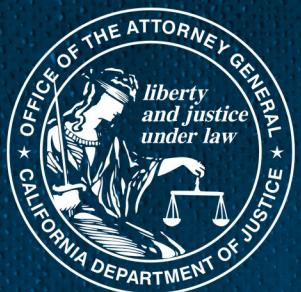


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# Executive Summary

## Homicide in California

### 2023

*Homicide in California 2023* contains information about the crime of homicide and its victims, including demographic data on victims, persons arrested for homicide, persons sentenced to death, peace officers feloniously killed in the line of duty, and justifiable homicides as reported to the California Department of Justice (DOJ) by California law enforcement agencies (LEAs). This report focuses on the data reported to DOJ in 2023 with prior years' data included for context. These data are provided to assist in policy development and to inform the public on the nature and volume of reported homicides in California. Caution should be used when comparing 2023 homicide data to prior years. Not all agencies were able to submit a full year of data for 2023. Please reference the "Understanding the Data, Characteristics and Known Limitations" section on Page 3 for additional information data collection processes and definition of terms used in this publication.

#### **Homicide Crimes**

There were 1,892\* homicides reported in 2023. This number represents a decrease of 14.2% from the 2,206 reported in 2022 (Table 1).

The 1,892\* reported homicides also translate to a rate of 4.8 homicide crimes per 100,000 population. This figure represents a decrease of 15.8% from the 5.7 rate reported in 2022 (Table 1).

In 2023:

- 79.9% of homicide victims were male and 20.1% were female (Table 5).
- Of the homicides where the victim's race/ethnicity was identified, 47.5% of victims were Hispanic, 26.8% were Black, 17.1% were white, and 8.6% were of other race/ethnic groups (Table 6).
- The largest proportion of white, other race/ethnic, and Black victims were aged 40 and over (60.4%, 50.9%, and 35.9% respectively). Most Hispanic victims were aged 18-29 (34.0%) (Table 9).
- When the victim's relationship to the suspect was identified, 48.7% were killed by a friend or acquaintance; 29.5% by a stranger; and 14.8% by their spouse, parent, or child. Males were more likely than females to be killed by strangers (37.4% vs. 11.2%, respectively). Females were more likely than males to be killed by their spouse, parent, or child (36.8% vs. 5.3%, respectively) (Table 12).
- Of the homicides where location was reported, 40.6% occurred on the street or sidewalk and 31.6% in a residence (Table 16).
- The largest proportion of male victims (45.1%) were killed on the street or sidewalk. Over half of the female victims (59.0%) were killed in a residence (Table 16).
- Firearms continue to be the most common weapon used in homicides. In 2023, of the homicides where the weapon was identified, 72.8% involved a firearm (Tables 18, 19).
- Of the homicides where the contributing circumstance was known, 38.0% were the result of an unspecified argument, 23.4% were gang-related, 10.5% were the result of domestic violence-related argument, and 4.0% occurred in conjunction with the commission of a rape, robbery, or burglary (Table 21).

## Homicide Arrests

There were 1,374\* arrests for homicide in 2023. This number represents a 7.5% decrease from the 1,485 arrests reported in 2022 (Table 26).

The 1,374\* homicide arrests also translate to a rate of 4.6 homicide arrests per 100,000 population-at-risk<sup>1</sup>. This figure represents a 4.2% decrease from the 4.8 arrest rate reported in 2022 (Table 26).

In 2023:

- 88.5% of homicide arrestees were male and 11.5% were female (Table 27).
- 50.1% of homicide arrestees were Hispanic, 28.3% were Black, 16.0% were white, and 5.5% were of other race/ethnic groups (Table 28).
- 42.3% of homicide arrestees were aged 18-29, 25.8% were aged 30-39, 22.9% were 40 years of age or older, and 9.0% were under the age of 18 (Table 29).

## Death Penalty Sentences

In 2023, three individuals, all males, were sentenced to death in California. Two were Hispanic and one was Black. Of the three, two were aged 35-39 and one was aged 20-24 at the time of arrest. Two were sentenced from San Bernardino County and one from Riverside County (Table 32, 33).

## Peace Officers Killed in the Line of Duty

In 2023, four California peace officers were feloniously killed in the line of duty. All four of the officers were males; one each of Black, white, Hispanic, and of other race. All were killed with firearms (Tables 34, 35).

## Justifiable Homicides<sup>2</sup>

In 2023, there were 67 justifiable homicides reported. Of these, 48 were committed by a peace officer and 19 were committed by a private citizen (Tables 36-39).

Of the 48 reported as deceased by justifiable homicide by peace officer:

- 93.8% were male and 6.3% were female.
- 50.0% were Hispanic, 25.0% were Black, 18.8% were white, and 6.3% were of other race/ethnic groups.
- While the largest proportion of victims were aged 30-39 and 40 and over (39.6% each), 20.8% were aged 18-29.
- All involved the use of a firearm.

Of the 19 reported as deceased by justifiable homicide by citizen:

- 89.5% were male and 10.5% were female.
- 57.9% were Hispanic, 21.1% were Black, 10.5% were white, and 10.5% were of other race/ethnic groups.
- 42.1% were aged 18-29, 36.8% were aged 40 or over, and 15.8% were aged 30-39.
- Firearms were used in 89.5% of the incidents.

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\*Caution should be used when comparing 2023 homicide data to prior years. Not all agencies were able to submit a full year of data for 2023. See *Understanding the Data, Characteristics, and Known Limitations for additional information*.

<sup>1</sup>Crime and arrest rates are calculated using annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.

<sup>2</sup>Justifiable homicides are defined as the killing of a felon by a peace officer in the line of duty or the killing of a felon, during the commission of a felony, by a private citizen.

# Understanding the Data

## Characteristics and Known Limitations

In 2016, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Director informed all state Statistical Analysis Centers that the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program would be transitioning to a National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)-only data collection by January 1, 2021. DOJ embarked on a five-year effort to develop and implement a new state repository, the California Incident-Based Reporting System (CIBRS), to house the new FBI statistical reporting format. The CIBRS repository is a combination of the federal NIBRS requirements with additional California-specific data elements. DOJ began collecting data in CIBRS in 2021, however, not all California LEAs have transitioned to the new format.

The 2021-2023 data presented in this publication are the result of a combination of incident information collected through the summary and incident-based (IBR) formats. Modifications have been made to some historical publication tables in an effort to accommodate variations in the CIBRS data values. The affected tables are footnoted accordingly.

While most definitions remain relatively consistent between systems, an important difference exists between the Summary Reporting System (SRS) and CIBRS reporting of rape. In 2013, the FBI changed the crime of "forcible rape" to "rape" for the summary data collection which was implemented in 2014. The definition was expanded to include both male and female victims and reflects the various forms of sexual penetration understood to be rape. The IBR collection has built-in validations that prohibit the reporting of rape offenses where the genders of the victim and offender are the same. Any impacted tables will include footnotes which provide the breakdown of the summary and IBR values. Below is the distribution of reported Rape numbers for 2021-2023 by type of data collection system.

Rape Crimes Reported, 2021-2023

By Type of System Reported

Year	Total	Summary Based	Incident Based
2023	13,723	5,347	8,376
2022	14,346	8,851	5,495
2021	14,435	11,874	2,561

Rape Arrests Reported, 2021-2023

By Type of System Reported

Year	Total	Summary Based	Incident Based
2023	1,776	818	958
2022	1,890	1,299	591
2021	1,964	1,809	155

In 2021, the crime of "domestic violence" was changed to "domestic and family violence" for incident-based reporting. The definition was expanded to include parent/guardian and reflects the various relationships according to the FBI standards. Agencies who transitioned to IBR use the current FBI standard while agencies reporting summary use the past standard of involving or stemming from disputes involving a current or prior romantic relationship. In this report, Tables 21-23 provide information about the circumstances precipitating a homicide, including homicides for which the reporting law enforcement agency identified a domestic violence-related argument as the contributing circumstance. This does not include all homicides in which the law enforcement agency identified the suspected offender as the victim's current or former spouse, intimate partner, or family member.

As with the implementation of any new data collection system, caution should be used when comparing these data with those of previous years.

## **AGENCY LIMITATIONS FOR 2023**

The following agencies were unable to report the full year of data due to a variety of reasons including but not limited to: Records Management System (RMS) issues, unresolved reporting errors, staffing issues, cyberattacks, or failed to report.

Del Norte County  
Del Norte County Sheriff's Department

Imperial County  
Brawley Police Department  
Calipatria Police Department  
Imperial Police Department  
Westmorland Police Department

Kern County  
Arvin Police Department

Lake County  
Lakeport Police Department

Los Angeles County  
Montebello Police Department

Mendocino County  
Mendocino County Sheriff's Department  
Willits Police Department

Orange County  
Costa Mesa Police Department  
Garden Grove Police Department  
Orange Police Department  
Westminster Police Department

Riverside County  
Cathedral City Police Department

San Bernardino County  
Chaffey College Police Department  
San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department

San Joaquin County  
Lodi Police Department

Santa Barbara County  
Lompoc Police Department

Santa Clara County  
Morgan Hill Police Department  
San Jose Police Department

Santa Cruz County  
Santa Cruz Police Department

Shasta County  
Redding Police Department  
Shasta County Sheriff's Department

Siskiyou County  
Yreka Police Department

Solano County  
Solano County Sheriff's Department

Yolo County  
West Sacramento Police Department

Yuba County  
Yuba County Sheriff's Department

## **HOMICIDE CRIMES**

The FBI defines Criminal Homicide as “the willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another. (FBI, UCR, Summary Reporting System (SRS) User Manual v 1.0, 6/20/13).

Homicide incident data have historically been obtained from the Supplementary Homicide Report (SHR). The SHR is submitted monthly by California LEAs as part of the national UCR system. The number of reported homicide crimes represents known victims.

Per UCR definition:

- Suicides, fetal deaths, traffic fatalities, accidental deaths, assaults to murder, and attempts to murder are not classified as criminal homicide and are not included in this report.
- Justifiable homicides are defined as the killing of a felon by a peace officer in the line of duty or the killing of a felon, during the commission of a felony, by a private citizen.
- The findings of a court, coroner's inquest, etc., do not affect classifying or scoring of the SHR homicide counts.

Detailed data regarding the criminal homicide category are only as comprehensive as the information provided by contributing agencies.

**Weapon** – Reporting agencies give as complete a description of the weapon and its use as is available. For example, if a bottle was used in a criminal homicide, the agency will indicate whether the person was killed by beating, cutting, or stabbing.

**Relationship** – The relationship reported is that of the victim to the offender. For example, if a female is killed by her husband, the reported relationship is wife.

**Circumstances** – Statements of circumstances are based on information known to law enforcement. If the killing occurred in conjunction with the commission of another felony such as a robbery or rape, the agency identifies the specific offense involved.

**Gender** – California has expanded the sex (gender) categories it collects in CIBRS to include: male, female, non-binary, and transgender. The FBI only collects the values of male and female. When a homicide victim is reported as Transgender, the victim is categorized as they present. (Transgender presenting as Male is categorized as Male. Transgender presenting as Female is categorized as Female). The Male category includes victims whose gender was not identified and those whose identified gender category totaled less than 11.

This publication includes statistics on peace officers feloniously killed in the line of duty. For information on all line-of-duty deaths, please refer to the annual Crime in California publication (Table 49, Law Enforcement Officers Killed or Assaulted - Deaths and Assaults in the Line of Duty by Type of Activity).

## ARRESTS

### Monthly Arrest and Citation Register (MACR)

The MACR reporting system is designed to collect information on adult and juvenile arrests and citations in California.

If a person is arrested for multiple offenses on the same day, MACR selects only the most serious offense based on the severity of possible punishment.

The subjectivity of the classification and labeling process must be considered in the analysis of race/ethnic group data.

## POPULATION

Crime and arrest rates are calculated using annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.

Beginning in 2004, the population category of “other” for race/ethnic group includes the Department of Finance’s race/ethnic group of “multi-racial.”

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**Table 1**  
**VIOLENT CRIMES, 2014-2023**  
Number, Rate per 100,000 Population, and Percent Change

Year(s)	Total	Homicide	Rape <sup>1</sup>	Robbery	Aggravated assault
Number					
2023.....	199,838	1,892	13,723	49,177	135,046
2022.....	193,019	2,206	14,346	47,669	128,798
2021 <sup>a</sup> .....	183,546	2,361	14,435	43,628	123,122
2020.....	173,864	2,202	13,439	44,684	113,539
2019.....	173,205	1,679	14,720	52,050	104,756
2018.....	176,866	1,739	15,500	54,312	105,315
2017.....	178,553	1,829	14,724	56,609	105,391
2016.....	174,701	1,930	13,695	54,769	104,307
2015.....	166,588	1,861	12,793	52,785	99,149
2014.....	151,425	1,697	9,397	48,650	91,681
Percent change in number					
2022-2023.....	3.5	-14.2	-	3.2	4.9
2021-2022.....	5.2	-6.6	-	9.3	4.6
2020-2021 <sup>a</sup> .....	5.6	7.2	-	-2.4	8.4
2019-2020.....	0.4	31.1	-8.7	-14.2	8.4
2018-2019.....	-2.1	-3.5	-5.0	-4.2	-0.5
2017-2018.....	-0.9	-4.9	5.3	-4.1	-0.1
2016-2017.....	2.2	-5.2	7.5	3.4	1.0
2015-2016.....	4.9	3.7	7.1	3.8	5.2
2014-2015.....	10.0	9.7	-	8.5	8.1
2014-2023 <sup>a</sup> .....	32.0	11.5	-	1.1	47.3
Rate per 100,000 population <sup>2</sup>					
2023.....	511.0	4.8	35.1	125.7	345.3
2022.....	494.6	5.7	36.8	122.1	330.0
2021 <sup>a</sup> .....	466.2	6.0	36.7	110.8	312.7
2020.....	437.0	5.5	33.8	112.3	285.4
2019.....	433.5	4.2	36.8	130.3	262.2
2018.....	444.1	4.4	38.9	136.4	264.4
2017.....	450.7	4.6	37.2	142.9	266.1
2016.....	443.9	4.9	34.8	139.2	265.0
2015.....	426.4	4.8	32.7	135.1	253.8
2014.....	393.3	4.4	24.4	126.4	238.1
Percent change in rate					
2022-2023.....	3.3	-15.8	-	2.9	4.6
2021-2022.....	6.1	-5.0	-	10.2	5.5
2020-2021 <sup>a</sup> .....	6.7	9.1	-	-1.3	9.6
2019-2020.....	0.8	31.0	-8.2	-13.8	8.8
2018-2019.....	-2.4	-4.5	-5.4	-4.5	-0.8
2017-2018.....	-1.5	-4.3	4.6	-4.5	-0.6
2016-2017.....	1.5	-6.1	6.9	2.7	0.4
2015-2016.....	4.1	2.1	6.4	3.0	4.4
2014-2015.....	8.4	9.1	-	6.9	6.6
2014-2023 <sup>a</sup> .....	29.9	9.1	-	-0.6	45.0

Notes: Rates may not add to total because of rounding.

