

TABLE 3
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1990-1999
By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim
Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Race/ethnic group of victim	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	Percent change	
											1990-1999	1998-1999
Total												
Number of victims.....	3,562	3,876	3,920	4,095	3,699	3,530	2,910	2,579	2,170	2,006	-43.7	-7.6
Percent of victims.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
Population.....	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	34,036,000	15.2	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.....	12.1	12.6	12.5	12.9	11.5	11.0	9.0	7.8	6.5	5.9	-51.2	-9.2
White												
Number of victims.....	872	971	914	952	771	726	617	547	523	446	-48.9	-14.7
Percent of total victims..	24.5%	25.1%	23.3%	23.2%	20.8%	20.6%	21.2%	21.2%	24.1%	22.2%		
Population.....	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	17,339,690	0.8	0.5
Percent of population....	57.4%	56.4%	55.5%	54.7%	53.8%	53.0%	52.5%	52.0%	51.5%	50.9%		
Rate.....	5.1	5.6	5.3	5.5	4.4	4.1	3.5	3.1	3.0	2.6	-49.0	-13.3
Hispanic												
Number of victims.....	1,495	1,542	1,686	1,631	1,572	1,615	1,291	1,154	964	909	-39.2	-5.7
Percent of total victims..	42.0%	39.8%	43.0%	39.8%	42.5%	45.8%	44.4%	44.7%	44.4%	45.3%		
Population.....	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	10,352,763	33.8	3.3
Percent of population....	25.8%	26.6%	27.4%	28.1%	28.7%	29.4%	29.9%	30.4%	29.9%	30.4%		
Rate.....	19.3	18.9	19.7	18.3	16.8	16.5	12.8	11.1	9.6	8.8	-54.4	-8.3
Black												
Number of victims.....	1,017	1,101	1,073	1,249	1,111	922	794	682	523	488	-52.0	-6.7
Percent of total victims..	28.6%	28.4%	27.4%	30.5%	30.0%	26.1%	27.3%	26.4%	24.1%	24.3%		
Population.....	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	2,320,916	9.7	0.5
Percent of population....	7.1%	7.0%	7.0%	6.9%	6.9%	6.9%	6.9%	6.7%	6.9%	6.8%		
Rate.....	48.1	51.1	49.0	57.3	49.3	40.2	34.1	29.5	22.6	21.0	-56.3	-7.1
Other												
Number of victims.....	172	247	234	247	226	254	198	177	147	157	-8.7	6.8
Percent of total victims..	4.8%	6.4%	6.0%	6.0%	6.1%	7.2%	6.8%	6.9%	6.8%	7.8%		
Population.....	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	4,059,109	39.0	3.6
Percent of population....	9.7%	10.0%	10.2%	10.4%	10.5%	10.7%	10.7%	10.8%	11.7%	11.9%		
Rate.....	5.9	8.1	7.3	7.5	6.6	7.2	5.5	4.8	3.8	3.9	-33.9	2.6
Unknown												
Number of victims.....	6	15	13	16	19	13	10	19	13	6	-	-
Percent of total victims..	.2%	.4%	.3%	.4%	.5%	.4%	.3%	.7%	.6%	.3%		
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.