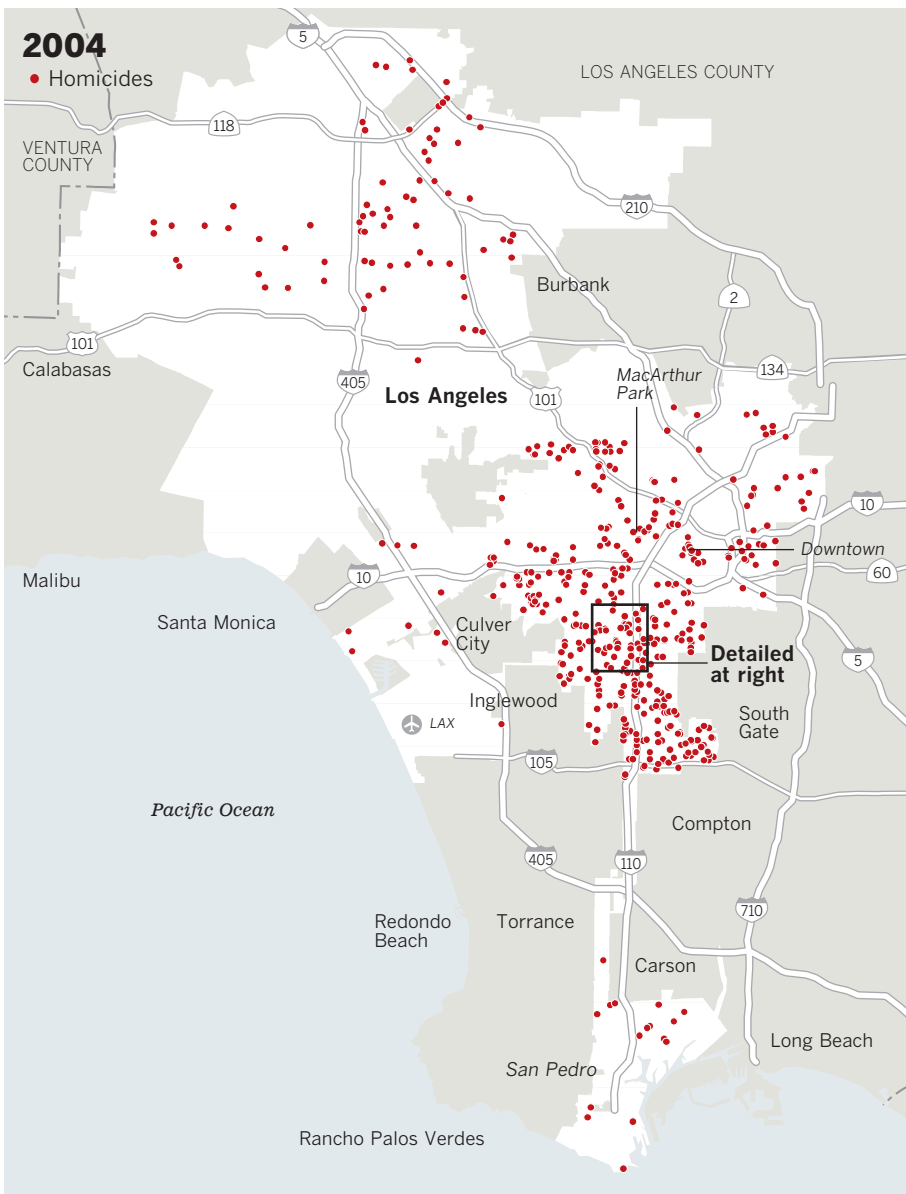
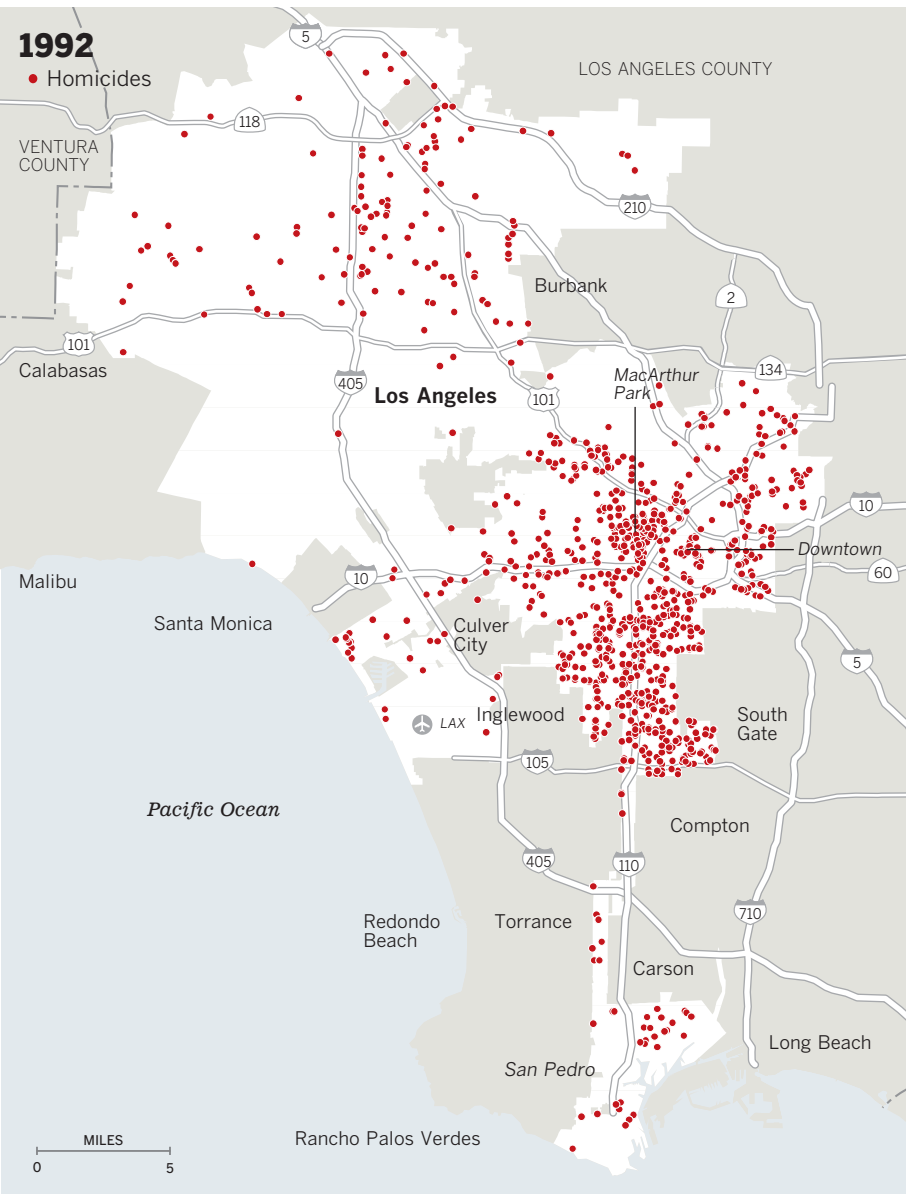


