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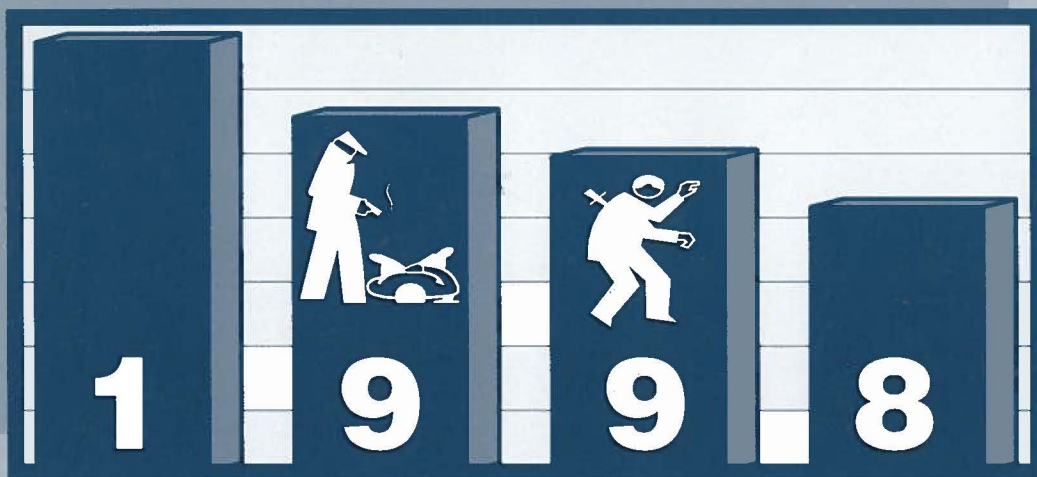
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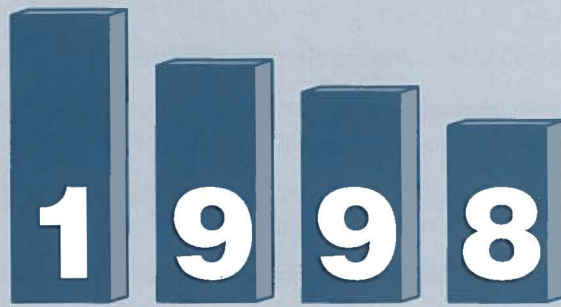
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GOETHE, quoted in Johann Peter Eckermann's  
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# introduction

*Homicide in California, 1998* contains information about the crime of homicide and its victims, demographic information about persons arrested for homicide, and information about the response of the criminal justice system. Information about the death penalty, the number of peace officers killed in the line of duty, and justifiable homicide is also included.

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

This year's edition of *Homicide in California* incorporates several changes: narrative highlight statements have been expanded; California counties with the highest and lowest 1998 homicide rates have been identified (see Page 13); homicide clearance rates for the period 1989 through 1998 have been charted and are now included within the narrative (see Chart 37, Page 23); and, homicide rates for the general population have been compared to homicide rates for peace officers killed in the line of duty for 1989 through 1998 (see Chart 53, Page 45). As in last year's edition, CJSC publications available in either printed or electronic format (via the Internet) are listed on the inside of the back cover. Customized statistical reports or additional statistical information may be requested by contacting CJSC at the numbers provided.

# highlights

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

- From 1997 to 1998, homicide crimes decreased 16.7 percent in rate per 100,000 population (7.8 to 6.5). From 1989 to 1998, the homicide crime rate decreased 40.9 percent (11.0 to 6.5).
- Since 1989, homicide rates have decreased for all gender and race/ethnic groups shown. Blacks experienced the highest rate of decline (down 53.7 percent) but continue to maintain substantially higher homicide victimization rates compared to whites and Hispanics.
- The homicide rate for victims aged 30-39 decreased 45.3 percent from 1989 to 1998 (13.9 to 7.6).
- In 1998, most white victims fell into the "aged 40 and over" category (42.4 percent). Most Hispanic and black victims fell into the "aged 18-29" category (55.0 and 45.0 percent, respectively).
- From 1989 to 1998, the majority of homicide victims knew their assailant.
- Proportionately, females were eighteen and one-half times more likely to be killed by their spouses than were males.
- Generally, homicides occurred most often during the summertime.
- In 1998, males were most likely to be killed on streets or sidewalks and least likely to be killed in their residences; the inverse was true for females.
- Since 1989, more homicide victims have been killed by firearms than by all other types of weapons combined.
- In 1998, 40.0 percent of homicide victims aged 5-17 were killed as a result of gang-related activities.
- In 1998, 63.1 out of every 100 homicides were cleared by an arrest; this is the highest clearance rate for the 1989 to 1998 period.

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

- From 1997 to 1998, homicide arrests decreased 2.3 percent in rate per 100,000 population at risk (8.6 to 8.4). From 1989 to 1998, the homicide arrest rate decreased 44.4 percent (15.1 to 8.4).
- From 1989 to 1998, the majority of homicide arrestees and victims were male.
- In 1998, the largest proportion of homicide arrestees and victims were Hispanic (46.6 and 44.7 percent, respectively). The majority of homicide arrestees were aged 18-29 (58.8 percent) and the largest proportion of homicide victims were aged 18-29 (43.5 percent).

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

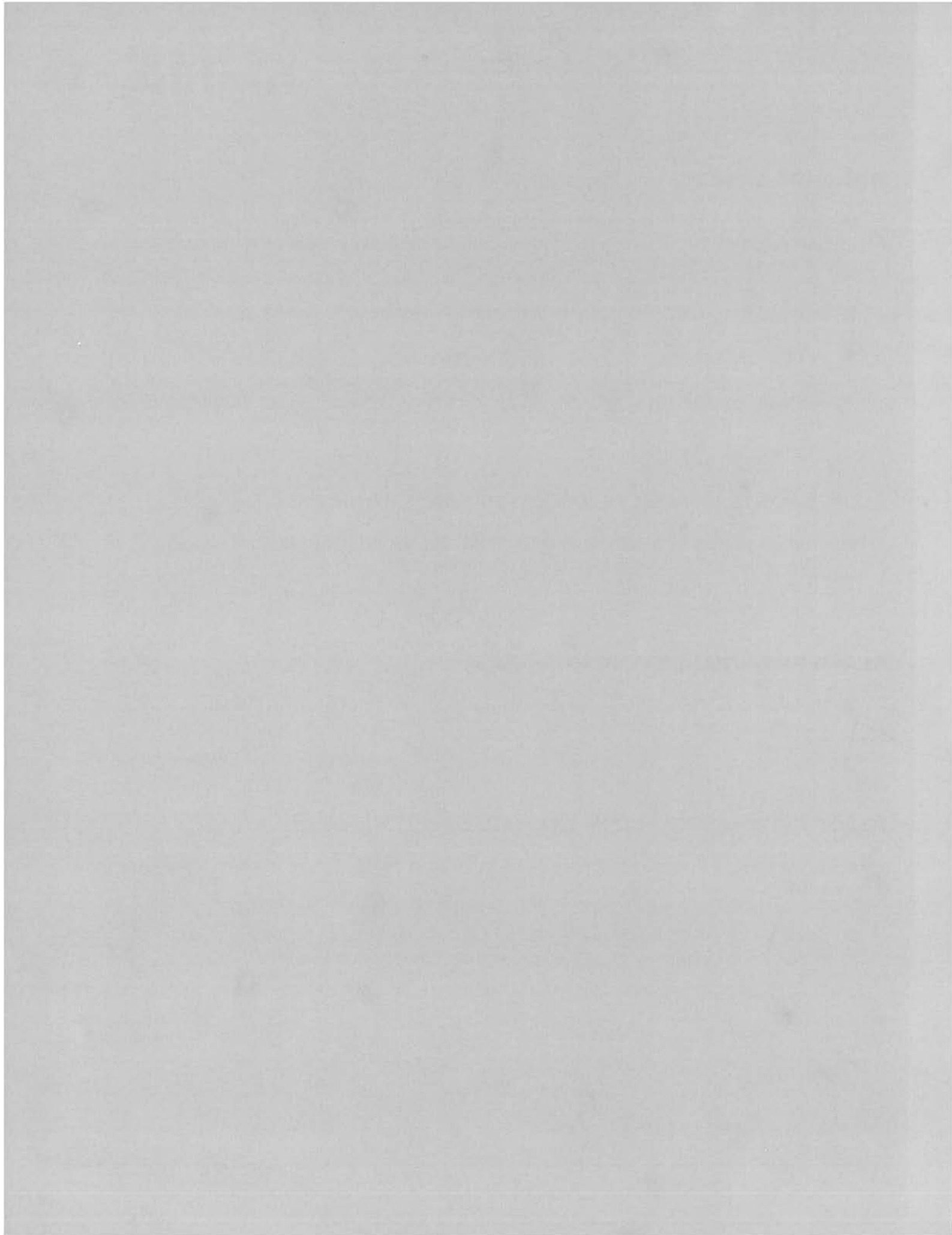
- Over 70 percent of adults arrested for homicide, for which dispositions were received, were convicted of homicide or some other offense.

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

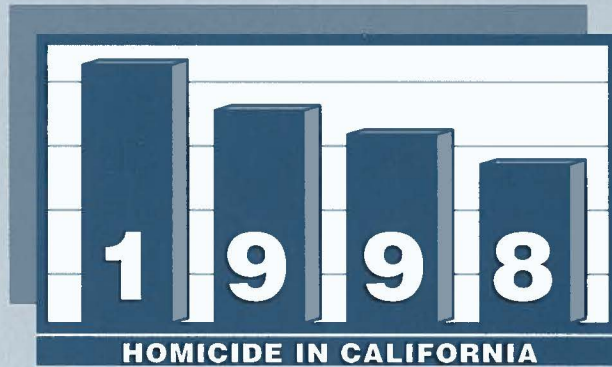
- By the end of 1998, 516 persons were under sentence of death in California. Of these, 32 were sentenced in 1998.

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

- Since 1989, 64 peace officers have been killed in the line of duty. Seven were killed in 1998.
- Since 1989, the homicide crime rate for peace officers killed in the line of duty has increased 20.9 percent per 100,000 respective population (8.6 to 10.4).



# HOMICIDE CRIMES



## HOMICIDE CRIMES

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

From 1997 to 1998:

- The homicide rate per 100,000 population decreased 16.7 percent (7.8 to 6.5).
- The number of homicides decreased 15.9 percent (from 2,579 to 2,170).

Comparing 1989 to 1998:

- The homicide rate per 100,000 population decreased 40.9 percent (11.0 to 6.5).
- The number of homicides decreased 31.3 percent (from 3,159 to 2,170).

Comparing 1952 to 1998:

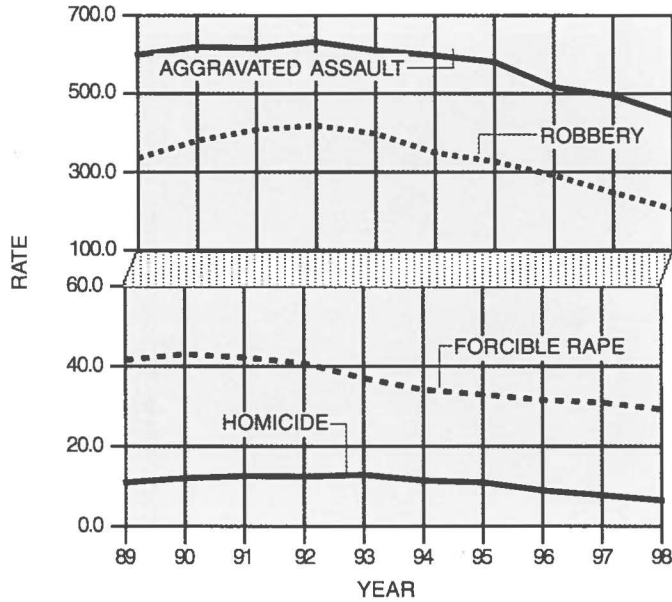
- The homicide rate per 100,000 population increased 170.8 percent (2.4 to 6.5).
- The number of homicides increased 677.8 percent (from 279 to 2,170).

*The 1998 homicide rate of 6.5 is the lowest since 1968 and represents the fifth consecutive year of decline.*

Table N-1  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1952-1998  
Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

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

Chart 1  
 VIOLENT CRIMES, 1989-1998  
 Rate per 100,000 Population



Source: Table 1.

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

From 1997 to 1998:

- Homicide decreased 16.7 percent (7.8 to 6.5).
- Forcible rape decreased 5.5 percent (30.9 to 29.2).
- Robbery decreased 16.9 percent (247.0 to 205.3).
- Aggravated assault decreased 10.1 percent (495.3 to 445.1).

Comparing 1989 to 1998:

- Homicide decreased 40.9 percent (11.0 to 6.5).
- Forcible rape decreased 29.8 percent (41.6 to 29.2).
- Robbery decreased 38.7 percent (335.1 to 205.3).
- Aggravated assault decreased 25.8 percent (599.5 to 445.1).

□ *Of the four offenses classified as violent crimes by the FBI, homicide maintained the lowest rate per 100,000 population for the years shown and had the highest rate of decline since 1989 (down 40.9 percent).*



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

In 1998,

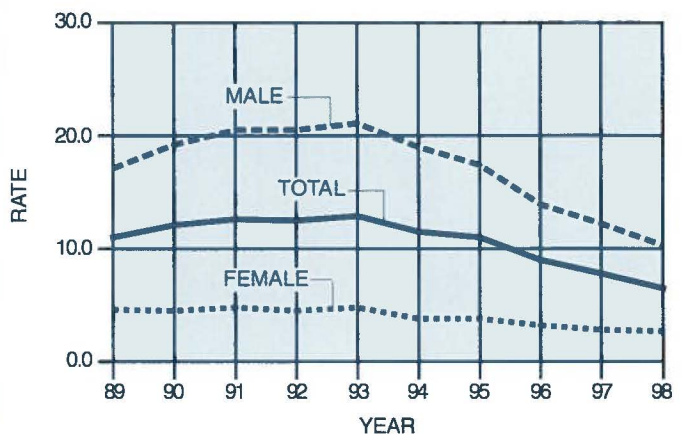
- The total homicide rate was 6.5 per 100,000 population.
- The male homicide rate was over three and one-half times that of the female homicide rate (10.3 vs. 2.7).
- The black homicide rate was over seven and one-half times that of whites and almost two and one-half times that of Hispanics (22.6 vs. 3.0 and 9.6, respectively).

Comparing 1989 to 1998:

- The male homicide rate decreased 39.8 percent. The female homicide rate decreased 41.3 percent.
- The white homicide rate decreased 42.3 percent, the Hispanic homicide rate decreased 36.4 percent, and the black homicide rate decreased 53.7 percent.

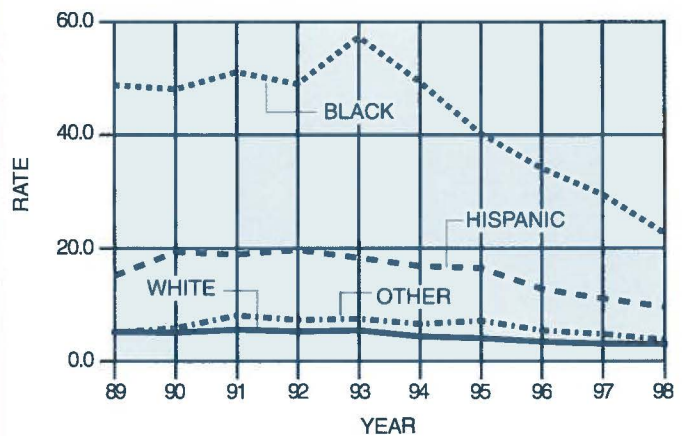
□ *Since 1989, homicide rates have decreased for all gender and race/ethnic groups shown. Blacks experienced the highest rate of decline (down 53.7 percent) but continue to maintain substantially higher homicide victimization rates compared to whites and Hispanics.*

Chart 2  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1989-1998  
By Gender of Victim  
Rate per 100,000 Population



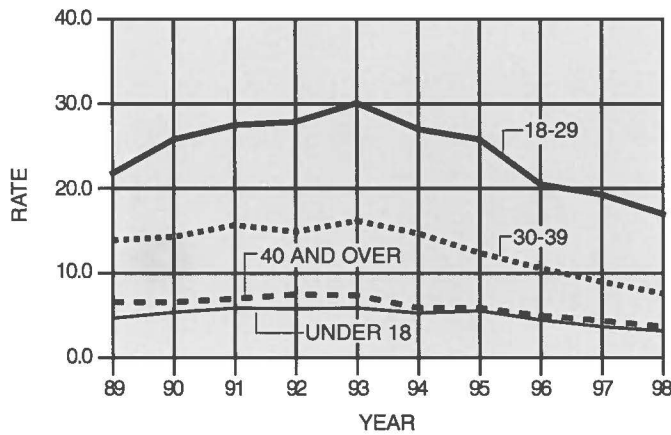
Source: Table 2.

Chart 3  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1989-1998  
By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim  
Rate per 100,000 Population



Source: Table 3.

Chart 4  
 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1989-1998  
 By Age of Victim  
 Rate per 100,000 Population



Source: Table 4.

In 1998,

- Persons aged 18-29 had the highest homicide victimization rate (17.0 per 100,000 population).

Comparing 1989 to 1998:

- The homicide rate decreased 31.9 percent for victims under age 18, 22.0 percent for victims aged 18-29, 45.3 percent for victims aged 30-39, and 43.9 percent for victims aged 40 and over.

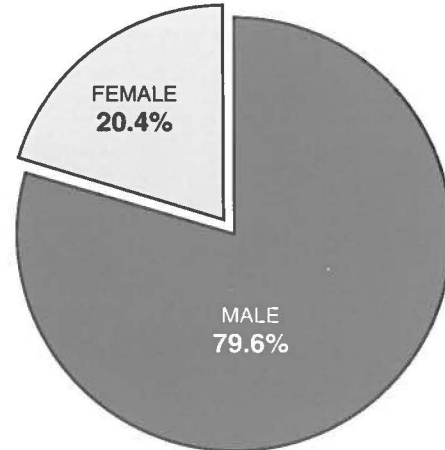
- *Since 1989, homicide rates have decreased for all age categories shown. Persons aged 18-29, however, continue to maintain the highest homicide victimization rate (in 1998, the rate was five times that of victims under age 18, two times that of victims aged 30-39, and four and one-half times that of victims aged 40 and over).*

In 1998,

- Males represented 79.6 percent of total homicide victims; they comprised 50.2 percent of the population.
- Females represented 20.4 percent of total homicide victims; they comprised 49.8 percent of the population.

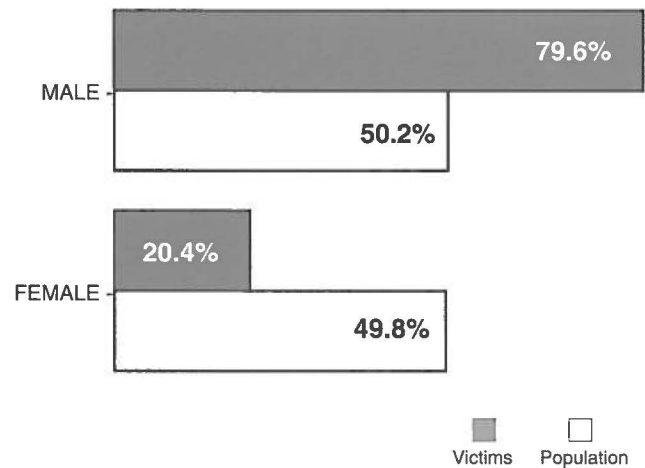
□ *As homicide victims, males are statistically over-represented when compared to females.*

Chart 5  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998  
By Gender of Victim



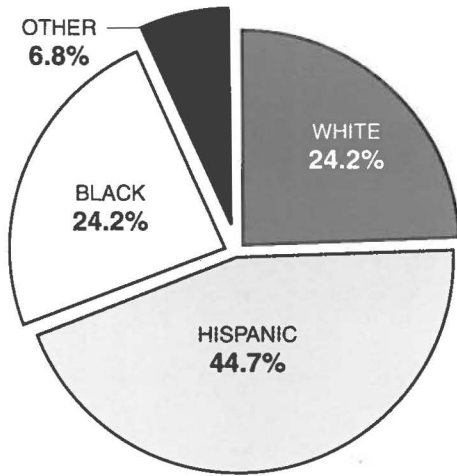
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Chart 6  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998  
Gender of Victim by Percent of Total Victims  
and Percent of Population



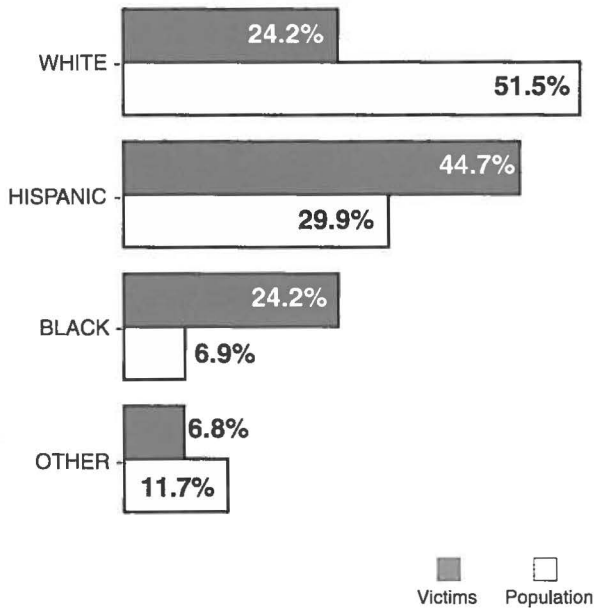
Sources: Table 2 and Table 5.

Chart 7  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998  
By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim



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

Chart 8  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998  
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Percent of Total Victims  
and Percent of Population



Sources: Table 3 and Table 6.  
Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

In 1998,

- Whites represented 24.2 percent of total homicide victims; they comprised 51.5 percent of the population.
- Hispanics represented 44.7 percent of total homicide victims; they comprised 29.9 percent of the population.
- Blacks represented 24.2 percent of total homicide victims; they comprised 6.9 percent of the population.
- The "other" race/ethnic group category represented 6.8 percent of total homicide victims; they comprised 11.7 percent of the population.

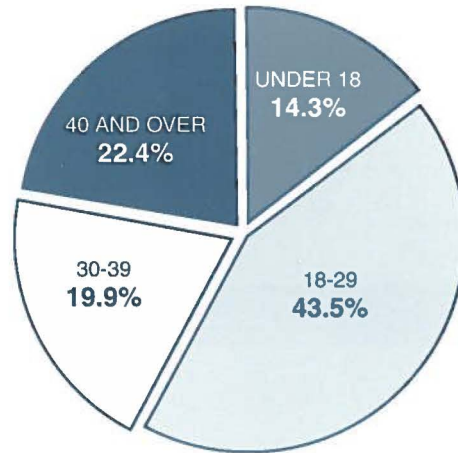
□ *As homicide victims, Hispanics and blacks are statistically over-represented when compared to the white and "other" race/ethnic group categories.*

In 1998,

- Victims under age 18 represented 14.3 percent of total homicides; this age group comprised 28.1 percent of the population.
- Victims aged 18-29 represented 43.5 percent of total homicides; this age group comprised 16.3 percent of the population.
- Victims aged 30-39 represented 19.9 percent of total homicides; this age group comprised 16.9 percent of the population.
- Victims aged 40 and over represented 22.4 percent of total homicides; this age group comprised 38.7 percent of the population.

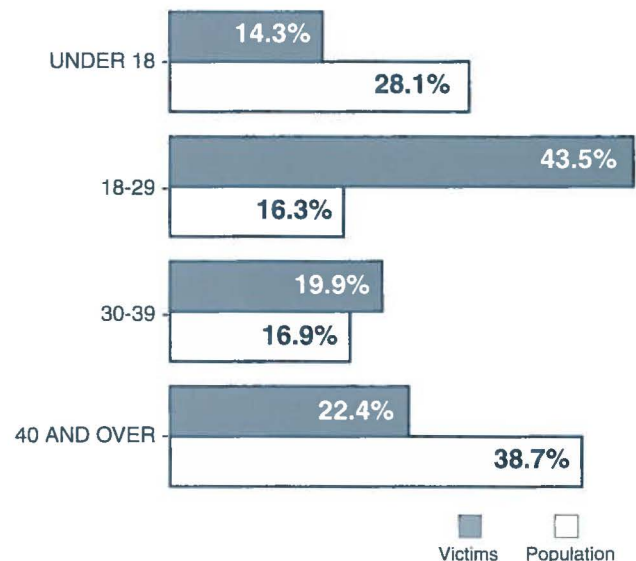
□ *Persons aged 18-29 display the greatest disparity between proportion of population and proportion of homicide victimization.*

Chart 9  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998  
By Age of Victim



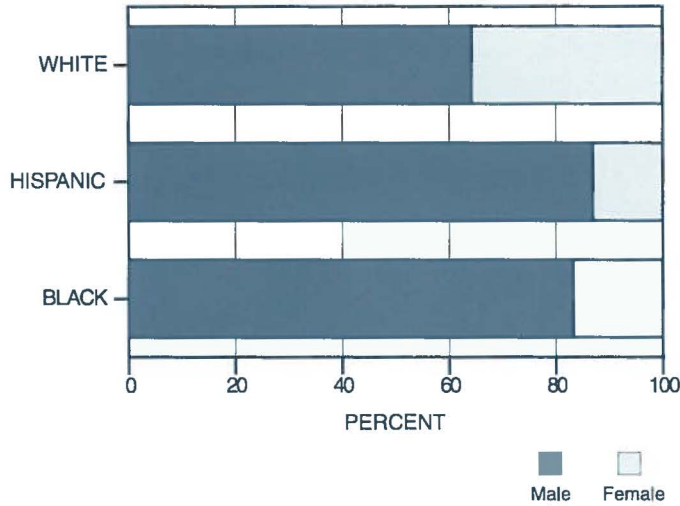
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Chart 10  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998  
Age of Victim by Percent of Total Victims  
and Percent of Population



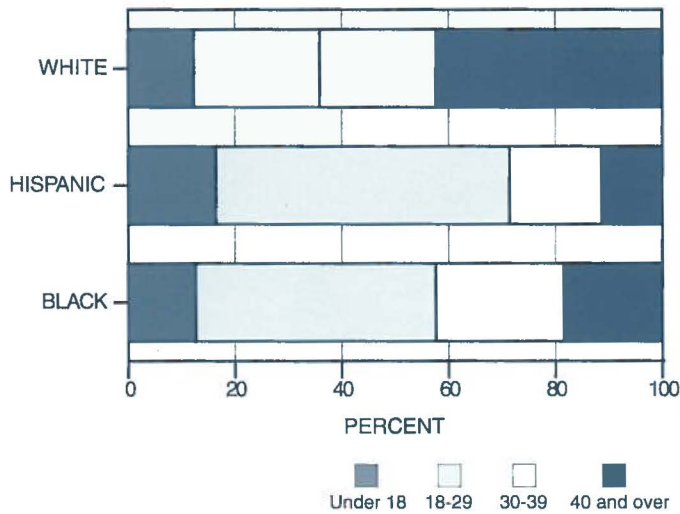
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Chart 11  
 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998  
 Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Gender of Victim



Source: Table 8.

Chart 12  
 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998  
 Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Age of Victim



Source: Table 9.

In 1998,

- More white victims were female than were either Hispanic or black victims (35.8 vs. 13.1 and 16.8 percent, respectively).
- More Hispanic and black victims were aged 18-29 than were white victims (55.0 and 45.0 vs. 23.6 percent, respectively).
- More white victims were aged 40 and over than were either Hispanic or black victims (42.4 vs. 11.4 and 18.4 percent, respectively).

