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This report is the most recent publication by the Bureau of Criminal Statistics (BCS) on the subject of homicide in California. The three primary purposes of this publication are: 1) to provide an annual overview of findings pertaining to the crime of homicide and its victims, as well as information about persons arrested for murder and the system's response to these persons (types of dispositions and sentences received); 2) to monitor homicide data on an annual basis in order to detect significant year-to-year changes; and 3) to provide homicide information on topics of special interest, such as justifiable homicide.

Primary emphasis has been placed on the crime of willful homicide. Variables such as location of the homicide, victim-offender relationship, type of weapon used, and circumstance contributing to the homicide are analyzed in terms of the personal characteristics of the victim (sex, race/ethnic group, and age). In addition to the analysis of willful homicide crimes reported in 1981, other areas of analytical emphasis include: characteristics of persons arrested for murder; response of the criminal justice system to adults arrested for murder; defendants sentenced to death; peace officers killed in the line of duty; and justifiable homicides, both by peace officers and private citizens.

This publication relies principally on charts to convey essential facts about homicide in California. These charts refer to and are based on tables presented in the Data Section at the back of the report.



Most data presented in this report were obtained from three independently compiled BCS data bases: the Automated Homicide File for data pertaining to both willful and justifiable homicides; the Monthly Arrest and Citation Register for data relevant to the characteristics of persons arrested for murder; and the Offender-Based Transaction Statistics system for information on types of dispositions, sentences, and death penalty cases.¹

The analysis of race/ethnic data must be considered in light of the subjectivity of the labeling process and recent classification changes, such as those of the U.S. Bureau of the Census (1980).

The Data Section contains raw and "analyzed" data tables. For any given variable, the raw data table shows the frequency count of each category, including that of "unknown." When, for purposes of analysis, unknown data are removed and categories are combined, the table becomes an analyzed data table. Analyzed data tables are the source tables for all charts in the report.

In its continuing effort to reduce the incidence of unknown homicide crime data, BCS has implemented procedures to deal with incomplete records. As a result of this effort, the amount of unknown data in the 1981 Automated Homicide File pertaining to certain variables dropped substantially (victim-offender relationship, location of incident, day of

incident, and circumstance contributing to the homicide). Also, a number of changes in the frequency distributions of these variables occurred. The most pronounced of these changes and the variables with which each is associated are listed below.

- Relationship between victim and offender An increase in frequency in the "stranger" category.
- Location of incident An increase in frequency in the "victim's residence" category.
- 3. Day of incident A decrease in frequency in the "weekend" category.
- 4. Circumstance contributing to the homicide A decrease in frequency in the "argument" category.

Despite these changes in the frequency distributions, essential relationships between the categories of these variables, for the most part, did not change.



This logo will alert the reader to those tables and charts based on tables that still contain a considerable amount of unknown data. The effects of these unknown data, were they

known, cannot be predicted with any assurance. It seems likely, however, that changes noted above would be accentuated.

¹Tables 3–6, 8–40, and 56–65 were compiled from Automated Homicide File data. The data source for Tables 41–45 was the Monthly Arrest and Citation Register. The Offender-Based Transaction Statistics system was the source of data for Tables 46–55.



WILLFUL HOMICIDE The Crime and Its Victims

The crime of willful homicide is defined by the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as the "willful (nonnegligent) killing of one human being by another." Attempted murder, justifiable homicide, manslaughter by negligence, and suicide are excluded. The data presented in this section of the report coincide with that definition, and were obtained almost exclusively from the Automated Homicide File. Other data sources are indicated in the footnotes of the appropriate tables.

The number of willful homicides reported to the UCR system in 1972 was 1,789. In 1981, the number had grown to 3,140 — an increase of 75.5 percent. These figures are more meaningful when viewed in the context of rates per 100,000 population and in relation to other crimes against persons. In this context, the number of willful homicide victims for each 100,000 population grew from 8.7 in 1972 to 13.0 in 1981 — an increase of about 49 percent.

Other general findings related to the crime of willful homicide are that more persons were killed on Saturday and Sunday than on other days of the week; more victims were killed at their places of residence than in other locations; and more were killed by firearms than by all other types of weapons combined. Also, relatively more persons in the state's 20 most populated counties were willful homicide victims than were persons in the 38 remaining counties.

The following charts and chart-related statements describe homicide crimes in terms of:

- The number of victims in the context of rate per 100,000 population.
- The relation of homicide crimes to other crimes against persons.
- The personal characteristics (sex, race/ethnic group, and age) of the victim and the interrelationship of these characteristics; for example, age of victim as a function of race.
- The relationship between sex, race/ethnic group, and age of the victim and homicide rate, victim-offender relationship, time of incident (month and day), location of incident, type of weapon, and circumstance contributing to the homicide incident.

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TABLE 1
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1972–1981
Number, Rate per 100,000 Population, and Annual Percent Change

Year	Number	Percent change ^a	Rate	Percent change ^a
1972	1,789	-	8.7	_
1973	1,862	4.1	8.9	2.3
1974	1,970	5.8	9.3	4.5
1975	2,196	11.5	10.2	9.7
1976	2,214	.8	10.1	-1.0
1977	2,481	12.1	11.1	9.9
1978	2,601	4.8	11.4	2.7
1979	2,941	13.1	12.6	10.5
1980	3,405	15.8	14.3	13.5
1981	3,140	-7.8	13.0	-9.1

^a Annual percent change in both number and rate is calculated from the number and rate of the previous year.

Source: Criminal Justice Profile — 1981, Statewide, to be published by the Bureau of Criminal Statistics, California Department of Justice, later this year.

From 1980 to 1981:

- The number of willful homicides decreased from 3,405 to 3,140.
- The willful homicide rate per 100,000 population decreased from 14.3 to 13.0.

From 1972 to 1981:

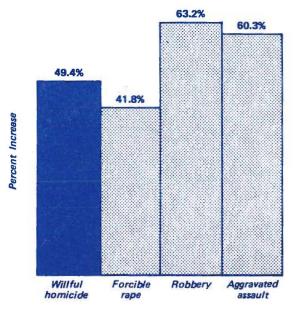
- The number of willful homicides increased from 1,789 to 3.140.
- The willful homicide rate per 100,000 population increased from 8.7 to 13.0.

Four of the Seven Major Offenses are crimes against persons. They are willful homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

From 1972 to 1981, the crime rate per 100,000 population for:

- Willful homicide increased 49.4 percent.
- Forcible rape increased 41.8 percent.
- Robbery increased 63.2 percent.
- Aggravated assault increased 60.3 percent.

CHART 1
CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS
Percent Increase in Rate per 100,000 Population
From 1972 to 1981



Source: Table 7.

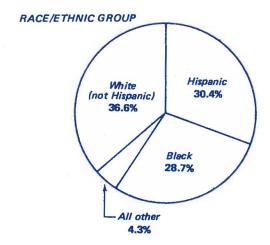


CHART 2 **WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981** Distribution of Victims by Sex, Known Race/Ethnic Group, and Known Age



When willful homicide victims were analyzed by sex, it was found that:

- In 1981, 78.7 percent were male and 21.3 percent were female.
 - For each year, 1974-1981, the larger proportion of homicide victims were male.



When willful homicide victims were analyzed by race/ethnic group, it was found that:

- In 1981, 36.6 percent were white (not Hispanic), 30.4 percent were Hispanic, 28.7 percent were black, and 4.3 percent were of "all other" race/ethnic groups combined.
 - For each year, 1974-1981, the largest proportion of homicide victims were classified white (not Hispanic).



0-24 25-39 34.6% 38.6% 40 and over 26.8%

Source: Tables 9, 10, and 11.

When willful homicide victims were analyzed by age, it was found that:

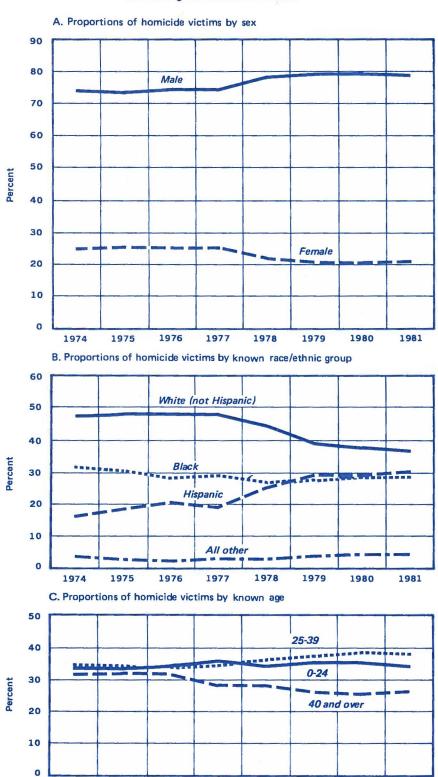
- In 1981, 34.6 percent were 0-24 years, 38.6 percent were 25-39 years, and 26.8 percent were 40 years of age or older.
 - For each year, 1974-1981, the smallest proportion of homicide victims were 40 years of age and older.

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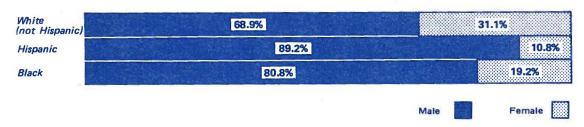
CHART 3 WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIME TRENDS, 1974–1981 Sex, Known Race/Ethnic Group, and Known Age of Homicide Victim



Source: Tables 9, 10, and 11.

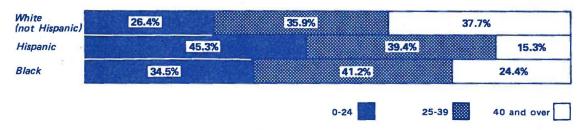


CHART 4 WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981 Sex of Victim by Known Race/Ethnic Group



Source: Table 8.

CHART 5
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981
Known Age of Victim by Known Race/Ethnic Group



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

Source: Table 12.

When sex of victim was analyzed by race/ethnic group, it was found that:

- Proportionately, more Hispanic homicide victims were male than were either white (not Hispanic) or black homicide victims (89.2 versus 68.9 and 80.8 percent, respectively).
- Conversely, proportionately fewer Hispanic homicide victims were female than were either white (not Hispanic) or black homicide victims (10.8 versus 31.1 and 19.2 percent, respectively).

When known age of victim was analyzed by race/ethnic group, it was found that:

- The largest proportion of white (not Hispanic) victims were 40 years of age or older (37.7 percent).
- The largest proportion of Hispanic victims were 24 years of age or younger (45.3 percent).
- The largest proportion of black victims were 25—39 years of age (41.2 percent).



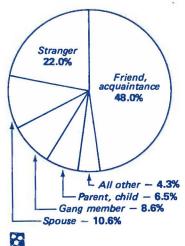
When 1981 willful homicide crimes were analyzed by known relationship of the victim to the offender, it was found that:

- 48.0 percent of the victims were friends or acquaintances of offenders.
- 22.0 percent of the victims were strangers to offenders.
- 10.6 percent of the victims were spouses of offenders.
- 8.6 percent of the victims were gang members.
- 6.5 percent of the victims were parents or children of offenders.
- 4.3 percent of the relationships of victim to offender were classified as "all other."

When known relationship of the victim to the offender was analyzed by sex, it was found that:

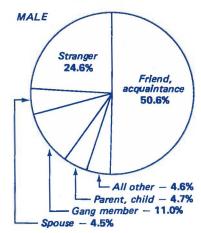
- The male victim was more likely than the female victim to be a stranger to the offender (24.6 versus 13.3 percent).
- The male victim was much more likely than the female victim to be a gang member (11.0 versus .5 percent).
- The female victim was much more likely than the male victim to be the spouse of the offender (31.1 versus 4.5 percent).
- The female victim was much more likely than the male victim to be the parent or child of the offender (12.6 versus 4.7 percent).

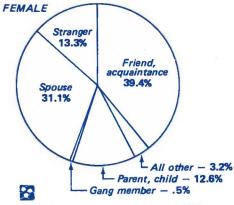
CHART 6
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981
Known Relationship of Victim to Offender



Source: Table 21.

CHART 7
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981
Known Relationship of Victim to Offender
by Sex of Victim



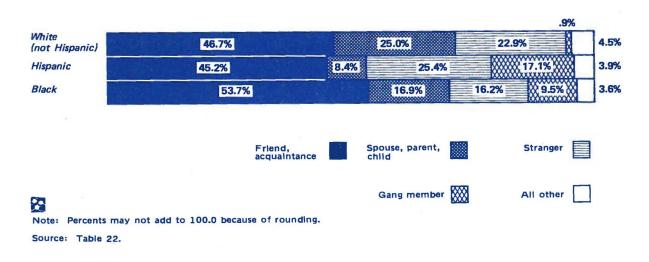


Note: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Source: Table 21.



CHART 8 WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981 Known Relationship of Victim to Offender by Race/Ethnic Group of Victim



When known relationship of the victim to the offender was analyzed by race/ethnic group, it was found that:

- For each race/ethnic group, the homicide victim was most likely to be a friend or acquaintance of the offender. This relationship was most pronounced in the case of blacks (53.7 percent).
- The Hispanic victim was much more likely to be a gang member than the white (not Hispanic) or black victim (17.1 versus .9 and 9.5 percent, respectively), and less likely to be the spouse, parent, or child of the offender than either the white (not Hispanic) or black victim (8.4 versus 25.0 and 16.9 percent, respectively).
- The black victim was less likely to be a stranger to the offender than the white (not Hispanic) or Hispanic victim (16.2 versus 22.9 and 25.4 percent, respectively).



CHART 9
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1979–1981
Average Homicide Rate per 100,000 Population by Size of County

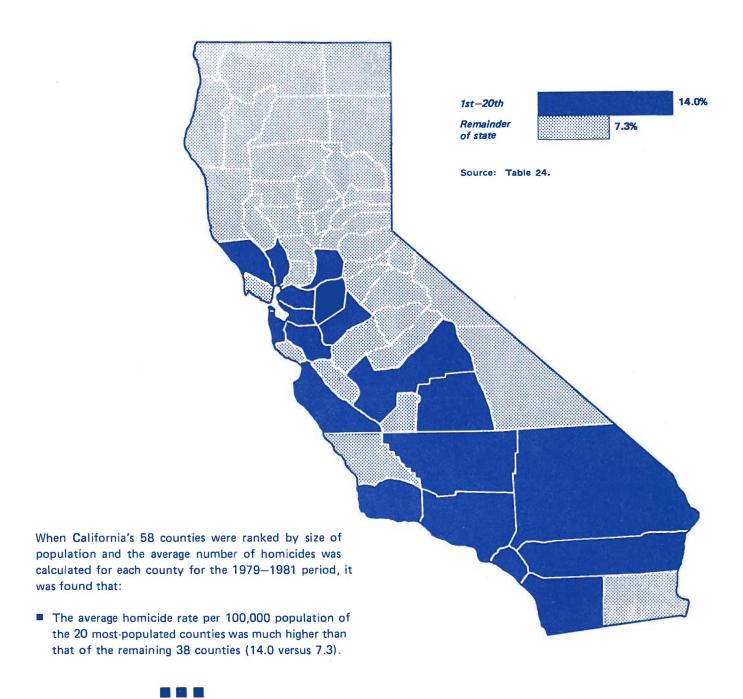




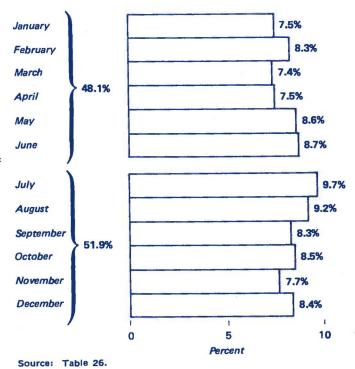
CHART 10 WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981 Percent by Known Month of Incident

When 1981 willful homicide crimes were analyzed by known month of incident, it was found that:

- More homicides occurred in the last six months than in the first six months (51.9 versus 48.1 percent).
- This relationship was found to exist each year since 1974 (Chart 11).

