

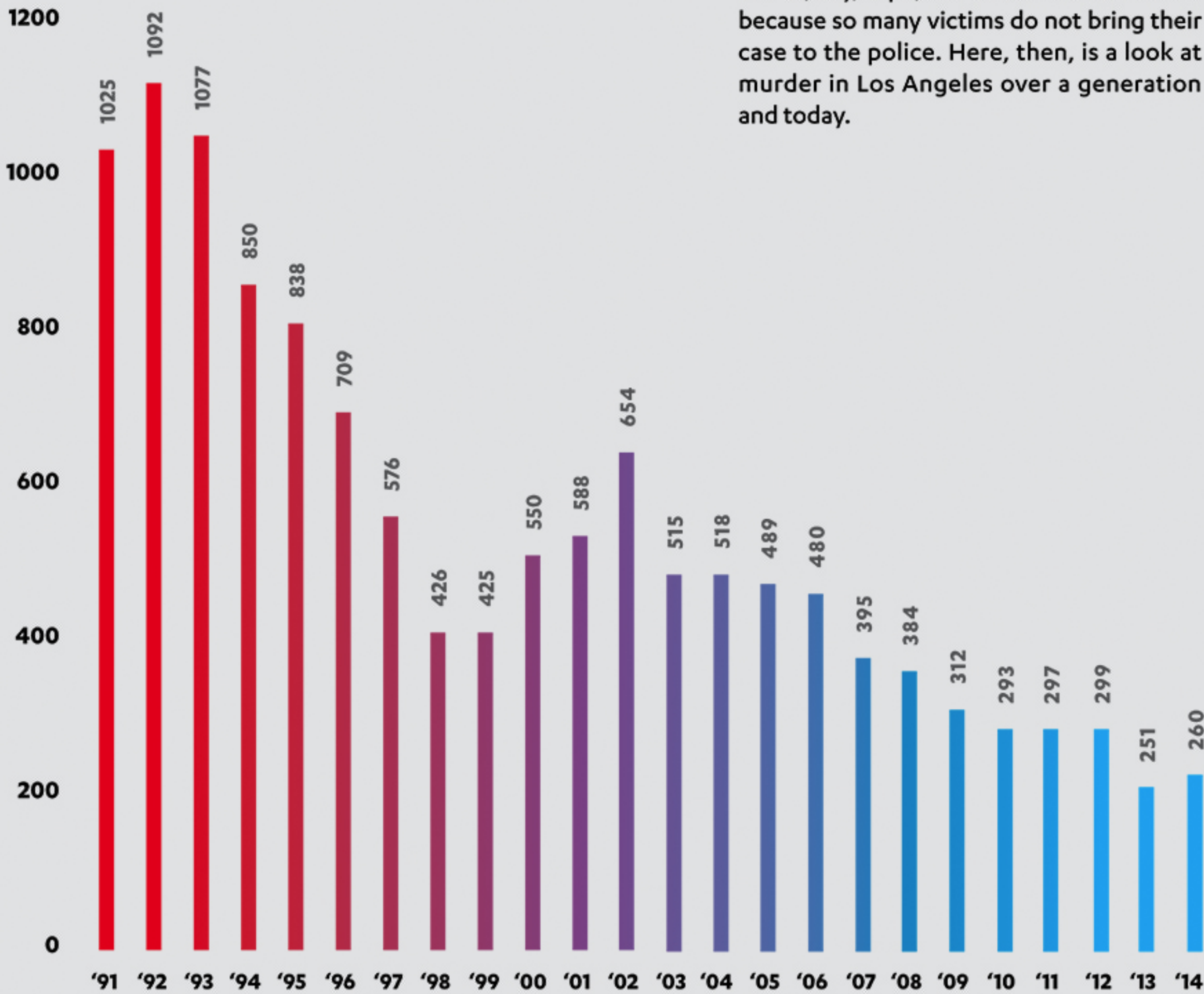
MURDER IN LOS ANGELES

Two Decades of Killing

Over the course of the past 20-some years, Los Angeles has become a strikingly safer place to live and work. Violent crime in all categories has declined dramatically over that period, the result of a combination of social and economic forces and, experts now acknowledge, adoption of new policing strategies.

