

# HOMICIDE ARRESTS



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Unlike crimes, which are classified by nationwide Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) standards, arrests are reported by California statute definition of the offense.<sup>1</sup> This may cause some differences in the definitions of certain crimes and the reporting of the arrests for those crimes. For instance, the California definition of a homicide arrest includes murder and *nonvehicular* manslaughter. The federal definition of a homicide crime includes murder and *nonnegligent* (nonaccidental) manslaughter.

All California law enforcement agencies report arrest and citation information to the California Department of Justice on the “Monthly Arrest and Citation Register,” which lists each arrestee; includes information about age, gender, and race/ethnic group; and specifies the “most serious” arrest offense and law enforcement disposition.

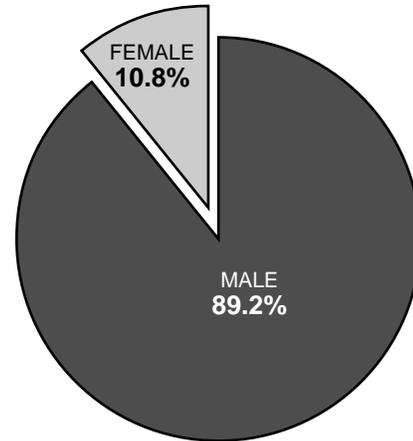
In 1999, of 1,770 arrests for homicide:

- 89.2 percent of arrestees (1,579) were male.
- 10.8 percent (191) were female.

□ **In 1999, the majority of homicide arrestees and victims were male (89.2 and 78.2 percent, respectively) (see [Tables 5](#) and [30](#)).**

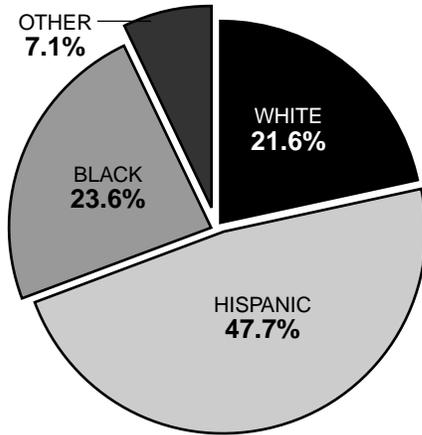
<sup>1</sup> The following penal codes for homicide arrest offenses were valid at the time of the closeout of the 1999 arrest offense code file: 128, 187(a), 189, 192(a), 192(b), 193(a), 193(b), 273ab, 399, 12310(a).

Chart 38  
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1999  
By Gender of Arrestee



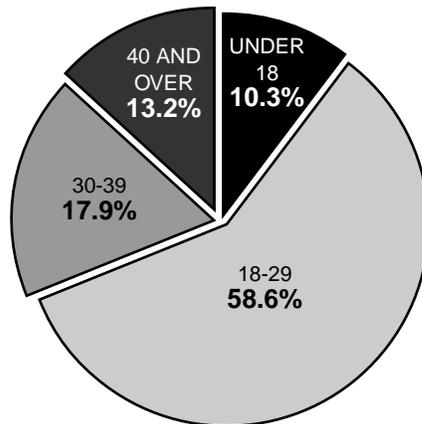
Source: [Table 30](#).

Chart 39  
 HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1999  
 By Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee



Source: Table 31.

Chart 40  
 HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1999  
 By Age of Arrestee



Source: Table 32.

In 1999, of 1,770 arrests for homicide:

- 21.6 percent of arrestees (382) were white.
- 47.7 percent (845) were Hispanic.
- 23.6 percent (417) were black.
- 7.1 percent (126) fell into the "other" race/ethnic group category.

And,

- 10.3 percent of arrestees (182) were under age 18.
- 58.6 percent (1,037) were aged 18-29.
- 17.9 percent (317) were aged 30-39.
- 13.2 percent (234) were aged 40 and over.

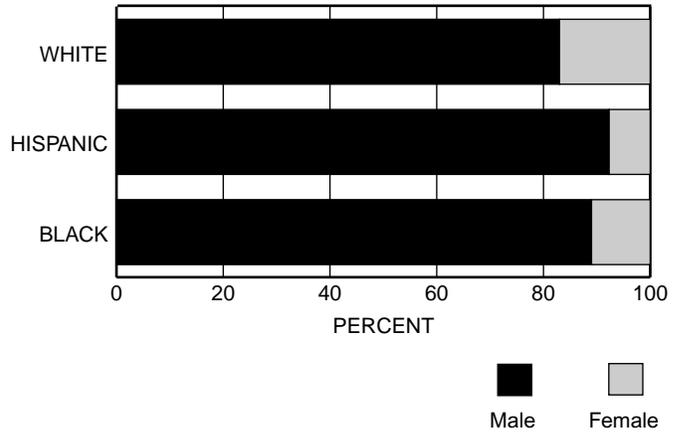
□ In 1999, the largest proportion of homicide arrestees and victims were Hispanic (47.7 and 45.5 percent, respectively). The majority of homicide arrestees were aged 18-29 (58.6 percent) and the largest proportion of homicide victims were aged 18-29 (42.3 percent). (See Tables 6, 7, 31, and 32.)

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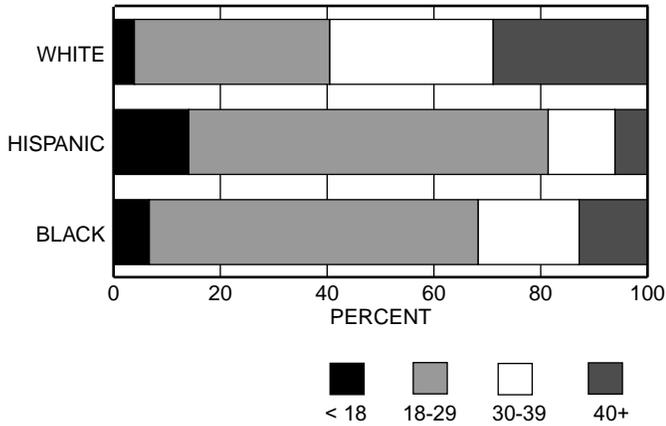
- Homicide arrestees for all three race/ethnic groups shown were predominately male.

Chart 41  
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1999  
Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Gender of Arrestee



Source: Table 33.

Chart 42  
 HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1999  
 Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Age of Arrestee



Source: Table 33.

In 1999,

- More white arrestees were aged 40 and over than were Hispanic or black arrestees (28.8 vs. 6.0 and 12.7 percent, respectively).
- Regardless of race/ethnic group, the largest proportion of homicide arrestees fell into the aged "18-29" category.