

Suspects

How often were there multiple suspects?

In 37% (53) of the homicide and assault incidents multiple suspects were involved.

How many of suspects were 24 years of age or younger?

Forty percent (94), with 7% (16) aged 18 or less.

In what proportion of homicide and assault incidents were police able to book and charge suspects?

Thirty-two percent (12) of homicide and 23% (24) of assault incidents.

How many suspects had a criminal history?

Seventy-five percent (61) of the identified suspects.

What was the court disposition of the charged suspect's?

This piece of follow-up information was not available.

In what neighborhood did these homicide and assault suspects live?

Twenty-five percent (13) resided in the Bayview/Hunter's Point, 21% (11) resided in Ingleside/Excelsior/Crocker Amazon, and 9% (5) resided in Visitacion Valley.

How many suspects were nonresidents?

Twenty-seven percent (20) resided outside of SF County.

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Fatal and Nonfatal Firearm-related Injuries

Suspects Involved

There were approximately 248 suspects identified, with 10 of these suspects classified both as a victim and as a suspect (Table 52). Two of these suspects committed suicide after killing the victim(s). Two of the shooters were police officers who shot persons committing crimes and were themselves injured, one suspect was injured after shooting others in a legal intervention incident, and the remaining 5 assault suspects were also wounded and were therefore themselves victims.

Table 52: Characteristics of Firearm-related Shooters, by Incident Intent: San Francisco, 1999

Intent	Incidents	Total number of victims	Total number of suspects	Law enforcement (shooters)	Both a victim and a suspect	Law enforcement officers: both victim and shooter
Overall	176	213	230	8	8	2
Homicide	38	40	61	0	0	0
Assault	106	137	165	0	5	0
Suicide	19	21	0	0	2	0
Legal Intervention	6	8	2	8	1	2
Another-inflicted ^a	2	2	2	0	0	0
Self-inflicted ^b	5	5	0	0	0	0

^aAnother-inflicted incidents are those in which victims were unintentionally shot by another person.
^bSelf-inflicted incidents are those in which victims unintentionally shot themselves.

Figure 96 describes for clarification the breakdown of the victims and suspects who were involved in legal interventions. A complete discussion of legal intervention incidents is found later in this report.

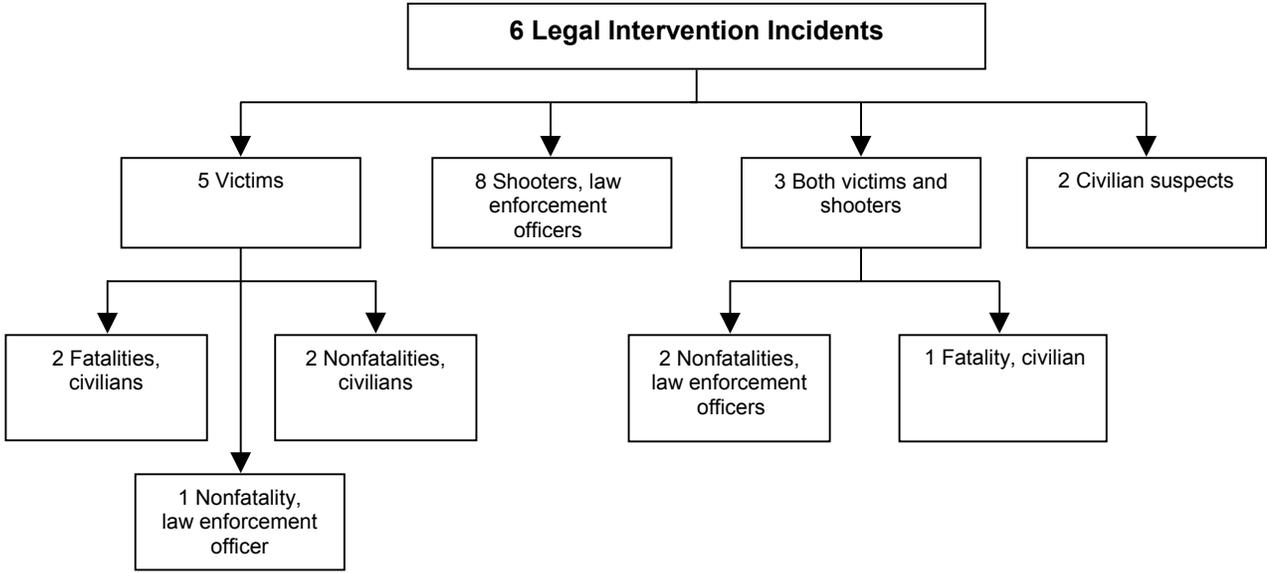


Figure 96: Law Enforcement Officers, Victims, and Suspects Involved in Firearm-related Injuries: San Francisco, 1999

Table 53 displays the nature of identifying information known regarding suspects, by intent of incident. It is important to note that the term suspects signifies anyone who may have been involved in the shooting incident. Suspects can be simply "described" by gender, age or race/ethnicity. If additional information was available, such as birthdate, address, etc., these suspects were classified as "identified." A number of suspects were not only identified, but also "booked and charged" for the shooting incident.

