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## Petty Theft Arrests

### Comparing 1998 to 2003:

- There was a 31.1 percent decrease in the rate of total petty theft arrests.
- There was a 26.9 percent decrease in the rate of adult arrests and a 41.0 percent decrease in the rate of juvenile arrests.

### From 2002 to 2003:

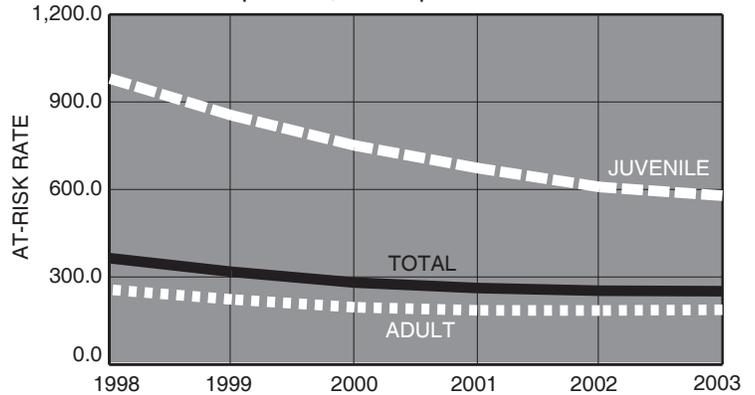
- There was a 0.7 percent rate decrease in total petty theft arrests.
- There was a 1.4 percent rate increase in adult arrests and a 4.9 percent rate decrease in juvenile arrests.

### In 2003, of 69,837 arrests for petty theft:

- Adult arrests accounted for 62.6 percent (43,685).
- Juvenile arrests accounted for 37.4 percent (26,152).

*Although the juvenile petty theft arrest rate has declined 41.0 percent over the past five years, the 2003 rate is over three times that of the adult petty theft arrest rate.*

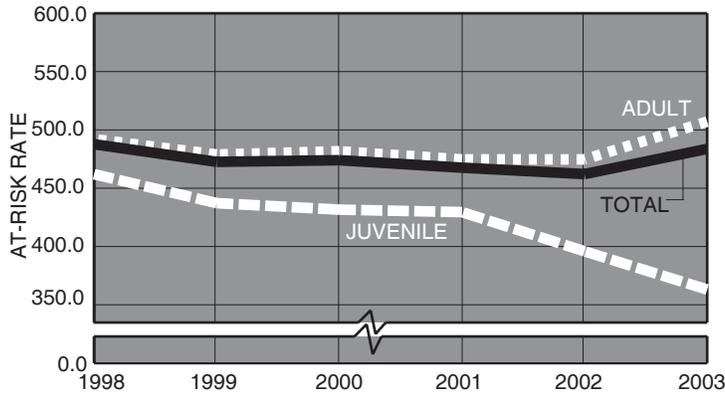
MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS FOR  
PETTY THEFT, 1998-2003  
Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk



Source: Table 27.

## Drug Offense Arrests

MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS FOR  
DRUG OFFENSES, 1998-2003  
Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk



Source: Table 27.

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

### Comparing 1998 to 2003:

- There was a 0.8 percent decrease in the rate of total drug offense arrests.
- There was a 3.0 percent increase in the rate of adult arrests and a 21.4 percent decrease in the rate of juvenile arrests.

### From 2002 to 2003:

- There was a 4.7 percent rate increase in total drug offense arrests.
- There was a 6.8 percent increase in the rate of adult arrests and an 8.3 percent rate decrease in juvenile arrests.

**In 2003**, of 134,555 arrests for drug offenses:

- Adult arrests accounted for 87.8 percent (118,142).
- Juvenile arrests accounted for 12.2 percent (16,413).

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

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## Drunk Arrests

### Comparing 1998 to 2003:

- There was a 23.7 percent decrease in the rate of total drunk arrests.
- There was a 21.8 percent decrease in the rate of adult arrests and a 43.2 percent decrease in the rate of juvenile arrests.

