

2023

HOMICIDE REPORT

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT



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“to protect and to serve”

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MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Los Angeles Police Department to safeguard the lives and property of the people we serve, to reduce the incidence and fear of crime, and to enhance public safety while working with the diverse communities to improve their quality of life. Our mandate is to do so with honor and integrity, while at all times conducting ourselves with the highest ethical standards to maintain public confidence.



THE CORE VALUES

RESPECT FOR PEOPLE

COMMITMENT TO LEADERSHIP

QUALITY THROUGH CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

INTEGRITY IN ALL WE SAY AND DO

SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITIES

REVERENCE FOR THE LAW

RESPECT FOR PEOPLE

Working with the Los Angeles Police Department should be challenging and rewarding. Our people are our most important resource. We can best serve the many and varied needs of our communities by empowering our employees to fulfill their responsibilities with knowledge, authority, and appropriate discretion. We encourage our people to submit ideas, we listen to their suggestions, and we help them develop to their maximum potential. We believe in treating all people with respect and dignity. We show concern and empathy for the victims of crime and treat violators of the law with fairness and dignity. By demonstrating respect for others, we will earn respect for the Los Angeles Police Department.

COMMITMENT TO LEADERSHIP

We believe the Los Angeles Police Department should be a leader in law enforcement. We also believe that each individual needs to be a leader in his or her area of responsibility. Making sure that our values become part of our day-to-day work life is our mandate. We must each work to ensure that our co-workers, our professional colleagues, and our communities have the highest respect for the Los Angeles Police Department.

QUALITY THROUGH CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

We will strive to achieve the highest level of quality in all aspects of our work. We can never be satisfied with the "status quo." We must aim for continuous improvement in serving the people in our communities. We value innovation and support creativity. We realize that constant change is a way of life in a dynamic City like Los Angeles, and we dedicate ourselves to proactively seeking new and better ways to serve.

INTEGRITY IN ALL WE SAY AND DO

Integrity is our standard. We are proud of our profession and will conduct ourselves in a manner that merits the respect of all people. We will demonstrate honest, ethical behavior in all our interactions. Our actions will match our words. We must have the courage to stand up for our beliefs and do what is right. Throughout the ranks, the Los Angeles Police Department has a long history of integrity and freedom from corruption. Upholding this proud tradition is a challenge we must all continue to meet.

SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITIES

We are dedicated to enhancing public safety and reducing the fear and the incidence of crime. People in our communities are our most important customers. Our motto, "To Protect and to Serve," is not just a slogan it is our way of life. We will work in partnership with the people in our communities and do our best, within the law, to solve community problems that affect public safety. We value the great diversity of people in both our residential and business communities and serve all with equal dedication.

REVERENCE FOR THE LAW

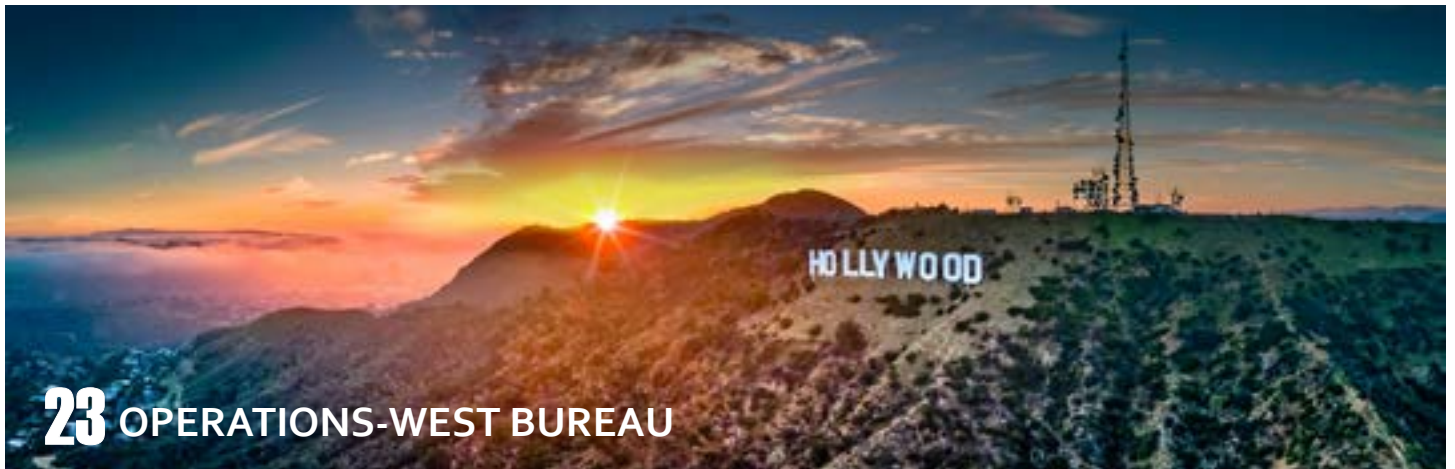
We have been given the honor and privilege of enforcing the law. We must always exercise integrity in the use of the power and authority that have been given to us by the people. Our personal and professional behavior should be a model for all to follow. We will obey and support the letter and spirit of the law.



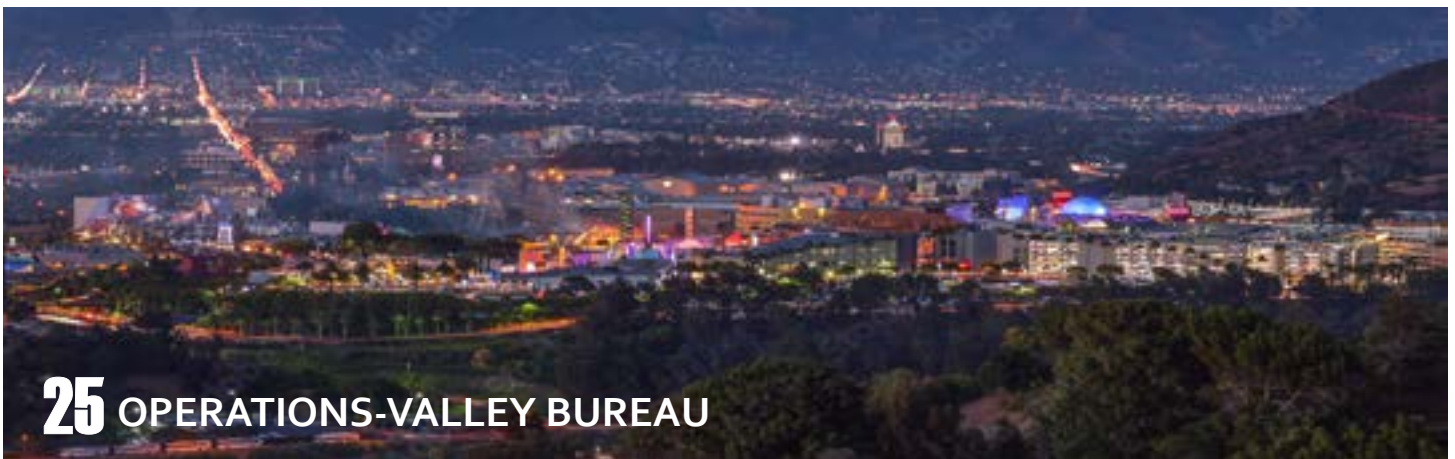
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The consequences of a homicide extend far beyond the immediate loss of life. The emotional and psychological toll on the affected community is profound, leaving a lasting impact on the victims' families, friends, and loved ones. Homicide investigations are complex, demanding, and crucial for providing justice and closure to affected communities. The multi-step process involving various specialized divisions underscores the comprehensive approach taken by the LAPD to solve these cases.

The emphasis on the dedication of seasoned homicide investigators, support from specialized divisions like Forensic Science Division and Technical Investigation Division, and the integration of advanced technologies such as DNA analysis contribute to the LAPD's efforts in solving homicides.

The annual Homicide Report serves as a valuable resource for understanding the dynamics of homicides in Los Angeles and providing an analysis of the data, which includes statistical comparisons and clearance information for solved cases. This report not only offers transparency but also helps in identifying trends, patterns, and areas that may require specific attention or resources.

The decrease in the number of homicides from the prior year is noteworthy, and it reflects the ongoing efforts of the LAPD in addressing violent crime in the City.

Overall, the LAPD's commitment to thorough and comprehensive homicide investigations is evident, and the information provided will likely contribute to ongoing efforts to enhance public safety and address the root causes of violent crime in Los Angeles.



All information contained in this report was obtained from investigating officers handling each homicide investigation, from LAPD's ADSD, and COMPSTAT Division via the Crime Analysis Mapping System (CAMS) unless otherwise noted.

The ADSD is the Department's authoritative entity responsible for producing crime data reported to the CA DOJ, which must conform to the FBI UCR guidelines. The guidelines set forth by the UCR requires data to be submitted based on when the police received a crime notification versus when the crime occurred.

All percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number unless noted.

PRIOR YEAR CASES

RECLASSIFIED TO 2023 HOMICIDES

The LAPD's procedures for handling deaths and the involvement of the Los Angeles County Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner (MEC) underscores the complexity and diligence involved in death investigations particularly when it comes to cases that may be initially classified as "undetermined" and later reclassified as homicides. The comprehensive approach of initiating death investigations unless certain criteria are met ensures a thorough examination of circumstances surrounding a person's death. The involvement of the MEC, especially in cases where evidence suggests a cause of death other than natural or accidental, highlights the commitment to accuracy and transparency.

The reclassification of cases as homicides, based on updated findings by the MEC, and the subsequent notification to the LAPD for the completion of a homicide report align with established reporting guidelines,

including those outlined by the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) guidelines.

The recognition of the challenges posed by reclassified homicides due to the passage of time emphasizes the LAPD's awareness of the difficulties investigators may face in accessing crime scenes, witnesses, and evidence. The affirmation of the equal importance of reclassified cases reinforces the commitment to treating each case with the necessary attention and resources, regardless of when the death occurred.

Below are the seven instances where the person died before 2023, and the MEC reclassified their deaths to homicide in 2023.

DR No. 2202-06154

On February 21, 2022, a 34-year-old male victim was shot one time by a gang member due to the erroneous belief that the victim was also a gang member. The investigation led to a suspect being arrested for the shooting on February 25, 2022. The victim died from his injuries on December 17, 2022 and the case was reclassified to a Criminal Homicide in 2023. Charges of Assault with a Deadly Weapon were filed by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's (DA) Office for the initial shooting.

DR No. 2303-08440

On May 14, 2022, a 71-year-old male victim was repeatedly punched in the face by a fellow resident of a group home. The victim was knocked unconscious and transported to the hospital. He was later transferred to a convalescent hospital. The victim never regained consciousness and he died on June 18, 2022. On March 28, 2023, South Bureau Homicide Division (SBHD) learned that the MEC ruled the death a Criminal Homicide. The suspect was later booked for Criminal Homicide and charges were filed by the Los Angeles County DA's Office.

DR No. 2308-05707

On November 21, 2021, a 66-year-old male victim was involved in a physical altercation with the suspect at a retail location. The suspect caused serious injury to the victim due to blunt force trauma to the head and was arrested at the scene. The victim was transported to a hospital for treatment and later transferred to a skilled nursing facility. The victim died from his injuries on August 3, 2022. The MEC ruled the death a Criminal Homicide on January 20, 2023. Detectives amended the original charges with the Los Angeles County DA's Office to Criminal Homicide.

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DR No. 2303-06423

On June 28, 2009, an 18-year-old male victim was shot at a party after being confronted by two gang members and critically injured. The victim died August 6, 2022 and on February 16, 2023, the MEC ruled the death a Criminal Homicide. A suspect was arrested for the shooting in August 2009 and charged with Attempted Murder.

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DR No. 2312-08154

On July 24, 2016, a 19-year-old victim was found suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. He was transported to the hospital and treated for his injuries. On September 17, 2022, the victim was found deceased in his residence. On March 8, 2023, the MEC ruled the death a Criminal Homicide due to complications related to the initial crime. A suspect was arrested for the original shooting; however, the Los Angeles County DA's Office declined to file charges at that time.