Overall, in incidents where all suspects could be described, 65% (98) of the incidents, 177 suspects were described. And in incidents where all suspects could be identified, 24% (37) of the incidents—57 suspects were identified. Finally, in 26% (39) of the incidents there were 58 suspects who were booked and charged for the shooting. As shown in Table 53, there were also 9 incidents that involved 9 victims who were booked for the incident.

Table 53: Number of Victims and Suspects Described, Identified, and Booked and Charged, by Incident Intent: San Francisco, 1999

Incident (n)	Described ^a			Identified ^a			Booked and charged					
	Identified by witness or victim-estimated age, race/ethnicity			Identified with date of birth, name			Victims	Incidents	%	Suspects ^b		
	Suspects	Incidents	%	Suspects	Incidents	%				Victims	Incidents	%
Homicide n=38	47	26	68.4	21	15	39.5	0	0	--	13	12	31.6
Assault n=106	125	68	64.2	31	18	17.0	4	4	3.8	41	24	23.0
Legal ^c n=2	3	2	100.0	3	2	100.0	2	2	100.0	2	1	25.0
Self-inflicted ^c n=4	0	0	--	0	0	--	3	3	75.0	0	0	--
Another-inflicted ^d n=2	2	2	100.0	2	2	100.0	0	0	--	2 ^d	2	100.0
Overall ^e n=152	177	98	64.5	57	37	24.3	9	9	5.9	58	39	25.7

^aThe percents are the number of incidents in which suspects were described/identified divided by the total number of incidents for that specific group. The following homicide and assault incidents are not included above:

Homicide incidents:

Described: 2 homicide incidents involving 4 suspects where 2 of the suspects were identified and 2 were not. These incidents and suspects were not included.

Identified: 3 homicide incidents involving 10 suspects where 3 suspects were identified and 7 were not. These incidents and suspects were not included.

Booked and Charged: If one suspect was booked and the other suspect was not or was unknown that incident was included. Two of the suspects who were involved in a homicide killed themselves and were therefore not booked.

Assault incidents:

Described: 1 assault incident involving 3 suspects, where 2 were described and 1 was not described. This incident and the 3 suspects involved were not included.

Identified: 6 assault incidents involving 21 suspects, where 13 suspects were not identified and 8 suspects were identified. These incidents and the suspects involved were not included.

^bSuspects also included--suspects who were both victims and suspects (ptype=3) n=4.

^cThere was a single law enforcement officer who suffered a nonfatal self-inflicted injury that is not included. Legal intervention does not include law enforcement officers, 1 suspect/victim dead so only 2 suspects available to be booked for only a single incident. Self-inflicted incidents are those in which victims unintentionally shot themselves.

^d1 another-inflicted suspect was booked into Youth Guidance Center. Another-inflicted incidents are those in which victims were unintentionally shot by another person.

^eIncidents not included in the overall are the 19 suicide + 1 self-inflicted + 4 legal interventions =24, so 152+24=176 incidents.

The number of suspects per incident was based on information documented in the Police Report or Medical Examiner's report. However, in 23% (33) of the incidents the exact number of suspects involved was not known (Table 54, Figure 97). This was due to either a lack of known witnesses, or witnesses or victims were reluctant to provide information—but the injury was obviously not a self-inflicted wound, based on medical information. Thus, these incidents were classified as involving a single unknown suspect. Overall, in 40% (58) of the incidents a single suspect was involved in the shooting.

Table 54: Number of Suspects, by Homicide and Assault Incidents: San Francisco, 1999

Number of Suspects Involved in Incident	Overall ^a		Homicide		Assault	
	N=144	%	n=38	%	n=106	%
Single	58	40.3	15	39.5	41	38.7
Two	34	23.6	7	18.4	27	25.5
Three	10	6.9	3	7.9	7	6.6
Four	6	4.2	2	5.3	4	3.8
Five	1	0.7	0	--	1	0.9
Six	2	1.4	1	2.6	1	0.9
Uncertain but at least 1	33	22.9	8	21.1	25	23.6

^aThere were 32 of the 176 incidents not included in these counts: 19 suicides, 5 self-inflicted, 6 legal interventions, and 2 another-inflicted incidents.