### From 2002 to 2003:

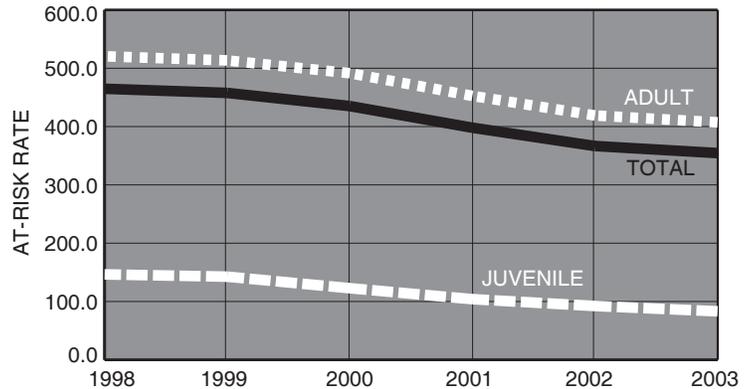
- There was a 3.3 percent rate decrease in total drunk arrests.
- There was a 2.8 percent rate decrease in adult arrests and a 9.9 percent rate decrease in juvenile arrests.

### In 2003, of 98,613 arrests for drunk offenses:

- Adult arrests accounted for 96.2 percent (94,853).
- Juvenile arrests accounted for 3.8 percent (3,760).

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

MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS FOR DRUNKENNESS, 1998-2003  
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 1998 to 2003:

- There was an 11.5 percent decrease in the rate of total misdemeanor arrests for driving under the influence.
- There was a 10.0 percent decrease in the rate of adult arrests and a 25.1 percent decrease in the rate of juvenile arrests.

### From 2002 to 2003:

- There was a 1.7 percent rate increase in total misdemeanor arrests for driving under the influence.
- There was a 2.0 percent rate increase in adult arrests and a 1.2 percent rate decrease in juvenile arrests.

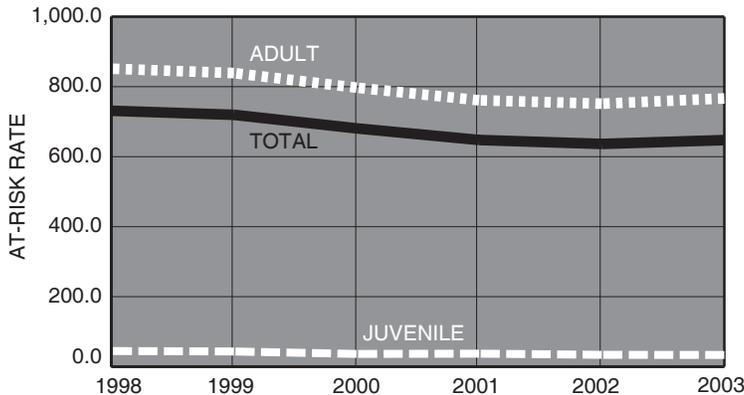
**In 2003**, of 180,074 arrests for driving under the influence offenses:

- Adult arrests accounted for 99.2 percent (178,561).
- Juvenile arrests accounted for 0.8 percent (1,513).

*After four years of decreases, the adult arrest rate for driving under the influence increased 2.0 percent in 2003.*

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MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, 1998-2003  
Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk



Source: Table 27.

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## Personal Characteristics of Felony and Misdemeanor Arrestees

### Gender of Arrestee

In 2003, of 1,438,863 arrests for felony and misdemeanor offenses:

- Arrests of males accounted for 79.3 percent (1,141,439).
- Arrests of females accounted for 20.7 percent (297,424).

