

HOMICIDE IN CALIFORNIA 1996



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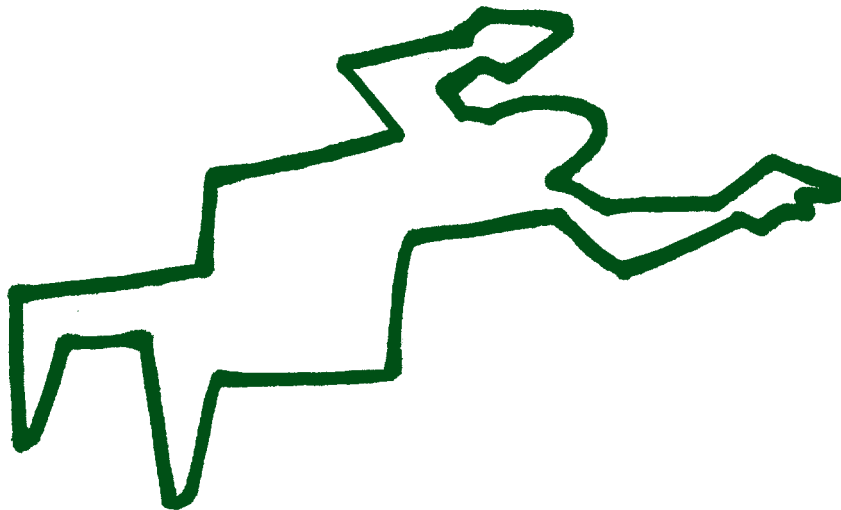
introduction

Homicide in California, 1996 contains details about the crime of homicide and its victims, information about persons arrested for homicide, and the response of the criminal justice system. Information about the death penalty, the number of peace officers killed in the line of duty, and justifiable homicides is also included.

The major sections of the report are:

- Homicide Crimes
- Homicide Arrests
- Dispositions of Adults Arrested for Homicide

This publication complements the previously published *Crime and Delinquency in California, 1996* in which the number of homicides committed and the types of weapons that were used were reported. Most data presented here were obtained from three data bases maintained by the Department of Justice: the Homicide File for data pertaining to both willful and justifiable homicide crimes; the Monthly Arrest and Citation Register for data pertaining to the demographic characteristics of persons arrested for homicide; and the Offender-Based Transaction Statistics system for information about types of dispositions, sentences, and death penalties. Because of the differences in the types of data collected and the methods used to collect these data, the reader is cautioned against comparing these data bases.



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highlights

CRIMES *(See pages 2-23.)*

- *From 1995 to 1996, homicide crimes decreased 18.2 percent in rate per 100,000 population (11.0 vs. 9.0). In 1996, homicide crimes were 15.9 percent lower in rate than in 1987 (9.0 vs. 10.7). (Source: Table 1.)*
- *In 1996, the black homicide victim rate was almost 10 times that of whites and over two and one-half times that of Hispanics (34.1 vs. 3.5 and 12.8, respectively). (Source: Table 3.)*
- *When 1987 is compared to 1996, the homicide rate increased 28.6 percent for victims under 18 years of age. The homicide rate for victims 40 years of age and over decreased 32.4 percent. (Source: Table 4.)*
- *In 1996, the largest proportion of white victims fell into the "40 years of age or older" category (44.4 percent). The largest proportions of Hispanic and black victims fell into the "18-29 years of age" category (48.0 and 45.6 percent, respectively). (Source: Table 9.)*
- *In 1996, 63.2 percent of homicide victims knew the offender. (Source: Table 11.)*
- *Proportionately, female victims were 40 times more likely than male victims to be the spouse of the offender (24.5 vs. .6 percent) in 1996. (Source: Table 12.)*
- *More victims were killed by firearms in 1996 than by all other types of weapons combined (71.7 percent). (Source: Table 21.)*
- *Gang-related homicides as a proportion of total homicides increased from 11.4 percent in 1987 to 24.6 percent in 1996. (Source: Table 24.)*
- *In 1996, homicide victims 5-17 years old were most likely to be killed as a result of gang-related activities (51.2 percent). (Source: Table 26.)*

ARRESTS (See pages 26-29.)

- *From 1995 to 1996, homicide arrests decreased 11.6 percent in rate per 100,000 population at risk (11.2 vs. 9.9). In 1996, homicide arrests were 30.3 percent lower in rate than in 1987 (9.9 vs. 14.2).* (Source: Table 29.)

DISPOSITIONS (See pages 32-37.)

- *Over 76 percent of adults arrested for homicide for which 1996 dispositions were received were convicted of homicide or some other offense.* (Source: Table 35.)
- *Of adults arrested for homicide for which 1996 dispositions were received, proportionately more whites than Hispanics or blacks were convicted (84.1 vs. 74.6 and 73.8 percent, respectively).* (Source: Table 36.)

DEATH PENALTIES (See pages 40-41.)

- *By the end of 1996, 461 persons were under sentence of death in California. Of these, 40 were sentenced in 1996.* (Source: Table 43.)

PEACE OFFICERS KILLED (See pages 44-45.)

- *Since 1987, 63 peace officers have been killed in the line of duty. Five were killed in 1996.* (Source: Table N-2.)

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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.

From 1995 to 1996:

- The homicide rate per 100,000 population decreased 18.2 percent (11.0 to 9.0).
- The number of homicides decreased 17.6 percent (from 3,530 to 2,910).

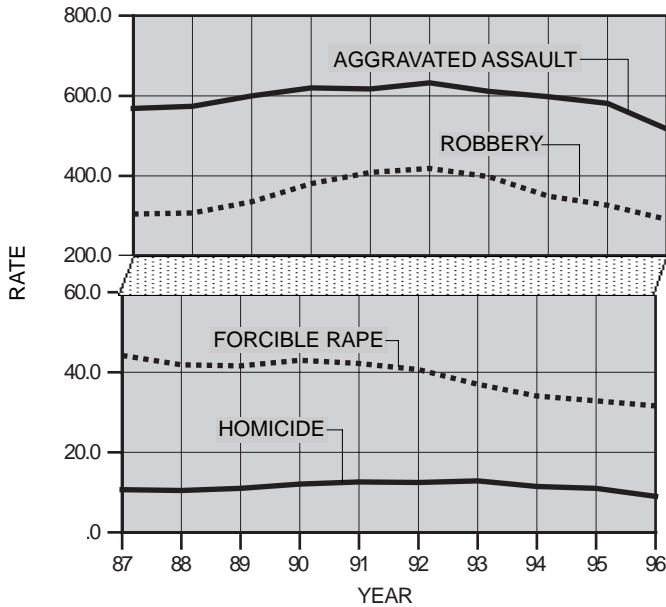
Comparing 1987 to 1996:

- The homicide rate per 100,000 population decreased 15.9 percent (10.7 to 9.0).
- The number of homicides decreased .6 percent (from 2,929 to 2,910).

Table N-1
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1987-1996
Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

Year(s)	Number	Rate
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

Chart 1
VIOLENT CRIMES, 1987-1996
Rate per 100,000 Population



Source: Table 1.

Of the four offenses classified as violent crimes by the FBI, homicide maintained the lowest rate per 100,000 population for the years shown. For comparison, changes in the rates of the violent crimes from 1987 to 1996 follow:

- Homicide — decreased 15.9 percent.
- Forcible rape — decreased 28.5 percent.
- Robbery — decreased 4.5 percent.
- Aggravated assault — decreased 9.1 percent.

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

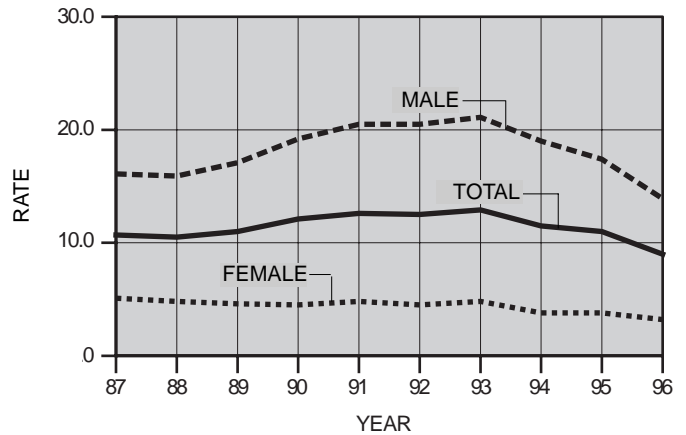
In 1996,

- The homicide rate was 9.0 per 100,000 population.
- The male homicide rate was more than four times that of the female homicide rate (13.9 vs. 3.2).
- The black homicide rate was almost 10 times that of whites and over two and one-half times that of Hispanics (34.1 vs. 3.5 and 12.8, respectively).

Comparing 1987 to 1996:

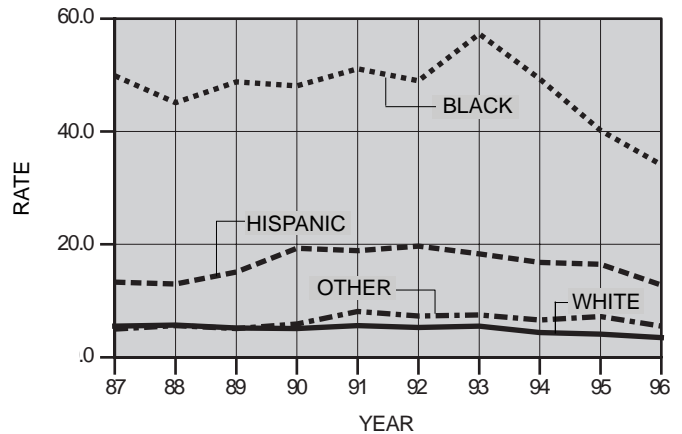
- The male homicide rate decreased 13.7 percent. The female homicide rate decreased 37.3 percent.
- The white homicide rate decreased 36.4 percent. The Hispanic homicide rate decreased 3.8 percent and the black homicide rate decreased 31.7 percent.

Chart 2
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1987-1996
By Gender of Victim
Rate per 100,000 Population



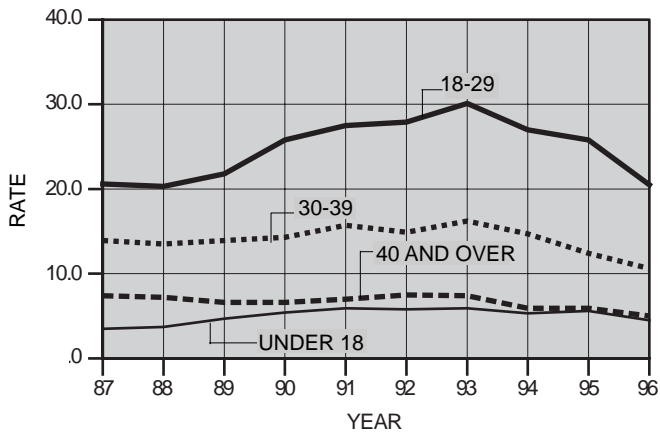
Source: [Table 2.](#)

Chart 3
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1987-1996
By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim
Rate per 100,000 Population



Source: [Table 3.](#)

Chart 4
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1987-1996
By Age of Victim
Rate per 100,000 Population



Source: Table 4.

In 1996,

- Homicide victims 18-29 years of age had the highest homicide rate (20.5 per 100,000 population).

Comparing 1987 to 1996:

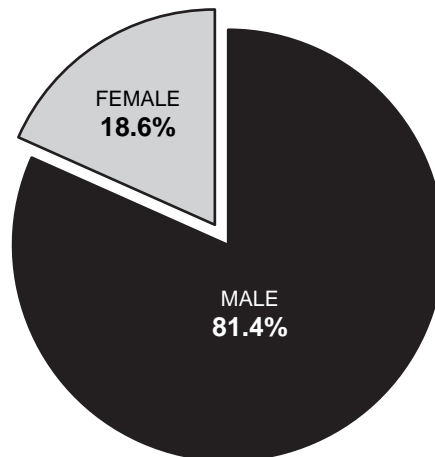
- The homicide rate increased 28.6 percent for victims under 18 years of age. The homicide rate decreased .5 percent for victims 18-29 years of age, 23.7 percent for victims 30-39 years of age, and 32.4 percent for victims 40 years of age and over.

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In 1996,

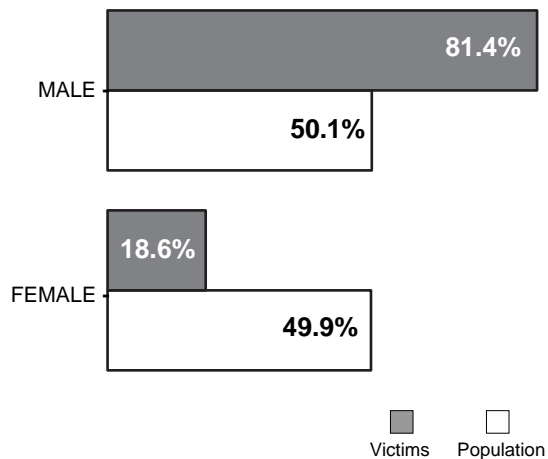
- Males represented 81.4 percent of total homicide victims; they comprised 50.1 percent of the population.
- Females represented 18.6 percent of total homicide victims; they comprised 49.9 percent of the population.

Chart 5
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
By Gender of Victim



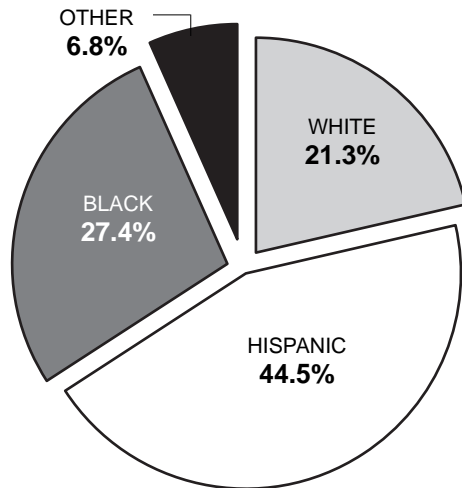
Source: [Table 5](#).

Chart 6
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
Gender of Victim by Percent of Total Victims
and Percent of Population



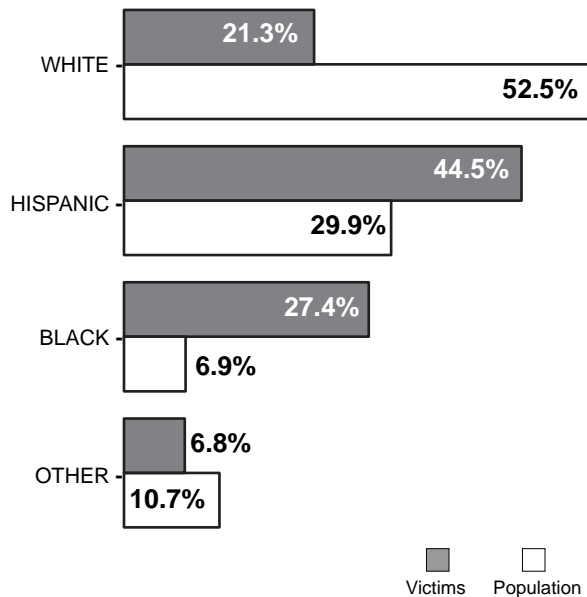
Sources: [Table 5](#) and [Table 2](#).

Chart 7
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim



Source: Table 6.

Chart 8
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Percent of Total Victims and Percent of Population



Sources: Table 6 and Table 3.

In 1996,

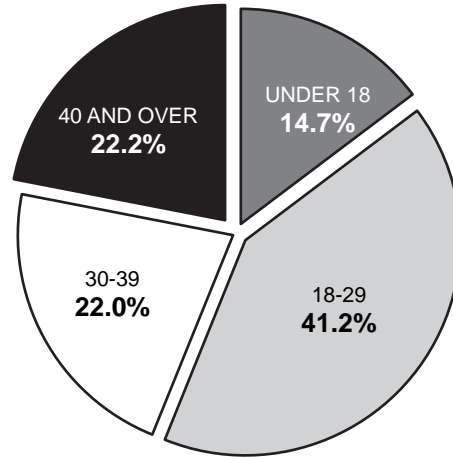
- Whites represented 21.3 percent of total homicide victims; they comprised 52.5 percent of the population.
- Hispanics represented 44.5 percent of total homicide victims; they comprised 29.9 percent of the population.
- Blacks represented 27.4 percent of total homicide victims; they comprised 6.9 percent of the population.
- The “other” race/ethnic group category represented 6.8 percent of total homicide victims; they comprised 10.7 percent of the population.

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In 1996,

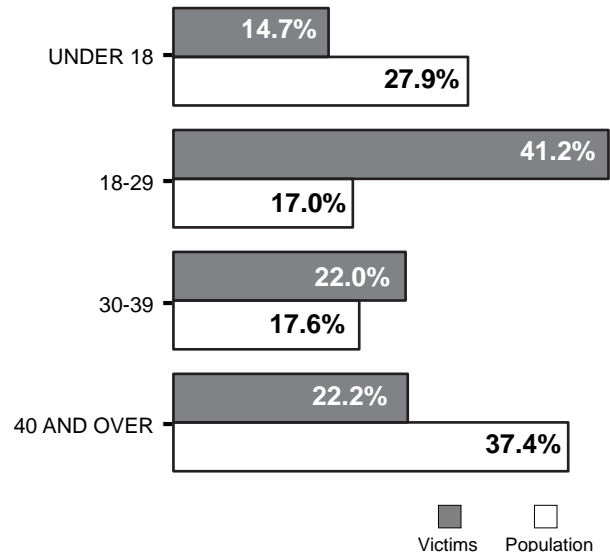
- Victims under 18 years of age represented 14.7 percent of total homicides; this age group comprised 27.9 percent of the population.
- Victims 18-29 years of age represented 41.2 percent of total homicides; this age group comprised 17.0 percent of the population.
- Victims 30-39 years of age represented 22.0 percent of total homicides; this age group comprised 17.6 percent of the population.
- Victims 40 years of age or older represented 22.2 percent of total homicides; this age group comprised 37.4 percent of the population.

Chart 9
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
By Age of Victim



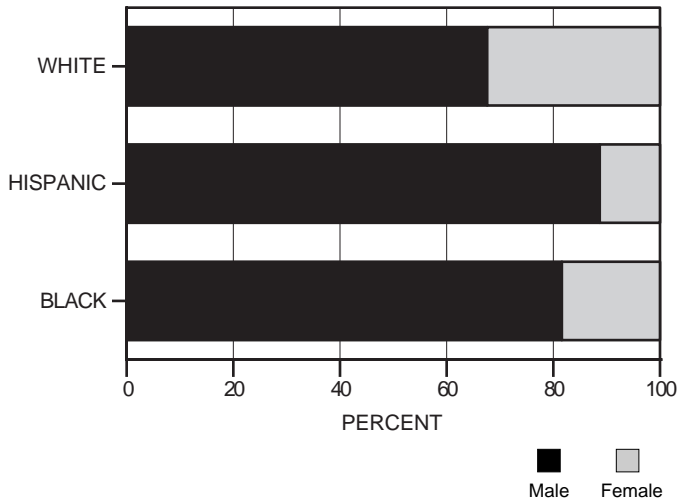
Source: [Table 7](#).
Note: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

Chart 10
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
Age of Victim by Percent of Total Victims
and Percent of Population



Sources: [Table 7](#) and [Table 4](#).
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Chart 11
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Gender of Victim

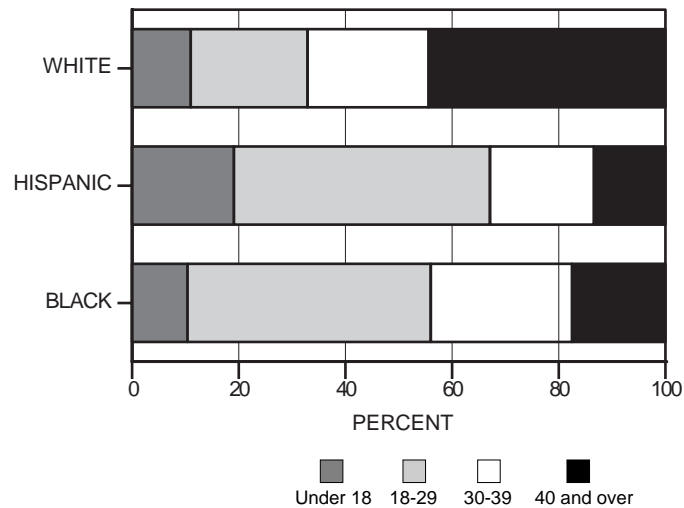


Source: Table 8.

In 1996,

- More white victims were female than were either Hispanic or black victims (32.4 vs. 11.3 and 18.4 percent, respectively).
- More Hispanic and black victims were 18-29 years of age than were white victims (48.0 and 45.6 vs. 21.9 percent, respectively).
- More white victims were 40 years of age or older than were either Hispanic or black victims (44.4 vs. 13.5 and 17.5 percent, respectively).

Chart 12
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Age of Victim



Source: Table 9.

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

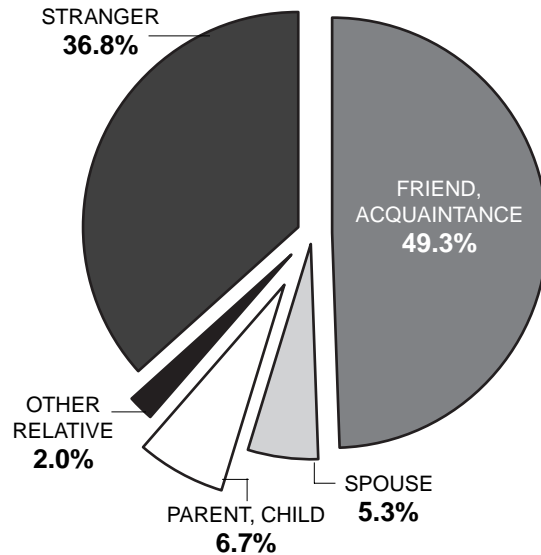
In 1996,

- 49.3 percent of victims were friends or acquaintances of offenders.
- 5.3 percent of victims were spouses of offenders.
- 6.7 percent of victims were parents or children of offenders.
- 2.0 percent of the relationships of victim to offender fell in the "other relative" category.
- 36.8 percent of victims were strangers to offenders.

