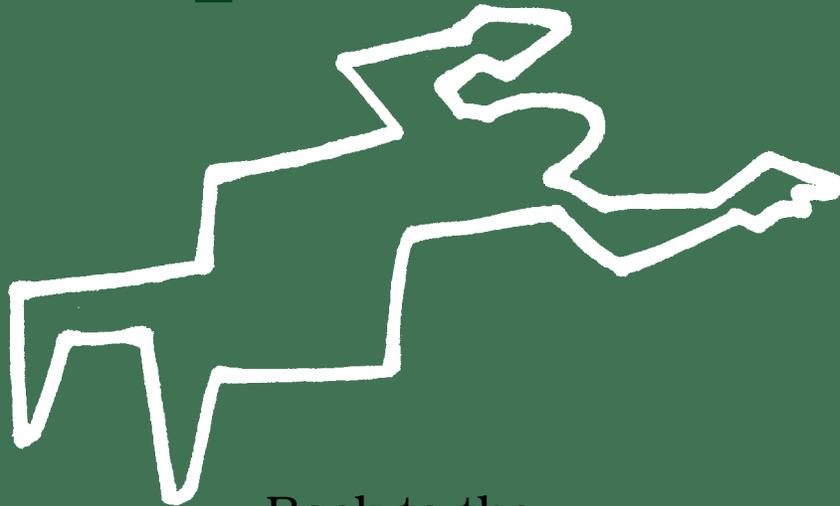


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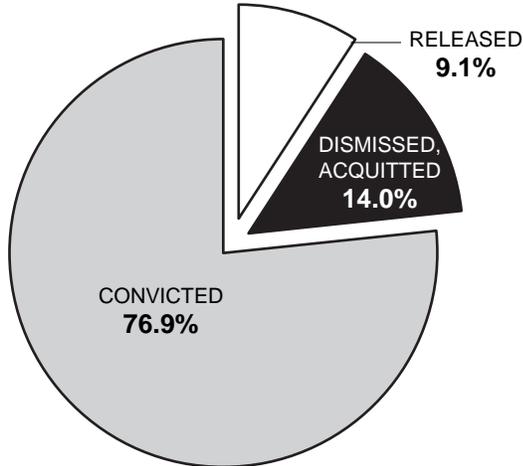
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DISPOSITIONS OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE

This section of the report describes 1996 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.

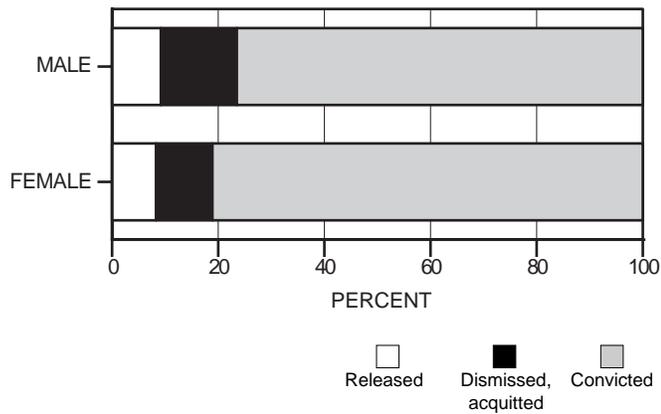
Statewide adult felony arrest disposition data normally represent final dispositions for approximately 60 percent of *total* adult felony arrests made during a calendar year. However, due to budget reductions, the number of adult felony arrest dispositions processed for 1993, 1994, 1995, and 1996 is smaller than in prior years. Even with these limitations, it is believed that, at the statewide level, *percentile* data describe statewide dispositional patterns.

Chart 42
DISPOSITIONS IN 1996 OF ADULTS ARRESTED
FOR HOMICIDE
By Type of Disposition



Source: Table 35.

Chart 43
DISPOSITIONS IN 1996 OF ADULTS ARRESTED
FOR HOMICIDE
Gender of Arrestee by Type of Disposition



Source: Table 36.

Examination of 1996 dispositions of adults arrested for homicide found that:

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

And,

- Proportionately, more females were convicted (81.1 percent) than were males (76.6 percent).