Murder is only one measure of crime and in some ways not the best. Even at the height of this city's violent crime, few people would ever meet their end at the hands of another.

Still, it's a useful gauge, in part because murders almost never go unreported — unlike, say, rape, which is difficult to track because so many victims do not bring their case to the police. Here, then, is a look at murder in Los Angeles over a generation and today.

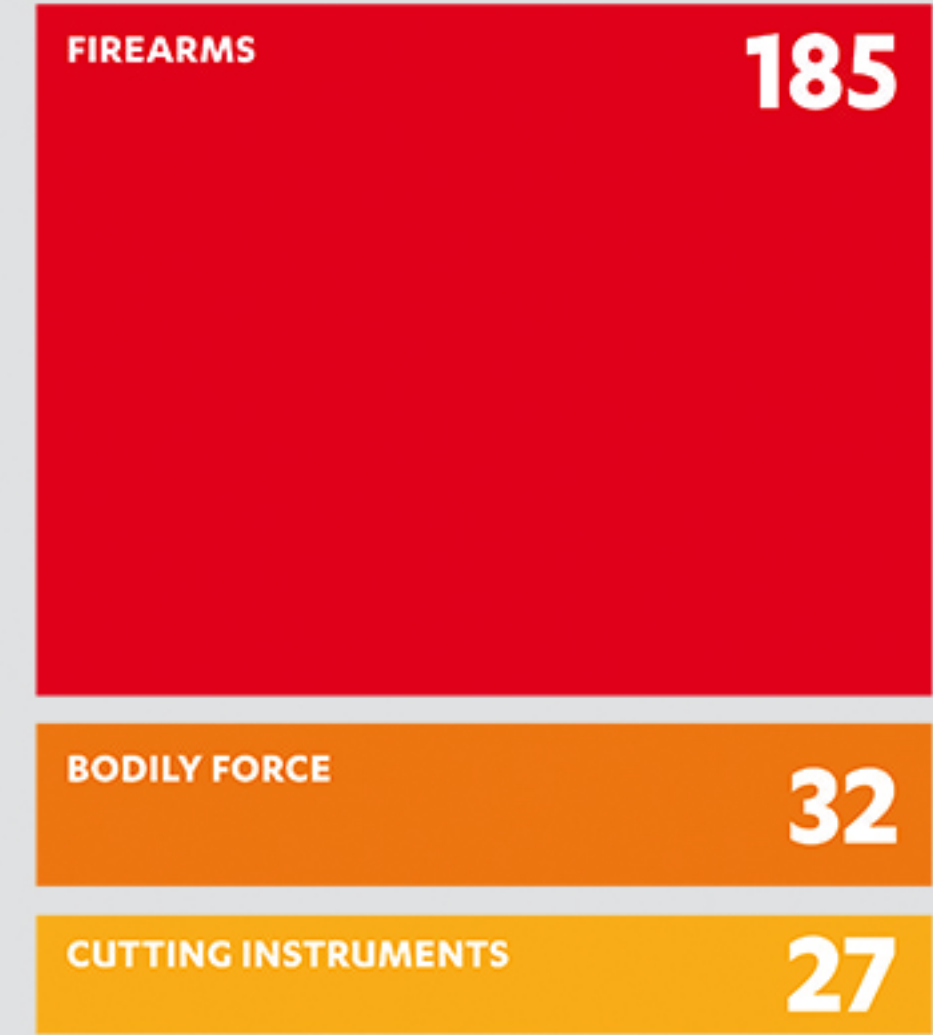


