

**HOMICIDE
IN
CALIFORNIA
1996**

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HOMICIDE ARRESTS

Unlike crimes, which are classified by nationwide Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) standards, arrests are reported by California statute definition of the offense.¹ 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 homicide arrests includes murder and *nonvehicular* manslaughter. The federal definition of homicide includes murder and *nonnegligent* (nonaccidental) manslaughter.

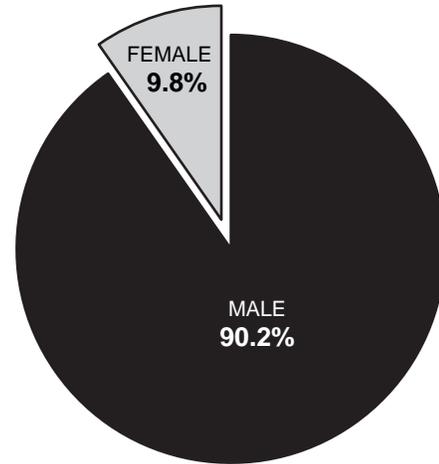
All California law enforcement agencies report arrest and citation information to the Department of Justice on the Monthly Arrest and Citation Register (MACR). The MACR lists each arrestee; includes information about age, gender, and race/ethnic group; and specifies the “most serious” arrest offense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

Analysis of the gender of arrestees for homicide found that:

In 1996,

- 90.2 percent were male.
- 9.8 percent were female.

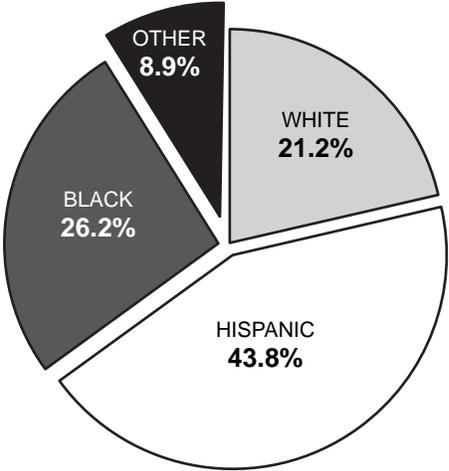
Chart 37
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1996
By Gender of Arrestee



Source: [Table 30.](#)

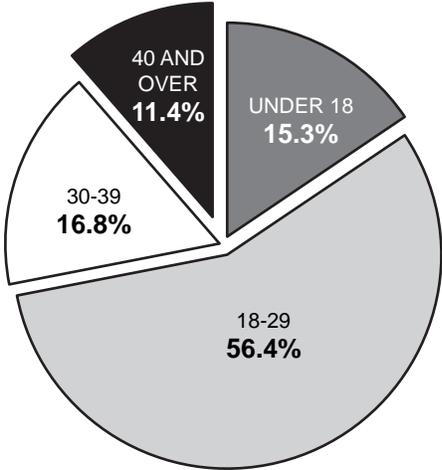
¹ The following penal codes for homicide arrest offenses were reported to the Department of Justice during 1996: 128, 187(a), 189, 192(a), 192(b), 193(a), 193(b), 273ab, 399, 12310(a).

Chart 38
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1996
By Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee



Source: [Table 31](#).
Note: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

Chart 39
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1996
By Age of Arrestee



Source: [Table 32](#).
Note: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

Analysis of the race/ethnic group and age of arrestees for homicide found that:

In 1996,

- 21.2 percent were white.
- 43.8 percent were Hispanic.
- 26.2 percent were black.
- 8.9 percent fell into the “other” race/ethnic group category.

And,

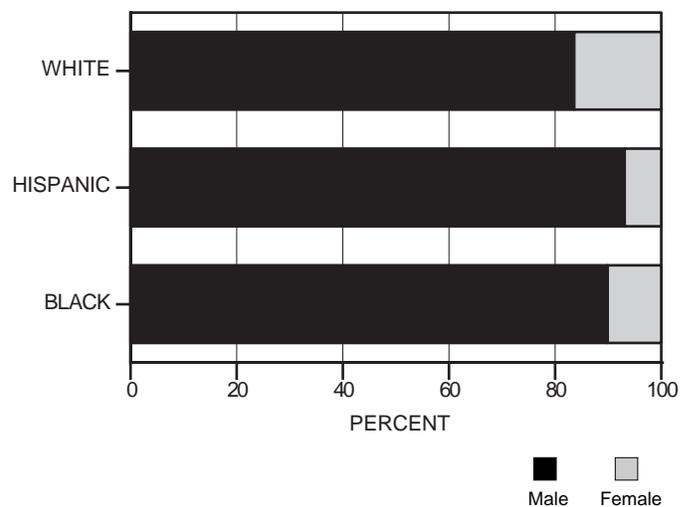
- 15.3 percent were under 18 years of age.
- 56.4 percent were 18-29 years of age.
- 16.8 percent were 30-39 years of age.
- 11.4 percent were 40 years of age or older.

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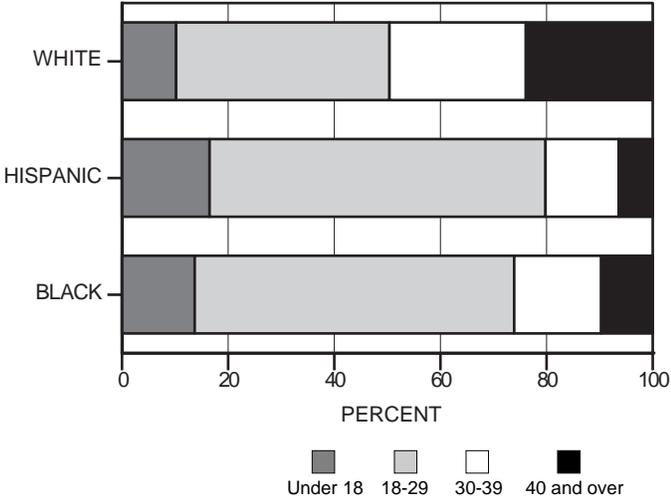
- Homicide arrestees for all three race/ethnic groups shown were predominately male.

Chart 40
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1996
Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Gender of Arrestee



Source: [Table 33.](#)

Chart 41
HOMICIDE ARRESTS, 1996
Race/Ethnic Group of Arrestee by Age of Arrestee



Source: [Table 33](#).

In 1996,

- More white arrestees were 40 years of age or older than Hispanic or black arrestees (23.8 vs. 6.4 and 9.7 percent, respectively).
- Regardless of race/ethnic group, the majority of homicide arrestees fell into the “18-29 years of age” category.