

**CONCEALABLE FIREARMS CHARGES IN CALIFORNIA**  
**Fiscal Year 2001/2002**



**ANALYSIS OF**  
**PC 12031**

**Violations for Carrying a**  
**Loaded Firearm**

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**PC 12031 CHARGES**  
Number and Percent of Total by Level of Offense

| Offense level     | Number | Percent |
|-------------------|--------|---------|
| Total .....       | 2,159  | 100.0   |
| Felony .....      | 1,177  | 54.5    |
| Misdemeanor ..... | 982    | 45.5    |

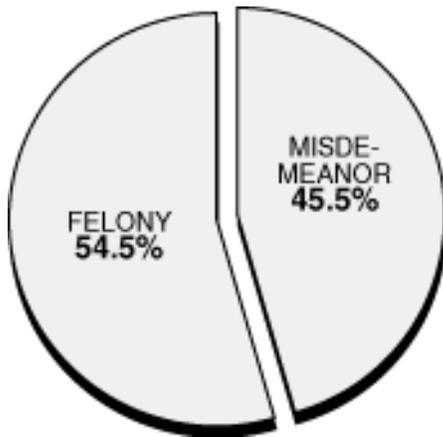
Source: Table 1.

Note: A PC 12031 offense is a "wobbler" and can be charged as either a felony or misdemeanor.

The following types of filing (felony/ misdemeanor) are referred to as the offense level throughout this report:

- A felony is a crime which is punishable by death or by imprisonment in state prison.
- A misdemeanor is a crime punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for up to one year.

**PC 12031 CHARGES**  
By Level of Offense



Of the 2,159 individuals charged with PC 12031:

- Felony charges accounted for 54.5 percent (1,177).
- Misdemeanor charges accounted for 45.5 percent (982).

# GENDER

Of the 2,159 PC 12031 charges:

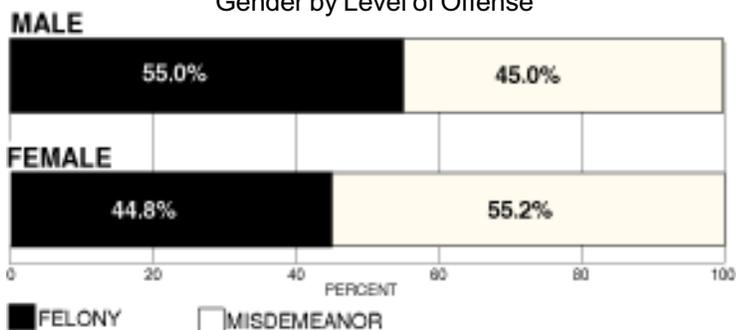
- Males were charged with more felonies (55.0 percent) than misdemeanors (45.0 percent).
- Females were charged with more misdemeanors (55.2 percent) than felonies (44.8 percent).

PC 12031 CHARGES  
Offense Level by Gender

| Gender       | Total  |             | Felony |             | Misdemeanor |             |
|--------------|--------|-------------|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|              | Number | Row Percent | Number | Row Percent | Number      | Row Percent |
| Total .....  | 2,159  |             | 1,177  |             | 982         |             |
| Male .....   | 2,063  | 100.0       | 1,134  | 55.0        | 929         | 45.0        |
| Female ..... | 96     | 100.0       | 43     | 44.8        | 53          | 55.2        |

Source: Table 1.

PC 12031 CHARGES  
Gender by Level of Offense



**PC 12031 CHARGES  
Offense Level by Gender**

| Gender      | Total | Felony |                | Misdemeanor |                |
|-------------|-------|--------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
|             |       | Number | Column Percent | Number      | Column Percent |
| Total.....  | 2,159 | 1,177  | 100.0          | 982         | 100.0          |
| Male.....   | 2,063 | 1,134  | 96.3           | 929         | 94.6           |
| Female..... | 96    | 43     | 3.7            | 53          | 5.4            |

Source: Table 1.

