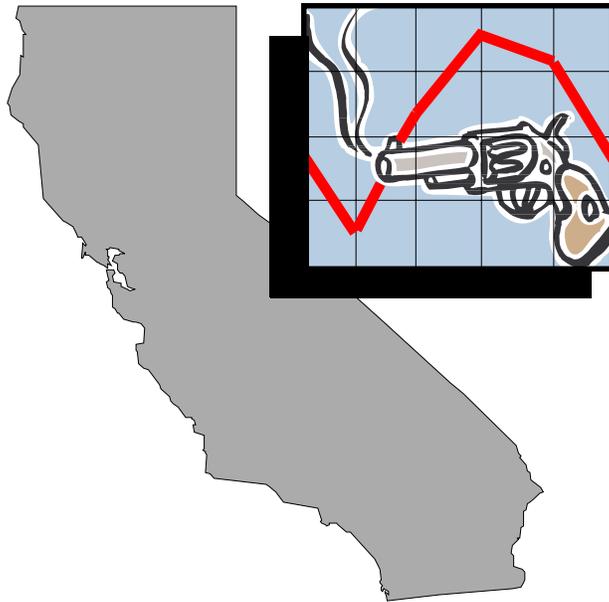


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This section of the report describes 1997 dispositions of adults arrested for homicide, regardless of the year of arrest. Data were obtained from California's Offender-Based Transaction Statistics (OBTS) system. This system tracks the processing of adults arrested for felony offenses from arrest through final disposition using data compiled from information collected on fingerprint cards and "Disposition of Arrest and Court Action" (JUS 8715) forms.

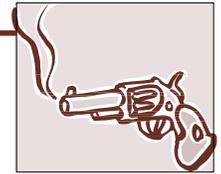
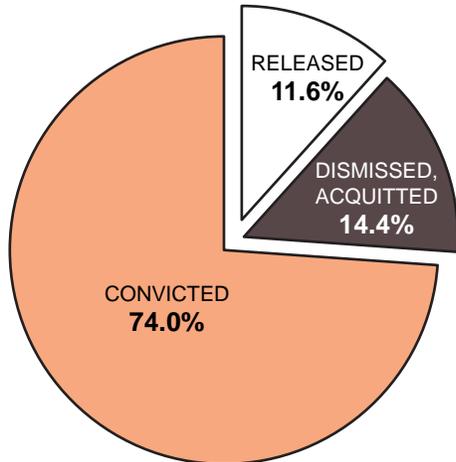


Chart 42
DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED
FOR HOMICIDE
By Type of Disposition



Source: [Table 36.](#)

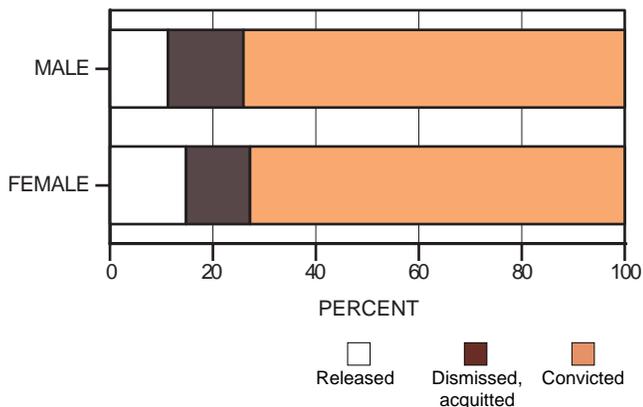
Examination of 1997 dispositions of adults arrested for homicide found that:

- 11.6 percent were released at the law enforcement level or had a complaint denied at the prosecutorial level.
- 14.4 percent were either dismissed or acquitted.
- 74.0 percent were convicted of homicide or some other offense.

And,

- The proportion of males convicted (74.2 percent) was approximately the same as the proportion of females convicted (72.8 percent).

Chart 43
DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED
FOR HOMICIDE
Gender of Arrestee by Type of Disposition



Source: [Table 37.](#)