Dash indicates that a percent change was not calculated due to data definition change.

<sup>1</sup> In 2014, the crime of "forcible rape" was changed to "rape". The definition was expanded to include both male and female victims and reflects the various forms of sexual penetration understood to be rape according to the FBI standards. The 2023 numbers consist of 5,347 reported under this current definition (SRS) and 8,376 reported under the definition for IBR. Caution should be used when comparing rape data to prior years. For additional information, including the SRS and IBR numbers for prior years, see Understanding the Data (Page 3).

<sup>2</sup> Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.

<sup>a</sup> The inclusion of data collected under California's IBR format began in 2021. Caution should be used when comparing these data with those from prior years. For additional information, see Understanding the Data (Page 3).

**Table 2**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2014-2023**  
By Gender of Victim  
Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Gender of victim	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 <sup>a</sup>	2022	2023	Percent change 2014- 2023
Total											
Number of victims.....	1,697	1,861	1,930	1,829	1,739	1,679	2,202	2,361	2,206	1,892	-14.2
Percent of victims.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
Population.....	38,499,378	39,071,323	39,354,432	39,613,045	39,825,181	39,959,095	39,782,419	39,368,613	39,028,571	39,109,070	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.....	4.4	4.8	4.9	4.6	4.4	4.2	5.5	6.0	5.7	4.8	-15.8
Male <sup>1</sup>											
Number of victims.....	1,388	1,540	1,604	1,467	1,388	1,346	1,817	1,970	1,845	1,511	8.9
Percent of total victims.....	81.8%	82.8%	83.1%	80.2%	79.8%	80.2%	82.5%	83.4%	83.6%	79.9%	-18.1
Population.....	19,178,646	19,350,693	19,583,084	19,721,300	19,889,735	19,867,663	19,851,556	19,938,223	20,041,322	19,401,819	1.2
Percent of population.....	49.8%	49.7%	49.8%	49.8%	49.8%	49.7%	49.9%	49.9%	49.9%	49.8%	-3.2
Rate.....	7.2	8.0	8.2	7.4	7.0	6.8	9.2	9.9	9.2	7.8	-15.2
Female											
Number of victims.....	309	321	326	362	351	333	385	391	361	381	5.5
Percent of total victims.....	18.2%	17.2%	16.9%	19.8%	20.2%	19.8%	17.5%	16.6%	16.4%	20.1%	23.3
Population.....	19,369,558	19,546,276	19,771,348	19,891,719	20,052,748	20,091,432	19,930,863	20,015,046	20,104,681	19,588,668	1.1
Percent of population.....	50.2%	50.3%	50.2%	50.2%	50.2%	50.3%	50.1%	50.1%	50.1%	50.2%	-2.6
Rate.....	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.9	5.6

Notes: Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.

Rates are calculated using the population for each subgroup shown; therefore, they may not add to the rate calculated for the total population.

Population breakdowns by gender may not add to total because of variations in population source data.

The "percent of population" category for male and female was calculated using the sum of the male and female populations.

<sup>1</sup> The "male" category includes homicide victims whose gender was not identified: 2015, 2017, 2018, 2021, and 2022 include one, three, one, two, and two, respectively. This category also includes victims whose identified gender category totaled less than 11; 2022 and 2023 include two and one, respectively.

<sup>a</sup> The inclusion of data collected under California's IBR format began in 2021. Caution should be used when comparing these data with those from prior years. For additional information, see Understanding the Data (Page 3).

**Table 3**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2014-2023**  
By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim  
Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Race/ethnic group of victim	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 <sup>a</sup>	2022	2023	Percent change 2014-2023
Total											
Number of victims.....	1,697	1,861	1,930	1,829	1,759	1,679	2,202	2,361	1,892	11.5	-14.2
100.0%	39,071,323	39,354,432	39,613,045	39,825,181	39,959,095	39,782,419	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
Percent of victims.....	38,499,378	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	39,368,613	39,028,571	39,109,070	1.6	0.2
Population.....	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%		
Percent of population.....	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%		
Rate.....	4.4	4.8	4.9	4.6	4.4	4.2	5.5	6.0	5.7	9.1	-15.8
White											
Number of victims.....	360	394	373	353	378	331	359	412	362	-10.8	-11.3
21.2%	14,972,954	15,147,499	14,978,111	14,998,463	14,743,109	15,187,246	15,205,370	15,228,046	13,759,860	-8.1	-9.6
Percent of total victims.....	14,978,205	14,972,954	15,147,499	14,978,111	14,998,463	14,743,109	15,187,246	15,205,370	15,228,046		
Population.....	38.9%	38.5%	38.5%	37.8%	37.5%	36.9%	38.2%	38.1%	35.3%		
Percent of population.....	38.9%	38.5%	38.5%	37.8%	37.5%	36.9%	38.2%	38.1%	35.3%		
Rate.....	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.2	2.4	2.7	2.4	-4.2	-4.2
Hispanic											
Number of victims.....	700	802	835	818	785	740	991	1,102	890	27.1	-11.3
41.2%	15,172,006	15,412,728	15,663,806	15,880,670	15,521,303	15,681,521	15,796,762	15,917,310	15,605,946	4.5	-2.0
Percent of total victims.....	14,934,682	15,172,006	15,412,728	15,663,806	15,880,670	15,521,303	15,681,521	15,796,762	15,917,310		
Population.....	38.7%	39.0%	39.2%	39.5%	39.7%	38.8%	39.4%	39.5%	40.0%		
Percent of population.....	38.7%	39.0%	39.2%	39.5%	39.7%	38.8%	39.4%	39.5%	40.0%		
Rate.....	4.7	5.3	5.4	5.2	4.9	4.8	6.3	7.0	6.3	21.3	-9.5
Black											
Number of victims.....	510	526	567	484	433	479	672	690	676	-1.4	-25.6
30.1%	2,236,361	2,260,738	2,257,850	2,266,042	2,382,482	2,283,480	2,295,724	2,310,783	2,181,942	-2.0	-5.6
Percent of total victims.....	5.8%	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%	6.0%	5.7%	5.7%	5.8%		
Population.....	22.9	23.5	25.1	21.5	19.1	20.1	29.4	30.1	29.3		
Percent of population.....	22.9	23.5	25.1	21.5	19.1	20.1	29.4	30.1	29.3		
Rate.....											
Other											
Number of victims.....	120	130	150	165	130	123	164	138	137	161	34.2
7.1%	6,515,648	6,533,467	6,718,252	6,807,308	7,312,201	6,630,172	6,655,413	6,689,864	7,442,739	16.1	11.3
Percent of total victims.....	16.6%	16.8%	16.6%	17.0%	17.0%	18.3%	16.7%	16.7%	16.7%		
Population.....	1.9	2.0	2.3	2.5	1.9	1.7	2.5	2.1	2.0		
Percent of population.....	1.9	2.0	2.3	2.5	1.9	1.7	2.5	2.1	2.0		
Rate.....											
Unknown											
Number of victims.....	7	9	5	9	13	6	16	19	28	-	-
0.4%	0.5%	0.3%	0.5%	0.7%	0.4%	0.7%	0.8%	1.3%	0.9%		
Percent of total victims.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Population.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Percent of population.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Rate.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

Notes: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

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Population breakdowns by race/ethnic group may 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.

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**Table 4**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2014-2023**  
By Age of Victim  
Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Age of victim	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 <sup>a</sup>	2022	2023	Percent change	
											2014-2023	2022-2023
Total											1,892	11.5
Number of victims.....	1,697	1,861	1,930	1,829	1,739	1,679	2,202	2,361	2,206	1,892	-14.2	
Percent of victims.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-	
Population.....	38,499,378	39,071,323	39,354,432	39,613,045	39,825,181	39,959,095	39,782,419	39,368,613	39,028,571	39,109,070	1.6	0.2
Percent of population.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	-	
Rate.....	4.4	4.8	4.9	4.6	4.4	4.2	5.5	6.0	5.7	4.8	9.1	-15.8
Under 18												
Number of victims.....	127	145	120	110	116	129	155	156	174	147	15.7	-15.5
Percent of total victims.....	7.5%	7.8%	6.2%	6.0%	6.7%	7.7%	7.0%	6.6%	7.9%	7.8%	-	
Population.....	9,097,971	9,102,486	9,257,380	9,260,616	9,261,018	9,061,651	9,221,529	9,170,435	8,893,756	8,546,309	-6.1	-3.9
Percent of population.....	23.6%	23.4%	23.5%	23.4%	23.2%	22.7%	23.0%	23.0%	22.2%	21.9%	-	
Rate.....	1.4	1.6	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.7	1.7	2.0	1.7	21.4	-15.0
18-29												
Number of victims.....	693	718	754	652	613	571	744	796	660	558	-19.5	-15.5
Percent of total victims.....	40.8%	38.6%	39.1%	35.6%	35.3%	34.0%	33.8%	33.7%	29.9%	29.5%	-	
Population.....	6,759,244	6,751,410	6,753,274	6,791,378	6,851,995	7,074,325	6,483,294	6,428,609	6,809,750	6,687,766	-1.1	-1.8
Percent of population.....	17.5%	17.4%	17.2%	17.1%	17.2%	17.7%	16.3%	16.1%	17.0%	17.2%	-	
Rate.....	10.3	10.6	11.2	9.6	8.9	8.1	11.5	12.4	9.7	8.3	-19.4	-14.4
30-39												
Number of victims.....	342	389	423	420	382	384	540	606	582	434	26.9	-25.4
Percent of total victims.....	20.2%	20.9%	21.9%	23.0%	22.0%	22.9%	24.5%	25.7%	26.4%	22.9%	-	
Population.....	5,319,450	5,379,482	5,380,601	5,354,174	5,350,446	5,428,609	5,568,057	5,609,759	5,137,042	5,072,181	-4.6	-1.3
Percent of population.....	13.8%	13.8%	13.6%	13.5%	13.4%	13.6%	14.0%	14.0%	12.8%	13.0%	-	
Rate.....	6.4	7.2	7.9	7.8	7.1	7.1	9.7	10.8	11.3	8.6	34.4	-23.9
40 and over												
Number of victims.....	530	601	625	638	616	590	752	784	783	742	40.0	-5.2
Percent of total victims.....	31.2%	32.3%	32.4%	34.9%	35.4%	35.1%	34.2%	33.2%	35.5%	39.2%	-	
Population.....	17,371,539	17,663,621	17,983,177	18,206,851	18,489,024	18,394,510	18,509,539	18,744,466	19,305,455	18,684,231	7.6	-3.2
Percent of population.....	45.1%	45.4%	45.7%	46.0%	46.3%	46.0%	46.9%	46.9%	48.1%	47.9%	-	
Rate.....	3.1	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.2	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.0	29.0	-2.4
Unknown												
Number of victims.....	5	8	8	9	12	5	11	19	11	11	-	
Percent of total victims.....	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%	0.7%	0.3%	0.5%	0.8%	0.3%	0.6%	-	
Population.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Percent of population.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Rate.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Notes: Percentages may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

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Rates are calculated using the population for each subgroup shown; therefore, they may not add to the rate calculated for the total population.

Population breakdowns by age 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 age population data.

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**Table 5**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2014-2023**  
By Gender of Victim

Year(s)	Total		Male <sup>1</sup>		Female	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2023.....	1,892	100.0	1,511	79.9	381	20.1
2022.....	2,206	100.0	1,845	83.6	361	16.4
2021 <sup>a</sup> .....	2,361	100.0	1,970	83.4	391	16.6
2020.....	2,202	100.0	1,817	82.5	385	17.5
2019.....	1,679	100.0	1,346	80.2	333	19.8
2018.....	1,739	100.0	1,388	79.8	351	20.2
2017.....	1,829	100.0	1,467	80.2	362	19.8
2016.....	1,930	100.0	1,604	83.1	326	16.9
2015.....	1,861	100.0	1,540	82.8	321	17.2
2014.....	1,697	100.0	1,388	81.8	309	18.2

<sup>1</sup> The "male" category includes homicide victims whose gender was not identified: 2015, 2017, 2018, 2021, and 2022 include one, three, one, two, and two, respectively. This category also includes victims whose identified gender category totaled less than 11; 2022 and 2023 include two and one, respectively.