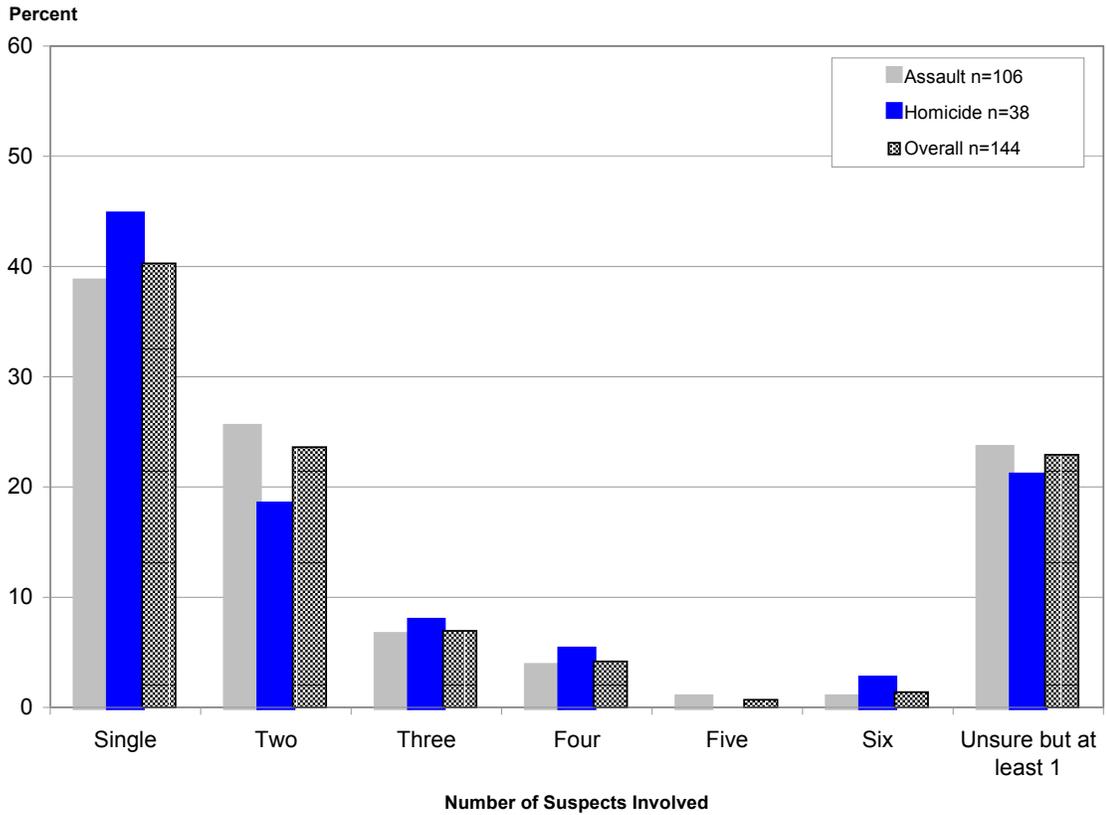


Figure 97: Intent of Firearm-related Injury Incidents, by Number of Suspects Believed to Have Been Involved: San Francisco, 1999

Age

There were 143 (60%) suspects with a known or estimated age not including law enforcement officers (there were 10 law enforcement officers and their demographic data were not collected). Ages ranged from 13 to 63 years with a mean of 25 and a medium of 23. Twenty-seven percent (65) of the suspects were between the ages of 20 and 24, 15% (35) were between the ages of 25 and 34, 40% (94) of the suspects were under 25 years of age, and 40% (95) of the suspects were of unknown age (Figure 98).