Based on an average annual increase of 6.69 percent¹, the average monthly number of homicides in the second half of any given year should be 3.29 percent greater than those in the first half of that year. When this semiannual growth increment is subtracted from the average monthly number of homicides in the second half of each year, it is found that the average number of homicides remaining is significantly greater than the average number in the first half of the year. This suggests a definite seasonal pattern in willful homicide crimes in that more persons are killed in the last six months than in the first six months of the year.

¹Calculated from averaging the annual percent changes in number for the period shown in Table 1.



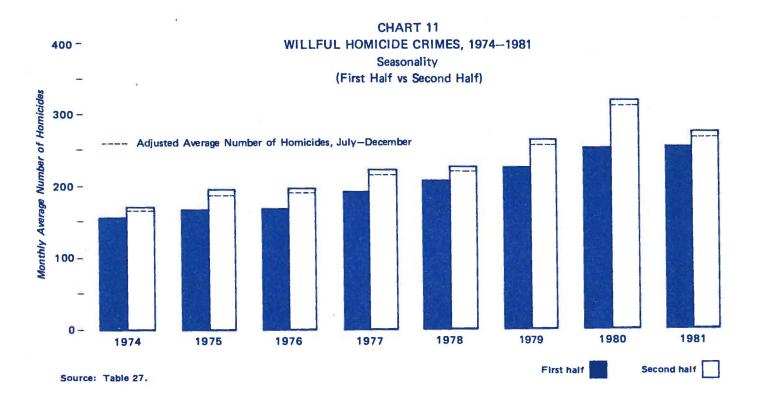
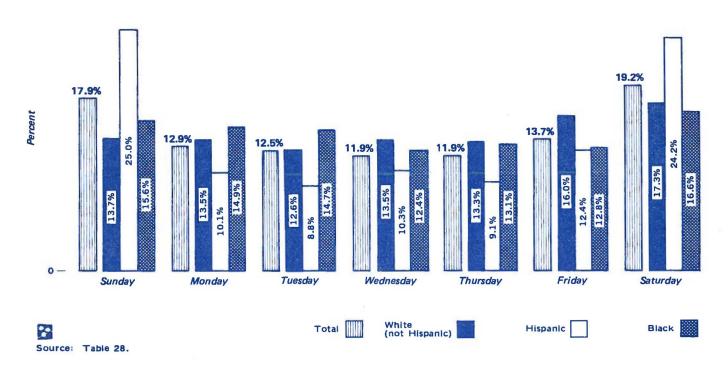




CHART 12 WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981 Known Day of Incident by Race/Ethnic Group of Victim

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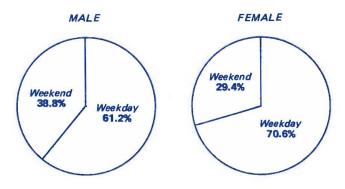
When 1981 willful homicide crimes were analyzed by known day of incident and race/ethnic group of victim, it was found that:

- Most willful homicides occurred on Saturday and Sunday (19.2 and 17.9 percent, respectively).
- Proportionately, more Hispanic victims than white (not Hispanic) or black victims were killed on Saturday and Sunday combined (49.3 versus 31.0 and 32.1 percent, respectively).

CHART 13
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981
Known Day of Incident by Sex of Victim

When known day of incident was analyzed by sex of victim, it was found that:

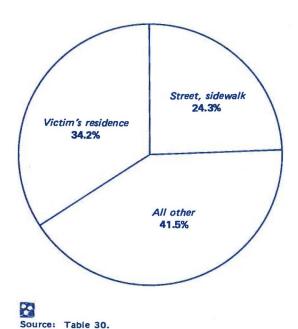
Females were more likely than males to have been killed on weekdays (70.6 versus 61.2 percent), while males were more likely than females to have been killed on weekends (38.8 versus 29.4 percent).



Source: Table 28.

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CHART 14 WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981 Known Location of Homicide



When 1981 willful homicide crimes were analyzed by known location of incident and sex of victim, it was found that:

- 34.2 percent of homicide victims were killed at their places of residence.
- Proportionately, many more female than male homicide victims were killed at their places of residence (58.7 versus 27.8 percent).

And,

- 24.3 percent of homicides occurred on streets or sidewalks.
- Proportionately, many more male than female homicide victims were killed on streets or sidewalks (28.1 versus 9.9 percent).

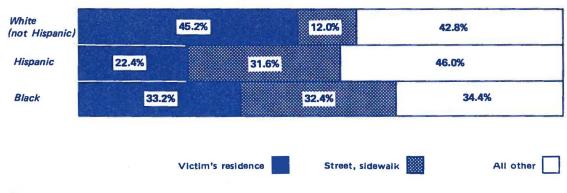
CHART 15
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981
Known Location of Homicide by Sex of Victim



Note: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding. Source: Table 30.



CHART 16 WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981 Known Location of Homicide by Race/Ethnic Group of Victim



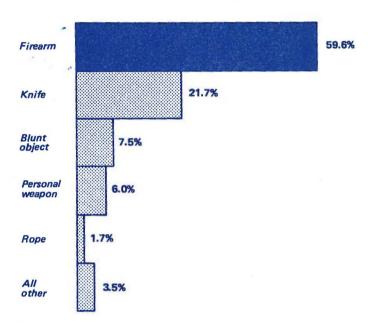
Source: Table 31.

When willful homicide crimes were analyzed by race/ethnic group of victim and known location of incident, it was found that:

- Proportionately, more white (not Hispanic) than Hispanic or black victims were killed at their places of residence (45.2 versus 22.4 and 33.2 percent, respectively).
- Proportionately, fewer white (not Hispanic) than Hispanic or black victims were killed on streets or sidewalks (12.0 versus 31.6 and 32.4 percent, respectively).



CHART 17 WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981 Known Type of Weapon



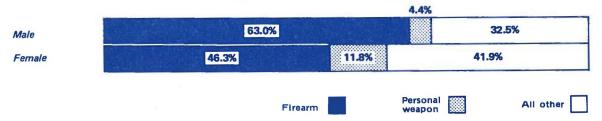
Source: Table 33.

When 1981 willful homicides were analyzed by known type of weapon used, it was found that:

- 59.6 percent resulted from the use of firearms.
- 21.7 percent resulted from the use of knives.
- 7.5 percent resulted from the use of blunt objects.
- 6.0 percent resulted from the use of personal weapons (hands, fists, feet, etc.).
- 1.7 percent resulted from the use of ropes.
- 3.5 percent resulted from the use of weapons grouped in the "all other" category.



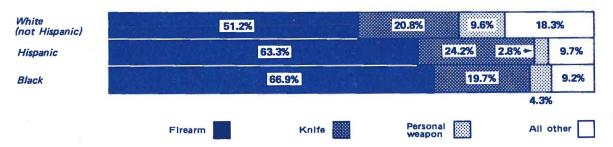
CHART 18
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981
Known Type of Weapon by Sex of Victim



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

Source: Table 34.

CHART 19 WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981 Known Type of Weapon by Race/Ethnic Group of Victim



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

Source: Table 35.

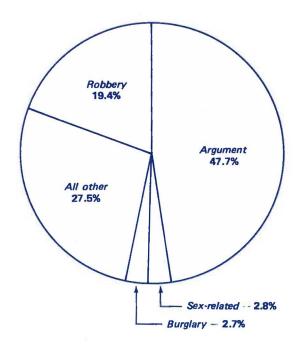
When known type of weapon used was analyzed by sex and race/ethnic group of the homicide victim, it was found that:

- Regardless of sex or race/ethnic group, the victim was most likely to have been killed by a firearm.
- The proportion of males killed by firearms was greater than that of females (63.0 versus 46.3 percent).
- The proportion of females killed by personal weapons was much greater than that of males (11.8 versus 4.4 percent).
- Proportionately, many more white (not Hispanic) victims were killed by personal weapons than were Hispanics or blacks (9.6 versus 2.8 and 4.3 percent, respectively).

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CHART 20 WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981 Known Contributing Circumstance





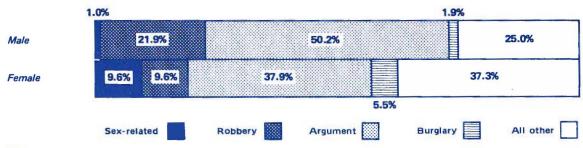
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When 1981 willful homicide crimes were analyzed by known contributing circumstance, it was found that:

- 47.7 percent were associated with arguments.
- 19.4 percent were associated with robbery.
- 2.8 percent were sex-related.
- 2.7 percent were associated with burglary.
- 27.5 percent were associated with "all other" contributing circumstances.



CHART 21
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981
Known Contributing Circumstance by Sex of Victim

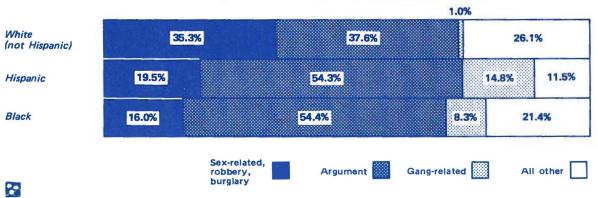


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CHART 22
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981
Known Contributing Circumstance by Race/Ethnic Group of Victim



Note: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding. Source: Table 38.

When willful homicide crimes were analyzed by known contributing circumstance and sex of victim, it was found that:

- Males were much more likely than females to have been victims of homicides in which the contributing circumstance was the crime of robbery (21.9 versus 9.6 percent).
- Females were much more likely than males to have been victims of homicides in which the contributing circumstance was the crime of burglary (5.5 versus 1.9 percent).
- Females were much more likely than males to have been victims of homicides in which the contributing circumstance was a sex-related crime (9.6 versus 1.0 percent).

When willful homicide crimes were analyzed by known contributing circumstance and race/ethnic group of the victim, it was found that:

- For each race/ethnic group shown, the circumstance which most contributed to homicides was an argument.
- White (not Hispanic) victims were much more likely than either Hispanics or blacks to have been victims of homicides in which the contributing circumstance was either a robbery, burglary, or sex-related crime (35.3 versus 19.5 and 16.0 percent, respectively).
- Hispanics were much more likely than either whites (not Hispanic) or blacks to have been victims of homicides in which the contributing circumstance was gang-related (14.8 versus 1.0 and 8.3 percent, respectively).



ARRESTS FOR MURDER

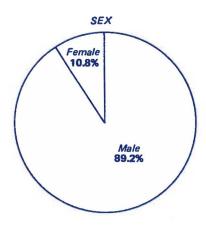
This section of the report is concerned with arrests for murder in 1981. Murder is defined as the unlawful killing of a human being with malice aforethought.

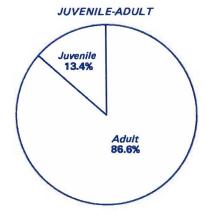
Data pertaining to reported arrests for murder were obtained from the Monthly Arrest and Citation Register (Arrest Register). The Arrest Register contains information on all arrests made in 1981, as reported to BCS by California law enforcement agencies.

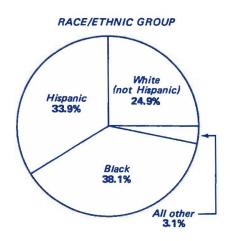
Data which follow pertain to personal characteristics (sex, race/ethnic group, and age) of those arrested for murder in 1981, and to the manner in which these characteristics relate to one another; for example, the distribution of age of arrestee as a function of race.

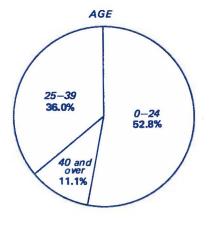
CHART 23 ARRESTS FOR MURDER, 1981

Sex, Juvenile-Adult, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age of Arrestee









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

Source: Tables 41, 42, 43, and 44.

Analysis of the characteristics of 4,108 arrestees for murder 38.1 percent were black. in 1981 showed that:

- 89.2 percent were male.
- 10.8 percent were female.

And,

- 86.6 percent were adult.
- 13.4 percent were juvenile.

And,

- 24.9 percent were white (not Hispanic).
- 33.9 percent were Hispanic.

- 3.1 percent were of "all other" race/ethnic groups.

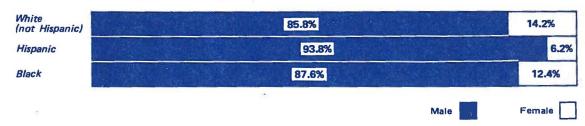
And,

- 52.8 percent were 24 years of age or younger.
- 36.0 percent were 25-39 years of age.
- 11.1 percent were 40 years of age or older.



CHART 24 ARRESTS FOR MURDER, 1981 Sex and Age Groups by Race/Ethnic Group

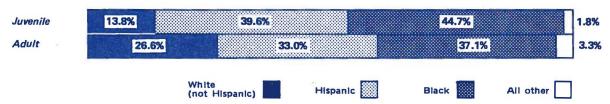
SEX OF ARRESTEE BY RACE/ETHNIC GROUP



AGE OF ARRESTEE BY RACE/ETHNIC GROUP



RACE/ETHNIC GROUP OF JUVENILE AND ADULT ARRESTEES



Note: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding. Source: Tables 41, 43, and 44.

When sex of arrestees for murder in 1981 was analyzed by race/ethnic group, it was found that:

 The ratio of male to female arrestees was much greater for Hispanic than for either white (not Hispanic) or black (15 to 1 versus 6 to 1 and 7 to 1, respectively).

When age of arrestees for murder was analyzed by race/ ethnic group, it was found that:

 Of white (not Hispanic) arrestees, many more were in the youngest and middle age groups than in the oldest age group (39.9 and 44.6 versus 15.5 percent).

- Of Hispanic arrestees, many more were in the youngest age group than in the middle and oldest age groups (65.2 versus 28.4 and 6.3 percent, respectively).
- Of black arrestees, more were in the youngest age group than in the middle and oldest age groups (50.9 versus 36.5 and 12.6 percent, respectively).

When juvenile and adult arrestees for murder were analyzed by race/ethnic group, it was found that:

- Of juvenile arrestees, less were white (not Hispanic) than either Hispanic or black (13.8 versus 39.6 and 44.7 percent, respectively).
- Of adult arrestees, more were black than either white (not Hispanic) or Hispanic (37.1 versus 26.6 and 33.0 percent, respectively).



DISPOSITIONS OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR MURDER

This section of the report describes the dispositions made during 1981 of adults arrested for murder, regardless of the year of arrest. Data were obtained from the Offender-Based Transaction Statistics (OBTS) system.

OBTS system data are compiled from information collected on the JUS 8715 Disposition of Arrest and Court Action form. It is estimated that JUS 8715 forms were received for about 70 percent of all adult felony arrests which received a final disposition in 1981. Despite underreporting, it is believed that these dispositions are generally descriptive of those adult felony arrestees processed through the criminal justice system.

There were 36 persons sentenced to death in 1981. They were included in the "prison" category when type of sentence was related to convicted offense. Specific information pertaining to these persons was also obtained from the OBTS system and is presented in the Death Penalty Section on page 30.