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**Table 6**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2014-2023**  
By Race/Ethnic Group of Victim

Year(s)	Total including unknown	Unknown	Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2023.....	1,892	17	1,875	100.0	321	17.1	890	47.5	503	26.8	161	8.6
2022.....	2,206	28	2,178	100.0	362	16.6	1,003	46.1	676	31.0	137	6.3
2021 <sup>a</sup> .....	2,361	19	2,342	100.0	412	17.6	1,102	47.1	690	29.5	138	5.9
2020.....	2,202	16	2,186	100.0	359	16.4	991	45.3	672	30.7	164	7.5
2019.....	1,679	6	1,673	100.0	331	19.8	740	44.2	479	28.6	123	7.4
2018.....	1,739	13	1,726	100.0	378	21.9	785	45.5	433	25.1	130	7.5
2017.....	1,829	9	1,820	100.0	353	19.4	818	44.9	484	26.6	165	9.1
2016.....	1,930	5	1,925	100.0	373	19.4	835	43.4	567	29.5	150	7.8
2015.....	1,861	9	1,852	100.0	394	21.3	802	43.3	526	28.4	130	7.0
2014.....	1,697	7	1,690	100.0	360	21.3	700	41.4	510	30.2	120	7.1

<sup>a</sup> The inclusion of data collected under California's IBR format began in 2021. Caution should be used when comparing these data with those from prior years. For additional information, see Understanding the Data (Page 3).

**Table 7**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2014-2023**  
By Age of Victim

Year(s)	Total including unknown	Unknown	Known age of victim					
			Total		Under 18		30-39	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2023.....	1,892	11	1,881	100.0	147	7.8	558	29.7
2022.....	2,206	7	2,199	100.0	174	7.9	660	30.0
2021 <sup>a</sup> .....	2,361	19	2,342	100.0	156	6.7	796	34.0
2020.....	2,202	11	2,191	100.0	155	7.1	744	34.0
2019.....	1,679	5	1,674	100.0	129	7.7	571	34.1
2018.....	1,739	12	1,727	100.0	116	6.7	613	35.5
2017.....	1,829	9	1,820	100.0	110	6.0	652	35.8
2016.....	1,930	8	1,922	100.0	120	6.2	754	39.2
2015.....	1,861	8	1,853	100.0	145	7.8	718	38.7
2014.....	1,697	5	1,692	100.0	127	7.5	693	41.0

<sup>a</sup> The inclusion of data collected under California's IBR format began in 2021. Caution should be used when comparing these data with those from prior years. For additional information, see Understanding the Data (Page 3).

**Table 8**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2023**  
Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Gender of Victim

Gender of victim	Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other		Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	1,892	100.0	321	100.0	890	100.0	503	100.0	161	100.0	17	100.0
Male <sup>1</sup> .....	1,511	79.9	223	69.5	758	85.2	421	83.7	98	60.9	11	-
Female.....	381	20.1	98	30.5	132	14.8	82	16.3	63	39.1	6	-

Note: Dash indicates that percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

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<sup>1</sup> The "male" category includes one homicide victim whose identified gender category totaled less than 11.

Table 9  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2023**  
 Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Age of Victim

Age of victim	Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other		Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total including unknown....	1,892		321		890		503		161		17	
Unknown.....	11	0	0		5		1		2		3	
Total known.....	1,881	100.0	321	100.0	885	100.0	502	100.0	159	100.0	14	100.0
Under 18.....	147	7.8	22	6.9	72	8.1	29	5.8	18	11.3	6	-
18-29.....	558	29.7	62	19.3	301	34.0	154	30.7	34	21.4	7	-
30-39.....	434	23.1	43	13.4	226	25.5	139	27.7	26	16.4	0	-
40 and over.....	742	39.4	194	60.4	286	32.3	180	35.9	81	50.9	1	-

Notes: Dash indicates that percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.  
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Table 10  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2023**  
 Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Gender and Age of Victim

Gender and age of victim	Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other		Unknown	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	1,892	100.0	321	100.0	890	100.0	503	100.0	161	100.0	17	100.0
Under 18.....	147	7.8	22	6.9	72	8.1	29	5.8	18	11.2	6	-
18-19.....	105	5.5	10	3.1	65	7.3	23	4.6	4	2.5	3	-
20-24.....	216	11.4	23	7.2	114	12.8	63	12.5	15	9.3	1	-
25-29.....	237	12.5	29	9.0	122	13.7	68	13.5	15	9.3	3	-
30-34.....	240	12.7	19	5.9	131	14.7	84	16.7	6	3.7	0	-
35-39.....	194	10.3	24	7.5	95	10.7	55	10.9	20	12.4	0	-
40-44.....	201	10.6	32	10.0	94	10.6	59	11.7	15	9.3	1	-
45-49.....	119	6.3	27	8.4	57	6.4	25	5.0	10	6.2	0	-
50-54.....	100	5.3	17	5.3	47	5.3	28	5.6	8	5.0	0	-
55 and over.....	322	17.0	118	36.8	88	9.9	68	13.5	48	29.8	0	-
Unknown.....	11	0.6	0	0.0	5	0.6	1	0.2	2	1.2	3	-
Male <sup>1</sup> .....	1,511	100.0	223	100.0	758	100.0	421	100.0	98	100.0	11	100.0
Under 18.....	120	7.9	20	9.0	63	8.3	23	5.5	12	12.2	2	-
18-19.....	85	5.6	10	4.5	51	6.7	18	4.3	4	4.1	2	-
20-24.....	189	12.5	15	6.7	104	13.7	58	13.8	11	11.2	1	-
25-29.....	199	13.2	20	9.0	110	14.5	56	13.3	11	11.2	2	-
30-34.....	201	13.3	15	6.7	110	14.5	72	17.1	4	4.1	0	-
35-39.....	162	10.7	20	9.0	81	10.7	50	11.9	11	11.2	0	-
40-44.....	167	11.1	25	11.2	82	10.8	49	11.6	10	10.2	1	-
45-49.....	96	6.4	18	8.1	48	6.3	23	5.5	7	7.1	0	-
50-54.....	83	5.5	12	5.4	42	5.5	23	5.5	6	6.1	0	-
55 and over.....	199	13.2	68	30.5	62	8.2	49	11.6	20	20.4	0	-
Unknown.....	10	0.7	0	0.0	5	0.7	0	0.0	2	2.0	3	-
Female.....	381	108.4	98	100.0	132	100.0	82	100.0	63	100.0	6	100.0
Under 18.....	27	7.1	2	2.0	9	6.8	6	7.3	6	9.5	4	-
18-19.....	20	5.2	0	0.0	14	10.6	5	6.1	0	0.0	1	-
20-24.....	27	7.1	8	8.2	10	7.6	5	6.1	4	6.3	0	-
25-29.....	38	10.0	9	9.2	12	9.1	12	14.6	4	6.3	1	-
30-34.....	39	10.2	4	4.1	21	15.9	12	14.6	2	3.2	0	-
35-39.....	32	8.4	4	4.1	14	10.6	5	6.1	9	14.3	0	-
40-44.....	34	8.9	7	7.1	12	9.1	10	12.2	5	7.9	0	-
45-49.....	23	6.0	9	9.2	9	6.8	2	2.4	3	4.8	0	-
50-54.....	17	4.5	5	5.1	5	3.8	5	6.1	2	3.2	0	-
55 and over.....	123	32.3	50	51.0	26	19.7	19	23.2	28	44.4	0	-
Unknown.....	1	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.2	0	0.0	0	-

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<sup>1</sup> The "male" category includes one homicide victim whose identified gender category totaled less than 11.

Table 11  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2014-2023**  
 By Relationship of Victim to Offender

Relationship of victim to offender	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total including unknown.....	1,697		1,861		1,930		1,829		1,739	
Unknown.....	773		837		900		852		734	
Total known.....	924	100.0	1,024	100.0	1,030	100.0	977	100.0	1,005	100.0
Friend, acquaintance <sup>1</sup> .....	423	45.8	485	47.4	498	48.3	467	47.8	452	45.0
Spouse, parent, child.....	148	16.0	153	14.9	138	13.4	149	15.3	183	18.2
Spouse <sup>2</sup> .....	59	6.4	72	7.0	59	5.7	65	6.7	81	8.1
Parent, child <sup>3</sup> .....	89	9.6	81	7.9	79	7.7	84	8.6	102	10.1
All other relatives.....	55	6.0	65	6.3	55	5.3	61	6.2	56	5.6
Stranger.....	298	32.3	321	31.3	339	32.9	300	30.7	314	31.2
Relationship of victim to offender (cont.)	2019		2020		2021 <sup>a</sup>		2022		2023	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total including unknown.....	1,679		2,202		2,361		2,206		1,892	
Unknown.....	722		1,067		1,156		1,119		1,035	
Total known.....	957	100.0	1,135	100.0	1,205	100.0	1,087	100.0	857	100.0
Friend, acquaintance <sup>1</sup> .....	432	45.1	526	46.3	490	40.7	472	43.4	417	48.7
Spouse, parent, child.....	157	16.4	163	14.4	156	12.9	159	14.6	127	14.8
Spouse <sup>2</sup> .....	66	6.9	59	5.2	52	4.3	52	4.8	55	6.4
Parent, child <sup>3</sup> .....	91	9.5	104	9.2	104	8.6	107	9.8	72	8.4
All other relatives.....	53	5.5	42	3.7	58	4.8	55	5.1	60	7.0
Stranger.....	315	32.9	404	35.6	501	41.6	401	36.9	253	29.5
										-15.1
										-36.9

Notes: Percentages may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of rounding.

<sup>1</sup> Includes ex-husband, ex-wife, boyfriend/ex-boyfriend, girlfriend/ex-girlfriend, neighbor, employer, employee, gang member, etc.

<sup>2</sup> Includes "common-law" marriage partner.

<sup>3</sup> Includes stepmother, stepfather, stepdaughter, and stepson.

<sup>a</sup> The inclusion of data collected under California's IBR format began in 2021. Caution should be used when comparing these data with those from prior years. For additional information, see Understanding the Data (Page 3).

Table 12  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2023**  
 Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Relationship of Victim to Offender

Relationship of victim to offender	Total	Gender		Race/ethnic group				
		Male <sup>1</sup>	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown
Total including unknown.....	1,892	1,511	381	321	890	503	161	17
Unknown.....	1,035	912	123	135	505	316	71	8
Total known.....	857	599	258	186	385	187	90	9
Friend, acquaintance <sup>2</sup> .....	417	305	112	89	196	97	32	3
Spouse, parent, child.....	127	32	95	43	40	14	29	1
Spouse <sup>3</sup> .....	55	5	50	18	15	6	16	0
Parent, child <sup>4</sup> .....	72	27	45	25	25	8	13	1
All other relatives.....	60	38	22	13	20	17	10	0
Stranger.....	253	224	29	41	129	59	19	5
Percent based on total known								
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Friend, acquaintance <sup>2</sup> .....	48.7	50.9	43.4	47.8	50.9	51.9	35.6	-
Spouse, parent, child.....	14.8	5.3	36.8	23.1	10.4	7.5	32.2	-
Spouse <sup>3</sup> .....	6.4	0.8	19.4	9.7	3.9	3.2	17.8	-
Parent, child <sup>4</sup> .....	8.4	4.5	17.4	13.4	6.5	4.3	14.4	-
All other relatives.....	7.0	6.3	8.5	7.0	5.2	9.1	11.1	-
Stranger.....	29.5	37.4	11.2	22.0	33.5	31.6	21.1	-

Notes: Dash indicates that percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

The inclusion of data collected under California's IBR format began in 2021. Caution should be used when comparing these data with those from prior years. For additional information, see Understanding the Data (Page 3).

<sup>1</sup> The "male" category includes one homicide victim whose identified gender category totaled less than 11.

<sup>2</sup> Includes ex-husband, ex-wife, boyfriend/ex-boyfriend, girlfriend/ex-girlfriend, neighbor, employer, employee, gang member, etc.

<sup>3</sup> Includes "common-law" marriage partner.

<sup>4</sup> Includes stepmother, stepfather, stepdaughter, and stepson.

**Table 13**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2023**  
Age of Victim by Relationship of Victim to Offender

Relationship of victim to offender	Total	Number					Unknown
		Under 18	18-29	30-39	40 and over		
Total including unknown.....	1,892	147	558	434	742	11	
Unknown.....	1,035	71	330	260	365	9	
Total known.....	857	76	228	174	377	2	
Friend, acquaintance <sup>1</sup> .....	417	29	127	97	163	1	
Spouse, parent, child.....	127	21	6	19	81	0	
Spouse <sup>2</sup> .....	55	0	4	11	40	0	
Parent, child <sup>3</sup> .....	72	21	2	8	41	0	
All other relatives.....	60	6	11	4	39	0	
Stranger.....	253	20	84	54	94	1	
Percent based on total known							
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	-	
Friend, acquaintance <sup>1</sup> .....	48.7	38.2	55.7	55.7	43.2	-	
Spouse, parent, child.....	14.8	27.6	2.6	10.9	21.5	-	
Spouse <sup>2</sup> .....	6.4	0.0	1.8	6.3	10.6	-	
Parent, child <sup>3</sup> .....	8.4	27.6	0.9	4.6	10.9	-	
All other relatives.....	7.0	7.9	4.8	2.3	10.3	-	
Stranger.....	29.5	26.3	36.8	31.0	24.9	-	

Notes: Dash indicates that percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

The inclusion of data collected under California's BR format began in 2021. Caution should be used when comparing these data with those from prior years. For additional information, see Understanding the Data (Page 3).

<sup>1</sup> Includes ex-husband, ex-wife, boyfriend/ex-boyfriend, girlfriend/ex-girlfriend, neighbor, employer, employee, gang member, etc.

<sup>2</sup> Includes "common-law" marriage partner.

<sup>3</sup> Includes stepmother, stepfather, stepdaughter, and stepson.