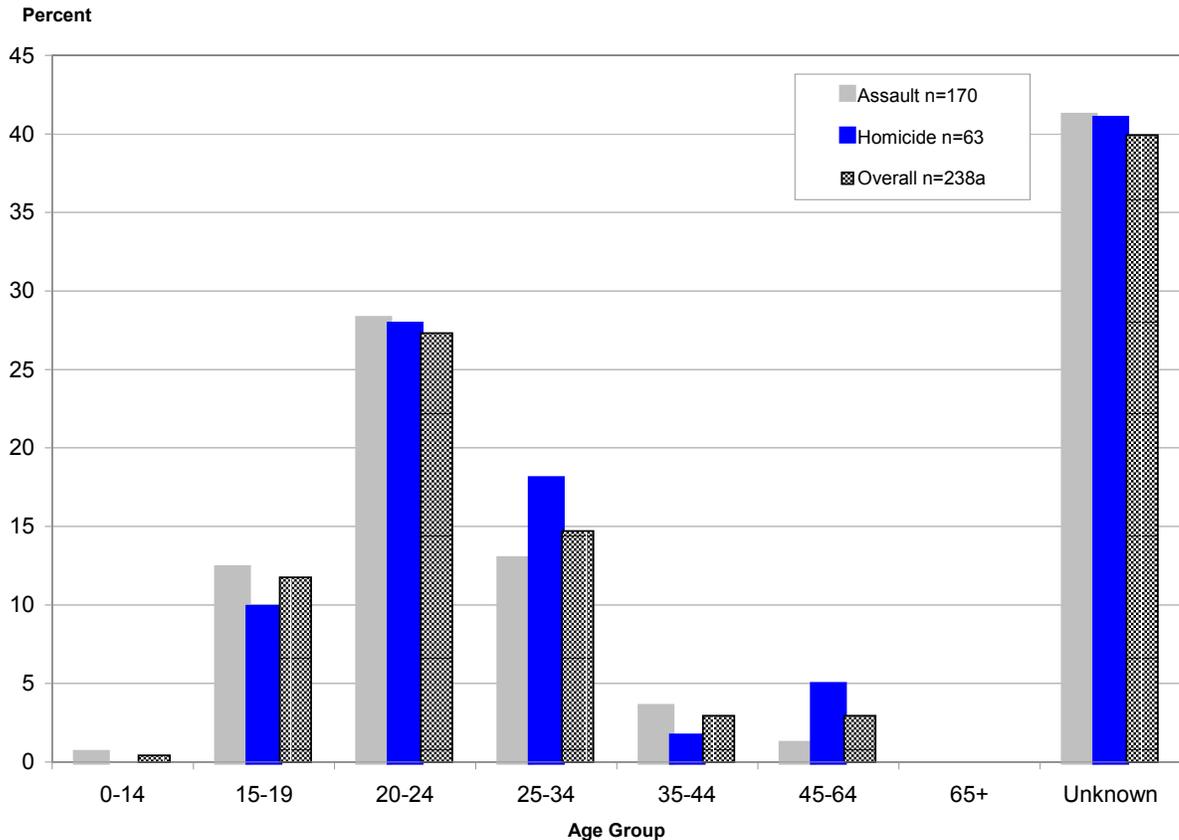


Figure 98: Incident Intent of Assaultive Firearm-related Injuries, by Suspect's Age: San Francisco, 1999
^aOverall includes 2 suspects in another-inflicted injury incidents and 3 suspects involved in legal interventions who were not law enforcement officers.

Race/Ethnicity

Of the 238 suspects involved in assaultive incidents, race/ethnicity was described for 70% (167) of the suspects. Of these, 45% (106) were African Americans, 13% (30) were Asian, and 11% (27) were Hispanic (Figure 99).

