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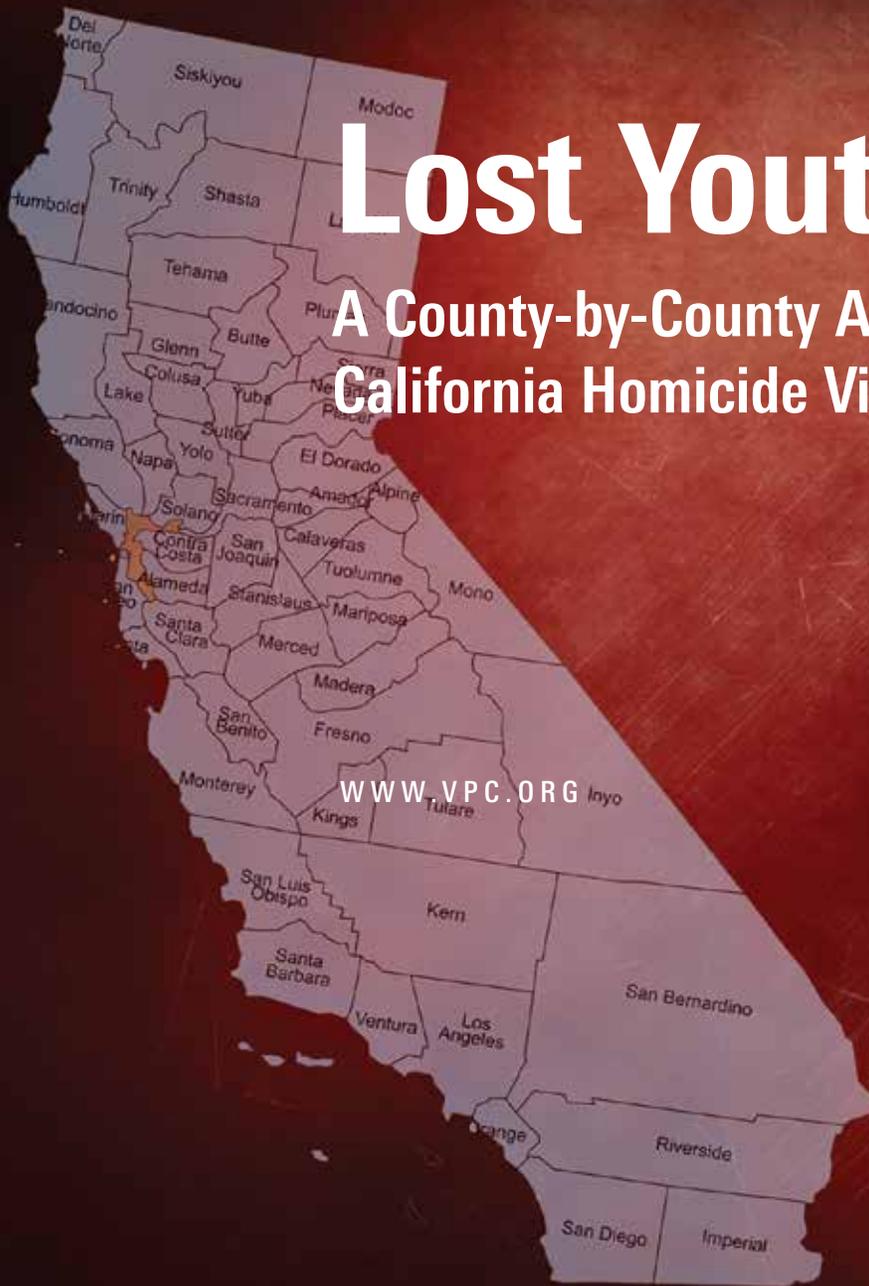


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**A County-by-County Analysis of 2013  
California Homicide Victims Ages 10 to 24**

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## INTRODUCTION: CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL DATA

Homicide is the second leading cause of death for California youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 years old.

In 2013, the most recent year for which complete data is available from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), homicides in California were outpaced only by unintentional injuries—the majority of which were motor vehicle fatalities—as the leading cause of death for this age group. Of the 613 homicides reported, 86 percent were committed with firearms. Nationally in 2013, California had the 17th highest homicide rate for youth and young adults ages 10 to 24.<sup>1</sup> (Please see Appendix One for a chart ranking the states by homicide rate for this age group for the year 2013.)

Broken out by gender, homicide retains its number-two ranking for males and drops to number four for females for this age group in California. For males, of the 553 homicides reported, firearms were the weapon used in 87 percent of the killings. For females, of the 60 homicides reported, firearms were the weapon used in 72 percent of the killings.

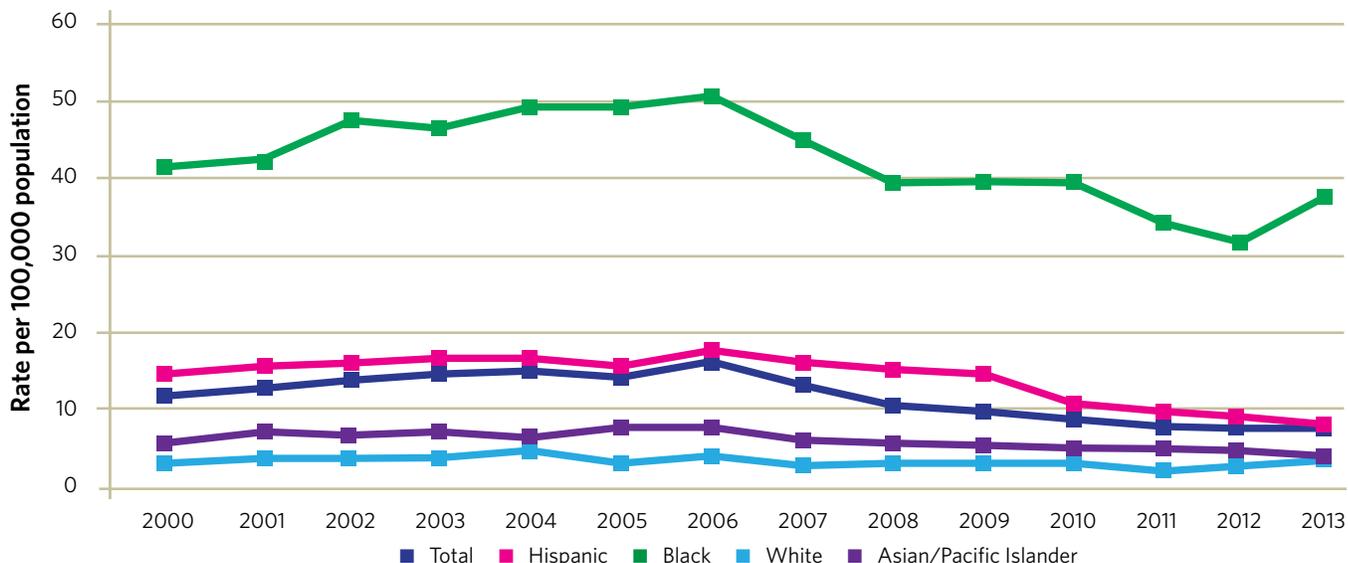
When analyzed by race and ethnicity, however, the rankings become less uniform and the severe effects of homicide on specific segments of this age group increasingly stark.<sup>2</sup> For blacks ages 10 to 24 in California in 2013, homicide was *the* leading cause of death. For Hispanics it was the second leading cause of death. For American Indian and Alaskan Natives it was the third leading cause of death. For whites and Asian/Pacific Islanders it was the fourth leading cause of death.