Table 14  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2014-2023**  
By County  
Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

County	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 <sup>a</sup>	2022	2023 <sup>b</sup>
Statewide total.....	1,697	1,861	1,930	1,829	1,739	1,679	2,202	2,361	2,206	1,892
Alameda.....	102	119	116	90	92	96	143	146	158	165
Alpine.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador.....	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	4	0	2
Butte.....	11	7	4	7	10	7	12	13	11	10
Calaveras.....	0	6	3	2	2	1	0	2	1	0
Colusa.....	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	1
Contra Costa.....	47	57	53	42	40	54	44	50	44	42
Del Norte.....	1	1	0	4	1	2	2	1	3	2
El Dorado.....	3	9	2	5	5	5	0	3	11	2
Fresno.....	59	59	63	85	54	55	94	87	83	59
Glenn.....	1	3	1	1	1	2	2	0	0	0
Humboldt.....	11	12	12	8	11	6	9	8	7	10
Imperial.....	3	2	3	7	6	7	7	14	11	6
Inyo.....	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	2
Kern.....	59	64	88	89	101	84	116	124	101	71
Kings.....	7	5	11	9	5	4	11	11	16	12
Lake.....	6	8	3	7	8	5	1	5	1	2
Lassen.....	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	3
Los Angeles.....	526	592	622	580	570	508	677	841	739	683
Madera.....	9	4	7	7	12	3	9	5	6	12
Marin.....	5	6	3	4	5	1	1	1	5	1
Mariposa.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0
Mendocino.....	6	6	8	4	13	3	6	8	2	0
Merced.....	29	27	6	19	9	12	24	27	35	18
Modoc.....	4	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Mono.....	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
Monterey.....	34	60	56	43	27	15	14	35	23	21
Napa.....	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	0
Nevada.....	3	0	6	5	2	3	5	4	2	2
Orange.....	61	57	57	62	49	57	59	71	60	54

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**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2014-2023**  
 By County  
 Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

County	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 <sup>a</sup>	2022	2023 <sup>b</sup>
Number										
Placer.....	2	4	3	7	4	7	7	4	10	5
Plumas.....	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
Riverside.....	93	87	99	81	94	118	154	111	113	86
Sacramento.....	80	92	87	78	71	78	100	107	102	93
San Benito.....	4	1	1	2	1	1	3	1	3	2
San Bernardino.....	110	109	129	128	126	147	181	177	186	88
San Diego.....	74	84	101	80	85	86	114	119	106	79
San Francisco.....	45	53	58	56	47	40	49	56	56	51
San Joaquin.....	67	64	62	68	52	50	84	61	60	75
San Luis Obispo.....	3	3	4	2	3	5	7	2	3	4
San Mateo.....	11	14	9	7	12	10	16	18	13	17
Santa Barbara.....	16	18	13	8	11	17	8	18	21	11
Santa Clara.....	40	44	57	46	32	45	53	57	41	41
Santa Cruz.....	9	6	5	3	5	6	12	12	2	9
Shasta.....	8	5	12	6	13	6	12	0	0	3
Sierra.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou.....	1	4	3	6	3	6	2	4	1	3
Solano.....	27	31	24	30	18	21	40	32	37	30
Sonoma.....	7	9	10	12	9	9	10	9	22	15
Stanislaus.....	32	39	34	41	40	25	33	26	27	17
Sutter.....	0	1	9	1	1	4	5	5	2	3
Tehama.....	6	3	3	8	4	3	7	2	4	1
Trinity.....	3	1	3	1	2	2	2	1	0	0
Tulare.....	36	45	33	33	26	20	29	42	44	43
Tuolumne.....	1	0	1	2	2	2	1	1	0	1
Ventura.....	20	24	31	26	35	24	20	20	18	21
Yolo.....	4	6	3	9	6	6	5	5	4	4
Yuba.....	2	5	4	3	7	7	2	6	9	9

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Table 14 - continued  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2014-2023**  
 By County  
 Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

County	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 <sup>a</sup>	2022	2023 <sup>b</sup>
Rate per 100,000 population										
Statewide total .....	4.4	4.8	4.9	4.6	4.4	4.2	5.5	6.0	5.7	4.8
Alameda.....	6.4	7.3	7.1	5.5	5.5	5.7	8.6	8.7	9.6	10.0
Alpine.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amador.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Butte.....	4.9	3.1	1.8	3.1	4.4	3.2	5.8	6.5	5.3	4.9
Calaveras.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Colusa.....	-	5.1	4.7	3.7	3.5	4.7	3.8	4.3	3.8	3.7
Contra Costa.....	4.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Del Norte.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
El Dorado.....	1.6	4.9	1.1	2.7	2.6	2.6	0.0	1.6	5.8	1.1
Fresno.....	6.1	6.0	6.4	8.5	5.3	5.4	9.2	8.6	8.2	5.8
Glenn.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Humboldt.....	8.2	8.9	8.8	5.9	8.1	4.4	6.8	5.9	5.2	7.4
Imperial.....	1.7	1.1	1.6	3.7	3.2	3.7	3.7	7.9	6.1	3.3
Inyo.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kern.....	6.8	7.2	9.9	9.9	11.1	9.2	12.7	13.7	11.1	7.9
Kings.....	4.7	3.3	7.4	6.0	3.3	2.6	7.1	7.2	10.6	7.9
Lake.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lassen.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles.....	5.2	5.8	6.1	5.6	5.5	5.0	6.7	8.5	7.5	7.0
Madera.....	5.8	2.6	4.5	4.4	7.6	1.9	5.7	3.2	3.8	7.6
Marin.....	1.9	2.3	1.1	1.5	1.9	0.4	0.4	0.4	2.0	0.4
Mariposa.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mendocino.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Merced.....	10.9	10.0	2.2	6.9	3.2	4.2	8.4	9.5	12.3	6.3
Modoc.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mono.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Monterey.....	8.0	13.8	12.7	9.7	6.1	3.4	3.2	8.0	5.3	4.8
Napa.....	3.6	2.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	1.5	0.0
Nevada.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.9	2.0	2.0
Orange.....	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.5	1.8	1.8	2.2	1.9	1.7

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Table 14 - continued  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2014-2023**  
By County  
Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

County	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Rate per 100,000 population		2021 <sup>a</sup>	2022	2023 <sup>b</sup>	
								2014	2015	2016	2021 <sup>a</sup>	2022	2023 <sup>b</sup>
Placer.....	0.5	1.1	0.8	1.8	1.0	1.8	1.0	-	-	1.8	1.0	2.4	1.2
Plumas.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Riverside.....	4.1	3.7	4.2	3.4	3.9	4.8	6.3	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	3.5
Sacramento.....	5.5	6.2	5.8	5.1	4.6	5.0	6.4	6.7	6.7	6.5	6.5	5.9	-
San Benito.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Bernardino.....	5.3	5.1	6.0	5.9	5.8	6.7	8.3	8.1	8.5	8.5	8.5	4.1	-
San Diego.....	2.3	2.6	3.1	2.4	2.5	2.6	3.4	3.6	3.6	3.2	3.2	2.4	-
San Francisco.....	5.4	6.1	6.7	6.4	5.3	4.5	5.4	6.5	6.5	6.7	6.7	6.0	-
San Joaquin.....	9.4	8.8	8.4	9.1	6.8	6.5	10.8	7.8	7.8	7.6	7.6	9.6	-
San Luis Obispo.....	1.1	1.1	1.4	0.7	1.1	1.8	2.5	0.7	0.7	1.1	1.1	1.4	-
San Mateo.....	1.5	1.8	1.2	0.9	1.6	1.3	2.1	2.4	2.4	1.8	1.8	2.3	-
Santa Barbara.....	3.7	4.0	2.9	1.8	2.4	3.7	1.8	4.1	4.1	4.7	4.7	2.5	-
Santa Clara.....	2.1	2.3	3.0	2.4	1.6	2.3	2.7	3.0	3.0	2.2	2.2	2.1	-
Santa Cruz.....	3.3	2.2	1.8	1.1	1.8	2.2	4.4	4.5	4.5	0.8	0.8	3.4	-
Shasta.....	4.5	2.8	6.7	3.4	7.3	3.4	6.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7
Sierra.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Siskiyou.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Solano.....	6.3	7.2	5.5	6.9	4.1	4.7	9.1	7.1	7.1	8.3	8.3	6.7	-
Sonoma.....	1.4	1.8	2.0	2.4	1.8	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.9	4.6	4.6	3.1	-
Stanislaus.....	6.0	7.2	6.2	7.4	7.2	4.5	5.9	4.7	4.7	4.9	4.9	3.1	-
Sutter.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.9	4.9	4.9	-	-	-	-
Tehama.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trinity.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tulare.....	7.8	9.7	7.0	7.0	5.5	4.2	6.0	8.8	8.8	9.3	9.3	9.1	-
Tuolumne.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ventura.....	2.4	2.8	3.6	3.0	4.1	2.8	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.5	-
Yolo.....	1.9	2.8	1.4	4.1	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.3	2.3	1.8	1.8	1.8	-
Yuba.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Notes: Dash indicates that a rate is not computed when a county's population is less than 100,000 in a given year.

Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.

Rates are calculated using the population for each county shown; therefore, they will not add to the rate calculated for the state.

<sup>a</sup> The inclusion of data collected under California's BR format began in 2021. Caution should be used when comparing these data with those from prior years. For additional information, see Understanding the Data (Page 3).

<sup>b</sup> Caution should be used when comparing 2023 homicide data to prior years. Not all agencies were able to submit a full year of data for 2023. See Understanding the Data, Characteristics, and Known Limitations for additional information.

**Table 15**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2014-2023**  
By Location of Homicide

Location of homicide	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total including unknown.....	1,697		1,861		1,930		1,829		1,739	
Unknown.....	26	1.6%	40	2.1%	18	0.9%	26	1.5%	28	1.6%
Total known.....	1,671	100.0	1,821	100.0	1,912	100.0	1,803	100.0	1,711	100.0
Residence.....	661	39.6	627	34.4	670	35.0	612	33.9	606	35.4
Victim's residence.....	369	22.1	356	19.5	384	20.1	323	17.9	330	19.3
Shared residence.....	84	5.0	72	4.0	69	3.6	100	5.5	105	6.1
Other residence.....	208	12.4	199	10.9	217	11.3	189	10.5	171	10.0
Residence (unspecified) <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Street, sidewalk.....	588	35.2	737	40.5	746	39.0	719	39.9	615	35.9
All other.....	422	25.3	457	25.1	496	25.9	472	26.2	490	28.6
Hotel, motel.....	18	1.1	24	1.3	17	0.9	30	1.7	18	1.1
Liquor store.....	5	0.3	6	0.3	12	0.6	7	0.4	7	0.4
Bar, restaurant.....	15	0.9	27	1.5	24	1.3	19	1.1	32	1.9
Other business.....	43	2.6	54	3.0	50	2.6	53	2.9	57	3.3
Parking lot.....	96	5.7	116	6.4	115	6.0	120	6.7	116	6.8
Vehicle.....	118	7.1	62	3.4	106	5.5	90	5.0	90	5.3
Field, park.....	72	4.3	94	5.2	90	4.7	82	4.5	100	5.8
School .....	1	0.1	3	0.2	2	0.1	6	0.3	2	0.1
Other.....	54	3.2	71	3.9	80	4.2	65	3.6	68	4.0
Location of homicide (cont.)	2019		2020		2021 <sup>a</sup>		2022		2023	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total including unknown.....	1,679		2,202		2,361		2,206		1,892	
Unknown.....	20	1.2%	29	1.3%	15	0.6%	9	0.4%	19	1.0%
Total known.....	1,659	100.0	2,173	100.0	2,346	100.0	2,197	100.0	1,873	100.0
Residence.....	577	34.8	681	31.3	708	30.2	631	28.7	591	31.6
Victim's residence.....	306	18.4	334	15.4	345	14.7	202	9.2	0	0.0
Shared residence.....	96	5.8	102	4.7	51	2.2	49	2.2	0	0.0
Other residence.....	175	10.5	245	11.3	219	9.3	165	7.5	0	0.0
Residence (unspecified) <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	93	4.0	215	9.8	591	31.6
Street, sidewalk.....	618	37.3	842	38.7	920	39.2	885	40.3	760	40.6
All other.....	464	28.0	650	29.9	718	30.6	681	31.0	522	27.9
Hotel, motel.....	16	1.0	39	1.8	49	2.1	33	1.5	25	1.3
Liquor store.....	7	0.4	13	0.6	6	0.3	14	0.6	14	0.7
Bar, restaurant.....	17	1.0	13	0.6	34	1.4	33	1.5	20	1.1
Other business.....	52	3.1	71	3.3	71	3.0	95	4.3	72	3.8
Parking lot.....	109	6.6	171	7.9	170	7.2	175	8.0	141	7.5
Vehicle.....	83	5.0	141	6.5	123	5.2	86	3.9	0	0.0
Field, park.....	85	5.1	103	4.7	123	5.2	105	4.8	88	4.7
School .....	3	0.2	3	0.1	2	0.1	13	0.6	10	0.5
Other.....	92	5.5	96	4.4	140	6.0	127	5.8	152	8.1

Notes: Percentages may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of rounding.

<sup>1</sup> The "Residence (unspecified)" category was added in 2021 to capture the type of locations used in the IRR system.

<sup>a</sup> The inclusion of data collected under California's BR format began in 2021. Caution should be used when comparing these data with those from prior years. For additional information, see Understanding the Data (Page 3).

