

Table 3  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1994-2003**  
 By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim  
 Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Race/ethnic group of victim	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Percent change		
											1994-2003	2002-2003	
<b>Total</b>													
Number of victims.....	3,699	3,530	2,910	2,579	2,170	2,006	2,074	2,201	2,392	2,402	-35.1	0.4	
Percent of victims.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%			
Population.....	32,140,000	32,063,000	32,383,000	32,957,000	33,494,000	34,036,000	34,480,000	34,758,000	35,301,000	35,934,000	11.8	1.8	
Percent of population.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%			
Rate.....	11.5	11.0	9.0	7.8	6.5	5.9	6.0	6.3	6.8	6.7	-41.7	-1.5	
<b>White</b>													
Number of victims.....	771	726	617	547	523	446	421	442	417	444	-42.4	6.5	
Percent of total victims..	20.8%	20.6%	21.2%	21.2%	24.1%	22.2%	20.3%	20.1%	17.4%	18.5%			
Population.....	17,511,489	17,593,222	17,787,715	17,849,510	17,258,003	17,339,690	17,421,511	17,503,225	17,573,850	17,635,296	0.7	0.3	
Percent of population....	53.8%	53.0%	52.5%	52.0%	51.5%	50.9%	50.3%	49.7%	49.1%	48.5%			
Rate.....	4.4	4.1	3.5	3.1	3.0	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.5	-43.2	4.2	
<b>Hispanic</b>													
Number of victims.....	1,572	1,615	1,291	1,154	964	909	933	985	1,066	1,053	-33.0	-1.2	
Percent of total victims..	42.5%	45.8%	44.4%	44.7%	44.4%	45.3%	45.0%	44.8%	44.6%	43.8%			
Population.....	9,340,495	9,764,691	10,114,228	10,421,039	10,022,551	10,352,763	10,688,752	11,020,710	11,352,852	11,685,915	25.1	2.9	
Percent of population....	28.7%	29.4%	29.9%	30.4%	29.9%	30.4%	30.8%	31.3%	31.7%	32.1%			
Rate.....	16.8	16.5	12.8	11.1	9.6	8.8	8.7	8.9	9.4	9.0	-46.4	-4.3	
<b>Black</b>													
Number of victims.....	1,111	922	794	682	523	488	589	622	734	713	-35.8	-2.9	
Percent of total victims..	30.0%	26.1%	27.3%	26.4%	24.1%	24.3%	28.4%	28.3%	30.7%	29.7%			
Population.....	2,255,738	2,293,634	2,330,391	2,314,836	2,309,152	2,320,916	2,337,935	2,355,812	2,373,399	2,390,411	6.0	0.7	
Percent of population....	6.9%	6.9%	6.9%	6.7%	6.9%	6.8%	6.7%	6.7%	6.6%	6.6%			
Rate.....	49.3	40.2	34.1	29.5	22.6	21.0	25.2	26.4	30.9	29.8	-39.6	-3.6	
<b>Other</b>													
Number of victims.....	226	254	198	177	147	157	121	145	166	185	-18.1	11.4	
Percent of total victims..	6.1%	7.2%	6.8%	6.9%	6.8%	7.8%	5.8%	6.6%	6.9%	7.7%			
Population.....	3,412,418	3,537,383	3,631,305	3,709,816	3,916,700	4,059,109	4,205,197	4,353,588	4,502,137	4,651,880	36.3	3.3	
Percent of population....	10.5%	10.7%	10.7%	10.8%	11.7%	11.9%	12.1%	12.4%	12.6%	12.8%			
Rate.....	6.6	7.2	5.5	4.8	3.8	3.9	2.9	3.3	3.7	4.0	-39.4	8.1	
<b>Unknown</b>													
Number of victims.....	19	13	10	19	13	6	10	7	9	7	-	-	
Percent of total victims..	0.5%	0.4%	0.3%	0.7%	0.6%	0.3%	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%			
Population.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Percent of population....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Rate.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Notes: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.

Rates are calculated using the population for each subgroup shown; therefore, they will not add to the rate calculated for the total population.

Population breakdowns by race/ethnic group will not add to total because of variations in population source data.

Dash indicates that the percent of population and rate for the "unknown" category cannot be calculated because there are no unknown race/ethnic group population data.

The "percent of population" category for race/ethnic group was calculated using the sum of the race/ethnic group populations.