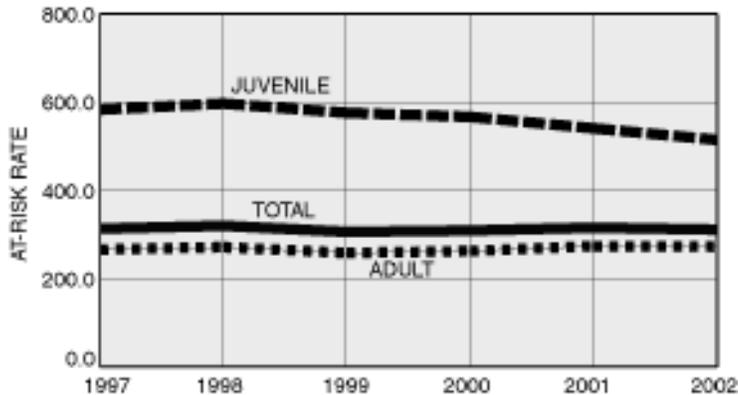


MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS FOR  
ASSAULT AND BATTERY, 1997-2002  
Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk



Source: Table 27.

## Assault and Battery Arrests

### Comparing 1997 to 2002:

- There was a 0.7 percent decrease in the rate of total assault and battery arrests.
- There was a 2.3 percent increase in the rate of adult arrests and an 11.7 percent decrease in the rate of juvenile arrests.

### From 2001 to 2002:

- There was a 1.4 percent rate decrease in total assault and battery arrests.
- There was a 0.5 percent rate decrease in adult arrests and a 4.8 percent rate decrease in juvenile arrests.

### In 2002, of 84,936 arrests for assault and battery:

- Adult arrests accounted for 73.5 percent (62,421).
- Juvenile arrests accounted for 26.5 percent (22,515).

*The juvenile arrest rate for assault and battery offenses declined for the fourth consecutive year.*

# Arrests

## Petty Theft Arrests

### Comparing 1997 to 2002:

- There was a 35.6 percent decrease in the rate of total petty theft arrests.
- There was a 34.3 percent decrease in the rate of adult arrests and a 40.9 percent decrease in the rate of juvenile arrests.

### From 2001 to 2002:

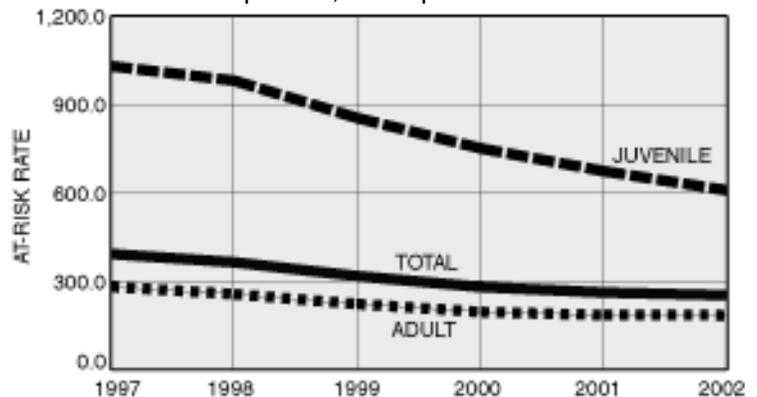
- There was a 3.5 percent rate decrease in total petty theft arrests.
- There was a 0.3 percent rate decrease in adult arrests and a 9.7 percent rate decrease in juvenile arrests.

### In 2002, of 69,009 arrests for petty theft:

- Adult arrests accounted for 61.4 percent (42,392).
- Juvenile arrests accounted for 38.6 percent (26,617).

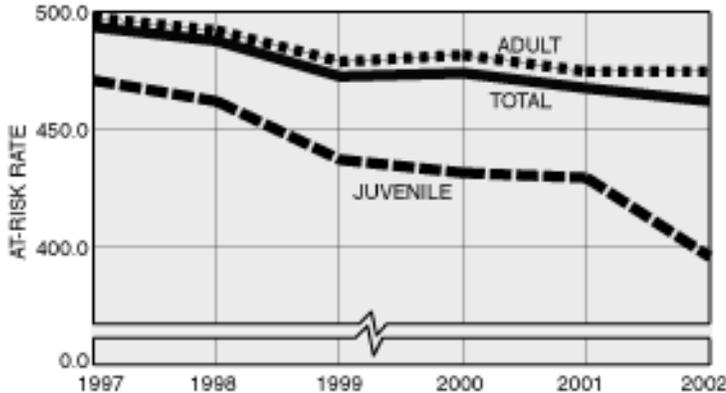
*Although the juvenile petty theft arrest rate has declined 40.9 percent over the past five years, the 2002 rate is over three times that of the adult petty theft arrest rate.*

MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS FOR  
PETTY THEFT, 1997-2002  
Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk



Source: Table 27.

MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS FOR  
DRUG OFFENSES, 1997-2002  
Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk



Source: Table 27.

## Drug Offense Arrests

**Misdemeanor Drug Offense Arrests - marijuana and other drug offenses such as possession of paraphernalia.**

### Comparing 1997 to 2002:

- There was a 6.4 percent decrease in the rate of total drug offense arrests.
- There was a 4.6 percent decrease in the rate of adult arrests and a 15.9 percent decrease in the rate of juvenile arrests.

### From 2001 to 2002:

- There was a 1.2 percent rate decrease in total drug offense arrests.
- There was no change in the rate of adult arrests and a 7.8 percent rate decrease in juvenile arrests.

**In 2002**, of 126,152 arrests for drug offenses:

- Adult arrests accounted for 86.3 percent (108,832).
- Juvenile arrests accounted for 13.7 percent (17,320).

*The juvenile arrest rate for drug offenses declined for the fifth consecutive year.*

# Arrests

## Drunk Arrests

### Comparing 1997 to 2002:

- There was a 16.6 percent decrease in the rate of total drunk arrests.
- There was a 15.0 percent decrease in the rate of adult arrests and a 29.9 percent decrease in the rate of juvenile arrests.

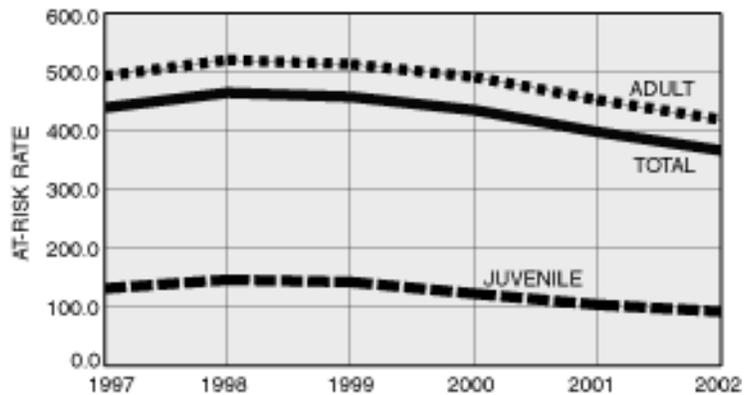
### From 2001 to 2002:

- There was a 7.9 percent rate decrease in total drunk arrests.
- There was a 7.4 percent rate decrease in adult arrests and an 11.3 percent rate decrease in juvenile arrests.

### In 2002, of 100,095 arrests for drunk offenses:

- Adult arrests accounted for 96.0 percent (96,059).
- Juvenile arrests accounted for 4.0 percent (4,036).

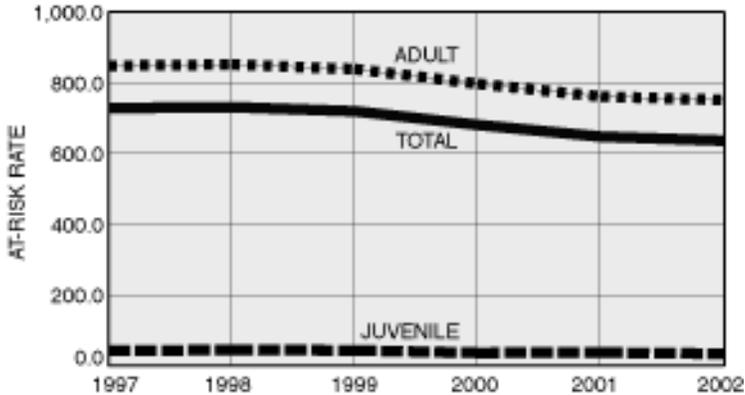
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS FOR DRUNKENNESS, 1997-2002  
Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk



Source: Table 27.

*Juvenile and adult arrest rates for drunk offenses declined for the fourth consecutive year.*

MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS FOR  
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, 1997-2002  
Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk



Source: Table 27.

## Driving Under the Influence Arrests

**Driving Under the Influence** - *driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or the combination of alcohol and drugs without causing injury or death.*

### Comparing 1997 to 2002:

- There was a 12.6 percent decrease in the rate of total misdemeanor arrests for driving under the influence.
- There was an 11.4 percent decrease in the rate of adult arrests and a 19.5 percent decrease in the rate of juvenile arrests.