Comparing 1987 to 1996:

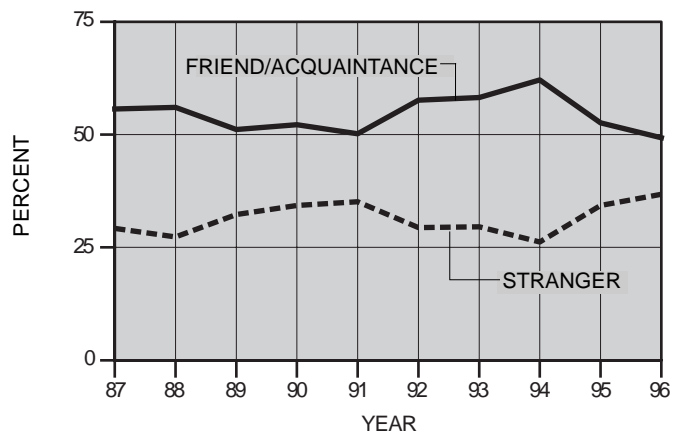
- The proportion of homicides in which the victims were friends or acquaintances of offenders decreased from 55.7 percent in 1987 to 49.3 percent in 1996.
- The proportion of homicides in which the victims were strangers to offenders increased from 29.2 percent in 1987 to 36.8 percent in 1996.

Chart 13
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
By Relationship of Victim to Offender



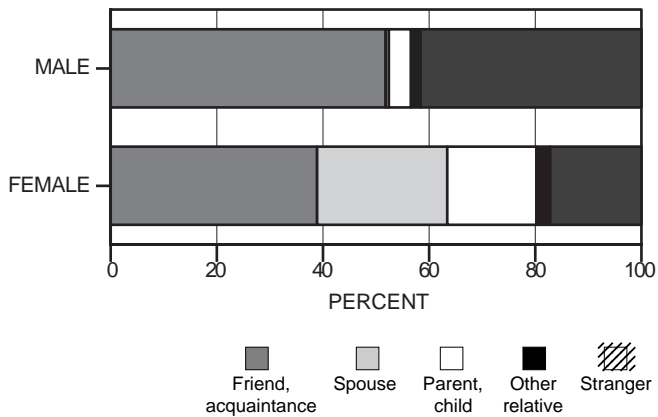
Source: Table 11.
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Chart 14
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1987-1996
By Selected Relationships of Victims to Offenders



Source: Table 11.

Chart 15
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
Gender of Victim by Relationship of Victim to Offender

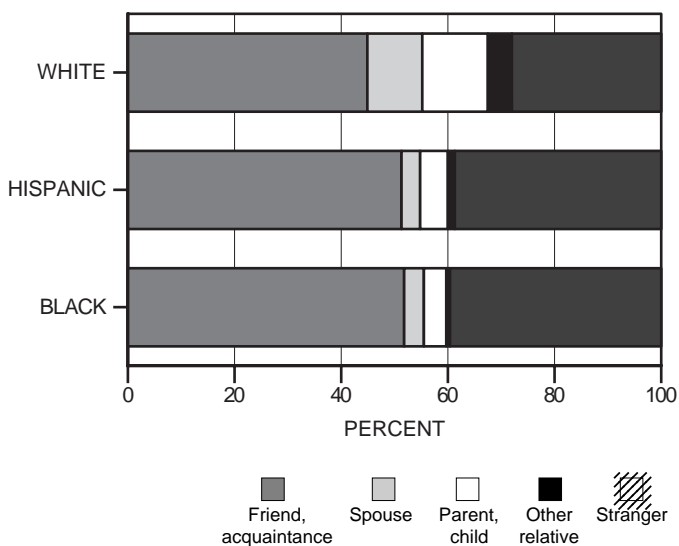


Source: [Table 12](#).

In 1996,

- More female victims were spouses of offenders (24.5 percent) than were male victims (.6 percent).
- More white victims were spouses, parents, or children of offenders than were either Hispanic or black victims (22.5 vs. 8.6 and 7.8 percent, respectively).

Chart 16
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Relationship of Victim to Offender



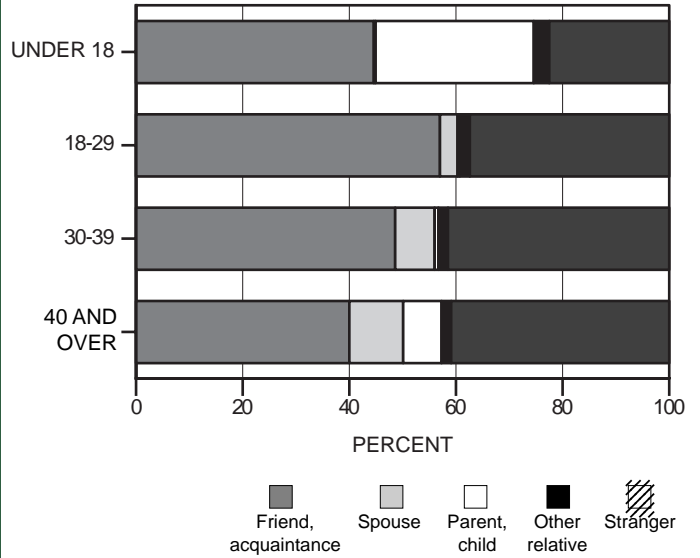
Source: [Table 12](#).

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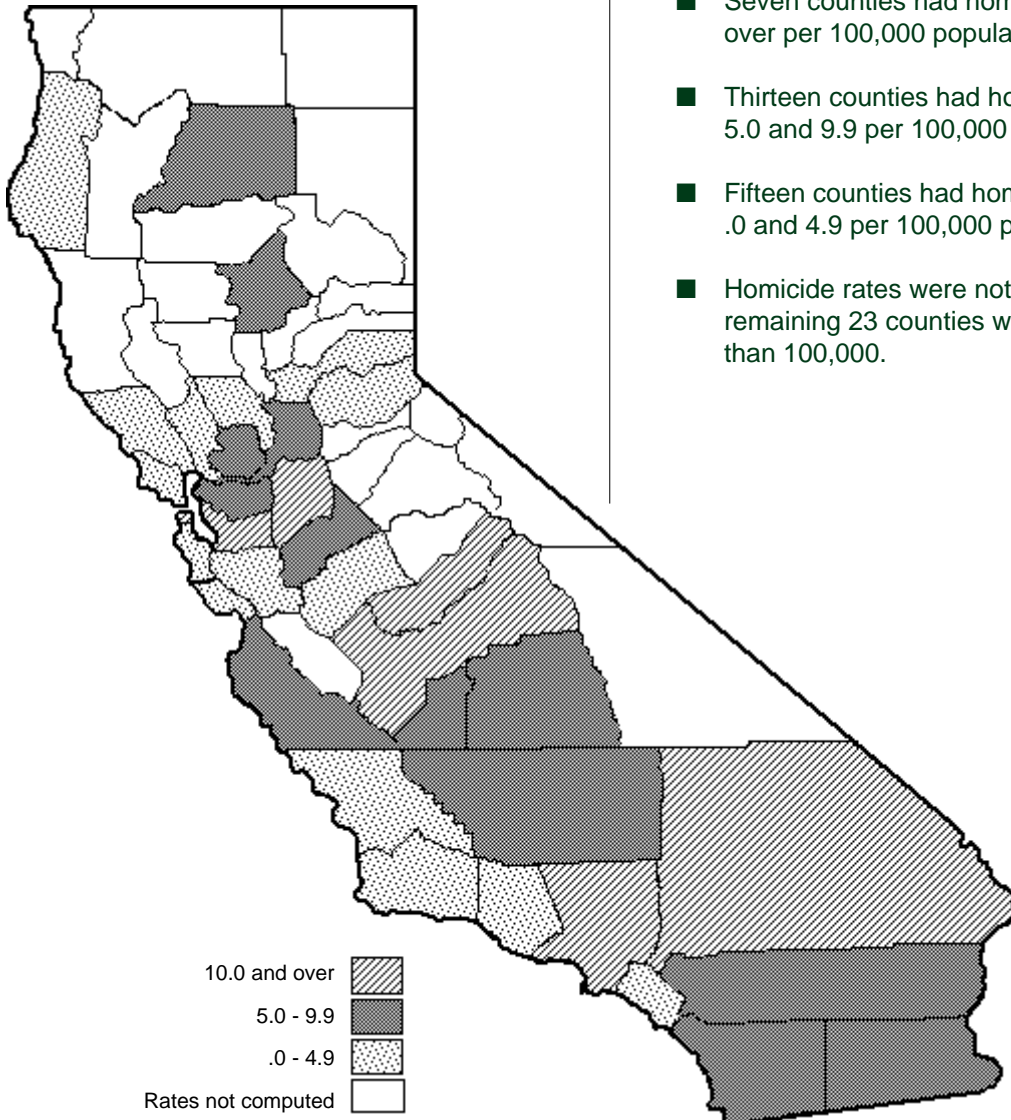
- Fewer victims under 18 years of age were strangers to offenders (22.6 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.
- More victims 18-29 years of age were friends or acquaintances of offenders (57.0 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.
- More victims 40 years of age or older were spouses of offenders (10.1 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.

Chart 17
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
Age of Victim by Relationship of Victim to Offender



Source: [Table 13](#).

Chart 18
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
County by Rate per 100,000 Population



In 1996, eight of California's 58 counties exceeded the 1996 statewide homicide rate of 9.0 per 100,000 population. When grouped:

- Seven counties had homicide rates of 10.0 and over per 100,000 population.
- Thirteen counties had homicide rates between 5.0 and 9.9 per 100,000 population.
- Fifteen counties had homicide rates between .0 and 4.9 per 100,000 population.
- Homicide rates were not computed for the remaining 23 counties with populations of less than 100,000.

Source: [Table 14.](#)

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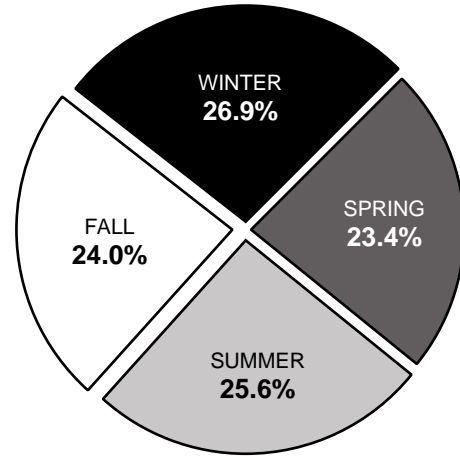
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When homicide crimes were examined by season of incident, it was found that:

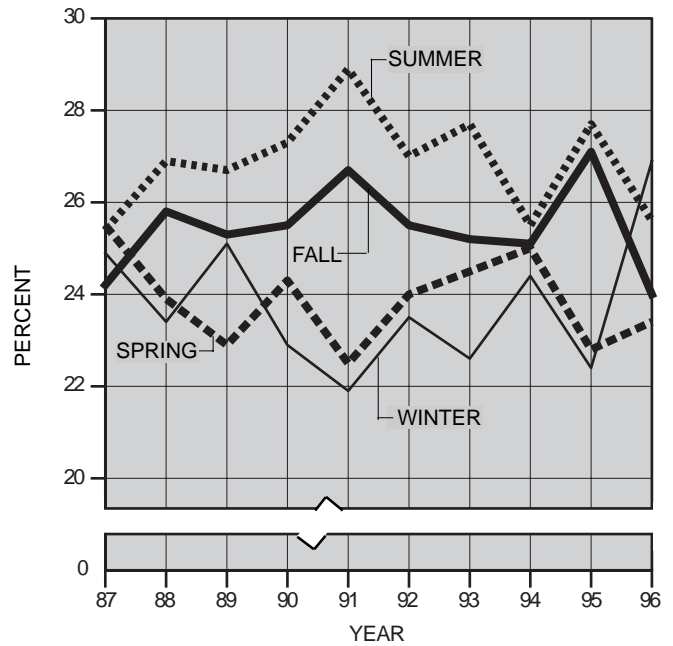
- In 1996, the incidents that led to death occurred more often in the winter than in any other season (26.9 percent).
- With the exceptions of 1987 and 1996, the incidents that led to death occurred more often in the summer.

Chart 19
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
By Season of Incident



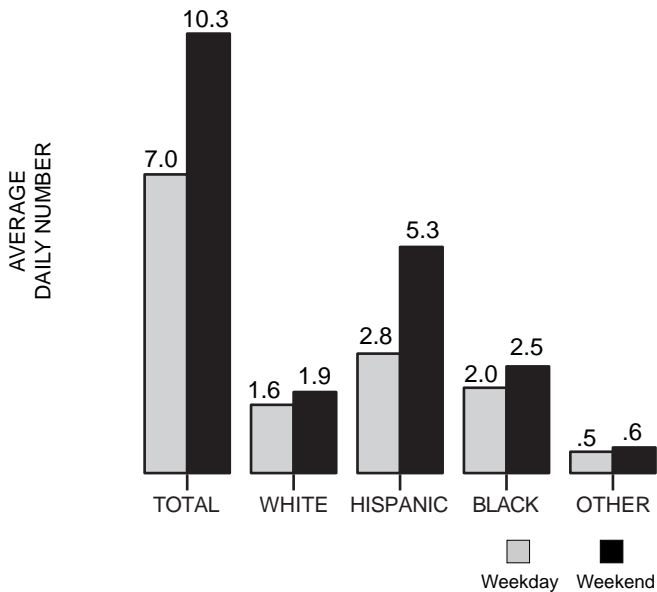
Source: [Table 15](#).
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Chart 20
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1987-1996
By Season of Incident



Source: [Table 15](#).

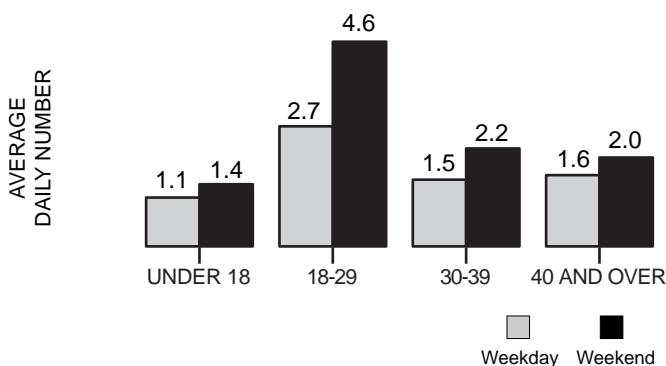
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HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Average Daily Number
of Incidents on Weekdays and Weekends



Source: [Table 16.](#)

Note: Average daily number of incidents may not add to total because of independent rounding.

Chart 22
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
Age of Victim by Average Daily Number
of Incidents on Weekdays and Weekends



Source: [Table 17.](#)

In 1996,

- On average, 7.0 homicide victims were killed each weekday and 10.3 homicide victims were killed each weekend day.
- Hispanic victims had the highest average daily number of incidents on both weekdays and weekends (2.8 and 5.3, respectively) of any race/ethnic group shown.
- Victims 18-29 years of age had the highest average daily number of incidents on both weekdays and weekends (2.7 and 4.6, respectively) of any age group shown.
- Regardless of the race/ethnic group or age group shown, the average daily number of incidents on weekends exceeded the average daily number of incidents on weekdays.

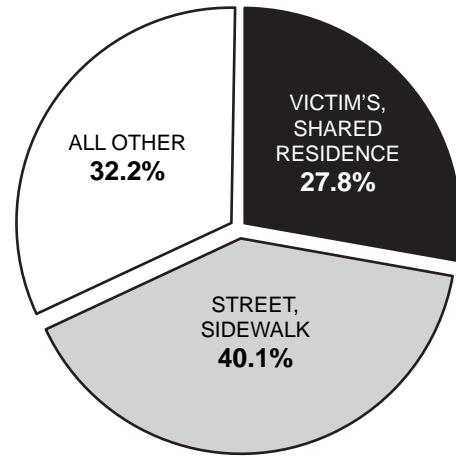
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When homicide crimes were examined by location of incident, it was found that:

In 1996,

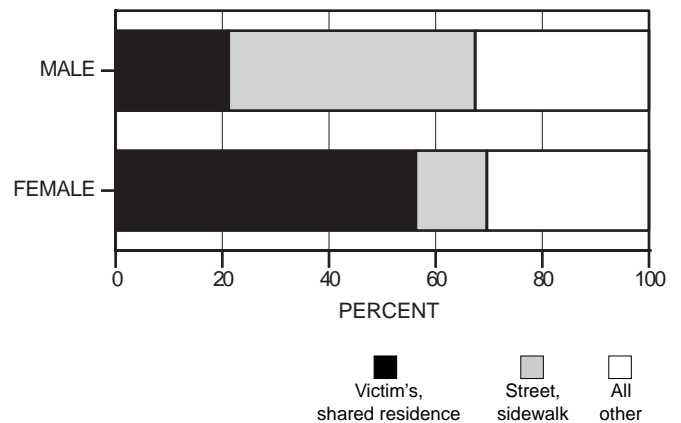
- 27.8 percent of victims were killed at their places of residence.
- 40.1 percent of homicides occurred on streets or sidewalks.
- 32.2 percent of homicides occurred in “all other” locations.
- More males were killed on streets or sidewalks (46.2 percent) than were females (13.3 percent).
- Proportionately, more females were killed at their places of residence (56.3 percent) than were males (21.2 percent).

Chart 23
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
By Location of Homicide



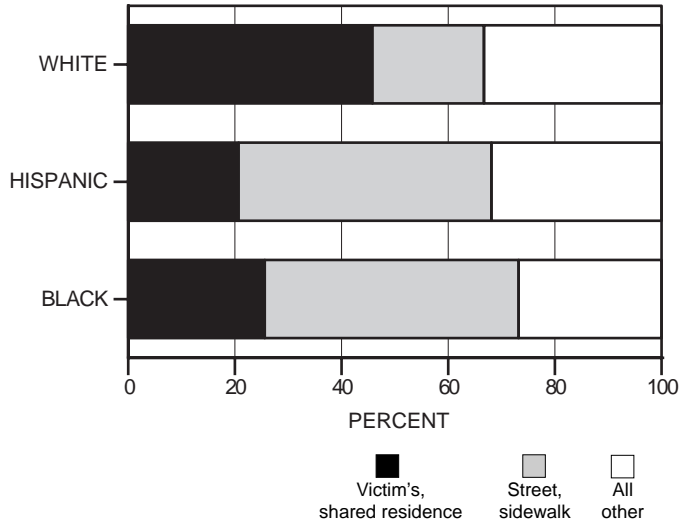
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Chart 24
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
Gender of Victim by Location of Homicide



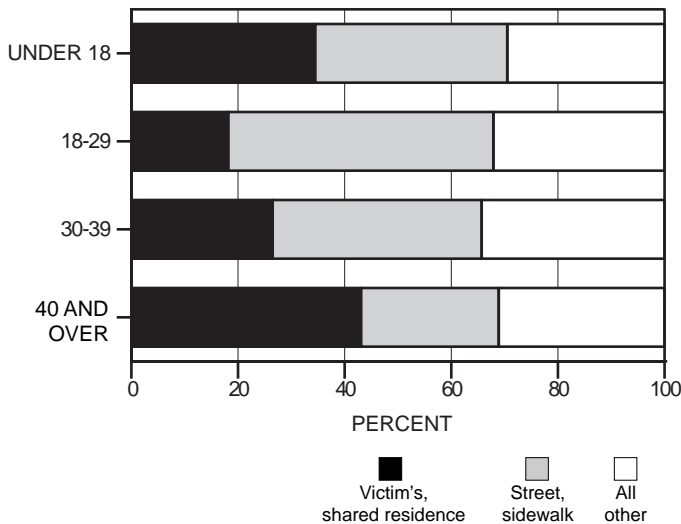
Source: [Table 19](#).

Chart 25
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Location of Homicide



Source: [Table 19.](#)

Chart 26
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
Age of Victim by Location of Homicide



Source: [Table 20.](#)

In 1996,

- More whites than Hispanics or blacks were killed at their places of residence (45.8 vs. 20.7 and 25.6 percent, respectively).
- More Hispanics and blacks were killed on streets or sidewalks than were whites (47.4 and 47.6 vs. 20.9 percent, respectively).
- More victims 18-29 years of age were killed on streets or sidewalks (49.7 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.
- More victims 40 years of age or older were killed at their places of residence (43.1 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.

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When homicide crimes were examined by the type of weapon used, it was found that:

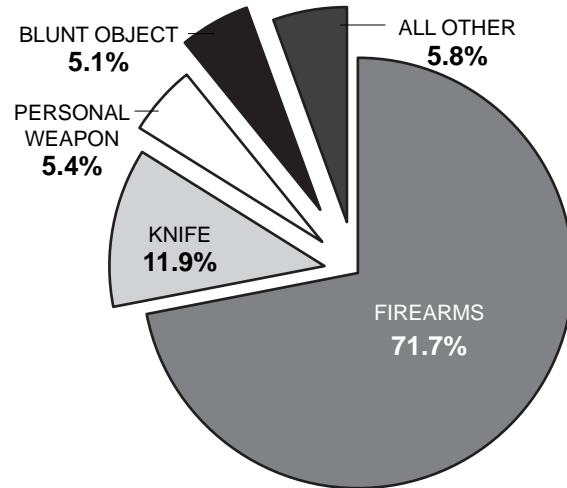
In 1996,

- 71.7 percent resulted from the use of firearms.
 - 65.1 percent resulted from the use of handguns.
 - 6.6 percent resulted from the use of all other types of firearms.
- 5.4 percent resulted from the use of personal weapons (hands, feet, etc.).
- 5.1 percent resulted from the use of blunt objects (clubs, etc.).
- 5.8 percent resulted from the use of weapons grouped in the “all other” category.