2013 LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH IN CALIFORNIA, BOTH SEXES AGES 10 TO 24, BY RACE					
	Hispanic	Black	White	Asian/Pacific Islander	American Indian/ Alaska Native
1	Unintentional Injury	Homicide	Unintentional Injury	Unintentional Injury	Unintentional Injury
2	Homicide	Unintentional Injury	Suicide	Suicide	Suicide
3	Suicide	Suicide	Malignant Neoplasms	Malignant Neoplasms	Homicide
4	Malignant Neoplasms	Malignant Neoplasms	Homicide	Homicide	Malignant Neoplasms
5	Heart Disease	Heart Disease	Heart Disease	Heart Disease	*

\* Beginning with 2008 data, the National Center for Health Statistics has begun suppressing data if fewer than 10 deaths are reported.

- 1 All leading cause of death data and state rankings calculated by the Violence Policy Center using the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s WISQARS (Web-Based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System) database (<http://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/index.html>).
- 2 Race and ethnicity are two separate designations. To calculate Hispanic ethnicity, for all races Hispanic ethnicity was excluded from race data (e.g., white non-Hispanic, black non-Hispanic, etc.). For the purposes of this study, these definitions will be presented without the modifying descriptions “non-Hispanic” and all races and ethnicity will be referred to as race.

### Homicide Rates in California, Ages 10 to 24, 2000 to 2013



As detailed in the graph above, from 2000 through 2013 the homicide rate among black youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 in California was far higher than the overall California homicide rate among the same age group.<sup>3</sup> The rate for Hispanic youth in California was also consistently above the state’s overall rate for this age group, while the rates for Asian/Pacific Islander and white youth were below the state’s overall rate. The rates for American Indian and Alaska Natives are not included because the National Center for Health Statistics suppresses data if fewer than 10 deaths are reported for a given population. A chart containing the supporting data for this graph follows on the next page.

However, in the eight-year period from 2006 through 2013, the homicide rate for this age group declined from a high of 12.75 per 100,000 in 2006 to 7.55 per 100,000 in 2013—a decrease of 41 percent.

For blacks, the homicide rate dropped from 50.44 per 100,000 to 38.10 per 100,000, a decrease of 24 percent. For Hispanics, the homicide rate dropped from 15.76 per 100,000 to 7.87 per 100,000, a decrease of 50 percent. For whites, the homicide rate dropped from 3.30 per 100,000 to 2.56 per 100,000, a decrease of 22 percent. And for Asian/Pacific Islanders, the homicide rate dropped from 6.29 per 100,000 to 2.32 per 100,000, a decrease of 63 percent.

This is the fifth consecutive year that the Violence Policy Center has published *Lost Youth*. The primary goal of this series of reports is to offer localized information on youth homicide victimization on the county level in California to better inform citizens, advocates, service providers, and policymakers.

All too often, the immediate, devastating effects of violence and its aftermath are little recognized outside of those who are directly affected. By comparing on a county-by-county level the homicide rates for youth and young adults in California, it is our goal to add a new, ongoing context for information to be

3 Per capita homicide rates for specific races ages 10 to 24 years old determined by the Violence Policy Center using the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s WISQARS (Web-Based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System) database (<http://www.cdc.gov/injury/wisqars/index.html>).

presented and progress to be measured while at the same time helping support discussion, analysis, policy development, and action. Above all, this work is conducted in the belief that information aids in the development of sound prevention strategies—on the local, state, and national levels.

<b>CALIFORNIA HOMICIDE RATES FOR VICTIMS AGES 10 TO 24 BY RACE, 2000 TO 2013 (ALL RATES PER 100,000 FOR RELEVANT POPULATION)</b>					
<b>Year</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Asian/Pacific Islander</b>	<b>Overall</b>
<b>2000</b>	13.55	41.35	2.83	4.22	10.33
<b>2001</b>	14.16	42.05	3.35	5.59	11.03
<b>2002</b>	14.47	47.49	3.36	5.33	11.65
<b>2003</b>	14.80	47.17	3.23	5.54	11.77
<b>2004</b>	14.99	49.47	3.48	4.44	12.02
<b>2005</b>	14.53	49.42	2.93	6.03	11.85
<b>2006</b>	15.76	50.44	3.30	6.29	12.75
<b>2007</b>	14.27	45.02	2.25	4.42	11.14
<b>2008</b>	12.92	39.21	2.40	4.27	10.16
<b>2009</b>	12.00	39.54	2.29	3.34	9.67
<b>2010</b>	9.64	39.55	2.10	3.12	8.43
<b>2011</b>	9.18	34.76	1.60	3.09	7.73
<b>2012</b>	9.02	33.72	2.13	2.71	7.76
<b>2013</b>	7.87	38.10	2.56	2.32	7.55

## SECTION ONE: 2013 CALIFORNIA COUNTY-BY-COUNTY DATA

This study offers both statewide and county-by-county homicide statistics for youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 utilizing 2013 California Supplementary Homicide Report (SHR) data (this is the most recent California homicide data available at the time of writing and is separate from the historical data cited in the prior section) and 2013 census data. To help ensure more stable rates, only counties with a population of at least 25,000 10- to 24-year-olds are included. The selected counties account for 98 percent of homicide victims ages 10 to 24 in California (653 out of 667 victims) and 98 percent of California's population ages 10 to 24 (7,945,545 out of 8,114,777) for 2013.

It is important to note that the coding contained in the California Supplementary Homicide Report data used in this report comes from law enforcement reporting at the local level. While there are coding guidelines followed by the law enforcement agencies, the level of information submitted to the SHR system, and the interpretation that results in the information submitted (for example, gang involvement) will vary from county to county. While this study utilizes the best and most recent state data available, it is limited by the degree of detail in the information submitted.

### COUNTY RANKINGS

#### HOMICIDE VICTIMS AGES 10 TO 24 BY CALIFORNIA COUNTY IN 2013, RANKED BY RATE

Ranking	County	Number of Homicides	Population, Ages 10 to 24	Homicide Rate per 100,000
1	Monterey County	22	93,707	23.48
2	Madera County	7	34,582	20.24
3	San Francisco County	22	110,322	19.94
4	Alameda County	58	297,265	19.51
5	Merced County	13	67,037	19.39
6	Solano County	12	87,604	13.70
7	Stanislaus County	16	120,112	13.32
8	Butte County	6	55,780	10.76
9	Kern County	22	207,249	10.62
10	San Joaquin County	17	163,188	10.42

Using the California SHR data, in 2013, the homicide rate among victims 10 to 24 years old in California was 8.22 per 100,000. In 2013, Monterey County ranked first as the county with the highest homicide rate among victims ages 10 to 24. Its rate of 23.48 per 100,000 was nearly three times the statewide rate. Monterey County was followed by Madera County (20.24 per 100,000), San Francisco County (19.94 per 100,000), Alameda County (19.51 per 100,000), and Merced County (19.39 per 100,000). The remaining counties that comprise the top 10 are detailed in the prior chart.

A chart listing the number and rate of homicide victims 10 to 24 years old by county and ranking each county by its homicide rate for this age group can be found in Appendix Two.

An alphabetical listing by county with identical information can be found in Appendix Three.

An alphabetical listing by county with data comparing the years 2011, 2012, and 2013 can be found in Appendix Four.