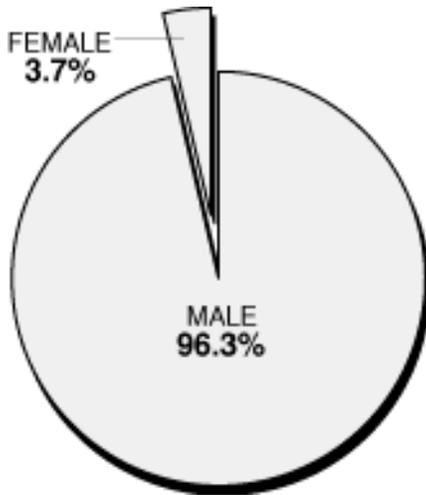
Of the 1,177 individuals charged with a felony under PC 12031:

- Males accounted for 96.3 percent (1,134).
- Females accounted for 3.7 percent (43).

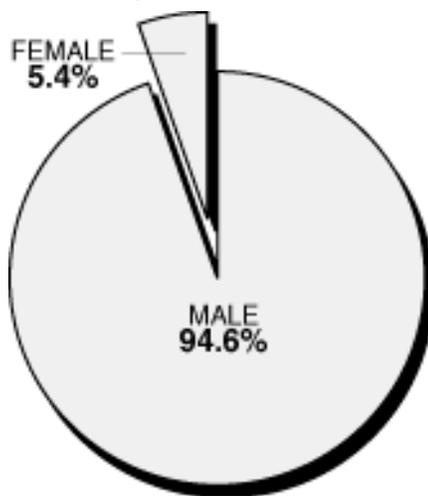
Of the 982 individuals charged with a misdemeanor under PC 12031:

- Males accounted for 94.6 percent (929).
- Females accounted for 5.4 percent (53).

**FELONY PC 12031 CHARGES  
By Gender**



**MISDEMEANOR PC 12031 CHARGES  
By Gender**



## RACE/ETHNIC GROUP

Of the 2,159 PC 12031 charges:

- Whites were charged with more misdemeanors (68.8 percent) than felonies (31.3 percent).
- Hispanics were charged with more felonies (62.3 percent) than misdemeanors (37.7 percent).
- Blacks were charged with more felonies (66.2 percent) than misdemeanors (33.8 percent).
- Others were charged with more misdemeanors (53.8 percent) than felonies (46.2 percent).

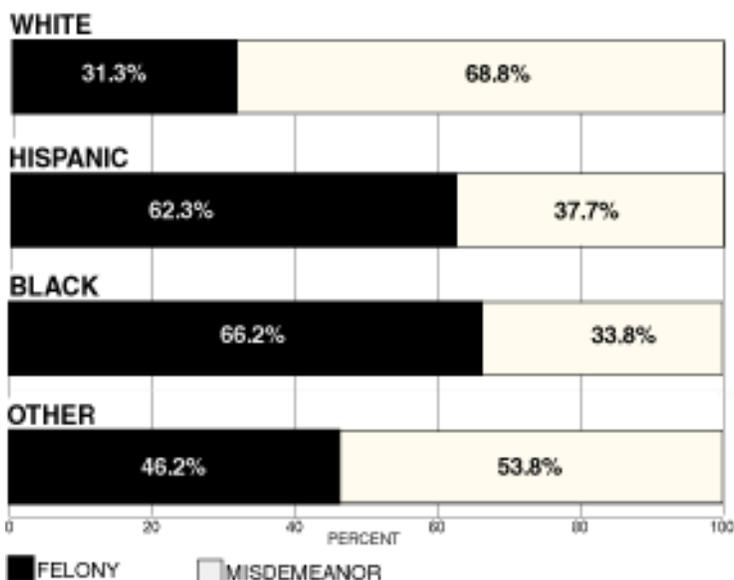
PC 12031 CHARGES  
Offense Level by Race/Ethnic Group

| Race/<br>ethnic<br>group | Total  |                | Felony |                | Misdemeanor |                |
|--------------------------|--------|----------------|--------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
|                          | Number | Row<br>Percent | Number | Row<br>Percent | Number      | Row<br>Percent |
| Total .....              | 2,159  |                | 1,177  |                | 982         |                |
| White .....              | 560    | 100.0          | 175    | 31.3           | 385         | 68.8           |
| Hispanic ...             | 967    | 100.0          | 602    | 62.3           | 365         | 37.7           |
| Black .....              | 539    | 100.0          | 357    | 66.2           | 182         | 33.8           |
| Other .....              | 93     | 100.0          | 43     | 46.2           | 50          | 53.8           |

Source: Table 1.