Comparing 1987 to 1996:

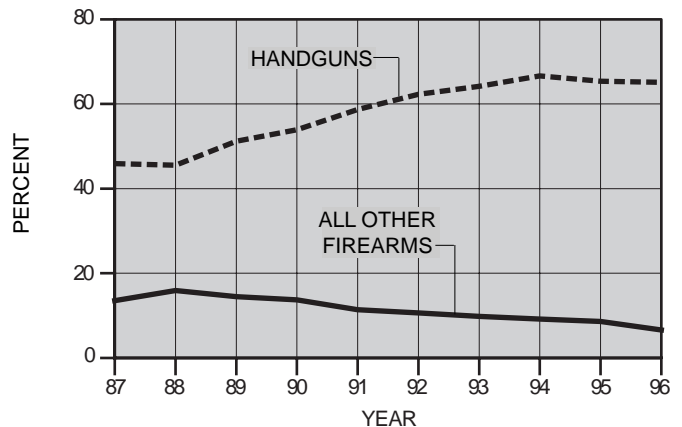
- The proportion of homicides that resulted from the use of handguns increased from 45.9 percent in 1987 to 65.1 percent in 1996.
- The proportion of homicides that resulted from the use of other types of firearms decreased from 13.5 percent in 1987 to 6.6 percent in 1996.

Chart 27
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
By Type of Weapon Used



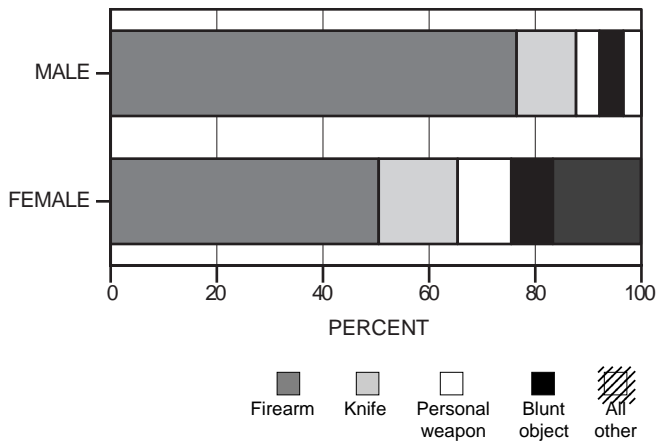
Source: Table 21.
Note: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

Chart 28
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1987-1996
By Selected Types of Weapons Used



Source: Table 21.

Chart 29
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
Gender of Victim by Type of Weapon Used

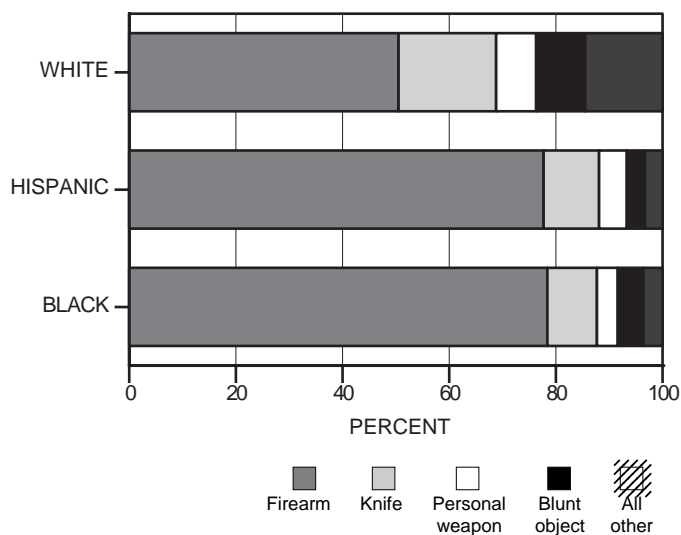


Source: Table 22.

In 1996,

- More males were killed with firearms (76.5 percent) than were females (50.5 percent).
- Proportionately, more females were killed with knives, personal weapons, or blunt objects than were males.
- More Hispanics and blacks were killed with firearms than were whites (77.7 and 78.4 vs. 50.5 percent, respectively).

Chart 30
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Type of Weapon Used



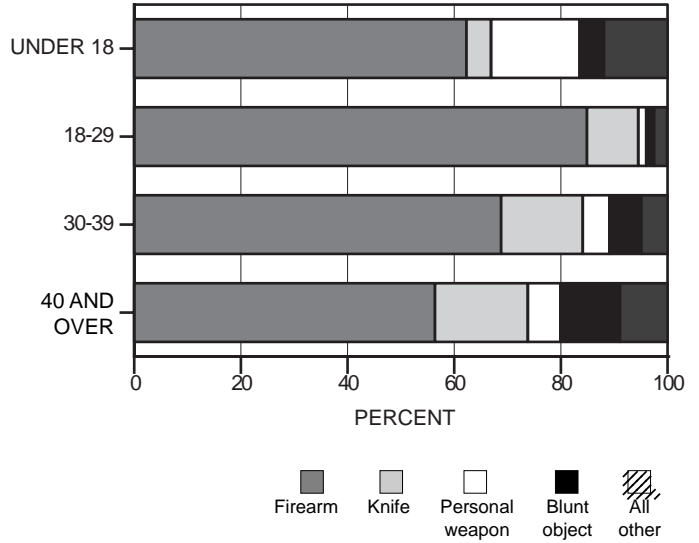
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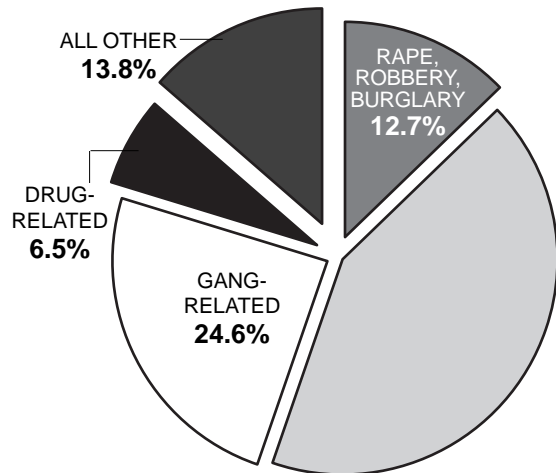
- More victims 18-29 years of age were killed with firearms (84.9 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.
- Fewer victims 40 years of age or older were killed with firearms (56.4 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.

Chart 31
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
Age of Victim by Type of Weapon Used



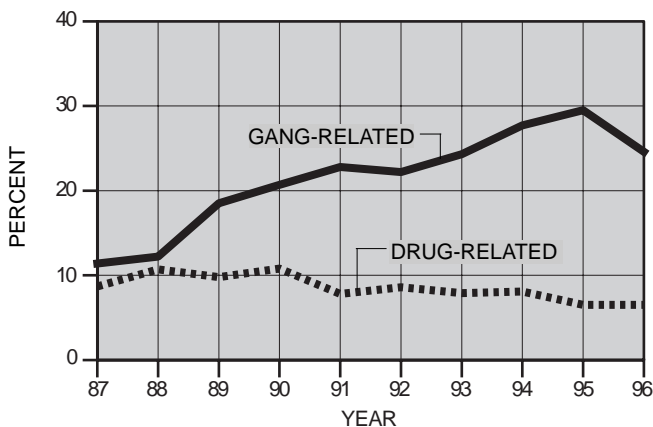
Source: [Table 23](#).

Chart 32
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
By Contributing Circumstance



Source: Table 24.

Chart 33
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1987-1996
By Selected Contributing Circumstances



Source: Table 24.

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

In 1996,

- 12.7 percent were associated with rape, robbery, or burglary.
- 42.4 percent were associated with arguments.
- 24.6 percent were gang-related.
- 6.5 percent were drug-related.
- 13.8 percent were associated with “all other” contributing circumstances.

Comparing 1987 to 1996:

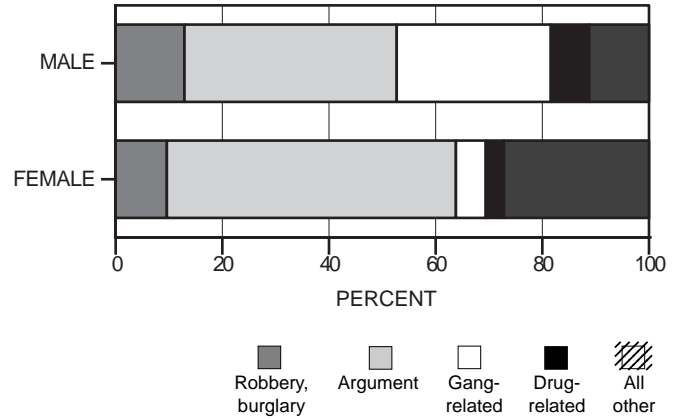
- The proportion of homicides in which the contributing circumstance was gang-related increased from 11.4 percent in 1987 to 24.6 percent in 1996.
- The proportion of homicides in which the contributing circumstance was drug-related decreased from 8.7 percent in 1987 to 6.5 percent in 1996.

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In 1996,

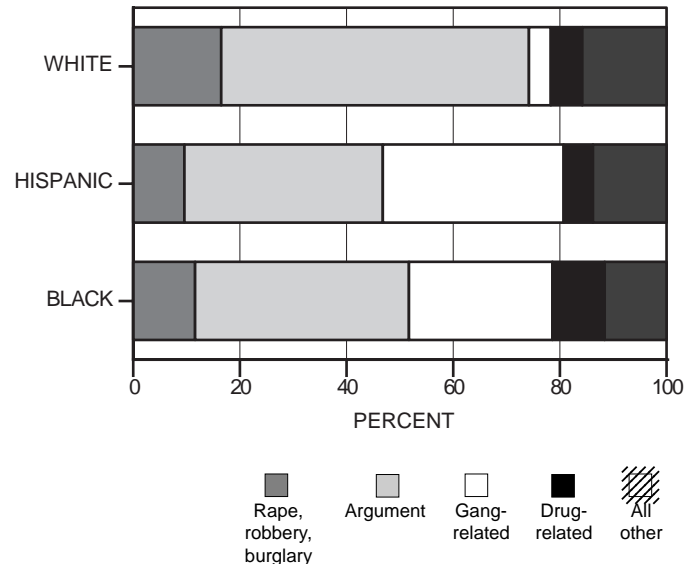
- More males were victims of homicides in which the contributing circumstance was gang-related (28.9 percent) than were females (5.6 percent).
- Proportionately, more whites than Hispanics or blacks were victims of homicides in which the contributing circumstance was an argument (57.7 vs. 37.2 and 40.1 percent, respectively).
- More Hispanics and blacks were victims of gang-related homicides than were whites (33.9 and 26.9 vs. 4.1 percent, respectively).

Chart 34
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
Gender of Victim by Contributing Circumstance



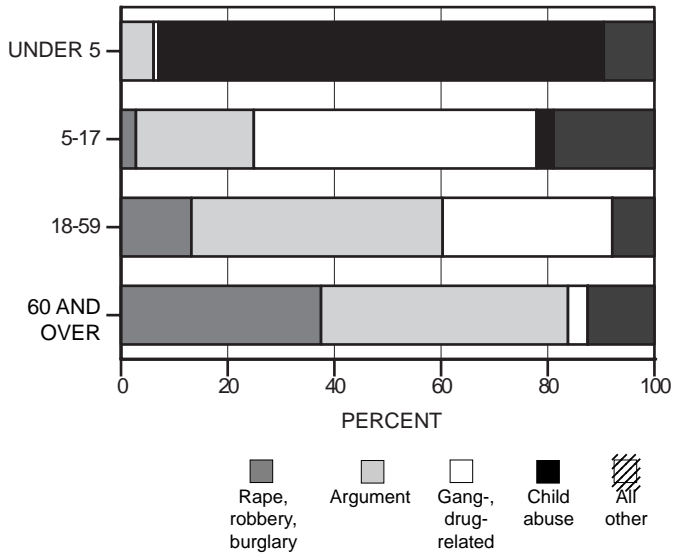
Source: Table 25.
Note: Charts 32, 35, and 36 include rape with robbery and burglary. However, for a more meaningful comparison between male and female victims, rape is included in the "all other" category in Chart 34. In 1996, 2.4 percent of homicide crimes involving females were rape-related.

Chart 35
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Contributing Circumstance



Source: Table 25.

Chart 36
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
Age of Victim by Contributing Circumstance



Source: Table 26.

In 1996,

- Most homicide victims under 5 years of age were killed as a result of child abuse (83.5 percent).
- Most homicide victims 5-17 years old were killed as a result of gang- or drug-related activities (53.0 percent).
- More homicide victims 18-59 years old and 60 years of age or older were killed as a result of an argument (47.1 and 46.3 percent, respectively) than from any other contributing circumstance shown.

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HOMICIDE ARRESTS

Unlike crimes, which are classified by nationwide Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) standards, arrests are reported by California statute definition of the offense.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 homicide arrests includes murder and *nonvehicular* manslaughter. The federal definition of homicide includes murder and *nonnegligent* (nonaccidental) manslaughter.

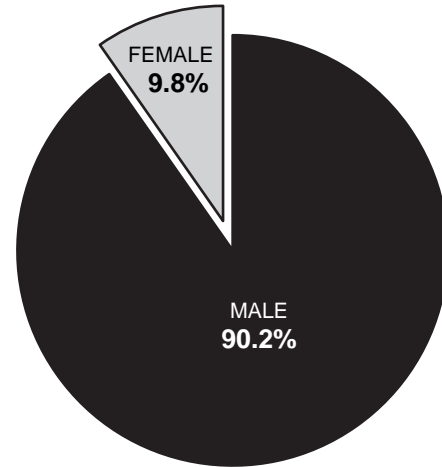
All California law enforcement agencies report arrest and citation information to the Department of Justice on the Monthly Arrest and Citation Register (MACR). The MACR lists each arrestee; includes information about age, gender, and race/ethnic group; and specifies the “most serious” arrest offense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

Analysis of the gender of arrestees for homicide found that:

In 1996,

- 90.2 percent were male.
- 9.8 percent were female.

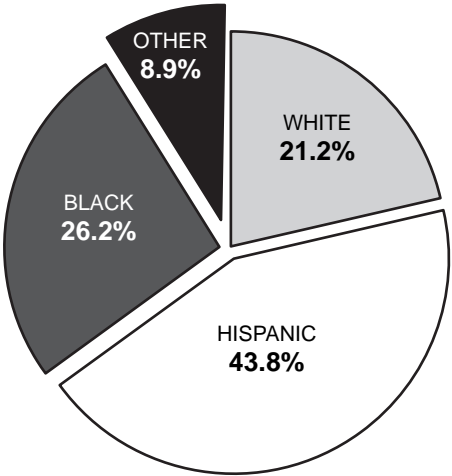
Chart 37
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1996
By Gender of Arrestee



Source: [Table 30](#).

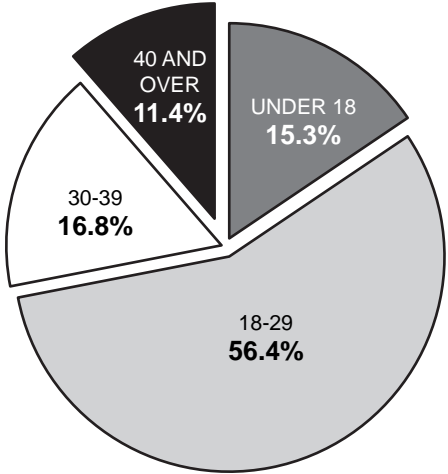
¹ The following penal codes for homicide arrest offenses were reported to the Department of Justice during 1996: 128, 187(a), 189, 192(a), 192(b), 193(a), 193(b), 273ab, 399, 12310(a).

Chart 38
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1996
By Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee



Source: [Table 31](#).
Note: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

Chart 39
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1996
By Age of Arrestee



Source: [Table 32](#).
Note: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

Analysis of the race/ethnic group and age of arrestees for homicide found that:

In 1996,

- 21.2 percent were white.
- 43.8 percent were Hispanic.
- 26.2 percent were black.
- 8.9 percent fell into the “other” race/ethnic group category.

And,

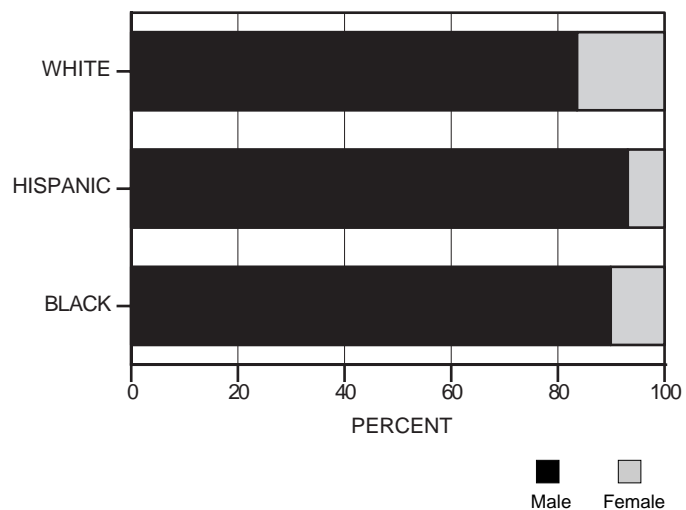
- 15.3 percent were under 18 years of age.
- 56.4 percent were 18-29 years of age.
- 16.8 percent were 30-39 years of age.
- 11.4 percent were 40 years of age or older.

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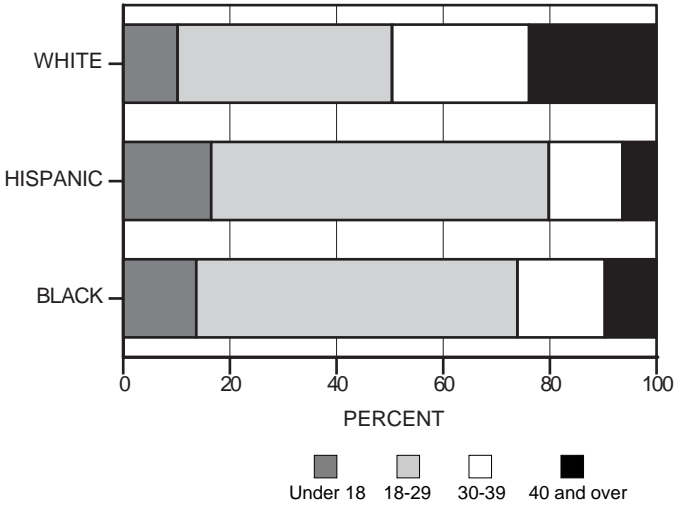
- Homicide arrestees for all three race/ethnic groups shown were predominately male.

Chart 40
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1996
Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Gender of Arrestee



Source: [Table 33.](#)

Chart 41
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1996
Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Age of Arrestee



Source: [Table 33](#).

In 1996,

- More white arrestees were 40 years of age or older than Hispanic or black arrestees (23.8 vs. 6.4 and 9.7 percent, respectively).
- Regardless of race/ethnic group, the majority of homicide arrestees fell into the “18-29 years of age” category.

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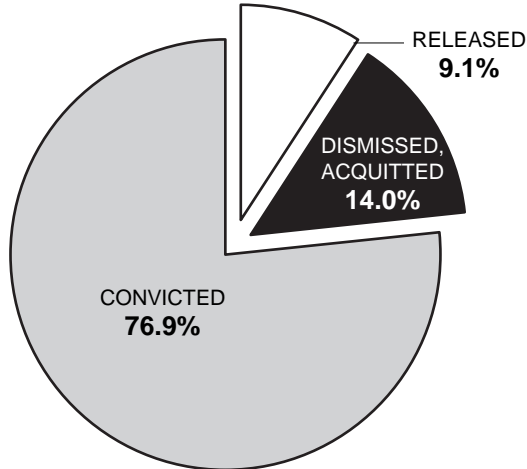
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DISPOSITIONS OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE

This section of the report describes 1996 dispositions of adults arrested for homicide, regardless of the year of arrest. Data were obtained from California's Offender-Based Transaction Statistics (OBTS) system. This system tracks the processing of adults arrested for felony offenses from arrest through final disposition using data compiled from information collected on fingerprint cards and "Disposition of Arrest and Court Action" (JUS 8715) forms.

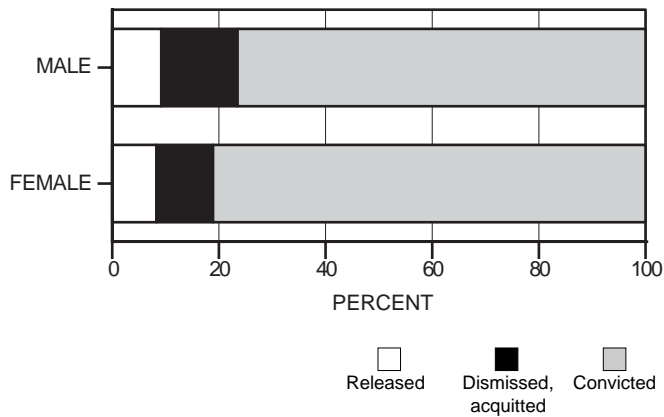
Statewide adult felony arrest disposition data normally represent final dispositions for approximately 60 percent of *total* adult felony arrests made during a calendar year. However, due to budget reductions, the number of adult felony arrest dispositions processed for 1993, 1994, 1995, and 1996 is smaller than in prior years. Even with these limitations, it is believed that, at the statewide level, *percentile* data describe statewide dispositional patterns.

Chart 42
DISPOSITIONS IN 1996 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE
By Type of Disposition



Source: Table 35.

Chart 43
DISPOSITIONS IN 1996 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE
Gender of Arrestee by Type of Disposition



Source: Table 36.

Examination of 1996 dispositions of adults arrested for homicide found that:

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

And,

- Proportionately, more females were convicted (81.1 percent) than were males (76.6 percent).