Additional 2013 data for California and the top 10 counties—gender and race of victim, type of weapon used, relationship of victim to offender, circumstances of the homicide, and location where the homicide took place—can be found in Appendix Five.

General statewide findings are summarized below.

### **GENDER AND RACE OF HOMICIDE VICTIMS**

Out of the 653 homicide victims ages 10 to 24 in California in 2013, 585 were male (90 percent) and 68 were female (10 percent). For homicides in which the race of the victim was identified (651 victims): 319 were Hispanic (49 percent); 235 were black (36 percent); 70 were white (11 percent); 19 were Asian/Pacific Islander (three percent); six were “other” (one percent); and, two were American Indian (less than one percent). Overall, Hispanic victims were killed at a rate (8.21 per 100,000) more than two and a half times higher than white victims (3.05 per 100,000). Black victims were killed at a rate (48.12 per 100,000) nearly 16 times higher than white victims (3.05 per 100,000).

#### **RACE AND GENDER OF CALIFORNIA HOMICIDE VICTIMS AGES 10 TO 24, 2013**

	<b>Male</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Hispanic</b>	285	89%	34	11%	319
<b>Black</b>	218	93%	17	7%	235
<b>White</b>	58	83%	12	17%	70
<b>Asian/Pacific Islander</b>	16	84%	3	16%	19
<b>Overall</b>	585	90%	68	10%	653

**CALIFORNIA HOMICIDE RATES FOR VICTIMS AGES 10 TO 24 BY RACE AND GENDER, 2013  
(ALL RATES PER 100,000 FOR RELEVANT POPULATION)**

	Male	Female	Overall
Hispanic	14.28	1.80	8.21
Black	86.76	7.17	48.12
White	4.88	1.09	3.05
Asian/Pacific Islander	3.28	0.64	1.99

**VICTIM TO OFFENDER RELATIONSHIP**

Among youth and young adults in 2013, for homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 46 percent (147 out of 317) were killed by a stranger. Thirty-eight percent (122 out of 317) were killed by someone they knew. Forty-eight additional victims (15 percent) were identified as gang members.<sup>4</sup>

For this age group, black, Hispanic, and Asian/Pacific Islander victims were more likely to be killed by a stranger than white victims. Forty-seven percent of all black victims were killed by a stranger (46 out of 98). Thirty-four percent of black victims (33 out of 98) were murdered by someone they knew. Nineteen additional victims (19 percent) were identified as gang members. Forty-seven percent of Hispanic victims were killed by strangers (73 out of 155). Thirty-four percent of Hispanic victims (53 out of 155) were murdered by someone they knew. An additional 19 percent of Hispanic victims (29 out of 155) were identified as gang members. Fifty-eight percent of Asian/Pacific Islander victims were killed by strangers (seven out of 12). Forty-two percent of Asian/Pacific Islander victims (five out of 12) were murdered by someone they knew. In comparison, 57 percent of white victims were murdered by someone they knew (26 out of 46) and 43 percent (20 out of 46) were killed by a stranger.

**MOST COMMON WEAPONS**

Firearms—especially handguns—were the most common weapon used to murder youth and young adults in 2013. Of the 646 homicides for which the murder weapon could be identified, 83 percent of victims (537 out of 646) died by gunfire. Of these, 69 percent (369 out of 537) were killed with a handgun.

<sup>4</sup> Information on gang activity is provided in two sections of the SHR data and is dependent on how local jurisdictions define and record such data. Although relationships are defined as victim to offender, because of potential inconsistencies in on-scene reporting a relationship may be coded as “gang member” if the victim of the homicide or the offender is believed to be a gang member. In the circumstance field, it may be coded as “gangland killing” or “gang killing” if the homicide is believed to be related to gang activity, whether or not the victim is a gang member.

**USE OF GUNS AND HANDGUNS IN HOMICIDES OF CALIFORNIANS, AGES 10 TO 24 BY RACE, 2013**

	Number of Gun Homicides	Gun Homicides as Percentage of All Homicides	Number of Handgun Homicides	Handgun Homicides as Percentage of All Gun Homicides
Hispanic	265	84%	176	66%
Black	212	91%	156	74%
White	38	56%	21	55%
Asian/Pacific Islander	14	74%	11	79%
Overall	537	83%	369	69%

**USE OF GUNS AND HANDGUNS IN HOMICIDES OF CALIFORNIANS, AGES 10 TO 24 BY RACE, 2011, 2012, AND 2013**

	Number of Gun Homicides			Gun Homicides as Percentage of All Homicides			Number of Handgun Homicides			Handgun Homicides as Percentage of All Gun Homicides		
	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013
Hispanic	283	281	<b>265</b>	83%	84%	<b>84%</b>	217	185	<b>176</b>	77%	66%	<b>66%</b>
Black	180	199	<b>212</b>	90%	94%	<b>91%</b>	128	150	<b>156</b>	71%	75%	<b>74%</b>
White	34	39	<b>38</b>	68%	72%	<b>56%</b>	17	28	<b>21</b>	50%	72%	<b>55%</b>
Asian/P.I.	21	19	<b>14</b>	70%	83%	<b>74%</b>	19	12	<b>11</b>	90%	63%	<b>79%</b>
Overall	520	546	<b>537</b>	83%	86%	<b>83%</b>	382	381	<b>369</b>	73%	70%	<b>69%</b>

## **CIRCUMSTANCE**

The overwhelming majority of homicides of youth and young adults in 2013 were not related to any other felony crime. For the 446 homicides in which the circumstances between the victim and offender could be identified, 80 percent (356 out of 446) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 60 percent (213 out of 356) were gang-related.<sup>5</sup>

For all races, the majority of deaths were not related to the commission of any other felony.

For Hispanic victims, 85 percent (199 out of 233) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 66 percent (132 out of 199) were gang-related.

For black victims, 75 percent (114 out of 151) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 64 percent (73 out of 114) were gang-related.

For white victims, 63 percent (29 out of 46) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, seven percent (two out of 29) were gang-related.

For Asian/Pacific Islander victims, 92 percent (11 out of 12) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 36 percent (four out of 11) were gang-related.

## **LOCATION**

In 2013, among youth and young adults for homicides in which the location could be determined, 52 percent (339 out of 647) occurred on a street, sidewalk, or in a parking lot. Seventeen percent (112 out of 647) occurred in the home of the victim or offender. Eleven percent (70 out of 647) occurred at another residence, and eight percent (50 out of 647) occurred in a vehicle.

For homicides in which the location could be determined, 62 percent of black victims (144 out of 234), 50 percent of Hispanic victims (159 out of 316), 47 percent of Asian/Pacific Islander victims (nine out of 19), and 35 percent of white victims (24 out of 69) were killed on a street, sidewalk, or in a parking lot.

For homicides in which the location could be determined, 35 percent of white victims (24 out of 69), 20 percent of Hispanic victims (62 out of 316), 11 percent of Asian/Pacific Islander victims (two out of 19), and nine percent of black victims (20 out of 234) were killed in the home of the victim or the offender.

Eleven percent of black victims (26 out of 234), 11 percent of Hispanic victims (34 out of 316), 11 percent of Asian/Pacific Islander victims (two out of 19), and 10 percent of white victims (seven out of 69) were killed at another residence.

Sixteen percent of Asian/Pacific Islander victims (three out of 19), eight percent of Hispanic victims (26 out of 316), eight percent of black victims (19 out of 234), and three percent of white victims (two out of 69) were killed in a vehicle.

