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Homicide in California, 2002

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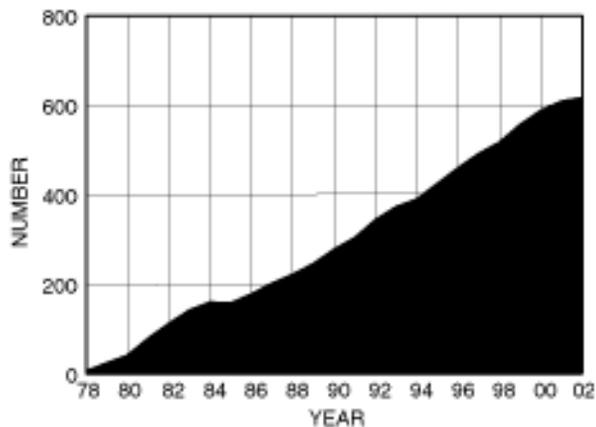
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## DEATH PENALTY SENTENCES

This section contains information about persons sentenced to death in California courts in 2002. Death penalty data were extracted from the 2002 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 44  
PERSONS UNDER CALIFORNIA  
SENTENCE OF DEATH, 1978-2002



Source: Table 35.

During 2002, there were 17 persons 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 2002, there were 618 persons under sentence of death in California.

Of the 17 persons newly sentenced to death in 2002:

- Fifteen were male; 2 were female.
- Eight were white; 1 was Hispanic; 4 were black; 4 fell into the "other" race/ethnic group category.
- The average (mean) age at arrest was 31.
- Riverside County sentenced the largest number (4).

Additional information can be found in Tables 35 and 36.

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*(To Peace Officers Killed  
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