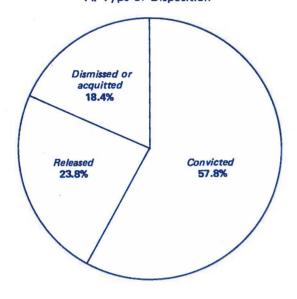
Analysis of OBTS information involves:

- The relationship between type of disposition (release, dismissal or acquittal, and conviction) and the sex and age of the arrestee.
- The relationship between type of disposition (dismissal or acquittal, and conviction) and the sex and age of those arrestees against whom complaints were granted.
- The relationship between convicted offense (murder and "other" offenses, such as manslaughter, felony assault, and robbery) and the sex and age of the convicted arrestee.
- The relationship between type of sentence received and the convicted offense of the arrestee.

Race/ethnic data are not shown in the disposition section because of inconsistent reporting.

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CHART 25 DISPOSITIONS IN 1981 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR MURDER A. Type of Disposition



Source: Table 46.

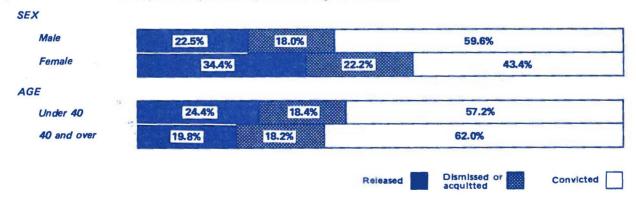
Analysis of 1981 dispositions of adults arrested for murder showed that:

- 23.8 percent were released by the police or had complaints against them denied.
- 18.4 percent were dismissed or acquitted.
- 57.8 percent were convicted.

When these dispositions were analyzed by sex, race/ethnic group, and age, it was found that:

- Relatively more males than females were convicted (59.6) versus 43.4 percent).
- Proportionately, more females than males were released and dismissed or acquitted (56.6 versus 40.5 percent).
- Arrestees over 40 years of age were more likely to be convicted and less likely to be released than arrestees under 40 years of age (62.0 versus 57.2 and 19.8 versus 24.4 percent, respectively).

B. Type of Disposition by Sex and Age of Arrestee



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

Source: Table 46.



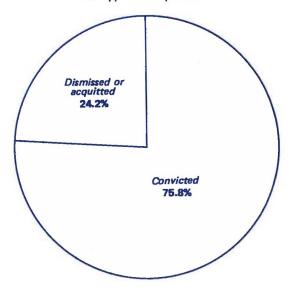
Analysis of 1981 dispositions of adults arrested for murder in which complaints had been granted showed that:

- 24.2 percent were dismissed or acquitted.
- 75.8 percent were convicted.

When these dispositions were analyzed by sex, it was found that:

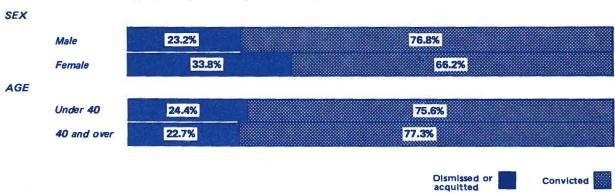
Proportionately, more males than females were convicted (76.8 versus 66.2 percent).

CHART 26
DISPOSITIONS IN 1981 OF ADULTS
ARRESTED FOR MURDER AND
COMPLAINTS GRANTED
A. Type of Disposition



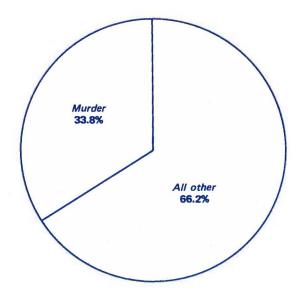
Source: Table 47.

B. Type of Disposition by Sex and Age of Arrestee



Source: Table 47.

CHART 27 DISPOSITIONS IN 1981 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR MURDER AND CONVICTED A. Convicted Offense



Source: Table 50.

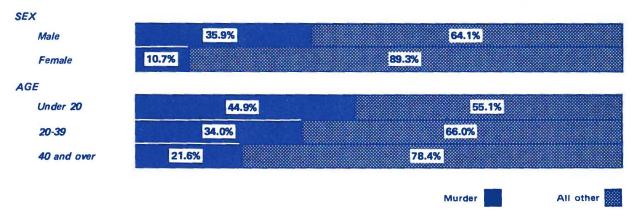
Of those adults arrested for murder who were convicted in 1981, it was found that:

- 33.8 percent were convicted of murder.
- 66.2 percent were convicted of lesser crimes, such as manslaughter, felony assault, and robbery.

When these dispositions were analyzed by sex and age, it was found that:

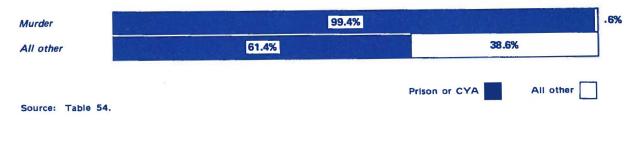
- Considerably more males than females were convicted of murder (35.9 versus 10.7 percent).
- Convictions for murder varied inversely with age. Of those in the youngest age group (under 20 years of age), 44.9 percent were convicted of murder and of those in the oldest age group (40 years of age and over), 21.6 percent were convicted of murder.

B. Convicted Offense by Sex and Age of Arrestee



Source: Table 50.

CHART 28 DISPOSITIONS IN 1981 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR MURDER AND CONVICTED Type of Sentence Received by Convicted Offense



Analysis of type of sentence received by adults arrested for murder and convicted in 1981 showed that:

Proportionately, more of those convicted of murder were sentenced to prison or to the Youth Authority than were those convicted of lesser offenses (99.4 versus 61.4 percent)¹.

¹ Prison includes 36 death penalty cases reported via the OBTS system. See page 30 for additional information on death penalty cases.



DEATH PENALTY CASES

This section presents information on those persons sentenced to death in California superior courts in 1981. Death penalty cases were extracted from the 1981 Offender-Based Transaction Statistics (OBTS) system.

The death penalty in California was ruled unconstitutional by the California Supreme Court in February 1972. This was followed by a public vote and the reinstatement of the death penalty in January 1974. The death penalty was subsequently declared unconstitutional by the California Supreme Court in December 1976 and by virtue of a veto override in August 1977, new legislation was adopted that reinstated the death penalty in California.

By public vote on November 7, 1978, additional criteria were added to the circumstances by which a person could be sentenced to death. The criteria currently specified by Penal Code Section 190.2 are as follows:

- 1. Intentional murder for financial gain.
- Previously convicted of murder in the first or second degree.
- Multiple convictions for first or second degree murder.
- Murder perpetrated by means of destructive device, bomb, or explosive.

- Murder to prevent arrest or to effect escape from custody.
- Murder of a peace officer or fireman engaged in the performance of his/her duties.
- 7. Murder of a witness to prevent testimony or in retaliation for testimony given.
- Murder of an elected or appointed official, judge, or prosecutor in retaliation for performance of his/her official duties.
- 9. Murder by ambush.
- Murder because of the victim's race, color, religion, nationality, or country of origin.
- 11. Murder involving torture.
- 12. Murder by poison.
- 13. Murder during the commission of: a) robbery, b) kidnapping, c) rape, d) lewd or lascivious act upon a child under the age of 14, e) oral copulation or sodomy in violation of Penal Code Sections 286 and 288a, f) burglary, g) arson, and h) train wrecking.

TABLE 2 DEFENDANTS SENTENCED TO DEATH, 1981 Sex, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age

Distributed by Sentencing County

		S	ex	Ra	ce/ethnic g	roup				Age			
County	Total	Male	Female	White (not Hispanic)	Hispanic	Black	All other	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 and over
TOTAL	36	36	0	17	4	15	0	0	8	14	9	2	3
Alameda	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Contra Costa	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Inyo	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Kern	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	13	13	0	3	1	9	0	0	4	6	2	0	1
Merced	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Orange	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Riverside	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Sacramento	3	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
San Bernardino .	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
San Diego	1	1	0	0	o	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
San Francisco	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
San Joaquin	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
San Mateo	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Shasta	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Sonoma	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Tulare	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Ventura	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Yolo	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

Source: 1981 Disposition of Adult Felony Arrests (OBTS) file, Bureau of Criminal Statistics, California Department of Justice.

During 1981, 36 persons convicted of first degree murder were sentenced to death. The sex, race/ethnic group, age, and sentencing county of those sentenced to death are presented in Table 2.

Of the 36 defendants sentenced to death in 1981:

- All were male.
- 17 were white (not Hispanic), four were Hispanic, and 15 were black.

- The median age was 28 years.
- 13 were sentenced in Los Angeles County, three each in Sacramento and San Bernardino counties, two in Alameda County, and one each in the remaining fifteen counties.



TABLE 3 HOMICIDES INVOLVING PEACE OFFICERS 1972-1981

Year	Peace officers killed in the line of duty	Killed by peace officers in the line of duty
TOTAL	102	851
Total	52	446
1981	8	68
1980	7	92
1979	12	102
1978	12	87
1977	13	97
Total	50	405
1976	6	94
1975	12	87
1974	10	84
1973	16	64
1972	6	76

PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

A topic of special interest is that of peace officers killed in the line of duty. Data pertaining to peace officers were obtained from the Automated Homicide File.

From 1972-1981, 102 peace officers were killed in the line of duty. During the same period, 851 felons were justifiably killed by peace officers. Analysis of the data in Table 3 showed that:

- The average annual number of peace officers killed was 10.2. In 1981, the number was 8.
- The average annual number of felons killed by peace officers was 85.1. In 1981, the number was 68.
- The number of peace officers killed in the past five years (1977-1981) was more than that of the previous five years (52 versus 50), and the number of felons killed by peace officers in the line of duty in the past five years was greater than that of the previous five years (446 versus 405).

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TABLE 4 PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1981 Sex, and Race/Ethnic Group of Victim

D / / /		Sex of victim			
Race/ethnic group of victim	Total	Male	Female		
TOTAL	8	8	0		
White (not Hispanic)	6	6	0		
Hispanic	2	2	0		
Black	0	0	0		
All other	0	0	0		

In 1981, all eight of the peace officers killed in the line of duty were male.

With respect to type of weapon used to kill peace officers in 1981:

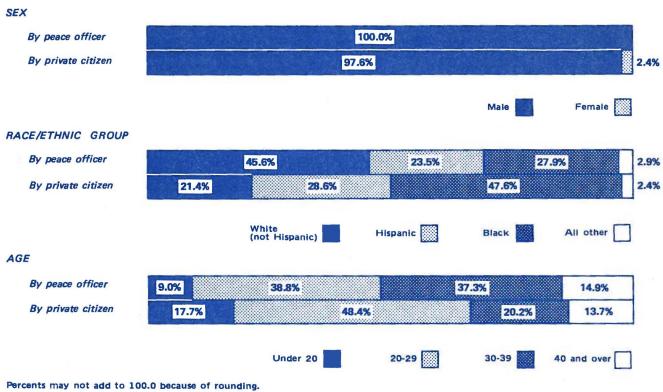
 All eight peace officers were killed by firearms — six by handguns, and two by a rifle.

TABLE 5 PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1981 Type of Weapon

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CHART 29 JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS AND PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1981 Sex, Known Race/Ethnic Group, and Known Age of Deceased



Source: Tables 58 and 62.

JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES

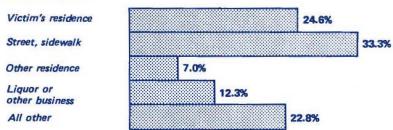
A justifiable homicide is defined by the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program as the killing of a felon by a private citizen or a peace officer during the commission of a felony. Justifiable homicides are sometimes referred to as excusable or noncriminal homicides. The California Penal Code defines self-defense as a justifiable homicide, whereas the national UCR Program does not. Therefore, for the most part, self-defense cases are treated as willful rather than justifiable homicides.

In 1981, when justifiable homicides committed by peace officers and by private citizens were analyzed by sex, known race/ethnic group, and known age, it was found that:

- Most felons killed by peace officers and private citizens were male (100.0 and 97.6 percent, respectively).
- 45.6 percent of felons killed by peace officers were white (not Hispanic) and 47.6 percent of felons killed by private citizens were black.
- Proportionately, more felons killed by private citizens were under 20 years of age than those killed by peace officers (17.7 versus 9.0 percent).

CHART 30 JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS AND PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1981 Known Location of Homicide

BY PEACE OFFICER



BY PRIVATE CITIZEN





In 1981, when justifiable homicides were analyzed by known location, it was found that:

- The location where felons were most frequently killed by peace officers was a street or sidewalk (33.3 percent).
- The location where felons were most frequently killed by private citizens was the citizen's residence (31.0 percent).

In 1981, analysis of type of weapon used in justifiable homicides by peace officers and private citizens showed that:

- Felons were most frequently killed by handguns, both by peace officers and private citizens (79.4 and 61.9 percent, respectively).
- Other than handguns, knives were the weapons most frequently used by private citizens (13.5 percent).

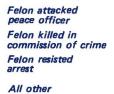
TABLE 6 JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS AND PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1981 Percent Distribution of Type of Weapon

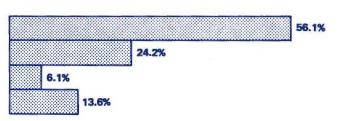
		Т	ype of v	veapon	U.S. 197	
Total	Hand- gun	Rifle	Shot- gun	Firearm - unknown	Knife	Other
100.0 100.0	79.4 61.9	5.9 7.1	10.3 7.1	2.9 6.3	.0 13.5	1.5 4.0

Note: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding. Source: Tables 60 and 64.

CHART 31 JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS AND PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1981 Known Contributing Circumstance

BY PEACE OFFICER





BY PRIVATE CITIZEN



88.0%

Source: Tables 61 and 65.

 For justifiable homicides by peace officers in 1981, the most frequent contributing circumstance was the attacking of a peace officer by a felon (56.1 percent).

12.0%

 For justifiable homicides by private citizens in 1981, the most frequent contributing circumstance was that of the commission of a crime by a felon (88.0 percent).



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TABLE 7 CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS, 1972-1981 Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

1						Crim	nes agains	t persons			
		Tot	al	Willful ho	micide	Forcible	rape	Robbe	ery	Aggravated	d assault
Year	Population	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate
972	20,585,000	110,680	537.7	1,789	8.7	8,131	39.5	48,834	237.2	51,926	252.3
973	20,868,000	116,506	558.3	1,862	8.9	8,349	40.0	49,524	237.3	56,771	272.0
974	21,173,000	127,469	602.0	1,970	9.3	8,480	40.1	52,742	249.1	64,277	303.6
975	21,537,000	138,400	642.6	2,196	10.2	8,787	40.8	59,747	277.4	67,670	314.2
976	21,935,000	143,507	654.2	2,214	10.1	9,552	43.5	59,132	269.6	72,609	331.0
977	22,350,000	152,827	683.8	2,481	11.1	10,715	47.9	62,207	278.3	77,424	346.4
978	22,839,000	164,751	721.4	2,601	11.4	11,249	49.3	67,920	297.4	82,981	363.3
979	23,255,000	183,704	790.0	2,941	12.6	12,199	52.5	75,649	325.3	92,915	399.5
980	23,769,000	209,903	883.1	3,405	14.3	13,661	57.5	90,282	379.8	102,555	431.5
981	24,196,000	208,165	860.3	3,140	13.0	13,545	56.0	93,638	387.0	97,842	404.4
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972 to 1981			60.0		49.4		41.8		63.2		60.3
977 to 1981		^	25.8		17.1		16.9		39.1		16.7
980 to 1981			-2.6		-9.1		-2.6		1.9		-6.3
Percent change											
number from:		,									
972 to 1981		88.1		75.5		66.6		91.7		88.4	
977 to 1981		36.2		26.6		26.4		50.5		26.4	
980 to 1981		8		-7.8		8		3.7		-4.6	

Note: California population estimates are compiled by the Population Research Unit of the California Department of Finance. In order to provide the most current data, the Department of Finance periodically revises the population estimates.