□ *White victims tended to be older, Hispanic and black victims younger.*

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

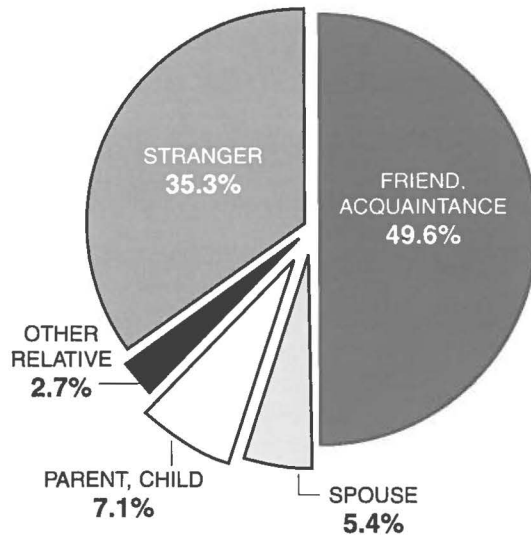
In 1998,

- 49.6 percent of victims were friends or acquaintances of offenders.
- 5.4 percent of victims were spouses of offenders.
- 7.1 percent of victims were parents or children of offenders.
- 2.7 percent of the relationships of victim to offender fell into the "other relative" category.
- 35.3 percent of victims were strangers to offenders.

Comparing 1989 to 1998:

- The proportion of homicides in which victims were friends or acquaintances of offenders decreased from 51.1 percent in 1989 to 49.6 percent in 1998.
- The proportion of homicides in which victims were strangers to offenders increased from 32.3 percent in 1989 to 35.3 percent in 1998.

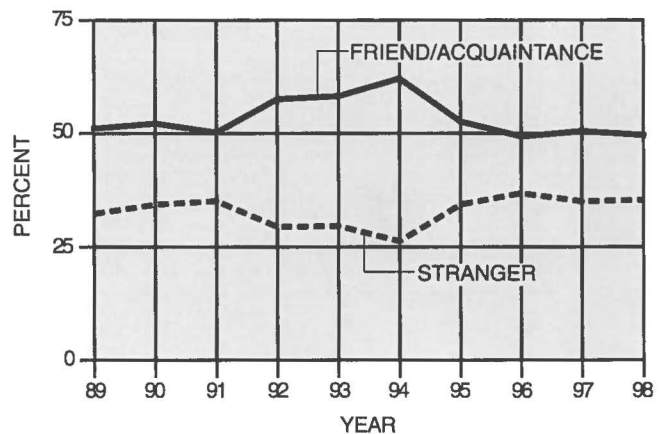
Chart 13  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998  
By Relationship of Victim to Offender



Source: Table 11.

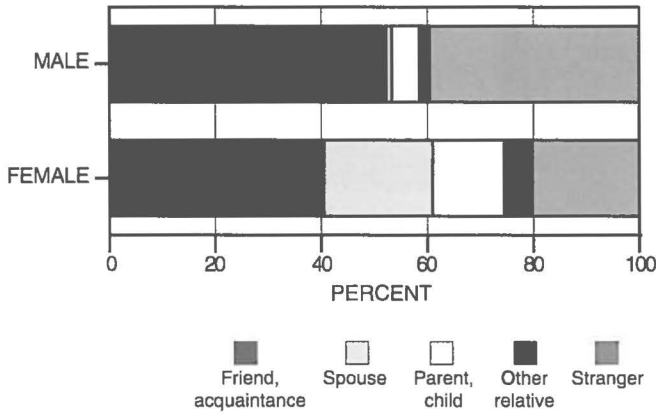
Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

Chart 14  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1989-1998  
By Selected Relationships of Victims to Offenders



Source: Table 11.

Chart 15  
 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998  
 Gender of Victim by Relationship of Victim to Offender

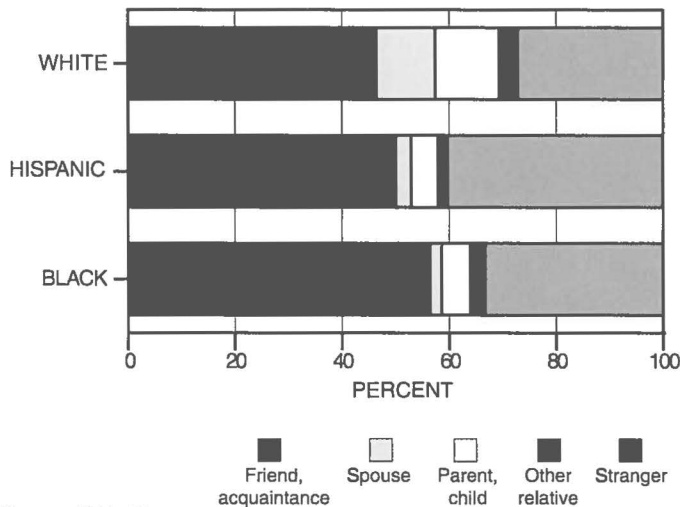


Source: Table 12.

In 1998,

- More female victims were spouses of offenders (20.5 percent) than were male victims (1.1 percent).
- More white victims were spouses, parents, or children of offenders than were either Hispanic or black victims (23.0 vs. 8.0 and 7.5 percent, respectively).

Chart 16  
 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998  
 Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Relationship of Victim to Offender



Source: Table 12.

□ *Proportionately, females were eighteen and one-half times more likely to be killed by their spouses than were males.*



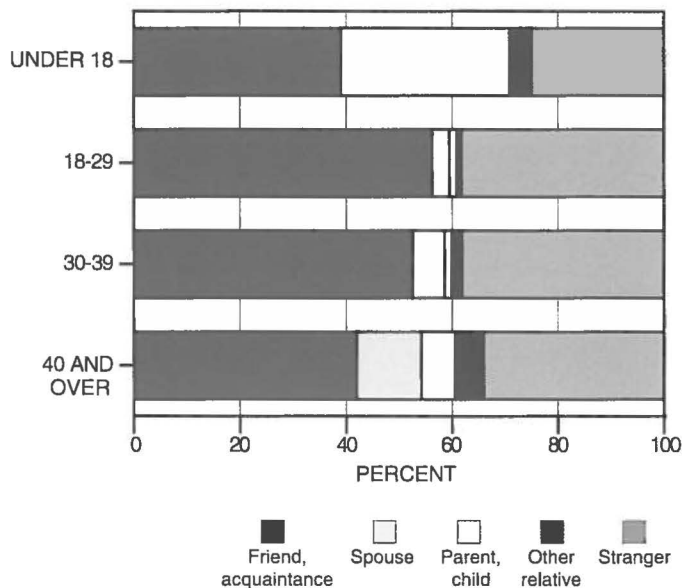
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In 1998,

- Victims under age 18 were least likely to be strangers to offenders (25.0 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.
- More victims aged 18-29 were friends or acquaintances of offenders (56.2 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.
- More victims aged 40 and over were spouses of offenders (12.3 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.

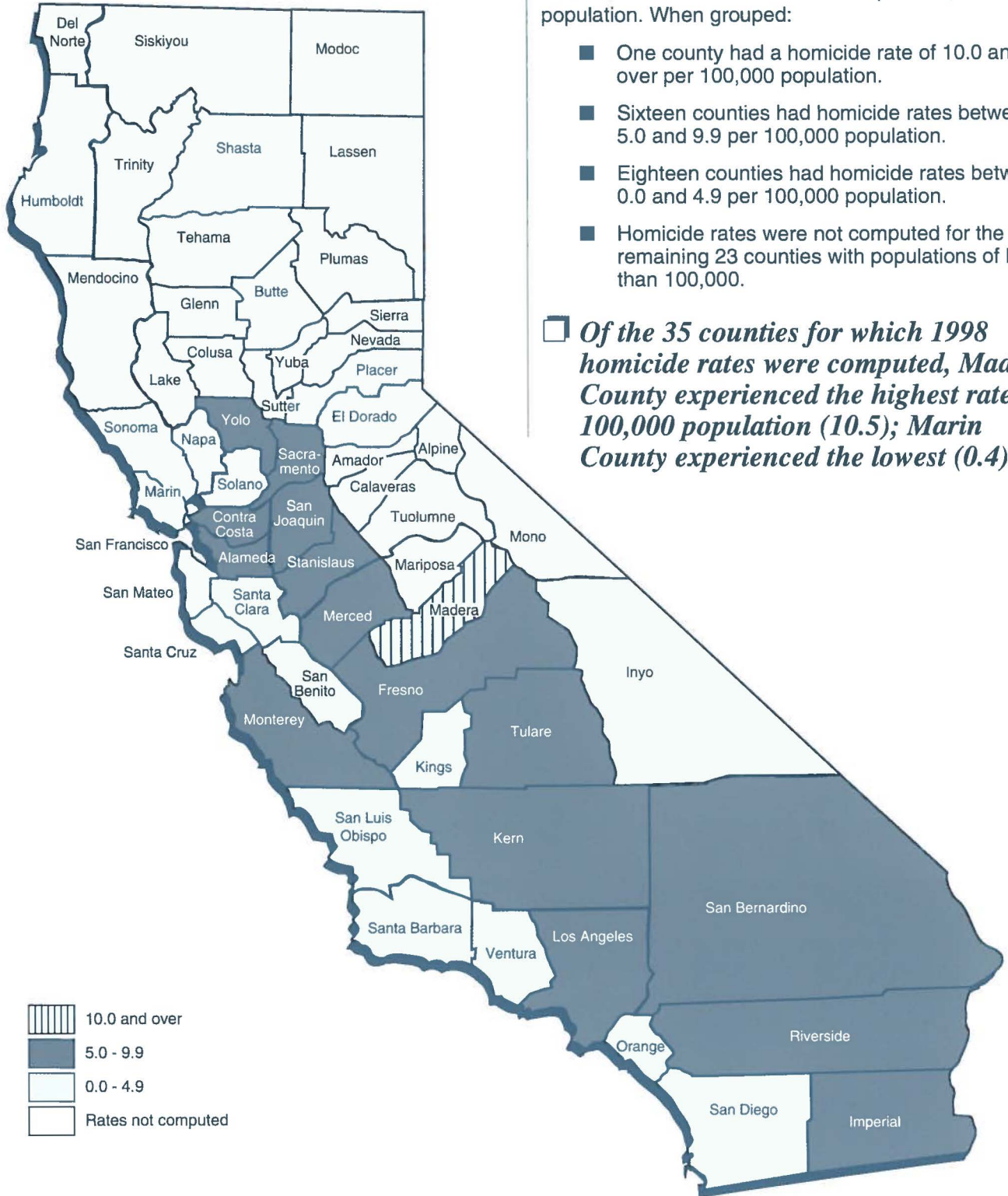
□ *Regardless of age group, the largest proportion of homicide victims were killed by friends or acquaintances.*

Chart 17  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998  
Age of Victim by Relationship of Victim to Offender



Source: Table 13.

Chart 18  
 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998  
 County by Rate per 100,000 Population



In 1998, eleven of California's 58 counties exceeded the 1998 statewide homicide rate of 6.5 per 100,000 population. When grouped:

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

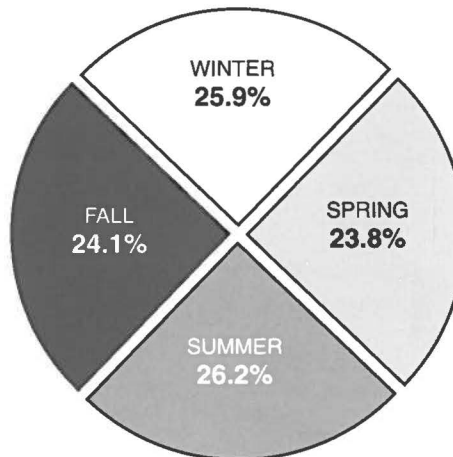
□ *Of the 35 counties for which 1998 homicide rates were computed, Madera County experienced the highest rate per 100,000 population (10.5); Marin County experienced the lowest (0.4).*

Source: Table 14.

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

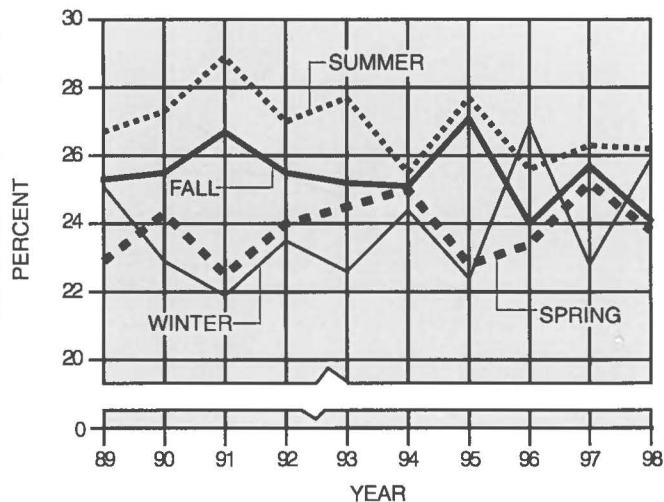
- In 1998, the incidents that led to death occurred more often in the summer than in any other season (26.2 percent).

Chart 19  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998  
By Season of Incident



Source: Table 15.

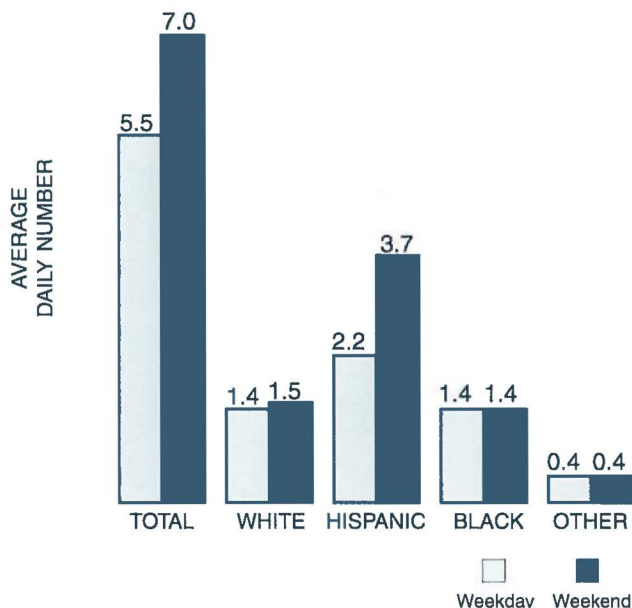
Chart 20  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1989-1998  
By Season of Incident



Source: Table 15.

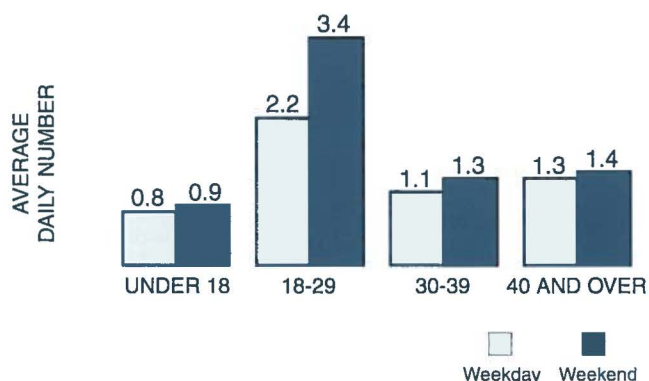
- *With the exception of 1996, homicides occurred most often during the summertime.*

Chart 21  
 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998  
 Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Average Daily Number  
 of Incidents on Weekdays and Weekends



Source: Table 16.

Chart 22  
 HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998  
 Age of Victim by Average Daily Number  
 of Incidents on Weekdays and Weekends



Source: Table 17.

In 1998,

- An average of 5.5 homicide victims were killed each weekday and 7.0 homicide victims were killed each weekend day.
- Hispanic victims had the highest average daily number of incidents on both weekdays and weekends (2.2 and 3.7, respectively) of any race/ethnic group shown.
- Victims aged 18-29 had the highest average daily number of incidents on both weekdays and weekends (2.2 and 3.4, respectively) of any age group shown.
- Regardless of the race/ethnic group or age group shown, the average daily number of incidents on weekends equaled or exceeded the average daily number of incidents on weekdays.

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

In 1998,

- 29.0 percent of victims were killed at their places of residence.
- 38.0 percent of homicides occurred on streets or sidewalks.
- 33.0 percent of homicides occurred in "all other" locations.
- More males were killed on streets or sidewalks (44.3 percent) than were females (13.1 percent). Proportionately, more females were killed at their places of residence (56.3 percent) than were males (22.0 percent).

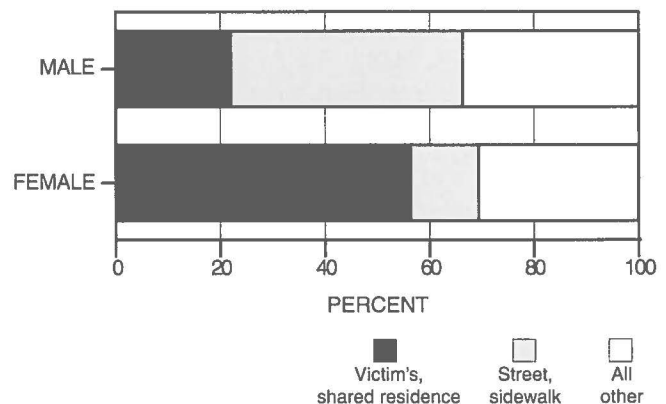
□ *Of the locations shown, males were most likely to be killed on streets or sidewalks and least likely to be killed in their residences; the inverse was true for females.*

Chart 23  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998  
By Location of Homicide



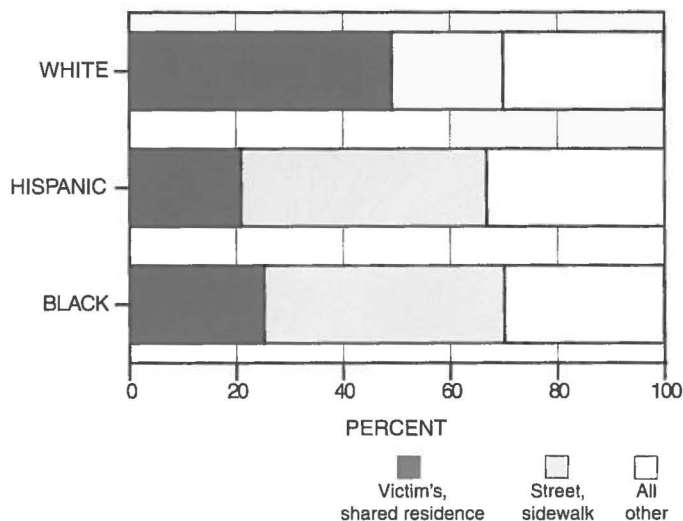
Source: Table 19.

Chart 24  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998  
Gender of Victim by Location of Homicide



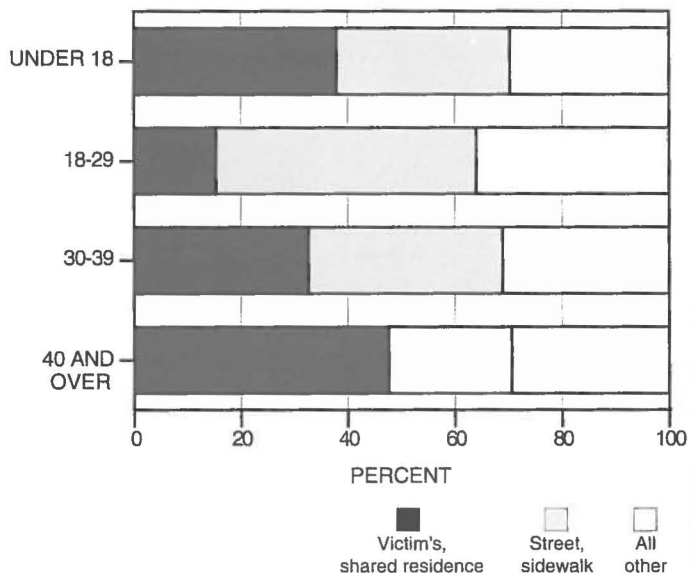
Source: Table 19.

Chart 25  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998  
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Location of Homicide



Source: Table 19.

Chart 26  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998  
Age of Victim by Location of Homicide



Source: Table 20.

In 1998,

- More whites than Hispanics or blacks were killed at their places of residence (49.1 vs. 20.9 and 25.2 percent, respectively). Conversely, more Hispanics and blacks were killed on streets or sidewalks than were whites (45.9 and 44.9 vs. 20.8 percent, respectively).
- More victims aged 18-29 were killed on streets or sidewalks (48.7 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.
- More victims aged 40 and over were killed at their places of residence (47.6 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.

□ *Whites were most likely to be killed in their residences; Hispanics and blacks, on a street or sidewalk.*

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

In 1998,

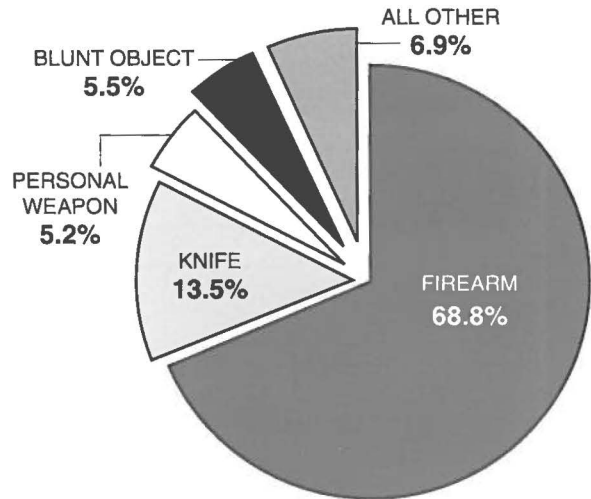
- 68.8 percent resulted from the use of firearms.
  - 61.6 percent resulted from the use of handguns.
  - 7.2 percent resulted from the use of all other types of firearms.
- 13.5 percent resulted from the use of knives.
- 5.2 percent resulted from the use of personal weapons (hands, feet, etc.).
- 5.5 percent resulted from the use of blunt objects (clubs, etc.).
- 6.9 percent resulted from the use of weapons grouped in the "all other" category.

Comparing 1989 to 1998:

- The proportion of homicides that resulted from the use of firearms increased from 65.7 percent in 1989 to 68.8 percent in 1998.
- The proportion of homicides that resulted from the use of nonfirearms decreased from 34.3 percent in 1989 to 31.2 percent in 1998.

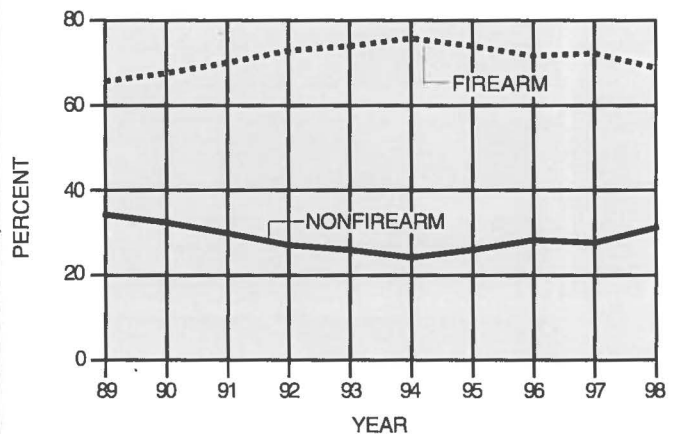
*Homicides were committed most often with firearms.*

Chart 27  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998  
By Type of Weapon Used



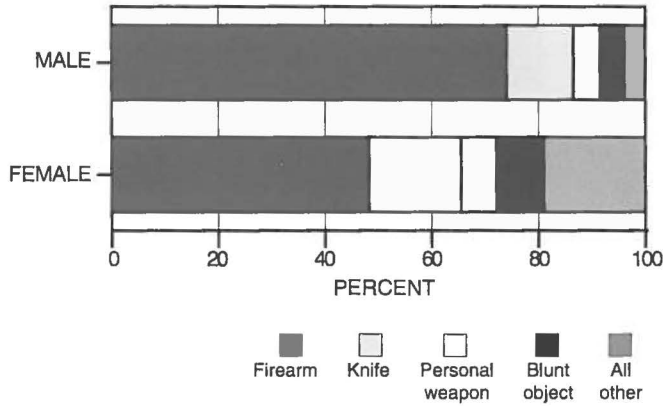
Source: Table 21.  
Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

Chart 28  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1989-1998  
By Selected Types of Weapons Used



Source: Table 21.

Chart 29  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998  
Gender of Victim by Type of Weapon Used

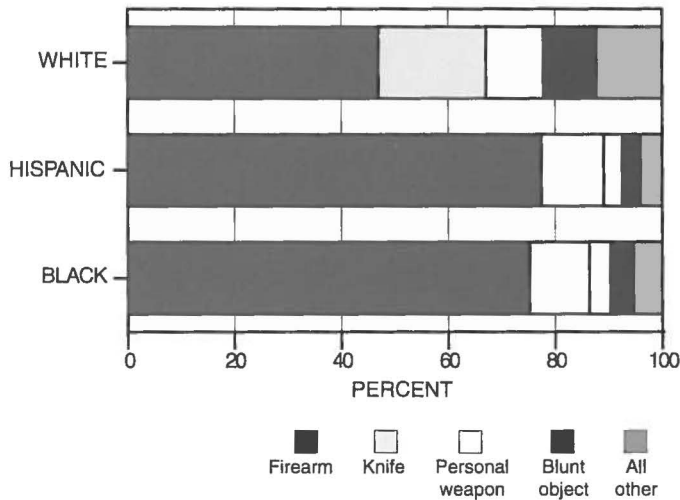


Source: Table 22.

In 1998,

- More males were killed with firearms (74.0 percent) than were females (48.2 percent).
- Proportionately, more females were killed with knives, personal weapons, or blunt objects (32.8 percent) than were males (22.1 percent).
- More Hispanics and blacks were killed with firearms than were whites (77.4 and 75.2 vs. 46.9 percent, respectively).

Chart 30  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998  
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Type of Weapon Used



Source: Table 22.

□ *On average, 68.8 percent of all homicide victims were killed with firearms in 1998. The percentage of white homicide victims killed with firearms fell below the average; Hispanics and blacks, above.*

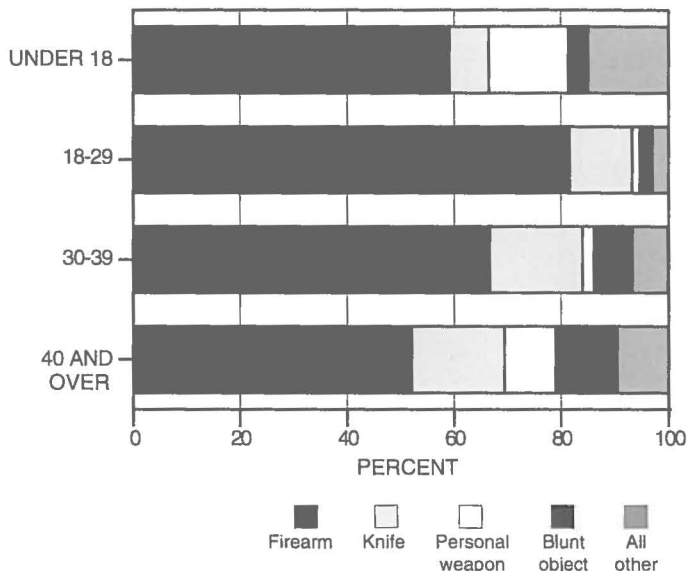


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In 1998,

- More victims aged 18-29 were killed with firearms (81.6 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.
- Proportionately, fewer victims aged 40 and over were killed with firearms (52.0 percent) than were victims in any other age group shown.