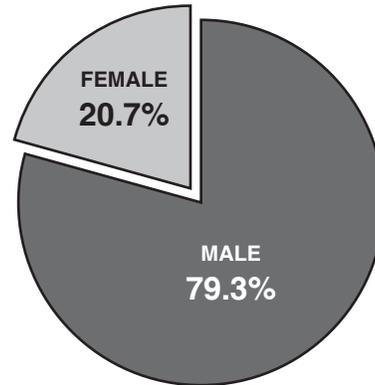
Of the 1,141,439 arrests of males:

- Felony offenses accounted for 35.6 percent (406,295).
- Misdemeanor offenses accounted for 64.4 percent (735,144).

Of the 297,424 arrests of females:

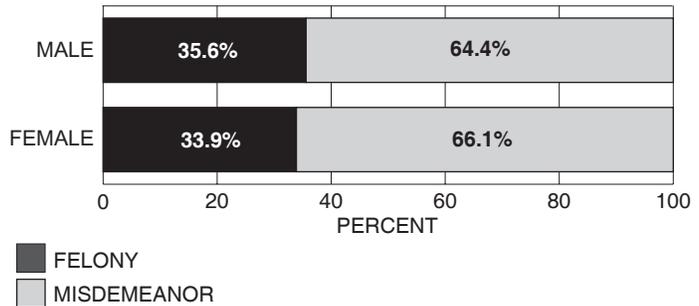
- Felony offenses accounted for 33.9 percent (100,786).
- Misdemeanor offenses accounted for 66.1 percent (196,638).

FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS, 2003  
By Gender of Arrestee



Source: Table 30.

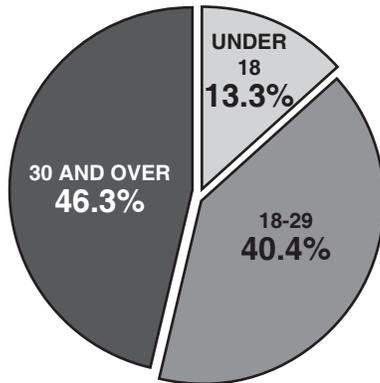
FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS, 2003  
Gender of Arrestee by Level of Offense



Source: Table 30.

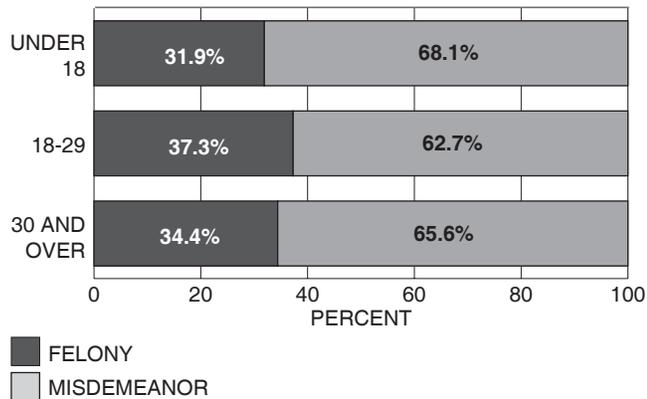
## Personal Characteristics of Felony and Misdemeanor Arrestees (continued)

FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS, 2003  
By Age of Arrestee



Source: Table 30.

FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS, 2003  
Age of Arrestee by Level of Offense



Source: Table 30.

### Age of Arrestee

In 2003, of 1,438,863 arrests for felony and misdemeanor offenses:

- Arrests of persons under 18 years of age accounted for 13.3 percent (191,100).
- Arrests of persons 18-29 years of age accounted for 40.4 percent (581,826).
- Arrests of persons 30 years of age and over accounted for 46.3 percent (665,937).

Of 191,100 arrests of persons under 18 years of age:

- Felony arrests accounted for 31.9 percent (60,878).
- Misdemeanor arrests accounted for 68.1 percent (130,222).

Of 581,826 arrests of persons 18-29 years of age:

- Felony arrests accounted for 37.3 percent (216,850).
- Misdemeanor arrests accounted for 62.7 percent (364,976).

And, of 665,937 arrests of persons 30 years of age and over:

- Felony arrests accounted for 34.4 percent (229,353).
- Misdemeanor arrests accounted for 65.6 percent (436,584).