**Table 16**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2023**  
 Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Location of Homicide

Location of homicide	Total	Gender		Race/ethnic group				
		Male <sup>1</sup>	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown
Total including unknown.....	1,892	1,511	381	321	890	503	161	17
Unknown.....	19	14	5	5	8	5	1	0
Total Known.....	1,873	1,497	376	316	882	498	160	17
Residence <sup>2</sup> .....	591	369	222	142	255	133	59	2
Single/Multi family residence.....	483	291	192	121	202	108	50	2
Residential/Nursing facility.....	56	35	21	14	21	14	7	0
Other residence.....	52	43	9	7	32	11	2	0
Street, sidewalk.....	760	675	85	89	391	236	35	9
All other.....	522	453	69	85	236	129	66	6
Hotel, motel.....	25	21	4	3	10	11	1	0
Liquor store.....	14	13	1	0	6	5	3	0
Bar, restaurant.....	20	18	2	3	9	6	2	0
Other business.....	72	62	10	14	30	16	10	2
Parking lot.....	141	132	9	14	62	49	15	1
Vehicle.....	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Field, park.....	88	74	14	21	51	10	5	1
School .....	10	7	3	4	3	0	2	1
Other.....	152	126	26	26	65	32	28	1
		Percent based on total known						
Total Known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Residence <sup>2</sup> .....	31.6	24.6	59.0	44.9	28.9	26.7	36.9	-
Single/Multi family residence.....	25.8	19.4	51.1	38.3	22.9	21.7	31.3	-
Residential/Nursing facility.....	3.0	2.3	5.6	4.4	2.4	2.8	4.4	-
Other residence.....	2.8	2.9	2.4	2.2	3.6	2.2	1.3	-
Street, sidewalk.....	40.6	45.1	22.6	28.2	44.3	47.4	21.9	-
All other.....	27.9	30.3	18.4	26.9	26.8	25.9	41.3	-
Hotel, motel.....	1.3	1.4	1.1	0.9	1.1	2.2	0.6	-
Liquor store.....	0.7	0.9	0.3	0.0	0.7	1.0	1.9	-
Bar, restaurant.....	1.1	1.2	0.5	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.3	-
Other business.....	3.8	4.1	2.7	4.4	3.4	3.2	6.3	-
Parking lot.....	7.5	8.8	2.4	4.4	7.0	9.8	9.4	-
Vehicle.....	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Field, park.....	4.7	4.9	3.7	6.6	5.8	2.0	3.1	-
School .....	0.5	0.5	0.8	1.3	0.3	0.0	1.3	-
Other.....	8.1	8.4	6.9	8.2	7.4	6.4	17.5	-

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<sup>1</sup> The "male" category includes one homicide victim whose identified gender category totaled less than 11.

<sup>2</sup> The "Residence" category is broken down in this table to reflect the subtypes observed in 2023.

**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2023**  
**Age of Victim by Location of Homicide**

Location of homicide	Total	Under 18	18-29	30-39	40 and over	Unknown
Total including unknown.....	1,892	147	558	434	742	11
Unknown.....	19	0	2	2	14	1
Total known.....	1,873	147	556	432	728	10
Residence <sup>1</sup> .....	591	63	138	117	272	1
Single/Multi family residence.....	483	54	115	92	221	1
Residential/Nursing facility.....	56	7	10	10	29	0
Other residence.....	52	2	13	15	22	0
Street, sidewalk.....	760	50	257	198	252	3
All other.....	522	34	161	117	204	6
Hotel, motel.....	25	1	8	6	10	0
Liquor store.....	14	0	6	1	7	0
Bar, restaurant.....	20	0	4	7	8	1
Other business.....	72	1	20	19	31	1
Parking lot.....	141	8	46	37	50	0
Vehicle.....	0	-	-	-	-	-
Field, park.....	88	7	23	21	35	2
School .....	10	2	3	3	2	0
Other.....	152	15	51	23	61	2
Percent based on total known						
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Residence <sup>1</sup> .....	31.6	42.9	24.8	27.1	37.4	-
Single/Multi family residence.....	25.8	36.7	20.7	21.3	30.4	-
Residential/Nursing facility.....	3.0	4.8	1.8	2.3	4.0	-
Other residence.....	2.8	1.4	2.3	3.5	3.0	-
Street, sidewalk.....	40.6	34.0	46.2	45.8	34.6	-
All other.....	27.9	23.1	29.0	27.1	28.0	-
Hotel, motel.....	1.3	0.7	1.4	1.4	1.4	-
Liquor store.....	0.7	0.0	1.1	0.2	1.0	-
Bar.....	1.1	0.0	0.7	1.6	1.1	-
Other business.....	3.8	0.7	3.6	4.4	4.3	-
Parking lot.....	7.5	5.4	8.3	8.6	6.9	-
Vehicle.....	0.0	-	-	-	-	-
Field, park.....	4.7	4.8	4.1	4.9	4.8	-
School .....	0.5	1.4	0.5	0.7	0.3	-
Other.....	8.1	10.2	9.2	5.3	8.4	-

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<sup>1</sup> The "Residence" category is broken down in this table to reflect the subtypes observed in 2023.

**Table 18**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2014-2023**  
By Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	2014	2015	Number	Percent								
Total including unknown.....	1,697	1,861	1,930	28	1,829	33	1,796	100.0	1,714	25	1,739	100.0
Unknown.....	37	40	1,902	100.0	1,368	71.9	1,273	70.9	1,178	68.7	833	48.6
Total known.....	1,660	100.0	1,276	70.1	929	48.8	887	49.4	21.5	345	20.1	
Firearm.....	1,169	70.4	855	47.0	421	23.1	439	21.5	36	2.0	24	1.4
Handgun.....	763	46.0	855	47.0	34	1.9	37	1.9	34	1.9	27	1.6
All other firearms.....	406	24.5	421	23.1	33	1.8	36	1.9	0.0	0.2	5	0.3
Rifle.....	40	2.4	421	23.1	0	0.0	0	0.2	3	0.2	4	0.3
Shotgun.....	43	2.6	421	23.1	0	0.0	0	0.2	3	0.2	4	0.3
Other firearm.....	9	0.5	421	23.1	0	0.0	0	0.2	3	0.2	4	0.3
Firearm - unknown type.....	314	18.9	354	19.4	363	19.1	312	17.4	312	17.4	289	16.9
Non-firearm.....	491	29.6	545	29.9	534	28.1	523	29.1	536	31.3		
Knife <sup>1</sup> .....	256	15.4	263	14.4	280	14.7	258	14.4	252	14.7		
Blunt object <sup>2</sup> .....	65	3.9	97	5.3	89	4.7	76	4.2	112	6.5		
Personal weapon <sup>3</sup> .....	97	5.8	90	4.9	89	4.7	103	5.7	87	5.1		
All other.....	73	4.4	95	5.2	76	4.0	86	4.8	85	5.0		
Rope <sup>4</sup> .....	17	1.0	26	1.4	22	1.2	30	1.7	20	1.2		
Drugs.....	6	0.4	4	0.2	3	0.2	1	0.1	0	0.0		
Other <sup>5</sup> .....	50	3.0	65	3.6	51	2.7	55	3.1	65	3.8		
Type of weapon used (cont.)	2019	2020	Number	Percent								
Total including unknown.....	1,679	2,202	2,361	74	2,206	59	1,892					
Unknown.....	23	37	49		49		59					
Total known.....	1,656	100.0	2,165	100.0	2,312	100.0	2,132	100.0	1,833	100.0	10.4	-14.0
Firearm.....	1,142	69.0	1,606	74.2	1,734	75.0	1,570	73.6	1,334	72.8	14.1	-15.0
Handgun.....	762	46.0	1,034	47.8	1,183	51.2	964	45.2	838	45.7	9.8	-13.1
All other firearms.....	380	22.9	572	26.4	551	23.8	606	28.4	27.1	22.2	-18.2	
Rifle.....	34	2.1	41	1.9	39	1.7	39	1.8	64	3.5	-	
Knife <sup>1</sup> .....	26	1.6	31	1.4	10	0.4	13	0.6	8	0.4	-	
Blunt object <sup>2</sup> .....	1	0.1	1	0.0	20	0.9	31	1.5	44	2.4	-	
Personal weapon <sup>3</sup> .....	319	19.3	499	23.0	482	20.8	523	24.5	380	20.7	21.0	-27.3
All other.....	89	5.4	83	3.8	112	4.8	139	6.5	93	5.1	27.4	-33.1
Rope <sup>4</sup> .....	21	1.3	22	1.0	19	0.8	17	0.8	6	0.3	-	
Drugs.....	2	0.1	3	0.1	7	0.3	17	0.8	21	1.1	-	
Other <sup>5</sup> .....	66	4.0	58	2.7	86	3.7	105	4.9	66	3.6	32.0	-37.1

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<sup>1</sup> Any instrument used to cut or stab.

<sup>2</sup> Club, etc.

<sup>3</sup> Hands, feet, etc.

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<sup>5</sup> Poison, arson, pellet gun, drowning, etc.

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Table 19  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2023**  
 Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	Total	Gender		Race/ethnic group				
		Male <sup>1</sup>	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown
Total including unknown	1,892	1,511	381	321	890	503	161	17
Unknown.....	59	38	21	17	19	15	7	1
Total known.....	1,833	1,473	360	304	871	488	154	16
Firearm.....	1,334	1,137	197	173	662	393	94	12
Handgun.....	898	718	120	104	405	267	57	5
All other firearms.....	496	419	77	69	257	126	37	7
Rifle.....	64	47	17	6	29	17	12	0
Shotgun.....	8	5	3	5	3	0	0	0
Other firearm.....	44	37	7	7	21	12	3	1
Firearm - unknown type.....	380	330	50	51	204	97	22	6
Non-firearm....	499	336	163	131	209	95	60	4
Knife <sup>2</sup> .....	264	186	78	58	118	57	29	2
Blunt object <sup>3</sup> .....	54	37	17	17	20	12	5	0
Personal weapon <sup>4</sup> .....	88	57	31	24	36	15	12	1
All other.....	93	56	37	32	35	11	14	1
Rope <sup>5</sup> .....	6	3	3	1	1	0	4	0
Drugs.....	21	14	7	10	7	2	1	1
Other <sup>6</sup> .....	66	39	27	21	27	9	9	0
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Firearm.....	72.8	77.2	54.7	56.9	76.0	80.5	61.0	-
Handgun.....	45.7	48.7	33.3	34.2	46.5	54.7	37.0	-
All other firearms.....	27.1	28.4	21.4	22.7	29.5	25.8	24.0	-
Rifle.....	3.5	3.2	4.7	2.0	3.3	3.5	7.8	-
Shotgun.....	0.4	0.3	0.8	1.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	-
Other firearm.....	2.4	2.5	1.9	2.3	2.4	2.5	1.9	-
Firearm - unknown type.....	20.7	22.4	13.9	16.8	23.4	19.9	14.3	-
Non-firearm....	27.2	22.8	45.3	43.1	24.0	19.5	39.0	-
Knife <sup>2</sup> .....	14.4	12.6	21.7	19.1	13.5	11.7	18.8	-
Blunt object <sup>3</sup> .....	2.9	2.5	4.7	5.6	2.3	2.5	3.2	-
Personal weapon <sup>4</sup> .....	4.8	3.9	8.6	7.9	4.1	3.1	7.8	-
All other.....	5.1	3.8	10.3	10.5	4.0	2.3	9.1	-
Rope <sup>5</sup> .....	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.0	2.6	-
Drugs.....	1.1	1.0	1.9	3.3	0.8	0.4	0.6	-
Other <sup>6</sup> .....	3.6	2.6	7.5	6.9	3.1	1.8	5.8	-

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<sup>2</sup> Any instrument used to cut or stab.

<sup>3</sup> Club, etc.

<sup>4</sup> Hands, feet, etc.

<sup>5</sup> Any instrument used to hang or strangle.

<sup>6</sup> Poison, arson, pellet gun, drowning, etc.

**Table 20**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2023**

Type of weapon used	Total	Under 18	18-29	30-39	40 and over	Unknown
Number						
Total including unknown.....	1,892	147	558	434	742	11
Unknown.....	59	6	13	6	32	2
Total known.....	1,833	141	545	428	710	9
Firearm.....	1,334	100	454	345	428	7
Handgun.....	838	59	295	223	257	4
All other firearms.....	496	41	159	122	171	3
Rifle.....	64	8	16	12	28	0
Shotgun.....	8	0	1	4	3	0
Other firearm.....	44	3	13	13	13	2
Firearm - unknown type.....	380	30	129	93	127	1
Non-firearm.....	499	41	91	83	282	2
Knife <sup>1</sup> .....	264	15	53	55	140	1
Blunt object <sup>2</sup> .....	54	2	6	9	37	0
Personal weapon <sup>3</sup> .....	88	11	9	9	58	1
All other.....	93	13	23	10	47	0
Rope <sup>4</sup> .....	6	1	0	1	4	0
Drugs.....	21	6	8	5	2	0
Other <sup>5</sup> .....	66	6	15	4	41	0
Percent based on total known						
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Firearm.....	72.8	70.9	83.3	80.6	60.3	-
Handgun.....	45.7	41.8	54.1	52.1	36.2	-
All other firearms.....	27.1	29.1	29.2	28.5	24.1	-
Rifle.....	3.5	5.7	2.9	2.8	3.9	-
Shotgun.....	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.9	0.4	-
Other firearm.....	2.4	2.1	2.4	3.0	1.8	-
Firearm - unknown type.....	20.7	21.3	23.7	21.7	17.9	-
Non-firearm.....	27.2	29.1	16.7	19.4	39.7	-
Knife <sup>1</sup> .....	14.4	10.6	9.7	12.9	19.7	-
Blunt object <sup>2</sup> .....	2.9	1.4	1.1	2.1	5.2	-
Personal weapon <sup>3</sup> .....	4.8	7.8	1.7	2.1	8.2	-
All other.....	5.1	9.2	4.2	2.3	6.6	-
Rope <sup>4</sup> .....	0.3	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.6	-
Drugs.....	1.1	4.3	1.5	1.2	0.3	-
Other <sup>5</sup> .....	3.6	4.3	2.8	0.9	5.8	-

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<sup>5</sup> Poison, arson, pellet gun, drowning, etc.

