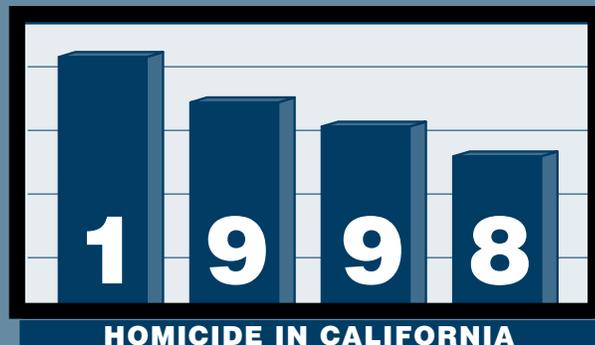


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HOMICIDE ARRESTS

Unlike crimes, which are classified by nationwide Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) standards, arrests are reported by California statute definition of the offense.¹ This may cause some differences in the definitions of certain crimes and the reporting of the arrests for those crimes. For instance, the California definition of a homicide arrest includes murder and *nonvehicular* manslaughter. The federal definition of a homicide crime includes murder and *nonnegligent* (nonaccidental) manslaughter.

All California law enforcement agencies report arrest and citation information to the California Department of Justice on the “Monthly Arrest and Citation Register,” which lists each arrestee; includes information about age, gender, and race/ethnic group; and specifies the “most serious” arrest offense and law enforcement disposition.

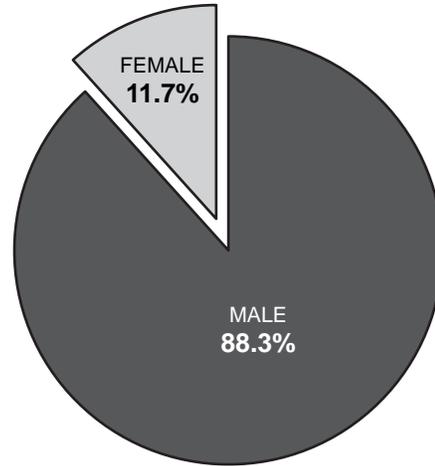
In 1998, of 2,117 arrests for homicide:

- 88.3 percent of arrestees (1,870) were male.
- 11.7 percent (247) were female.

□ ***In 1998, the majority of homicide arrestees and victims were male (88.3 and 79.6 percent, respectively) (see [Tables 5 and 31](#)).***

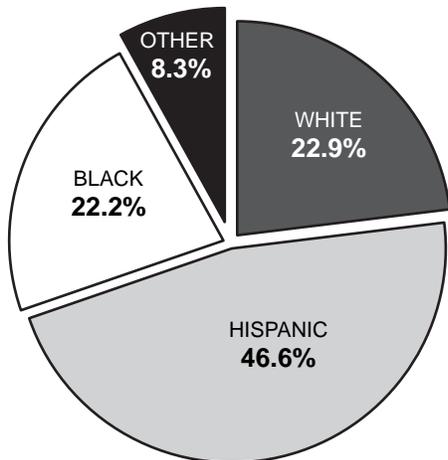
¹ The following penal codes for homicide arrest offenses were valid at the time of the closeout of the 1998 arrest offense code file: 128, 187(a), 189, 192(a), 192(b), 193(a), 193(b), 273ab, 399, 12310(a).

Chart 38
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1998
By Gender of Arrestee



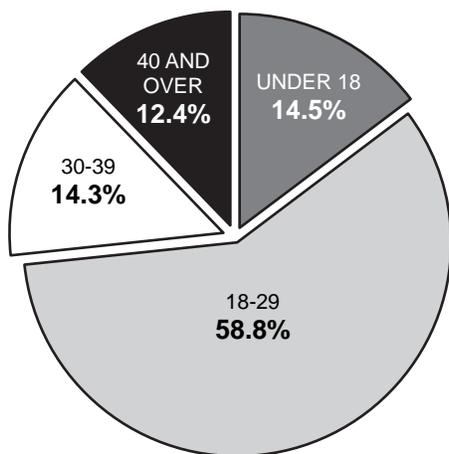
Source: [Table 31](#).