### From 2001 to 2002:

- There was a 1.7 percent rate decrease in total misdemeanor arrests for driving under the influence.
- There was a 1.3 percent rate decrease in adult arrests and an 8.9 percent rate decrease in juvenile arrests.

**In 2002**, of 173,748 arrests for driving under the influence offenses:

- Adult arrests accounted for 99.1 percent (172,266).
- Juvenile arrests accounted for 0.9 percent (1,482).

*In 2002, arrest rates for driving under the influence, for both juveniles and adults, continued to decline.*

## Personal Characteristics of Felony and Misdemeanor Arrestees

### Gender of Arrestee

In 2002, of 1,390,613 arrests for felony and misdemeanor offenses:

- Arrests of males accounted for 79.8 percent (1,109,366).
- Arrests of females accounted for 20.2 percent (281,247).

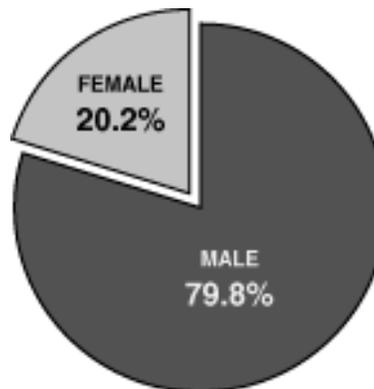
Of the 1,109,366 arrests of males:

- Felony offenses accounted for 35.3 percent (391,562).
- Misdemeanor offenses accounted for 64.7 percent (717,804).

Of the 281,247 arrests of females:

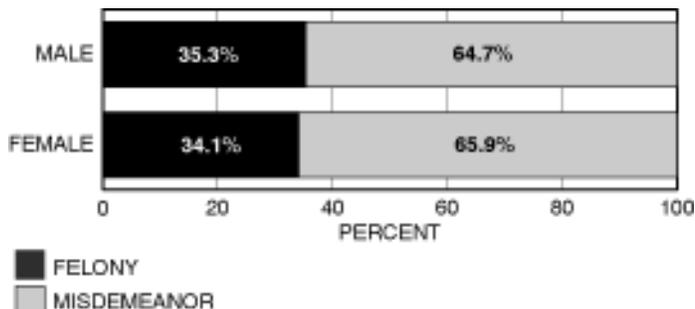
- Felony offenses accounted for 34.1 percent (95,802).
- Misdemeanor offenses accounted for 65.9 percent (185,445).

FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS, 2002  
By Gender of Arrestee



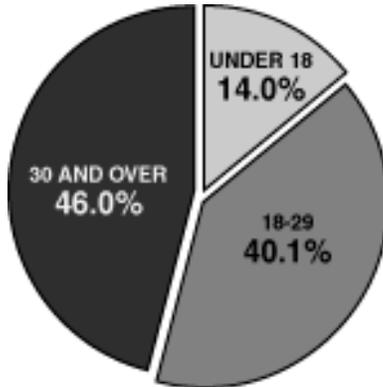
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FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS, 2002  
Gender of Arrestee by Level of Offense



Source: Table 30.

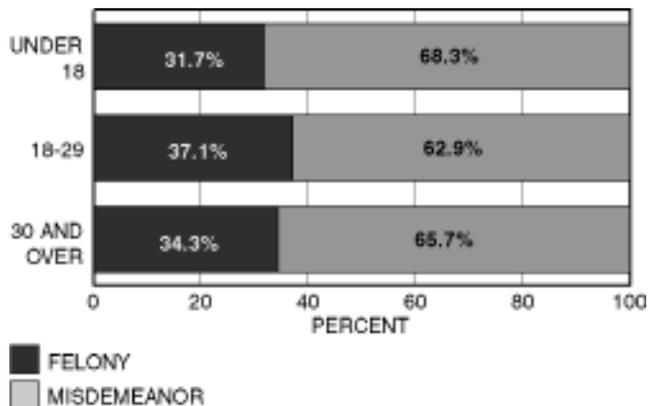
FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS, 2002  
By Age of Arrestee



Source: Table 30.

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

FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS, 2002  
Age of Arrestee by Level of Offense



Source: Table 30.

## Personal Characteristics of Felony and Misdemeanor Arrestees (continued)

### Age of Arrestee

In 2002, of 1,390,613 arrests for felony and misdemeanor offenses:

- Arrests of persons under 18 years of age accounted for 14.0 percent (194,014).
- Arrests of persons 18-29 years of age accounted for 40.1 percent (557,200).
- Arrests of persons 30 years of age and over accounted for 46.0 percent (639,399).