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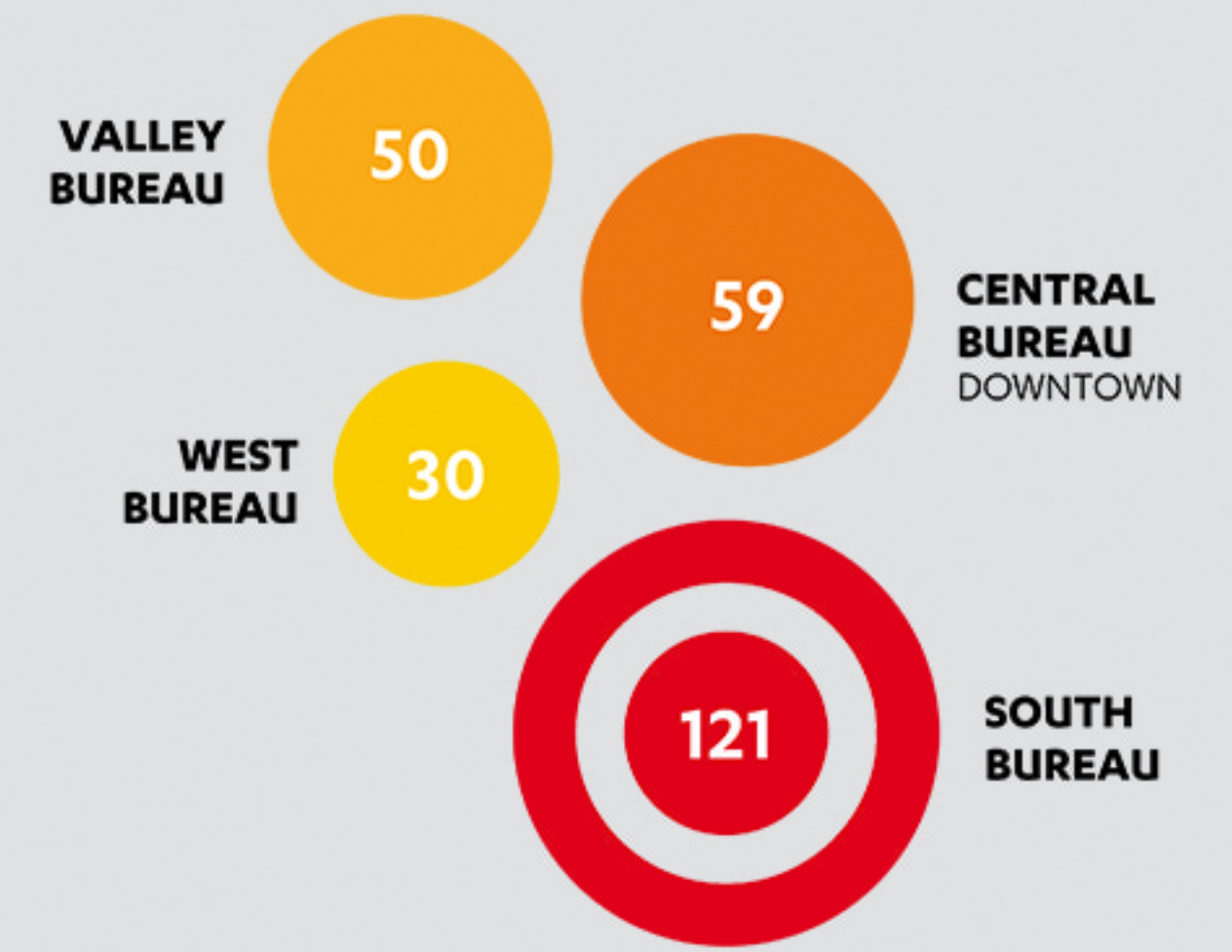
1991 - 1995 (LAPD Staff Report, 1998) 1996 - 2013 (FBI Uniform Crime Reports) 2014 (LAPD Homicide Report)
 Note: There are some slight discrepancies between LAPD's reporting and that of the FBI. In part, that is because of the ongoing process of investigation.
 Say, for instance, a man dies in a house fire and the death is ruled accidental. That could later change if investigators concluded the fire was an arson, making the man's death a homicide.