Source: Criminal Justice Profile — 1981, Statewide, to be published by the Bureau of Criminal Statistics, California Department of Justice, later this year.

TABLE 8
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981
Sex of Victim Distributed by Race/Ethnic Group

B. Wallet		Sex of	victim	
Race/ethnic group of victim	Total	Male	Female	
TOTAL				9).
Number	3,140	2,472	668	
Percent	100.0	78.7	21.3	
White (not Hispanic)				
Number	1,143	788	355	
Percent	100.0	68.9	31.1	
Hispanic				
Number	951	848	103	
Percent	100.0	89.2	10.8	
Black				
Number	899	726	173	
Percent	100.0	8.08	19.2	
All other				
Number	134	99	35	
Percent	100.0	73.9	26.1	
Unknown				
Number	13	11	2	
Percent	100.0	_	_	

Note: Percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50. Source: Table 20.

TABLE 9
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1974–1981
Distribution of Victims by Sex

		1974			1975			1976			1977			1978			1979			1980			1981	
		Sex o	f victim		Sex of	victim	•	Sex o	f victim		Sex of	victim												
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
OTAL Number .	1,970	1,457	513	2,196	1,616	580	2,214	1,648	566	2,481	1,835	646	2,601	2,027	574	2,941	2,341	600	3,405	2,709	696	3,140	2,472	668
Percent .	100.0	74.0	26.0	100.0	73.6	26.4	100.0	74.4	25.6	100.0	74.0	26.0	100.0	77.9	22.1	100.0	79.6	20.4	100.0	79.6	20.4	100.0	78.7	21.3

Source: Tables 13 through 20.

TABLE 10
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1974–1981
Distribution of Victims by Known Race/Ethnic Group

Race/ethnic	19	974	19	975	197	76	19	77	19	978	19	79	19	980	19	981
group of victim	Number	Percent														
TOTAL	1,967	100.0	2,185	100,0	2,185	100.0	2,469	100.0	2,584	100.0	2,920	100.0	3,388	100.0	3,127	100.0
White (not Hispanic) .	936	47.6	1,053	48.2	1,055	48.3	1,184	48.0	1,154	44.7	1,139	39.0	1,283	37.9	1,143	36.6
Hispanic	325	16.5	405	18.5	446	20.4	482	19.5	649	25.1	871	29.8	990	29.2	951	30.4
Black	633	32.2	660	30.2	628	28.7	723	29.3	695	26.9	797	27.3	972	28.7	899	28.7
All other	73	3.7	67	3.1	56	2.6	80	3.2	86	3.3	113	3.9	143	4.2	134	4.3

Note: This table excludes 3 victims in 1974, 11 victims in 1975, 29 victims in 1976, 12 victims in 1977, 17 victims in 1978, 21 victims in 1979, 17 victims in 1980, and 13 victims in 1981 whose race/ethnic group was unknown.

Source: Tables 13 through 20.

TABLE 11
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1974–1981
Distribution of Victims by Age

	19	974	19	975	19	76	19	977	19	978	19	979	19	980	19	981
Age of victim	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent								
TOTAL	1,959	100.0	2,175	100.0	2,160	100.0	2,445	100.0	2,530	100.0	2,874	100.0	3,328	100.0	3,079	100.0
0-24	668	34.1	731	33.6	743	34.4	872	35.7	885	35.0	1,026	35.7	1,185	35.6	1,065	34.6
25-39	675 616	34.5 31.4	738 706	33.9 32.5	732 685	33.9 31.7	863 710	35.3 29.0	909 736	35.9 29.1	1,082 766	37.6 26.7	1,290 853	38.8 25.6	1,189 825	38.6 26.8

Note: This table excludes 11 victims in 1974, 21 victims in 1975, 54 victims in 1976, 36 victims in 1977, 71 victims in 1978, 67 victims in 1979, 77 victims in 1980, and 61 victims in 1981 whose age was unknown.

Source: Tables 13 through 20.

TABLE 12
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981
Known Age of Victim Distributed by Race/Ethnic Group

B. Jakata			Age of victim		
Race/ethnic group of victim	Total	0-24	25-39	40 and over	
TOTAL	11				
Number	3,079	1,065	1,189	825	
Percent	100.0	34.6	38.6	26.8	
White (not Hispanic)	-				
Number	1,118	295	401	422	
Percent	100.0	26.4	35.9	37.7	
Hispanic					
Number	935	424	368	143	
Percent	100.0	45.3	39.4	15.3	
Black					
Number	891	307	367	217	
Percent	100.0	34.5	41.2	24.4	
All other					
Number	132	39	51	42	
Percent	100.0	29.5	38.6	31.8	
Unknown					
Number	3	0	2	1	
Percent	100.0	_	_	_	

Notes: This table excludes 61 victims whose age was unknown.

Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

Source: Table 20.

TABLE 13
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1974
Sex and Age of Victim Distributed by Race/Ethnic Group

						Race	ethnic gr	oup of vict	tim			
	Tot	tal	White (not	Hispanic)	Hispa	anic	Bla	ck	AII	other	Unkn	own
Sex and age of victim	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	1,970	100.0	936	100.0	325	100.0	633	100.0	73	100.0	3	100.0
0-14	104	5.3	62	6.6	14	4.3	25	3.9	3	4.1	0	_
15–19	231	11.7	89	9.5	62	19.1	74	11.7	5	6.8	1	_
20–24	333	16.9	143	15.3	69	21.2	112	17.7	9	12.3	0	-
25-29	299	15.2	137	14.6	54	16.6	95	15.0	13	17.8	0	_
30-34	205	10.4	77	8.2	39	12.0	79	12.5	9	12.3	1	2-1
35-39	171	8.7	65	6.9	26	8.0	71	11.2	9	12.3	0	-
40-44	123	6.2	53	5.7	22	6.8	43	6.8	5	6.8	0	_
45–49	115	5.8	59	6.3	8	2.5	43	6.8	5	6.8	0	_
50-54	129	6.5	71	7.6	10	3.1	45	7.1	3	4.1	0	-
55-99	249	12.6	172	18.4	19	5.8	46	7.3	12	16.4	0	_
Unknown	11	.6	8	.9	2	.6	0	.0	0	.0	1	-
Male	1,457	100.0	616	100.0	277	100.0	505	100.0	59	100.0	0	100.0
0-14	57	3.9	31	5.0	9	3.2	16	3.2	1	1.7	0	_
15–19	168	11.5	54	8.8	54	19.5	55	10.9	5	8.5	0	_
20-24	258	17.7	100	16.2	63	22.7	88	17.4	7	11.9	0	-
25-29	224	15.4	91	14.8	50	18.0	73	14.5	10	16.9	0	-
30-34	157	10.8	53	8.6	34	12.3	63	12.5	7	11.9	0	_
35–39	123	8.4	40	6.5	17	6.1	58	11.5	8	13.6	0	-
40–44	101	6.9	43	7.0	17	6.1	37	7.3	4	6.8	0	-
45–49	91	6.2	43	7.0	7	2.5	37	7.3	4	6.8	0	_
50-54	100	6.9	54	8.8	8	2.9	35	6.9	3	5.1	0	
55-99	171	11.7	102	16.6	16	5.8	43	8.5	10	16.9	0	
Unknown	7	.5	5	.8	2	.7	0	.0	0	.0	0	-
Female	513	100.0	320	100.0	48	100.0	128	100.0	14	100.0	3	100.0
0-14	47	9.2	31	9.7	5	10.4	9	7.0	2		0	-
15–19	63	12.3	35	10.9	8	16.7	19	14.8	0		1	
20-24	75	14.6	43	13.4	6	12.5	24	18.8	2	-	0	
25-29	75	14.6	46	14.4	4	8.3	22	17.2	3	_	0	-
30-34	48	9.4	24	7.5	5	10.4	16	12.5	2	_	1	_
35–39	48	9.4	25	7.8	9	18.8	13	10.2	1		0	_
40-44	22	4.3	10	3.1	5	10.4	6	4.7	1		0	-
45–49	24	4.7	16	5.0	1	2.1	6	4.7	1		0	
50-54	29	5.7	17	5.3	2	4.2	10	7.8	0	_	0	_
55-99	78	15.2	70	21.9	3	6.2	3	2.3	2	_	0	_
Unknown	4	.8	3	.9	0	.0	0	.0	0	_	1	_

TABLE 14
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1975
Sex and Age of Victim Distributed by Race/Ethnic Group

1						Hace	e/ethnic gro	oup of vict	im			
0	Tot	tal	White (not	Hispanic)	Hisp	anic	Bla	ck	All	other	Unkn	own
Sex and age of victim	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	2,196	100.0	1,053	100.0	405	100.0	660	100.0	67	100.0	11	100.0
0-14	135	6.1	58	5.5	25	6.2	47	7.1	4	6.0	1	_
15-19	241	11.0	95	9.0	75	18.5	67	10.2	4	6.0	0	_
20-24	355	16.2	143	13.6	99	24.4	104	15.8	8	11.9	1	
25-29	324	14.8	141	13.4	67	16.5	103	15.6	13	19.4	0	_
30-34	223	10.2	96	9.1	41	10.1	80	12.1	6	9.0	0	_
35–39	191	8.7	87	8.3	28	6.9	65	9.8	10	14.9	1	_
40-44	154	7.0	69	6.6	22	5.4	60	9.1	3	4.5	0	_
45–49	130	5.9	65	6.2	19	4.7	43	6.5	3	4.5	0	_
50-54	117	5.3	73	6.9	8	2.0	34	5.2	2	3.0	0	_
55-99	305	13.9	215	20.4	20	4.9	56	8.5	13	19.4	1	
Unknown	21	1.0	11	1.0	1	.2	1	.2	1	1.5	7	_
Male	1,616	100,0	714	100.0	355	100.0	491	100.0	49	100.0	7	100.0
0-14	80	5.0	30	4.2	18	5.1	28	5.7	3	_	1	-
15–19	191	11.8	67	9.4	69	19.4	53	10.8	2		0	_
20-24	260	16.1	96	13.4	86	24.2	70	14.3	7		1	-
25-29	250	15.5	100	14.0	59	16.6	82	16.7	9	_	0	_
30-34	164	10,1	61	8.5	38	10.7	61	12.4	4		0	_
35-39	148	9.2	63	8.8	24	6.8	52	10.6	8		1	
40-44	113	7.0	50	7.0	18	5.1	42	8.6	3	_	0	_
45-49	100	6.2	46	6.4	17	4.8	35	7.1	2		0	
50-54	89	5.5	52	7.3	7	2.0	28	5.7	2		0	
55–99	206	12.7	141	19.7	18	5.1	39	7.9	8	_	0	_
Unknown	15	.9	8	1.1	1	.3	1	.2	1	_	4	_
Female	580	100.0	339	100.0	50	100.0	169	100.0	18	100.0	4	100.0
0-14	55	9.5	28	8.3	7	14.0	19	11.2	1	_	0	_
15–19	50	8.6	28	8.3	6	12.0	14	8.3	2	_	0	_
20-24	95	16.4	47	13.9	13	26.0	34	20.1	1		0	_
25-29	74	12.8	41	12.1	8	16.0	21	12.4	4	_	0	_
30–34	59	10.2	35	10.3	3	6.0	19	11.2	2		0	_
35–39	43	7.4	24	7.1	4	8.0	13	7.7	2	_	0	
40-44	41	7.1	19	5.6	4	8.0	18	10.6	0	_	0	_
45–49	30	5.2	19	5.6	2	4.0	8	4.7	1	_	0	
50-54	28	4.8	21	6.2	1	2.0	6	3.6	o	_	0	_
55-99	99	17.1	74	21.8	2	4.0	17	10.1	5	_	1	
Unknown	6	1.0	3	.9	ő	.0	0	.0	0	_	3	_

TABLE 15
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1976
Sex and Age of Victim Distributed by Race/Ethnic Group

						Race	ethnic gro	oup of vict	im			
0	Tot	tal	White (not	Hispanic)	Hisp	anic	Bla	ck	All	other	Unkn	own
Sex and age of victim	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	2,214	100.0	1,055	100.0	446	100.0	628	100.0	56	100.0	29	100.0
0-14	116	5.2	48	4.5	22	4.9	45	7.2	1	1.8	0	-
15–19	222	10.0	95	9.0	76	17.0	48	7.6	1	1.8	2	_
20-24	405	18.3	159	15.1	107	24.0	122	19.4	14	25.0	3	-
25-29	340	15.4	148	14.0	71	15.9	112	17.8	7	12.5	2	_
30–34	236	10.7	85	8.1	60	13.5	76	12.1	12	21.4	3	_
35-39	156	7.0	76	7.2	27	6.1	47	7.5	5	8.9	1	_
10-44	145	6.5	70	6.6	26	5.8	48	7.6	1	1.8	0	_
45–49	134	6.1	79	7.5	16	3.6	37	5.9	2	3.6	0	_
50-54	99	4.5	56	5.3	10	2.2	28	4.5	5	8.9	0	_
55-99	307	13.9	219	20.8	21	4.7	57	9.1	8	14.3	2	_
Jnknown	54	2.4	20	1.9	10	2.2	8	1.3	0	.0	16	· -
Male	1,648	100.0	717	100.0	388	100.0	482	100.0	34	100.0	27	100.0
0-14	65	3.9	30	4.2	13	3.4	22	4.6	0	_	0	_
15–19	158	9.6	51	7.1	69	17.8	35	7.3	1	_	2	_
20-24	306	18.6	107	14.9	96	24.7	87	18.0	13		3	-
25-29	272	16.5	107	14.9	65	16.8	95	19.7	3	_	2	
30-34	193	11.7	68	9.5	51	13.1	64	13.3	7	_	3	_
35–39	123	7.5	59	8.2	25	6.4	36	7.5	2		1	_
10-44	113	6.9	52	7.3	21	5.4	40	8.3	0	-	0	_
15–49	100	6.1	56	7.8	14	3.6	30	6.2	0	_	0	_
50-54	71	4.3	39	5.4	9	2.3	19	3.9	4	_	0	_
55-99	204	12,4	137	19.1	16	4.1	46	9.5	4	_	1	_
Jnknown	43	2.6	11	1.5	9	2.3	8	1.7	0	_	15	-
emale ,	566	100.0	338	100.0	58	100.0	146	100.0	22	100.0	2	100.0
0-14	51	9.0	18	5.3	9	15.5	23	15.8	1	_	0	-
15–19	64	11.3	44	13.0	7.	12.1	13	8.9	0	_	0	_
20-24	99	17.5	52	15.4	11	19.0	35	24.0	1	_	0	. —
25-29	68	12.0	41	12.1	6	10.3	17	11.6	4	_	0	_
30-34	43	7.6	17	5.0	9	15.5	12	8.2	5	_	0	_
35–39	33	5.8	17	5.0	2	3.4	11	7.5	3	_	0	_
10–44	32	5.7	18	5.3	5	8.6	8	5.5	1	_	0	-
45–49	34	6.0	23	6.8	2	3.4	7	4.8	2		0	_
50-54	28	4.9	17	5.0	1	1.7	9	6.2	1		0	_
55-99	103	18.2	82	24.3	5	8.6	11	7.5	4		1	_
Jnknown	11	1.9	9	2.7	1	1.7	0	.0	0	_	1	_

TABLE 16
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1977
Sex and Age of Victim Distributed by Race/Ethnic Group