Chart 39
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1998
By Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee



Source: Table 32.

Chart 40
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1998
By Age of Arrestee



Source: Table 33.

In 1998, of 2,117 arrests for homicide:

- 22.9 percent of arrestees (484) were white.
- 46.6 percent (987) were Hispanic.
- 22.2 percent (470) were black.
- 8.3 percent (176) fell into the “other” race/ethnic group category.

And,

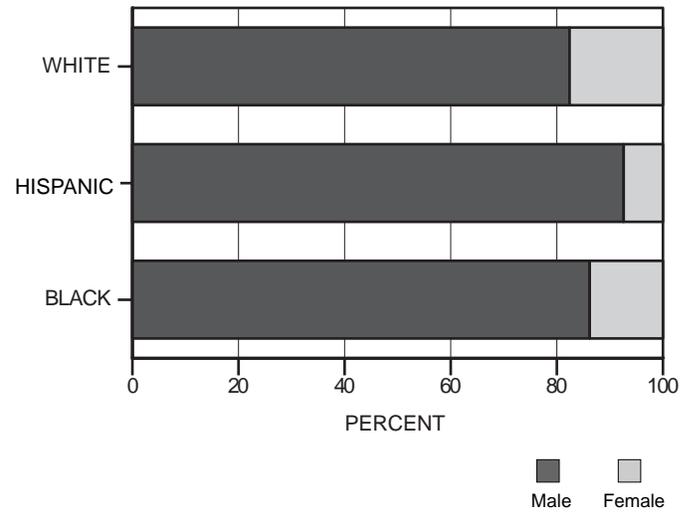
- 14.5 percent of arrestees (308) were under age 18.
- 58.8 percent (1,244) were aged 18-29.
- 14.3 percent (302) were aged 30-39.
- 12.4 percent (263) were aged 40 and over.

□ *In 1998, the largest proportion of homicide arrestees and victims were Hispanic (46.6 and 44.7 percent, respectively). The majority of homicide arrestees were aged 18-29 (58.8 percent) and the largest proportion of homicide victims were aged 18-29 (43.5 percent). (See [Tables 6, 7, 32, and 33.](#))*

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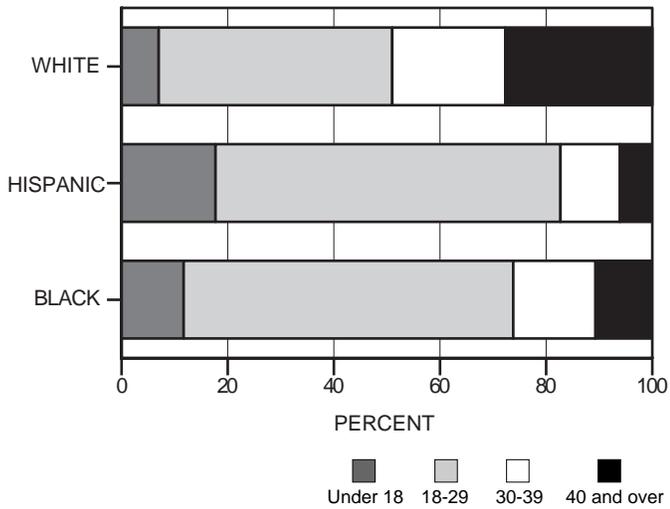
- Homicide arrestees for all three race/ethnic groups shown were predominately male.

Chart 41
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1998
Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Gender of Arrestee



Source: [Table 34.](#)

Chart 42
 HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1998
 Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Age of Arrestee



Source: Table 34.

In 1998,

- More white arrestees were aged 40 and over than were Hispanic or black arrestees (27.7 vs. 6.0 and 10.6 percent, respectively).
- Regardless of race/ethnic group, the majority of homicide arrestees fell into the aged "18-29" category.

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