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

PC 12031 CHARGES  
Race/Ethnic Group by Level of Offense



**PC 12031 CHARGES**  
Offense Level by Race/Ethnic Group

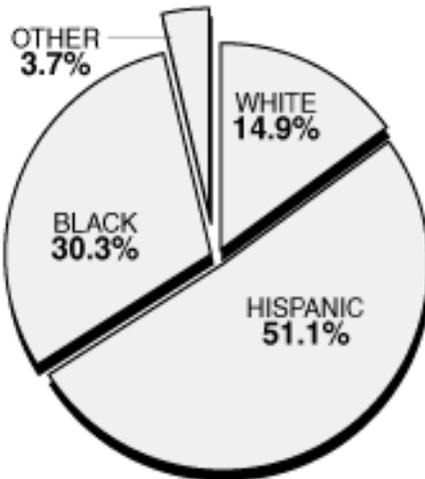
| Race/ethnic group | Total | Felony |                | Misdemeanor |                |
|-------------------|-------|--------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
|                   |       | Number | Column Percent | Number      | Column Percent |
| Total .....       | 2,159 | 1,177  | 100.0          | 982         | 100.0          |
| White .....       | 560   | 175    | 14.9           | 385         | 39.2           |
| Hispanic .....    | 967   | 602    | 51.1           | 365         | 37.2           |
| Black .....       | 539   | 357    | 30.3           | 182         | 18.5           |
| Other .....       | 93    | 43     | 3.7            | 50          | 5.1            |

Source: Table 1.

Of the 1,177 individuals charged with a felony under PC 12031:

- Whites accounted for 14.9 percent (175).
- Hispanics accounted for 51.1 percent (602).
- Blacks accounted for 30.3 percent (357).
- Others accounted for 3.7 percent (43).

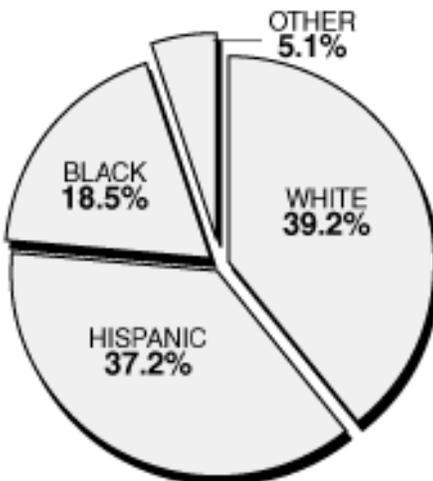
**FELONY PC 12031 CHARGES**  
By Race/Ethnic Group



Of the 982 individuals charged with a misdemeanor under PC 12031:

- Whites accounted for 39.2 percent (385).
- Hispanics accounted for 37.2 percent (365).
- Blacks accounted for 18.5 percent (182).
- Others accounted for 5.1 percent (50).

**MISDEMEANOR PC 12031 CHARGES**  
By Race/Ethnic Group



# AGE GROUP

Of the 2,159 PC 12031 charges:

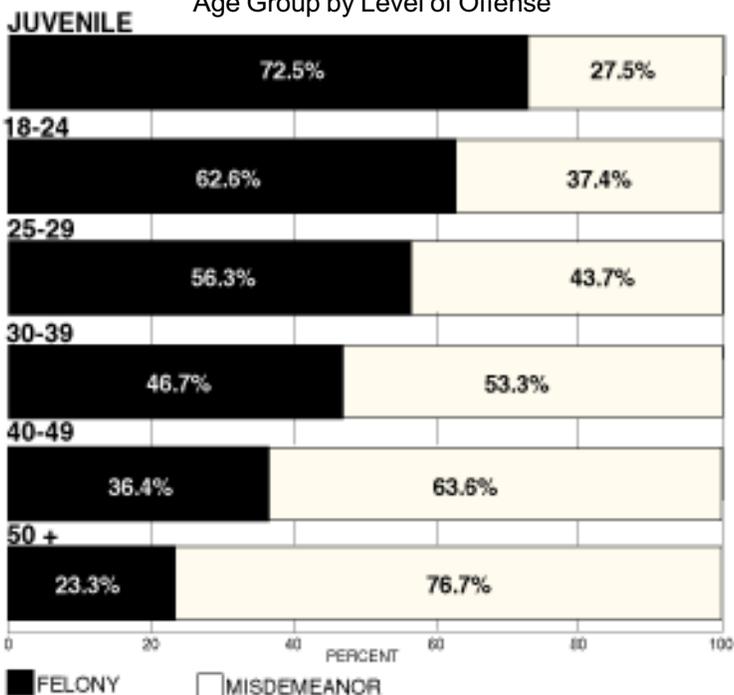
- Juveniles were charged with more felonies (72.5 percent) than misdemeanors (27.5 percent).
- 18-24 year olds were charged with more felonies (62.6 percent) than misdemeanors (37.4 percent).
- 25-29 year olds were charged with more felonies (56.3 percent) than misdemeanors (43.7 percent).
- 30-39 year olds were charged with more misdemeanors (53.3 percent) than felonies (46.7 percent).
- 40-49 year olds were charged with more misdemeanors (63.6 percent) than felonies (36.4 percent).
- 50+ year olds were charged with more misdemeanors (76.7 percent) than felonies (23.3 percent).

PC 12031 CHARGES  
Offense Level by Age Group

| Age group     | Total  |             | Felony |             | Misdemeanor |             |
|---------------|--------|-------------|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|               | Number | Row Percent | Number | Row Percent | Number      | Row Percent |
| Total .....   | 2,159  |             | 1,177  |             | 982         |             |
| Juvenile .... | 69     | 100.0       | 50     | 72.5        | 19          | 27.5        |
| 18-24 .....   | 1,064  | 100.0       | 666    | 62.6        | 398         | 37.4        |
| 25-29 .....   | 339    | 100.0       | 191    | 56.3        | 148         | 43.7        |
| 30-39 .....   | 360    | 100.0       | 168    | 46.7        | 192         | 53.3        |
| 40-49 .....   | 198    | 100.0       | 72     | 36.4        | 126         | 63.6        |
| 50+ .....     | 129    | 100.0       | 30     | 23.3        | 99          | 76.7        |

Source: Table 1.

PC 12031 CHARGES  
Age Group by Level of Offense



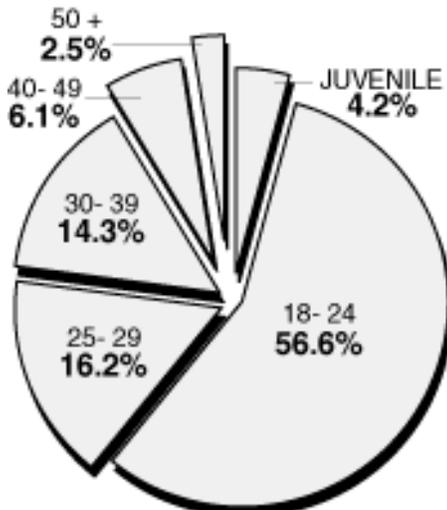
**PC 12031 CHARGES  
Offense Level by Age Group**

| Age group      | Total | Felony |                | Misdemeanor |                |
|----------------|-------|--------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
|                |       | Number | Column Percent | Number      | Column Percent |
| Total.....     | 2,159 | 1,177  | 100.0          | 982         | 100.0          |
| Juvenile ..... | 69    | 50     | 4.2            | 19          | 1.9            |
| 18-24 .....    | 1,064 | 666    | 56.6           | 398         | 40.5           |
| 25-29 .....    | 339   | 191    | 16.2           | 148         | 15.1           |
| 30-39 .....    | 360   | 168    | 14.3           | 192         | 19.6           |
| 40-49 .....    | 198   | 72     | 6.1            | 126         | 12.8           |
| 50+ .....      | 129   | 30     | 2.5            | 99          | 10.1           |

Source: Table 1.