						Race	/ethnic gr	oup of vict	im			
Sex and age	Tot	al	White (not	Hispanic)	Hisp	anic	Bla	ck	All	other	Unkn	own
of victim	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	2,481	100.0	1,184	100.0	482	100.0	723	100,0	80	100.0	12	100.0
0-14	138	5.6	61	5.2	23	4.8	49	6.8	3	3.8	2	_
15-19	307	12.4	136	11.5	105	21.8	56	7.7	10	12.5	0	-
20-24	427	17.2	187	15.8	107	22.2	122	16.9	11	13.8	0	-
25-29	391	15.8	154	13.0	92	19.1	133	18.4	11	13.8	1	
30-34	267	10.8	116	9.8	45	9.3	97	13.4	9	11.2	0	-
35-39	205	8.3	85	7.2	39	8.1	71	9.8	9	11.2	1	_
40-44	163	6.6	75	6.3	26	5.4	58	8.0	4	5.0	0	-
45-49	103	4.2	47	4.0	16	3.3	37	5.1	3	3.8	0	_
50-54	115	4.6	67	5.7	12	2.5	31	4.3	5	6.2	0	_
55-99	329	13.3	244	20.6	9	1.9	61	8.4	15	18.8	0	_
Unknown	36	1.5	12	1.0	8	1.7	8	1.1	0	.0	8	-
Male	1,835	100.0	818	100.0	408	100.0	539	100.0	62	100.0	8	100.0
0-14	69	3.8	32	3.9	10	2.5	24	4.5	3	4.8	0	_
15-19	203	11.1	73	8.9	88	21.6	34	6.3	8	12.9	0	_
20-24	315	17.2	130	16.0	91	22.3	85	15.8	9	14.5	0	_
25-29	301	16.4	106	13.0	88	21.6	100	18.6	7	11.3	0	_
30-34	219	11.9	92	11.2	39	9.6	80	14.8	8	12.9	0	_
35-39	164	8.9	65	7.9	35	8.6	58	10.8	6	9.7	0	_
40–44	132	7.2	60	7.3	20	4.9	48	8.9	4	6.5	0	-
45-49	79	4.3	39	4.8	8	2.0	29	5.4	3	4.8	0	_
50-54	92	5.0	50	6.1	12	2.9	26	4.8	4	6.5	0	_
55-99	231	12.6	164	20.0	9	2.2	48	8.9	10	16.1	0	_
Unknown	30	1.6	7	.9	8	2.0	7	1.3	. 0	.0	8	-
Female	646	100.0	366	100.0	74	100.0	184	100.0	18	100.0	4	100.0
0-14	69	10.7	29	7.9	13	17.6	25	13.6	0	_	2	_
15-19	104	16.1	63	17.2	17	23.0	22	12.0	2	_	0	_
20-24	112	17.3	57	15.6	16	21.6	37	20.1	2		0	_
25-29	90	13.9	48	13.1	4	5.4	33	17.9	4	-	1	_
30–34	48	7.4	24	6.6	6	8.1	17	9.2	1	_	0	-
35-39	41	6.3	20	5.5	4	5.4	13	7.1	3		1	-
40-44	31	4.8	15	4.1	6	8.1	10	5.4	0		0	_
45–49	24	3.7	8	2.2	8	10.8	8	4.3	0	_	0	_
50-54	23	3.6	17	4.6	0	.0	5	2.7	1	_	0	
55–99	98	15,2	80	21.9	0	.0	13	7.1	5		0	_
Unknown	6	.9	5	1.4	0	.0	1	.5	0	_	0	

TABLE 17 WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1978 Sex and Age of Victim Distributed by Race/Ethnic Group

						Race	e/ethnic gro	oup of vict	im			
Cau and an	То	tal	White (not	Hispanic)	Hispa	anic	Bla	ck	All	other	Unkn	own
Sex and age of victim	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	2,601	100.0	1,154	100.0	649	100.0	695	100.0	86	100.0	17	100.0
0-14	132	5.1	59	5.1	34	5.2	30	4.3	8	9.3	1	_
15–19	287	11.0	101	8.8	122	18.8	58	8.3	5	5.8	1	_
20-24	466	17.9	179	15.5	153	23.6	121	17.4	13	15.1	0	_
25-29	424	16.3	159	13.8	111	17.1	135	19.4	17	19.8	2	_
30-34	296	11.4	114	9.9	66	10.2	103	14.8	12	14.0	1	_
35–39	189	7.3	77	6.7	40	6.2	64	9.2	8	9.3	0	_
40–44	166	6.4	75	6.5	37	5.7	54	7.8	0	.0	0	_
15–49	146	5.6	74	6.4	31	4.8	36	5.2	4	4.7	1	_
50-54	117	4.5	69	6.0	15	2.3	29	4.2	4	4.7	0	
55-99	307	11.8	215	18.6	26	4.0	55	7.9	10	11.6	1	_
Unknown	71	2.7	32	2.8	14	2.2	10	1.4	5	5.8	10	-
Viale	2,027	100.0	822	100.0	588	100.0	540	100.0	63	100.0	14	100.0
0-14	79	3.9	41	5.0	19	3.2	13	2.4	5	7.9	1	_
15–19	223	11.0	61	7.4	119	20.2	39	7.2	3	4.8	1	_
20-24	378	18.6	126	15.3	146	24.8	97	18.0	9	14.3	0	_
25-29	339	16.7	115	14.0	102	17.3	107	19.8	14	22.2	1	_
30-34	238	11.7	85	10.3	60	10.2	84	15.6	8	12.7	1	_
35-39	158	7.8	63	7.7	35	6.0	52	9.6	8	12.7	0	_
40-44	138	6.8	58	7.1	34	5.8	46	8.5	0	.0	0	_
45-49	123	6.1	59	7.2	29	4.9	31	5.7	3	4.8	1	
50-54	89	4.4	51	6.2	12	2.0	22	4.1	4	6.3	0	_
55–99	210	10.4	142	17.3	20	3.4	41	7.6	6	9.5	1	_
Unknown	52	2.6	21	2.6	12	2.0	8	1.5	3	4.8	8	_
Female	574	100.0	332	100.0	61	100.0	155	100.0	23	100.0	3	100.0
0-14	53	9.2	18	5.4	15	24.6	17	11.0	3	=	0	_
15–19	64	11.1	40	12,0	3	4.9	19	12.3	2	_	0	_
20-24	88	15.3	53	16.0	7	11.5	24	15.5	4	_	0	_
25-29	85	14.8	44	13.3	9	14.8	28	18.1	3	-	1	_
30-34	58	10.1	29	8.7	6	9.8	19	12.3	4	_	o	_
35–39	31	5.4	14	4.2	5	8.2	12	7.7	0	_	0	
10-44	28	4.9	17	5.1	3	4.9	8	5.2	0	_	0	_
15-49	23	4.0	15	4.5	2	3.3	5	3.2	1		0	
50–54	28	4.9	18	5.4	3	4.9	7	4.5	0	_	0	
55–99	97	16.9	73	22.0	6	9.8	14	9.0	4	_	0	_
Unknown	19	3.3	11	3.3	2	3.3	2	1.3	2	_	2	_
	1 ,5	0.0	11	5.5		0.0		1,0				_

TABLE 18
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1979
Sex and Age of Victim Distributed by Race/Ethnic Group

						Race	e/ethnic gr	oup of vict	tim			
0	Tot	tal	White (not	Hispanic)	Hisp	anic	Bla	ck	All	other	Unkn	own
Sex and age of victim	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	2,941	100.0	1,139	100.0	871	100.0	797	100.0	113	100.0	21	100.0
0-14	132	4.5	69	6.1	24	2.8	34	4.3	5	4.4	0	-
15–19	328	11.2	100	8.8	139	16.0	75	9.4	13	11.5	1	_
20-24	566	19.2	168	14.7	235	27.0	144	18.1	17	15.0	2	-
25–29	508	17.3	174	15.3	154	17.7	162	20.3	17	15.0	1	-
30-34	346	11.8	118	10.4	100	11.5	115	14.4	12	10.6	1	_
35-39	228	7.8	91	8.0	60	6.9	62	7.8	14	12.4	1	_
40-44	189	6.4	79	6.9	47	5.4	58	7.3	5	4.4	0	_
45-49	172	5.8	80	7.0	46	5.3	40	5.0	6	5.3	0	_
50-54	114	3.9	59	5.2	19	2.2	31	3.9	5	4.4	0	_
55-99	291	9.9	170	14.9	37	4.2	68	8.5	16	14.2	0	_
Unknown	67	2.3	31	2.7	10	1.1	8	1.0	3	2.7	15	-
Male	2,341	100.0	808	100.0	793	100.0	642	100.0	80	100.0	18	100.0
0-14	72	3.1	37	4.6	16	2.0	16	2.5	3	3.8	0	_
15–19	265	11.3	69	8.5	127	16.0	63	9.8	6	7.5	0	_
20-24	470	20.1	115	14.2	223	28.1	118	18.4	12	15.0	2	-
25-29	408	17.4	123	15.2	141	17.8	131	20,4	12	15.0	1	
30-34	287	12.3	86	10.6	95	12.0	95	14.8	10	12.5	1	_
35–39	181	7.7	67	8.3	55	6.9	48	7.5	10	12.5	1	_
40-44	150	6.4	56	6.9	39	4.9	51	7.9	4	5.0	0	_
45-49	134	5.7	56	6.9	40	5.0	33	5.1	5	6.2	0	_
50-54	98	4.2	51	6.3	18	2.3	24	3.7	5	6.2	0	_
55-99	225	9.6	126	15.6	31	3.9	58	9.0	10	12.5	0	_
Unknown	51	2.2	22	2.7	8	1.0	5	.8	3	3.8	13	-
Female	600	100.0	331	100.0	78	100.0	155	100.0	33	100.0	3	100.0
0-14	60	10.0	32	9.7	8	10.3	18	11.6	2	6.1	0	_
15–19	63	10.5	31	9.4	12	15.4	12	7.7	7	21.2	1	_
20–24	96	16.0	53	16.0	12	15.4	26	16.8	5	15.2	0	_
25-29	100	16.7	51	15.4	13	16.7	31	20.0	5	15.2	0	_
30-34	59	9.8	32	9.7	5	6.4	20	12.9	2	6.1	0	_
35–39	47	7.8	24	7.3	5	6.4	14	9.0	4	12.1	0	-
40-44	39	6.5	23	6.9	8	10.3	7	4.5	1	3.0	0	_
45–49	38	6.3	24	7.3	6	7.7	7	4.5	1	3.0	0	_
50-54	16	2.7	8	2.4	1	1.3	7	4,5	0	.0	0	-
55-99	66	11.0	44	13.3	6	7.7	10	6.5	6	18.2	o o	_
Unknown	16	2.7	9	2.7	2	2.6	3	1.9	0	.0	2	_

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

Percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

TABLE 19
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1980
Sex and Age of Victim Distributed by Race/Ethnic Group

						Race	e/ethnic gr	oup of vic	tim			
_	Tot	tal	White (not	Hispanic)	Hisp	anic	Bla	ck	All	other	Unkn	own
Sex and age of victim	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	3,405	100.0	1,283	100.0	990	100.0	972	100.0	143	100.0	17	100.0
0-14	110	3.2	57	4.4	18	1.8	33	3.4	2	1.4	0	-
15-19	425	12.5	115	9.0	187	18.9	109	11.2	13	9.1	1	-
20-24	650	19.1	191	14.9	232	23.4	206	21.2	21	14.7	0	_
25-29	579	17.0	173	13.5	195	19.7	177	18.2	32	22.4	2	-
30-34	437	12.8	162	12.6	115	11.6	145	14.9	14	9.8	1	
35-39	274	8.0	99	7.7	77	7.8	83	8.5	15	10.5	0	_
40-44	201	5.9	85	6.6	41	4.1	64	6.6	11	7.7	0	_
45-49	151	4.4	67	5.2	41	4.1	35	3.6	8	5.6	0	-
50-54	144	4.2	76	5.9	21	2.1	40	4.1	7	4.9	0	_
55-99	357	10.5	232	18.1	36	3.6	72	7.4	17	11.9	0	_
Unknown	77	2.3	26	2.0	27	2.7	8	.8	3	2.1	13	1-1
Male	2,709	100.0	898	100.0	898	100.0	796	100.0	103	100.0	14	100.0
0-14	59	2.2	30	3.3	9	1.0	19	2.4	1	1.0	0	-
15-19	350	12.9	70	7.8	175	19.5	93	11.7	11	10.7	1	_
20-24	521	19.2	128	14.3	213	23.7	168	21.1	12	11.7	0	-
25-29	479	17.7	127	14.1	181	20.2	144	18.1	26	25.2	1	100
30-34	357	13.2	122	13.6	105	11.7	119	14.9	10	9.7	1	_
35-39	223	8.2	77	8.6	67	7.5	71	8.9	8	7.8	0	_
40-44	160	5.9	63	7.0	36	4.0	55	6.9	6	5.8	0	_
45-49	123	4.5	51	5.7	35	3.9	31	3.9	6	5.8	0	_
50-54	122	4.5	60	6.7	21	2.3	34	4.3	7	6.8	0	_
55-99	252	9.3	152	16.9	31	3.5	56	7.0	13	12.6	0	_
Unknown	63	2.3	18	2.0	25	2.8	6	.8	3	2.9	11	_
Female	696	100.0	385	100.0	92	100.0	176	100.0	40	100.0	3	100.0
0-14	51	7.3	27	7.0	9	9.8	14	8.0	1	-	0	_
15-19	75	10.8	45	11.7	12	13.0	16	9.1	2	_	0	_
20-24	129	18.5	63	16.4	19	20.7	38	21.6	9		0	_
25-29	100	14.4	46	11.9	14	15.2	33	18.8	6	_	1	_
30-34	80	11.5	40	10.4	10	10.9	26	14.8	4	_	0	-
35-39	51	7.3	22	5.7	10	10.9	12	6.8	7	-	0	_
40-44	41	5.9	22	5.7	5	5.4	9	5.1	5		0	_
45–49	28	4.0	16	4.2	6	6.5	4	2.3	2	_	0	_
50-54	22	3.2	16	4.2	0	.0	6	3.4	0		0	0.0
55-99	105	15.1	80	20.8	5	5.4	16	9.1	4	_	0	_
Unknown	14	2.0	8	20.8	2	2.2	2	1.1	0		2	
UIIKIIUWII	14	2.0		2.1	2	2.2		1.1	U	_	2	-

TABLE 20
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981
Sex and Age of Victim Distributed by Race/Ethnic Group

