

Table 3
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1993-2002
 By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim
 Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Race/ethnic group of victim	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Percent change	
											1993-2002	2001-2002
Total												
Number of victims.....	4,095	3,699	3,530	2,910	2,579	2,170	2,006	2,074	2,201	2,392	-41.6	8.7
Percent of total victims.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Population.....	31,742,000	32,140,000	32,063,000	32,383,000	32,957,000	33,494,000	34,036,000	34,480,000	34,758,000	35,301,000	11.2	1.6
Percent of population.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Rate.....	12.9	11.5	11.0	9.0	7.8	6.5	5.9	6.0	6.3	6.8	-47.3	7.9
White												
Number of victims.....	952	771	726	617	547	523	446	421	442	417	-56.2	-5.7
Percent of total victims..	23.2%	20.8%	20.6%	21.2%	21.2%	24.1%	22.2%	20.3%	20.1%	17.4%		
Population.....	17,324,679	17,511,489	17,593,222	17,787,715	17,849,510	17,258,003	17,339,690	17,421,511	17,503,225	17,573,850	1.4	0.4
Percent of population....	54.7%	53.8%	53.0%	52.5%	52.0%	51.5%	50.9%	50.3%	49.7%	49.1%		
Rate.....	5.5	4.4	4.1	3.5	3.1	3.0	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.4	-56.4	-4.0
Hispanic												
Number of victims.....	1,631	1,572	1,615	1,291	1,154	964	909	933	985	1,066	-34.6	8.2
Percent of total victims..	39.8%	42.5%	45.8%	44.4%	44.7%	44.4%	45.3%	45.0%	44.8%	44.6%		
Population.....	8,906,439	9,340,495	9,764,691	10,114,228	10,421,039	10,022,551	10,352,763	10,688,752	11,020,710	11,352,852	27.5	3.0
Percent of population....	28.1%	28.7%	29.4%	29.9%	30.4%	29.9%	30.4%	30.8%	31.3%	31.7%		
Rate.....	18.3	16.8	16.5	12.8	11.1	9.6	8.8	8.7	8.9	9.4	-48.6	5.6
Black												
Number of victims.....	1,249	1,111	922	794	682	523	488	589	622	734	-41.2	18.0
Percent of total victims..	30.5%	30.0%	26.1%	27.3%	26.4%	24.1%	24.3%	28.4%	28.3%	30.7%		
Population.....	2,179,651	2,255,738	2,293,634	2,330,391	2,314,836	2,309,152	2,320,916	2,337,935	2,355,812	2,373,399	8.9	0.7
Percent of population....	6.9%	6.9%	6.9%	6.9%	6.7%	6.9%	6.8%	6.7%	6.7%	6.6%		
Rate.....	57.3	49.3	40.2	34.1	29.5	22.6	21.0	25.2	26.4	30.9	-46.1	17.0
Other												
Number of victims.....	247	226	254	198	177	147	157	121	145	166	-32.8	14.5
Percent of total victims..	6.0%	6.1%	7.2%	6.8%	6.9%	6.8%	7.8%	5.8%	6.6%	6.9%		
Population.....	3,283,967	3,412,418	3,537,383	3,631,305	3,709,816	3,916,700	4,059,109	4,205,197	4,353,588	4,502,137	37.1	3.4
Percent of population....	10.4%	10.5%	10.7%	10.7%	10.8%	11.7%	11.9%	12.1%	12.4%	12.6%		
Rate.....	7.5	6.6	7.2	5.5	4.8	3.8	3.9	2.9	3.3	3.7	-50.7	12.1
Unknown												
Number of victims.....	16	19	13	10	19	13	6	10	7	9	-	-
Percent of total victims..	0.4%	0.5%	0.4%	0.3%	0.7%	0.6%	0.3%	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%		
Population.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percent of population....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rate.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Notes: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of 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.