Table 21  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2014-2023**  
 By Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total including unknown.....	1,697	1,861	1,930	737	1,124	100.0	1,124	705	1,829	1,739
Unknown.....	641	737	1,193	100.0	1,193	100.0	1,124	705	710	710
Total known.....	1,056	100.0	1,124	100.0	1,193	100.0	1,124	705	1,029	100.0
Rape, robbery, burglary.....	84	8.0	81	7.2	84	7.0	85	7.6	74	7.2
Rape <sup>1</sup> .....	4	0.4	0	0.0	2	0.2	5	0.4	1	0.1
Robbery.....	73	6.9	75	6.7	74	6.2	73	6.5	70	6.8
Burglary.....	7	0.7	6	0.5	8	0.7	7	0.6	3	0.3
Argument.....	391	37.0	431	38.3	478	40.1	456	40.6	439	42.7
Domestic violence <sup>2</sup> .....	94	8.9	118	10.5	96	8.0	90	8.0	110	10.7
All other argument.....	297	28.1	313	27.8	382	32.0	366	32.6	329	32.0
Gang-, drug-related.....	341	32.3	350	31.1	392	32.9	365	32.5	300	29.2
Gang-related.....	315	29.8	323	28.7	370	31.0	339	30.2	276	26.8
Drug-related.....	26	2.5	27	2.4	22	1.8	26	2.3	24	2.3
All other.....	240	22.7	262	23.3	239	20.0	218	19.4	216	21.0
Contributing circumstance (cont.)	2019		2020		2021 <sup>a</sup>		2022		2023	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total including unknown.....	1,679	2,202	2,361	974	2,206	974	1,892	912	1,892	912
Unknown.....	666	894	1,308	100.0	1,296	100.0	1,232	100.0	980	100.0
Total known.....	1,013	100.0	1,308	100.0	91	7.0	72	5.8	39	4.0
Rape, robbery, burglary.....	77	7.6	111	8.5	1	0.1	2	0.2	0	0.0
Rape <sup>1</sup> .....	0	0.0	4	0.3	1	0.1	5	0.4	37	3.8
Robbery.....	71	7.0	102	7.8	80	6.2	65	5.3	2	0.2
Burglary.....	6	0.6	5	0.4	10	0.8	5	0.4	49.3	49.3
Argument.....	453	44.7	534	40.8	552	42.6	538	43.7	475	48.5
Domestic violence <sup>2</sup> .....	90	8.9	87	6.7	82	6.3	84	6.8	103	10.5
All other argument.....	363	35.8	447	34.2	470	36.3	454	36.9	372	38.0
Gang-, drug-related.....	282	27.8	407	31.1	365	28.2	329	26.7	254	25.9
Gang-related.....	256	25.3	369	28.2	345	26.6	312	25.3	229	23.4
Drug-related.....	26	2.6	38	2.9	20	1.5	17	1.4	25	2.6
All other.....	201	19.8	256	19.6	288	22.2	293	23.8	212	21.6

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<sup>1</sup> In 2014, the crime of "forcible rape" was changed to "rape". The definition was expanded to include both male and female victims and reflects the various forms of sexual penetration understood to be rape according to the FBI standards. For additional information, see Understanding the Data (Page 3).

<sup>2</sup> In 2021, the crime of "domestic violence" was changed to "domestic and family violence" for incident-based reporting. Caution should be used when comparing domestic violence data to prior years. For additional information, please see Understanding the Data (Page 3).

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**Table 22**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2023**  
 Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Victim by Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	Total	Gender		Race/ethnic group					
		Male <sup>1</sup>	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown	
Total including unknown.....	1,892	1,511	381	321	890	503	161	17	
Unknown.....	912	744	168	155	424	246	78	9	
Total known.....	980	767	213	166	466	257	83	8	
Rape, robbery, burglary.....	39	33	6	4	16	16	3	0	
Rape <sup>2</sup> .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Robbery.....	37	32	5	4	14	16	3	0	
Burglary.....	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	
Argument.....	475	348	127	84	215	128	45	3	
Domestic violence <sup>3</sup> .....	103	29	74	21	41	23	17	1	
All other argument.....	372	319	53	63	174	105	28	2	
Gang-, drug-related.....	254	236	18	22	156	67	8	1	
Gang-related.....	229	216	13	12	147	64	6	0	
Drug-related.....	25	20	5	10	9	3	2	1	
All other.....	212	150	62	56	79	46	27	4	
Percent based on total known									
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Rape, robbery, burglary.....	4.0	4.3	2.8	2.4	3.4	6.2	3.6	-	
Rape <sup>2</sup> .....	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	
Robbery.....	3.8	4.2	2.3	2.4	3.0	6.2	3.6	-	
Burglary.....	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	-	
Argument.....	48.5	45.4	59.6	50.6	46.1	49.8	54.2	-	
Domestic violence <sup>3</sup> .....	10.5	3.8	34.7	12.7	8.8	8.9	20.5	-	
All other argument.....	38.0	41.6	24.9	38.0	37.3	40.9	33.7	-	
Gang-, drug-related.....	25.9	30.8	8.5	13.3	33.5	26.1	9.6	-	
Gang-related.....	23.4	28.2	6.1	7.2	31.5	24.9	7.2	-	
Drug-related.....	2.6	2.6	2.3	6.0	1.9	1.2	2.4	-	
All other.....	21.6	19.6	29.1	33.7	17.0	17.9	32.5	-	

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<sup>1</sup> The "male" category includes one homicide victim whose identified gender category totaled less than 11.

<sup>2</sup> In 2014, the crime of "forcible rape" was changed to "rape". The definition was expanded to include both male and female victims and reflects the various forms of sexual penetration understood to be rape according to the FBI standards. For additional information, see Understanding the Data (Page 3).

<sup>3</sup> In 2021, the crime of 'domestic violence' was changed to "domestic and family violence" for incident-based reporting. Caution should be used when comparing domestic violence data to prior years. For additional information, please see Understanding the Data (Page 3).

**Table 23**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2023**  
Age of Victim by Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	Total	Under 5	5-17	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70 and over	Unknown
Number										
Total including unknown.....	1,892	33	114	558	434	320	195	145	82	11
Unknown.....	912	10	49	272	211	157	105	60	40	8
Total known.....	980	23	65	286	223	163	90	85	42	3
Rape, robbery, burglary.....	39	0	2	11	9	6	7	1	0	0
Rape <sup>1</sup> .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery.....	37	0	2	11	9	5	6	1	0	0
Burglary.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Argument.....	475	1	15	135	109	91	55	51	16	2
Domestic violence <sup>2</sup> .....	103	0	3	26	24	19	11	10	10	0
All other argument.....	372	1	12	109	85	72	44	41	6	2
Gang-, drug-related.....	254	1	29	97	69	40	10	6	1	1
Gang-related..	229	1	25	86	66	37	7	6	1	0
Drug-related.....	25	0	4	11	3	3	0	0	0	1
Child abuse.....	21	16	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All other.....	191	5	14	43	36	29	19	21	24	0
Percent based on total known										
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Rape, robbery, burglary.....	4.0	-	3.1	3.8	4.0	1.8	6.7	8.2	-	-
Rape <sup>1</sup> .....	0.0	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-
Robbery.....	3.8	-	3.1	3.8	4.0	1.8	5.6	7.1	-	-
Burglary.....	0.2	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.2	-	-
Argument.....	48.5	-	23.1	47.2	48.9	55.8	61.1	60.0	-	-
Domestic violence <sup>2</sup> .....	10.5	-	4.6	9.1	10.8	11.7	12.2	11.8	-	-
All other argument.....	38.0	-	18.5	38.1	38.1	44.2	48.9	48.2	-	-
Gang-, drug-related.....	25.9	-	44.6	33.9	30.9	24.5	11.1	7.1	-	-
Gang-related..	23.4	-	38.5	30.1	29.6	22.7	7.8	7.1	-	-
Drug-related.....	2.6	-	6.2	3.8	1.3	1.8	3.3	0.0	-	-
Child abuse.....	2.1	-	7.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-
All other.....	19.5	-	21.5	15.0	16.1	17.8	21.1	24.7	-	-

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<sup>1</sup> In 2014, the crime of "forcible rape" was changed to "rape". The definition was expanded to include both male and female victims and reflects the various forms of sexual penetration understood to be rape according to the FBI standards. For additional information, see Understanding the Data (Page 3).

<sup>2</sup> In 2021, the crime of "domestic violence" was changed to "domestic and family violence" for incident-based reporting. Caution should be used when comparing domestic violence data to prior years. For additional information, please see Understanding the Data (Page 3).

**Table 24**  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 2023**  
 Contributing Circumstance by Relationship of Victim to Offender

Relationship of victim to offender	Total	Rape	Robbery, burglary	Argument <sup>1</sup>	Gang- drug- related	Child abuse	All other	Unknown
								Number
Total including unknown.....	1,892	0	39	475	254	21	191	912
Unknown.....	1,035	0	20	144	170	8	59	634
Total known.....	857	0	19	331	84	13	132	278
Friend, acquaintance <sup>2</sup> .....	417	0	2	180	48	2	60	125
Spouse <sup>3</sup> .....	55	0	0	31	0	0	6	18
Parent, child <sup>4</sup> .....	72	0	0	23	0	11	10	28
All other relatives.....	60	0	0	22	3	0	14	21
Stranger.....	253	0	17	75	33	0	42	86
				Percent based on total known				
Total known.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Friend, acquaintance <sup>2</sup> .....	48.7	-	-	54.4	57.1	-	45.5	45.0
Spouse <sup>3</sup> .....	6.4	-	-	9.4	0.0	-	4.5	6.5
Parent, child <sup>4</sup> .....	8.4	-	-	6.9	0.0	-	7.6	10.1
All other relatives.....	7.0	-	-	6.6	3.6	-	10.6	7.6
Stranger.....	29.5	-	-	22.7	39.3	-	31.8	30.9

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<sup>1</sup> Includes domestic violence.

<sup>2</sup> Includes ex-husband, ex-wife, boyfriend/ex-boyfriend, girlfriend/ex-girlfriend, neighbor, employer, employee, gang member, etc.

<sup>3</sup> Includes "common-law" marriage partner.

<sup>4</sup> Includes stepmother, stepfather, stepdaughter, and stepson.

Table 25  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES CLEARED, 2014-2023**  
 Number Reported, Number Cleared, and Clearance Rate

Year(s)	Number of homicides reported	Number of homicides cleared	Clearance rate <sup>1</sup>
2023.....	1,892	1,166	61.6
2022.....	2,206	1,294	58.7
2021 <sup>a</sup> .....	2,361	1,286	54.5
2020.....	2,202	1,296	58.9
2019.....	1,679	1,084	64.6
2018.....	1,739	1,116	64.2
2017.....	1,829	1,144	62.5
2016.....	1,930	1,140	59.1
2015.....	1,861	1,145	61.5
2014.....	1,697	1,091	64.3

<sup>1</sup> A clearance rate is the percentage of crimes reported that have been "cleared" or solved for crime reporting purposes. The homicide clearance rate is calculated by dividing the number of reported homicide clearances by the number of reported homicide crimes. The result is multiplied by 100.

<sup>a</sup> The inclusion of data collected under California's IBR format began in 2021. Caution should be used when comparing these data with those from prior years. For additional information, see Understanding the Data (Page 3).

Table 26  
**FELONY ARRESTS FOR  
SELECTED VIOLENT OFFENSES, 2014-2023**  
Number, Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk, and Percent Change

Year(s)	Total	Homicide	Rape <sup>1</sup>	Robbery	Assault
Number					
2023.....	97,319	1,374	1,776	14,243	79,926
2022.....	96,606	1,485	1,890	13,187	80,044
2021 <sup>a</sup> .....	92,223	1,550	1,964	11,376	77,333
2020.....	101,292	1,597	2,067	13,696	83,932
2019.....	107,119	1,352	2,233	16,112	87,422
2018.....	110,759	1,416	2,541	16,713	90,089
2017.....	109,751	1,501	2,557	17,000	88,693
2016.....	107,305	1,440	2,558	15,892	87,415
2015.....	108,157	1,439	2,467	15,903	88,348
2014.....	106,405	1,427	2,444	14,799	87,735
Percent change in number					
2022-2023.....	0.7	-7.5	-	8.0	-0.1
2021-2022.....	4.8	-4.2	-	15.9	3.5
2020-2021 <sup>a</sup> .....	-9.0	-2.9	-	-16.9	-7.9
2019-2020.....	-5.4	18.1	-7.4	-15.0	-4.0
2018-2019.....	-3.3	-4.5	-12.1	-3.6	-3.0
2017-2018.....	0.9	-5.7	-0.6	-1.7	1.6
2016-2017.....	2.3	4.2	0.0	7.0	1.5
2015-2016.....	-0.8	0.1	3.7	-0.1	-1.1
2014-2015.....	1.6	0.8	-	7.5	0.7
2014-2023 <sup>a</sup> .....	-8.5	-3.7	-	-3.8	-8.9
Rate per 100,000 population at risk <sup>2</sup>					
2023.....	327.2	4.6	6.0	47.9	268.8
2022.....	313.6	4.8	6.1	42.8	259.9
2021 <sup>a</sup> .....	303.2	5.1	6.5	37.4	254.2
2020.....	333.7	5.3	6.8	45.1	276.5
2019.....	346.1	4.4	7.2	52.1	282.5
2018.....	357.9	4.6	8.2	54.0	291.1
2017.....	356.7	4.9	8.3	55.2	288.2
2016.....	350.0	4.7	8.3	51.8	285.1
2015.....	355.5	4.7	8.1	52.3	290.4
2014.....	352.4	4.7	8.1	49.0	290.6
Percent change in rate					
2022-2023.....	4.3	-4.2	-	11.9	3.4
2021-2022.....	3.4	-5.9	-	14.4	2.2
2020-2021 <sup>a</sup> .....	-9.1	-3.8	-	-17.1	-8.1
2019-2020.....	-3.6	20.5	-5.6	-13.4	-2.1
2018-2019.....	-3.3	-4.3	-12.2	-3.5	-3.0
2017-2018.....	0.3	-6.1	-1.2	-2.2	1.0
2016-2017.....	1.9	4.3	0.0	6.6	1.1
2015-2016.....	-1.5	0.0	2.5	-1.0	-1.8
2014-2015.....	0.9	0.0	-	6.7	-0.1
2014-2023 <sup>a</sup> .....	-7.2	-2.1	-	-2.2	-7.5

Note: Rates may not add to total because of rounding.