5 Information on gang activity is provided in two sections of the SHR data and is dependent on how local jurisdictions define and record such data. Although relationships are defined as victim to offender, because of potential inconsistencies in on-scene reporting a relationship may be coded as "gang member" if the victim of the homicide or the offender is believed to be a gang member. In the circumstance field, it may be coded as "gangland killing" or "gang killing" if the homicide is believed to be related to gang activity, whether or not the victim is a gang member.

## **SECTION TWO: HISPANIC VICTIMS**

In 2013, Hispanic youth and young adults were murdered at a rate more than two and a half times higher than white youth and young adults: 8.21 per 100,000 compared to 3.05 per 100,000. Hispanic youth and young adults comprised 49 percent of California's population between the ages of 10 and 24, and they accounted for 49 percent of the homicide victims in the same age group.

### **GENDER OF HISPANIC HOMICIDE VICTIMS**

Of the 319 Hispanic homicide victims age 10 to 24 in California in 2013, 285 were male (89 percent) and 34 were female (11 percent).

### **VICTIM TO OFFENDER RELATIONSHIP**

Among Hispanic youth and young adults in 2013, for homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 34 percent of victims (53 out of 155) were murdered by someone they knew. Seventy-three victims were killed by strangers. For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 19 percent of the victims (29 out of 155) were gang members.

### **HISPANIC HOMICIDE VICTIMS AND WEAPONS**

As with youth and young adult homicide victims in general, firearms—especially handguns—were the most common weapons used to murder Hispanic youth and young adults in 2013. In the 316 homicides for which the murder weapon could be identified, 84 percent of Hispanic victims (265 victims) were shot and killed with guns. Of these, 66 percent (176 victims) were killed with a handgun.

### **HISPANIC HOMICIDE VICTIMS AND CIRCUMSTANCE**

The overwhelming majority of homicides of Hispanic youth and young adults in 2013 were not related to any other felony crime. For the 233 homicides in which the circumstances between the victim and offender could be identified, 85 percent (199 out of 233) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 66 percent (132 out of 199) were gang-related.

### **HISPANIC HOMICIDE VICTIMS AND LOCATION**

In 2013, among Hispanic youth and young adults, for homicides in which the location could be determined, 50 percent (159 out of 316) occurred on a street, sidewalk, or in a parking lot. Twenty percent (62 out of 316) occurred in the home of the victim or offender. Eleven percent (34 out of 316) occurred at another residence, and eight percent (26 out of 316) occurred in a vehicle.

## **SECTION THREE: BLACK VICTIMS**

In 2013, black youth and young adults were murdered at a rate nearly 16 times higher than white youth and young adults: 48.12 per 100,000 compared to 3.05 per 100,000. While black youth and young adults comprised six percent of California's population between the ages of 10 and 24, they accounted for 36 percent of the homicide victims in the same age group.

### **GENDER OF BLACK HOMICIDE VICTIMS**

Of the 235 black homicide victims age 10 to 24 in California in 2013, 218 were male (93 percent) and 17 were female (seven percent).

### **VICTIM TO OFFENDER RELATIONSHIP**

Among black youth and young adults in 2013, for homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 34 percent of victims (33 out of 98) were murdered by someone they knew. Forty-six victims were killed by strangers. For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 19 percent (19 out of 98) of the victims were gang members.

### **BLACK HOMICIDE VICTIMS AND WEAPONS**

As with youth and young adult homicide victims in general, firearms—especially handguns—were the most common weapons used to murder black youth and young adults in 2013. In the 233 homicides for which the murder weapon could be identified, 91 percent of black victims (212 victims) were shot and killed with guns. Of these, 74 percent (156 victims) were killed with a handgun.

### **BLACK HOMICIDE VICTIMS AND CIRCUMSTANCE**

The overwhelming majority of homicides of black youth and young adults in 2013 were not related to any other felony crime. For the 151 homicides in which the circumstances between the victim and offender could be identified, 75 percent (114 out of 151) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 64 percent (73 out of 114) were gang-related.

### **BLACK HOMICIDE VICTIMS AND LOCATION**

In 2013, among black youth and young adults, for homicides in which the location could be determined, 62 percent (144 out of 234) occurred on a street, sidewalk, or in a parking lot. Nine percent (20 out of 234) occurred in the home of the victim or offender. Eleven percent (26 out of 234) occurred at another residence, and eight percent (19 out of 234) occurred in a vehicle.

## **SECTION FOUR: WHITE VICTIMS**

In 2013, white youth and young adults were murdered at a rate of 3.05 per 100,000. While white youth and young adults comprised 29 percent of California's population between the ages of 10 and 24, they accounted for 11 percent of the homicide victims in the same age group.

### **GENDER OF WHITE HOMICIDE VICTIMS**

Of the 70 white homicide victims age 10 to 24 in California in 2013, 58 were male (83 percent) and 12 were female (17 percent).

### **VICTIM TO OFFENDER RELATIONSHIP**

Among white youth and young adults in 2013, for homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 57 percent of victims (26 out of 46) were murdered by someone they knew. Twenty victims were killed by strangers.

### **WHITE HOMICIDE VICTIMS AND WEAPONS**

As with youth and young adult homicide victims in general, firearms—especially handguns—were the most common weapons used to murder white youth and young adults in 2013. In the 68 homicides for which the murder weapon could be identified, 56 percent of white victims (38 victims) were shot and killed with guns. Of these, 55 percent (21 victims) were killed with a handgun.

### **WHITE HOMICIDE VICTIMS AND CIRCUMSTANCE**

For the 46 homicides in which the circumstances between the victim and offender could be identified, 63 percent (29 out of 46) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, seven percent (two out of 29) were gang-related.

### **WHITE HOMICIDE VICTIMS AND LOCATION**

In 2013, among white youth and young adults, for homicides in which the location could be determined, 35 percent (24 out of 69) occurred on a street, sidewalk, or in a parking lot. Thirty-five percent (24 out of 69) occurred in the home of the victim or offender. Ten percent (seven out of 69) occurred at another residence, and three percent (two out of 69) occurred in a vehicle.

## **SECTION FIVE: ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER VICTIMS**

In 2013, Asian/Pacific Islander youth and young adults were murdered at a rate of 1.99 per 100,000. While Asian/Pacific Islander youth and young adults comprised 12 percent of California's population between the ages of 10 and 24, they accounted for three percent of the homicide victims in the same age group.

### **GENDER OF ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER HOMICIDE VICTIMS**

Of the 19 Asian/Pacific Islander homicide victims age 10 to 24 in California in 2013, 16 were male (84 percent) and three were female (16 percent).

### **VICTIM TO OFFENDER RELATIONSHIP**

Among Asian/Pacific Islander youth and young adults in 2013, for homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 42 percent of victims (five out of 12) were murdered by someone they knew. Seven victims were killed by strangers.

### **ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER HOMICIDE VICTIMS AND WEAPONS**

As with youth and young adult homicide victims in general, firearms—especially handguns—were the most common weapons used to murder Asian/Pacific Islander youth and young adults in 2013. In the 19 homicides for which the murder weapon could be identified, 74 percent of Asian/Pacific Islander victims (14 victims) were shot and killed with guns. Of these, 79 percent (11 victims) were killed with a handgun.

