

# C&D

Crime & Delinquency  
in California, 1996

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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: . . . (d) The number of citizens complaints received by law enforcement agencies under Section 832.5. Such statistics shall indicate the total number of such 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 which employs peace officers shall establish a procedure to investigate citizens' complaints 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, 1996

Type and level of complaint	Reported	Sustained
Total complaints		
Total .....	19,376	2,728
Non-criminal .....	17,865	2,439
Criminal .....	1,511	289
Level of criminal complaint		
Criminal .....	1,511	289
Felony .....	646	93
Misdemeanor .....	865	196

Source: [Table 56.](#)

## Domestic Violence

Effective January 1, 1986, law enforcement agencies began reporting domestic violence-related calls for assistance and indicating which cases involved the use of a weapon in compliance with Penal Code section 13730(a). This information is reported monthly 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, 1996* 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]

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-RELATED CALLS  
FOR ASSISTANCE, 1996

Type of call and weapon	Number	Percent
Total calls		
Total .....	227,899	100.0
Cases without weapon .....	68,824	30.2
Cases involving weapon .....	159,075	69.8
Type of weapon		
Cases involving weapon .....	159,075	100.0
Firearm .....	2,327	1.5
Knife or cutting instrument ..	5,868	3.7
Other dangerous weapon ...	16,474	10.4
Personal weapon <sup>1</sup> .....	134,406	84.5

Source: Table 57.

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

<sup>1</sup> Hands, feet, etc.