Dash indicates that a percent change was not calculated due to data definition change.

<sup>1</sup> In 2014, the crime of "forcible rape" was changed to "rape". The definition was expanded to include both male and female victims and reflects the various forms of sexual penetration understood to be rape according to the FBI standards. The 2023 numbers consist of 818 reported under this current definition (SRS) and 958 reported under the definition for IBR. Caution should be used when comparing rape data to prior years. For additional information, including the SRS and IBR rape numbers for prior years, see Understanding the Data (Page 3).

<sup>2</sup> Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance. Arrest rates are based on the total population at risk (10-69 years of age).

<sup>a</sup> The inclusion of data collected under California's IBR format began in 2021. Caution should be used when comparing these data with those from prior years. For additional information, see Understanding the Data (Page 3).

Table 27  
**HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 2014-2023**  
 By Gender of Arrestee

Year(s)	Total		Male		Female <sup>1</sup>	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2023.....	1,374	100.0	1,216	88.5	158	11.5
2022.....	1,485	100.0	1,323	89.1	162	10.9
2021 <sup>a</sup> .....	1,550	100.0	1,387	89.5	163	10.5
2020.....	1,597	100.0	1,403	87.9	194	12.1
2019.....	1,352	100.0	1,191	88.1	161	11.9
2018.....	1,416	100.0	1,249	88.2	167	11.8
2017.....	1,501	100.0	1,316	87.7	185	12.3
2016.....	1,440	100.0	1,282	89.0	158	11.0
2015.....	1,439	100.0	1,284	89.2	155	10.8
2014.....	1,427	100.0	1,260	88.3	167	11.7

<sup>1</sup> California has expanded the sex (gender) categories it collects in CIBRS to include: male, female, non-binary, and transgender. The 2023 homicide arrest numbers include one for transgender individual (identifying as female). In the female gender category, Arrest numbers for the non-binary gender category are not included in this table due to the small population size. Caution should be used when comparing gender data to prior years. For additional information, including the expanded gender category numbers for prior years, see Understanding the Data.

<sup>a</sup> The inclusion of data collected under California's IBR format began in 2021. Caution should be used when comparing these data with those from prior years. For additional information, see Understanding the Data. (Page 3)

Table 28  
**HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 2014-2023**  
 By Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee

Year(s)	Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2023.....	1,374	100.0	220	16.0	689	50.1	389	28.3	76	5.5
2022.....	1,485	100.0	273	18.4	688	46.3	447	30.1	77	5.2
2021 <sup>a</sup> .....	1,550	100.0	250	16.1	726	46.8	465	30.0	109	7.0
2020.....	1,597	100.0	279	17.5	754	47.2	462	28.9	102	6.4
2019.....	1,352	100.0	258	19.1	609	45.0	381	28.2	104	7.7
2018.....	1,416	100.0	282	19.9	672	47.5	370	26.1	92	6.5
2017.....	1,501	100.0	295	19.7	720	48.0	376	25.0	110	7.3
2016.....	1,440	100.0	298	20.7	617	42.8	401	27.8	124	8.6
2015.....	1,439	100.0	300	20.8	684	47.5	375	26.1	80	5.6
2014.....	1,427	100.0	287	20.1	657	46.0	388	27.2	95	6.7

<sup>a</sup> The inclusion of data collected under California's IBR format began in 2021. Caution should be used when comparing these data with those from prior years. For additional information, see Understanding the Data. (Page 3)

**HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 2014-2023**  
By Age of Arrestee

Year(s)	Total		Under 18		18-29		30-39		40 and over	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2023.....	1,374	100.0	123	9.0	581	42.3	355	25.8	315	22.9
2022.....	1,485	100.0	94	6.3	675	45.5	389	26.2	327	22.0
2021 <sup>a</sup> .....	1,550	100.0	101	6.5	777	50.1	340	21.9	332	21.4
2020.....	1,597	100.0	79	4.9	820	51.3	368	23.0	330	20.7
2019.....	1,352	100.0	68	5.0	646	47.8	318	23.5	320	23.7
2018.....	1,416	100.0	84	5.9	748	52.8	302	21.3	282	19.9
2017.....	1,501	100.0	98	6.5	749	49.9	366	24.4	288	19.2
2016.....	1,440	100.0	91	6.3	745	51.7	325	22.6	279	19.4
2015.....	1,439	100.0	88	6.1	768	53.4	313	21.8	270	18.8
2014.....	1,427	100.0	95	6.7	807	56.6	278	19.5	247	17.3

<sup>a</sup> The inclusion of data collected under California's IBR format began in 2021. Caution should be used when comparing these data with those from prior years. For additional information, see Understanding the Data. (Page 3)

**HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 2023**  
Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Gender and Age of Arrestee

Gender and age of arrestee	Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	1,374	100.0	220	100.0	689	100.0	389	100.0	76	100.0
					Total					
Male.....	1,216	88.5	180	81.8	636	92.3	331	85.1	69	90.8
Female <sup>1</sup> .....	158	11.5	40	18.2	53	7.7	58	14.9	7	9.2
					Gender					
					Age					
Under 18.....	123	9.0	17	7.7	66	9.6	34	8.7	6	7.9
18-29.....	581	42.3	65	29.5	335	48.6	155	39.8	26	34.2
30-39.....	355	25.8	64	29.1	173	25.1	99	25.4	19	25.0
40 and over.....	315	22.9	74	33.6	115	16.7	101	26.0	25	32.9

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<sup>1</sup> California has expanded the sex (gender) categories it collects in CIBRS to include: male, female, non-binary, and transgender. The 2023 homicide arrest numbers include one transgender individual (identifying as female) in the female gender category. Arrest numbers for the non-binary gender category are not included in this table due to the small population size. Caution should be used when comparing gender data to prior years. For additional information, including the expanded gender category numbers for prior years, see Understanding the Data.

Table 31  
**HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 2023**  
Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Gender and Age of Arrestee

Gender and age of arrestee	Total		White		Hispanic		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	1,374	100.0	220	100.0	689	100.0	389	100.0	76	100.0
Under 18.....	123	9.0	17	7.7	66	9.6	34	8.7	6	7.9
18-19.....	161	11.7	10	4.5	100	14.5	45	11.6	6	7.9
20-24.....	234	17.0	33	15.0	126	18.3	59	15.2	16	21.1
25-29.....	186	13.5	22	10.0	109	15.8	51	13.1	4	5.3
30-34.....	200	14.6	28	12.7	103	14.9	60	15.4	9	11.8
35-39.....	155	11.3	36	16.4	70	10.2	39	10.0	10	13.2
40-44.....	109	7.9	25	11.4	43	6.2	31	8.0	10	13.2
45-49.....	67	4.9	14	6.4	27	3.9	23	5.9	3	3.9
50-54.....	48	3.5	11	5.0	20	2.9	13	3.3	4	5.3
55 and over.....	91	6.6	24	10.9	25	3.6	34	8.7	8	10.5
Male.....	1,216	100.0	180	100.0	636	100.0	331	100.0	69	100.0
Under 18.....	113	9.3	16	8.9	59	9.3	33	10.0	5	7.2
18-19.....	149	12.3	9	5.0	96	15.1	38	11.5	6	8.7
20-24.....	212	17.4	27	15.0	117	18.4	52	15.7	16	23.2
25-29.....	162	13.3	15	8.3	101	15.9	43	13.0	3	4.3
30-34.....	164	13.5	21	11.7	93	14.6	42	12.7	8	11.6
35-39.....	130	10.7	29	16.1	64	10.1	29	8.8	8	11.6
40-44.....	100	8.2	22	12.2	40	6.3	28	8.5	10	14.5
45-49.....	59	4.9	11	6.1	25	3.9	20	6.0	3	4.3
50-54.....	43	3.5	9	5.0	18	2.8	12	3.6	4	5.8
55 and over.....	84	6.9	21	11.7	23	3.6	34	10.3	6	8.7
Female <sup>1</sup> .....	158	100.0	40	100.0	53	100.0	58	100.0	7	100.0
Under 18.....	10	6.3	1	2.5	7	13.2	1	1.7	1	14.3
18-19.....	12	7.6	1	2.5	4	7.5	7	12.1	0	0.0
20-24.....	22	13.9	6	15.0	9	17.0	7	12.1	0	0.0
25-29.....	24	15.2	7	17.5	8	15.1	8	13.8	1	14.3
30-34.....	36	22.8	7	17.5	10	18.9	18	31.0	1	14.3
35-39.....	25	15.8	7	17.5	6	11.3	10	17.2	2	28.6
40-44.....	9	5.7	3	7.5	3	5.7	3	5.2	0	0.0
45-49.....	8	5.1	3	7.5	2	3.8	3	5.2	0	0.0
50-54.....	5	3.2	2	5.0	2	3.8	1	1.7	0	0.0
55 and over.....	7	4.4	3	7.5	2	3.8	0	0.0	2	28.6

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Table 32  
**PERSONS SENTENCED TO DEATH,  
 1978-2023**

Year(s)	Initial sentences
2023.....	3
2022.....	2
2021.....	3
2020.....	5
2019.....	3
2018.....	5
2017.....	11
2016.....	9
2015.....	14
2014.....	13
2013.....	24
2012.....	13
2011.....	10
2010.....	34
2009.....	29
2008.....	21
2007.....	17
2006.....	17
2005.....	22
2004.....	12
2003.....	22
2002.....	17
2001.....	25
2000.....	33
1999.....	42
1998.....	32
1997.....	40
1996.....	40
1995.....	38
1994.....	21
1993.....	34
1992.....	40
1991.....	26
1990.....	33
1989.....	33
1988.....	34
1987.....	25
1986.....	21
1985.....	16
1984.....	27
1983.....	35
1982.....	39
1981.....	39
1980.....	23
1979.....	20
1978.....	7

Note: This table does not include persons who were resentenced to death after their death sentence was reversed on appeal.

**Table 33**  
**PERSONS SENTENCED TO DEATH, 2023**  
 Sentencing County by Gender, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age

Sentencing county	Total	Gender		Race/ethnic group			Age at arrest						
		Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black	Other	Under 20	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 and over
Total.....	3	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0
Riverside.....	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
San Bernardino.....	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0

Note: This table does not include persons resentenced to death after their death sentence was reversed on appeal.

**HOMICIDE CRIMES AND PEACE OFFICERS FELONIOUSLY KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 2014-2023**  
 Number and Rate per 100,000 Respective Population

Year(s)	California population	Homicides		Sworn law enforcement personnel	Peace officers feloniously killed in the line of duty	Number	Rate <sup>3</sup>
		Number <sup>1</sup>	Rate <sup>2</sup>				
2023.....	39,109,070	1,892	4.8	76,317	4	5	5.2
2022.....	39,028,571	2,206	5.7	76,130	4	5	5.3
2021 <sup>a</sup> .....	39,368,613	2,361	6.0	77,593	5	5	6.4
2020.....	39,782,419	2,202	5.5	79,693	2	2	2.5
2019.....	39,959,095	1,679	4.2	79,568	4	5	5.0
2018.....	39,825,181	1,739	4.4	79,113	4	5	5.1
2017.....	39,613,045	1,829	4.6	78,715	2	2	2.5
2016.....	39,354,432	1,930	4.9	77,824	6	7	7.7
2015.....	39,071,323	1,861	4.8	77,351	2	2	2.6
2014.....	38,499,378	1,697	4.4	77,139	5	6	6.5

Note: California population estimates were provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance. Sworn law enforcement personnel numbers were obtained from the annual Full-Time Law Enforcement Personnel survey conducted by the Criminal Justice Statistics Center. (Personnel in state regulatory agencies are not included in this table.)

<sup>1</sup> Includes peace officers feloniously killed in the line of duty.

<sup>2</sup> Rate is based on California population.

<sup>3</sup> Rate is based on sworn law enforcement personnel.

a The inclusion of data collected under California's BR format began in 2021. Caution should be used when comparing these data with those from prior years. For additional information, see Understanding the Data (Page 3).

**Table 35**  
**PEACE OFFICERS FELONIOUSLY KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 2023**  
 Gender and Race/Ethnic Group of Deceased by Location and Weapon

Location and W/weapon	Total	Gender		Race/Ethnic Group		
		Male	Female	White	Hispanic	Black
		Total				
Total	4	4	0	1	1	1
Residence.....	1	1	0	0	0	1
Street, sidewalk.....	3	3	0	1	1	0
Commercial establishment <sup>1</sup> .....	0	0	0	0	0	0
All other <sup>2</sup> .....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Location		Type of Weapon				
Firearm.....	4	4	0	1	1	1
Handgun.....	3	3	0	1	0	1
Rifle.....	1	1	0	0	1	0
Shotgun.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other firearm.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Firearm - unspecified.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-firearm.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Knife <sup>3</sup> .....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blunt Object <sup>4</sup> .....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Personal weapon <sup>5</sup> .....	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Other <sup>6</sup> .....	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note: The inclusion of data collected under California's IBR format began in 2021. Caution should be used when comparing these data with those from prior years. For additional information, see Understanding the Data (Page 3).