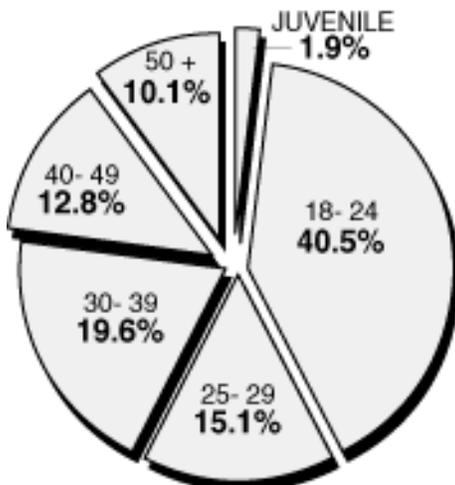
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**FELONY PC 12031 CHARGES  
By Age Group**



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**MISDEMEANOR PC 12031 CHARGES  
By Age Group**



Of the 1,177 individuals charged with a felony under PC 12031:

- Juveniles accounted for 4.2 percent (50).
- 18-24 year olds accounted for 56.6 percent (666).
- 25-29 year olds accounted for 16.2 percent (191).
- 30-39 year olds accounted for 14.3 percent (168).
- 40-49 year olds accounted for 6.1 percent (72).
- 50+ year olds accounted for 2.5 percent (30).

Of the 982 individuals charged with a misdemeanor under PC 12031:

- Juveniles accounted for 1.9 percent (19).
- 18-24 year olds accounted for 40.5 percent (398).
- 25-29 year olds accounted for 15.1 percent (148).
- 30-39 year olds accounted for 19.6 percent (192).
- 40-49 year olds accounted for 12.8 percent (126).
- 50+ year olds accounted for 10.1 percent (99).

## ADDITIONAL CHARGES

"Additional charges" reflect the charges (up to three) in addition to the primary charge of PC 12031.

Of the 1,393 charges (in addition to felony PC 12031):

- Felonies account for 89.3 percent (1,244).
- Misdemeanors account for 10.7 percent (149).

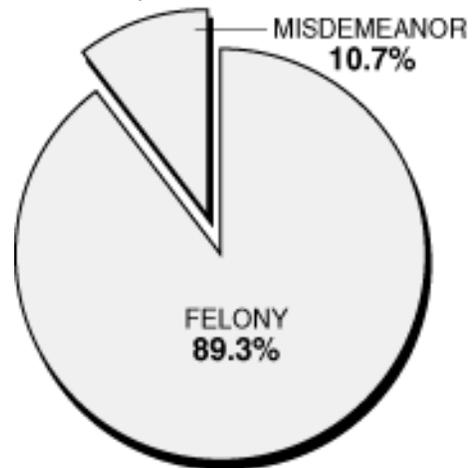
ADDITIONAL CHARGES  
(In Addition to Felony PC 12031)  
By Level and Type

| Additional charges           | Number       | Percent of total | Percent of level |
|------------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|
| Total .....                  | 1,393        | 100.0            | -                |
| <b>Felonies</b> .....        | <b>1,244</b> | <b>89.3</b>      | <b>100.0</b>     |
| Violent offenses .....       | 246          | 17.7             | 19.8             |
| Property offenses .....      | 123          | 8.8              | 9.9              |
| Drug offenses .....          | 189          | 13.6             | 15.2             |
| Weapons offenses .....       | 559          | 40.1             | 44.9             |
| All other felonies .....     | 127          | 9.1              | 10.2             |
| <b>Misdemeanors</b> .....    | <b>149</b>   | <b>10.7</b>      | <b>100.0</b>     |
| Assault and battery .....    | 34           | 2.4              | 22.8             |
| Theft offenses .....         | 4            | 0.3              | 2.7              |
| Drug offenses .....          | 31           | 2.2              | 20.8             |
| Weapons offenses .....       | 35           | 2.5              | 23.5             |
| All other misdemeanors ..... | 45           | 3.2              | 30.2             |

