

TITLE V INDICATOR TEMPLATES

INDICATOR: Deaths due to assaultive injuries (homicide) among children and youth

DEFINITION: The three year average rate of deaths due to homicide (E-Codes 960.0-969.9) per 100,000 children and youth (ages 0 through 24 years)

NUMERATOR: The number of deaths due to homicide among children and youth (ages 0 through 24), by place of residence (three year average)

DENOMINATOR: The total population ages 0 through 24, by place of residence, for the middle year of the three year time period of interest

HEALTHY PEOPLE 2000 OBJECTIVE:

Reduce homicides to no more than 7.2 per 100,000 people (Objective 7.1)
 Special population target:
 Children aged 3 and younger (3.1 per 100,000; Objective 7.1a)

RISK FACTORS: Low income; gender (male); age (teens, young adults); race/ethnicity (African American, Hispanic); history of abuse (victims of spousal/intimates, or child abuse); substance use/abuse; drug trafficking activity; easy access to firearms

Deaths due to homicide among children and youth (ages 0 through 24 years)

| Three Year Average | California | | | | LA County | | | |
|--------------------|------------|------|-------------------------|-------|-----------|------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Number | Rate | 95% Confidence Interval | | Number | Rate | 95% Confidence Interval | |
| | | | Lower | Upper | | | Lower | Upper |
| 1989 - 1991 | 1,462 | 12.9 | 12.2 | 13.5 | 815 | 23.5 | 21.9 | 25.1 |
| 1990 - 1992 | 1,623 | 14.1 | 13.4 | 14.8 | 892 | 25.4 | 23.8 | 27.1 |
| 1991 - 1993 | 1,710 | 14.6 | 13.9 | 15.2 | 900 | 25.3 | 23.7 | 27.0 |
| 1992 - 1994 | 1,675 | 14.2 | 13.5 | 14.8 | 852 | 24.0 | 22.4 | 25.6 |
| 1993 - 1995 | 1,626 | 13.7 | 13.0 | 14.3 | 811 | 22.9 | 21.3 | 24.5 |
| 1994 - 1996 | 1,460 | 12.3 | 11.6 | 12.9 | 750 | 21.2 | 19.7 | 22.8 |
| 1995 - 1997 | 1,310 | 10.9 | 10.4 | 11.5 | 668 | 19.0 | 17.6 | 20.4 |

Sources: 1989-1997 death records from the California Department of Health Services, Center for Health Statistics

Denominator data: State of California, Department of Finance, Race/Ethnic Population Estimates with Age and Sex Details, 1970-2040, Sacramento, California, December, 1998

| Year | DENOMINATOR: Total population ages 0 through 24 | | NUMERATOR: Deaths among children and youth (0-24) caused by homicide | |
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| | California | LA County | California | LA County |
| 1989 | 11,190,077 | 3,476,036 | 1,215 | 693 |
| 1990 | 11,343,158 | 3,472,855 | 1,468 | 820 |
| 1991 | 11,529,744 | 3,507,456 | 1,702 | 933 |
| 1992 | 11,743,733 | 3,552,887 | 1,700 | 924 |
| 1993 | 11,827,912 | 3,544,537 | 1,727 | 842 |
| 1994 | 11,882,205 | 3,546,404 | 1,597 | 789 |
| 1995 | 11,916,553 | 3,529,488 | 1,553 | 803 |
| 1996 | 11,971,762 | 3,518,026 | 1,230 | 658 |
| 1997 | 12,207,730 | 3,569,947 | 1,147 | 544 |