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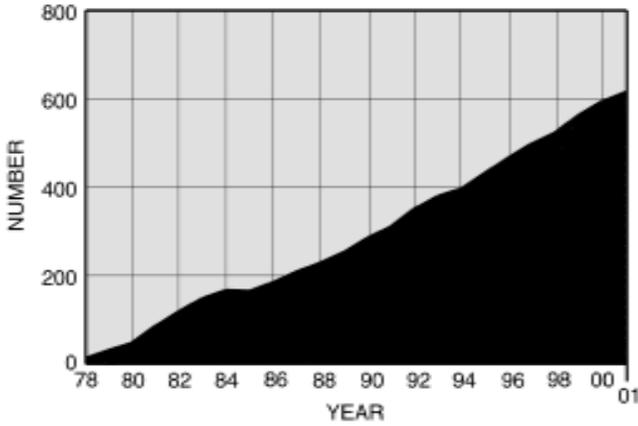
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DEATH PENALTY SENTENCES

This section contains information about persons sentenced to death in California courts in 2001. Death penalty data were extracted from the 2001 Offender-Based Transaction Statistics (OBTS) system. For detailed information regarding the death penalty and the criteria by which a person can be sentenced to death, refer to California Penal Code sections 190 through 190.9.

Chart 43
 PERSONS UNDER CALIFORNIA
 SENTENCE OF DEATH, 1978-2001



Source: Table 35.

During 2001, 25 persons were convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to death. These were initial death sentences only and do not include persons who were resentenced to death after their death sentences were reversed on appeal. By the end of 2001, 610 persons were under sentence of death in California.

Of the 25 persons newly sentenced to death in 2001:

- All 25 were male.
- Nine were white; 8 were Hispanic; 7 were black; 1 fell into the “other” race/ethnic group category.
- The mean (average) age at arrest was 30.
- Los Angeles County sentenced the largest number (7).

Additional information can be found in Tables 35 and 36.

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