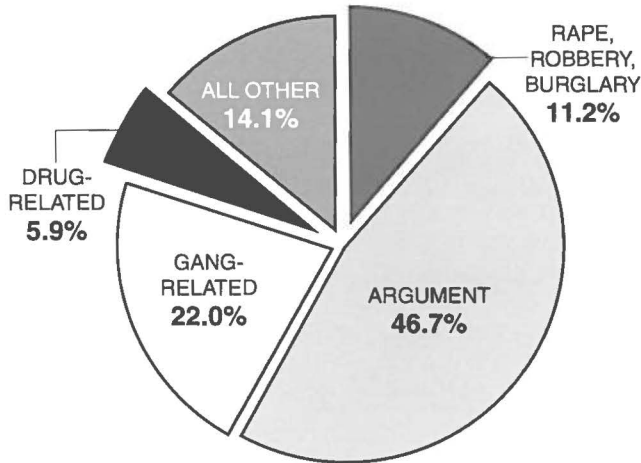
Chart 31  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998  
Age of Victim by Type of Weapon Used



Source: Table 23.

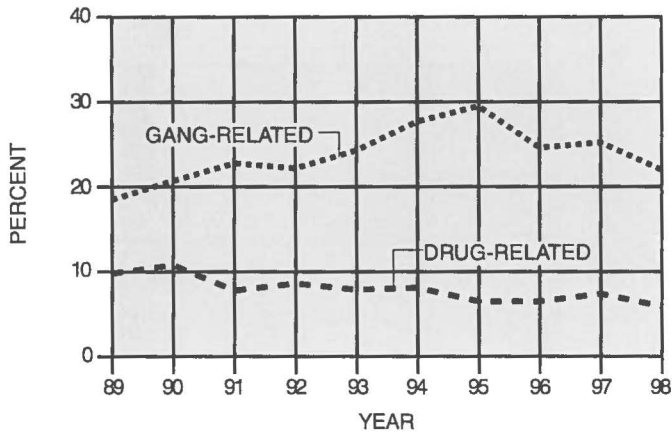
□ *Over 81 percent of homicide victims aged 18-29 were killed with firearms.*

Chart 32  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998**  
 By Contributing Circumstance



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

Chart 33  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1989-1998**  
 By Selected Contributing Circumstances



Source: Table 24.

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

In 1998,

- 11.2 percent occurred as a result of a rape, robbery, or burglary.
- 46.7 percent occurred as a result of an argument.
- 22.0 percent were gang-related.
- 5.9 percent were drug-related.
- 14.1 percent occurred as a result of "all other" contributing circumstances.

Comparing 1989 to 1998:

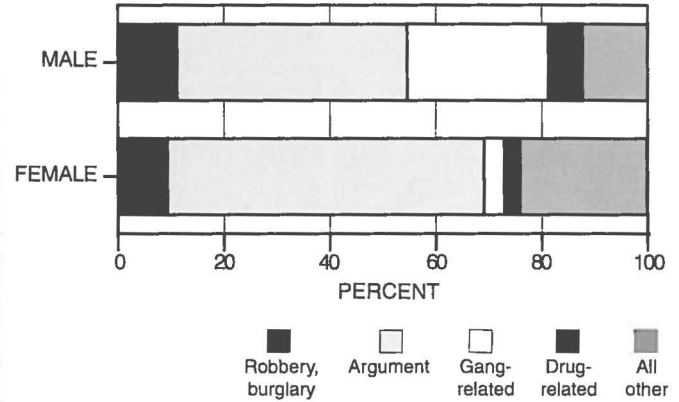
- The proportion of homicides in which the contributing circumstance was gang-related increased from 18.5 percent in 1989 to 22.0 percent in 1998.
- The proportion of homicides in which the contributing circumstance was drug-related decreased from 9.8 percent in 1989 to 5.9 percent in 1998.

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In 1998,

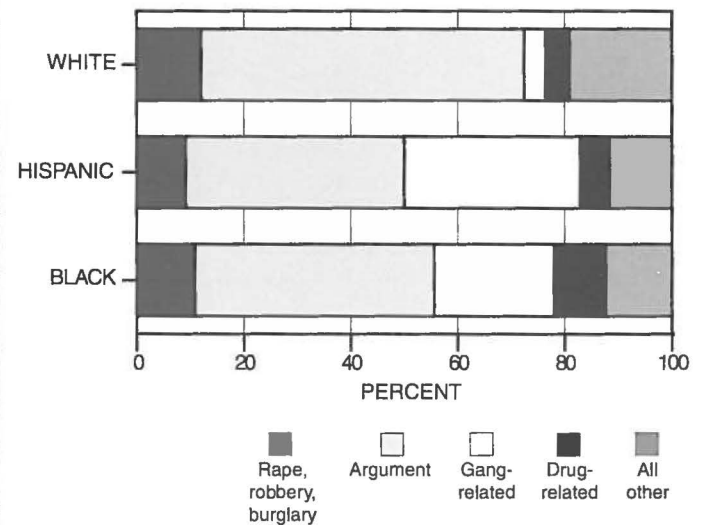
- More males were victims of gang-related homicides (26.6 percent) than were females (3.8 percent).
- Proportionately, more whites than Hispanics or blacks were victims of homicides which occurred as a result of an argument (60.4 vs. 40.9 and 44.8 percent, respectively).
- More Hispanics and blacks were victims of gang-related homicides than were whites (32.9 and 22.4 vs. 4.0 percent, respectively).

Chart 34  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998  
Gender of Victim by Contributing Circumstance



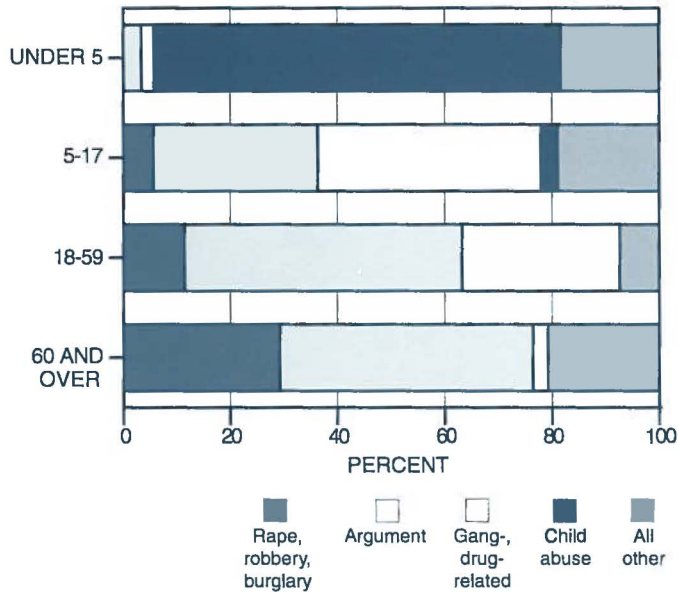
Source: Table 25.  
Note: Charts 32, 35, and 36 include rape with robbery and burglary. However, for a more relevant comparison between male and female victims, rape is included in the "all other" category in Chart 34. In 1998, 2.5 percent of homicide crimes involving females were rape-related.

Chart 35  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998  
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Contributing Circumstance



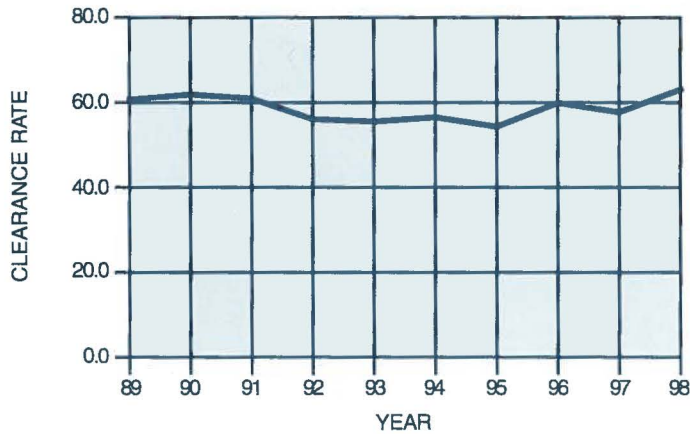
Source: Table 25.

Chart 36  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998  
Age of Victim by Contributing Circumstance



Source: Table 26.

Chart 37  
HOMICIDE CRIMES CLEARED, 1989-1998  
Clearance Rate



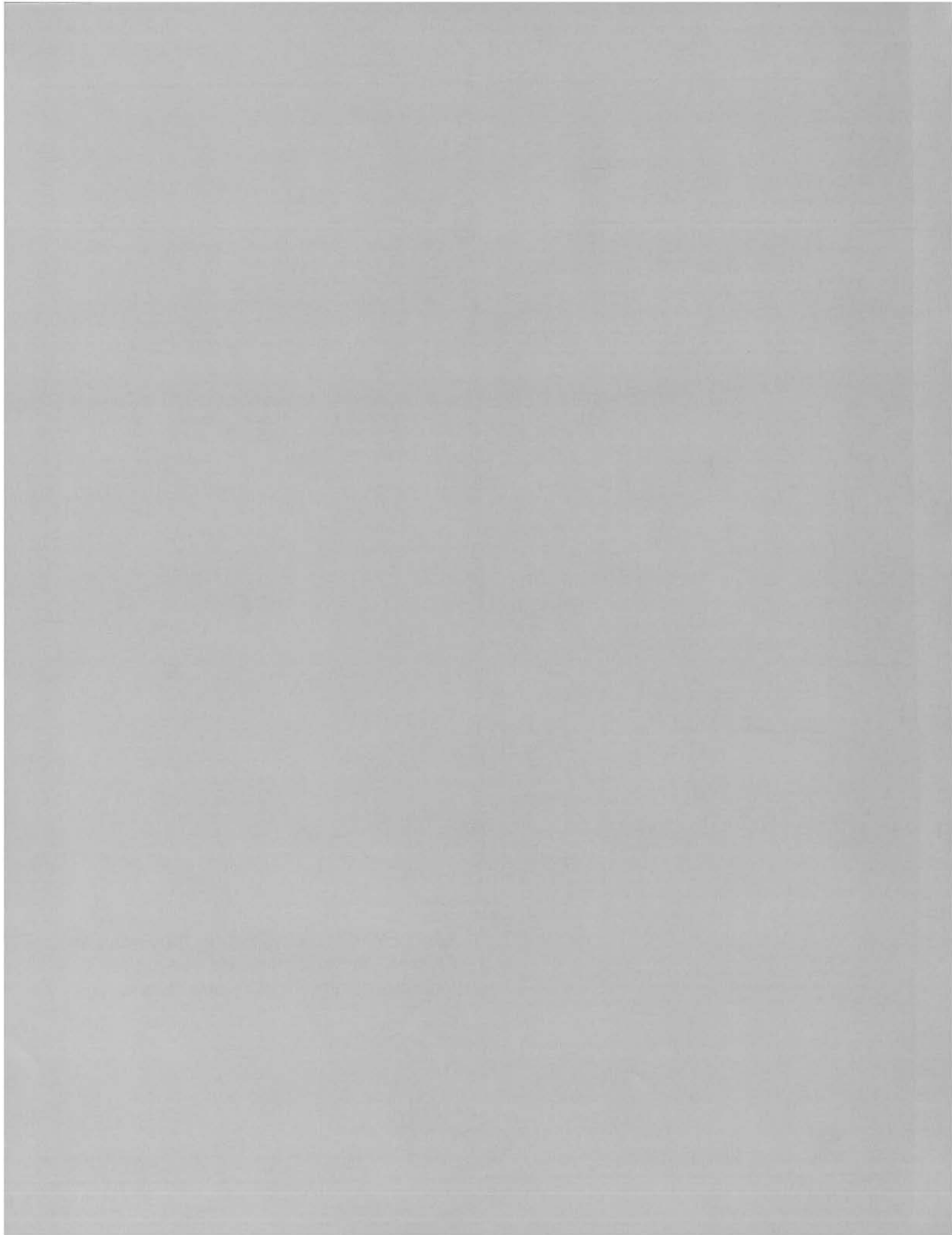
Source: Table 29.

Note: A clearance rate is the percentage of crimes (homicides) reported that have been cleared. It is calculated by dividing the number of homicides cleared by the number of homicides reported. The result is multiplied by 100.

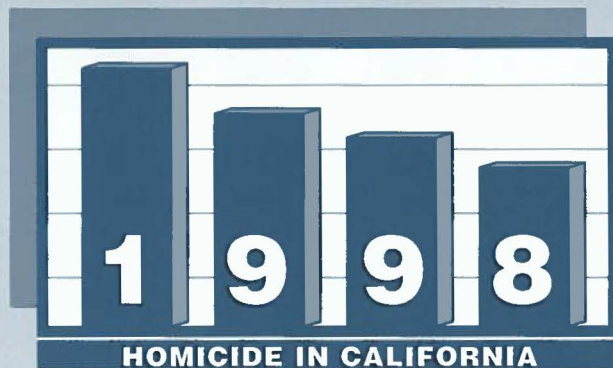
In 1998,

- Most homicide victims under age 5 were killed as a result of child abuse (75.9 percent).
- More homicide victims aged 5-17 were killed as a result of gang- or drug-related activities (41.5 percent) than from any other contributing circumstance shown.
- More homicide victims aged 18-59 and aged 60 and over were killed as a result of an argument (51.8 and 47.2 percent, respectively) than from any other contributing circumstance shown.

□ ***In 1998, 63.1 out of every 100 homicides were cleared by an arrest, the highest clearance rate for the years shown.***



# HOMICIDE ARRESTS



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## HOMICIDE ARRESTS

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

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

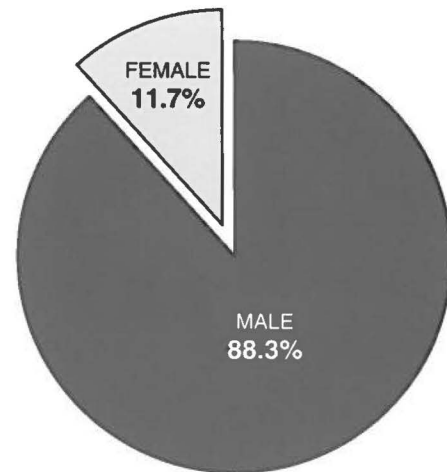
In 1998, of 2,117 arrests for homicide:

- 88.3 percent of arrestees (1,870) were male.
- 11.7 percent (247) were female.

□ *In 1998, the majority of homicide arrestees and victims were male (88.3 and 79.6 percent, respectively) (see Tables 5 and 31).*

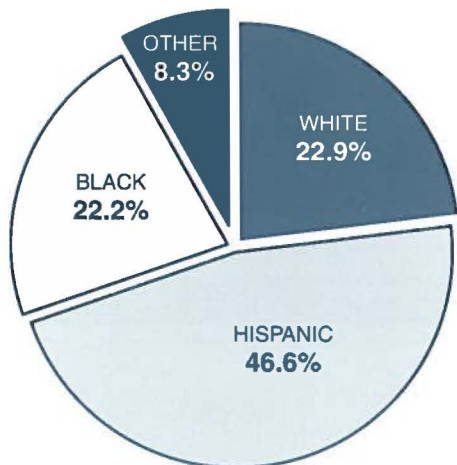
<sup>1</sup> The following penal codes for homicide arrest offenses were valid at the time of the closeout of the 1998 arrest offense code file: 128, 187(a), 189, 192(a), 192(b), 193(a), 193(b), 273ab, 399, 12310(a).

Chart 38  
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1998  
By Gender of Arrestee



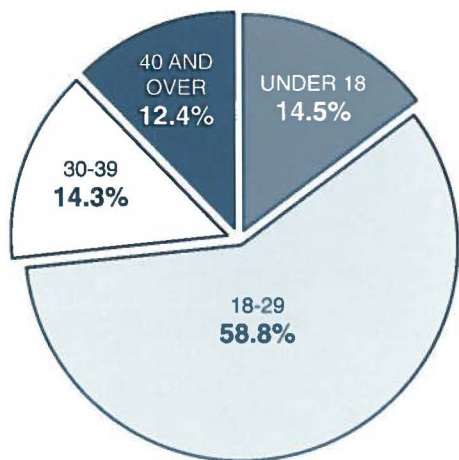
Source: Table 31.

Chart 39  
 HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1998  
 By Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee



Source: Table 32.

Chart 40  
 HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1998  
 By Age of Arrestee



Source: Table 33.

In 1998, of 2,117 arrests for homicide:

- 22.9 percent of arrestees (484) were white.
- 46.6 percent (987) were Hispanic.
- 22.2 percent (470) were black.
- 8.3 percent (176) fell into the "other" race/ethnic group category.

And,

- 14.5 percent of arrestees (308) were under age 18.
- 58.8 percent (1,244) were aged 18-29.
- 14.3 percent (302) were aged 30-39.
- 12.4 percent (263) were aged 40 and over.

□ *In 1998, the largest proportion of homicide arrestees and victims were Hispanic (46.6 and 44.7 percent, respectively). The majority of homicide arrestees were aged 18-29 (58.8 percent) and the largest proportion of homicide victims were aged 18-29 (43.5 percent). (See Tables 6, 7, 32, and 33.)*

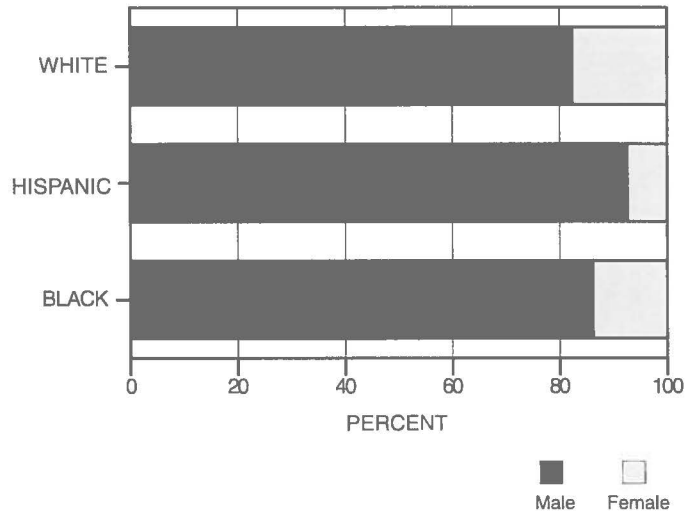


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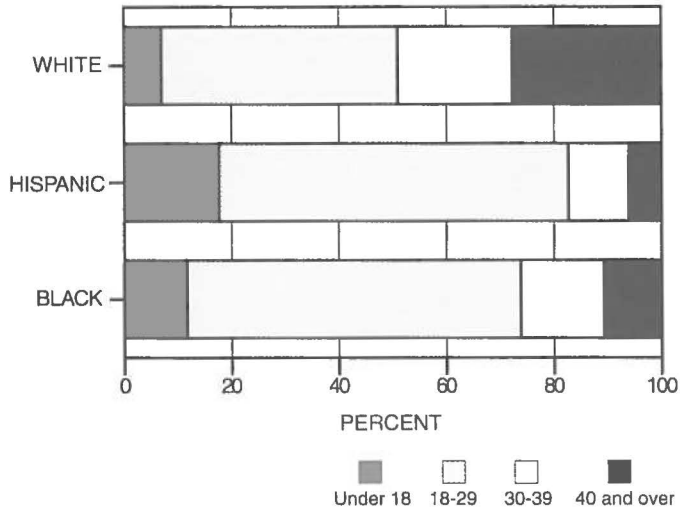
- Homicide arrestees for all three race/ethnic groups shown were predominately male.

Chart 41  
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1998  
Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Gender of Arrestee



Source: Table 34.

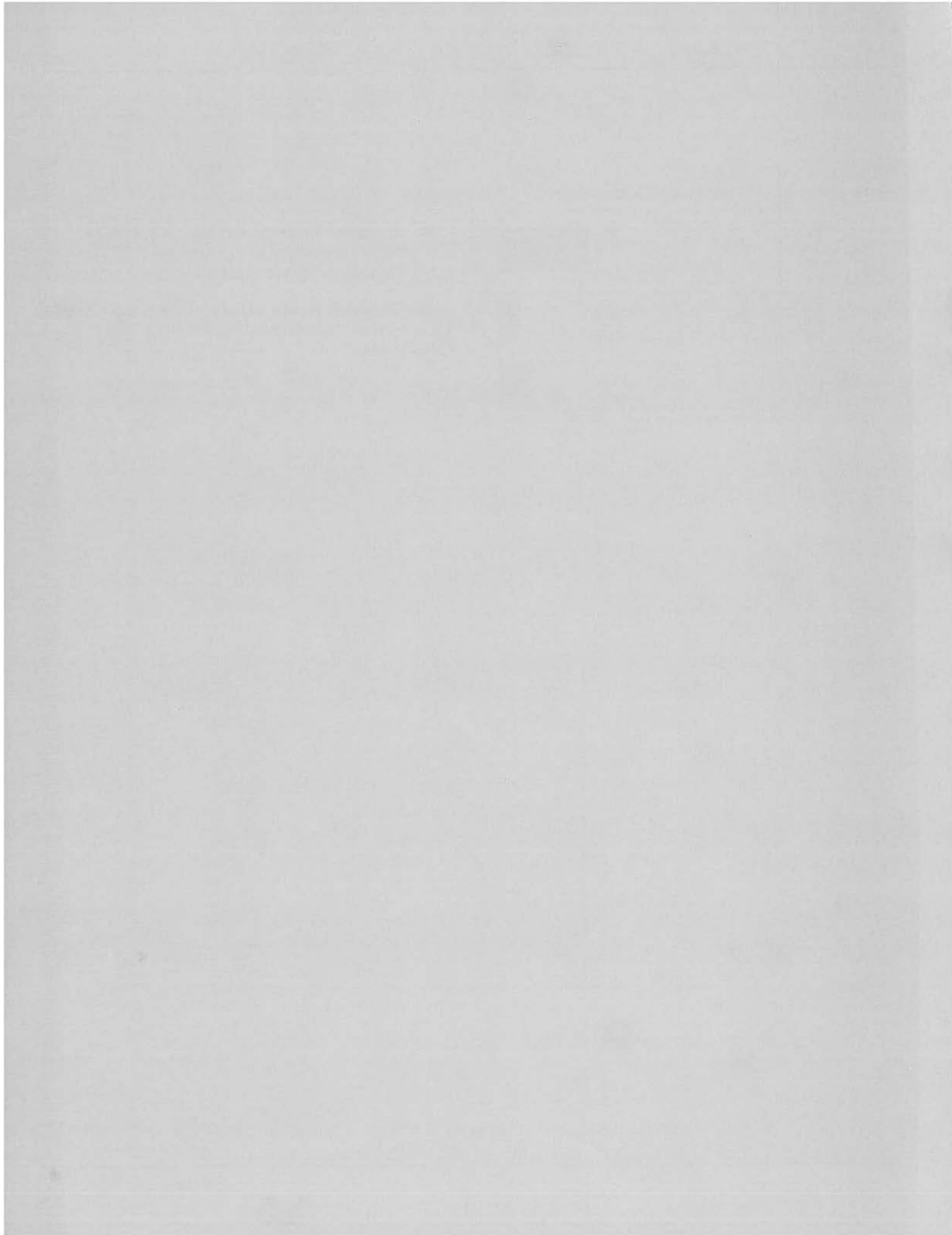
Chart 42  
 HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1998  
 Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Age of Arrestee



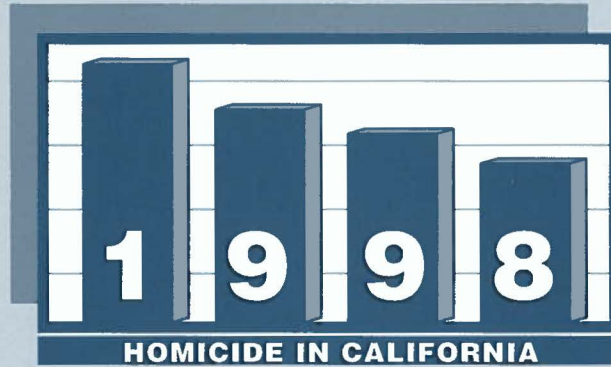
Source: Table 34.

In 1998,

- More white arrestees were aged 40 and over than were Hispanic or black arrestees (27.7 vs. 6.0 and 10.6 percent, respectively).
- Regardless of race/ethnic group, the majority of homicide arrestees fell into the aged "18-29" category.



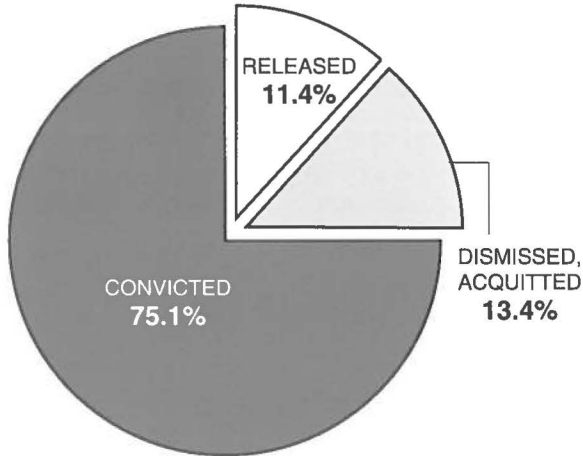
# DISPOSITIONS OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE



## **DISPOSITIONS OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE**

This section of the report describes 1998 dispositions of adults arrested for homicide, regardless of the year of arrest. Data were obtained from California's Offender-Based Transaction Statistics (OBTS) system. This system tracks the processing of adults arrested for felony offenses from arrest through final disposition using data compiled from information collected on fingerprint cards and "Disposition of Arrest and Court Action" (JUS 8715) forms.

Chart 43  
DISPOSITIONS IN 1998 OF ADULTS ARRESTED  
FOR HOMICIDE  
By Type of Disposition



Source: Table 36.  
Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

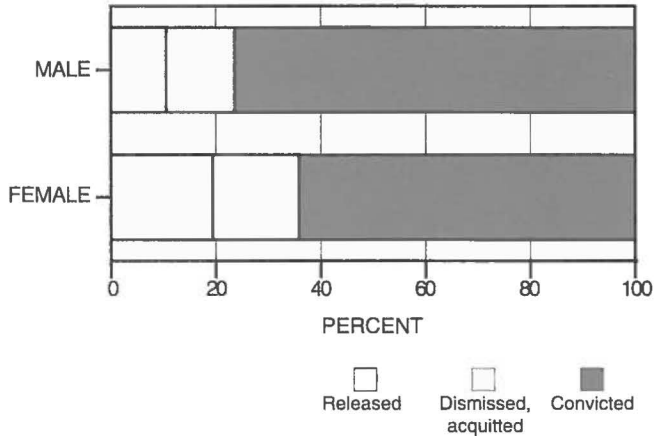
Examination of 1998 dispositions of adults arrested for homicide found that:

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

And,

- Males were more likely to be convicted than females (76.4 vs. 64.2 percent).

Chart 44  
DISPOSITIONS IN 1998 OF ADULTS ARRESTED  
FOR HOMICIDE  
Gender of Arrestee by Type of Disposition



Source: Table 37.

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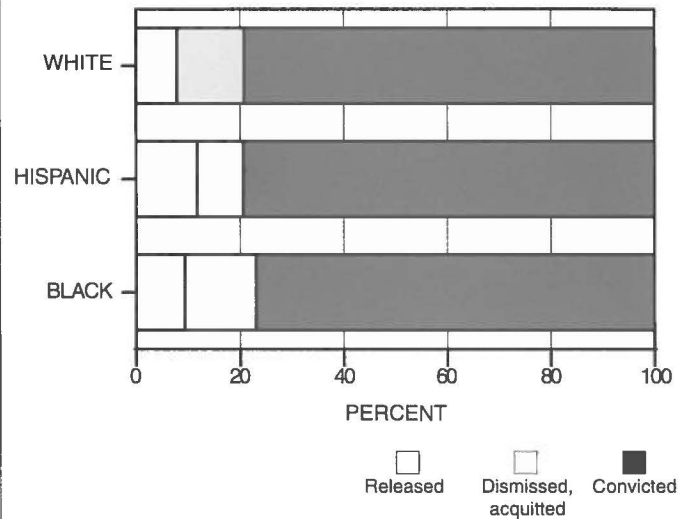
In 1998,

- The proportions of whites, Hispanics, and blacks arrested for homicide and convicted of homicide or some other offense were approximately the same (79.2, 79.4, and 76.9 percent, respectively).