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

### Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee

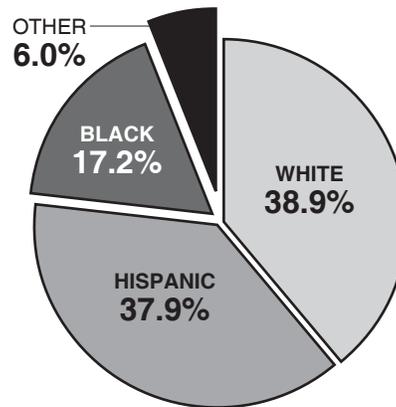
In 2003, of 1,438,863 arrests for felony and misdemeanor offenses:

- Arrests of whites accounted for 38.9 percent (559,584).
- Arrests of Hispanics accounted for 37.9 percent (545,753).
- Arrests of blacks accounted for 17.2 percent (247,438).
- Arrests of persons of other race/ethnic groups accounted for 6.0 percent (86,088).

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.

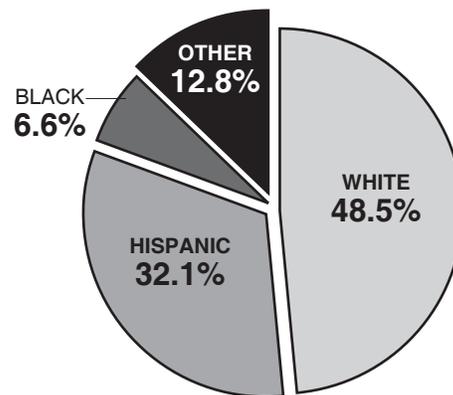
Beginning with the *Crime and Delinquency in California, 1991* publication, race/ethnic group designations used for data display purposes are the same as California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, designations.

FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS, 2003  
By Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee



Source: Table 30.

POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA, 2003  
By Race/Ethnic Group



Source: California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit.

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

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

Of 559,584 arrests of whites:

- Felony arrests accounted for 31.2 percent (174,512).
- Misdemeanor arrests accounted for 68.8 percent (385,072).

Of 545,753 arrests of Hispanics:

- Felony arrests accounted for 35.9 percent (196,129).
- Misdemeanor arrests accounted for 64.1 percent (349,624).

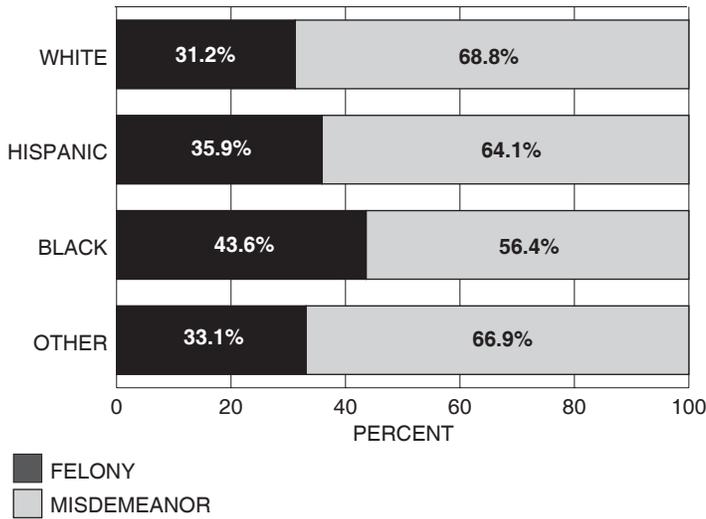
Of 247,438 arrests of blacks:

- Felony arrests accounted for 43.6 percent (107,967).
- Misdemeanor arrests accounted for 56.4 percent (139,471).

Of 86,088 arrests of persons of other race/ethnic groups:

- Felony arrests accounted for 33.1 percent (28,473).
- Misdemeanor arrests accounted for 66.9 percent (57,615).

FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS, 2003  
Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Level of Offense



Source: Table 30.

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