						Race	ethnic gr	oup of vict	im			
	To	tal	White (not	Hispanic)	Hispa	anic	Bla	ck	All	other	Unkn	own
Sex and age of victim	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	3,140	100.0	1,143	100.0	951	100.0	899	100.0	134	100.0	13	100.0
0-14	132	4.2	58	5.1	35	3.7	35	3.9	4	3.0	0	_
15–19	347	11.0	75	6.6	161	16.9	99	11.0	12	9.0	0	_
20-24	586	18.7	162	14.2	228	24.0	173	19.2	23	17.2	0	_
25-29	516	16.4	147	12.9	176	18.5	177	19.7	15	11.2	1	_
30-34	412	13.1	161	14.1	125	13.1	106	11.8	20	14.9	0	_
35-39	261	8.3	93	8.1	67	7.0	84	9.3	16	11.9	1	-
40-44	182	5.8	63	5.5	60	6.3	49	5.4	10	7.5	0	_
45–49	145	4.6	62	5.4	28	2.9	49	5.4	6	4.5	0	_
50-54	131	4.2	57	5.0	25	2.6	37	4.1	12	9.0	0	_
55-99	367	11.7	240	21.0	30	3.2	82	9.1	14	10.4	-1	_
Unknown	61	1.9	25	2.2	16	1.7	8	.9	2	1.5	10	_
Male	2,472	100.0	788	100:0	848	100.0	726	100.0	99	100.0	11	100.0
0-14	80	3.2	29	3.7	23	2.7	25	3.4	3	3.0	0	_
15–19	292	11.8	48	6.1	148	17.5	85	11.7	11	11.1	0	_
20-24	466	18.9	112	14.2	207	24.4	134	18.5	13	13.1	0	-
25-29	424	17.2	110	14.0	156	18.4	146	20.1	11	11.1	1	-
30-34	344	13.9	127	16.1	117	13.8	84	11.6	16	16.2	0	_
35-39	214	8.7	67	8.5	58	6.8	75	10.3	13	13.1	1	_
40-44	146	5.9	47	6.0	51	6.0	41	5.6	7	7.1	0	_
45-49	115	4.7	42	5.3	26	3.1	41	5.6	6	6.1	0	~
50-54	101	4.1	39	4.9	23	2.7	32	4.4	7	7.1	0	_
55-99	244	9.9	151	19.2	24	2.8	58	8.0	10	10.1	1	_
Unknown	46	1.9	16	2.0	15	1.8	5	.7	2	2.0	8	_
Female	668	100.0	355	100.0	103	100.0	173	100.0	35	100.0	2	100.0
0-14	52	7.8	29	8.2	12	11.6	10	5.8	1	_	0	_
15–19	55	8.2	27	7.6	13	12.6	14	8.1	1	_	0	_
20-24	120	18.0	50	14.1	21	20.4	39	22.5	10		0	-
25-29	92	13.8	37	10.4	20	19.4	31	17.9	4	_	0	_
30-34	68	10.2	34	9.6	8	7.8	22	12.7	4	_	0	_
35–39	47	7.0	26	7.3	9	8.7	9	5.2	3	_	0	_
40–44	36	5.4	16	4.5	9	8.7	8	4.6	3	-	0	v=-
45–49	30	4.5	20	5.6	2	1.9	8	4.6	0	_	0	_
50-54	30	4.5	18	5.1	2	1.9	5	2.9	5	_	0	
55-99	123	18.4	89	25.1	6	5.8	24	13.9	4	_	0	-
Unknown	15	2.2	9	2.5	1	1.0	3	1.7	0		2	_

TABLE 21
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981
Known Relationship of Victim to Offender Distributed by Sex of Victim

Sex of victim	Total	Spouse	Friend, acquaintance	Gang member	Parent, child	Stranger	All other
TOTAL							
Number	1,904	202	914	164	124	419	81
Percent	100.0	10.6	48.0	8.6	6.5	22.0	4.3
Male							
Number	1,467	66	742	162	69	361	67
Percent	100.0	4.5	50.6	11.0	4.7	24.6	4.6
Female							
Number	437	136	172	2	55	58	14
Percent	100.0	31.1	39.4	.5	12.6	13.3	3.2

Notes: This table excludes 1,236 victims whose relationship to the offender was unknown.

Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Source: Table 23.

TABLE 22
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981
Known Relationship of Victim to Offender Distributed by Race/Ethnic Group of Victim

Race/ethnic group of victim	Total	Friend, acquaintance	Spouse, parent, child	Gang member	Stranger	Ali other
TOTAL						
Number	1,904	914	326	164	419	81
Percent	100.0	48.0	17.1	8.6	22.0	4.3
White (not Hispanic)						
Number	672	314	168	6	154	30
Percent	100.0	46.7	25.0	.9	22.9	4.5
Hispanic						
Number	568	257	48	97	144	22
Percent	100.0	45.2	8.4	17.1	25.4	3.9
Black						
Number	579	311	98	55	94	21
Percent	100.0	53.7	16.9	9.5	16.2	3.6
All other						
Number	84	32	11	6	27	8
Percent	100.0	38.1	13.1	7.1	32.1	9.5
Unknown						
Number	1	0	1	0	0	0
Percent	100.0		_	_		_

Notes: This table excludes 1,236 victims whose relationship to the offender was unknown.

Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

Source: ,Table 23.

TABLE 23 WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981 Relationship of Victim to Offender Distributed by Race/Ethnic Group and Sex of Victim

						Ra	ace/ethnic g	roup of vic	tim					Sex of	victim	
	To	tal	White (no	t Hispanic)	Hisp	anic	Bla	ick	All	lother	Unkr	iown	M	ale	Fen	male
Relationship	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	3,140	100.0	1,143	100.0	951	100.0	899	100.0	134	100.0	13	100.0	2,472	100.0	668	100.0
Friend,																
acquaintancea	914	29.1	314	27.5	257	27.0	311	34.6	32	23.9	0	_	742	30.0	172	25.7
Spouse ^b	202	6.4	109	9.5	26	2.7	57	6.3	9	6.7	1	-	66	2.7	136	20.4
Parent, child ^C	124	3.9	59	5.2	22	2.3	41	4.6	2	1.5	0	_	69	2.8	55	8.2
Sibling	25	.8	14	1.2	5	.5	3	.3	3	2.2	0		23	.9	2	.3
Other relative	48	1.5	10	.9	15	1.6	18	2.0	5	3.7	0	-	36	1.5	12	1.8
Stranger	419	13.3	154	13.5	144	15.1	94	10.5	27	20.1	0	-	361	14.6	58	8.7
Gang member	164	5.2	6	.5	97	10.2	55	6.1	6	4.5	0	_	162	6.6	2	.3
Peace officer	8	.3	6	.5	2	.2	0	.0	0	.0	0	-	8	.3	0	.0
Unknown	1,236	39.4	471	41.2	383	40.3	320	35.6	50	37.3	12	_	1,005	40.7	231	34.6

a includes ex-husband, ex-wife, employer, employee, etc.

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

Percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

TABLE 24
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1979—1981
Average Homicide Rate per 100,000 Population Distributed by Size of County

Size of county	Population July 1, 1980	Average number of victims 1979—1981	Average rate ^a	
TOTAL	23,769,000	3,162.0	13.3	
1st — 20th b	21,213,200 2,555,800	2,974.7 187.3	14.0 7.3	

^aThe average homicide rate for each county group was calculated on the basis of the summation of the estimated populations of the counties in the group as of July 1, 1980 and the average number of willful homicide victims during the three-year period of 1979—1981.

Source: Table 25.

bincludes common-law marriage partner.

Cincludes stepmother, stepfather, stepson, and stepdaughter.

^bCounty groups are based on county population estimates as of July 1, 1980. 1st—20th is composed of the largest counties ranked in order of magnitude of population. These counties are Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Santa Clara, Alameda, San Bernardino, Sacramento, San Francisco, Riverside, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Ventura, Fresno, Kern, San Joaquin, Sonoma, Santa Barbara, Monterey, Stanislaus, and Tulare.

TABLE 25
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1979–1981
Average Homicide Rate per 100,000 Population Distributed by County

County	Population July 1, 1980	Average rate ^a	Total	1979	1980	1981
TOTAL	23,769,000	13.3	9,486	2,941	3,405	3,140
Alameda	1,105,800	15.1	502	143	171	188
Alpine	1,100	_	1	0	1	
Amador	19,600		1	1	0	
Butte	145,600	5.0	22	11	7	4
Calaveras	21,000	_	6	4	0	
Colusa	12,700	_	5	2	2	
Contra Costa	660,300	7.9	157	52	48	57
Del Norte	18,300	_	6	1	3	2
El Dorado	87,600		18	3	9	
Fresno	516,700	16.5	256	81	102	73
Glenn	21,500	_	5	3	2	(
Humboldt	108,600	6.8	22	6	9	7
Imperial	92,800	15.8	44	16	17	11
Inyo	18,000	40.4	6	2	2	
Kern	405,800	18.4	224	59	84	81
Kings	73,700	_	19	8	4	1
Lake	36,900	_	11	4	3	4
Lassen	21,800	20.0	4 666	2	1 704	4.50
Los Angeles	7,490,100	20.8	4,666	1,435	1,731	1,500
Madera	64,000	13.0	25	7	12	
Marin	222,400	4.8	32	8	16	8
Mariposa	11,300	40.0	1	0	1	9
Mendocino	67,300 135,300	10.9	22	6	8	
Modoc	8,600	7.4	30	1 1	10	12
		_	_		1000	
Mono	8,700 291,200	10.2	90	0	2	
Napa	99,100	10.3	14	33	24	33
Nevada	52,700	_	13	4	3	
Orange	1,943,600	5.1	300	91	113	96
Placer	118,800	5.9	21	6	9	1997
Plumas	17,600	5.5	6	Ö	2	
Riverside	670,400	13.2	266	81	93	92
Sacramento	787,200	10.0	235	82	72	81
San Benito	25,100	_	11	7	3	Į č
San Bernardino	904,900	15.9	431	120	145	166
San Diego	1,870,400	8.5	477	140	180	15
San Francisco	678,400	17.2	350	113	111	126
San Joaquin	349,500	18.8	197	64	63	70
San Luis Obispo	156,700	7.7	36	14	16	(
San Mateo	588,000	6.0	106	41	33	32
Santa Barbara	299,400	6.0	54	20	14	20
Santa Clara	1,301,300	6.9	269	74	98	97
Santa Cruz	189,100	6.5	37	11	10	16
Shasta	116,800	_	17	2	5	10
Sierra	3,100	_	1	1	0	
Siskiyou	40,100	-	6	4	1	1
Solano	238,300	6.3	45	20	15	10
Sonoma	301,600	5.9	53	19	16	18
Stanislaus	267,100	9.2	74	26	28	20
Sutter	52,300	_	18	5	6	7
Tehama	39,400	-	9	1	5	3
Trinity	12,000	40.4	1	0	0	1
Tulare	247,200	12.1	90	25	32	33
Tuolumne	34,300	V	4	2	2	C
Ventura	534,300	7.9	127	57	38	32
Yolo	113,700	6.4	22	1 8	10	4

^aThe average homicide rate per 100,000 population for each county was calculated on the basis of the estimated population as of July 1, 1980 and the average number of willful homicide victims during the three-year period of 1979—1981. Population estimates were obtained from the California Department of Finance.

Note: The average homicide rate was not calculated when the total number of homicides during 1979—1981 was less than 20.

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TABLE 26
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1974–1981
Percent Distribution by Known Month of Incident

	19	74	19	975	19	976	19	977	19	978	19	79	19	980	19	981
Month of incident	Number	Percent														
TOTAL	1,958	100.0	2,157	100.0	2,183	100.0	2,471	100.0	2,593	100.0	2,932	100.0	3,405	100.0	3,140	100.0
January	169	8.6	182	8.4	190	8.7	205	8.3	199	7.7	226	7.7	275	8.1	236	7.5
February	142	7.3	151	7.0	162	7.4	169	6.8	194	7.5	207	7.1	220	6.5	262	8.3
March	150	7.7	176	8.2	137	6.3	173	7.0	222	8.6	230	7.8	240	7.0	232	7.4
April	142	7.3	164	7.6	163	7.5	204	8.3	205	7.9	219	7.5	232	6.8	237	7.5
May	168	8.6	162	7.5	178	8.2	202	8.2	203	7.8	243	8.3	236	6.9	270	8.6
June	163	8.3	166	7.7	180	8.2	192	7.8	211	8.1	236	8.0	299	8.8	274	8.7
July	168	8.6	175	8.1	187	8.6	206	8.3	226	8.7	239	8.2	329	9.7	306	9.7
August	150	7.7	205	9.5	198	9.1	228	9.2	233	9.0	246	8.4	360	10.6	288	9.2
September	177	9.0	195	9.0	192	8.8	216	8.7	224	8.6	262	8.9	318	9.3	261	8.3
October	175	8.9	213	9.9	204	9.3	206	8.3	214	8.3	249	8.5	280	8.2	267	8.5
November	180	9.2	179	8.3	171	7.8	211	8.5	226	8.7	279	9.5	305	9.0	242	7.7
December	174	8.9	189	8.8	221	10.1	259	10.5	236	9.1	296	10.1	311	9.1	265	8.4
Total	1,958	100.0	2,157	100.0	2,183	100.0	2,471	100.0	2,593	100.0	2,932	100.0	3,405	100.0	3,140	100.0
First half	934	47.7	1,001	46.4	1,010	46.3	1,145	46.3	1,234	47.6	1,361	46.4	1,502	44.1	1,511	48.1
Second half	1,024	52,3	1,156	53.6	1,173	53.7	1,326	53.7	1,359	52.4	1,571	53.6	1,903	55.9	1,629	51.9

Notes: This table excludes 12 victims in 1974, 39 victims in 1975, 31 victims in 1976, 10 victims in 1977, 8 victims in 1978, and 9 victims in 1979 for whom the month of incident resulting in death was unknown.

Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

TABLE 27
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1974–1981
Average Monthly Number of Homicides in First and Second Half of Year

	Nu	mber		Average	monthly number	727
Year	First half	Second half	First half	Second half	Projected second-half growth increment ^a	Adjusted second halfb
TOTAL	9,698	11,141	202.0	232.1	6.6	225.5
1974	934	1,024	155.7	170.7	5.1	165.6
1975	1,001	1,156	166.8	192.7	5.5	187.2
1976	1,010	1,173	168.3	195.5	5.5	190.0
1977	1,145	1,326	190.8	221.0	6.3	214.7
1978	1,234	1,359	205.7	226.5	6.8	219.7
1979	1,361	1,571	226.8	261.8	7.5	254.3
1980	1,502	1,903	250.3	317.2	8.2	309.0
1981	1,511	1,629	251.8	271.5	8.3	263.2

^aThis second-half growth increment is the average monthly number of homicides in the second half of the year attributed to the long-term increase in homicides. This number is obtained by multiplying the average monthly number of homicides in the first half of the year by the semiannual growth rate of homicides over the ten-year period from 1972 to 1981 (3.29 percent).

bThe adjusted second-half number is the average monthly number of homicides in the second half of the year from which the projected homicide growth increment has been subtracted.

TABLE 28
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981
Known Day of Incident Distributed by Race/Ethnic Group and Sex of Victim

Race/ethnic group and sex of victim	Total	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Weekend	Weekday
TOTAL										
Number	2,319	414	300	289	276	277	318	445	859	1,460
Percent	100.0	17.9	12.9	12.5	11.9	11.9	13.7	19.2	37.0	63.0
White (not Hispanic)									ļ	
Number	761	104	103	96	103	101	122	132	236	525
Percent	100.0	13.7	13.5	12.6	13.5	13.3	16.0	17.3	31.0	69.0
Hispanic										
Number	735	184	74	65	76	67	91	178	362	373
Percent	100.0	25.0	10.1	8.8	10.3	9.1	12.4	24.2	49.3	50.7
Black					3					
Number	719	112	107	106	89	94	92	119	231	488
Percent	100.0	15.6	14.9	14.7	12.4	13.1	12.8	16.6	32.1	67.9
All other			18							
Number	99	. 14	15	21	7	14	12	16	30	69
Percent	100.0	14.1	15.2	21.2	7.1	14.1	12.1	16.2	30.3	69.7
Unknown .							·			
Number	5	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	5
Percent	100.0	_	_	_	_		_ "	_		_
Male										
Number	1,890	348	251	217	219	213	257	385	733	1,157
Percent	100.0	18.4	13.3	11.5	11.6	11.3	13.6	20.4	38.8	61.2
Female										
Number	429	66	49	72	57	64	61	60	126	303
Percent	100.0	15.4	11.4	16.8	13.3	14.9	14.2	14,0	29.4	70.6

Notes: This table excludes 821 victims for whom the day of incident resulting in death was unknown. Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

Source: Table 29.

