

Understanding Serious Violence in San Francisco 2017-2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

San Francisco Police Department
California Partnership for Safe Communities

Problem Analysis of Violence 2017-2020

Summary Findings (1)

Suspects and victims of homicides and shootings in San Francisco are older adults with extensive justice system histories, and violence very disproportionately impacts men of color.

- The average age of victims and suspects of homicides in San Francisco is **37 years old**; **70%** have previously been arrested and those individuals averaged **15 prior arrests** at the time of the homicide.
- Victims and suspects of shootings in San Francisco are, on average, **28 years old** and have previously been arrested **13 times**.
- **67%** of homicide victims and suspects and **85%** of shooting victims and suspects are Black and Latino men, while they comprise less than 10% of the city's population.

Victims and Suspects of Homicides & Shootings: Sex and Race

	Homicides			Shootings			San Francisco Population
	Victims (n=165)	Suspects (n=164)	Victims & Suspects (n=329)	Victims (n=104)	Suspects (n=38)	Victims & Suspects (n=142)	
Sex							
Male	84.9%	89.0%	86.9%	89.4%	97.4%	91.6%	51.0%
Female	15.2%	10.4%	12.8%	9.6%	2.6%	7.8%	49.0%
Non-Binary	-	0.6%	0.3%	1.0%	-	0.7%	
Race							
White	17.7%	12.9%	15.3%	6.7%	5.3%	6.3%	40.6%
Black	<u>36.6%</u>	<u>46.6%</u>	<u>41.6%</u>	<u>53.9%</u>	<u>57.9%</u>	<u>54.9%</u>	<u>5.2%</u>
Hispanic/Latinx	<u>26.2%</u>	<u>27.0%</u>	<u>26.6%</u>	<u>32.7%</u>	<u>26.3%</u>	<u>31.0%</u>	<u>15.2%</u>
Asian	11.0%	7.4%	9.2%	1.0%	5.3%	2.1%	34.2%
Other	8.5%	6.1%	7.3%	5.8%	5.3%	5.6%	

Homicide Victims and Suspects: Criminal Justice System Involvement

	Victims (n=161)*	Suspects (n=160)*	Victims & Suspects (n=321)
Known to the CJ system prior to the incident	102 (63.4%)	124 (77.5%)	226 (70.4%)
Of those known to the CJ System:			
Average age	37.3	33.2	35.1
Average number of prior arrests	15.9	13.9	14.8
Average number of prior felony arrests	9.8	9.2	9.5
Prior probation/post-prison supervision	77.8%	69.7%	73.3%
Active probation/post-prison supervision	21.2%	19.7%	20.4%
Prior incarceration	70.7%	64.8%	67.4%
Convicted of felony	63.6%	61.5%	62.4%

*Criminal histories from 4 victims and 4 suspects not included due missing information.