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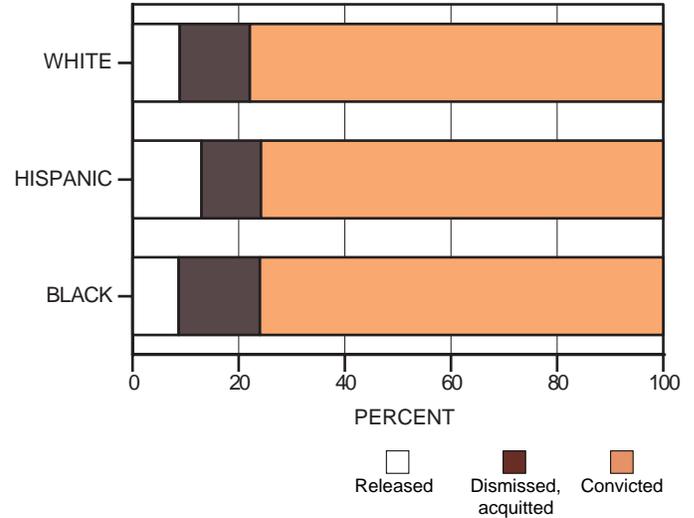
In 1997,

- The proportions of whites, Hispanics, and blacks arrested for homicide and convicted of homicide or some other offense were approximately the same (77.9, 75.8, and 76.0 percent, respectively).

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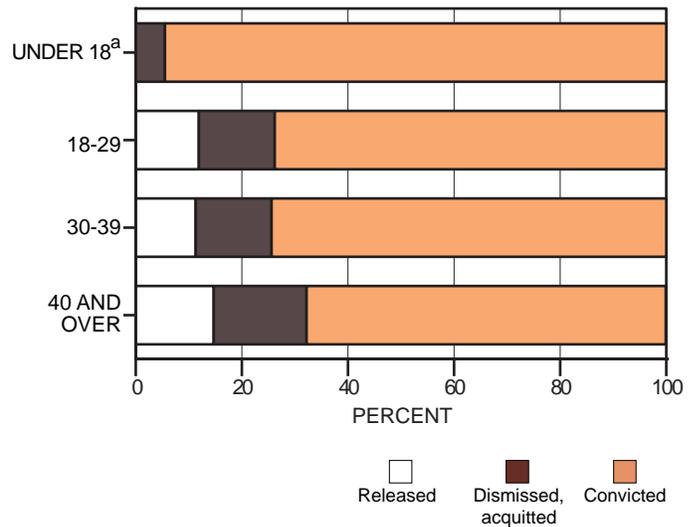
- Proportionately, more arrestees under age 18 were convicted (94.5 percent) than were arrestees in any other age group shown. (The “under 18” age group includes juveniles remanded to adult court.)

Chart 44
DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE
Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Type of Disposition



Source: Table 37.

Chart 45
DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE
Age of Arrestee by Type of Disposition



Source: Table 37.

^a The “under 18” age group includes juveniles remanded to adult court.

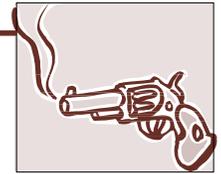
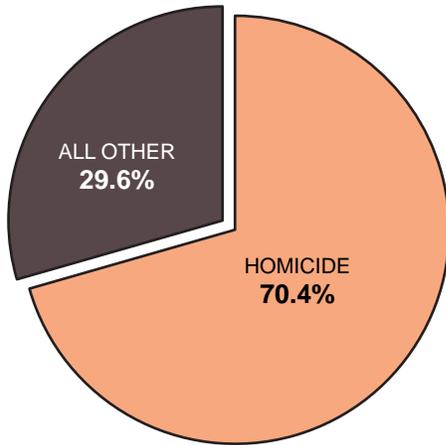


Chart 46
DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED
FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED
By Convicted Offense



Source: [Table 41.](#)

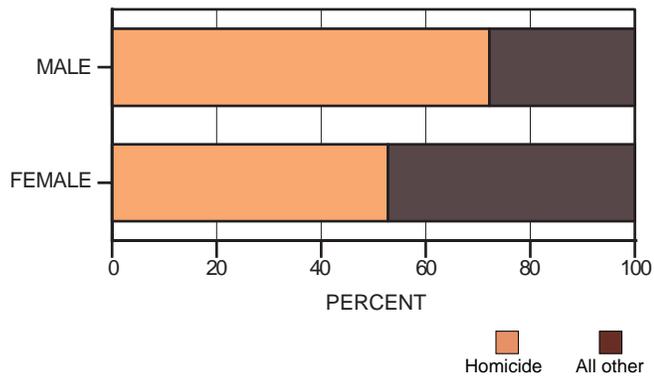
Of those adults arrested for homicide who were convicted in 1997, it was found that:

- 70.4 percent were convicted of homicide.
- 29.6 percent were convicted of lesser crimes such as robbery or assault.

And,

- More males were convicted of homicide (72.2 percent) than were females (52.8 percent).