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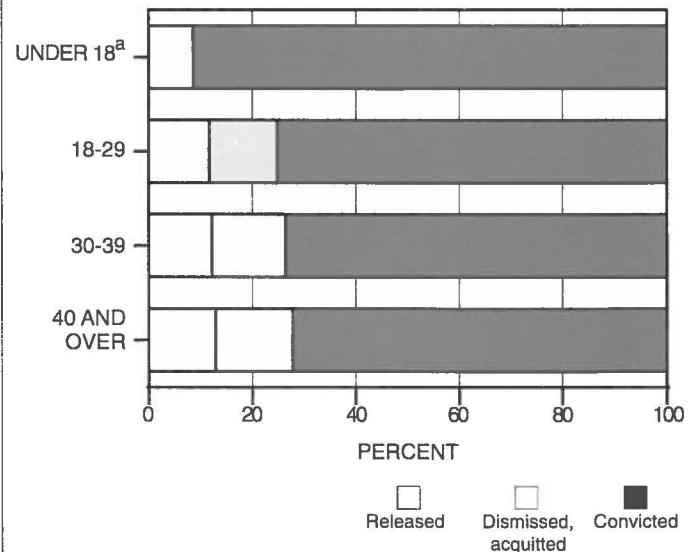
- Proportionately, more arrestees under age 18 were convicted (91.4 percent) than were arrestees in any other age group shown. (The "under 18" age group includes juveniles remanded to adult court.)

Chart 45  
DISPOSITIONS IN 1998 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE  
Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Type of Disposition



Source: Table 37.

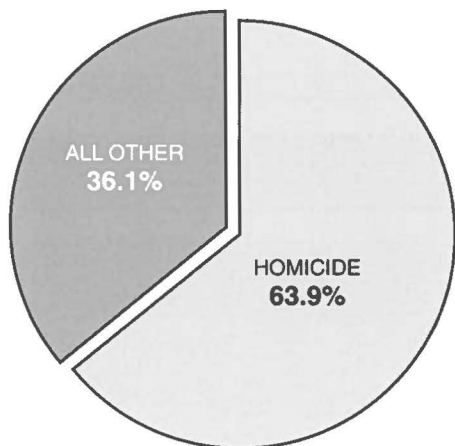
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DISPOSITIONS IN 1998 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE  
Age of Arrestee by Type of Disposition



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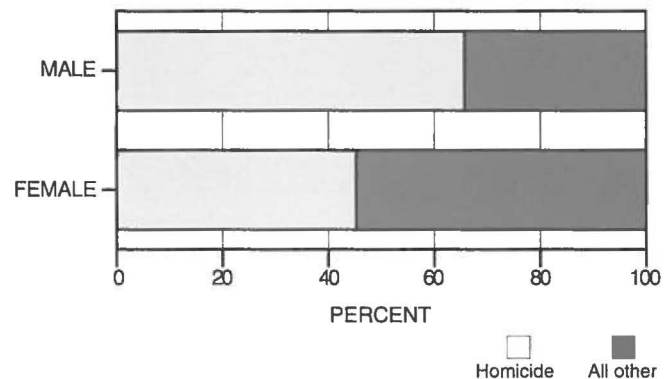
<sup>a</sup> The "under 18" age group includes juveniles remanded to adult court.

Chart 47  
DISPOSITIONS IN 1998 OF ADULTS ARRESTED  
FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED  
By Convicted Offense



Source: Table 41.

Chart 48  
DISPOSITIONS IN 1998 OF ADULTS ARRESTED  
FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED  
Gender of Offender by Convicted Offense



Source: Table 42.

Of those adults arrested for homicide who were convicted in 1998, it was found that:

- 63.9 percent were convicted of homicide.
- 36.1 percent were convicted of lesser crimes such as robbery or assault.

And,

- More males were convicted of homicide (65.8 percent) than were females (45.3 percent).



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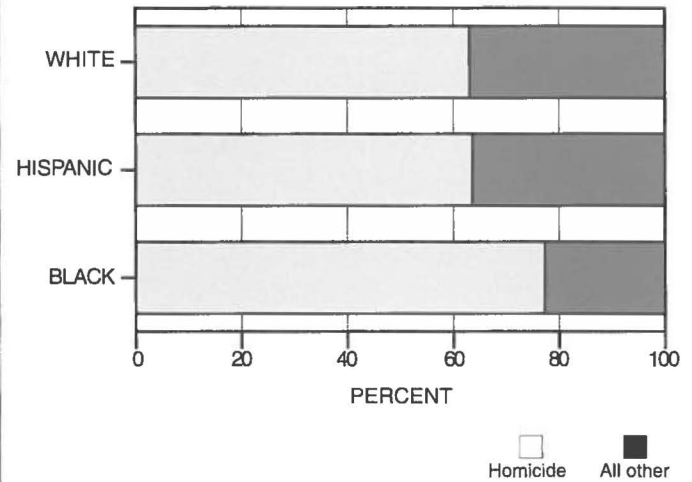
In 1998,

- Proportionately, more blacks were convicted for homicide than were whites or Hispanics (77.3 vs. 63.1 and 63.6 percent, respectively).

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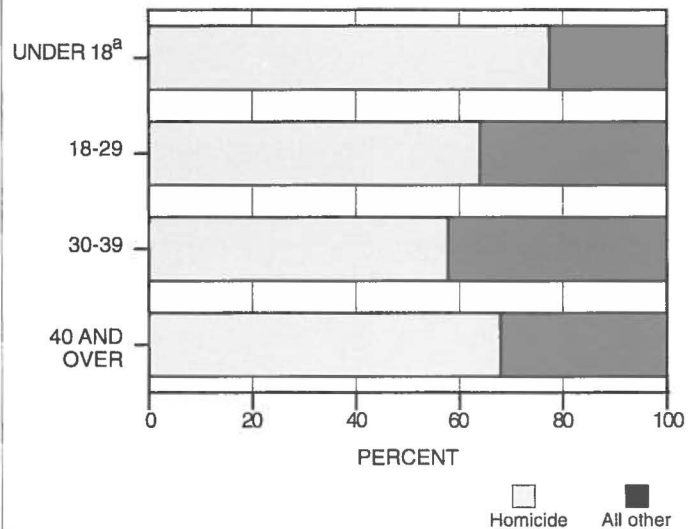
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Chart 49  
DISPOSITIONS IN 1998 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED  
Race/Ethnic Group of Offender by Convicted Offense



Source: Table 42.

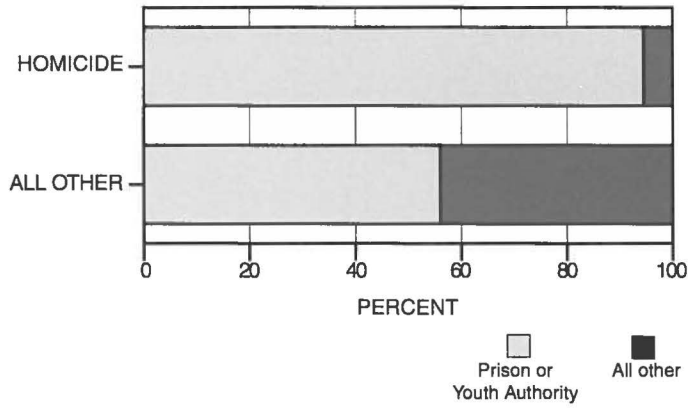
Chart 50  
DISPOSITIONS IN 1998 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED  
Age of Offender by Convicted Offense



Source: Table 42.

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

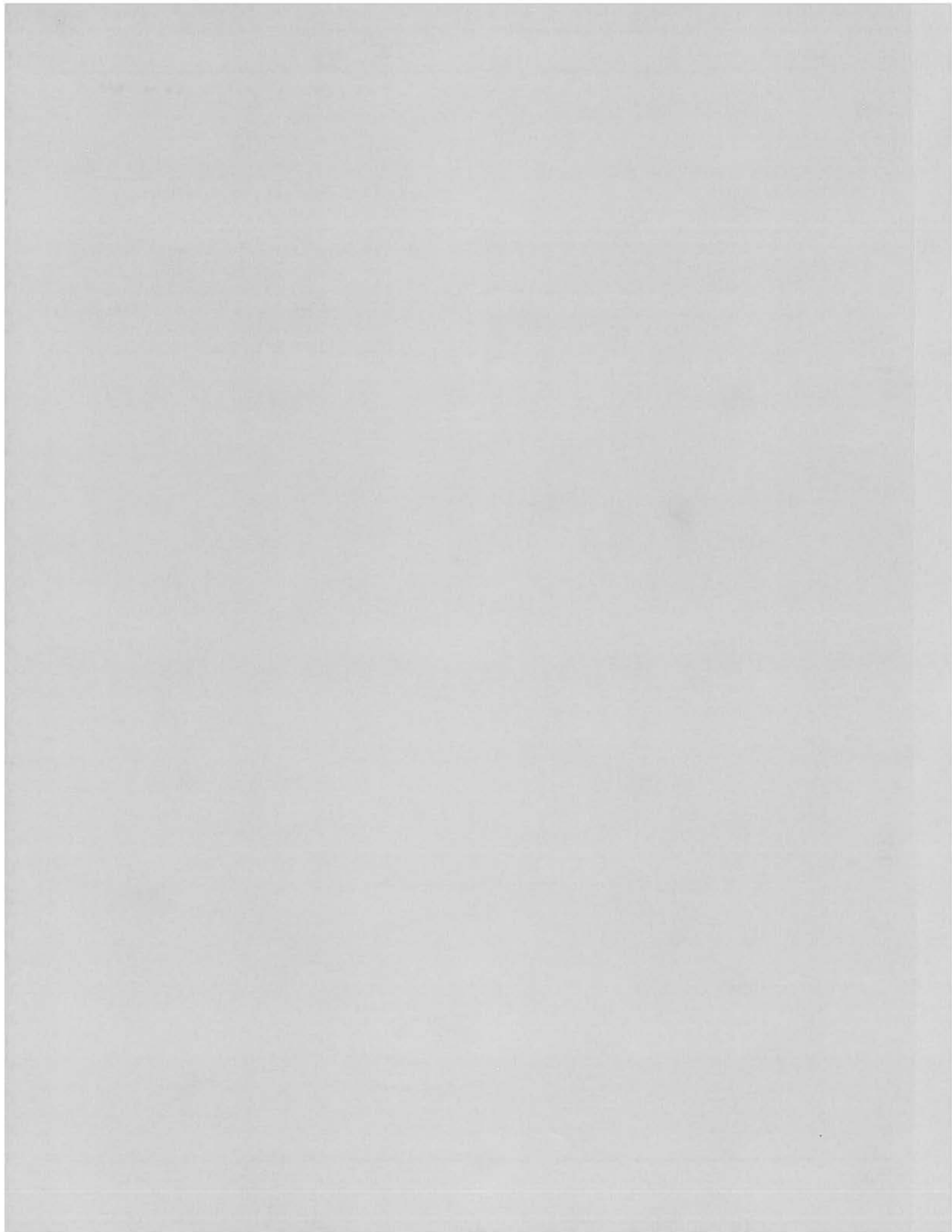
Chart 51  
 DISPOSITIONS IN 1998 OF ADULTS ARRESTED  
 FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED  
 Convicted Offense by Sentence



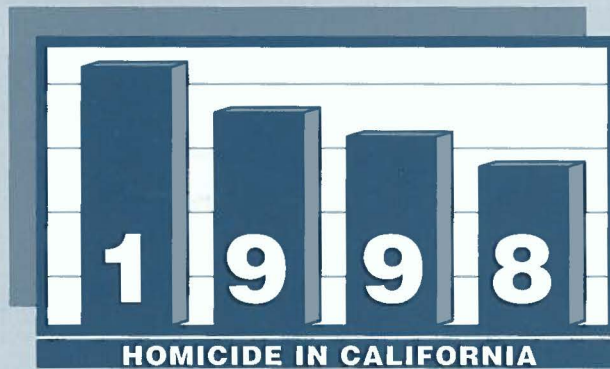
Source: Table 43.  
 Note: Prison includes 1998 death penalty dispositions for adults arrested for homicide.

Of those adults arrested for homicide who were convicted in 1998, it was found that:

- 94.6 percent of those convicted of homicide and 56.0 percent of those convicted of lesser offenses received sentences to prison or to the California Department of the Youth Authority. See the "Death Penalty Sentences" section (Pages 40-41) for additional information.



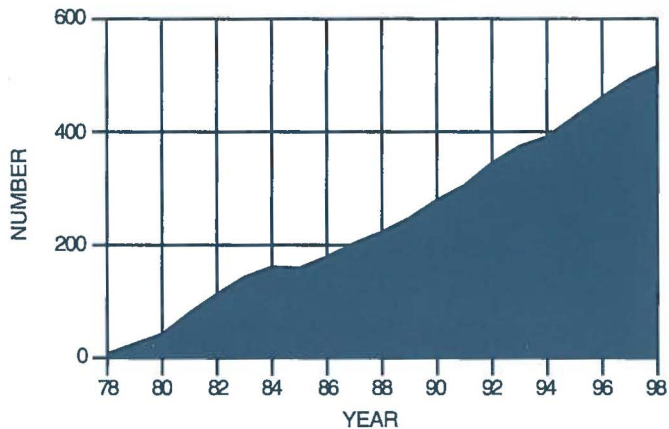
# DEATH PENALTY SENTENCES



## DEATH PENALTY SENTENCES

This section contains information about persons sentenced to death in California courts in 1998. Death penalty data were extracted from the 1998 Offender-Based Transaction Statistics (OBTS) system. For detailed information regarding the death penalty and the criteria by which a person can be sentenced to death, refer to California Penal Code sections 190 through 190.9.

Chart 52  
 PERSONS UNDER CALIFORNIA  
 SENTENCE OF DEATH, 1978-1998



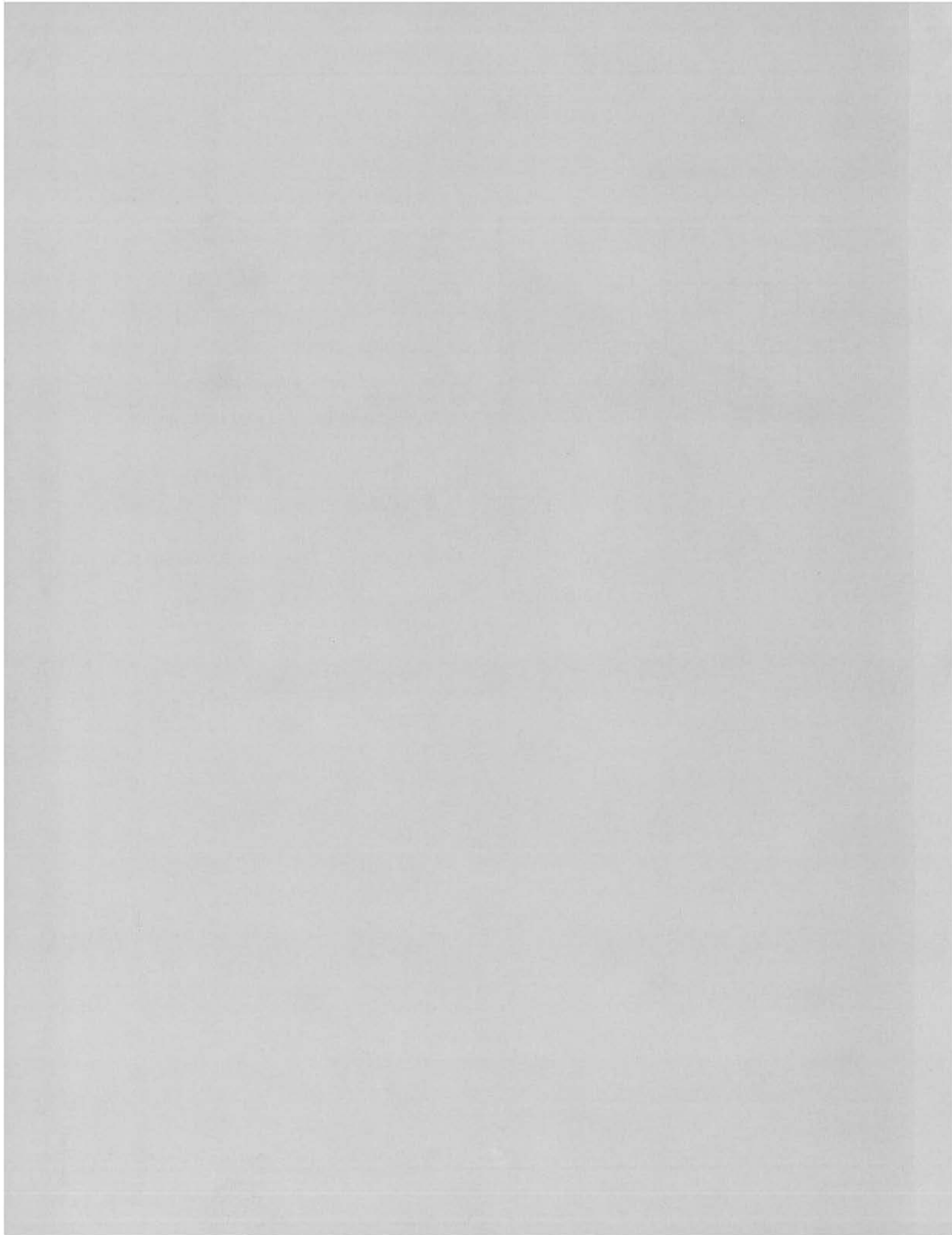
Source: Table 44.

During 1998, 32 persons were convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to death. These were initial death sentences only and do not include persons who were resentenced to death after their death sentences were reversed on appeal. By the end of 1998, 516 persons were under sentence of death in California.

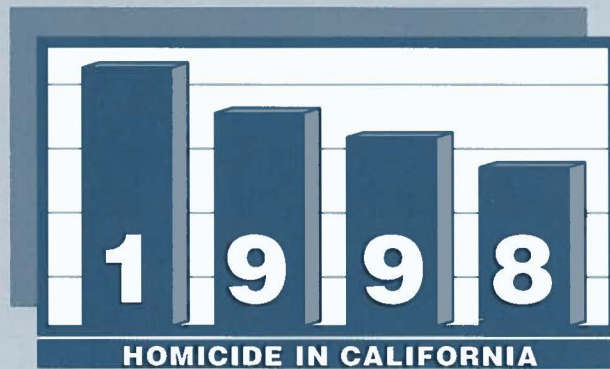
Of the 32 persons newly sentenced to death in 1998:

- 30 were male; two were female.
- Five were white; 18 were Hispanic; and nine were black.
- The mean (average) age at arrest was 27.
- Los Angeles County sentenced the largest number: 16.

Additional information can be found in Tables 44 and 45.



# PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY





# peace officers killed

## PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

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

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

- From 1989-1998, 64 peace officers were killed in the line of duty. The average number of peace officers killed annually was 6.4. In 1998, seven were killed.
- In 1998, five peace officers were killed with handguns and two were killed with rifles.

Table N-2  
PEACE OFFICERS KILLED  
IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1989-1998

Year(s)	Number of officers killed
Total .....	64
1998 .....	7
1997 .....	7
1996 .....	5
1995 .....	10
1994 .....	9
1993 .....	8
1992 .....	5
1991 .....	3
1990 .....	5
1989 <sup>a</sup> .....	5

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

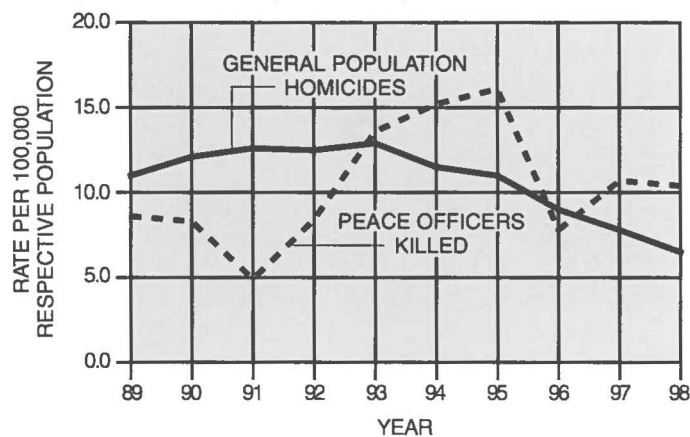
Table N-3  
PEACE OFFICERS KILLED  
IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1998  
By Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	Total	Offender's	Officer's
Total .....	7	7	0
Handgun .....	5	5	0
Rifle .....	2	2	0

Table N-4  
**PEACE OFFICERS KILLED  
 IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1998**  
 Race/Ethnic Group of Officer by Gender of Officer

Race/ethnic group	Total	Gender	
		Male	Female
Total .....	7	7	0
White .....	6	6	0
Hispanic .....	1	1	0
Black .....	0	0	0
Other .....	0	0	0

Chart 53  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES AND PEACE OFFICERS KILLED  
 IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1989-1998**  
 Rate per 100,000 Respective Population



Source: Table 46.

Data in Table N-4 show that:

- In 1998, all seven peace officers killed in the line of duty were male; six were white and one was Hispanic.

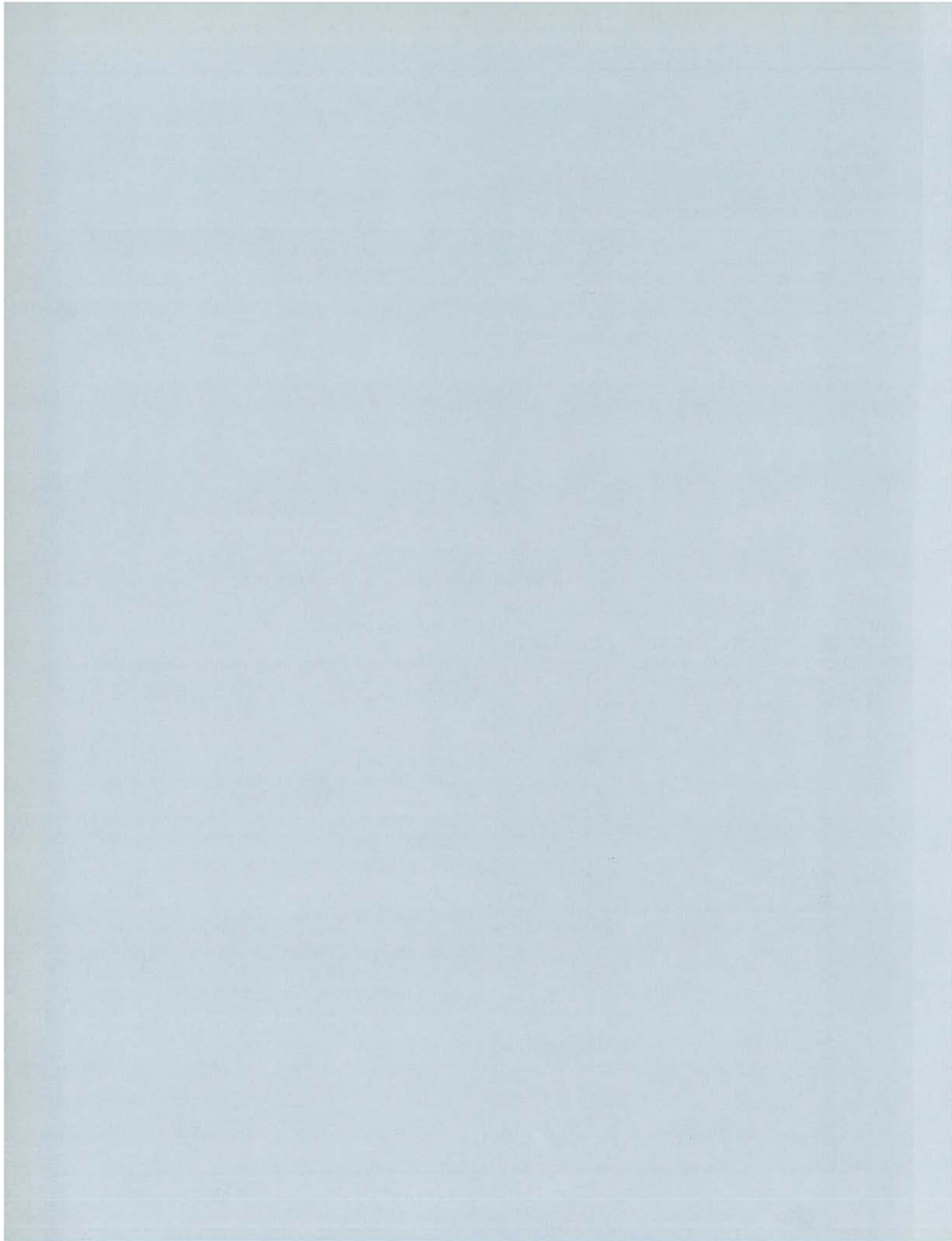
When homicide rates for the general population were compared to homicide rates for peace officers killed in the line of duty, it was found that:

In 1998,

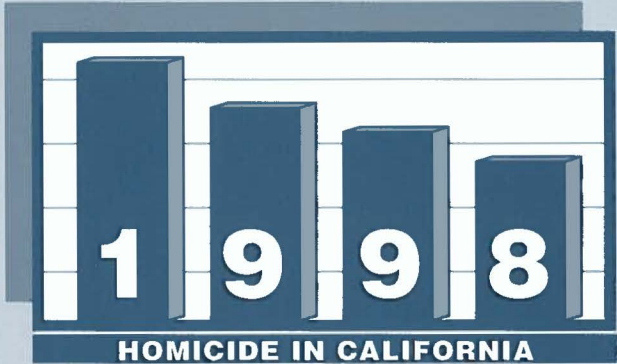
- The general population homicide rate was 6.5 per 100,000 respective population. The homicide rate for peace officers killed in the line of duty was 10.4 per 100,000 respective population.

Comparing 1989 to 1998:

- The general population homicide rate decreased 40.9 percent (11.0 to 6.5). The homicide rate for peace officers killed in the line of duty increased 20.9 percent (8.6 to 10.4).



# JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES



# justifiable homicides

## JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES

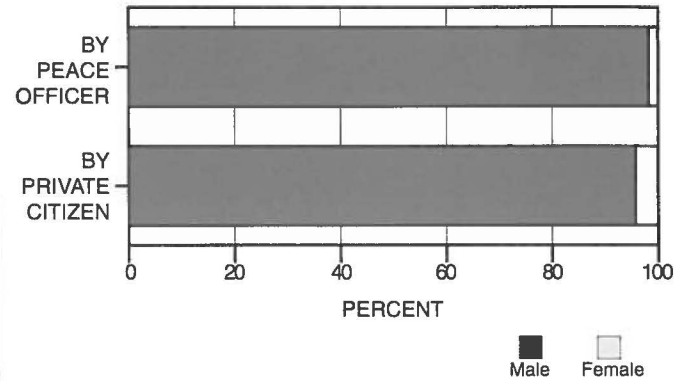
A justifiable homicide is defined by the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program as the killing of a felon by a private citizen or by a peace officer during the commission of a felony. Justifiable homicides are sometimes referred to as excusable or noncriminal homicides.

When justifiable homicides were examined, it was found that:

In 1998,

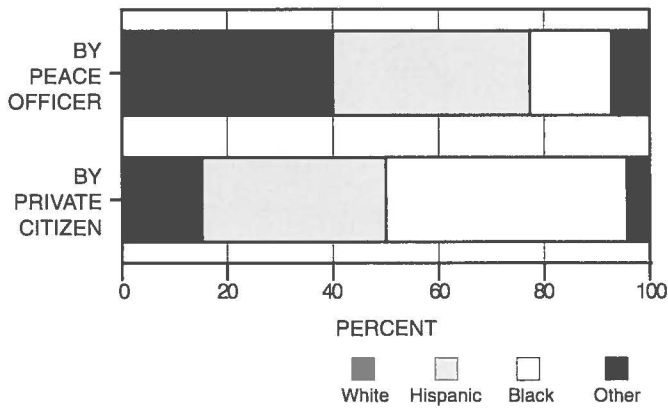
- 98.2 percent of felons killed by peace officers were male; 1.8 percent were female.
- 95.7 percent of felons killed by private citizens were male; 4.3 percent were female.

