homicide Report (SHR). The SHR is submitted monthly by local California law enforcement agencies as part of the national Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system.

The number of reported homicide crimes represents known victims.

Per UCR definition, suicides, fetal deaths, traffic fatalities, accidental deaths, assaults to murder, and attempts to murder are not classified as criminal homicide and are not included in this report.

The findings of a court, coroner's inquest, etc., do not affect classifying or scoring of the SHR homicide counts.

Detailed data regarding the criminal homicide category can only be as comprehensive as the input provided by the individual contributing agency.

Offender data (race/ethnicity, age, and gender) are based on law enforcement identification of the offender as a suspect. No follow-up is made to determine if a conviction was obtained.

Weapon - Reporting agencies report a complete description of the weapon and the ways in which the weapon was used. For example, if a bottle was used in the commission of a murder, the agency will state whether the person was killed by beating, cutting, or stabbing.

Relationship - The relationship reported is that of the victim to the offender. For example, if a wife is killed by her husband the reported relationship is wife.

Circumstances - Statements of circumstances must be based on information known to law enforcement, not decisions of a grand jury, coroner's inquest, or other agency outside law enforcement. The reporting agency provides a brief statement as to the circumstances or precipitating events leading to the victim's death. If the killing occurred in conjunction with the commission of another felony such as a robbery or rape, the agency identifies the specific offense involved.

ARRESTS

Monthly Arrest and Citation Register (MACR)

Arrest data from the MACR reporting system are designed to collect data on the number of persons arrested, not the number of charges lodged.

If a person is arrested for multiple offenses, MACR selects only the most serious offense, based on the severity of possible punishment.

The subjectivity of the classification and labeling process must be considered in the analysis of race/ethnic group data.

ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS

Offender-Based Transaction Statistics (OBTS)

To provide the most valid data possible, the disposition section of this report has been removed. In 2001, Criminal Justice Statistics Center staff determined that a number of homicide arrests submitted to the DOJ's Automated Criminal History System (from which adult felony arrest disposition data are extracted) between 1998 and 2001 should have been submitted as arrests for attempted homicide. As a result, more homicide arrests were counted during these years than occurred. This caused a lower percentage of homicide convictions and a higher percentage of assault convictions. (Both percentages were based on the number of adult felony arrests for homicide for which dispositions were received.) It should be noted that the DOJ has addressed this issue and that the exclusion of disposition data does not affect crime, arrest, death penalty, nor other data included in this or past reports. When homicide disposition data are once again determined to be accurate, they will be included in this publication.

POPULATION

Since 2004, the population estimates used to calculate rates were based on revisions of the 2000 census. Prior to 2003, these population estimates were based on revisions of the 1990 census. Readers are advised to exercise care in interpreting changes in percent and rates between decennial census samples. In addition, the "other" population category now includes the Department of Finance's race/ethnic group of "multi-racial."

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 respective population; the result is multiplied by 100,000. For example, in 2007 there were 2,017 homicide arrests. The total population was 37,771,431 and the total population at risk (10–69 years of age) was 29,558,540.

$$\frac{2,017}{37,771,431} = 0.000053400 \times 100,000 = 5.3 \text{ per } 100,000 \text{ population}$$

$$\frac{2,017}{29,558,540} = 0.000068237 \times 100,000 = 6.8 \text{ per } 100,000 \text{ population at risk}$$

CLEARANCE RATE – A clearance rate is the percentage of crimes reported that have been cleared. A clearance rate is calculated by dividing the number of crimes cleared by the number of crimes reported; the result is multiplied by 100. For example, in 2007 there were 1,208 homicides cleared and 2,258 homicides reported. This equals a homicide clearance rate of 53.5 percent.

$$\frac{1,208}{2,258} = 0.534986714 \times 100 = 53.5 \text{ percent}$$

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 2007 there were 2,258 homicides in California and the population was 37,771,431. This equals a homicide crime rate of 6.0 per 100,000 general population.

$$\frac{2,258}{37,771,431} = 0.000059781 \times 100,000 = 6.0 \text{ per } 100,000 \text{ population}$$

PERCENT CHANGE – A percent change describes a change in number or rate from one year to another. A percent change is calculated by subtracting base-year data from current-year data; the result is divided by base-year data and multiplied by 100. For example, in 2007 the homicide crime rate was 6.0. In 1998 the homicide crime rate was 6.5. The percent change in rate from 1998 to 2007 is a 7.7 percent decrease.

$$\frac{6.0 - 6.5}{6.5} = -0.076923077 \times 100 = -7.7 \text{ percent}$$

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

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

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

CRIMINAL JUSTICE GLOSSARY

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

ADULT: a person 18 years of age or older.

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

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

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

ARREST RATE: the number of arrests per 100,000 population. See "Computational Formulas" (preceding page) for further explanation.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF THE YOUTH AUTHORITY (CYA): the state agency which has jurisdiction over and maintains institutions as correctional schools for the reception of wards of the juvenile court and other persons committed from trial courts. (Consolidated with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, July 2006).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CRIMINAL JUSTICE GLOSSARY

DIVERSION DISMISSED: the successful completion of a diversion program.

EXCEPTIONAL MEANS: an offense can also be "cleared exceptionally" for crime reporting purposes when an investigation has definitely established the identity of an offender; there is enough information to support an arrest; and the exact location of an offender is known but, for some reason, law enforcement cannot take the offender into custody.

FELON: one who has committed a felony.

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

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

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

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

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

JUVENILE: a person under the age of 18.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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