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DR No. 2218-05043

On January 23, 2022, a 36-year-old male was shot multiple times. He remained hospitalized until his death on November 8, 2022. On July 31, 2023, the MEC notified SBHD that the death was ruled a Criminal Homicide. Two suspects were later arrested for Criminal Homicide.

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DR No. 2318-14625

In 1986, a 20-year-old male victim was shot after being confronted by a gang member. The shooting caused the victim to become paralyzed below the waist. The victim died on November 14, 2022 and on August 8, 2023, SBHD learned the MEC ruled the death a Criminal Homicide due to complications from the 1986 shooting. The suspect had already been arrested and convicted for the original shooting.

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YEAR-END AT A GLANCE

Demographics



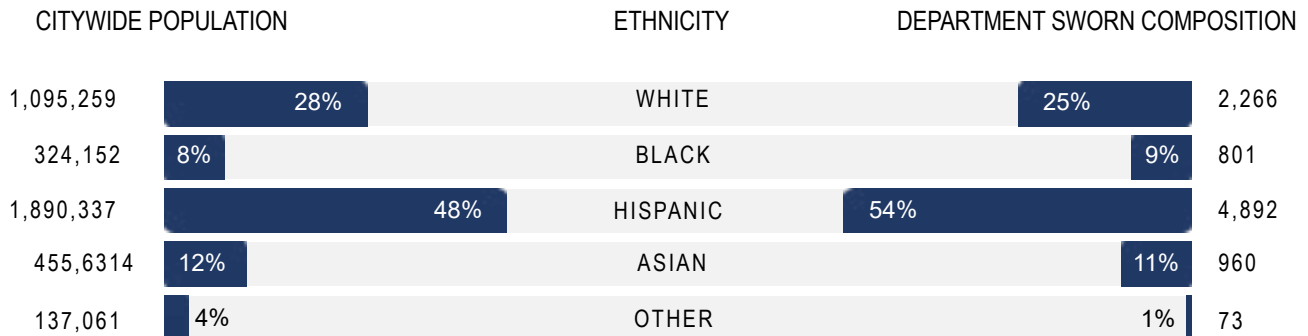
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3,902,440
population
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468.7
square miles
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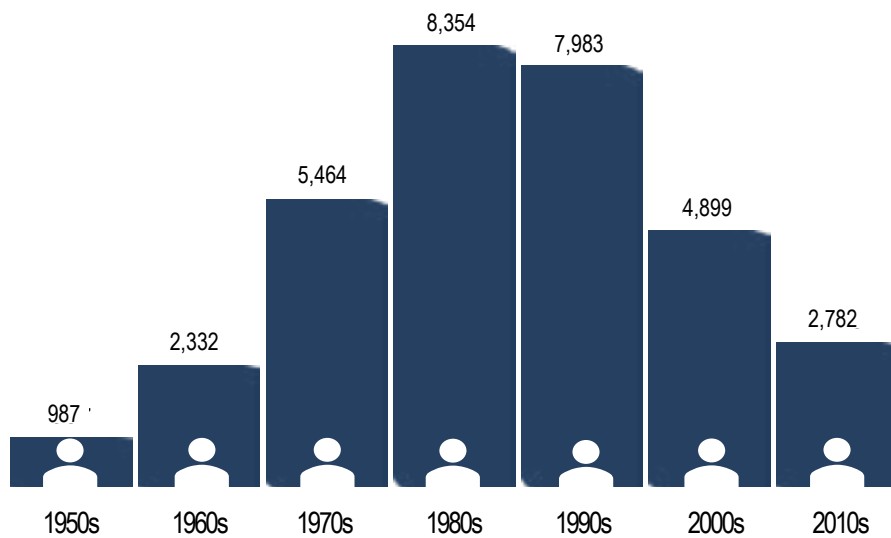


Population and ethnicity demographic information source: <https://planning.lacity.org/resources/demographics>
The Department composition and personnel numbers were obtained from LAPD records and are accurate as of December 17, 2023.

Statistics



This represents 65 fewer homicide victims, which is a 17 percent Citywide decrease from the 392 homicide occurrences in 2022.



TOTAL NUMBER OF HOMICIDES BY THE DECADES

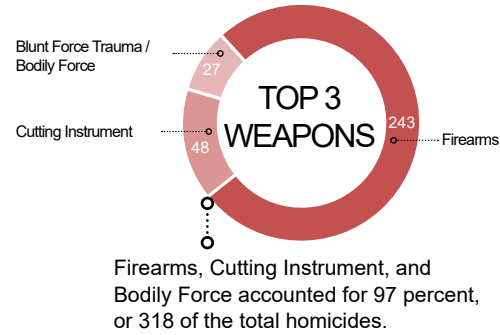
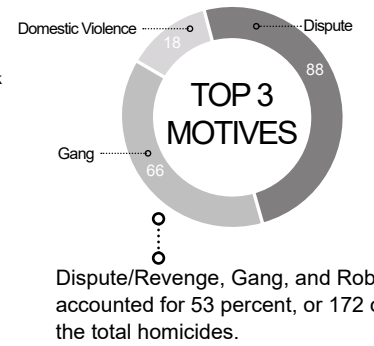
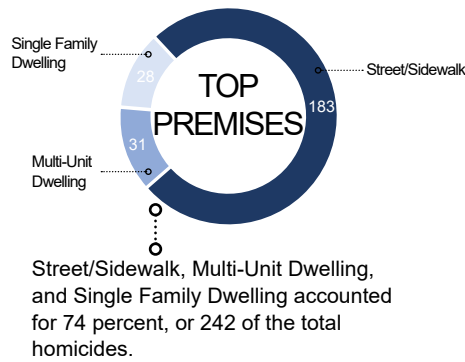
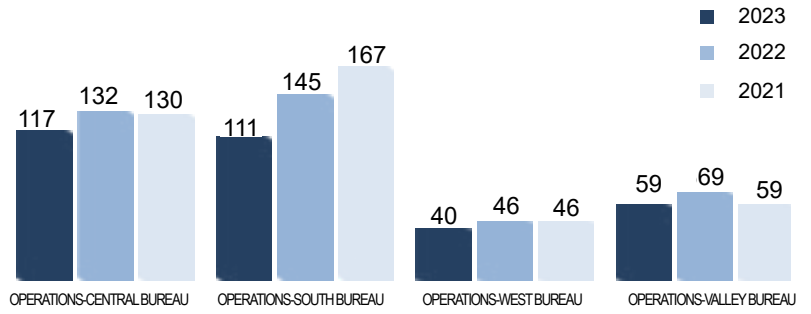
YEAR-END REVIEW

HOMICIDES BY BUREAU

In 2023, the City of Los Angeles had 327 homicides, 65 fewer than the 392 in 2022, and an overall decrease of 17 percent.

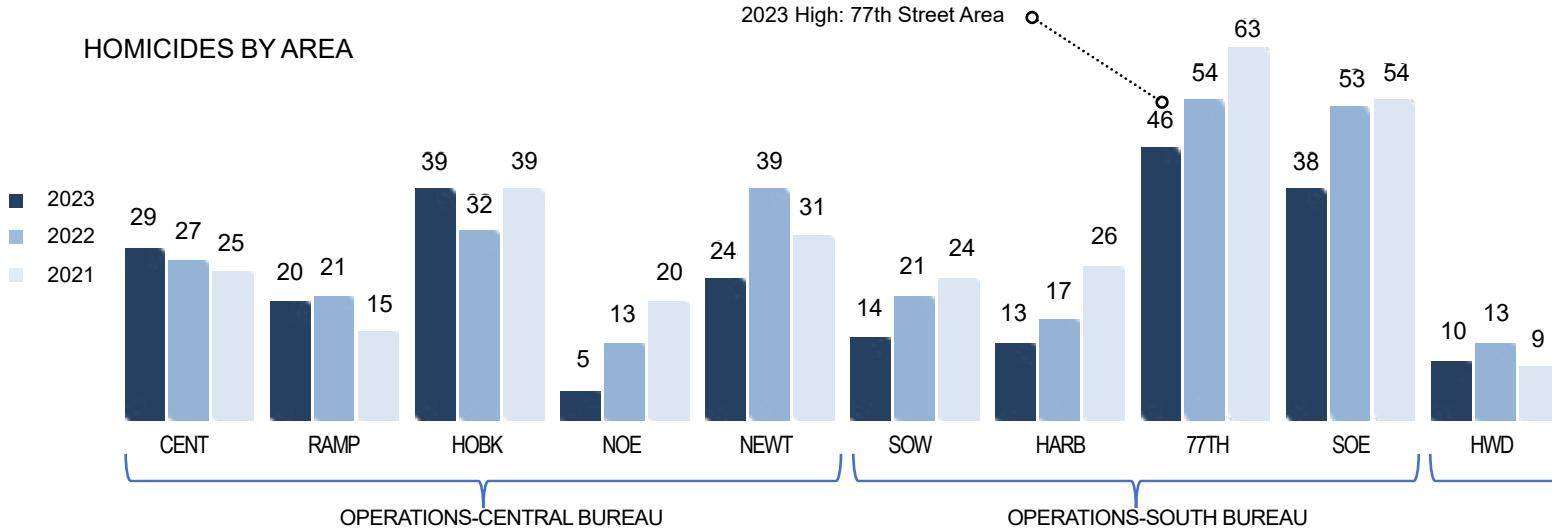
This report contains demographic, investigative, and statistical data from the investigators assigned to each of the reported homicides that occurred in 2023. It is essential to state that although this report analyzes homicide statistical data, it represents the loss of life. This report is not intended to dehumanize or devalue the tragic loss of life with the data, analysis, and percentages presented but merely for comprehension.

Detective Bureau and homicide investigators hold weekly meetings to review and provide investigative updates of the prior weeks' homicides. These meetings foster a cooperative peer review by sharing information and verifying the facts of each case to help identify patterns and repeated Modus Operandi (MO).



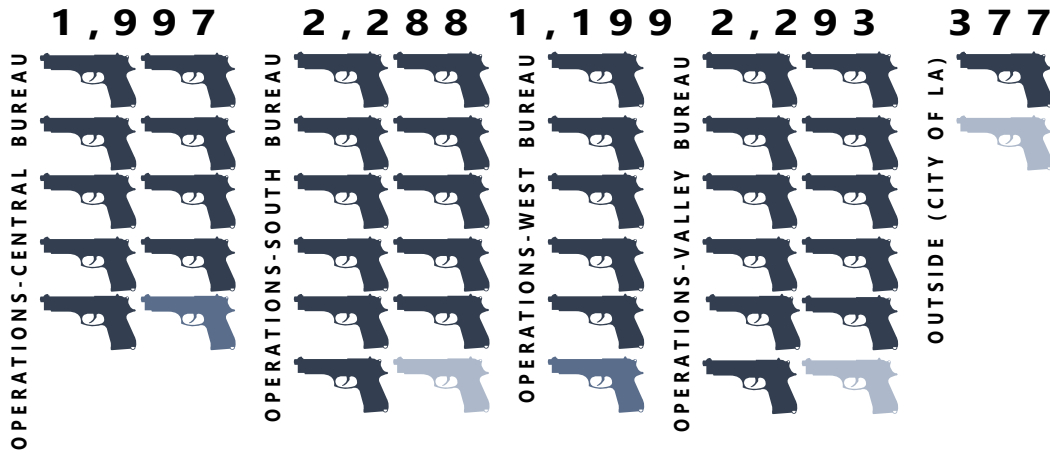
Hate Crime related Homicides are even in 2023 compared to 2022 with 1 incident.

HOMICIDES BY AREA



Firearm refers to all types and kinds of handguns, rifles, and shotguns.

