



Violence Prevention Coalition of Greater Los Angeles

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FACT SHEET: Violence in Los Angeles County

Overall

- ❖ In 2005, there were 66,350 violent crimes reported in Los Angeles County, including 1,068 homicides, 2,384 forcible rapes, 26,694 robberies, and 36,204 aggravated assaults. *Los Angeles Almanac, 2006.*
- ❖ In LA County, the number of gun deaths in 2004 by race was highest for Latinos (514), followed by African Americans (338) and Caucasians (228). *California Department of Vital Statistics, 2004.*
- ❖ Gangs account for approximately 43% of all homicides in Los Angeles County. Of the 1038 homicides in 2004, 454 were gang-related. *"Review of Homicide Crime Statistics," Criminal Justice Center, 2005.*

Hate Crimes

- ❖ Of the 502 crimes reported in 2004, 285 were racially based, 130 involved sexual orientation, 81 were motivated by religion, four related to gender, and two involved disability. *"Hate Crime in California," California Office of Attorney General, 2005.*
- ❖ 88% of the suspects of hate crimes in 2004 were male and of diverse cultural backgrounds. Juveniles comprised of 34% of the suspects. *LA County Commission on Human Relations, 2005.*
- ❖ Overall 53% of hate crimes committed in 2004 were of a violent nature. Homophobic and anti-transgender hate crimes were the most likely to be of a violent nature, followed by racial hate crimes. Religious hate crimes were much less likely to be violent. *LA County Commission on Human Relations, 2005.*

Child Abuse

- ❖ In 2002, there were 161,642 child abuse and neglect referrals to DCFS in LA County. *Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services, 2006.*
- ❖ In 2005, there were on average 17 child abuse cases per day in Los Angeles County. *Rand California, Child Abuse Statistics, 2006.*

Youth and Firearm Violence

- ❖ 14% of LA County residents who died in gun violence in 2004 were 18 years old or younger. *Office of Health Information and Research, California Center for Health Statistics, 2004.*
- ❖ Ten LA County children between the ages of 12 and 19 committed suicide with a gun in 2004. *Epidemiology and Prevention for Injury Control (EPIC), 2004.*
- ❖ During 2004, of all the victims of gun violence in LA County who were under the age of 18, 7% of homicides and 11% of nonfatal injury hospitalizations were girls. *Office of Vital Records, Hospital Discharge Data, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, California Dept of Health Services, 2005.*
- ❖ A total of 1,145 residents of LA County in 2004 lost their lives to guns. Three people each day, over 90 per month died in firearm homicides, firearm suicides, or accidental shootings. *Office of Health Information and Research, California Center for Health Statistics, 2004.*

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