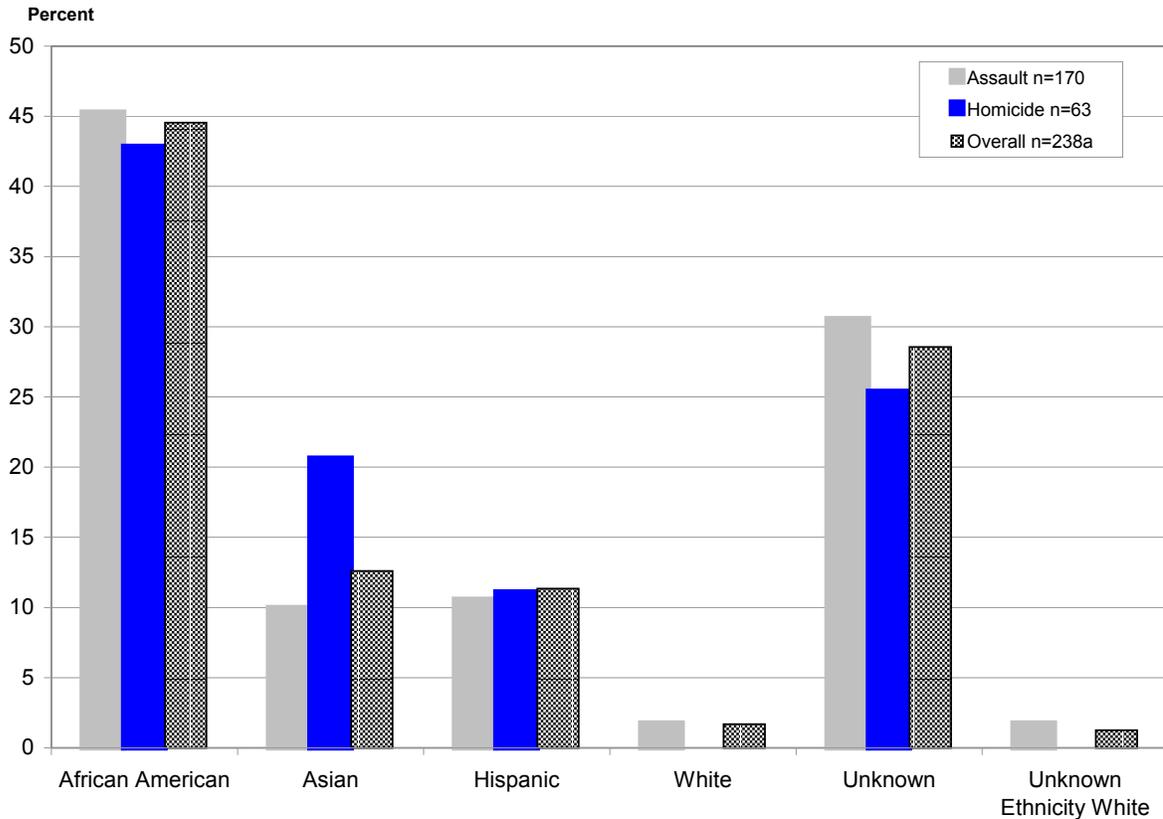


Figure 99: Incident Intent of Assaultive Firearm-related Injuries, by Suspect's Race/Ethnicity: San Francisco, 1999

^aOverall includes 2 suspects in another-inflicted injury incidents and 3 suspects in legal intervention injury incidents.

Residence

Of the 238 suspects that were involved in these firearm incidents, 31% (74) had a known address, with 73% (54) being SF residents. Of the 233 suspects who were involved in a homicide or an assault, 30% (71) had an address identified. Of these, 73% (52) were residents of San Francisco (Figure 100).

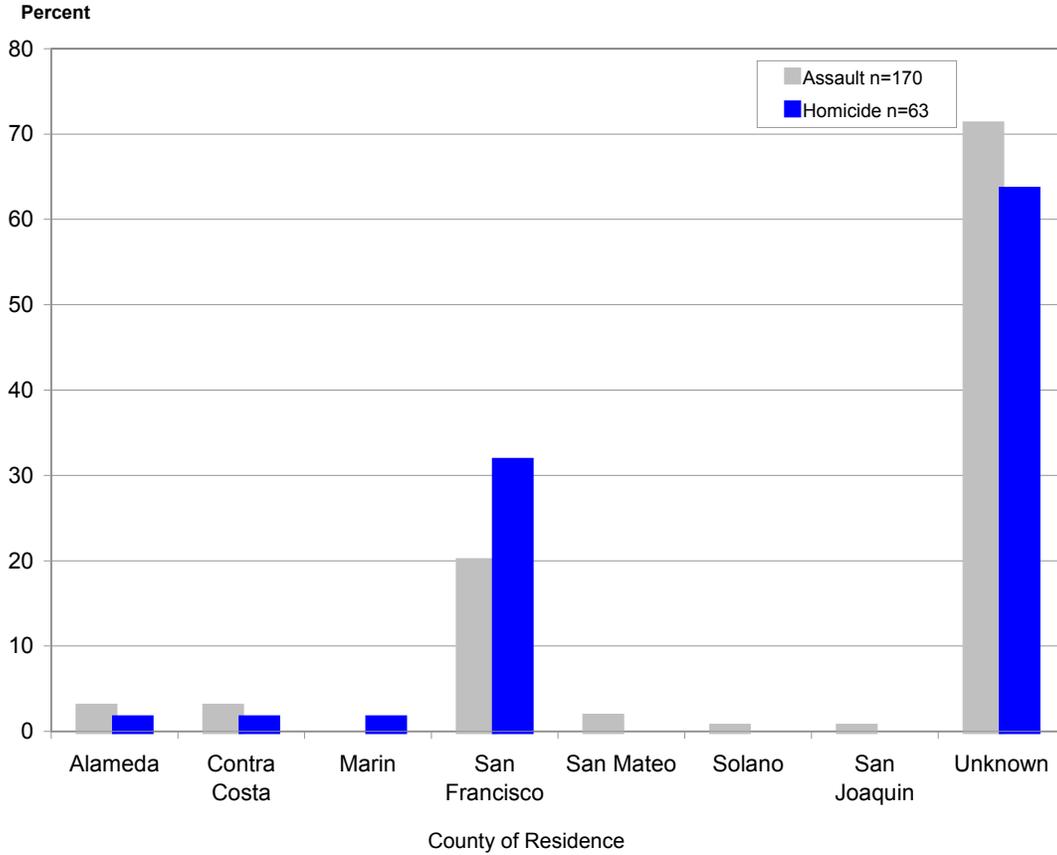


Figure 100: Incident Intent of Assaultive Firearm-related Incidents, by Suspect's County of Residence: San Francisco, 1999

Figure 101 shows the neighborhood of residency for the homicide and assault suspects known to have resided in SF County. Twenty-five percent (13) were residents of Bayview/Hunter’s Point and 21% (11) were residents of Ingleside/Excelsior/Crocker Amazon.

