Figure 3
Race and Gender of Victim, Race of Defendant, and All Homicides 1889-1930 (N=9,978)  

An increase in automobile related deaths does account for some of the increase in homicides in the 1920’s. These cases represent a non-trivial proportion of all homicides in the 1920’s.

Figure 4 shows the numbers of homicides with all accident and all police cases removed. The automobile cases represent a non-trivial proportion of all homicides in the 1920’s, and removing automobile cases and all police cases does flatten the increase.

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323 The corresponding frequencies for Figure 3 are included in Table 3. The frequencies for these variables for the period 1874-1900 are included in Table 4, app.B. See also supra Tbls.A, B.