MURDER IN LOS ANGELES LAST YEAR

How Angelenos Were Killed



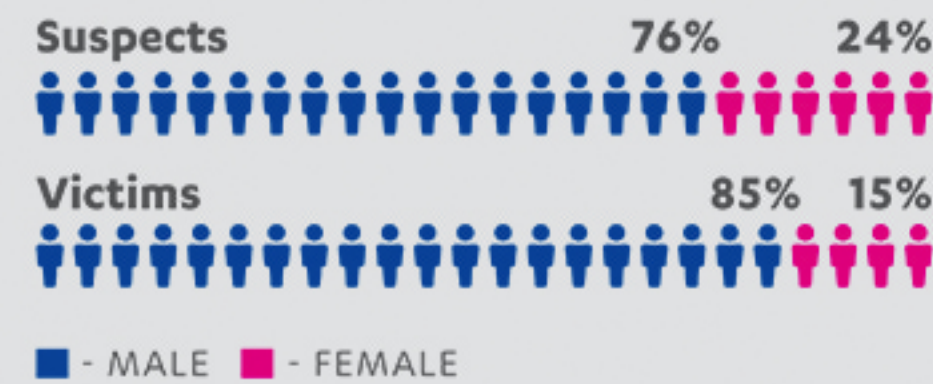
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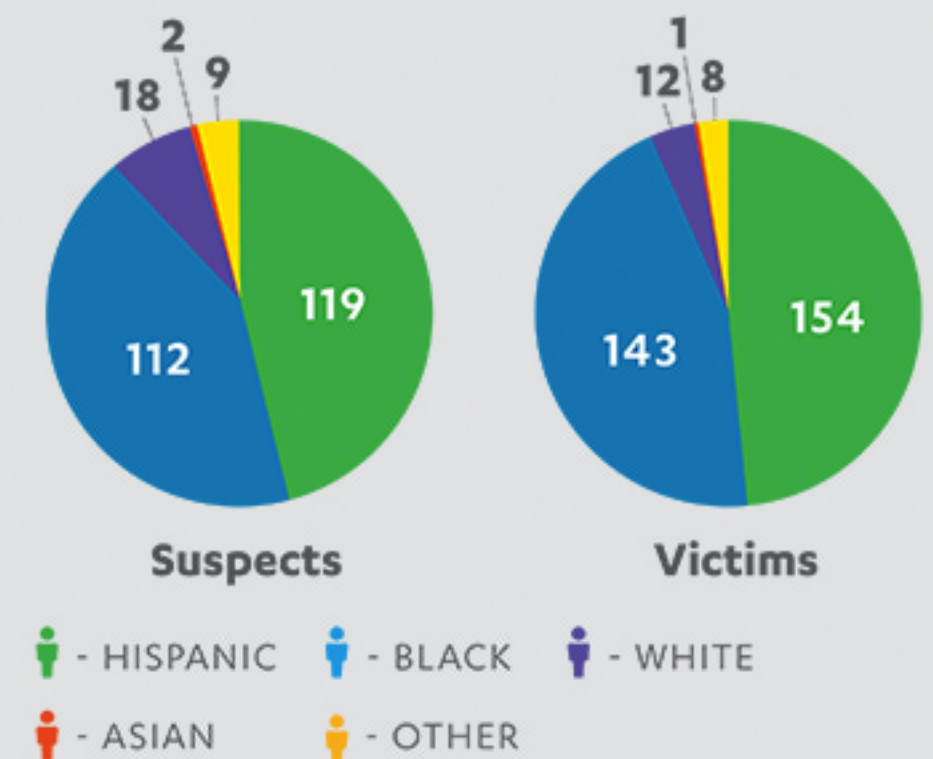
Gang Related Murders