Chart 47
DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED
FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED
Gender of Offender by Convicted Offense



Source: [Table 42.](#)

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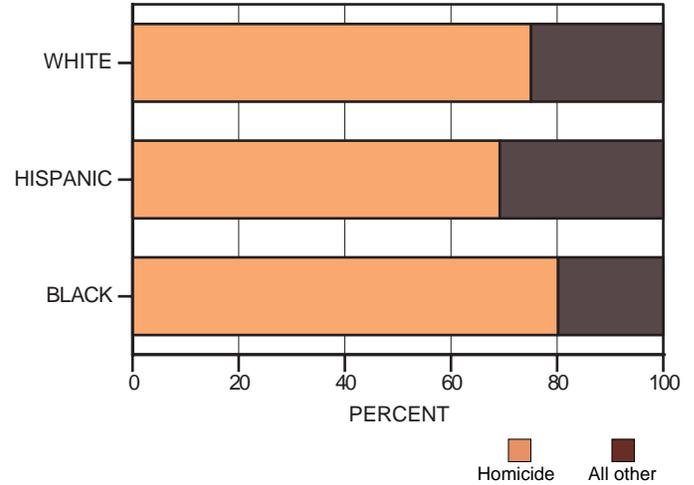
In 1997,

- Proportionately, more blacks were convicted for homicide than were whites or Hispanics (80.2 vs. 75.1 and 69.2 percent, respectively).

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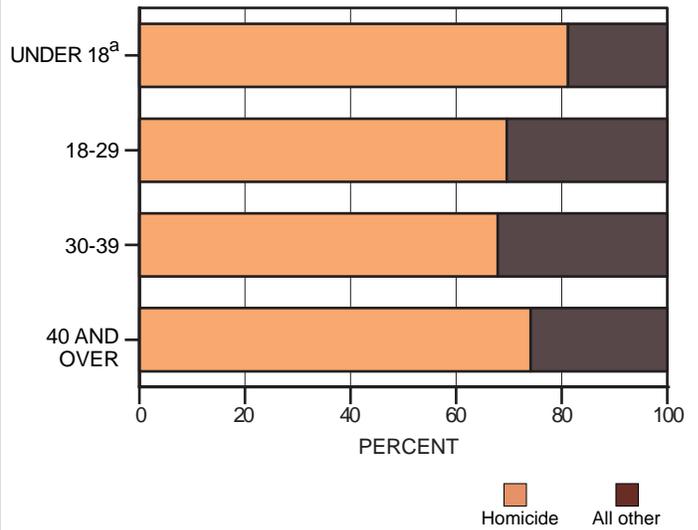
- Proportionately, more arrestees under age 18 were convicted of homicide (81.2 percent) than were arrestees in any other age group shown.

Chart 48
DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED
Race/Ethnic Group of Offender by Convicted Offense



Source: [Table 42](#).

Chart 49
DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED
Age of Offender by Convicted Offense



Source: [Table 42](#).

^a The "under 18" age group includes juveniles remanded to adult court.

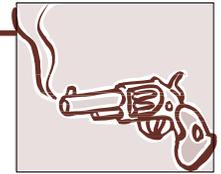
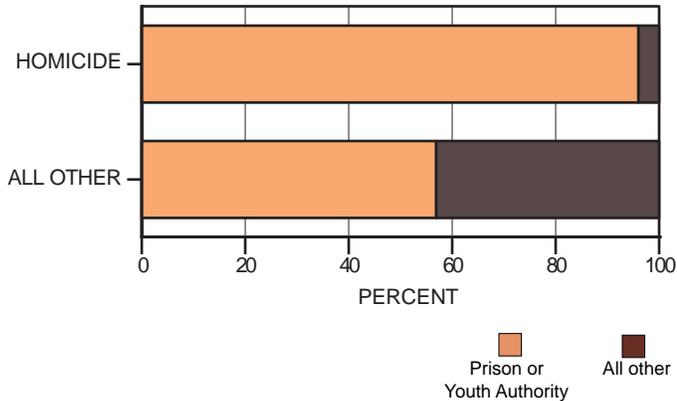


Chart 50
DISPOSITIONS IN 1997 OF ADULTS ARRESTED
FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED
Convicted Offense by Sentence



Source: Table 43.

Note: Prison includes 1997 death penalty dispositions for adults arrested for homicide.

Of those adults arrested for homicide who were convicted in 1997, it was found that:

- 96.0 percent of those convicted of homicide and 56.9 percent of those convicted of lesser offenses received sentences to prison or the California Department of the Youth Authority. See the “Death Penalty Sentences” section (Pages 40-41) for additional information.

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