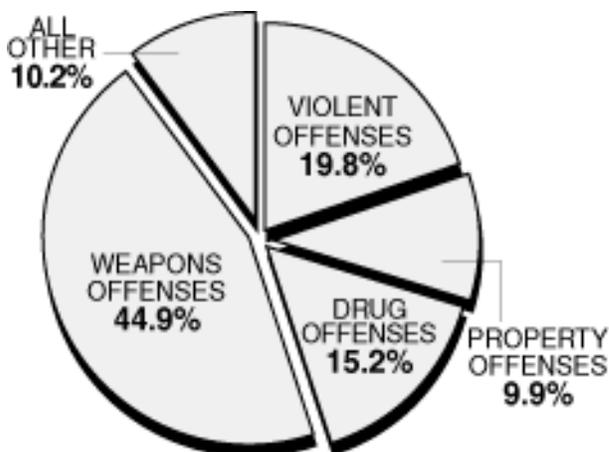
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ADDITIONAL CHARGES  
(In Addition to Felony PC 12031)  
By Level



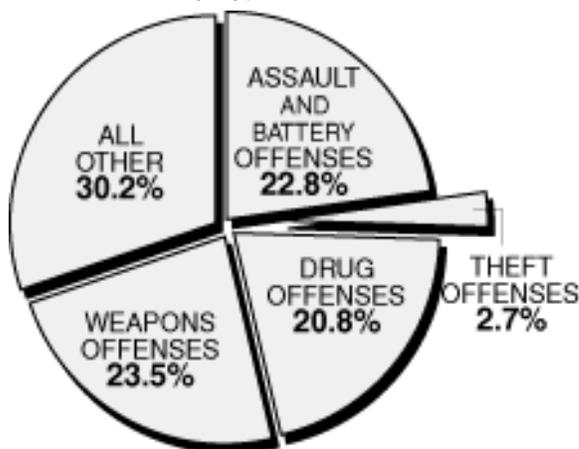
ADDITIONAL FELONY CHARGES  
(In Addition to Felony PC 12031)  
By Type



Of the 1,244 additional felony charges:

- Violent offenses account for 19.8 percent (246).
- Property offenses account for 9.9 percent (123).
- Drug offenses account for 15.2 percent (189).
- Weapons offenses account for 44.9 percent (559).
- All other felony offenses account for 10.2 percent (127).

ADDITIONAL MISDEMEANOR CHARGES  
(In Addition to Felony PC 12031)  
By Type



Of the 149 additional misdemeanor charges:

- Assault and battery offenses account for 22.8 percent (34).
- Theft offenses account for 2.7 percent (4).
- Drug offenses account for 20.8 percent (31).
- Weapons offenses account for 23.5 percent (35).
- All other misdemeanor offenses account for 30.2 percent (45).

## ADDITIONAL CHARGES

"Additional charges" reflect the charges (up to three) in addition to the primary charge of PC 12031.

Of the 861 charges (in addition to misdemeanor PC 12031):

- Felonies account for 70.3 percent (605).
- Misdemeanors account for 29.7 percent (256).

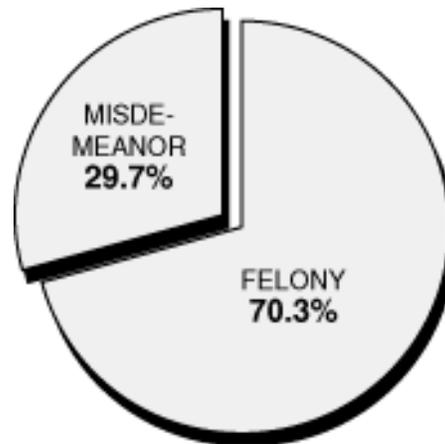
ADDITIONAL CHARGES  
(In Addition to Misdemeanor PC 12031)  
By Level and Type