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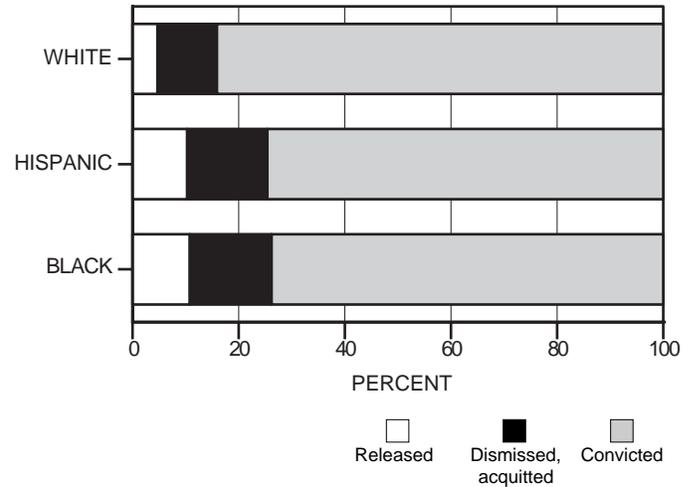
In 1996,

- Proportionately, more whites than Hispanics or blacks were convicted (84.1 vs. 74.6 and 73.8 percent, respectively).

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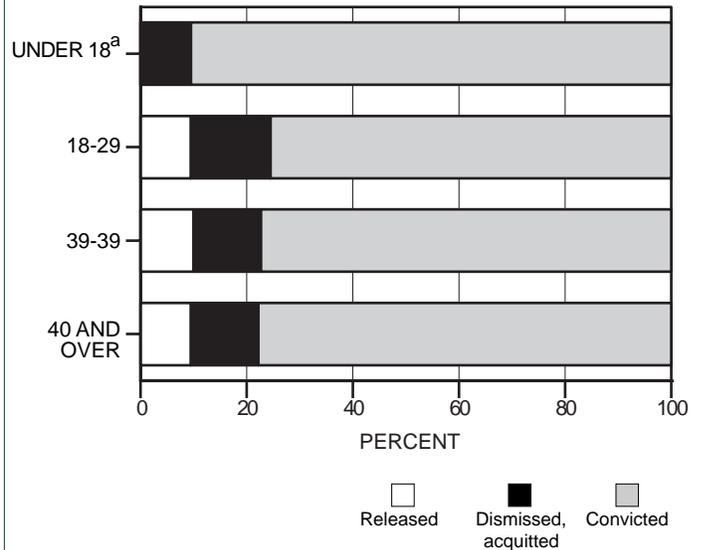
- Proportionately, more arrestees under 18 years of age were convicted (90.5 percent) than were arrestees in any other age group shown.

Chart 44
DISPOSITIONS IN 1996 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE
Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Type of Disposition



Source: [Table 36](#).

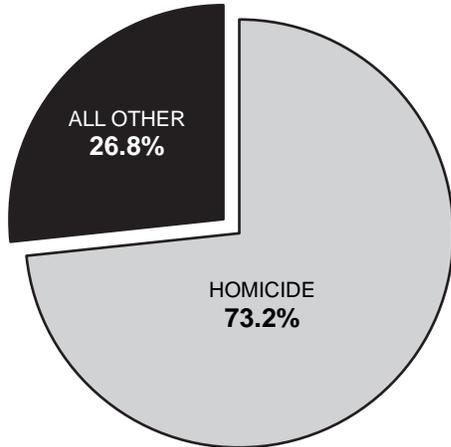
Chart 45
DISPOSITIONS IN 1996 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE
Age of Arrestee by Type of Disposition



Source: [Table 36](#).

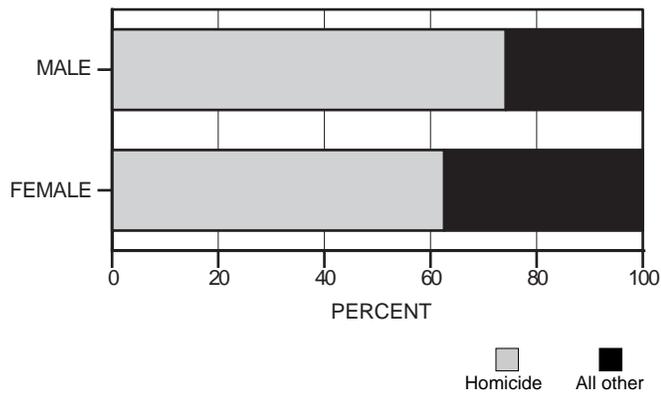
^a The "under 18" age group includes juveniles remanded to adult court.

Chart 46
DISPOSITIONS IN 1996 OF ADULTS ARRESTED
FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED
By Convicted Offense



Source: [Table 40.](#)

Chart 47
DISPOSITIONS IN 1996 OF ADULTS ARRESTED
FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED
Gender of Offender by Convicted Offense



Source: [Table 41.](#)

Of those adults arrested for homicide who were convicted in 1996, it was found that:

- 73.2 percent were convicted of homicide.
- 26.8 percent were convicted of lesser crimes such as robbery or assault.