8,154 FIREARMS SEIZED



 = 200 FIREARMS SEIZED

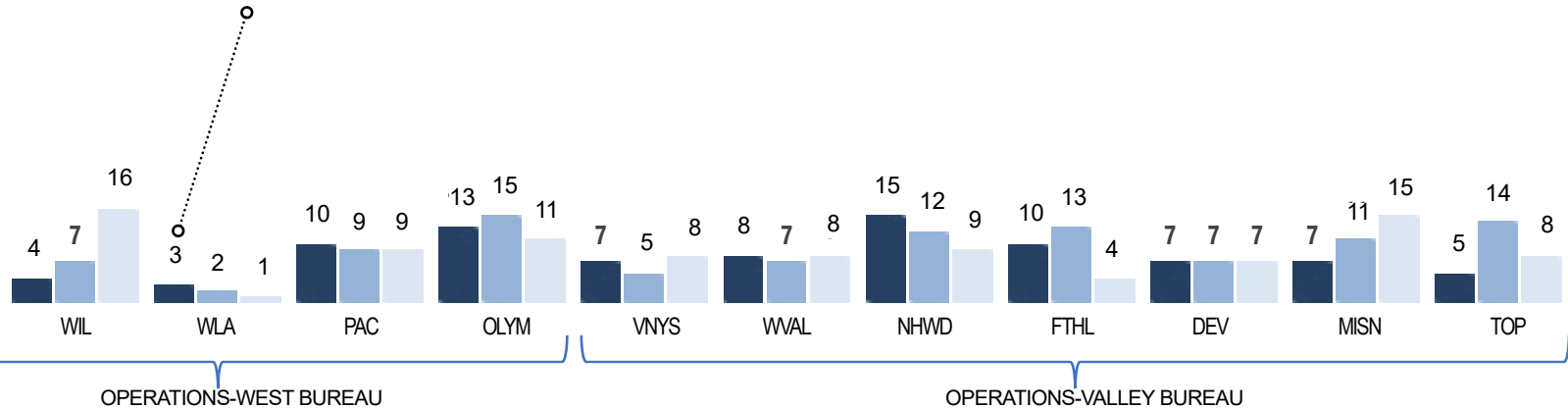
The Department seized 8,154 firearms in 2023, 273 fewer than the 8,427 from the previous year, a decrease of three percent Citywide.

The Department identified 1,232, or 15 percent, of the total firearms seized as "ghost guns", 474 fewer than the 1,706 ghost guns identified in 2022, a decrease of 28 percent. Ghost guns are generally homemade from an unfinished frame or receiver, often made from metal or polymer materials, and have no identifiable serial number or manufacturer's markings, making them virtually untraceable by law enforcement and an easily accessible firearm for those who are not legally allowed to purchase or possess firearms.

Firearms remain the suspects' predominant murder weapon, used in 244, or 75 percent, of the 327 homicides for 2023. As guns continue to present a significant officer and public safety risk, the Department's uniformed and specialized unit personnel continue to be vigilant in their relentless pursuit to remove firearms from criminals and others not legally allowed to possess them.



2023 Low: West Los Angeles Area



Information provided by Gang and Narcotics Division, Gun Unit.

CLEARANCES

CITYWIDE

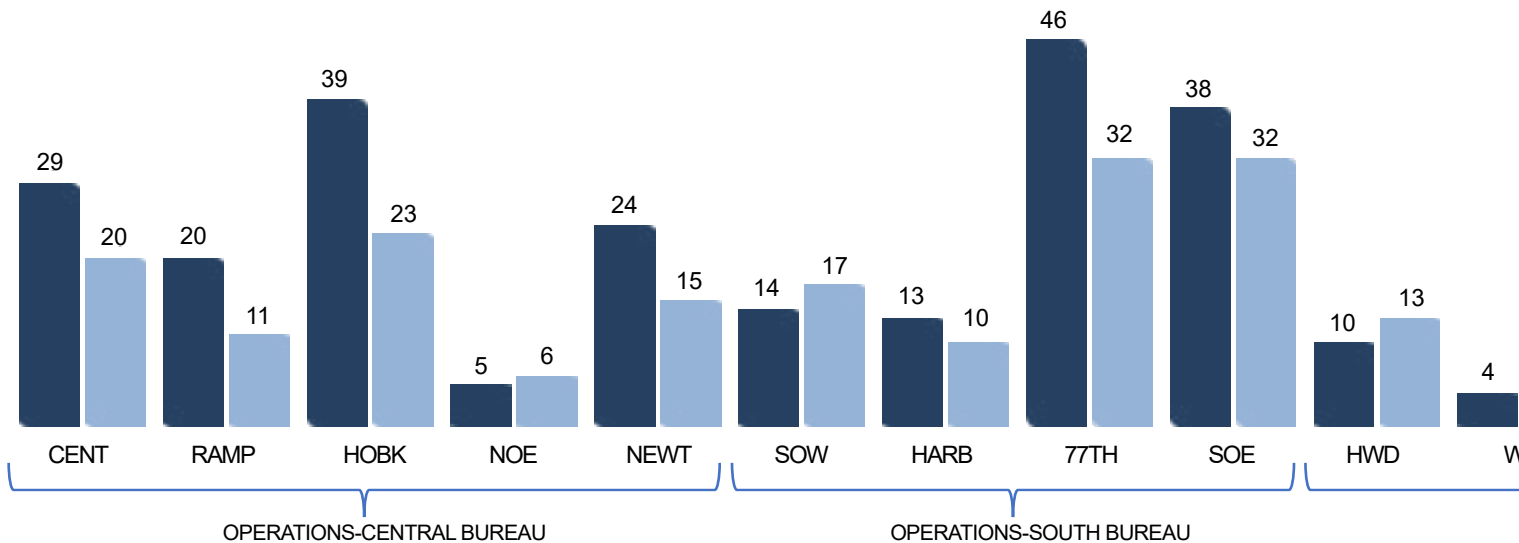
When a crime report's status is "cleared," it indicates that an investigator has solved the crime and has taken all possible appropriate action against at least one suspect. A cleared crime can have either a disposition status of "Cleared by Arrest" or "Cleared Other." "Cleared by Arrest" means a person has been arrested and/or charged with a crime. "Cleared Other" means a case has been investigated to the extent where no further action is possible based on specific criteria. Investigators are required to submit homicides cases that meet the specific criteria to Robbery-Homicide Division (RHD), which will review and approve them for reclassification to "Cleared Other."



	2023	2022	2021
CLEARANCES	251	291	275
CLEARANCE RATE	76%	75%	68%

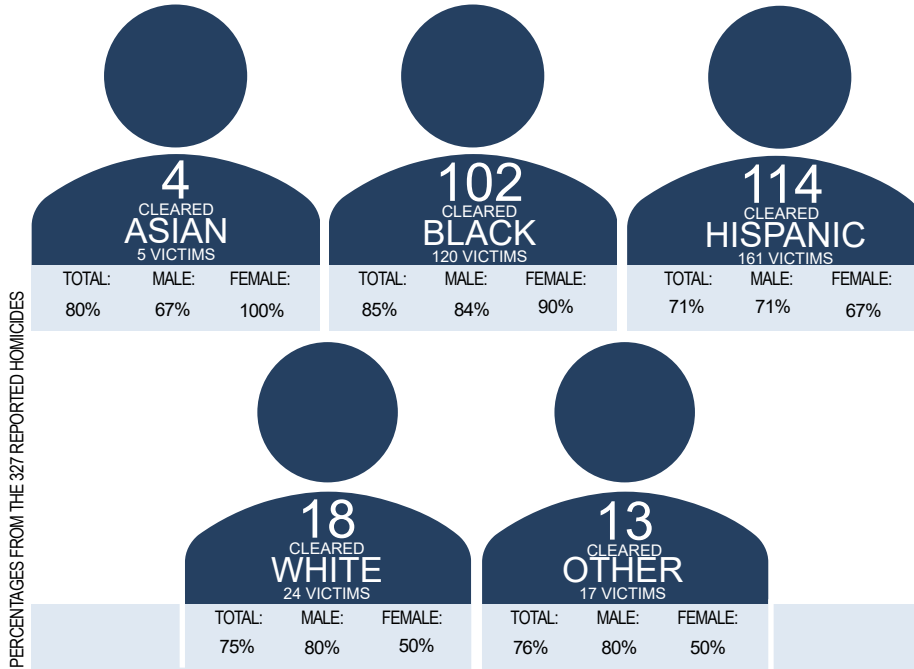
Citywide clearances include homicides from prior years, that were cleared in 2023. The clearance rate percentage was derived from the 329 total homicides reported to the California Department of Justice (CA DOJ) for 2023, inclusive of the seven prior year homicides reclassified to 2023 homicides.

END-OF-YEAR REPORTED HOMICIDES / CLEARANCES BY AREA



All clearance information provided by ADSD.

HOMICIDE CASES CLEARED BY ETHNICITY

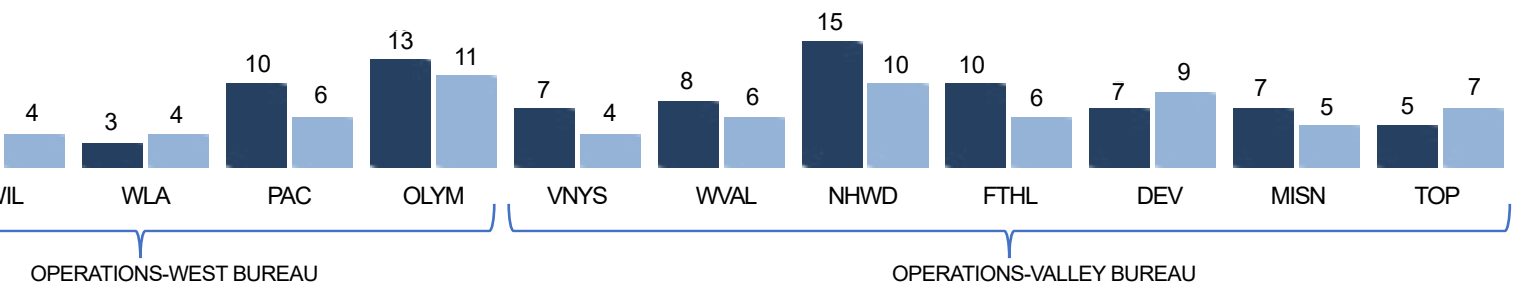


There were 251 reported homicide clearances for 2023. This included four Asian clearances (80 percent), 102 Black clearances (85 percent), 114 Hispanic clearances (71 percent), 18 White clearances (75 percent), and 13 Other clearances (76 percent).

Occasionally, the LAPD will update homicide clearance information previously submitted to CA DOJ when they discover that an investigator solved a homicide for a concerned year. When the numbers are updated, the clearance rate is changed for that particular year.

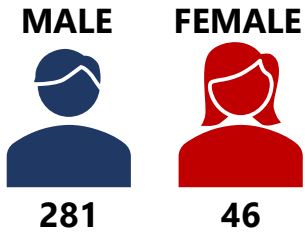
The Department reported 251 cleared homicides to the CA DOJ in 2023, 40 fewer than in 2022, a decrease of 14 percent. These 251 solved cases represent an overall Citywide clearance rate of 76 percent, compared to the 75 percent clearance rate in 2022.

■ 2023 Total Homicides ■ 2023 Homicides Cleared



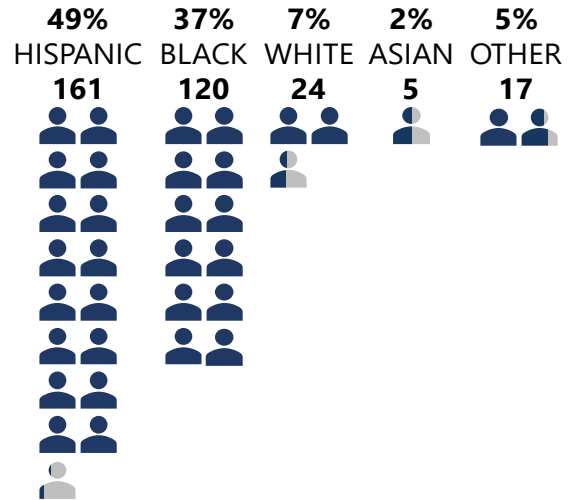
VICTIM PROFILES

VICTIM GENDER



In 2023 there were 281 male and 46 female victims, with males accounting for 86 percent of homicides and females accounting for 14 percent. In comparison to 2022, the total number of male victims decreased by 68 victims, while the total number of female victims increased by three (ten percent).