Chart 54  
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS  
OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1998  
By Gender of Deceased



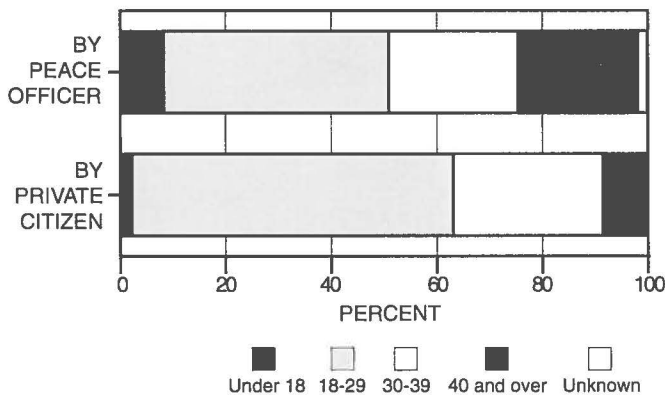
Source: Table 48.

**Chart 55**  
**JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS**  
**OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1998**  
 By Race/Ethnic Group of Deceased



Source: Table 48.

**Chart 56**  
**JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS**  
**OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1998**  
 By Age of Deceased



Source: Table 48.

In 1998,

- 40.0 percent of felons killed by peace officers were white, 37.3 percent were Hispanic, 15.5 percent were black, and 7.3 percent fell into the "other" race/ethnic group category.<sup>1</sup>
- 15.2 percent of felons killed by private citizens were white, 34.8 percent were Hispanic, 45.7 percent were black, and 4.3 percent fell into the "other" race/ethnic group category.
- 8.2 percent of felons killed by peace officers were under age 18, 42.7 percent were aged 18-29, 24.5 percent were aged 30-39, 22.7 percent were aged 40 and over, and 1.8 percent fell into the "unknown" age category.<sup>1</sup>
- 2.2 percent of felons killed by private citizens were under age 18, 60.9 percent were aged 18-29, 28.3 percent were aged 30-39, and 8.7 percent were aged 40 and over.<sup>1</sup>

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

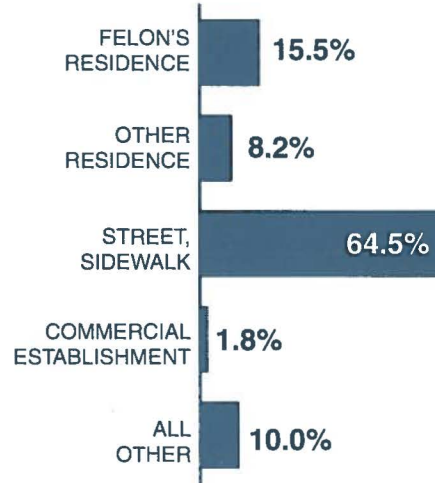
# justifiable homicides

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

In 1998,

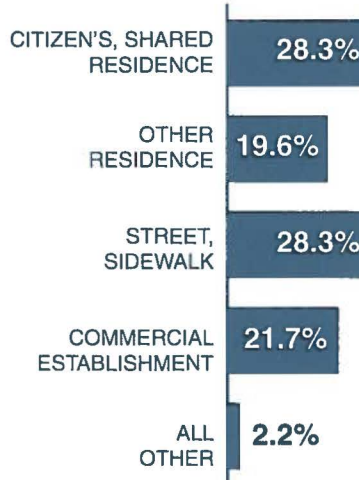
- Most felons were killed by peace officers on a street or sidewalk (64.5 percent).
- The largest proportions of felons killed by private citizens fell into the “citizen’s, shared residence” and “street, sidewalk” categories (both 28.3 percent).

Chart 57  
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS,  
1998  
By Location of Justifiable Homicide



Source: Table 49.

Chart 58  
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PRIVATE CITIZENS,  
1998  
By Location of Justifiable Homicide



Source: Table 49.

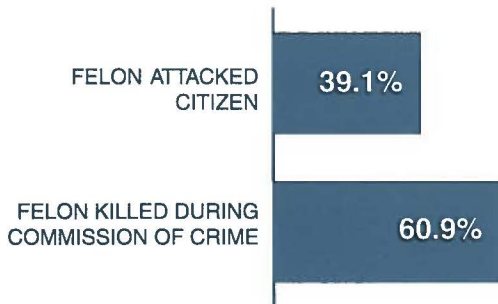
Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

Chart 59  
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS,  
1998  
By Contributing Circumstance



Source: Table 50.

Chart 60  
JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PRIVATE CITIZENS,  
1998  
By Contributing Circumstance



Source: Table 50.

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

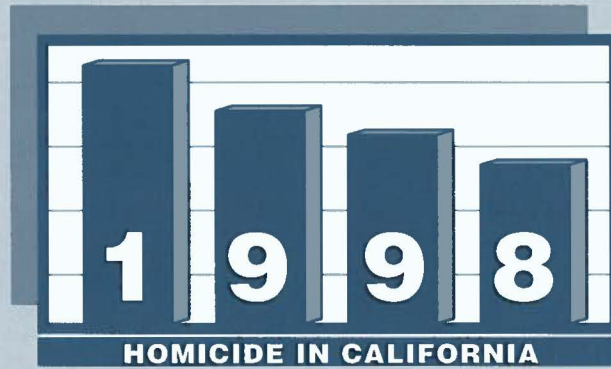
In 1998,

- Most felons killed by peace officers were killed while attacking a peace officer (77.3 percent).
- Most felons killed by private citizens were killed during the commission of a crime (60.9 percent).





# **TABLES**



**TABLE 1**  
**VIOLENT CRIMES, 1989-1998**  
 Number, Rate per 100,000 Population, and Percent Change

Year(s)	Total	Homi- cide	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggra- vated assault
1998.....	229,766	2,170	9,777	68,752	149,067
1997.....	257,409	2,579	10,182	81,413	163,235
1996.....	274,675	2,910	10,238	94,137	167,390
1995.....	304,998	3,530	10,550	104,581	186,337
1994.....	318,946	3,699	10,960	112,149	192,138
1993.....	336,100	4,095	11,754	126,347	193,904
1992.....	345,508	3,920	12,751	130,867	197,970
1991.....	330,916	3,876	12,942	125,105	188,993
1990.....	311,923	3,562	12,716	112,460	183,185
1989.....	284,015	3,159	11,956	96,424	172,476
Percent change in number					
1997-1998.....	-10.7	-15.9	-4.0	-15.6	-8.7
1996-1997.....	-6.3	-11.4	-0.5	-13.5	-2.5
1995-1996.....	-9.9	-17.6	-3.0	-10.0	-10.2
1994-1995.....	-4.4	-4.6	-3.7	-6.7	-3.0
1993-1994.....	-5.1	-9.7	-6.8	-11.2	-0.9
1992-1993.....	-2.7	4.5	-7.8	-3.5	-2.1
1991-1992.....	4.4	1.1	-1.5	4.6	4.7
1990-1991.....	-6.1	8.8	1.8	11.2	3.2
1989-1990.....	9.8	12.8	6.4	16.6	6.2
1989-1998.....	-19.1	-31.3	-18.2	-28.7	-13.6
Rate per 100,000 population <sup>1</sup>					
1998.....	686.0	6.5	29.2	205.3	445.1
1997.....	781.0	7.8	30.9	247.0	495.3
1996.....	848.2	9.0	31.6	290.7	516.9
1995.....	951.2	11.0	32.9	326.2	581.2
1994.....	992.4	11.5	34.1	348.9	597.8
1993.....	1,058.8	12.9	37.0	398.0	610.9
1992.....	1,103.9	12.5	40.7	418.1	632.5
1991.....	1,079.8	12.6	42.2	408.2	616.7
1990.....	1,055.3	12.1	43.0	380.5	619.8
1989.....	987.2	11.0	41.6	335.1	599.5
Percent change in rate					
1997-1998.....	-12.2	-16.7	-5.5	-16.9	-10.1
1996-1997.....	-7.9	-13.3	-2.2	-15.0	-4.2
1995-1996.....	-10.8	-18.2	-4.0	-10.9	-11.1
1994-1995.....	-4.2	-4.3	-3.5	-6.5	-2.8
1993-1994.....	-6.3	-10.9	-7.8	-12.3	-2.1
1992-1993.....	-4.1	3.2	-9.1	-4.8	-3.4
1991-1992.....	2.2	-0.8	-3.6	2.4	2.6
1990-1991.....	2.3	4.1	-1.9	7.3	-0.5
1989-1990.....	6.9	10.0	3.4	13.5	3.4
1989-1998.....	-30.5	-40.9	-29.8	-38.7	-25.8

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

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

**TABLE 2**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1989-1998**  
 By Gender of Victim  
 Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Gender of victim	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
<b>Total</b>										
Number of victims.....	3,159	3,562	3,876	3,920	4,095	3,699	3,530	2,910	2,579	2,170
Percent of victims.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Population.....	28,771,207	29,557,836	30,646,000	31,300,000	31,742,000	32,140,000	32,063,000	32,383,000	32,957,000	33,494,000
Percent of population.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Rate.....	11.0	12.1	12.6	12.5	12.9	11.5	11.0	9.0	7.8	6.5
<b>Male<sup>1</sup></b>										
Number of victims.....	2,495	2,881	3,140	3,220	3,338	3,090	2,901	2,368	2,097	1,727
Percent of total victims..	79.0%	80.9%	81.0%	82.1%	81.5%	83.5%	82.2%	81.4%	81.3%	79.6%
Population.....	14,567,709	15,005,864	15,345,534	15,680,019	15,826,148	16,302,037	16,643,729	16,979,256	17,135,207	16,810,163
Percent of population...	50.0%	50.1%	50.1%	50.1%	49.9%	50.1%	50.1%	50.1%	50.0%	50.2%
Rate.....	17.1	19.2	20.5	20.5	21.1	19.0	17.4	13.9	12.2	10.3
<b>Female</b>										
Number of victims.....	664	681	736	700	757	609	629	542	482	443
Percent of total victims..	21.0%	19.1%	19.0%	17.9%	18.5%	16.5%	17.8%	18.6%	18.7%	20.4%
Population.....	14,574,570	14,970,139	15,300,542	15,620,115	15,868,588	16,218,103	16,545,201	16,884,383	17,159,994	16,696,243
Percent of population...	50.0%	49.9%	49.9%	49.9%	50.1%	49.9%	49.9%	49.9%	50.0%	49.8%
Rate.....	4.6	4.5	4.8	4.5	4.8	3.8	3.8	3.2	2.8	2.7

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

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

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

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

**TABLE 3**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1989-1998**  
 By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim  
 Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Race/ethnic group of victim	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
<b>Total</b>										
Number of victims.....	3,159	3,562	3,876	3,920	4,095	3,699	3,530	2,910	2,579	2,170
Percent of victims.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Population.....	28,771,207	29,557,836	30,646,000	31,300,000	31,742,000	32,140,000	32,063,000	32,383,000	32,957,000	33,494,000
Percent of population.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Rate.....	11.0	12.1	12.6	12.5	12.9	11.5	11.0	9.0	7.8	6.5
<b>White</b>										
Number of victims.....	871	872	971	914	952	771	726	617	547	523
Percent of total victims..	27.6%	24.5%	25.1%	23.3%	23.2%	20.8%	20.6%	21.2%	21.2%	24.1%
Population.....	16,887,407	17,198,646	17,291,782	17,362,245	17,324,679	17,511,489	17,593,222	17,787,715	17,849,510	17,258,003
Percent of population....	57.9%	57.4%	56.4%	55.5%	54.7%	53.8%	53.0%	52.5%	52.0%	51.5%
Rate.....	5.2	5.1	5.6	5.3	5.5	4.4	4.1	3.5	3.1	3.0
<b>Hispanic</b>										
Number of victims.....	1,115	1,495	1,542	1,686	1,631	1,572	1,615	1,291	1,154	964
Percent of total victims..	35.3%	42.0%	39.8%	43.0%	39.8%	42.5%	45.8%	44.4%	44.7%	44.4%
Population.....	7,383,779	7,740,303	8,146,876	8,561,349	8,906,439	9,340,495	9,764,691	10,114,228	10,421,039	10,022,551
Percent of population....	25.3%	25.8%	26.6%	27.4%	28.1%	28.7%	29.4%	29.9%	30.4%	29.9%
Rate.....	15.1	19.3	18.9	19.7	18.3	16.8	16.5	12.8	11.1	9.6
<b>Black</b>										
Number of victims.....	1,011	1,017	1,101	1,073	1,249	1,111	922	794	682	523
Percent of total victims..	32.0%	28.6%	28.4%	27.4%	30.5%	30.0%	26.1%	27.3%	26.4%	24.1%
Population.....	2,072,255	2,116,415	2,155,334	2,191,898	2,179,651	2,255,738	2,293,634	2,330,391	2,314,836	2,309,152
Percent of population....	7.1%	7.1%	7.0%	7.0%	6.9%	6.9%	6.9%	6.9%	6.7%	6.9%
Rate.....	48.8	48.1	51.1	49.0	57.3	49.3	40.2	34.1	29.5	22.6
<b>Other</b>										
Number of victims.....	143	172	247	234	247	226	254	198	177	147
Percent of total victims..	4.5%	4.8%	6.4%	6.0%	6.0%	6.1%	7.2%	6.8%	6.9%	6.8%
Population.....	2,798,838	2,920,639	3,052,084	3,184,642	3,283,967	3,412,418	3,537,383	3,631,305	3,709,816	3,916,700
Percent of population....	9.6%	9.7%	10.0%	10.2%	10.4%	10.5%	10.7%	10.7%	10.8%	11.7%
Rate.....	5.1	5.9	8.1	7.3	7.5	6.6	7.2	5.5	4.8	3.8
<b>Unknown</b>										
Number of victims.....	19	6	15	13	16	19	13	10	19	13
Percent of total victims..	.6%	.2%	.4%	.3%	.4%	.5%	.4%	.3%	.7%	.6%
Population.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percent of population....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rate.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

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

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

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

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

**TABLE 4**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1989-1998**  
 By Age of Victim  
 Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Age of victim	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
<b>Total</b>										
Number of victims.....	3,159	3,562	3,876	3,920	4,095	3,699	3,530	2,910	2,579	2,170
Percent of victims.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Population.....	28,771,207	29,557,836	30,646,000	31,300,000	31,742,000	32,140,000	32,063,000	32,383,000	32,957,000	33,494,000
Percent of population.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Rate.....	11.0	12.1	12.6	12.5	12.9	11.5	11.0	9.0	7.8	6.5
<b>Under 18</b>										
Number of victims.....	361	428	483	489	512	470	519	421	361	306
Percent of total victims.	11.4%	12.0%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.7%	14.7%	14.5%	14.0%	14.1%
Population.....	7,670,041	7,869,864	8,123,819	8,391,266	8,651,941	8,917,191	9,191,662	9,456,115	9,701,218	9,426,168
Percent of population...	26.3%	26.3%	26.5%	26.8%	27.3%	27.4%	27.7%	27.9%	28.3%	28.1%
Rate.....	4.7	5.4	5.9	5.8	5.9	5.3	5.6	4.5	3.7	3.2
<b>18-29</b>										
Number of victims.....	1,382	1,640	1,717	1,719	1,763	1,603	1,510	1,183	1,068	933
Percent of total victims.	43.7%	46.0%	44.3%	43.9%	43.1%	43.3%	42.8%	40.7%	41.4%	43.0%
Population.....	6,333,004	6,360,597	6,246,754	6,171,771	5,863,383	5,934,537	5,854,943	5,770,311	5,537,727	5,474,990
Percent of population...	21.7%	21.2%	20.4%	19.7%	18.5%	18.2%	17.6%	17.0%	16.1%	16.3%
Rate.....	21.8	25.8	27.5	27.9	30.1	27.0	25.8	20.5	19.3	17.0
<b>30-39</b>										
Number of victims.....	713	765	863	842	934	861	737	630	534	428
Percent of total victims.	22.6%	21.5%	22.3%	21.5%	22.8%	23.3%	20.9%	21.6%	20.7%	19.7%
Population.....	5,111,913	5,337,491	5,510,403	5,656,892	5,747,693	5,874,969	5,942,572	5,968,805	5,942,241	5,654,098
Percent of population...	17.5%	17.8%	18.0%	18.1%	18.1%	18.1%	17.9%	17.6%	17.3%	16.9%
Rate.....	13.9	14.3	15.7	14.9	16.2	14.7	12.4	10.6	9.0	7.6
<b>40 and over</b>										
Number of victims.....	666	683	754	834	842	698	719	636	580	480
Percent of total victims.	21.1%	19.2%	19.5%	21.3%	20.6%	18.9%	20.4%	21.9%	22.5%	22.1%
Population.....	10,027,321	10,408,051	10,765,100	11,080,205	11,431,719	11,793,443	12,199,753	12,668,408	13,114,015	12,951,150
Percent of population...	34.4%	34.7%	35.1%	35.4%	36.1%	36.3%	36.8%	37.4%	38.2%	38.7%
Rate.....	6.6	6.6	7.0	7.5	7.4	5.9	5.9	5.0	4.4	3.7
<b>Unknown</b>										
Number of victims.....	37	46	59	36	44	67	45	40	36	23
Percent of total victims.	1.2%	1.3%	1.5%	.9%	1.1%	1.8%	1.3%	1.4%	1.4%	1.1%
Population.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percent of population...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rate.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

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

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

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

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

TABLE 5  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1989-1998**  
 By Gender of Victim

Year(s)	Total		Male <sup>1</sup>		Female	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1998.....	2,170	100.0	1,727	79.6	443	20.4
1997.....	2,579	100.0	2,097	81.3	482	18.7
1996.....	2,910	100.0	2,368	81.4	542	18.6
1995.....	3,530	100.0	2,901	82.2	629	17.8
1994.....	3,699	100.0	3,090	83.5	609	16.5
1993.....	4,095	100.0	3,338	81.5	757	18.5
1992.....	3,920	100.0	3,220	82.1	700	17.9
1991.....	3,876	100.0	3,140	81.0	736	19.0
1990.....	3,562	100.0	2,881	80.9	681	19.1
1989.....	3,159	100.0	2,495	79.0	664	21.0

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

TABLE 6  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1989-1998**  
 By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim

Year(s)	Total including unknown	Unknown	Known race/ethnic group of victim									
			Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1998.....	2,170	13	2,157	100.0	523	24.2	964	44.7	523	24.2	147	6.8
1997.....	2,579	19	2,560	100.0	547	21.4	1,154	45.1	682	26.6	177	6.9
1996.....	2,910	10	2,900	100.0	617	21.3	1,291	44.5	794	27.4	198	6.8
1995.....	3,530	13	3,517	100.0	726	20.6	1,615	45.9	922	26.2	254	7.2
1994.....	3,699	19	3,680	100.0	771	21.0	1,572	42.7	1,111	30.2	226	6.1
1993.....	4,095	16	4,079	100.0	952	23.3	1,631	40.0	1,249	30.6	247	6.1
1992.....	3,920	13	3,907	100.0	914	23.4	1,686	43.2	1,073	27.5	234	6.0
1991.....	3,876	15	3,861	100.0	971	25.1	1,542	39.9	1,101	28.5	247	6.4
1990.....	3,562	6	3,556	100.0	872	24.5	1,495	42.0	1,017	28.6	172	4.8
1989.....	3,159	19	3,140	100.0	871	27.7	1,115	35.5	1,011	32.2	143	4.6

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

**TABLE 7**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1989-1998**  
By Age of Victim

Year(s)	Total including unknown	Unknown	Known age of victim									
			Total		Under 18		18-29		30-39		40 and over	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1998.....	2,170	23	2,147	100.0	306	14.3	933	43.5	428	19.9	480	22.4
1997.....	2,579	36	2,543	100.0	361	14.2	1,068	42.0	534	21.0	580	22.8
1996.....	2,910	40	2,870	100.0	421	14.7	1,183	41.2	630	22.0	636	22.2
1995.....	3,530	45	3,485	100.0	519	14.9	1,510	43.3	737	21.1	719	20.6
1994.....	3,699	67	3,632	100.0	470	12.9	1,603	44.1	861	23.7	698	19.2
1993.....	4,095	44	4,051	100.0	512	12.6	1,763	43.5	934	23.1	842	20.8
1992.....	3,920	36	3,884	100.0	489	12.6	1,719	44.3	842	21.7	834	21.5
1991.....	3,876	59	3,817	100.0	483	12.7	1,717	45.0	863	22.6	754	19.8
1990.....	3,562	46	3,516	100.0	428	12.2	1,640	46.6	765	21.8	683	19.4
1989.....	3,159	37	3,122	100.0	361	11.6	1,382	44.3	713	22.8	666	21.3

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

**TABLE 8**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998**  
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Gender of Victim

Gender of victim	Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other		Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	2,170	100.0	523	100.0	964	100.0	523	100.0	147	100.0	13	100.0
Male.....	1,727	79.6	336	64.2	838	86.9	435	83.2	110	74.8	8	-
Female.....	443	20.4	187	35.8	126	13.1	88	16.8	37	25.2	5	-

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



TABLE 9  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998**  
 Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Age of Victim

Age of victim	Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other		Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total including unknown.	2,170		523		964		523		147		13	
Unknown.....	23		2		10		1		1		9	
Total known.....	2,147	100.0	521	100.0	954	100.0	522	100.0	146	100.0	4	100.0
Under 18.....	306	14.3	64	12.3	156	16.4	66	12.6	18	12.3	2	-
18-29.....	933	43.5	123	23.6	525	55.0	235	45.0	49	33.6	1	-
30-39.....	428	19.9	113	21.7	164	17.2	125	23.9	26	17.8	0	-
40 and over.....	480	22.4	221	42.4	109	11.4	96	18.4	53	36.3	1	-

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

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

**TABLE 10**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998**  
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Gender and Age of Victim

Gender and age of victim	Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other		Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	2,170	100.0	523	100.0	964	100.0	523	100.0	147	100.0	13	100.0
Under 18.....	306	14.1	64	12.2	156	16.2	66	12.6	18	12.2	2	-
18-19.....	209	9.6	23	4.4	126	13.1	46	8.8	13	8.8	1	-
20-24.....	425	19.6	53	10.1	248	25.7	104	19.9	20	13.6	0	-
25-29.....	299	13.8	47	9.0	151	15.7	85	16.3	16	10.9	0	-
30-34.....	237	10.9	57	10.9	103	10.7	64	12.2	13	8.8	0	-
35-39.....	191	8.8	56	10.7	61	6.3	61	11.7	13	8.8	0	-
40-44.....	143	6.6	48	9.2	37	3.8	41	7.8	17	11.6	0	-
45-49.....	102	4.7	48	9.2	26	2.7	19	3.6	8	5.4	1	-
50-54.....	66	3.0	31	5.9	13	1.3	15	2.9	7	4.8	0	-
55 and over....	169	7.8	94	18.0	33	3.4	21	4.0	21	14.3	0	-
Unknown.....	23	1.1	2	0.4	10	1.0	1	0.2	1	0.7	9	-
Male.....	1,727	100.0	336	100.0	838	100.0	435	100.0	110	100.0	8	100.0
Under 18.....	233	13.5	40	11.9	128	15.3	48	11.0	15	13.6	2	-
18-19.....	185	10.7	16	4.8	115	13.7	42	9.7	12	10.9	0	-
20-24.....	368	21.3	39	11.6	225	26.8	90	20.7	14	12.7	0	-
25-29.....	257	14.9	30	8.9	136	16.2	77	17.7	14	12.7	0	-
30-34.....	187	10.8	38	11.3	88	10.5	52	12.0	9	8.2	0	-
35-39.....	144	8.3	39	11.6	49	5.8	48	11.0	8	7.3	0	-
40-44.....	100	5.8	25	7.4	30	3.6	32	7.4	13	11.8	0	-
45-49.....	80	4.6	37	11.0	21	2.5	16	3.7	5	4.5	1	-
50-54.....	47	2.7	21	6.3	9	1.1	11	2.5	6	5.5	0	-
55 and over.	108	6.3	50	14.9	27	3.2	18	4.1	13	11.8	0	-
Unknown.....	18	1.0	1	0.3	10	1.2	1	0.2	1	0.9	5	-
Female.....	443	100.0	187	100.0	126	100.0	88	100.0	37	100.0	5	100.0
Under 18.....	73	16.5	24	12.8	28	22.2	18	20.5	3	-	0	-
18-19.....	24	5.4	7	3.7	11	8.7	4	4.5	1	-	1	-
20-24.....	57	12.9	14	7.5	23	18.3	14	15.9	6	-	0	-
25-29.....	42	9.5	17	9.1	15	11.9	8	9.1	2	-	0	-
30-34.....	50	11.3	19	10.2	15	11.9	12	13.6	4	-	0	-
35-39.....	47	10.6	17	9.1	12	9.5	13	14.8	5	-	0	-
40-44.....	43	9.7	23	12.3	7	5.6	9	10.2	4	-	0	-
45-49.....	22	5.0	11	5.9	5	4.0	3	3.4	3	-	0	-
50-54.....	19	4.3	10	5.3	4	3.2	4	4.5	1	-	0	-
55 and over.	61	13.8	44	23.5	6	4.8	3	3.4	8	-	0	-
Unknown.....	5	1.1	1	0.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	-	4	-

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

TABLE 11  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1989-1998**  
 By Relationship of Victim to Offender

Relationship of victim to offender	1989		1990		1991		1992		1993	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total including unknown.....	3,159		3,562		3,876		3,920		4,095	
Unknown.....	885		1,020		1,318		1,011		1,166	
Total known.....	2,274	100.0	2,542	100.0	2,558	100.0	2,909	100.0	2,929	100.0
Friend, acquaintance <sup>1</sup> .....	1,163	51.1	1,328	52.2	1,285	50.2	1,677	57.6	1,706	58.2
Spouse, parent, child.....	268	11.8	267	10.5	286	11.2	291	10.0	270	9.2
Spouse <sup>2</sup> .....	147	6.5	156	6.1	146	5.7	139	4.8	130	4.4
Parent, child <sup>3</sup> .....	121	5.3	111	4.4	140	5.5	152	5.2	140	4.8
All other relatives.....	109	4.8	76	3.0	90	3.5	86	3.0	87	3.0
Stranger.....	734	32.3	871	34.3	897	35.1	855	29.4	866	29.6

Relationship of victim to offender (cont.)	1994		1995		1996		1997		1998		Percent change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1989-1998	1997-1998
Total including unknown.....	3,699		3,530		2,910		2,579		2,170			
Unknown.....	994		947		728		859		625			
Total known.....	2,705	100.0	2,583	100.0	2,182	100.0	1,720	100.0	1,545	100.0	-32.1	-10.2
Friend, acquaintance <sup>1</sup> .....	1,680	62.1	1,359	52.6	1,075	49.3	869	50.5	766	49.6	-34.1	-11.9
Spouse, parent, child.....	239	8.8	260	10.1	261	12.0	203	11.8	192	12.4	-28.4	-5.4
Spouse <sup>2</sup> .....	113	4.2	123	4.8	115	5.3	89	5.2	83	5.4	-43.5	-6.7
Parent, child <sup>3</sup> .....	126	4.7	137	5.3	146	6.7	114	6.6	109	7.1	-9.9	-4.4
All other relatives.....	77	2.8	77	3.0	43	2.0	46	2.7	41	2.7	-62.4	-
Stranger.....	709	26.2	887	34.3	803	36.8	602	35.0	546	35.3	-25.6	-9.3

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

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

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

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

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

TABLE 12  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998**  
 Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Relationship of Victim to Offender