Of 194,014 arrests of persons under 18 years of age:

- Felony arrests accounted for 31.7 percent (61,539).
- Misdemeanor arrests accounted for 68.3 percent (132,475).

Of 557,200 arrests of persons 18-29 years of age:

- Felony arrests accounted for 37.1 percent (206,692).
- Misdemeanor arrests accounted for 62.9 percent (350,508).

And, of 639,399 arrests of persons 30 years of age and over:

- Felony arrests accounted for 34.3 percent (219,133).
- Misdemeanor arrests accounted for 65.7 percent (420,266).

# Arrests

## Personal Characteristics of Felony and Misdemeanor Arrestees (continued)

### Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee

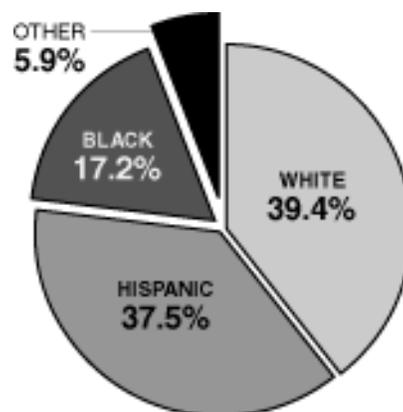
In 2002, of 1,390,613 arrests for felony and misdemeanor offenses:

- Arrests of whites accounted for 39.4 percent (547,882).
- Arrests of Hispanics accounted for 37.5 percent (521,484).
- Arrests of blacks accounted for 17.2 percent (238,961).
- Arrests of persons of other race/ethnic groups accounted for 5.9 percent (82,286).

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

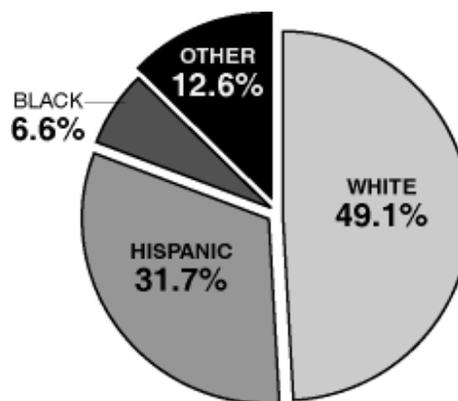
Beginning with the *Crime and Delinquency in California, 1991* publication, race/ethnic group designations used for data display purposes are the same as California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, designations.

FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS, 2002  
By Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee



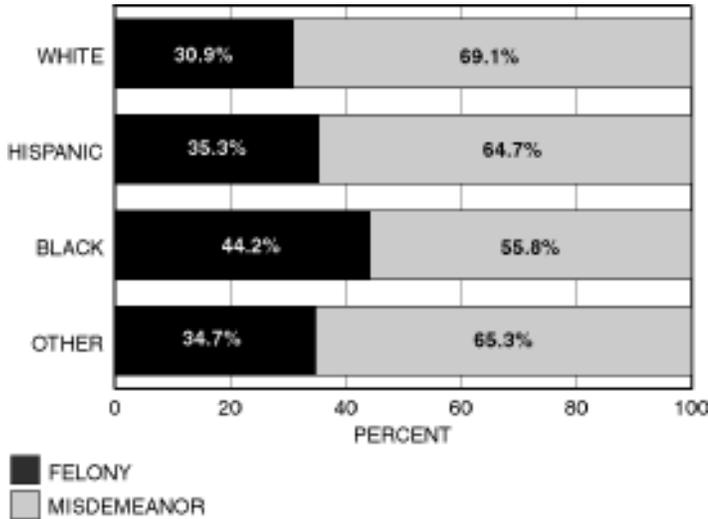
Source: Table 30.

POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA, 2002  
By Race/Ethnic Group



Source: California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit.

FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS, 2002  
Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Level of Offense



Source: Table 30.

## Personal Characteristics of Felony and Misdemeanor Arrestees (continued)

### Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee (continued)

Of 547,882 arrests of whites:

- Felony arrests accounted for 30.9 percent (169,283).
- Misdemeanor arrests accounted for 69.1 percent (378,599).

Of 521,484 arrests of Hispanics:

- Felony arrests accounted for 35.3 percent (183,943).
- Misdemeanor arrests accounted for 64.7 percent (337,541).

Of 238,961 arrests of blacks:

- Felony arrests accounted for 44.2 percent (105,569).
- Misdemeanor arrests accounted for 55.8 percent (133,392).

And, of 82,286 arrests of persons of other race/ethnic groups:

- Felony arrests accounted for 34.7 percent (28,569).
- Misdemeanor arrests accounted for 65.3 percent (53,717).

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