### **ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER HOMICIDE VICTIMS AND CIRCUMSTANCE**

The overwhelming majority of homicides of Asian/Pacific Islander youth and young adults in 2013 were not related to any other felony crime. For the 12 homicides in which the circumstances between the victim and offender could be identified, 92 percent (11 out of 12) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 36 percent (four out of 11) were gang-related.

### **ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER HOMICIDE VICTIMS AND LOCATION**

In 2013, among Asian/Pacific Islander youth and young adults, for homicides in which the location could be determined, 47 percent (nine out of 19) occurred on a street, sidewalk, or in a parking lot. Eleven percent (two out of 19) occurred in the home of the victim or offender. Eleven percent (two out of 19) occurred at another residence, and 16 percent (three out of 19) occurred in a vehicle.

## CONCLUSION

Homicide, and particularly gun homicide, continues to be one of the most pressing public health concerns in California among youth and young adults ages 10 to 24.

Effective violence prevention strategies must include measures that prioritize preventing youth and young adults from accessing firearms, especially handguns. With firearms accounting for 83 percent of homicides in the 10 to 24 age range in California and handguns accounting for 69 percent of all gun homicides, prevention strategies to limit exposure to firearms in this age range are of the utmost importance. Key components of such a strategy would be the identification of the make, model, and caliber of weapons most preferred by this age group as well as analyses identifying the sources of the weapons. It should be kept in mind that a large percentage of this age group—those under the age of 21—cannot legally purchase a handgun. It is also generally illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to possess a handgun.<sup>6</sup> While most youth and young adults can neither buy nor possess a handgun, this in no way protects them from the emotional and psychological effects of gun violence. An ongoing need exists for the expansion of comprehensive violence intervention and prevention strategies that include a focus on the psychological well-being of witnesses and survivors of gun violence.

This year's county-by-county rankings also point to the continuing urgent need for tailored, localized approaches to reducing youth homicide that integrate prevention and intervention while engaging local leaders and community stakeholders. At the same time, state and regional policies should incorporate elements necessary to help ensure effective community practices.

6 Federal law prohibits Federal Firearms License (FFL) holders from selling handguns to anyone under the age of 21. California law prohibits the sale of handguns by any person or corporation to anyone under the age of 21. Federal and California law prohibit the possession of handguns by anyone under the age of 18 with exceptions including hunting and competitive shooting. For exceptions see Cal. Penal Code § 29615 Sections (a)(1), (a)(2).

**APPENDIX ONE: YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT HOMICIDE VICTIMS AGES 10 TO 24 IN THE UNITED STATES BY STATE, RANKED BY RATE, 2013**

State Ranking	State	Number of Homicide Victims	Homicide Rate per 100,000
1	Louisiana	175	18.15
2	Mississippi	77	11.98
3	Illinois	304	11.51
4	Maryland	128	10.95
5	Alabama	103	10.38
6	Indiana	138	9.94
7	Delaware	17	9.32
8	Ohio	211	9.04
9	Michigan	181	8.77
10	Florida	315	8.71
11	Georgia	173	8.10
12	Oklahoma	65	8.06
13	South Carolina	77	7.94
14	Tennessee	103	7.90
15	Pennsylvania	190	7.61
16	Missouri	93	7.60
17	California	613	7.55
18	New Jersey	129	7.49
19	North Carolina	147	7.30
20	Arkansas	44	7.27
21	Arizona	101	7.26
22	Rhode Island	13	5.96
23	Texas	324	5.57
24	New Mexico	23	5.29
25	Virginia	86	5.18
26	Nevada	27	4.91
27	Connecticut	35	4.84
28	Kentucky	41	4.65
29	New York	177	4.54
30	Nebraska	17	4.36
31	West Virginia	14	4.05
32	Wisconsin	46	3.98

State Ranking	State	Number of Homicide Victims	Homicide Rate per 100,000
33	Washington	51	3.72
34	Kansas	23	3.71
35	Colorado	37	3.48
36	Massachusetts	43	3.21
37	Minnesota	34	3.16
38	Oregon	16	2.12
39	Iowa	10	1.56
	Alaska	fewer than 10 deaths*	NA
	Hawaii	fewer than 10 deaths	NA
	Idaho	fewer than 10 deaths	NA
	Maine	fewer than 10 deaths	NA
	Montana	fewer than 10 deaths	NA
	New Hampshire	fewer than 10 deaths	NA
	North Dakota	fewer than 10 deaths	NA
	South Dakota	fewer than 10 deaths	NA
	Utah	fewer than 10 deaths	NA
	Vermont	fewer than 10 deaths	NA
	Wyoming	fewer than 10 deaths	NA
	<b>U.S. Total</b>	<b>4,453</b>	<b>6.91</b>

\* Beginning with 2008 data, the National Center for Health Statistics has begun suppressing data if fewer than 10 deaths are reported in a given state. Death counts and rates are not included for those states. They are, however, included in the U.S. total for deaths and rate.

**APPENDIX TWO: YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT HOMICIDE VICTIMS AGES 10 TO 24 IN CALIFORNIA BY COUNTY, RANKED BY RATE, 2013**

County Ranking by Rate	County	Number of Homicide Victims	Homicide Rate per 100,000
1	Monterey*	22	23.48
2	Madera	7	20.24
3	San Francisco	22	19.94
4	Alameda	58	19.51
5	Merced	13	19.39
6	Solano	12	13.70
7	Stanislaus	16	13.32
8	Butte	6	10.76
9	Kern	22	10.62
10	San Joaquin	17	10.42
11	Los Angeles	214	10.10
12	Tulare	11	9.84
13	Sacramento	29	9.58
14	Ventura	17	9.48
15	Kings	3	8.63
16	Fresno	19	8.35
17	Contra Costa	18	8.32
18	San Bernadino	41	8.15
19	Santa Cruz	4	6.08
20	Santa Clara	18	5.12
21	San Mateo	6	4.75
22	San Diego	28	4.11
23	Riverside	20	3.79
24	Humboldt	1	3.42
25	Sonoma	3	3.21
26	Orange	20	3.07
27	El Dorado	1	2.95
28	Marin	1	2.47
29	Imperial	1	2.37

County Ranking by Rate	County	Number of Homicide Victims	Homicide Rate per 100,000
30	Santa Barbara	2	1.78
31	Yolo	1	1.67
32 (tie)	Napa	0	0.00
32 (tie)	Placer	0	0.00
32 (tie)	San Luis Obispo	0	0.00
32 (tie)	Shasta	0	0.00
	<b>California Total</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>8.22</b>

\* To help ensure more stable rates, only counties with a population of at least 25,000 youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 are included. The selected counties account for 98 percent of homicide victims ages 10 to 24 in California (653 out of 667 victims) and 98 percent of California's population ages 10 to 24 (7,945,545 out of 8,114,777) for 2013.