Relationship of victim to offender	Total	Gender		Race/ethnic group				
		Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown
Number								
Total including unknown.....	2,170	1,727	443	523	964	523	147	13
Unknown.....	625	523	102	96	310	163	45	11
Total known.....	1,545	1,204	341	427	654	360	102	2
Friend, acquaintance <sup>1</sup> .....	766	628	138	198	327	203	37	1
Spouse, parent, child.....	192	76	116	98	52	27	15	0
Spouse <sup>2</sup> .....	83	13	70	47	19	8	9	0
Parent, child <sup>3</sup> .....	109	63	46	51	33	19	6	0
All other relatives.....	41	23	18	15	12	10	4	0
Stranger.....	546	477	69	116	263	120	46	1
Percent based on total known								
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Friend, acquaintance <sup>1</sup> .....	49.6	52.2	40.5	46.4	50.0	56.4	36.3	-
Spouse, parent, child.....	12.4	6.3	34.0	23.0	8.0	7.5	14.7	-
Spouse <sup>2</sup> .....	5.4	1.1	20.5	11.0	2.9	2.2	8.8	-
Parent, child <sup>3</sup> .....	7.1	5.2	13.5	11.9	5.0	5.3	5.9	-
All other relatives.....	2.7	1.9	5.3	3.5	1.8	2.8	3.9	-
Stranger.....	35.3	39.6	20.2	27.2	40.2	33.3	45.1	-

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

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

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

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

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

TABLE 13  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998**  
 Age of Victim by Relationship of Victim to Offender

Relationship of victim to offender	Total	Under 18	18-29	30-39	40 and over	Unknown
Number						
Total including unknown.....	2,170	306	933	428	480	23
Unknown.....	625	70	294	114	129	18
Total known.....	1,545	236	639	314	351	5
Friend, acquaintance <sup>1</sup> .....	766	92	359	165	147	3
Spouse, parent, child.....	192	75	29	23	65	0
Spouse <sup>2</sup> .....	83	0	21	19	43	0
Parent, child <sup>3</sup> .....	109	75	8	4	22	0
All other relatives.....	41	10	6	6	19	0
Stranger.....	546	59	245	120	120	2
Percent based on total known						
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Friend, acquaintance <sup>1</sup> .....	49.6	39.0	56.2	52.5	41.9	-
Spouse, parent, child.....	12.4	31.8	4.5	7.3	18.5	-
Spouse <sup>2</sup> .....	5.4	0.0	3.3	6.1	12.3	-
Parent, child <sup>3</sup> .....	7.1	31.8	1.3	1.3	6.3	-
All other relatives.....	2.7	4.2	0.9	1.9	5.4	-
Stranger.....	35.3	25.0	38.3	38.2	34.2	-

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

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

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

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

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

**TABLE 14**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1989-1998**  
**By County**  
**Number and Rate per 100,000 Population**

County	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Number										
Statewide total.....	3,159	3,562	3,876	3,920	4,095	3,699	3,530	2,910	2,579	2,170
Alameda.....	172	188	199	214	199	187	196	142	142	107
Alpine.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador.....	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Butte.....	12	14	11	14	6	6	5	10	8	6
Calaveras.....	1	4	3	5	1	4	3	2	2	2
Colusa.....	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	1
Contra Costa.....	78	70	107	86	113	120	80	71	63	54
Del Norte.....	1	1	4	3	1	1	0	0	1	0
El Dorado.....	4	9	11	8	5	7	4	2	4	7
Fresno.....	67	92	81	126	127	122	105	93	84	57
Glenn.....	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	3
Humboldt.....	4	11	9	6	10	7	8	3	8	5
Imperial.....	5	11	9	14	5	6	9	13	5	8
Inyo.....	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Kern.....	46	60	61	49	73	92	71	52	55	55
Kings.....	2	5	6	4	9	7	7	10	5	5
Lake.....	6	5	7	6	3	4	5	2	5	6
Lassen.....	1	3	0	1	2	2	4	0	0	1
Los Angeles.....	1,587	1,768	1,856	1,919	1,944	1,669	1,682	1,398	1,176	959
Madera.....	15	15	6	11	10	15	12	11	6	12
Marin.....	6	4	10	11	4	2	7	2	1	1
Mariposa.....	1	4	0	0	3	0	1	0	1	1
Mendocino.....	7	8	2	6	9	6	3	5	7	6
Merced.....	9	15	7	11	21	16	11	8	17	17
Modoc.....	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Monterey.....	26	28	25	33	32	40	26	23	33	27
Napa.....	5	5	5	6	4	2	2	0	2	1
Nevada.....	1	0	2	2	6	2	1	2	0	3
Orange.....	145	149	155	173	196	171	166	111	102	85

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TABLE 14 - continued  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1989-1998**  
 By County  
 Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

County	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Number										
Placer.....	2	10	6	2	9	8	7	5	3	7
Plumas.....	0	2	6	1	2	0	1	2	0	1
Riverside.....	115	125	159	128	159	166	133	111	110	104
Sacramento.....	70	89	120	91	145	126	103	93	87	73
San Benito.....	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	2
San Bernardino...	178	202	218	233	256	243	225	185	146	147
San Diego.....	191	216	278	245	245	206	198	166	125	87
San Francisco.....	73	101	96	117	129	92	99	82	59	58
San Joaquin.....	60	78	65	70	65	64	62	66	73	42
San Luis Obispo..	6	9	4	10	0	9	8	5	5	7
San Mateo.....	35	43	45	55	33	26	35	11	28	23
Santa Barbara.....	5	11	18	16	12	11	11	12	10	11
Santa Clara.....	56	57	77	68	61	56	56	48	62	44
Santa Cruz.....	12	11	14	6	9	6	8	10	4	9
Shasta.....	3	6	10	9	12	12	8	9	7	7
Sierra.....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou.....	1	3	3	5	1	0	5	2	0	3
Solano.....	23	17	30	24	27	44	27	22	12	14
Sonoma.....	19	16	19	6	24	18	15	17	13	11
Stanislaus.....	20	23	24	39	23	27	32	28	29	25
Sutter.....	6	6	8	4	2	3	2	5	4	1
Tehama.....	2	2	3	2	1	2	5	3	1	5
Trinity.....	0	0	1	0	2	2	1	1	3	0
Tulare.....	25	27	34	33	28	42	39	22	29	22
Tuolumne.....	0	2	6	1	4	3	0	1	0	0
Ventura.....	20	15	38	29	42	28	26	33	25	24
Yolo.....	13	11	10	5	10	11	9	7	7	8
Yuba.....	15	9	5	8	3	4	4	2	6	6

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TABLE 14 - continued  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1989-1998**  
 By County  
 Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

County	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Rate per 100,000 population										
Statewide rate.....	11.0	12.1	12.6	12.5	12.9	11.5	11.0	9.0	7.8	6.5
Alameda.....	13.6	14.7	15.3	16.1	14.9	13.8	14.5	10.4	10.2	7.5
Alpine.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amador.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Butte.....	6.9	7.8	5.8	7.2	3.0	2.9	2.5	5.1	4.0	3.0
Calaveras.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colusa.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contra Costa.....	10.1	8.8	12.9	10.2	13.1	13.7	9.2	8.1	7.0	5.9
Del Norte.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
El Dorado.....	3.4	7.3	8.1	5.8	3.5	4.8	2.8	1.4	2.7	4.7
Fresno.....	10.5	13.9	11.5	17.4	17.1	16.1	13.9	12.1	10.8	7.3
Glenn.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Humboldt.....	3.5	9.3	7.4	4.8	7.9	5.5	6.4	2.4	6.3	4.0
Imperial.....	4.8	10.2	7.8	11.3	3.8	4.3	6.6	9.2	3.5	5.6
Inyo.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kern.....	8.9	11.2	10.7	8.2	11.9	14.8	11.5	8.3	8.7	8.6
Kings.....	-	5.0	5.7	3.7	8.0	6.1	6.1	8.6	4.2	4.0
Lake.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lassen.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles.....	18.2	20.0	20.6	21.0	21.1	18.1	18.0	14.9	12.3	9.9
Madera.....	-	-	-	11.0	9.6	13.9	11.3	10.0	5.3	10.5
Marin.....	2.7	1.7	4.3	4.6	1.7	0.8	2.9	0.8	0.4	0.4
Mariposa.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mendocino.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Merced.....	5.3	8.5	3.8	5.8	10.7	8.0	5.5	4.0	8.4	8.3
Modoc.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mono.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Monterey.....	7.6	7.9	6.9	8.8	8.5	10.8	7.2	6.4	8.7	7.0
Napa.....	4.7	4.5	4.4	5.2	3.4	1.7	1.7	0.0	1.7	0.8
Nevada.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Orange.....	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.8	7.6	6.5	6.3	4.2	3.8	3.1

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TABLE 14 - continued  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1989-1998**  
 By County  
 Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

County	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Rate per 100,000 population										
Placer.....	1.2	5.9	3.3	1.0	4.6	3.9	3.4	2.4	1.4	3.1
Plumas.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Riverside.....	10.9	10.9	12.5	9.8	11.9	12.0	9.7	8.0	7.7	7.1
Sacramento.....	7.0	8.6	11.0	8.2	12.9	11.1	9.2	8.2	7.6	6.3
San Benito.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Bernardino...	13.6	14.5	14.4	15.1	16.2	15.1	14.2	11.6	9.0	8.9
San Diego.....	8.0	8.7	10.8	9.3	9.2	7.6	7.4	6.2	4.5	3.1
San Francisco.....	10.0	13.9	13.3	15.7	17.2	12.2	13.2	10.7	7.6	7.3
San Joaquin.....	12.9	16.3	13.1	13.7	12.5	12.2	11.8	12.4	13.5	7.6
San Luis Obispo..	2.9	4.2	1.8	4.4	0.0	3.8	3.5	2.2	2.1	2.9
San Mateo.....	5.5	6.6	6.8	8.1	4.8	3.8	5.1	1.6	3.9	3.2
Santa Barbara.....	1.4	3.0	4.8	4.1	3.1	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.5	2.7
Santa Clara.....	3.8	3.8	5.1	4.4	3.9	3.5	3.5	2.9	3.7	2.6
Santa Cruz.....	5.3	4.8	6.1	2.5	3.8	2.5	3.3	4.1	1.6	3.6
Shasta.....	2.1	4.1	6.4	5.6	7.4	7.3	5.0	5.6	4.3	4.2
Sierra.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Siskiyou.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Solano.....	7.2	5.1	8.3	6.5	7.2	11.7	7.3	5.9	3.2	3.6
Sonoma.....	5.1	4.2	4.7	1.5	5.7	4.2	3.6	4.0	3.0	2.5
Stanislaus.....	5.8	6.3	6.2	9.7	5.6	6.5	7.7	6.7	6.8	5.8
Sutter.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tehama.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trinity.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tulare.....	8.3	8.7	10.5	9.8	8.1	11.9	11.1	6.2	8.1	6.1
Tuolumne.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ventura.....	3.1	2.2	5.6	4.2	6.0	3.9	3.6	4.6	3.4	3.3
Yolo.....	9.6	7.9	6.8	3.4	6.7	7.3	6.0	4.6	4.5	5.1
Yuba.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

**TABLE 15**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1989-1998**  
**By Season and Month of Incident**

Season and month of incident	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Number										
Total including unknown....	3,159	3,562	3,876	3,920	4,095	3,699	3,530	2,910	2,579	2,170
Unknown.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total known.....	3,159	3,562	3,876	3,920	4,095	3,699	3,530	2,910	2,579	2,170
Spring.....	723	866	872	942	1,002	925	806	682	651	517
March.....	244	286	271	293	328	316	272	201	226	197
April.....	243	273	284	315	315	307	255	225	217	156
May.....	236	307	317	334	359	302	279	256	208	164
Summer.....	843	971	1,121	1,060	1,134	942	978	745	678	568
June.....	244	283	380	312	391	307	270	254	212	177
July.....	299	339	350	372	383	305	333	272	232	171
August.....	300	349	391	376	360	330	375	219	234	220
Fall.....	799	910	1,034	998	1,033	930	956	699	662	522
September.....	265	329	352	333	337	310	326	256	228	159
October.....	283	341	372	319	369	345	345	212	240	178
November.....	251	240	310	346	327	275	285	231	194	185
Winter.....	794	815	849	920	926	902	790	784	588	563
December.....	273	264	306	307	332	293	281	238	194	207
January.....	275	292	289	310	304	315	279	296	203	199
February.....	246	259	254	303	290	294	230	250	191	157
Percent based on total known										
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Spring.....	22.9	24.3	22.5	24.0	24.5	25.0	22.8	23.4	25.2	23.8
March.....	7.7	8.0	7.0	7.5	8.0	8.5	7.7	6.9	8.8	9.1
April.....	7.7	7.7	7.3	8.0	7.7	8.3	7.2	7.7	8.4	7.2
May.....	7.5	8.6	8.2	8.5	8.8	8.2	7.9	8.8	8.1	7.6
Summer.....	26.7	27.3	28.9	27.0	27.7	25.5	27.7	25.6	26.3	26.2
June.....	7.7	7.9	9.8	8.0	9.5	8.3	7.6	8.7	8.2	8.2
July.....	9.5	9.5	9.0	9.5	9.4	8.2	9.4	9.3	9.0	7.9
August.....	9.5	9.8	10.1	9.6	8.8	8.9	10.6	7.5	9.1	10.1
Fall.....	25.3	25.5	26.7	25.5	25.2	25.1	27.1	24.0	25.7	24.1
September.....	8.4	9.2	9.1	8.5	8.2	8.4	9.2	8.8	8.8	7.3
October.....	9.0	9.6	9.6	8.1	9.0	9.3	9.8	7.3	9.3	8.2
November.....	7.9	6.7	8.0	8.8	8.0	7.4	8.1	7.9	7.5	8.5
Winter.....	25.1	22.9	21.9	23.5	22.6	24.4	22.4	26.9	22.8	25.9
December.....	8.6	7.4	7.9	7.8	8.1	7.9	8.0	8.2	7.5	9.5
January.....	8.7	8.2	7.5	7.9	7.4	8.5	7.9	10.2	7.9	9.2
February.....	7.8	7.3	6.6	7.7	7.1	7.9	6.5	8.6	7.4	7.2

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

TABLE 16  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998**  
 Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Day of Incident

Day of incident	Total	Gender		Race/ethnic group				
		Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown
Number								
Total including unknown.....	2,170	1,727	443	523	964	523	147	13
Unknown.....	8	3	5	6	1	0	0	1
Total known.....	2,162	1,724	438	517	963	523	147	12
Weekday.....	1,431	1,109	322	357	576	377	110	11
Monday.....	282	226	56	77	109	75	20	1
Tuesday.....	296	231	65	66	130	76	21	3
Wednesday.....	280	205	75	69	101	80	24	6
Thursday.....	266	206	60	66	95	78	26	1
Friday.....	307	241	66	79	141	68	19	0
Weekend.....	731	615	116	160	387	146	37	1
Saturday.....	341	283	58	79	167	72	23	0
Sunday.....	390	332	58	81	220	74	14	1
Percent based on total known								
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Weekday.....	66.2	64.3	73.5	69.1	59.8	72.1	74.8	-
Monday.....	13.0	13.1	12.8	14.9	11.3	14.3	13.6	-
Tuesday.....	13.7	13.4	14.8	12.8	13.5	14.5	14.3	-
Wednesday.....	13.0	11.9	17.1	13.3	10.5	15.3	16.3	-
Thursday.....	12.3	11.9	13.7	12.8	9.9	14.9	17.7	-
Friday.....	14.2	14.0	15.1	15.3	14.6	13.0	12.9	-
Weekend.....	33.8	35.7	26.5	30.9	40.2	27.9	25.2	-
Saturday.....	15.8	16.4	13.2	15.3	17.3	13.8	15.6	-
Sunday.....	18.0	19.3	13.2	15.7	22.8	14.1	9.5	-
Average daily number of incidents <sup>1</sup>								
Weekday.....	5.5	4.2	1.2	1.4	2.2	1.4	0.4	0.0
Weekend.....	7.0	5.9	1.1	1.5	3.7	1.4	0.4	0.0

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

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

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

<sup>1</sup> There were 365 days in 1998; 261 weekdays and 104 weekend days. The average daily number of incidents for weekdays was calculated by dividing weekday totals by 261. The average daily number of incidents for weekends was calculated by dividing weekend totals by 104.

TABLE 17  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998**  
 Age of Victim by Day of Incident

Day of incident	Total	Under 18	18-29	30-39	40 and over	Unknown
Number						
Total including unknown....	2,170	306	933	428	480	23
Unknown.....	8	3	1	0	2	2
Total known.....	2,162	303	932	428	478	21
Weekday.....	1,431	212	574	294	335	16
Monday.....	282	42	113	53	72	2
Tuesday.....	296	57	121	71	46	1
Wednesday.....	280	49	108	49	66	8
Thursday.....	266	32	101	54	76	3
Friday.....	307	32	131	67	75	2
Weekend.....	731	91	358	134	143	5
Saturday.....	341	40	162	64	73	2
Sunday.....	390	51	196	70	70	3
Percent based on total known						
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Weekday.....	66.2	70.0	61.6	68.7	70.1	-
Monday.....	13.0	13.9	12.1	12.4	15.1	-
Tuesday.....	13.7	18.8	13.0	16.6	9.6	-
Wednesday.....	13.0	16.2	11.6	11.4	13.8	-
Thursday.....	12.3	10.6	10.8	12.6	15.9	-
Friday.....	14.2	10.6	14.1	15.7	15.7	-
Weekend.....	33.8	30.0	38.4	31.3	29.9	-
Saturday.....	15.8	13.2	17.4	15.0	15.3	-
Sunday.....	18.0	16.8	21.0	16.4	14.6	-
Average daily number of incidents <sup>1</sup>						
Weekday.....	5.5	0.8	2.2	1.1	1.3	0.1
Weekend.....	7.0	0.9	3.4	1.3	1.4	0.0

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

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

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

<sup>1</sup> There were 365 days in 1998; 261 weekdays and 104 weekend days. The average daily number of incidents for weekdays was calculated by dividing weekday totals by 261. The average daily number of incidents for weekends was calculated by dividing weekend totals by 104.

TABLE 18  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1989-1998  
By Location of Homicide

Location of homicide	1989		1990		1991		1992		1993	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total including unknown.....	3,159		3,562		3,876		3,920		4,095	
Unknown.....	13		24		194		0		0	
Total known.....	3,146	100.0	3,538	100.0	3,682	100.0	3,920	100.0	4,095	100.0
Victim's, shared residence...	909	28.9	901	25.5	951	25.8	1,041	26.6	1,076	26.3
Victim's residence.....	575	18.3	604	17.1	602	16.3	658	16.8	742	18.1
Shared residence.....	334	10.6	297	8.4	349	9.5	383	9.8	334	8.2
Street, sidewalk.....	1,229	39.1	1,165	32.9	1,349	36.6	1,501	38.3	1,526	37.3
All other.....	1,008	32.0	1,472	41.6	1,382	37.5	1,378	35.2	1,493	36.5
Hotel, motel.....	46	1.5	57	1.6	46	1.2	34	0.9	55	1.3
Other residence.....	257	8.2	364	10.3	269	7.3	270	6.9	228	5.6
Liquor store.....	7	0.2	12	0.3	14	0.4	9	0.2	14	0.3
Bar.....	49	1.6	89	2.5	55	1.5	77	2.0	85	2.1
Other business.....	86	2.7	89	2.5	122	3.3	144	3.7	161	3.9
Parking lot.....	98	3.1	195	5.5	172	4.7	142	3.6	190	4.6
Vehicle.....	204	6.5	348	9.8	348	9.5	409	10.4	434	10.6
Field, park.....	224	7.1	263	7.4	305	8.3	236	6.0	293	7.2
School.....	1	0.0	4	0.1	6	0.2	29	0.7	9	0.2
Other.....	36	1.1	51	1.4	45	1.2	28	0.7	24	0.6

Location of homicide (cont.)	1994		1995		1996		1997		1998		Percent change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1989-1998	1997-1998
Total including unknown.....	3,699		3,530		2,910		2,579		2,170			
Unknown.....	0		0		2		1		2			
Total known.....	3,699	100.0	3,530	100.0	2,908	100.0	2,578	100.0	2,168	100.0	-31.1	-15.9
Victim's, shared residence...	944	25.5	943	26.7	807	27.8	746	28.9	629	29.0	-30.8	-15.7
Victim's residence.....	636	17.2	626	17.7	545	18.7	487	18.9	404	18.6	-29.7	-17.0
Shared residence.....	308	8.3	317	9.0	262	9.0	259	10.0	225	10.4	-32.6	-13.1
Street, sidewalk.....	1,429	38.6	1,466	41.5	1,165	40.1	994	38.6	823	38.0	-33.0	-17.2
All other.....	1,326	35.8	1,121	31.8	936	32.2	838	32.5	716	33.0	-29.0	-14.6
Hotel, motel.....	38	1.0	27	0.8	35	1.2	17	0.7	26	1.2	-	-
Other residence.....	256	6.9	206	5.8	204	7.0	175	6.8	132	6.1	-48.6	-24.6
Liquor store.....	10	0.3	7	0.2	4	0.1	5	0.2	4	0.2	-	-
Bar.....	61	1.6	57	1.6	39	1.3	29	1.1	32	1.5	-	-
Other business.....	140	3.8	110	3.1	104	3.6	90	3.5	84	3.9	-2.3	-6.7
Parking lot.....	163	4.4	164	4.6	101	3.5	77	3.0	68	3.1	-30.6	-11.7
Vehicle.....	373	10.1	295	8.4	242	8.3	226	8.8	182	8.4	-10.8	-19.5
Field, park.....	247	6.7	224	6.3	178	6.1	191	7.4	157	7.2	-29.9	-17.8
School.....	7	0.2	6	0.2	5	0.2	5	0.2	9	0.4	-	-
Other.....	31	0.8	25	0.7	24	0.8	23	0.9	22	1.0	-	-

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

TABLE 19  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998**  
 Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Location of Homicide

Location of homicide	Total	Gender		Race/ethnic group				
		Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown
Number								
Total including unknown.....	2,170	1,727	443	523	964	523	147	13
Unknown.....	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	0
Total known.....	2,168	1,726	442	523	963	523	146	13
Victim's, shared residence..	629	380	249	257	201	132	38	1
Victim's residence.....	404	280	124	138	151	95	19	1
Shared residence.....	225	100	125	119	50	37	19	0
Street, sidewalk.....	823	765	58	109	442	235	36	1
All other.....	716	581	135	157	320	156	72	11
Hotel, motel.....	26	21	5	9	11	5	1	0
Other residence.....	132	112	20	32	69	25	6	0
Liquor store.....	4	4	0	0	1	0	3	0
Bar.....	32	29	3	8	20	0	4	0
Other business.....	84	67	17	20	33	8	23	0
Parking lot.....	68	66	2	9	30	22	7	0
Vehicle.....	182	152	30	21	86	57	16	2
Field, park.....	157	106	51	46	59	32	12	8
School.....	9	8	1	3	5	1	0	0
Other.....	22	16	6	9	6	6	0	1
Percent based on total known								
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Victim's, shared residence..	29.0	22.0	56.3	49.1	20.9	25.2	26.0	-
Victim's residence.....	18.6	16.2	28.1	26.4	15.7	18.2	13.0	-
Shared residence.....	10.4	5.8	28.3	22.8	5.2	7.1	13.0	-
Street, sidewalk.....	38.0	44.3	13.1	20.8	45.9	44.9	24.7	-
All other.....	33.0	33.7	30.5	30.0	33.2	29.8	49.3	-
Hotel, motel.....	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.7	1.1	1.0	0.7	-
Other residence.....	6.1	6.5	4.5	6.1	7.2	4.8	4.1	-
Liquor store.....	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	2.1	-
Bar.....	1.5	1.7	0.7	1.5	2.1	0.0	2.7	-
Other business.....	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.4	1.5	15.8	-
Parking lot.....	3.1	3.8	0.5	1.7	3.1	4.2	4.8	-
Vehicle.....	8.4	8.8	6.8	4.0	8.9	10.9	11.0	-
Field, park.....	7.2	6.1	11.5	8.8	6.1	6.1	8.2	-
School.....	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.0	-
Other.....	1.0	0.9	1.4	1.7	0.6	1.1	0.0	-

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

TABLE 20  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998**  
 Age of Victim by Location of Homicide

Location of homicide	Total	Under 18	18-29	30-39	40 and over	Unknown
Number						
Total including unknown.....	2,170	306	933	428	480	23
Unknown.....	2	0	0	1	1	0
Total known.....	2,168	306	933	427	479	23
Victim's, shared residence...	629	116	143	139	228	3
Victim's residence.....	404	39	105	102	155	3
Shared residence.....	225	77	38	37	73	0
Street, sidewalk.....	823	99	454	155	110	5
All other.....	716	91	336	133	141	15
Hotel, motel.....	26	0	5	11	10	0
Other residence.....	132	27	66	19	19	1
Liquor store.....	4	0	2	0	2	0
Bar.....	32	1	17	7	7	0
Other business.....	84	8	25	17	34	0
Parking lot.....	68	5	35	12	15	1
Vehicle.....	182	18	109	27	22	6
Field, park.....	157	23	69	34	25	6
School.....	9	7	0	1	1	0
Other.....	22	2	8	5	6	1
Percent based on total known						
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Victim's, shared residence...	29.0	37.9	15.3	32.6	47.6	-
Victim's residence.....	18.6	12.7	11.3	23.9	32.4	-
Shared residence.....	10.4	25.2	4.1	8.7	15.2	-
Street, sidewalk.....	38.0	32.4	48.7	36.3	23.0	-
All other.....	33.0	29.7	36.0	31.1	29.4	-
Hotel, motel.....	1.2	0.0	0.5	2.6	2.1	-
Other residence.....	6.1	8.8	7.1	4.4	4.0	-
Liquor store.....	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.4	-
Bar.....	1.5	0.3	1.8	1.6	1.5	-
Other business.....	3.9	2.6	2.7	4.0	7.1	-
Parking lot.....	3.1	1.6	3.8	2.8	3.1	-
Vehicle.....	8.4	5.9	11.7	6.3	4.6	-
Field, park.....	7.2	7.5	7.4	8.0	5.2	-
School.....	0.4	2.3	0.0	0.2	0.2	-
Other.....	1.0	0.7	0.9	1.2	1.3	-

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

TABLE 21  
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1989-1998  
By Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	1989		1990		1991		1992		1993	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total including unknown.....	3,159		3,562		3,876		3,920		4,095	
Unknown.....	26		31		36		28		34	
Total known.....	3,133	100.0	3,531	100.0	3,840	100.0	3,892	100.0	4,061	100.0
Firearm.....	2,058	65.7	2,386	67.6	2,692	70.1	2,839	72.9	3,007	74.0
Handgun.....	1,604	51.2	1,903	53.9	2,255	58.7	2,426	62.3	2,609	64.2
All other firearms.....	454	14.5	483	13.7	437	11.4	413	10.6	398	9.8
Rifle.....	201	6.4	188	5.3	176	4.6	164	4.2	154	3.8
Shotgun.....	208	6.6	218	6.2	187	4.9	176	4.5	167	4.1
Other firearm <sup>1</sup> .....	1	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Firearm - unknown type..	44	1.4	77	2.2	74	1.9	73	1.9	77	1.9
Knife <sup>2</sup> .....	533	17.0	592	16.8	577	15.0	543	14.0	470	11.6
Blunt object <sup>3</sup> .....	199	6.4	192	5.4	207	5.4	161	4.1	204	5.0
Personal weapon <sup>4</sup> .....	143	4.6	166	4.7	186	4.8	168	4.3	139	3.4
All other.....	200	6.4	195	5.5	178	4.6	181	4.7	241	5.9
Rope <sup>5</sup> .....	100	3.2	92	2.6	84	2.2	87	2.2	114	2.8
Drugs.....	5	0.2	6	0.2	3	0.1	3	0.1	5	0.1
Other.....	95	3.0	97	2.7	91	2.4	91	2.3	122	3.0

Type of weapon used (cont.)	1994		1995		1996		1997		1998		Percent change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1989-1998	1997-1998
Total including unknown.....	3,699		3,530		2,910		2,579		2,170			
Unknown.....	33		29		45		40		36			
Total known.....	3,666	100.0	3,501	100.0	2,865	100.0	2,539	100.0	2,134	100.0	-31.9	-16.0
Firearm.....	2,778	75.8	2,590	74.0	2,055	71.7	1,835	72.3	1,469	68.8	-28.6	-19.9
Handgun.....	2,441	66.6	2,288	65.4	1,866	65.1	1,633	64.3	1,315	61.6	-18.0	-19.5
All other firearms.....	337	9.2	302	8.6	189	6.6	202	8.0	154	7.2	-66.1	-23.8
Rifle.....	141	3.8	140	4.0	95	3.3	115	4.5	89	4.2	-55.7	-22.6
Shotgun.....	165	4.5	123	3.5	86	3.0	72	2.8	57	2.7	-72.6	-20.8
Other firearm <sup>1</sup> .....	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	-	-
Firearm - unknown type..	31	0.8	39	1.1	8	0.3	15	0.6	8	0.4	-	-
Knife <sup>2</sup> .....	427	11.6	405	11.6	341	11.9	307	12.1	289	13.5	-45.8	-5.9
Blunt object <sup>3</sup> .....	157	4.3	156	4.5	147	5.1	108	4.3	117	5.5	-41.2	8.3
Personal weapon <sup>4</sup> .....	156	4.3	165	4.7	156	5.4	148	5.8	112	5.2	-21.7	-24.3
All other.....	148	4.0	185	5.3	166	5.8	141	5.6	147	6.9	-26.5	4.3
Rope <sup>5</sup> .....	81	2.2	75	2.1	61	2.1	56	2.2	63	3.0	-37.0	12.5
Drugs.....	4	0.1	2	0.1	8	0.3	6	0.2	2	0.1	-	-
Other.....	63	1.7	108	3.1	97	3.4	79	3.1	82	3.8	-13.7	3.8

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

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

<sup>1</sup> Machine gun, etc.