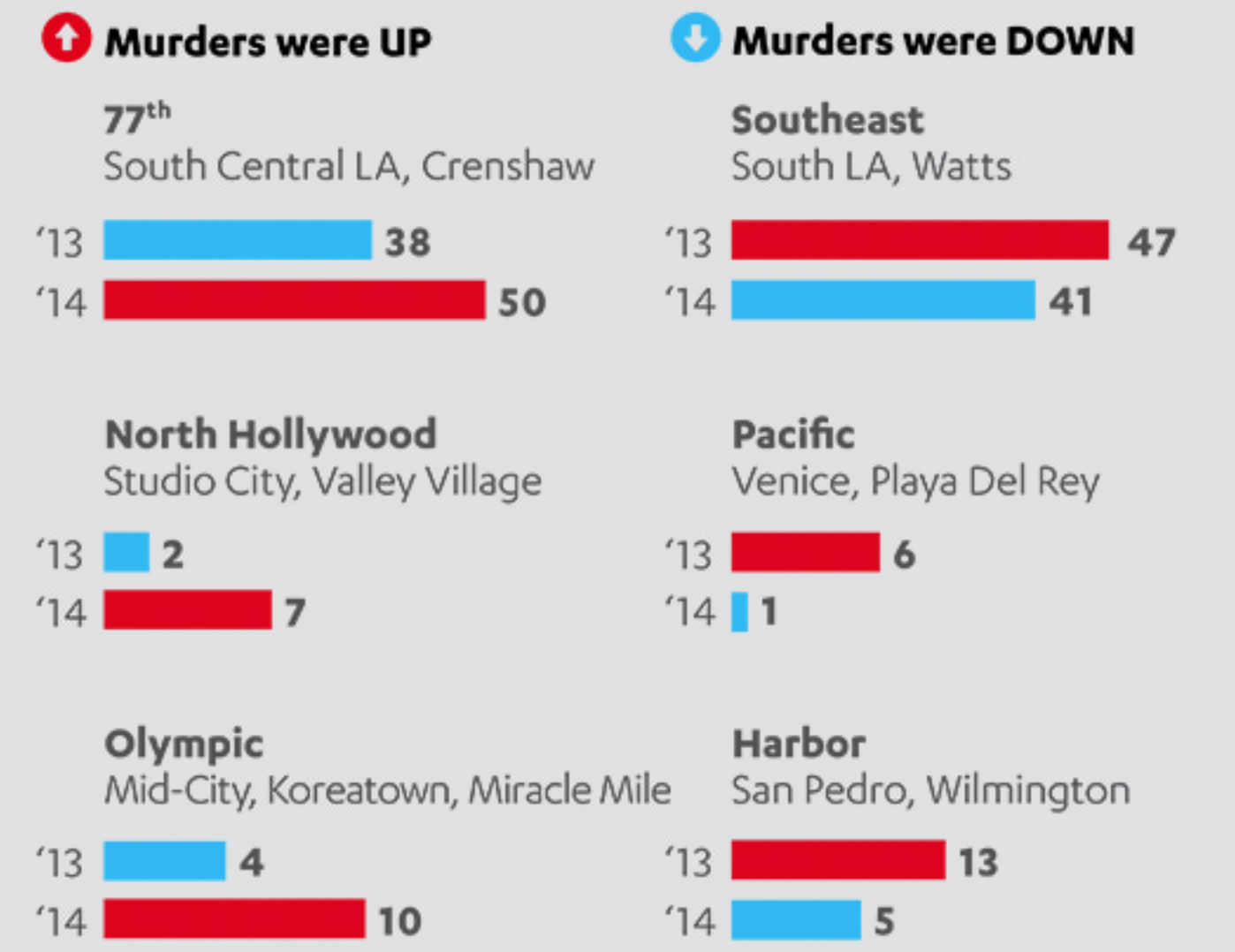
Male vs. Female



Ethnicity



Where Things Changed



Quick Notes

- APR April was the most homicidal month: 31 murders
- JAN FEB January and February tied for least: 13 murders