

TABLE 3
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1989-1998
 By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim
 Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Race/ethnic group of victim	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Total										
Number of victims.....	3,159	3,562	3,876	3,920	4,095	3,699	3,530	2,910	2,579	2,170
Percent of victims.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Population.....	28,771,207	29,557,836	30,646,000	31,300,000	31,742,000	32,140,000	32,063,000	32,383,000	32,957,000	33,494,000
Percent of population.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Rate.....	11.0	12.1	12.6	12.5	12.9	11.5	11.0	9.0	7.8	6.5
White										
Number of victims.....	871	872	971	914	952	771	726	617	547	523
Percent of total victims..	27.6%	24.5%	25.1%	23.3%	23.2%	20.8%	20.6%	21.2%	21.2%	24.1%
Population.....	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	17,258,003
Percent of population....	57.9%	57.4%	56.4%	55.5%	54.7%	53.8%	53.0%	52.5%	52.0%	51.5%
Rate.....	5.2	5.1	5.6	5.3	5.5	4.4	4.1	3.5	3.1	3.0
Hispanic										
Number of victims.....	1,115	1,495	1,542	1,686	1,631	1,572	1,615	1,291	1,154	964
Percent of total victims..	35.3%	42.0%	39.8%	43.0%	39.8%	42.5%	45.8%	44.4%	44.7%	44.4%
Population.....	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	10,022,551
Percent of population....	25.3%	25.8%	26.6%	27.4%	28.1%	28.7%	29.4%	29.9%	30.4%	29.9%
Rate.....	15.1	19.3	18.9	19.7	18.3	16.8	16.5	12.8	11.1	9.6
Black										
Number of victims.....	1,011	1,017	1,101	1,073	1,249	1,111	922	794	682	523
Percent of total victims..	32.0%	28.6%	28.4%	27.4%	30.5%	30.0%	26.1%	27.3%	26.4%	24.1%
Population.....	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	2,309,152
Percent of population....	7.1%	7.1%	7.0%	7.0%	6.9%	6.9%	6.9%	6.9%	6.7%	6.9%
Rate.....	48.8	48.1	51.1	49.0	57.3	49.3	40.2	34.1	29.5	22.6
Other										
Number of victims.....	143	172	247	234	247	226	254	198	177	147
Percent of total victims..	4.5%	4.8%	6.4%	6.0%	6.0%	6.1%	7.2%	6.8%	6.9%	6.8%
Population.....	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	3,916,700
Percent of population....	9.6%	9.7%	10.0%	10.2%	10.4%	10.5%	10.7%	10.7%	10.8%	11.7%
Rate.....	5.1	5.9	8.1	7.3	7.5	6.6	7.2	5.5	4.8	3.8
Unknown										
Number of victims.....	19	6	15	13	16	19	13	10	19	13
Percent of total victims..	.6%	.2%	.4%	.3%	.4%	.5%	.4%	.3%	.7%	.6%
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.