<sup>2</sup> Any instrument used to cut or stab.

<sup>3</sup> Club, etc.

<sup>4</sup> Hands, feet, etc.

<sup>5</sup> Any instrument used to hang or strangle.



TABLE 22  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998**  
 Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	Total	Gender		Race/ethnic group				
		Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown
Number								
Total including unknown.....	2,170	1,727	443	523	964	523	147	13
Unknown.....	36	20	16	7	17	6	2	4
Total known.....	2,134	1,707	427	516	947	517	145	9
Firearm.....	1,469	1,263	206	242	733	389	104	1
Handgun.....	1,315	1,140	175	205	658	353	98	1
All other firearms.....	154	123	31	37	75	36	6	0
Rifle.....	89	77	12	16	48	22	3	0
Shotgun.....	57	40	17	19	23	12	3	0
Firearm - unknown type..	8	6	2	2	4	2	0	0
Knife <sup>1</sup> .....	289	215	74	104	111	58	14	2
Blunt object <sup>2</sup> .....	117	79	38	51	32	22	11	1
Personal weapon <sup>3</sup> .....	112	84	28	55	32	20	4	1
All other.....	147	66	81	64	39	28	12	4
Rope <sup>4</sup> .....	63	19	44	28	15	15	4	1
Drugs.....	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
Other.....	82	46	36	35	24	12	8	3
Percent based on total known								
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Firearm.....	68.8	74.0	48.2	46.9	77.4	75.2	71.7	-
Handgun.....	61.6	66.8	41.0	39.7	69.5	68.3	67.6	-
All other firearms.....	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.2	7.9	7.0	4.1	-
Rifle.....	4.2	4.5	2.8	3.1	5.1	4.3	2.1	-
Shotgun.....	2.7	2.3	4.0	3.7	2.4	2.3	2.1	-
Firearm - unknown type..	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	-
Knife <sup>1</sup> .....	13.5	12.6	17.3	20.2	11.7	11.2	9.7	-
Blunt object <sup>2</sup> .....	5.5	4.6	8.9	9.9	3.4	4.3	7.6	-
Personal weapon <sup>3</sup> .....	5.2	4.9	6.6	10.7	3.4	3.9	2.8	-
All other.....	6.9	3.9	19.0	12.4	4.1	5.4	8.3	-
Rope <sup>4</sup> .....	3.0	1.1	10.3	5.4	1.6	2.9	2.8	-
Drugs.....	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	-
Other.....	3.8	2.7	8.4	6.8	2.5	2.3	5.5	-

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

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

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

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

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

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

**TABLE 23**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998**  
Age of Victim by Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	Total	Under 18	18-29	30-39	40 and over	Unknown
Number						
Total including unknown.....	2,170	306	933	428	480	23
Unknown.....	36	10	7	6	9	4
Total known.....	2,134	296	926	422	471	19
Firearm.....	1,469	175	756	281	245	12
Handgun.....	1,315	142	703	246	212	12
All other firearms.....	154	33	53	35	33	0
Rifle.....	89	21	28	22	18	0
Shotgun.....	57	11	21	11	14	0
Firearm - unknown type..	8	1	4	2	1	0
Knife <sup>1</sup> .....	289	22	108	74	82	3
Blunt object <sup>2</sup> .....	117	11	21	30	54	1
Personal weapon <sup>3</sup> .....	112	44	13	9	45	1
All other.....	147	44	28	28	45	2
Rope <sup>4</sup> .....	63	10	13	19	21	0
Drugs.....	2	0	0	1	1	0
Other.....	82	34	15	8	23	2
Percent based on total known						
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Firearm.....	68.8	59.1	81.6	66.6	52.0	-
Handgun.....	61.6	48.0	75.9	58.3	45.0	-
All other firearms.....	7.2	11.1	5.7	8.3	7.0	-
Rifle.....	4.2	7.1	3.0	5.2	3.8	-
Shotgun.....	2.7	3.7	2.3	2.6	3.0	-
Firearm - unknown type..	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.2	-
Knife <sup>1</sup> .....	13.5	7.4	11.7	17.5	17.4	-
Blunt object <sup>2</sup> .....	5.5	3.7	2.3	7.1	11.5	-
Personal weapon <sup>3</sup> .....	5.2	14.9	1.4	2.1	9.6	-
All other.....	6.9	14.9	3.0	6.6	9.6	-
Rope <sup>4</sup> .....	3.0	3.4	1.4	4.5	4.5	-
Drugs.....	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	-
Other.....	3.8	11.5	1.6	1.9	4.9	-

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

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

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

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

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

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

TABLE 24  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1989-1998**  
 By Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	1989		1990		1991		1992		1993	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total including unknown.....	3,159		3,562		3,876		3,920		4,095	
Unknown.....	322		447		632		581		643	
Total known.....	2,837	100.0	3,115	100.0	3,244	100.0	3,339	100.0	3,452	100.0
Rape, robbery, burglary..	443	15.6	466	15.0	532	16.4	519	15.5	515	14.9
Rape.....	39	1.4	38	1.2	41	1.3	31	0.9	21	0.6
Robbery.....	381	13.4	399	12.8	473	14.6	455	13.6	476	13.8
Burglary.....	23	0.8	29	0.9	18	0.6	33	1.0	18	0.5
Argument.....	1,308	46.1	1,346	43.2	1,396	43.0	1,478	44.3	1,532	44.4
Domestic violence.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	280	8.4	329	9.5
All other argument.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,198	35.9	1,203	34.8
Gang-, drug-related.....	803	28.3	982	31.5	992	30.6	1,029	30.8	1,113	32.2
Gang-related.....	525	18.5	646	20.7	740	22.8	742	22.2	840	24.3
Drug-related.....	278	9.8	336	10.8	252	7.8	287	8.6	273	7.9
All other.....	283	10.0	321	10.3	324	10.0	313	9.4	292	8.5

Contributing circumstance (cont.)	1994		1995		1996		1997		1998		Percent change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1989-1998	1997-1998
Total including unknown.....	3,699		3,530		2,910		2,579		2,170			
Unknown.....	527		595		389		424		336			
Total known.....	3,172	100.0	2,935	100.0	2,521	100.0	2,155	100.0	1,834	100.0	-35.4	-14.9
Rape, robbery, burglary..	409	12.9	385	13.1	320	12.7	240	11.1	206	11.2	-53.5	-14.2
Rape.....	19	0.6	14	0.5	11	0.4	12	0.6	9	0.5	-	-
Robbery.....	366	11.5	342	11.7	294	11.7	219	10.2	183	10.0	-52.0	-16.4
Burglary.....	24	0.8	29	1.0	15	0.6	9	0.4	14	0.8	-	-
Argument.....	1,374	43.3	1,207	41.1	1,070	42.4	928	43.1	857	46.7	-34.5	-7.7
Domestic violence.....	224	7.1	179	6.1	130	5.2	128	5.9	120	6.5	-	-6.3
All other argument.....	1,150	36.3	1,028	35.0	940	37.3	800	37.1	737	40.2	-	-7.9
Gang-, drug-related.....	1,137	35.8	1,059	36.1	784	31.1	704	32.7	512	27.9	-36.2	-27.3
Gang-related.....	880	27.7	867	29.5	620	24.6	544	25.2	404	22.0	-23.0	-25.7
Drug-related.....	257	8.1	192	6.5	164	6.5	160	7.4	108	5.9	-61.2	-32.5
All other.....	252	7.9	284	9.7	347	13.8	283	13.1	259	14.1	-8.5	-8.5

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

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

**TABLE 25**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998**  
Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	Total	Gender		Race/ethnic group				
		Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown
Number								
Total including unknown.....	2,170	1,727	443	523	964	523	147	13
Unknown.....	336	259	77	74	130	99	26	7
Total known.....	1,834	1,468	366	449	834	424	121	6
Rape, robbery, burglary...	206	163	43	54	76	46	29	1
Rape.....	9	0	9	3	2	2	1	1
Robbery, burglary.....	197	163	34	51	74	44	28	0
Robbery.....	183	156	27	44	72	40	27	0
Burglary.....	14	7	7	7	2	4	1	0
Argument.....	857	638	219	271	341	190	54	1
Domestic violence.....	120	29	91	48	35	21	16	0
All other argument.....	737	609	128	223	306	169	38	1
Gang-, drug-related.....	512	487	25	38	320	136	18	0
Gang-related.....	404	390	14	18	274	95	17	0
Drug-related.....	108	97	11	20	46	41	1	0
All other.....	259	180	79	86	97	52	20	4
Percent based on total known								
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Rape, robbery, burglary...	11.2	11.1	11.7	12.0	9.1	10.8	24.0	-
Rape.....	0.5	0.0	2.5	0.7	0.2	0.5	0.8	-
Robbery, burglary.....	10.7	11.1	9.3	11.4	8.9	10.4	23.1	-
Robbery.....	10.0	10.6	7.4	9.8	8.6	9.4	22.3	-
Burglary.....	0.8	0.5	1.9	1.6	0.2	0.9	0.8	-
Argument.....	46.7	43.5	59.8	60.4	40.9	44.8	44.6	-
Domestic violence.....	6.5	2.0	24.9	10.7	4.2	5.0	13.2	-
All other argument.....	40.2	41.5	35.0	49.7	36.7	39.9	31.4	-
Gang-, drug-related.....	27.9	33.2	6.8	8.5	38.4	32.1	14.9	-
Gang-related.....	22.0	26.6	3.8	4.0	32.9	22.4	14.0	-
Drug-related.....	5.9	6.6	3.0	4.5	5.5	9.7	0.8	-
All other.....	14.1	12.3	21.6	19.2	11.6	12.3	16.5	-

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

TABLE 26  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998**  
 Age of Victim by Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	Total	Under 5	5-17	18-59	60 and over	Unknown
Number						
Total including unknown.....	2,170	87	219	1,720	121	23
Unknown.....	336	0	24	287	15	10
Total known.....	1,834	87	195	1,433	106	13
Rape, robbery, burglary..	206	0	11	163	31	1
Rape.....	9	0	0	7	1	1
Robbery.....	183	0	10	151	22	0
Burglary.....	14	0	1	5	8	0
Argument.....	857	3	60	742	50	2
Domestic violence.....	120	1	3	105	11	0
All other argument.....	737	2	57	637	39	2
Gang-, drug-related.....	512	2	81	422	3	4
Gang-related.....	404	2	78	320	2	2
Drug-related.....	108	0	3	102	1	2
Child abuse.....	72	66	6	-	-	0
All other.....	187	16	37	106	22	6
Percent based on total known						
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Rape, robbery, burglary..	11.2	0.0	5.6	11.4	29.2	-
Rape.....	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.9	-
Robbery.....	10.0	0.0	5.1	10.5	20.8	-
Burglary.....	0.8	0.0	0.5	0.3	7.5	-
Argument.....	46.7	3.4	30.8	51.8	47.2	-
Domestic violence.....	6.5	1.1	1.5	7.3	10.4	-
All other argument.....	40.2	2.3	29.2	44.5	36.8	-
Gang-, drug-related.....	27.9	2.3	41.5	29.4	2.8	-
Gang-related.....	22.0	2.3	40.0	22.3	1.9	-
Drug-related.....	5.9	0.0	1.5	7.1	0.9	-
Child abuse.....	3.9	75.9	3.1	-	-	-
All other.....	10.2	18.4	19.0	7.4	20.8	-

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

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

**TABLE 27**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998**  
Age of Victim by Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	Total	Number								Unknown
		Under 5	5-17	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70 and over	
Total including unknown.....	2,170	87	219	933	428	245	114	63	58	23
Unknown.....	336	0	24	153	70	41	23	11	4	10
Total known.....	1,834	87	195	780	358	204	91	52	54	13
Rape, robbery, burglary..	206	0	11	49	54	36	24	10	21	1
Rape.....	9	0	0	1	3	3	0	0	1	1
Robbery.....	183	0	10	48	49	32	22	8	14	0
Burglary.....	14	0	1	0	2	1	2	2	6	0
Argument.....	857	3	60	340	218	132	52	29	21	2
Domestic violence.....	120	1	3	37	38	23	7	6	5	0
All other argument.....	737	2	57	303	180	109	45	23	16	2
Gang-, drug-related.....	512	2	81	332	62	22	6	2	1	4
Gang-related.....	404	2	78	277	32	9	2	1	1	2
Drug-related.....	108	0	3	55	30	13	4	1	0	2
Child abuse.....	72	66	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
All other.....	187	16	37	59	24	14	9	11	11	6
Percent based on total known										
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Rape, robbery, burglary..	11.2	0.0	5.6	6.3	15.1	17.6	26.4	19.2	38.9	-
Rape.....	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.8	1.5	0.0	0.0	1.9	-
Robbery.....	10.0	0.0	5.1	6.2	13.7	15.7	24.2	15.4	25.9	-
Burglary.....	0.8	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.6	0.5	2.2	3.8	11.1	-
Argument.....	46.7	3.4	30.8	43.6	60.9	64.7	57.1	55.8	38.9	-
Domestic violence.....	6.5	1.1	1.5	4.7	10.6	11.3	7.7	11.5	9.3	-
All other argument.....	40.2	2.3	29.2	38.8	50.3	53.4	49.5	44.2	29.6	-
Gang-, drug-related.....	27.9	2.3	41.5	42.6	17.3	10.8	6.6	3.8	1.9	-
Gang-related.....	22.0	2.3	40.0	35.5	8.9	4.4	2.2	1.9	1.9	-
Drug-related.....	5.9	0.0	1.5	7.1	8.4	6.4	4.4	1.9	0.0	-
Child abuse.....	3.9	75.9	3.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All other.....	10.2	18.4	19.0	7.6	6.7	6.9	9.9	21.2	20.4	-

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

TABLE 28  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1998**  
 Contributing Circumstance by Relationship of Victim to Offender

Relationship of victim to offender	Total	Rape	Robbery, burglary	Argument <sup>1</sup>	Gang-, drug- related	Child abuse	All other	Unknown
Number								
Total including unknown.....	2,170	9	197	857	512	72	187	336
Unknown.....	625	4	48	72	153	6	46	296
Total known.....	1,545	5	149	785	359	66	141	40
Friend, acquaintance <sup>2</sup> ...	766	2	40	418	246	16	34	10
Spouse <sup>3</sup> .....	83	0	0	70	0	0	13	0
Parent, child <sup>4</sup> .....	109	0	0	37	0	47	25	0
All other relatives.....	41	0	1	35	0	2	3	0
Stranger.....	546	3	108	225	113	1	66	30
Percent based on total known								
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Friend, acquaintance <sup>2</sup> ...	49.6	-	26.8	53.2	68.5	24.2	24.1	25.0
Spouse <sup>3</sup> .....	5.4	-	0.0	8.9	0.0	0.0	9.2	0.0
Parent, child <sup>4</sup> .....	7.1	-	0.0	4.7	0.0	71.2	17.7	0.0
All other relatives.....	2.7	-	0.7	4.5	0.0	3.0	2.1	0.0
Stranger.....	35.3	-	72.5	28.7	31.5	1.5	46.8	75.0

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

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

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

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

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

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

TABLE 29  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES CLEARED, 1989-1998**  
 Number Reported, Number Cleared, and Clearance Rate

Year(s)	Number of homicides reported	Number of homicides cleared	Clearance rate <sup>1</sup>
1998.....	2,170	1,369	63.1
1997.....	2,579	1,489	57.7
1996.....	2,910	1,743	59.9
1995.....	3,530	1,916	54.3
1994.....	3,699	2,091	56.5
1993.....	4,095	2,274	55.5
1992.....	3,920	2,198	56.1
1991.....	3,876	2,362	60.9
1990.....	3,562	2,206	61.9
1989.....	3,159	1,916	60.7

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



**TABLE 30**  
**FELONY ARRESTS FOR**  
**SELECTED VIOLENT OFFENSES, 1989-1998**  
 Number, Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk, and Percent Change

Year(s)	Total	Homi-	Forcible	Robbery	Assault
		cide	rape		
Number					
1998.....	142,498	2,117	3,032	21,507	115,842
1997.....	153,279	2,212	3,108	23,824	124,135
1996.....	149,795	2,535	3,202	26,014	118,044
1995 <sup>a</sup> .....	155,053	2,821	3,199	27,641	121,392
1994.....	151,906	2,863	3,305	27,984	117,654
1993.....	147,603	3,276	3,572	29,567	111,188
1992.....	148,225	3,387	4,037	31,141	109,660
1991.....	143,970	3,720	4,417	31,346	104,487
1990.....	147,561	3,882	4,848	32,050	106,781
1989.....	131,503	3,403	4,560	27,173	96,367
Percent change in number					
1997 to 1998.....	-7.0	-4.3	-2.4	-9.7	-6.7
1996 to 1997.....	2.3	-12.7	-2.9	-8.4	5.2
1995 to 1996.....	-3.4	-10.1	0.1	-5.9	-2.8
1994 to 1995.....	2.1	-4.8	-3.2	-1.2	3.2
1993 to 1994.....	2.9	-9.6	-7.5	-5.4	5.8
1992 to 1993.....	-0.4	-3.3	-11.5	-5.1	1.4
1991 to 1992.....	3.0	-9.0	-8.6	-0.7	5.0
1990 to 1991.....	-2.4	-4.2	-8.9	-2.2	-2.1
1989 to 1990.....	12.2	14.1	6.3	17.9	10.8
1989 to 1998.....	8.4	-37.8	-33.5	-20.9	20.2
Rate per 100,000 population at risk <sup>1</sup>					
1998.....	564.1	8.4	12.0	85.1	458.5
1997.....	595.0	8.6	12.1	92.5	481.9
1996.....	586.2	9.9	12.5	101.8	461.9
1995.....	617.2	11.2	12.7	110.0	483.2
1994.....	614.9	12.0	13.4	113.3	476.3
1993.....	606.6	13.5	14.7	121.5	456.9
1992.....	618.2	14.1	16.8	129.9	457.4
1991.....	610.4	15.8	18.7	132.9	443.0
1990.....	636.6	16.7	20.9	138.3	460.7
1989.....	583.8	15.1	20.2	120.6	427.8
Percent change in rate					
1997 to 1998.....	-5.2	-2.3	-0.8	-8.0	-4.9
1996 to 1997.....	1.5	-13.1	-3.2	-9.1	4.3
1995 to 1996.....	-5.0	-11.6	-1.6	-7.5	-4.4
1994 to 1995.....	0.4	-6.7	-5.2	-2.9	1.4
1993 to 1994.....	1.4	-11.1	-8.8	-6.7	4.2
1992 to 1993.....	-1.9	-4.3	-12.5	-6.5	-0.1
1991 to 1992.....	1.3	-10.8	-10.2	-2.3	3.3
1990 to 1991.....	-4.1	-5.4	-10.5	-3.9	-3.8
1989 to 1990.....	9.0	10.6	3.5	14.7	7.7
1989 to 1998.....	-3.4	-44.4	-40.6	-29.4	7.2

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

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

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

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

**TABLE 31**  
**HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1989-1998**  
By Gender of Arrestee

Year(s)	Total		Male		Female	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1998.....	2,117	100.0	1,870	88.3	247	11.7
1997.....	2,212	100.0	1,990	90.0	222	10.0
1996.....	2,535	100.0	2,286	90.2	249	9.8
1995 <sup>a</sup> .....	2,821	100.0	2,564	90.9	257	9.1
1994.....	2,963	100.0	2,709	91.4	254	8.6
1993.....	3,276	100.0	2,975	90.8	301	9.2
1992.....	3,387	100.0	3,082	91.0	305	9.0
1991.....	3,720	100.0	3,427	92.1	293	7.9
1990.....	3,882	100.0	3,519	90.6	363	9.4
1989.....	3,403	100.0	3,075	90.4	328	9.6

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

**TABLE 32**  
**HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1989-1998**  
By Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee

Year(s)	Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1998.....	2,117	100.0	484	22.9	987	46.6	470	22.2	176	8.3
1997.....	2,212	100.0	447	20.2	1,017	46.0	586	26.5	162	7.3
1996.....	2,535	100.0	537	21.2	1,110	43.8	663	26.2	225	8.9
1995 <sup>a</sup> .....	2,821	100.0	580	20.6	1,284	45.5	743	26.3	214	7.6
1994.....	2,963	100.0	675	22.8	1,175	39.7	850	28.7	263	8.9
1993.....	3,276	100.0	698	21.3	1,299	39.7	998	30.5	281	8.6
1992.....	3,387	100.0	714	21.1	1,457	43.0	1,016	30.0	200	5.9
1991.....	3,720	100.0	821	22.1	1,578	42.4	1,123	30.2	198	5.3
1990.....	3,882	100.0	851	21.9	1,407	36.2	1,294	33.3	330	8.5
1989.....	3,403	100.0	907	26.7	1,226	36.0	1,124	33.0	146	4.3

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

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

TABLE 33  
**HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1989-1998**  
 By Age of Arrestee

Year(s)	Total		Under 18		18-29		30-39		40 and over	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1998.....	2,117	100.0	308	14.5	1,244	58.8	302	14.3	263	12.4
1997.....	2,212	100.0	353	16.0	1,267	57.3	326	14.7	266	12.0
1996.....	2,535	100.0	389	15.3	1,430	56.4	427	16.8	289	11.4
1995 <sup>a</sup> .....	2,821	100.0	521	18.5	1,570	55.7	462	16.4	268	9.5
1994.....	2,963	100.0	542	18.3	1,625	54.8	483	16.3	313	10.6
1993.....	3,276	100.0	618	18.9	1,804	55.1	525	16.0	329	10.0
1992.....	3,387	100.0	645	19.0	1,877	55.4	511	15.1	354	10.5
1991.....	3,720	100.0	696	18.7	2,073	55.7	611	16.4	340	9.1
1990.....	3,882	100.0	658	17.0	2,218	57.1	630	16.2	376	9.7
1989.....	3,403	100.0	533	15.7	1,856	54.5	606	17.8	408	12.0

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

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

TABLE 34  
**HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1998**  
Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Gender and Age of Arrestee

Gender and age of arrestee	Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total										
Total.....	2,117	100.0	484	100.0	987	100.0	470	100.0	176	100.0
Gender										
Male.....	1,870	88.3	399	82.4	914	92.6	405	86.2	152	86.4
Female.....	247	11.7	85	17.6	73	7.4	65	13.8	24	13.6
Age										
Under 18.....	308	14.5	34	7.0	175	17.7	55	11.7	44	25.0
18-29.....	1,244	58.8	213	44.0	642	65.0	292	62.1	97	55.1
30-39.....	302	14.3	103	21.3	111	11.2	73	15.5	15	8.5
40 and over.....	263	12.4	134	27.7	59	6.0	50	10.6	20	11.4

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

TABLE 35  
**HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1998**  
 Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Gender and Age of Arrestee

Gender and age of arrestee	Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	2,117	100.0	484	100.0	987	100.0	470	100.0	176	100.0
Under 18.....	308	14.5	34	7.0	175	17.7	55	11.7	44	25.0
18-19.....	375	17.7	49	10.1	203	20.6	86	18.3	37	21.0
20-24.....	556	26.3	88	18.2	300	30.4	128	27.2	40	22.7
25-29.....	313	14.8	76	15.7	139	14.1	78	16.6	20	11.4
30-34.....	152	7.2	48	9.9	56	5.7	40	8.5	8	4.5
35-39.....	150	7.1	55	11.4	55	5.6	33	7.0	7	4.0
40-44.....	107	5.1	47	9.7	28	2.8	24	5.1	8	4.5
45-49.....	63	3.0	34	7.0	12	1.2	13	2.8	4	2.3
50-54.....	42	2.0	22	4.5	10	1.0	6	1.3	4	2.3
55 and over.....	51	2.4	31	6.4	9	0.9	7	1.5	4	2.3
Male.....	1,870	100.0	399	100.0	914	100.0	405	100.0	152	100.0
Under 18.....	286	15.3	27	6.8	169	18.5	48	11.9	42	27.6
18-19.....	352	18.8	43	10.8	198	21.7	74	18.3	37	24.3
20-24.....	512	27.4	78	19.5	285	31.2	115	28.4	34	22.4
25-29.....	263	14.1	57	14.3	119	13.0	69	17.0	18	11.8
30-34.....	120	6.4	34	8.5	47	5.1	34	8.4	5	3.3
35-39.....	119	6.4	43	10.8	46	5.0	27	6.7	3	2.0
40-44.....	85	4.5	41	10.3	22	2.4	17	4.2	5	3.3
45-49.....	49	2.6	26	6.5	10	1.1	11	2.7	2	1.3
50-54.....	37	2.0	20	5.0	9	1.0	6	1.5	2	1.3
55 and over...	47	2.5	30	7.5	9	1.0	4	1.0	4	2.6
Female.....	247	100.0	85	100.0	73	100.0	65	100.0	24	100.0
Under 18.....	22	8.9	7	8.2	6	8.2	7	10.8	2	-
18-19.....	23	9.3	6	7.1	5	6.8	12	18.5	0	-
20-24.....	44	17.8	10	11.8	15	20.5	13	20.0	6	-
25-29.....	50	20.2	19	22.4	20	27.4	9	13.8	2	-
30-34.....	32	13.0	14	16.5	9	12.3	6	9.2	3	-
35-39.....	31	12.6	12	14.1	9	12.3	6	9.2	4	-
40-44.....	22	8.9	6	7.1	6	8.2	7	10.8	3	-
45-49.....	14	5.7	8	9.4	2	2.7	2	3.1	2	-
50-54.....	5	2.0	2	2.4	1	1.4	0	0.0	2	-
55 and over...	4	1.6	1	1.2	0	0.0	3	4.6	0	-

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

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

**TABLE 36**  
**DISPOSITIONS IN 1989-1998 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE**  
 By Type of Disposition

Year(s)	Total		Released <sup>1</sup>		Complaints filed			
					Dismissed, acquitted <sup>2</sup>		Convicted	
					Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1998 <sup>a</sup> .....	1,533	100.0	175	11.4	206	13.4	1,152	75.1
1997.....	1,756	100.0	204	11.6	252	14.4	1,300	74.0
1996.....	1,894	100.0	208	11.0	245	12.9	1,441	76.1
1995.....	1,746	100.0	179	10.3	227	13.0	1,340	76.7
1994.....	1,813	100.0	225	12.4	217	12.0	1,371	75.6
1993.....	2,141	100.0	204	9.5	316	14.8	1,621	75.7
1992.....	2,017	100.0	187	9.3	270	13.4	1,560	77.3
1991.....	1,804	100.0	243	13.5	255	14.1	1,306	72.4
1990.....	1,430	100.0	180	12.6	212	14.8	1,038	72.6
1989.....	1,488	100.0	252	16.9	157	10.6	1,079	72.5

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

<sup>a</sup> The 1998 data are preliminary and subject to change.