**APPENDIX THREE: YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT HOMICIDE VICTIMS AGES 10 TO 24 IN CALIFORNIA AND RATES, ALPHABETICALLY BY COUNTY, 2013**

County	County Ranking by Rate	Number of Homicide Victims	Homicide Rate per 100,000
Alameda*	4	58	19.51
Butte	8	6	10.76
Contra Costa	17	18	8.32
El Dorado	27	1	2.95
Fresno	16	19	8.35
Humboldt	24	1	3.42
Imperial	29	1	2.37
Kern	9	22	10.62
Kings	15	3	8.63
Los Angeles	11	214	10.10
Madera	2	7	20.24
Marin	28	1	2.47
Merced	5	13	19.39
Monterey	1	22	23.48
Napa	32 (tie)	0	0.00
Orange	26	20	3.07
Placer	32 (tie)	0	0.00
Riverside	23	20	3.79
Sacramento	13	29	9.58
San Bernardino	18	41	8.15
San Diego	22	28	4.11
San Francisco	3	22	19.94
San Joaquin	10	17	10.42
San Luis Obispo	32 (tie)	0	0.00
San Mateo	21	6	4.75
Santa Barbara	30	2	1.78
Santa Clara	20	18	5.12
Santa Cruz	19	4	6.08
Shasta	32 (tie)	0	0.00
Solano	6	12	13.70

County	County Ranking by Rate	Number of Homicide Victims	Homicide Rate per 100,000
Sonoma	25	3	3.21
Stanislaus	7	16	13.32
Tulare	12	11	9.84
Ventura	14	17	9.48
Yolo	31	1	1.67
<b>California Total</b>		<b>653</b>	<b>8.22</b>

\* To help ensure more stable rates, only counties with a population of at least 25,000 youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 are included. The selected counties account for 98 percent of homicide victims ages 10 to 24 in California (653 out of 667 victims) and 98 percent of California's population ages 10 to 24 (7,945,545 out of 8,114,777) for 2013.

**APPENDIX FOUR: YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT HOMICIDE VICTIMS AGES 10 TO 24 IN CALIFORNIA AND RATES, ALPHABETICALLY BY COUNTY, 2011 - 2013**

	County Ranking by Rate			Number of Homicide Victims			Homicide Rate per 100,000		
	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013
Alameda	4	4	4	50	62	58	16.82	20.86	19.51
Butte	24	19	8	2	3	6	3.60	5.40	10.76
Contra Costa	5	8	17	31	24	18	14.74	11.41	8.32
El Dorado	30 (tie)	24	27	0	1	1	0.00	2.95	2.95
Fresno	11	11	16	20	21	19	8.64	9.08	8.35
Humboldt	30 (tie)	30 (tie)	24	0	0	1	0.00	0.00	3.42
Imperial	19	30 (tie)	29	2	0	1	4.65	0.00	2.37
Kern	17	13	9	12	16	22	5.79	7.71	10.62
Kings	13	18	15	3	2	3	8.42	5.61	8.63
Los Angeles	9	10	11	207	207	214	9.55	9.55	10.10
Madera	30 (tie)	17	2	0	2	7	0.00	5.68	20.24
Marin	28	30 (tie)	28	1	0	1	2.63	0.00	2.47
Merced	16	7	5	4	10	13	5.93	14.82	19.39
Monterey	3	1	1	16	22	22	16.96	23.32	23.48
Napa	30 (tie)	30 (tie)	32 (tie)	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Orange	22	21	26	25	25	20	3.82	3.82	3.07
Placer	30 (tie)	30 (tie)	32 (tie)	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Riverside	20	20	23	24	21	20	4.55	3.98	3.79
Sacramento	12	12	13	26	25	29	8.48	8.15	9.58
San Bernardino	14	22	18	39	19	41	7.65	3.73	8.15

	County Ranking by Rate			Number of Homicide Victims			Homicide Rate per 100,000		
	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013
San Diego	23	16	22	25	40	28	3.61	5.78	4.11
San Francisco	2	2	3	21	27	22	18.04	23.20	19.94
San Joaquin	1	3	10	35	36	17	21.29	21.90	10.42
San Luis Obispo	29	28	32 (tie)	1	1	0	1.50	1.50	0.00
San Mateo	15	26	21	9	3	6	7.26	2.42	4.75
Santa Barbara	27	27	30	3	1	2	2.67	1.78	1.78
Santa Clara	18	14	20	19	22	18	5.54	6.41	5.12
Santa Cruz	10	15	19	6	4	4	9.40	6.26	6.08
Shasta	30 (tie)	25	32 (tie)	0	1	0	0.00	2.90	0.00
Solano	6	6	6	12	13	12	13.71	14.85	13.70
Sonoma	21	29	25	4	1	3	4.24	1.06	3.21
Stanislaus	8	5	7	12	18	16	9.92	14.88	13.32
Tulare	7	9	12	15	12	11	13.43	10.75	9.84
Ventura	26	23	14	5	6	17	2.77	3.32	9.48
Yolo	25	30 (tie)	31	2	0	1	3.19	0.00	1.67
<b>California Total</b>				<b>631</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>7.87</b>	<b>8.06</b>	<b>8.22</b>

## **APPENDIX FIVE: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR CALIFORNIA AND THE 10 COUNTIES WITH THE HIGHEST RATES OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT HOMICIDE VICTIMIZATION**

### **CALIFORNIA**

*653 youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 were murdered in California in 2013*

*The homicide rate among youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 in California was 8.22 per 100,000 in 2013<sup>7</sup>*

#### **GENDER**

Out of 653 homicide victims, 585 were male (90 percent), and 68 were female (10 percent).

#### **RACE/ETHNICITY**

Out of 653 homicide victims, 319 were Hispanic (49 percent), 235 were black (36 percent), 70 were white (11 percent), 19 were Asian/Pacific Islander (3 percent), 2 were American Indian or Alaskan Native (less than 1 percent), 6 were “other” (1 percent), and 2 were of unknown race (less than 1 percent).

#### **MOST COMMON WEAPONS**

For homicides in which the weapon used could be identified, 83 percent of victims (537 out of 646) were shot and killed with guns. Of these, 69 percent (369 victims) were killed with handguns. There were 62 victims (10 percent) killed with knives or other cutting instruments, 6 victims (1 percent) killed by a blunt object, and 20 victims (3 percent) killed by bodily force.

#### **VICTIM TO OFFENDER RELATIONSHIP**

For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 38 percent of victims (122 out of 317) were murdered by someone they knew. One hundred forty-seven victims were killed by strangers. For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 15 percent (48 out of 317) were gang members.

#### **CIRCUMSTANCE**

For homicides in which the circumstances could be identified, 80 percent (356 out of 446) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 60 percent (213 homicides) were gang-related. Twenty-four percent (84 homicides) involved arguments between the victim and the offender. Four percent (14 homicides) were drive-by shootings.

#### **LOCATION**

For homicides in which the location could be determined, 52 percent (339 out of 647) occurred on a street, sidewalk, or in a parking lot. Seventeen percent (112 out of 647) occurred in the home of the victim or offender. Eleven percent (70 out of 647) occurred at another residence, and 8 percent (50 out of 647) occurred in a vehicle.

<sup>7</sup> To help ensure more stable rates, only counties with a population of at least 25,000 youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 are included. The selected counties account for 98 percent of homicide victims ages 10 to 24 in California (653 out of 667 victims) and 98 percent of California’s population ages 10 to 24 (7,945,545 out of 8,114,777) for 2013.

## MONTEREY COUNTY

*22 youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 were murdered in Monterey County in 2013*

*The homicide rate among youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 in Monterey County was 23.48 per 100,000 in 2013*

*Ranked 1st in California among counties with a population of 10- to 24-year-olds 25,000 or greater*

### **GENDER**

Out of 22 homicide victims, 21 were male (95 percent), and 1 was female (5 percent).

### **RACE/ETHNICITY**

Out of 22 homicide victims, 18 were Hispanic (82 percent), 2 were black (9 percent), 1 was white (5 percent), and 1 was Asian/Pacific Islander (5 percent).