And,

- More males were convicted of homicide (74.2 percent) than were females (62.6 percent).

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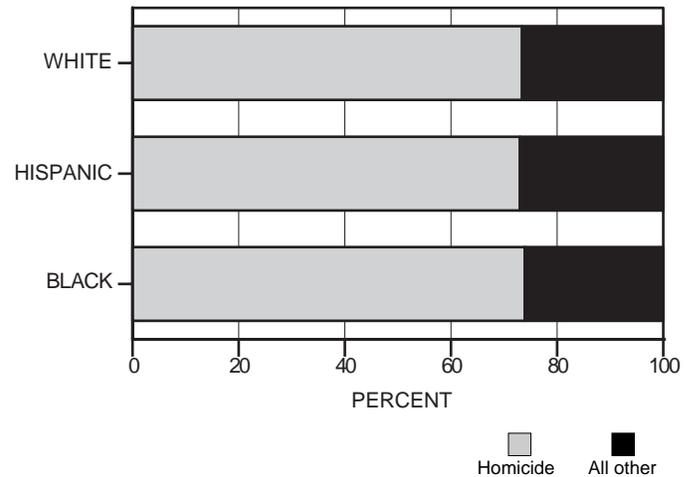
In 1996,

- All three race/ethnic groups shown had approximately the same proportion of convictions for homicide (whites, 73.4 percent; Hispanics, 73.0 percent; and blacks, 73.9 percent).

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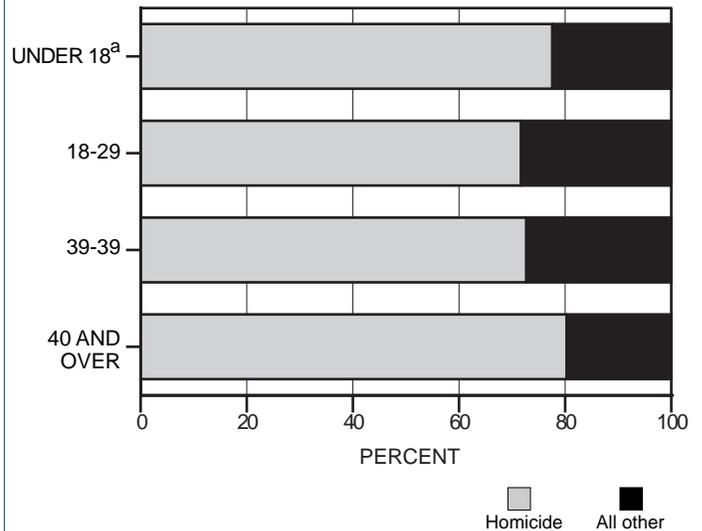
- Proportionately, more arrestees 40 years of age or older were convicted of homicide (80.3 percent) than were arrestees in any other age group shown.

Chart 48
DISPOSITIONS IN 1996 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED
Race/Ethnic Group of Offender by Convicted Offense



Source: Table 41.

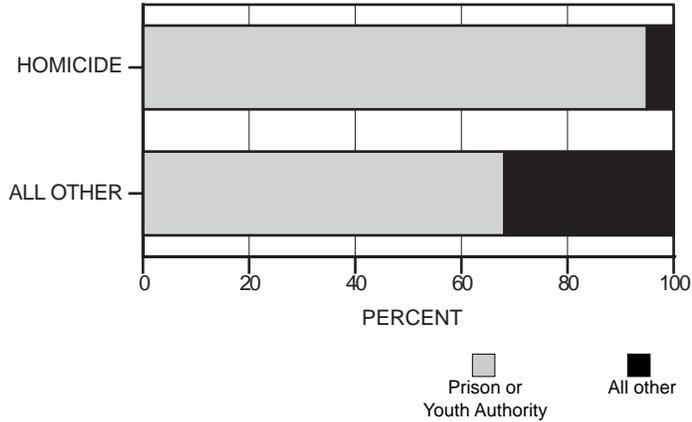
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DISPOSITIONS IN 1996 OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED
Age of Offender by Convicted Offense



Source: Table 41.

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

Chart 50
DISPOSITIONS IN 1996 OF ADULTS ARRESTED
FOR HOMICIDE AND CONVICTED
Convicted Offense by Sentence



Source: [Table 42](#).

Of those adults arrested for homicide who were convicted in 1996, it was found that:

- 95.0 percent of those convicted of homicide and 68.1 percent of those convicted of lesser offenses received sentences to prison or the California Department of the Youth Authority. *Note:* Prison includes 1996 death penalty dispositions for adults arrested for homicide. See Page 40 for additional information about death penalty sentences.