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

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

**TABLE 37**  
**DISPOSITIONS IN 1998 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE**  
 Gender, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age of Arrestee by Type of Disposition

Gender, race/ethnic group, and age of arrestee	Total		Released <sup>1</sup>		Complaints filed			
					Dismissed, acquitted <sup>2</sup>		Convicted	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total								
Total.....	1,533	100.0	175	11.4	206	13.4	1,152	75.1
Gender of arrestee								
Male.....	1,367	100.0	143	10.5	179	13.1	1,045	76.4
Female.....	165	100.0	32	19.4	27	16.4	106	64.2
Unknown.....	1	100.0	0	-	0	-	1	-
Race/ethnic group of arrestee								
White.....	322	100.0	25	7.8	42	13.0	255	79.2
Hispanic.....	608	100.0	71	11.7	54	8.9	483	79.4
Black.....	355	100.0	33	9.3	49	13.8	273	76.9
Other.....	81	100.0	8	9.9	16	19.8	57	70.4
Unknown.....	167	100.0	38	22.8	45	26.9	84	50.3
Age of arrestee <sup>3</sup>								
Under 18 <sup>a</sup> .....	58	100.0	0	0.0	5	8.6	53	91.4
18-29.....	985	100.0	114	11.6	130	13.2	741	75.2
30-39.....	296	100.0	36	12.2	42	14.2	218	73.6
40 and over.....	194	100.0	25	12.9	29	14.9	140	72.2

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

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

The 1998 data are preliminary and subject to change.

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

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

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

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

**TABLE 38**  
**DISPOSITIONS IN 1998 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE**  
**BASED ON COMPLAINTS FILED**  
Gender, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age of Arrestee by Type of Disposition

Gender, race/ethnic group, and age of arrestee	Total		Dismissed, acquitted <sup>1</sup>		Convicted	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total						
Total.....	1,358	100.0	206	15.2	1,152	84.8
Gender of arrestee						
Male.....	1,224	100.0	179	14.6	1,045	85.4
Female.....	133	100.0	27	20.3	106	79.7
Unknown.....	1	100.0	0	-	1	-
Race/ethnic group of arrestee						
White.....	297	100.0	42	14.1	255	85.9
Hispanic.....	537	100.0	54	10.1	483	89.9
Black.....	322	100.0	49	15.2	273	84.8
Other.....	73	100.0	16	21.9	57	78.1
Unknown.....	129	100.0	45	34.9	84	65.1
Age of arrestee <sup>2</sup>						
Under 18 <sup>a</sup> .....	58	100.0	5	8.6	53	91.4
18-29.....	871	100.0	130	14.9	741	85.1
30-39.....	260	100.0	42	16.2	218	83.8
40 and over.....	169	100.0	29	17.2	140	82.8

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

The 1998 data are preliminary and subject to change.

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

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

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



TABLE 39  
**DISPOSITIONS IN 1998 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE**  
 Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Type of Disposition

Type of disposition	Total	Gender			Race/ethnic group				
		Male	Female	Unknown	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown
Number									
Total.....	1,533	1,367	165	1	322	608	355	81	167
Law enforcement releases.....	67	57	10	0	9	22	20	3	13
Total complaints denied.....	108	86	22	0	16	49	13	5	25
Single complaints.....	108	86	22	0	16	49	13	5	25
Combined cases.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Petitions to revoke probation...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Complaints filed.....	1,358	1,224	133	1	297	537	322	73	129
Misdemeanor.....	69	46	23	0	19	17	2	3	28
Felony.....	1,289	1,178	110	1	278	520	320	70	101
Court dispositions.....	1,358	1,224	133	1	297	537	322	73	129
Dismissed.....	182	158	24	0	35	47	44	14	42
Diversion dismissed.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Acquitted.....	24	21	3	0	7	7	5	2	3
Convicted.....	1,152	1,045	106	1	255	483	273	57	84
Percent									
Total.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Law enforcement releases.....	4.4	4.2	6.1	-	2.8	3.6	5.6	3.7	7.8
Total complaints denied.....	7.0	6.3	13.3	-	5.0	8.1	3.7	6.2	15.0
Single complaints.....	7.0	6.3	13.3	-	5.0	8.1	3.7	6.2	15.0
Combined cases.....	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Petitions to revoke probation...	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Complaints filed.....	88.6	89.5	80.6	-	92.2	88.3	90.7	90.1	77.2
Misdemeanor.....	4.5	3.4	13.9	-	5.9	2.8	0.6	3.7	16.8
Felony.....	84.1	86.2	66.7	-	86.3	85.5	90.1	86.4	60.5
Court dispositions.....	88.6	89.5	80.6	-	92.2	88.3	90.7	90.1	77.2
Dismissed.....	11.9	11.6	14.5	-	10.9	7.7	12.4	17.3	25.1
Diversion dismissed.....	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Acquitted.....	1.6	1.5	1.8	-	2.2	1.2	1.4	2.5	1.8
Convicted.....	75.1	76.4	64.2	-	79.2	79.4	76.9	70.4	50.3

Notes: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.  
 Dash indicates that percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.  
 The 1998 data are preliminary and subject to change.

TABLE 40  
**DISPOSITIONS IN 1998 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE**  
 Age of Arrestee by Type of Disposition

Type of disposition	Total		Under 18 <sup>a</sup>		18-29		30-39		40 and over	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	1,533	100.0	58	100.0	985	100.0	296	100.0	194	100.0
Law enforcement releases.....	67	4.4	0	0.0	48	4.9	15	5.1	4	2.1
Total complaints denied.....	108	7.0	0	0.0	66	6.7	21	7.1	21	10.8
Single complaints.....	108	7.0	0	0.0	66	6.7	21	7.1	21	10.8
Combined cases.....	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Petitions to revoke probation...	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Complaints filed.....	1,358	88.6	58	100.0	871	88.4	260	87.8	169	87.1
Misdemeanor.....	69	4.5	0	0.0	32	3.2	29	9.8	8	4.1
Felony.....	1,289	84.1	58	100.0	839	85.2	231	78.0	161	83.0
Court dispositions.....	1,358	88.6	58	100.0	871	88.4	260	87.8	169	87.1
Dismissed.....	182	11.9	2	3.4	119	12.1	39	13.2	22	11.3
Diversions dismissed.....	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Acquitted.....	24	1.6	3	5.2	11	1.1	3	1.0	7	3.6
Convicted.....	1,152	75.1	53	91.4	741	75.2	218	73.6	140	72.2

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

The 1998 data are preliminary and subject to change.

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

TABLE 41  
DISPOSITIONS IN 1989-1998 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED  
By Convicted Offense

Year(s)	Total		Homicide		All other							
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Total		Robbery		Assault		Other	
					Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1998 <sup>a</sup> .....	1,152	100.0	736	63.9	416	36.1	24	2.1	217	18.8	175	15.2
1997.....	1,300	100.0	915	70.4	385	29.6	25	1.9	184	14.2	176	13.5
1996.....	1,441	100.0	1,041	72.2	400	27.8	37	2.6	183	12.7	180	12.5
1995.....	1,340	100.0	990	73.9	350	26.1	19	1.4	164	12.2	167	12.5
1994.....	1,371	100.0	1,018	74.3	353	25.7	30	2.2	163	11.9	160	11.7
1993.....	1,621	100.0	1,287	79.4	334	20.6	30	1.9	150	9.3	154	9.5
1992.....	1,560	100.0	1,239	79.4	321	20.6	26	1.7	133	8.5	162	10.4
1991.....	1,306	100.0	1,035	79.2	271	20.8	26	2.0	104	8.0	141	10.8
1990.....	1,038	100.0	814	78.4	224	21.6	25	2.4	60	5.8	139	13.4
1989.....	1,079	100.0	857	79.4	222	20.6	10	0.9	80	7.4	132	12.2

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

Data include convictions for both misdemeanors and felonies.

<sup>a</sup> The 1998 data are preliminary and subject to change.

**TABLE 42**  
**DISPOSITIONS IN 1998 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED**  
**Gender, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age of Offender by Convicted Offense**

Gender, race/ethnic group, and age of offender	Total		Homicide		All other							
					Total		Robbery		Assault		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total												
Total.....	1,152	100.0	736	63.9	416	36.1	24	2.1	217	18.8	175	15.2
Gender of offender												
Male.....	1,045	100.0	688	65.8	357	34.2	18	1.7	191	18.3	148	14.2
Female.....	106	100.0	48	45.3	58	54.7	6	5.7	25	23.6	27	25.5
Unknown.....	1	100.0	0	-	1	-	0	-	1	-	0	-
Race/ethnic group of offender												
White.....	255	100.0	161	63.1	94	36.9	5	2.0	42	16.5	47	18.4
Hispanic.....	483	100.0	307	63.6	176	36.4	14	2.9	87	18.0	75	15.5
Black.....	273	100.0	211	77.3	62	22.7	4	1.5	35	12.8	23	8.4
Other.....	57	100.0	41	71.9	16	28.1	1	1.8	9	15.8	6	10.5
Unknown.....	84	100.0	16	19.0	68	81.0	0	0.0	44	52.4	24	28.6
Age of offender <sup>1</sup>												
Under 18 <sup>a</sup> .....	53	100.0	41	77.4	12	22.6	1	1.9	5	9.4	6	11.3
18-29.....	741	100.0	474	64.0	267	36.0	20	2.7	132	17.8	115	15.5
30-39.....	218	100.0	126	57.8	92	42.2	3	1.4	54	24.8	35	16.1
40 and over.....	140	100.0	95	67.9	45	32.1	0	0.0	26	18.6	19	13.6

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

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

Data include convictions for both misdemeanors and felonies.

The 1998 data are preliminary and subject to change.

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

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

TABLE 43  
**DISPOSITIONS IN 1998 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED**  
 Convicted Offense by Sentence

Sentence	Total		Homicide		All other							
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Total		Robbery		Assault		Other	
					Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	1,152	100.0	736	100.0	416	100.0	24	100.0	217	100.0	175	100.0
Death, prison, Youth Authority.....	929	80.6	696	94.6	233	56.0	20	-	111	51.2	102	58.3
Death.....	30	2.6	30	4.1	0	0.0	0	-	0	0.0	0	0.0
Prison.....	897	77.9	665	90.4	232	55.8	20	-	111	51.2	101	57.7
Youth Authority....	2	0.2	1	0.1	1	0.2	0	-	0	0.0	1	0.6
All other.....	223	19.4	40	5.4	183	44.0	4	-	106	48.8	73	41.7
Jail.....	4	0.3	1	0.1	3	0.7	0	-	3	1.4	0	0.0
Probation with jail.	185	16.1	34	4.6	151	36.3	4	-	86	39.6	61	34.9
Probation.....	30	2.6	4	0.5	26	6.3	0	-	17	7.8	9	5.1
Other.....	4	0.3	1	0.1	3	0.7	0	-	0	0.0	3	1.7

Notes: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.  
 Dash indicates that percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.  
 Data include convictions for both misdemeanors and felonies.  
 The 1998 data are preliminary and subject to change.

**TABLE 44  
PERSONS UNDER CALIFORNIA SENTENCE OF DEATH, 1978-1998**

Year(s)	Initial sentences	(+) Resentences	(-) Removals <sup>1</sup>	(=) Persons under sentence of death <sup>2</sup>
1998 <sup>a</sup> .....	32	2	9	516
1997.....	40	0	8	493
1996.....	40	1	6	461
1995.....	38	0	3	426
1994.....	21	1	5	391
1993.....	34	0	5	374
1992 <sup>b</sup> .....	40	6	5	345
1991 <sup>c</sup> .....	26	3	2	305
1990.....	33	3	4	279
1989 <sup>d</sup> .....	33	4	11	247
1988 <sup>e</sup> .....	34	3	15	223
1987 <sup>f</sup> .....	25	4	6	203
1986.....	21	5	6	179
1985.....	16	2	20	159
1984.....	27	2	11	161
1983 <sup>g</sup> .....	35	2	5	143
1982.....	39	0	6	113
1981.....	39	1	2	80
1980.....	23	1	7	42
1979.....	20	0	2	25
1978.....	7	0	0	7

Source: California Appellate Project.

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

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

<sup>a</sup> In 1998, two persons already under sentence of death received additional death sentences. Thirty-two initial sentences were imposed with 30 new persons being sentenced.

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

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

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

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

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

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

TABLE 45  
**PERSONS SENTENCED TO DEATH, 1998**  
 Sentencing County by Gender, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age

Sentencing county	Total	Gender		Race/ethnic group				Age at arrest					
		Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 and over
Total.....	32	30	2	5	18	9	0	6	8	8	7	0	3
Alameda.....	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kern.....	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kings.....	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Los Angeles.....	16	16	0	0	12	4	0	2	7	4	3	0	0
Monterey.....	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Orange.....	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Riverside.....	5	4	1	0	2	3	0	2	1	1	1	0	0
San Diego.....	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Santa Barbara....	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura.....	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

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

TABLE 46  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES AND PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1989-1998**  
 Number and Rate per 100,000 Respective Population

Year(s)	California population	Homicides		Sworn law enforcement personnel <sup>2</sup>	Peace officers killed in the line of duty	
		Number <sup>1</sup>	Rate		Number	Rate
1998.....	33,494,000	2,170	6.5	67,035	7	10.4
1997.....	32,957,000	2,579	7.8	65,416	7	10.7
1996.....	32,383,000	2,910	9.0	63,778	5	7.8
1995.....	32,063,000	3,530	11.0	62,156	10	16.1
1994.....	32,140,000	3,699	11.5	59,340	9	15.2
1993.....	31,742,000	4,095	12.9	58,861	8	13.6
1992.....	31,300,000	3,920	12.5	59,386	5	8.4
1991.....	30,646,000	3,876	12.6	60,901	3	4.9
1990.....	29,557,836	3,562	12.1	60,227	5	8.3
1989.....	28,771,207	3,159	11.0	58,149	5 <sup>a</sup>	8.6

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

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

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

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

TABLE 47  
**PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1998**  
 By Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	Number	Percent
Total.....	7	100.0
Aiding another officer during traffic stop.....	1	-
Argument (between mother and son).....	1	-
Attempted arrest of gang member.....	3	-
Investigation (gang-related activities).....	1	-
Robbery.....	1	-

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



TABLE 48  
**JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS  
 OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1998**  
 By Gender, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age of Deceased

Gender, race/ethnic group, and age of deceased	Total		Peace officer justifiable		Citizen justifiable	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total						
Total.....	156	100.0	110	100.0	46	100.0
Gender						
Male.....	152	97.4	108	98.2	44	95.7
Female.....	4	2.6	2	1.8	2	4.3
Race/ethnic group						
White.....	51	32.7	44	40.0	7	15.2
Hispanic.....	57	36.5	41	37.3	16	34.8
Black.....	38	24.4	17	15.5	21	45.7
Other.....	10	6.4	8	7.3	2	4.3
Age						
Under 18.....	10	6.4	9	8.2	1	2.2
18-19.....	6	3.8	2	1.8	4	8.7
20-24.....	32	20.5	20	18.2	12	26.1
25-29.....	37	23.7	25	22.7	12	26.1
30-34.....	27	17.3	17	15.5	10	21.7
35-39.....	13	8.3	10	9.1	3	6.5
40-44.....	8	5.1	6	5.5	2	4.3
45-49.....	10	6.4	10	9.1	0	0.0
50-54.....	6	3.8	6	5.5	0	0.0
55 and over.....	5	3.2	3	2.7	2	4.3
Unknown.....	2	1.3	2	1.8	0	0.0

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

TABLE 49  
**JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS  
 OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1998**  
 By Location of Justifiable Homicide

Location of justifiable homicide	Number	Percent
Total		
Total.....	156	
Peace officer justifiable		
Total.....	110	100.0
Felon's residence.....	17	15.5
Other residence.....	9	8.2
Street, sidewalk.....	71	64.5
Commercial establishment..	2	1.8
Liquor store.....	0	0.0
Bar.....	2	1.8
Other business.....	0	0.0
All other.....	11	10.0
Parking lot.....	3	2.7
Vehicle.....	5	4.5
Field, park.....	1	0.9
School.....	1	0.9
Other.....	1	0.9
Citizen justifiable		
Total.....	46	100.0
Citizen's, shared residence..	13	28.3
Citizen's residence.....	11	23.9
Shared residence.....	2	4.3
Other residence.....	9	19.6
Victim's residence.....	7	15.2
Other residence.....	2	4.3
Street, sidewalk.....	13	28.3
Commercial establishment..	10	21.7
Liquor store.....	1	2.2
Bar.....	2	4.3
Other business.....	7	15.2
All other.....	1	2.2
Parking lot.....	0	0.0
Vehicle.....	1	2.2
Field, park.....	0	0.0
School.....	0	0.0
Other.....	0	0.0

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

TABLE 50  
**JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS  
 OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1998**  
 By Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	Number	Percent
Total		
Total.....	156	
Peace officer justifiable		
Total.....	110	100.0
Felon attacked peace officer.....	85	77.3
Felon killed during commission of crime..	25	22.7
Citizen justifiable		
Total.....	46	100.0
Felon attacked citizen.....	18	39.1
Felon killed during commission of crime..	28	60.9

TABLE 51  
**JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS  
 OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 1998**  
 By Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	Total		Peace officer justifiable		Citizen justifiable	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	156	100.0	110	100.0	46	100.0
Firearm.....	148	94.9	110	100.0	38	82.6
Handgun.....	134	85.9	100	90.9	34	73.9
Rifle.....	8	5.1	6	5.5	2	4.3
Shotgun.....	6	3.8	4	3.6	2	4.3
Firearm - unknown type...	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Knife <sup>1</sup> .....	8	5.1	0	0.0	8	17.4

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

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

TABLE 52  
POPULATION ESTIMATES, 1952-1998

Year(s)	Total population	Population at risk		
		Total <sup>1</sup>	Adult <sup>2</sup>	Juvenile <sup>3</sup>
1998.....	33,494,000	25,263,064	21,498,170	3,764,894
1997.....	32,957,000	25,760,375	21,934,916	3,825,459
1996.....	32,383,000	25,554,242	21,825,735	3,728,507
1995.....	32,063,000	25,122,782	21,505,839	3,616,943
1994.....	32,140,000	24,703,379	21,193,571	3,509,808
1993.....	31,742,000	24,334,534	20,923,632	3,410,902
1992.....	31,300,000	23,975,578	20,661,120	3,314,458
1991.....	30,646,000	23,585,168	20,356,984	3,228,184
1990.....	29,557,836	23,178,961	20,027,633	3,151,328
1989.....	28,771,207	22,524,392	19,451,763	3,072,629
1988.....	28,060,746	21,969,953	18,885,349	3,084,604
1987.....	27,388,477	21,483,563	18,378,758	3,104,805
1986.....	26,741,621	21,009,362	17,903,122	3,106,240
1985.....	26,112,632	20,563,314	17,468,941	3,094,373
1984.....	25,587,254	20,167,923	17,083,479	3,084,444
1983.....	25,075,581	19,860,746	16,763,095	3,097,651
1982.....	24,546,566	19,510,945	16,415,571	3,095,374
1981.....	24,038,711	19,172,812	16,082,355	3,090,457
1980.....	23,668,145	18,824,197	15,778,999	3,045,198
1979.....	23,255,000	18,371,691	15,323,376	3,048,315
1978.....	22,839,000	18,012,901	14,916,032	3,096,869
1977.....	22,350,000	17,619,453	14,470,680	3,148,773
1976.....	21,935,000	17,269,884	14,080,872	3,189,012
1975.....	21,537,000	16,914,556	13,694,793	3,219,763
1974.....	21,173,000	16,563,671	13,339,906	3,223,765
1973.....	20,868,000	16,237,031	13,031,007	3,206,024
1972.....	20,585,000	15,926,249	12,758,809	3,167,440
1971.....	20,346,000	15,657,238	12,542,795	3,114,443
1970.....	20,039,000	15,378,312	12,339,580	3,038,732
1969.....	19,856,000	14,697,200	11,657,600	3,039,600
1968.....	19,554,000	14,379,400	11,403,700	2,975,700
1967.....	19,478,000	14,065,700	11,159,800	2,905,900
1966.....	19,132,000	13,696,700	10,872,500	2,824,200
1965.....	18,756,000	13,377,400	10,620,600	2,756,800
1964.....	18,234,000	12,981,700	10,311,100	2,670,600
1963.....	17,675,000	12,564,600	10,047,700	2,516,900
1962.....	17,044,000	12,099,200	9,740,000	2,359,200
1961.....	16,445,000	11,697,900	9,469,100	2,228,800
1960.....	15,860,000	11,314,900	9,203,300	2,111,600
1959.....	15,280,000	-	-	-
1958.....	14,752,000	-	-	-
1957.....	14,190,000	-	-	-
1956.....	13,600,000	-	-	-
1955.....	13,035,000	-	-	-
1954.....	12,595,000	-	-	-
1953.....	12,101,000	-	-	-
1952.....	11,638,000	-	-	-

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

Note: Population data by age are not available prior to 1960.

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

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

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

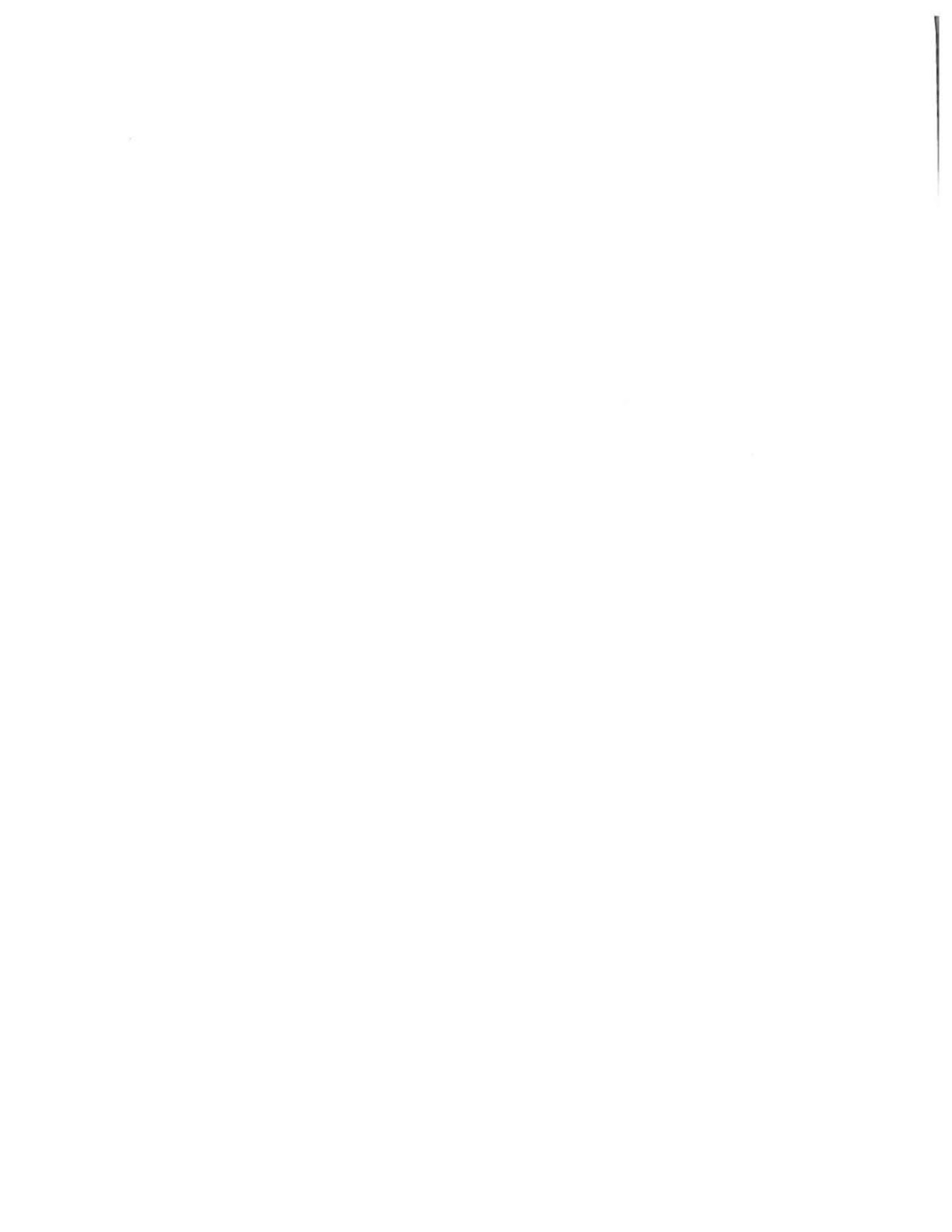




# APPENDICES







# appendix I

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## COMPUTATIONAL FORMULAS

**ARREST RATE** - An arrest rate describes the number of arrests made by law enforcement agencies per 100,000 total population or per 100,000 population considered to be at risk for arrest. Regardless of the population used, both rates are calculated in the same manner. An arrest rate is calculated by dividing the number of reported arrests by the respective population; the result is multiplied by 100,000. For example, in 1998 there were 2,117 homicide arrests. The total population was 33,494,000 and the total population at risk (10-69 years of age) was 25,263,064.

$$\frac{2,117}{33,494,000} = 0.0000632 \times 100,000 = 6.3 \text{ per } 100,000 \text{ population}$$

$$\frac{2,117}{25,263,064} = 0.0000837 \times 100,000 = 8.4 \text{ per } 100,000 \text{ population at risk}$$

**CLEARANCE RATE** - A clearance rate is the percentage of crimes reported that have been cleared. It is calculated by dividing the number of crimes cleared by the number of crimes reported. The result is multiplied by 100. For example, in 1998 there were 1,369 homicides cleared and 2,170 homicides reported. This equals a homicide clearance rate of 63.1 percent.

$$\frac{1,369}{2,170} = 0.6308755 \times 100 = 63.1 \text{ percent}$$

**CRIME RATE** - A crime rate describes the number of crimes reported to law enforcement agencies per 100,000 total population. A crime rate is calculated by dividing the number of reported crimes by the total population; the result is multiplied by 100,000. For example, in 1998 there were 2,170 homicides in California and the population was 33,494,000. This equals a homicide crime rate of 6.5 per 100,000 general population.

$$\frac{2,170}{33,494,000} = 0.0000647 \times 100,000 = 6.5$$

**PERCENT CHANGE** - A percent change describes a change in number or rate from one year to another. A percent change is calculated by subtracting base year data from current year data. The result is divided by base year data and multiplied by 100. For example, in 1998 the homicide crime rate was 6.5. In 1989 the homicide crime rate was 11.0. The percent change in rate from 1989 to 1998 is a 40.9 percent decrease.

$$\frac{6.5 - 11.0}{11.0} = -0.4090909 \times 100 = -40.9 \text{ percent}$$

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

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

# appendix II

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## CRIMINAL JUSTICE GLOSSARY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Human blood is heavy, the man that has shed it cannot run away.  
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