TABLE 29
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981
Day of Incident Distributed by Race/Ethnic Group and Sex of Victim

						R	ace/ethnic g	roup of vic	tim				,	Sex of	victim	
	Tot	al	White (no	Hispanic)	Hisp	anic	Bla	ck	All ot	ther	Unkn	own	M	ale .	Fen	nale
Day of incident	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	3,140	100.0	1,143	100.0	951	100.0	899	100.0	134	100.0	13	100.0	2,472	100.0	668	100.0
Sunday	414	13.2	104	9.1	184	19.3	112	12.5	14	10.4	0	-	348	14.1	66	9.9
Monday	300	9.6	103	9.0	74	7.8	107	11.9	15	11.2	1	_	251	10.2	49	7.3
Tuesday	289	9.2	96	8.4	65	6.8	106	11.8	21	15.7	1	-	217	8.8	72	10.8
Wednesday	276	8.8	103	9.0	76	8.0	89	9.9	7	5.2	1	_	219	8.9	57	8.5
Thursday	277	8.8	101	8.8	67	7.0	94	10.5	14	10.4	1	-	213	8.6	64	9.6
Friday	318	10.1	122	10.7	91	9.6	92	10.2	12	9.0	1	_	257	10.4	61	9.1
Saturday	445	14.2	132	11.5	178	18.7	119	13.2	16	11.9	0	-	385	15.6	60	9.0
Unknown	821	26.1	382	33.4	216	22.7	180	20.0	35	26.1	8		582	23.5	239	35.8

TABLE 30
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981
Known Location of Homicide Distributed by Sex of Victim

Sex of victim	Total	Victim's residence	Street, sidewalk	All other
TOTAL				
Number	2,724	931	662	1,131
Percent	100.0	34.2	24.3	41.5
Male		-		
Number	2,158	599	606	953
Percent	100.0	27.8	28.1	44.2
Female				
Number	566	332	56	178
Percent	100.0	58.7	9.9	31.4

Notes: This table excludes 416 victims for whom the location of the homicide was unknown.

Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Source: Table 32.

TABLE 31
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981
Known Location of Homicide Distributed by Race/Ethnic Group of Victim

Race/ethnic group of victim	Total	Victim's residence	Street, sidewalk	All other
TOTAL				
Number	2,724	931	662	1,131
Percent	100.0	34.2	24.3	41.5
White (not Hispanic)				
Number	958	433	115	410
Percent	100.0	45.2	12.0	42.8
Hispanic				
Number	845	189	267	389
Percent	100.0	22.4	31.6	46.0
Black			*	
Number	805	267	261	277
Percent	100.0	33.2	32.4	34.4
All other				
Number	109	41	17	51
Percent	100.0	37.6	15.6	46.8
Unknown				
Number	7	1	2	4
Percent	100.0		_	

Notes: This table excludes 416 victims for whom the location of the homicide was unknown.

Percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

Source: Table 32.

TABLE 32 WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981 Location of Homicide Distributed by Race/Ethnic Group and Sex of Victim

						R	ace/ethnic g	roup of vic	tim			c		Sex of	victim	
	To	tal	White (no	t Hispanic)	Hisp	anic	Bla	ick	All o	ther	Unkr	own	М	ale	Fer	male
Location	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	3,140	100.0	1,143	100.0	951	100.0	899	100.0	134	100.0	13	100.0	2,472	100.0	668	100.0
Hotel, motel	53	1.7	29	2.5	10	1.1	13	1.4	1	.7	0	_	37	1.5	16	2.4
Victim's residence.	931	29.6	433	37.9	189	19.9	267	29.7	41	30.6	1	_	599	24.2	332	49.7
Other residence	239	7.6	77	6.7	58	6.1	94	10.5	10	7.5	0	-	202	8.2	37	5.5
Service station	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0		0	.0	0	.0
Liquor store	36	1.1	8	.7	15	1.6	10	1.1	3	2.2	0	-	35	1.4	1	.1
Parking lot	125	4.0	42	3.7	56	5.9	23	2.6	4	3.0	0	_	109	4.4	16	2.4
Other business	103	3.3	43	3.8	30	3.2	15	1.7	14	10.4	1	-	90	3.6	13	1.9
Bar	125	4.0	27	2.4	77	8.1	18	2.0	3	2.2	0	_	117	4.7	8	1.2
Vehicle	178	5.7	47	4.1	73	7.7	50	5.6	8	6.0	0	-	156	6.3	22	3.3
Street, sidewalk	662	21.1	115	10.1	267	28.1	261	29.0	17	12.7	2	_	606	24.5	56	8.4
Field, park, school .	202	6.4	102	8.9	53	5.6	39	4.3	5	3.7	3	_	155	6.3	47	7.0
Other	70	2.2	35	3.1	17	1.8	15	1.7	3	2.2	0	=	52	2.1	18	2.7
Unknown	416	13.2	185	16.2	106	11,1	94	10.5	25	18.7	6	_	314	12.7	102	15.3

TABLE 33 WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981 Known Type of Weapon

Type of weapon	Number	Percent
TOTAL	3,072	100.0
Firearm. Knife ^a Blunt object ^b Personal weapon ^c Rope ^d All other	1,830 668 231 183 53	59.6 21.7 7.5 6.0 1.7 3.5

TABLE 34 WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981

Known Type of Weapon Distributed by Sex of Victim

Sex of victim	Total	Firearm	Personal weapon ^a	All other	
TOTAL	2.070	4.820	400	4.050	
Number Percent	3,072 100.0	1,830 59.6	183 6.0	1,059 34.5	
Male					
Number	2,437	1,536	108	793	
Percent	100.0	63.0	4.4	32.5	
Female					
Number	635	294	75	266	-
Percent	100.0	46.3	11.8	41.9	

TABLE 35 WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981 Known Type of Weapon Distributed by Race/Ethnic Group of Victim

Race/ethnic group of victim	Total	Firearm	Knifea	Personal weaponb	All other
TOTAL Number	3,072 100.0	1,830 59.6	668 21.7	183 6.0	391 12.7
White (not Hispanic) Number Percent	1,099 100.0	563 51.2	229 20.8	106 9.6	201 18.3
Hispanic Number Percent	941 100.0	596 63.3	228 24.2	26 2.8	91 9.7
Black Number Percent	890 100.0	595 66.9	175 19.7	38 4.3	82 9.2
All other Number	133 100.0	70 52.6	35 26.3	12 9.0	16 12.0
Unknown Number Percent	9	6	1 _	1_	1_

^aAny instrument used to cut or stab.

^aAny instrument used to cut or stab.

^bBludgeon, club, etc.

^cHands, fists, feet, etc.

^dAny instrument used to hang or strangle.

Note: This table excludes 68 victims for whom the type of weapon used in the homicide was unknown.

Source: Table 36.

^a Hands, fists, feet, etc.

Notes: This table excludes 68 victims in 1981 for whom the type of weapon used in the homicide was unknown.

Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

bHands, fists, feet, etc.

This table excludes 68 victims for whom the type of weapon used in the homicide was unknown. Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

Source: Table 36.

TABLE 36 WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981 Type of Weapon Distributed by Race/Ethnic Group and Sex of Victim

						R	ace/ethnic g	roup of vic	tim			0.5		Sex of	victim	
	Tot	tal	White (no	t Hispanic)	Hisp	anic	Bla	ick	All of	ther	Unknown		М	ale	Female	
Weapon	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	3,140	100.0	1,143	100.0	951	100.0	899	100.0	134	100.0	13	100.0	2,472	100.0	668	100.0
Firearm - unknown .	184	5.9	65	5.7	59	6.2	54	6.0	5	3.7	1	_	161	6.5	23	3.4
Handgun	1,247	39.7	364	31.8	410	43.1	423	47.1	46	34.3	4	-	1,049	42.4	198	29.6
Rifle	180	5.7	64	5.6	66	6.9	41	4.6	8	6.0	1	-	147	5.9	33	4.9
Shotgun	219	7.0	70	6.1	61	6.4	77	8.6	11	8.2	0	-	179	7.2	40	6.0
Knife ^a	668	21.3	229	20.0	228	24.0	175	19.5	35	26.1	1	_	555	22.5	113	16.9
Blunt objectb	231	7.4	121	10.6	54	5.7	46	5.1	9	6.7	1	-	161	6.5	70	10.5
Personal weapon ^C	183	5.8	106	9.3	26	2.7	38	4.2	12	9.0	1	_	108	4.4	75	11.2
Drugs	19	.6	14	1.2	2	.2	3	.3	0	.0	0	_	9	.4	10	1.5
Roped	53	1.7	29	2.5	8	.8	15	1.7	1	.7	0	_	24	1.0	29	4.3
Other	88	2.8	37	3.2	27	2.8	18	2.0	6	4.5	0	_	44	1.8	44	6.6
Unknown	68	2.2	44	3.8	10	1.1	9	1.0	1	.7	4	_	35	1.4	33	4.9

^aAny instrument used to cut or stab. ^bBludgeon, club, etc.

CHands, fists, feet, etc.

dAny implement used to hang or strangle.

TABLE 37 **WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981** Known Contributing Circumstance Distributed by Sex of Victim

Sex of victim	Total	Sex- related	Robbery	Argument	Burglary	All other
TOTAL						
Number	2,395	66	464	1,143	64	658
Percent	100.0	2.8	19.4	47.7	2.7	27.5
Male				9		
Number	1,907	19	417	958	37	476
Percent	100.0	1.0	21.9	50.2	1.9	25.0
Female						1
Number	488	47	47	185	27	182
Percent	100.0	9.6	9.6	37.9	5.5	37.3

This table excludes 745 victims for whom the circumstance contributing to the homicide was unknown. Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding. Source: Table 39.

TABLE 38 WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981 Known Contributing Circumstance Distributed by Race/Ethnic Group of Victim

Race/ethnic group of victim	Total	Sex-related, robbery, burglary	Argument	Gang- related	All other
TOTAL			· ·		1
Number	2,395	594	1,143	183	475
Percent	100.0	24.8	47.7	7.6	19.8
White (not Hispanic)	ŧ		i x	' "	
Number	838	296	315	8	219
Percent	100.0	35.3	37.6	1.0	26.1
Hispanic					
Number *	759	148	412	112	87
Percent	100.0	19.5	54.3	14.8	11.5
Black					
Number	688	110	374	57	147
Percent	100.0	16.0	54.4	8.3	21.4
All other					
Number	108	40	41	6	21
Percent	100.0	37.0	38.0	5.6	19.4
Unknown			×		
Number	2	0	1	0	1
Percent	100.0		_	_	

This table excludes 745 victims for whom the circumstance contributing to the homicide was unknown. Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

Source: Table 39.

TABLE 39
WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981
Contributing Circumstance Distributed by Race/Ethnic Group and Sex of Victim

						Ra	ce/ethnic g	roup of vic	tim					Sex of	victim	
	To	tal	White (not	Hispanic)	Hisp	anic	Bla	ck	All of	ther	Unkn	own	М	ale	Fen	male
Contributing circumstance	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	3,140	100.0	1,143	100.0	951	100.0	899	100.0	134	100.0	13	100.0	2,472	100.0	668	100.0
Argument	1,143	36.4	315	27.6	412	43.3	374	41.6	41	30.6	1	_	958	38.8	185	27.7
Sex-related	66	2.1	41	3.6	8	.8	11	1.2	6	4.5	0		19	.8	47	7.0
Robbery	464	14.8	210	18.4	132	13.9	90	10.0	32	23.9	0	_	417	16.9	47	7.0
Burglary	64	2.0	45	3.9	8	.8	9	1.0	2	1.5	0	_	37	1.5	27	4.0
Drugs	101	3.2	34	3.0	19	2.0	44	4.9	4	3.0	0	-	86	3.5	15	2.2
Gangland	18	.6	4	.3	3	.3	9	1.0	2	1.5	0	_	17	.7	1	.1
Gang-related	183	5.8	8	.7	112	11.8	57	6.3	6	4.5	0	-	178	7.2	5	.7
Other	356	11.3	181	15.8	65	6.8	94	10.5	15	11.2	1	_	195	7.9	161	24.1
Unknown	745	23.7	305	26.7	192	20.2	211	23.5	26	19.4	11		565	22.9	180	26.9

TABLE 40 WILLFUL HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1981 Number of Victims and Offenders for Each Homicide Incident

		Vic	tims	
Offenders for each homicide incident	Total	Single victim	Multiple victims	
TOTAL	3,140	2,913	227	
Single offender Multiple offenders Number unknown	1,762 425 953	1,635 388 890	127 37 63	

TABLE 41 ARRESTS FOR MURDER, 1981 Sex of Arrestee Distributed by Race/Ethnic Group

					Ra	ce/ethnic gr	oup of arreste	ee		
	Tot	tal	White (not	Hispanic)	Hisp	anic	Bla	ick	All o	ther
Sex of arrestee	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	4,108	100.0	1,022	100.0	1,392	100.0	1,567	100.0	127	100.0
Male	3,664	89.2	877	85.8	1,305	93.8	1,372	87.6	110	86.6
Female	444	10.8	145	14.2	87	6.2	195	12.4	17	13.4
Juvenile	550	100.0	76	100.0	218	100.0	246	100.0	10	100.0
Male	510	92.7	65	85.5	205	94.0	233	94.7	7	-
Female	40	7.3	11	14.5	13	6.0	13	5.3	3	
Adult	3,558	100.0	946	100.0	1,174	100.0	1,321	100.0	117	100.0
Male	3,154	88.6	812	85.8	1,100	93.7	1,139	86.2	103	88.0
Female	404	11.4	134	14.2	74	6.3	182	13.8	14	12.0

Note: Percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50. Source: Table 45.

TABLE 42 ARRESTS FOR MURDER, 1981 Juvenile and Adult

	Total	Juvenile	Adult
Number	4,108	550	3,558
	100.0	13.4	86.6

Source: Table 45.

TABLE 43
ARRESTS FOR MURDER, 1981
Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee Distributed by Sex

					R	ace/ethnic gr	oup of arrest	e		
	To	tal	White (no	t Hispanic)	Hisp	anic	Bla	ack	All o	ther
Sex of arrestee	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	4,108	100.0	1,022	24.9	1,392	33.9	1,567	38.1	127	3.1
Male	3,664	100.0	877	23.9	1,305	35.6	1,372	37.4	110	3.0
Female	444	100.0	145	32.7	87	19.6	195	43.9	17	3.8
Juvenile	550	100.0	76	13.8	218	39.6	246	44.7	10	1.8
Maie	510	100.0	65	12.7	205	40.2	233	45.7	7	1.4
Female	40	100.0	11		13	_	13		3	-
Adult	3,558	100.0	946	26.6	1,174	33.0	1,321	37.1	117	3.3
Male	3,154	100.0	812	25.7	1,100	34.9	1,139	36.1	103	3.3
Female	404	100.0	134	33.2	74	18.3	182	45.0	14	3.5

Percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

Source: Table 45.

TABLE 44
ARRESTS FOR MURDER, 1981
Age of Arrestee Distributed by Race/Ethnic Group

					R	ce/ethnic gr	oup of arreste	e		
	Tot	al	White (not	Hispanic)	Hisp	anic	Bla	ick	Allo	ther
Age of arrestee	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	4,108	100.0	1,022	100.0	1,392	100.0	1,567	100.0	127	100.0
0-24	2,171	52.8	408	39.9	908	65.2	798	50.9	57	44.9
25–39	1,479	36.0	456	44.6	396	28.4	572	36.5	55	43.3
40 and over	458	11.1	158	15.5	88	6.3	197	12.6	15	11.8

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

Source: Table 45.

