

**HOMICIDE  
IN  
CALIFORNIA  
1996**

**peace officers killed**



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## PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

Information about peace officers killed in the line of duty was obtained from the Homicide File. Only sworn officers are included. (Non-sworn officers, such as security guards, are excluded.)

Data in Table N-2 show that:

- From 1987-1996, 63 peace officers were killed in the line of duty.
- On average, 6.3 peace officers were killed annually. In 1996, the number was 5.

Table N-2  
PEACE OFFICERS KILLED  
IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1987-1996

Year(s)	Number of officers killed
Total .....	63
1996 .....	5
1995 .....	10
1994 .....	9
1993 .....	8
1992 .....	5
1991 .....	3
1990 .....	5
1989 <sup>a</sup> .....	5
1988 <sup>b</sup> .....	9
1987 .....	4

<sup>a</sup> Includes 1 reported federal law enforcement officer.

<sup>b</sup> Includes 2 reported federal law enforcement officers.

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Table N-3  
PEACE OFFICERS KILLED  
IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1996  
Race/Ethnic Group of Officer by Gender of Officer

Race/ethnic group	Total	Gender	
		Male	Female
Total .....	5	4	1
White .....	1	1	0
Hispanic .....	2	2	0
Black .....	1	0	1
Other .....	1	1	0

Data in Tables N-3 and N-4 show that:

- In 1996, four peace officers killed in the line of duty were male; one was female. One peace officer was white, two were Hispanic, one was black, and one fell into the “other” race/ethnic group category.
- In 1996, four peace officers killed in the line of duty were killed with handguns; one was killed with a knife.

Table N-4  
PEACE OFFICERS KILLED  
IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1996  
By Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	Total	Offender's	Officer's
Total .....	5	5	0
Handgun .....	4	4	0
Knife .....	1	1	0