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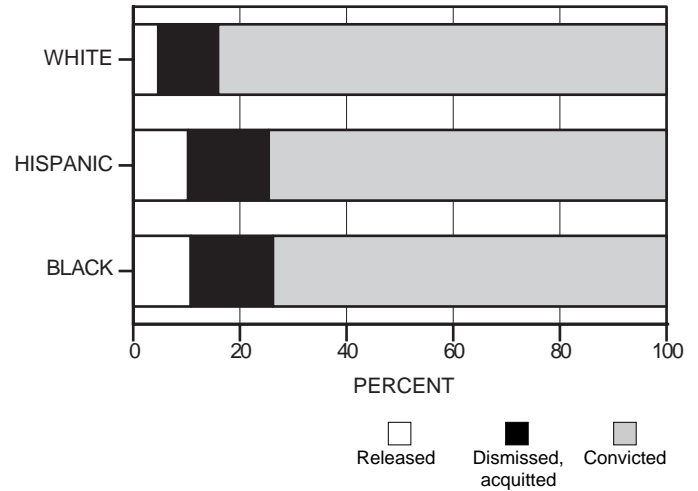
In 1996,

- Proportionately, more whites than Hispanics or blacks were convicted (84.1 vs. 74.6 and 73.8 percent, respectively).

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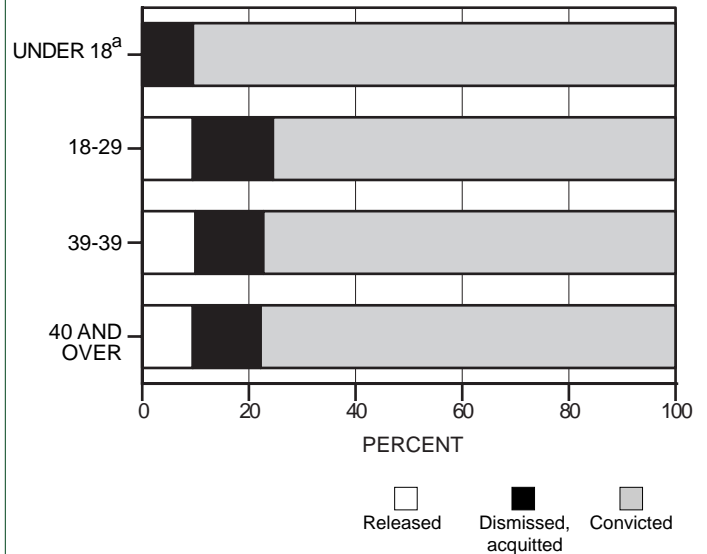
- Proportionately, more arrestees under 18 years of age were convicted (90.5 percent) than were arrestees in any other age group shown.

Chart 44
DISPOSITIONS IN 1996 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE
Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Type of Disposition



Source: [Table 36](#).

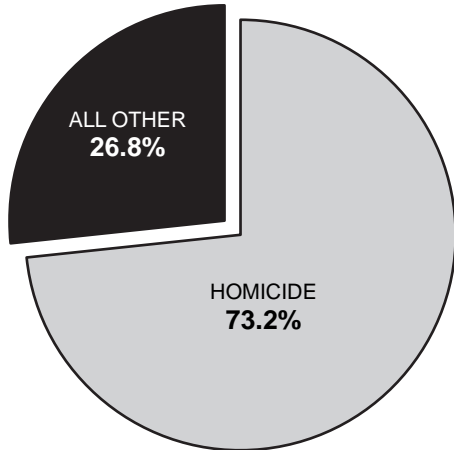
Chart 45
DISPOSITIONS IN 1996 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE
Age of Arrestee by Type of Disposition



Source: [Table 36](#).

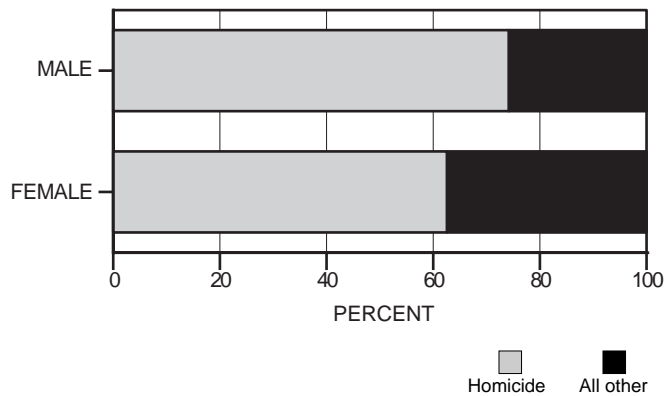
^a The "under 18" age group includes juveniles remanded to adult court.

Chart 46
DISPOSITIONS IN 1996 OF ADULTS ARRESTED
FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED
By Convicted Offense



Source: [Table 40.](#)

Chart 47
DISPOSITIONS IN 1996 OF ADULTS ARRESTED
FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED
Gender of Offender by Convicted Offense



Source: [Table 41.](#)

Of those adults arrested for homicide who were convicted in 1996, it was found that:

- 73.2 percent were convicted of homicide.
- 26.8 percent were convicted of lesser crimes such as robbery or assault.

And,

- More males were convicted of homicide (74.2 percent) than were females (62.6 percent).

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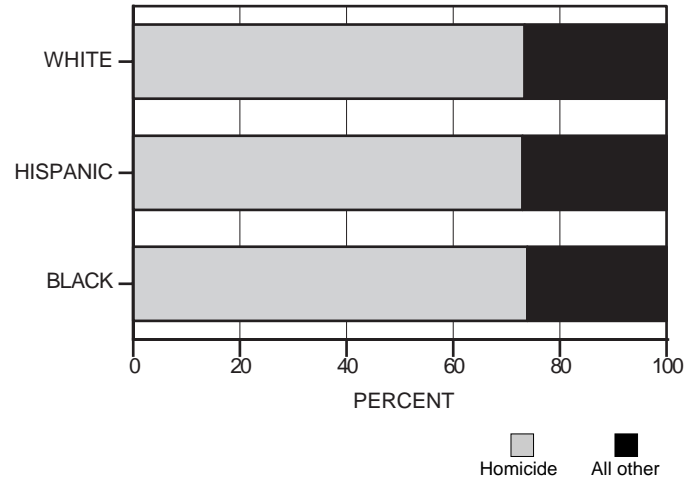
In 1996,

- All three race/ethnic groups shown had approximately the same proportion of convictions for homicide (whites, 73.4 percent; Hispanics, 73.0 percent; and blacks, 73.9 percent).

And,

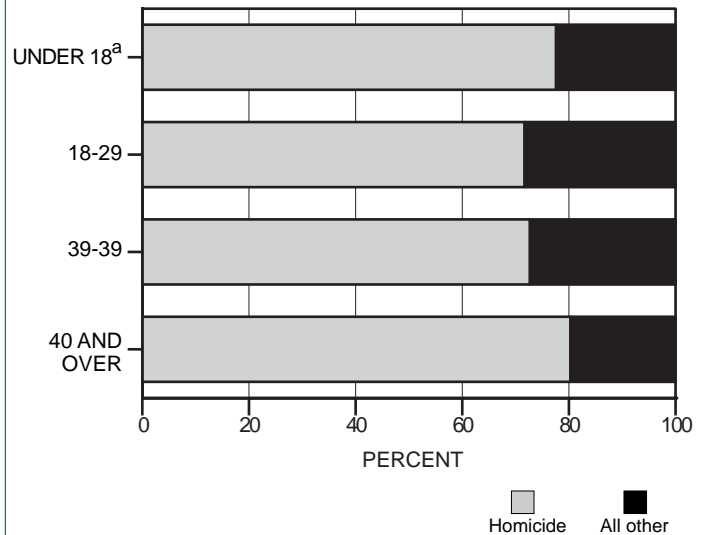
- Proportionately, more arrestees 40 years of age or older were convicted of homicide (80.3 percent) than were arrestees in any other age group shown.

Chart 48
DISPOSITIONS IN 1996 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED
Race/Ethnic Group of Offender by Convicted Offense



Source: Table 41.

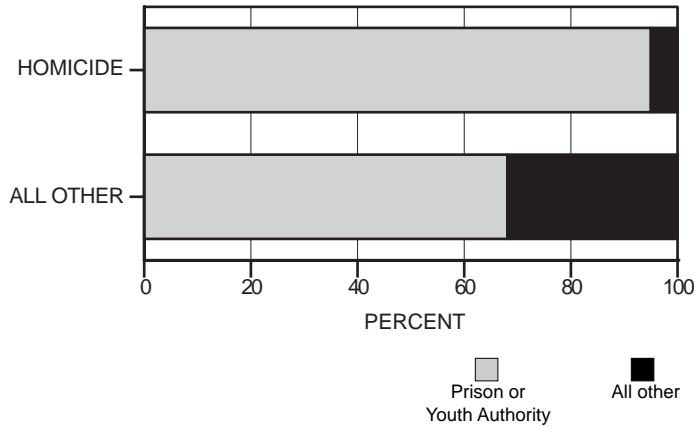
Chart 49
DISPOSITIONS IN 1996 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED
Age of Offender by Convicted Offense



Source: Table 41.

^a The "under 18" age group includes juveniles remanded to adult court.

Chart 50
DISPOSITIONS IN 1996 OF ADULTS ARRESTED
FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED
Convicted Offense by Sentence



Source: [Table 42](#).

Of those adults arrested for homicide who were convicted in 1996, it was found that:

- 95.0 percent of those convicted of homicide and 68.1 percent of those convicted of lesser offenses received sentences to prison or the California Department of the Youth Authority. *Note:* Prison includes 1996 death penalty dispositions for adults arrested for homicide. See Page 40 for additional information about death penalty sentences.

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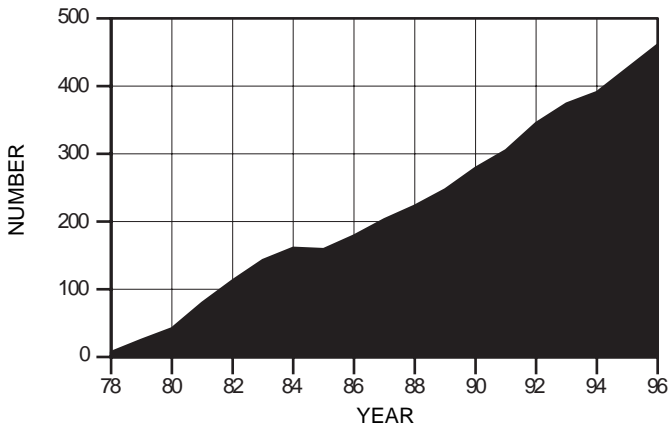
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DEATH PENALTY SENTENCES

This section contains information about persons sentenced to death in California superior courts in 1996. Death penalty information was extracted from the 1996 Offender-Based Transaction Statistics (OBTS) system. For detailed information regarding the death penalty and the criteria by which a person can be sentenced to death, refer to California Penal Code sections 190 through 190.9.

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Chart 51
PERSONS UNDER CALIFORNIA
SENTENCE OF DEATH, 1978-1996



Source: [Table 43](#).

During 1996, 40 persons were convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to death. These were initial death sentences only and do not include persons who were resentenced to death after their death sentences were reversed on appeal. By the end of 1996, 461 persons were under sentence of death in California.

Of the 40 persons newly sentenced to death in 1996:

- All 40 were male.
- Twenty were white.
- Seven were Hispanic.
- Eleven were black.
- Two fell into the "other" race/ethnic group category.
- The mean (average) age at arrest was 28.
- Los Angeles County sentenced the largest number: 10.

Additional information can be found in Tables 43 and 44 in the Data Section of this report.

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PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

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

Data in Table N-2 show that:

- From 1987-1996, 63 peace officers were killed in the line of duty.
- On average, 6.3 peace officers were killed annually. In 1996, the number was 5.

Table N-2
PEACE OFFICERS KILLED
IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1987-1996

Year(s)	Number of officers killed
Total	63
1996	5
1995	10
1994	9
1993	8
1992	5
1991	3
1990	5
1989 ^a	5
1988 ^b	9
1987	4

^a Includes 1 reported federal law enforcement officer.

^b Includes 2 reported federal law enforcement officers.

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Table N-3
PEACE OFFICERS KILLED
IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1996
Race/Ethnic Group of Officer by Gender of Officer

Race/ethnic group	Total	Gender	
		Male	Female
Total	5	4	1
White	1	1	0
Hispanic	2	2	0
Black	1	0	1
Other	1	1	0

Data in Tables N-3 and N-4 show that:

- In 1996, four peace officers killed in the line of duty were male; one was female. One peace officer was white, two were Hispanic, one was black, and one fell into the “other” race/ethnic group category.
- In 1996, four peace officers killed in the line of duty were killed with handguns; one was killed with a knife.

Table N-4
PEACE OFFICERS KILLED
IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1996
By Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	Total	Offender's	Officer's
Total	5	5	0
Handgun	4	4	0
Knife	1	1	0

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JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES

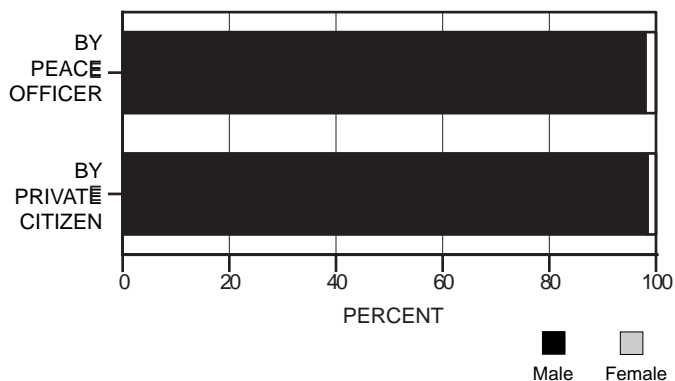
A justifiable homicide is defined by the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program as the killing of a felon by a private citizen or by a peace officer during the commission of a felony. Justifiable homicides are sometimes referred to as excusable or noncriminal homicides.

When justifiable homicides committed by peace officers or private citizens were examined, it was found that:

In 1996,

- Most felons killed by peace officers were male (99 in number or 98.0 percent).
- Most felons killed by private citizens were also male (60 in number or 98.4 percent).

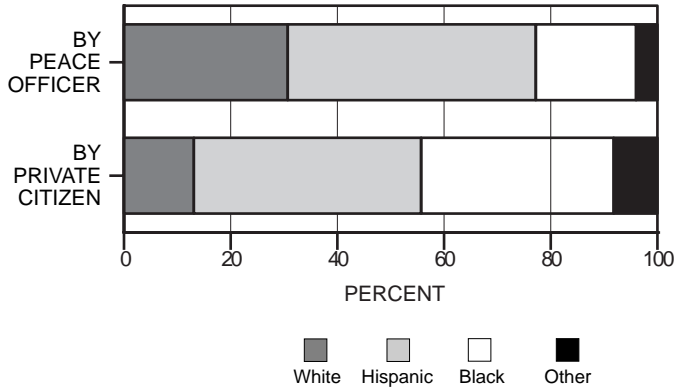
Chart 52
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1996
By Gender of Deceased



Source: [Table 47.](#)

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Chart 53
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1996
By Race/Ethnic Group of Deceased

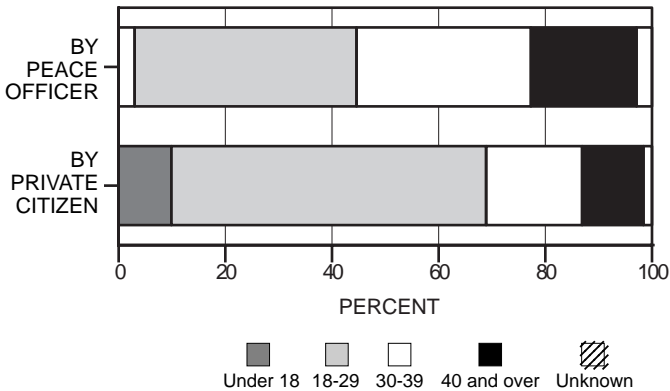


Source: [Table 47.](#)

In 1996,

- Most felons killed by peace officers fell into the “18-29 years of age” category (42 in number or 41.6 percent).
- Most felons killed by private citizens also fell into the “18-29 years of age” category (36 in number or 59.0 percent).

Chart 54
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1996
By Age of Deceased



Source: [Table 47.](#)

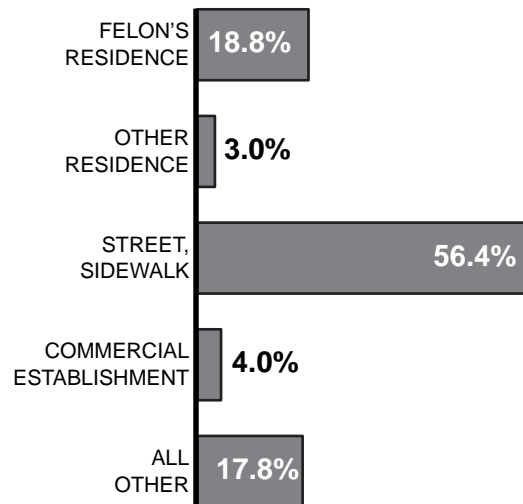
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When justifiable homicides committed by peace officers or private citizens were examined by location, it was found that:

In 1996,

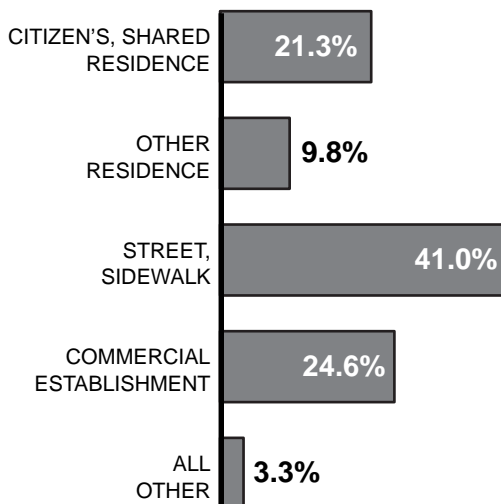
- Most felons were killed by peace officers on a street or sidewalk (57 in number or 56.4 percent).
- Most felons killed by private citizens also fell into the “street, sidewalk” category (25 in number or 41.0 percent).

Chart 55
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS,
1996
By Location of Homicide



Source: [Table 48](#).

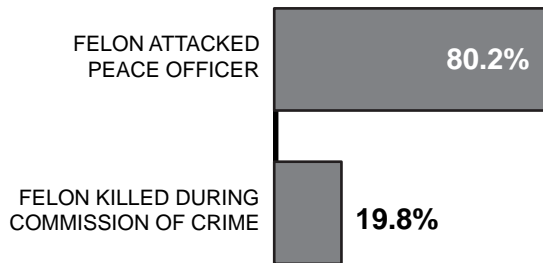
Chart 56
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PRIVATE CITIZENS,
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By Location of Homicide



Source: [Table 48](#).

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Chart 57
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS,
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By Contributing Circumstance



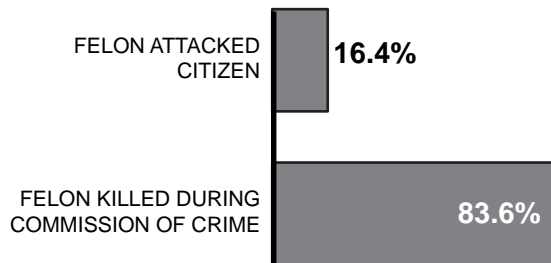
Source: [Table 49](#).

When justifiable homicides committed by peace officers or private citizens were examined by contributing circumstance, it was found that:

In 1996,

- Most felons were killed by a peace officer while attacking the officer (81 in number or 80.2 percent).
- Most felons were killed by private citizens during the commission of a crime (51 in number or 83.6 percent).

Chart 58
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PRIVATE CITIZENS,
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By Contributing Circumstance



Source: [Table 49](#).

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COMPUTATIONAL FORMULAS

CRIMES

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 1996 there were 2,910 homicides in California and the population was 32,383,000. This equals a homicide crime rate of 9.0 per 100,000 general population.

$$\frac{2,910}{32,383,000} = .0000898 \times 100,000 = 9.0$$

ARRESTS

Arrest rate - An arrest rate describes the number of arrests made by law enforcement agencies per 100,000 total population or per 100,000 population considered to be at risk for arrest. Regardless of the population used, both rates are calculated in the same manner. An arrest rate is calculated by dividing the number of reported arrests by the desired population; the result is multiplied by 100,000. For example, in 1996 there were 2,535 homicide arrests. The total population was 32,383,000 and the total population at risk (10-69 years of age) was 25,554,242.

$$\frac{2,535}{32,383,000} = .0000782 \times 100,000 = 7.8 \text{ per } 100,000 \text{ population}$$

$$\frac{2,535}{25,554,242} = .0000992 \times 100,000 = 9.9 \text{ per } 100,000 \text{ population at risk}$$

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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 1996 the homicide crime rate was 9.0. In 1987 the homicide crime rate was 10.7. The percent change in rate from 1987 to 1996 is a 15.9 percent decrease.

$$\frac{9.0 - 10.7}{10.7} = -.1588785 \times 100 = -15.9 \text{ percent}$$

Populations at risk - Arrest section data tables include three comparison populations: total (10-69 years of age), adult (18-69 years of age), and juvenile (10-17 years of age).

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

CRIMINAL JUSTICE GLOSSARY

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

ADULT: a person 18 years of age or older.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CYA: see California Department of the Youth Authority.

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

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

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

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

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

DIVERSION DISMISSED: the successful completion of a diversion program.

FELON: one who has committed a felony.

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

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

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

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

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

JUVENILE: a person under the age of 18.

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

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

MONTHLY ARREST AND CITATION REGISTER

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

OFFENDER-BASED TRANSACTION STATISTICS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

YOUTH AUTHORITY: see California Department of the Youth Authority.