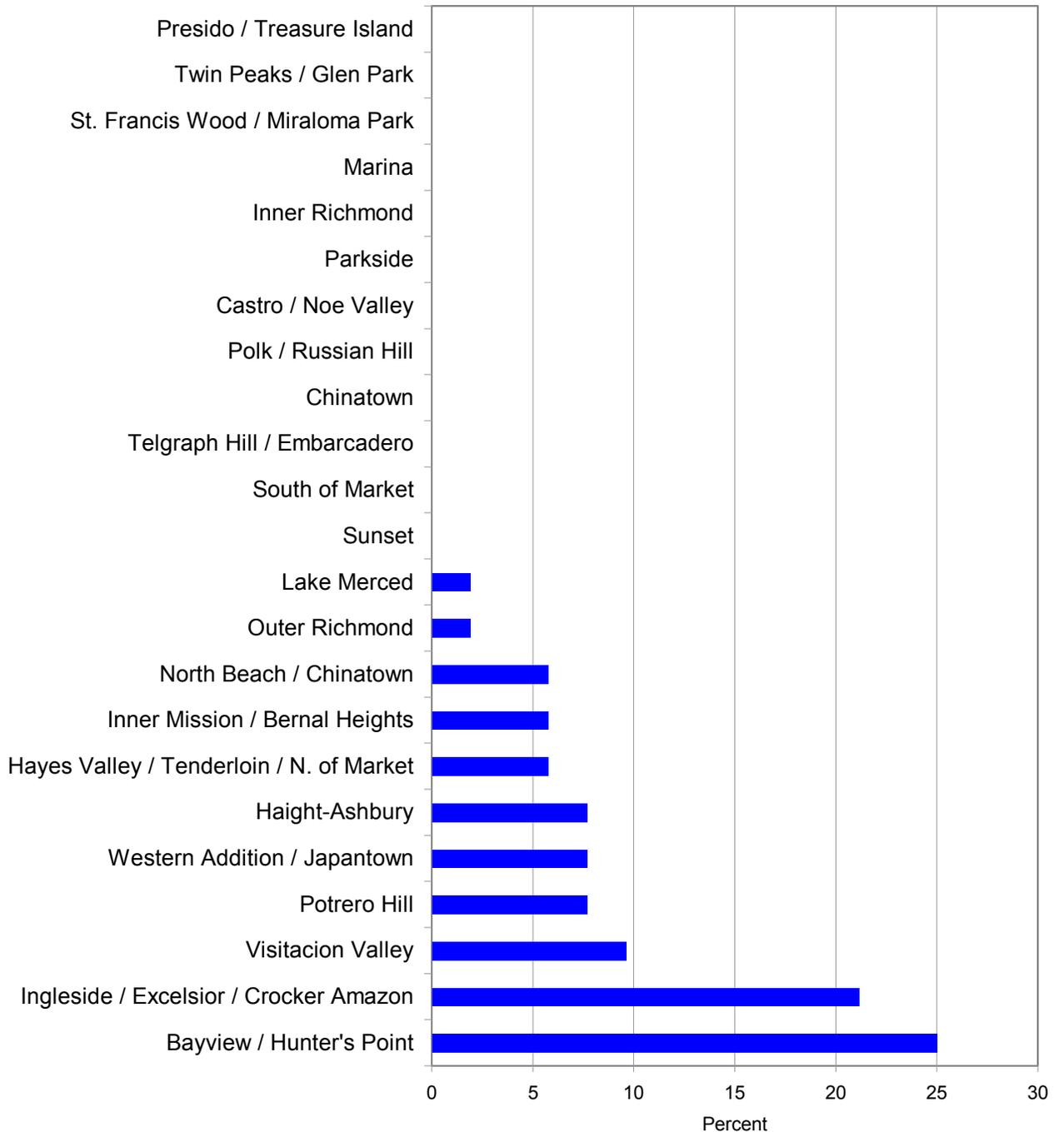


Figure 101: Neighborhood of Residence of Homicide and Assault Firearm Incident Suspects: San Francisco, 1999 (n=52)

Violations Identified and Bookings

Table 55 shows the violation description and penal code citation for all of the firearm-related incidents, as reported on the Police Incident Reports. Of the 264 violations identified, 29% (76) were for aggravated assault with a gun; 15% (40) for homicide with a gun; 12% (32) for assault-attempted homicide with a gun; 6% (16) for suicide by firearm; and 6% (16) for robbery.

There were 3 suspects who were killed, thus, of the 81 identified suspects only 78 were eligible to be booked. Of these, 74% (58) were booked and charged (there was a single suspect who was booked into the Youth Guidance Center (YGC)). Of the 151 violations asserted against the charged suspects, 18% (27) asserted assault-attempted homicide with a gun; 11% (16) asserted aggravated assault with a gun, 7% (11) asserted homicide, and 7% (11) asserted robbery.