| Additional charges           | Number     | Percent of total | Percent of level |
|------------------------------|------------|------------------|------------------|
| Total .....                  | 861        | 100.0            | -                |
| <b>Felonies</b> .....        | <b>605</b> | <b>70.3</b>      | <b>100.0</b>     |
| Violent offenses .....       | 88         | 10.2             | 14.5             |
| Property offenses .....      | 71         | 8.2              | 11.7             |
| Drug offenses .....          | 115        | 13.4             | 19.0             |
| Weapons offenses .....       | 193        | 22.4             | 31.9             |
| All other felonies .....     | 138        | 16.0             | 22.8             |
| <b>Misdemeanors</b> .....    | <b>256</b> | <b>29.7</b>      | <b>100.0</b>     |
| Assault and battery .....    | 54         | 6.3              | 21.1             |
| Theft offenses .....         | 3          | 0.3              | 1.2              |
| Drug offenses .....          | 69         | 8.0              | 27.0             |
| Weapons offenses .....       | 27         | 3.1              | 10.5             |
| All other misdemeanors ..... | 103        | 12.0             | 40.2             |

Source: Table 3.

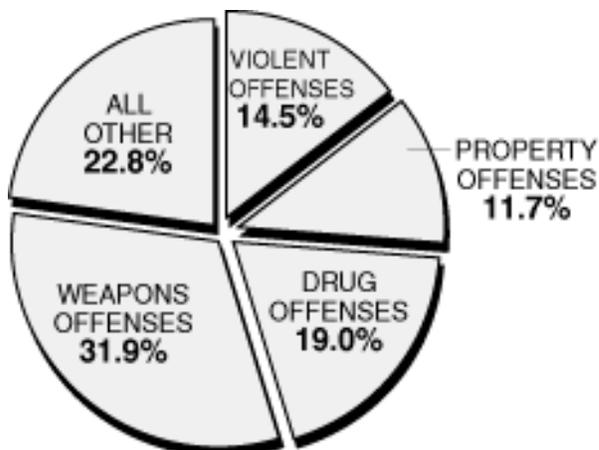
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ADDITIONAL CHARGES  
(In Addition to Misdemeanor PC 12031)  
By Level



## ADDITIONAL CHARGES

ADDITIONAL FELONY CHARGES  
(In Addition to Misdemeanor PC 12031)  
By Type



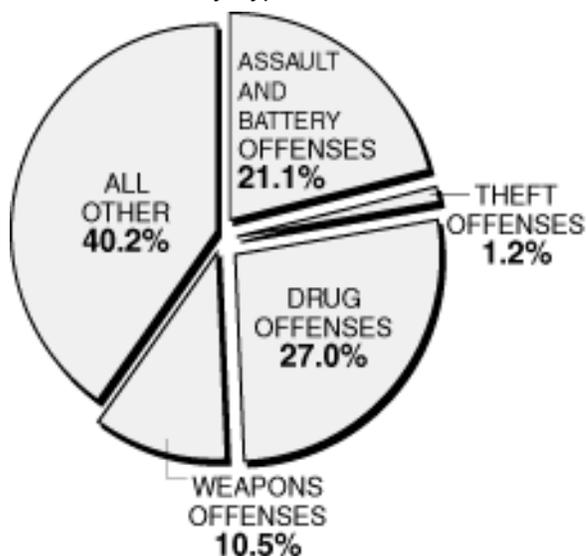
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Of the 605 additional felony charges:

- Violent offenses account for 14.5 percent (88).
- Property offenses account for 11.7 percent (71).
- Drug offenses account for 19.0 percent (115).
- Weapons offenses account for 31.9 percent (193).
- All other felony offenses account for 22.8 percent (138).

Of the 256 additional misdemeanor charges:

ADDITIONAL MISDEMEANOR CHARGES  
(In Addition to Misdemeanor PC 12031)  
By Type



- Assault and battery offenses account for 21.1 percent (54).
- Theft offenses account for 1.2 percent (3).
- Drug offenses account for 27.0 percent (69).
- Weapons offenses account for 10.5 percent (27).
- All other misdemeanor offenses account for 40.2 percent (103).

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