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VIOLENT CRIMES, 1987-1996
 Number, Rate per 100,000 Population, and Percent Change

Year(s)	Total	Homi- cide	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggra- vated assault
Number					
1996.....	274,675	2,910	10,238	94,137	167,390
1995.....	304,998	3,530	10,550	104,581	186,337
1994.....	318,946	3,699	10,960	112,149	192,138
1993.....	336,100	4,095	11,754	126,347	193,904
1992.....	345,508	3,920	12,751	130,867	197,970
1991.....	330,916	3,876	12,942	125,105	188,993
1990.....	311,923	3,562	12,716	112,460	183,185
1989.....	284,015	3,159	11,956	96,424	172,476
1988.....	261,990	2,947	11,771	86,190	161,082
1987.....	254,137	2,929	12,114	83,373	155,721
Percent change in number					
1995-1996.....	-9.9	-17.6	-3.0	-10.0	-10.2
1994-1995.....	-4.4	-4.6	-3.7	-6.7	-3.0
1993-1994.....	-5.1	-9.7	-6.8	-11.2	-.9
1992-1993.....	-2.7	4.5	-7.8	-3.5	-2.1
1991-1992.....	4.4	1.1	-1.5	4.6	4.7
1990-1991.....	6.1	8.8	1.8	11.2	3.2
1989-1990.....	9.8	12.8	6.4	16.6	6.2
1988-1989.....	8.4	7.2	1.6	11.9	7.1
1987-1988.....	3.1	.6	-2.8	3.4	3.4
1987-1996.....	8.1	-.6	-15.5	12.9	7.5
Rate per 100,000 population ¹					
1996.....	848.2	9.0	31.6	290.7	516.9
1995.....	951.2	11.0	32.9	326.2	581.2
1994.....	992.4	11.5	34.1	348.9	597.8
1993.....	1,058.8	12.9	37.0	398.0	610.9
1992.....	1,103.9	12.5	40.7	418.1	632.5
1991.....	1,079.8	12.6	42.2	408.2	616.7
1990.....	1,055.3	12.1	43.0	380.5	619.8
1989.....	987.2	11.0	41.6	335.1	599.5
1988.....	933.7	10.5	41.9	307.2	574.0
1987.....	927.9	10.7	44.2	304.4	568.6
Percent change in rate					
1995-1996.....	-10.8	-18.2	-4.0	-10.9	-11.1
1994-1995.....	-4.2	-4.3	-3.5	-6.5	-2.8
1993-1994.....	-6.3	-10.9	-7.8	-12.3	-2.1
1992-1993.....	-4.1	3.2	-9.1	-4.8	-3.4
1991-1992.....	2.2	-.8	-3.6	2.4	2.6
1990-1991.....	2.3	4.1	-1.9	7.3	-.5
1989-1990.....	6.9	10.0	3.4	13.5	3.4
1988-1989.....	5.7	4.8	-.7	9.1	4.4
1987-1988.....	.6	-1.9	-5.2	.9	.9
1987-1996.....	-8.6	-15.9	-28.5	-4.5	-9.1

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

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

TABLE 2
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1987-1996
 By Gender of Victim
 Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Gender of victim	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Total										
Number of victims.....	2,929	2,947	3,159	3,562	3,876	3,920	4,095	3,699	3,530	2,910
Percent of victims.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Population.....	27,388,477	28,060,746	28,771,207	29,557,836	30,646,000	31,300,000	31,742,000	32,140,000	32,063,000	32,383,000
Percent of population.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Rate.....	10.7	10.5	11.0	12.1	12.6	12.5	12.9	11.5	11.0	9.0
Male¹										
Number of victims.....	2,223	2,258	2,495	2,881	3,140	3,220	3,338	3,090	2,901	2,368
Percent of total victims..	75.9%	76.6%	79.0%	80.9%	81.0%	82.1%	81.5%	83.5%	82.2%	81.4%
Population.....	13,815,263	14,172,866	14,567,709	15,005,864	15,345,534	15,680,019	15,826,148	16,302,037	16,643,729	16,979,256
Percent of population.....	49.8%	49.9%	50.0%	50.1%	50.1%	50.1%	49.9%	50.1%	50.1%	50.1%
Rate.....	16.1	15.9	17.1	19.2	20.5	20.5	21.1	19.0	17.4	13.9
Female										
Number of victims.....	706	689	664	681	736	700	757	609	629	542
Percent of total victims..	24.1%	23.4%	21.0%	19.1%	19.0%	17.9%	18.5%	16.5%	17.8%	18.6%
Population.....	13,901,714	14,220,282	14,574,570	14,970,139	15,300,542	15,620,115	15,868,588	16,218,103	16,545,201	16,884,383
Percent of population.....	50.2%	50.1%	50.0%	49.9%	49.9%	49.9%	50.1%	49.9%	49.9%	49.9%
Rate.....	5.1	4.8	4.6	4.5	4.8	4.5	4.8	3.8	3.8	3.2

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

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

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

¹ The "male" category includes homicide victims whose gender could not be determined: 1987 includes 1, 1989 includes 1, 1990 includes 2, 1992 includes 1, 1993 includes 2, 1994 includes 7, and 1995 includes 6.

TABLE 3
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1987-1996
 By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim
 Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Race/ethnic group of victim	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Total										
Number of victims.....	2,929	2,947	3,159	3,562	3,876	3,920	4,095	3,699	3,530	2,910
Percent of victims.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Population.....	27,388,477	28,060,746	28,771,207	29,557,836	30,646,000	31,300,000	31,742,000	32,140,000	32,063,000	32,383,000
Percent of population.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Rate.....	10.7	10.5	11.0	12.1	12.6	12.5	12.9	11.5	11.0	9.0
White										
Number of victims.....	900	948	871	872	971	914	952	771	726	617
Percent of total victims..	30.7%	32.2%	27.6%	24.5%	25.1%	23.3%	23.2%	20.8%	20.6%	21.2%
Population.....	16,431,332	16,636,033	16,887,407	17,198,646	17,291,782	17,362,245	17,324,679	17,511,489	17,593,222	17,787,715
Percent of population....	59.3%	58.6%	57.9%	57.4%	56.4%	55.5%	54.7%	53.8%	53.0%	52.5%
Rate.....	5.5	5.7	5.2	5.1	5.6	5.3	5.5	4.4	4.1	3.5
Hispanic										
Number of victims.....	892	917	1,115	1,495	1,542	1,686	1,631	1,572	1,615	1,291
Percent of total victims..	30.5%	31.1%	35.3%	42.0%	39.8%	43.0%	39.8%	42.5%	45.8%	44.4%
Population.....	6,728,123	7,046,697	7,383,779	7,740,303	8,146,876	8,561,349	8,906,439	9,340,495	9,764,691	10,114,228
Percent of population....	24.3%	24.8%	25.3%	25.8%	26.6%	27.4%	28.1%	28.7%	29.4%	29.9%
Rate.....	13.3	13.0	15.1	19.3	18.9	19.7	18.3	16.8	16.5	12.8
Black										
Number of victims.....	998	917	1,011	1,017	1,101	1,073	1,249	1,111	922	794
Percent of total victims..	34.1%	31.1%	32.0%	28.6%	28.4%	27.4%	30.5%	30.0%	26.1%	27.3%
Population.....	1,998,028	2,032,643	2,072,255	2,116,415	2,155,334	2,191,898	2,179,651	2,255,738	2,293,634	2,330,391
Percent of population....	7.2%	7.2%	7.1%	7.1%	7.0%	7.0%	6.9%	6.9%	6.9%	6.9%
Rate.....	49.9	45.1	48.8	48.1	51.1	49.0	57.3	49.3	40.2	34.1
Other										
Number of victims.....	129	151	143	172	247	234	247	226	254	198
Percent of total victims..	4.4%	5.1%	4.5%	4.8%	6.4%	6.0%	6.0%	6.1%	7.2%	6.8%
Population.....	2,559,494	2,677,775	2,798,838	2,920,639	3,052,084	3,184,642	3,283,967	3,412,418	3,537,383	3,631,305
Percent of population....	9.2%	9.4%	9.6%	9.7%	10.0%	10.2%	10.4%	10.5%	10.7%	10.7%
Rate.....	5.0	5.6	5.1	5.9	8.1	7.3	7.5	6.6	7.2	5.5
Unknown										
Number of victims.....	10	14	19	6	15	13	16	19	13	10
Percent of total victims..	.3%	.5%	.6%	.2%	.4%	.3%	.4%	.5%	.4%	.3%
Population.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percent of population....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rate.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

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

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

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

TABLE 4
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1987-1996
 By Age of Victim
 Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Age of victim	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Total										
Number of victims.....	2,929	2,947	3,159	3,562	3,876	3,920	4,095	3,699	3,530	2,910
Percent of victims.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Population.....	27,388,477	28,060,746	28,771,207	29,557,836	30,646,000	31,300,000	31,742,000	32,140,000	32,063,000	32,383,000
Percent of population.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Rate.....	10.7	10.5	11.0	12.1	12.6	12.5	12.9	11.5	11.0	9.0
Under 18										
Number of victims.....	260	281	361	428	483	489	512	470	519	421
Percent of total victims..	8.9%	9.5%	11.4%	12.0%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.7%	14.7%	14.5%
Population.....	7,412,409	7,537,277	7,670,041	7,869,864	8,123,819	8,391,266	8,651,941	8,917,191	9,191,662	9,456,115
Percent of population....	26.7%	26.5%	26.3%	26.3%	26.5%	26.8%	27.3%	27.4%	27.7%	27.9%
Rate.....	3.5	3.7	4.7	5.4	5.9	5.8	5.9	5.3	5.6	4.5
18-29										
Number of victims.....	1,263	1,266	1,382	1,640	1,717	1,719	1,763	1,603	1,510	1,183
Percent of total victims..	43.1%	43.0%	43.7%	46.0%	44.3%	43.9%	43.1%	43.3%	42.8%	40.7%
Population.....	6,142,292	6,232,694	6,333,004	6,360,597	6,246,754	6,171,771	5,863,383	5,934,537	5,854,943	5,770,311
Percent of population....	22.2%	22.0%	21.7%	21.2%	20.4%	19.7%	18.5%	18.2%	17.6%	17.0%
Rate.....	20.6	20.3	21.8	25.8	27.5	27.9	30.1	27.0	25.8	20.5
30-39										
Number of victims.....	660	662	713	765	863	842	934	861	737	630
Percent of total victims..	22.5%	22.5%	22.6%	21.5%	22.3%	21.5%	22.8%	23.3%	20.9%	21.6%
Population.....	4,755,792	4,919,327	5,111,913	5,337,491	5,510,403	5,656,892	5,747,693	5,874,969	5,942,572	5,968,805
Percent of population....	17.2%	17.3%	17.5%	17.8%	18.0%	18.1%	18.1%	18.1%	17.9%	17.6%
Rate.....	13.9	13.5	13.9	14.3	15.7	14.9	16.2	14.7	12.4	10.6
40 and over										
Number of victims.....	696	697	666	683	754	834	842	698	719	636
Percent of total victims..	23.8%	23.7%	21.1%	19.2%	19.5%	21.3%	20.6%	18.9%	20.4%	21.9%
Population.....	9,406,484	9,703,850	10,027,321	10,408,051	10,765,100	11,080,205	11,431,719	11,793,443	12,199,753	12,668,408
Percent of population....	33.9%	34.2%	34.4%	34.7%	35.1%	35.4%	36.1%	36.3%	36.8%	37.4%
Rate.....	7.4	7.2	6.6	6.6	7.0	7.5	7.4	5.9	5.9	5.0
Unknown										
Number of victims.....	50	41	37	46	59	36	44	67	45	40
Percent of total victims..	1.7%	1.4%	1.2%	1.3%	1.5%	.9%	1.1%	1.8%	1.3%	1.4%
Population.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percent of population....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rate.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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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, 1987-1996
 By Gender of Victim

Year(s)	Total		Male ¹		Female	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1996.....	2,910	100.0	2,368	81.4	542	18.6
1995.....	3,530	100.0	2,901	82.2	629	17.8
1994.....	3,699	100.0	3,090	83.5	609	16.5
1993.....	4,095	100.0	3,338	81.5	757	18.5
1992.....	3,920	100.0	3,220	82.1	700	17.9
1991.....	3,876	100.0	3,140	81.0	736	19.0
1990.....	3,562	100.0	2,881	80.9	681	19.1
1989.....	3,159	100.0	2,495	79.0	664	21.0
1988.....	2,947	100.0	2,258	76.6	689	23.4
1987.....	2,929	100.0	2,223	75.9	706	24.1

¹ The "male" category includes homicide victims whose gender could not be determined: 1987 includes 1, 1989 includes 1, 1990 includes 2, 1992 includes 1, 1993 includes 2, 1994 includes 7, and 1995 includes 6.

TABLE 6
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1987-1996
 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
1996.....	2,910	10	2,900	100.0	617	21.3	1,291	44.5	794	27.4	198	6.8
1995.....	3,530	13	3,517	100.0	726	20.6	1,615	45.9	922	26.2	254	7.2
1994.....	3,699	19	3,680	100.0	771	21.0	1,572	42.7	1,111	30.2	226	6.1
1993.....	4,095	16	4,079	100.0	952	23.3	1,631	40.0	1,249	30.6	247	6.1
1992.....	3,920	13	3,907	100.0	914	23.4	1,686	43.2	1,073	27.5	234	6.0
1991.....	3,876	15	3,861	100.0	971	25.1	1,542	39.9	1,101	28.5	247	6.4
1990.....	3,562	6	3,556	100.0	872	24.5	1,495	42.0	1,017	28.6	172	4.8
1989.....	3,159	19	3,140	100.0	871	27.7	1,115	35.5	1,011	32.2	143	4.6
1988.....	2,947	14	2,933	100.0	948	32.3	917	31.3	917	31.3	151	5.1
1987.....	2,929	10	2,919	100.0	900	30.8	892	30.6	998	34.2	129	4.4

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

TABLE 7
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1987-1996
 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
1996.....	2,910	40	2,870	100.0	421	14.7	1,183	41.2	630	22.0	636	22.2
1995.....	3,530	45	3,485	100.0	519	14.9	1,510	43.3	737	21.1	719	20.6
1994.....	3,699	67	3,632	100.0	470	12.9	1,603	44.1	861	23.7	698	19.2
1993.....	4,095	44	4,051	100.0	512	12.6	1,763	43.5	934	23.1	842	20.8
1992.....	3,920	36	3,884	100.0	489	12.6	1,719	44.3	842	21.7	834	21.5
1991.....	3,876	59	3,817	100.0	483	12.7	1,717	45.0	863	22.6	754	19.8
1990.....	3,562	46	3,516	100.0	428	12.2	1,640	46.6	765	21.8	683	19.4
1989.....	3,159	37	3,122	100.0	361	11.6	1,382	44.3	713	22.8	666	21.3
1988.....	2,947	41	2,906	100.0	281	9.7	1,266	43.6	662	22.8	697	24.0
1987.....	2,929	50	2,879	100.0	260	9.0	1,263	43.9	660	22.9	696	24.2

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

TABLE 8
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
 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.....	2,910	100.0	617	100.0	1,291	100.0	794	100.0	198	100.0	10	100.0
Male.....	2,368	81.4	417	67.6	1,145	88.7	648	81.6	153	77.3	5	-
Female.....	542	18.6	200	32.4	146	11.3	146	18.4	45	22.7	5	-

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

TABLE 9
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
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.	2,910		617		1,291		794		198		10	
Unknown.....	40		6		17		9		0		8	
Total known.....	2,870	100.0	611	100.0	1,274	100.0	785	100.0	198	100.0	2	100.0
Under 18.....	421	14.7	67	11.0	243	19.1	82	10.4	27	13.6	2	-
18-29.....	1,183	41.2	134	21.9	611	48.0	358	45.6	80	40.4	0	-
30-39.....	630	22.0	139	22.7	248	19.5	208	26.5	35	17.7	0	-
40 and over.....	636	22.2	271	44.4	172	13.5	137	17.5	56	28.3	0	-

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

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

TABLE 10
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
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.....	2,910	100.0	617	100.0	1,291	100.0	794	100.0	198	100.0	10	100.0
Under 18.....	421	14.5	67	10.9	243	18.8	82	10.3	27	13.6	2	-
18-19.....	259	8.9	20	3.2	155	12.0	72	9.1	12	6.1	0	-
20-24.....	487	16.7	51	8.3	261	20.2	137	17.3	38	19.2	0	-
25-29.....	437	15.0	63	10.2	195	15.1	149	18.8	30	15.2	0	-
30-34.....	355	12.2	64	10.4	148	11.5	120	15.1	23	11.6	0	-
35-39.....	275	9.5	75	12.2	100	7.7	88	11.1	12	6.1	0	-
40-44.....	198	6.8	61	9.9	71	5.5	50	6.3	16	8.1	0	-
45-49.....	150	5.2	54	8.8	47	3.6	40	5.0	9	4.5	0	-
50-54.....	85	2.9	35	5.7	23	1.8	17	2.1	10	5.1	0	-
55 and over....	203	7.0	121	19.6	31	2.4	30	3.8	21	10.6	0	-
Unknown.....	40	1.4	6	1.0	17	1.3	9	1.1	0	.0	8	-
Male.....	2,368	100.0	417	100.0	1,145	100.0	648	100.0	153	100.0	5	100.0
Under 18.....	317	13.4	36	8.6	199	17.4	64	9.9	17	11.1	1	-
18-19.....	240	10.1	17	4.1	150	13.1	62	9.6	11	7.2	0	-
20-24.....	437	18.5	37	8.9	243	21.2	124	19.1	33	21.6	0	-
25-29.....	379	16.0	49	11.8	180	15.7	128	19.8	22	14.4	0	-
30-34.....	298	12.6	48	11.5	131	11.4	102	15.7	17	11.1	0	-
35-39.....	213	9.0	56	13.4	86	7.5	62	9.6	9	5.9	0	-
40-44.....	150	6.3	43	10.3	57	5.0	35	5.4	15	9.8	0	-
45-49.....	108	4.6	38	9.1	38	3.3	25	3.9	7	4.6	0	-
50-54.....	60	2.5	20	4.8	18	1.6	15	2.3	7	4.6	0	-
55 and over..	137	5.8	70	16.8	28	2.4	24	3.7	15	9.8	0	-
Unknown.....	29	1.2	3	.7	15	1.3	7	1.1	0	.0	4	-
Female.....	542	100.0	200	100.0	146	100.0	146	100.0	45	100.0	5	100.0
Under 18.....	104	19.2	31	15.5	44	30.1	18	12.3	10	-	1	-
18-19.....	19	3.5	3	1.5	5	3.4	10	6.8	1	-	0	-
20-24.....	50	9.2	14	7.0	18	12.3	13	8.9	5	-	0	-
25-29.....	58	10.7	14	7.0	15	10.3	21	14.4	8	-	0	-
30-34.....	57	10.5	16	8.0	17	11.6	18	12.3	6	-	0	-
35-39.....	62	11.4	19	9.5	14	9.6	26	17.8	3	-	0	-
40-44.....	48	8.9	18	9.0	14	9.6	15	10.3	1	-	0	-
45-49.....	42	7.7	16	8.0	9	6.2	15	10.3	2	-	0	-
50-54.....	25	4.6	15	7.5	5	3.4	2	1.4	3	-	0	-
55 and over..	66	12.2	51	25.5	3	2.1	6	4.1	6	-	0	-
Unknown.....	11	2.0	3	1.5	2	1.4	2	1.4	0	-	4	-

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

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

TABLE 11
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1987-1996
 By Relationship of Victim to Offender

Relationship of victim to offender	1987		1988		1989		1990		1991	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total including unknown.....	2,929		2,947		3,159		3,562		3,876	
Unknown.....	411		822		885		1,020		1,318	
Total known.....	2,518	100.0	2,125	100.0	2,274	100.0	2,542	100.0	2,558	100.0
Friend, acquaintance ¹	1,403	55.7	1,189	56.0	1,163	51.1	1,328	52.2	1,285	50.2
Spouse, parent, child.....	309	12.3	277	13.0	268	11.8	267	10.5	286	11.2
Spouse ²	180	7.1	163	7.7	147	6.5	156	6.1	146	5.7
Parent, child ³	129	5.1	114	5.4	121	5.3	111	4.4	140	5.5
All other relatives.....	72	2.9	79	3.7	109	4.8	76	3.0	90	3.5
Stranger.....	734	29.2	580	27.3	734	32.3	871	34.3	897	35.1

Relationship of victim to offender (cont.)	1992		1993		1994		1995		1996		Percent change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1987-1996	1995-1996
Total including unknown.....	3,920		4,095		3,699		3,530		2,910			
Unknown.....	1,011		1,166		994		947		728			
Total known.....	2,909	100.0	2,929	100.0	2,705	100.0	2,583	100.0	2,182	100.0	-13.3	-15.5
Friend, acquaintance ¹	1,677	57.6	1,706	58.2	1,680	62.1	1,359	52.6	1,075	49.3	-23.4	-20.9
Spouse, parent, child.....	291	10.0	270	9.2	239	8.8	260	10.1	261	12.0	-15.5	.4
Spouse ²	139	4.8	130	4.4	113	4.2	123	4.8	115	5.3	-36.1	-6.5
Parent, child ³	152	5.2	140	4.8	126	4.7	137	5.3	146	6.7	13.2	6.6
All other relatives.....	86	3.0	87	3.0	77	2.8	77	3.0	43	2.0	-40.3	-44.2
Stranger.....	855	29.4	866	29.6	709	26.2	887	34.3	803	36.8	9.4	-9.5

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

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, 1996
 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.....	2,910	2,368	542	617	1,291	794	198	10
Unknown.....	728	615	113	111	341	219	49	8
Total known.....	2,182	1,753	429	506	950	575	149	2
Friend, acquaintance ¹	1,075	908	167	227	487	298	62	1
Spouse, parent, child.....	261	84	177	114	82	45	19	1
Spouse ²	115	10	105	52	33	21	9	0
Parent, child ³	146	74	72	62	49	24	10	1
All other relatives.....	43	32	11	23	12	4	4	0
Stranger.....	803	729	74	142	369	228	64	0
Percent based on total known								
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Friend, acquaintance ¹	49.3	51.8	38.9	44.9	51.3	51.8	41.6	-
Spouse, parent, child.....	12.0	4.8	41.3	22.5	8.6	7.8	12.8	-
Spouse ²	5.3	.6	24.5	10.3	3.5	3.7	6.0	-
Parent, child ³	6.7	4.2	16.8	12.3	5.2	4.2	6.7	-
All other relatives.....	2.0	1.8	2.6	4.5	1.3	.7	2.7	-
Stranger.....	36.8	41.6	17.2	28.1	38.8	39.7	43.0	-