Table 55: Violations Reflected in Firearm-related Incidents: San Francisco, 1999 (n=264)

Violation	Number of violations identified	Number of suspects booked	Number of victims booked	Penal code	SF violation code
Assault, Aggravated w/gun	76	16		245(a)(2)-(b)	04011
Homicide w/gun	40	11		187	01001
Assault, att. homicide w/gun	32	27	2	664/187	04021
Suicide by Firearms	16				60150
Death report, cause unknown	9				61030
Shooting into inhabited dwelling/occupied vehicle	5	1		246	04081
Warrant arrest, local SF warrant	5				63010
Conspiracy defined by punishment		5		182a1	
Punishment of accessories		5		33	
Homicide, justifiable by police officer w/gun	4			196	01051
Robbery, street w/gun	4	6		212.5c	03011
Weapon, carrying concealed	4	1		12025	12015
Destroying or concealing documents		4		135	
Resisting or obstructing police		4		148	
Assault, aggravated, w/force	3	2	1	245a.1	04014
Gang activity (secondary only)	3				19400
Criminal street gang activity		3		186.22a	
Warrant arrest, en-route to outside jurisdiction	3				62050
Homicide, drive-by	2			189	01007
Robbery, comm'l establ. w/gun	2			212.5c	03021
Robbery, residence, w/gun	2			212.5a	03051
Robbery, att., street w/gun	2	3		664/212.5b	03411
Robbery att. w/gun	2			664/212.5c	03471
Firearm, negligent discharge	2	4		246.3	04080
Firearm, possession by prohibited person	2	2	1	12021	12080
Firearm, possession of loaded firearm	2	2		12031	12100
Unknown	2				15500
Cocaine offense	2	2		11350 H&S	16620
Conspiracy	2	10		182	26080
Shooting, accidental	2				51030
Suspicious occurrence	2				64070
Burglary, apartment/house, forcible entry		2		459	05011
Traffic violation		2		1559	
Unknown description		4		22450,2440	
Rape forcible w/gun	1			261.2	02001
Robbery, comm'l estab. w/force	1			212.5c	03024
Robbery, bank w/gun	1			212.5c	03061
Robbery, w/gun	1			212.5c	03071
Robbery, vehicle for hire, att. w/gun	1	2		664/212.5a	03481
Assault, aggravated w/other weapon/gun	1	2		245a1	04013
Assault, att. homicide w/ other weapon	1			664/187	04023
Assault, aggravated, on police officer w/gun	1			245d	04071
Assault aggravated, on police off. w/ other weapon	1			245c	04073
Firearm, discharge at building	1	1		246	04082
Firearm, discharging in grossly negligent manner	1	2		246.3	04083
Battery with serious injuries	1			243d	04136
Battery of a police officer	1			243c	04154
Burglary, residence, forcible entry	1			459	05041
Weapon, carrying concealed, with felony or narcotics conviction	1	2		12025b(1-2)	12010
Firearm, discharging within city limits	1			1290 MPC	12027
Weapon, deadly imitation or laser scope exhibiting	1	2		417-417.4	12030
Weapon, prohibited possession/sale/mfg/import	1	1		12020	12120
Domestic violence (secondary only)	1				15200
Marijuana offense	1			11357b H&S	16010
Unknown	1				16623
Firearm, armed while possessing controlled substance	1			11370.1 H&S	16780
School, disrupting activities	1	4		602 W&I	19015
Accessory, aiding or harboring felon	1	1		32	26020
Arson, vehicle	1			451d	26031
False imprisonment	1		1	236	26142/4170
Probation violation	1			1203.2	26170
Resisting, delaying or obstructing peace officer's duties	1			148a	27170

Table 55: Violations Reflected in Firearm-related Incidents: San Francisco, 1999 (n=264)

Violation	Number of violations identified	Number of suspects booked	Number of victims booked	Penal code	SF violation code
Evading a police officer, causing injury or death	1	2		2800.3 CVC	27176
Aided case	1				51040
Suicide by firearm, attempt	1				60050
Aided case, injured person	1				64015
Carjacking with a gun		2		215,21801a	
Unknown		1		11357 b H&S	
Firearm, carrying loaded, intent to commit felony		1		12023	12166
Firearm, loaded in vehicle, possession		1		12168	12034
Kidnapping juvenile victim		1		207	15021
Hallucinogenic offense		1		11377 H&S	16410
Evading a police officer recklessly		1		2800.2 CVC	27175
Accessory / aid or harbor felon		1		32	26020
Traffic violation		1		25a	
Custody of prisoner, return to prison		1		3056	
Suspicious occurrence, possible shots fired	1				64072
Driving license suspended or revoked	1	4	1	14601 CVC	65016
Booked, no numbers given		1			
Ammunition, possession by prohibited person			1	12316B	12173
Battery			1	242	4134
Battery, former spouse or dating relationship			1	243E	4138
Unknown name			1	166A	
Weapon, deadly, exhibiting to resist arrest			1	4178	27173

Three of the 9 victims who were booked were charged with 10 different violations. Two violations were for assault-attempted homicide with a gun, 2 for battery, 2 for firearm and ammunition possession by a prohibited person, and 1 each for false imprisonment, assault-aggravated with force, exhibiting a deadly weapon to resist arrest, and a traffic violation; a single incident reflected an unknown violation type description.

