

Homicide in California, 2001

HOMICIDE

PEACE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

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

Data in Tables N-2 and N-3 show that:

- From 1992-2001, 63 peace officers were killed in the line of duty. The average number of peace officers killed annually was 6.3. In 2001, 6 were killed.
- In 2001, 5 peace officers were killed with handguns and 1 peace officer was killed with a rifle. All weapons belonged to the offenders.

Table N-2
PEACE OFFICERS KILLED
IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1992-2001

Year(s)	Number of officers killed
Total	63
2001	6
2000	2
1999	4
1998	7
1997	7
1996	5
1995	10
1994	9
1993	8
1992	5

Table N-3
PEACE OFFICERS KILLED
IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 2001
By Type of Weapon Used

Type of weapon used	Total	Offender's	Officer's
Total	6	6	0
Handgun	5	5	0
Rifle	1	1	0

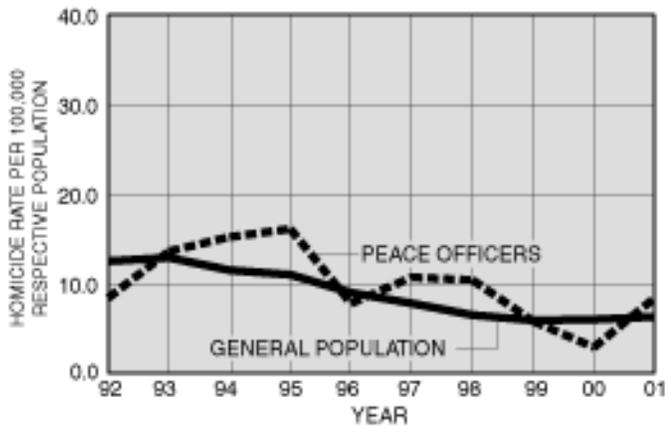
Table N-4
 PEACE OFFICERS KILLED
 IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 2001
 Race/Ethnic Group of Officer by Gender of Officer

Race/ethnic group	Total	Gender	
		Male	Female
Total	6	6	0
White	6	6	0
Hispanic	0	0	0
Black	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0

Data in Table N-4 show that:

- In 2001, all 6 peace officers killed in the line of duty were male; all 6 were white.

Chart 44
 HOMICIDE CRIMES AND PEACE OFFICERS KILLED
 IN THE LINE OF DUTY, 1992-2001
 Homicide Rate per 100,000 Respective Population



Source: Table 37.

When homicide rates for the general population were compared to homicide rates for peace officers killed in the line of duty, it was found that:

In 2001,

- The general population homicide rate was 6.3 per 100,000 respective population. The homicide rate for peace officers killed in the line of duty was 8.4 per 100,000 respective population.

Comparing 1992 to 2001:

- The general population homicide rate decreased 49.6 percent (12.5 to 6.3). The homicide rate for peace officers killed in the line of duty was the same in 1992 as it was in 2001 (8.4).