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

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

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, 1996
 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.....	2,910	421	1,183	630	636	40
Unknown.....	728	71	327	173	133	24
Total known.....	2,182	350	856	457	503	16
Friend, acquaintance ¹	1,075	156	488	222	201	8
Spouse, parent, child.....	261	105	31	37	87	1
Spouse ²	115	1	28	34	51	1
Parent, child ³	146	104	3	3	36	0
All other relatives.....	43	10	16	8	9	0
Stranger.....	803	79	321	190	206	7
Percent based on total known						
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Friend, acquaintance ¹	49.3	44.6	57.0	48.6	40.0	-
Spouse, parent, child.....	12.0	30.0	3.6	8.1	17.3	-
Spouse ²	5.3	.3	3.3	7.4	10.1	-
Parent, child ³	6.7	29.7	.4	.7	7.2	-
All other relatives.....	2.0	2.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	-
Stranger.....	36.8	22.6	37.5	41.6	41.0	-

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

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

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, 1987-1996
 By County
 Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

County	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Number										
Statewide total.....	2,929	2,947	3,159	3,562	3,876	3,920	4,095	3,699	3,530	2,910
Alameda.....	147	159	172	188	199	214	199	187	196	142
Alpine.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
Butte.....	16	5	12	14	11	14	6	6	5	10
Calaveras.....	4	5	1	4	3	5	1	4	3	2
Colusa.....	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0
Contra Costa.....	51	75	78	70	107	86	113	120	80	71
Del Norte.....	2	5	1	1	4	3	1	1	0	0
El Dorado.....	10	6	4	9	11	8	5	7	4	2
Fresno.....	67	62	67	92	81	126	127	122	105	93
Glenn.....	2	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	1
Humboldt.....	6	6	4	11	9	6	10	7	8	3
Imperial.....	8	9	5	11	9	14	5	6	9	13
Inyo.....	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kern.....	61	65	46	60	61	49	73	92	71	52
Kings.....	3	3	2	5	6	4	9	7	7	10
Lake.....	5	4	6	5	7	6	3	4	5	2
Lassen.....	2	2	1	3	0	1	2	2	4	0
Los Angeles.....	1,412	1,349	1,587	1,768	1,856	1,919	1,944	1,669	1,682	1,398
Madera.....	18	8	15	15	6	11	10	15	12	11
Marin.....	5	6	6	4	10	11	4	2	7	2
Mariposa.....	1	4	1	4	0	0	3	0	1	0
Mendocino.....	5	6	7	8	2	6	9	6	3	5
Merced.....	8	5	9	15	7	11	21	16	11	8
Modoc.....	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
Mono.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Monterey.....	15	12	26	28	25	33	32	40	26	23
Napa.....	2	6	5	5	5	6	4	2	2	0
Nevada.....	4	2	1	0	2	2	6	2	1	2
Orange.....	90	122	145	149	155	173	196	171	166	111

TABLE 14
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1987-1996
 By County
 Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

County	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
San Bernardino.....	12.4	11.8	13.6	14.5	14.4	15.1	16.2	15.1	14.2	11.6
San Diego.....	7.9	9.9	8.0	8.7	10.8	9.3	9.2	7.6	7.4	6.2
San Francisco.....	14.1	12.5	10.0	13.9	13.3	15.7	17.2	12.2	13.2	10.7
San Joaquin.....	11.5	14.5	12.9	16.3	13.1	13.7	12.5	12.2	11.8	12.4
San Luis Obispo..	3.1	1.0	2.9	4.2	1.8	4.4	.0	3.8	3.5	2.2
San Mateo.....	4.7	4.8	5.5	6.6	6.8	8.1	4.8	3.8	5.1	1.6
Santa Barbara.....	3.7	6.8	1.4	3.0	4.8	4.1	3.1	2.8	2.8	3.0
Santa Clara.....	3.4	4.8	3.8	3.8	5.1	4.4	3.9	3.5	3.5	2.9
Santa Cruz.....	6.5	5.0	5.3	4.8	6.1	2.5	3.8	2.5	3.3	4.1
Shasta.....	9.8	8.1	2.1	4.1	6.4	5.6	7.4	7.3	5.0	5.6
Sierra.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Siskiyou.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Solano.....	9.9	8.2	7.2	5.1	8.3	6.5	7.2	11.7	7.3	5.9
Sonoma.....	5.5	4.4	5.1	4.2	4.7	1.5	5.7	4.2	3.6	4.0
Stanislaus.....	6.6	4.8	5.8	6.3	6.2	9.7	5.6	6.5	7.7	6.7
Sutter.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tehama.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trinity.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tulare.....	11.7	9.5	8.3	8.7	10.5	9.8	8.1	11.9	11.1	6.2
Tuolumne.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ventura.....	2.9	4.2	3.1	2.2	5.6	4.2	6.0	3.9	3.6	4.6
Yolo.....	11.1	7.6	9.6	7.9	6.8	3.4	6.7	7.3	6.0	4.6
Yuba.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

TABLE 15
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1987-1996
 By Season and Month of Incident

Season and month of incident	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Number										
Total including unknown.....	2,929	2,947	3,159	3,562	3,876	3,920	4,095	3,699	3,530	2,910
Unknown.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total known.....	2,929	2,947	3,159	3,562	3,876	3,920	4,095	3,699	3,530	2,910
Spring.....	747	705	723	866	872	942	1,002	925	806	682
March.....	254	229	244	286	271	293	328	316	272	201
April.....	239	223	243	273	284	315	315	307	255	225
May.....	254	253	236	307	317	334	359	302	279	256
Summer.....	745	792	843	971	1,121	1,060	1,134	942	978	745
June.....	249	230	244	283	380	312	391	307	270	254
July.....	237	276	299	339	350	372	383	305	333	272
August.....	259	286	300	349	391	376	360	330	375	219
Fall.....	709	759	799	910	1,034	998	1,033	930	956	699
September.....	226	267	265	329	352	333	337	310	326	256
October.....	257	254	283	341	372	319	369	345	345	212
November.....	226	238	251	240	310	346	327	275	285	231
Winter.....	728	691	794	815	849	920	926	902	790	784
December.....	255	259	273	264	306	307	332	293	281	238
January.....	224	236	275	292	289	310	304	315	279	296
February.....	249	196	246	259	254	303	290	294	230	250
Percent based on total known										
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Spring.....	25.5	23.9	22.9	24.3	22.5	24.0	24.5	25.0	22.8	23.4
March.....	8.7	7.8	7.7	8.0	7.0	7.5	8.0	8.5	7.7	6.9
April.....	8.2	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.3	8.0	7.7	8.3	7.2	7.7
May.....	8.7	8.6	7.5	8.6	8.2	8.5	8.8	8.2	7.9	8.8
Summer.....	25.4	26.9	26.7	27.3	28.9	27.0	27.7	25.5	27.7	25.6
June.....	8.5	7.8	7.7	7.9	9.8	8.0	9.5	8.3	7.6	8.7
July.....	8.1	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.0	9.5	9.4	8.2	9.4	9.3
August.....	8.8	9.7	9.5	9.8	10.1	9.6	8.8	8.9	10.6	7.5
Fall.....	24.2	25.8	25.3	25.5	26.7	25.5	25.2	25.1	27.1	24.0
September.....	7.7	9.1	8.4	9.2	9.1	8.5	8.2	8.4	9.2	8.8
October.....	8.8	8.6	9.0	9.6	9.6	8.1	9.0	9.3	9.8	7.3
November.....	7.7	8.1	7.9	6.7	8.0	8.8	8.0	7.4	8.1	7.9
Winter.....	24.9	23.4	25.1	22.9	21.9	23.5	22.6	24.4	22.4	26.9
December.....	8.7	8.8	8.6	7.4	7.9	7.8	8.1	7.9	8.0	8.2
January.....	7.6	8.0	8.7	8.2	7.5	7.9	7.4	8.5	7.9	10.2
February.....	8.5	6.7	7.8	7.3	6.6	7.7	7.1	7.9	6.5	8.6

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

TABLE 16
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
 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.....	2,910	2,368	542	617	1,291	794	198	10
Unknown.....	5	3	2	1	2	1	1	0
Total known.....	2,905	2,365	540	616	1,289	793	197	10
Weekday.....	1,839	1,455	384	418	739	537	139	6
Monday.....	364	297	67	80	144	114	25	1
Tuesday.....	354	281	73	92	137	100	25	0
Wednesday.....	316	247	69	69	134	81	32	0
Thursday.....	402	317	85	98	149	120	31	4
Friday.....	403	313	90	79	175	122	26	1
Weekend.....	1,066	910	156	198	550	256	58	4
Saturday.....	551	465	86	112	270	137	30	2
Sunday.....	515	445	70	86	280	119	28	2
Percent based on total known								
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Weekday.....	63.3	61.5	71.1	67.9	57.3	67.7	70.6	-
Monday.....	12.5	12.6	12.4	13.0	11.2	14.4	12.7	-
Tuesday.....	12.2	11.9	13.5	14.9	10.6	12.6	12.7	-
Wednesday.....	10.9	10.4	12.8	11.2	10.4	10.2	16.2	-
Thursday.....	13.8	13.4	15.7	15.9	11.6	15.1	15.7	-
Friday.....	13.9	13.2	16.7	12.8	13.6	15.4	13.2	-
Weekend.....	36.7	38.5	28.9	32.1	42.7	32.3	29.4	-
Saturday.....	19.0	19.7	15.9	18.2	20.9	17.3	15.2	-
Sunday.....	17.7	18.8	13.0	14.0	21.7	15.0	14.2	-
Average daily number of incidents ¹								
Weekday.....	7.0	5.6	1.5	1.6	2.8	2.0	.5	.0
Weekend.....	10.3	8.8	1.5	1.9	5.3	2.5	.6	.0

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

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

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

¹ There were 366 days in 1996; 262 weekdays and 104 weekend days. The average daily number of incidents for weekdays was calculated by dividing weekday totals by 262. The average daily number of incidents for weekends was calculated by dividing weekend totals by 104.

TABLE 17
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
 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.....	2,910	421	1,183	630	636	40
Unknown.....	5	1	2	0	2	0
Total known.....	2,905	420	1,181	630	634	40
Weekday.....	1,839	278	699	405	431	26
Monday.....	364	55	138	86	78	7
Tuesday.....	354	51	124	73	103	3
Wednesday.....	316	47	120	72	74	3
Thursday.....	402	66	159	85	85	7
Friday.....	403	59	158	89	91	6
Weekend.....	1,066	142	482	225	203	14
Saturday.....	551	75	235	121	114	6
Sunday.....	515	67	247	104	89	8
Percent based on total known						
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Weekday.....	63.3	66.2	59.2	64.3	68.0	-
Monday.....	12.5	13.1	11.7	13.7	12.3	-
Tuesday.....	12.2	12.1	10.5	11.6	16.2	-
Wednesday.....	10.9	11.2	10.2	11.4	11.7	-
Thursday.....	13.8	15.7	13.5	13.5	13.4	-
Friday.....	13.9	14.0	13.4	14.1	14.4	-
Weekend.....	36.7	33.8	40.8	35.7	32.0	-
Saturday.....	19.0	17.9	19.9	19.2	18.0	-
Sunday.....	17.7	16.0	20.9	16.5	14.0	-
Average daily number of incidents ¹						
Weekday.....	7.0	1.1	2.7	1.5	1.6	.1
Weekend.....	10.3	1.4	4.6	2.2	2.0	.1

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

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

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

¹ There were 366 days in 1996; 262 weekdays and 104 weekend days. The average daily number of incidents for weekdays was calculated by dividing weekday totals by 262. The average daily number of incidents for weekends was calculated by dividing weekend totals by 104.

TABLE 18
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1987-1996
By Location of Homicide

Location of homicide	1987		1988		1989		1990		1991	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total including unknown.....	2,929		2,947		3,159		3,562		3,876	
Unknown.....	79		152		13		24		194	
Total known.....	2,850	100.0	2,795	100.0	3,146	100.0	3,538	100.0	3,682	100.0
Victim's, shared residence....	878	30.8	853	30.5	909	28.9	901	25.5	951	25.8
Victim's residence.....	523	18.4	573	20.5	575	18.3	604	17.1	602	16.3
Shared residence.....	355	12.5	280	10.0	334	10.6	297	8.4	349	9.5
Street, sidewalk.....	934	32.8	930	33.3	1,229	39.1	1,165	32.9	1,349	36.6
All other.....	1,038	36.4	1,012	36.2	1,008	32.0	1,472	41.6	1,382	37.5
Hotel, motel.....	57	2.0	49	1.8	46	1.5	57	1.6	46	1.2
Other residence.....	263	9.2	242	8.7	257	8.2	364	10.3	269	7.3
Liquor store.....	3	.1	1	.0	7	.2	12	.3	14	.4
Bar.....	67	2.4	57	2.0	49	1.6	89	2.5	55	1.5
Other business.....	61	2.1	68	2.4	86	2.7	89	2.5	122	3.3
Parking lot.....	100	3.5	91	3.3	98	3.1	195	5.5	172	4.7
Vehicle.....	193	6.8	207	7.4	204	6.5	348	9.8	348	9.5
Field, park.....	247	8.7	249	8.9	224	7.1	263	7.4	305	8.3
School.....	7	.2	6	.2	1	.0	4	.1	6	.2
Other.....	40	1.4	42	1.5	36	1.1	51	1.4	45	1.2

Location of homicide (cont.)	1992		1993		1994		1995		1996		Percent change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1987-1996	1995-1996
Total including unknown.....	3,920		4,095		3,699		3,530		2,910			
Unknown.....	0		0		0		0		2			
Total known.....	3,920	100.0	4,095	100.0	3,699	100.0	3,530	100.0	2,908	100.0	2.0	-17.6
Victim's, shared residence....	1,041	26.6	1,076	26.3	944	25.5	943	26.7	807	27.8	-8.1	-14.4
Victim's residence.....	658	16.8	742	18.1	636	17.2	626	17.7	545	18.7	4.2	-12.9
Shared residence.....	383	9.8	334	8.2	308	8.3	317	9.0	262	9.0	-26.2	-17.4
Street, sidewalk.....	1,501	38.3	1,526	37.3	1,429	38.6	1,466	41.5	1,165	40.1	24.7	-20.5
All other.....	1,378	35.2	1,493	36.5	1,326	35.8	1,121	31.8	936	32.2	-9.8	-16.5
Hotel, motel.....	34	.9	55	1.3	38	1.0	27	.8	35	1.2	-38.6	-
Other residence.....	270	6.9	228	5.6	256	6.9	206	5.8	204	7.0	-22.4	-1.0
Liquor store.....	9	.2	14	.3	10	.3	7	.2	4	.1	-	-
Bar.....	77	2.0	85	2.1	61	1.6	57	1.6	39	1.3	-41.8	-31.6
Other business.....	144	3.7	161	3.9	140	3.8	110	3.1	104	3.6	70.5	-5.5
Parking lot.....	142	3.6	190	4.6	163	4.4	164	4.6	101	3.5	1.0	-38.4
Vehicle.....	409	10.4	434	10.6	373	10.1	295	8.4	242	8.3	25.4	-18.0
Field, park.....	236	6.0	293	7.2	247	6.7	224	6.3	178	6.1	-27.9	-20.5
School.....	29	.7	9	.2	7	.2	6	.2	5	.2	-	-
Other.....	28	.7	24	.6	31	.8	25	.7	24	.8	-	-

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TABLE 19
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
 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.....	2,910	2,368	542	617	1,291	794	198	10
Unknown.....	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0
Total known.....	2,908	2,366	542	616	1,290	794	198	10
Victim's, shared residence...	807	502	305	282	267	203	55	0
Victim's residence.....	545	397	148	172	187	149	37	0
Shared residence.....	262	105	157	110	80	54	18	0
Street, sidewalk.....	1,165	1,093	72	129	611	378	46	1
All other.....	936	771	165	205	412	213	97	9
Hotel, motel.....	35	29	6	10	10	12	3	0
Other residence.....	204	171	33	49	100	45	10	0
Liquor store.....	4	4	0	0	1	0	3	0
Bar.....	39	34	5	11	18	2	8	0
Other business.....	104	86	18	29	31	15	29	0
Parking lot.....	101	90	11	18	44	31	7	1
Vehicle.....	242	201	41	28	119	70	25	0
Field, park.....	178	134	44	52	76	31	11	8
School.....	5	4	1	2	1	2	0	0
Other.....	24	18	6	6	12	5	1	0
Percent based on total known								
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Victim's, shared residence...	27.8	21.2	56.3	45.8	20.7	25.6	27.8	-
Victim's residence.....	18.7	16.8	27.3	27.9	14.5	18.8	18.7	-
Shared residence.....	9.0	4.4	29.0	17.9	6.2	6.8	9.1	-
Street, sidewalk.....	40.1	46.2	13.3	20.9	47.4	47.6	23.2	-
All other.....	32.2	32.6	30.4	33.3	31.9	26.8	49.0	-
Hotel, motel.....	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.6	.8	1.5	1.5	-
Other residence.....	7.0	7.2	6.1	8.0	7.8	5.7	5.1	-
Liquor store.....	.1	.2	.0	.0	.1	.0	1.5	-
Bar.....	1.3	1.4	.9	1.8	1.4	.3	4.0	-
Other business.....	3.6	3.6	3.3	4.7	2.4	1.9	14.6	-
Parking lot.....	3.5	3.8	2.0	2.9	3.4	3.9	3.5	-
Vehicle.....	8.3	8.5	7.6	4.5	9.2	8.8	12.6	-
Field, park.....	6.1	5.7	8.1	8.4	5.9	3.9	5.6	-
School.....	.2	.2	.2	.3	.1	.3	.0	-
Other.....	.8	.8	1.1	1.0	.9	.6	.5	-

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TABLE 20
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
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.....	2,910	421	1,183	630	636	40
Unknown.....	2	1	1	0	0	0
Total known.....	2,908	420	1,182	630	636	40
Victim's, shared residence....	807	145	215	167	274	6
Victim's residence.....	545	48	180	124	188	5
Shared residence.....	262	97	35	43	86	1
Street, sidewalk.....	1,165	151	587	247	164	16
All other.....	936	124	380	216	198	18
Hotel, motel.....	35	1	11	13	10	0
Other residence.....	204	37	93	43	30	1
Liquor store.....	4	0	1	0	3	0
Bar.....	39	0	19	12	7	1
Other business.....	104	8	33	21	42	0
Parking lot.....	101	6	46	27	20	2
Vehicle.....	242	34	117	50	39	2
Field, park.....	178	34	50	47	35	12
School.....	5	2	1	1	1	0
Other.....	24	2	9	2	11	0
Percent based on total known						
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Victim's, shared residence....	27.8	34.5	18.2	26.5	43.1	-
Victim's residence.....	18.7	11.4	15.2	19.7	29.6	-
Shared residence.....	9.0	23.1	3.0	6.8	13.5	-
Street, sidewalk.....	40.1	36.0	49.7	39.2	25.8	-
All other.....	32.2	29.5	32.1	34.3	31.1	-
Hotel, motel.....	1.2	.2	.9	2.1	1.6	-
Other residence.....	7.0	8.8	7.9	6.8	4.7	-
Liquor store.....	.1	.0	.1	.0	.5	-
Bar.....	1.3	.0	1.6	1.9	1.1	-
Other business.....	3.6	1.9	2.8	3.3	6.6	-
Parking lot.....	3.5	1.4	3.9	4.3	3.1	-
Vehicle.....	8.3	8.1	9.9	7.9	6.1	-
Field, park.....	6.1	8.1	4.2	7.5	5.5	-
School.....	.2	.5	.1	.2	.2	-
Other.....	.8	.5	.8	.3	1.7	-

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TABLE 21
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1987-1996
 By Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	1987		1988		1989		1990		1991	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total including unknown.....	2,929		2,947		3,159		3,562		3,876	
Unknown.....	28		20		26		31		36	
Total known.....	2,901	100.0	2,927	100.0	3,133	100.0	3,531	100.0	3,840	100.0
Firearm.....	1,726	59.5	1,796	61.4	2,058	65.7	2,386	67.6	2,692	70.1
Handgun.....	1,333	45.9	1,332	45.5	1,604	51.2	1,903	53.9	2,255	58.7
All other firearms.....	393	13.5	464	15.9	454	14.5	483	13.7	437	11.4
Rifle.....	140	4.8	140	4.8	201	6.4	188	5.3	176	4.6
Shotgun.....	154	5.3	153	5.2	208	6.6	218	6.2	187	4.9
Other firearm ¹	3	.1	6	.2	1	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Firearm - unknown type.	96	3.3	165	5.6	44	1.4	77	2.2	74	1.9
Knife ²	593	20.4	587	20.1	533	17.0	592	16.8	577	15.0
Blunt object ³	194	6.7	190	6.5	199	6.4	192	5.4	207	5.4
Personal weapon ⁴	196	6.8	184	6.3	143	4.6	166	4.7	186	4.8
All other.....	192	6.6	170	5.8	200	6.4	195	5.5	178	4.6
Rope ⁵	83	2.9	78	2.7	100	3.2	92	2.6	84	2.2
Drugs.....	7	.2	12	.4	5	.2	6	.2	3	.1
Other.....	102	3.5	80	2.7	95	3.0	97	2.7	91	2.4

Type of weapon used (cont.)	1992		1993		1994		1995		1996		Percent change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1987-1996	1995-1996
Total including unknown.....	3,920		4,095		3,699		3,530		2,910			
Unknown.....	28		34		33		29		45			
Total known.....	3,892	100.0	4,061	100.0	3,666	100.0	3,501	100.0	2,865	100.0	-1.2	-18.2
Firearm.....	2,839	72.9	3,007	74.0	2,778	75.8	2,590	74.0	2,055	71.7	19.1	-20.7
Handgun.....	2,426	62.3	2,609	64.2	2,441	66.6	2,288	65.4	1,866	65.1	40.0	-18.4
All other firearms.....	413	10.6	398	9.8	337	9.2	302	8.6	189	6.6	-51.9	-37.4
Rifle.....	164	4.2	154	3.8	141	3.8	140	4.0	95	3.3	-32.1	-32.1
Shotgun.....	176	4.5	167	4.1	165	4.5	123	3.5	86	3.0	-44.2	-30.1
Other firearm ¹	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	-	-
Firearm - unknown type.	73	1.9	77	1.9	31	.8	39	1.1	8	.3	-91.7	-
Knife ²	543	14.0	470	11.6	427	11.6	405	11.6	341	11.9	-42.5	-15.8
Blunt object ³	161	4.1	204	5.0	157	4.3	156	4.5	147	5.1	-24.2	-5.8
Personal weapon ⁴	168	4.3	139	3.4	156	4.3	165	4.7	156	5.4	-20.4	-5.5
All other.....	181	4.7	241	5.9	148	4.0	185	5.3	166	5.8	-13.5	-10.3
Rope ⁵	87	2.2	114	2.8	81	2.2	75	2.1	61	2.1	-26.5	-18.7
Drugs.....	3	.1	5	.1	4	.1	2	.1	8	.3	-	-
Other.....	91	2.3	122	3.0	63	1.7	108	3.1	97	3.4	-4.9	-10.2

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¹ Machine gun, etc.