### **MOST COMMON WEAPONS**

For homicides in which the weapon used could be identified, 91 percent of victims (20 out of 22) were shot and killed with guns. Of these, 25 percent (5 victims) were killed with handguns. There was 1 victim (5 percent) killed with a knife or other cutting instrument.

### **VICTIM TO OFFENDER RELATIONSHIP**

For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 11 percent of victims (1 out of 9) were murdered by someone they knew. Eight victims were killed by strangers.

### **CIRCUMSTANCE**

For homicides in which the circumstances could be identified, 94 percent (15 out of 16) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 87 percent (13 homicides) were gang-related. Seven percent (1 homicide) involved arguments between the victim and the offender.

### **LOCATION**

For homicides in which the location could be determined, 68 percent (15 out of 22) occurred on a street, sidewalk, or in a parking lot. Eighteen percent (4 out of 22) occurred in the home of the victim or offender. Five percent (1 out of 22) occurred in a vehicle.

## MADERA COUNTY

*7 youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 were murdered in Madera County in 2013*

*The homicide rate among youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 in Madera County was 20.24 per 100,000 in 2013*

*Ranked 2nd in California among counties with a population of 10- to 24-year-olds 25,000 or greater*

### **GENDER**

Out of 7 homicide victims, 7 were male (100 percent).

### **RACE/ETHNICITY**

Out of 7 homicide victims, 4 were Hispanic (57 percent), 1 was black (14 percent), and 2 were Asian/Pacific Islander (29 percent).

### **MOST COMMON WEAPONS**

For homicides in which the weapon used could be identified, 100 percent of victims (7 out of 7) were shot and killed with guns. Of these, 71 percent (5 victims) were killed with handguns.

### **VICTIM TO OFFENDER RELATIONSHIP**

For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, no victims were murdered by someone they knew. Two victims were killed by strangers. For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 33 percent (1 out of 3) were gang members.

### **CIRCUMSTANCE**

For homicides in which the circumstances could be identified, 83 percent (5 out of 6) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 80 percent (4 homicides) were gang-related. Twenty percent (1 homicide) involved arguments between the victim and the offender.

### **LOCATION**

For homicides in which the location could be determined, 57 percent (4 out of 7) occurred on a street, sidewalk, or in a parking lot. Fourteen percent (1 out of 7) occurred in the home of the victim or offender. Twenty-nine percent (2 out of 7) occurred at another residence.

## SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

22 youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 were murdered in San Francisco County in 2013

The homicide rate among youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 in San Francisco County was 19.94 per 100,000 in 2013

*Ranked 3rd in California among counties with a population of 10- to 24-year-olds 25,000 or greater*

### **GENDER**

Out of 22 homicide victims, 21 were male (95 percent), and 1 was female (5 percent).

### **RACE/ETHNICITY**

Out of 22 homicide victims, 5 were Hispanic (23 percent), 14 were black (64 percent), and 3 were white (14 percent).

### **MOST COMMON WEAPONS**

For homicides in which the weapon used could be identified, 91 percent of victims (20 out of 22) were shot and killed with guns. Of these, 100 percent (20 victims) were killed with handguns. There were 2 victims (9 percent) killed with knives or other cutting instruments.

### **VICTIM TO OFFENDER RELATIONSHIP**

For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 9 percent of victims (1 out of 11) were murdered by someone they knew. Eight victims were killed by strangers. For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 18 percent (2 out of 11) were gang members.

### **CIRCUMSTANCE**

For homicides in which the circumstances could be identified, 55 percent (6 out of 11) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 50 percent (3 homicides) were gang-related. Fifty percent (3 homicides) involved arguments between the victim and the offender.

### **LOCATION**

For homicides in which the location could be determined, 77 percent (17 out of 22) occurred on a street, sidewalk, or in a parking lot. Five percent (1 out of 22) occurred in the home of the victim or offender. Nine percent (2 out of 22) occurred in a vehicle.

## ALAMEDA COUNTY

*58 youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 were murdered in Alameda County in 2013*

*The homicide rate among youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 in Alameda County was 19.51 per 100,000 in 2013*

*Ranked 4th in California among counties with a population of 10- to 24-year-olds 25,000 or greater*

### **GENDER**

Out of 58 homicide victims, 53 were male (91 percent), and 5 were female (9 percent).

### **RACE/ETHNICITY**

Out of 58 homicide victims, 10 were Hispanic (17 percent), 44 were black (76 percent), 3 were white (5 percent), and 1 was Asian/Pacific Islander (2 percent).

### **MOST COMMON WEAPONS**

For homicides in which the weapon used could be identified, 97 percent of victims (56 out of 58) were shot and killed with guns. Of these, 71 percent (40 victims) were killed with handguns. There was 1 victim (2 percent) killed with a knife or other cutting instrument, and 1 victim (2 percent) killed by bodily force.

### **VICTIM TO OFFENDER RELATIONSHIP**

For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 34 percent of victims (10 out of 29) were murdered by someone they knew. Nineteen victims were killed by strangers.

### **CIRCUMSTANCE**

For homicides in which the circumstances could be identified, 70 percent (19 out of 27) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 53 percent (10 homicides) were gang-related. Thirty-seven percent (7 homicides) involved arguments between the victim and the offender. Five percent (1 homicide) were drive-by shootings.

### **LOCATION**

For homicides in which the location could be determined, 74 percent (43 out of 58) occurred on a street, sidewalk, or in a parking lot. Seven percent (4 out of 58) occurred in the home of the victim or offender. Five percent (3 out of 58) occurred at another residence.

## MERCED COUNTY

*13 youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 were murdered in Merced County in 2013*

*The homicide rate among youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 in Merced County was 19.39 per 100,000 in 2013*

*Ranked 5th in California among counties with a population of 10- to 24-year-olds 25,000 or greater*

### **GENDER**

Out of 13 homicide victims, 12 were male (92 percent), and 1 was female (8 percent).

### **RACE/ETHNICITY**

Out of 13 homicide victims, 9 were Hispanic (69 percent), 1 was black (8 percent), 2 were white (15 percent), and 1 was Asian/Pacific Islander (8 percent).

### **MOST COMMON WEAPONS**

For homicides in which the weapon used could be identified, 100 percent of victims (13 out of 13) were shot and killed with guns. Of these, 31 percent (4 victims) were killed with handguns.

### **VICTIM TO OFFENDER RELATIONSHIP**

For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, no victims (0 out of 6) were murdered by someone they knew. Six were killed by strangers.

### **CIRCUMSTANCE**

For homicides in which the circumstances could be identified, 83 percent (5 out of 6) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 40 percent (2 homicides) were gang-related. Sixty percent (3 homicides) were drive-by shootings.

### **LOCATION**

For homicides in which the location could be determined, 23 percent (3 out of 13) occurred on a street, sidewalk, or in a parking lot. Fifteen percent (2 out of 13) occurred in the home of the victim or offender. Thirty-one percent (4 out of 13) occurred at another residence. Fifteen percent (2 out of 13) occurred in a vehicle.

## SOLANO COUNTY

*12 youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 were murdered in Solano County in 2013*

*The homicide rate among youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 in Solano County was 13.70 per 100,000 in 2013*

*Ranked 6th in California among counties with a population of 10- to 24-year-olds 25,000 or greater*

### **GENDER**

Out of 12 homicide victims, 11 were male (92 percent), and 1 was female (8 percent).

### **RACE/ETHNICITY**

Out of 12 homicide victims, 4 were Hispanic (33 percent), 4 were black (33 percent), and 4 were white (33 percent).