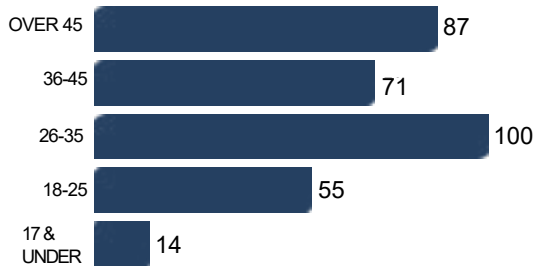
VICTIM ETHNICITY



EACH HUMAN FIGURE = 10 VICTIMS

The number of Other victims increased to seventeen in 2023, up from ten in 2022 (70 percent increase). Hispanic victims decreased by nine percent to 161 in 2023 versus 177 in 2022. Black victims, the second largest ethnicity killed (37 percent of the 327), also decreased in 2023 by 44 compared to 164 in 2022, a decrease of 27 percent.

VICTIM AGE



Victims between the ages of 26 and 35 accounted for 31 percent of homicides in 2023. This was 17 fewer (a 15 percent decrease) than the 117 in 2022. Persons over 45 years old accounted for 27 percent of victims, a 20 percent decrease from 109 victims in the same age group in 2022. The largest decrease from the year prior was from victims 17 and under at a decrease of 26 percent, down five from 19 in 2022.



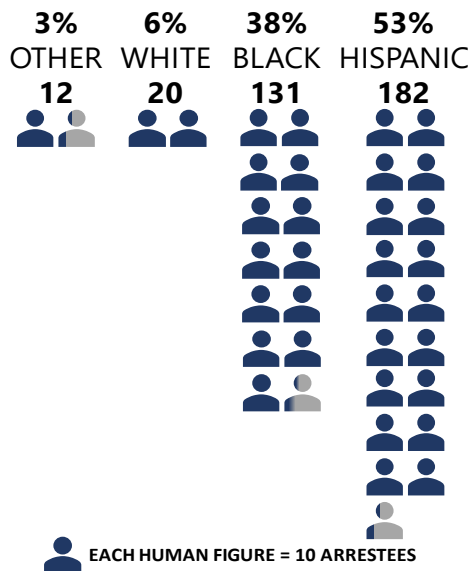
MENTAL HEALTH

The LAPD's Mental Evaluation Unit had one or more prior contacts with 42 victims and placed 21 on mental evaluation holds. However, it is unknown if the victim's mental illness was a factor in their death.



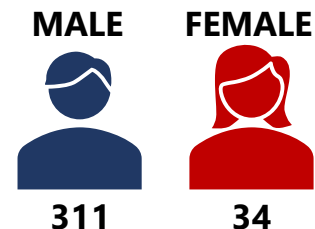
ARRESTEE PROFILES

ARRESTEE ETHNICITY



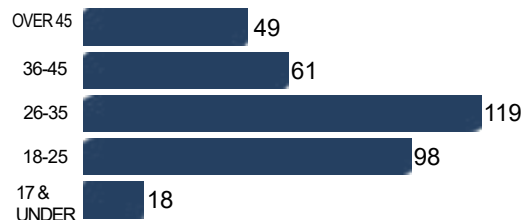
When looking at the ethnicities of those arrested in 2023, there were 20 arrests of White suspects, down nine (31 percent) from 29 arrests in 2022. During the same period, there were 182 arrests of Hispanic suspects, which is an increase of 18 arrests (11 percent) compared to 2022. There were also 131 arrests of Black suspects, down 41 (24 percent) compared to 2022. In 2023, there were 12 arrests of suspects Identified as "Other," which is up 6 (100 percent) compared to 2022.

ARRESTEE GENDER



LAPD made 345 homicide arrests during 2023. This is a decrease of seven percent compared to the 371 homicide arrests in 2022. Ninety percent of those arrested in 2023 were male. This percentage is up from 2022 when 89 percent of those arrested for homicide were male.

ARRESTEE AGE



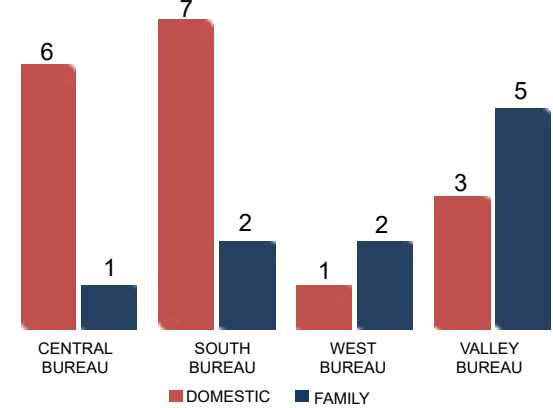
Sixty-three percent of those arrested for homicides in 2023 were between the ages of 18 and 35. In 2022, the same age group accounted for 65 percent of the total homicide arrests. Those 17 and under accounted for five percent of the homicide arrests in 2023.

DOMESTIC-RELATED

Reducing and preventing domestic violence remains one of the LAPD's highest priorities. The Department relies heavily on the Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) model. The DART model partners a specially trained police officer with a trained domestic violence advocate from a community-based social service organization. The mission of DART is to have law enforcement work collaboratively with social service partners to reduce the incidents and impact of domestic violence while increasing access to services for entire families.

In 2023, there were 17 domestic-related and 10 family-related homicides, totaling 27. The 27 accounted for eight percent of the citywide annual total of 327 homicides.

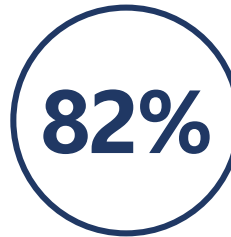
DOMESTIC/FAMILY HOMICIDES BY BUREAU



DOMESTIC/FAMILY-RELATED HOMICIDES

	2023	2022	2021
TOTAL HOMICIDES	327	392	402
DOMESTIC/FAMILY-RELATED	27	32	37
DOMESTIC/FAMILY-RELATED %	8%	8%	9%

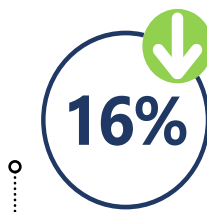
Domestic Violence Solve Rate



Family Violence Solve Rate



2023 vs 2022 % Change



2023 had 5 fewer domestic/family-related homicides than the 32 in 2022, resulting in a 16 percent decrease.

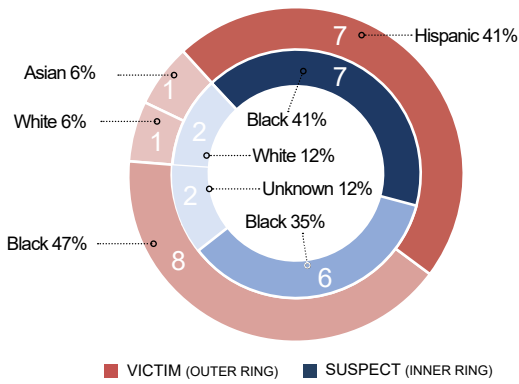
2023 vs 2021 % Change



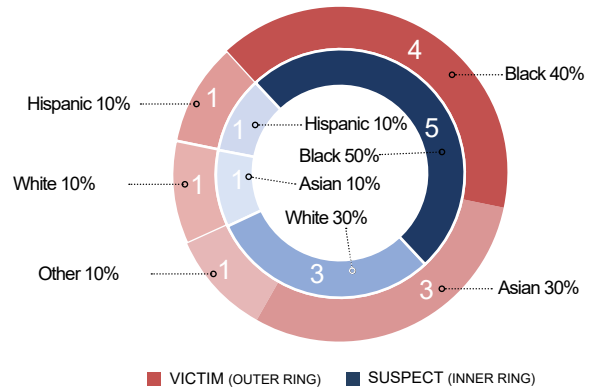
2023 had 10 fewer domestic/family-related homicides than the 37 in 2021, resulting in a 27 percent decrease.

Domestic and Family homicide information provided and verified by the investigators of each homicide case. DART information provided by the Department Domestic Violence Coordinator.

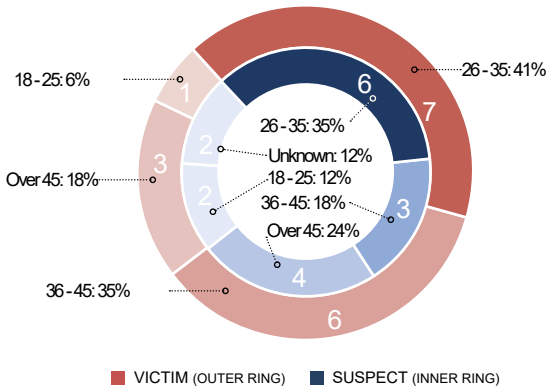
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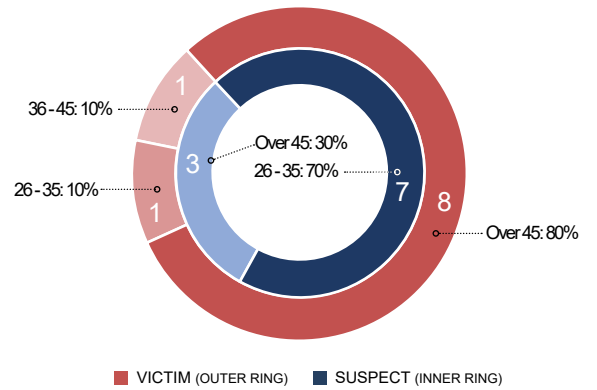
FAMILY ETHNICITY



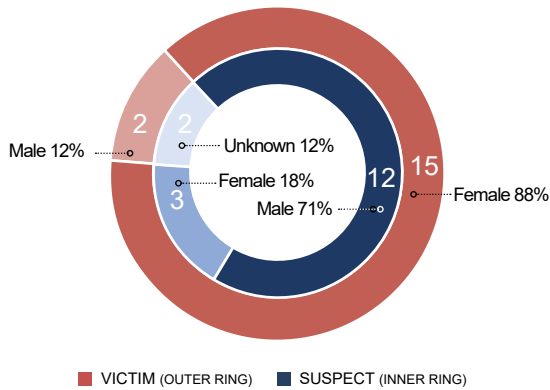
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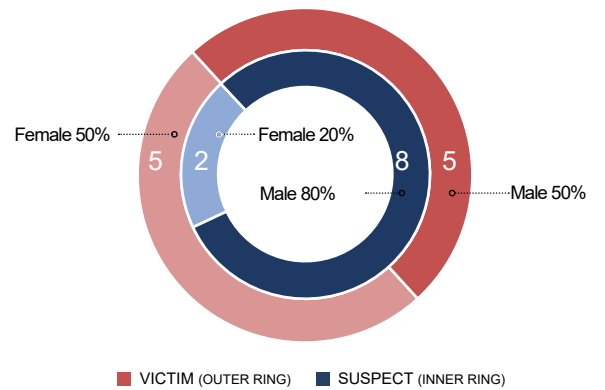
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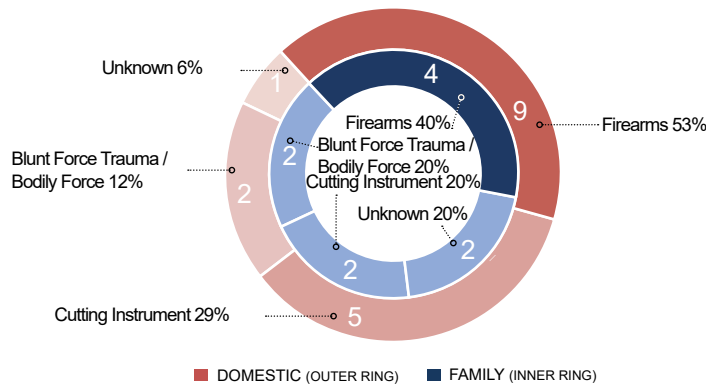
DOMESTIC GENDER



FAMILY GENDER



WEAPONS



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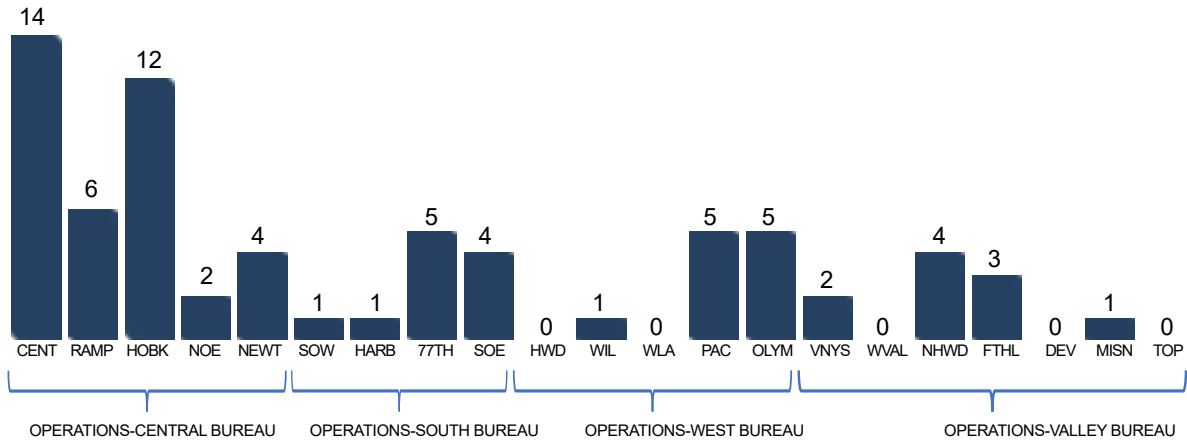
HOMELESS-RELATED

Homicides are categorized as homeless-related when either the victim, suspect, or both, were experiencing homelessness during the time of occurrence. Homeless-related homicides accounted for 21 percent of the 327 Citywide homicides in 2023. There were 70 total homeless-related homicides in 2023, which is 40 fewer homicides and a 36 percent decrease from 110 in 2022 and a 35 percent decrease from 107 in 2021.



