

Homicide in California, 2001

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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.¹ 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.

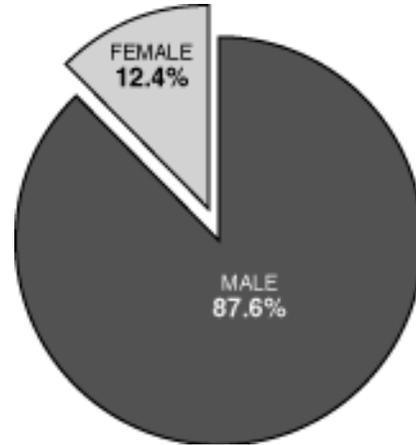
In 2001, of 1,754 arrests for homicide:

- 87.6 percent of arrestees (1,537) were male.
- 12.4 percent (217) were female.

□ In 2001, the majority of homicide arrestees and victims were male (87.6 and 79.8 percent, respectively). (See Tables 5 and 30.)

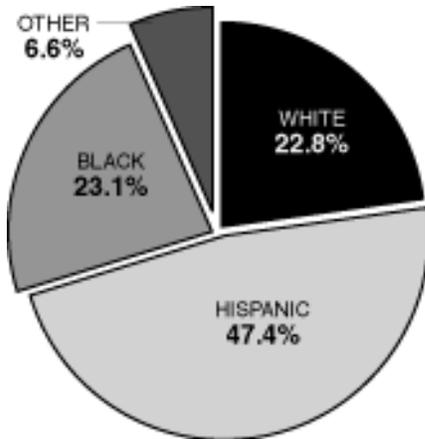
¹ The following penal codes for homicide arrest offenses were valid at the time of the closeout of the 2001 arrest offense code file: 128, 187(a), 189, 192(a), 192(b), 193(a), 193(b), 273ab, 399, and 12310(a).

Chart 38
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 2001
By Gender of Arrestee



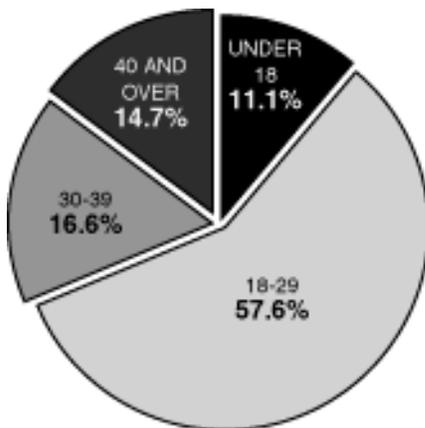
Source: Table 30.

Chart 39
 HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 2001
 By Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee



Source: Table 31.
 Note: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Chart 40
 HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 2001
 By Age of Arrestee



Source: Table 32.

In 2001, of 1,754 arrests for homicide:

- 22.8 percent of arrestees (400) were white.
- 47.4 percent (832) were Hispanic.
- 23.1 percent (406) were black.
- 6.6 percent (116) fell into the “other” race/ethnic group category.

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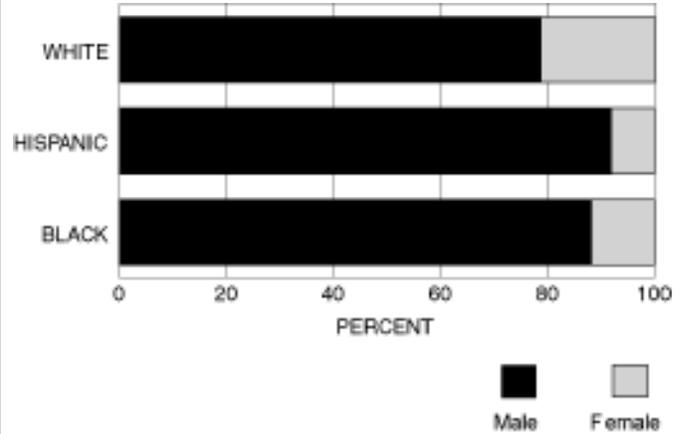
- 11.1 percent of arrestees (194) were under age 18.
- 57.6 percent (1,011) were aged 18-29.
- 16.6 percent (291) were aged 30-39.
- 14.7 percent (258) were aged 40 and over.

□ In 2001, the largest percentage of homicide arrestees and victims were Hispanic (47.4 and 44.9 percent, respectively). The majority of homicide arrestees were aged 18-29 (57.6 percent) and the largest percentage of homicide victims were aged 18-29 (45.3 percent). (See Tables 6, 7, 31, and 32.)

In 2001,

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

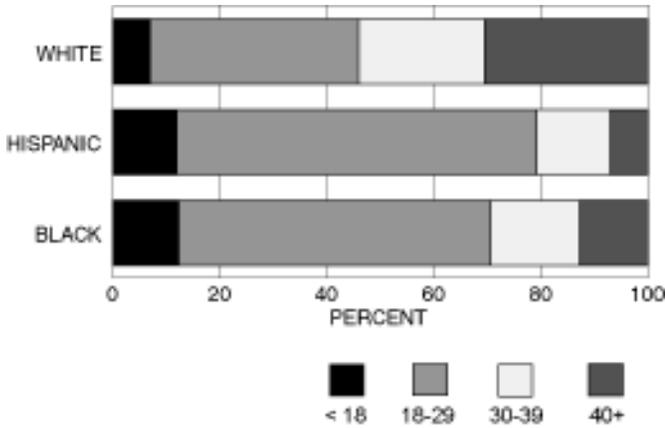
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HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 2001
Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Gender of Arrestee



Source: Table 33.

- In 2001, a greater percentage of white females were arrested for homicide than were Hispanic or black females (21.3 vs. 8.1 and 11.8 percent, respectively).

Chart 42
 HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 2001
 Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Age of Arrestee



Source: Table 33.

In 2001,

- A greater percentage of white arrestees were aged 40 and over than were Hispanic or black arrestees (30.5 vs. 7.0 and 12.8 percent, respectively).
- Regardless of race/ethnic group, the largest percentage of homicide arrestees fell into the “18-29” age category.

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