<sup>1</sup> Hotel/Motel, Liquor store, Bar, Other business.

<sup>2</sup> Parking lot, Vehicle, Field/Park, or Other.

<sup>3</sup> Any instrument used to cut or stab.

<sup>4</sup> Club, etc.

<sup>5</sup> Hands, feet, etc.

<sup>6</sup> Rope, drugs, poison, arson, pellet gun, drowning, etc.

Table 36  
**JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS  
 OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2023**  
 By Gender, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age of Deceased

Gender, race/ethnic group, and age of deceased	Total		Peace officer justifiable		Citizen justifiable	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Total</b>						
Total.....	67	100.0	48	100.0	19	100.0
<b>Gender</b>						
Male.....	62	92.5	45	93.8	17	89.5
Female.....	5	7.5	3	6.3	2	10.5
<b>Race/ethnic group</b>						
White.....	11	16.4	9	18.8	2	10.5
Hispanic.....	35	52.2	24	50.0	11	57.9
Black.....	16	23.9	12	25.0	4	21.1
Other.....	5	7.5	3	6.3	2	10.5
Unknown.....	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Age</b>						
Under 18.....	1	1.5	0	0.0	1	5.3
18-29.....	18	26.9	10	20.8	8	42.1
18-19.....	3	4.5	1	2.1	2	10.5
20-24.....	6	9.0	4	8.3	2	10.5
25-29.....	9	13.4	5	10.4	4	21.1
30-39.....	22	32.8	19	39.6	3	15.8
30-34.....	15	22.4	12	25.0	3	15.8
35-39.....	7	10.4	7	14.6	0	0.0
40 and over.....	26	38.8	19	39.6	7	36.8
40-44.....	12	17.9	7	14.6	5	26.3
45-49.....	3	4.5	2	4.2	1	5.3
50-54.....	4	6.0	4	8.3	0	0.0
55 and over.....	7	10.4	6	12.5	1	5.3
Unknown.....	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

Note: The inclusion of data collected under California's IBR format began in 2021. Caution should be used when comparing these data with those from prior years. For additional information, see Understanding the Data (Page 3).

Table 37  
**JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS  
 OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2023**  
 By Location of Justifiable Homicide

Location of justifiable homicide	Number	Percent
<b>Total</b>		
Total.....	67	
<b>Peace officer justifiable</b>		
Total.....	48	100.0
Residence <sup>1</sup> .....	12	25.0
Single/Multi family residence.	11	22.9
Residential/Nursing facility....	1	2.1
Other residence.....	0	0.0
Street, sidewalk.....	23	47.9
Commercial establishment.....	3	6.3
Hotel, motel.....	0	0.0
Liquor store.....	1	2.1
Bar.....	0	0.0
Other business.....	2	4.2
All other.....	10	20.8
Parking lot.....	4	8.3
Vehicle.....	-	-
Field, park.....	2	4.2
School.....	0	0.0
Other.....	4	8.3
<b>Citizen justifiable</b>		
Total.....	19	100.0
Residence <sup>1</sup> .....	3	15.8
Single/Multi family residence.	3	15.8
Residential/Nursing facility....	0	0.0
Other residence.....	0	0.0
Street, sidewalk.....	6	31.6
Commercial establishment.....	4	21.1
Hotel, motel.....	0	0.0
Liquor store.....	0	0.0
Bar.....	0	0.0
Other business.....	4	21.1
All other.....	6	31.6
Parking lot.....	3	15.8
Vehicle.....	-	-
Field, park.....	1	5.3
School.....	0	0.0
Other.....	2	10.5

Note: The inclusion of data collected under California's IBR format began in 2021. Caution should be used when comparing these data with those from prior years. For additional information, see Understanding the Data (Page 3).

<sup>1</sup> The "Residence" category was updated in 2023 to capture the subtype locations used in the IBR system.

Table 38  
**JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS  
 OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2023**  
 By Contributing Circumstance

Contributing circumstance	Number	Percent
<b>Total</b>		
Total.....	67	
<b>Peace officer justifiable</b>		
Total.....	48	100.0
Felon attacked peace officer.....	41	85.4
Felon killed during commission of crime.....	4	8.3
Felon resisted arrest.....	0	0.0
All other.....	3	6.3
Felon attacked civilian.....	3	6.3
Felon attempted flight.....	0	0.0
Details not provided.....	0	0.0
<b>Citizen justifiable</b>		
Total.....	19	100.0
Felon attacked peace officer.....	0	0.0
Felon killed during commission of crime.....	1	5.3
Felon attacked civilian.....	17	89.5
Felon attempted flight.....	0	0.0
Details not provided.....	1	5.3

Note: The inclusion of data collected under California's IBR format began in 2021.

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For additional information, see Understanding the Data (Page 3).

Table 39  
**JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDES BY PEACE OFFICERS  
 OR PRIVATE CITIZENS, 2023**  
 By Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	Total		Peace officer justifiable		Citizen justifiable	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	67	100.0	48	100.0	19	100.0
Firearm.....	65	97.0	48	100.0	17	89.5
Handgun.....	44	65.7	33	68.8	11	57.9
Rifle.....	3	4.5	3	6.3	0	0.0
Shotgun.....	1	1.5	0	0.0	1	5.3
Other firearm.....	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Firearm - unspecified.....	17	25.4	12	25.0	5	26.3
Non-firearm.....	2	3.0	0	0.0	2	10.5
Knife <sup>1</sup> .....	2	3.0	0	0.0	2	10.5
Blunt Object <sup>2</sup> .....	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Personal weapon <sup>3</sup> .....	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other <sup>4</sup> .....	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

Note: The inclusion of data collected under California's IBR format began in 2021. Caution should be used when comparing these data with those from prior years. For additional information, see Understanding the Data (Page 3).

<sup>1</sup> Any instrument used to cut or stab.

<sup>2</sup> Club, etc.

<sup>3</sup> Hands, feet, etc.

<sup>4</sup> Poison, arson, pellet gun, drowning, etc.

Table 40  
**HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1987–2023**  
 Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

Year(s)	Number	Rate <sup>1</sup>
2023.....	1,892	4.8
2022.....	2,206	5.7
2021 <sup>a</sup> .....	2,361	6.0
2020.....	2,202	5.5
2019.....	1,679	4.2
2018.....	1,739	4.4
2017.....	1,829	4.6
2016.....	1,930	4.9
2015.....	1,861	4.8
2014.....	1,697	4.4
2013.....	1,745	4.6
2012.....	1,878	5.0
2011.....	1,794	4.8
2010.....	1,809	4.8
2009.....	1,970	5.3
2008.....	2,143	5.8
2007.....	2,258	6.2
2006.....	2,483	6.9
2005.....	2,503	7.0
2004.....	2,394	6.7
2003.....	2,402	6.8
2002.....	2,392	6.8
2001.....	2,201	6.4
2000.....	2,074	6.1
1999.....	2,006	5.9
1998.....	2,170	6.5
1997.....	2,579	7.8
1996.....	2,910	9.0
1995.....	3,530	11.0
1994.....	3,699	11.5
1993.....	4,095	12.9
1992.....	3,920	12.5
1991.....	3,876	12.6
1990.....	3,562	12.1
1989.....	3,159	11.0
1988.....	2,947	10.5
1987.....	2,929	10.7

<sup>1</sup> Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, CA Department of Finance.

<sup>a</sup> The inclusion of data collected under California's IBR format began in 2021. Caution should be used when comparing these data with those from prior years. For additional information, see Understanding the Data (Page 3).

**Table 41**  
**POPULATION ESTIMATES, 1987-2023**

Year(s)	Total population	Population at risk		
		Total <sup>1</sup>	Adult <sup>2</sup>	Juvenile <sup>3</sup>
2023.....	39,109,070	29,738,875	25,698,841	4,040,034
2022.....	39,028,571	30,801,258	26,615,085	4,186,173
2021.....	39,368,613	30,418,892	26,222,173	4,196,719
2020.....	39,782,419	30,351,854	26,168,032	4,183,822
2019.....	39,959,095	30,948,835	26,807,124	4,141,711
2018.....	39,825,181	30,947,933	26,718,187	4,229,746
2017.....	39,613,045	30,771,994	26,566,180	4,205,814
2016.....	39,354,432	30,662,726	26,486,720	4,176,006
2015.....	39,071,323	30,426,258	26,369,040	4,057,218
2014.....	38,499,378	30,190,364	26,129,967	4,060,397
2013.....	38,204,597	29,923,597	25,825,829	4,097,768
2012.....	37,826,160	29,735,335	25,593,235	4,142,100
2011.....	37,578,616	29,556,094	25,352,813	4,203,281
2010.....	37,318,481	29,432,329	25,166,828	4,265,501
2009.....	37,077,204	29,092,061	24,846,056	4,246,005
2008.....	36,856,222	28,869,786	24,483,271	4,386,515
2007.....	36,552,529	28,597,658	24,193,795	4,403,863
2006.....	36,246,822	28,317,290	23,915,923	4,401,367
2005.....	35,985,582	28,066,451	23,678,907	4,387,544
2004.....	35,752,765	27,835,492	23,461,739	4,373,753
2003.....	35,388,928	27,496,472	23,162,159	4,334,313
2002.....	34,938,290	27,091,683	22,826,738	4,264,945
2001.....	34,512,742	26,707,152	22,524,040	4,183,112
2000.....	34,000,835	26,252,783	22,175,874	4,076,909
1999.....	34,036,000	25,711,892	21,855,190	3,856,702
1998.....	33,494,000	25,263,064	21,498,170	3,764,894
1997.....	32,957,000	25,760,375	21,934,916	3,825,459
1996.....	32,383,000	25,554,242	21,825,735	3,728,507
1995.....	32,063,000	25,122,782	21,505,839	3,616,943
1994.....	32,140,000	24,703,379	21,193,571	3,509,808
1993.....	31,742,000	24,334,534	20,923,632	3,410,902
1992.....	31,300,000	23,975,578	20,661,120	3,314,458
1991.....	30,646,000	23,585,168	20,356,984	3,228,184
1990.....	29,557,836	23,178,961	20,027,633	3,151,328
1989.....	28,771,207	22,524,392	19,451,763	3,072,629
1988.....	28,060,746	21,969,953	18,885,349	3,084,604
1987.....	27,388,477	21,483,563	18,378,758	3,104,805

Source: Population estimates were provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.

<sup>1</sup> Total population at risk, 10-69 years of age.

<sup>2</sup> Adult population at risk, 18-69 years of age.

<sup>3</sup> Juvenile population at risk, 10-17 years of age.

# Appendix

## Computational Formulas

**ARREST RATE** – An arrest rate describes the number of arrests made by law enforcement agencies per 100,000 total population or per 100,000 total population considered to be at risk for arrest (aged 10-69 years). The “at risk” population can be further distinguished by adults at risk (aged 18-69 years) and juveniles at risk (aged 10-17 years). Regardless of the population used, all rates are calculated in the same manner. An arrest rate is calculated by dividing the number of reported arrests by the respective population. The result is multiplied by 100,000. For example, in 2023 there were 1,374 homicide arrests. The total population was 39,109,070 and the total population at risk was 29,738,875. This equals a homicide arrest rate of 3.5 per 100,000 population and 4.6 per 100,000 population at risk.

$$\frac{1,374}{39,109,070} = 0.00003513 \times 100,000 = 3.5 \text{ per 100,000 total population}$$

$$\frac{1,374}{29,738,875} = 0.00004620 \times 100,000 = 4.6 \text{ per 100,000 total population at risk}$$

**CLEARANCE RATE** – A clearance rate is the percentage of crimes reported that have been cleared or solved for crime reporting purposes. It is calculated by dividing the number of reported clearances by the number of reported crimes. The result is multiplied by 100. For example, in 2023 there were 1,166 reported homicide clearances and 1,892 reported homicide crimes. This equals a homicide clearance rate of 61.6 percent.

$$\frac{1,166}{1,892} = 0.616279 \times 100 = 61.6\%$$

**CRIME RATE** – A crime rate describes the number of crimes reported to law enforcement agencies per 100,000 total population. A crime rate is calculated by dividing the number of reported crimes by the total population. The result is multiplied by 100,000. For example, in 2023 there were 1,892 reported homicides in California and the population was 39,109,070. This equals a homicide crime rate of 4.8 per 100,000 general population.

$$\frac{1,892}{39,109,070} = 0.000048 \times 100,000 = 4.8 \text{ per 100,000 population}$$

**PERCENT CHANGE** – A percent change describes a change in number or rate from one year to another. A percent change is calculated by subtracting base-year data from current-year data. The result is divided by base-year data and multiplied by 100. For example, in 2023 the homicide crime rate was 4.8. In 2014 the homicide crime rate was 4.4. The percent change in rate from 2014 to 2023 is a 9.1% increase.

$$\frac{4.8 - 4.4}{4.4} = 0.0909 \times 100 = 9.1\%$$

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Note: When a series of rates are calculated using different populations, the rate calculated for the total will not be equal to the sum of the rates calculated for each subtotal. For example, the total arrest rate (calculated using the total at-risk population) will not equal the sum of the adult arrest rate (calculated using the adult at-risk population) and the juvenile arrest rate (calculated using the juvenile at-risk population).

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