Information provided by CAMS and the investigators of each homicide case.

HOMELESS-RELATED HOMICIDES BY AREA/BUREAU



HOMELESS-RELATED HOMICIDES

	2023	2022	2021
TOTAL HOMICIDES	327	392	402
HOMELESS-RELATED	70	110	107
HOMELESS-RELATED %	21%	28%	27%

Homicide investigators determined either the victim, the suspect, or both were experiencing homelessness during the time of the homicide.



Investigators cleared 32 of 70 homeless-related homicides, equal to 46 percent.

2023 vs 2022 % Change



There were 40 fewer homeless-related homicides than the 110 in 2022, resulting in a 36 percent decrease.

2023 vs 2021 % Change



There were 37 fewer homeless-related homicides than the 107 in 2021, resulting in a 35 percent decrease.

GANG-RELATED

Gangs within the City have continued to grow since their inception in the early 1920s and continue to plague the City today. With street gang members and associates estimated to be in the tens of thousands, gang activity continues to be a major contributor to crime in the City.

To combat the ever-growing community impact and damage that gangs can inflict, the LAPD has a dedicated Gang Enforcement Detail (GED) in each of its 21 geographic Areas. Each GED is staffed with experienced officers who have developed specialized knowledge specific to local gangs. Additionally, the Department continues to utilize the following resources to reduce gang violence:

- Community Safety Partnership Bureau (CSPB);
- Working in partnership with community members;
- Collaboration of intervention and prevention programs such as Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD);
- Community Law Enforcement and Recovery (CLEAR) Program model;
- Relentless follow up through COMPSTAT command accountability process;
- Gun Unit investigations focused on gang members;
- Partnerships with federal, state, and local law enforcement; and,
- Using technology within geographic Areas and Department-wide, such as social media platforms to increase community awareness of gang activity.

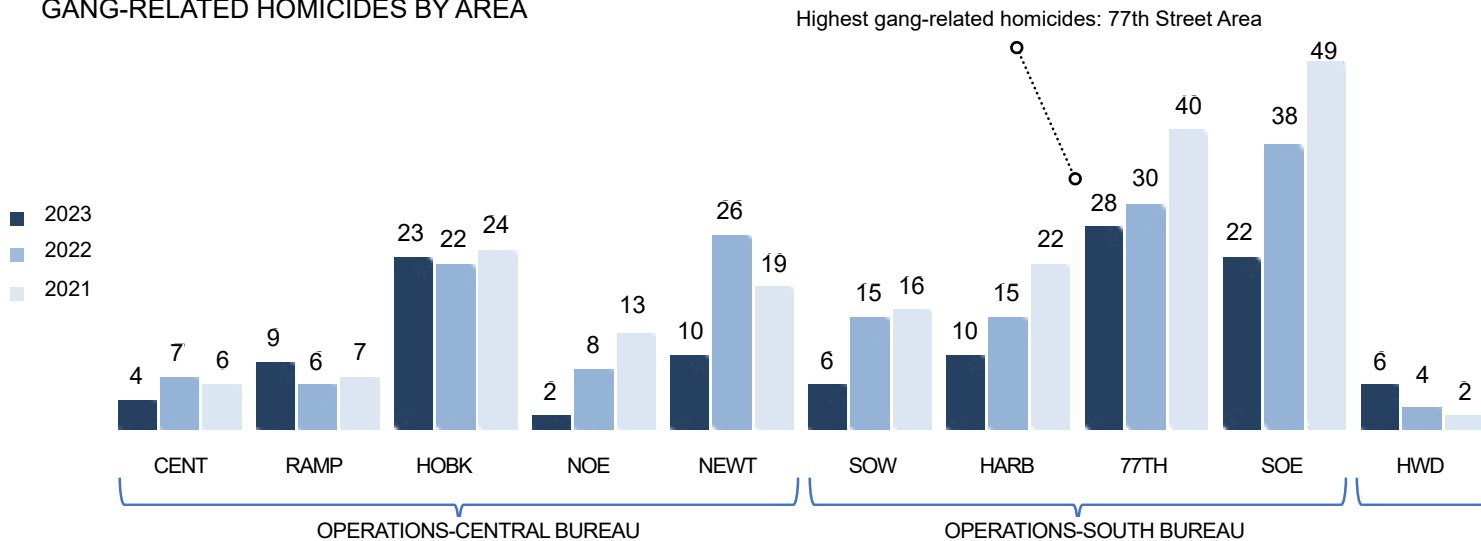
GANG-RELATED HOMICIDES

	2023	2022	2021
TOTAL HOMICIDES	327	392	402
GANG-RELATED	154	209	230
GANG-RELATED %	47%	53%	57%

Homicide investigators determined either the victim, suspect, or motive was gang-related.



GANG-RELATED HOMICIDES BY AREA



Gang-related refers to homicides where the victim or suspect is a gang member or affiliate, or if the motive of the homicide is determined to be gang-related.

2023 vs 2022 % Change



2023 had 55 fewer gang-related homicides than the 209 in 2022, resulting in a 26 percent decrease.

2023 vs 2021 % Change



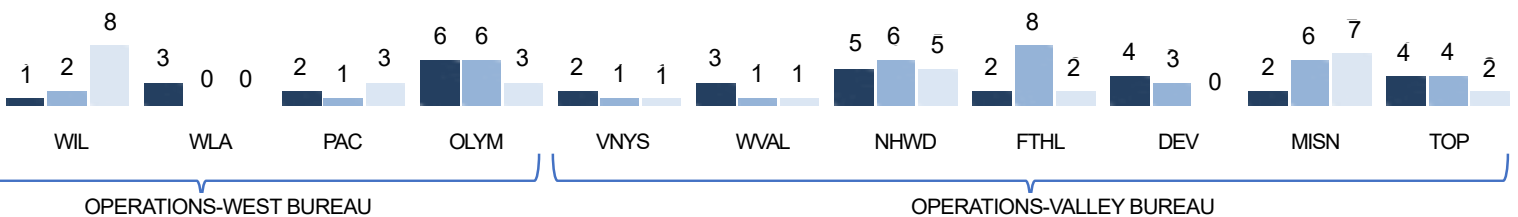
2023 had 76 fewer gang-related homicides than the 230 in 2021, resulting in a 33 percent decrease.

In 2023, there were 154 gang-related homicides, down 55 from the 209 in 2022 (26 percent decrease), and down 76 from the 230 reported in 2021 (33 percent decrease). The 154 gang-related homicides accounted for 47 percent of the 327 total homicides in 2023.

Three of the four geographic bureaus (OCB, OSB, OVB) experienced a decrease in gang-related homicides. The only geographic bureau to experience an increase was OWB, having 18 gang-related homicides, five more than the 13 in 2022.

77th Street Area, a part of OSB, had the highest gang-related homicides Citywide, ending the year with 28.

Over the years, street gangs have had a devastating impact on the communities in Los Angeles. Gang violence, specifically gang-related and gang-motivated homicides, continue to be a Citywide issue, impacting neighborhoods with fear. Patrol and specialized GED officers diligently work to reduce the impact of gangs by partnering with communities and Community-Based Organizations.



Information provided by CAMS and the investigators of each homicide case.

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP BUREAU

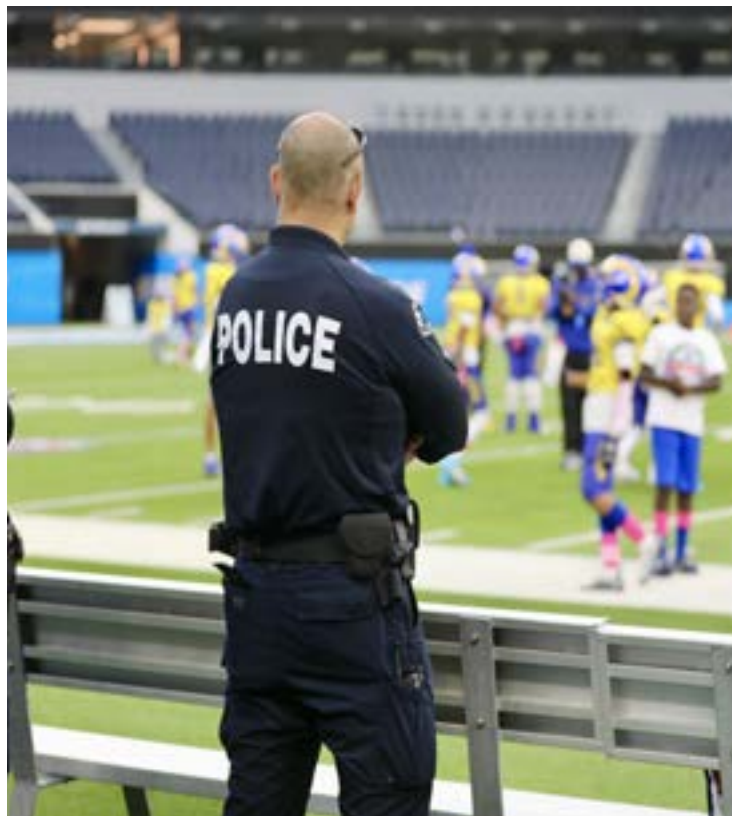
The Community Safety Partnership Bureau (CSPB) embraces a policing philosophy that is rooted in relationship building, transparency, trust, and a collaboration to solve social issues, including public safety, through a public health approach. There is no larger event that traumatizes a community more than a homicide. The loss of life not only impacts the victim and their loved ones, but also impacts the witnessing community, and the involved perpetrator.

Community Safety Partnership Bureau responds in a manner that respects the impacted community and works in tandem with Community-Based Organizations, local government, and investigators to deliver an outcome to bring justice to the victim. While planning a response, CSPB personnel are always guided by, "Community-led solutions that are supported by law enforcement."

Community Safety Partnership Bureau has established a consistent community response plan after a critical incident occurs. While a substantial amount of work is conducted after a homicide, trust building and fostering key relationships is a continuous effort.

Community Safety Partnership Bureau engages community members exposed to violence through our trusted partners. Community Safety Partnership Bureau connects community members with resources through conducting household assessments. The intent of the assessments is to expand our service base and referrals to Community Safety Partnership (CSP) partners. The services will stabilize households exposed to trauma with the hope of amplifying the success of each individual engaged in a program. Currently, CSPB has adult and youth program partners that provide services in the following areas:

- Youth Programs and Sports;
- Victim and Community Advocacy;
- Community Wellnes;
- Career Development; and,
- Educational Advancement.