² Any instrument used to cut or stab.

³ Club, etc.

⁴ Hands, feet, etc.

⁵ Any instrument used to hang or strangle.

TABLE 22
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
 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.....	2,910	2,368	542	617	1,291	794	198	10
Unknown.....	45	26	19	17	11	7	3	7
Total known.....	2,865	2,342	523	600	1,280	787	195	3
Firearm.....	2,055	1,791	264	303	995	617	139	1
Handgun.....	1,866	1,635	231	253	924	564	124	1
All other firearms.....	189	156	33	50	71	53	15	0
Rifle.....	95	77	18	18	39	31	7	0
Shotgun.....	86	73	13	31	28	20	7	0
Firearm - unknown type.	8	6	2	1	4	2	1	0
Knife ¹	341	263	78	110	133	73	24	1
Blunt object ²	147	106	41	55	44	38	10	0
Personal weapon ³	156	103	53	45	66	31	13	1
All other.....	166	79	87	87	42	28	9	0
Rope ⁴	61	19	42	34	13	9	5	0
Drugs.....	8	2	6	6	1	1	0	0
Other.....	97	58	39	47	28	18	4	0
Percent based on total known								
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Firearm.....	71.7	76.5	50.5	50.5	77.7	78.4	71.3	-
Handgun.....	65.1	69.8	44.2	42.2	72.2	71.7	63.6	-
All other firearms.....	6.6	6.7	6.3	8.3	5.5	6.7	7.7	-
Rifle.....	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.0	3.0	3.9	3.6	-
Shotgun.....	3.0	3.1	2.5	5.2	2.2	2.5	3.6	-
Firearm - unknown type.	.3	.3	.4	.2	.3	.3	.5	-
Knife ¹	11.9	11.2	14.9	18.3	10.4	9.3	12.3	-
Blunt object ²	5.1	4.5	7.8	9.2	3.4	4.8	5.1	-
Personal weapon ³	5.4	4.4	10.1	7.5	5.2	3.9	6.7	-
All other.....	5.8	3.4	16.6	14.5	3.3	3.6	4.6	-
Rope ⁴	2.1	.8	8.0	5.7	1.0	1.1	2.6	-
Drugs.....	.3	.1	1.1	1.0	.1	.1	.0	-
Other.....	3.4	2.5	7.5	7.8	2.2	2.3	2.1	-

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

TABLE 23
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
 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.....	2,910	421	1,183	630	636	40
Unknown.....	45	5	12	9	10	9
Total known.....	2,865	416	1,171	621	626	31
Firearm.....	2,055	259	994	427	353	22
Handgun.....	1,866	235	912	389	309	21
All other firearms.....	189	24	82	38	44	1
Rifle.....	95	13	43	19	20	0
Shotgun.....	86	10	35	18	22	1
Firearm - unknown type....	8	1	4	1	2	0
Knife ¹	341	19	113	95	109	5
Blunt object ²	147	19	18	37	70	3
Personal weapon ³	156	69	18	31	38	0
All other.....	166	50	28	31	56	1
Rope ⁴	61	6	13	15	26	1
Drugs.....	8	3	1	0	4	0
Other.....	97	41	14	16	26	0
Percent based on total known						
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Firearm.....	71.7	62.3	84.9	68.8	56.4	-
Handgun.....	65.1	56.5	77.9	62.6	49.4	-
All other firearms.....	6.6	5.8	7.0	6.1	7.0	-
Rifle.....	3.3	3.1	3.7	3.1	3.2	-
Shotgun.....	3.0	2.4	3.0	2.9	3.5	-
Firearm - unknown type....	.3	.2	.3	.2	.3	-
Knife ¹	11.9	4.6	9.6	15.3	17.4	-
Blunt object ²	5.1	4.6	1.5	6.0	11.2	-
Personal weapon ³	5.4	16.6	1.5	5.0	6.1	-
All other.....	5.8	12.0	2.4	5.0	8.9	-
Rope ⁴	2.1	1.4	1.1	2.4	4.2	-
Drugs.....	.3	.7	.1	.0	.6	-
Other.....	3.4	9.9	1.2	2.6	4.2	-

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

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

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, 1987-1996
By Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	1987		1988		1989		1990		1991	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total including unknown.....	2,929		2,947		3,159		3,562		3,876	
Unknown.....	202		406		322		447		632	
Total known.....	2,727	100.0	2,541	100.0	2,837	100.0	3,115	100.0	3,244	100.0
Rape, robbery, burglary.....	501	18.4	417	16.4	443	15.6	466	15.0	532	16.4
Rape.....	85	3.1	39	1.5	39	1.4	38	1.2	41	1.3
Robbery.....	374	13.7	342	13.5	381	13.4	399	12.8	473	14.6
Burglary.....	42	1.5	36	1.4	23	.8	29	.9	18	.6
Argument.....	1,357	49.8	1,205	47.4	1,308	46.1	1,346	43.2	1,396	43.0
Domestic violence.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other argument.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gang-, drug-related.....	550	20.2	580	22.8	803	28.3	982	31.5	992	30.6
Gang-related.....	312	11.4	309	12.2	525	18.5	646	20.7	740	22.8
Drug-related.....	238	8.7	271	10.7	278	9.8	336	10.8	252	7.8
All other.....	319	11.7	339	13.3	283	10.0	321	10.3	324	10.0

Contributing circumstance (cont.)	1992		1993		1994		1995		1996		Percent change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1987-1996	1995-1996
Total including unknown.....	3,920		4,095		3,699		3,530		2,910			
Unknown.....	581		643		527		595		389			
Total known.....	3,339	100.0	3,452	100.0	3,172	100.0	2,935	100.0	2,521	100.0	-7.6	-14.1
Rape, robbery, burglary.....	519	15.5	515	14.9	409	12.9	385	13.1	320	12.7	-36.1	-16.9
Rape.....	31	.9	21	.6	19	.6	14	.5	11	.4	-87.1	-
Robbery.....	455	13.6	476	13.8	366	11.5	342	11.7	294	11.7	-21.4	-14.0
Burglary.....	33	1.0	18	.5	24	.8	29	1.0	15	.6	-	-
Argument.....	1,478	44.3	1,532	44.4	1,374	43.3	1,207	41.1	1,070	42.4	-21.1	-11.4
Domestic violence.....	280	8.4	329	9.5	224	7.1	179	6.1	130	5.2	-	-27.4
All other argument.....	1,198	35.9	1,203	34.8	1,150	36.3	1,028	35.0	940	37.3	-	-8.6
Gang-, drug-related.....	1,029	30.8	1,113	32.2	1,137	35.8	1,059	36.1	784	31.1	42.5	-26.0
Gang-related.....	742	22.2	840	24.3	880	27.7	867	29.5	620	24.6	98.7	-28.5
Drug-related.....	287	8.6	273	7.9	257	8.1	192	6.5	164	6.5	-31.1	-14.6
All other.....	313	9.4	292	8.5	252	7.9	284	9.7	347	13.8	8.8	22.2

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

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TABLE 25
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
 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.....	2,910	2,368	542	617	1,291	794	198	10
Unknown.....	389	314	75	78	161	120	23	7
Total known.....	2,521	2,054	467	539	1,130	674	175	3
Rape, robbery, burglary.....	320	264	56	89	109	78	44	0
Rape.....	11	0	11	5	5	1	0	0
Robbery, burglary.....	309	264	45	84	104	77	44	0
Robbery.....	294	254	40	78	100	75	41	0
Burglary.....	15	10	5	6	4	2	3	0
Argument.....	1,070	817	253	311	420	270	69	0
Domestic violence.....	130	24	106	51	35	36	8	0
All other argument.....	940	793	147	260	385	234	61	0
Gang-, drug-related.....	784	742	42	54	445	247	38	0
Gang-related.....	620	594	26	22	383	181	34	0
Drug-related.....	164	148	16	32	62	66	4	0
All other.....	347	231	116	85	156	79	24	3
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.....	12.7	12.9	12.0	16.5	9.6	11.6	25.1	-
Rape.....	.4	.0	2.4	.9	.4	.1	.0	-
Robbery, burglary.....	12.3	12.9	9.6	15.6	9.2	11.4	25.1	-
Robbery.....	11.7	12.4	8.6	14.5	8.8	11.1	23.4	-
Burglary.....	.6	.5	1.1	1.1	.4	.3	1.7	-
Argument.....	42.4	39.8	54.2	57.7	37.2	40.1	39.4	-
Domestic violence.....	5.2	1.2	22.7	9.5	3.1	5.3	4.6	-
All other argument.....	37.3	38.6	31.5	48.2	34.1	34.7	34.9	-
Gang-, drug-related.....	31.1	36.1	9.0	10.0	39.4	36.6	21.7	-
Gang-related.....	24.6	28.9	5.6	4.1	33.9	26.9	19.4	-
Drug-related.....	6.5	7.2	3.4	5.9	5.5	9.8	2.3	-
All other.....	13.8	11.2	24.8	15.8	13.8	11.7	13.7	-

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

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

TABLE 26
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
 Age of Victim by Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	Total	Under 5	5-17	18-59	60 and over	Unknown
Number						
Total including unknown.....	2,910	115	306	2,302	147	40
Unknown.....	389	0	21	335	11	22
Total known.....	2,521	115	285	1,967	136	18
Rape, robbery, burglary.....	320	0	8	259	51	2
Rape.....	11	0	2	8	1	0
Robbery.....	294	0	6	240	47	1
Burglary.....	15	0	0	11	3	1
Argument.....	1,070	7	63	926	63	11
Domestic violence.....	130	5	4	110	10	1
All other argument.....	940	2	59	816	53	10
Gang-, drug-related.....	784	1	151	625	5	2
Gang-related.....	620	1	146	467	4	2
Drug-related.....	164	0	5	158	1	0
Child abuse.....	105	96	9	-	-	-
All other.....	242	11	54	157	17	3
Percent based on total known						
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Rape, robbery, burglary.....	12.7	.0	2.8	13.2	37.5	-
Rape.....	.4	.0	.7	.4	.7	-
Robbery.....	11.7	.0	2.1	12.2	34.6	-
Burglary.....	.6	.0	.0	.6	2.2	-
Argument.....	42.4	6.1	22.1	47.1	46.3	-
Domestic violence.....	5.2	4.3	1.4	5.6	7.4	-
All other argument.....	37.3	1.7	20.7	41.5	39.0	-
Gang-, drug-related.....	31.1	.9	53.0	31.8	3.7	-
Gang-related.....	24.6	.9	51.2	23.7	2.9	-
Drug-related.....	6.5	.0	1.8	8.0	.7	-
Child abuse.....	4.2	83.5	3.2	-	-	-
All other.....	9.6	9.6	18.9	8.0	12.5	-

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

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

TABLE 27
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
 Age of Victim by Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	Total	Number								Unknown
		Under 5	5-17	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70 and over	
Total including unknown.....	2,910	115	306	1,183	630	348	141	74	73	40
Unknown.....	389	0	21	152	111	49	23	7	4	22
Total known.....	2,521	115	285	1,031	519	299	118	67	69	18
Rape, robbery, burglary.....	320	0	8	92	80	57	30	23	28	2
Rape.....	11	0	2	4	4	0	0	0	1	0
Robbery.....	294	0	6	83	75	55	27	23	24	1
Burglary.....	15	0	0	5	1	2	3	0	3	1
Argument.....	1,070	7	63	392	283	181	70	38	25	11
Domestic violence.....	130	5	4	26	42	31	11	8	2	1
All other argument.....	940	2	59	366	241	150	59	30	23	10
Gang-, drug-related.....	784	1	151	459	120	38	8	2	3	2
Gang-related.....	620	1	146	377	65	21	4	1	3	2
Drug-related.....	164	0	5	82	55	17	4	1	0	0
Child abuse.....	105	96	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other.....	242	11	54	88	36	23	10	4	13	3
Percent based on total known										
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Rape, robbery, burglary.....	12.7	.0	2.8	8.9	15.4	19.1	25.4	34.3	40.6	-
Rape.....	.4	.0	.7	.4	.8	.0	.0	.0	1.4	-
Robbery.....	11.7	.0	2.1	8.1	14.5	18.4	22.9	34.3	34.8	-
Burglary.....	.6	.0	.0	.5	.2	.7	2.5	.0	4.3	-
Argument.....	42.4	6.1	22.1	38.0	54.5	60.5	59.3	56.7	36.2	-
Domestic violence.....	5.2	4.3	1.4	2.5	8.1	10.4	9.3	11.9	2.9	-
All other argument.....	37.3	1.7	20.7	35.5	46.4	50.2	50.0	44.8	33.3	-
Gang-, drug-related.....	31.1	.9	53.0	44.5	23.1	12.7	6.8	3.0	4.3	-
Gang-related.....	24.6	.9	51.2	36.6	12.5	7.0	3.4	1.5	4.3	-
Drug-related.....	6.5	.0	1.8	8.0	10.6	5.7	3.4	1.5	.0	-
Child abuse.....	4.2	83.5	3.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other.....	9.6	9.6	18.9	8.5	6.9	7.7	8.5	6.0	18.8	-

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

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

TABLE 28
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996
 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.....	2,910	11	309	1,070	784	105	242	389
Unknown.....	728	4	52	77	193	1	67	334
Total known.....	2,182	7	257	993	591	104	175	55
Friend, acquaintance ²	1,075	3	37	529	420	25	50	11
Spouse ³	115	0	0	98	2	0	15	0
Parent, child ⁴	146	0	1	46	0	73	25	1
All other relatives.....	43	0	0	34	0	5	4	0
Stranger.....	803	4	219	286	169	1	81	43
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	49.3	-	14.4	53.3	71.1	24.0	28.6	20.0
Spouse ³	5.3	-	.0	9.9	.3	.0	8.6	.0
Parent, child ⁴	6.7	-	.4	4.6	.0	70.2	14.3	1.8
All other relatives.....	2.0	-	.0	3.4	.0	4.8	2.3	.0
Stranger.....	36.8	-	85.2	28.8	28.6	1.0	46.3	78.2

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

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

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 29
**FELONY ARRESTS FOR
 SELECTED VIOLENT OFFENSES, 1987-1996**
 Number, Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk, and Percent Change

Year(s)	Total	Homi- cide	Forcible rape	Robbery	Assault
Number					
1996.....	149,795	2,535	3,202	26,014	118,044
1995 ^a	155,053	2,821	3,199	27,641	121,392
1994.....	151,906	2,963	3,305	27,984	117,654
1993.....	147,603	3,276	3,572	29,567	111,188
1992.....	148,225	3,387	4,037	31,141	109,660
1991.....	143,970	3,720	4,417	31,346	104,487
1990.....	147,561	3,882	4,848	32,050	106,781
1989.....	131,503	3,403	4,560	27,173	96,367
1988.....	116,365	3,159	4,534	24,284	84,388
1987.....	105,647	3,056	4,543	23,343	74,705
Percent change in number					
1995 to 1996.....	-3.4	-10.1	.1	-5.9	-2.8
1994 to 1995.....	2.1	-4.8	-3.2	-1.2	3.2
1993 to 1994.....	2.9	-9.6	-7.5	-5.4	5.8
1992 to 1993.....	-.4	-3.3	-11.5	-5.1	1.4
1991 to 1992.....	3.0	-9.0	-8.6	-.7	5.0
1990 to 1991.....	-2.4	-4.2	-8.9	-2.2	-2.1
1989 to 1990.....	12.2	14.1	6.3	17.9	10.8
1988 to 1989.....	13.0	7.7	.6	11.9	14.2
1987 to 1988.....	10.1	3.4	-.2	4.0	13.0
1987 to 1996.....	41.8	-17.0	-29.5	11.4	58.0
Rate per 100,000 population at risk ¹					
1996.....	586.2	9.9	12.5	101.8	461.9
1995.....	617.2	11.2	12.7	110.0	483.2
1994.....	614.9	12.0	13.4	113.3	476.3
1993.....	606.6	13.5	14.7	121.5	456.9
1992.....	618.2	14.1	16.8	129.9	457.4
1991.....	610.4	15.8	18.7	132.9	443.0
1990.....	636.6	16.7	20.9	138.3	460.7
1989.....	583.8	15.1	20.2	120.6	427.8
1988.....	529.7	14.4	20.6	110.5	384.1
1987.....	491.8	14.2	21.1	108.7	347.7
Percent change in rate					
1995 to 1996.....	-5.0	-11.6	-1.6	-7.5	-4.4
1994 to 1995.....	.4	-6.7	-5.2	-2.9	1.4
1993 to 1994.....	1.4	-11.1	-8.8	-6.7	4.2
1992 to 1993.....	-1.9	-4.3	-12.5	-6.5	-.1
1991 to 1992.....	1.3	-10.8	-10.2	-2.3	3.3
1990 to 1991.....	-4.1	-5.4	-10.5	-3.9	-3.8
1989 to 1990.....	9.0	10.6	3.5	14.7	7.7
1988 to 1989.....	10.2	4.9	-1.9	9.1	11.4
1987 to 1988.....	7.7	1.4	-2.4	1.7	10.5
1987 to 1996.....	19.2	-30.3	-40.8	-6.3	32.8

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

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

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

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

TABLE 30
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1987-1996
 By Gender of Arrestee

Year(s)	Total		Male		Female	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1996.....	2,535	100.0	2,286	90.2	249	9.8
1995 ^a	2,821	100.0	2,564	90.9	257	9.1
1994.....	2,963	100.0	2,709	91.4	254	8.6
1993.....	3,276	100.0	2,975	90.8	301	9.2
1992.....	3,387	100.0	3,082	91.0	305	9.0
1991.....	3,720	100.0	3,427	92.1	293	7.9
1990.....	3,882	100.0	3,519	90.6	363	9.4
1989.....	3,403	100.0	3,075	90.4	328	9.6
1988.....	3,159	100.0	2,816	89.1	343	10.9
1987.....	3,056	100.0	2,744	89.8	312	10.2

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

TABLE 31
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1987-1996
 By Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee

Year(s)	Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1996.....	2,535	100.0	537	21.2	1,110	43.8	663	26.2	225	8.9
1995 ^a	2,821	100.0	580	20.6	1,284	45.5	743	26.3	214	7.6
1994.....	2,963	100.0	675	22.8	1,175	39.7	850	28.7	263	8.9
1993.....	3,276	100.0	698	21.3	1,299	39.7	998	30.5	281	8.6
1992.....	3,387	100.0	714	21.1	1,457	43.0	1,016	30.0	200	5.9
1991.....	3,720	100.0	821	22.1	1,578	42.4	1,123	30.2	198	5.3
1990.....	3,882	100.0	851	21.9	1,407	36.2	1,294	33.3	330	8.5
1989.....	3,403	100.0	907	26.7	1,226	36.0	1,124	33.0	146	4.3
1988.....	3,159	100.0	930	29.4	930	29.4	1,124	35.6	175	5.5
1987.....	3,056	100.0	877	28.7	969	31.7	1,086	35.5	124	4.1

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

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

TABLE 32
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1987-1996
 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
1996.....	2,535	100.0	389	15.3	1,430	56.4	427	16.8	289	11.4
1995 ^a	2,821	100.0	521	18.5	1,570	55.7	462	16.4	268	9.5
1994.....	2,963	100.0	542	18.3	1,625	54.8	483	16.3	313	10.6
1993.....	3,276	100.0	618	18.9	1,804	55.1	525	16.0	329	10.0
1992.....	3,387	100.0	645	19.0	1,877	55.4	511	15.1	354	10.5
1991.....	3,720	100.0	696	18.7	2,073	55.7	611	16.4	340	9.1
1990.....	3,882	100.0	658	17.0	2,218	57.1	630	16.2	376	9.7
1989.....	3,403	100.0	533	15.7	1,856	54.5	606	17.8	408	12.0
1988.....	3,159	100.0	389	12.3	1,702	53.9	636	20.1	432	13.7
1987.....	3,056	100.0	365	11.9	1,692	55.4	622	20.4	377	12.3

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

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

TABLE 33
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1996
 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.....	2,535	100.0	537	100.0	1,110	100.0	663	100.0	225	100.0
Gender										
Male.....	2,286	90.2	449	83.6	1,033	93.1	596	89.9	208	92.4
Female.....	249	9.8	88	16.4	77	6.9	67	10.1	17	7.6
Age										
Under 18.....	389	15.3	55	10.2	183	16.5	91	13.7	60	26.7
18-29.....	1,430	56.4	216	40.2	703	63.3	399	60.2	112	49.8
30-39.....	427	16.8	138	25.7	153	13.8	109	16.4	27	12.0
40 and over.....	289	11.4	128	23.8	71	6.4	64	9.7	26	11.6