### **MOST COMMON WEAPONS**

For homicides in which the weapon used could be identified, 83 percent of victims (10 out of 12) were shot and killed with guns. Of these, 100 percent (10 victims) were killed with handguns. There was 1 victim (8 percent) killed with a knife or other cutting instrument.

### **VICTIM TO OFFENDER RELATIONSHIP**

For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 20 percent of victims (1 out of 5) were murdered by someone they knew. Four victims were killed by strangers.

### **CIRCUMSTANCE**

For homicides in which the circumstances could be identified, 50 percent (3 out of 6) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 100 percent (3 homicides) involved arguments between the victim and the offender.

### **LOCATION**

For homicides in which the location could be determined, 58 percent (7 out of 12) occurred on a street, sidewalk, or in a parking lot. Seventeen percent (2 out of 12) occurred in the home of the victim or offender. Eight percent (1 out of 12) occurred at another residence, and 8 percent (1 out of 12) occurred in a vehicle.

## STANISLAUS COUNTY

*16 youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 were murdered in Stanislaus County in 2013*

*The homicide rate among youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 in Stanislaus County was 13.32 per 100,000 in 2013*

*Ranked 7th in California among counties with a population of 10- to 24-year-olds 25,000 or greater*

### **GENDER**

Out of 16 homicide victims, 15 were male (94 percent), and 1 was female (6 percent).

### **RACE/ETHNICITY**

Out of 16 homicide victims, 11 were Hispanic (69 percent), 4 were white (25 percent), and 1 was Asian/Pacific Islander (6 percent).

### **MOST COMMON WEAPONS**

For homicides in which the weapon used could be identified, 81 percent of victims (13 out of 16) were shot and killed with guns. Of these, 77 percent (10 victims) were killed with handguns. There was 1 victim (6 percent) killed with a knife or other cutting instrument.

### **VICTIM TO OFFENDER RELATIONSHIP**

For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 25 percent of victims (2 out of 8) were murdered by someone they knew. Four victims were killed by strangers. For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 25 percent (2 out of 8) were gang members.

### **CIRCUMSTANCE**

For homicides in which the circumstances could be identified, 77 percent (10 out of 13) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 50 percent (5 homicides) were gang-related. Forty percent (4 homicides) involved arguments between the victim and the offender. Ten percent (1 homicide) were drive-by shootings.

### **LOCATION**

For homicides in which the location could be determined, 44 percent (7 out of 16) occurred on a street, sidewalk, or in a parking lot. Twenty-five percent (4 out of 16) occurred in the home of the victim or offender. Six percent (1 out of 16) occurred at another residence. Thirteen percent (2 out of 16) occurred in a vehicle.

## BUTTE COUNTY

*6 youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 were murdered in Butte County in 2013*

*The homicide rate among youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 in Butte County was 10.76 per 100,000 in 2013*

*Ranked 8th in California among counties with a population of 10- to 24-year-olds 25,000 or greater*

### **GENDER**

Out of 6 homicide victims, 5 were male (83 percent), and 1 was female (17 percent).

### **RACE/ETHNICITY**

Out of 6 homicide victims, 2 were Hispanic (33 percent), 2 were black (33 percent), and 2 were white (33 percent).

### **MOST COMMON WEAPONS**

For homicides in which the weapon used could be identified, 80 percent of victims (4 out of 5) were shot and killed with guns. Of these, 50 percent (2 victims) were killed with handguns. There was 1 victim (20 percent) killed with a knife or other cutting instrument.

### **VICTIM TO OFFENDER RELATIONSHIP**

For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 50 percent (2 out of 4) were murdered by someone they knew. Two victims were killed by strangers.

### **CIRCUMSTANCE**

For homicides in which the circumstances could be identified, 60 percent (3 out of 5) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 33 percent (1 homicide) were gang-related. Sixty-seven percent (2 homicides) involved arguments between the victim and the offender.

### **LOCATION**

For homicides in which the location could be determined, 17 percent (1 out of 6) occurred on a street, sidewalk, or in a parking lot. Fifty percent (3 out of 6) occurred in the home of the victim or offender. Seventeen percent (1 out of 6) occurred at another residence.

## **KERN COUNTY**

*22 youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 were murdered in Kern County in 2013*

*The homicide rate among youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 in Kern County was 10.62 per 100,000 in 2013*

*Ranked 9th in California among counties with a population of 10- to 24-year-olds 25,000 or greater*

### **GENDER**

Out of 22 homicide victims, 18 were male (82 percent), and 4 were female (18 percent).

### **RACE/ETHNICITY**

Out of 22 homicide victims, 10 were Hispanic (45 percent), 8 were black (36 percent), 3 were white (14 percent), and 1 victim (5 percent) was of unknown race.

### **MOST COMMON WEAPONS**

For homicides in which the weapon used could be identified, 73 percent of victims (16 out of 22) were shot and killed with guns. Of these, 50 percent (8 victims) were killed with handguns. There were 3 victims (14 percent) killed with knives or other cutting instruments, and 2 victims (9 percent) killed by bodily force.

### **VICTIM TO OFFENDER RELATIONSHIP**

For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 45 percent of victims (5 out of 11) were murdered by someone they knew. Six victims were killed by strangers.

### **CIRCUMSTANCE**

For homicides in which the circumstances could be identified, 82 percent (9 out of 11) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 67 percent (6 homicides) were gang-related. Twenty-two percent (2 homicides) involved arguments between the victim and the offender.

### **LOCATION**

For homicides in which the location could be determined, 43 percent (9 out of 21) occurred on a street, sidewalk, or in a parking lot. Twenty-four percent (5 out of 21) occurred in the home of the victim or offender. Five percent (1 out of 21) occurred at another residence, and 5 percent (1 out of 21) occurred in a vehicle.

## SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

*17 youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 were murdered in San Joaquin County in 2013*

*The homicide rate among youth and young adults ages 10 to 24 in San Joaquin County was 10.42 per 100,000 in 2013*

*Ranked 10th in California among counties with a population of 10- to 24-year-olds 25,000 or greater*

### **GENDER**

Out of 17 homicide victims, 14 were male (82 percent), and 3 were female (18 percent).

### **RACE/ETHNICITY**

Out of 17 homicide victims, 8 were Hispanic (47 percent), and 9 were black (53 percent).

### **MOST COMMON WEAPONS**

For homicides in which the weapon used could be identified, 94 percent of victims (15 out of 16) were shot and killed with guns. Of these, 80 percent (12 victims) were killed with handguns. There was 1 victim (6 percent) killed with a knife or other cutting instrument.

### **VICTIM TO OFFENDER RELATIONSHIP**

For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 43 percent of victims (3 out of 7) were murdered by someone they knew. Three victims were killed by strangers. For homicides in which the victim to offender relationship could be identified, 14 percent (1 out of 7) were gang members.

### **CIRCUMSTANCE**

For homicides in which the circumstances could be identified, 20 percent (2 out of 10) were not related to the commission of any other felony. Of these, 50 percent (1 homicide) were gang-related. Fifty percent (1 homicide) were drive-by shootings.

### **LOCATION**

For homicides in which the location could be determined, 44 percent (7 out of 16) occurred on a street, sidewalk, or in a parking lot. Thirteen percent (2 out of 16) occurred in the home of the victim or offender. Nineteen percent (3 out of 16) occurred at another residence, and 6 percent (1 out of 16) occurred in a vehicle.



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