HOMICIDES IN THE CSP SITES

	2023	2022	2021
TOTAL HOMICIDES	327	392	402
TOTAL CSP	10	5	17
IMPERIAL COURTS	2	0	2
NICKERSON GARDENS	3	3	8
JORAN DOWNS	1	1	0
AVALON GARDENS	0	0	0
GONZAQUE VILLAGE	0	0	1
HARVARD PARK	2	1	4
SOUTH PARK	0	0	2
PUEBLO DEL RIO	2	0	0
RAMONA GARDENS	0	0	0
SAN FERNANDO GARDENS	0	0	0
CSP %	3%	1%	4%

2023 vs 2022 % Change



2023 had 5 additional homicides in the CSP sites than in 2022, resulting in a 100 percent increase.

2023 vs 2021 % Change



2023 had seven fewer homicides in the CSP sites than in 2021, resulting in a 41 percent decrease.



Investigators cleared five of the ten 2023 homicides in CSP Sites.

OPERATIONS CENTRAL BUREAU

CENTRAL · RAMPART · HOLLENBECK · NORTHEAST · NEWTON



Operations-Central Bureau (OCB) is home to Central, Rampart, Hollenbeck, Northeast, and Newton Areas and is roughly 65 square miles. In 2023, there were a combined total of 117 homicides. The homicides in OCB accounted for 36 percent of the 327 homicides Citywide. Hollenbeck Area saw an increase in homicides. They had 39 homicides in 2023, seven more than 32 the year before, a 22 percent increase. Northeast Area experienced a 62 percent decline, ending 2023 with 5 homicides, eight fewer than the 13 in 2022.



1,507 / 73
sworn / civilian
[approx.]



892,930
population
[approx.]



65
square miles
[approx.]

2023 vs 2022
% Change



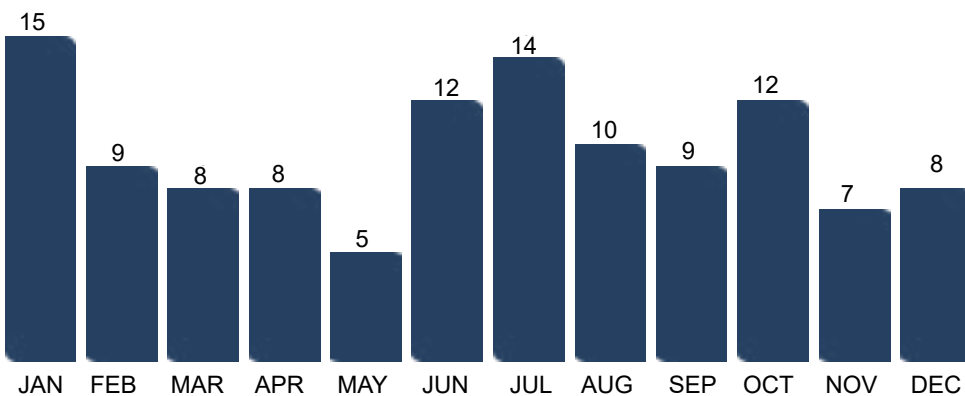
OCB had 15 fewer homicide compared to 2022, resulting in an 11 percent decrease.

2023 vs 2021
% Change

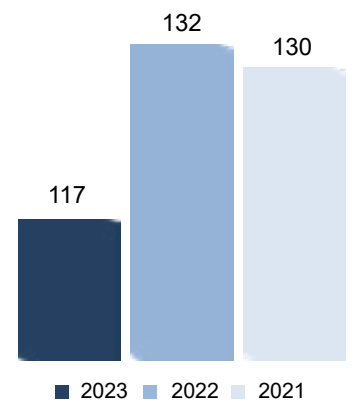


OCB had 13 fewer homicides than in 2021, resulting in a 10 percent decrease.

HOMICIDES BY MONTH

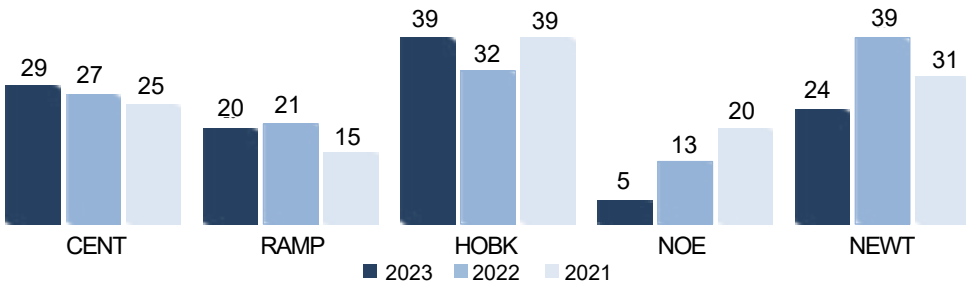


HOMICIDES BY YEAR



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HOMICIDES BY AREA



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	2023	2022	2021
CENTRAL	3	2	0
RAMPART	0	1	1
HOLLENBECK	1	1	0
NORTHEAST	0	0	0
NEWTON	2	0	2
TOTAL	6	4	3

HOMELESS-RELATED	2023	2022	2021
CENTRAL	14	14	11
RAMPART	6	6	8
HOLLENBECK	12	9	13
NORTHEAST	2	5	5
NEWTON	4	13	13
TOTAL	38	47	50

GANG-RELATED	2023	2022	2021
CENTRAL	4	7	6
RAMPART	9	6	7
HOLLENBECK	23	22	24
NORTHEAST	2	8	13
NEWTON	10	26	19
TOTAL	48	69	69

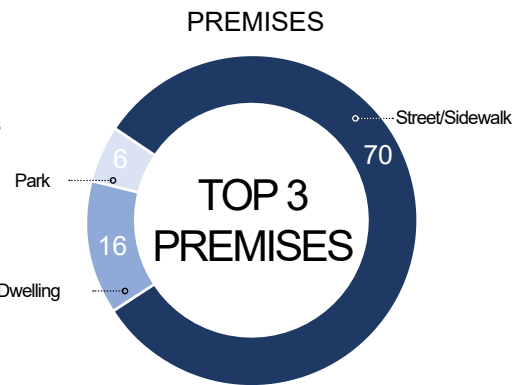
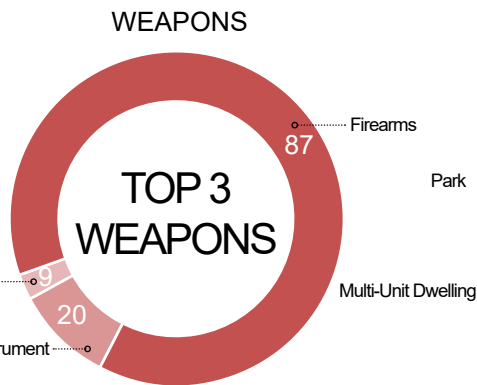
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4%

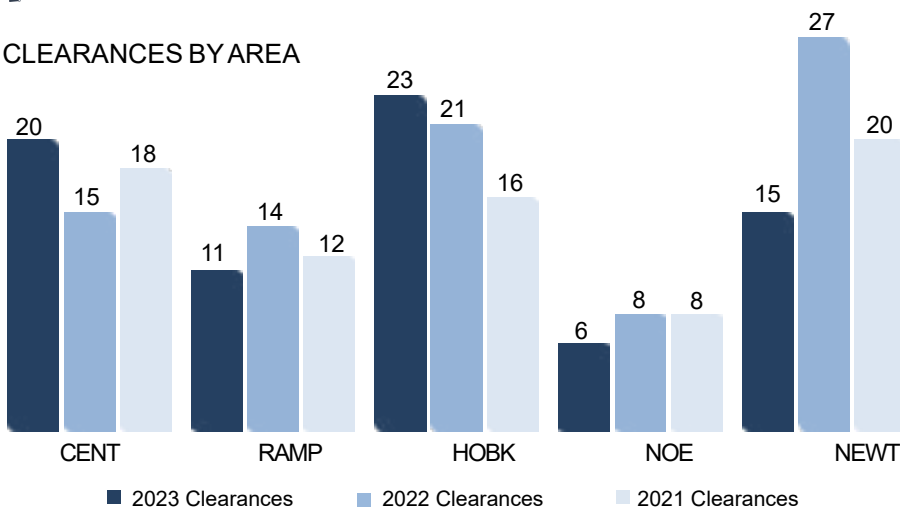
OCB accounted for 24 percent of the 8,154 firearms seized in 2023, four percent more than 2022.

OPERATIONS-CENTRAL BUREAU

= 200 FIREARMS SEIZED



CLEARANCES BY AREA



Clearances include all prior years' homicides reported as cleared in 2023. The clearance rate percentage is based on 118 OCB homicides.

Gang-related refers to homicides where the victim or suspect is a gang member or affiliate and may include the motive for the homicide. Firearm refers to handguns, rifles, and shotguns. Clearances by Area and clearance rate reflect updated numbers current as of this report.

OPERATIONS SOUTH BUREAU

SOUTHWEST · HARBOR · 77TH STREET · SOUTHEAST



Operations-South Bureau (OSB) is home to Southwest, Harbor, 77th Street, and Southeast Areas and is the smallest geographic bureau at 58 square miles. In 2023, there were 111 homicides in OSB, which was 34 percent of the Citywide total and a 23 percent decrease from 2022. All Areas within OSB saw fewer homicides in 2023 when compared to 2022. Southeast Area's 38 homicides represented the largest numerical decrease of homicides in 2023 compared to 53 in 2022.



1,301 / 75
sworn / civilian
[approx.]



668,569
population
[approx.]



58
square miles
[approx.]

2023 vs 2022
% Change



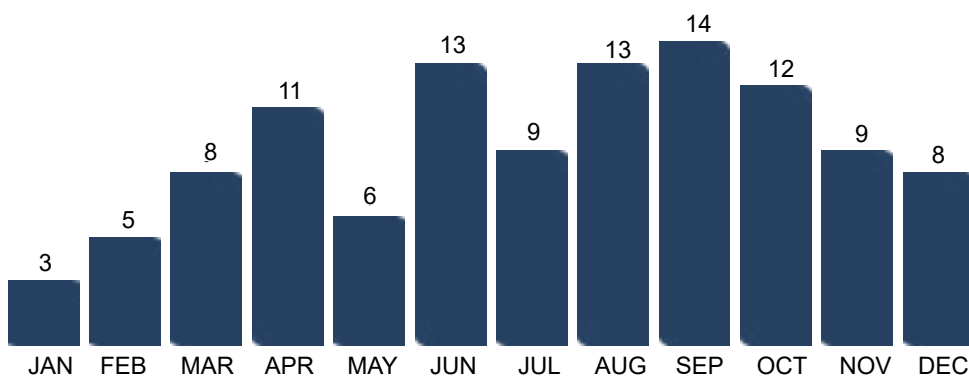
OSB had 34 fewer homicides than in 2022, resulting in a 23 percent decrease.

2023 vs 2021
% Change

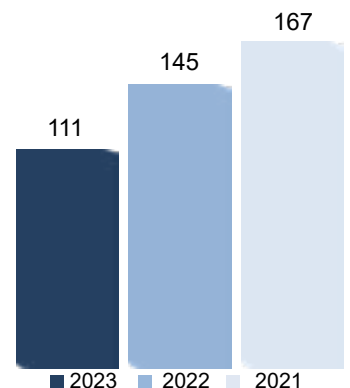


OSB had 56 fewer homicides than in 2021, resulting in a 34 percent increase.

