

TABLE 3
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1988-1997
 By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim
 Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Race/ethnic group of victim	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Total										
Number of victims.....	2,947	3,159	3,562	3,876	3,920	4,095	3,699	3,530	2,910	2,579
Percent of victims.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Population.....	28,060,746	28,771,207	29,557,836	30,646,000	31,300,000	31,742,000	32,140,000	32,063,000	32,383,000	32,957,000
Percent of population.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Rate.....	10.5	11.0	12.1	12.6	12.5	12.9	11.5	11.0	9.0	7.8
White										
Number of victims.....	948	871	872	971	914	952	771	726	617	547
Percent of total victims..	32.2%	27.6%	24.5%	25.1%	23.3%	23.2%	20.8%	20.6%	21.2%	21.2%
Population.....	16,636,033	16,887,407	17,198,646	17,291,782	17,362,245	17,324,679	17,511,489	17,593,222	17,787,715	17,849,510
Percent of population....	58.6%	57.9%	57.4%	56.4%	55.5%	54.7%	53.8%	53.0%	52.5%	52.0%
Rate.....	5.7	5.2	5.1	5.6	5.3	5.5	4.4	4.1	3.5	3.1
Hispanic										
Number of victims.....	917	1,115	1,495	1,542	1,686	1,631	1,572	1,615	1,291	1,154
Percent of total victims..	31.1%	35.3%	42.0%	39.8%	43.0%	39.8%	42.5%	45.8%	44.4%	44.7%
Population.....	7,046,697	7,383,779	7,740,303	8,146,876	8,561,349	8,906,439	9,340,495	9,764,691	10,114,228	10,421,039
Percent of population....	24.8%	25.3%	25.8%	26.6%	27.4%	28.1%	28.7%	29.4%	29.9%	30.4%
Rate.....	13.0	15.1	19.3	18.9	19.7	18.3	16.8	16.5	12.8	11.1
Black										
Number of victims.....	917	1,011	1,017	1,101	1,073	1,249	1,111	922	794	682
Percent of total victims..	31.1%	32.0%	28.6%	28.4%	27.4%	30.5%	30.0%	26.1%	27.3%	26.4%
Population.....	2,032,643	2,072,255	2,116,415	2,155,334	2,191,898	2,179,651	2,255,738	2,293,634	2,330,391	2,314,836
Percent of population....	7.2%	7.1%	7.1%	7.0%	7.0%	6.9%	6.9%	6.9%	6.9%	6.7%
Rate.....	45.1	48.8	48.1	51.1	49.0	57.3	49.3	40.2	34.1	29.5
Other										
Number of victims.....	151	143	172	247	234	247	226	254	198	177
Percent of total victims..	5.1%	4.5%	4.8%	6.4%	6.0%	6.0%	6.1%	7.2%	6.8%	6.9%
Population.....	2,677,775	2,798,838	2,920,639	3,052,084	3,184,642	3,283,967	3,412,418	3,537,383	3,631,305	3,709,816
Percent of population....	9.4%	9.6%	9.7%	10.0%	10.2%	10.4%	10.5%	10.7%	10.7%	10.8%
Rate.....	5.6	5.1	5.9	8.1	7.3	7.5	6.6	7.2	5.5	4.8
Unknown										
Number of victims.....	14	19	6	15	13	16	19	13	10	19
Percent of total victims..	.5%	.6%	.2%	.4%	.3%	.4%	.5%	.4%	.3%	.7%
Population.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percent of population....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rate.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Notes: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.
 Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.
 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.