Approximately 75% (61) (included are the 5 suspects who were both a victim and suspect) of the 81 known suspects had prior criminal histories in SF—including 74% (17) of the 23 identified homicide suspects and 74% (39) of the 53 identified assault suspects. All three of the civilian suspects involved in legal intervention shootings, and both suspects involved in the shooting of another, had prior criminal histories (Figure 102).

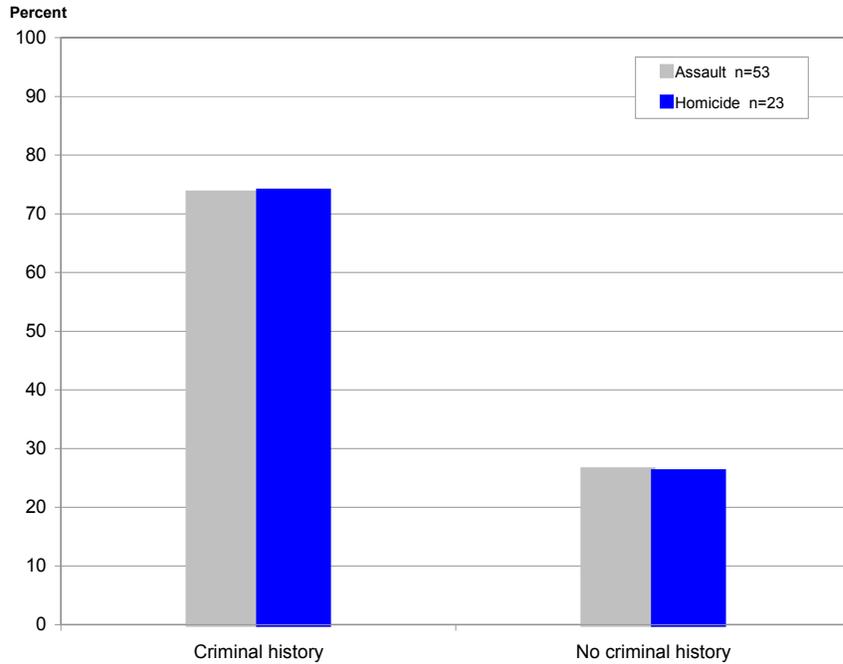


Figure 102: Intent of Firearm-related Assaultive Incidents, by Suspect's Criminal History: San Francisco, 1999

Gang

Of the suspects with known gang affiliation (57), 63% (36) were identified as gang members and the incident they were involved in may have been gang-related (Figure 103).

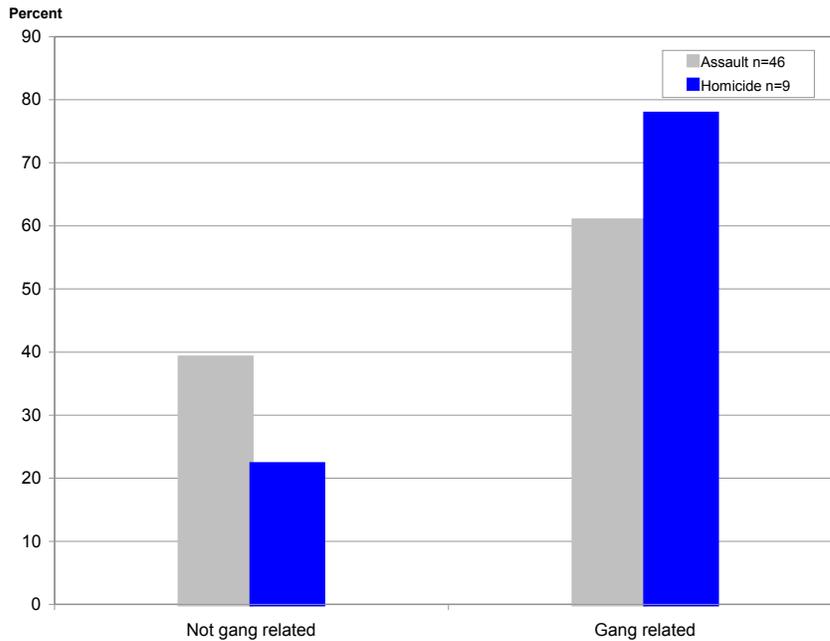


Figure 103: Intent of Firearm-related Incidents, by Suspect's Gang Affiliation: San Francisco, 1999

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