HOMICIDES BY MONTH

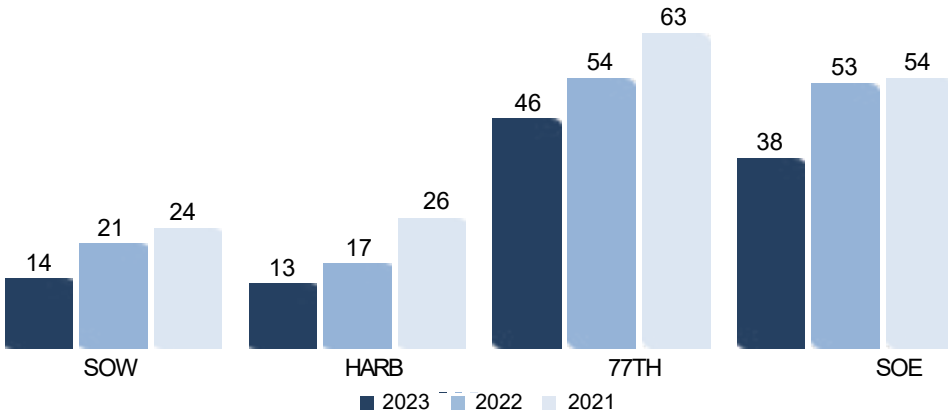


HOMICIDES BY YEAR



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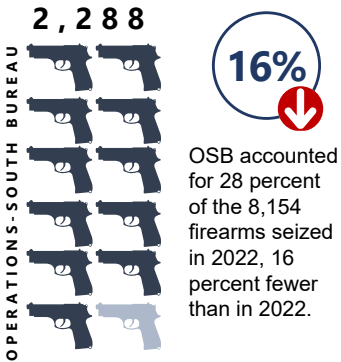
HOMICIDES BY AREA



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	2023	2022	2021
SOUTHWEST	2	1	1
HARBOR	0	0	1
77TH STREET	4	2	2
SOUTHEAST	1	1	3
TOTAL	7	4	7

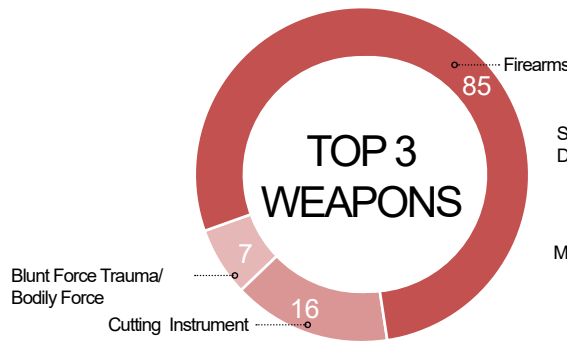
HOMELESS-RELATED	2023	2022	2021
SOUTHWEST	1	4	2
HARBOR	1	5	10
77TH STREET	5	14	6
SOUTHEAST	4	7	8
TOTAL	11	30	26

GANG-RELATED	2023	2022	2021
SOUTHWEST	6	15	16
HARBOR	10	15	22
77TH STREET	28	30	40
SOUTHEAST	22	38	49
TOTAL	66	98	127

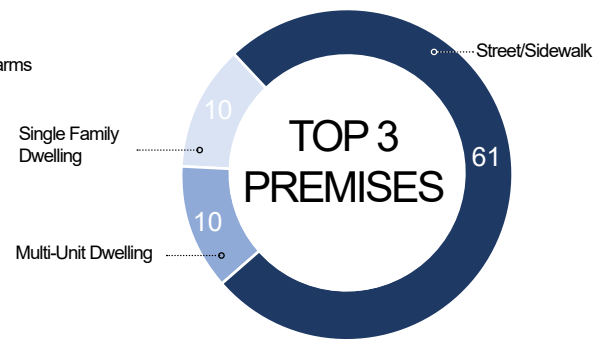


= 200 FIREARMS SEIZED

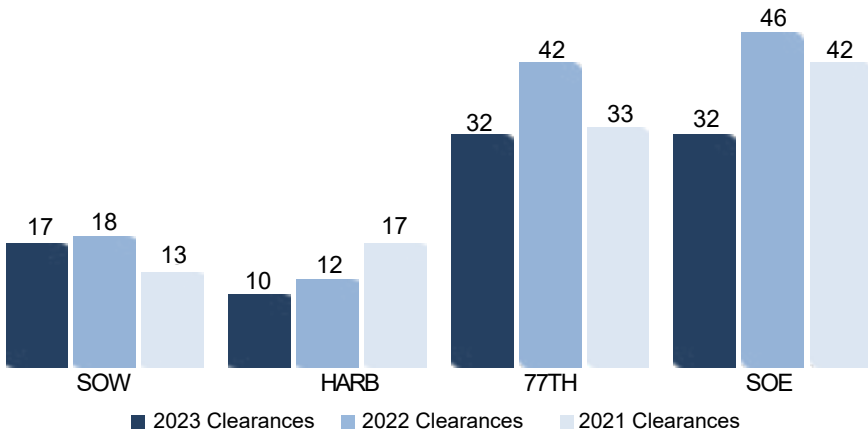
WEAPONS



PREMISES



CLEARANCES BY AREA



Clearances include all prior years' homicides reported as cleared in 2023. The clearance rate percentage is based on 112 OSB homicides.

Gang-related refers to homicides where the victim or suspect is a gang member or affiliate and may include the motive for the homicide. Firearm refers to handguns, rifles, and shotguns. Clearances by Area and clearance rate reflect updated numbers current as of this report.

OPERATIONS WEST BUREAU

HOLLYWOOD · WILSHIRE · WEST LOS ANGELES · PACIFIC · OLYMPIC



Operations-West Bureau (OWB) is 124 square miles and home to Hollywood, Wilshire, West Los Angeles, Pacific, and Olympic Areas. There were 40 homicides in 2023, which was six fewer than 2022. This resulted in a 13 percent reduction. West Los Angeles Area had the fewest homicides in 2023 with three despite having an increase of 50 percent compared to 2022. Olympic Area had 13 homicides in 2023, which was a 13 percent decrease from 2022 and the most homicides in OWB.



1,386 / 60
sworn / civilian
[approx.]



904,873
population
[approx.]



124
square miles
[approx.]

2023 vs 2022
% Change



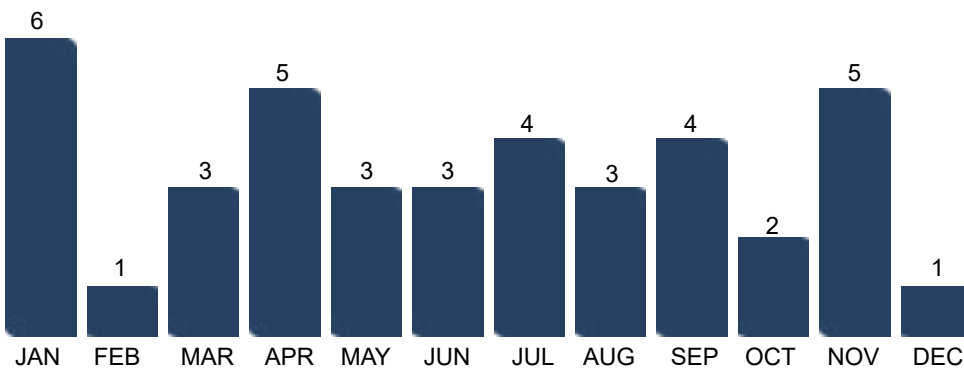
OWB had six fewer homicides compared to 2022, resulting in a 13 percent decrease.

2023 vs 2021
% Change

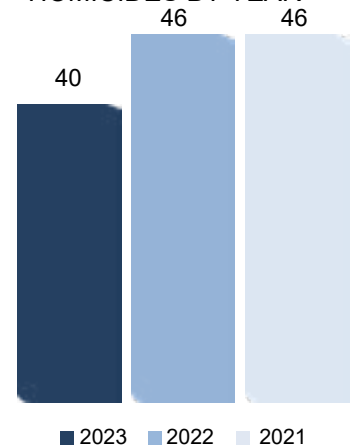


OWB had six fewer homicides compared to 2021, resulting in a 13 percent decrease.

HOMICIDES BY MONTH

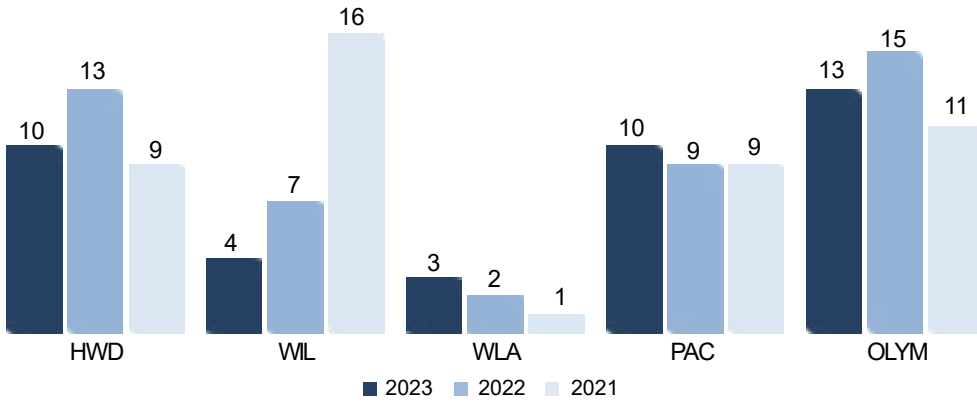


HOMICIDES BY YEAR



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HOMICIDES BY AREA



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	2023	2022	2021
HOLLYWOOD	1	1	0
WILSHIRE	0	1	1
WEST LOS ANGELES	0	0	0
PACIFIC	0	1	0
OLYMPIC	0	3	3
TOTAL	1	6	4

HOMELESS-RELATED	2023	2022	2021
HOLLYWOOD	0	4	3
WILSHIRE	1	3	4
WEST LOS ANGELES	0	2	0
PACIFIC	5	3	5
OLYMPIC	5	5	6
TOTAL	11	17	18

GANG-RELATED	2023	2022	2021
HOLLYWOOD	6	4	2
WILSHIRE	1	2	8
WEST LOS ANGELES	3	0	0
PACIFIC	2	1	3
OLYMPIC	6	6	3
TOTAL	18	13	16

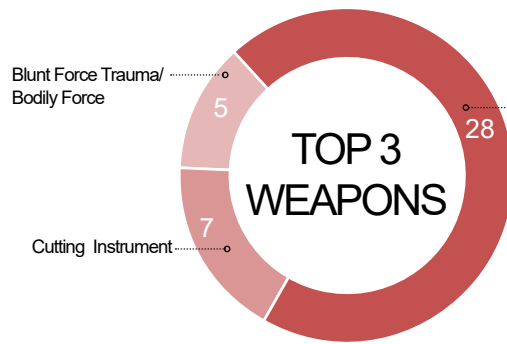
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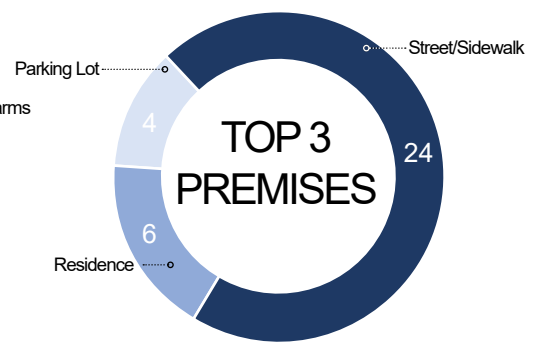
OWB accounted for 15 percent of the 8,154 firearms seized in 2022, three percent fewer than in 2022.

= 200 FIREARMS SEIZED

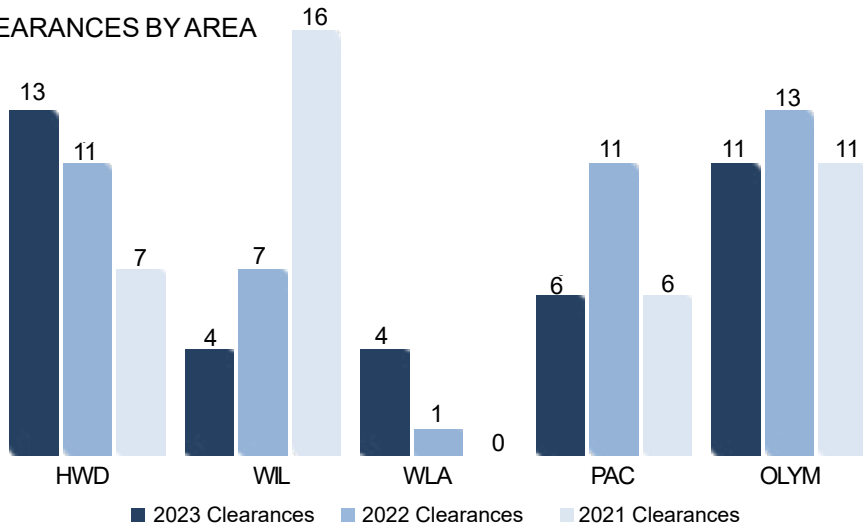
WEAPONS



PREMISES



CLEARANCES BY AREA



Clearances include all prior years' homicides reported as cleared in 2023. The clearance rate percentage is based on 40 OWB homicides.