TABLE 45
ARRESTS FOR MURDER, 1981
Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee Distributed by Sex and Age

			Race/ethnic	group of arrestee	
Sex and age of arrestee	Total	White (not Hispanic)	Hispanic	Black	All other
TOTAL	4,108	1,022	1,392	1,567	127
Sex					
Male	3,664	877	1,305	1,372	110
Female	444	145	87	195	17
Juvenile ^a	550	76	218	246	10
Male	510	65	205	233	7
Female	40	11	13	13	3
Adult	3,558	946	1,174	1,321	117
Male	3,154	812	1,100	1,139	103
Female	404	134	74	182	14
Age					
0-14	50	15	15	20	0
15-19	1,068	168	471	407	22
20-24	1,053	225	422	371	35
25-29	759	214	228	292	25
30-34	483	162	111	185	25
35-39	237	80	57	95	5
40-44	155	43	32	75	5
45-49	107	43	24	38	2
50-54	82	33	16	29	4
55-59	57	18	12	25	2
60-64	21	5	3	13	0
65-69	19	9	1	9	0
70 and over	17	7	0	8	2

^aA person under 18 years of age.

TABLE 46
DISPOSITIONS IN 1981 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR MURDER
Type of Disposition Distributed by Sex and Age of Arrestee

					Type of d	isposition		
						Complair	it granted	
Commence for the discourage and	То	tal	Rele	ased ^a	Dismissed o	or acquitted	Conv	icted
Sex, race/ethnic group, and age of arrestee	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	2,738	100.0	651	23.8	505	18.4	1,582	57.8
Sex			1					
Male	2,436	100.0	547	22.5	438	18.0	1,451	59.6
Female	302	100.0	104	34.4	67	22.2	131	43.4
Age								
Under 40	2,395	100.0	585	24.4	441	18.4	1,369	57.2
40 and over	329	100.0	65	19.8	60	18.2	204	62.0
Unknown	14	100.0	1	_	4	-	9	-

^aTotal released by law enforcement and prosecutor (complaint denied).

Percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

Source: Tables 48 and 49.

TABLE 47 DISPOSITIONS IN 1981 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR MURDER AND COMPLAINTS GRANTED

Type of Disposition Distributed by Sex and Age of Arrestee

				Type of di	sposition	
Commence (extractor and	То	tal	Dismissed o	or acquitted	Conv	victed
Sex, race/ethnic group, and age of arrestee	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	2,087	100.0	505	24.2	1,582	75.8
Sex						
Male	1,889	100.0	438	23.2	1,451	76.8
Female	198	100.0	67	33.8	131	66.2
Age					×	
Under 40	1,810	100.0	441	24.4	1,369	75.6
40 and over	264	100.0	60	22.7	204	77.3
Unknown	13	100.0	4		9	_

Note: Percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50. Source: Tables 48 and 49.

TABLE 48
DISPOSITIONS IN 1981 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR MURDER
Type of Disposition Distributed by Sex of Arrestee

				Sex of a	rrestee		
	Т	otal .	М	ale	Female		
Type of disposition	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
TOTAL	2,738	100.0	2,436	100.0	302	100.0	
Not convicted	1,156	42.2	985	40.4	171	56.6	
Released by law enforcement	351	12.8	293	12.0	58	19.2	
Released by prosecutor (complaint denied).	300	11.0	254	10.4	46	15.2	
Dismissed, lower court	291	10.6	247	10.1	44	14.6	
Acquitted, lower court	1	.0	1	.0	0	.0	
Dismissed, superior court	141	5.1	128	5.3	13	4.3	
Acquitted, superior court	72	2.6	62	2.5	10	3.3	
Convicted	1,582	57.8	1,451	59.6	131	43.4	
Lower court	91	3.3	77	3.2	14	4.6	
Superior court	1,491	54.5	1,374	56.4	117	38.7	

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

TABLE 49
DISPOSITIONS IN 1981 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR MURDER
Type of Disposition Distributed by Age of Arrestee

									Age of	arrestee						
	Т	otal	Und	er 20	20	-24	25-	-29	30-	-34	35-	-39	40 an	d over	Unk	nown
Type of disposition	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent								
TOTAL	2,738	100.0	336	100.0	873	100.0	584	100.0	387	100.0	215	100.0	329	100.0	14	100.0
Not convicted	1,156	42.2	140	41.7	365	41.8	277	47.4	159	41.1	85	39.5	125	38.0	5	_
Released by law enforcement	351	12.8	53	15.8	125	14.3	82	14.0	42	10.9	23	10.7	26	7.9	0	-
Released by prosecutor (complaint denied).	300	11.0	30	8.9	94	10.8	73	12.5	44	11.4	19	8.8	39	11.9	1	-
Dismissed, lower court	291	10.6	36	10.7	82	9.4	71	12.2	37	9.6	26	12.1	39	11.9	0	-
Acquitted, lower court	1	.0	1	.3	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	-
Dismissed, superior court	141	5.1	14	4.2	45	5.2	38	6.5	21	5.4	11	5.1	10	3.0	2	_
Acquitted, superior court	72	2.6	6	1.8	19	2.2	13	2.2	15	3.9	6	2.8	11	3.3	2	-
Convicted	1,582	57.8	196	58.3	508	58.2	307	52.6	228	58.9	130	60.5	204	62.0	9	-
Lower court	91	3.3	7	2.1	24	2.7	17	2.9	18	4.7	9	4.2	16	4.9	0	-
Superior court	1,491	54.5	189	56.2	484	55.4	290	49.7	210	54.3	121	56.3	188	57.1	9	-

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

Percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

TABLE 50
DISPOSITIONS IN 1981 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR MURDER AND CONVICTED
Convicted Offense Distributed by Sex and Age of Arrestee

				Convicted	d offense	
	То	tal	Mur	der	All	other
Sex, race/ethnic group, and age of arrestee	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	1,582	100.0	535	33.8	1,047	66.2
Sex	a					
Male	1,451	100.0	521	35.9	930	64.1
Female	131	100.0	14	10.7	117	89.3
Age						
Under 20	196	100.0	88	44.9	108	55.1
20-39	1,173	100.0	399	34.0	774	66.0
40 and over	204	100.0	44	21.6	160	78.4
Unknown	9	100.0	4		5	-

Note: Percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50. Source: Tables 52 and 53.

TABLE 51
DISPOSITIONS IN 1981 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR MURDER AND CONVICTED
Convicted Offense

Convicted offense	Number	Percent
TOTAL	1,582	100.0
Murder	535	33.8
Manslaughter	525	33.2
Other	522	33.0
Felony assault	289	18.3
Robbery	55	3.5
Other	178	11.3

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

TABLE 52
DISPOSITIONS IN 1981 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR MURDER AND CONVICTED
Convicted Offense Distributed by Sex of Arrestee

				Sex o	f arrestee	
	То	tal	Ma	ale	Fen	nale
Convicted offense	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	1,582	100.0	1,451	100.0	131	100.0
Murder	535	33.8	521	35.9	14	10.7
Manslaughter	525	33.2	457	31.5	68	51.9
Other	522	33.0	473	32.6	49	37.4
Felony assault	289	18.3	267	18.4	22	16.8
Robbery	55	3.5	52	3.6	3	2.3
Other	178	11.3	154	10.6	24	18.3

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

Percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

TABLE 53
DISPOSITIONS IN 1981 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR MURDER AND CONVICTED
Convicted Offense Distributed by Age of Arrestee

							War and the same of the same o	Page 1	Age of	arrestee						
	То	tal	Und	er 20	20-	-24	25-	-29	30-	-34	35-	-39	40 an	d over	Unk	nown
Convicted offense	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	1,582	100.0	196	100.0	508	100.0	307	100.0	228	100.0	130	100.0	204	100.0	9	100.0
Murder	535	33.8	88	44.9	185	36.4	92	30.0	82	36.0	40	30.8	44	21.6	4	_
Manslaughter	525	33.2	40	20.4	136	26.8	110	35.8	85	37.3	55	42.3	97	47.5	2	_
Other	522	33.0	68	34.7	187	36.8	105	34.2	61	26.8	35	26.9	63	30.9	3	
Felony assault .	289	18.3	42	21.4	83	16.3	54	17.6	36	15.8	28	21.5	43	21.1	3	~
Robbery	55	3.5	6	3.1	34	6.7	9	2.9	4	1.8	0	.0	2	1.0	0	_
Other	178	11.3	20	10.2	70	13.8	42	13.7	21	9.2	7	5.4	18	8.8	0	_

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

Percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

TABLE 54
DISPOSITIONS IN 1981 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR MURDER AND CONVICTED
Type of Sentence Received in Lower and Superior Court Distributed by Convicted Offense

	1			Convicted	offense	
	Total		Murder		All other	
Type of sentence	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	1,582	100.0	535	100.0	1,047	100.0
Prison or Youth Authority ^a	1,175 407	74.3 25.7	532 3	99.4 .6	643 404	61.4 38.6

^aPrison includes 36 death penalty sentences. Source: Table 55.

TABLE 55
DISPOSITIONS IN 1981 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR MURDER AND CONVICTED
Type of Sentence Received in Lower and Superior Court Distributed by Convicted Offense

			Convicted offense									
	To	otal	Mu	rder	Mansla	ughter	Rob	bery	Felony	assault	Ot	her
Type of sentence	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	1,582	100.0	535	100.0	- 525	100.0	55	100.0	289	100.0	178	100.0
Prison ^a	1,087	68.7	489	91.4	373	71.0	45	81.8	124	42.9	56	31.5
Youth Authority	88	5.6	43	8.0	25	4.8	1	1.8	13	4.5	6	3.4
Probation	73	4.6	0	.0	22	4.2	2	3.6	27	9.3	22	12.4
Probation with jail	300	19.0	2	.4	104	19.8	7	12.7	111	38.4	76	42.7
Jail	33	2.1	1	.2	1	.2	0	.0	13	4.5	18	10.1
Fine	1	.1	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	1	.3	0	.0
California Rehabilitation Center	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
State hospital (mentally												
disordered sex offender)	0	.0	0	.0	. 0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Other	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0

a Includes 36 death penalty sentences.

TABLE 56 PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1981 Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	
TOTAL	8
Criminal acts	
Robbery	1
Drugs	0
Other	0
Noncriminal acts	
Argument	0
Other	7

TABLE 58

JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS, 1981

Sex, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age of Deceased

Sex, race/ethnic group, and age	Number	Percent
TOTAL	68	100.0
Sex Male	68 0	100.0
Race/ethnic group White (not Hispanic). Hispanic Black All other Unknown	31 16 19 2 0	45.6 23.5 27.9 2.9
Age Under 15 15—19 20—24 25—29 30—34 35—39 40—44 45—49 50—54 55—59 60—64 65—69 70 and over Unknown	1 5 12 14 12 13 3 2 0 1 3 1	1.5 7.4 17.6 20.6 17.6 19.1 4.4 2.9 .0 1.5 4.4 1.5 .0
Race/ethnic group	68 31 16 19 2	100.0 45.6 23.5 27.9 2.9
Age	67 6 26 25 10	100.0 9.0 38.8 37.3 14.9

Notes: The age group distribution in the lower portion of this table excludes unknown data.

Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

TABLE 57 PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1981 Wound Area Distributed by Type of Weapon

Type of weapon	Total	Head	Upper torso	Multiple	Other, unknown
TOTAL	- 8	2	2	2	2
Handgun Rifle	6 2	2 0	2 0	2 0	0 2

TABLE 59

JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS, 1981

Location of Homicide

Location of homicide	Number	Percent
TOTAL	68	100.0
Victim's residence	14	20.6
Other residence	4	5.9
Hotel, motel	1	1.5
Liquor business ^a	1	1.5
Other business	6	8.8
Parking lot	5	7.4
Street, sidewalk	19	27.9
Park, school, field	3	4.4
In vehicle	1	1.5
Other	3	4.4
Unknown	11	16.2
Victim's residence	14	24.6
Other residence	4	7.0
Street, sidewalk	19	33.3
Liquor or other business	7	12.3
All other	13	22.8

a Liquor stores, bars, and cocktail lounges.

Note: The distribution in the lower portion of this table excludes 11 victims for whom the location of the homicide was unknown.

TABLE 60
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS, 1981
Type of Weapon

Type of weapon	Number	Percent
TOTAL	68	100.0
Handgun	54	79.4
Rifle	4	5.9
Shotgun	7	10.3
Firearm - unknown	2	2.9
Personal weapon	1	1.5

TABLE 62 JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1981

Sex, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age of Deceased

Sex, race/ethnic group, and age	Number	Percent
TOTAL	126	100.0
Sex		
Male	123	97.6 2.4
Race/ethnic group	1	
White (not Hispanic)	27	21.4
Hispanic	36	28.6
Black	60	47.6
All other	3	2.4
Unknown	0	.0
Age		
Under 15	0	.0
15-19	22	17.5
20-24	35	27.8
25-29	25	19.8
30-34	19	15.1
35–39	6	4.8
40-44	6	4.8
45-49	5	4.0
50-54	3	2.4
55-59	0	.0
60-64	1	.8
65-69	1	.8
70 and over	1	.8
Unknown	2	1.6
Race/ethnic group	126	100.0
White (not Hispanic)	27	21.4
Hispanic	36	28.6
Black	60	47.6
All other	3	2.4
Age	124	100.0
Under 20	22	17.7
20-29	60	48.4
30-39	25	20.2
40 and over	17	13.7

Notes: The age group distribution in the lower portion of this table excludes unknown data.

excludes unknown data. Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

TABLE 61

JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS, 1981

Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	Number	Percent
TOTAL	68	100.0
Felon attacked peace officer	37	54.4
Felon attacked citizen	2	2.9
Felon attempted flight from crime	7	10.3
Felon killed in commission of crime	16	23.5
Felon resisted arrest	4	5.9
Unknown	4 2	2.9
Felon attacked peace officer	37	56.1
Felon killed in commission of crime	16	24.2
Felon resisted arrest	4	6.1
All other	9	13.6

Notes: The distribution in the lower portion of this table excludes 2 victims for whom the contributing circumstance of the homicide was unknown.

Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

TABLE 63 JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1981 Location of Homicide

Location of homicide	Number	Percent
TOTAL	126	100.0
Victim's residence	14	11.1
Citizen's residence	36	28.6
Other residence	5	4.0
Hotel, motel	5	4.0
Liquor businessa	8	6.3
Other business	19	15.1
Parking lot	6	4.8
Street, sidewalk	17	13.5
Park, school, field	2	1.6
In vehicle	0	.0
Other	4	3.2
Unknown	10	7.9
Citizen's residence	36	31.0
Street, sidewalk	17	14.7
Liquor or other business	27	23.3
All other	36	31.0

^aLiquor stores, bars, and cocktall lounges.

Note: The distribution in the lower portion of this table excludes
10 victims for whom the location of the homicide was unknown.

TABLE 64 JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1981 Type of Weapon

Type of weapon	Number	Percent
TOTAL	126	100.0
Handgun	78	61.9
Rifle	9	7.1
Shotgun	9	7.1
Firearm - unknown	8	6.3
Knife	17	13.5
Other	5	4.0

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

TABLE 65 JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1981 Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	Number	Percent
TOTAL	126	100.0
Felon attacked citizen	15	11.9
Felon attempted flight from crime	0	.0
Felon killed in commission of crime	110	87.3
Unknown	1	.8
Felon attacked citizen	15	12.0
Felon killed in commission of crime	110	88.0
Felon attempted flight from crime	0	.0

Note: The distribution in the lower portion of this table excludes 1 victim for whom the contributing circumstance of the homicide was unknown.