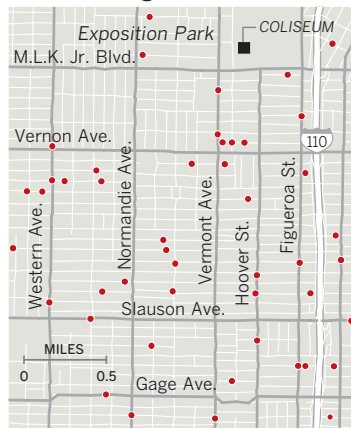
HOMICIDE BY THE NUMBERS

Where the killings occur

Los Angeles, the homicide capital of America in 1992 when 1,096 people were killed, has seen a steady decline and by 2004 the city ranked 47th in the nation. The most striking improvement from 1992 to 2004 is around MacArthur Park, west of downtown. Elsewhere in Southern California, some cities' homicide numbers have gone up, but none have rates that crack the top 10 nationally.



Deadliest neighborhood in 2004



U.S. homicide rates in 2004

Cities over 100,000

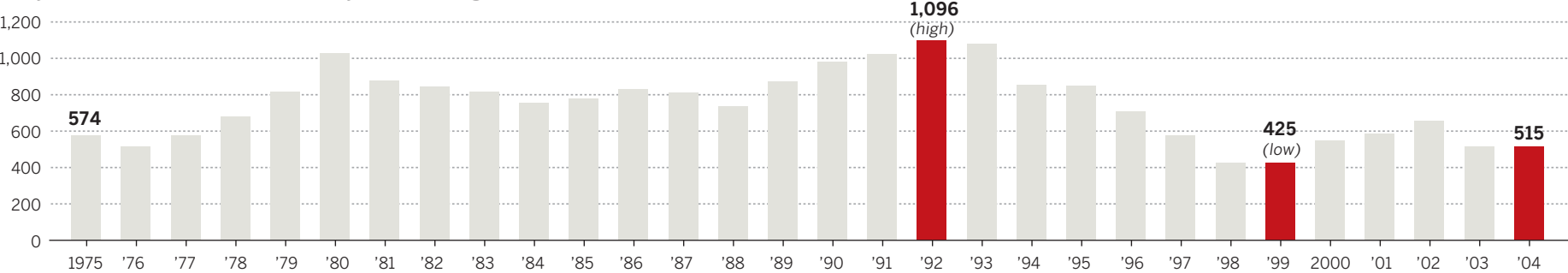
National rank	State	Rate*
1	New Orleans, La.	56.3
2	Gary, Ind.	53.7
3	Richmond, Va.	46.3
4	Baltimore, Md.	43.5
5	Detroit, Mich.	42.1
6	Washington, D.C.	35.8
7	Richmond, Calif.	33.8
8	St. Louis, Mo.	33.7
9	Flint, Mich.	32.3
10	Newark, N.J.	30.0

In California

National rank	Rate*
13	San Bernardino 25.3
16	Inglewood 22.3
46	Pomona 13.5
47	Los Angeles 13.4
55	Lancaster 11.8
75	Long Beach 10.0
78	Oxnard 9.8
86	South Gate 9.0
100	Palmdale 7.7
112	Santa Ana 7.2
126	Pasadena 6.3
133	Riverside 6.0
188	Anaheim 3.0
192	Ventura 2.8
200	Simi Valley 2.5
220	Irvine 1.2

* Homicides per 100,000 population
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30 years of homicides in the city of Los Angeles



Sources: Los Angeles Police Department; FBI Uniform Crime Reports. Data Analysis by DOUG SMITH and SANDRA POINDEXTER

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