Gang-related refers to homicides where the victim or suspect is a gang member or affiliate and may include the motive for the homicide. Firearm refers to handguns, rifles, and shotguns. Clearances by Area and clearance rate reflect updated numbers current as of this report.

OPERATIONS VALLEY BUREAU

VAN NUYS · WEST VALLEY · NORTH HOLLYWOOD · FOOTHILL · DEVONSHIRE · MISSION · TOPANGA



Operations-Valley Bureau (OVB) is home to Van Nuys, West Valley, North Hollywood, Foothill, Devonshire, Mission, and Topanga Areas. At 226 square miles, it is the largest geographic bureau in the City. Operations-Valley Bureau ended 2023 with 59 homicides, which was 18 percent of the Citywide total. This was a 15 percent decrease from 2022. North Hollywood Area had 15 homicides in 2023, which was a 25 percent increase from the prior year. This was the largest numerical increase in OVB. Devonshire Area ended 2023, 2022, and 2021 with seven homicides each year. With nine fewer homicides in 2023 than 2022, Topanga Area had a 64 percent decrease.



1,727 / 111
sworn / civilian
[approx.]



1,505,743
population
[approx.]



226
square miles
[approx.]

2023 vs 2022
% Change



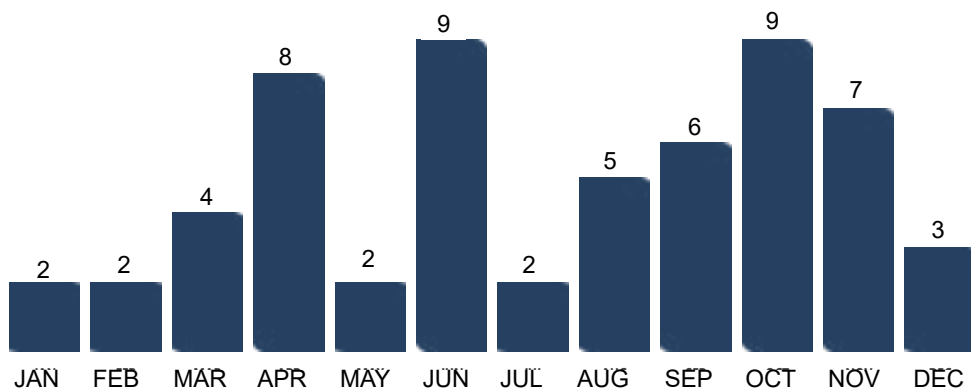
OVB had ten fewer homicides than in 2022, resulting in a 15 percent decrease.

2023 vs 2021
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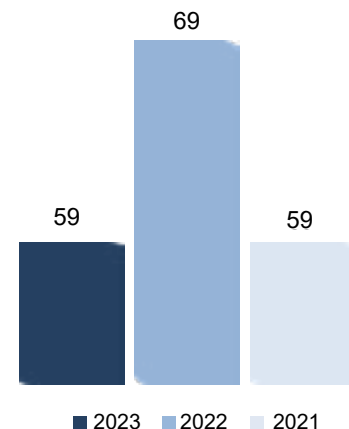


OVB was even with 59 homicides in 2023 compared to 2021.

HOMICIDES BY MONTH

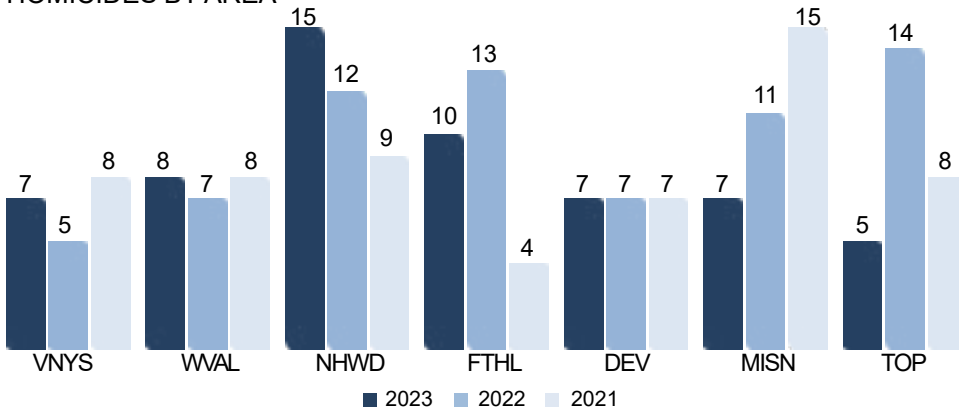


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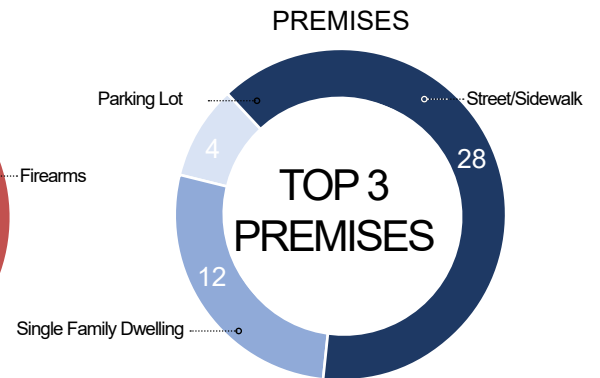
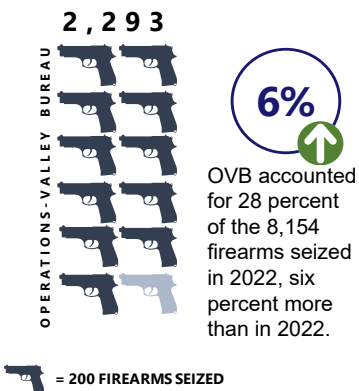
HOMICIDES BY AREA



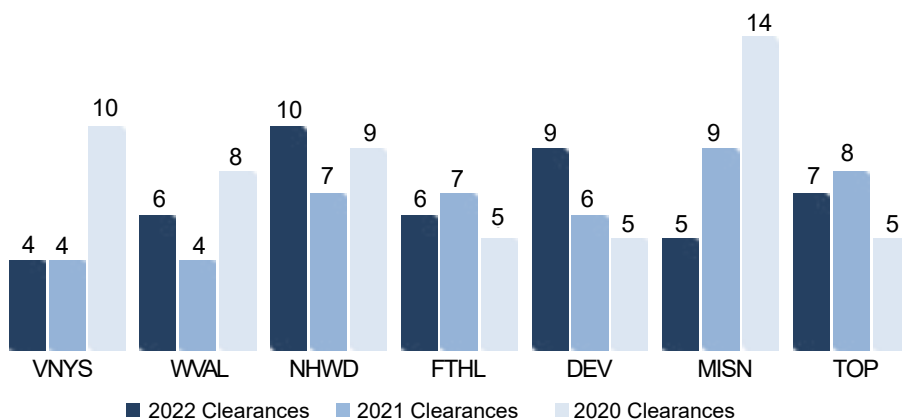
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	2023	2022	2021
VAN NUYS	0	0	2
WEST VALLEY	1	0	1
NORTH HOLLYWOOD	1	1	1
FOOTHILL	0	0	0
DEVONSHIRE	0	0	0
MISSION	1	1	3
TOPANGA	0	2	0
TOTAL	3	4	7

HOMELESS-RELATED	2023	2022	2021
VAN NUYS	2	2	2
WEST VALLEY	0	1	1
NORTH HOLLYWOOD	4	2	1
FOOTHILL	3	4	1
DEVONSHIRE	0	2	3
MISSION	1	2	3
TOPANGA	0	3	2
TOTAL	10	16	13

GANG-RELATED	2023	2022	2021
VAN NUYS	2	1	1
WEST VALLEY	3	1	1
NORTH HOLLYWOOD	5	6	5
FOOTHILL	2	8	2
DEVONSHIRE	4	3	0
MISSION	2	6	7
TOPANGA	4	4	2
TOTAL	22	29	18



CLEARANCES BY AREA



Clearances include all prior years' homicides reported as cleared in 2023. The clearance rate percentage is based on 59 OVB homicides.

Gang-related refers to homicides where the victim or suspect is a gang member or affiliate and may include the motive for the homicide. Firearm refers to handguns, rifles, and shotguns. Clearances by Area and clearance rate reflect updated numbers current as of this report.

STRATEGIES

The LAPD remains committed to safeguarding and assisting the extensive population of Angelenos living in the City, as well as the numerous visitors who come to the City daily. In order to diminish both the occurrence of crime and the anxiety associated with it throughout the entire City, the LAPD consistently establishes objectives and employs inventive and practical strategies to enhance public safety, striving to minimize crime and victimization. These strategies include:

- Publishing a Department homicide victims website, which focuses on the victims and seeks any information from the public about the tragic homicides that occurred in Los Angeles (see victim profile page for the link to this year's homicide victims webpage).
- Conducting increased probation searches pertaining to firearm-related investigations.
- Targeting firearm-related cases to identify, arrest, and successfully prosecute gun violence suspects.
- Investigating and recovering firearms that are in possession of prohibited persons.
- Identifying, arresting, and successfully prosecuting major violators and gun traffickers.
- Ghost Gun Guidelines were completed, and Section 55.22 was added to the Los Angeles Municipal Code which prohibits the possession, purchase, sale, receipt, or transport of non-serialized unfinished firearms, firearm frames, or receivers.
- Developing partnerships with Crime Stoppers to provide monetary rewards for tips that lead to the arrest, prosecution and recovery of ghost gun manufacturers/traffickers within the City of Los Angeles.
- Developing federal partnerships with Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) and Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) to obstruct and impact interstate firearms trafficking, both foreign and domestic.
- Creating the Regional Illegal Firearms Trafficking Team Task Force (RIFTT) between the LAPD, Los Angeles World Airports Police, and HSI. This task force works to impede international firearms trafficking and to obstruct the flow of Glock switches and suppressors.
- Conducting surveillance and arresting identified suspect(s) involved in violent gun-related crimes.
- Thwarting gang activity/crime and serving search warrants on individuals.
- Continue 29-year partnership with the San Fernando Valley Coalition on Gangs to reduce the fear of crime and strengthen neighborhood cohesion.
- Working with federal law enforcement partners to obtain information and intelligence from tipsters for information involving firearm-related crimes.
- Coordinating Gun Buyback programs and events with community-based agencies throughout the year to reduce the number of firearms in the City.
- Increasing community outreach and overall awareness of current gang issues and prevention resources within the community.
- Utilizing the LAPDHQ social media account (i.e., X, Instagram, etc.) as the main platform to quickly inform the public on gun reduction strategies, efforts, and reinforcing the Department's Core Values and Motto.
- Facilitating community dialogue between the Department and the community members about gun-related violence.
- Focusing weekly COMPSTAT inspections on shooting and violent crime efforts in Area commands.
- Utilizing the Area Crime and Community Intelligence Center (ACCIC) in conjunction with COMPSTAT to develop timely and relevant strategies to help reduce shootings and violent crime.
- Continuing to work closely with prosecutors from the City Attorney's Office and District Attorney's Office to increase the effectiveness of overall criminal filings.
- Coordinating assistance of the FBI Fugitive Task Force to locate and arrest identified violent crime suspects.
- Assessing the Project Safe Neighborhood plans to address violent crime reduction strategies specific to each Area's circumstances, resources, and crime drivers.
- Expanding the Department's National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN) to link ballistic evidence to outstanding cases to solve violent crimes.
- Working with other law enforcement agencies and the community to acquire illegal firearms by conducting joint operations to arrest individuals who are prohibited from possessing firearms.

The LAPD continues to seek the best solutions in crime-fighting strategies to minimize crime and violence in the City of Los Angeles.







