



# Crime in California

2002

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"We all deserve a safe place to live, work, and play. That must be the goal of all those serving in the criminal justice system throughout our state. While I believe the "get tough on crime" policies of the past few years are a step in that direction, we must remember that the war on crime in California will never be over as long as there are victims of crime."

Daniel E. Lungren, Attorney General  
"Crime and Delinquency in California, 1990"

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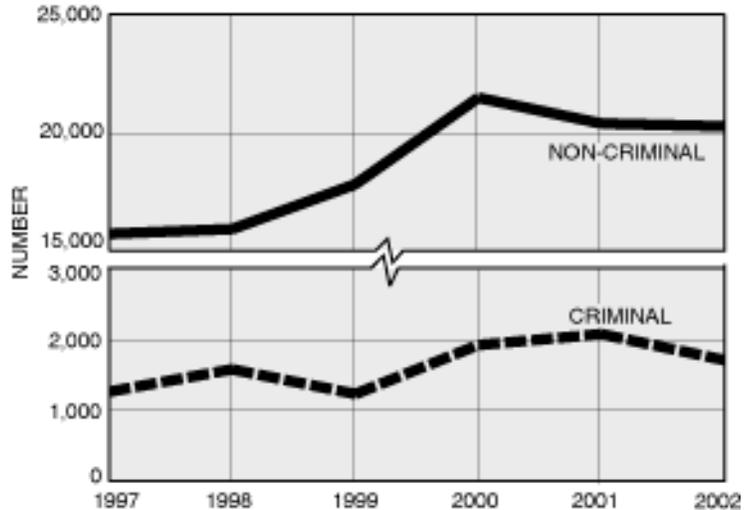
## Citizens' Complaints Against Peace Officers

Section 13012 of the Penal Code states, "The annual report of the department provided for in Section 13010 shall contain statistics showing: . . . (e) The number of citizens complaints received by law enforcement agencies under Section 832.5. These statistics shall indicate the total number of these complaints, the number alleging criminal conduct of either a felony or misdemeanor, and the number sustained in each category. The report shall not contain a reference to any individual agency but shall be by gross numbers only . . . ."

Section 832.5(a) of the Penal Code requires that "Each department or agency in this state that employs peace officers shall establish a procedure to investigate complaints by members of the public against the personnel of such departments or agencies, and shall make a written description of the procedure available to the public."

Because of the nature of the requirements of Penal Code section 832.5, reporting definitions and procedures vary among individual reporting agencies. The data shown are accurate and complete to the extent that contributing agencies met their reporting obligations.

CITIZENS' COMPLAINTS AGAINST PEACE OFFICERS, 1997-2002  
By Type of Complaint



Source: Table 54.

CITIZENS' COMPLAINTS AGAINST PEACE OFFICERS, 2002

Type and level of complaint	Reported	Sustained
Total calls		
Total .....	21,970	2,574
Non-criminal .....	20,259	2,405
Criminal .....	1,711	169
Level of complaint		
Criminal .....	1,711	169
Felony .....	1,015	61
Misdemeanor .....	696	108

Source: Table 54.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-RELATED CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE, 1997-2002  
By Type of Call



Source: Table 55.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-RELATED CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE, 2002

Type of call and weapon	Number	Percent
Total calls		
Total .....	196,569	100.0
Cases without weapon .....	76,710	39.0
Cases involving weapon .....	119,859	61.0
Type of weapon		
Cases involving weapon .....	119,859	100.0
Firearm .....	1,528	1.3
Knife or cutting instrument..	4,091	3.4
Other dangerous weapon ..	15,295	12.8
Personal weapon <sup>1</sup> .....	98,945	82.6

Source: Table 55.

<sup>1</sup> Personal weapons include hands, feet, etc.

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

## Domestic Violence

Effective January 1, 1986, in compliance with Penal Code section 13730(a), law enforcement agencies began reporting monthly the number of domestic violence-related calls for assistance and indicating which cases involved the use of a weapon. This information is reported to the Attorney General.

Section 13730(b) of the Penal Code also instructs the Attorney General to report annually on the number of domestic violence-related calls received statewide, in each county, and by individual law enforcement agencies. Statewide data are reported here. County and agency-level data will be published in the *Criminal Justice Profile, 2002* publication series.

Domestic violence is defined as ". . . abuse committed against an adult or a fully emancipated minor who is a spouse, former spouse, cohabitant, former cohabitant, or person with whom the suspect has had a child or is having or has had a dating or engagement relationship." [13700(b) PC]

Within this definition, abuse is further defined as ". . . intentionally or recklessly causing or attempting to cause bodily injury, or placing another person in reasonable apprehension of imminent serious bodily injury to himself or herself, or another." [13700(a) PC]

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