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

TABLE 34
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1996
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.....	2,535	100.0	537	100.0	1,110	100.0	663	100.0	225	100.0
Under 18.....	389	15.3	55	10.2	183	16.5	91	13.7	60	26.7
18-19.....	413	16.3	55	10.2	213	19.2	109	16.4	36	16.0
20-24.....	683	26.9	87	16.2	346	31.2	197	29.7	53	23.6
25-29.....	334	13.2	74	13.8	144	13.0	93	14.0	23	10.2
30-34.....	246	9.7	74	13.8	95	8.6	62	9.4	15	6.7
35-39.....	181	7.1	64	11.9	58	5.2	47	7.1	12	5.3
40-44.....	109	4.3	45	8.4	26	2.3	27	4.1	11	4.9
45-49.....	79	3.1	31	5.8	26	2.3	15	2.3	7	3.1
50-54.....	45	1.8	22	4.1	9	.8	10	1.5	4	1.8
55 and over.....	56	2.2	30	5.6	10	.9	12	1.8	4	1.8
Male.....	2,286	100.0	449	100.0	1,033	100.0	596	100.0	208	100.0
Under 18.....	369	16.1	51	11.4	176	17.0	83	13.9	59	28.4
18-19.....	386	16.9	49	10.9	204	19.7	100	16.8	33	15.9
20-24.....	629	27.5	75	16.7	321	31.1	182	30.5	51	24.5
25-29.....	297	13.0	58	12.9	135	13.1	85	14.3	19	9.1
30-34.....	201	8.8	55	12.2	83	8.0	49	8.2	14	6.7
35-39.....	152	6.6	56	12.5	49	4.7	39	6.5	8	3.8
40-44.....	92	4.0	37	8.2	21	2.0	25	4.2	9	4.3
45-49.....	73	3.2	27	6.0	26	2.5	13	2.2	7	3.4
50-54.....	37	1.6	16	3.6	9	.9	8	1.3	4	1.9
55 and over.....	50	2.2	25	5.6	9	.9	12	2.0	4	1.9
Female.....	249	100.0	88	100.0	77	100.0	67	100.0	17	100.0
Under 18.....	20	8.0	4	4.5	7	9.1	8	11.9	1	-
18-19.....	27	10.8	6	6.8	9	11.7	9	13.4	3	-
20-24.....	54	21.7	12	13.6	25	32.5	15	22.4	2	-
25-29.....	37	14.9	16	18.2	9	11.7	8	11.9	4	-
30-34.....	45	18.1	19	21.6	12	15.6	13	19.4	1	-
35-39.....	29	11.6	8	9.1	9	11.7	8	11.9	4	-
40-44.....	17	6.8	8	9.1	5	6.5	2	3.0	2	-
45-49.....	6	2.4	4	4.5	0	.0	2	3.0	0	-
50-54.....	8	3.2	6	6.8	0	.0	2	3.0	0	-
55 and over.....	6	2.4	5	5.7	1	1.3	0	.0	0	-

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

TABLE 35
DISPOSITIONS IN 1987-1996 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE
 By Type of Disposition

Year(s)	Total		Released ¹		Complaints filed			
					Dismissed, acquitted ²		Convicted	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1996 ^a	1,647	100.0	150	9.1	230	14.0	1,267	76.9
1995 ^a	1,212	100.0	87	7.2	161	13.3	964	79.5
1994 ^a	1,138	100.0	119	10.5	155	13.6	864	75.9
1993 ^a	1,457	100.0	69	4.7	214	14.7	1,174	80.6
1992.....	2,017	100.0	187	9.3	270	13.4	1,560	77.3
1991.....	1,804	100.0	243	13.5	255	14.1	1,306	72.4
1990.....	1,430	100.0	180	12.6	212	14.8	1,038	72.6
1989.....	1,488	100.0	252	16.9	157	10.6	1,079	72.5
1988.....	1,526	100.0	224	14.7	188	12.3	1,114	73.0
1987.....	1,618	100.0	284	17.6	190	11.7	1,144	70.7

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

The 1993, 1994, 1995, and 1996 OBTS files remain open; therefore, published counts represent preliminary data.

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

² The "dismissed, acquitted" category includes diversions dismissed.

^a The 1993, 1994, 1995, and 1996 OBTS files are lower in number than normal because of fingerprint and disposition processing priorities. In addition, processing priorities caused the "released" category to be underrepresented in the 1993 OBTS file.

TABLE 36
DISPOSITIONS IN 1996 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE
Gender, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age of Arrestee by Type of Disposition

Gender, race/ethnic group, and age of arrestee	Total		Released ¹		Complaints filed			
					Dismissed, acquitted ²		Convicted	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total								
Total.....	1,647	100.0	150	9.1	230	14.0	1,267	76.9
Gender of arrestee								
Male.....	1,515	100.0	139	9.2	216	14.3	1,160	76.6
Female.....	132	100.0	11	8.3	14	10.6	107	81.1
Race/ethnic group of arrestee								
White.....	384	100.0	18	4.7	43	11.2	323	84.1
Hispanic.....	670	100.0	69	10.3	101	15.1	500	74.6
Black.....	473	100.0	51	10.8	73	15.4	349	73.8
Other.....	117	100.0	12	10.3	13	11.1	92	78.6
Unknown.....	3	100.0	0	-	0	-	3	-
Age of arrestee ³								
Under 18 ^a	84	100.0	0	.0	8	9.5	76	90.5
18-29.....	1,043	100.0	99	9.5	156	15.0	788	75.6
30-39.....	331	100.0	33	10.0	42	12.7	256	77.3
40 and over.....	189	100.0	18	9.5	24	12.7	147	77.8

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

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

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

² The "dismissed, acquitted" category includes diversions dismissed.

³ Age groupings indicate the age of arrestee at time of arrest.

^a The "under 18" age group includes juveniles remanded to adult court.

TABLE 37
DISPOSITIONS IN 1996 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE
BASED ON COMPLAINTS FILED
 Gender, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age of Arrestee by Type of Disposition

Gender, race/ethnic group, and age of arrestee	Total		Dismissed, acquitted ¹		Convicted	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total						
Total.....	1,497	100.0	230	15.4	1,267	84.6
Gender of arrestee						
Male.....	1,376	100.0	216	15.7	1,160	84.3
Female.....	121	100.0	14	11.6	107	88.4
Race/ethnic group of arrestee						
White.....	366	100.0	43	11.7	323	88.3
Hispanic.....	601	100.0	101	16.8	500	83.2
Black.....	422	100.0	73	17.3	349	82.7
Other.....	105	100.0	13	12.4	92	87.6
Unknown.....	3	100.0	0	-	3	-
Age of arrestee ²						
Under 18 ^a	84	100.0	8	9.5	76	90.5
18-29.....	944	100.0	156	16.5	788	83.5
30-39.....	298	100.0	42	14.1	256	85.9
40 and over.....	171	100.0	24	14.0	147	86.0

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

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

¹ The "dismissed, acquitted" category includes diversions dismissed.

² Age groupings indicate the age of arrestee at time of arrest.

³ The "under 18" age group includes juveniles remanded to adult court.

TABLE 38
DISPOSITIONS IN 1996 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE
Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Type of Disposition

Type of disposition	Total	Gender		Race/ethnic group				
		Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown
Number								
Total.....	1,647	1,515	132	384	670	473	117	3
Law enforcement releases.....	59	55	4	8	23	19	9	0
Total complaints denied.....	91	84	7	10	46	32	3	0
Single complaints.....	90	83	7	10	46	31	3	0
Combined cases.....	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Petitions to revoke probation..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Complaints filed.....	1,497	1,376	121	366	601	422	105	3
Misdemeanor.....	31	22	9	10	13	8	0	0
Felony.....	1,466	1,354	112	356	588	414	105	3
Lower court dispositions.....	157	141	16	50	69	32	6	0
Dismissed.....	91	88	3	19	43	24	5	0
Diversions dismissed.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Acquitted.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Convicted.....	66	53	13	31	26	8	1	0
Superior court dispositions....	1,340	1,235	105	316	532	390	99	3
Dismissed.....	105	97	8	13	49	36	7	0
Diversions dismissed.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Acquitted.....	34	31	3	11	9	13	1	0
Convicted.....	1,201	1,107	94	292	474	341	91	3
Percent								
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Law enforcement releases.....	3.6	3.6	3.0	2.1	3.4	4.0	7.7	-
Total complaints denied.....	5.5	5.5	5.3	2.6	6.9	6.8	2.6	-
Single complaints.....	5.5	5.5	5.3	2.6	6.9	6.6	2.6	-
Combined cases.....	.1	.1	.0	.0	.0	.2	.0	-
Petitions to revoke probation..	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	-
Complaints filed.....	90.9	90.8	91.7	95.3	89.7	89.2	89.7	-
Misdemeanor.....	1.9	1.5	6.8	2.6	1.9	1.7	.0	-
Felony.....	89.0	89.4	84.8	92.7	87.8	87.5	89.7	-
Lower court dispositions.....	9.5	9.3	12.1	13.0	10.3	6.8	5.1	-
Dismissed.....	5.5	5.8	2.3	4.9	6.4	5.1	4.3	-
Diversions dismissed.....	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	-
Acquitted.....	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	-
Convicted.....	4.0	3.5	9.8	8.1	3.9	1.7	.9	-
Superior court dispositions....	81.4	81.5	79.5	82.3	79.4	82.5	84.6	-
Dismissed.....	6.4	6.4	6.1	3.4	7.3	7.6	6.0	-
Diversions dismissed.....	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	-
Acquitted.....	2.1	2.0	2.3	2.9	1.3	2.7	.9	-
Convicted.....	72.9	73.1	71.2	76.0	70.7	72.1	77.8	-

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

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

TABLE 39
DISPOSITIONS IN 1996 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE
Age of Arrestee by Type of Disposition

Type of disposition	Total		Under 18 ^a		18-29		30-39		40 and over	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	1,647	100.0	84	100.0	1,043	100.0	331	100.0	189	100.0
Law enforcement releases.....	59	3.6	0	.0	39	3.7	11	3.3	9	4.8
Total complaints denied.....	91	5.5	0	.0	60	5.8	22	6.6	9	4.8
Single complaints.....	90	5.5	0	.0	60	5.8	22	6.6	8	4.2
Combined cases.....	1	.1	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	1	.5
Petitions to revoke probation..	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Complaints filed.....	1,497	90.9	84	100.0	944	90.5	298	90.0	171	90.5
Misdemeanor.....	31	1.9	0	.0	19	1.8	10	3.0	2	1.1
Felony.....	1,466	89.0	84	100.0	925	88.7	288	87.0	169	89.4
Lower court dispositions.....	157	9.5	5	6.0	95	9.1	37	11.2	20	10.6
Dismissed.....	91	5.5	4	4.8	56	5.4	19	5.7	12	6.3
Diversions dismissed.....	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Acquitted.....	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Convicted.....	66	4.0	1	1.2	39	3.7	18	5.4	8	4.2
Superior court dispositions.....	1,340	81.4	79	94.0	849	81.4	261	78.9	151	79.9
Dismissed.....	105	6.4	2	2.4	74	7.1	21	6.3	8	4.2
Diversions dismissed.....	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Acquitted.....	34	2.1	2	2.4	26	2.5	2	.6	4	2.1
Convicted.....	1,201	72.9	75	89.3	749	71.8	238	71.9	139	73.5

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

^a The "under 18" age group includes juveniles remanded to adult court.

TABLE 40
DISPOSITIONS IN 1987-1996 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED
 By Convicted Offense

Year(s)	Total		Homicide		All other							
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Total		Robbery		Assault		Other	
					Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1996 ^a	1,267	100.0	928	73.2	339	26.8	35	2.8	152	12.0	152	12.0
1995 ^a	964	100.0	730	75.7	234	24.3	13	1.3	108	11.2	113	11.7
1994 ^a	864	100.0	670	77.5	194	22.5	14	1.6	85	9.8	95	11.0
1993 ^a	1,174	100.0	957	81.5	217	18.5	19	1.6	93	7.9	105	8.9
1992.....	1,560	100.0	1,239	79.4	321	20.6	26	1.7	133	8.5	162	10.4
1991.....	1,306	100.0	1,035	79.2	271	20.8	26	2.0	104	8.0	141	10.8
1990.....	1,038	100.0	814	78.4	224	21.6	25	2.4	60	5.8	139	13.4
1989.....	1,079	100.0	857	79.4	222	20.6	10	.9	80	7.4	132	12.2
1988.....	1,114	100.0	910	81.7	204	18.3	10	.9	62	5.6	132	11.8
1987.....	1,144	100.0	941	82.3	203	17.7	22	1.9	73	6.4	108	9.4

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

The 1993, 1994, 1995, and 1996 OBTS files remain open; therefore, published counts represent preliminary data.

Data include convictions for both misdemeanors and felonies.

^a The 1993, 1994, 1995, and 1996 OBTS files are lower in number than normal because of fingerprint and disposition processing priorities.

TABLE 41
DISPOSITIONS IN 1996 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED
 Gender, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age of Offender by Convicted Offense

Gender, race/ethnic group, and age of offender	Total		Homicide		All other							
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Total		Robbery		Assault		Other	
					Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total												
Total.....	1,267	100.0	928	73.2	339	26.8	35	2.8	152	12.0	152	12.0
Gender of offender												
Male.....	1,160	100.0	861	74.2	299	25.8	34	2.9	134	11.6	131	11.3
Female.....	107	100.0	67	62.6	40	37.4	1	.9	18	16.8	21	19.6
Race/ethnic group of offender												
White.....	323	100.0	237	73.4	86	26.6	7	2.2	38	11.8	41	12.7
Hispanic.....	500	100.0	365	73.0	135	27.0	10	2.0	66	13.2	59	11.8
Black.....	349	100.0	258	73.9	91	26.1	15	4.3	37	10.6	39	11.2
Other.....	92	100.0	65	70.7	27	29.3	3	3.3	11	12.0	13	14.1
Unknown.....	3	100.0	3	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Age of offender ¹												
Under 18 ^a	76	100.0	59	77.6	17	22.4	5	6.6	6	7.9	6	7.9
18-29.....	788	100.0	565	71.7	223	28.3	21	2.7	106	13.5	96	12.2
30-39.....	256	100.0	186	72.7	70	27.3	8	3.1	27	10.5	35	13.7
40 and over.....	147	100.0	118	80.3	29	19.7	1	.7	13	8.8	15	10.2

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

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

Data include convictions for both misdemeanors and felonies.

¹ Age groupings indicate the age of offender at time of arrest.

^a The "under 18" age group includes juveniles remanded to adult court.

TABLE 42
DISPOSITIONS IN 1996 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED
 Convicted Offense by Sentence

Sentence	Total		Homicide		All other							
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Total		Robbery		Assault		Other	
					Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	1,267	100.0	928	100.0	339	100.0	35	100.0	152	100.0	152	100.0
Death, prison, Youth Authority.....	1,113	87.8	882	95.0	231	68.1	33	-	95	62.5	103	67.8
Death.....	40	3.2	40	4.3	0	.0	0	-	0	.0	0	.0
Prison.....	1,071	84.5	841	90.6	230	67.8	33	-	94	61.8	103	67.8
Youth Authority....	2	.2	1	.1	1	.3	0	-	1	.7	0	.0
All other.....	154	12.2	46	5.0	108	31.9	2	-	57	37.5	49	32.2
Jail.....	14	1.1	2	.2	12	3.5	0	-	4	2.6	8	5.3
Probation with jail..	125	9.9	37	4.0	88	26.0	2	-	48	31.6	38	25.0
Probation.....	14	1.1	7	.8	7	2.1	0	-	5	3.3	2	1.3
Other.....	1	.1	0	.0	1	.3	0	-	0	.0	1	.7

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

TABLE 43
PERSONS UNDER CALIFORNIA SENTENCE OF DEATH, 1978-1996

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

Source: California Appellate Project.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TABLE 44
PERSONS SENTENCED TO DEATH, 1996
 Sentencing County by Gender, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age

Sentencing county	Total	Gender		Race/ethnic group				Age at arrest					
		Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 and over
Total.....	40	40	0	20	7	11	2	4	10	8	4	3	11
Contra Costa.....	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Fresno.....	3	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Kern.....	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Kings.....	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Los Angeles.....	10	10	0	2	1	5	2	1	3	3	1	0	2
Orange.....	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Riverside.....	5	5	0	1	2	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	1
Sacramento.....	5	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3
San Bernardino....	4	4	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
San Luis Obispo...	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Santa Clara.....	3	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Stanislaus.....	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Tulare.....	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0

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

TABLE 45
HOMICIDE CRIMES AND PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1987-1996
 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
1996.....	32,383,000	2,910	9.0	63,778	5	7.8
1995.....	32,063,000	3,530	11.0	62,156	10	16.1
1994.....	32,140,000	3,699	11.5	59,340	9	15.2
1993.....	31,742,000	4,095	12.9	58,861	8	13.6
1992.....	31,300,000	3,920	12.5	59,386	5	8.4
1991.....	30,646,000	3,876	12.6	60,901	3	4.9
1990.....	29,557,836	3,562	12.1	60,227	5	8.3
1989.....	28,771,207	3,159	11.0	58,149	5 ^a	8.6
1988.....	28,060,746	2,947	10.5	50,913	9 ^b	17.7
1987.....	27,388,477	2,929	10.7	54,106	4	7.4

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

¹ Includes peace officers killed in the line of duty.

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

^a Includes 1 reported federal law enforcement officer.

^b Includes 2 reported federal law enforcement officers.

TABLE 46
PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1996
 By Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	Number	Percent
Total.....	5	100.0
Attempted arrest.....	1	-
Domestic violence.....	1	-
Investigation (suspicious person)...	1	-
Traffic stop.....	1	-
Unknown.....	1	-

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

TABLE 47
**JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1996**
By Gender, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age of Deceased

Gender, race/ethnic group, and age of deceased	Total		Peace officer justifiable		Citizen justifiable	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total						
Total.....	162	100.0	101	100.0	61	100.0
Gender						
Male.....	159	98.1	99	98.0	60	98.4
Female.....	3	1.9	2	2.0	1	1.6
Race/ethnic group						
White.....	39	24.1	31	30.7	8	13.1
Hispanic.....	73	45.1	47	46.5	26	42.6
Black.....	41	25.3	19	18.8	22	36.1
Other.....	9	5.6	4	4.0	5	8.2
Age						
Under 18.....	9	5.6	3	3.0	6	9.8
18-19.....	14	8.6	9	8.9	5	8.2
20-24.....	36	22.2	17	16.8	19	31.1
25-29.....	28	17.3	16	15.8	12	19.7
30-34.....	28	17.3	21	20.8	7	11.5
35-39.....	16	9.9	12	11.9	4	6.6
40-44.....	16	9.9	11	10.9	5	8.2
45-49.....	6	3.7	4	4.0	2	3.3
50-54.....	3	1.9	3	3.0	0	.0
55 and over.....	2	1.2	2	2.0	0	.0
Unknown.....	4	2.5	3	3.0	1	1.6

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

TABLE 48
**JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1996**
By Location of Homicide

Location of homicide	Number	Percent
Total		
Total.....	162	
Peace officer justifiable		
Total.....	101	100.0
Felon's residence.....	19	18.8
Other residence.....	3	3.0
Street, sidewalk.....	57	56.4
Commercial establishment..	4	4.0
Liquor store.....	0	.0
Bar.....	0	.0
Other business.....	4	4.0
All other.....	18	17.8
Hotel, motel.....	1	1.0
Parking lot.....	2	2.0
Vehicle.....	13	12.9
Other.....	2	2.0
Citizen justifiable		
Total.....	61	100.0
Citizen's, shared residence.	13	21.3
Citizen's residence.....	13	21.3
Shared residence.....	0	.0
Other residence.....	6	9.8
Victim's residence.....	3	4.9
Other residence.....	3	4.9
Street, sidewalk.....	25	41.0
Commercial establishment..	15	24.6
Liquor store.....	2	3.3
Bar.....	1	1.6
Other business.....	12	19.7
All other.....	2	3.3
Hotel, motel.....	0	.0
Parking lot.....	2	3.3
Vehicle.....	0	.0
Other.....	0	.0

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

TABLE 49
**JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1996**
By Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	Number	Percent
Total		
Total.....	162	
Peace officer justifiable		
Total.....	101	100.0
Felon attacked peace officer.....	81	80.2
Felon killed during commission of crime..	20	19.8
Felon resisted arrest.....	0	.0
All other.....	0	.0
Felon attacked another peace officer...	0	.0
Felon attacked citizen.....	0	.0
Felon attempted flight.....	0	.0
Citizen justifiable		
Total.....	61	100.0
Felon attacked citizen.....	10	16.4
Felon killed during commission of crime..	51	83.6
All other.....	0	.0

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

TABLE 50
**JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1996**
By Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	Total		Peace officer justifiable		Citizen justifiable	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	162	100.0	101	100.0	61	100.0
Firearm.....	153	94.4	100	99.0	53	86.9
Handgun.....	141	87.0	95	94.1	46	75.4
All other firearms.....	12	7.4	5	5.0	7	11.5
Rifle.....	5	3.1	3	3.0	2	3.3
Shotgun.....	7	4.3	2	2.0	5	8.2
Firearm - unknown type..	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Knife ¹	9	5.6	1	1.0	8	13.1
Blunt object ²	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Personal weapon ³	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
All other.....	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Rope ⁴	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Drugs.....	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Other.....	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0

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

¹ Any instrument used to cut or stab.

² Club, etc.

³ Hands, feet, etc.

⁴ Any instrument used to hang or strangle.

**TABLE 51
POPULATION ESTIMATES, 1987-1996**

Year(s)	Total population	Population at risk		
		Total ¹	Adult ²	Juvenile ³
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

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.