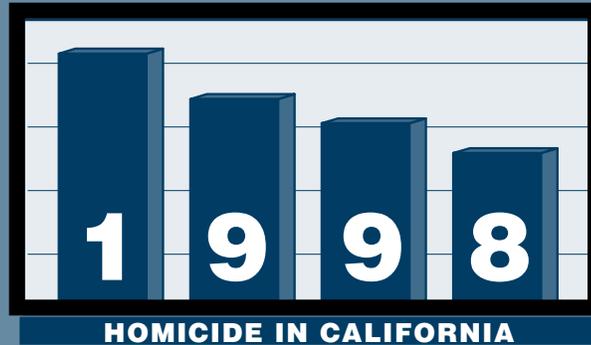


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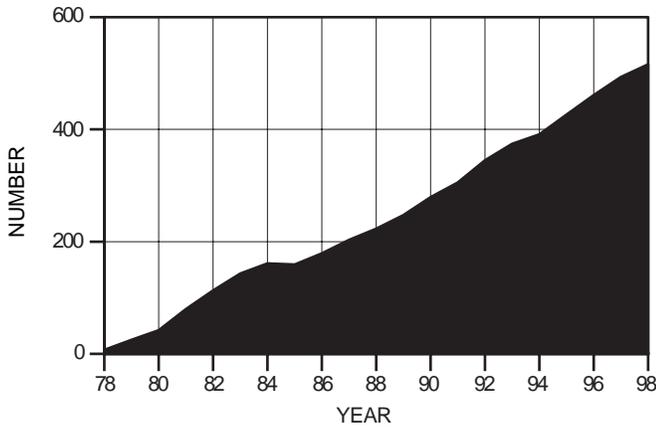


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## DEATH PENALTY SENTENCES

This section contains information about persons sentenced to death in California courts in 1998. Death penalty data were extracted from the 1998 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 52  
 PERSONS UNDER CALIFORNIA  
 SENTENCE OF DEATH, 1978-1998



Source: [Table 44](#).

During 1998, 32 persons were 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 1998, 516 persons were under sentence of death in California.

Of the 32 persons newly sentenced to death in 1998:

- 30 were male; two were female.
- Five were white; 18 were Hispanic; and nine were black.
- The mean (average) age at arrest was 27.
- Los Angeles County sentenced the largest number: 16.

Additional information can be found in [Tables 44](#) and [45](#).

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